

Season in Review



The 2008 edition of the Fighting Irish earned the program's 800th overall win, 200th BIG EAST Conference victory, and advanced Notre Dame to the NCAA Tournament for the 10th time in as many seasons.

Irish Overcome Injuries, Bargar Rewrites Record Books

Midseason surge propels Notre Dame to 10th consecutive NCAA Tournament

The Notre Dame softball program's 20th consecutive winning season was secured with a 38-22-1 record in 2008, which was highlighted by a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Although Notre Dame bowed out of the NCAA Ann Arbor Regional after posting a 1-2 record against the field, the team showed a tremendous amount of resiliency after losing a pair of starters to season-ending injuries and Brittney Bargar shouldered the load from the circle en route to setting several single-season pitching records.

Seven Out of Nine Ain't Bad ...

Seven of Notre Dame's nine starters earned all-league honors at the BIG EAST Conference's annual championship banquet ... the Irish had more selections than any other conference team, trailed by DePaul and South Florida who both placed five on the squad ... Notre Dame placed seven players on the all-conference team in 2004, 2002, 2000 and 1999 ... nine Irish athletes were part of the all-conference teams in 2005 and 2001.

She Can Ball, and She's Smart, Too ...

Second baseman Katie Laing was selected to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V softball team ... Laing graduated with degrees in marketing and psychology.

Strengthening the Strength of Schedule ...

Six teams on Notre Dame's 2008 schedule were crowned champions of their respective conferences: Northwestern (Big Ten), Texas A&M (Big 12), Long Beach (Big West), Florida (Southeastern) and Campbell (Atlantic Sun) ... NCAA Regional opponents Wright State (Horizon) and Kent State (Mid-American) also earned league titles ... of the 64 NCAA Tournament participants, 14 were on the Irish slate: Florida (overall No. 1 seed), South Florida, California, Texas A&M, Louisville, Virginia Tech, Long Beach, Northwestern, DePaul, Campbell, Purdue, CS Fullerton and UCLA.

The South Bend 800 ...

Notre Dame notched the 800th win in program history in a game-one win at Syracuse (May 4) with style ... junior pitcher Brittney Bargar blanked the Orange by tossing the fourth no-hitter of her career and the 35th no-no recorded in 20 seasons of Irish softball.

Launches By Lux ...

Christine Lux slammed a pair of solo homers in game two at Syracuse (May 4) ... her total of 14 in 2008 set a new single-season school record ... Notre Dame led the BIG EAST with 39 overall homers during the regular season, 22 of which were hit in conference games ... Lux had eight round-trippers against league foes, one short of the conference record.

Walk It Out ...

Junior Linda Kohan has found her knack for getting on base with her patience at the plate ... entering the team's conference home opener, she had drawn more walks (20) than hits (19) recorded for an on-base percentage of .412 which led the team.

Senior Salute ...

The Irish said farewell to a pair of four-year players during Senior Day ceremonies held between games with Connecticut (April 27) ... Sarah Smith and Katie Laing helped Notre Dame post a 53-14-1



Sarah Smith, a first team all-NFCA Mid-east Region choice, had a remarkable 2008 campaign by leading the team with a .370 clip and 60 hits. The lefty slapper reached base at a .396 rate and had nine stolen bases. She was the BIG EAST's player of the week on April 28.

(.788) home record over the past four seasons ... the 11-4-1 home record in 2008, aided by a sweep over UConn, secured the 19th overall—and 16th consecutive—season the Irish have won at least 10 home games in a season ... the 1992 team was 9-1-1.

Double Slammy ...

It only took 1,263 at-bats, but Notre Dame finally recorded a grand slam in the 2008 season when Ashley Ellis sent one over the fence in game one against Providence (April 26) ... Notre Dame had hit 31 homers before Ellis' bomb, with only five of those coming with more than one runner on base ... Ellis had five RBI in that contest to set a new career high ... Katie Laing added the second grand slam of the season seven games later with a seventh-inning poke down the right-field line at Syracuse (May 4) ... Laing tied a career high with four RBI in that game against the Orange, a feat she accomplished three times in 2008.

Tale of Three Seasons ...

The 2008 season started with Notre Dame winning seven of its first 15 games ... a 17-2 run soon followed and then Notre Dame went 13-10-1 over the last 24 contests ... the team had winning streaks of seven and eight games, and dropped at least two consecutive games on five occasions.

Where There's a Will, There's a Northway ...

Junior Beth Northway had hits in eight of 10 games from April 20-29 ... three of those games were multi-hit affairs, capped off by a 3-for-3 day at Valparaiso (April 29) ... she batted .367 over that stretch to raise her overall average from .218 to .256.

The Bri Spree ...

Freshman Brianna Jorgensborg had only one multi-hit game through 49 contests heading into an April 26 doubleheader with Providence ... she lit the Friars for two hits in three at-bats, then posted three hits including a home run one day later against UConn (April 27) ... Jorgensborg was also 2-for-3 with two RBI at Valparaiso (April 29).

Laing Hoists Hardware ...

The Notre Dame Athletics Department held the seventh annual O.S.C.A.R.S. (Outstanding Student-Athletes Celebrating Achievements and Recognition Showcase) on April 30, 2008, at the Joyce Center honoring more than 750 Irish student-athletes for their achievements on the field and in the classroom during the 2007-08 school year ... senior Katie Laing was one of six student-athletes that earned the Byron V. Kanaley Award, the most prestigious honor presented to an Irish student-athlete ... the honor has been given each year since 1927 to senior monogram athletes who have been most exemplary as both students and leaders ... chosen by the University's Faculty Board on Athletics, the awards are named in honor of the 1904 Notre Dame graduate who was a member of the baseball team as an undergraduate ... Kanaley went on to a successful banking career in Chicago and served the University as a lay trustee until his death in 1960.

Celebrating Sarah Smith ...

Senior Sarah Smith took home player-of-the-week honors handed out by the BIG EAST Conference on April 29 ... Smith became the second Irish player to win the award as fellow senior Katie Laing racked up a pair of weekly accolades earlier in the year ... in Notre Dame's 5-2-1 outing from April 22-27, Smith recorded four multi-hit games including two three-hit performances ... Smith went 3-for-4 with two runs and one double for a .750 average in

Notre Dame's 4-3, eight-inning win over Loyola-Chicago on April 24 ... she also went 3-for-4 with one run and one RBI in a victory over Connecticut ... for the week, Smith was 14-for-26 (.538) in eight games with seven runs, four stolen bases, two RBI and two doubles along with a sacrifice ... at the time, Smith's overall batting average of .385 ranked third in the league while her .466 clip versus conference foes was the highest of any league player.

When She's On, She's In ...

Freshman Brianna Jorgensborg scored a career-high three runs in game two at Louisville (April 19) but did not register a single hit ... her only hits came from the arms of the Cardinal pitching staff courtesy of two beanballs ... she also drew a walk to put her on base in her first at-bat.

Mother Nature 1, Notre Dame 0 ...

Game two of an April 24 doubleheader with Loyola-Chicago ended in a 2-2 tie when lightning forced an end to the contest ... the Irish had Katie Fleury on first base in the bottom of the seventh with no outs when a bolt flashed over Melissa Cook Stadium ... the tie was just the third in the 1,173 games played in Irish history and the first that did not extend beyond the regulation 7.0 innings ... the last Irish tie came in 1992 when a 6-6 stalemate with Indiana State ended in the 11th inning of an April 28 ballgame.

Gettin' Lucky In Kentucky ...

The April 19 sweep over Louisville snapped a three-game losing streak to the Cardinals and marked the first time Notre Dame has taken a two-game league series from UoFL ... Notre Dame last beat Louisville, 1-0, during a BIG EAST Conference Tournament game in 2006 when the Cardinals were ranked 18th in the nation ... after an Irish loss to the Cardinals in the 2008 conference tournament the all-time series record still favors UoFL, 7-4.

Erin-It-Out ...

Erin Marrone made her debut at catcher against Wisconsin (April 16) and started each of Notre Dame's games since then from behind the plate ... the freshman has also started games for Notre Dame in rightfield and the designated player spot throughout the season ... she finished Notre Dame's game against UC Davis (March 1) at first base when the defensive lineup was shifted due to an injury to Heather Johnson early in the game.

