

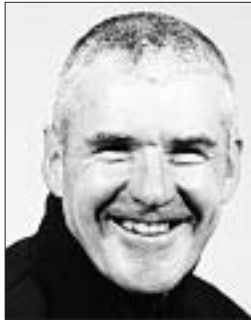
# NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF



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## Bobby Clark Has Placed Notre Dame Among Nation's Best as the Irish Look for Their Seventh Straight NCAA Appearance



**Bobby Clark**  
Head Coach  
Seventh Season  
Jordanhill College '67

Bobby Clark's formula for success and his reputation for assembling winning teams are evident after six full seasons at Notre Dame. The charismatic and affable Irish leader has guided his teams to six consecutive NCAA Championship appearances (a program first), a BIG EAST tournament title in 2003 and the program's first BIG EAST regular-season crown in 2004. The 2006 campaign was another milestone for Notre Dame as the Fighting Irish reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history.

Since coming to Notre Dame in January of 2001, Clark has engineered a great turnaround. In the two seasons prior to his arrival, the Irish suffered back-to-back losing seasons in 1999 and 2000 with a combined 15-17-5 record. Under Clark, Notre Dame is an impressive 80-33-15 (.684).

Clark's penchant for developing talent is evident in the fact that Notre Dame has produced at least three all-BIG EAST Conference selections all six of his seasons - including eight honorees during the '03 campaign and six in '04. In addition, he has wasted little time in assembling one of the most talented lineups in the program's history. He and his staff have consistently brought in nationally-ranked recruiting classes that keeps the Irish reloading instead of rebuilding.

Winning has been synonymous with Clark's tenure wherever he has been. His 20-year resume has produced a glossy .686 winning percentage, a figure that has him among the top active Division I head coaches entering the '07 campaign. Clark's teams have posted a 233-96-40 mark during his coaching

tenure. Prior to becoming Notre Dame's fifth head coach, he had successful coaching stints at Dartmouth and Stanford.

Regarded as one of the premier tacticians of the game, Clark has built a reputation of being a true players' coach; he's an individual who relates easily to the needs of his players both on and off the field. Clark has also shown that he is very capable of reloading talent without having his team miss a beat on the field.

Clark witnessed his '03 Irish team rise to No. 3 in the nation, earn the fifth overall seed in the NCAA Championship and make the program's second appearance in the NCAA Round of 16. In 2004, Notre Dame climbed as high as No. 4 in the national polls, while earning the fifth seed in the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season. The Fighting Irish returned to the Round of 16 in 2005 and concluded the season ranked 15th. Notre Dame has finished each season under Clark ranked in the top-20.

The Irish ended the '06 campaign ranked sixth after compiling a 15-6-2 record and finishing third in the BIG EAST Conference's Blue Division with an 8-3-0 mark. After earning the No. 12 seed and a first-round bye in the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame knocked off Illinois-Chicago, 1-0, in the second round before taking down defending NCAA champion Maryland 1-0 in double-overtime. The win over the Terrapins marked the second straight season in which the Irish topped the defending national champion in postseason play.

Accolades were abundant for the 2006 Irish squad following the unprecedented success. Junior forward Joseph Lapira won the M.A.C. Hermann Trophy as the nation's top player according to the NSCAA. He became the first student-athlete in program history to win a national player of the year award. Lapira, who led all NCAA Division 1 men's players with 22 goals and 50 points, also captured player of the year honors from *Soccer America* along with being Notre Dame's first-ever unanimous first-team All-American.

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Clark welcomed in two new assistant coaches for the 2006 season after former assistants Brian Wiese and Mike Avery departed for new positions at Georgetown and Louisville, respectively. Wiese became the head coach for the Hoyas, while Avery left to become the top assistant for the Cardinals before becoming the head coach at Valparaiso University in January of 2007. Clark did not have to look far to find their replacements as he brought in Chad Riley, an all-BIG EAST performer during his playing days at Notre Dame from 2000-03, and Jamie Clark, Bobby's youngest son and an All-American at Stanford during his days playing for his father from 1996-98. The younger Clark spent the previous four seasons as an assistant at New Mexico, helping to guide the Lobos to the 2005 NCAA final. Riley was an assistant at St. John's in 2005 as the Red Storm com-

pleted an 11-6-5 mark and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Round of 16.

