

# Coaches

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**Irish head coach Tracy Coyne begins her 10th season guiding the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program. She is the only coach in the program's history.**

Notre Dame head lacrosse coach Tracy Coyne enters her 10th 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 NCAA tournament appearances in 2002 and 2004, 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 2006.

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 nine years of existence.

While the Irish recorded their second losing season in her tenure at Notre Dame in 2005, Coyne continues to play tough schedules and recruit 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.

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



## Tracy Coyne

Head Coach

10th Season

Ohio University '83



### Irish Head Coach Looks to Make Her 10th Season at Notre Dame the Best Yet

The 2002 season saw the Irish ranked for the first time in the preseason, set records for wins (13) and 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.

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 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. 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.



### The Coyne File

- **Hire Date:** July 11, 1996
- **Career Record:** 186-86/18 years
- **Record at ND:** 72-60/Nine years
- **Postseason Appearances:** 8
- **Awards and Honors:**  
 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

### 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 |                                        |
| Notre Dame Total (9 yrs.) |            | 72  | 60 | .545 | 2 NCAA appearances                     |
| Career Total (18 yrs.)    |            | 186 | 86 | .684 | 8 NCAA appearances/7 conference titles |



## Coyne Leads Canada To Fourth-Place Finish At 2005 World Cup Tournament

For two weeks in late June and early July of 2005, the U.S. Naval Academy is where Tracy Coyne was spending her time.

As coach of the Canadian World Cup women's lacrosse team, Coyne and her squad were in Annapolis, Md., battling the national teams of nine other nations for the World Cup title.

For Coyne, it was her second World Cup, after leading Canada to fourth place in 2001.

"The entire event was just amazing. It's hard to describe," said Coyne.

"The competition was outstanding. Playing in the A Division and having the chance to go against the top players in the world was something that you dream about. The atmosphere and excitement of the event was incredible. I love to coach and to be able to do it at that level and against that kind of competition was just amazing. I was thankful for the support given to me by Notre Dame and athletics director Kevin White and to Canada for asking me to coach its national team."

With current Notre Dame senior Crysti Foote leading Canada in tournament scoring, Coyne's team advanced to the medal round for the second consecutive World Cup.

After going 1-3 in pool play, Canada won a crossover game versus Scotland, 17-7, to move into the quarterfinals against Japan.

Versus Japan, Canada fell behind, 11-7, with 17 minutes left when Coyne called a timeout.

"We weren't playing badly, but things weren't going our way," recalled Coyne.

"We'd make a nice play and hit a post or lose control of the ball. I just told them that it was gut check time. 'It's single elimination from here. It's time to step up and get it done.' And they got it done," Coyne said.

The Canadians rallied for six goals on the way to a 13-11 win and a trip to the medal round versus Australia.

In the semifinals, the injury-riddled Canadians were no match for the powerful Aussies who took a 22-7 win that propelled them to the final, where they would end the United States' run of four straight World Cups with a 14-7 win.

Canada moved on to face England in a rematch of the 2001 bronze-medal game. Unfortunately for the Canadians, the results would be the same as they dropped an 11-8 decision in front of 3,200 fans at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium.

"We thought coming in that we had a shot at a medal," says Coyne.

"It was hard for the players who had put in a lot of hard work and effort over the last four years to get back to a medal game and come up short. With all the injuries we had and playing eight games in 10 days, we just ran out of gas."

## 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 sixth 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 five seasons and the league has produced its share of All-America players.

In 2006, the conference will see some changes as Boston College and Virginia Tech have moved to the ACC and the BIG EAST has added perennial power Loyola (Md.).

"The BIG EAST continues to get better every year," says Coyne. "We lost two schools and added a top program, Loyola, that is usually in the top 10 every year. That just makes the conference that much stronger."

"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."

"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 championship. 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 in the success of the conference. Our women's lacrosse team is excited to have a chance to contribute to that success."

On the international level, Coyne has spent the last seven years 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 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 18 seasons as a head coach, her lacrosse teams have a combined 186-86 record (.684) 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 (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

Eight 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.
- Kathryn Lam '02** - volunteer assistant, Notre Dame
- Kelly McCardell '03** - assistant coach, Monmouth
- Alissa Moser '02** - assistant coach, Notre Dame
- Lindsay Shaffer '05** - assistant coach, Univ. of Rochester
- Danielle Shearer '03** - assistant coach, Loyola (Md.)
- Meredith Simon '04** - assistant coach, Towson State



Alissa Moser returns for her second 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.

