

NOTRE DAME SEASON PREVIEW

Notre Dame's 2007 softball team will be a solid mix of seven established returning upperclassmen and a talented group of younger players eager to get on the field.



2007 University of Notre Dame Softball Numerical Roster

No.		Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown	High School
1	**	Katie Laing (C)	Jr.	SS/2B	5-4	R/R	Chandler, Ariz.	Corona del Sol
2	**	Brittany Glynn	Jr.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, Conn.	St. Joseph
3		Heather Johnson	Fr.	3B	5-8	R/R	Los Alamitos, Calif.	Mater Dei
5	***	Kenya Fuemmeler (C)	Sr.	P/UT	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, Mo.	Salisbury
8	*	Brittney Bargar	So.	P	5-9	R/R	Corona, Calif.	Corona
10		Christine Lux	Fr.	UT	5-11	L/R	Glendale Heights, Ill.	Glenbard West
11	***	Gessica Hufnagle	Sr.	C/OF	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, Ind.	Northridge
12	*	Erin Glasco	So.	C	5-7	L/R	Johnston City, Ill.	Johnston City
14	*	Beth Northway	So.	INF/OF	5-7	R/R	Kentwood, Mich.	East Kentwood
16		Ashley Ellis	Fr.	OF	5-9	R/R	Pikeville, Tenn.	Bledsoe County
18	*	Christine Farrell	So.	P	5-8	R/R	La Habra, Calif.	Sonora
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South Bend plays host to BIG EAST Championship: For the fourth time in the last six years, the BIG EAST Softball Championship will be played at a neutral/off-campus site.

Salem, Va., served as the tournament's site in 2002 and 2003, and Syracuse played host in 2004. After a successful hosting stint by the City of South Bend, Ind., in 2005, event organizers will welcome the 2007 BIG EAST Softball Championship at the Belleville Complex on the far west side of town. The 2006 BIG EAST Championships was scheduled to be played at Belleville until weather issue forced a change of venue to Ivy Field.

The Belleville Complex is one of the best softball-only complexes in Indiana and served as host to over 3,000 fans when the U.S. Olympic Team played an exhibition doubleheader in July of 2005.

BIG EAST sends three to the NCAA Tournament: The BIG EAST Conference, after the addition of three members prior to the 2005 school year, had a record-tying softball season in 2006. The conference sent three teams to the NCAA Women's Softball Championship. The three invitations were tied for the largest contingent the conference has ever sent and helped cement the BIG EAST as one of the toughest softball conference's nationally and certainly the strongest east of the Mississippi River.

Irish head for warmer climates: Notre Dame will crisscross the United States once again during the early portion of its 2007 schedule. The first five weekends of the season will find the Irish in Auburn, Ala., Palm Springs, Calif., Jacksonville, Fla., Long Beach, Calif., and Fullerton, Calif.

With five California natives on the 2007 Notre Dame roster, the Irish will not be without fan support on their early season (February 23-25) and Spring Break swing (March 10-18) through Southern California.

During the Spring Break trip the Irish will take part in both the Long Beach State Tournament and the Judi Garman Classic (formerly the Kia Klassic) - one of the premier softball tournaments in the nation.

A Generous Donation: During the summer of 2006, Linda and Paul Demo, the mother and stepfather of University of Notre Dame alumnae Melissa Cook, made a \$3 million gift to the University for the construction of a new softball stadium in her memory.

Cook was one of four people killed in March 2002, when a massive section of scaffolding fell from the John Hancock Center onto her car in downtown Chicago.

Melissa Cook Stadium, a \$4.8 million facility, will be built on the southeast corner of the Notre Dame campus, near Eck Baseball Stadium, when fully funded.

