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Men's Soccer Quick Facts

Notre Dame Quick Facts

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Founded	1842
Enrollment	8,380 (undergraduate), 11,417 (total)
Nickname	Fighting Irish
Colors	Blue and Gold
Conference	BIG EAST
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BIG EAST Record/Finish	6-4-1/3rd (Blue Division)
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The Statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro is one of the most recognizable structures in the world. The Irish had the good fortune of visiting this impressive sculpture, which looks out over the city, during their 14-day trip to Brazil in May.



Alumni Field/ Facilities

Alumni Field has been home to the Notre Dame men's soccer team since 1990. In addition to featuring one of the finest grass facilities in the Midwest, a new press box was constructed prior to the 1996 season.

Located in the southeast corner of campus, Alumni Field sits in the heart of Notre Dame's impressive physical plant. It joins Monogram Track and Field and Moose Krause Stadium (track and lacrosse), Eck Stadium (baseball), Ivy Field (softball) and the Courtney/Eck tennis facility to give the Irish some of the finest Olympic sports venues in college athletics.

In 16 seasons at Alumni Field, the Irish have won 73 percent of their contests as Notre Dame has posted a 104-35-13 home record.

The Irish won an Alumni Field-record 11 games in 1994. That year, Notre Dame hosted the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Tournament and won the title for the second straight year with a 3-2 double overtime win over Wisconsin-Milwaukee. A week later in an NCAA play-in game, the Irish defeated Central Connecticut from the Mid-Continent Conference in another 1-0 double overtime thriller to earn an automatic bid into the '94 NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame has played host to six BIG EAST Tournament games, posting a 3-1-2 mark. The Irish have gone 2-1-0 in three quarterfinal match-ups

against Georgetown along with claiming a 2-0 victory over Connecticut in the 2003 quarters and a 2004 0-0 quarterfinal tie with Seton Hall in which the Irish were eliminated 8-7 on penalty kicks. Notre Dame also has served as host to NCAA Championship games the last four seasons. The Fighting Irish are 3-2-0 all-time at Alumni Field in NCAA tournament play. They have posted first round wins over Akron (3-0; 2002), and Western Illinois (2-0; 2005) along with a 4-1 second round victory over UW-Milwaukee in 2003. That same year, Notre Dame hosted its first-ever Sweet 16 match at Alumni Field, a 1-1 tie versus Michigan. The Wolverines advanced on penalty kicks, 4-3.



The Notre Dame men's soccer team enjoys state-of-the-art facilities like Alumni Field (top) and Loftus Center (bottom).

Notre Dame Men's Soccer Record at Alumni Field

<u>Year</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
1990	4	2	1
1991	6	2	1
1992	6	1	0
1993	5	3	0
1994	11	3	1
1995	8	3	0
1996	7	1	2
1997	6	4	0
1998	5	1	2
1999	7	3	0
2000	4	4	0
2001	7	1	0
2002	7	2	1
2003	7	2	1
2004	8	0	2
2005	6	3	2
Total	104	35	13



SOCCER



John Stephens – 2005
Second Team Men's Soccer



Phil Murphy – 1999
First Team Men's At-Large



The Notre Dame men's soccer program has been recognized by the NSCAA and adidas for achieving excellence in the classroom.



Ryan Turner – 1997
Third Team Men's At-Large

***Success on the Playing Field ...
and in the Classroom ...***

In addition to achieving success on the field, the Irish men's soccer team has a tradition of excellence in the classroom.

Notre Dame placed 13 members from its 2005 squad on the 2005-06 BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team. Named to the squad were: Andrew Benton, Matt Besler, Ben Crouse, Greg Dalby, Ian Etherington, Justin McGeeney, Tony Megna, Justin Michaud, Ryan Miller, Nate Norman, Dale Rellas, John Stephens and Jon Mark Thompson.

In both 2001 and 2000, Notre Dame had three of its players earn academic accolades from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Andreas Forstner, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate, was a second-team selection to the '01 NSCAA/adidas Scholar Team. Connor LaRose, an '01 graduate was a third-team honoree '00. That same year, Forstner and Alan Lyskawa were named to the NSCAA North/Central Region Scholar Athlete first team, while teammate Griffin Howard was an honorable mention selection.



