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2005 Schedule (36-10)

Feb.			
11	at #NR/19 Florida	L, 2-3	
11	vs. #21/NR South Florida	L, 0-5	
12	vs. Coastal Carolina	W, 1-0	
12	vs. #21/NR South Florida	W, 5-1	
13	at #NR/19 Florida	W, 4-2	
18	vs. Utah	W, 3-2	
18	vs. #21/18 Fresno State	cancelled	
19	vs. #3/4 UCLA	rained out	
19	at San Diego State	rained out	
20	vs. C. Michigan	rained out	
25	vs. Loyola Marymount	L, 0-7	
25	vs. #3/4 UCLA	L, 1-3	
26	vs. #NR/20 Pacific	L, 1-9	
26	vs. Arizona State	L, 1-2	
27	vs. #5/6 Tennessee	W, 5-2	
March			
6	at Loy. Marymount	W, 2-1, L, 0-5	
7	at UC Santa Barbara	W, 1-0	
9	vs. Campbell	W, 6-1	
9	at Hawai'i	W, 9-1 (5)	
10	vs. Virginia	W, 3-1	
11	vs. Nevada	W, 7-1	
12	Seed Play	rained out	
19	vs. Marshall	L, 4-7	
19	at Ohio State	cancelled	
20	vs. Oakland	W, 8-0 (5)	
20	vs. Eastern Michigan	W, 4-1	
24	Western Michigan	W, 2-1	
30	Valparaiso (DH)	W, 5-0, W, 10-0 (5)	
31	at Loyola-Chicago	W, 10-0	
April			
2	*at Rutgers (DH)	rained out	
4	*at Villanova (DH)	W, 4-0, W, 2-0	
5	Eastern Michigan (DH)	W, 1-0, W, 7-5	
7	Ball State	W, 4-1	
9	*at Pittsburgh (DH)	W, 7-2, W, 6-0	
12	at Purdue (DH)	postponed	
14	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 4-0	
16	*at Providence (DH)	W, 1-0, W, 5-4	
17	*at Connecticut (DH)	W, 2-0, W, 3-2 (8)	
19	at DePaul (DH)	W, 2-1 (8), L, 4-7	
21	Akron (DH)	W, 1-0, W, 3-2	
22	* St. John's (DH)	W, 8-0 (5), W, 8-0 (5)	
24	* Seton Hall (DH)	L, 1-2 (9), W, 11-4	
26	#15 Northwestern	W, 4-3	
29	* Boston College (DH)	3 p.m.	
May			
1	* Syracuse (DH)	11 a.m.	
10	at Purdue (DH)	2 p.m.	
12	BIG EAST Championship	TBA	
13	BIG EAST Champ. Cont.	TBA	
14	BIG EAST Champ. Cont.	TBA	
19	NCAA Regional	TBA	
26	NCAA Super Regional	TBA	
31	College World Series	TBA	

Rankings listed are *USA Today*/NFCA followed by ESPN.com/USA Softball • all contests are single games, unless designated a doubleheader by (DH) • all home games in bold played at Ivy Field.

2005 Notre Dame Softball

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Notre Dame (36-10, 11-1) vs. Boston College (17-21, 5-7)

BIG EAST Conference Doubleheader
Friday, April 29, 2005 • 3 p.m. • Ivy Field

Notre Dame vs. Syracuse (27-16, 11-3 as of April 27)

BIG EAST Conference Doubleheader
Sunday, May 1, 2005 • 11 a.m. • Ivy Field

Live coverage: Subscribers to the College Sports Pass will have access to live audio play-by-play coverage of all four games this weekend from Ivy Field. Assistant Sports Information Director Chris Masters will handle the play-by-play duties. In addition, Gametracker will be available for all six games as well. Visit the audio/video link at the top of www.und.com for more information on the College Sports Pass.

Irish focused on final conference weekend of the year, final home games of 2005: The University of Notre Dame softball team (36-10) faces a big test at home this weekend as it plays host to Boston College (17-21, 5-7) and Syracuse (27-16, 11-3) in BIG EAST Conference play.

Both Notre Dame and Syracuse will enter the weekend with the ability to catch Seton Hall for first place in the conference standings. Syracuse will face Pittsburgh before its trip to campus, while Notre Dame will face Boston College on Friday. Two sweeps by both teams will set up a classic showdown on Sunday at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame is riding high after its upset victory over #15 Northwestern on Tuesday, April 26. The Irish rallied with four unearned runs in the bottom of the seventh to stun the Wildcats - who sit in first place in the Big Ten Conference with a 14-0 record.

Notre Dame quick hits: What you need to know about the Irish for this weekend's action:

- Notre Dame will need to sweep through the weekend to nab first place in the conference standings, should Seton Hall sweep Providence on Saturday. The Irish would match the Pirates in the conference standings with 30 points and hold the tiebreaker over the Pirates.
- The Irish still have the option to make up two games at Rutgers next weekend (May 7) if the team stumbles this weekend.
- Syracuse will be no easy task for the Irish this weekend, as the Orange own wins over #3 UCLA, #15 Florida State (twice) and have lost one-run games to #7 La.-Lafayette and #18 Nebraska.

Series history vs. Boston College and team analysis: Notre Dame and Boston College will meet for the 22nd and 23rd time on Friday ... the meetings will be the last between the two teams as conference members, as the Eagles will compete in the ACC next season ... Notre Dame leads the all-time series 16-5, including a 7-2 record at Ivy Field ... BC is 17-21 in 2005 and 5-7 in BIG EAST play ... they are led on offense by Kimmy Hopkin (.341, 4 HR, 14 RBI), Britney Thompson (.333, 7 HR, 22 RBI) and Ashley Obrest (.297, 7 HR, 27 RBI) ... Thompson is also the team's leading pitcher, boasting a 3.34 ERA and 66 Ks in 107 innings ... Boston College is still in the running for fourth place in the BIG EAST standings and a spot in the BIG EAST Championship.

Series history vs. Syracuse and team analysis: Notre Dame and Syracuse will meet for the 10th and 11th time on Sunday ... the Irish lead the all-time series 8-1, including wins in the last five meetings ... the Orange are 27-16 in 2005 and 11-3 in the BIG EAST, tied with the Irish for second place ... Tiffany Robinson has paced the offense for Syracuse, hitting .371 ... the Orange also feature five hitters with 20 or more RBI (led by Cassie Morales with 30) ... Courtney Mosch leads the pitching staff with a 1.65 ERA, 10-9 record and 115 Ks in 123.1 innings pitched ... Erin Downey will also see time in the circle, she is 16-7 with a 2.01 ERA and 171 Ks in 157.0 IP ... Syracuse is 1-3 at Ivy Field.

Stenglein posting eye-popping strikeout numbers: Reigning two-time BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week Steffany Stenglein has been close to unhittable in her last 14 starts, compiling 154 strikeouts in those games. In her last five starts, she has thrown complete games with 15, 14, 14, 12 and 19 strikeouts, respectively. The 2004 BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year, Stenglein has blown past both the 500, 600 and 700 strikeout barrier this season and currently has 236 Ks in '05.

- Some other Stenglein strikeout notes:
- She has failed to strikeout at least six batters in only two of 22 game starts in which she has thrown at least four innings.
 - She has hit double-digit strikeouts 12 times this season, including a personal-best and school record 19 in game one vs. Seton Hall.
 - She needs 12 more strikeouts this season to catch Jennifer Sharron for second on the all-time strikeout list at Notre Dame - second behind Terri Kobata's untouchable school mark of 907. Stenglein currently has 716 career strikeouts.

Booth reaches 500 strikeouts: Junior Heather Booth became the fourth Irish pitcher to post 500 strikeouts in a career (Kobata, Jen. Sharron, Stenglein) last weekend and

2005 Notre Dame Softball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown (High School)	'05 Stats
1	Steffany Stenglein***	Sr.	P	5-10	R/R	Huntington Beach, CA (Marina)	17-5, 1.26 ERA, 236 Ks
2	Brittany Glynn	Fr.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, CT (St. Joseph)	6 GP, 1 R
3	Katie Laing	Fr.	SS/2B	5-4	R/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.317, 15 2B, 21 RBI
4	Carrie Wisen***	Sr.	P/DP	5-7	R/R	Fullerton, CA (Sonora)	.291, 4 2B, 12 RBI
5	Kenya Fuemmeler*	So.	UT/P	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO (Salisbury)	4 APP, 1.40 ERA, 5.0 IP
8	Liz Hartmann***	Sr.	3B	5-9	R/R	Novato, CA (San Marin)	.263, 3 HR, 27 RBI
11	Gessica Hufnagle*	So.	C	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN (Northridge)	.167, 2 RBI, 2 SB
16	Mallorie Lenn**	Jr.	C	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA (Pacifica)	.228, 1 HR, 8 RBI
20	Nicole Wicks*	Sr.	OF	5-5	R/R	Renton, WA (Hazen)	36 GP, 12 R, 10 SB
21	Megan Ciolli***(C)	Sr.	OF	5-9	L/R	Terre Haute, IN (North Vigo)	.376, 22 RBI, 24 SB
22	Sara Schoonaert**	Jr.	SS/2B	5-5	R/R	Houston, TX (Clear Lake)	.250, 13 RBI, 6 SB
24	Stephanie Brown*	So.	OF/2B	5-6	L/R	Chandler, AZ (Corona del Sol)	.319, 17 BB, 8 SB
27	Carissa Jaquish*	So.	C/DP	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA (Redlands E.V.)	.265, 5 RBI
32	Heather Booth**	Jr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA (MLK)	17-5, 1.51 ERA, 141 Ks
34	Sarah Smith	Fr.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK (Heritage Hall)	32 GP, 11 R, 3 SB
44	Kellie Middleton*	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Norcross, GA (Marist)	.304, 10 RBI, 16 SB
77	Meagan Ruthrauff**	Jr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA (La Serna)	.323, 4 HR, 26 RBI

* - indicates monograms won

Staff

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '92) - fourth season at Notre Dame

Assistant Coaches: Charmelle Green (Utah '91), Kris Ganey (Notre Dame '99)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Bill Roggeman • Athletic Trainer: Chantal Porter • Managers: Jason Koralewski, William Peck

now boasts 524 - fourth on the all-time list.