2007 USA TODAY/NFCA DIVISION I COLLEGE PRESEASON TOP 25

Rank	Team	Pt. Total	'05 Record
1.	Arizona	737	54-11
2.	Tennessee	679	61-12
3.	UCLA	648	50-9
4.	Northwestern	647	50-15
5.	Arizona State	594	53-15
6.	Oregon State	579	43-16
7.	Alabama	485	54-11
8.	Stanford	481	42-18
9.	LSU	471	55-14
10.	California	436	48-14
11.	Michigan	400	44-15
12.	Washington	353	35-25
13.	Texas A&M	323	34-19
14.	Georgia	320	54-15
15.	Nebraska	280	44-12
16.	Oklahoma	274	40-21-1
17.	Texas	273	55-9
18.	Baylor	248	38-22
19.	Louisiana-Lafayette	235	50-12
20.	Louisville	211	45-11
21.	Fresno State	198	37-19
22.	South Florida	181	50-25
23.	Massachusetts	123	41-16
24.	Auburn	84	36-22
25.	Florida State	79	44-30

Others receiving votes: North Carolina State (74), **Cal State Fullerton** (54), San Diego State (49), Florida (47), Georgia Tech (40), North Carolina (21), Southern Illinois (17), Long Beach State (15), Florida Atlantic (14), **DePaul** (12), BYU (11), **NOTRE DAME** (10), Hofstra (8), Kansas (5), **Virginia Tech** (3)

2007 opponents are **bold**

Pronunciation Guide

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Carissa JaquishJAY-qwish

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Top Returnees

Stephanie Brown (Sr., 5-6, OF)

- 2006 All-BIG EAST First Team
- 2006 NFCA Third Team All-American
- 2006 Stats: .383 Avg., 79 H, 8 HR, 22 RBI, 20 SB

Katie Laing (Jr., 5-4, SS/2B)

- 2006 All-BIG EAST Second Team
- 2006 Stats: .283 Avg., 58 H, 16 2B, 34 RBI

Linda Kohan (So., 5-6, 2B/INF)

- 2006 Stats: .275 Avg., 49 H, 13 2B, 5 HR, 29 RBI

Brittney Bargar (So., 5-9, P)

- 2006 Stats: 15-9, 2.92 ERA, 151 IP, 157 Ks

Newcomers

Ashley Ellis (5-9, OF, Pikeville, Tenn.)
 Heather Johnson (5-8, 3B, Los Alamitos, Calif.)
 Christine Lux (5-11, UT, Glendale Heights, Ill.)

Roster By Class

Seniors (4):

Stephanie Brown, OF
 Kenya Fuemmeler, RHP/UT
 Gessica Hufnagle, C/OF
 Carissa Jaquish, 1B/UT

Juniors (3)

Brittany Glynn, OF
 Katie Laing, SS/2B
 Sarah Smith, OF

Sophomores (6)

Brittney Bargar, RHP
 Christine Farrell, RHP
 Erin Glasco, C
 Linda Kohan, 2B/INF
 Stephanie Mola, OF
 Beth Northway, INF/OF

Freshmen (3)

Ashley Ellis, OF
 Heather Johnson, OF
 Christine Lux, UT

Roster By Home State

Arizona (2):

Stephanie Brown (Chandler)
 Katie Laing (Chandler)

California (5):

Brittney Bargar (Corona)
 Christine Farrell (La Habra)
 Carissa Jaquish (Highland)
 Heather Johnson (Mater Dei)
 Linda Kohan (Westminster)

Connecticut (1):

Brittany Glynn (Seymour)

Florida (1):

Stephanie Mola (Naples)

Illinois (2):

Erin Glasco (Johnston City)
 Christine Lux (Glenbard West)

Indiana (1):

Gessica Hufnagle (Middlebury)

Michigan (1):

Beth Northway (Kentwood)

Missouri (1):

Kenya Fuemmeler (Salisbury)

Oklahoma (1)

Sarah Smith (Oklahoma City)

Tennessee (1):

Ashley Ellis (Bledsoe County)

2007 BIG EAST Softball Coaches' Preseason Poll

	School	Points	'06 BIG EAST	'06 Overall	2006 BE Finish
1.	Louisville (7)	116	19-3	45-11	1
2.	South Florida (4)	110	17-3	50-23	2
3.	Notre Dame (1)	104	17-3	42-21	3
4.	DePaul	93	13-9	33-22	5
5.	Syracuse	65	15-7	36-21	4
6.	Pittsburgh	62	10-12	32-27	7
7.	Providence	61	11-11	29-19	6
8.	St. John's	51	8-14	27-30	8
9.	Villanova	40	2-20	13-40	12
10.	Connecticut	35	6-14	19-29	10
11.	Seton Hall	32	7-15	29-27	9
12.	Rutgers	23	5-17	15-37	11

Irish Have High Expectations in 2007

Experienced senior class determined to lead Notre Dame to ninth straight NCAA appearance

The 2007 edition of Notre Dame softball will feature the experience of four seniors and seven upperclassmen that have been a key part of the Irish over the past three seasons.

