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Joseph Lapira received the 2006 Missouri Athletic Club (M.A.C) Hermann Trophy as the top male soccer player in the nation. The junior forward became the first player in program history to win the award, which has been presented annually since 1967 and is the official player of the year from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Lapira is seen here pictured with Missouri Athletic Club President Rick Lodewyck (left) and Robert R. Hermann (right). (Photo by Joe Angeles)



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 17 seasons at Alumni Field, the Irish have won 73 percent of their contests as Notre Dame has posted a 113-37-14 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 seven BIG EAST Tournament games, posting a 4-1-2 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 five seasons. The Fighting Irish are 4-2-0 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 and a 1-0 triumph of Illinois-Chicago in 2006. In 2003, Notre Dame hosted its first-ever Round of 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
2006	9	2	1
Total	113	37	14



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 2007 PREVIEW



Senior co-captain Ryan Miller will be looked upon to solidify the Fighting Irish defense once again in 2007. Notre Dame surrendered just 0.79 goals per game last season.



To most, the 2006 Notre Dame men's soccer season would have appeared to be a great success. The Irish notched 15 wins, advanced to the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals for the first time in program history and boasted the national player of the year. However, head coach Bobby Clark and the rest of the Fighting Irish roster see plenty of work that's left to be done.

"We've done well, but if you're on the inside we feel like we've always underachieved a little bit," stated Clark. "Don't get me wrong, I'm not taking anything for granted. Our initial goal is to get to the (NCAA) tournament. Going to the playoffs always has to be our goal. I think when you get to the tournament, it's been a successful season. I think once we get there, we have to do a better job. I'll never underestimate getting to the playoffs because with our schedule and the climate in men's college soccer, that's never to be taken for granted."

Notre Dame returns six starters and 14 letterwinners that posted a 15-6-2 record in 2006, including an 8-3-0 mark in the BIG EAST Conference. The Fighting Irish have finished third in the conference's Blue Division each of the past two seasons along with advancing to the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinals both of those campaigns. This year's squad is looking to break through and take the Irish back to the top of the BIG EAST, however it will not be easy.

"The Big East is getting tougher," said Clark. "There may have been a few weaker teams in the league over the past couple of years but I think the coaching changes that happened in the league are certainly going to make things much stronger."

A seventh straight NCAA Tournament appearance will be expected for the Fighting Irish. Since taking over the reigns of the Notre Dame program in 2001, Clark has guided the Irish to the NAAs every year. Clark has produced three trips to the round of 16, including last year's trek to the quarterfinals. The next step for the program that is entering its 31st year is a trip to the College Cup weekend. This season's final four will be held in Cary, N.C.

"I think your goals are always the same," stated Clark. "A successful season is when you're playing your last game and it means something. Obviously the most meaningful last game of the season is playing for the national championship. That's obviously our goal and I think each of the last five years we've had a team that could have gone to a final four. I'd like to think each team has been built a little bit off of the previous team. Hopefully this 2007 team can build off of the success that we had in 2006. If that happens then maybe we'll take it a little bit further."



Kurt Martin will team up with Joseph Lapira at the forward position for the Irish in 2007. Martin carries 14 career points on five goals and four assists into his senior season.

A lot of the success will depend on the play of senior forward Joseph Lapira. Lapira is coming off arguably the best season in program history as he led all NCAA Division I men's players with 22 goals and 50 total points. He copped several national accolades, including the Missouri Athletic Club (M.A.C.) Hermann Trophy, which is the official national player of the year award from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

After a busy summer, which included earning a cap with the Ireland National Team and training with the Glasgow Rangers of the Scottish Premier League and Derby County of the English Premier League, Lapira returns for his senior season.

"Obviously you ask anybody about Notre Dame soccer right now and they are going to mention Joe Lapira," said Clark. "Joseph's a special player and I think that goes without saying. If he stays healthy then it's going to be terrific for the team."

