

NOTRE DAME **SEASON IN REVIEW**



After seeing plenty of action during her first season at Notre Dame, Mallorie Croal stepped up to earn first-team all-BIG EAST honors as a sophomore and ended the 2006 season with seven double-doubles.



Irish Set Ground Work for Future

Notre Dame makes 15th consecutive NCAA Tournament with six freshmen in rotation

The Notre Dame volleyball team began the 2006 season seeking answers to many questions due to the loss of four starters and key contributors that accounted for the bulk of the squad's kills, blocks, and digs en route to a Sweet Sixteen appearance in the 2005 NCAA Tournament.

But by the end of the '06 campaign the Irish left little doubt as the team united to reach the championship game of the BIG EAST Tournament for the 12th time and were selected to the NAAs for the 15th consecutive season - and doing so while featuring six freshmen in the regular rotation.

The season's accomplishments were even more impressive considering the Irish's strength of schedule. Six opponents boasted national rankings at one point or another during the season, as 11 foes made the

NAAs. Notre Dame sat in the No. 21 spot in the USA Today/CSTV poll for the season's first two weeks before the tougher part of the slate got the better of the young squad.

It did not take the 21st-ranked Irish long to show what they were capable of accomplishing, taking down Bowling Green, 3-0, in the season opener at the Joyce Center. Highly touted freshman Christina Kaelin (ranked 9th nationally overall by PrepVolleyball.com) burst on to the scene with a 24-kill match and only four errors (.465 hitting percentage) against the Falcons. The 24 kills by Kaelin were the second most ever recorded by an Irish player in a three-game match (Angie Harris had 25 in 1995). For her efforts, Kaelin would be named the league's Rookie of the Week for the first week of the season.

The following weekend (Sept. 1-3) proved to be one of the busiest of the season as the Irish hosted the Shamrock Invitational and No. 6 Santa Clara. Notre Dame opened the annual tournament with a 3-0 win over Valparaiso as Kaelin continued to impress Irish fans with 21 kills against the Crusaders. In the tournament's second match, a 3-1 win over Idaho, sophomore Justine Stremick etched her name in the record books with a 14-block performance. Stremick's mark in the four-game match tied Mary Walker for the third most blocks ever by a Notre Dame player.

With the win over Idaho, Notre Dame earned a spot into the tournament's unofficial championship game to face off with Missouri, who also sported an undefeated record and at the time was ranked 13th in the nation. Even in defeat, the thrilling five-game match became an Irish classic from the opening serve. Before the final horn the match featured 36 overall tied scores - including 10 in the last two games alone. A total of five Irish player reached the double-digit kill mark led by Kaelin's 24.

After the emotional draining five-game match, Notre Dame had little time to catch its breath before taking on No. 6 Santa Clara in its last home game before a month-long road swing. Despite a strong effort, Santa Clara proved to be too challenging on such short rest (it was the Irish's third match in less than 24 hours) as Notre Dame was swept at home for the first time since 2004. After another strong showing, Kaelin picked up



Sophomore Megan Fesl saw action in 83 games and played in 31 matches - while starting 22 contests - in the 2006 campaign and notched four double-doubles for the Irish.

her second BIG EAST Rookie of the Week in as many weeks on Sept. 5. In doing so, she became the first Irish volleyball player ever to capture the award in consecutive weeks.

The first road trip of the season followed, as the Irish took on several elite-level schools at the Northern Iowa Invitational. Notre Dame continued to search for a solid core of starters, using its third different starting lineup in six games to defeat Alabama on the first day of the tournament. Senior Danielle Herndon was recognized for her strong play during the weekend with a spot on the all-tournament team despite losses to Kansas State and Northern Iowa on the tournament's final day. The Northern Iowa match turned into a battle that saw the young Irish squad take a 2-1 lead, only to see the Panthers take the final two games and the match.

A trip to Tempe, Ariz. and the campus of Arizona State for the Courtyard by Marriott concluded the regular season tournament schedule for the Irish. Junior Adrianna Stasiuk led the Irish during a sweep over Butler and a four-game knockout of Duke with her 27 kills and 22 digs in the first two days, setting up a showdown with the host Sun Devils. Despite freshman Megan Fesl's 13 kills and 11 digs, Notre Dame fell to Arizona State, 3-0, to see its record fall to 6-5 before the start of conference season.