Melissa Cook Stadium Unveiled ...

The rain in the South Bend area may have washed out an April 12 BIG EAST Conference doubleheader between Notre Dame and Rutgers, yet the day may still go down as one of the most significant in Irish history ... Notre Dame unveiled its new playing facility - Melissa Cook Stadium - during a morning ceremony held just outside the complex ... University president Rev. John Jenkins, C.S.C., blessed the site which will house the Irish softball program for years to come, and remarks were given from then-athletics director Dr. Kevin White, head softball coach Deanna Gumpf, senior tri-captain Katie Laing, and benefactors Lisa Hoffman and Paul and Linda Demo ... the Demos, parents of Melissa Cook, also helped bless a bronze relief of the former Irish player that sits just inside the main entrance of the stadium ... areas of the stadium made possible by gifts from the Delahanty and Hoffman families were honored as well.

Four Means More ...

A school-record three home runs in the fourth inning helped Notre Dame overcome a 5-0 deficit to post an 11-5 non-conference win over Wisconsin (April 16) ... the three homers were the most ever for Notre Dame in a single inning as the Irish totaled four homers in the contest, the first time since the team has done so since an April 9 meeting at Pittsburgh in 2006 ... Meagan Ruthrauff had three blasts in that game with Linda Kohan - who tallied a career-high two round-trippers against the Badgers - adding the fourth ... Kohan was joined in the home run department by Katie Fleury and Christine Lux ... Fleury had hit her first career homer - and the first Irish home run in Melissa Cook Stadium - two days earlier against Rutgers (April 14) ... the first bomb of the day for Kohan christened the scoreboard in left-center by leaving a noticeable point of impact.



Just a Couple of Benjamins ...

A win over Villanova (April 13) gave the Notre Dame program its 200th BIG EAST Conference regular-season win ... the Irish are 208-45 (.822) in regular-season games since joining the league ... the program is 272-53 (.837) in overall regular-season conference games, posting a 64-14 (.821) mark as members of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference from 1989-95.

Spin Cycle ...

Sophomore first baseman Christine Lux was battling .182 heading into an April 9 doubleheader against Eastern Michigan ... two games and a few hits later, that average was bumped up to .223, aided especially by a record-setting performance at the plate ... Lux hit for the cycle over the two-game swing, knocking a homer, double and single in game one ... she settled for a triple and one single in the second contest ... Lux tied a school record with seven RBI to open the day, matching Megan Ruthrauff's total from a 2006 conference game at Pittsburgh, which was played exactly two years prior ... though Lux accomplished the feat in an abbreviated five-inning game, seeing the plate only three times ... Ruthrauff had four hits in her five at-bats, including three home runs ... senior Katie Laing totaled seven RBI during Sunday's series at Seton Hall (April 6), with four in game one and three in the capper.

Long, Strong Ivy ...

The home of Notre Dame softball since the program's inception in 1989, Ivy Field saw its final pair of games when the Irish swept Eastern Michigan (April 9) in a non-conference doubleheader ... Notre Dame finished with an all-time record of 288-48-2 (.855) within the friendly confines, including wins in each of the four home games played on its turf in 2008.

The Queens of Queens (N.Y.) ...

Notre Dame stayed flawless against St. John's with a doubleheader sweep on April 5 ... the team is now 26-0 all-time against the Red Storm, but the last two didn't come easy ... the Irish needed all of 12 innings in their 8-4 win to finish the twinbill, which was the largest margin of victory in program history in a game extending past the regulation 7.0 innings ... the last time Notre Dame won in a 12-inning contest was in 1994 when it defeated Indiana on May 20 by a count of 3-1.

A Freshman's First ...

Freshman Jody Valdivia was named the BIG EAST Conference's Pitcher of the Week on March 31 ... the first-year tosser picked up her fifth win of the season by handing No. 17 DePaul a 2-0 defeat in her first career BIG EAST action on March 30 to secure the honor ... the occasion marked the third time in seven weeks that an Irish pitcher has won the award, as Brittney Bargar claimed the accolade twice earlier in the season ... Valdivia (5-4) needed only 10.2 innings of work to pick up two shutout wins ... she dealt DePaul its first regular-season league loss since the 2006 campaign by keeping the Blue Demons at bay with a five-hit effort ... she also limited IUPUI to only three hits without a walk while fanning seven in Notre Dame's home opener on March 26 ... the Anaheim Hills, Calif., native struck out nine batters without allowing a single run over the course of her two outings.

More Than Just Downing DePaul ...

Jody Valdivia and Brittney Bargar teamed to help the Irish defeat No. 17 DePaul to wrap up a March 30 conference doubleheader ... Valdivia got the win and went 5.2 innings and struck out three with Bargar stepping in to finish the final 1.1 frames to earn her first save of the 2008 campaign ... the duo's efforts put an end to DePaul's 25-game regular-season conference winning streak that dated back to April of 2006 ... it was also Notre Dame's first win at DePaul since the 2005 season ... the win also signified the first time that Notre Dame beat an opponent that carried a No. 17 ranking, and was the 16th time the Irish shut out a ranked foe ... Notre Dame has 49 all-time wins against ranked opponents.

BIG EAST Notices Blanking of the Broncos ...

Senior Katie Laing and junior Brittney Bargar found spots on the BIG EAST Conference's weekly honor roll for their efforts against Western Michigan (March 20) ... Bargar tossed a complete-game shutout to give Notre Dame a 2-0 non-conference win against WMU on a cold Michigan afternoon ... Bargar gave up only two hits in 7.0 frames of work and struck out nine Broncos ... she also helped herself by cleanly fielding six grounders for outs ... her only walk of the game came in the bottom of the sixth inning ... senior Katie Laing finished a perfect 2-for-2 at the dish against the Broncos and was the lone player on either team to record more than one hit in the game ... she singled in her first at-bat then belted a solo homer to deep centerfield during her second plate appearance ... it was her second homer of the season, and her 12th knock of the campaign that was good for extra-bases.



Katie Laing tied a career-high with seven assists in the NCAA Regional opener against Kent State. The two-time team captain also set Notre Dame records for career (483) and single-season (159) assists.

She Can Toss It ...

Junior Brittney Bargar was named the BIG EAST Conference's Pitcher of the Week on March 17, claiming the honor for the second time in as many weeks ... Bargar turned in a 0.41 ERA over three appearances at Charleston Southern's Lowcountry Collegiate Softball Invitational to earn a spot on the event's all-tournament team ... she pitched her way to three wins from the circle – including two shutouts – while giving up only 13 hits in 17.1 frames ... Bargar struck out 12 batters over that interval and allowed one earned run ... she allowed only three earned runs for a 0.39 ERA since March 1, covering 11 contests and 53.2 innings of work in that timeframe.

The Lowcountry Lowdown ...

Four wins at the Lowcountry Collegiate Softball Invitational hosted by Charleston Southern highlighted Notre Dame's trip to South Carolina ... Sadie Pitzenberger and Katie Laing both totaled seven hits at the tournament to lead the team ... pitcher Brittney Bargar registered a pair of shutout wins from the circle ... a ten-run third inning gave the Irish a 10-2 win in five innings over host Charleston Southern on Saturday (March 16) ... the Buccaneers took a brief 2-0 lead in the top of the third before the Irish pounded out nine hits in the visitor's half of the frame to post the double-figure total ... Pitzenberger scored twice in the inning ... the Irish registered five consecutive hits at one point during the frame ... during a day-one sweep over Towson and Charleston Southern (March 15), Notre Dame's 23 scores on 25 hits marked the program's highest run total over a two-game stretch since taking a pair of contests from Valparaiso on April 23, 2003, by scores of 11-0 and 15-1 ... Notre Dame totaled a season-high 14 hits in 25 official at-bats in the second game against CSU ... Notre Dame totaled 51 hits (10.2/game) and scored 40 runs (8/game) at the event ... in fact, the squad registered at least 10 hits in three consecutive games over that stretch ... each of the 10 hits against Campbell (March 15) were singles ... Laing had two triples, two doubles and seven RBI at the tournament – including a career-high four RBI against Charleston Southern on opening day ... Christine Lux slammed two homers, and Katie Fleury drove in six scores while adding on five runs herself, finishing with a .657 on-base clip ... Sarah Smith and Ashley Ellis shared for team-bests with a .545 batting average at the five-game invite ... the two shared nearly identical stat lines with a .545 average in 11 at-bats, six hits, one walk, and a .583 on-base percentage ... freshman Shannon Kelly notched the first hit of her career against Towson (March 14).