Laing approaching single-season doubles record: Freshman Katie Laing, who has proven to be one of the top clutch hitters on the team this season, is closing in on the school record for doubles in a season. Laing currently has 15 doubles in 2005, just two off the record of 17 held by Lizzy Lemire (1999) and Jenn Giampaolo (1996).

Stenglein leaving her mark on the statistical charts: In addition to her strikeout totals this season, senior righthander Steffany Stenglein has already established the school marks for pitching appearances (137) and starts (121) and is second in innings pitched with 692.2, fifth in shutouts (18) and third in wins (75).

Stenglein sets school record for strikeouts in a single game: Senior Steffany Stenglein nabbed another record on Monday, April 25, against Seton Hall. The righthander pitched all nine innings, giving up three hits in a tough-luck loss - but set the school record for strikeouts in a single game. Stenglein set down 19 Pirate batters in the game, besting Terri Kobata's record of 17 vs. Butler in 1995 and Indiana State in 1994. Kobata will still own the seven-inning record. Stenglein's seven-inning best this season is 15 at Providence.

Stenglein looks to reach 250 strikeouts: Senior righthander Steffany Stenglein is looking to become just the second Irish pitcher to post 250 strikeouts in a single season. She enters this weekend with 236 Ks in 2005, needing 14 more to reach the 250-strikeout barrier. Only Terri Kobata (315 in '94, 250 in '95) has reached the 250-strikeout plateau in a season.

Irish have dominated the month of April under Gumpf: Since Deanna Gumpf took over the Irish softball program in 2002 - the team has been close to unbeatable in the month of April. Entering Thursday's doubleheader, the Irish are 83-11 (.882) in April over the last four years.

Here is a breakdown of Notre Dame's record during April since 2002.

2002: 24-1

2003: 21-2

2004: 19-5

2005: 19-2

Notre Dame in BIG EAST regular-season play: Notre Dame boasts an 11-1 record in BIG EAST Conference play this season, continuing its tradition of excellence during the league's regular-season play. The Irish have lost four games in conference play only once since it joined the league in 1996 and boasts an overall record of 159-18 (.898) entering this weekend's competition. Notre Dame's BIG EAST regular-season records: 1996 - 19-1, 1997 - 16-4, 1998 - 13-3, 1999 - 16-0, 2000 - 14-2, 2001 - 20-0, 2002 - 18-2, 2003 - 14-3, 2004 - 18-2, 2005 - 11-1.

The Irish have won nine consecutive BIG EAST regular-season crowns since 1996.

Irish recent win streak matches 2002 run for longest of Gumpf era: Notre Dame's recent 20-game win streak matched the 2002 team's run for the longest of the Deanna Gumpf era at Notre Dame ... it also ranks as tied for the second-best all-time behind the 33-game run in 2001 ... here is a look at Notre Dame's winning streak history (minimum streak of 19):

Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame softball is coordinated by Assistant Sports Information Director Alan Wasielewski.

Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available by contacting Wasielewski at (574) 631-7516 or via e-mail at Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

Requests to interview student-athletes and coaches must be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Statistics, results and weekly releases (typically released on Wednesday of each week of the season) also are readily available on Notre Dame's official athletic site, www.und.com.

If you wish to be added to the Notre Dame softball weekly release distribution list, please send an e-mail to: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

**2005 ESPN.com/USA Softball
Top 25 - April 26**

Rnk-Team, Points, '05 Record, last ranking			
1. Michigan (17)	490	46-4	1
2. Arizona (1)	454	33-6	3
3. California	448	40-8	3
4. Texas A&M (2)	443	41-4	5
5. Stanford	413	34-9	7
6. Texas	390	34-9	4
7. Oregon State	372	35-8	9
8. Baylor	365	43-8	8
9. Oklahoma	348	42-12	6
10. UCLA	318	24-11	10
11. Georgia	314	45-10	12
12. Alabama	248	48-9	13
13. Tennessee	259	48-11	11
14. La.-Lafayette	225	38-7	14
15. Northwestern	213	32-10	15
16. Florida	188	36-13	16
17. Fresno State	165	32-10	15
18. Georgia Tech	163	43-10	18
19. Iowa	150	40-9	20
20. Missouri	110	32-10	19
21. Southern Illinois	108	40-10	22
22. Auburn	91	42-13	23
23. Creighton	63	38-6	21
24. Washington	41	24-15	25
25. Nebraska	22	30-17	24

Others receiving votes: **DePaul**, **BYU**, **Arizona State**, Long Beach State, Oregon, Florida State, Kansas, Oklahoma State, **Syracuse**, Tulsa.

2005 opponents in **bold**.
() - first place votes

**Notre Dame in the 2005
ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25**

Preseason: ORV (33rd)
Feb. 8: ORV (41st)
Feb. 15: ORV (39th)
Feb. 22: not ranked
March 1: not ranked
March 8: not ranked
March 15: not ranked
March 22: not ranked
March 29: not ranked
April 5: not ranked
April 12: not ranked
April 19: not ranked
April 26: not ranked

• **33** - 3-28-01 to 5-10-01, began with 6-0 victory over Valparaiso, ended with 2-1 loss to Seton Hall at the BIG EAST Championship ... loss before streak to #9 CS Fullerton at the Kia Classic, 5-4.

• **20** - 4-1-03 to 4-27-03, began with 7-3 win at Purdue, ended with 2-1 loss at Connecticut ... loss before streak to #22 Northwestern, 3-2.

• **20** - 3-19-05 to 4-19-05, began with 8-0 win vs. Oakland in the Buckeye Invitational, ended with a 7-4 loss at DePaul ... loss before the streak 7-4 to Marshall in the Buckeye Invitational.

• **19** - 3-16-96 to 4-11-96, began with 4-2 win over Florida Atlantic at Florida State Tournament, ended with 4-1 loss to Villanova ... loss before streak to Bradley, 3-1 at Florida State Tournament.

Snapshot of the Irish: Notre Dame has been a streaky team this season - displayed perfectly by the team's recent 20-game win streak. The Irish bats have endeavored to become a consistent threat, but the pitching staff deserves a majority of the credit for the team's recent success. Notre Dame is still capable of exploding for huge offensive numbers against any level of competition, however.

Senior team captain Megan Ciolli (.376, 53 H, 10 2B, 22 RBI, 24 SB) has led from the front since the team took the field and set the school record for career stolen bases and single-season steals in '05. Junior Meagan Ruthrauff (.323, 11 2B, 4 HR, 26 RBI) and freshman Katie Laing (.317, 15 2B, 21 RBI) have shown signs of giving Ciolli dedicated support in the Irish lineup.

The pitching staff has been steadily improving for the Irish since the team returned from spring break. Junior Heather Booth (17-5, 1.51 ERA, 141 Ks) has turned in just two sub-par starts (vs. Pacific, at DePaul) this season and has five shutouts and 15 complete games to her credit. Senior Steffany Stenglein (1.26 ERA, 17-5) has been close to untouchable during the months of March and April and is compiling one of the greatest strikeout seasons in Notre Dame history. In the end, opponents are hitting just .142 against Stenglein in 2005.

Notre Dame's defense, unsure of itself early in the season, has benefitted from one positional move. Junior Sara Schoonaert has taken over at shortstop and performed well, while freshman Katie Laing has moved over to second base and been steady.

Sophomore Stephanie Brown (.319, 44 H 22 R) and junior Kellie Middleton (.304, 10 RBI, 16 SB) have started to give the Irish some production at the top of the lineup as well.

Ciolli looks to continue her climb up the career charts: Along with classmate Liz Hartmann, 2004 third-team All-American and BIG EAST Player of the Year Megan Ciolli has been a three-year starter since stepping on campus in 2001-02. Batting at the top of the lineup for a majority of her career (second freshman season, first sophomore season, third junior season), Ciolli has estab-

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Division I Top 25 - April 26**

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3. California (1)	581	40-8	2
4. Stanford	525	34-9	7
5. Texas A&M	517	41-4	6
6. Texas	508	34-9	3
7. Alabama	453	48-9	8
8. Oregon State	415	35-8	11
9. Baylor	392	43-8	12
10. Oklahoma	387	42-12	5
11. Tennessee	383	48-11	9
12. Georgia	382	45-11	13
13. UCLA	362	24-11	10
14. La.-Lafayette	300	38-7	14
15. Northwestern	298	34-10	15
16. Florida	244	36-13	16
17. Georgia Tech	207	43-10	18
18. Fresno State	167	32-10	20
19. Missouri	162	32-10	17
20. Auburn	142	42-13	21
21. Iowa	119	40-9	22
22. Washington	97	24-15	23
23. Southern Illinois	89	40-10	NR
24. Creighton	83	38-6	19
25. Long Beach State	30	31-13	NR

Others receiving votes: Oregon, **Arizona State**, Nebraska, **NOTRE DAME**.

