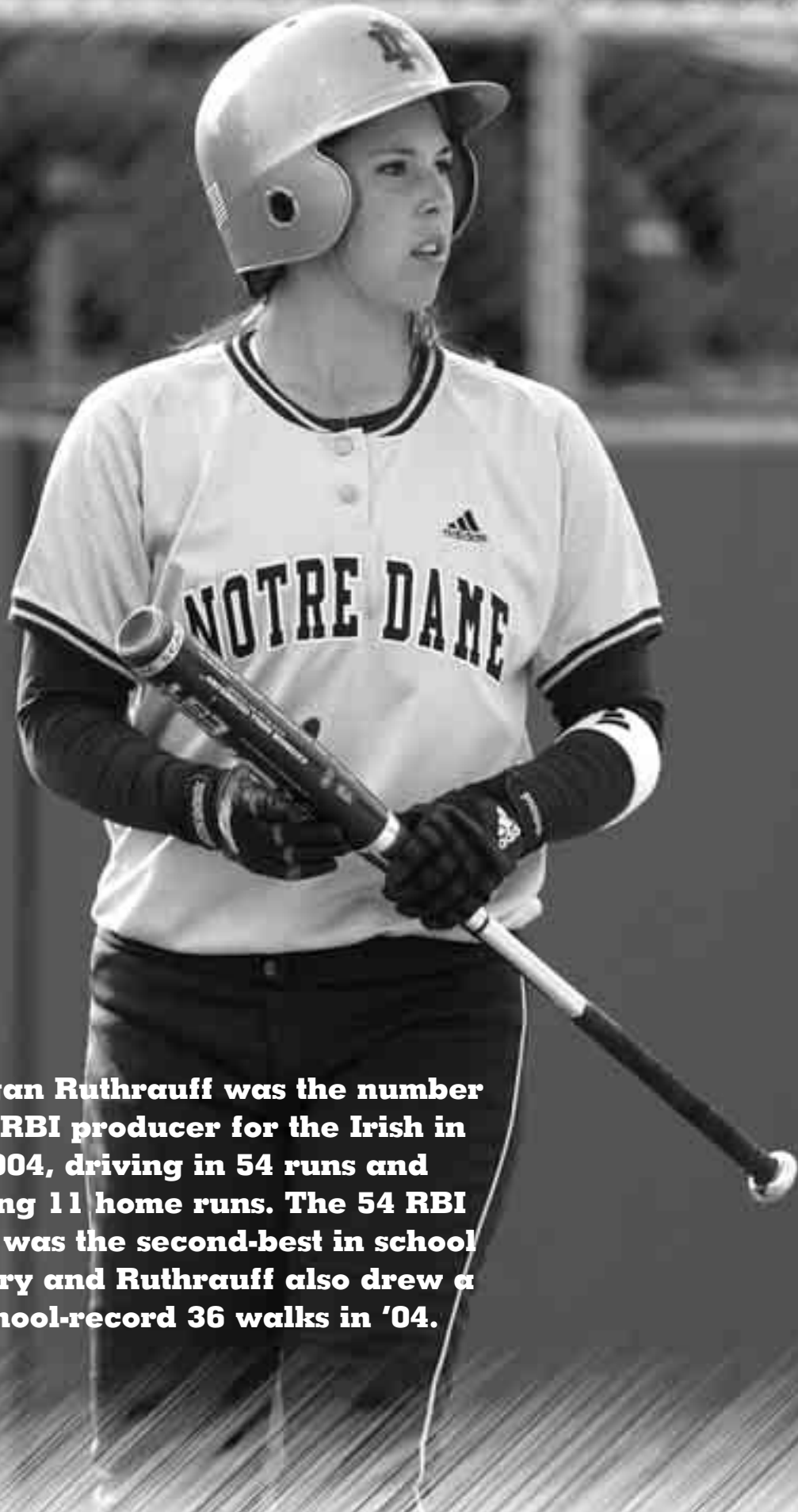




Season

in Review



Meagan Ruthrauff was the number one RBI producer for the Irish in 2004, driving in 54 runs and hitting 11 home runs. The 54 RBI total was the second-best in school history and Ruthrauff also drew a school-record 36 walks in '04.

Irish Play A Record 69 Games In 2004

Team nabs ninth-straight BIG EAST regular-season title

The 2004 season started on a strong note for the Notre Dame softball team, with a dramatic win in the first game of the year vs. Hawaii, a come-from-behind upset of #8 Nebraska on the first weekend and a great run at the NFCA Leadoff Classic which culminated with the Irish taking home the Silver Bracket Championship.

The year did not end nearly as well for the Irish, however, as a pesky Seton Hall team defeated Notre Dame four times late in the season (including twice in the BIG EAST Championship) to break the team's two-year streak of league titles. A frustrating loss to Illinois-Chicago in the NCAA Regionals punctuated the frustrating end to the season.