This year's senior class has a combined record of 137-73 (.652), which is the third-most wins ever for a Notre Dame class heading into its senior season (topped only by the '02 and '03 classes). This class also has led the Irish to three NCAA regional appearances, two conference regular season crowns and a pair of BIG EAST Conference Tournament titles. This year's Notre Dame roster boasts nine freshmen and sophomores. How quickly the veterans and the younger players can learn to play together will ultimately tell the tale of the '07 season.

Notre Dame returns six position starters, three pitchers and 13 monogram winners from a season ago. The team also added three newcomers to the mix, as the squad looks for its ninth consecutive NCAA bid.

"We only have three newcomers but we will have five new people in the lineup this season, which is interesting," Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf explains. "So even though on paper it doesn't sound like we've changed much, in reality this is a totally different team than we've had the last few seasons. We lost four key starters. With losing those four, we'll need to adjust and adapt. It's an exciting team for me and my coaching staff to coach because I really feel as if it's a brand new team."

PITCHING

The Irish pitching staff is expected to be a strong point for Notre Dame in '07 and will be led by the duo of sophomore Brittney Bargar and senior Kenya Fuemmeler.

Bargar, who went 15-9 last season, returns to anchor the staff. She struck out 157 batters in 151 innings last season proving to be a reliable starter for the Irish.

Bargar's role will expand greatly and she will be expected to carry more of the load this season following the graduation of former Notre Dame workhorse Heather Booth.

"With the experience she gained last season, Brittney knows how to get it done for us," Gumpf says. "I think she is prepared and ready to lead this team. Last year proved to be a great learning experience. She had tremendous success, where she pitched great (including one eight inning no-hitter), but she also had her moments when things just didn't work out for her. Overall, both the struggles and the success made her a better pitcher and taught her about both the highs and lows of this game. I think she is ready for both the challenges and expectations this year."

Fuemmeler, the second starter and one of the three captains, is making the transition from the bullpen to the rotation. In 12 appearances in 2006, Fuemmeler had a sparkling 1.56 ERA and limited opponents to a .190 batting average.

"Kenya is a senior that has never wanted anything more than what she is doing this year," Gumpf comments. "I'm excited for Kenya. She has worked so hard leading this team and deserves to be one of our starting pitchers. She has grown into a good pitcher and I'm excited to send her out there because she will always find a way to win."

Christine Farrell, a sophomore from La Habra, Calif., will be making her Irish debut in the circle after missing last season due to off-season surgery.

"Christine is healthy and back in the rotation this year," Gumpf explains. "She is throwing to our hitters everyday and getting game ready. She is a finesse pitcher that depends more on location and moving the ball around. She really does a great job of playing with the hitter's minds and can be very difficult to hit because of the way she throws. She is definitely going to play a big role in the later innings for the team this season."

CATCHERS

Despite losing former starter and second team all-BIG EAST catcher Mallorie Lenn to graduation, Notre Dame still returns two talented and experienced catchers in sophomore Erin Glasco and senior Gessica Hufnagle.

Glasco appeared in 58 games for the Irish last season with 52 starts. Of the sophomore's 52 starts, 10 were behind the dish for the Irish. In splitting her time behind catching and as the designated player, Glasco totaled 30 hits, six doubles and 10 walks.

"Erin is a talented catcher who got her feet wet last season and is ready to take on a leading role," Gumpf says. "She has the potential to be one of the best hitters on the roster because she has great focus at the plate. She also has a great arm and does a tremendous job of working with our pitching staff."

Hufnagle will be the other part of the catching tandem. After making the transition to the outfield and 50 starts in left field, Hufnagle will make the move back behind the plate this year. Hufnagle drove in 13 runs and was fourth on the team with seven sacrifices in 2006. Hufnagle also had a steady defensive season at a new position with only one error.

