



2003 NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

Eight-Time BIG EAST Champions • 12 Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

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NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL (23-6, 11-1)

AUGUST

Four Points Sheraton Classic (Malibu, CA)

29	Fri.	vs. Arizona (10)	W, 3-1
30	Sat.	at Pepperdine (5)	L, 1-3
30	Sat.	vs. Eastern Washington	W, 3-1

SEPTEMBER

Longhorn Classic (Austin, TX)

5	Fri.	(21) vs. Houston	W, 3-2
6	Sat.	(21) at Texas	W, 3-0

9	Tue.	(15) Valparaiso	W, 3-0
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Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, IN)

12	Fri.	(15) Indiana	W, 3-1
13	Sat.	(15) Utah	W, 3-2
14	Sun.	(15) South Carolina	L, 1-3

17	Wed.	(18) Purdue	W, 3-1
26	Fri.	(17) Villanova	W, 3-1
28	Sun.	(17) Georgetown	W, 3-0

OCTOBER

4	Sat.	(17) at St. John's	W, 3-0
5	Sun.	(17) at Connecticut	W, 3-1
10	Fri.	(15) Seton Hall	W, 3-0
12	Sun.	(15) Rutgers	W, 3-0
21	Tue.	(14) at North Carolina	W, 3-1
23	Thur.	(14) at Rhode Island	W, 3-0
24	Fri.	(14) at Boston College	W, 3-0
29	Wed.	(14) Illinois State	W, 3-0

NOVEMBER

2	Sun.	(14) Syracuse	W, 3-0
7	Fri.	(12) Virginia Tech	W, 3-2
9	Sun.	(12) Miami (Fla.)	W, 3-0
11	Tue.	(12) at Northern Iowa (14)	L, 1-3
15	Sat.	(12) at West Virginia	W, 3-0
16	Sun.	(12) at Pittsburgh	L, 2-3

BIG EAST Championship (Notre Dame, IN)

22	Sat.	(17) Miami	W, 3-1
23	Sun.	(17) Pittsburgh	L, 0-3
29	Sat.	(20) at Stanford (6)	L, 0-3

DECEMBER

NCAA Championship (Champaign, IL)

5	Fri.	(21) vs. Louisville (19)	5:00
6	Sat.	(21) vs. Illinois (18)/Murray St.	7:00

NCAA Championship (Honolulu, HI)

12	Fri.	Regional Semifinals	TBA
13	Sat.	Regional Finals	TBA

NCAA Championship (Dallas, TX)

18	Thurs.	Semifinals	TBA
20	Sat.	Final	2:30 p.m.

NOTE: Number in parentheses to left of opponent is Notre Dame AVCA national ranking at time of match; number to right of opponent is its AVCA national ranking at time of match.

NCAA Championship

#21 Notre Dame (23-6) vs. #19 Louisville (24-5)

First Round • Friday, Dec. 5, 5:00 p.m. • Huff Hall • Champaign, IL

[No. 15 seed] #18 Illinois (24-6) vs. Murray State (24-5)

First Round • Friday, Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m. • Huff Hall • Champaign, IL

First-Round Winners

Second Round • Saturday, Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m. • Huff Hall • Champaign, IL

No. 21 IRISH SET TO BEGIN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP RUN: The 21st-ranked University of Notre Dame volleyball team (23-6) will begin play in the 2003 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship this weekend, taking part in one of just two subregionals to feature three of four teams carrying national rankings. The Irish, making their 12th consecutive NCAA appearance, will play #19 Louisville (24-5) on Friday at 5 p.m. (CST) in Huff Hall in Champaign, Ill. A win would send them to a second-round contest against the winner of 15th-seeded #18 Illinois and Murray State on Saturday at 7 p.m.

LIVE INTERNET AUDIO BROADCAST OF ND NCAA ACTION: Fans and media unable to attend Notre Dame's NCAA Championship matches this weekend in Champaign, Ill. can follow the action via a live internet audio broadcast available via www.und.com. Stephen Hinkel will make the call for subscribers of College Sports Pass. For other ways to follow the Irish, see "Keeping Up With ND Volleyball" on page 11 of this release.