Heather Booth led the 2004 team with a 25-9 pitching record and 225 strikeouts. She also tossed a school-record 30 complete games.

What cannot be overlooked after the disappointing end to the season: a record number of games played (69) and the second-best win total in school history (49, behind the 54 wins in '01). In addition, the Irish graduated just one player in '04 and will return a talented, veteran squad in '05.

Another key component to the season was the dreaded injury bug. Sophomore Kellie Middleton, who hit a walk-off home run in Notre Dame's first victory of the year vs. Hawaii, was lost for the season before the third weekend of competition. Junior Liz Hartmann and sophomore Mallorie Lenn battled through a series of different injuries, which each player appearing in over 65 games.

A dominating BIG EAST Conference regular-season campaign yielded the Irish a school record tying seven first-team all-BIG EAST selections, led by conference player of the year Megan Ciolli and pitcher of the year Steffany Stenglein.

Ciolli hit .491 in league play, scored 13 runs with nine RBI and four stolen bases. Stenglein completed a fantastic comeback from an off-year in '03 to dominate the league with a 0.49 ERA, 9-1 record and three conference shutouts.

While Stenglein was earning conference accolades, sophomore Heather Booth was proving to be a steady presence in the pitching circle for the Irish as well. Booth set the school record for complete games in a single season with 30, while finishing sixth on the single-season list with 11 shutouts.

The overall offense was paced by Ciolli, who came just a couple hits shy of becoming the third Notre Dame player to hit .400 in a season. She finished with a .397 bat-



Steffany Stenglein posted a 9-1 record and 0.49 ERA in BIG EAST play during the 2004 season.

ting average, 81 hits (third-most all-time), 12 doubles and 23 RBI. The top RBI producer turned out to be sophomore Meagan Ruthrauff, who pounded out a team-high 54 RBI (second-best all-time) and 11 home runs.

Freshman Stephanie Brown, who started all 69 games at second base, played a key role in the Irish offense with a .301 average. She also tied the freshman record for home runs in a season with seven and drove in 30 runs. Hartmann, who played her first season at third base in '04, hit eight home runs, drove in 31 runs and ended the year with a career-best .268 batting average.

Defensively, the Irish struggled a bit as an entirely new infield figured out how to play with each other, but the team was able to turn a school-record 22 double



plays in '04. Sophomore Sara Schoonaert served as the new shortstop and was solid, making only 10 errors in over 200 chances.

Other key players for the Irish in 2004 included sophomore catcher Mallorie Lenn (.281, 13 2B, 31 RBI), senior OF Nicole deFau (.292, 10 2B, 17 RBI), and junior Nicole Wicks (.229, 10 2B, 3 3B, 14 RBI).

The year began with a 4-1 record at the UNLV Classic, highlighted by a come-from-behind victory against #8 Nebraska. Hartmann was the key player in the contest, hitting two home runs against the Huskers to key the Irish rally. Notre Dame also established themselves as a team to reckon with after a hard-fought 2-1 loss to #2 California during the tournament.

Rain soaked the team's first visit to Palm Springs, Calif., for a new elite tournament and the team would suffer its worst loss of the season to Pacific 12-1. The Irish did play very well against Team USA in an exhibition, as starting pitcher Steffany Stenglein held the national team's scoring

down for four innings before giving away to relievers.

Just before getting on the plane to the NFCA Leadoff Classic for the third weekend of action, the Irish learned of the injury to Middleton, forcing an unforeseen shift to the lineup for the rest of the season. The team responded to the adversity, however, and posted a 5-1 record at the Classic and earning the program's first-ever bracket championship (Silver) with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Georgia Tech on the final day of action.

The momentum gained at the NFCA Leadoff Classic was lost the next weekend as a travel/midterm-weary Irish dropped the first two games of the FAU/Worth Invitational in Boca Raton, Fla., to Florida International and Massachusetts. Due to travel delays, the Irish checked into their hotel just a few hours before the tournament began.

The team recovered to defeat Florida Atlantic and North Carolina on the second day of the tournament.

Notre Dame moved up the Florida peninsula to Florida State for the Seminole Classic, but before the tournament began the Irish would face the #4 home team in a classic 10-inning battle. While Florida State escaped with a 5-4 win on their home field, the Irish would follow through with a 5-2 record in the tournament that weekend.

With the preseason tournament schedule completed, the Irish turned their attention toward the BIG EAST Conference campaign. Steffany Stenglein picked up her second career perfect game at Valparaiso on March 23, striking out a career-best 14 Crusaders in six innings. Notre Dame also ripped off 16 straight wins to begin the BIG EAST campaign, claiming the team's ninth-straight regular-season conference title.



Stephanie Brown led the team with 47 runs scored in '04 and also tied teammate Liz Hartmann's freshman record for home runs in a season with seven.



Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf led the team to 49 victories in 2004 (the second-highest total in school history) en route to earning the BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year Award.



Sara Schoonaert started all 69 games (a school record) at shortstop for the Irish in 2004.