Andreas Forstner – 2001
NSCAA/adidas Scholar



Chris Dean – 1995
Second Team Men's At-Large

NOTRE DAME 2006 PREVIEW



Senior co-captain Dale Rellas returns for a fifth year in 2006 and will lead the Fighting Irish defense once again. Rellas, who has had three seasons cut short due to injury, will be a force in the center of the backline.



A Year Older And A Year Better

Irish on the verge of greatness in 2006

According to Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark, the success of a team is linked to the leadership of its senior class. In 2006, the Fighting Irish return a talented and tested senior class that has tasted success, yet wants to break through and take the program to unprecedented heights. A run to the NCAA Sweet 16 last season has the Irish back and wanting more this year.

Notre Dame returns several key components from last year's team that had the College Cup in its sights. The Fighting Irish are bringing back 27 of 29 goals from one season ago and 77 of 87 total points. In all, the Irish return nine starters and 14 monogram winners from a team that went 12-8-3 (6-4-1 BIG EAST) last season.

"Just with them (the seniors) coming back doesn't mean it's going to happen," says Clark. "We have to take it a step further. We know that we can play with any team in the country and that's not in doubt. We just have to get it right, and we have to get it right from the start."

Clark feels this could be the team that gets the program over the hump and into uncharted waters. The Irish have made it to the round of 16 in two of the last three seasons, which marked just the second and third time, respectively, Notre Dame had ever made it that far in post-season play. All three previous trips ended in that round, just two steps away from the College Cup.

"We've made the (NCAA) tournament each of the last five years, which is great," states Clark. "But I really feel the last three years we could have been a final four team. So everybody that's coming back have all been a part of teams that could have been there. They feel like they've served their apprenticeship and that their time has come."

Making it back to the NCAA Tournament is the first goal of the Fighting Irish because there are no guarantees, especially with a challenging schedule awaiting them. Just like last season, Notre Dame will be tested early and often as the Irish have seven teams on its '06 slate that appeared in the 2005 NCAA Tournament (Connecticut, Creighton, Indiana, Providence, Seton Hall, South Florida, West Virginia).

"We have a very difficult schedule, once again," comments Clark. "And you want a difficult schedule. You don't want to get to the play-offs and then start playing tough teams and questioning yourself."



Senior forward Justin McGeeney is coming off a fine spring season as he led the Irish with five goals, including two against the Mexico U-17 National Team.

Notre Dame has the advantage of having spent two weeks in Brazil during the end of May and the early part of June. That time together provided the Irish with ample opportunities to come together as a unit and sharpen their skills. It allowed the coaches and players valuable time on the field in a soccer-rich environment and that should experience should pay dividends as the Irish battle it out in the fall.

Even though Clark knows a year of experience does not automatically make a team better, he has a positive feeling with how the team played over the past few months. The spring season was a success for the Irish and it was capped with a 5-0 win over the Mexico U-17 National Team.

"Just because we are a year older doesn't mean we are a year better," says Clark. "However, I think we will be a year better just by watching them play in the spring and in Brazil. That has convinced me that we have taken a step forward from last season."

The spring season and the trip to South America also enabled new assistant coaches Jamie Clark and Chad Riley to become acclimated with the team and their surroundings. However, the learning curve was already lessened because Riley was a standout midfielder for the Fighting Irish from 2000-2003 and Clark

is the youngest son of head coach Bobby Clark. Both the younger Clark and Riley bring valuable coaching experience to the Notre Dame sideline. Clark spent the past four seasons at New Mexico, where he helped to guide the Lobos to the finals of the 2005 College Cup. Riley spent last season at St. John's and witnessed the Red Storm make it to the NCAA Championship round of 16 before falling to eventual champion Maryland.

Depth should provide the Irish a luxury that will enable them to carry on further than in years past. The Irish boast weapons at each position, including versatile athletes that can play in multiple areas of the field. Notre Dame is bringing together a splendid mix of experience, youth, speed and smarts along with a battle-tested lineup in 2006.

"I'm very excited for this season. We have a very good group of players and not just the starters," says Clark. "We have good depth, possibly the best depth in my six years here at Notre Dame. I think that's always exciting because if things aren't going well, you can get guys in there who are going to up the tempo of the game and the team. I think we have players that can come in and not just hold where we are, but come in and move things up to another level. I think all the good teams have that."