The 2005 season presented some challenges for Clark as the Irish had to reload after losing a stellar senior class following the 2004 campaign. A difficult slate faced Notre Dame and the Irish responded with a 12-8-3 record and a berth in the NCAA Tournament's Round of 16. The Irish had an impressive run as they posted back-to-back 2-0 shutouts in the first two rounds of the tournament. The Irish topped Western Illinois at Alumni Field and then hit the road and took down two-time defending NCAA champion Indiana. The victory over the Hoosiers marked the first time, in nine tries, that Notre Dame had ever knocked off the defending national champion.

Dalby became the first player in program history to be named a first-team All-American on three separate lists (NSCAA, *Soccer Times*, *College Soccer News*). He also was a unanimous first-team all-BIG EAST selection and a M.A.C. Hermann Trophy semifinalist. Ian Etherington joined Dalby as a first-team all-league member and Lapira was named to the third team.

In 2004, the Fighting Irish faced lofty preseason expectations despite losing key components to a squad that won the BIG EAST tournament the previous year. Notre Dame lost a valuable seven-member

### The Bobby Clark File

#### Coaching Experience

1977-82	Youth Coach Aberdeen F.C. Scottish Premier League
1983-84	Director of Coaching Bulawayo Highlanders, Zimbabwe Super League
1985-93	Head Men's Coach Dartmouth College
1994-95	Head Coach New Zealand National Team
1996-2000	Head Men's Coach Stanford University
2001-present	Head Men's Coach University of Notre Dame

#### Playing Experience

1962-65	Queens Park in the Scottish 2nd Division
1965-82	Aberdeen in the Scottish Premier League • 1970 Scottish Cup • 1976 League Cup • 1980 Premier League Champions
1967	Washington Whips, United Soccer Association
1970	Member of Scotland World Cup Squad
1974	Member of Scotland World Cup Squad
1978	Member of Scotland World Cup Squad
1976	San Antonio Thunder, North American Soccer League

#### Bobby Clark Profile

- **Hire Date:** Jan. 19, 2001
- **Career Record:** 233-96-40 (.686)
- **Notre Dame Record:** 80-33-15 (.684)
- **NCAA Tournaments:** 12 (2 Dartmouth, 4 Stanford, 6 Notre Dame)
- **Hometown:** Glasgow, Scotland
- **Education:** Physical Education
- **Marital Status:** Wife - Bette
- **Children:** Tommy, Jennifer and Jamie

## The Bobby Clark File (cont.)

### Year-By-Year Collegiately With Bobby Clark

Year	School	Record	Postseason/Honors/Final Rankings
1985	Dartmouth	6-7-1	
1986	Dartmouth	9-3-3	
1987	Dartmouth	10-3-1	
1988	Dartmouth	10-4-0	Ivy League Champion
1989	Dartmouth	7-6-1	
1990	Dartmouth	14-2-2	NCAA Quarterfinals #8 ISAA, #16 <i>Soccer America</i> Ivy League Champion
1991	Dartmouth	6-6-3	
1992	Dartmouth	11-5-2	NCAA Quarterfinals Ivy League Champion NSCAA Region I Coach of the Year New England Intercollegiate Soccer League Coach of the Year
1993	Dartmouth	9-6-0	

### Dartmouth Totals 82-42-13 (.646) – 9 years

1996	Stanford	10-4-4	MPSF Mountain Division Coach of the Year
1997	Stanford	13-5-2	NCAA First Round #21 NSCAA, #21 <i>Soccer America</i> NSCAA Far West Region Coach of the Year MPSF Mountain Division Coach of the Year
1998	Stanford	18-5-2	NCAA Runnerup #2 NSCAA, #9 <i>Soccer America</i>
1999	Stanford	12-4-3	NCAA First Round #23 NSCAA, #15 <i>Soccer America</i>
2000	Stanford	18-3-1	NCAA Quarterfinals #6 NSCAA, #4 <i>Soccer America</i> Pacific-10 Coach of the Year

### Stanford Totals 71-21-12 (.740) — 5 years

2001	Notre Dame	12-7-0	NCAA First Round #18 NSCAA, #18 <i>Soccer America</i> BIG EAST Coach of the Year
2002	Notre Dame	12-6-3	NCAA Second Round #20 <i>Soccer America</i>
2003	Notre Dame	16-3-4	NCAA Sweet 16 #8 NSCAA, #3 <i>Soccer America</i>
2004	Notre Dame	13-3-3	NCAA Second Round #17 NSCAA, #12 <i>Soccer America</i> BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year
2005	Notre Dame	12-8-3	NCAA Sweet 16 #15 NSCAA
2006	Notre Dame	15-6-2	NCAA Quarterfinals #6 NSCAA

