

# NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF

*Tracy Coyne, the 2006 BIG EAST and IWFLCA coach of the year is in her 11th season as head coach of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program. In 2006, she guided the Irish to a 15-4 record and a trip to the NCAA semifinals.*





**Tracy Coyne**

**Head Coach  
11th Season  
Ohio University '83**

So what does Notre Dame women's lacrosse coach Tracy Coyne do for an encore in 2007?

After engineering the biggest turnaround in the history of Division I women's lacrosse and the program's first-ever trip to the NCAA Finals, the answer is simple – win a national championship.

If 2006 is any example, that shouldn't be too far away. Coming off a disappointing 2005 season that saw the Irish go 3-12, Coyne's 2006 team bounced back to go 15-4 on the year and advance all the way to the NCAA semifinals where the season ended with a 14-8 semifinal loss to Dartmouth.

The turnaround, a +10-win total, set an NCAA record for the biggest turnaround in Division I women's lacrosse history.

On the way to the 15-4 record, the Irish smashed virtually every Notre Dame scoring record while producing three All-American players, six all-regional picks, five all-BIG EAST selections, the national

attack player of the year and BIG EAST and IWLCA coach of the year honors for Coyne.

Not bad for one season in what has been an illustrious career guiding the fortunes of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program.

Now in her 11th season 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 the 2006 NCAA semifinals, Coyne, a two-time BIG EAST coach of the year and the 2006 national coach of the year, has been there every step of the way.

From her first days as head coach, Coyne and her coaching staff laid the groundwork that led to the success the program has achieved in its first 10 years of existence.

Throughout the years, Coyne and her teams have always played tough schedules and recruited the top players in the nation. Her 2006 freshman class was ranked No. 1 in the nation by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine.

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



### 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
2005	Notre Dame	3	12	.200	
2006	Notre Dame	15	4	.789	NCAA Div. I Semifinals
<b>Notre Dame Total (10 yrs.)</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>.576</b>	<b>3 NCAA appearances</b>
<b>Career Total (19 yrs.)</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>.691</b>	<b>9 NCAA appearances/7 conference titles</b>

### The Coyne File

- **Hire Date:** July 11, 1996
- **Career Record:** 201-90/19 years
- **Record at ND:** 87-64/10 years
- **Postseason Appearances:** 9
- **Awards and Honors:**

- 2006 – IWLCA Coach of the Year
- 2006 – BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- 1999-2005 – Head Coach Canadian National Team
- 2004 – BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- 1995 – ODAC Coach of the Year
- 1990 – NCAA Coach of the Year
- 1990 – ODAC Coach of the Year
- 1988 – NCAC Coach of the Year

- **Education:**
- 1983 – B.S. in organizational communications from Ohio University
- 1985 – M.S. in sports administration from St. Thomas University

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 team 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-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 pre-season, set records for wins (13) and BIG EAST wins (5) and finish the year 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 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.

The 2004 season saw Coyne 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 mark. 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 on April 11. Three more players joined the list of Irish All-Americans as Andrea Kinnik, Abby Owen and Meredith Simon all received honors with Simon becoming the program's first first-team All-American.

The 2005 season saw the Irish struggle to a 3-12 record. Crysti Foote was named third-team All-American and freshman Caitlin McKinney was selected to the U.S. National Developmental Team.

Coyne and the Irish got back on the winning side of the ledger in 2006, going 15-4 overall and 4-1 in the BIG EAST. The Irish, who went 7-4 against nationally ranked teams, hosted a pair of NCAA Tournament games, defeating BIG EAST foe Georgetown (first time in eight tries) in the quarterfinals to move on to the NCAA finals. Foote became the first Irish player to be named All-American twice in her career, taking first team honors in 2006. Freshman Jillian Byers was a second team All-American and McKinney took third team honors.