ATTACK

Three key attackmen, including both starters are back from last season. Senior Justin McGeeney and junior Joseph Lapira teamed up to score 12 goals in 2005. McGeeney is coming off a solid spring campaign as he led the team with five goals, including two in a 5-0 win over the Mexico U-17 National Team. Another year together should only enhance what they are able to do on the pitch.

"You look up front to McGeeney and it's very exciting to have somebody with his experience and leadership spearheading the attack, along with Joe," comments Clark. "Joe and Justin are always on the same wavelength. They must have telepathy to be able to connect so well."

Lapira, a third team all-BIG EAST selection last year, brings excellent speed and the ability to strike the ball from anywhere and McGeeney is able to bring people into the game very well. Lapira notched a team-high 19 points with a team-best seven goals and five assists, which tied for team-high honors. Their skills combined with those of sophomore Bright Dike and freshman Tamba Samba will have the Irish looking to generate some offense.

Dike brings tremendous athleticism along with size and speed to the Notre Dame attack. He notched five points on two goals and an assist last season as a freshman. The Oklahoma native provided a spark off the bench as he continued to improve during his inaugural campaign in an Irish uniform. That is now something that Samba will look to do throughout his rookie season this year.

"Dike is a physical force," says Clark. "He's strong, fast and he just got better and better throughout his freshman season. He's still a raw talent, but if he continues to improve, he'll bring another dimension to our lineup. Samba is another terrific athlete and he has a nice touch on the ball. He's good at bringing other players into the game."

MIDFIELD

The Irish midfield returns a plethora of seasoned talent that should be instrumental in the success of the team. Dalby, a first-team All-American and unanimous all-BIG EAST performer last season, will anchor the midfield, yet again, from his center spot. His versatility makes him a threat in multiple positions on the field, as he can also switch back and be a central defender.

The senior co-captain notched two goals and an assist on year ago, while being only one of four players to start every match. His consistency and cool demeanor on the field will be looked upon to carry the Irish a long way.

Playing alongside Dalby as a center midfielder will most likely be junior Kurt Martin. The Texan had a very solid sophomore campaign as a key reserve and part-time starter. He played in all 23 matches, making nine starts, and totaling six points on two goals and two assists. His play-making ability is a tremendous asset for the entire Notre Dame squad. A combination of Dalby and Martin could produce positive results for the Irish.

"Both Dalby and Martin could be in the running as the top midfielders in the country," comments Clark. "Dalby is a solid technical player. We'd like to see him in the midfield because he anchors it very, very well."

In the wide areas, the favorites to start are seniors Nate Norman and Ian Etherington. Last season, Etherington earned all-BIG EAST first-team honors as he collected seven points on two goals and three assists, while starting 21 of 22 games in which he played. Norman, who scored three goals and assisted on three more last season, is very creative with the ball and looks to have a big year in the midfield.

"These guys (Norman and Etherington) should be preseason All-American candidates in my opinion," says Clark. "They are players that you hope stay healthy and play leading roles. You've got seniors in Dalby and Norman in the midfield along with Etherington. All of these guys are tried and trusted. They are all excellent players in their own right and they've all been around it and part of successful teams but I think they want to take it further this year."

Providing versatility to the midfield will be junior Alex Yoshinaga, who can play both in the middle and wide areas. Yoshinaga started all 23 games last season and notched two goals and an assist.

"Alex is a super player," says Clark. "I think he could have a breakout season this year. He can play anywhere in the midfield. He can sit in the midfield, he can play wide and he can attack out of the midfield. He's a very accomplished player technically and he's good and tough. He can score goals as well."

Junior Kyle Dulworth is coming off a season in which he did not see game action, yet he produced in the spring and will certainly be a key backup in the midfield.

Freshmen Dave Donohue and Justin Morrow bring their skills to the Irish and will look to contribute early on. Donohue can play either in the middle or out wide as he is a fundamentally sound player. Morrow could also see time in the attack with his ability to score goals. He is a left-footed player, who has a lot of speed, so he will bring another dimension to the Fighting Irish.

DEFENSE

Senior co-captain Dale Rellas returns for his fifth season and will solidify the backline as a central defender. Rellas has been plagued by injuries during the past three seasons and looks to stay healthy and be the foundation of the Notre Dame defense.