### Notre Dame Totals 80-33-15 (.684) — 6 years

### Collegiate Totals 233-96-40 (.686) — 20 years

class, which contained five all-BIG EAST selections and 35 of the team's 38 goals in 2003, to graduation. Despite all of that, the 2004 Irish would still go on to post a 13-3-3 record that included an 11-game unbeaten streak. The squad was led by a stout defense that allowed just nine goals on the year en route to the program's first regular-season BIG EAST title with an 8-1-1 conference mark, which led to Clark and assistant coaches Wiese and Avery being named the BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year. Six members of the Irish squad earned all-BIG EAST honors, including All-American goalkeeper Chris Sawyer who received his second straight BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year award. Fellow seniors Kevin Goldthwaite and Jack Stewart joined Sawyer on the first-team all-conference team with Stewart winning the BIG EAST's Defensive Player of the Year.

Clark guided the Irish as they climbed as high as No. 4 in the national polls before garnering the fifth-seed in the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season. A disappointing 2-1 loss to Ohio State in the second round ended the campaign for the Fighting Irish, yet the program continued to establish itself as one of the best in the nation. That trend has been evident since Clark took over the reigns in 2001 and it has not taken the Scotland-native long to steer Notre Dame to unprecedented levels.

Poised with one of the most talented teams in Notre Dame men's soccer history, Clark and his staff chose "Making History" as the team motto for the 2003 season. The Irish followed that motto perfectly, claiming the program's second BIG EAST Championship (the first under Clark), rising as high as third in the national rankings, hosting two NCAA Championship matches at Alumni Field (including a Round of 16 contest) and earning the program's highest-ever seed in the NCAA Championship (fifth overall). While the 2003 season ended with a tough luck 1-1 tie against Michigan (the Wolverines advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks), Notre Dame still enjoyed a successful run, which featured wins over both teams which appeared in the NCAA Championship game (St. John's and Indiana) during the regular season.

The outstanding season was highlighted by a memorable run through the BIG EAST Championship. The Irish, behind tournament outstanding defensive player in Sawyer, shut out all three opponents during the championship to claim the program's second conference title and first since 1996.

The Irish program also received numerous individual accolades, including All-America honors for senior forward Justin Detter and Sawyer. Eight Irish players earned all-BIG EAST honors (a school record) while Detter joined classmate Kevin Richards as the first Clark-era Irish players to be drafted into Major League Soccer.

The 2002 season saw Clark lead his team to an impressive 12-6-3 record and spend all but one week ranked in the top-25 (peaking at No. 5). The Irish ended the BIG EAST season with a final 6-3-1 mark and finished fourth in the league's final regular-season standings, but lost in the quarterfinals of the conference championship.

For the first time in school history, Notre Dame played host to an NCAA men's soccer tournament game at Alumni Field in 2002. The Irish advanced to the second round of the championship for just the second time in school history following a 3-1 victory over Akron. During the '02 campaign, Notre Dame defeated four ranked opponents and three top-10 foes. Clark's squad finished the season 20th in the final *Soccer America* rankings.



As a player, Bobby Clark enjoyed a successful 20-year stint as a goalkeeper in the Scottish League.



Bobby Clark is one of the most respected collegiate coaches in the game today. Clark has won nearly 70-percent of his games since taking over the reins of the Fighting Irish program in 2001.

Clark wasted little time in bringing the Notre Dame program back into the national forefront in his first season in 2001 as the Irish earned an NCAA Tournament berth for the first time since the 1996 campaign. Clark's squad flourished under his guidance and leadership as the Irish registered a 12-7-0 record, which marked the most successful season in five years.

He earned his sixth coach-of-the-year accolade when he was selected as the BIG EAST Coach of the Year after leading the Irish to a 7-3-0 conference mark. Notre Dame tied for second in the final regular-season standings and advanced to the semifinals of the conference championship. It marked the most wins and highest finish ever by an Irish team in seven seasons as a league member.

In addition, five players earned BIG EAST all-conference accolades, which included two first-team selections (Braun and Dettler). Sawyer was named to the 11-member *Soccer America* All-Freshman Team. Notre Dame also finished 18th in the final NSCAA and *Soccer America* rankings.