While many eyes will be focused on Lapira, the Fighting Irish return three other all-BIG EAST performers. Goalkeeper Chris Cahill, who returns to the Irish for a fifth season, was named to the third team, while junior defenders Matt Besler and Jack Traynor earned second-team and honorable-mention honors, respectively. Cahill posted 11 shutouts last season and registered a final goals-against average of 0.77.

The Irish will have to fill a void left by the graduation of a five-man senior class that provided solid leadership and ability. Besler, along with Ryan Miller and Alex Yoshinaga, will serve as team captains during the 2007 season. Yoshinaga, a senior midfielder, returns to the lineup after missing most of last season with a collarbone injury. Miller, a fifth-year senior, has emerged as one of the top attacking defenders in the nation over the past two seasons.

"There's no question this team lost some pretty strong players," said Clark. "You know that if you're going to have a good team, you're going to graduate strong players and strong leadership. Good teams don't happen unless you have good players and good leadership. The trick is if we have the people to fill the void and I think we do. I think the senior class is a very, very strong playing class with some very good players. There's also some very good underclassmen below that. Will we have the leadership? I think so, but that's something you don't find out right away. It looks as though we have pretty good leadership and good attitudes in the winter and spring, but the true test is when you're playing in the heat of the season."

Clark has put the pieces in place for the Irish to have another successful season in 2007. He has built a program that has become a consistent force on the national level. With the success that his teams have produced over the past six seasons, the Irish are comfortable with the expectations.

"We have to love the bullseye," stated Clark. "I think whenever you come to Notre Dame you have to know that anyway. It doesn't matter if you're a bad team at Notre Dame, people love to play you. You might as well be a good team at Notre Dame because that way you can handle the bullseye. Notre Dame is Notre Dame no matter where you are. I think because of the success of the previous teams, people want to go at us. I think it's a good feeling."

ATTACK

When you mention the Notre Dame attacking unit, you have to start with Lapira. It would be difficult to expect the Louisiana native to duplicate the numbers that he posted one season ago as he led the nation in both goals, with 22, and points with 50. The senior will certainly be a marked man and that is why fellow senior Kurt Martin will be looked upon to ease the burden.

That should not be a problem for the skilled Martin, who is coming off his best season to date with eight points on three goals and two assists. He tallied both Irish goals in the 3-2 setback at Virginia in the NCAA quarterfinals. He will look to carry that momentum into this season as he looks to fill the void left by Justin McGeeney, who

started 22 of 23 games during his senior season in 2006. As a team, the Fighting Irish totaled 45 goals one year ago and produced four games with four or more scores.

"Joseph (Lapira) is a special player, then you add another player who I feel is very special and that's Kurt Martin," commented Clark. "Kurt has so much ability. You talk about guys that can really make things happen and he has that ability. He's calm under pressure and handles pressure superbly."

The Irish have some talented young players at the forward position to go along with the talented veterans. Sophomore Tamba Samba saw limited action during his rookie campaign, but will certainly be in the mix this season.

Freshmen Josh Thiermann and Steven Perry will also look to see time on the pitch. Both Thiermann and Perry were NSCAA All-Americans during their high school careers in Wisconsin and Oklahoma, respectively.

"Tamba Samba is another lad who did well for us in the spring," said Clark. "Josh Thiermann and Steven Perry are both tremendous athletes. They are both fast and strong. They both have tremendous pedigrees and tremendous backgrounds coming in from their clubs and high schools. It'll be interesting to see which ones can settle in and give us support."

Another freshman to keep an eye on is Andrew Luttrell, a local product from nearby Penn High School in Mishawaka, Ind.

"Andrew did awful well playing in a local club team that both (Notre Dame assistant coaches) Chad (Riley) and Jamie (Clark) coached," said Clark. "He's a good player. He's quick and loves his soccer. I think he has the potential to make an impact throughout his four years at Notre Dame."

