

Coaches

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Notre Dame head lacrosse coach Tracy Coyne enters her ninth season directing the Irish. As the only coach in the program's Division I history, Coyne has seen the program come a long way.

From the first steps of making the jump from a club program, to making the NCAA tournament for the first time in 2002, to winning 10 straight games to start the 2004 season and moved to No. 2 in the country, Coyne, the 2004 BIG EAST Coach of the Year, has been there every step of the way.

She has provided the guiding hand as Irish women's lacrosse has moved from a first-year varsity program in 1997 to one of the top programs in the nation in 2005.

From her first days as head coach, Coyne and her coaching staffs laid the groundwork that led to the success the program has achieved in its first eight years of existence.

In 2004, playing their usual ambitious schedule, featuring 10 teams ranked among the nation's best, the Irish roared out of the gate with 10-straight wins (to run a school-record win streak to 14 games), including wins versus No. 2 Duke and No. 6 James Madison. After a mid-season swoon that included two one-goal losses, the Irish rebounded to knock off No. 14 Syracuse and No. 11 Vanderbilt to advance to the NCAA tournament for the second time in three years.

Through all the success and growing pains, Coyne has been the one constant the program has had.

Hired in July of 1996, the Pittsburgh, Pa., native quickly spread the word about the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program, put together a team that fashioned a 5-4 record during the 1997 season, and assembled a top-notch recruiting class that included four high school All-Americans.

She followed her inaugural season with a 7-6 mark in 1998, including wins against two teams that had beaten the Irish in 1997, Ohio State and Davidson. The 1999 Irish continued their ascent with nine wins against an enhanced schedule, while the 2000 Irish completed one of the toughest schedules in the country with a 5-10 mark.

In 2001, the Irish served notice to the women's lacrosse world that Notre Dame was ready to become a prime-time player on a national level.

In the first year of competition in the BIG EAST, the Irish were 10-5 overall and finished third with a 4-2 mark in conference play.

Late in the season, Notre Dame moved into the national rankings after road wins against 17th-



Tracy Coyne

Head Coach

Ninth Season

Ohio University '83



2004 BIG EAST Coach of the Year Enters Ninth Season, Looking to Build on Program's Recent Success

ranked Delaware and seventh-ranked Yale. The Irish finished the year ranked 18th in the nation.

The 2002 season saw the Irish ranked for the first time in the preseason, set records for wins (13), BIG EAST wins (5) and finish the year ranked seventh in the nation. That season also produced the first two All-Americans in the program's history - Kathryn Lam and Danielle Shearer - plus a first-ever berth in the NCAA tournament.

In 2003, the Irish finished the campaign ranked 16th in the nation with an 8-7 record capped by a four-game winning streak to end the year. Three Irish players - Andrea Kinnik, Danielle Shearer and Jen White - received various media and national All-America honors.

Last season, Coyne was recognized by her peers as the BIG EAST Coach of the Year as her team finished the year ranked ninth in the nation in the IWLCA coaches' poll with a 12-5 record. The Irish lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament at Northwestern and achieved its highest ranking ever as they moved to No. 2 in the nation on April 11. Again, three players - Andrea Kinnik, Abby Owen and Meredith Simon - received All-American honors with Simon becoming the program's first, first-team All-American.



Coyne also has experience coaching on the international level as she was selected in October of 1999 to coach the Canadian women's lacrosse national team at the 2001 World Cup in England.

The Coyne File

- **Hire Date:** July 11, 1996
- **Career Record:** 183-74/17 years
- **Record at ND:** 69-48/Eight years
- **Postseason Appearances:** 8
- **Education:**
1983 - B.S. in organizational communications from Ohio University
1985 - M.S. in sports administration from St. Thomas University