BRIEF HISTORY OF ND IN THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: Notre Dame qualified for its first NCAA Championship appearance in 1988, defeating #20 Penn State in the Joyce Center before falling to #4 Illinois in Urbana, Ill. ... this is the 12th straight season the Irish have appeared in the NCAA tournament (1992 - 2003) ... the best NCAA Championship results for Notre Dame were a 1993 quarterfinals appearance and reaching the round of 16 in '94, '95, and '97 ... Notre Dame is 11-12 (.478) in NCAA tournament action ... 10 of the Irish NCAA losses have come to current Big Ten schools, including each of the last three and five of the last six ... Notre Dame is 2-10 against the current Big Ten members in the NCAAs, including seven consecutive losses, dating back to 1993 ... last season, Notre Dame earned the No. 16 seed and played host to first- and second-round NCAA action, losing to Michigan State in round two.

SNAPSHOT OF THE IRISH: Notre Dame's women's volleyball program has experienced a wealth of success since the arrival of head coach **Debbie Brown** in 1991. In her 12+ seasons, Brown has guided Notre Dame to a winning record every year (and 20+ wins in each year but one), compiling a 323-108 (.749) mark. The Irish have earned 12 consecutive berths to the NCAA Championship, including a '93 quarterfinal finish and three trips to the round of 16 (1994, '95, and '97). Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in '95, Notre Dame has dominated the league, winning eight regular-season and seven tournament titles in nine years. Overall, the Irish are 98-5 in regular-season BIG EAST play and 17-2 in conference tournament action. Notre Dame is 56-0 in BIG EAST regular-season matches in the Joyce Center and has won 72 consecutive home conference matches, dating back to 1990, including a 71-0 record in the Brown era.

The 2003 Irish team returned 12 monogram winners and six starters from last year's squad that was 24-8 and earned the No. 16 seed in the NCAA Championship, playing host to first- and second-round play. The Irish also finished second in the nation in blocks per game (3.66) with all the players responsible for that number returning to the fold. This season Notre Dame leads the nation in blocking at 3.75 per game.

After playing the first 10 matches with a 6-2 rotation, the Irish have returned to their traditional 5-1 offense. Senior S **Kristen Kinder** (the '01 BIG EAST Setter of the Year), a three-time all-conference performer and a first-teamer in '03, orchestrates the Notre Dame

2003 Notre Dame Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown	Notes
1	Emily Loomis**	Jr.	OPP/OH	6-1	Fort Wayne, IN	13th ND player w/ 1,000 kills; Set 2 school records this season
2	Leah Nedderman**	Jr.	OH	5-10	Grapevine, TX	Ankle injury has sidelined her this season
3	Kelly Burrell*	So.	S	5-11	Phoenix, AZ	Played in 27 of 29 matches; was major factor in early-season 6-2
4	Meg Henican*	So.	L/OH	5-11	New Orleans, LA	4.17 digs as starting libero; 15+ digs in 7 of last 8 matches
5	Jessica Kinder***	Sr.	OH	5-10	Fresno, CA	Ranks among top 5 on Irish in 6 categories; 1st in aces (0.31)
6	Lauren Kelbley*	So.	MB	6-1	Bascom, OH	Career hitting percentage (.327) is second on all-time Irish list
7	Kelly Corbett**	Jr.	DS/MB	6-0	Mountain View, CA	Played in 9 matches; had career-high 6 digs vs. Valpo
8	Kristen Kinder***	Sr.	S	5-9	Fresno, CA	69-21 as starting setter; 3rd in ND history in career assists
9	Carolyn Cooper*	So.	MB/OPP	6-3	Houston, TX	Played in 21 matches (18 of last 20); 6 blocks vs. WVU
10	Kim Fletcher***	Sr.	OPP/OH	6-0	St. Louis, MO	Played in 15 matches, starting 5; 11 kills vs. Villanova
11	Danielle Herndon	Fr.	DS/L	5-9	Plant City, FL	4th on team in digs; season-high 20 digs vs. S. Carolina
12	Lauren Brewster*	So.	MB	6-3	Brentwood, TN	1st in NCAA in blocks; Leads BIG EAST in hitting pct. & blocks
15	Katie Neff***	Sr.	OPP	6-4	St. Louis, MO	2nd all-time blocking non-middle blocker in Irish history
16	Lindsay Peterson	So.	DS	6-0	Mt. Carroll, IL	Played vs. Villanova, Rutgers, WVU in only action of '03