"You just have to hope Dale stays healthy because his experience and ability can be a huge factor for our back four and how successful we are going to be," states Clark. "He played every minute of every game during his freshman season and then he's had injuries the past three seasons."

Having the presence of Rellas in the back is crucial for the Irish as they are still a little young in the unit with the departure of Ben Crouse, a starter in 22 of 23 games as a senior in '05.

Matt Besler and Andrew Benton will look to team up with Rellas in the middle of the backline. Sophomore Kyle Dagan, who did not see action during his rookie campaign, also has a chance to see some time in the Irish defense. That trio did very well during the 2006 spring season and will look to carry that into the fall.

Besler saw a lot of time as a freshmen, mainly in the midfield, yet played some in the backline towards the end of the year and during the spring. He will be a valuable commodity for Notre Dame no matter where he ends up on the field this season.

"Matt has to find his way onto the field somewhere," states Clark. "He got a lot of minutes as a freshman and had a solid spring and in Brazil. He's a very accomplished player and has a lot of variety because he can play in the middle and wide areas of both the midfield and defense."

Benton made a lot of strides as a sophomore one year ago and will look to continue that growth into this season. He is a very tough defender, who is very good in the air.



Nate Norman brings a lot of creativity and skill to the Notre Dame midfield. The senior notched nine points on three goals and three assists last season.

Senior Ryan Miller and sophomore Jack Traynor both return and will look to start as fullbacks for the second straight season. Miller notched a team-high tying five assists last year as he was one of four Irish players to start all 23 matches. Traynor was in the starting lineup 20 times, which was the most for any freshman on the team.

Sophomore Cory Rellas did very well as a right back in the spring and will look to provide depth for Miller. Just like his classmate Besler, Rellas has a lot of variety and may also see time in the midfield. He brings a lot of good attacking qualities to the team along with giving good coverage, especially at the right back position.

"Even though Ryan Miller has another year to come back, he's still part of the senior class. He has tremendous ability. He's right up there with some of the best attacking fullbacks that we've ever had."

John Schaefer will also be in the fold in the Fighting Irish defense during his freshman season. The rookie, who hails from Troy, Mich., gives coverage in different areas of the backline and may see his first action at the right back position.

2006 Season Outlook

GOALKEEPERS

The Irish will also enjoy the luxury of depth at the goalkeeping position. Starter Chris Cahill returns to the mix, yet he will not be handed over the job without a fight from sophomore Andrew Quinn.

Cahill entered last season not having played a single minute during his first two years on the Irish roster, yet started the opener and never looked back. Despite losing a two-time All-American in Chris Sawyer to graduation following the 2004 campaign, Cahill's production in goal was more than anyone could have hoped for. The lanky junior posted nine shutouts, including back-to-back efforts in 2-0 wins over Western Illinois and Indiana in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament. On the year, he registered a 0.85 goals-against average and a .813 save-percentage.

Now a senior, Cahill, who spent the second semester of his junior season studying in Australia, will look to pick up where he left off in '05. If he is not up to the task, Quinn would likely get the nod. Quinn did not see any action as a freshman, but he did see a lot of time during the spring season and in Brazil due to the absence of Cahill. Also providing depth will be Quinn's classmate Luke Seibolt and freshman Philip Tuttle.



Notre Dame welcomes in a trio of new assistant coaches for the 2006 season. Assistants Jamie Clark (left) and Chad Riley (right) along with volunteer assistant Rick King (second from right) join head coach Bobby Clark on the Fighting Irish staff.

Roster Breakdown

By Position

Forwards (4) – Bright Dike, Joseph Lapira, Justin McGeeney, Tamba Samba

Midfielders (9) – John Baumgardner, Greg Dalby, Dave Donohue, Kyle Dulworth, Ian Etherington, Kurt Martin, Justin Morrow, Nate Norman, Alex Yoshinaga

Defenders (9) – Andrew Benton, Matt Besler, Kyle Dagan, Ryan Miller, Cory Rellas, Dale Rellas, John Schaefer, Michael Thomas, Jack Traynor

Goalkeepers (4) – Chris Cahill, Andrew Quinn, Luke Seibolt, Philip Tuttle

By Class

Seniors (7) – Chris Cahill, Greg Dalby, Ian Etherington, Justin McGeeney, Ryan Miller, Nate Norman, Dale Rellas