On the international level, Coyne spent seven

## Coyne Versus Division I Foes

	W	L	Pct.
Boston College	6	1	.857
<b>California</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
California-Davis	1	0	1.000
<b>Canisius</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Colgate	0	1	.000
Columbia	2	1	.667
<b>Connecticut</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.750</b>
<b>Cornell</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.500</b>
Dartmouth	0	1	.000
Davidson	3	1	.750
Delaware	2	0	1.000
Denver	5	0	1.000
Duquesne	2	0	1.000
<b>Duke</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.111</b>
Fairfield	1	0	1.000
Gannon	3	0	1.000
<b>Georgetown</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.125</b>
George Mason	1	0	1.000
Harvard	1	3	.250
<b>James Madison</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.500</b>
Johns Hopkins	0	3	.000
Lehigh	1	0	1.000
<b>Loyola (MD)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.333</b>
<b>Ohio</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.455</b>
Pennsylvania	1	0	1.000
Princeton	0	1	.000
Richmond	2	0	1.000
<b>Rutgers</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.714</b>
St. Joseph's	0	1	.000
<b>Stanford</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.714</b>
<b>Syracuse</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.333</b>
<b>Vanderbilt</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>.400</b>
Villanova	1	0	1.000
Virginia Tech	4	0	1.000
<b>Yale</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.400</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>.576</b>

Teams in **bold** are 2007 opponents

years (1999-05) as the head coach of the Canadian women's lacrosse team, guiding Canada to fourth-place finishes in the World Cup in 2001 and 2005.

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 reflect 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 goal-keeper-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 19 seasons as a head coach, her lacrosse teams have a combined 201-90 record (.691) and have won 10-plus games in 13 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.

## Irish And The BIG EAST Conference

After six seasons, the BIG EAST Conference will take on a new look in 2007 as the conference will hold its' first-ever women's lacrosse tournament, April 27-29, with four teams advancing to Syracuse, N.Y.

The new format is something that Irish head coach Tracy Coyne is looking forward to.

"I'm very excited about the BIG EAST Tournament this spring," says Coyne.

"The winner of the conference tournament will get the NCAA bid. It will really help the league with strength of schedule. A team can lose a regular-season game and still have a chance to bounce back, win in the tournament and advance to the NCAAs."

Georgetown has dominated the conference in the first six seasons, going undefeated in each year.

The Irish finally broke through against the Hoyas last spring, knocking them out of the NCAA tournament in the quarterfinals with a 12-9 win.

Now in its seventh 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 six seasons and the league has produced its share of All-America players.

Now in its seventh season, the BIG EAST will continue growing in the future as conference members, Louisville and Cincinnati, will start lacrosse programs in 2008 and will play a full conference schedule beginning in 2009.

"The BIG EAST continues to grow and get better with each season," says Coyne.

"The addition of Louisville and Cincinnati will grow and strengthen the game in non-traditional lacrosse areas. That will help the conference continue to be recognized as one of the premier women's lacrosse conferences in the country."

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 (Fla.). She received a master of science degree in sports administration from the school in May of 1985.

## Irish Lacrosse Alums In The Coaching Ranks

Six former Notre Dame women's lacrosse players are currently involved in coaching at the high school and collegiate level.

- Tina Fedarcyk '02** - assistant coach, Maryland-Baltimore County
- Jess Grom Shoulberg '98** - head coach West Morris Mendham H.S.
- Kelly McCardell '03** - head coach, Monmouth
- Alissa Moser '02** - assistant coach, Notre Dame
- Lindsay Shaffer '05** - high school assistant coach
- Meredith Simon '04** - assistant coach, Towson State

# Assistant Coaches



**Alissa Moser**

**Assistant Coach  
Third Season  
Notre Dame '02**

Alissa Moser begins her third season as an assistant coach with the Irish.

No stranger to the Irish women's lacrosse program and head coach Tracy Coyne, Moser returned to her college roots as she is a 2002 graduate of the program and a member of one of the top recruiting classes in the program's history.

With the Irish, Moser is responsible for working with the attack while focusing on draw controls with the midfielders - areas of expertise from her playing days. She also oversees all aspects of the program's recruiting efforts and the Notre Dame summer women's lacrosse camp. She played a role in bringing in the impressive group of freshmen in Notre Dame's freshman class of 2006 that was ranked No. 1 in the nation by *Inside Lacrosse* magazine.

A native of North Wales, Pa., Moser played a key role in the success of the Irish in 2006 as Notre Dame set offensive records for goals, assists, points and draw controls.

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 worked in the private sector following graduation for the law firm of

Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, P.C., before deciding to get into collegiate coaching.