Tit for Tat ...

Heading into the home conference opener (April 9), Ashley Ellis had 18 hits and had scored 18 times ... Katie Laing took a different approach, racking up 39 RBI on her 39 hits.

California Love ...

The Irish enjoyed a 6-3 mark during its Spring Break trip to the West Coast ... both Katie Fleury and Sadie Pitzenberger registered nine hits over the break to lead the team ... Ashley Ellis totaled two homers to go along with four singles for a .571 slugging percentage ... she also led the team with eight RBI in eight games ... collectively, Notre Dame hit .261 while holding opponents to a .218 mark ... the pitching corps posted a 1.07 ERA over 59.0 innings.

Twice the Fun ...

Two doubles by Katie Laing highlighted her 3-for-4 day at the plate and gave the senior the program's all-time career record by bringing her two-bagger total to 50 during Notre Dame's win at UC Riverside (March 4) ... her record-setting double in the fifth inning traveled to left-center to score Beth Northway ... Laing also led the team with three RBI against the Aggies.

Pound Town ...

Notre Dame racked UC Davis pitcher Jessica Hancock for 13 hits in its 6-5 win on March 1 ... at the time, the season-high hit total signified the most knocks Notre Dame had recorded in a game since it registered 16 against Syracuse on April 1, 2007 ... each Irish batter recorded at least one hit in the game ... Sadie Pitzenberger, Sarah Smith, Beth Northway, and Ashley Ellis each punched in multi-hit efforts at the plate ... Ellis – who screamed a homer over the leftfield fence that exited the park in a flash – also drove in a career-high four runs.

With Honors ...

Junior Brittney Bargar was named the BIG EAST Conference's Pitcher of the Week on March 10 ... the Corona, Calif., native made five appearances for the Irish from March 1-9, logging 25.1 innings of work while posting a 0.55 ERA over that stretch ... during that time she fanned 21 batters, issued three walks, and gave up only two earned runs ... Bargar tossed a one-hitter against Long Beach State (March 7) but did not get the run support needed to earn the win in Notre Dame's 1-0 loss ... one day later she out-duced No. 24 Virginia Tech and its ace pitcher, Angela Tincher, by giving up only one run on six hits with four strikeouts in the winning effort ... she also checked in for the Irish against No. 2 UCLA to turn in a shutout relief performance.

Fallen Ranks ...

Notre Dame earned its first win over a ranked opponent in 2008 when it topped No. 24 Virginia Tech, 2-1 ... previous attempts to upset foes in the top-25 faltered during battles with No. 3 Texas A&M (L, 1-4), No. 7 Florida (L, 2-3 / 2-5), and No. 2 UCLA (L, 2-3).

Laing Shines In Homecoming ...

Senior second baseman Katie Laing earned the first BIG EAST Conference Softball Player of the Week honor for the 2008 season (Feb. 18) ... Laing, a native of Tempe, Ariz., recorded a team-best batting average (.429), slugging percentage (.714), on-base percentage (.500) and RBI total (4) over the four-game stretch ... she totaled 10 bases on the weekend and had multi-hit performances in the 6-5 loss to Western Kentucky and the 4-3 win over California in front of her hometown crowd ... against the Golden Bears, Laing recorded a two-run homer to put Notre Dame on the board early in the contest, and then knocked a walk-off double to drive in the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Bend It Like Bargar ...

Junior Brittney Bargar made three appearances and logged 18.1 innings of work and posted a 1.91 ERA for Notre Dame during the Kajikawa Classic to earn a seat on the BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 18) ... she struck out 23 batters over that stretch and earned two wins while giving up only nine hits through three games ... Bargar helped the Irish to a comeback win over California after punching in 4.1 innings of relief time and gave up only two hits without a run ... she also held No. 3 Texas A&M to only four hits in a complete-game effort ... she opened the season against Utah with a 6-2 win, limiting the Utes to only three hits.

First Time for Everything ...

For the first time in Notre Dame history, the Irish scored four runs in a season's opening inning when they accomplished the feat in the top of the first against Utah (Feb. 15) ... the previous record of three was set against Indiana in the 1990 season opener ... the four-run output in a single inning was the team's first since they racked up five scores in the top of the third against No. 12 DePaul (May 11) at the 2007 BIG EAST Tournament ... five freshmen earned starting nods at some point during the Kajikawa Classic ... Ashley Ellis' first career homerun – a deep solo shot to center – came during the seventh inning to wrap up Notre Dame's scoring against the Utes ... in her first career at-bat, freshman Brianna Jorgensborg laced a three-RBI double down the rightfield line.

Multi-Tasking ...

Both Sadie Pitzenberger and Katie Laing registered a pair of multi-hit efforts during the Kajikawa Classic ... Laing had two hits against both California and Western Kentucky ... in her first collegiate contest, Pitzenberger lit Utah for three hits and snagged a pair of doubles against the Hilltoppers ... four players – Pitzenberger, Laing, Heather Johnson, and Brianna Jorgensborg – had multi-RBI performances over the four-game stretch as well.

Take a Load Off ...

It's great to open a fresh season with a win, and head coach Deanna Gumpf has now done that on three occasions in seven tries with the Irish following a 6-2 triumph over Utah ... Gumpf's first career game as Notre Dame's head coach was against the top-ranked team in the nation ... Notre Dame fell in that duel to No. 1 Arizona, 3-0, in Tucson during the Arizona Pepsi Classic in 2002.

2008 Final Results

Overall record: 38-22-1 (.631)
 Home: 11-4-1 / Away: 15-11 / Neutral: 12-7
 BIG EAST Conference: 14-8