2004 University of Notre Dame Softball

Record: 49-20 (Home: 16-3, Away: 11-5, Neutral: 22-12)

BIG EAST: 18-2 • BIG EAST Regular-Season Champions • NCAA Tournament - Region 7

Date	Opponent	Result (Inn.)	Score	ND Line	Opp. Line	ND Pitcher (Record)	Game-winning run/Game-winning hit
2-13-04	lvs. Hawaii	W	8-7	8/12/3	7/10/2	Wisn (W, 1-0)	Hartmann/Middleton
2-13-04	lvs. #2/3 California	L	1-2	1/7/2	2/4/1	Stenglein (L, 0-1)	-
2-14-04	lvs. #8/8 Nebraska	W	6-4	6/13/2	4/5/2	Wisn (W, 2-0)	Brown/Hartmann
2-14-04	lvs. UNLV	W	3-1	3/6/2	1/5/0	Stenglein (W, 1-1)	Brown/Middleton
2-15-04	lvs. Portland State	W	4-1	4/9/3	1/5/2	Booth (W, 1-0)	Hartmann/Hartmann
2-20-04	&vs. Utah	W	4-3	4/5/0	3/8/2	Booth (W, 2-0)	Middleton/ -
2-20-04	&vs. Pacific	L (5)	1-12	1/1/3	12/11/0	Stenglein (L, 1-2)	-
2-21-04	&vs. #3 Stamford	L	2-4	2/7/2	4/4/2	Booth (L, 2-1)	-
2-22-04	&vs. Team USA (exhib.)	L (6)	0-10	0/1/1	10/9/0	n/a	n/a
2-27-04	%vs. Northwestern State	W	2-1	2/5/1	1/6/1	Booth (W, 3-1)	Ruthrauff/Ruthrauff
2-27-04	%vs. #6/6 Georgia	L	1-7	1/1/0	7/9/1	Stenglein (L, 1-3)	-
2-28-04	%vs. #24/24 CS Fullerton	W	5-4 (8)	5/6/2	4/7/0	Booth (W, 4-1)	Schoonaert/ -
2-28-04	%vs. Princeton	W	10-1 (6)	10/12/0	1/5/0	Stenglein (W, 2-3)	Wicks/Ciulli
2-29-04	%vs. #14/14 Nebraska	W	1-0	1/5/0	0/4/2	Booth (W, 5-1)	Schoonaert/ -
2-29-04	%vs. Georgia Tech	W	2-1	2/6/0	1/5/0	Stenglein (W, 3-3)	Ruthrauff/Ruthrauff
3-6-04	+vs. Florida International	L	1-2	1/5/0	2/6/1	Booth (L, 5-2)	-
3-6-04	+vs. Massachusetts	L	2-4	2/8/3	4/4/1	Stenglein (L, 3-4)	-
3-7-04	+vs. North Carolina	W	2-0	2/5/0	0/3/3	Stenglein (W, 4-4)	Ciulli/Hartmann
3-7-04	+vs. Florida Atlantic	W	2-0	2/7/0	0/1/1	Booth (W, 6-2)	Wicks/Lenn
3-11-04	at #4/5 Florida State	L	3-4 (10)	3/9/1	4/11/3	Booth (L, 6-3)	-
3-12-04	\$vs. #11/12 Michigan	L	0-3	0/0/0	3/4/0	Stenglein (L, 4-5)	-
3-12-04	\$vs. Troy State	W	3-1	3/9/0	1/3/0	Booth (W, 7-3)	Brown/Ruthrauff
3-13-04	\$vs. Georgia State	W	3-2	3/8/0	2/1/1	Wisn (W, 3-0)	Ciulli/Hartmann
3-13-04	\$vs. Maryland	W	6-2	6/12/0	2/5/0	Booth (W, 8-3)	Ruthrauff/Ruthrauff
3-13-04	\$vs. Texas A&M	L	1-2	1/2/0	2/6/1	Stenglein (L, 4-6)	-
3-14-04	\$vs. Penn State	W	1-0	1/2/0	0/2/3	Booth (W, 9-3)	Ruthrauff/ -
3-14-04	\$vs. Florida A&M	W	8-0 (5)	8/8/3	0/1/3	Stenglein (W, 5-6)	Jaquish/Ciulli
3-20-04	vs. Eastern Michigan	W	2-0	2/5/0	0/2/2	Booth (W, 10-3)	Ciulli/ -
3-20-04	vs. Eastern Michigan	W	9-0 (6)	9/13/0	1/4/2	Stenglein (W, 6-6)	Lenn/Lenn
3-23-04	at Valparaiso	W	9-0	9/13/0	0/0/2	Stenglein (W, 7-6)	deFau/Ruthrauff
3-27-04	@vs. Saint Louis	W	4-3	4/7/1	3/6/1	Stenglein (W, 8-6)	Hartmann/Hartmann
3-27-04	@at Indiana	W	4-0	4/5/0	0/2/5	Booth (W, 11-3)	Ruthrauff/Ruthrauff
3-28-04	@vs. Western Kentucky	W	2-1	2/5/1	1/6/0	Booth (W, 12-3)	Ciulli/Ciulli