MIDFIELD

Arguably the biggest holes to fill for the Irish will be in the midfield following the loss of three starters to graduation. Greg Dalby was a two-time first-team All-American and played in a program-record 88 consecutive matches. Sophomore Michael Thomas played alongside Dalby last season and made an immediate impact as he started 21 games. As a freshman, Thomas totaled eight points on three goals and two assists and he will be looked upon to fill the void left by Dalby.

There will be a few candidates to team up with Thomas as a central midfielder. Yoshinaga and sophomore Dave Donohue both have the ability to play in the middle or wide areas of the midfield. Donohue played in four games as a rookie and Yoshinaga returns to the Notre Dame lineup after missing most of the 2006 campaign with a collarbone injury. Another player looking for time as central midfielder will be freshman Matt Armstrong.

"Incoming freshman Matt Armstrong has a lot of experience with both his club team and the under-17 national team," said Clark. "He's a very experienced player and has the potential to play in there. Alex Yoshinaga also has the potential and can play in there. He can also play wide. David Donohue is another that can play both in there and play wide."

The wide area of the midfield will need to fill the void of departed starters Ian Etherington, a two-time all-BIG EAST player, and Nate Norman, who led the team with seven assists last season. Yoshinaga and sophomore Justin Morrow bring the most game experience among the candidates to fill the void. Morrow appeared in 21 matches as

a freshman and dished out two assists. He was a valuable spark off of the bench in 2006 and may be looked upon to start this season.

"Justin Morrow had a terrific freshman year and we're hoping for the same this year," stated Clark. "He has the speed and technical ability to be very good, so we're just hoping that he carries on from where he was as a freshman last year."

Senior Kyle Dulworth is poised to have a breakout campaign and could see significant time in the midfield.

"I feel Kyle Dulworth has great potential and he's been a little unfortunate with injuries in one thing or another," commented Clark. "This is Kyle's senior year and he's a very talented player. I feel if he can keep himself fit he is somebody that has the potential to have a very good senior year."

A couple freshmen bring versatility to the midfield position. Jeb Brovsky can play anywhere along the midfield line, while Greg Klazura also brings ability to the roster.

"Jeb Brovsky can play right across any of the midfield positions," said Clark. "He's very two-footed and has a terrific touch on the ball and has good vision. Greg Klazura is another midfield player coming in. He's a good athlete and makes very good decisions. It'll be interesting just how that group of eight guys are looking for four positions. We really need to get six of that eight that can really contribute."

Another addition to the midfield unit is Mark Lorenzen. He is the younger brother of former Notre Dame women's soccer player and 2007 graduate Kim Lorenzen. Lorenzen is a transfer from Indiana University, yet he did not play soccer for the Hoosiers.

"Mark Lorenzen is a big boy and can play a number of positions," states Clark. "He's a good player and we'll take a look at him."

DEFENSE

The Irish welcome back three starters along the backline. Notre Dame surrendered just 0.79 goals per game in 2006 and Matt Besler was a significant reason for that as he started all 23 matches in the central defense and will resume that role once again in 2007. He has also gained experience from training with the U.S. Under-20 squad. Last season Besler teamed up with fifth-year senior Dale Rellas. Rellas anchored the Irish backline for the past two seasons.

Junior Cory Rellas, Dale's younger brother, will be candidate to start alongside Besler. The younger Rellas emerged as a valuable player in 2006 as he filled in for an injured Etherington in the midfield during the middle portion of the season.

"It's quite interesting who is going to be a central defender," said Clark. "The people that have been playing there in the spring have mainly been Matt Besler, Cory Rellas, Andrew Benton and Kyle Dagan. It'll be interesting to see where they all are come preseason practice. I would feel that it would be any two of the four there and obviously I'll have to find out who'll be the third because you certainly need three for sure."

Benton missed the first part of last season with an injury and comes back ready to go in '07. Dagan has yet to see game action in an Irish uniform but Clark knows he is a valuable commodity



Cory Rellas emerged as a valuable commodity in the midfield for the Irish during the 2006 campaign. He will be looked upon to bolster the Notre Dame defense this season.

for the team for several reasons.