Tracy Coyne's Career Record

Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Postseason
1988	Denison	13	3	.813	NCAA Div. III Quarterfinalist
1989	Denison	10	2	.833	
Denison Total (2 yrs.)		23	5	.821	1 NCAA appearances/2 conference titles
Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Postseason
1990	Roanoke	17	1	.944	NCAA Div. III Semifinalist
1991	Roanoke	15	3	.833	NCAA Div. III Quarterfinalist
1992	Roanoke	15	2	.882	NCAA Div. III Semifinalist
1993	Roanoke	10	4	.714	
1994	Roanoke	11	4	.733	NCAA Div. III Quarterfinalist
1995	Roanoke	11	4	.733	
1996	Roanoke	12	3	.800	NCAA Div. III Quarterfinalist
Roanoke Total (7 yrs.)		91	21	.813	5 NCAA appearances/5 conference titles
Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Postseason
1997	Notre Dame	5	4	.556	
1998	Notre Dame	7	6	.538	
1999	Notre Dame	9	6	.600	
2000	Notre Dame	5	10	.333	
2001	Notre Dame	10	5	.667	
2002	Notre Dame	13	5	.722	NCAA Div. I Quarterfinalist
2003	Notre Dame	8	7	.533	
2004	Notre Dame	12	5	.706	NCAA Div. I First Round
Notre Dame Total (8 yrs.)		69	48	.590	2 NCAA appearances
Career Total (17 yrs.)		183	74	.712	8 NCAA appearances/7 conference titles



Coyne Set To Lead Canadian National Team To 2005 World Cup Tournament

While Notre Dame head coach Tracy Coyne is working to get her Irish team ready for the 2005 season, she is also preparing another team for a big year.

For the second time in the last six years, Coyne will lead the Canadian national women's lacrosse team into the World Cup tournament. This year's World Cup will be held at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., from June 23 to July 2.

Since October of 1999, Coyne has been the head coach of the Canadian team and in 2001, she guided that squad to the medal round at the World Cup held in High Wycombe, England.

Preparations for the 2005 World Cup began for Coyne and her staff in November of 2003 when over 40 of Canada's younger players tried out in an effort to earn an invitation to the national team's tryout camp in January of 2004. Team tryouts were held from Jan. 2-4, 2004 at Guelph University in Guelph, Ont. From a group of 40 invited players, a squad of 26 was selected.

"This year's team will be older and more experienced than we were in 2001," says Coyne.

"In 2001, we had a team that was made up of high school players with a mix of older players. Many of this year's team members have Division I college experience and we have a strong group of returning players who have been there before with some playing together for six years on the national level."

Team Canada's quest for the World Cup started in South Bend in Feb. of 2004 when they faced Notre Dame and Northwestern in exhibition games. The team then also played in the U.S. Lacrosse National Tournament in May of 2004 and played a pair of test

matches in July versus the United States National Team. This past fall, Team Canada played in the George Mason Tournament before again facing Notre Dame and Northwestern in early February. The final tune-up will come on June 20 at the national draw when the Canadians will face a team of U.S. post-college and club team players.

"I think that playing the top competition that we've played since putting the team together has helped us develop," explains Coyne.

She expects her squad to be in the running for a medal on July 2.

"The United States, Australia and England are the top three teams. If our team plays the way it can, there's no reason we can't make it into that group. I'm looking forward to see how far we've come," adds Coyne.

The Ohio University grad took over as coach of the Canadian team in late October of 1999 and quickly moved to return Canada to the upper echelon on the women's lacrosse scene.

A bronze medal winner in 1993, Canada failed to qualify for the medal round in 1997. That would change in 2001 with Coyne at the helm. A tough pre-season training and exhibition schedule paid off as the Canadians finished first in their pool, which included Scotland, Germany and Japan. From there, they defeated Wales to advance to the medal round where they faced the host nation, England.

Coyne's Canadians came up short in a tough 9-6 loss to England, but they had served notice to the women's lacrosse world that Canada was back on the international lacrosse scene.

There, she led the Canadians to a trip to the medal round, where they lost to England, in a tournament won by the United States. She will again coach the Canadian team in this year's World Cup in Annapolis, Md.

Admired by her coaching peers, there is little doubt Coyne has the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program headed in the right direction. Her accomplishments and success at the Division III level reflects the effort, dedication and passion she has for the sport.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Coyne spent seven years as head coach at Roanoke College (1990-96) and two seasons at Denison College (1988-89).