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Innings	Pitcher (record)	Attendance	Time
!Feb. 15, 2008	vs Utah	W	6-2	7	Bargar (W, 1-0)	189	2:23
!Feb. 16, 2008	vs Western Kentucky	L	5-6	7	Valdivia (L, 0-1)	215	2:06
!Feb. 16, 2008	vs #3 Texas A&M	L	1-4	7	Bargar (L, 1-1)	255	1:59
!Feb. 17, 2008	vs California	W	4-3	7	Bargar (W, 2-1)	397	2:19
@Feb. 22, 2008	vs Gardner-Webb	L	2-3	7	Valdivia (L, 0-2)	122	1:41
@Feb. 22, 2008	vs North Florida	W	1-0	7	Bargar (W, 3-1)	210	1:53
@Feb. 23, 2008	at #7 Florida	L	2-3	7	Bargar (L, 3-2)	317	1:34
@Feb. 23, 2008	vs North Florida	W	1-0	7	Valdivia (W, 1-2)	310	1:57
@Feb. 24, 2008	at #7 Florida	L	2-5	7	Bargar (L, 3-3)	840	2:02
#March 1, 2008	vs Pacific	W	11-3	5	Bargar (W, 4-3)	341	1:30
#March 1, 2008	vs UC Davis	W	6-5	7	Bargar (W, 5-3)	336	2:12
#March 2, 2008	at CS Fullerton	L	0-1	7	Bargar (L, 5-4)	881	1:40
March 4, 2008	at UC Riverside	W	8-2	7	Bargar (W, 6-4)	137	2:00
\$March 7, 2008	vs #2 UCLA	L	2-3	7	Valdivia (L, 1-3)	342	2:08
\$March 7, 2008	vs Long Beach State	L	0-1	7	Bargar (L, 6-5)	289	1:42
\$March 8, 2008	vs #24 Virginia Tech	W	2-1	7	Bargar (W, 7-5)	224	1:36
\$March 8, 2008	vs CS Fullerton	W	1-0	7	Valdivia (W, 2-3)	266	1:48
\$March 9, 2008	vs CS Northridge	W	3-1	7	Bargar (W, 8-5)	189	1:43
%March 14, 2008	vs Towson	W	7-0	7	Bargar (W, 9-5)	101	1:47
%March 14, 2008	at Charleston Southern	W	16-2	5	Valdivia (W, 3-3)	110	1:43
%March 15, 2008	vs Campbell	W	5-0	7	Bargar (W, 10-5)	114	2:02
%March 15, 2008	vs Towson	L	2-6	7	Valdivia (L, 3-4)	166	1:54
%March 15, 2008	at Charleston Southern	W	10-2	5	Bargar (W, 11-5)	184	1:34
March 20, 2008	at Western Michigan	W	2-0	7	Bargar (W, 12-5)	267	1:45
March 26, 2008	IUPUI	W	8-0	5	Valdivia (W, 4-4)	210	1:31
*March 30, 2008	at #17 DePaul	L	1-2	7	Bargar (L, 12-6)	-	1:43
*March 30, 2008	at #17 DePaul	W	2-0	7	Valdivia (W, 5-4)	305	2:04
April 2, 2008	TOLEDO	W	2-1	7	Bargar (W, 13-6)	110	1:29
*April 5, 2008	at St. John's	W	5-0	7	Bargar (W, 14-6)	-	1:34
*April 5, 2008	at St. John's	W	8-4	12	Bargar (W, 15-6)	137	2:19
*April 6, 2008	at Seton Hall	W	12-1	5	Bargar (W, 16-6)	-	1:53
*April 6, 2008	at Seton Hall	W	6-2	7	Bargar (W, 17-6)	116	1:40
April 9, 2008	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	10-1	5	Bargar (W, 18-6)	-	1:45
April 9, 2008	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W	5-1	7	Valdivia (W, 6-4)	267	2:01
*April 13, 2008	VILLANOVA	L	1-4	7	Bargar (L, 18-7)	-	2:05
*April 13, 2008	VILLANOVA	W	10-5	7	Bargar (W, 19-7)	339	2:36
*April 14, 2008	RUTGERS	W	1-0	7	Bargar (W, 20-7)	-	1:32
*April 14, 2008	RUTGERS	L	4-5	7	Valdivia (L, 6-5)	90	1:55
April 15, 2008	at #13 Northwestern	L	0-5	7	Bargar (L, 20-8)	312	1:49
April 16, 2008	WISCONSIN	W	11-5	7	Bargar (W, 21-8)	205	2:14
*April 19, 2008	at Louisville	W	3-1	8	Bargar (W, 22-8)	-	1:52
*April 19, 2008	at Louisville	W	12-4	5	Valdivia (W, 7-5)	315	1:28
*April 20, 2008	at South Florida	L	2-5	7	Bargar (L, 22-9)	-	1:45
*April 20, 2008	at South Florida	L	4-8	7	Valdivia (L, 7-6)	296	2:30
April 22, 2008	at Purdue	L	0-1	7	Bargar (L, 22-10)	-	1:40
April 22, 2008	at Purdue	W	3-1	7	Valdivia (W, 8-6)	88	1:59
April 24, 2008	LOYOLA	W	4-3	8	Bargar (W, 23-10)	-	1:59
April 24, 2008	LOYOLA	T	2-2	7	none	526	2:02
*April 26, 2008	PROVIDENCE	W	10-1	5	Bargar (W, 24-10)	-	1:19
*April 26, 2008	PROVIDENCE	L	3-5	7	Valdivia (L, 8-7)	305	1:58
*April 27, 2008	UCONN	W	8-5	7	Bargar (W, 25-10)	-	1:43
*April 27, 2008	UCONN	W	3-2	7	Bargar (W, 26-10)	402	1:34
April 29, 2008	at Valparaiso	W	6-0	7	Bargar (W, 27-10)	156	1:36
*May 3, 2008	at Pittsburgh	W	1-0	7	Bargar (W, 28-10)	-	1:45
*May 3, 2008	at Pittsburgh	L	2-4	7	Bargar (L, 28-11)	56	1:26
*May 4, 2008	at Syracuse	W	8-0	7	Bargar (W, 29-11)	-	1:23
*May 4, 2008	at Syracuse	L	7-8	7	Bargar (L, 29-12)	410	1:39
^May 8, 2008	at Louisville	L	1-3	7	Bargar (L, 29-13)	693	1:28
&May 16, 2008	vs Kent State	W	9-1	6	Bargar (W, 30-13)	2383	1:31
&May 17, 2008	#6 Michigan	L	0-8	5	Bargar (L, 30-14)	2788	1:23
&May 17, 2008	vs Kent State	L	6-7	8	Bargar (L, 30-15)	2058	2:12

! - Kajikawa Classic (Tempe, Ariz.) / @ - Aquafina Invitational (Gainesville, Fla.) / # - Worth Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)

\$ - Long Beach State Invitational (Long Beach, Calif.) / % - Lowcountry Collegiate Softball Invitational (Charleston, S.C.)

^ - BIG EAST Conference Tournament (Louisville, Ky.) / & - NCAA Regional Tournament (Ann Arbor, Mich.) / * - BIG EAST Conference game



2008 Final Statistics

Offense

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT
Sarah Smith	.370	59-56	162	32	60	6	0	0	14	66	.407	5	2	25	0	.396	0	13	9-10
Sadie Pitzenberger	.343	31-31	105	23	36	5	1	0	10	43	.410	4	2	9	0	.378	0	2	10-15
Linda Kohan	.302	60-60	149	23	45	8	0	6	31	71	.477	39	4	19	1	.456	1	8	2-2
Katie Fleury	.295	61-61	176	44	52	7	3	4	26	77	.438	31	5	33	1	.415	0	9	10-10
Ashley Ellis	.278	60-57	158	26	44	4	0	7	29	69	.437	12	9	50	0	.363	0	3	5-7
Christine Lux	.277	59-59	166	33	46	8	2	15	42	103	.620	16	10	50	0	.373	1	3	2-3
Katie Laing	.263	61-61	190	31	50	11	3	7	50	88	.463	14	1	26	0	.317	0	8	5-8
Brianna Jorgensborg	.256	61-52	129	20	33	2	0	2	13	41	.318	10	4	26	0	.326	1	3	3-5
Beth Northway	.246	58-45	142	18	35	8	0	0	12	43	.303	2	2	16	0	.267	0	6	5-5
Erin Marrone	.196	55-48	138	16	27	5	0	0	10	32	.232	5	1	21	1	.228	1	3	6-7

Heather Johnson	.250	11-11	24	2	6	1	0	1	8	10	.417	5	0	7	0	.355	2	1	0-0
Stephanie Mola	.200	22-0	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	0	1	1	0	.333	0	1	2-2
Shannon Kelly	.192	17-8	26	1	5	2	0	0	2	7	.269	5	0	7	1	.323	0	0	0-0
Christine Farrell	.000	16-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1
Jody Valdivia	.000	26-22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0
Brittney Bargar	.000	54-39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0

Notre Dame	.280	61-61	1570	279	440	67	9	42	247	651	.415	148	41	290	4	.356	6	60	60-75
Opponents	.210	61-61	1511	158	317	52	4	20	133	437	.289	126	27	375	7	.282	2	42	51-60

Pitching

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Brittney Bargar	1.47	30-15	54	39	32	8/2	2	291.1	209	93	61	75	244	28	2	9	1070	.195	15	12	1	0	28
Jody Valdivia	3.13	8-7	26	22	7	3/1	0	109.2	107	65	49	48	129	24	2	11	427	.251	6	15	0	2	14

Christine Farrell	0.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/1	0	4.0	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	14	.071	0	0	0	0	0

Notre Dame	1.90	38-22	61	61	39	13/2	2	405.0	317	158	110	126	375	52	4	20	1511	.210	21	27	1	2	42
Opponents	3.77	22-38	61	61	33	5/0	4	396.0	440	279	213	148	289	67	9	42	1567	.281	27	41	0	6	60

Season Bests (individual)