2005 opponents in **bold**.
() - first place votes

**Notre Dame in the 2004
USA Today/NFCA
Division I Top 25**

Preseason: ORV (27th)
Feb. 16: ORV (35th)
Feb. 23: not ranked
March 2: not ranked
March 9: not ranked
March 16: not ranked
March 23: not ranked
March 30: not ranked
April 5: not ranked
April 12: ORV (29th)
April 19: ORV (31st)
April 26: ORV (30th)

2005 BIG EAST Conference Standings

Team	BIG EAST				OVERALL (Game as of Tuesday, April 26)					
	W-L	Pts.	H	A	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N	ND outcome vs. opponent
Seton Hall	13-3	26	5-1	8-2	28-13	.683	13-5	10-3	5-5	L, 1-2 (9), W, 11-4
NOTRE DAME	11-1	22	3-1	8-0	35-10	.778	11-1	15-3	9-6	
Syracuse	11-3	22	6-2	5-1	26-15	.634	6-3	13-7	7-5	H - 5-1-05
Villanova	6-8	12	2-4	4-4	32-22	.593	6-6	8-6	18-10	W, 4-0, W, 2-0
Connecticut	6-10	12	5-5	1-5	16-24	.400	8-6	5-11	3-7	W, 2-0, W, 3-2 (8)
Boston College	5-7	10	4-4	1-3	17-21	.447	6-6	6-7	5-8	H - 4-29-05
Providence	5-9	10	4-4	1-5	31-16	.656	14-6	7-6	10-4	W, 1-0, W, 5-4
Pittsburgh	4-6	8	0-4	4-2	18-24	.429	2-7	7-7	9-10	W, 7-2, W, 6-0
St. John's	4-8	8	2-4	2-4	17-28-1	.380	2-5-1	5-14	10-9	W, 8-0 (5), W, 8-0 (5)
Rutgers	1-11	2	0-6	1-5	3-37	.075	1-13	2-10	0-14	rained out

Note: As voted by the head softball coaches, the BIG EAST softball standings will be determined by a 2/1 points system. Two points will be awarded for a conference win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss. Conference competition began the weekend of April 2-3. H - indicates home doubleheader at Ivy Field. A - Indicates doubleheader on the road. The top four teams qualify for the 2005 BIG EAST Championship in South Bend, Ind.

BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

Player of the Week

Feb. 21 - Sheri Donley, SS, Villanova
 Feb. 28 - Sarah Wall, 3B, Villanova
 March 7 - Shawna Norris, 2B, Syracuse
 March 14 - **Kellie Middleton, OF, Notre Dame**
 Shannon Garvin, SS, Providence
 March 21 - **Liz Hartmann, 3B, Notre Dame**
 D'Arcy Djakalovic, 2B, Seton Hall
 March 28 - Laura Taylor, 1B, Seton Hall
 April 5 - Francesca Dimaria, 2B, Pittsburgh
 April 11 - Shawna Norris, Syracuse
 April 18 - Cassie Morales, Syracuse
 April 25 - Sheri Donley, Villanova

Pitcher of the Week

Feb. 21 - Courtney Mosch, Syracuse
 Feb. 28 - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall
 March 7 - Nicole Bartholomew, Providence
 March 14 - **Heather Booth, Notre Dame**
 March 21 - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall
 March 28 - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall
 April 5 - **Heather Booth, Notre Dame**
 April 11 - Megan Meyer, Seton Hall
 April 18 - **Steffany Stenglein, Notre Dame**
 April 25 - **Steffany Stenglein, Notre Dame**

lished herself as one of the top offensive players to ever don an Irish uniform.

Her current career rankings include second in batting average (.369 entering Friday's doubleheader), fourth in runs scored, second in hits, ninth in home runs and seventh in triples. She also is poised to break into the top 10 in games played and doubles this season and is on pace to break the hit record this season (needing only three more to reach Jenny Kriech's school mark). A complete list of current Notre Dame players threatening career records appear on page eight of this notes package.

Ciulli's countdown for all-time records -

Hits: 265 (three to the record)

Runs: 150 (14 to the record)

Ciulli already set the single season record for stolen bases this year when she swiped her 22nd. She currently has 24 in 2005.

Ciulli becomes first Notre Dame NPF draft selection: National Pro Fastpitch announced its 2005 Senior College Player Selections last week and current Irish senior Megan Ciulli was selected by the Chicago Bandits with the first selection of the second round (seventh overall).

Due to NCAA regulations, an active college player may not sign with her respective franchise until their 2005 college season is finished. Senior selections expire on July 15, 2005.

The NPF officially announced that it will enter the 2005 season with six teams - the Akron Racers, Arizona Heat, Chicago Bandits, New England Riptide, NY/NJ Juggernaut and the Texas Thunder. The California Sunbirds will remain part of the league but will suspend play in 2005 to restructure the franchise.

The Bandits will be competing in their first season in the NPF and have already signed Olympic Team standout Jennie Finch. The season will run through June 2 through August 28 and will consist of a 48-game regular season schedule for each team, an all-star game, playoffs and a Championship Series. NPF continues to be the Official Development Partner of Major League Baseball and has recently developed a new alliance with ASA/USA Softball and the International Softball Federation (ISF). This alliance will help promote international play by inviting teams from China, China Taipei, Japan, Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia and Venezuela to play against NPF teams. A finalized schedule will be released in March.

Ruthrauff reaches 100 career RBI in just two-plus seasons: After senior Liz Hartmann cleared the 100-RBI barrier at Hawaii's Spring Fling two weeks ago, junior Meagan Ruthrauff has joined her teammate in the 100-RBI club at Notre Dame.

Hartmann became the eighth player to post 100 RBI in a career - and Ruthrauff became the ninth last weekend in BIG EAST action. Ruthrauff drove in 54 last season, becoming just the second Irish player to post over 50 RBI in a season. The Irish first base currently has 107 career RBI.

16 hits at Loyola Chicago most in two years for ND: Notre Dame's 16 team hits in a 10-0 victory at Loyola Chicago on Thursday, March 31, are the most for the team since the 2003 season. On April 23 vs. Valparaiso, the Irish pounded out 17 hits in a 15-1 victory. The school record for hits in a single game is 21 against Rhode Island in 1992.

Notre Dame earns second tournament title of 2005 at Hawaii Spring Fling: Notre Dame's 4-0 run through an abbreviated Spring Fling tournament at the University of Hawaii earned the team its second tournament title of the year. Combined with the GRU Classic

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Batting Average	
Ciolti	376
Ruthrauff	323
Brown.....	319
Hits	
Ciolti	53
Brown.....	44
Ruthrauff	41
Middleton	41
RBI	
Hartmann	27
Ruthrauff	26
Ciolti	22
Home Runs	
Ruthrauff	4
Laing	3
Hartmann	3
Stolen Bases	
Ciolti	24*-28
Middleton	16-18
Wicks	10-14
Slugging Percentage	
Laing524
Ciolti518
Ruthrauff504
On Base Percentage	
Ruthrauff426
Ciolti422
Brown.....	.406
Pitching Record	
Stenglein	17-5
Booth.....	17-5
Wisn	1-0
Fuemmeler.....	1-0
ERA	
Stenglein	1.26
Booth.....	1.51
Fuemmeler.....	1.40
Wisn	2.90
Strikeouts	
Stenglein	236
Booth.....	141
Wisn	8
Fuemmeler.....	4
Innings Pitched	
Booth.....	153.1
Stenglein	144.1
Wisn	9.2
Fuemmeler.....	5.0
Appearances	
Booth.....	30
Stenglein	29
Wisn	5
Fuemmeler.....	4

* - indicates Notre Dame single-season record.

(Feb. 10-13 - see note that follows) Notre Dame joins the '01 team as the only Irish team to claim two early-season tournament titles (the '01 squad won the Holiday Inn Invitational at South Florida and the Frost Tournament in Chattanooga, Tenn.).

Notre Dame claims first initial weekend tournament title since 2001: Notre Dame's three consecutive victories in the GRU Classic (Feb. 10-13) in Gainesville, Fla., pushed the Irish through to the tournament title. The first weekend tournament victory marks the first for Notre Dame since the 2001 season, when the Irish swept through the Holiday Inn Invitational at South Florida with a 5-0 record.

Irish own four wins over ranked teams in 2005: Notre Dame is 36-10 this season and four of those 36 victories have come against ranked teams. The Irish defeated #21 South Florida and #19 Florida on their first weekend out (Feb. 12-13), then knocked off #5/6 Tennessee last weekend in Palm Springs. Notre Dame also defeated #15 Northwestern with a four-run rally in the bottom of the seventh on Tuesday, April 26.

Under head coach Deanna Gumpf, the Irish have knocked off at least three ranked teams in three of four seasons (#25 South Florida, #4 Nebraska, #15 Oregon State in '02; #8 Nebraska, #14 Nebraska, #18 Nebraska in '04). The most ranked wins for the Irish came in 2001, when the team defeated eight teams ranked in the national top 25.

First back-to-back ranked wins since 2001: Notre Dame's victories over #21 South Florida (5-1) on Saturday, Feb. 12, and #19 Florida on Sunday, Feb. 13, marked the first time since the 2001 season the Irish have posted two consecutive wins over a ranked opponents.

During the 2001 season, the Irish swept a doubleheader from #10 DePaul on April 19. To find the last time the Irish defeated two consecutive different ranked teams, you will fall back to 2000, when Notre Dame defeated #16 La.-Lafayette and #6 Oklahoma on March 18 at the Kia Klassic.

South Bend plays host to the 2005 BIG EAST Championship: For the third time in the last four years, the BIG EAST Softball Championship will be held in a neutral/off-campus site in 2005.

After Salem, Va., served as the tournament's site in 2002 and 2003, the City of South Bend, Ind., will welcome the 2005 BIG EAST Softball Championship to the Belleville Complex on the far west side of town.

The Belleville Complex is one of the best softball-only facilities 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.

2005 BIG EAST Championship Schedule

Thursday, May 12

Game One - #2 seed vs. #3 seed - 5 p.m.

Game Two - #1 seed vs. #4 seed - 7 p.m.