At Roanoke, Coyne served as head coach of both the women's lacrosse and field hockey teams. In seven seasons, her lacrosse teams compiled a 91-21 record for an .813 winning percentage. She led her squads to the NCAA Division III tournament five times, with her 1992 and 1990 teams earning appearances in the national semifinals. Under Coyne, the 1990 Division III Coach of the Year, the Maroons won five Old Dominion Conference championships, including three straight titles from 1994-96. She also claimed ODAC coach-of-the-year honors in 1990 and 1995.

During her tenure at Roanoke, Coyne produced 22 All-Americans, including 12 first-team selections. In her first season at the school (1990), her team finished with a 17-1 record and advanced to its first-ever appearance in the NCAA semifinals. In 1995, one of her players earned national goalkeeper-of-the-year accolades. She also had four players garner ODAC player-of-the-year honors during her tenure.

Her field hockey teams also achieved success, as she guided the school to its first-ever national ranking in that sport.

Prior to taking over at Roanoke, Coyne served as head lacrosse and field hockey coach at Denison. In two seasons there, her lacrosse teams compiled a 23-5 record and won back-to-back North Coast Athletic Conference titles. In her first season at Denison, she guided her squad to a 13-3 mark and a berth in the NCAA Division III tournament. In addition, her efforts earned her NCAC coach-of-the-year accolades.

In 17 seasons as a head coach, her lacrosse teams have a combined 183-74 record (.712) and have won 10-plus games in 12 of those seasons.

Coyne served as an assistant coach for the United States women's lacrosse team in 1992 and has been a selector for that squad on three occasions. She chaired the Brine Division III national coaches' poll and has been on the United States Women's Lacrosse Association All-America selection committee throughout her career.

A 1983 graduate of Ohio University, Coyne received her bachelor of science degree in organizational communications. A letterwinner in both lacrosse and field hockey, Coyne helped the lacrosse squad to the 1982 Midwest Regional championship as well as an eighth-place finish at the AIAW National Lacrosse Championships. In 1981, she led her field hockey team to a share of the Mid-American Conference title.

Coyne served as senior class vice-president at Ohio and was the recipient of the Leona Hughes Pace Award, which is presented annually by the Student Alumni Board to the outstanding senior at the school.

Coyne was an administrative assistant in the University of Pittsburgh athletic department and was an assistant lacrosse and field hockey coach at Sewickley Academy in Sewickley, Pa., after attending graduate school at St. Thomas University (Florida). She received a master of science degree in sports administration from the school in May of 1985.

Coyne Excited About BIG EAST Conference

Irish head coach Tracy Coyne, who led seven teams to conference championships in nine seasons before coming to Notre Dame, has been a driving force among the coaching community for the inclusion of women's lacrosse under the BIG EAST Conference umbrella.

Joining the other 18 Irish teams that compete in the BIG EAST Conference offers great opportunities not only for the Notre Dame program, but for all of collegiate women's lacrosse.

Now in its fifth season of existence, the BIG EAST women's lacrosse conference has had an impact on the national scene.

Georgetown, Syracuse and Notre Dame have all made trips to the NCAA tournament over the conference's first four seasons and the league has produced its share of All-American players.

"When I arrived at Notre Dame after competing in a conference for so long, I pushed to organize the conference and explain the benefits of BIG EAST affiliation. With the decision to progress towards conference automatic bids for the NCAA championships, and the success of the member schools, the BIG EAST women's lacrosse coaches recognized the importance of a BIG EAST women's lacrosse conference."

"At the same time, it is gratifying to know the BIG EAST recognized the value of an emerging sport like women's lacrosse becoming part of the conference."

"We now will have the opportunity to compete in a quality all-sports conference and develop conference rivalries. Our teams will receive more media attention and publicity associated with playing BIG EAST games."

"I am glad that our student-athletes will have the opportunity to compete for a conference title and a potential automatic bid into the NCAA championships. More individual awards and recognition also will be available to our student-athletes as part of a conference."

