

NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF



*Six-time BIG EAST
Coach of the Year
Debbie Brown won
the 500th match of
her career in a 3-0
Irish sweep over
Seton Hall on
Sept. 30, 2007,
making her the 28th
coach in NCAA history
to reach the 500-win
plateau.*





Debbie Brown

Head Coach

17th Season

Arizona State '82

Debbie Brown is one of only a handful of coaches in the volleyball ranks that has been able to parlay a dominating playing career with an equally impressive coaching resume.

A two-time winner of the Mikasa Award as college volleyball's best all-around player, Brown notched her 500th career win as a head coach during the 2006 campaign, and her 509 win total ranks her 27th in that category among active coaches. In fact, only two active coaches have more wins in as many seasons than the co-captain of the 1980 United States Olympic team.

While her credentials are virtually unmatched among collegiate coaches and players across the country, Brown – who signed a multi-year contract extension in the summer of 2006 – has turned into one of the nation's elite mentors, leading her teams to 20 consecutive winning records, 13 finishes in the top 25 of the AVCA national rankings, and 20 invitations to the NCAA Championship (including a current streak of 15 consecutive bids).

Now in her 17th season at Notre Dame and 23rd overall as a collegiate head coach, Brown has compiled a 509-219 (.699) career record, including a 392-136 (.742) mark at Notre Dame. Her squads have reached the round of 16 in the NCAA Championship six times, highlighted by a trip to the 1993 quarterfinals. Fourteen regular-season conference championships and 13 league tournament titles are among the accomplishments of Brown-led teams, which have won 20 or more matches 17 times in the last 20 seasons.

When taking over the reigns at Notre Dame, Brown inherited a program that had just five winning seasons in its first 11 years of varsity volleyball action but has since turned it into a perennial BIG EAST powerhouse. Nine of her teams have been ranked in the AVCA's final poll. During regular season play, the Irish have cracked the top 10 in consecutive campaigns under Brown, while peaking at an all-time best fifth in 1995 and sixth in 1996 in the *Volleyball Magazine* rankings. In 2005, her squad achieved its highest-ever listing in the AVCA poll, moving up to fifth after entering the season unranked (it was the first time any school had ever cracked the AVCA top five after being unranked in the preseason).

That same 2005 version of the Irish put together one of the best campaigns in program history, posting the school's first 30-win season since 1994. All four of the team's defeats came in five-game matches. ND went 5-1 against top-15 teams and earned an all-time Irish high No. 6 seed in the NCAA Championship. Notre Dame played host to the first two rounds and advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 1997 before falling in five games to Wisconsin. The Irish – which rattled off a 15-match winning streak and spent a program-record 11 weeks in the AVCA's top 10 – went 13-1 while winning their 10th regular season BIG EAST Conference championship in 11 years of league membership. In a clash between two top-10 teams, Notre Dame handed Louisville a five-game defeat in the conference tournament final to give Brown her ninth BIG EAST Tournament title.

The 2005 squad also featured the first player in program history – 2006 graduate Lauren Brewster – to earn both athletic and academic All-American accolades.

Brown was recognized as the 2005 BIG EAST volleyball coach of the year – the league's first five-time winner of the award – and named the top coach in the AVCA's Northeast Region while becoming a finalist for the AVCA's national award.

She has helped Notre Dame to a variety of dominating performances, including a 157-11 (.935) record in regular season action against conference teams (27-0 vs. Midwestern Collegiate Conference, 130-11 vs. BIG EAST Conference). That includes an 88-3 (.967) record at home and, at one point, a 79-match winning streak against conference foes (regular season and postseason), which ranks as the third-longest conference winning streak in Division I volleyball history (AIAW or NCAA). The



longest losing streak suffered by any Irish squad stands at four matches, which happened only once over the past 16 seasons.

Overall, the Irish are 189-33 (.851) in the Joyce Center under Brown, including winning streaks of 36 and 27 matches. Against unranked teams at home, Notre Dame holds a 179-12 (.877) record in the Brown era.

Since becoming a member of the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, Notre Dame has opened league play with an 11-0 run in all but two seasons

BROWN BY THE NUMBERS

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS...