4-1-04	at Western Michigan	L	0-2	0/1/0	2/7/1	Booth (L, 12-4)	-
4-1-04	at Western Michigan	W	5-1	5/9/1	1/4/0	Stenglein (W, 9-6)	deFau/Lenn
4-2-04	*Connecticut	W	9-1	9/14/0	1/5/0	Booth (W, 13-4)	Brown/Ciulli
4-2-04	*Connecticut	W	10-0	10/8/1	0/2/2	Stenglein (W, 10-6)	deFau/Ruthrauff
4-4-04	*Boston College	W	5-0	5/6/1	0/2/3	Booth (W, 14-4)	Ciulli/ -
4-4-04	*Boston College	W	7-1	7/8/1	1/1/3	Stenglein (W, 11-6)	deFau/Ruthrauff
4-6-04	Purdue	W	4-2	4/6/0	2/7/3	Booth (W, 15-4)	Schoonaert/Wicks
4-6-04	Purdue	L	3-4 (8)	3/5/1	4/7/1	Stenglein (L, 11-7)	-
4-10-04	*Syracuse	W	11-3 (5)	11/11/2	3/4/2	Booth (W, 16-4)	Wicks/Brown
4-10-04	*Syracuse	W	8-0 (5)	8/10/2	0/2/2	Stenglein (W, 12-7)	deFau/Ruthrauff
4-12-04	at #18 Nebraska	L	0-1	0/1/0	1/2/1	Booth (L, 16-5)	-
4-13-04	at #18 Nebraska	W	2-0	2/4/0	0/5/2	Stenglein (W, 13-7)	Schoonaert/ -
4-15-04	Illinois-Chicago	L	3-4 (10)	3/8/0	4/11/2	Wisn (L, 3-1)	-
4-18-04	*Providence	W	1-0	1/6/0	0/3/2	Booth (W, 17-5)	Hartmann/Schoonaert
4-18-04	*Providence	W	7-1	7/11/0	1/4/2	Stenglein (W, 14-7)	Schoonaert/ -
4-22-04	at Illinois-Chicago	W	8-0	8/7/1	0/3/4	Stenglein (W, 15-7)	Ruthrauff/Wicks
4-24-04	*at Villanova	W	4-0	4/8/1	0/5/0	Booth (W, 18-5)	Jaquish/deFau
4-24-04	*at Villanova	W	2-0	2/7/0	0/4/0	Stenglein (W, 16-7)	Fuemmeler/Jaquish
4-25-04	*at Rutgers	W	8-5	8/12/2	5/10/1	Booth (W, 19-5)	Hufnagle/ -
4-25-04	*at Rutgers	W	4-2	4/9/1	2/6/0	Stenglein (W, 17-7)	Brown/Ciulli
4-27-04	DePaul	L	1-3	1/5/2	3/4/2	Booth (L, 19-6)	-
4-27-04	DePaul	W	2-1	2/7/0	1/5/1	Stenglein (W, 18-7)	Schoonaert/Brown
4-30-04	*Virginia Tech	W	5-0	5/6/2	0/1/1	Booth (W, 20-6)	Fuemmeler/Hartmann
4-30-04	*Virginia Tech	W	9-1 (5)	9/9/0	1/4/2	Stenglein (W, 19-7)	Brown/Ciulli
5-2-04	*Pittsburgh	W	8-0 (6)	8/13/0	0/4/2	Booth (W, 21-6)	deFau/Ruthrauff
5-2-04	*Pittsburgh	W	9-0 (5)	9/10/0	0/2/2	Stenglein (W, 20-7)	Fuemmeler/ -
5-8-04	*at Seton Hall	L	0-5	0/4/1	5/4/1	Booth (L, 21-7)	-
5-8-04	*at Seton Hall	L	0-1	0/2/1	1/4/0	Stenglein (L, 20-8)	-
5-9-04	*at St. John's	W	8-1	8/15/2	1/5/2	Booth (W, 22-7)	Wicks/Wisn
5-9-04	*at St. John's	W	3-0	3/5/1	0/3/1	Stenglein (W, 21-8)	Ruthrauff/Ruthrauff
5-13-04	~vs. Boston College	W	4-1	4/6/1	1/6/2	Booth (W, 23-7)	Brown/Ciulli
5-14-04	~vs. Seton Hall	L	1-2 (8)	1/4/1	2/4/2	Stenglein (L, 21-9)	-
5-14-04	~vs. Villanova	W	2-0	2/8/1	0/5/1	Booth (W, 24-7)	Brown/Lenn
5-15-04	~vs. Seton Hall	L	2-5 (8)	2/9/2	5/10/0	Booth (L, 24-8)	-
5-20-04	^vs. DePaul	W	8-6	8/9/0	6/10/3	Booth (W, 25-8)	Brown/Lenn
5-22-04	^vs. #6 Michigan	L	0-1	0/4/0	1/4/2	Stenglein (L, 21-10)	-
5-22-04	^vs. Illinois-Chicago	L	1-2	1/5/5	2/3/0	Booth (L, 25-9)	-

! - UNLV Classic (Las Vegas, Nev.), & - Palm Springs Classic (Palm Springs, Calif.) % - NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, Ga.)