At bats	7	Sadie Pitzenberger vs. St. John's (4.5)	Sac hits	2	twice, last by Sarah Smith vs. Louisville (4.19)
Runs scored	3	seven times, last by Katie Fleury vs. Kent State (5.16)	Sac flies.....	2	Heather Johnson vs. Pacific (3.1)
Hits	4	Ashley Ellis vs. Seton Hall (4.6)	Stolen bases.....	3	Sadie Pitzenberger vs. Utah (2.15)
RBI.....	7	Christine Lux vs. Eastern Michigan (4.9)	Hit by pitch.....	2	Brianna Jorgensborg vs. Louisville (4.19)
Doubles	2	four times, last by Christine Lux vs. Purdue (4.22)	Putouts	9	Christine Lux vs. UConn (4.27)
Triples	1	nine times, last by Katie Fleury vs. Kent State (5.16)	Assists	7	five times, last by Katie Laing vs. Kent State (5.16)
Home runs.....	2	three times, last by Christine Lux vs. Syracuse (5.4)	Innings pitched.....	8.0	twice, last by Brittney Bargar vs. Loyola (4.24)
Total bases	9	Linda Kohan vs. Wisconsin (Apr 16, 2008)	Strikeouts	14	Jody Valdivia vs. Eastern Michigan (4.9)
Walks.....	2	22 times, last by Linda Kohan vs. Kent State (5.16)			

Final Statistics / BIG EAST

Season Bests (team)

At bats	49	vs. St. John's (4.5)
Runs scored.....	16	vs. Charleston Southern (3.14)
Hits.....	14	vs. Charleston Southern (3.14)
RBI	15	vs. Charleston Southern (3.14)
Doubles	3	vs. St. John's (4.5)
Triples.....	2	vs. Charleston Southern (3.15)
Home runs	4	vs. Wisconsin (4.16)
Total bases.....	25	vs. Wisconsin (4.16)
Walks	7	vs. Villanova (4.13)
Strikeouts.....	13	twice, last vs. Northwestern (4.15)
Sac hits	3	five times, last vs. Providence (4.26)
Sac flies.....	2	vs. Pacific (3.1)
Stolen bases.....	5	vs. St. John's (4.5)
Hit by pitch.....	4	vs. Louisville (4.19)
Caught stealing.....	2	vs. Syracuse (5.4)
Runners LOB	13	vs. St. John's (4.5)
Hit into DP	2	twice, last vs. South Florida (4.20)
Putouts	36	vs. St. John's (4.5)
Assists.....	18	twice, last vs. UConn (4.27)
Errors.....	5	vs. Pacific (3.1)
Passed balls.....	2	vs. Purdue (4.22)
DPs turned	1	18 times, last vs. Kent State (5.17)
Innings pitched	12.0	vs. St. John's (4.5)
Runs allowed.....	8	three times, last vs. Michigan (5.17)
Earned runs	7	twice, last vs. Kent State (5.17)
Walks allowed	7	vs. St. John's (4.5)
Strikeouts.....	17	vs. St. John's (4.5)
Hits allowed.....	10	twice, last vs. Michigan (5.17)
Doubles allowed	4	twice, last vs. Towson (5.15)
Triples allowed.....	1	four times, last vs. Michigan (5.17)
Homers allowed.....	2	four times, last vs. Kent State (5.17)
Wild pitches	3	twice, last vs. Kent State (5.17)
Hit batters.....	4	vs. Rutgers (4.14)

Fielding

Player	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DPs	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
Erin Marrone	143	128	15	0	1.000	0	24	2	.923	11	0
Christine Farrell	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Christine Lux	490	463	24	3	.994	12	0	0	---	0	0
Sadie Pitzenberger	226	210	12	4	.982	0	15	5	.750	5	1
Katie Laing	266	100	159	7	.974	8	0	0	---	0	0
Shannon Kelly	75	69	4	2	.973	0	12	2	.857	5	1
Heather Johnson	33	26	6	1	.970	1	0	0	---	0	0
Brittney Bargar	119	5	109	5	.958	1	41	7	.854	0	0
Brianna Jorgensborg	41	37	1	3	.927	0	0	0	---	0	0
Linda Kohan	165	46	106	13	.921	5	0	0	---	0	0
Sarah Smith	45	37	3	5	.889	2	0	0	---	0	0
Katie Fleury	198	66	109	23	.884	11	0	0	---	0	0
Ashley Ellis	37	27	5	5	.865	0	0	0	---	0	0
Jody Valdivia	14	1	10	3	.786	0	10	2	.833	0	0
Stephanie Mola	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Beth Northway	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Notre Dame	1854	1215	565	74	.960	18	51	9	.850	21	2
Opponents	1780	1191	515	74	.958	14	60	15	.800	18	1

2008 BIG EAST Final Standings

Team	BIG EAST			Overall		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
USF	16	4	.800	44	20	.688
DePaul	16	6	.727	51	18	.739
Connecticut	13	7	.650	28	22	.560
Notre Dame	14	8	.636	38	22	.631
Louisville	12	8	.600	31	23	.574
Syracuse	12	10	.545	21	32	.396
Pittsburgh	12	10	.545	31	25	.554
Providence	8	12	.400	25	25	.500
Villanova	7	15	.318	21	29	.422
Rutgers	7	15	.318	23	32	.418
Seton Hall	6	16	.273	20	33	.377
St. John's	5	17	.227	20	35	.364

* DePaul won the BIG EAST Championship

** USF was the BIG EAST regular-season champion

*** USF, DePaul, Notre Dame and Louisville received bids to the NCAA Tournament

All-BIG EAST First Team

Brittney Bargar, Notre Dame, Jr., P

Samantha Card, Pittsburgh, Jr., C

Jessica Dignon, Pittsburgh, Sr., 3B

Kit Dumbar, USF Sr., OF

Allie Gendron, Connecticut, Sr., DP

Britta Giddens, USF, Jr., SS/2B

Becca Heteniak, DePaul, So., P

Jillian Ortega, Connecticut, Jr., IF

Amber Patton, DePaul, Jr., 3B

Sarah Smith, Notre Dame, Sr., OF

Micah Truax, Connecticut, Jr., OF*

Sandy Vojik, DePaul, Sr., Utility

* - unanimous selection

All-BIG EAST Second Team

Capri Catalano, USF Fr., P

Ashley Ellis, Notre Dame, So., OF

Lauren Frankiewicz, DePaul, Jr., DP

Amanda Heller, Rutgers, Jr., OF

Brianna Jorgensborg, Notre Dame, Fr., OF

Amy Kelley, Syracuse, Jr., C

Jamie Kelling, Syracuse, Jr., 2B/SS

Jojo Medina, USF, So., 1B

Courtney Mosch, USF, Sr., Utility

Sarah Totten, Louisville, Sr., 1B

Kristen Wadwell, Louisville, So., P

Kealan Waldron, Seton Hall, Jr., 1B/3B

All-BIG EAST Third Team

Jenna Best, Seton Hall, Sr., OF

Jackie Dempsey, Villanova, Sr., Utility

Katie Fleury, Notre Dame, Fr., 2B/SS

Linda Kohan, Notre Dame, Jr., IF

Christine Lux, Notre Dame, So., IF

Melissa Roth, Louisville, So., C

Kassie Stanfill II, Louisville, Jr., OF

Tara Voss, DePaul, Fr., 2B/SS

Colby Wherry, Louisville, Fr., IF

Kayla Zinger, Pittsburgh, So., P

2008 BIG EAST Championship

All-Tournament Team

Capri Catalano, USF Fr., P

Danielle Del Ponte, Connecticut, Jr., C

Allie Gendron, Connecticut, Sr., DP

Britta Giddens, USF, Jr., 2B

Becca Heteniak, DePaul, So., P*

Courtney Mosch, USF Sr., P

Amber Patton, DePaul, Jr., 3B

Kassie Stanfill II, Louisville, Jr., OF

Kristen Wadwell, Louisville, So., P

Jackie Tarulli-Fisher, DePaul, Jr., C

Aya Nakajima, USF, Sr., OF

Alex Morocco, DePaul, Fr., OF

* - BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player



2008 Individual Honors & Awards

Brittney Bargar (Jr., Pitcher)

Lowcountry Collegiate Invitational
All-Tournament Team

BIG EAST Honor Roll

(Feb. 18, March 24)

BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week

(March 10, March 17, April 7)

First Team All-BIG EAST Conference

Second Team All-NFCA Midwest Region

Ashley Ellis (So., Outfield)

Second Team All-BIG EAST Conference

Katie Fleury (Fr., Shortstop)

Third Team All-BIG EAST Conference

Brianna Jorgensborg (Fr., Outfield)

Second Team All-BIG EAST Conference

Linda Kohan (Jr., Third Base)

Third Team All-BIG EAST Conference

Katie Laing (Sr., Second Base)

BIG EAST Honor Roll (March 24)