- 509-219 (.699) career record
- 392-136 (.742) mark at Notre Dame
- 13 AVCA national top-25 finishes
- 20 NCAA Tournament invitations
- 6 NCAA Championship round of 16 appearances
- 1 NCAA Championship quarterfinal (1993)
- 14 regular-season conference championships (10 BIG EAST, 4 Midwestern Collegiate)
- 13 conference tournament championships (9 BIG EAST, 4 Midwestern Collegiate)
- 17 seasons with 20+ wins
- 20-straight winning seasons
- 157-11 (.935) regular-season conference mark
- 88-3 (.967) regular-season conference record at home
- 189-33 (.851) record in the Joyce Center
- 36- and 27-match winning streaks at home
- 45 BIG EAST statistical championships since 1995
- 20 finishes among NCAA statistical leaders
- 58 Irish team records set or broken

COACHING AWARDS AND HONORS...

- 1 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award (2003)
- 10 conference coach of the year awards
- 4 AVCA regional/district coach of the year awards
- President, AVCA (1995-96)
- Assistant coach, United States National Team (1988-90)

NOTRE DAME AND BEYOND...

- 14 All-Americans
- 3 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans
- 9 conference players of the year
- 57 all-conference performers
- 35 first-team all-conference picks
- 44 AVCA all-region/district players
- 12 conference tournament most outstanding players
- 27 individual BIG EAST statistical championships
- 17 finishers among NCAA individual statistical leaders
- 1 NCAA Blocking Title (Lauren Brewster, 2003)
- 3 United States National Team invitees
- 4 United States Olympic Festival participants
- 67 individual Irish records set or broken
- 6 Byron V. Kanaley Award winners
- 7 players in the professional ranks

(with 11+ matches on the league schedule), going on to win 10 regular-season titles to go along with the nine tournament championships. The Irish have won 45 team BIG EAST statistical crowns, as well as 27 individual statistical championships. The league's player of the year has been from Notre Dame six times, while Irish student-athletes have garnered 43 all-conference accolades, including 26 first-team honors.

Brown has seen her Irish players gain All-America accolades on 12 occasions, with Brewster becoming the first Notre Dame player to be selected as an AVCA All-American (third team in 2004, second team in 2005). Three of the last four seasons have seen multiple Irish players earn All-America recognition from the AVCA, a feat never previously accomplished in program history.

Additionally, Brown's players have earned *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America honors three times, while they have won the conference player-of-the-year award nine times and been named the top player in the league tournament on 12 occasions. In all, Brown-era Irish players have combined for 57 all-conference honors, including 35 first-team selections. Also, Notre Dame student-athletes have garnered all-region or all-district recognition from the AVCA 44 times since Brown's arrival.

Under her tutelage, Irish student-athletes have earned three invitations to join the U.S. National Team program and have made four trips to the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Brown has turned Notre Dame into one of the popular choices for top recruits in the country. Since *Volleyball Magazine* began compiling its "Fab 50" list in 1990, 23 honorees have joined the Irish program, which ranks 15th among national programs. In the six years that *Volleyball Magazine* has ranked incoming recruiting classes, the Irish have been mentioned five times, including the third-best squad in 2006, fifth in 2002, and ninth in 2000. PrepVolleyball.com recognized the 2006 incoming class fifth in the nation.

Since the NCAA began keeping official national statistics in 1994, Brown's Irish teams have been mentioned in the final listings 20 times and individuals have made 17 cameos. Among the 22 combined top-15 finishes were Notre Dame's first two national statistical crowns, which both came in 2003. The Irish led Division I with a team blocking average of 3.72 (Cornell was second with 3.52), while Brewster was tops in individual blocking with a 1.78 mark.

The Irish record books have steadily been under construction since Brown stepped on campus, as all-time best marks in over 120 team and individual categories have been eclipsed. A testament to her recruiting and coaching prowess is the fact that nearly all of the