"Kyle Dagan did really well in the spring and he did well at other spots because we played him at both right back and left back," commented Clark. "The nice thing about Kyle is that he gives great cover to the team right through all four defensive positions. He's very good athletically and has a very good attitude. He's someone that can give us coverage in all areas of the back."

Ryan Miller and Jack Traynor will resume their roles as starting fullbacks. Miller, a right back, has emerged as one of the country's top attacking defenders over the past two seasons, while Traynor is coming off an all-conference campaign at left back. Both Miller and Traynor notched two assists apiece last season.

Dagan may also see some time in the wide area. Sophomore John Schaefer and freshman Bilal Duckett will provide depth at the fullback position along with junior Terry Lee.

"The fullbacks are looking like it'll be Ryan Miller and Jack Traynor as the starters again this year," said Clark. "After that, there's a mixture of young lads there. As I mentioned before, Dagan can play in any of the positions. John Schaefer was a freshman last year who we didn't use and Bilal Duckett is an incoming freshman who has very good form and is very good athletically. Terry Lee has done very well. He's left-sided, very competitive and a very good athlete and gives depth to the defensive group."

GOALKEEPERS

Notre Dame returns the entire goalkeeping unit from last year. Chris Cahill is back for his fifth season in an Irish uniform after earning third-team all-BIG EAST honors last season. He started 20 matches in '06 and posted a 0.77 goals-against average, while recording 11 shutouts. He carries a career record of 26-13-4 into his final campaign.

2007 Season Outlook

Andrew Quinn, a junior, split time with Cahill during the opening stages of last season and proved to be a solid option in net. Quinn made three starts and posted a 0.88 goals-against average and a .778 save percentage.

Quinn would later come up big in the NCAA Tournament after Cahill was sidelined with an injury during stretches of the Maryland and Virginia matches. The starting spot will once again be up for grabs. Junior Luke Seibolt and sophomore Philip Tuttle give the Irish valuable depth at the position and will look to fight for playing time as well.

"Cahill and Quinn had a really good battle at the start of the last season and Cahill won it out," said Clark. "Quinn had a great attitude through it all and it was a nice reward that he played a vital role in both of our final two games in the (NCAA) tournament. You have to think those two would be the featured ones again. I wouldn't rule out the other two lads, especially Phil Tuttle, who looked very good as a freshman. It's going to be interesting as always just by going by last year. It's going to boil down as to what happens in preseason between Chris Cahill and Andrew Quinn fighting it out."

Roster Breakdown

By Position

Forwards (7) – Bright Dike, Joseph Lapira, Andrew Luttrell, Kurt Martin, Steven Perry, Tamba Samba, Josh Thiermann

Midfielders (9) – Matt Armstrong, Jeb Brovsky, Dave Donohue, Kyle Dulworth, Greg Klazura, Mark Lorenzen, Justin Morrow, Michael Thomas, Alex Yoshinaga

Defenders (9) – Andrew Benton, Matt Besler, Kyle Dagan, Bilal Duckett, Terry Lee, Ryan Miller, Cory Rellas, John Schaefer, Jack Traynor

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

By Class

Fifth-Year Seniors (2) – Chris Cahill, Ryan Miller

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

Juniors (8) – Matt Besler, Kyle Dagan, Bright Dike, Terry Lee, Andrew Quinn, Cory Rellas, Luke Seibolt, Jack Traynor

Sophomores (7) – Dave Donohue, Mark Lorenzen, Justin Morrow, Tamba Samba, John Schaefer, Michael Thomas, Philip Tuttle

Freshmen (7) – Matt Armstrong, Jeb Brovsky, Bilal Duckett, Greg Klazura, Andrew Luttrell, Steven Perry, Josh Thiermann

SCHEDULE

Once again, the Fighting Irish will face a very challenging schedule that begins with defending NCAA runner-up UCLA. The Bruins are ranked No. 1 nationally by some preseason publications. The season gets underway at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind. over Labor Day Weekend. A match with Maryland will await the Irish on the second day of the tournament. The Terrapins will be looking to avenge last season's 1-0 double-overtime loss to the Irish in the third round of the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame opens the home portion of its slate with the sixth-annual Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. The Irish will face Rhode Island on Friday, Sept. 7 before squaring off against Northern Illinois on Sunday, Sept. 9.