BIG EAST Player of the Week (Feb. 18, April 7)

Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne

Student-Athlete Award

Notre Dame Athletics Academic Honors

Faculty Mentoring Participant

Notre Dame Athletics Byron Kanaley Leadership Award

First Team Academic All-District V

(ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA)

Christine Lux (So., First Base)

Third Team All-BIG EAST Conference

Sarah Smith (Sr., Outfield)

BIG EAST Player of the Week (April 28)

First Team All-BIG EAST Conference

First Team All-NFCA Midwest Region

Jody Valdivia (Fr., Pitcher)

BIG EAST Pitcher of the
Week (March 31)

Brittney Bargar



Ashley Ellis



Katie Fleury



Brianna Jorgensborg



Linda Kohan



Katie Laing



Christine Lux



Sarah Smith



Jody Valdivia

Graduated Seniors



Katie Laing

#1

Second Base
5-4 • R / R
Tempe, Ariz.
Corona del Sol

AS A SENIOR (2008): Arguably one of the best middle infielders in Irish history ... team co-captain ... winner of Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph County Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award ... her 159 assists in 2008 set the program's single-season record ... she is first all-time in career assists with 483 ... her 55 doubles ranks first all-time as well ... 10th all-time with 16 home runs ... sixth in the books with 133 RBI ... first team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V honoree ... one of six Notre Dame student-athletes that earned the Byron V. Kanaley Award, the most prestigious honor presented to an Irish student-athlete ... earned the first BIG EAST Conference Softball player of the week honor for the 2008 season (Feb. 18) ... goes down in Irish history as the first player to record a hit and drive in a run at Melissa Cook Stadium, doing so against Villanova (April 13) ... recorded a team-best batting average (.429), slugging percentage (.714), on-base percentage (.500) and RBI total (4) over the four-game stretch at the Kajikawa Classic (Feb. 15-17) ... totaled 10 bases at the tournament and had multi-hit performances in a 6-5 loss to Western Kentucky (Feb. 16) and a 4-3 win over California (Feb. 17) in front of her hometown crowd ... against the Golden Bears, she recorded a two-run homer to put Notre Dame on the board early in the contest, and then knocked a walk-off double to drive in the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning ... two doubles highlighted her 3-for-4 day at the plate and gave her the program's all-time career record by bringing her two-bagger total to 50 during Notre Dame's win at UC Riverside (March 4) ... her record-setting double in the fifth inning traveled to left-center to score Beth Northway ... Laing also led the team with three RBI against the Aggies ... had two triples, two doubles and seven RBI at the Lowcountry Collegiate Softball Invitational (March 14-15), including four RBI against Charleston Southern on the tournament's opening day ... part of the league's weekly honor roll after finishing a perfect 2-for-2 at the dish against Western Michigan (March 18) and was the lone



player on either team to record more than one hit in the game ... she singled in her first at-bat then belted a solo homer to deep centerfield during her second plate appearance ... copped the conference's player of the week award on April 17, the same week Brittney Bargar was tagged the league's top pitcher... it was the only time during the season that two teammates swept the awards ... she earned the honor for the second time with an explosive offensive output that helped Notre Dame improve to 22-10 overall and 5-1 in BIG EAST play ... went 10-for-19 with 13 RBI, five runs, four home runs and one double for a .526 batting average and a 1.211 slugging percentage from April 2-6 ... also snagged two stolen bases ... she had four multi-hit and multi-RBI games on the week, including two homers and two RBI in a 12-1 win at Seton Hall (April 6) ... she was a perfect 3-for-3 from the plate in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Toledo (April 2), slamming one home run and one double for two RBI and a run scored ... as of April 10, 19 of her 39 hits had gone for extra-bases ... her 10 doubles, three triples, and six homers steered her towards a .676 slugging percentage ... at the time the mark ranked as the highest single-season average in school history, standing on top of Melanie Alkire's .665 mark set in 2000 ... heading into the home conference opener (April 9) she had racked up 39 RBI on 39 hits ... closed out her home career with a hit and two runs scored against Connecticut (April 27) ... helped Notre Dame post a 53-14-1 (.788) home record in her four seasons ... the 11-3-1 home record in 2008, aided by a sweep over UConn, secured the 19th overall - and 16th consecutive - season the Irish have won at least 10 home games in a season ... seven games after Ashley Ellis belted the first Irish grand slam of the season, Laing added the second slam with a seventh-inning poke down the rightfield line at Syracuse (May 4) ... had 50 hits and 50 RBI in her final season ... hit .263 and scored 31 runs ... totaled 11 doubles, three triples and seven home runs ... boasted a .463 slugging percentage ... stole five bases.

ASA JUNIOR (2007): One of three team captains ... moved back to natural shortstop position ... second team all-BIG EAST selection ... had a pair of four-game hit streaks and a season-best five-gamer from

April 17-April 21 ... third on the team with 43 hits ... second with 11 doubles and 26 RBI ... had 60 total bases with a .375 slugging percentage ... helped glove nine double-plays ... swiped six stolen bases ... 11 multi-hit contests ... finished the season with a pair of sacrifice flies and six sacrifice bunts ... went 1-for-3 with a run scored and walk in the season opener against Auburn (Feb. 16) ... 1-for-2 with two RBI and a run scored against No. 9 Oklahoma (Feb. 23) ... 1-for-3 against No. 17 California (Feb. 23) ... 2-for-4 with an RBI against UNLV (Feb. 24) ... her RBI-single in the eighth inning plated the game-winning run against the Runnin' Rebels ... tallied an RBI, scored a run, and stole a base against Jacksonville (March 2) ... scored a run and stole a base against Virginia (March 3) ... drove in the game-winning run with a double against Eastern Kentucky (March 11) ... had a 2-for-3 afternoon with two runs scored as the leadoff batter against Fresno State at the Judi Garman Classic (March 16) ... walked and scored a run against No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette (March 16) ... hit a double and drove in the winning run against IUPUI (March 22) ... finished 2-for-5 with a double, two RBI - including the game-winner - and scored once during a March 24 doubleheader against St. John's ... 3-for-6 with two runs scored, one stolen base and two RBI in the twinbill with Seton Hall (March 25) ... had a single and scored the game-tying run against Toledo (March 29) ... the Irish would go on to win the contest by a 4-1 margin ... had two hits, crossed the plate and accounted for an RBI when the Irish took two games from Pittsburgh (March 31) ... 4-for-7 with two runs scored, an RBI and a double over a two-game sweep versus Syracuse (April 1) ... in the opening game of the doubleheader with the Orange, she notched the first of her two three-hit games on the season ... drove in the game-winning run in the first of two games against Providence (April 14) with a double ... also scored a run against the Friars ... went 4-for-6 with four runs scored, a double, a home run and four RBI in helping Notre Dame sweep Western Michigan (April 17) ... had a 3-for-4 game with three RBI and three runs scored in



the first game against the Broncos ... left the field 1-for-3 after driving in the game-winner against Ball State (April 18) ... doubled, drove in a run and scored once against Valparaiso (April 19) ... wrapped up the stat line with a 3-for-7 performance across a two-game stretch with an RBI and stolen base against South Florida (April 22) ... 1-for-2 with a home run, two RBI, two runs scored and two walks against Loyola (May 1) ... had three hits in the doubleheader sweep of Rutgers (May 5) ... collected two hits, two RBI and two walks in the two games against Villanova (May 6) ... had two hits and a double against No. 25 Illinois State (May 18) in the NCAA Tournament, then scored twice after knocking two hits one day later against Wright State (May 19).