The Debbie Brown File

Year	School	W	L	Pct.	Conf. Finish	Final AVCA Ranking	Postseason	Honors
1980	Arizona State (asst.)	24	17	.585	WCAA	—	—	—
1981	Arizona State (asst.)	13	16	.448	5th/WCAA	15	NCAA Championship (0-1)	—
1982	Central Arizona (asst.)						—	—
1983	Arizona State	17	17	.500	6th/Pac-10	18	NCAA Championship round of 28 (0-1)	—
1984	Arizona State	15	18	.454	7th/Pac-10	—	—	—
1985	Arizona State	22	13	.629	4th/Pac-10	13	NCAA Championship round of 28 (0-1)	—
1986	Arizona State	27	7	.794	3rd/Pac-10	12	NCAA Championship round of 16 (1-1)	Pac-10 Coach of the Year
1987	Arizona State	16	15	.516	6th/Pac-10	—	NCAA Championship round of 32 (0-1)	—
1988	Arizona State	20	13	.606	6th/Pac-10	14	NCAA Championship round of 32 (0-1)	—
ASU 6-Year Totals		117	83	.585			5 NCAA Championship Appearances	
1991	Notre Dame	26	10	.722	1st/MCC	—	NIVC runner-up (4-2)	MCC Coach of the Year
1992	Notre Dame	30	8	.789	1st/MCC	22	NCAA Championship round of 32 (0-1)	AVCA Midwest Region Coach of the Year MCC Coach of the Year
1993	Notre Dame	27	8	.771	1st/MCC	17	NCAA Championship quarterfinals (2-1)	AVCA Midwest Region Coach of the Year MCC Coach of the Year
1994	Notre Dame	33	4	.892	1st/MCC	12	NCAA Championship round of 16 (1-1)	MCC Coach of the Year
1995	Notre Dame	27	7	.794	1st/BIG EAST	14	NCAA Championship round of 16 (1-1)	BIG EAST co-Coach of the Year
1996	Notre Dame	22	12	.647	1st/BIG EAST	25	NCAA Championship round of 32 (1-1)	—
1997	Notre Dame	25	9	.735	1st/BIG EAST	18	NCAA Championship round of 16 (2-1)	AVCA District 1 Coach of the Year
1998	Notre Dame	18	13	.581	3rd/BIG EAST	—	NCAA Championship round of 32 (1-1)	—
1999	Notre Dame	20	9	.690	1st/BIG EAST	—	NCAA Championship round of 64 (0-1)	—
2000	Notre Dame	26	7	.788	1st/BIG EAST	21	NCAA Championship round of 32 (1-1)	BIG EAST Coach of the Year
2001	Notre Dame	22	7	.759	1st/BIG EAST	—	NCAA Championship round of 64 (0-1)	BIG EAST Coach of the Year
2002	Notre Dame	24	8	.750	1st/BIG EAST	—	NCAA Championship round of 32 (1-1)	—
2003	Notre Dame	23	7	.767	T-1st/BIG EAST	24	NCAA Championship round of 64 (0-1)	BIG EAST co-Coach of the Year
2004	Notre Dame	21	9	.700	1st/BIG EAST	—	NCAA Championship round of 32 (1-1)	—
2005	Notre Dame	30	4	.882	1st/BIG EAST	12	NCAA Championship round of 16 (2-1)	AVCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year BIG EAST Coach of the Year
2006	Notre Dame	18	14	.563	2nd/BIG EAST	—	NCAA Championship round of 64 (0-1)	
ND 16-year totals		392	136	.742	14 regular season titles		16 (15 consecutive NCAA Championship appearances)	
Career 22-year totals (as head coach)		509	219	.699	14 regular season titles		21 (20 NCAA Championship appearances)	

top players in the Notre Dame career record book have played for Brown. That group includes 13 of the 16 players to have registered 1,000 career kills, all six who notched both 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs, the top six competitors on the career hitting-percentage list, six of the top seven on both the assists and service aces lists, and each of the top 10 student-athletes in career digs.

Christy Peters, one of the top players in Irish

The Brown Connection

Since joining the USA national program in 1978, Debbie Brown has been associated with several teammates, players and assistant coaches who remain active in college volleyball, including:

Marcie Bomhack

(Notre Dame player, 1998-2001)
Head coach: Loyola (Ill.) (2005-current)

Laurie (Flachmeier) Corbelli

(USA national teammate)
Head coach: San Francisco (1986-89)
Head coach: Santa Clara (1990-92)
Head coach: Texas A&M (1993-current)

Robin Davis

(Notre Dame assistant, 2001-05)
Head coach: Boise State (2006-current)

Diane (McCormick) French

(USA national teammate)
Technical coordinator: U.S. national team (2005-current)

Debbie Green-Vargas

(USA national teammate)
Assistant coach: Long Beach State (1987-current)

Steve Hendricks

(Notre Dame assistant, 1994-2001)
Assistant coach: San Francisco (2005-06)
Assistant coach: New Mexico (2007-present)

Tammy (Webb) Liebl

(Arizona State player, 1988-86)
Assistant coach: San Diego (1999-2005)

