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Women's Tennis Quick Facts

Notre Dame Quick Facts

Location	Notre Dame, IN 46556
Founded	1842
Enrollment	8,380 (undergraduate), 11,311 (total)
Nickname	Fighting Irish
Colors	Gold and Blue
Conference	BIG EAST
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The Notre Dame women's tennis team was honored for its accomplishments during the 2005-06 season - which included winning a seventh BIG EAST Conference championship and earning its 13th NCAA tournament bid in the last 14 years - at the Irish football game against Penn State in front of a crowd of 80,795.



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Juniors Brook Buck (left) and Bailey Louderback

Seniors Christian (left) and Catrina Thompson

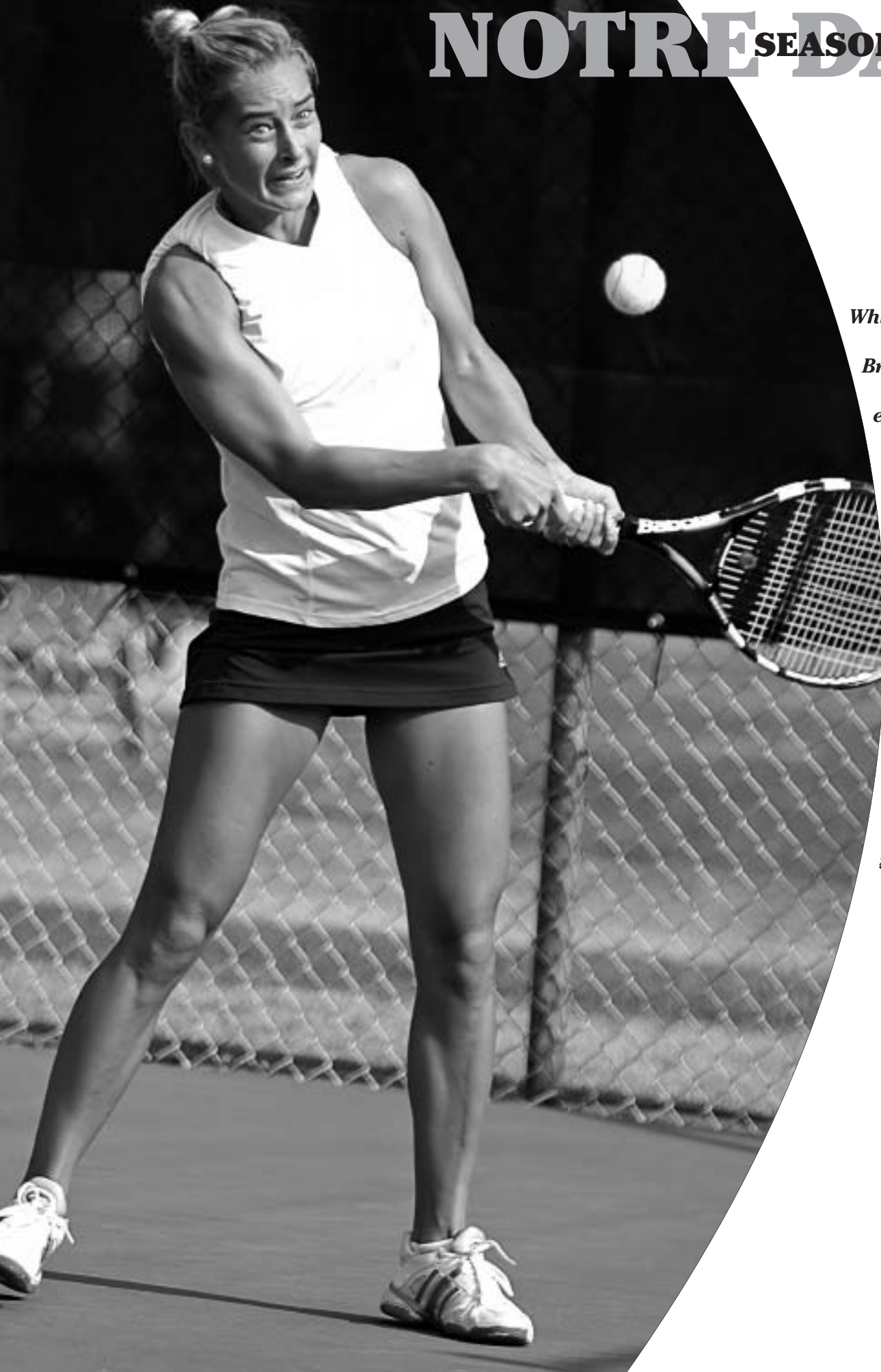


Sophomores Kelcy Tefft (left) and Katie Potts



Freshmen (from left) Kellie O'Flynn, Kali Krisik, Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu

NOTRE DAME **SEASON PREVIEW**



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Expectations for Irish Women's Tennis 2006-07 Season at All-Time High

Notre Dame returns five of six starters and adds the top recruiting class in the country

Notre Dame women's tennis already boasted a long-established standard of excellence, even before last season's record setting campaign.