Juniors (5) – Andrew Benton, Kyle Dulworth, Joseph Lapira, Kurt Martin, Alex Yoshinaga

Sophomores (7) – Matt Besler, Kyle Dagan, Bright Dike, Andrew Quinn, Cory Rellas, Luke Seibolt, Jack Traynor

Freshmen (7) – John Baumgardner, Dave Donohue, Justin Morrow, Tamba Samba, John Schaefer, Michael Thomas, Philip Tuttle

"Cahill came in and did very well last year in goal," states Clark. "With him being gone in Australia last semester, it kind of opened the door for Andrew Quinn to gain some experience during the spring and in Brazil. I think we now have two first-class goalkeepers."

"It's possibly the most depth we've ever had in the goalkeeping position. Cahill was the starter last year and Quinn and Seibolt both shared time in the spring. Looking at it, you'd have to feel it's a straight fight between Cahill and Andrew Quinn. Luke is going to be fighting, also, and then you look at Phil Tuttle. He's a big kid that has tremendous potential, but he's still just a freshman. Going into the preseason I'd have to say the two favorites are Chris and Andrew."

SCHEDULE

The Irish open in the '06 campaign with the fifth annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament at Alumni Field. Notre Dame will look to repeat as tournament champs after capturing the program's second Berticelli title last season by posting consecutive 1-0 shutouts over Boston University and Saint Louis. The Irish will face UAB and Creighton, an '05 NCAA participant, in this year's tournament.

Indiana will also be part of the mix in the event, yet the Irish and Hoosiers will not square off until the next weekend in the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind. Notre Dame will face Saint Louis in the first day of action before meeting Indiana in day two. That will be a rematch of last year's NCAA second round battle, which saw the Irish prevail with a 2-0 victory over the No. 3-seeded Hoosiers.

To open BIG EAST Conference action, Notre Dame welcomes in South Florida and DePaul to Alumni Field. The Irish did not square off against either of those teams last year in what was those schools' first season of BIG EAST play.

A two-game conference road swing to Louisville and Cincinnati will feature the Irish meeting up with former assistant coach Mike Avery, who is in his first season as an assistant for the Cardinals. The Irish will be out for revenge against the Bearcats as they handed Notre Dame a 2-1 setback last season.

Notre Dame returns to Alumni Field for a three-game home stand beginning with a non-league showdown with Northern Illinois. The Irish will then return to BIG EAST action with games against Pittsburgh and Marquette before returning to the road to face Seton Hall.

A home date with Georgetown and new head coach Brian Wiese, a Notre Dame assistant from 2001-05, is sandwiched between non-conference showdowns with two Big Ten Conference teams from the Wolverine State. The Fighting Irish take on Michigan in Ann Arbor and then play host to Michigan State.

The final regular season home contest is a league game against Providence and then the Irish wrap up conference play with matches at West Virginia and Connecticut, last year's BIG EAST Tournament champion. The 2006 conference tournament gets underway on October 25th and concludes on November 5.

Notre Dame hopes to be making its sixth straight NCAA Tournament, which gets underway with first round games on Nov. 10-12 and reaches its climax at the 2006 College Cup in St. Louis on December 1st and 3rd.

"The BIG EAST schedule, our own tournament and Indiana's tournament along with all of the Midwest games that we play are really going to test us," says Clark. "Hopefully all of that prepares us because the aim is to get back to the postseason. The first stamp of a good season is always getting to the postseason. Then once you establish that, you really want to get somewhere. The regular season is going to test us, it's not going to be easy, but that's how we want it."

2006 Irish Roster

Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
23	John Baumgardner	.M
3	Andrew Benton*	.M/D
17	Matt Besler*	.M
00	Chris Cahill*	.GK
15	Kyle Dagan	.D
6	Greg Dalby***	.M
14	Bright Dike*	.F
16	Dave Donohue	.M
4	Kyle Dulworth*	.M
7	Ian Etherington***	.M
10	Joseph Lapira**	.F
11	Kurt Martin**	.M
9	Justin McGeeney***	.F
2	Ryan Miller**	.D
21	Justin Morrow	.M/F
19	Nate Norman***	.F/M
0	Andrew Quinn	.GK
13	Cory Rellas	.M/D
22	Dale Rellas***	.D
12	Tamba Samba	.F
18	John Schaefer	.D
1	Luke Seibolt	.GK
8	Michael Thomas	.M/D
5	Jack Traynor*	.D
24	Philip Tuttle	.GK
20	Alex Yoshinaga**	.M