Upon her return to South Bend, 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 is a great addition to the program," added the Irish head coach.

During her Notre Dame career, Moser helped the Irish compile a 37-26 record and be 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.

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 when she graduated. One of the top players in the country on the draw, Moser



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**Support Staff**



**Elisa Angeles**  
*Strength and Conditioning  
Ball State '03*



**Lisa Deibler**  
*Assistant Athletic  
Director/Sport  
Administrator  
Notre Dame '96*



**Rev. Paul Doyle, C.S.C.**  
*Team Captain  
Notre Dame '65*



**Chad Faber**  
*Academic Services  
Georgetown '95*

led Notre Dame in draw controls for three straight seasons and is the program's all-time leader with 126. She set a single-season record with 40 in 2001 that stood until 2006.

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 (2002) when she scored a career-best 29 goals with six assists for 35 points. She added a career-high 41 ground balls and had 34 draw controls in helping lead the Irish to their best season ever with a 13-5 record.





## Kateri Linville

**Assistant Coach  
Second Season  
Notre Dame '02**

The 2006 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team turned in the best season in the program's 10-year history last year and one of the key contributors was assistant coach Kateri Linville.

The Irish, under the direction of IWLCA and BIG EAST coach of the year Tracy Coyne and her coaching staff, turned in a school-record 15-4 mark and advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) semifinals for the first time while making their third NCAA appearance in the last five years. The 2006 team also authored the largest turnaround in NCAA history, going from 3-12 in 2005 to 15-4 a year later.

One of the reasons was the turnaround of the Notre Dame defense under the watchful eye of Linville. The Irish defense surrendered just 9.72 goals-per-game in 2006, a total that was 1.33 goals less than the previous year and the fourth-lowest total in the program's history. The Irish limited

opponents to just 19.2 shots on goal per game while setting school records for caused turnovers (11.37 per game) and draw controls (14.47).

For the year, the Irish finished second in the BIG EAST with a 4-1 record and advanced to the NCAA finals at Boston University by finally defeating conference nemesis, Georgetown, 12-9 in the NCAA quarterfinals. Notre Dame had never beaten the Hoyas (0-7) going into that game, but the Irish defense put forth one of its finest efforts of the season, holding the high-powered Hoyas to just three goals in the second half on the way to the win.

Four members of the Irish defense were honored following the season as defender Meaghan Fitzpatrick and defensive midfielder Mary Carpenter were selected second team all-BIG EAST. Carpenter, Fitzpatrick and senior goalkeeper Carol Dixon were second team IWLCA all-Region choices and defender Becky Ranck was selected to the NCAA all-tournament team.

A native of Moorestown, N.J., Linville joined the Notre Dame staff after serving two seasons as a volunteer assistant at the University of Virginia. During her two years on the staff at Virginia, the Cavaliers claimed an ACC and NCAA Championship in 2004 and returned to the national title game in 2005.

Linville got her start in coaching in the spring of 2003 as an assistant at Moorestown High School where she helped



her alma mater to its fourth straight New Jersey state title and a No. 2 ranking by *Lacrosse Magazine*.

A 2003 graduate of the University of Delaware, Linville made an NCAA appearance in 2000, was a four-time scholar-athlete and was named captain of the 2002-03 squad. While a student at Delaware, Linville toured Germany in 2001 and 2002 working with the German National Team. She also served as a camp director and coach for several German Lacrosse Clubs.

Linville graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with distinction in health and exercise science and is a candidate for a masters degree in education with a concentration in sports psychology.

### All-Time Notre Dame Assistant Coaches

- Kateri Linville, 2005- present
- Alissa Moser, 2004-present
- Brooke Crawford, 2002-2005
- Jen Newitt, 2002-04
- Danielle Gallagher, 2000-02
- Christy Yarnell, 1999-01
- Liz Downing, 1996-99
- Kirsten Wagner, 1996-98
- Kathleen Ostar, 1998-99



**George Matteo**  
*Junior Manager  
Notre Dame '08*



**Matt McCormack**  
*Marketing and Promotions  
Wisconsin-Eau Claire '01*



**Jeff Mikrut**  
*Senior Manager  
Notre Dame '07*



**Chantal Porter**  
*Athletic Trainer  
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