

NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF



Deanna Gumpf has led the Irish to 219 wins in her first five seasons. Notre Dame also has won four regular season and three BIG EAST tournament titles, while advancing to NCAA regional play each season.





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**Head Coach
Sixth Season
Nebraska '92**

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Entering her sixth season at Notre Dame in 2007, head softball coach Deanna Gumpf already has left her mark on the Irish program. Notre Dame has established itself as one of the top programs in the nation, claiming six BIG EAST championships in eight years and eight straight appearances in the NCAA Championship (five straight under Gumpf).

Gumpf has led the Irish through five straight stellar seasons, winning the BIG EAST regular season championship during her first four campaigns (2002-2005) on the bench and claiming the conference tournament crown three times. In addition, the Irish have knocked off a number of nationally-ranked teams and posted a mixture of both dominating performances and stirring come-from-behind victories.

Gumpf assumed control of the Irish program on July 3, 2001, from her mentor and good friend Liz Miller. An associate head coach during Notre Dame's legendary 54-7 campaign in 2001, Gumpf followed up with an equally-stellar 44-17 campaign in her first season. The Irish once again advanced to the final day of play at the NCAA regional and smashed the school record for home runs in a season. Notre Dame also came through with an emotional and dramatic victory at the BIG EAST Championship in 2002, rallying from a first-day loss to defeat Virginia Tech twice on the final day to claim the league title.

The second season of the Gumpf era ended with a 38-17 campaign, as the Irish lost a number of games to inclement weather. After a rough 10-11

start to the season, Notre Dame ripped off a 20-game win streak from April 1 - 26 to assume control of the BIG EAST Conference standings. The team then swept through the BIG EAST Championship, scoring 21 runs in three games and winning the title on a walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning against Villanova from conference player of the year Andrea Loman. The Irish were then eliminated from the NCAA Regional by the host team, Michigan, after defeating Missouri and Oakland during the tournament.

The 2004 season saw the Irish get off to a great start, upsetting No. 8 Nebraska during the first weekend of the season and claiming the program's first-ever bracket championship (Silver) at the NFCA Leadoff Classic. The team also won the Hoosier Invitational title, the BIG EAST regular-season crown (with an 18-2 record) and played a school-record 69 games. Notre Dame won 49 of those 69 contests, posting the second-best win total in school history (behind the 54 wins in '01).

Yet another landmark season came about in 2005, as the Irish hosted NCAA Championship competition at Ivy Field for the first time in school history. Bolstered by a 20-game win streak (the second 20-game run of the Gumpf era) the Irish won the BIG EAST Conference regular-season title and advanced to the BIG EAST Championship final game. A pesky Seton Hall team took the BIG EAST crown, but the Irish had earned the right to host an NCAA Regional at Ivy Field. Notre Dame advanced to the final day of competition, dropping two hard-fought games to nationally-ranked Northwestern on the final day of the regional. The campaign finished with another outstanding record (45-16) and two tournament titles (the GRU Classic at the University of Florida and Hawaii's Spring Fling).

The 2006 season was another strong effort as the Irish finished 42-21, despite playing an ultra competitive schedule that included 11 games against seven ranked opponents. The early part of the campaign was highlighted by the Irish's comeback 3-2 victory over No. 10 Arizona State on the two-run home run by current senior Stephanie Brown. After a pair of heartbreaking losses to No. 4 Texas and No. 6 the Irish went on a nine-game winning-streak, including four wins in conference play. Notre Dame kept themselves among the top teams in BIG EAST play with the only five conference losses coming at the hands of Syracuse, South Florida, Seton Hall and pair of defeats to No. 10 Louisville, heading into the conference tournament. The Irish entered the BIG EAST tournament as the third-seed and after a change of venue to Ivy Field due to inclement weather, rolled through the tournament defeating Providence, Pittsburgh and No. 18 Louisville on their way to winning the conference championship crown for the third time in Gumpf's first five seasons. Notre Dame then headed to Evanston, Ill. and defeated UC Santa Barbara and Southern Illinois in the NCAA Regional, but could not overcome the nationally-ranked (and eventual College World Series participant) Northwestern Wildcats. The Wildcats eliminated Notre Dame for the second consecutive season. The Irish finished the year with over



40 wins for the third consecutive season and fourth time in Gumpf's first five years.

Gumpf claimed her 100th victory at Notre Dame in record time in 2004, reaching the 100-win plateau faster than any previous Irish head coach. She has led her team to an impressive .720 winning percentage (219-90) and has suffered more than two straight losses only four times - one of those runs coming in the 2002 season when the Irish battled through four losses to Texas A&M, No. 8 Arizona State, No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette by a combined seven runs.