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.

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 also oversees all aspects of the program's recruiting efforts and the Notre Dame summer women's lacrosse camp. She played a role in



**Alissa Moser**

*Assistant Coach*

*Second Season*

*Notre Dame '02*

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.

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.

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.



Support Staff



**Lisa Deibler**

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



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*Team Chaplain  
Notre Dame '65*



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Princeton '00*



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*Junior Manager  
Notre Dame '07*





**Kateri Linville**

*Assistant Coach*

*First Season*

*University of Delaware '03*



**Kathryn Lam**

*Volunteer Assistant Coach*

*First Season*

*Notre Dame '02*

Joining the Notre Dame staff for her first season with the Irish women's lacrosse program is Kateri Linville.

The 2003 University of Delaware graduate joined the Irish in time for the start of the 2005 school year, replacing Brooke Crawford who stepped down to pursue other interests.

A native of Moorestown, N.J., Linville comes to Notre Dame after serving the last two seasons as a volunteer assistant at the University of Virginia, where she pursued a master's degree in sports psychology.

During her two seasons on the staff at Virginia, the Cavaliers claimed an ACC and NCAA Championship in 2004 and returned to the national title game in 2005.

In announcing the addition of Linville, Coyne said, "Kateri has a very impressive resume. I think her experience at Delaware as a player was a positive one. Her experience at Virginia is really going to benefit our program. She was involved in Virginia's national championship run (2004) and then last year's trip to the final. She is a perfect fit for our program."

With the Irish, Linville will work with the Irish defense and be responsible for team travel arrangements and day-to-day office operations and assist with recruiting duties.

Linville got her start in coaching in the spring of 2003 as an assistant at Moorestown High School as she helped her alma mater to its fourth straight New Jersey state title and a No. 2 ranking by *Lacrosse* magazine. She also coached with TriState Lacrosse, a New Jersey Club program.

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 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.

Joining the Notre Dame coaching staff in 2006 as a volunteer assistant is 2002 graduate Kathryn Lam.

One of the Notre Dame women's lacrosse program's first-ever All-Americans, Lam is back at Notre Dame, working on her master's in business administration.

Defense was the name of Lam's game as a player, and she will team with Kateri Linville in working with the 2006 defensive unit.

A member of Notre Dame's first-ever NCAA Tournament team in 2002, Lam was a three-time team captain and four-year starter for the Irish.

A teammate of second-year Irish assistant, Alissa Moser, Lam was a second-team All-American in 2002, helping Notre Dame to a 13-5 overall record and a trip to the NCAA Quarterfinals.

Lam was an IWLCA Mid-Atlantic region selection in three consecutive years - 2000 (first team), 2001 (second team) and 2002 (first team).

A member of Tracy Coyne's first big recruiting class that featured four high school All-Americans, Lam was the backbone of Notre Dame's defense along with classmates Tina Fedarcy and Maureen Henwood.

She finished her Irish career ranked first in ground balls (193), second in caused turnovers (83) and third in draw controls (90). Lam scored 14 goals and three assists for 17 points in 63 career games for the Irish.

**All-Time Notre Dame Assistant Coaches**

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



**Lauren Lydon**

*Senior Manager  
Notre Dame '06*



**Matt McCormack**

*Marketing and Promotions  
Wisconsin-Eau Claire '01*



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*Athletic Trainer  
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## University Athlete Busted for Betting

**Player put out one year, could be permanent ineligibility**

The Southern College Athletic Association (SCAA) announced today that it has suspended a basketball player for one year for betting on games. The player, who is a member of the SCAA, was found to have bet on several games during the season. The suspension is the first of its kind in the SCAA's history.

The player's suspension is a result of a bet placed on a game between two SCAA member schools. The bet was placed on the home team to win. The player was caught by a school official who reported the bet to the SCAA. The SCAA then conducted an investigation and found the player guilty of betting on games.

The player's suspension is a significant punishment for a first-time offender. It is a warning to other athletes that betting on games is strictly prohibited. The SCAA will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action if necessary.