*denotes number of monograms won

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
00	Chris Cahill*	Sr.	GK	6-6	190	Louisville, KY/St. Francis DeSales
0	Andrew Quinn	So.	GK	6-3	210	Silver Spring, MD/DeMatha
1	Luke Seibolt	So.	GK	6-3	200	Gilbert, AZ/Gilbert
2	Ryan Miller**	Sr.	D	5-11	160	Barrington, IL/Barrington
3	Andrew Benton*	Jr.	M/D	6-1	180	Marietta, GA/Kell
4	Kyle Dulworth*	Jr.	M	5-9	160	Fort Wayne, IN/Homestead
5	Jack Traynor*	So.	D	5-9	150	St. Charles, MO/Francis Howell North
6	Greg Dalby***	Sr.	M	6-0	174	Poway, CA/Poway
7	Ian Etherington***	Sr.	F/M	5-8	135	Temecula, CA/Chaparral
8	Michael Thomas	Fr.	M/D	5-10	175	Olathe, KS/St. Thomas Aquinas
9	Justin McGeeney***	Sr.	F	5-8	165	Ames, IA/Ames
10	Joseph Lapira**	Jr.	F	5-8	150	Lake Charles, LA/Saint Louis Catholic
11	Kurt Martin**	Jr.	F/M	5-10	160	McAllen, TX/Memorial
12	Tamba Samba	Fr.	F	5-11	180	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
13	Cory Rellas	So.	M/D	6-1	165	Plano, TX/Plano West
14	Bright Dike*	So.	F	6-1	195	Edmond, OK/Edmond North
15	Kyle Dagan	So.	D	5-11	165	Westlake Village, CA/Westlake
16	Dave Donohue	Fr.	M	5-9	160	Reading, MA/Cushing Academy
17	Matt Besler*	So.	M/D	6-0	170	Overland Park, KS/Blue Valley West
18	John Schaefer	Fr.	D	5-11	165	Troy, MI/Detroit Jesuit
19	Nate Norman***	Sr.	F/M	6-1	170	Rochester, MI/Rochester Adams
20	Alex Yoshinaga**	Jr.	M	5-10	160	San Diego, CA/Granite Hills
21	Justin Morrow	Fr.	M/F	5-8	150	Cleveland, OH/St. Ignatius
22	Dale Rellas***	Sr.	D	6-2	180	Plano, TX/Plano West
23	John Baumgardner	Fr.	M	5-9	155	Eagan, MN/Eagan
24	Philip Tuttle	Fr.	GK	6-1	200	Hooksett, NH/Brewster Academy

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College '67)

Assistant Coach: Jamie Clark (Stanford '99)

Assistant Coach: Chad Riley (Notre Dame '04)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Rick King
(East Stroudsburg '95)

Captains: Greg Dalby, Dale Rellas

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Pronunciation Guide

Cahill	.KAY-hill
Besler	.BEEZ-ler
Dalby	.DOLL-bee
Dike	.DEE-kay
Etherington	.ETH-er-ring-ton
McGeeney	.mug-IN-knee
Tamba Samba	.TOM-buh SOM-buh
Seibolt	.SEE-bolt



The 2006 Notre Dame Men's Soccer Team (front row, from left) Tamba Samba, John Schaefer, Joseph Lapira, Ryan Miller, Justin McGeeney, Dale Rellas, Greg Dalby, Ian Etherington, Nate Norman, Kurt Martin, Andrew Benton, Justin Morrow, Michael Thomas (second row, from left) senior manager Greg Caso, assistant coach Jamie Clark, strength and conditioning coach Rick Perry, Matt Besler, Bright Dike, Philip Tuttle, Luke Seibolt, head coach Bobby Clark, Andrew Quinn, Chris Cahill, Cory Rellas, Kyle Dagan, volunteer assistant coach Rick King, assistant coach Chad Riley, athletic trainer Nick Richey (third row, from left) Kyle Dulworth, Alex Yoshinaga, Jack Traynor, Dave Donohue, John Baumgardner, Terry Lee.