Stasiuk proceeded to put the team on her back and carried the squad to a 3-0 start in conference play with

2006 IRISH HONOREES

All-BIG EAST Conference

First Team

Adrianna Stasiuk
Mallorie Croal

Second Team

Justine Stremick

ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V Team

First Team

Adrianna Stasiuk

Second Team

Justine Stremick

BIG EAST Player of the Week

Adrianna Stasiuk (Sept. 25)
Mallorie Croal (Nov. 6)

BIG EAST Rookie of the Week

Christina Kaelin (Aug. 28, Sept. 4)
Serenity Phillips (Oct. 9)

BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll

Christina Kaelin (Aug. 28)
Justine Stremick (Sept. 4, Oct. 16)
Danielle Herndon (Sept. 11)
Adrianna Stasiuk (Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 9)
Mallorie Croal (Nov. 25)

Shamrock Invitational

All-Tournament Team

Justine Stremick
Christina Kaelin

Northern Iowa Invitational

All-Tournament Team

Danielle Herndon

Courtyard by Marriott Classic

All-Tournament Team

Adrianna Stasiuk (co-Best Attacker)
Justine Stremick (Best Blocker)

**University of Notre Dame
2006 Women's Volleyball Results**

**Overall record: 18-14 Home: 8-4 Away: 6-7 Neutral: 4-3
BIG EAST Conference: 10-4, BIG EAST Tournament runner-up
NCAA Tournament Participant**

Date	Opponent	W/L	Scores
Aug. 26	Bowling Green	W	30-24, 30-28, 30-26
Sept. 1	(1) Valparaiso	W	30-25, 27-30, 31-29, 30-22
Sept. 2	(1) Idaho	W	30-21, 30-25, 27-30, 30-15
Sept. 2	(1) No. 13 Missouri	L	30-28, 28-30, 30-27, 26-30, 13-15
Sept. 3	(1) No. 6 Santa Clara	L	18-30, 23-30, 23-30
Sept. 8	(2) vs. Alabama	W	30-25, 23-30, 30-19, 30-26
Sept. 9	(2) vs. Kansas State	L	24-30, 21-30, 28-30
Sept. 9	(2) at Northern Iowa	L	28-30, 30-20, 34-32, 20-30, 11-15
Sept. 15	(3) vs. Butler	W	30-23, 30-19, 30-21
Sept. 16	(3) vs. Duke	W	30-27, 19-30, 30-24, 30-25
Sept. 17	(3) at Arizona State	L	20-30, 20-30, 28-30
Sept. 23	at Rutgers*	W	30-23, 30-13, 30-16
Sept. 24	at Villanova*	W	35-37, 30-24, 33-31, 30-18
Sept. 30	at Seton Hall*	W	30-20, 30-22, 30-24
Oct. 6	Marquette*	W	30-17, 30-17, 21-30, 30-24
Oct. 8	Syracuse*	W	30-25, 30-22, 30-22
Oct. 13	DePaul*	W	30-22, 30-16, 30-10
Oct. 16	at No. 16 Hawaii	L	15-30, 30-22, 23-30
Oct. 17	at No. 16 Hawaii	L	28-30, 25-30, 30-22, 23-30
Oct. 20	Connecticut*	W	30-12, 30-24, 30-27
Oct. 22	St. John's*	L	30-32, 24-30, 22-30
Oct. 28	at Cincinnati*	L	20-30, 28-30, 22-30
Oct. 29	at Louisville*	L	14-30, 22-30, 19-30
Nov. 3	at Georgetown*	W	30-21, 30-21, 30-14
Nov. 5	at South Florida*	W	30-14, 30-19, 30-19
Nov. 11	Pittsburgh*	L	30-10, 25-30, 24-30, 31-33
Nov. 12	West Virginia*	W	30-19, 30-21, 30-17

BIG EAST Championship

Nov. 17	at Cincinnati	W	30-28, 25-30, 28-30, 30-26, 15-9
Nov. 18	vs. No. 24 St. John's	W	30-23, 30-28, 28-30, 30-20
Nov. 19	vs. Louisville	L	30-26, 30-25, 24-30, 17-30, 12-15
Nov. 24	(4) vs. No. 18 Ohio	L	28-30, 30-27, 26-30, 23-30

NCAA Tournament First Round

Dec. 1	at No. 10 Wisconsin	L	34-36, 26-30, 21-30
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- (1) Shamrock Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)
 - (2) Northern Iowa Invitational (Cedar Falls, Iowa)
 - (3) Courtyard by Marriott Classic (Tempe, Ariz.)
 - (4) Louisville Invitational (Louisville, Ky.)
- * indicates BIG EAST Conference match

road victories over Rutgers, Villanova, and Seton Hall in the next three matches. Highlighting the three-match stretch for the Irish were Stasiuk's 14 kills for a sizzling .737 percentage against Rutgers (Sept. 23). The hitting percentage was the highest for an Irish player that averaged four attacks per game in seven years (Malinda Gorsaski-.833 in 2000). Stasiuk, aided by her strong individual performance against the Scarlet Knights, was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week for the second time in her career on September 25.

The victory over Seton Hall proved to be historic for head coach Debbie Brown, as it was the 500th of her 22-year coaching career. At the time of the victory she became just the 28th coach to ever reach the magical 500-milestone.

Upon returning home for the first time in nearly a month, Stasiuk continued her outstanding play against Marquette, tallying six service aces in the four-game victory. The six service aces put her in a two-way for the second most recorded in a four-game set. The junior also contributed team highs of 13 kills and 20 digs.