Prior to being named head coach at Notre Dame, Clark spent five seasons at Stanford where he produced the most successful era in the history of the

## Bobby Clark vs. All Opponents

Opponent	Record	
Air Force	0-0-1	New Hampshire College
Akron	2-0-1	<b>Northern Illinois</b>
Boston College	6-1-1	Oakland
Boston University	3-0-0	Ohio State
Bowling Green	1-0-0	Oregon State
Bradley	4-1-0	Pennsylvania
Brown	9-0-0	Plymouth State
California	5-1-1	<b>Pittsburgh</b>
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo	2-1-0	Princeton
CS Fullerton	1-0-2	<b>Providence</b>
CS Hayward	1-0-0	Rider
CS Northridge	1-1-0	<b>Rutgers</b>
Central Connecticut	2-0-0	Sacramento State
Chico State	1-0-0	Saint Louis
<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>1-2-0</b>	San Diego
Clemson	0-1-0	San Diego State
Cleveland State	2-0-1	San Francisco
Columbia	4-5-1	San Jose State
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>6-8-1</b>	Santa Clara
Cornell	6-3-1	<b>Seton Hall</b>
Creighton	2-1-1	South Florida
Dartmouth	2-1-1	Southern Methodist
Denver	1-0-0	Southwest Missouri State
DePaul	2-0-0	St. John's
Drake	1-0-0	St. Mary's (Calif.)
Evansville	1-0-0	Syracuse
Fresno State	1-0-0	Texas Christian
Furman	1-1-0	UAB
<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>5-3-0</b>	UC-Irvine
Gonzaga	0-1-0	UC-Santa Barbara
Hartford	1-1-0	<b>UCLA</b>
Harvard	8-4-1	UNLV
Illinois-Chicago	2-0-0	Vermont
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>5-5-0</b>	<b>Villanova</b>
IUPUI	1-0-0	Virginia
<b>Louisville</b>	<b>2-0-0</b>	Virginia Tech
Loyola (Chicago)	2-0-0	Washington
Maine	1-0-2	<b>West Virginia</b>
<b>Marquette</b>	<b>2-0-0</b>	Western Kentucky
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>2-1-0</b>	Williams
Massachusetts	6-2-1	Wisconsin
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>2-0-1</b>	Wisconsin-Milwaukee
<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>3-0-1</b>	Xavier
Middlebury	1-2-0	Yale
New Hampshire	8-1-0	<b>TOTALS</b>
		<b>233-96-40</b>

\***bold** indicates 2007 opponent

Cardinal program. When he arrived on the Palo Alto, Calif., campus, he inherited a team that had produced consecutive 5-12 campaigns and had not posted a winning record in four years. In his five seasons at Stanford, Clark turned the program around, creating a consistent national powerhouse.

As Director of Soccer, Clark oversaw both the Cardinal men's and women's programs and specifically served as the head coach of the men's program. In his five seasons at the helm of the Cardinal men, Clark compiled a 71-21-12 (.740) record. Clark guided Stanford to the NCAA Tournament each of his last four years (1997-2000), and his 1998 squad was the national runner-up.

His final season with the Cardinal, the 2000 campaign, ranked as one of the most successful in Stanford history. The 18-3-1 record matched the school standard for wins in a season (tying the mark set by his '98 team). The final national rankings of fourth (*Soccer America*) and sixth (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) qualify as the second-highest ever at Stanford. His teams also spent two weeks ranked number one in the country, marking the first time Stanford had ever been atop a collegiate poll in men's soccer.

In 2000, the Cardinal broke nine school records and tied another, earned individual MVP honors at three in-season tournaments and saw 13 players win all-Pacific 10 accolades. Included in that number was Ryan Nelsen, the Pac-10 Player of the Year, as well as the NSCAA/adidas Collegiate Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Year (he now plays for the Blackburn Rovers of the English Premier League). Another one of Clark's former Stanford players, Simon Elliott, currently plays with Fulham FC in England. In NCAA play, Clark's team defeated Cal State Fullerton and Illinois-Chicago before falling in the quarterfinals to SMU.

Clark led Stanford to its third consecutive NCAA appearance in 1999, the sixth visit to the tournament in school history. The Cardinal ended the season with a first-round NCAA loss to Santa Clara; yet with a 12-4-3 overall mark, it finished with double-digit victories for the fourth consecutive year.