"Notre Dame is an institution that takes great pride in being a member of the BIG EAST Conference and the success of the conference. Our women's lacrosse team is excited to have a chance to contribute to that success."



Assistant

Coaches

Brooke Crawford starts her third season as an assistant coach with the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program. The former North Carolina standout will work with the defense, the position she started at during her lacrosse career with the Tar Heels.

Crawford, along with fellow assistant, Alissa Moser and volunteer assistant, Kristen Gaudreau, gives head coach Tracy Coyne a talented trio of assistants for the 2005 campaign.

A three-time All-American at the University of North Carolina (1997, 1998, 1999), Crawford joined the Irish staff in 2002 after spending the 2001-02 season at James Madison University, where she directed the team's defense. Prior to her one season at James Madison, Crawford served two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Connecticut.

Coyne knows how important good assistant coaches are for any program.

"Brooke has done a great job in her first two years at Notre Dame. She has tremendous enthusiasm and brings a positive energy to the program. In a short time, she has made significant contributions to the program both on the field and in recruiting," says Coyne.

"Before Brooke came to Notre Dame, people I talked to told me that she has a great mind for the game. I'm was also impressed with what she had done recruiting-wise. She knows the players that are out there and has a proven ability to assess talent," adds Coyne.

In two seasons with the Irish, Crawford has developed a strong, talented defense that will be the strength of the team in 2005. A year ago, the Notre Dame defense ranked 13th in the nation in scoring defense, giving up 8.54 goals-per-game. The Irish were also eighth in ground balls (25.94 per game) and seventh in caused turnovers (11.0 per game).

In two seasons at Notre Dame, Crawford has seen several of her defensive players receive postseason accolades.



Brooke Crawford

Assistant Coach

Third Season

North Carolina '99

In 2004, Andrea Kinnik took second team IWLCA All-American honors and was also selected an *Inside Lacrosse* magazine and *womenslacrosse.com* All-American. Kinnik also took all-region All-American honors and was a first team all-BIG EAST selection. Current senior defender, Jess Mikula was a second team all-BIG EAST selection.

In her first season (2003), Crawford was instrumental in three players postseason success. Goalkeeper Jen White ('03) was a second-team all-BIG EAST selection, a second-team IWLCA all-region choice and a third-team IWLCA all-American. Defensive standout Kelly McCardell ('03) and Kinnik ('04) were both first-team IWLCA all-region choices while Kinnik was a *womenslacrosse.com* third team all-American.

A native of Malvern, Pa., Crawford came to Notre Dame after spending one year as the top assistant to head coach Jennifer Ulehla at James Madison.

With the Dukes, she assisted in all aspects of the program and was responsible for the team's defense, including player development and defensive strategies. During the 2002 season, the Dukes ranked 22nd in the nation with a 9.16 goals-against average, while finishing third (5-3) in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) and 8-10 overall.

Crawford went right from the playing field at North Carolina to the coaching ranks as she joined the University of Connecticut staff in 1999, remaining there for two seasons. With the Huskies, Crawford was responsible for the team's defense and was involved in all aspects of the Division I program. While at Connecticut, Crawford also was a member of the Department of Kinesiology where she taught undergraduate health, fitness and nutrition at the Storrs campus.

A former member of the U.S. National Team's Developmental Squad, Crawford graduated from



North Carolina with degrees in psychology and exercise and sports science. As a player, Crawford graduated from North Carolina with school records for games played (67), games started (67) and minutes played.

A four-year starter, she was a member of the Tar Heels' 1997 and 1998 NCAA semifinalist teams. The team MVP in 1999, Crawford was a four-time South Region All-American on the way to National All-American honors in 1997, 1998 and 1999. She also was named all-Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in 1997 and 1999.

The Crawford File

2004-05	Ass't Coach - Notre Dame
2003-04	Ass't Coach - Notre Dame
2002-03	Ass't Coach - Notre Dame
2001-02	Ass't Coach - James Madison
2000-01	Ass't Coach - Connecticut
1999-00	Ass't Coach - Connecticut

Support Staff



Rev. Paul Doyle, C.S.C.