Jim McLaughlin

(Notre Dame assistant, 1996)
Head men's coach: USC (1990-95)
Head coach: Kansas State (1997-2000)
Head coach: Washington (2001-current)

Devin Scruggs

(Notre Dame assistant, 1993)
Head coach: Nevada (1997-current)

Regina (Stahl) Mannix

(Arizona State player, 1984-87)
Head coach: Scottsdale C.C. (1994-current)

Lisa Stuck

(Arizona State player, 1983)
Head coach: Mesa C.C. (1991-96)
Head coach: Glendale C.C. (1999-current)

Sue Woodstra

(USA national teammate)
Head coach: Pittsburgh (1989-92)
Head coach: California (1996-98)
Head coach: Humboldt State (2001-current)



The Brown Family (l-r): Ryan, Debbie, Connor, Dennis

volleyball history, played at Notre Dame during Brown's first four seasons and was tabbed a third-team All-American in both 1993 and 1994. She still stands as the program's career leader in kills (1,683) and her digs mark stood 11 years before broken by 2006 graduate Meg Henican, who ended her career with 22 of the 25 Irish dig records.

Among the other standouts coached by Brown have been Jessica Fiebelkorn (1992), two-time BIG EAST Player-of-the-Year Jaimie Lee (1997), Denise Boylan (2000), Kristen Kinder (2003), Emily Loomis (2003), Lauren Kelbley (2003-05), and current junior Adrianna Stasiuk (2005) – all of whom have earned honorable mention All-America status. Lee and Boylan were invited to train with the United States national team program during the summer of 1998, while the former earned a spot on the 1997 World University Games team. Kristy Kreher (1998-2001) also was one of just 20 players named to the USA Junior National Team in 2000.

Seven of Brown's former Irish players have gone on to play professionally. Angie (Harris) Akers is currently active in the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP), while Lee was until 2005 and 2004 graduates Jessica and Kristen Kinder also played briefly on the beach. Akers – who finished in the top 20 of the AVP standings in her first four seasons on tour – was the 2002 AVP Rookie of the Year, a honor Lee earned one year later. Three former Notre Dame competitors were active in the United States Professional Volleyball league in 2002; Boylan and Kreher were members of the Minnesota Chill and Molly Stark played for the St. Louis Quest.

Five of Brown's former Irish assistants have gone on to be head coaches: Robin Davis (Boise State), Devin Scruggs (Nevada), Steve Schlick (Cal Poly), Sue Woodstra (Pittsburgh, California, Humboldt State), and 2004 AVCA National Coach of the Year Jim McLaughlin (Washington), who led the Huskies to the 2005 NCAA title.

Brown also coached several premier players at Arizona State, including three-time Olympian Tammy (Webb) Liebl (1988-96) and All-Americans Christy Nore and Regina Stahl.

The Sun Devils were ranked among the top programs in the

nation for six seasons, and in 1986 Brown led the Sun Devils to a 27-7 record and was named Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year. She compiled a 117-83 record en route to five NCAA Tournament berths while at Arizona State.

After being a consultant since 1986, Brown took a leave of absence in 1988 to serve as an assistant coach for the United States National Team before accepting a full-time national team position in 1989. Brown's duties centered on helping improve the national team's defense and her

efforts played a role in a United States bronze-medal finish at the 1990 World Championship in China. She also coached national teams in the 1985 and 1991 Olympic Festivals.

Since picking up the sport late in her high school days, Brown has become one of the most respected and accomplished individuals in all of volleyball. She grew up in the Los Angeles suburb of El Segundo to become one of the nation's top prep players. She competed as a 17-year-old for the United States at the 1974 World Championship in Mexico City and a year later played on the adidas team that won the USVBA title.

After graduating from El Segundo High School, she captained the University of Southern California to a 72-1 two-year record and national titles in both 1976 and 1977, including a 38-0 run in 1977 that, until 1998, was the only unbeaten season in Division I women's volleyball history. Her 1977 squad is still considered one of the all-time greatest at any level of volleyball. Brown (then Debbie Landreth) twice was named a collegiate All-American and received the Mikasa Award as the "nation's best all-around player" in 1976 and 1977.

The 5-foot-8 outside hitter left USC prior to her junior year, accepting an invitation to train full-time with the U.S. national team. She co-captained the team to a fifth-place finish at the 1978 World Championships. A year later, she and her teammates — including all-time greats Debbie Green, Flo Hyman, Sue Woodstra and Rita Crockett — qualified for the Olympics in Moscow and were considered serious medal contenders before the U.S. elected to boycott the games. Four of Brown's former USA teammates went on to become college head coaches, while Debbie Green is in her 22nd

season as an assistant at Long Beach State, and Diane (McCormick) French is the technical director for the U.S. national team.