Friday, May 13

Notre Dame Season Bests

Individual		
Hits	3	11 times
Runs	3	Ciolti (at Loy. Chi, Mar 31)
	3	Ruthrauff (vs. SJU, Apr 22)
RBI	4	Hartmann (vs. Valpo, Mar30)
2B	2	six times
3B	1	nine times
HR	1	17 times
TB	8	Hartmann (vs. EMU, Mar 20)
BB	3	Brown (vs. DePaul, Apr 19)
SB	3	Ciolti (vs. USF, Feb. 12)
	3	Ciolti (at UIC, Apr 14)
PO	20	Lenn (vs. SHU, Apr 25)
Ass.	5.0	Hartmann (at Loy. Chi, Mar 31)
IP	9.0	Stenglein (vs. SHU, Apr 25)
SO	19*	Stenglein (vs. SHU, Apr 25)
Team		
AB	32	vs. Nevada (March 11)
	32	at Loyola Chicago (March 31)
	32	at Pittsburgh (Apr 9)
Runs	11	vs. Seton Hall (Apr 25)
Hits	16	at Loyola Chicago (March 31)
RBI	9	vs. Valparaiso (March 30)
	9	at Loyola Chicago (March 31)
	9	vs. Seton Hall (Apr 25)
2B	5	at Connecticut (April 17)
3B	1	nine times
HR	3	vs. Valparaiso (March 30)
TB	22	vs. Valparaiso (March 30)
BB	7	vs. St. John's (Apr 22)
SB	5	vs. #21 S. Florida (Feb. 12)
	5	at Villanova (April 4)
PO	27	vs. Seton Hall (Apr 25)
Ass.	16	at Loyola Chicago (March 31)
IP	9.0	vs. Seton Hall (Apr 25)
SO	19	vs. Seton Hall (Apr 25)

* - indicates Notre Dame single-game record.

Miscellaneous Stats

<u>Multiple Hit Games</u>	
Ciolti	13
Brown	12
Laing	12
Middleton	11
Ruthrauff	10
<u>Multiple RBI Games</u>	
Hartmann	7
Wisn	5
Ciolti	4
Ruthrauff	4
Laing	4
<u>Hitting Streaks</u>	
Ciolti	12
Middleton	8
Laing	6
Ruthrauff	6

Projected Starting Lineup for Notre Dame:

RF:

#24, Stephanie Brown
bench:#20, Nicole Wicks
#34, Sarah Smith
#2, Brittany Glynn
#27, Carissa Jaquish

CF:

#21, Megan Ciolli

LF:

#44, Kellie Middleton

1B:

#77, Meagan Ruthrauff
bench: #16, Mallorie Lenn

2B:

#3, Katie Laing
bench: #24, Stephanie Brown

3B:

#8, Liz Hartmann
bench: #77, Meagan Ruthrauff

SS:

#22, Sara Schoonaert
bench: #3, Katie Laing

C:

#11, Gessica Hufnagle
OR
#16, Mallorie Lenn
bench: #27, Carissa Jaquish

DP:

#16, Mallorie Lenn
OR
#4, Carrie Wisen
bench: #27, Carissa Jaquish

SP:

#1, Steffany Stenglein
OR
#32, Heather Booth
bench: #4, Carrie Wisen
#5, Kenya Fuemmeler

Pronunciation Guide:

Megan *Ciolli*: See-oh-lee
Kenya *Fuemmeler*: Fimm-lure
Carissa *Jaquish*: Jay-kwish
Meagan *Ruthrauff*: Ruth-roff
Sara *Schoonaert*: Skoon-ert
Steffany *Stenglein*: Steng-line
Kris *Ganef*: Gann-eff

Game Three - winner game one vs. winner game two - 3 p.m.
Game Four - loser game one vs. loser game two - 5 p.m.
Game Five - loser game three vs. winner game four - 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

Game Six - winner game three vs. winner game five - 1 p.m.
Game Seven - same teams if necessary - 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 15

Rain Date

California girls: While three trips to the west coast gives the Irish an opportunity to face several of the top teams in the country this season, Notre Dame's appearances in San Diego (Feb. 18-20), Palm Springs (Feb. 25-27) and the Los Angeles area (March 6-7) also will provide the seven California natives on the team will a chance to play in their home state.

Heather Booth (Riverside), Liz Hartmann (Novato), Carissa Jaquish (Highland), Mallorie Lenn (Garden Grove), Meagan Ruthrauff (La Mirada), Steffany Stenglein (Huntington Beach) and Carrie Wisen (Fullerton) are the seven California natives on the '05 Irish roster.

Incoming freshman class of 2006: University of Notre Dame head softball coach Deanna Gumpf has announced the signing of seven student-athletes to national letters of intent last week, landing one of the top recruiting classes in the nation.

Brittney Bargar (Corona, Calif.), Christine Farrell (La Habra, Calif.), Erin Glasco (Johnston City, Ill.), Linda Kohan (Westminster, Calif.), Alexandra Kotcheff (Beverly Hills, Calif.), Stephanie Mola (Naples, Fla.) and Beth Northway (Kentwood, Mich.) will make up the class of 2009.

"This is one of the best recruiting classes I have seen in my career and I feel it is the best in the country," Gumpf says of the group.

"The quality and diversity of this class is second to none. The entire staff is excited to have this group of players join the Notre Dame family."

The class hails from across the country with four California natives, plus players from Michigan, Illinois and Florida. The group also is made up of two pitchers (Bargar, Farrell), a catcher (Glasco), an infielder (Kohan), two outfielders (Kotcheff, Mola) and an infielder/outfielder (Northway) – giving the class excellent balance at all positions.

BIG EAST loses one team before gaining three in 2006: With the shift of Virginia Tech to the ACC for the '05 season, the BIG EAST drops down to 10 teams this season before expanding to 13 teams next year when DePaul, South Florida and Louisville join the league (Marquette and Cincinnati to do not compete in softball).

With the addition of three traditional powers, the BIG EAST Conference will quickly become one of the best softball conferences east of the Mississippi.

Notre Dame will face two of the three new teams entering the league in 2006 this season. The Irish split two games with South Florida at the GRU Classic in Gainesville, Fla., and will travel to DePaul for a doubleheader on April 19.

High school teammates: Sophomore Stephanie Brown and freshman Katie Laing are just the third combination of high school teammates to play for the Irish since the program began. Both Brown and Laing played for Corona del Sol in the Chandler, Ariz., area during their prep careers. Debbie Boulac and Stephanie Pinter, both from South Bend, Ind., and St. Joseph High School, played together from 1990-93. Jennifer Sharron and Jessica Sharron, the first second set of sisters to play for the Irish, were on the Notre Dame roster together in 2000 and 2001.

Sisters Debbie and Diane Boulac both played for the Irish, but were not on the same team together.

Three options to keep track of Irish softball for out-of-town fans: The University of Notre Dame Sports Information Office offers three ways to keep up with Irish softball for fans who are out of town or unable to make it to Ivy Field.

Live Audio play-by-play of Notre Dame home games is available to subscribers of the College Sports Pass on www.und.com. Notre Dame Assistant Sports Information Director handles the play-by-play duties.

Go to Notre Dame's official athletic website, www.und.com, and click on the audio-video link at the top of the page to learn more about the College Sports Pass.

Gametracker, live statistical updates during Irish home games and selected away games, is also available for free this season.

Finally, for those not around a computer during competition, fans can call the Notre Dame Sports Hotline at 574-631-3000 to get updates on the Irish softball team. The hotline is updated with brief recaps as soon as possible after each Notre Dame game.

To access the softball information on the hotline, dial 574-631-3000, select 4 for baseball/softball, then 2 for softball information.