The Irish continued to roll and extended their winning streak to six with wins over conference foes Syracuse and DePaul. Freshman Serinity Phillips stepped up just in time by registering a combined 20 kills in the two matches. Phillips would be acknowledged for her play and was named the Rookie of the Week in the BIG EAST on October 9.

The team took advantage of the fall break with a trip to Hawai'i to take on the 16th-ranked Rainbow Wahine in a pair of matches October 16-17. The trip started a bit shaky for the Irish - before the first match was played, the islands were hit with 6.6 earthquake that knocked out power for nearly 14 hours. After all was restored, the No. 16-ranked Wahine proved to be almost as difficult to conquer as the elements. The Wahine knocked off the Irish in a pair of competitive matches. Stremick had a solid pair of matches for Notre Dame with 22 kills on a .611 hitting percentage and 11 blocks to lead the attack.

After returning to the mainland the Irish ran their record to 7-0 in BIG EAST play with a win over Connecticut, setting up a marquee match-up with fellow conference frontrunner St. John's (Oct. 28). The match proved costly for the Irish, as Stasiuk suffered an injury in the first game that would limit her play over the next two weeks. The Irish suffered as well their leader, dropping three-straight conference matches (for the first time since joining the conference) to St. John's, Cincinnati and Louisville and fell into fourth place overall with four matches left until the start of the BIG EAST Tournament.

Sophomore Mallorie Croal came through for the reeling Notre Dame squad, tallying 28 kills and 14 digs in sweeps of both Georgetown and South Florida (November 3-5). Croal would later capture the first BIG EAST Player of the Week honors of her career for her efforts.

Notre Dame split its final two conference matches of the season to end the regular season with a record of 10-4, and shared third-place with a trio of BIG EAST schools. The league's tie-breaker system matched the Irish with BIG EAST Championship host Cincinnati in the tournament's first round of action.

But Notre Dame faced a 2-1 deficit and trailed 24-17 in the fourth game but would not deter from its destiny. The Irish rallied behind the strong play of Kaelin in the fourth and fifth games, as she registered all 12 of her kills in over that span. As is the case in a thrilling five-game victory, several Irish players set or topped career bests. Herndon tallied 34 digs for Notre Dame, which was not only a career best but also the fourth most-ever tallied by an Irish player. Croal tallied a match-high and career-high 25 kills. Stasiuk chipped in a career-high 23 kills and 26 digs in the victory.

The Irish rolled into the second round with a rematch against No. 24 St. John's on November 18. Notre Dame extracted revenge for the regular season setback behind the hot arm of Croal - who registered 16 kills and 19 digs - to knock off the top seed in four games and advance to the BIG EAST Championship match for the 12th consecutive season.

In a rematch of the 2005 conference championship match, the Irish raced out to an early two-game lead on top of Louisville with Croal and Kaelin knocking down eight kills each. Louisville would rally and take the next two games to set up a pivotal fifth game. After the Cardinals had taken an early lead in the fifth set, the Irish rallied to tie the game up at 10 apiece. Louisville proved to be too much in the end, outlasting Notre Dame to earn the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

After falling in the last game of the regular season to eventual NCAA participant Ohio, Notre Dame earned an at-large bid to compete in the NCAA Tournament for the 15th consecutive time in the program's history. First round opponent Wisconsin, the nation's 10th-ranked squad, handed the Notre Dame a three-game loss to eliminate the Irish from the tournament for the third-straight season. The momentum for the match was decided in an emotional first game that saw Notre Dame fight off six game-points before falling to the Badgers, 36-34.

Three Irish players earned all-BIG EAST honors, with Stasiuk and Croal being first-team selections. Stremick took home second-team honors.

Herndon recorded the best season of her career and left her mark in the Irish record books. She set the new Notre Dame dig average at 5.11 per game, while her 582 total digs was the second highest mark since the tracking of libero stats. Herndon also ended her four-year career placing fifth on the school's all-time list with 1,256 career digs.



Ranked by PrepVolleyball.com as the ninth-best player in her graduating high school class, Christina Kaelin kicked off her career with the Irish by earning the BIG EAST's top rookie honor in her first two weeks of action.