"She has done so many things and has played quite a few positions for the team in her time at Notre Dame," Gumpf remarks. "Gessica began her career as a catcher and spent a season in the outfield and is now back to working behind the plate. She calls herself 'The Wall' and I have to agree because she excels at blocking balls in the dirt and takes a lot of pride in her defense."

"Both of our catchers have major strengths that the team depends on and are quality hitters. Erin bats from the left side of the plate while Gessica is the right-handed combo of the platoon and my goal is to have them both in the lineup in some capacity no matter who is catching."

FIRST BASE

Senior Carissa Jaquish is the team's first option at first base. Jaquish also has spent quite a bit of her Notre Dame career finding a position, spending time in the infield, outfield and even a season working behind the plate. Jaquish has seen action in 137 games in her career. As a freshman, she was the team's top option at designated player. As a sophomore, she spent time as both the designated player and as the back-up catcher. In her junior season, she played some at third base, the outfield and as the designated player. While versatility is always nice, it is felt that Jaquish may have finally found a full-time home at first base this season.

"Carissa will be one of the starters at first base," Gumpf emphatically states. "She has been waiting a long time to find her place and get this opportunity. I feel like she found her position and is now feeling both comfortable and confident. Those feelings will go a long way to the success she will have. She is ready to do great things for us. I'm really expecting her to step up and be a solid offensive player."

Christine Lux, a freshman from Glendale Heights, Ill., also is in the mix for playing time at first. Lux was recognized throughout her high school career for her hitting prowess and will provide a steady bat for the Irish.

"I love her approach at the plate," Gumpf notes. "Christine is disciplined and swings the bat hard. I've always felt that anyone who swings the bat hard is more likely to make something good happen. Her learning curve has been tremendous. She has made some major



As one of the four seniors on team, Kenya Fuemmeler, is expected to be a significant factor in the team's fortunes.

accomplishments in a short period of time. Additionally, she is a left-handed batter, which is always a nice luxury to have."

SECOND BASE

Sophomore Linda Kohan, who played both third and first base last season, will likely be Notre Dame's starting second baseman. She began the '06 season at third but eventually settled in at first base. Wherever she played in the infield, Kohan continued to hit throughout and she led the freshmen in all offensive categories, including batting average (.275), hits (49), doubles (13), home runs (5) and runs driven-in (29).

"Linda has spend a great deal of her off-season working on her speed and quickness and it has really paid off," Gumpf remarks. "She is much quicker than she was and her range has also greatly improved. I'm anticipating great things from her offensively and defensively. She really is one of our up-and-coming leaders."

SHORTSTOP

The shortstop position will be manned by another familiar face in a new place in junior Katie Laing. Laing, after spending her first two seasons and the majority of her 124 career games starting at second base, is making the smooth transition back to her natural position at shortstop. Laing had a solid second year for Notre Dame in '06 with a .283 batting average to go along with a team-leading 16 doubles and 34 RBI. Her best quality, however, may be her leadership ability. The junior was named one of the three captains (along with Kenya Fuemmeler and Stephanie Brown) this season and has earned the title of "The General" by the Notre Dame coaching staff.

"She is 'The General' and is a tremendous leader both on and off the field," Gumpf explains with a gleam in her eye. "Katie is the glue of not only the infield but the entire team. She is a leader and influences her teammates in so many ways with not only her play but also with the way she teaches and coaches on the field. She also possess a naturally beautiful swing and is extremely fun to watch play."

THIRD BASE

Freshman Heather Johnson arrives with high expectations of playing third base for the Irish this season. Johnson, from Los Alamitos, Calif. and perennial athletic powerhouse Mater Dei, had the attention of Gumpf the moment she arrived on campus during the fall.

"The minute she arrived on campus, I knew Heather was going to be my third baseman," Gumpf notes. "She has a certain inner confidence about her and truly believes nothing should get past her at third base. It's the sort of quality I enjoy seeing, especially from someone as young as Johnson. Although she is young, she is someone that has proven to be reliable and steady and can be counted on to produce. She is a talented hitter with good power potential. On defense she has very soft hands and has added stability to the infield."

OUTFIELD

Stephanie Brown returns to patrol centerfield. Brown is coming off a season where she earned several national awards. Among the senior's awards were a unanimous first-team all-BIG EAST selection, a second-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American honor and a Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association third-team All-American honor. Brown also set the BIG EAST record for hits in league play with 38, while playing centerfield for the first time in her career.