After serving as co-captain of the 1980 Olympic team, Brown completed her degree in physical education at Arizona State in 1982. An undergraduate, she began her coaching career as an assistant under Dale Flickinger at ASU, filling that role from 1980-82 before serving in the same capacity at Central

Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

Stanford	26
Penn State	26
UC Santa Barbara	26
Nebraska	25
Long Beach State	20
USC	16
Florida	16
NOTRE DAME	15



Arizona College during the 1982 season. She returned to Arizona State as head coach in 1983. Her international experience and travels has afforded her the opportunity to coach and play in 22 countries across the world. In honor of her work, Brown was selected as an Olympic

Torchbearer for the 2002 Winter Olympic Torch Relay when it traveled through the Northern Indiana area. In May of 1995, USA Volleyball named Brown an "All-Time Great Volleyball Player," the highest honor given by the organization. Brown and fel-



Debbie Brown's Olympic career reached another milestone on Jan. 4, 2002, when she participated in the Winter Olympic Torch Relay, carrying the famous torch in South Bend. A co-captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team that missed out on the Moscow games due to the United States boycott, Brown also served as an assistant coach for the U.S. national team during its 1988 Olympic effort.

In frigid temperatures, she stepped off the torch runners' bus just a few steps from the Joyce Center, where she has coached the Fighting Irish volleyball team for 16 seasons. She was handed the torch by local news personality Maureen McFadden and took off down Eddy Street toward downtown South Bend (where the torch was housed for 30 minutes at the Century Center before continuing on its path to Salt Lake City for the opening ceremony).

Even though she missed out on Olympic competition during the 1980 boycott, Brown still remembers her national-team experience fondly: "Nothing is going to make up for the disappointment of 1980. I am happy, though, that I can still be connected to the Games. I never ever felt like I wasted four years of my life. That was a special time."

Brown was chosen as a torchbearer due to her embodiment of the inspirational spirit of the Olympics, shown by serving and motivating the community.



Playing Highlights

USA Volleyball All-Time Great
Inducted in 1995

United States Olympic Team Co-Captain
1980

World Championship Participant
1974 • 1978 (5th place)

Mikasa Award
1976 • 1977

AIAW National Champion and First Team All-American
USC, 1976 (34-1 record)
USC, 1977 (38-0 record)

USVBA All-American
1975-1977 • 1981-1982 • 1985-1988

USVBA Sportsmanship Award
1983

low honoree Karch Kiraly, a three-time Olympic gold medalist and beach volleyball legend, were recognized at the U.S. Open Championships in Springfield, Mass., and had their photos and records added to the Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke, Mass. Established in 1954, the "All-Time Great" designation honors players with Olympic, national team or All-America honors, U.S. Open Championships, and overall dominance during a particular era. Among the 51 previous winners before Brown were Hyman, Woodstra, Green, Crockett, and Laurel Brassey - all former teammates.

Brown earned USVBA All-America honors eight times and won the USVBA's Kilgore Sportsmanship Award in 1983. A six-time USVBA first-team All-American, Brown was a member of the USVBA Board of Directors and the U.S. Olympic Committee's Athlete Advisory Council. She served a two-year term (1995-96) as president of the American Volleyball Coaches Association and was a member of its All-America selection committee.

In 2003, Brown was recognized for her outstanding career by the NCAA with the Silver Anniversary Award, which annually recognizes six distinguished student-athletes for accomplishments since concluding their collegiate playing days 25 years ago.

Brown played for the 1975, 1985 and 1986 USVBA national-championship teams. In 1992, she joined several of her former Olympic squad teammates to capture the USVBA senior division national title in Reno, Nev.

Recognizing Brown's effort and success, the Notre Dame Monogram Club bestowed upon her an honorary monogram at the annual club banquet in 1999.

Brown has been actively involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Young Life, serving as a motivational speaker and coach at national banquets and camps. She also volunteers for Rebuilding Together, a home-rehabilitation program in South Bend.

Brown and her husband of 26 years, Dennis, have two sons, Connor and Ryan.