2006 University of Notre Dame Final Statistics

Player	GP-MP-MS	K	Avg.	E	TA	Pct.	A	Avg.	BHE	SA	Avg.	SE	Pct.	Dig	Avg.	RE	BS	BA	Avg.	BE	Pts.	Avg
Adrianna Stasiuk (Jr., OH/OPP)	106-30-29	329	3.10	140	950	.199	38	0.36	3	30	0.28	41	.906	354	3.34	43	15	53	0.64	4	400.5	3.78
BIG EAST	37-12-11	104	2.81	32	277	.260	14	0.38	1	13	0.35	10	.931	126	3.41	13	9	19	0.76	1	135.5	3.26
Christina Kaelin (Fr., OH)	90-30-12	318	3.53	152	882	.188	5	0.06	1	0	0.00	0	1.000	74	0.82	0	10	16	0.29	2	336.0	3.73
BIG EAST	32-13-1	91	2.84	46	278	.162	3	0.09	0	0	0.00	0	.000	30	0.94	0	5	5	0.31	1	98.5	3.08
Mallorie Croal (So., OH/OPP)	105-32-21	315	3.00	115	858	.233	41	0.39	3	17	0.16	39	.886	211	2.01	18	14	62	0.72	3	377.0	3.59
BIG EAST	40-14-8	134	3.35	35	332	.298	22	0.55	1	7	0.17	17	.876	108	2.70	14	4	27	0.77	2	158.5	3.96
Justine Stremick (So., MB)	114-32-31	239	2.10	72	549	.304	6	0.05	1	0	0.00	0	.000	23	0.20	0	27	129	1.37	16	330.5	2.90
BIG EAST	45-14-14	99	2.20	16	213	.390	3	0.07	0	0	0.00	0	.000	8	0.18	0	5	53	1.29	7	130.5	2.90
Serinity Phillips (Fr., OH/OPP)	92-30-20	225	2.45	65	621	.258	30	0.33	0	3	0.03	7	.936	91	0.99	1	8	65	0.79	3	268.5	2.92
BIG EAST	42-14-13	115	2.74	32	279	.297	17	0.40	0	0	0.00	4	.857	38	0.90	1	3	38	0.98	2	137.0	3.26
Megan Fesl (Fr., OH/OPP)	83-31-22	201	2.42	98	538	.191	38	0.46	7	26	0.31	19	.944	188	2.27	17	6	30	0.43	2	248.0	2.99
BIG EAST	36-14-9	99	2.75	43	238	.235	14	0.39	3	12	0.33	10	.935	75	2.08	8	4	13	0.47	1	121.5	3.38
Kim Kristoff (Fr., MB)	96-31-22	122	1.27	50	315	.229	9	0.09	4	20	0.21	20	.933	58	0.60	0	14	74	0.92	12	193.0	2.01
BIG EAST	40-14-13	55	1.38	23	155	.206	2	0.05	1	10	0.25	10	.932	31	0.77	0	5	42	1.17	8	91.0	2.28
Ashley Tarutis (Jr., S)	114-32-25	35	0.31	8	85	.318	860	7.54	14	31	0.27	27	.952	238	2.09	2	0	6	0.05	1	69.0	0.61
BIG EAST	45-14-14	24	0.53	6	52	.346	379	8.42	6	12	0.27	10	.959	95	2.11	0	0	6	0.13	1	39.0	0.87
Tara Enzweiler (Fr., MB)	32-22-3	21	0.66	12	54	.167	2	.006	1	3	0.09	2	.947	10	0.31	0	3	21	0.75	4	37.5	1.17
BIG EAST	12-12-1	8	0.67	4	17	.235	0	0.00	1	2	0.17	2	.926	6	0.50	0	1	5	0.50	0	13.5	1.12
Jamel Nicholas (Fr., S)	105-31-7	7	0.07	6	17	.059	621	5.91	14	22	0.21	29	.929	173	1.65	2	0	0	0.00	0	29.0	0.28
BIG EAST	38-13-0	1	0.03	2	3	-.333	205	5.39	2	12	0.32	12	.922	41	1.08	0	0	0	0.00	0	13.0	0.34
Danielle Herndon (Sr., DS/L)	114-32-0	5	0.04	1	17	.235	35	0.31	5	25	0.22	24	.953	582	5.11	33	0	0	0.00	1	30.0	0.26
BIG EAST	45-14-0	2	0.04	0	7	.286	12	0.27	3	11	0.24	8	.959	207	4.60	10	0	0	0.00	0	13.0	0.29
Colleen Nolan (Fr., DS/L)	5-3-0	1	0.20	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	.000	2	0.04	0	0	0	0.00	0	1.0	0.20
BIG EAST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madison Clark (So., DS/S)	29-17-0	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.03	3	.941	14	0.48	1	0	0	0.00	0	1.0	0.03
BIG EAST	23-13-0	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	.974	14	0.61	1	0	0	0.00	0	0.0	0.00
OVERALL TOTALS	114-32	1818	15.95	719	4889	.225	1685	14.78	53	178	1.56	211	.932	2018	17.70	134	97	456	2.85	48	2321.0	-

Games / Points Won By Game

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Total</u>
Notre Dame	20/906	17/872	17/886	8/380	1/51	- 63 / 3095
Opponents	12/808	15/821	15/830	6/359	3/54	- 51 / 2872

Fans in the Stands...