Each of the Irish's first four opponents appeared in the 2006 NCAA Tournament. In all, Notre Dame will face 10 teams that qualified for NCAA play last season.

"It's a great start," stated Clark. "The four teams that we open up with over the first two weekends are all tournament teams. I'd like to think all four teams in the first weekend could win the national championship. It could be a final four if the draw was kind to them all. I think that's great but right away it lets you see where you are. It lets you see if you are a serious challenger or if you don't quite measure up to where you'd like to be, it lets you see where the holes are pretty quickly.

The Irish will then embark on a three-game road trip to open BIG EAST play. First on the conference ledger will be Marquette followed by treks east to Rutgers and Villanova.

A return to Alumni Field in late September will begin a four-game home stretch that spans into early October. BIG EAST foes Cincinnati and Louisville will battle the Irish before a non-conference tilt with Michigan. The homestand concludes with a league match against West Virginia. Notre Dame only suffered three conference losses in 2006, yet two came at the hands of Cincinnati and West Virginia so the Irish will welcome those two squads to their home turf.

Notre Dame will then return to the road, but not for long. Following a non-league clash at Michigan State, the Irish will face a difficult three-game home stretch at Alumni Field. Connecticut pays a visit before in-state rival Indiana comes to town on Oct. 17. The Irish and Hoosiers will try to duplicate the classic performance shown in last season's thrilling 5-4 overtime thriller that went to the Fighting Irish during the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic.

Senior Day will bring Seton Hall to Alumni Field on Oct. 21. The regular season concludes with a



Jack Traynor earned all-BIG EAST accolades as a sophomore in 2006. He has been a valuable contributor during his first two seasons by starting 42 of 46 matches at left back.

three-game BIG EAST road trip. Pittsburgh and Providence will be the first two stops before the Irish head to Georgetown on Nov. 3.

"I think the BIG EAST is one of the hardest leagues in the country," said Clark. "You play all different types of teams in the league. It's like America's league because you can play at South Florida where you're on the beaches and then Marquette up in the Midwest and then out to Storrs in New England and you can be playing West Virginia up in the mountains. You almost have everything and then you get all the different styles within it. It's a fabulous conference and it really prepares you well for the (NCAA) tournament. It's not an easy league and there isn't one team that I can say is a 'W'. Every game in our league is going to be contested and fought for."

The top two teams from both the Red and Blue divisions will receive byes in the BIG EAST Championship. The first round of the league tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7 and will take place on campus sites as will the quarterfinals, which are slated for Saturday, Nov. 10. Connecticut will serve as host for the semifinals and finals of the tournament on Nov. 16 and 18, respectively.

The NCAA Tournament gets underway with the first round on Nov. 23 and 24 followed by the second round on Nov. 28. Third-round matches will be held on Dec. 1 and 2, while the quarterfinals take place Dec. 8-10. The 2007 Men's College Cup is going to be held at the S.A.S. Soccer Stadium in Cary, N.C. The semifinals will take place on Friday, Dec. 14 and the finals will be on Sunday, Dec. 16.