2005 Notre Dame Softball Results									
Date	Opponent		Score	RHE-RHE	Inn.	Overall-BIG EAST	Pitcher	GW Run/GW RBI	
2-11	\$at #19 Florida	L	2-3	2-4-0/3-3-1	7	0-1 0-0	Stenglein (L, 0-1)	-	
2-11	\$vs. #21 South Florida	L	0-5	0-1-3/5-6-1	7	0-2 0-0	Booth (L, 0-1)	-	
2-12	\$vs. Coastal Carolina	W	2-0	2-5-1/0-2-0	7	1-2 0-0	Booth (W, 1-1)	Middleton/Ciolti	
2-12	\$vs. #21 South Florida	W	5-1	5-7-1/1-3-3	7	2-2 0-0	Stenglein (W, 1-1)	Hartmann/Jaquish	
2-13	\$at #19 Florida	W	4-2	4-9-1/2-5-0	7	3-2 0-0	Booth (W, 2-1)	Schoonaert/Ciolti	
2-18	^vs. Utah	W	3-2	3-8-2/2-3-2	7	4-2 0-0	Stenglein (W, 2-1)	Brown/Middleton	
2-18	^vs. Fresno State		cancelled						
2-19	^vs. UCLA		rained out						
2-19	^at San Diego State		rained out						
2-20	^vs. Central Michigan		rained out						
2-25	%vs. Loyola Marymount	L	0-7	0-7-2/7-7-0	7	4-3 0-0	Stenglein (L, 1-2)	-	
2-25	%vs. #3/4 UCLA	L	1-3	1-2-1/3-6-0	7	4-4 0-0	Booth (L, 2-2)	-	
2-26	%vs. #NR/20 Pacific	L	1-9	1-9-2/9-12-0	7	4-5 0-0	Booth (L, 2-3)	-	
2-26	%vs. Arizona State	L	1-2	1-4-1/2-8-1	7	4-6 0-0	Stenglein (L, 2-3)	-	
2-27	%vs. #5/6 Tennessee	W	5-2	5-8-0/2-3-1	7	5-6 0-0	Booth (W, 3-3)	Lenn/Ruthrauff	
3-6	at Loyola Marymount	W	2-1	2-7-2/1-6-2	7	6-6 0-0	Booth (W, 4-3)	Brown/Ruthrauff	
3-6	at Loyola Marymount	L	0-5	0-2-0/5-4-0	7	6-7 0-0	Stenglein (L, 2-4)	-	
3-7	at UC Santa Barbara	W	1-0	1-4-0/0-6-1	7	7-7 0-0	Booth (W, 5-3)	Middleton/Schoonaert	
3-9	&vs. Campbell	W	6-1	6-12-0/1-3-1	7	8-7 0-0	Stenglein (W, 3-4)	Lenn/Middleton	
3-9	&at Hawaii	W	9-1	9-13-0/1-2-3	5	9-7 0-0	Booth (W, 6-3)	Laing/Brown	
3-10	&vs. Virginia	W	3-1	3-7-0/1-3-0	7	10-7 0-0	Stenglein (W, 4-4)	Middleton/Ciolti	
3-11	&vs. Nevada	W	7-1	7-13-0/1-5-0	7	11-7 0-0	Booth (W, 7-3)	Lenn/Hartmann	
3-19	&vs. Marshall	L	4-7	4-9-2/7-8-3	7	11-8 0-0	Booth (L, 7-4)	-	
3-19	@at Ohio State		cancelled (weather delays)						
3-20	@vs. Oakland	W	8-0	8-11-0/0-3-3	5	12-8 0-0	Stenglein (W, 5-4)	Smith/Hartmann	
3-20	@vs. E. Michigan	W	4-1	4-8-2/1-2-1	7	13-8 0-0	Booth (W, 8-4)	Ciolti/Hartmann	
3-24	Western Michigan	W	2-1	2-4-0/1-5-2	7	14-8 0-0	Booth (W, 9-4)	Wicks/Wisen	
3-30	Valparaiso	W	5-0	5-10-2/0-2-2	7	15-8 0-0	Stenglein (W, 6-4)	Hartmann/Lenn	
3-30	Valparaiso	W	10-0	10-10-2/0-0-2	5	16-8 0-0	Wisen (W, 1-0)	Brown/Brown	
3-31	at Loyola Chicago	W	10-0	10-16-0/0-1-1	7	17-8 0-0	Booth (W, 10-4)	Laing/Ciolti	
4-2	*at Rutgers (DH)		rained out						
4-4	*at Villanova	W	4-0	4-9-1/0-1-3	7	18-8 1-0	Stenglein (W, 7-4)	Laing/Wisen	
4-4	*at Villanova	W	2-0	2-7-0/0-3-0	7	19-8 2-0	Booth (W, 11-4)	Laing/Laing	
4-5	*Eastern Michigan	W	1-0	1-2-0/0-2-1	7	20-8 2-0	Stenglein (W, 8-4)	Ciolti/Ruthrauff	
4-5	Eastern Michigan	W	7-5	7-9-2/5-7-1	7	21-8 2-0	Stenglein (W, 9-4)	Jaquish/Middleton	
4-7	Ball State	W	4-1	4-8-2/1-3-0	7	22-8 2-0	Booth (W, 12-4)	Laing/Hartmann	
4-9	*at Pittsburgh	W	7-2	7-11-0/2-4-5	7	23-8 3-0	Stenglein (W, 10-4)	Smith/Lenn	
4-9	*at Pittsburgh	W	6-0	6-12-1/0-2-0	7	24-8 4-0	Booth (W, 13-4)	Smith/Wisen	
4-12	at Purdue (DH)		rained out - postponed to May 10						
4-14	at UIC	W	4-0	4-8-1/1-3-0	7	25-8 4-0	Stenglein (W, 11-4)	Middleton/Ciolti	
4-16	*at Providence	W	1-0	1-4-0/0-1-2	7	26-8 5-0	Stenglein (W, 12-4)	Smith/Brown	
4-16	*at Providence	W	5-4	5-7-1/4-5-1	7	27-8 6-0	Stenglein (W, 13-4)	Smith/Laing	
4-17	*at Connecticut	W	2-0	2-6-1/0-4-0	7	28-8 7-0	Stenglein (W, 14-4)	Laing/Laing	
4-17	*at Connecticut	W	3-2	3-8-1/2-2-3	8	29-8 8-0	Booth (W, 14-4)	Ciolti/Laing	
4-19	at DePaul	W	2-1	2-5-0/1-3-0	8	30-8 8-0	Stenglein (W, 15-4)	Wicks/Middleton	
4-19	at DePaul	L	4-7	4-5-0/7-9-2	7	30-9 8-0	Booth (L, 14-5)	-	
4-21	Akron	W	1-0	1-4-1/0-1-1	7	31-9 8-0	Booth (W, 15-5)	Brown/Ciolti	
4-21	Akron	W	3-2	3-10-2/2-4-1	7	32-9 8-0	Fuemmeler (W, 1-0)	Ciolti/Laing	
4-22	*St. John's	W	8-0	8-7-0/0-1-1	5	33-9 9-0	Stenglein (W, 16-4)	Ruthrauff/Ruthrauff	
4-22	*St. John's	W	8-0	8-10-0/0-1-2	5	34-9 10-0	Booth (W, 16-5)	Brown/Ciolti	
4-25	*Seton Hall	L	1-2	1-5-0/2-3-0	9	34-10 10-1	Stenglein (L, 16-5)	-	
4-25	*Seton Hall	W	11-4	11-12-0/4-7-3	7	35-10 11-1	Booth (W, 17-5)	Smith/Lenn	
4-26	#15 Northwestern	W	4-3	4-3-2/3-8-2	7	36-10 11-1	Stenglein (W, 17-5)	Schoonaert/Middleton	

* - BIG EAST Conference game

\$ - GRU Classic (Gainesville, Fla.)

^ - Campbell-Cartier Tournament (San Diego, Calif.)

% - Palm Springs Classic (Palm Springs, Calif.)

& - Hawaii Spring Fling (Honolulu, Hawaii)

@ - Buckey Invitational (Columbus, Ohio)

Current Irish Players on the Career Charts:

Games Played

1. Jarrah Myers.....	245
10. Elizabeth Perkins	231
- Megan Ciolli	227
- Liz Hartmann	222

At Bats

1. Jenny Kriech	790
2. Melanie Alkire.....	765
3. Sara Hayes	720
Lizzy Lemire.....	720
5. Megan Ciolli	719
Elizabeth Perkins	719
7. Jarrah Myers.....	714
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	674
9. Andrea Loman	671
10. Jenn Giampaolo.....	654
- Liz Hartmann	610

Batting Average

1. Meghan Murray.....	.380
2. Megan Ciolli369
3. Katie Marten.....	.367
4. Jarrah Myers.....	.350

Runs Scored

1. Andrea Loman	164
2. Jenny Kriech	158
3. Jarrah Myers.....	153
4. Megan Ciolli	150
5. Katie Marten.....	137
6. Meghan Murray.....	135
7. Melanie Alkire.....	129
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	117

Most Hits

1. Jenny Kriech	268
2. Megan Ciolli	265
3. Melanie Alkire.....	260
4. Meghan Murray.....	254
5. Jarrah Myers.....	250
6. Sara Hayes	243
7. Lizzy Lemire.....	239
8. Andrea Loman	233
9. Jenn Giampaolo.....	218

Doubles

1. Melanie Alkire.....	49
2. Elizabeth Perkins	48
3. Jenny Kriech	45
4. Andrea Loman	44
Sara Hayes	44
6. Lizzy Lemire.....	43
7. Andria Bledsoe.....	40
8. Meghan Murray.....	39
9. Megan Ciolli	36
10. Jarrah Myers.....	35

Triples

1. Jenny Kriech	19
4. Three players with.....	11
7. Megan Ciolli	9
8. Three players with.....	8

Home Runs

1. Jarrah Myers.....	36
2. Andrea Loman	31
3. Melanie Alkire.....	30
4. Liz Hartmann	27
5. Sara Hayes	26
6. Megan Ruthrauff	18
7. Meghan Murray.....	15
8. Andria Bledsoe.....	14
9. Megan Ciolli	12
Mallorie Lenn	11

RBI

1. Jarrah Myers.....	174
2. Melanie Alkire.....	167
3. Andrea Loman	148
4. Sara Hayes	137
5. Meghan Murray.....	129
6. Lizzy Lemire.....	126
7. Andria Bledsoe.....	125
8. Liz Hartmann	124
9. Meagan Ruthrauff	107
10. Elizabeth Perkins	98
11. Megan Ciolli	93

Walks

1. Andrea Loman	87
2. Jarrah Myers.....	76
3. Megan Ruthrauff	73
4. Jenny Kriech	66
Sara Hayes	66
6. Melanie Alkire.....	61
7. Ruth Kmak	52

Stolen Bases

1. Megan Ciolli	67
2. Andrea Loman	60
3. Katie Marten.....	58
4. Jenny Kriech	55
5. Jarrah Myers.....	43
6. Jenn Giampaolo.....	41
7. Alexi Madrid	39
Danielle Klayman.....	39
Meghan Murray.....	39
10. Lisa Miller.....	38
- Kellie Middleton	36

Pitching

Appearances

1. Steffany Stenglein	142
2. Jennifer Sharron	134
3. Angela Bessolo.....	125
4. Missy Linn.....	122
5. Kelly Nichols	116
Staci Alford.....	116
7. Heather Booth	105
8. Joy Battersby	99
9. Carrie Wisen	94

Games Started

1. Steffany Stenglein	124
2. Jennifer Sharron	117
3. Missy Linn.....	97
4. Terri Kobata.....	94
5. Angela Bessolo.....	90
Heather Booth	90
7. Joy Battersby	83
8. Staci Alford.....	62

Wins

1. Jennifer Sharron	88
2. Terri Kobata.....	79
3. Steffany Stenglein	75
4. Missy Linn.....	63
Heather Booth	63
6. Angela Bessolo.....	53
7. Stacie Alford.....	48

Shutouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	42
2. Jennifer Sharron	38
3. Missy Linn.....	29
4. Heather Booth	21
5. Steffany Stenglein	18
6. Angela Bessolo.....	15
Staci Alford.....	15

Innings Pitched

1. Jennifer Sharron	772.1
2. Steffany Stenglein	692.2
3. Missy Linn.....	670.0
4. Terri Kobata.....	630.0
5. Heather Booth	583.2
6. Staci Alford.....	571.2
7. Angela Bessolo.....	562.2
8. Joy Battersby	491.0

Strikeouts

1. Terri Kobata.....	907
2. Jennifer Sharron	728
3. Steffany Stenglein	716
4. Heather Booth	524
5. Angela Bessolo.....	445

2005 Notre Dame Softball Player Biography Updates (alphabetical order) -

Booth, Heather • #32 • 5-10 • Jr. • P • R/R • Riverside, Calif. (Martin Luther King)

Career Rankings at Notre Dame

Strikeouts -	Fourth	524
Shutouts -	Fourth	21
Games Started -	Fifth	90
Innings Pitched -	Fifth	583.2
Wins -	Sixth	63
Appearances -	Seventh	105

One of Notre Dame's top two pitchers (along with senior Steffany Stenglein) ... a veteran who brings consistency to the Irish pitching staff ... rarely rattled in the circle and has the ability to work through tough innings ... has worked on a variety of additional pitches during the offseason.