The 1998 season saw Clark direct the best season in the history of Stanford soccer. Not only did the Cardinal win its first NCAA Tournament match, it advanced three steps further to the NCAA championship game (after wins against San Jose State, San Diego, Virginia and Maryland), where it fell to Indiana in the title game to finish with a number-two national

ranking. The team won a school-record 18 matches, surpassing the mark of 16 wins recorded in 1978. Following the season, his son Jamie became the first Cardinal to be named an NSCAA first-team All-American.

In his first season at Stanford in 1996, Clark led the Cardinal to a 10-4-4 record, its first winning season since 1992, and was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Mountain Division Coach of the Year. The 1997 campaign was a break-out year for the program as Stanford posted a 13-5-2 record, earned its first MPSF Mountain Division title, its first top-10 ranking and its first trip to the NCAA Tournament in five years. Following the 1997 season, Clark was named NSCAA Far West Region Coach of the Year and garnered MPSF Mountain Division Coach-of-the-Year honors for the second consecutive season.

Prior to arriving at Stanford, Clark compiled an impressive soccer background as both coach and player. From 1994-96 as head coach of the New Zealand National Team, he produced a 21-12-3 mark while working with the Senior Olympic, Under-20 and Under-17 squads. For his efforts, Clark was awarded the 1995 Jim McCullen Trophy, given by the New Zealand national media to the person who did the most for New Zealand soccer.

Clark began his collegiate coaching career as the head men's soccer coach at Dartmouth from 1985-93. In nine seasons, Clark compiled an 82-42-13 record (.646) and led the Big Green to three Ivy titles (1998, '90 and '92) and a pair of NCAA quarterfinal appearances. His '90 team defeated Vermont and Columbia in NCAA action before falling to eventual NCAA runner-up Rutgers. His '92 squad defeated St. John's and Seton Hall before losing to eventual champion Virginia. Clark's Dartmouth teams were ranked in the top-10 for four consecutive years, and he was twice named the NSCAA Region I Coach of the Year (1990, '92). His '90 team finished eighth in the final Intercollegiate Soccer Coaches Association of America poll.

Along with his international coaching experience in New Zealand, Clark also coached in Africa and in his native Scotland. In Zimbabwe, he was Director of Coaching with the Bulawayo Highlanders in the Zimbabwean Super League for the 1983-84 season. In Scotland, he was the Youth coach with Aberdeen F.C. in the Scottish Premier League. He was also one of the Scottish Football Association's staff coaches.

Prior to coaching, Clark enjoyed a distinguished professional career in the Scottish League. From 1962-82, he made more than 800 first-team appearances, 696 of which were with the Aberdeen Dons from 1965-1982. With the Dons, Clark won the 1970 Scottish Cup, the 1976 League Cup and the 1980 Premier League Championship. Clark, who represented Scotland at every level of professional soccer, was involved in three of Scotland's World Cup campaigns as a player in 1970, 1974 and 1978, contributing to the Scottish squad that advanced to the finals of the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.

Clark's success in Aberdeen is legendary. In '02, he was honored by the team as one of its top-25 members of all-time.

In two Scottish off-seasons, Clark played professionally for the Washington Whips of the United Soccer Association (1967), and the San Antonio Thunder of the North American Soccer League (1976).

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Clark graduated from Jordanhill College in 1967. He and his wife Bette, have three children: Tommy, Jennifer and Jamie.

Tommy, a 1992 graduate of Dartmouth College, earned a bachelor's degree in English. He was a regional All-American while playing with the Big Green – and played professional soccer in Zimbabwe, New Zealand and New Mexico. He and his wife are graduates of the Medical School at Dartmouth. They have two children, Hugh and Annabelle. Tommy also maintains the website [www.grassrootsoccer.org](http://www.grassrootsoccer.org).



Bobby Clark and his former assistants, Brian Wiese and Mike Avery, were named the BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year on two occasions, in 2001 and 2004. Clark is seen here receiving the 2001 award from Kevin MacConnell, a member of the league's men's soccer committee.

## Bobby Clark on ...

**philosophy ...** Experience over the years has shown me that it is great to have good players. But it is more important to have a good team. Being part of a good team allows players the opportunity to both fulfill their potential and enjoy their sport to the fullest, whether they are a starter, a bench player or practice player.

**challenges ...** One of the exciting elements of coaching soccer at the collegiate level is the nature of the college structure. With players graduating and leaving the program every year, it forces all coaches to adjust. It is a different team each year because of losing key players, but that is one of the challenges of coaching. Teams are never the same every year. It's continually changing and always a challenge.