2007 Irish Roster

Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
15	Matt Armstrong	M
3	Andrew Benton**	D
17	Matt Besler**	M
25	Jeb Brovsky	M
00	Chris Cahill**	GK
9	Kyle Dagan	D
	Bright Dike**	F
6	Dave Donohue	M
26	Bilal Duckett	D
4	Kyle Dulworth**	M
20	Greg Klazura	M
10	Joseph Lapira***	F
16	Terry Lee	D
14	Mark Lorenzen	M
23	Andrew Luttrell	F
11	Kurt Martin***	M
2	Ryan Miller***	D
21	Justin Morrow*	M
18	Steven Perry	F
0	Andrew Quinn*	GK
13	Cory Rellas*	D
12	Tamba Samba	F
7	John Schaefer	D
1	Luke Seibolt	GK
22	Josh Thiermann	F
8	Michael Thomas*	M
5	Jack Traynor**	D
24	Philip Tuttle	GK
19	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*	Jr.	GK	6-3	210	Silver Spring, MD/DeMatha
1	Luke Seibolt	Jr.	GK	6-4	220	Gilbert, AZ/Gilbert
2	Ryan Miller***	Sr.	D	5-11	160	Barrington, IL/Barrington
3	Andrew Benton**	Sr.	D	6-1	180	Marietta, GA/Kell
4	Kyle Dulworth**	Sr.	M	5-9	160	Fort Wayne, IN/Homestead
5	Jack Traynor**	Jr.	D	5-9	150	St. Charles, MO/ Francis Howell North
6	Dave Donohue	So.	M	5-9	160	Reading, MA/Cushing Academy
7	John Schaefer	So.	D	5-11	165	Troy, MI/Detroit Jesuit
8	Michael Thomas*	So.	M	5-10	175	Olathe, KS/St. Thomas Aquinas
9	Kyle Dagan	Jr.	D	5-11	165	Westlake Village, CA/Westlake
10	Joseph Lapira***	Sr.	F	5-8	150	Lake Charles, LA/Saint Louis Catholic
11	Kurt Martin***	Sr.	M	5-10	160	McAllen, TX/Memorial
12	Tamba Samba	So.	F	5-11	180	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
13	Cory Rellas*	Jr.	D	6-1	165	Plano, TX/Plano West
14	Mark Lorenzen	So.	M	6-1	180	Naperville, IL/Naperville North
15	Matt Armstrong	Fr.	M	5-7	155	Phoenix, AZ/North Canyon
16	Terry Lee	Jr.	D	5-9	155	Moreland Hills, OH/Orange
17	Matt Besler**	Jr.	D	6-0	170	Overland Park, KS/Blue Valley West
18	Steven Perry	Fr.	F	6-0	160	Edmond, OK/Bishop McGuinness
19	Alex Yoshinaga***	Sr.	M	5-10	160	San Diego, CA/Granite Hills
20	Greg Klazura	Fr.	M	5-10	150	Rockford, IL/Boylan Catholic
21	Justin Morrow*	So.	M	5-8	150	Cleveland, OH/St. Ignatius
22	Josh Thiermann	Fr.	F	6-0	170	Stoughton, WI/Stoughton
23	Andrew Luttrell	Fr.	F	5-7	145	Granger, IN/Penn
24	Philip Tuttle	So.	GK	6-1	200	Hooksett, NH/Brewster Academy
25	Jeb Brovsky	Fr.	M	6-1	160	Lakewood, CO/Green Mountain
26	Bilal Duckett	Fr.	D	6-2	160	Peachtree City, GA/McIntosh
	Bright Dike**	Jr.	F	6-1	195	Edmond, OK/Edmond North

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: Ryan Miller, Alex Yoshinaga, Matt Besler

Senior Manager: Catherine Costanzo

*denotes number of monograms won

Pronunciation Guide

Cahill	KAY-hill
Besler	BEEZ-ler
Dike	DEE-kay
Tamba Samba	TOM-buh SOM-buh
Seibolt	SEE-bolt