2005: Held down #15 Northwestern's powerful lineup for four shutout innings, striking out three and getting a no-decision in Notre Dame's 4-3 come-from-behind victory ... shut down St. John's in game two of a doubleheader, allowing one hit and striking out seven in Notre Dame's 8-0, five-inning victory ... dominated game one vs. Akron, allowing one hit and striking out 11 in an complete-game shutout (1-0 Irish victory) ... picked up a complete-game victory at Connecticut in game two, pitching all eight innings of Notre Dame's 3-2 victory ... struck out nine and allowed two hits vs. the Huskies ... matched her career seven-inning game high with 12 strikeouts, while allowing just two hits, in game two at Pittsburgh (6-0 Irish victory) ... posted 12th victory of the season vs. Ball State, pitching four innings, striking out six and allowing three hits and one unearned run ... earned second BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week award on Tuesday, April 5 after posting a 0.00 ERA in three starts from 3-21 to 4-5, earning two victories, allowing four hits in 16 innings while striking out 13 ... picked up a complete-game shutout victory in her first BIG EAST Conference appearance, allowing three hits and striking out five at Villanova ... just missed her first solo no-hitter at Loyola Chicago, giving up a single with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning ... struck out three and walked three against Loyola Chicago, getting 15 ground ball outs ... combined with teammate Carrie Wisen to earn a share of her first career no-hitter/perfect game in game two vs Valparaiso ... pitched two innings, striking out five of the first six batters of the game ... Wisen finished off the final three innings for the perfect game ... shut down Western Michigan over the final four innings, allowing two hits and striking out four to earn a victory in Notre Dame's come-from-behind 2-1 victory ... pitched six innings of no-hit softball after allowing a run in the first inning vs. Eastern Michigan (4-1 Irish victory), retiring 18 of the final 19 batters in the contest ... named BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week on March 14 after posting three victories and a save during Spring Break ... allowed two earned runs in four appearances ... missed out on a shutout opportunity vs. Nevada, allowing one run in the seventh inning while striking out six and scattering five hits ... entered the bottom of the seventh against Virginia with the bases loaded and one out ... earned save with a strikeout and pop up ... the save was the second of her career ... picked up a five-inning victory at Hawaii, allowing one run on two hits while striking out three ... scattered six hits and allowed on run in a 3-1 victory at Loyola Marymount ... earned a six-hit shutout victory at UC Santa Barbara, striking out six in a 1-0 victory ... entered the game against #5/6 Tennessee in relief, eventually picking up the victory by holding the Lady Vols to one hit in 4.2 innings and striking out five ... pitched a gutsy game against #19 Florida in the championship of the GRU Classic, avoiding damage from five walks to strikeout eight, scatter five hits and allow two runs (one earned) ... allowed two hits in a complete-game victory (2-0) over Coastal Carolina at the GRU Classic.

2005 Awards:

BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week (March 14)

BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week (April 5)

2005 Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
1.51	17-5	30	24	15	7	153.1	141	3

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
1.62	63-24	105	90	58	21	583.2	524	

Brown, Stephanie • #24 • 5-8 • So. • OF/2B • L/R • Chandler, Ariz. (Corona del Sol)

Makes a position switch from second base (school-record tying 69 starts in '04) to rightfield in 2005 ... has returned to second base for two games this season (vs. Arizona State, vs. #5/6 Tennessee) ... a versatile athlete capable of making great defensive plays and possesses an accurate outfield arm ... an outstanding offensive force at the plate, capable of bunting, slapping or hitting for power ... tied the freshman record for home runs in a season in 2004 with seven ... was Notre Dame's leadoff hitter in 2004 and has seen a majority of her time in that role in '05.

2005: Finished three for three with a run scored, two walks and an RBI in game two vs. Seton Hall (11-4 Irish victory) ... hit her second home run of the season to lead off game two vs. Akron ... drew three walks (Notre Dame team season high) in game one at DePaul ... doubled and scored to lead off the game in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory at Connecticut (game two) ... two for three with two singles and an RBI in game two at Providence ... drove in the lone run with a sacrifice fly in Notre Dame's 1-0 game one victory at Providence ... two for three with a single and double vs. Ball State ... keyed Notre Dame's offensive surge at Loyola Chicago, going three for five at the plate with a double, RBI and run scored ... led off game two vs. Valparaiso with her first home run of the season, a solo shot to rightfield ... ended up one for one in the game with two runs scored, a walk and hit by pitch ... two for four with a double in game one vs. Valparaiso ... two for four with a stolen base and run scored vs. Eastern Michigan (4-1 Irish victory) ... two for three with a double vs. Oakland (8-0 Irish victory) ... contributed her first outfield assist of the season vs. Nevada ... also drew two walks and scored a run vs. the Wolfpack ... two for four with a run and RBI in a 9-1 victory over Hawaii ... carded first three-hit game of the year vs. Campbell, going three for three at the plate with two runs scored and a stolen base ... posted a great over the shoulder catch at the fence to rob #3/4 UCLA of a home run on Feb. 25 ... two for two with two runs scored an her first career triple in a 3-2 victory over Utah.

2005 Awards:

Buckeye Invitational All-Tournament Team

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.319	.428	.406	22	44	7	1	2	9	17	8-14	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.308	.434	.370	69	112	17	1	9	39	28	19-32	.960

Ciolfi, Megan • #21 • 5-9 • Sr. • OF • L/R • Terre Haute, Ind. (North Vigo)

Career Rankings at Notre Dame

Stolen Bases -	First	67
Hits -	Second	265 (three off the record)
Runs -	Fourth	150 (14 off the record)
At Bats -	Fifth	719
Triples -	Seventh	9
Doubles -	Ninth	36
Home Runs -	Ninth	12
RBI -	11th	93

2005 Team Captain ... will look to repeat her '04 All-America honors with a stellar final season ... became the all-time leader in stolen bases this season, breaking former teammate Andrea Loman's record .. also set the school single-season record for stolen bases, as she currently has 24 steals in 2005 ... currently has 67 career stolen bases ... a consistent offensive force at the plate ... her .368 career batting average ranks second all-time at Notre Dame ... batted third in '04 after hitting leadoff in '03 and second in '02 ... threatens several career offensive marks (see "Irish On Career Charts" note in this package), currently second in batting average, fifth in at bats, fourth in runs (14 behind school record), second in hits (three behind), ninth in doubles, seventh in triples, ninth in home runs and 11th in RBI ... has batted both lead off and in the third spot this season.

2005 - Currently leads the team in hits, batting average and stolen bases ... two for three with a double, triple and three RBI in game two vs. St. John's ... two for four with a steal and runs scored in game one vs. Seton Hall ... matched the school record for single-season steal with a pair of swipes in the doubleheader vs. Akron ... was also two for four at the plate with an RBI and double vs. the Zips ... three for three with three singles and stole second on each hit as well - setting the school record for career steals in the game at UIC ... also drove in the game-winning run in the 4-0 victory ... two for four with two singles and RBI and run scored in game two at Pittsburgh ... one for two with a double and run scored in game two vs. Eastern Michigan ... dominated the single game at Loyola Chicago, going three for four at the plate with three runs scored, two RBI, a double, stolen base and walk ... finished one for two with a run, RBI and sacrifice fly in game two vs. Valparaiso ... two for three with a run scored in game one vs. Valparaiso ... two for three with an RBI, run scored and two stolen bases vs. Eastern Michigan ... one for four with a run scored and stolen base vs. Nevada ... posted first three-hit game of the season at Hawaii (9-1 Irish victory), going three for three with a run, RBI and two doubles ... two for three against Virginia with a run, RBI, triple and stolen base ... one for three with a solo home run in game one at Loyola Marymount (3-1 Irish victory) ... two for three with and RBI in Notre Dame's 5-2 upset of #5/6 Tennessee ... one for two with a solo home run in a 2-1 loss to Arizona State ... one for three with a runs scored and stolen base vs. #3/4 UCLA ... ended up two for three with two RBI and two doubles in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Utah ... led the team in hitting during the GRU Classic, going six for 17 (.353) with three RBI (including the game-winner vs. #19 Florida) ... two for four with two RBI singles in 4-2 victory over #19 Florida ... one for three with three stolen bases in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida ... broke up no-hit bid by USF's Danielle Urbanik in the bottom of the seventh with a solid single to centerfield in 5-0 USF victory on Feb. 11.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.376	.518	.422	31	53	10	2	2	22	8	24-28	.975

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.369	.494	.409	150	265	36	9	12	93	30	67-81	.958

Fuemmeler, Kenya • #5 • 5-7 • So. • P • R/R • Salisbury, Mo. (Salisbury)

Will see increased time in the circle this season ... also one of the team's top options at pinch runner ... scored 11 runs in 2004.

2005 - Earned first career victory in game two vs. Akron, taking the mound for one inning ... pitched a scoreless inning at DePaul in game two ... posted the longest and most impressive performance of her career in game one vs. Valparaiso ... pitching a shutout inning in game two at DePaul ... pitched the final two innings vs. the Crusaders, striking out one and not allowing a hit ... combined for her first career shutout with original game starter Steffany Stenglein ... made first pitching appearance vs. Campbell, working one inning and allowing two hits and a run ... struck out two in that same inning.

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.47	1-0	4	0	0	0	5.0	4	0

Glynn, Brittany • #2 • 5-3 • Fr. • OF • R/R • Seymour, Conn. (St. Joseph)

Freshman player will give the team added depth in the outfield ... also provides increased options at pinch runner.

2005 - First career at bat was recorded in game two vs. Valparaiso (pop up to short stop) ... made her first career appearance as a pinch runner vs. Campbell ... also pinch ran at Hawaii, at Pittsburgh (scoring her first career run) and in game one vs. St. John's.