Date	Opponent	Attendance
Aug. 26	Bowling Green	1,534
Sept. 1	Valparaiso	1,154
Sept. 2	Idaho	592
Sept. 2	Missouri	1,154
Sept. 3	Santa Clara	797
Sept. 8	vs. Alabama	622
Sept. 9	vs. Kansas State	241
Sept. 9	at Northern Iowa	1,242
Sept. 15	vs. Butler	134
Sept. 16	vs. Duke	200
Sept. 17	at Arizona State	706
Sept. 23	at Rutgers	86
Sept. 24	at Villanova	237
Sept. 30	at Seton Hall	120
Oct. 6	Marquette	5,743
Oct. 8	Syracuse	1,137
Oct. 13	DePaul	917
Oct. 16	at Hawaii	6,136
Oct. 17	at Hawaii	6,027
Oct. 20	Connecticut	4,617
Oct. 22	St. John's	1,974
Oct. 28	at Cincinnati	382
Oct. 29	at Louisville	852
Nov. 3	at Georgetown	206
Nov. 5	at South Florida	339
Nov. 11	Pittsburgh	1,531
Nov. 12	West Virginia	1,043
Nov. 17	at Cincinnati	507
Nov. 18	vs. St. John's	272
Nov. 19	vs. Louisville	236
Nov. 24	vs. Ohio	202
Dec. 1	at Wisconsin	3,868

Notre Dame in 2006 when...

at home	8-4
away	6-7
on neutral courts	4-3
in three games	10-8
in four games	7-3
in five games	1-3
vs. ranked opponents	1-6
vs. BIG EAST teams	10-4
vs. non-BIG EAST teams	8-10
vs. AVCA Northeast Region	12-7
at night	7-6
during the day	11-8
in tournament play	7-7
on television	1-7
winning first game	17-3
losing first game	1-11
winning first two games	13-1
losing first two games	0-9
splitting first two games	4-4
leading 2-1 in games	7-3
trailing 2-1 in games	1-3

Notre Dame 2006 Team Match Highs

Kills	
3G	58 vs. Syracuse
4G	76 vs. Ohio
5G	83 at Cincinnati, vs. Missouri
Blocks	
3G	14 vs. Kansas State
4G	20 vs. Idaho
5G	10 vs. Louisville
Digs	
3G	74 vs. West Virginia
4G	82 vs. St. John's
5G	110 at Cincinnati
Attack Attempts	
3G	153 at Cincinnati
4G	202 vs. St. John's
5G	233 vs. Missouri
Attack Percentage	
3G	.432 at South Florida
4G	.345 at Villanova
5G	.219 vs. Cincinnati
Assists	
3G	54 vs. West Virginia
4G	72 vs. Ohio
5G	79 at Cincinnati
Aces	
3G	12 vs. Butler
4G	11 vs. Marquette
5G	11 at Northern Iowa
Points	
3G	73 vs. Syracuse, vs. Butler
4G	92 at Villanova
5G	99 vs. Cincinnati