The Irish went 27-2 in dual matches, reached the NCAA Quarterfinals and spent most of the season ranked #2 in the national rankings – the highest national ranking in school history. Notre Dame started the season with 16 consecutive victories and posted its second-highest win total ever. The Irish earned its highest-ever seeding (No. 2) and matched its deepest run in the NCAA Division I Championship. Among the other season highlights were a 4-1 record against top-10 teams, defeating Duke for the first time ever (after 12 defeats - that also matched the highest-ranked win, #5, in program history), snapping a seven-match losing streak against Northwestern, topping North Carolina for the first time since 2001 and beating Tennessee for the first time since 1998. The Irish were also rated as the top squad in the Midwest Region for the first time since 1999-2000.

It is hard to imagine that it would be possible to attain that kind of success from a season ago, but 18th year head coach Jay Louderback feels the Irish have the talent in place to push that standard even higher this spring.



Senior twins Catrina and Christian Thompson were named ITA All-Americans in doubles last year for the second consecutive season. They finished the year with a 22-7 record and were No. 10 in the final ITA national doubles rankings. The twins even climbed as high as No. 1 last spring. They also delivered Notre Dame's first-ever ITA grand-slam title, winning the doubles draw in the 2005 Riviera ITA All-American Championships.

Notre Dame returns five of its six starters from last season and adds, quite possibly, the top recruiting class in the entire country.

All the pieces are in place for the 2006-07 Irish to make a serious run for all three NCAA titles – team, singles and doubles – this spring. Notre Dame enters the season just off where they ended last season in the national poll – ranked a program-best 4th. A key factor in the success of this year's squad, as it has been the past three seasons, will be senior twins' Catrina and Christian Thompson – one of the top-ranked doubles team in the country.

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In 2006, Catrina and Christian were 16-5 in dual-match action at No. 1 and posted an 8-5 record against nationally ranked teams. They were ranked in the top 10 all season. For their careers, they own a 72-30 record, including 28-17 against nationally ranked opponents.

The duo remains the only Notre Dame twins ever to earn All-America accolades. Only three Irish

women's tennis players previously had been All-Americans in multiple seasons: Wendy Crabtree (1993-94, 1994-95), Jennifer Hall (1995-96, 1997-98, 1998-99) and former assistant coach Michelle Dasso (1998-99, 2000-01).

In singles, Catrina Thompson went 29-12 overall and 18-6 in dual action. She was named Most Outstanding Performer at the 2006 BIG EAST Tournament for the second consecutive season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Singles Championship. She became just the third Irish player ever to win a match in the NCAA singles event on multiple occasions and was ranked as high as 24th in the ITA poll. Catrina went 13-12 against nationally ranked players and won 10 of her final 14 matches, with all of those defeats coming against top-20 opposition.

Team Information

2005-06 Record: 27-2

2005-06 Final ITA National Ranking: 5th

2006 BIG EAST Championship:

3-0, champion

Notre Dame 4, Rutgers 0

Notre Dame 4, DePaul 0

Notre Dame 4, South Florida 1

2006 NCAA Championship:

3-1, quarterfinals

Notre Dame 5, Valparaiso 0

Notre Dame 4, Michigan 0

Notre Dame 4, Kentucky 0

Miami 4, Notre Dame 0

All-Americans Returning:

Catrina Thompson (Sr.) – Doubles

Christian Thompson (Sr.) – Doubles

Starters Returning:

Catrina Thompson (Sr.)

Brook Buck (Jr.)

Christian Thompson (Sr.)

Kelcy Tefft (So.)

Katie Potts (So.)

Monogram Winners Returning/Lost: 6/5

2006-07 Team Captains:

Catrina Thompson

Christian Thompson

Christian went a career-best 22-12 overall and 15-9 in dual action. She spent most of the spring at No. 2 going 13-8. After opening the season with five consecutive victories at the ITA All-American Championships pre-qualifier and qualifier, Christian broke into the national rankings at #44 following her round of 16 appearance in the ITA Midwest Championships. She remained in the polls the rest of the season, closing the year at #125. Christian went 9-8 against ranked players.