"Stephanie is coming off an All-American season and I don't expect her approach to change this year," Gumpf says. "She will again be counted on to be one of our leaders (the third of the three captains) and set the tempo at the top of the lineup for the offense. I can't say enough about what she means to this team."

The Irish have plenty of talented outfielders that are vying for possible time this year in juniors Brittany Glynn and Sarah Smith, sophomores Beth Northway and Stephanie Mola and freshman Ashley Ellis.

Glynn scored 13 runs last season for Notre Dame, mostly as a pinch runner. Smith also excelled for the Irish as a pinch runner with 18 runs scored last season and she started eight games in left and right field. Northway hit .667 in limited playing time due to an early season injury. Mola proved to be difficult to keep out of the lineup as she led the freshman outfielders with 25 starts. Mola also contributed 15 hits and eight runs scored.

"Brittany (Glynn) is a steady outfielder that is capable of playing all three positions," Gumpf comments. "She is great for the team because of her enthusiasm for the game."

"Sarah is the fastest player on the team. She is a gifted athlete that is just beginning to realize all that she is capable of doing. She gives us flexibility both as a starter and coming off the bench."

"Beth was still recovering from her surgery at the end of last season so we really just got a taste of what she is capable of contributing to the team. Beth is an outstanding athlete. She is a determined, hard-nosed player. She also has the ability to play the infield, but will receive more playing time as an outfielder."

"Stephanie (Mola) is arguably one of the hardest workers on the team and the player that gets the most out of her abilities. She just always seems to find a way to get the job done no matter the situation. She is an excellent contact hitter and is a hard player to keep out of the lineup because she does the intangible elements so well."

"Ashley has the potential to be great. She is fast, has a great arm and good range. She is coming along very well as a hitter. Her consistency will ultimately determine how much she contributes this year."

COACHING STAFF

Notre Dame returns its entire coaching staff from a season ago in assistants Kris Ganef, Lizzy Lemire and Dawn Austin.

"With Kris and Lizzy on board I wouldn't trade them for any other staff in the country," Gumpf explains. "Not only do they know the game, they also have knowledge of what it takes to be successful at Notre Dame because they both did it as players. Both Kris and Lizzy have an undying love and admiration for the school and that is the way they coach. I see it and the girls see it each and every day."

"Dawn is an experienced Notre Dame assistant that is volunteering and helping out with the team for the second year. She really helps by throwing batting practice and getting everyone ready to play on game days."

"Together we all work well, and really bring out the best in each other and the team."

"Coaching at Notre Dame is truly a great experience. It really is an honor and privilege to coach here and be a part of this special university. This is truly a unique place and there is really nowhere else that compares to it."

SCHEDULE

A 22-game home slate, three trips to California and appearances in Alabama and Florida highlight a very challenging 2007 Notre Dame softball schedule.

The Irish slate features 15 teams that made the '06 NCAA Division I Softball Championship (UCLA, South Florida, Michigan, Oklahoma, Virginia Tech, Louisville, Tennessee Tech, Cal State Fullerton, Fresno State, Tulsa, Northwestern, Arizona State, California, Louisiana-Lafayette and Auburn), including six teams that advanced to the round of 16.

Notre Dame opens up '07 play at the Tiger Invitational (Feb. 16-18) against host school Auburn on Feb. 16. The Tigers ended the '06 season ranked No. 21 in the NFCA poll. The Irish also will play a second game that afternoon against Alabama-Birmingham. Notre Dame will face Tennessee Tech (Feb. 17) and Tulsa (Feb. 17) on day two of the tournament, before squaring off against Virginia Tech (Feb. 18) on the last day.

The first trip to California (Palm Springs Tournament) follows the next weekend, Feb. 23-25, highlighted by games against Oklahoma (Feb. 23), California (Feb. 23), UNLV (Feb. 24), Cal State Fullerton (Feb. 24) and Ole Miss (Feb. 25).

Notre Dame travels to Florida for the Jacksonville Tournament (March 2-4) to take on Virginia (March 2), Jacksonville (March 2 & 3) and Michigan (March 3 & 4).