+ - FAU/Worth Invitational (Boca Raton, Fla.) \$ - Seminole Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.) @ - Hoosier Invitational (Bloomington, Ind.) * - BIG EAST Conference game,

~ - BIG EAST Championship (Syracuse, N.Y.) ^ - NCAA Region VII, (Ann Arbor, Mich.)



Final 2004 Offensive Statistics

Player	Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB-SLG	BB	HBP	SO	OB%	SF-SH	SB-SBA
Megan Ciolli	.397	67-67	204	36	81	12	0	2	23	99-.485	10	4	18	.436	0-9	20-24
BIG EAST	.491	18-18	43	13	26	4	0	0	9	30-.566	5	1	3	.542	0-1	4-5
Stephanie Brown	.301	69-69	226	47	68	10	0	7	30	99-.438	11	5	32	.346	1-4	11-18
BIG EAST	.323	20-20	65	16	21	7	0	2	15	34-.523	7	2	9	.405	0-0	3-5
Meagan Ruthrauff	.293	69-69	184	32	54	7	0	11	54	94-.511	36	5	34	.419	2-2	2-2
BIG EAST	.240	20-20	50	11	12	2	0	4	18	26-.520	14	1	7	.409	1-0	0-0
Nicole deFau	.292	69-69	195	38	57	10	4	2	17	81-.415	17	3	21	.356	1-18	14-19
BIG EAST	.424	20-20	59	19	25	5	2	2	10	40-.678	4	1	3	.469	0-7	7-9
Mallorie Lenn	.281	68-68	192	8	54	13	1	4	31	81-.422	13	2	24	.333	0-2	0-0
BIG EAST	.411	20-20	56	4	23	7	1	2	15	38-.679	4	0	3	.450	0-1	0-0
Liz Hartmann	.268	67-67	194	20	52	12	0	8	31	88-.454	12	2	26	.311	4-6	0-0
BIG EAST	.370	20-20	54	10	20	5	0	2	8	31-.574	5	2	4	.435	1-3	0-0
Nicole Wicks	.229	67-60	157	30	36	10	3	3	14	61-.389	13	1	46	.291	1-3	12-15
BIG EAST	.294	20-20	51	12	15	6	2	0	6	25-.490	5	1	11	.362	1-1	6-6
Carrie Wisen	.222	29-10	36	2	8	2	0	0	4	10-.278	1	0	8	.243	0-2	0-0
BIG EAST	.500	8-2	8	1	4	1	0	0	4	5-.625	0	0	1	.500	0-0	0-0
Carissa Jaquish	.214	65-60	159	17	34	4	2	1	14	45-.283	10	1	45	.265	0-4	5-5
BIG EAST	.255	19-17	47	12	12	1	1	0	7	15-.319	4	0	10	.314	0-0	3-3
Sara Schoonaert	.200	69-69	165	24	33	6	3	0	16	45-.273	12	1	30	.258	0-11	7-11
BIG EAST	.306	20-20	49	8	15	2	2	0	9	21-.429	3	1	7	.358	0-4	2-4
Kellie Middleton	.391	8-8	23	3	9	3	0	1	4	15-.652	0	0	3	.375	1-1	5-5
BIG EAST		did not play														
Gessica Hufnagle	.136	47-4	22	6	3	0	0	0	2	3-.136	1	0	5	.174	0-2	2-2
BIG EAST	.083	16-3	12	4	1	0	0	0	2	1-.083	0	0	3	.083	0-2	1-1
Steff Stenglein	.125	35-34	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	1-.125	0	0	3	.125	0-0	0-0
BIG EAST	.000	11-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-.000	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0
Heather Booth	.000	39-36	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-.000	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0
BIG EAST	.000	11-10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-.000	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0
Kenya Fuemmeler	.000	47-0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0-.000	0	0	0	.000	0-0	2-4
BIG EAST	.000	16-0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0-.000	0	0	0	.000	0-0	0-1
Notre Dame	.278	69-69	1765	276	490	89	13	39	240	722-.409	136	24	295	.336	10-64	80-105
BIG EAST	.345	20-20	504	118	174	40	8	12	103	266-.528	51	9	61	.413	3-19	26-34
Opponents	.198	69-69	1655	129	327	40	5	21	111	440-.266	150	32	437	.276	6-46	52-66
BIG EAST	.170	20-20	441	21	75	11	0	2	15	92-.209	34	8	124	.242	0-11	8-11