While only a junior, Brook Buck has emerged as a team leader both on and off the court. She has been a mainstay among the top four spots in the Irish lineup since her freshman year. Buck, who ended last season ranked No. 90, went 24-10 in singles, including 18-7 in dual action. She spent most of the year in the No. 3 spot for the Irish, going 14-6. Buck posted an even better record in the No. 2 spot at 4-1. She went 18-2 in regional matches and led the squad with seven match-clinching victories. Buck also registered an impressive 24-4 mark in doubles with sophomore Kelcy Tefft. The duo went 19-3 at No. 2 doubles in dual matches.

Tefft enters this season following an impressive rookie campaign. She went 28-5 overall, 20-4 in dual action and ended the season with a seven-match winning streak. Tefft was a perfect 6-0 at No. 2 and 14-4 at No. 4. She also posted three victories over ranked opponents. Tefft joined Catrina Thompson, Buck and Kiki Stastny on the BIG EAST All-Tournament team.

Buck and Tefft had a breakout summer and fall of 2006 for Notre Dame. The duo won the doubles title at the ITA National Summer Championships, presented by the United States Tennis Association. Buck and Tefft then captured the ITA Midwest Regional Championship before reaching the semifinals of the ITA National Indoor Championships.

Another sophomore that gained valuable experience in her rookie campaign, playing mainly in the No. 6 spot in the lineup, was Katie Potts. She went 29-5 last season, including a team-best 23-2 in dual action. In addition to leading the Irish in dual victories, Potts also tied for the team-high in overall singles wins (Kristina Stastny and Catrina Thompson also had 29). She went 18-1 at No. 6 and also went 2-0 at No. 4 and 3-1 at No. 5. Potts posted a 16-match winning streak that lasted from Oct. 22 to March 15 with 13 of the 16 consecutive victories coming in straight sets.

Notre Dame also welcomes back junior Bailey Louderback – the daughter of the Irish head coach. She has continued to develop, especially in doubles, and gives Notre Dame depth.



Sophomore Kelcy Tefft and junior Brook Buck had a breakout summer and fall of 2006 for Notre Dame. The duo won the doubles title at the ITA National Summer Championships, presented by the United States Tennis Association. Buck and Tefft then captured the ITA Midwest Regional Championship before reaching the semifinals of the ITA National Indoor Championships.

The Irish also feature four very talented freshmen that figure to challenge for playing time: Cosmina Ciobanu, Kali Krisik, Kellie O'Flynn and Colleen Rielley. The quartet made up the top recruiting class in the country according to most tennis publications.

Ciobanu, who won the Southern California Sectional singles championship and reached the singles final of a USTA National Open in 2005, had a great fall season. Ciobanu was ranked as high as 15th nationally in singles before entering Notre Dame. She went 10-3 in singles and reached the finals of the ITA Midwest Regional Championship. Ciobanu also went 10-1 in doubles, teaming with Potts and Krisik.

Krisik, niece of head coach Jay Louderback and cousin of Bailey, won the Kansas class 5A state singles championship in both 2002 and 2003. She also has to her credit a doubles title in a USTA National Open and was ranked as high as 65th nationally in singles before entering Notre Dame. Krisik went 7-4 this fall in singles and 12-2 in doubles, splitting time with Potts and Ciobanu.

Rielley, the first Notre Dame signee ever to have been ranked #1 in the USTA girls' 18s, captured a pair of Kansas state singles titles in class 5A, having prevailed in both 2004 and 2005. She also won the Missouri state championship in 2003. Rielley, won the singles title in the 2004 USTA Winter National Championships and took third in the 2005 National Clay Courts, went 11-3 this fall and captured the ITA Midwest Regional Championship. She opens the spring season as the highest ranked Irish singles player (#31).

O'Flynn, a native of Dublin, Ireland, joins the team as a walk-on and has already proven to be a valuable addition to the squad.

Notre Dame starts its dual season with a match at Illinois on Jan. 26. The match-up will mark the first meeting between the two schools since former Notre Dame assistant coach Michelle Dasso became the Fighting Illini head coach.