Assistant Coach



Greg Smith

Assistant Coach

2nd Season

Westmont '90

Greg Smith is in his second year as an assistant coach at Notre Dame. Previously the head coach for six seasons at Virginia Tech, Smith was the 2002 BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year.

A native of Rochester, Ind., Smith led the Hokies to an 81-94 (.463) overall mark from 2000-05, including a 37-38 (.493) record in conference play. His top campaign came in 2002 when he led the Hokies to a second-place finish in the BIG EAST Conference – behind Notre Dame – with a 10-3 record and a berth in the four-team league tournament. It was the school's second of three seasons as a BIG EAST member. That Tech team more than doubled its win total from the previous season and won twice as many conference matches as it did during the 2001 season.

Smith faced the Irish three times from the bench opposite Brown. He dealt Notre Dame a rare three-game conference loss in Blacksburg, Va., in 2002 and then helped the Hokies push the 12th-ranked Irish to five games in front of a Joyce Center record crowd of 8,643 the following season. During his time at Virginia Tech, Smith helped five different players earn a total of nine all-conference honors. He oversaw the Hokies' transition from an independent (in his first season, 2000) into the BIG

EAST Conference (2001-03) and then into the ACC (2004-present).

Smith came to Virginia Tech from Ohio State, where he served as an assistant coach for three seasons and helped coach the Buckeyes to a trio of NCAA Tournament bids. While with the Buckeyes, he assisted in recruiting and training the team (both on-court and physical conditioning).

Prior to his stint in Columbus, Smith spent two seasons as an assistant at Hofstra University. There he helped lead the team to two consecutive America East Conference tournament championships and two NCAA Tournament appearances. In all, Smith has coached six seasons in the NCAAs.

Before his stint at Hofstra, he was an assistant at the University of Indianapolis in 1994. He also served as one of the head volleyball coaches for the Circle City Volleyball Club in Indianapolis.

Smith was an assistant varsity coach at Rochester (Ind.) High School from 1992-93, also serving as head coach of the freshman squad. During his tenure, he assisted the varsity team to the regional playoffs in 1992 and state semifinals in 1993.

He graduated from Westmont (Calif.) College in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in business and economics. He then received a bachelor's in education from Indianapolis in 1995. A letter-winner in tennis at Westmont, Smith also served as an assistant basketball coach there.

Smith and his wife, Erica, have two daughters, Peyton and Reagan.



IRISH

Andria Harshman Volunteer Asst. Coach



Andria Harshman is in her first season on the bench as part of the Irish coaching staff. She came to Notre Dame by way of Lyman HS in Longwood, Fla., where she was a varsity coach. Harshman also spearheaded administrative duties for the Greyhounds, as she oversaw a roster of 30-

plus players. She had previously served as varsity head coach and assistant athletic director at Blackhawk Christian in Fort Wayne, Ind., for two seasons, organizing fundraisers and administered all facets of the departments gameday operations.

Harshman earned her master's degree in education from IUPUI-Fort Wayne in 2004 after playing her collegiate ball at Grace College, where she left with a degree in mathematics in 2002. She graduated from Tippecanoe Valley HS in 1998.





Lauren Brewster

Assistant Coach
First Season
Notre Dame '06

Lauren Brewster, a two-time All-American and one of the program's most decorated players, is the latest addition to the Notre Dame coaching staff, returning to her alma mater for the 2007 season. Brewster will be responsible for working with the middle blockers, coordinating travel, and assisting with virtually all aspects within the Irish program.

Indeed, Brewster knows a thing or two about blocking after having been the NCAA's leader in that category in 2003 while ranking among the nation's top 25 leaders for four straight seasons. She was one of only five Division I players to be an AVCA All-American and CoSIDA Academic All-American in 2005, the same year she was on *ESPN The Magazine's* Academic All-America Second Team. Those accomplishments made her one of fewer than 50 Notre Dame student-athletes in any sport to be an athletic and academic All-American.

Brewster led her 2002-05 teams to four regular-season and three BIG EAST Tournament titles and four NCAA Tournament appearances. During her four seasons, Irish teams compiled a 98-28 record (.778).

Tabbed the BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year in 2005 after being the conference tournament MVP in 2004, Brewster was a first-team all-BIG EAST pick in her final three seasons (unanimous choice in 2004 and 2005) to become the first player from any school since 1997 to be a three-time selection on that team. In 2005 she was one of two players among the BIG EAST leaders in four statistical categories, ranking second in blocks, fourth in points, seventh in hitting percentage (.316), and eighth in kills (3.86).