Hartmann, Liz • #8 • 5-9 • Sr. • IF (3B) • R/R • Novato, Calif. (San Marin)

Every day starter at 3B in '04 returns for her senior season ... streaky hitter capable of putting together monster RBI games ... has hit two home runs in a single game three times in her career ... has a flair for the dramatic home run as well, smashing four game-winning home runs in the sixth-inning or later during her career ... became the eighth Notre Dame player to drive in 100 runs in a career with her RBI vs. Nevada.

2005: Two for three with a two-RBI single and walk in game two vs. Seton Hall (11-4 Irish victory) ... posted a two-RBI single at UIC (4-0 Irish victory) ... two for three with a single and double in game one at Pittsburgh (7-2 Irish victory) ... cranked a game-winning three-run home run in the fifth inning vs. Ball State ... drove in a run with a sacrifice fly at Loyola Chicago ... piled up three hits in four at bats in the doubleheader vs. Valparaiso, driving in five runs during the two games ... hit her second home run of the season - a grand slam - in the first inning of game two, eventually finishing one for two with four RBI and a walk ... two for two with a run, RBI, double and walk in game one ... dominated the Buckeye Invitational, going seven for 10 at the plate with seven RBI and a game-winning three-run home run vs. Eastern Michigan ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week for the first time in her career on March 21, 2005, after her performance in the Buckeye Invitational ... ended up three for four with two doubles, a home run and three RBI vs. Eastern Michigan ... two for three with three RBI, including the game-ending two-RBI double, in Notre Dame's 8-0, five-inning victory vs. Oakland ... two for three with a double and game-tying RBI vs. Marshall (7-4 Irish loss) ... one for three with an RBI vs. Campbell ... one for two with an RBI (the 100th over her career) and sacrifice fly vs. Nevada ... ended up two for four with two singles to leftfield in Notre Dame's 5-2 upset victory over #5/6 Tennessee ... two for four, including first career triple in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Awards:

BIG EAST Player of the Week (03-21-05)

Buckeye Invitational All-Tournament Team

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.263	.424	.333	6	31	8	1	3	27	13	0-0	.939

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.251	.431	.300	66	153	27	1	27	124	41	5-7	.952

Hufnagle, Gessica • #11 • 5-6 • So. • C • R/R • Middlebury, Ind. (Northridge)

Provides the team valuable and talented depth at catcher ... will see an increase in playing time in '05.

2005: Has stepped in as one of Notre Dame's starting catchers ... finished one for three with a run scored and sacrifice bunt at Loyola Chicago ... one for two with a run scored in game two vs. Valparaiso ... drove in the her second run of the season with an RBI single vs. Nevada ... posted first multi-hit game of her career vs. Campbell, going two for three at the plate with an RBI.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.167	.167	.333	8	6	0	0	0	2	3	2-2	.980

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.155	.155	.210	14	9	0	0	0	4	4	4-4	.978

Jaquish, Carissa • #27 • 5-9 • So. • C • R/R • Highland, Calif. (Redlands East Valley)

Gives the Irish talented depth at catcher, along with the ability to play the outfield ... capable of driving in runs and hitting for average ... Notre Dame's top option at DP in '04.

2005: Two for three with an RBI double and single in game two at Connecticut ... drove in two runs with an RBI single at Loyola Chicago ... made first start at catcher in Notre Dame's 3-1 loss to #3/4 UCLA ... posted pinch-hit double (first hit of the year) in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.265	.382	.333	5	9	2	1	0	5	4	0-0	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.223	.301	.278	22	43	6	3	1	19	14	5-5	.983

Laing, Katie • #3 • 5-4 • Fr. • 2B/SS • R/R • Chandler, Ariz. (Corona del Sol)

Has seen action as Notre Dame's starting shortstop in her rookie season ... has excellent range and a strong arm ... has struggled with her throwing consistency from short stop so far in her first season ... has been solid since a switch to second base for Spring Break ... one of Notre Dame's top clutch hitters ... threatens the single-season double record with 15, two behind the record of 17.

2005: One for five with two RB I in game two vs. Seton Hall ... two for three with two RBI and a double in game one vs. St. John's ... drove in Megan Ruthrauff with an RBI double in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory in game one at DePaul ... third consecutive game-winning hit came in the eighth inning vs. UConn in game two, driving in Megan Ciolli with a double to centerfield ... ended up two for two with two doubles an RBI and run scored vs. UConn in game two ... posted second consecutive 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 to complete Notre Dame's come-from-behind victory ... two for three with a double and two RBI in game two at Pittsburgh ... launched her second home run of the year in game one at Pittsburgh, going one for three with two RBI and an sacrifice fly ... hit her first career home run, which proved to be the game-winner, in the second inning of game two at Villanova (2-0 Irish victory) ... two for three with two runs scored in game one at Villanova ... made the most of her three starts in the second spot of Notre Dame's lineup while Kellie Middleton was sidelined after dental surgery ... piled up five hits in the three games vs. Valparaiso (DH) and at Loyola Chicago ... two for five with two runs scored, a double, RBI and stolen base at Loyola Chicago ... two for three with two runs scored, an RBI, double and first career triple in game two vs. Valparaiso ... one for three with a run scored and sacrifice bunt in game one vs. Valparaiso ... kick-started Notre Dame's seventh-inning rally vs. Western Michigan with a one-out single, eventually scoring the tying run ... two for three with an RBI, two runs scored and a double vs. Oakland (8-0 Irish victory) ... two for three with a run scored vs. Marshall (7-4 Irish loss) ... two for four with a run scored and RBI vs. Nevada ... two for three with a run scored and stolen base at Hawaii (9-1 Irish victory) ... one for two with a sacrifice, RBI and run scored vs. Campbell ... two for two with two doubles and two runs scoring in 4-2 victory over #19 Florida on Feb. 13 ... first career hit was a double (eventually scoring on a ground out) in 2-0 victory over Coastal Carolina.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.317	.524	.346	24	40	15	1	3	21	4	4-4	.964

Lenn, Mallorie • #16 • Jr. • 5-8 • DP/C • R/R • Garden Grove, Calif. (Pacifica)

Returned to the starting lineup as Notre Dame's catcher against Arizona State and #5/6 Tennessee ... will be used as a spot-starter at catcher and at designated player Notre Dame's top defensive catcher.

2005: One for three with three RBI and her first home run of the season in game two vs. Seton Hall ... three for three with a double in game two vs. Akron ... was unavailable for Notre Dame's contest at Loyola Chicago due to class commitments ... started both games of the doubleheader vs. Valparaiso at catcher (two for five at the plate with an RBI in both games) ... broke out of her season-starting slump during Spring Break ... ended up nine for 22 during break and carries a five-game hit streak into the Buckeye Invitational this weekend ... went two for four in game one at Loyola Marymount ... two for three with a run scored vs. Campbell (7-1 Irish victory) ... two for four with a runs scored vs. Nevada.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.228	.298	.264	7	26	5	0	1	8	6	1-1	1.000

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.254	.383	.305	33	114	23	1	11	64	29	4-4	.991

Middleton, Kellie • #44 • Jr. • 5-6 • OF • R/R • Norcross, Ga. (Marist)

Returns to the full time line up after missing 61 games last season with an injury ... a potential all-star candidate in the outfield with exceptional speed on defense and the basepaths ... first hit of her first two seasons ('03, '04) were home runs (in '05, her first hit was a bunt, followed by a home run) ... the fastest baserunner in the BIG EAST Conference.

2005: scored the winning run in Notre Dame's upset of #15 Northwestern, capping a four-run rally by walking and eventually scoring in the bottom of the seventh on Sara Schoonaert's two-RBI single ... four for seven in Notre Dame's doubleheader sweep of St. John's, scoring three runs and stealing one base ... two for three with a run scored and two singles in game two at DePaul ... drove in the game-winning run with a single in the top of the eighth inning at DePaul, driving in pinch runner Nicole Wicks ... singled and scored the game-tying run in the seventh inning of Notre Dame's comeback victory at Providence ... two for three with two singles in game one at Providence ... tripled and scored the first run of the game at UIC (4-0 Irish victory) ... drove in the winning run with a two-RBI single in the bottom of the sixth in game two vs. Eastern Michigan (7-5 Irish victory) ... did not play vs. Valparaiso (DH) and at Loyola Chicago while recovering from minor dental surgery ... two for four with a double and run scored vs. Marshall (7-4 Irish loss) ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on March 14 after hitting .563 during the week and helping Notre Dame claim the Hawaii Spring Fling tournament title ... the award is the first BIG EAST weekly award of her career ... in Notre Dame's 5-0 week, posted six stolen bases, two RBI and nine hits ... posted fourth multi-hit game in five outings vs. Nevada, going two for four with an RBI and two stolen bases ... one for three with a run scored and stolen base vs. Virginia ... two for four with two runs scored and a double at Hawaii ... two for two with two runs scored, an RBI and a stolen base vs. Campbell ... keyed Notre Dame's victory at UC Santa Barbara ... in the fifth inning vs. UCSB, posted a bunt hit, stole second base and scored on an RBI double by Sara Schoonaert for the only run of the game in ND's 1-0 victory ... finished two for three vs. UCSB ... drove in the game-winning run with an RBI single in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Utah ... hit first home run of the season for Notre Dame, a two-run shot, in 5-1 victory over #21 South Florida on Feb. 12.

2005 Awards:

BIG EAST Player of the Week (March 14)

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.304	.378	.324	24	41	5	1	1	10	3	16-18	.943

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.287	.409	.311	45	66	11	1	5	23	7	36-40	.945

Ruthrauff, Meagan • #77 • Jr. • 5-8 • 1B • R/R • La Mirada, Calif. (La Serna)

Powerful RBI producer in the middle of Notre Dame's lineup ... drove in 54 runs in '04, the second-highest total in school history ... capable of playing any infield position ... focused on raising her batting average this season ... became the ninth Irish player to reach the 100-RBI plateau in 2005.