Final 2004 Pitching Statistics

Player	ERA	W-L	GP-GS-CG	SHO-CBO	Sv	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	Avg.	WP	HP	BK
Steff Stenglein	1.39	21-10	33-33-22	6-4	0	191.2	120	44	38	75	187	17	2	11	661	.182	7	19	1
BIG EAST	0.49	9-1	10-10-7	3-2	0	57.0	29	6	4	13	61	6	0	1	192	.151	0	4	0
Heather Booth	1.45	25-9	37-36-30	11-0	0	241.2	178	66	50	59	225	21	3	9	877	.203	4	13	0
BIG EAST	1.33	9-1	10-10-8	5-0	0	63.1	41	14	12	18	59	5	0	1	228	.180	2	4	0
Carrie Wisen	2.83	3-1	16-0-0	0-4	1	29.2	26	17	12	16	25	1	0	1	112	.232	4	0	0
BIG EAST	0.00	0-0	5-0-0	0-2	0	5.2	5	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	21	.238	2	0	0
K. Fuemmeler	10.50	0-0	1-0-0	0-0	0	0.2	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	.600	1	0	0
BIG EAST		did not play																	
Totals	1.51	49-20	69-69-52	21-4	1	463.2	327	129	100	150	437	40	5	21	1655	.198	16	32	1
BIG EAST	0.89	18-2	20-20-15	10-2	0	126.0	75	21	16	34	124	11	0	2	441	.170	4	8	0
Opponents	3.25	20-49	69-69-37	6-1	2	451.2	490	276	210	136	295	89	13	39	1765	.278	32	24	1
BIG EAST	5.54	2-18	20-20-9	2-0	0	118.2	174	118	94	51	61	40	8	12	504	.345	15	9	0



2004 Notre Dame Season Bests

Individual Bests

Runs Scored

3 Eight Times

Hits

4 Megan Ciolli
(vs. Portland State, 2-15)
4 Megan Ciolli
(vs. Maryland, 3-13)
4 Stephanie Brown
(vs. Seton Hall, 5-15)

RBI

5 Meagan Ruthrauff
(vs. Princeton, 2-28)
5 Meagan Ruthrauff
(vs. Vaparaiso, 3-23)

Doubles

2 Stephanie Brown
(vs. Seton Hall, 5-8)
2 Nicole Wicks
(vs. St. John's, 5-9)
2 Mallorie Lenn
(vs. St. John's, 5-9)

Triples

2 Nicole Wicks
(vs. Syracuse, 4-10)

Home Runs

2 Liz Hartmann
(vs. Nebraska, 2-14)

Total Bases

9 Liz Hartmann
(vs. Nebraska, 2-14)

Stolen Bases

2 Eight times

Putouts

14 Carissa Jaquish
(vs. E. Michigan, 3-20)
14 Mallorie Lenn
(vs. Vaparaiso, 3-23)

Assists

6 Sara Schoonaert
(vs. Rutgers, 4-25)

Innings Pitched

9.2 Heather Booth
(vs. Florida State, 3-11)

Strikeouts

14 Steffany Stenglein
(vs. Valparaiso, 3-23)

Final 2004 Fielding Statistics

Player	PO	A	E	FLD%
Carrie Wisen	12	10	0	1.000
BIG EAST	3	3	0	1.000
Meagan Ruthrauff	362	31	2	.995
BIG EAST	94	11	0	1.000
Mallorie Lenn	311	30	4	.988
BIG EAST	68	5	0	1.000
Nicole Wicks	49	4	1	.981
BIG EAST	19	2	1	.955
Carissa Jaquish	125	4	3	.977
BIG EAST	36	2	1	.974
Gessica Hufnagle	32	0	1	.970
BIG EAST	23	0	0	1.000
Nicole deFau	69	2	3	.959
BIG EAST	19	0	1	.950
Sara Schoonaert	110	96	10	.954
BIG EAST	34	28	4	.939
Stephanie Brown	159	87	12	.953
BIG EAST	40	15	4	.932
Liz Hartmann	64	105	9	.949
BIG EAST	15	26	1	.976
Steffany Stenglein	5	29	2	.944
BIG EAST	2	6	0	1.000
Megan Ciolli	74	5	5	.940
BIG EAST	22	0	1	.957
Kellie Middleton	7	3	1	.909
BIG EAST	did not play			
Heather Booth	12	46	7	.892
BIG EAST	3	11	3	.824



The 2004 University of Notre Dame softball team: Front row, left to right; Sara Schoonaert, Kellie Middleton, Nicole deFau, Nicole Wicks and Kenya Fuemmeler. Second row, left to right; Meagan Ruthrauff, Gessica Hufnagle, Carrie Wisen, Megan Ciolli, Stephanie Brown and Liz Hartmann. Back row, left to right; head coach Deanna Gumpf, strength and conditioning coach Mike Joseph, assistant coach Charmelle Green, Heather Booth, Steffany Stenglein, Mallorie Lenn, Carissa Jaquish, associate athletic trainer Chantal Porter, assistant coach Kris Ganef and senior manager Melanie Ball.