AS A SOPHOMORE (2006): A second-team all-BIG EAST performer ... started all 63 games for the Irish ... third on team in sacrifice bunts (8) and stolen bases (8) ... had a team-high 205 at-bats ... on opening day, finished 2-for-2 with a run scored and one stolen base against BYU (Feb. 17) ... ended up 2-for-4 with a run scored and a double against UNLV (Feb. 18) ... crushed her first home run of the season against Cal State Fullerton (Feb. 19) ... also went 2-for-3 with an RBI against Florida International (Feb. 24) ... 2-for-3 with a double against No. 10 Arizona State (March 16) ... finished 1-for-3 with a two-run home run against No. 4 Texas (March 18) at the Judi Garman Classic ... 2-for-3 with a double, triple and three RBI in game one of an April 1 doubleheader with Connecticut ... the Irish would go on to blank UConn, 9-0 ... drove in three runs and finished 2-for-3 in game two vs. Providence (April 2) ... 3-for-5 with a run scored in the doubleheader vs. Eastern Michigan (April 4) ... 2-for-5 in game two at Syracuse (April 8), including two doubles and one RBI ... doubled to lead off the top of the 10th inning against the Orange then scored the game-winning run on teammate Carissa Jaquish's home run ... finished 2-for-5 with a run scored in game two at Pittsburgh (April 9) ... 2-for-3 with a two RBI, a triple and a double vs. Ball State (April 11) in Notre Dame's 6-0 win ... chipped in two hits and an RBI in a doubleheader sweep of DePaul (April 13) ... 1-for-3 with a double and RBI against Toledo (April 19) ... moved to the top of the lineup to sub for lead-off hitter Stephanie Brown in an April 23 date with Rutgers, and ended up 3-for-3 in game two against the Scarlet Knights with two doubles and two runs scored ... doubled in both of her first two at-bats against Valparaiso (April 27), driving in three runs and finishing the game 2-for-4 ... 3-for-4 with three singles and a run scored in game one at South Florida (April 29) ... 2-for-4 with an RBI single and a run scored in game two against the Bulls ... 1-for-4 with an RBI single in game two at No. 21 Louisville (May 1) ... finished 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI double vs. Loyola (May 2) ... cranked a three-run home run in the first inning of game one at Seton Hall (May 6), highlighting a 2-for-4 effort in the 4-3 Irish victory ... 2-for-3 with an RBI-double against Pittsburgh (May 14) in the BIG EAST Tournament ... 2-for-4 with an RBI and two runs scored against Southern Illinois (May 20) in the NCAA Tournament ... had a pair of hits, two RBI and a run scored in the NCAA Tournament season

finale against No. 11 Northwestern (May 21).

AS A FRESH-MAN (2005): Started 59 of 61 games for the Irish ... began the year as the starting shortstop, but eventually developed into the team's top glove at second base ... earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors after torching conference pitchers for 15 RBI, three homers and a .333 batting average ... her overall numbers also earned her NFCA All-Mideast Region second team accolades ... tied current Irish assistant coach Lizzy Lemire's Notre Dame record for doubles in a season with 17 ... 2-for-2 with a double and run scored in Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Seton Hall (May 14) in the BIG EAST Tournament ... 2-for-3 with two runs scored in game two of a May 1 doubleheader versus Syracuse ... 2-for-3 with two RBI and a double in the first of two games with St. John's (April 22) ... drove in Megan Ruthrauff with an RBI-double in Notre Dame's 2-1 extra-inning victory in game one at DePaul (April 19) ... her third consecutive game-winning hit came in the eighth inning of game two with UConn (April 17), driving in Megan Ciolli with a double to center field ... ended 2-for-2 with two doubles, an RBI and run scored against the Huskies in the nightcap ... before that contest, she posted another game-winning hit with a solo home run to lead off the second inning in game one at Connecticut, keying Notre Dame's 2-0 victory ... hit the game-winning double in the top of the seventh at Providence (April 16) to complete Notre Dame's come-from-behind victory ... 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI in game two at Pittsburgh (April 9) ... launched her second home run of the year in game one at Pittsburgh, wrapping up the contest 1-for-3 at the plate with two RBI and a sacrifice fly ... hit her first career home run, which would prove to be the game-winner, in the second inning of game two at Villanova (April 4) in Notre Dame's 2-0 win ... went 2-for-3 and crossed the plate twice in the doubleheader opener against the Wildcats ... kick-started Notre Dame's eleventh-inning rally against Western Michigan with a one-out single, eventually scoring the tying run ... Notre Dame would win, 2-1 ... 2-for-3 with an RBI, two runs scored and a double vs. Oakland (March 20) ... 2-for-3 with a run scored vs. Marshall (April 19) ... 2-for-4 with a run scored and one RBI vs. Nevada (April 11) ... 2-for-3 with a run scored and one stolen base at Hawaii (April 9) to

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single game (career)

ab [5] four times, last at St. John's (4.5.08)[5] at St. John's (4.5.08)
 r [3] vs. Pacific (3.1.08)[3] vs. Pacific (3.1.08)
 h [3] eight times, last vs. Eastern Michigan (4.9.08) ..[3] four times, last vs. Eastern Michigan (4.9.08)
 rbi [4] three times, last at Syracuse (5.4.08)[4] three times, last at Syracuse (5.4.08)
 2b [2] eight times, last at UC Riverside (3.4.08)[2] at UC Riverside (3.4.08)
 3b [1] seven times, last vs. IUPUI (3.26.08)[1] three times, last vs. IUPUI (3.26.08)
 hr [2] at Seton Hall (4.6.08)[2] at Seton Hall (4.6.08)
 bb [2] three times, last at DePaul (3.30.08)[2] at DePaul (3.30.08)
 sb [1] 25 times, last vs. Kent State (5.16.08)[1] five times, last vs. Kent State (5.16.08)
 sac [2] vs. Seton Hall (5.14.05)[1] eight times, last vs. Kent State (5.17.08)
 sf [1] three times, last vs. Pittsburgh (3.31.07)[1] three times, last vs. Pittsburgh (3.31.07)
 po [7] vs. Syracuse (4.8.06)[6] at Purdue (4.22.08)
 a [7] three times, last vs. Kent State (5.16.08)[7] three times, last vs. Kent State (5.16.08)
 e [3] vs. Auburn (2.16.07)[1] seven times, last at USF (4.20.08)

2008 season

games played [241][61]
 games started [239][61]
 runs [110][31]
 hits [203][50]
 2b [55][11]
 3b [7][3]
 hr [16][7]
 rbi [133][50]
 slugging pct. [.442][.463]

spurt the Irish to a 9-1 win in only five innings ... 1-for-2 with a sacrifice, RBI and run scored vs. Campbell (March 9) to open the Hawaii Spring Fling ... 2-for-2 with two doubles and two runs scored in a 4-2 victory over No. 19 Florida (Feb. 13) ... tallied her first career hit – a double – against Coastal Carolina (Feb. 12), and would later score in Notre Dame's 2-0 win.

THE LAING FILE: Four-year letterwinner at Corona del Sol (Tempe, Ariz.) ... helped the team win the Central Region Championship on three straight occasions (2002-04) while claiming the Marcos/McClintock Tournament championship four consecutive times ... won the Class 5A state championship in 2003 as a teammate of former Irish standout Stephanie Brown ... named Corona del Sol's Most Valuable Offensive Player and Most Inspirational Player in 2004 ... earned Arizona Republic all-Arizona second-team accolades as a senior ... named to the 5A first-team infield by the Arizona Tribune ... nominee for the Corona del Sol Student-Athlete of the Year in 2004 ... a nominee for the Wendy's High School Heisman in 2003 ... member of the California Worth Firecrackers Gold ASA team, which finished third at the 2003 National Tournament ... also played junior varsity and freshmen volleyball ... highly active in extracurricular activities and community service ... member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and the Key Club ... daughter of Barbara and Greg Laing ... oldest of two children ... has a younger sister, Taylor ... born March 21, 1986, in Phoenix, Ariz. ... member of Notre Dame's Academic Honors Program for Student Athletes ... graduated from the Mendoza College of Business and the College of Arts & Letters with a pair of degrees in marketing and psychology.