Match-by-Match Leaders/BIG EAST

Match	Kills	Pct. (min. 5 kills)	Digs	Blocks	Assists	Aces	Points
Bowling Green	24Kaelin	.465Kaelin	17Herndon	7Erzweier	27Tarutis	2Tarutis	24.5Kaelin
Valparaiso	21Kaelin	.348Stremick	24Herndon	7Stremick	36Nicholas	3Herndon	22.5Stasiuk
Idaho	12Kaelin	.294Stremick	25Herndon	14Stremick	21Nicholas	2Herndon	17.5Stremick
#13 Missouri	24Kaelin	.308Stremick	29Herndon	5Stremick	35Nicholas	2Nicholas / Fesl	24.5Kaelin
#6 Santa Clara	8Croal	.571Stremick	5Herndon	2Stremick / Phillips / Kristoff	14Nicholas	1Croal	9.5Croal
Alabama	20Kaelin	.353Croal	25Herndon	5Stremick	27Tarutis	2Nicholas / Fesl	20.0Kaelin
Kansas State	11Croal	.240Croal	21Herndon	9Stremick	18Tarutis	1Croal / Fesl / Stasiuk	14.0Croal
Northern Iowa	20Kaelin	.364Phillips	19Herndon	6Stremick	31Tarutis	3Tarutis / Herndon	21.0Kaelin
Butler	13Stasiuk	.625Kristoff	21Herndon	6Stremick	31Tarutis	4Stasiuk / Fesl	18.5Stasiuk
Duke	14Stasiuk	.462Kristoff	20Fesl	5Kristoff	29Nicholas	4Stasiuk	19.0Stasiuk
Arizona State	13Fesl	.278Stremick	17Herndon	2Kristoff / Croal	19Tarutis	1Nicholas / Fesl / Tarutis	14.0Fesl
Rutgers	14Stasiuk	1.000Kristoff	10Stasiuk	4Stremick	21Nicholas	4Nicholas	16.5Stasiuk
Villanova	15Croal / Kaelin	.462Croal	17Herndon	5Kristoff	29Tarutis	3Nicholas	16.0Kaelin
Seton Hall	12Stasiuk	.429Kristoff	19Herndon	5Stasiuk / Stremick	16Nicholas	3Stasiuk	17.5Stasiuk
Marquette	13Stasiuk	.538Stremick	23Herndon	6Stremick	30Tarutis	6Stasiuk	21.5Stasiuk
Syracuse	15Stasiuk	.381Fesl	24Herndon	8Phillips	26Tarutis	1Herndon / Tarutis / Nicholas	16.0Stasiuk
DePaul	9Kaelin / Phillips	.667Kaelin	11Stasiuk	5Stremick	22Nicholas	2Fesl / Herndon	11.0Kaelin
#16 Hawaii	11Croal	.571Stremick	16Herndon	6Kristoff	21Tarutis	1Clark / Fesl / Stasiuk / Nicholas	12.5Croal
#16 Hawaii	14Stremick	.636Stremick	23Herndon	7Stremick	26Nicholas	2Herndon / Nicholas	19.0Stremick
Connecticut	16Phillips	.500Phillips	15Stasiuk	5Stasiuk	30Tarutis	3Croal	18.5Phillips
St. John's	12Kaelin	.450Fesl	14Herndon	5Kristoff	27Tarutis	none	13.0Kaelin
Cincinnati	13Kaelin	.286Croal	22Herndon	7Stremick	17Tarutis	1Fesl / Herndon	13.5Croal
Louisville	10Croal / Stremick	.389Stremick	8Croal	2Croal	29Tarutis	1Fesl / Tarutis	11.5Croal
Georgetown	13Croal	.417Croal	11Herndon	4Croal / Kristoff	29Tarutis	2Tarutis / Herndon	15Croal
South Florida	15Stremick / Croal	.750Stremick	10Herndon	7Stremick	39Tarutis	5Kristoff	18.5Stremick
Pittsburgh	15Phillips	.353Stremick	17Herndon / Croal / Stasiuk	5Croal	46Tarutis	2Kristoff / Tarutis	17.0Croal / Phillips
West Virginia	13Croal	.438Fesl	17Croal / Herndon	4Stremick / Kristoff	29Tarutis	2Tarutis	14.0Croal
Cincinnati	25Croal	.556Kaelin	34Herndon	4Kristoff / Stremick / Croal	54Tarutis	2Herndon / Croal	30.0Croal
#24 St. John's	16Croal	.455Kristoff	24Herndon	8Phillips	34Tarutis	2Kristoff / Tarutis	18.5Phillips / Croal
Louisville	18Kaelin	.316Kristoff	23Herndon	8Stremick	31Tarutis	2Kristoff	19.5Kaelin
#18 Ohio	19Kaelin	.342Stasiuk	18Herndon	4Kristoff / Stasiuk	38Nicholas	2Tarutis	20.5Stasiuk
#10 Wisconsin	12Stasiuk	.294Kristoff	17Herndon	3Croal / Stremick	25Nicholas	2Croal / Kristoff	13.5Stasiuk

VOLLEYBALL



Senior Adrianna Stasiuk, who has a pair of BIG EAST Tournament titles under her belt, will shoot for number three with the Irish this season.

2006 BIG EAST

Regular Season Standings

School	Conference	%	Overall	%
1. St. John's	14-0	1.000	31-5	.861
2. Louisville	13-1	.929	25-7	.781
3. Cincinnati	10-4	.714	22-7	.759
4. Pittsburgh	10-4	.714	22-9	.710
5. Notre Dame	10-4	.714	18-14	.562
6. Marquette	10-4	.714	16-15	.516
7. Connecticut	8-6	.571	19-11	.633
8. Villanova	7-7	.500	16-15	.516
9. South Florida	7-7	.500	12-17	.414
10. Seton Hall	5-9	.357	16-14	.533
11. Syracuse	5-9	.357	11-25	.306
12. Georgetown	2-12	.143	8-19	.296
13. Rutgers	2-12	.143	5-20	.200
14. West Virginia	2-12	.143	3-28	.097
15. DePaul	0-14	.000	5-25	.167

2006 BIG EAST

Tournament Results

(Cincinnati, Ohio)

Quarterfinals

- #1 St. John's def. #8 South Florida 31-29, 30-15, 30-21
- #2 Louisville def. #7 Connecticut 30-27, 30-22, 27-30, 30-28
- #6 Marquette def. #3 Pittsburgh 30-26, 30-25, 29-31, 30-24
- #5 Notre Dame def. #4 Cincinnati 30-28, 25-30, 28-30, 30-26, 15-9

Semifinals

- #5 Notre Dame def. #1 St. John's 30-23, 30-28, 28-30, 30-20
- #2 Louisville def. #6 Marquette 30-24, 31-33, 30-26, 25-30, 15-10