2004 BIG EAST Awards

Player of the Year

Megan Ciolli, Notre Dame

Pitcher of the Year

Steffany Stenglein, Notre Dame

Rookie of the Year

Christina Tucker, Rutgers

Coaching Staff of the Year

Notre Dame

All-BIG EAST Selections

FIRST TEAM

P - Steffany Stenglein, Notre Dame
 P - Heather Booth, Notre Dame
 C - Mallorie Lenn, Notre Dame
 IF - Ricci Lugo, Villanova
 IF - Liz Hartmann, Notre Dame
 IF - Laura Taylor, Seton Hall
 IF - Stephanie Brown, Notre Dame
 OF - Megan Ciolli, Notre Dame
 OF - Nicole deFau, Notre Dame
 OF - McKenzie Richards, Seton Hall
 UT - Christina Tucker, Rutgers
 DP - Rachel Bartholomew, Providence

SECOND TEAM

P - Courtney Fitzgerald, St. John's
 P - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall
 C - Megan Evans, Virginia Tech
 IF - Alexis Switenko, Syracuse
 IF - Katie Pierce, Seton Hall
 IF - Allaina Saina, St. John's
 IF - Mandy Schettini, Connecticut
 OF - Tanya Rose, Syracuse
 OF - Robin Flier, Villanova
 OF - Stephanie DiBiase, Connecticut
 UT - Cori Van Dusen, Providence
 DP - Caitlin Murphy, Virginia Tech

Third Team

Maggie Arbogast, 1B, Connecticut
 Nikki Childress, UT, Rutgers
 Sheri Donley, SS, Villanova
 Tekae Malandris, P, Boston College
 Cassie Morales, OF, Syracuse
 Courtney Mosch, P, Syracuse
 Sarah Prosis, OF, Virginia Tech
 Jillian Sandoval, 3B, St. John's
 Mary Carroll Smith, OF, Seton Hall
 Britney Thompson, DP, Boston College
 Shannon Williams, P, Villanova

2004 BIG EAST Regular Season

Pl.	Team	W	L	T	PCT.	W	L	T	PCT.
1.	Notre Dame	18	2	0	.900	49	20	0	.710
2.	Seton Hall	12	8	0	.600	46	19	0	.707
3.	Villanova	12	8	0	.600	31	24	0	.563
4.	Boston College	11	9	0	.550	33	25	0	.567
5.	Providence	10	10	0	.500	34	20	1	.627
6.	St. John's	10	10	0	.500	28	26	0	.519
7.	Virginia Tech	9	11	0	.450	36	23	0	.610
8.	Syracuse	9	11	0	.450	25	29	0	.463
9.	Rutgers	8	12	0	.400	26	29	1	.473
10.	Connecticut	6	12	0	.333	23	23	0	.500
11.	Pittsburgh	3	15	0	.166	21	36	0	.368

2004 BIG EAST Championship Syracuse, N.Y. - May 13-15

Thursday, May 13

Game one:
 No. 2 Seton Hall 3,
 No. 3 Villanova 2
 Game two:
 No. 4. Boston College 1,
 No. 1 Notre Dame 4

Friday, May 10

Game three:
 Seton Hall 2, Notre Dame 1 (8)
 Game four:
 Villanova 3, Boston College 1
 Game five:
 Notre Dame 2, Villanova 0

Sunday, May 11

Game six:
 Seton Hall 5, Notre Dame 3 (8)

2004 Notre Dame BIG EAST Weekly Award Winners

March 1 - Meagan Ruthrauff, Player of the Week
 March 1 - Heather Booth, Pitcher of the Week
 March 29 - Meagan Ruthrauff, Player of the Week
 March 29 - Steffany Stenglein, Pitcher of the Week
 April 5 - Steffany Stenglein, Pitcher of the Week
 April 12 - Nicole Wicks, Player of the Week
 April 19 - Megan Ciolli, Player of the Week
 April 26 - Nicole deFau, Player of the Week
 April 26 - Steffany Stenglein, Pitcher of the Week
 May 3 - Heather Booth, Pitcher of the Week



Liz Hartmann earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors for the first time in her career during the 2004 season. She hit .370 in conference play with two home runs and eight RBI.