Gumpf reached the 200 win plateau, again in record time, in the second game of the afternoon against Pittsburgh on April 9, 2006. The Irish made sure the victory would be memorable as they pounded out 21 hits, as a team, to tie the school record. Two Irish players, current senior Stephanie Brown and graduated senior Meagan Ruthrauff, both had four-hit games. Ruthrauff had a slightly more memorable contest, as she set two school records with three home runs and seven runs batted in.

As an assistant coach at Notre Dame from 1998-2001, Gumpf worked with the Irish pitchers and hitters, having a special impact on the Irish hurlers. In all four years, Notre Dame lowered its team ERA and eventually posted a spectacular 0.89 ERA in 2001 (seventh in the nation). Even as the team ERA dropped, the team's batting average rose each season and the Irish have set school records for home runs, batting average, runs and strikeouts thrown with Gumpf on the staff.



She helped several Irish pitchers and hitters land numerous individual honors, including four-time BIG EAST pitcher of the year Jennifer Sharron, two-time BIG EAST pitcher of the year Steffany Stenglein and BIG EAST players of the year Melanie Alkire, Lizzy Lemire, Andrea Loman, Jarrah Myers and Megan Ciolli. Former Irish pitcher Heather Booth was named the league rookie of the year in 2002 and the most outstanding player in 2006 championship.

One of the top recruiters in the nation, Gumpf has brought 23 top players into the program over the last four years and is determined to keep Notre Dame softball among the elite programs in the nation.

Gumpf's teams have also shown a flair for the dramatic and an ability to make clutch plays at key times. During her first season, the Irish faced No. 4 Nebraska during the Cornhuskers dedication game at Bowlin Stadium in Lincoln. Liz Hartmann (2005 graduate) drilled a three-run home run in the top of the sixth inning as the Irish held on for a 3-2 victory.

Other memorable moments in the last few years include the team smashing five home runs in a game for a come-from-behind victory at Louisiana-Lafayette in 2004 (the Ragin' Cajuns would eventually appear in the College World Series), Loman's walk-off home run which enabled the team to capture its second-straight BIG EAST Championship title in 2002 and Hartmann's two-home run performance to defeat No. 8 Nebraska in 2004 at the UNLV Classic. In

The Deanna Gumpf File

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Postseason Play/Notes</u>
Assistant/Pitching Coach					
1997	Long Beach State	44	20	.687	Big West Champions
Assistant/Pitching Coach					
1998	Notre Dame	34	22	.607	BIG EAST South Division Champion
1999	Notre Dame	42	20	.677	BIG EAST Tournament and Regular-Season Champion/NCAA Region No.6 Tournament
2000	Notre Dame	47	14	.770	BIG EAST Tournament and Regular-Season Champion/NCAA Region No.8 Tournament
Associate Head Coach					
2001	Notre Dame	54	7	.885	BIG EAST Regular-Season Champions/NCAA Region No.7 Tournament
Head Coach					
2002	Notre Dame	44	17	.721	BIG EAST Tournament and Regular-Season Champion/NCAA Region No.7 Tournament
2003	Notre Dame	38	17	.667	BIG EAST Tournament and Regular-Season Champion/NCAA Region No.7 Tournament
2004	Notre Dame	49	20	.710	BIG EAST Regular-Season Champion/NCAA Region No.7 Tournament
2005	Notre Dame	46	15	.754	BIG EAST Regular-Season Champion/NCAA Region No.9 Tournament (Host)
2006	Notre Dame	42	21	.670	BIG EAST Tournament Champion/NCAA Region 8 Tournament
Totals		219	90	.708	4 BIG EAST Regular Season Championships, 3 BIG EAST Tournament Titles and 5 NCAA Tournament Appearances

2006, Brown hit a dramatic walk-off two-run home run against No. 10 Arizona State.

Since Gumpf took over the program, the Irish have boasted five All-Americans, 24 first-team all-BIG EAST selections (including a record-tying seven in '04), 10 first-team all-region selections, eight conference major award winners and two players have received Academic All-America recognition. Gumpf and her staff were named the conference coaching staff of the year in 2002 and 2004.

Over the last three years, Gumpf's teams also have set school records for runs (318 in '02), home runs (54 in '02), fielding percentage (.974 in '03), games played (69 in '04), complete games (52 in '04) double plays turned (22 in '04), strikeouts thrown (527 in '05), strikeouts per seven innings (8.74 in '05) and attempted steals (134 in '05).

The La Palma, Calif., native played at Nebraska from 1989-92 while earning a business management degree. Gumpf was an all-Big Eight Conference second-team selection in 1991 and an honorable mention pick in 1989 and 1990.

Even before her success in Lincoln, Gumpf enjoyed an outstanding prep career with Gordon's Panthers, one of the most noteworthy Amateur Softball Association teams in Southern California.