Finals

- #2 Louisville def. #5 Notre Dame 26-30, 25-30, 30-24, 30-17, 15-12

2006 BIG EAST Conference Awards

Player of the Year Ana Stewart, Sr., MB, Louisville	Ana Stewart, Sr., MB, Louisville Kimberly Todd, Sr., OH/MB, Marquette
Tournament MVP Ana Stewart, Sr., MB, Louisville	
Rookie of the Year Tatyana Kolesnikova, Fr., OH, Louisville	
Libero of the Year Kathleen Yee, So., St. John's	
Coach of the Year Joanne Persico-Smith, St. John's	
All-BIG EAST First Team Diana Andreyko, Jr., OH, Pittsburgh Azadeh Bouroumand, Sr., S, Pittsburgh Mallorie Croal, So., OH/OPP, Notre Dame Marcela Gurgel, Fr., OH, South Florida Patti Hardimon, Sr., OH, St. John's Tatyana Kolesnikova, Fr., OH, Louisville Jamie Mueller, Sr., OH, Marquette Jessie Nevitt, So., MB, Cincinnati Hui Ping Huang, So., MH/OH, St. John's Adrianna Stasiuk, Jr., OH/OPP, Notre Dame	All-BIG EAST Second Team Myanna Hellsten, Sr., MB, Cincinnati Caitlin Ringalia, Sr., MH, St. John's Adrian Semrau, Sr., MB, Villanova Noel Olson, Sr., S, Cincinnati Justine Stremick, So., MB, Notre Dame Wioleta Leszczynska, Jr., RS/S, St. John's Bridget Denson-Dorman, Fr., S, Connecticut Tricia Meyers, So., MB, Seton Hall Kathleen Yee, So., L, St. John's Latoya Blunt, Jr., RS/OH, St. John's Monica Renfrow, Jr., S, Marquette Meagen Dooley, Fr., OH, Pittsburgh
Player of the Week (multiple) 2, Patti Hardimon, Sr., OH, St. John's 2, Jessie Nevitt, So., MB, Cincinnati	
Rookie of the Week (multiple) 3, Tatyana Kolesnikova, Fr., OH, Louisville 2, Christina Kaelin, Fr., OH, Notre Dame 2, Meagan Dooley, Fr., MH, Pittsburgh	





Danielle Herndon #11

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AS A SENIOR (2006): Co-captain of the 2006 squad ... was one of the team's top reserves during her first three seasons before stepping into a leadership role as a senior ... was one of three players to appear in all 114 games and 32 matches in 2006 ... led the team with 582 digs, second most in a single season at Notre Dame ... her dig average of 5.11 is the highest ever recorded by an Irish player ... placed fourth overall in the overall with a 5.11 dig average ... reached double figures and led the team in digs in 28 matches, which ranks third all-time at Notre Dame ... had a run of nine consecutive matches in which she led the team in digs (Aug. 26-Sept. 15), the third longest such streak in program history ... combined with Adrianna Stasiuk to total 936 digs ... an excellent server that was fourth on the team with 25 aces ... finished her career with 1,236 digs to place her at No. 5 on the all-time list ... wrapped up her career with 55 10+ dig matches - fifth most in Notre Dame history ... 20+ digs 13 times in her career (third all-time) ... 440 games played in her career (ninth all-time) ... only the 10th Notre Dame player to reach the 1,000 career dig mark ... a member of the Northern Iowa Invitational All-Tournament Team ... named



to the BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (9/11) ... had 17 digs and a perfect serving percentage in 11 attempts against Bowling Green (8/28) ... scooped 29 digs against #13 Missouri (9/2) in the Shamrock Invitational ... contributed 21 digs and a career-best four assists against Kansas State (9/9) ... had a career-best 34 digs in the first round of the BIG EAST Championship at Cincinnati (11/17) ... also chipped in 24 digs and a perfect reception percentage on 33 attempts vs. St. John's (11/8) in the second round of the BIG EAST Championship ... ended her career with 17 digs in the NAAs at #10 Wisconsin (12/1).

AS A JUNIOR (2005): Back-row regular played in every game season and was a key contributor to one of the top Irish floor defenses ever ... began the season playing mostly at libero, but soon settled into a defensive specialist role ... ranked fourth on team with a career-high 297 digs (2.40 per game) ... third on team in reception percentage (.967) and third in reception attempts (274) ... committed 10 reception errors on the season and had more than one in a match on only a single occasion ... from Sept. 27-Nov. 18, made just one reception error in 18 matches and 61 games (106

HERNDON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-MP	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	SA/G	SE	DIG	D/G	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/G	BE	BHE	Points	Pts/G
2003	99-30	0	0.00	1	13	-.077	17	0.17	10	0.10	14	212	2.14	21	0	0	0	0.00	0	5	10.0	0.10
2004	103-28	0	0.00	0	10	.000	7	0.07	8	0.08	10	182	1.77	4	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	8.0	0.08
2005	124-34	6	0.05	3	21	.143	15	0.12	17	0.14	9	297	2.40	10	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	23.0	0.19
2006	114-32	5	0.04	1	17	.235	35	0.31	25	0.22	24	582	5.11	33	0	0	0	0.00	1	5	30.0	0.26
TOTAL	440-124	11	0.03	5	61	.098	74	0.17	60	0.14	57	1273	2.89	68	0	0	0	0.00	1	13	71.0	0.16