2005: Two for three with an RBI double in game two vs. Seton Hall (11-4 Irish victory) ... one for two with a home run, two RBI and three runs scored in game one vs. St. John's ... singled and scored the first run of the game in Notre Dame's 2-1, eight-inning victory at DePaul (game one) ... laid down the first bunt hit of her career in game one at Connecticut ... two for three in game two at Providence, driving in the game-tying run in the top of the seventh with a double to the wall ... two for three with an RBI double, single and run scored at UIC (4-0 Irish victory) ... one for four with her third home run of the season (a solo shot) in game one at Pittsburgh ... one for three with an RBI single in game two vs. Eastern Michigan ... drove in the only run of the game in game one vs. Eastern Michigan with a double in the bottom of the first inning ... two for three with an RBI and run scored at Loyola Chicago ... also stole her second base of the season vs. the Ramblers ... two for three with a run scored vs. Oakland (8-0 Irish victory) ... one for three with an RBI single vs. Marshall (7-4 Irish loss) ... shook out of a early-season slump to post five hits and six RBI during the Hawaii Spring Fling ... three for four with three RBI and a double vs. Nevada ... one for two with a run scored, three RBI and two sacrifice flies vs. Campbell ... also hit her second home run of the season vs. the Fighting Camels ... crushed her first home run of the season, a three-run shot, to provide the winning margin in Notre Dame's 5-2 upset victory over #5/6 Tennessee ... ended up two for four against the Lady Vols ... two for three with a double against #20 Pacific.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.323	.504	.426	20	41	11	0	4	26	24	2-2	.987

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.307	.486	.405	71	147	29	0	19	107	73	4-4	.992

Schoonaert, Sara • #22 • Jr. • 5-3 • 2B/SS • R/R • Houston, Texas (Clear Lake)

After starting the season at second base, has shifted back to shortstop .. has been solid in the left side hole for the Irish defense.

2005: Delivered her biggest hit of the season vs. #15 Northwestern, posting a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh - driving in the game-tying and game-winning run to cap Notre Dame's four-run rally ... singled and scored in game two at DePaul ... crushed an RBI triple in Notre Dame's 5-4 victory in game two at Providence ... two for three with two singles and an RBI in game two at Pittsburgh ... two for three with two singles and a run scored in game one at Pittsburgh ... one for two with an RBI single vs. Ball State ... two for three with two singles and an RBI in game two vs. Eastern Michigan ... added on an important insurance run with an RBI single in the fifth inning of game two at Villanova (2-0 Irish victory) ... two for four with an RBI, run scored and five perfect plays on defense at Loyola Chicago ... one for two in game two vs. Valparaiso ... one for two with an RBI double and walk in game one vs. Valparaiso ... provided her biggest hit of the season with an RBI double in the fifth inning, driving in the lone run of Notre Dame's 1-0 victory at UC Santa Barbara ... one for three with a triple and run scored in Notre Dame's 5-2 upset victory over #5/6 Tennessee ... drove in Notre Dame's lone run against #20 Pacific with a singled to centerfield ... posted first two hits of the season against #19 Florida, including driving in the winning run with a single in the fifth inning.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.250	.306	.277	12	27	2	2	0	13	3	6-8	.924

Career Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.226	.295	.274	53	65	10	5	0	30	17	15-23	.945

Smith, Sarah • #34 • Fr. • 5-7 • OF • L/R • Oklahoma City, Okla. (Heritage Hall)

Rookie role player who will provide depth in the outfield and speed on the basepaths ... also gives the coaching staff a left-handed bat on the bench.

2005 - Has made 32 appearances this season, mostly has a pinch runner (eight runs scored) ... also has three pinch-hit at bats ... has scored four game-winning runs as a pinch hitter in 2005.

Stenglein, Steffany • #1 • Sr. • 5-10 • P • R/R • Huntington Beach, Calif. (Marina)

Career Rankings at Notre Dame

Appearances	First	142
Games Started	First	123
Innings Pitched	Second	692.2
Strikeouts	Third	716 (12 behind #2)
Wins	Third	75 (four behind #2)

Veteran starting pitcher looking to cap her career with another outstanding season ... became the second pitcher from Notre Dame to earn the BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year award in 2005 (Jennifer Sharron won four straight from 1998-2001) ... capable of dominating performances in the pitching circle ... became the third pitcher in school history to post 500 strikeouts, reaching that barrier with 11 Ks vs. Utah ... quickly blew past the 600- and 700-strikeout barrier as well (also the third Irish pitcher to achieve that mark) ... is averaging 11.5 Ks per seven innings this season ... has become Notre Dame's all-time leader in appearances and games started this season ... third on the all-time wins list, needing four more to reach second place ... 716 career strikeouts put her in third place, 12 behind Jennifer Sharron for second place all-time ... also second all-time in career innings pitched ... joins Terri Kobata (three times) and Jennifer Sharron (twice) to throw 200 strikeouts in multiple seasons ... posted 216 strikeouts in 2002 and has 236 so far in 2005 ... needs 14 more strikeouts to join Terri Kobata as the only Irish pitcher to reach 250 strikeouts in a single season ... set the school record for strikeouts in a single game vs. Seton Hall (game one), striking out 19 in a complete-game nine-inning three-hitter.

2005 Awards:

BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week (April 18)

BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week (April 25)

2005: Has failed to post six or more strikeouts in only two starting appearance this season (vs. Tennessee, game one vs. Western Michigan) ... has posted nine or more strikeouts in 14 appearances and has hit double-digit strikeouts 12 times this season ... has three complete-game one-hitter this season (at Villanova, at Providence, vs. St. John's) ... earned second straight BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week award on April 25, posting 52 strikeouts in three appearances ... suffered a tough loss to Seton Hall, striking out 19 Pirate batters to set a new school record in a single game - giving up just three hits in Notre Dame's 2-1 loss ... came back in relief in game two, striking out four more batters in 2.2 innings to give her 23 strikeouts against Seton Hall this season ... allowed a lead off hit to St. John's, then proceeded to retire the next 15 batters straight (12 on strikeouts) in Notre Dame's 8-0, five-inning victory ... named BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week on Monday, April 18, after striking out 36 batters in 19.2 innings during the week, picking up four pitching victories ... posted a brilliant performance in game one at DePaul, striking out 14 in eight innings, allowing just three hits and one run in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory ... struck out 14 in a complete-game four-hit shutout of Connecticut in game one ... set a career high for strikeouts in a single game with 15 in a complete-game one-hit shutout of Providence ... hit 12 strikeouts for the second time this season with a dominating performance at Pittsburgh in game one, allowing four hits, two runs and just one walk ... posted her first career save vs. Ball State, entering the game with a three-run lead in the seventh inning and striking out six of the nine hitters she face without allowing a hit ... earned both victories over Eastern Michigan after pitching the final four innings of Notre Dame's 7-5 victory, striking out four and allowing three hits and one earned run ... sat down a season-high 12 in a complete-game two-hitter vs. Eastern Michigan (1-0 Irish victory) ... struck out 10 in a complete-game one hitter during game one at Villanova ... sat down 10 batters in five innings vs. Valparaiso, allowing two hits to earn the victory ... struck out 10 batters in five innings of work, picking up her first shutout of the season, vs. Oakland ... struck out nine against Marshall in five innings (7-4 Irish loss) ... allowed just two hits and struck out nine in a four-inning appearance vs. Virginia, picking up the victory ... pitched four innings of no-hit softball against Campbell, striking out six before getting replaced by a reliever ... posted her second-consecutive 10-plus strikeout performance in 3-2 victory over Utah, working 6.0 innings, striking out 11 and allowing just two hits ... posted a complete-game three-hitter, allowing one run and striking out 10.

2005 Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
1.26	17-5	29	22	12	6	144.1	236	2

Career Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
1.92	75-31	142	123	50	18	692.2	716	2

Wicks, Nicole • #20 • Sr. • 5-5 • OF • R/R • Renton, Wash. (Hazen)

Excellent baserunner will be the first option off the bench in the outfield ... streaky hitter capable of putting together bunches of hits ... possibly Notre Dame's best baserunner who figures out a way to score when on base ... started in rightfield against Arizona State and #5/6 Tennessee ... transferred to Notre Dame from Washington in 2003.

2005: Team's top option at pinch runner ... posted her first hit of the season, a two-run home run, in the first inning of game two vs. Valparaiso ... her first hit last season (and first as a player for the Irish) was also a two-run home run vs. CS Fullerton in the NFCA Leadoff Classic ... scored the winning run on a double by Carrie Wisen in the bottom of the seventh in a 2-1 victory over Western Michigan.

2005 Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.077	.308	.143	12	1	0	0	1	2	1	10-14	1.000

Career Statistics at Notre Dame -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.218	.382	.280	43	37	10	3	4	16	14	22-29	.982

Wisen, Carrie • #4 • Sr. • 5-7 • P • R/R • Fullerton, Calif. (Sonora)

Will see an increase in innings pitched this season ... one of the best defensive players on the team ... has developed into Notre Dame's top option at designated player.

2005: Two for three with a double in game two vs. St. John's ... one for two with a two-RBI single in the second inning of game two at Pittsburgh (6-0 Irish victory) ... two for two with two singles in game one at Pittsburgh ... two for two with two singles at Loyola Chicago ... combined with teammate Heather Booth for a perfect game/no-hitter in game two vs. Valparaiso, finishing off the final three innings, striking out three ... one for three with two RBI in game one vs. Valparaiso ... posted a walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh vs. Western Michigan, driving in two runs to end Notre Dame's 2-1 victory ... one for two with two RBI vs. Oakland (8-0 Irish victory) ... laid down a perfect suicide squeeze bunt against Nevada, driving in her third run of the season ... went a perfect three for three at the plate at Hawaii, driving in two runs ... made her first pitching appearance of the year vs. Utah.

2005 Offensive Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.291	.342	.309	0	23	4	0	0	12	2	0-0	1.000

Career Offensive Statistics -

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Slg.%</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SB-SBA</u>	<u>Fld.%</u>
.236	.329	.260	11	53	12	0	3	32	8	0-0	1.000

2005 Pitching Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.90	1-0	5	0	0	0	9.2	8	0

Career Pitching Statistics -

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>APP</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
2.05	28-9	94	18	6	1	246.1	187	6