Graduated

Senior

AS A SENIOR: Enjoyed a stellar final season with the Irish, capping off the year by earning first-team all-BIG EAST honors ... set season career highs for doubles (10), triples (4), home runs (2) and RBI (17) in '04 ... was the lone senior on the '04 roster ... posted 15 multi-hit games and and four mutli-RBI performances ... compiled an

eight-game hit streak from April 18-April 27, putting up 14 hits four RBI and two doubles in the run ... scored the game-winning run six times and drove in the game-winning run at Villanova in game one ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Monday, April 26 ... hit .588 during the week, including .643 against BIG EAST competition ... also drove in four runs, scored five runs, hit two doubles and stole three bases during the week ... key performances of the 2004 included (in chronological order): tied the game vs. Hawaii in the UNLV Classic with an RBI triple ... brought back a possible grand slam home run vs. #8 Stanford with a great catch over the fence ... three for three with a double, two singles and run scored vs. Princeton ... played a crucial role in Notre Dame's win over Georgia Tech in the NFCA Silver Bracket Championship game, throwing out the tying run at the plate from leftfield in the bottom of the sixth inning (a 2-1 Irish victory) ... scored the winning run vs. Western Kentucky after doubling to start the sixth inning ... ended up one step away from the cycle in game one vs. Connecticut, posting a double, single and triple to finish three for four ... hit her third career home run vs. Boston College ... launched a key sacrifice fly in Notre Dame's 2-0 victory at #18 Nebraska ... three for three with a two-RBI triple in game one of the BIG EAST Championship vs. Boston College.

AS A JUNIOR: Became an every day player for the Irish in 2003 ... posted career highs with 48 games played, 26 hits and five RBI ... had seven multi-hit games and one multit-RBI performance ... shifted back and forth with teammate Kellie Middleton as the starting rightfielder for a portion of the season ... hit second career home run vs. Louisiana-Lafayette at the Louisiana Classic ... ended up two for three in that contest ... perfect at the plate (three for three) vs. NW State on Feb. 28 ... also collected three hits and two RBI in game one vs. Valparaiso ... two for three with two runs and an RBI triple at Syracuse in game one ... played well at #4 DePaul, going two for four with an RBI double ... posted three hits during Notre Dame's drive to the BIG EAST Championship in Salem, Va., going two for three in the championship game vs. Villanova ... matched her stolen base output from 2002 with five thefts in '03.

2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST

2004 Team Captain

2004 Rockne Student-Athlete Awardwinner

BIG EAST Player of the Week (4-26-04)



#9/14 Nicole deFau

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Southington, Conn.
Southington H.S.



AS A FRESHMAN: One of the team's top pinch runners ... also relieved starting second base Alexis Madrid ... appeared in 55 of the team's 61 games, including six starts ... scored 13 runs, most coming as a pinch runner ... first hit of her career was an RBI single vs. Hofstra ... scored the game-winning run in the top of the eighth inning at Purdue after being inserted as a pinch runner ... also posted a hit against the Boilermakers in game one ... crossed the plate with the game-winning run vs. Pittsburgh ... third hit of the season came in game one vs. Toledo.

PREP AND PERSONAL: A four-year letterwinner in softball at Southington High School in Southington, Conn. ... also lettered in basketball, cross country and track and field ... 2000 Gatorade Connecticut Player of the Year (softball) ... a U.S. Navy Scholastic first-team All-American in softball in 2000 ... member of two Connecticut state championship softball teams ... named the MVP of the state championship softball game in 1999 ... three-time (1998-2000) all-state and all-conference selection in softball ... posted 62 career stolen bases ... hit over .500 (.500 in 1999, .565 in 2000) in her final two years of high school competition ... played in the 2000 senior all-star softball game and

AS A SOPHOMORE: Utilized as one of the main options at designated player during the 2002 season ... ended up appearing in 49 games and making 19 starts ... finished with 12 hits in 62 at bats ... stole five bases, mostly as a pinch runner ... had a memorable game at the 2002 Kia Klassic, belting her first career home run against Texas Tech to provide the winning margin ... also scored the winning run against Loyola (Chicago) and in the first game of the Syracuse doubleheader ... ended the season with a career-best seven RBI.

earned the game's MVP honor ... member of the Brakettes Tradition, the two-time (1998 and 1999) PONY National Championship softball club ... Tradition posted a 95-5 record over those two championship seasons ... member of the National Honor Society ... from the same area as former teammate Kas Hoag ... born Oct. 5, 1982 ... graduated from the College of Arts and Letters with degrees in history and anthropology ... currently works in the Notre Dame Athletic Department as part of the RecSports Office.

DEFAU'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HP	SO	SF/SH	SB-SBA	OB%	SLUG%	Avg.	PO-A-E-%
2001	55-6	19	13	3	0	0	0	3	5	1	4	0/0	2-4	.360	.158	.158	6-7-3-813
2002	49-19	61	13	12	2	0	1	7	3	2	13	0/2	5-7	.258	.279	.197	14-0-1-.933
2003	48-37	96	18	26	2	1	1	5	9	0	18	0/3	5-8	.333	.344	.271	21-1-2-.917
2004	69-69	195	38	57	10	4	2	17	17	3	21	1/18	14-19	.356	.415	.292	69-2-3-.959
Totals	221-131	371	82	98	14	5	4	32	34	6	56	1/23	26-38	.335	.361	.264	110-10-9-.930