The 2007 Notre Dame Men's Soccer Team (front row, from left) Mark Lorenzen, Matt Armstrong, Kyle Dagan, Kurt Martin, Andrew Benton, Alex Yoshinaga, Ryan Miller, Matt Besler, Joseph Lapira, Kyle Dulworth, Jack Traynor, Justin Morrow, Greg Klazura, Josh Thiermann, (second row, from left) athletic trainer Bill Agnew, assistant coach Jamie Clark, strength and conditioning coach Rick Perry, Jeb Brovsky, Steven Perry, Philip Tuttle, Andrew Quinn, Chris Cahill, Luke Seibolt, Bilal Duckett, Michael Thomas, head coach Bobby Clark, assistant coach Chad Riley, senior manager Catherine Costanzo, (third row, from left) Tamba Samba, John Schaefer, Dave Donohue, Cory Rellas, Terry Lee, Bright Dike, Andrew Luttrell

2007 Men's Soccer Schedule

August

23	Thur.	vs. New Mexico (exhibition)	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	6:00 p.m.
27	Mon.	NORTHWESTERN (exhibition)	Notre Dame, Ind.	7:00 p.m.
31	Fri.	vs. UCLA!	Bloomington, Ind.	5:00 p.m.

September

2	Sun.	vs. Maryland!	Bloomington, Ind.	11:30 a.m.
MIKE BERTICELLI MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT				
7	Fri.	Indiana vs. Northern Illinois	Notre Dame, Ind.	5:00 p.m.
7	Fri.	RHODE ISLAND	Notre Dame, Ind.	7:30 p.m.
9	Sun.	Indiana vs. Rhode Island	Notre Dame, Ind.	11:30 a.m.
9	Sun.	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Notre Dame, Ind.	2:00 p.m.
15	Sat.	at Marquette*	Milwaukee, Wis.	7:00 p.m.
21	Fri.	at Rutgers*	Piscataway, N.J.	8:00 p.m.
23	Sun.	at Villanova*	Villanova, Pa.	12:00 p.m.
28	Fri.	CINCINNATI*	Notre Dame, Ind.	7:00 p.m.
30	Sun.	LOUISVILLE*	Notre Dame, Ind.	3:30 p.m.

October

3	Wed.	MICHIGAN	Notre Dame, Ind.	7:00 p.m.
6	Sat.	WEST VIRGINIA*	Notre Dame, Ind.	7:00 p.m.
10	Wed.	at Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	4:00 p.m.
13	Sat.	CONNECTICUT*	Notre Dame, Ind.	12:00 p.m.
17	Wed.	INDIANA	Notre Dame, Ind.	7:00 p.m.
21	Sun.	SETON HALL*	Notre Dame, Ind.	1:30 p.m.
24	Wed.	at Pittsburgh*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	7:00 p.m.
28	Sun.	at Providence*	Providence, R.I.	2:00 p.m.

November

3	Sat.	at Georgetown*	Washington, D.C.	12:00 p.m.
7	Wed.	BIG EAST First Round (Campus Sites)		TBA
10	Sat.	BIG EAST Quarterfinals (Campus Sites)		TBA
16	Fri.	BIG EAST Semifinals (Storrs, Conn.)		TBA
18	Sun.	BIG EAST Championship (Storrs, Conn.)		TBA
23 & 24	Fri. & Sat.	NCAA First Round (Campus Sites)		TBA
28	Wed.	NCAA Second Round (Campus Sites)		TBA

December

1 & 2	Sat. & Sun.	NCAA Third Round (Campus Sites)		TBA
8-10	Fri.-Sun.	NCAA Quarterfinals (Campus Sites)		TBA
14 & 16	Fri. & Sun.	NCAA College Cup (SAS Soccer Stadium, Cary, N.C.)		TBA

! — adidas/IU Credit Union Classic (Bloomington, Ind.) * — BIG EAST Conference game

2007 BIG EAST Men's Soccer Championship Bracket

First Round
Wednesday, Nov. 7
Campus Sites

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Nov. 10
Campus Sites

Semifinals
Friday, Nov. 16
Storrs, Conn.

Finals
Sunday, Nov. 18
Storrs, Conn.



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
2006	St. John's	1-0 (ot)	West Virginia

^ - Connecticut won 5-3 on penalty kicks