**Notre Dame ...** First of all, I am so lucky to be given the challenge and opportunity to be coaching here. I enjoy a new challenge and that is what was so appealing to me about this situation and what I like most about coming to this University. It has always been a solid program, but it is one of the men's soccer programs in the country that can be truly great. I was in a similar position at Stanford when I took the job there. Notre Dame is a program with so much potential because of the great academic school it is and the tremendous athletic tradition it has. Notre Dame has everything it needs to become one of the truly great soccer programs nationally.

**his game/coaching style ...** Soccer has to be fun for everyone involved – players and coaches. Practice has to be fun. Players have to enjoy being part of a group; they have to enjoy coming to practice. If players are having fun, then they will be more receptive to listening and learning what we are teaching them in practice. If they are not having fun, then it will make learning difficult. Even with conditioning drills, the fun should be in everyone doing it together and getting everyone through it as a team.

**defining a successful season ...** For me a successful season is being in contention for something at the end of the season. That can mean that if you have a good team, then making the playoffs (in our case the BIG EAST Tournament) or getting a bid in the NCAA Tournament. But if you are not a good team, you can still be playing for your own goals — the goals you have set for that team. A team can be 1-10, but still be very excited about playing for its own goals. As a coach, you have to have realistic goals for your players, and in turn, your players must be realistic in setting their goals for the season. The key always is to have fun.

**his enthusiasm ...** As the head coach, it is my responsibility to be enthusiastic and get the players motivated. I've never had a problem with that. Every morning I wake up, I'm excited for the challenges that will present themselves to me on that day. My philosophy is a simple one: if you don't have a passion and excitement for the job, then you shouldn't be doing it.

Jennifer, a 1994 Dartmouth graduate, served as an assistant for three years to former Stanford women's soccer head coach Steve Swanson. She is married to former Notre Dame assistant men's tennis coach Mike Morgan. The couple has two children, Tamhas and Rory.

The Clark's youngest son, Jamie, graduated from Stanford in 1999. A two-time All-American, he played professionally for the MLS San Jose Earthquakes and Raith Rovers in Scotland. Currently, he is in his second year as an assistant men's soccer coach at Notre Dame.



## Jamie Clark

**Assistant Coach  
Second Season  
Stanford '99**

Jamie Clark is entering his sixth season of coaching in 2007 and his second as an assistant for the Fighting Irish. He is no stranger to success as he spent four seasons as an assistant at the University of New Mexico, where he was part of the staff that guided the Lobos to the title game of the 2005 College Cup. Clark's success continued during his first season at Notre Dame. He was part of a milestone campaign for the Fighting Irish as they reached the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals for the first time in program history.

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While at New Mexico under head coach Jeremy Fishbein, Clark helped take the program to new heights, which included just the second trip ever to the NCAA Tournament in 2001. The Lobos would then make it to the finals of the College Cup just four years later in 2005. New Mexico registered an 18-2-3 mark in 2005 to tie the school record for wins in a single season. During his four years in Albuquerque, the Lobos combined to post a record of 61-16-8. In the four years before his arrival, the team recorded a 32-40-4 mark.

Clark, the youngest son of Irish head coach Bobby Clark, is a 1999 graduate of Stanford, where he was a two-time All-American. He began his college career at North Carolina before transferring to Stanford following his freshman season. In 1998, he became the first NSCAA first-team All-American in the history of Cardinal soccer as he helped lead the squad to the first NCAA Final Four appearance in program history. Clark also was a second-team All-American in 1997.

"Jamie came from a program that had grown a lot over the past four years," stated Bobby Clark. "He was very lucky to work with Jeremy Fishbein at New Mexico. They made the (NCAA) tournament three out of his last four years, which is something I don't think they had done prior to that. They also led the nation in attendance dur-



ing his final season. So he came from a program that had gone from nowhere and went to the very top of the tree. To get someone like that to come in is a great boost for our program."

Prior to Clark's arrival at New Mexico, he played two-and-a-half seasons with the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer. He was drafted out of Stanford as the 21st pick overall in the 1999 MLS Draft.

"I was very glad to join Notre Dame and reunite with my father," said Jamie Clark. "I enjoyed playing for him at Stanford and now I hope to duplicate that success as an assistant. It's incredible to now be a part of the storied tradition at Notre Dame. As a soccer program, Notre Dame is a top 10 to 15 team in the country. I hope to help them clear that one last hurdle and bring a championship to South Bend."