During their Spring Break the Irish travel back to California, as they participate in the Long Beach State Invitational and the Judi Garman Classic. Among the teams on the docket are Eastern Kentucky (March 11), UCLA (March 11), Arizona State (March 15), Fresno State (March 16) and Louisiana-Lafayette (March 16).

Notre Dame will open the home portion of its schedule with a non-conference game against IUPUI on March 22 at Ivy Field. The following weekend, the Irish begin BIG EAST Conference play with a doubleheader against St. John's on March 24. Fellow BIG EAST rival Seton Hall comes in the following day, March 25, for a pair of games. The home schedule continues with a game against Toledo on March 28 and a conference doubleheader against Pittsburgh on March 31.



Katie Laing will once again be the leader of the Notre Dame infield both at the plate and on defense.

The Irish play 20 games in April, including 14 home games. Among the teams paying a visit to Notre Dame are BIG EAST rivals Syracuse (April 1), Louisville (April 21) and South Florida (April 22). The Irish also have three conference road doubleheaders during the month against DePaul (April 5), Providence (April 14) and Connecticut (April 15). The Irish finish the month with a single game against NCAA College World Series participant Northwestern (April 24) and UIC (April 25).

Notre Dame closes out the regular season with three road doubleheaders, including two conference matchups. The Irish travel to Loyola Chicago on May 1, before taking on BIG EAST rivals Rutgers (May 5) and Villanova (May 6).

The BIG EAST Softball Championship, hosted by Notre Dame at the Belleville Softball Complex, begins on May 10 with the winner receiving the conference's automatic bid into the 2007 NCAA Softball Championship. The first round of the NCAA Regional starts on May 18.

"I wanted to start the year off as challenging as possible," Gumpf explains. "I'm a big believer in playing against the best competition and looking at this year's schedule, I think we are certainly achieving this goal. Nine of our first 18 games are being played against teams that were ranked in the top 25. We are going to get a good idea of what type of team we have very quickly. Our team welcomes the type of challenge this schedule presents."

GOALS

After the success the Irish have experience since Gumpf took over the program (four BIG EAST regular season titles, three BIG EAST tournament crowns and five consecutive appearances in an NCAA Regional) you would think the goals would be fairly easy and defined, but the Irish head coach has an interesting take on her team's season goals.

"We take it week-by-week," Gumpf remarks. "Our season goals remain to dominate in the BIG EAST, win the tournament title and make the NCAA Regional; but between now and the end of the season, we need to really focus our attention on consistency and finding ways to win."

"It's going to be a tough season, ahead of us, but if we build on our great fall season (4-0 record in the Worth Fall Classic), we are going to have a great future. I'm very excited by the chemistry and the bond the team started to form in the fall and will continue to mold in the spring."

2006 Notre Dame By The Numbers	
Category	Record
Home	16-3
Road	14-11
Neutral	12-7
Conference	17-5
Non-Conference	25-16
vs. Top 10	1-2
vs. Top 25	2-9
February	5-4
March	9-6
April	20-5
May	8-6
Day	40-19
Night	2-2
Scoring first	36-10
0-2 runs	10-10
3-5 runs	16-11
6-9 runs	14-0
10+ runs	2-0
Opponent scores first	6-11
0-2 runs	33-4
3-5 runs	8-9
6-9 runs	1-7
10+ runs	0-1
1-run games	12-11
2-run games	6-2
5+ run runs	16-4
Leading after 4	33-5
Leading after 5	30-6
Leading after 6	26-0
Trailing after 4	3-14
Trailing after 5	4-14
Trailing after 6	3-14
Extra-inning games	4-5
Out-hit opponents	34-6
Opponents out-hit	4-12
Hits are tied	4-3
Make 0 errors	24-4
Make 1 error	15-14
Make 2+ errors	3-3
Opponents make 0 errors	8-7
Opp. make 1 error	16-6
Opp. makes 2+ errors	18-8
Longest Winning Streak	9 (3/26-4/4)
Longest Losing Streak	4 (4/29-5/2)