attempts, .991) ... set career highs in service aces (14), kills (5), and points (19) ... played in a career-high 124 games and started career-high 21 matches ... posted 10+ digs 14 times this season (27 times in her career) ... led Notre Dame in service ace-to-error ratio (1.88), with 17 aces and just nine errors ... a key part of an Irish serving unit that had a service ace-to-error ratio of 0.758 and rank second in Irish history ... led Irish in aces five times in 2005 ... appeared as libero in six of the season's first eight matches averaging 3.85 digs (77 total) and posting a .971 (3 RE, 107 attempts) reception percentage over 20 games ... kicked off the year with 13 digs against Michigan ... matched her career high with a team-best 20 digs and took a season-high 31 serves without committing an error in the five-game upset of #11 Texas ... followed that performance with 18 digs against Arizona State ... had 11 digs, three service aces (no errors), and 18 receptions without an error in the regular-season meeting with Louisville ... then 16 digs (season high when not the ND libero), three aces (no errors), and 16 receptions without

an error against the Cardinals in the BIG EAST Tournament final ... posted 13 digs against Dayton in the NCAA first round ... served up an ace on ND's fifth game point in a 32-30 game-two triumph against Northwestern in second round of NCAAs ... had a dozen digs five times (vs. Oklahoma, #6 Florida, Georgetown, Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh) ... had 11 digs at Illinois State and 10 against Valparaiso ... took 10+ serves without committing an error on five occasions ... led the team with three service aces without an error in the NCAA Tournament Round of 16 match against #12 Wisconsin.

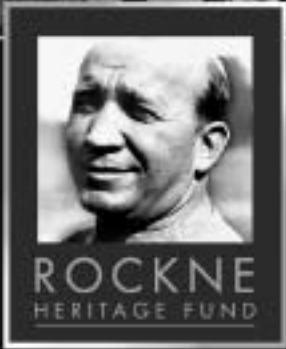
AS A SOPHOMORE (2004): Started season at libero, but then filled defensive-specialist role ... played in all but two matches (at Syracuse and Rutgers) and 103 of 112 games, registering 182 digs (1.77) ... earned her first two career starts against Brigham Young and Wisconsin ... had 67 digs in the season's final seven matches for an average of 2.48 per game ... Notre Dame's most-consistent server with a serve percentage of .973 (361-371) and ranked

third on the team in service ace-to-error ratio (0.80, 8 SA, 10 SE) ... top match of the season came at Long Beach State when she piled on a season-high 17 digs in ND's first-ever win against the 49ers ... notched 12 digs against Michigan State and matched that total vs. Northern Iowa ... registered 11 digs in BIG EAST Tournament title match against Pittsburgh ... added eight digs against Sacramento State and in NCAA first round vs. Valparaiso ... had a season-best two service aces vs. South Carolina ... had five digs in three games against Seton Hall ... notched seven digs against Illinois State ... had nine digs and an ace against Connecticut ... notched eight digs vs. St. John's and Villanova.

AS A FRESHMAN (2003): Only reserve to see action in every match ... libero starter in nine of the first 10 matches ... ranked fourth on the team in digs (212/2.16) ... a key reason Notre Dame set the school record for fewest service aces allowed per game (0.94), shattering the previous mark of 1.1 ... led ND with a season-high 20 digs vs. South Carolina ... had 42 digs (3.23) in Shamrock Invitational ... led team with three aces vs. Virginia Tech ... had 10 or more digs on nine occasions ... served up nine aces after moving out of the libero position ... peaked at end of the season to average 3.20 digs per game in the three post-season matches.

PREP AND PERSONAL: Played on same club team (Tampa Bay Juniors) that produced former Irish standout Mary Leffers (1996-99) ... became the first Plant City native and first Durant HS graduate to win a monogram at Notre Dame in any sport ... chose the same #11 jersey worn by such Irish standouts as Maureen Shea (1985) and Jessica Fiebelkorn (1989-92) ... two-time all-state selection at outside hitter helped Durant to three Florida state titles ... prep team posted flawless records in 1999, 2001, and 2002 ... never dropped a home match to extend Durant's winning streak against visitors since the school opened its doors in 1997 ... also won four conference and four regional titles ... earned all-conference honors as a junior and senior ... served as team captain in 2002 ... all-around athlete earned 10 varsity letters (four volleyball, four basketball, two track and field) ... three-time all-conference selection and three-year captain as a guard on the hoops team ... set school record in 400 meters (1:00) ... also participated in the long jump, triple jump, and 1,600-meter run ... conference and regional champion as a sophomore ... National Honor Society, Senior Council, Peer Mediation, and Student Advisory Committee member ... full name is Danielle Nicole Herndon ... daughter of Denise and Dwight Herndon ... youngest of two children ... graduated in 2007 from the School of Arts and Letters with a Sociology degree ... born Aug. 3, 1985, in Plant City, Fla.





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