LAING'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2005	.308	61-59	169	30	52	17	1	3	23	80	.473	7	3	22	0	.344	1	9	6-7	120	77	7	.966
2006	.283	63-63	205	22	58	16	3	4	34	92	.449	5	3	32	0	.310	0	8	8-10	127	132	7	.974
2007	.269	56-56	160	27	43	11	0	2	26	60	.375	10	3	30	0	.320	2	6	6-8	57	115	16	.915
2008	.263	61-61	190	31	50	11	3	7	50	88	.463	14	1	26	0	.317	0	8	5-8	100	159	7	.974
TOTAL	.280	241-239	724	110	203	55	7	16	133	320	.442	36	10	110	0	.322	3	31	25-33	404	483	37	.960

Graduated Seniors



Sarah Smith

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Outfield

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AS A SENIOR (2008): Saved her best season in a Notre Dame uniform for her final campaign with the Irish ... rewarded with her breakout season by taking a seat on the all-BIG EAST first team ... all-NFCA Midwest Region first team selection, posting the best numbers of any outfielder on the squad ... led team with .370 batting average, 60 hits and 13 sacrifices ... had six doubles, 14 RBI and a .407 slugging percentage ... totaled nine stolen bases ... made 56 starts and saw action in 59 contests ... tied for first in the league with nine sacrifice bunts and second in hits (32) and batting average (.457) ... her on-base percentage of .486 ranked sixth in league play ... shared the outfield with a pair of all-leaguers in Ashley Ellis and Brianna Jorgensborg ... had two hits against UC Davis (March 1) ... joined Ashley Ellis for team-bests as both players posted a .545 batting average at the five-game Lowcountry Collegiate Softball Invitational ... the two shared nearly identical stat lines with a .545 average in 11 at-bats, six hits, one walk and an on-base percentage of .583 ... tagged IUPUI (March 26) for two runs on two hits including a double in Notre Dame's home opener ... had a pair of hits in both ends of doubleheaders with St. John's (April 5) and Villanova (April 13) ... slapped around two sacrifices at Louisville (April 19) ... slammed five hits – all singles – in a doubleheader at South Florida (April 20) along with a pair of RBI in game two with the Bulls ... her two-hit effort in game one began a 10-game hitting streak ... took home player-of-the-week honors handed out by the BIG EAST on April 28 ... in Notre Dame's 5-2-1 outing from April 22-27, recorded four multi-hit games including two three-hit

performances ... went 3-for-4 with two runs and one double for a .750 average in Notre Dame's 4-3, eight-inning win over Loyola-Chicago (April 24) ... she also went 3-for-4 with one run and one RBI in a victory over Connecticut (April 27) ... for the week, finished 14-for-26 (.538) in eight games with seven runs, four stolen bases, two RBI and two doubles along with a sacrifice ... BIG EAST Player of the Week (April 28) ... locked up eight consecutive stolen bags until she was caught with her hand in the cookie jar at Syracuse (May 4), but dosed the Orange for four hits, two runs and three RBI in the doubleheader ... scored three runs and had three hits over a three-game stretch during the NCAA Tournament (May 16-17).

AS A JUNIOR (2007): Broke a sweat in 49 contests, starting in 35 of those games

... started in all three outfield spots ... batted .230 with 14 hits and scored 17 times ... tacked on a pair of doubles for the Irish ... stole four bases on the season ... started the campaign by going 1-for-3 with a double and a score against Auburn (Feb. 17) ... 1-for-3 against UNLV (Feb. 24) ... 1-for-2 with a walk and a run scored against Ole Miss (Feb. 25) ... scored the game-winning run against the Rebels ... pinch ran and scored a run against Virginia (March 3) ... went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a stolen base against Eastern Kentucky (March 11) ... scored the game-winning run against Fresno State (March 16) at the Judi Garman Classic ... scored a run against IUPUI (March 22) ... scored a run as a pinch runner against St. John's (March 24) ... stole a base as a pinch runner against Seton Hall (March 25) ... started in left field and had a hit against Toledo (March 31) ... scored a run as a pinch runner against Syracuse (April 1) ... entered the game as a pinch runner against Eastern Michigan (April 10) ... started both games in right field against Providence (April 14) ... scored a run in the first game against the Friars ... came in as a defensive replacement in



the first game of a doubleheader with Western Michigan (April 17) ... started as the designated player against Ball State (April 18) ... started in right field against Valparaiso (April 19) ... had a hit, an RBI and a walk in the second game against South Florida (April 22) ... also rocketed a shot to home from the outfield to relieve a USF runner ... laced a gorgeous single down the left field line against Northwestern (April 24) ... knocked a double against Loyola-Chicago (May 1) ... went 2-for-2 with a run scored against Rutgers (May 5) ... finished 1-for-3 with a run scored in the second game against the Scarlet Knights ... had a hit and a stolen base in the first game against Villanova (May 6) ... scored a run in the second game against the Wildcats ... scored two runs and stole a base against Connecticut (May 10) to open the BIG EAST Tournament ... had a hit and scored a run in the championship game of the BIG EAST Tournament against Louisville (May 12) ... saw action in each of the team's three games at the NCAA Tournament.



AS A SOPHOMORE (2006): Established herself as one of the team's top base running threats ... made her first career start in left field versus Cal Poly SLO (March 12) and posted her first career hit, finishing the game 1-for-2 ... also started in left for the Irish at Cal State Fullerton (Feb. 19) ... picked up her third stolen base of the season versus Texas (March 18) ... started in left during the second of two games with Eastern Michigan (April 4) ... also started in that spot against DePaul (April 13) ... started game two against Rutgers (April 23) and logged her second hit of the year, a solid single to centerfield ... picked up her first career multi-hit game against Purdue (April 26), going 2-for-3 with a run scored and one RBI ... also wrapped up the contest with Valparaiso by going 1-for-3 ... scored a run as a pinch runner against UC Santa Barbara (May 18) in the NCAA Tournament.

AS A FRESHMAN (2005): Made 41 appearances throughout her first year with the Irish ... served primarily as a pinch runner ... scored on 14 occasions ... saw action at the dish with a trio of pinch-hitting cameos ... crossed the plate four times to score game-winning runs for the Irish.

THE SMITH FILE: Three-sport standout at Heritage Hall (Oklahoma City, Okla.) ... earned four letters as a guard on the basketball team and two as a sprinter on the track team ... two broken thumbs limited her softball development as a prep ... helped her ASA team finish ninth in the Independence Day Tournament in Boulder, Colo., during the summer of 2004 ... member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ... from the same area of Oklahoma as Brook Buck, Sarah Jane Connelly and Lauren Connelly – each of whom played tennis at Notre Dame ... an accomplished athlete, she also competes in triathlons during the off-season ... daughter of Elizabeth and Danny Smith ... has two younger brothers, Jacob and Zachery ... born Jan. 16, 1986, in Norman, Okla. ... graduated from the College of Arts & Letters with a theology degree.

SMITH BY THE NUMBERS

single game (career)	2008 season
ab [6] at St. John's (4.5.08)	[6] at St. John's (4.5)
r [2] eight times, last vs. Kent State (5.16.08).....	[2] six times, last vs. Kent State (5.16)
h [3] twice, last vs. Providence (4.26.08)	[3] twice, last vs. Providence (4.26)
rbi [2] four times, last at Syracuse (5.4.08).....	[2] four times, last at Syracuse (5.4)
2b [1] six times, last vs. UConn (4.27.08)	[1] six times, last vs. UConn (4.27)
bb [1] seven times, last vs. Providence (4.26.08) ..	[1] five times, last vs. Providence (4.26)
sb [1] 19 times, last vs. Providence (4.26.08)	[1] nine times, last vs. Providence (4.26)
sac [2] twice, last at Louisville (4.19.08)	[2] twice, last at Louisville (4.19)
po [4] vs. UCLA (3.7.08).....	[4] vs. UCLA (3.7)
a [1] four times, last vs. Michigan (5.17.08).....	[1] three times, last vs. Michigan (5.17)
e [1] five times, last vs. Kent State (5.17.08)	[1] five times, last vs. Kent State (5.17)
games played [209]	[59]
games started [99]	[56]
runs [81]	[32]
hits [79]	[60]
2b [8]	[6]
rbi [16]	[14]
slugging pct. [.358][407]
on-base pct. [.349][396]
sacrifices [13].....	[13]
stolen bases [19].....	[9]



SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
2005	.000	44-0	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	3-7	0	0	0	.000
2006	.294	57-8	17	18	5	0	0	0	1	5	.294	0	0	3	0	.294	0	0	3-6	4	0	1	.800
2007	.230	49-35	61	17	14	2	0	0	1	16	.262	2	0	16	0	.254	0	0	4-5	14	1	0	1.000
2008	.370	59-56	162	32	60	6	0	0	14	66	.407	5	2	25	0	.396	0	13	9-10	37	3	5	.889
TOTAL	.325	209-99	243	81	79	8	0	0	16	87	.358	7	2	46	0	.349	0	13	19-28	55	4	6	.908

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