After her collegiate career with Nebraska, Gumpf took a job with Delta Airlines, but the competitive softball bug soon began to bite her once again. She started to give private pitching lessons in the Southern California area and what began as a small side job turned into a

major venture. Soon, Gumpf would have numerous college coaches dialing her number looking for a pitching coach. Ironically, one of the first coaches to call Gumpf was Liz Miller.

Miller and Gumpf discussed the Irish option, but the job never opened and Gumpf would end up as the pitching coach at Long Beach State while working on her master's degree in physical education from Azusa Pacific University.

Two years later, Miller phoned Gumpf again to offer a position, and the future Irish head coach jumped at the chance

"I am a hard worker and my team will be hard workers," Gumpf says

"I want the team to get the job done and that is how I coach. Do whatever it takes to get the job done."

Gumpf and her husband of eight years, John, reside in South Bend with their five-year-old son Brady and nearly year-old daughter Tatum. John was a volunteer assistant coach for the Irish from 1999-2001 and coached high school baseball in Southern California. He spent four years as a professional baseball player in the Minnesota Twins minor-league organization from 1989-94. John spent three seasons working as a volunteer assistant coach and the camp coordinator for the Notre Dame baseball team before accepting the head coaching position at St. Joseph High School in South Bend, Ind. in the fall of 2006.

"Deanna has earned the respect of everyone in softball coaching circles and her contributions to Notre Dame's program are extensive and well documented," Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White says.

"She has a grand design for the future of softball at Notre Dame and we're excited about the opportunity to see her, her staff and her teams make those visions become a reality."

After winning her third BIG EAST tournament championship in 2006, Gumpf was awarded in the summer with a multi-year extension by Notre Dame.

"Over the last five years, she and her staff have done a tremendous job of achieving the goals, she laid out when she was named head coach, White explained. "I'm thrilled that she will remain as our head coach and look forward to watching her teams continue to excel at the national level."



The Gumpf family (from the left): Tatum, Deanna, John and Brady



Kris Ganeff

**Assistant Coach
Sixth Season
Notre Dame '99**

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Kris Ganeff, one of the best all-around catchers in Irish history, begins her sixth year of work with the Irish softball program this season. Prior to the 2006 season she was promoted to the first assistant position with the Irish.

“Moving Kris into the first assistant position was an easy decision because of her coaching strengths and love of the team and University,” head coach Deanna Gumpf says.

“Kris and I complement each other well. We see things from different angles and have the ability to find a common ground. She has a strong desire to see our program get to the highest level possible.

“Kris does a great job of working with the catchers and she along with Lizzy

(Lemire) bring out the best in Notre Dame softball.”

Instrumental in the development of first-team all-BIG EAST honoree Mallorie Lenn in 2004, Ganeff played a key role in the team game plan and preparation of the pitchers and catchers. The 2006 season provided a unique challenge for Ganeff, as she assumed full control over the team during the first three weekends of the season while Gumpf gave birth to her second child, Tatum.

A key member of the 2002 and 2004 BIG EAST Coaching Staffs of the Year, Ganeff works with each player on the Irish roster on hitting and defense.

She has helped the Irish set seven school records since joining the staff. The 2002 team set school mark for runs (318), and home runs (54), the '03 team posted the highest fielding percentage in school history (.974), the '04 group logged a program-best 52 complete games and 22 double plays, and the 2005 team set marks for strikeouts (547) and strikeouts per seven innings (8.74).

Ganeff was drafted by the Virginia Roadsters of the Women's Professional



Softball League following her Notre Dame career in 1999, but the former Irish team MVP and captain chose to continue her career as an assistant coach at UNLV.

Ganeff completed her Notre Dame career by earning all-BIG EAST and all-Mideast Region honors in 1999. She hit a career-high seven home runs in her final season while throwing out 16 runners attempting to steal.

Born March 21, 1977, in Akron, Ohio, Ganeff earned a bachelor's degree in history from Notre Dame in 1999. She is working toward a master's degree from Ball State (expected to be completed in May of 2007). The former Kris McCleary married John Ganeff in December of 2002. The couple have one child, four-year-old Deven May, and reside in South Bend, Ind.



The Ganeff family (from left): Kris, Deven May and John

Assistant Coach



Lizzy Lemire

**Assistant Coach
Second Season
Notre Dame '01**

Lizzy Lemire, the 2001 BIG EAST Player of the Year and former U.S. National Softball Team Member, returned to her alma mater as an assistant coach for the University of Notre Dame softball team in the fall of 2005. An '01 Notre Dame graduate, Lemire was a team captain on the most-successful squad in Irish softball history. As the BIG EAST Player of the Year in '01, Lemire led the Irish to a 54-7 overall record, a No. 7 ranking in the national polls and the program's first number-one seed in the NCAA Championship.