Brewster ranks among Notre Dame's top-10 leaders in 18 career, season and match categories. She is the school's all-time career leader in total blocks (734), block assists (610), percentage of games played (.969) and is tied for first in percentage of matches played (1.000), ranks second in hitting percentage (.314) and block average (1.65), third in solo blocks (124), kills (1.485) and matches with 10 or more kills (81) and fifth in kill average (3.34).



Additional awards highlighting Brewster's resume include: AVCA Third Team All-American (2004), AVCA Honorable Mention All-America (2003), AVCA All-Northeast Region (2003, 2004), eight BIG EAST Player of the Week awards, CVU.com National Player of the Week (9/5/05), UTSA Dome Rally MVP (2005), and Shamrock Invitational MVP (2005).

A three-time unanimous first-team all-BIG EAST selection and three-time AVCA All-Northeast Region honoree, Brewster led the nation in blocking with 1.78 blocks per game in 2003 and was a major factor in her team leading the nation in blocking that season with 3.72 per contest. Notre Dame finished in the top six nationally in blocks in each of her four seasons. Brewster played in 444 game during her career and finished with 734 total blocks, 1,485 kills, 439 digs and a .314 hitting percentage.

The four-time member of the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team and Brentwood, Tenn., native was named the BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player in 2004 and led the conference in eight statistical during her career (the most of any Irish volleyball player). She also garnered BIG EAST player-of-the-week honors on eight occasions during her career and led the league in blocking in both overall and conference play in 2002, '03 and '04 and tied for lead in '05.

Brewster graduated from the Mendoza College of Business with a bachelor's degree in marketing and sociology. After graduating from Notre Dame in 2006 Brewster worked for Team Connection, an athletic apparel distributor based out of High Point, N.C., while leading sales and marketing initiatives for its volleyball department.



Hy Pham Student Manager Notre Dame '09

Hy Pham (pronounced HE fam) was added to the Irish volleyball staff after two years of service as a manager for Notre Dame's track and field program.

The junior from Houston, Texas, is a 2005 graduate of Cinco Ranch HS where he was manager for the school's basketball team and two-time state champion track squad. While at Cinco Ranch he took part in several choral and theater productions, interned for Texas state representative Glenn Hegar, and voted class president as a senior year.

A pre-professional studies and Chinese major, Pham is active in Notre Dame's Navy ROTC program and volunteers in the emergency room of the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. He was born April 30, 1987.



Julie McElroy Video Manager Notre Dame '07

Former Irish front row player Julie McElroy rejoins the program as video manager after graduating magna cum laude from Notre Dame with a B.B.A. in accountancy in 2007. The

monogram winner is currently pursuing her master's degree in accountancy here at the University. McElroy was just the second Iowa native to play volleyball at Notre Dame when she earned a spot on the 2004 squad.

The Ames, Iowa, native has completed a pair of internships for Deloitte & Touche in the firm's Atlanta and Chicago branches, and plans to return to the Chicago office full-time upon completing her master's degree.

McElroy was a two-time all-state selection as middle blocker for Ames HS and helped the team to three straight state tournaments after qualifying just once previously. She finished her prep career with 1,012 kills and .355 attack percentage while setting school records for hitting percentage (.426, to go with 448 kills) and games played (117) in a season as a junior. As a senior, McElroy ranked third in state in hitting percentage (.406), sixth in kill average (3.58), seventh in dig average (2.87), and eighth in blocks (0.90).

McElroy still stays active within the sport in several capacities, as she worked the Notre Dame volleyball camp this past summer. She was born February 22, 1985, in Ames, Iowa.



Chantal Porter
Associate Athletic Trainer
Iowa State '94

Chantal Porter is an associate athletic trainer at the University of Notre Dame and oversees the Irish women's Olympic sports, and oversees the administration of the Joyce

Center training room. She is responsible for the Irish volleyball and women's lacrosse teams. Porter has also worked with the women's softball, women's and men's tennis, and men's swimming and diving teams at Notre Dame.

A 1994 graduate of Iowa State University, she received a bachelor's degree in health and human performance. While at ISU, she worked closely with the football, wrestling, and women's gymnastics programs for the Cyclones.

Porter then enrolled at Old Dominion and earned her master's degree in education in 1996. At ODU Porter served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer, working primarily with the women's lacrosse, women's basketball, and baseball teams. She has also worked for the United States Tennis Association, traveling on its satellite tours.