Roster by Position

OUTFIELDERS

Stephanie Brown Sr. L/R
 .393, 44 R, 79 H, 11 2B, 8 HR, 22 RBI, 23 BB, 20 SB
Brittany Glynn Jr. R/R
Sarah Smith Jr. L/R
Beth Northway So. R/R
Stephanie Mola So. L/L
Ashley Ellis Fr. R/R

SECOND BASE

Linda Kohan So. R/R
 .275, 20 R, 49 H, 13 2B, 5 HR, 29 RBI, 22 BB
Katie Laing Jr. R/R
Beth Northway So. R/R

SHORTSTOP

Katie Laing Jr. R/R
 .283, 22 R, 58 H, 16 2B, 4 HR, 34 RBI
Linda Kohan So. R/R

PITCHERS

Brittney Bargar So. RHP
 15-9, 2.92 ERA, 11 CG, 4 SHO, 151 IP
Kenya Fuemmeler Sr. RHP
Christine Farrell So. RHP

FIRST BASE

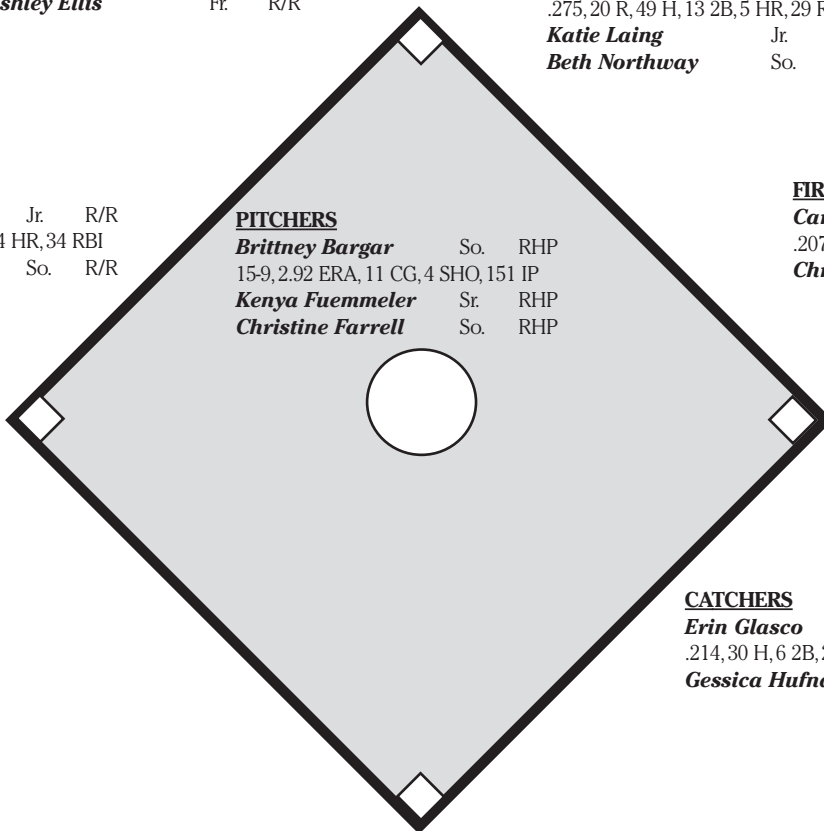
Carissa Jaquish Sr. R/R
 .207, 12 R, 17 H, 2 HR, 11 RBI
Christine Lux Fr. L/R

THIRD BASE

Heather Johnson Fr. R/R
Carissa Jaquish Jr. R/R

CATCHERS

Erin Glasco So. L/R
 .214, 30 H, 6 2B, 2 HR, 16 RBI, 10 BB
Gessica Hufnagle Sr. R/R



IRISH



The 2007 University of Notre Dame softball team: Front row, left to right; Kenya Fuemmeler, Gessica Hufnagle, Stephanie Brown and Carissa Jaquish. Middle row, left to right: Brittany Glynn, Stephanie Mola, Linda Kohan, Brittney Bargar, Erin Glasco, Sarah Smith, Beth Northway and Katie Laing; Back row, left to right: student manager Jessica Prina, athletic trainer Kathy Laguens, volunteer assistant coach Dawn Austin, head coach Deanna Gumpf, Heather Johnson, Christine Farrell, assistant coach Kris Ganeff, assistant coach Lizzy Lemire, strength and conditioning coach Mike Joseph