Team Chaplain
Notre Dame '65



Carolyn Gass

Senior Manager
Notre Dame '05



Beth Hunter

Director of Marketing
Providence '98



Lauren Lydon

Junior Manager
Notre Dame '06





Alissa Moser

Assistant Coach

First Season

Notre Dame '02



Kristen Gaudreau

Volunteer Assistant Coach

First Season

Notre Dame '04



Notre Dame's newest assistant coach is no stranger to head coach Tracy Coyne and the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program.

Returning to the Irish after two seasons in private business is former Notre Dame standout Alissa Moser. She joined the program in August of 2004, replacing former assistant Jen Newitt who left to attend medical school at the end of July.

A two-time all-BIG EAST selection at midfield/attack (2001, 2002) during her playing career at Notre Dame, Moser was a four-year starter and two-time captain for the Irish in 2001 and 2002.

A 2002 graduate with a degree in government and history, Moser has spent the last two years working for the law firm of Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, P.C.

In making the announcement last August, Coyne said, "I'm very excited to have Alissa joining our staff. It's a real milestone for the program to have an alumnus return to coach. She's intelligent, responsible and loyal to the University. Alissa understands what it is to be a member of the Notre Dame family and that's an important aspect of the job."

"Alissa was a key member of the team during the building phase. Her class had a vision of what the program could be and was the driving force behind our rise on the national level. There's no doubt that she will be a great addition to the program," added the Irish head coach.

With the Irish, Moser will be responsible for working with the attack and will focus on draw controls with the midfielders - areas of expertise from her playing days. She will also be responsible for team travel arrangements, day-to-day office operations and assist with recruiting as part of her

duties on the Notre Dame staff.

During her Notre Dame career, the Irish compiled a 37-26 record and were selected to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 2002. There, they defeated Ohio State in the opening round before falling to eventual national champion Princeton in the quarterfinals.

A native of North Wales, Pa., Moser started 62 games in her career, ranking seventh on the all-time goals list with 67 and sixth on the career points list with 85. One of the top players in the country on the draw, Moser led Notre Dame in draw controls for three straight seasons and is the program's all-time leader with 126. She set the single-season record with 40 in 2001.

A three-year selection to the United States Women's Lacrosse Association's Midwest team (1999-2001), Moser turned in her best season with the Irish as a senior when she scored a career-best 29 goals with six assists for 35 points. She added a career-high 41 groundballs and had 34 draw controls in helping lead the Irish to their best season ever with a 13-5 record.

All-time Notre Dame Assistant Coaches

- Alissa Moser, 2004-present
- Brooke Crawford, 2002-present
- Jen Newitt, 2002-04
- Danielle Gallagher, 2000-02
- Christy Yarnell, 1999-01
- Liz Downing, 1996-99
- Kirsten Wagner, 1996-98
- Kathleen Ostar, 1998-99



Nick Richey
Athletic Trainer
Purdue '03



Adam Sargent
Academic Services
Notre Dame '99



Lisa Shall
Strength and Conditioning
Slippery Rock '00

Support Staff

Kristen Gaudreau, a 2004 graduate of Notre Dame, returns this season to serve as a volunteer assistant with the Irish as she attends graduate school, working on a Masters Degree in accountancy.

A two-time monogram winner for the Irish on defense, Gaudreau will work with assistant coach Brooke Crawford and the Notre Dame defense.

"It's great to have someone with Kristen's experience return as part of our staff. She was an integral part of one the most successful periods in our program. She understands our system and will work well assisting Brooke with the defensive unit," said Coyne.

As a senior last season, Gaudreau helped the Notre Dame defense record its' second lowest goals-against-average (8.54) in the program's history. She started 17 games and chipped in seven goals and one assist while recording 27 ground balls, 11 caused turnovers and 11 draw controls.

She moved from attack to defense as a junior and became an integral member of the defensive unit. Gaudreau finished her career with 14 goals and two assists for 16 career points.

A three-sport athlete at St. Mary's High School in Annapolis, Md., Gaudreau graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in accountancy.



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