A native of Altoona, Iowa, Porter was born on March 19, 1971. She was married this past July to Aaron Michael Frucci of Niles, Mich. The couple lives with Aaron's son, six-year old Vincent Frucci.



Missy Conboy
Deputy Director of Athletics
Notre Dame '82

Missy Conboy is in her 13th year as the Irish volleyball team's sport administrator and her fourth as a deputy director of athletics at Notre Dame following one year as a

senior associate athletics director, 11 as an associate athletic director, and five years as an assistant athletic director.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Conboy was a four-year member of the Notre Dame women's basketball team from 1979-82. She graduated with a degree in English and received her *juris doctor* from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1985.

She was married in 1991 to William Mountford, and the couple has three daughters - Darby, Delaney and Killian Rose Mountford.



Mike Joseph
Strength & Conditioning Coach
Fairmont State '99

Mike Joseph is in his fifth season as the strength and conditioning coach for the Irish volleyball team. He is involved with all facets of Notre Dame's strength and conditioning program and.

Previously, the Fairmont, W. Va., native was an assistant strength and conditioning coach and nutritional consultant at Eastern Michigan University - including working with the Eagles' volleyball team - after being a graduate assistant at West Virginia, from which he received a master's degree in athletic coaching with an emphasis in sport movement and development in 2001.

Joseph earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in biology in 1999 from Fairmont State College, where he was a standout football player. He owns his Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and Strength and Conditioning Coach (SCCC) certifications.

Joseph married Andre' Cinalli in June of 2007.



Mary Ann Spence
Assistant Director of Academic Services
Indiana '58

Mary Ann Spence is in her 17th year in Notre Dame's Academic Services Office and eighth serving as the academic counselor for the Irish volleyball team. Spence began her career at Notre Dame teaching first-year composition and still occasionally returns to the classroom to teach.

Spence graduated from Indiana University in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in business. She returned to school at Indiana University-South Bend to earn her master's degree in education in 1988.



Matt McCormack
Sports Marketing Coordinator
Wisconsin-Eau Claire '01

Matt McCormack enters his third season as marketing coordinator for the Irish athletic program. He oversees all marketing and promotion aspects of

Notre Dame volleyball, in addition to spearheading market responsibilities for Notre Dame's hockey, lacrosse, cross-country, tennis, and track and field programs.

Prior to joining the Irish staff, Matt was the assistant director of external athletic affairs at Bradley University, where he handled marketing and promotions for 17 varsity sports and served on the Chiefs Club Board of Directors (the fundraising arm of Bradley Athletics). Before his

time at Bradley, Matt completed marketing internships at Louisiana State and Fresno State.

A 2001 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Matt and his wife, Jennifer, had their first child, Maryn Eileen, this past summer.



Darin Ottaviani
Sports Promotions Assistant
Michigan '05

Darin Ottaviani is in his first year as Notre Dame's sports promotions assistant and serves as the marketing coordinator for the Irish volleyball program. Ottaviani is also

the Irish softball marketing coordinator while assisting with men's basketball.

Ottaviani joined the staff after interning for two years at Bowling Green. While there, he coordinated marketing efforts for Falcon's volleyball team and spent a season as the equipment manager for several Bowling Green athletic programs.

He graduated from the University of Michigan in 2005 with degrees in sport management and communications. The Ellwood, Pa., native was a student manager for the Wolverine football team from 2003-05, and assisted in the athletic department's media relations and marketing offices.



Alan George
Sports Information Assistant
Centre '05

Alan George joined the Notre Dame sports information staff in 2007 after a two-year stint as an athletic media relations graduate assistant at Western Kentucky

University. In addition to serving at Notre Dame's primary volleyball contact, he is also handles media responsibilities for the men's swimming and softball teams.

While at WKU, George worked closely with the Hilltoppers' swimming and softball programs and coordinated the media efforts for the 2007 Sun Belt Conference Swimming and Diving Championships.

George played football at Centre College before graduating in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He went on to work as an operations intern for the Lexington Legends - a single-A affiliate of the Houston Astros - prior to earning a master's degree in sport administration from WKU in 2006.

George is an active basketball referee and baseball umpire, officating both sports at the youth, prep, and collegiate levels. He is also the media coordinator for the Ray Guy/ProKicker.com Academy.

He was born on January 19, 1983, in his hometown of Lebanon, Ky., and currently resides in South Bend.