### The Jamie Clark File

#### Coaching Experience

2001-2005 Assistant Men's Coach  
University of New Mexico  
2006-present Assistant Men's Coach  
University of Notre Dame

#### Playing Experience

1995 University of North Carolina  
1996-1998 Stanford University  
1999-2001 San Jose Earthquakes (MLS)

#### Additional Men's Soccer Support Staff



**Rick Perry**  
Strength & Conditioning



**Bill Agnew**  
Athletic Trainer



**Catherine Costanzo**  
Senior Manager

# Assistant Coach



## Chad Riley

Assistant Coach  
Second Season  
Notre Dame '04

Chad Riley is poised to begin his second season as an assistant coach for the Fighting Irish in 2007. The '07 campaign will mark the fourth season of coaching for Riley. The 2004 Notre Dame graduate spent the 2005 season as an assistant at St. John's and served the same role at Oberlin College in 2004.

After helping Notre Dame to success on the field from 2000-03, Riley witnessed the Fighting Irish reach a milestone during his first season as an assistant coach for his alma mater. In 2006, Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals for the first time in program history.

The Irish concluded the '06 campaign ranked sixth nationally after compiling a 15-6-2 record and finishing third in the BIG EAST Conference's Blue Division with an 8-3-0 mark. After earning the No. 12 seed and a first-round bye in the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame knocked off Illinois-Chicago, 1-0, in the second round before taking down defending NCAA champion Maryland 1-0 in double-overtime. The win over the Terrapins marked the second straight season in which the Irish topped the defending national champion in postseason play.

Accolades were abundant for the 2006 Irish squad following the unprecedented success. Junior forward Joseph Lapira won the M.A.C. Hermann Trophy as the nation's top player according to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). He became the first student-athlete in program history to win a national player of the year award. Lapira, who led

all NCAA Division I men's players with 22 goals and 50 points, also captured player of the year honors from *Soccer America* along with being Notre Dame's first-ever unanimous first-team All-American.

Lapira was named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year, while his teammate Greg Dalby was selected as the Midfielder of the Year. In all, the Irish boasted five all-conference performers. Dalby earned first-team All-America honors for the second straight season and was selected by the Colorado Rapids in the second round (17th overall pick) of the Major League Soccer (MLS) draft. Nate Norman also heard his name called as the Chicago Fire selected the midfielder in the second round (21st pick).

Riley, a native of Houston, Texas, was a four-time monogram winner and received all-BIG EAST honors on three occasions during his Notre Dame career. He started 75 games in a Fighting Irish uniform and was an integral part of the Notre Dame squad that captured the 2003 BIG EAST tournament championship. That team would also make the program's second-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament's Round of 16.

For his career, Riley totaled 52 points on 10 goals and 32 assists. He led the team in assists three seasons and was Notre Dame's top scorer as a freshman. Riley currently ranks second on the Irish career list for assists. He graduated with a degree in theology from the College of Arts and Letters and was twice named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team.

"I had a wonderful experience of playing at Notre Dame for four years," said Riley. "I had the pleasure of playing under Bobby (Clark) and now being able to coach along side him is a dream come true."

Following his graduation from Notre Dame in 2004, Riley served as an assistant coach at Oberlin College in Ohio during the 2004 season. He helped guide the Yeomen to a 9-8-3 record as



five players earned all-North Coast Athletic Conference honors. The team also was a recipient of the National Soccer Coaches Association Team Academic Award, posting a 3.52 grade-point average, the highest of any of the 73 men's teams honored.

At St. John's in 2005, Riley helped guide the Red Storm to an 11-6-5 record and a berth in the third round of the NCAA Tournament before falling to top-seeded and eventual national champion Maryland. St. John's boasted five all-BIG EAST selections in 2005, including M.A.C. Hermann Trophy semifinalist Matt Groenwald.

"It's great to have a Notre Dame alumnus on the staff," commented Bobby Clark. "He was a great four-year monogram winner here at Notre Dame. He was just a fabulous person to coach and I know he'll be a wonderful coach here for the University."

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### The Chad Riley File

#### Coaching Experience

2004	Assistant Men's Coach Oberlin College (Ohio)
2005	Assistant Men's Coach St. John's University
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#### Playing Experience

2000-2003	University of Notre Dame
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