The Irish home opener is set for Jan. 28 against Vanderbilt. The Commodores finished the 2005-06 season ranked No. 11 and reached the NCAA Championship round of 16. Notre Dame will not leave the friendly confines of Eck Tennis Pavilion for eight consecutive matches. In addition to Vanderbilt, the Irish face Louisville (Feb. 9), Michigan (Feb. 14), North Carolina (Feb. 16), Wake Forest (Feb. 18), Iowa (Feb. 25), Texas A&M (Mar. 2) and Texas (Mar. 3). All eight opponents ended last season in the top 75 and the Tar Heels (10), Demon Deacons (No. 22) and Longhorns (No. 19) were in the top 25.

Notre Dame then hits the most difficult part of the schedule with 11 of its final 12 matches on the road. The Irish open the road swing with BYU (Mar. 10). The Cougars reached

the NCAA Championship and finished last season at No. 30. Notre Dame heads out to San Diego, Calif., to face Duke (Mar. 15) and Tennessee (Mar. 16). The Blue Devils, ranked No. 9 at the end of last year, reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship. The Lady Volunteers also made the NCAA Championship and finished No. 32.

After two more road matches at Wichita State (Mar. 30) and Tulsa (Apr. 1), the Irish return home for a brief one-match home stand. Notre Dame faces in-state rival Purdue (Apr. 4).

The Irish get right back on the road for their final five matches of the season. Notre Dame faces Indiana (Apr. 7), Ohio State (Apr. 9), Northwestern (Apr. 13), DePaul (Apr. 14) and Marquette (Apr. 15). Of those final five dual matches, only the Hoosiers and Wildcats reached the NCAA Championships. Northwestern finished No. 8 after advancing into the round of 16.

The BIG EAST Conference Championship is scheduled for April 19-22 in Tampa, Fla. The Irish have captured the title each of the last two years and seven times in the 11 years since becoming a league member.

In addition to the scheduled dual matches, Notre Dame earned an invitation to the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship (Feb. 1-4) in Madison, Wisc.

The 2007 NCAA Championship begins May 11-12 with first and second round action on 16 campus sites and concludes with the final four rounds of competition from May 19-26 in Athens, Ga. The NCAA Singles and Doubles Championships will also run in the same location.

2006-07 Notre Dame Women's Tennis Roster

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
7	Brook Buck**	5-7	Jr.	Yukon, OK/Oklahoma Christian School
21	Cosmina Ciobanu	5-3	Fr.	Brea, CA/Troy H.S.
33	Kali Krisik	5-9	Fr.	Arkansas City, KS/Arkansas City H.S.
5	Bailey Louderback** &	5-6	Jr.	South Bend, IN/Penn H.S.
9	Katie Potts*	5-10	So.	Brookfield, WI/Divine Savior Holy Angels H.S.
23	Kelcy Tefft*	5-6	So.	Enid, OK/Chisholm H.S.
83	Kellie O'Flynn &	5-6	Fr.	Dublin, Ireland/The High School Dublin
4	Colleen Rielley	5-9	Fr.	Overland Park, KS/Bishop Miege H.S.
13	Catrina Thompson*** c	5-5	Sr.	Las Vegas, NV/Bishop Gorman H.S.
31	Christian Thompson*** c	5-6	Sr.	Las Vegas, NV/Bishop Gorman H.S.

Head Coach: Jay Louderback (18th season, Wichita State '76)

Assistant Coach: Elizabeth Schmidt (1st season, UCLA '00)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Liz Balanis (11th season, Wake Forest '94)

Senior Manager: Patrick O'Malley (2st season, Notre Dame '07)

* - denotes monograms earned • c - denotes captain • & - indicates left-handed player

Pronunciation Guide

Kelcy Tefft	KELL-see teft
Kali Krisik	KAY-lee
Cosmina Ciobanu	KAHZ-mina CHEE-uh-bahn-u
Colleen	KO-lean

Roster Breakdown By Class

Seniors (2): Thompson, Thompson

Juniors (2): Buck, Louderback

Sophomores (2): Potts, Tefft

Freshmen (4): Ciobanu, Krisik, O'Flynn, Rielley



The 2006-07 Notre Dame Women's Tennis Team: (front row, from left) head coach Jay Louderback, Kali Krisik, Colleen Rielley, Katie Potts, Brook Buck, senior manager Patrick O'Malley and assistant coach Elizabeth Schmidt. (back row, from left): Bailey Louderback, Kelcy Tefft, Catrina Thompson, Christian Thompson, Cosmina Ciobanu and Kellie O'Flynn.