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Men's Soccer Quick Facts

Notre Dame Quick Facts

Location	Notre Dame, IN 46556
Founded	1842
Enrollment	8,261 (undergraduate), 11,311 (total)
Nickname	Fighting Irish
Colors	Blue and Gold
Conference	BIG EAST
Home Field	Alumni Field
Capacity	2,500
President	Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.
Provost	Dr. Nathan Hatch
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Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Bobby Clark
Alma Mater	Jordanhill College '67
Career Record	193-79-32 /17 years
Record at Notre Dame	40-16-7/3 years
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2003 Record	16-3-4
BIG EAST Record/Finish	6-3-1/3rd
Starters Returning/Lost	6/5
Monogram Winners Returning/Lost	12/7

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Introduction

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The 2004 BIG EAST Men's Soccer Championship will be conducted in a two-weekend format. The single-elimination tournament will include eight of the league's 13 teams. Quarterfinal matches will be held on Nov. 7 and 8 at campus sites of sites of the higher seeds. Rutgers University will serve as host for the semifinals (Nov. 12) and championship game (Nov. 14). Selection and seedings are based on regular season conference records. The tournament champion receives the league's automatic bid to the 48-team NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship.

Since becoming a member of the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, Notre Dame has qualified for the tournament on seven occasions — 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002 and 2003 — and has played host to quarterfinal contests four times ('96, '01, '02 and '03). Notre Dame captured its second tournament title in 2003 (the program's first came in 1996) and also has advanced to the semifinal round in both '97 and '01.

Quarterfinals

Saturday or Sunday, November 7 or 8 (campus sites)

- No. 8 seed at No. 1 seed
- No. 7 seed at No. 2 seed
- No. 6 seed at No. 3 seed
- No. 5 seed at No. 4 seed

Semifinals — Yurcak Field (Piscataway, NJ)

Friday, November 12

- #3/#6 winner vs. #2/#7 winner
- #1/#8 winner vs. #4/#5 winner

Championship — Yurcak Field (Piscataway, NJ)

Sunday, November 14

Semifinal winners



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



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 14 seasons at Alumni Field, the Irish have won 72 percent of their contests as Notre Dame

has posted a 90-32-9 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 four BIG EAST quarterfinal games, three against Georgetown and last season's 2-0 victory over Connecticut. Notre Dame also has served as host to NCAA



Alumni Field/

Facilities

Championship games the last two seasons. In 2003, Notre Dame hosted the second round of the tournament, defeating UW-Milwaukee 4-1. The Irish then hosted its first-ever Sweet 16 match at Ivy Field, battling Michigan to a 1-1 tie (the Wolverines advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks).



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
Total	90	32	9





The Notre Dame men's soccer team was one of several schools recognized by the NSCAA and adidas for achieving excellence in the classroom.

NSCAA/adidas College Team Academic Award

For the fifth consecutive year, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) recognized the Notre Dame men's soccer team with the NSCAA/adidas College Team Academic Award for exceptional performance as a team in the classroom during the 2002-03 school year.

Notre Dame was one of 75 men's soccer teams recognized by the NSCAA for its academic achievements in the classroom.

Irish players earned a cumulative 3.155 grade index for the 2002-03 academic year. Twelve members from that squad were named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team after earning a grade point average of 3.00 or better during the school year.

The award was first presented in 1998-99, as Notre Dame was one of 15 Division I teams hon-

ored. That was the same season in which former Irish co-captain Phil Murphy, a '99 graduate, was recognized as a first-team Academic All-American for the Men's Fall/Winter At-Large Program as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. He became the third player in the history of the men's soccer program to earn Academic All-America honors and the first first-team honoree. The following year, the 1999-2000 Irish squad was one of 13 Division I schools presented with the award.

Notre Dame had five members from the 2003-04 squad earn Dean's List distinction during the spring semester. The team compiled a 3.210 grade point average for the '03 spring semester.

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 12 members from its 2003 squad on the 2003-04 BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team. Named to the squad were: Filippo Chillemi, Greg Dalby, Justin Detter, Christopher High, Roger Klauer, Greg Martin, Justin McGeeney, Tony Megna, Justin Michaud, Nate Norman, Chris Sawyer and John Stephens.

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

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS



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



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



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