As a senior in '01, Lemire hit .324 (including .383 in BIG EAST play) with 38 RBI, 10 stolen bases and three home runs. She shares the single-season record for doubles (hitting 17 in '99) with current Irish junior Katie Laing. Lemire's career numbers included a .332 average, 28 stolen bases, 126 RBI, nine home runs and 43 doubles, in addition to leaving a legacy as one of the best defensive outfielders in Notre Dame history. Lemire's senior class compiled a .738 winning percentage at Notre Dame (177-63) with two BIG EAST championships, four BIG EAST regular-season titles and three consecutive NCAA regional appearances.

After her graduation from Notre Dame (with a degree in sociology and computer applications) she earned a spot on the U.S.



National Softball Team. Lemire was selected for the USA Red team, which participated in the 2001 U.S. Cup in Hawaii. The USA Red steamrolled the competition with four consecutive victories on the way to earning the tournament title, with significant help from



the Irish alumnus. Lemire contributed an RBI and stolen base in the team's victory over Australia (3-0) in the third round and also went one for two in the gold-medal victory (4-0) over China.

After her time with the U.S. National Team, Lemire returned to Notre Dame as a compliance and business/legal affairs intern in the athletic department from August 2001 through July of 2002. She moved on to the University of Massachusetts as a compliance office graduate assistant, earning a master's degree in sports management in September of 2003. While at UMass, she was a volunteer assistant for the varsity softball team, coordinating team travel and working with the team's outfielders.

In June of 2003, Lemire moved on to Boston College as an intern in the athletic department office. After working through several different projects with the BC development office, Lemire was hired at Stanford University as an Annual Giving Associate in April of 2004.

In her first season back at Notre Dame, Lemire helped the Irish hitters to a collective batting average of .291 and 44 home runs. Lemire also aided current senior outfielder Stephanie Brown to a memorable season that included a unanimous all-

BIG EAST first team selection and a Louisville Slugger/NFCA third-team All-America honor, all while playing centerfield for the first time in her career.



Dawn Austin

*Volunteer Assistant Coach
Penn State '93*



Michael Joseph

*Strength & Conditioning
Fairmont State '99*



Kathy Laguens

*Athletic Trainer
Florida State '02*



Jessica Prina

*Senior Manager
Notre Dame '07*



Tony Yelovich

*Assistant Athletics Director
Tampa '64*



Joe Prisco

*Sports Information
Eastern Illinois '99*



*The 2007 Notre Dame
softball coaching staff
(left to right)
assistant coach Lizzy Lemire,
assistant coach Kris Ganeff,
head coach Deanna Gumpf,
volunteer assistant
coach Dawn Austin.*

TV Roster



Deanna Gumpf

Head Coach
Nebraska '92



Kris Ganeff

Assistant Coach
Notre Dame '99



Lizzy Lemire

Assistant Coach
Notre Dame '01



Dawn Austin

Volunteer
Assistant Coach
Penn State '93



#1 Katie Laing

2B/SS · 5-4
R/R · Jr.
Corona Del Sol
Chandler, Ariz.



#2 Brittany Glynn

OF · 5-3
R/R · Jr.
St. Joseph's
Seymour, Conn.



#3 Heather Johnson

1B/3B · 5-8
R/R · Fr.
Mater Dei
Los Alamitos,
Calif.



#5 Kenya Fuemmeler

P/UT · 5-7
R/R · Sr.
Salisbury
Salisbury, Mo.



#8 Brittney Bargar

P · 5-9
R/R · So.
Corona
Corona, Calif.



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UT · 5-11
L/R · Fr.
Glenbard West
Glendale Hgts., Ill.



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C/OF · 5-6
R/R · Sr.
Northridge
Middlebury, Ind.



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C · 5-7
L/R · So.
Johnston City
Johnston City, Ill.



#14 Beth Northway

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R/R · So.
East Kentwood
Kentwood, Mich.



#16 Ashley Ellis

OF · 5-9
R/R · Fr.
Bledsoe County
Pikesville, Tenn.



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P · 5-8
R/R · So.
Sonora
La Habra, Calif.



#21 Linda Kohan

INF · 5-6
R/R · So.
Westminster
Westminster, Calif.



#24 Stephanie Brown

OF · 5-6
L/R · Sr.
Corona Del Sol
Chandler, Ariz.



#23 Stephanie Mola

OF · 5-5
L/L · So.
St. John Neuman
Naples, Fla.



#27 Carissa Jaquish

C/OF · 5-9
R/R · Jr.
Redlands East
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Calif.



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