2006 Men's Soccer Schedule

August

17	Thur.	at Drake (exhibition)	Des Moines, IA	7:00 p.m.
21	Mon.	ST. FRANCIS (PA) (exhibition)	Alumni Field	7:00 p.m.

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25	Fri.	Indiana vs. Creighton	Alumni Field	5:00 p.m.
25	Fri.	UAB	Alumni Field	7:30 p.m.
27	Sun.	Indiana vs. UAB	Alumni Field	11:30 a.m.
27	Sun.	CREIGHTON	Alumni Field	2:00 p.m.

September

1	Fri.	vs. Saint Louis!	Bloomington, IN	5:00 p.m.
3	Sun.	at Indiana!	Bloomington, IN	2:00 p.m.
8	Fri.	SOUTH FLORIDA*	Alumni Field	7:30 p.m.
10	Sun.	DePAUL*	Alumni Field	1:00 p.m.
15	Fri.	at Louisville*	Louisville, KY	5:00 p.m.
17	Sun.	at Cincinnati*	Cincinnati, OH	3:00 p.m.
20	Wed.	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Alumni Field	7:00 p.m.
23	Sat.	PITTSBURGH*	Alumni Field	7:00 p.m.
27	Wed.	MARQUETTE*	Alumni Field	7:00 p.m.
30	Sat.	at Seton Hall*	South Orange, NJ	1:00 p.m.

October

4	Wed.	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	7:00 p.m.
7	Sat.	GEORGETOWN*	Alumni Field	12:00 p.m.
11	Wed.	MICHIGAN STATE	Alumni Field	7:00 p.m.
14	Sat.	PROVIDENCE*	Alumni Field	7:00 p.m.
18	Wed.	at West Virginia*	Morgantown, WV	7:00 p.m.
21	Sat.	at Connecticut*	Storrs, CT	7:00 p.m.
25	Wed.	BIG EAST Play-In (Higher Seed Campus)		TBA
28	Sat.	BIG EAST Quarterfinals (Higher Seed Campus)		TBA

November

3 & 5	Fri.&Sun.	BIG EAST Semifinals & Finals (Piscataway, N.J.)		TBA
10-12	Fri.-Sun.	NCAA First Round (Campus Sites)		TBA
15	Wed.	NCAA Second Round (Campus Sites)		TBA
18-19	Sat.&Sun.	NCAA Third Round (Campus Sites)		TBA
24-26	Fri.-Sun.	NCAA Quarterfinals (Campus Sites)		TBA

December

1 & 3	Fri.&Sun.	NCAA College Cup (St. Louis, MO)		TBA
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! — adidas/IU Credit Union Classic (Bloomington, Ind.) * — BIG EAST Conference game

All times local to site – home games in **bold**

2006 BIG EAST Men's Soccer Championship Bracket

Nov. 2-3

Campus Sites

Wed./Thurs 1st Round

Nov. 28

Campus Sites

Sat./Sun. Quarterfinals

Nov. 3 & 5

Piscataway, NJ

Fri./Semifinals Sun./Finals



BIG EAST Championship History

Year	Champion	Score	Runnerup
1982	Syracuse	1-0 (ot)	Boston College
1983	Connecticut	5-1	Syracuse
1984	Connecticut	1-0	Providence
1985	Syracuse	1-0	Connecticut
1986	Seton Hall	3-2	Syracuse
1987	Seton Hall	2-1	Connecticut
1988	Seton Hall	4-2	Connecticut
1989	Connecticut	3-1	Seton Hall
1990	Boston College	2-1 (ot)	Seton Hall
1991	Seton Hall	1-0	St. John's
1992	St. John's	2-1	Seton Hall
1993	St. John's	1-0 (ot)	Boston College
1994	St. John's	1-0	Georgetown
1995	St. John's	2-0	Pittsburgh
1996	Notre Dame	1-0	Rutgers
1997	Rutgers	2-1 (ot)	St. John's
1998	St. John's	4-1	Georgetown
1999	Connecticut	2-0	Georgetown
2000	Boston College	2-1	Seton Hall
2001	St. John's	1-0	Connecticut
2002	Boston College	3-2	Connecticut
2003	Notre Dame	2-0	St. John's
2004	Connecticut^	0-0 (2ot)	Seton Hall
2005	Connecticut	1-0	South Florida

^ - Connecticut won 5-3 on penalty kicks