attack for the third consecutive season, having helped the Irish to a 69-21 (.767) record as a starter. On the right side, junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis**, the '02 BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player and a second-team all-conference selection this season, leads the Irish in kills for the second straight season. She already has set two school records this year: most kills in a match without an error (24, 9/9 vs. Valparaiso) and consecutive matches with 10+ kills (21). The middle is patrolled by a pair of sophomores named Lauren who were named to the all-BIG EAST first team this season. MB **Lauren Kelbley**, the '02 BIG EAST and AVCA Northeast Region Rookie of the Year, and MB **Lauren Brewster**, who set the Irish record for blocks assists (161) in a season in '02, returned after stepping in immediately as freshman starters. They have combined to win five BIG EAST Player of the Week awards this season (Kelbley-two, Brewster-three), while Brewster is first in the nation in individual blocking (1.81) and tops on the team in hitting (.353). On the left side, OH **Jessica Kinder**, twin sister of Kristen, is one of the hardest hitters and also one of the top defensive players on the team. She set a school record for digs in a three-game match (28) on Sept. 9 vs. Valparaiso. A pair of seniors, OPP **Katie Neff** and OPP/OH **Kim Fletcher**, also have been strong presences on the front row at times. L/OH **Meg Henican** is averaging 4.17 digs as the starting libero after playing on the left side in the 6-2. She has 15+ digs in seven of the last eight matches. DS/L **Danielle Herndon**, the lone freshman on the Irish, started the season at libero, but now is a back-row sub.

LAST TIME ON THE COURT: Notre Dame (23-6) dropped its final regular-season match, a 3-0 (30-28, 30-24, 30-24) decision against #6 Stanford (23-6) Saturday afternoon in the Maples Pavilion. Notre Dame fell victim to a hot-hitting Cardinal attack that registered 61 kills on .333 hitting. Junior OH Ogonna Nnamani, a first-team All-American last season, was outstanding, finishing with 23 kills on a .409 attack percentage. Notre Dame held leads in every game, but could not convert enough late opportunities to avoid its first two-match losing streak of the season. The Irish hit well over the first two games - boasting a .297 percentage heading into the locker room - but managed just 13 kills and 10 errors in the final frame.

Sophomore OPP/MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.), playing for the first time in her career on the outside, led the Irish with 10 kills on 19 swings, a .368 percentage. The former middle blocker also had five digs and three blocks. Senior OPP **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy) and sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) each provided nine kills, while junior MB/OPP **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) had seven in her first career match at middle blocker, becoming the 13th player in Notre Dame history to record 1,000 career kills. Senior co-captain S **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) had five kills on nine errorless attempts, as well.

Defensively, Notre Dame was led by sophomore L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.), who had 10 digs. The Irish had 10.5 blocks, below their nation-leading average of 3.76.

USA Today/AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 (Dec. 1)

Team	W-L	LW
1. USC (65)	27-0	1
2. Hawai'i	32-1	2
3. Florida	31-1	3
4. Pepperdine	25-2	4
5. Stanford	23-6	6
6. Kansas State	28-4	5
7. UCLA	21-8	7
8. California	23-6	8
9. Nebraska	26-4	10
10. Penn State	28-4	11
11. Georgia Tech	31-3	9
12. Colorado State	28-4	12
13. Santa Clara	20-10	13
14. Washington	20-8	14
15. Loyola Marymount	25-6	15
16. Northern Iowa	27-5	16
17. Minnesota	22-10	19
18. Illinois	24-6	18
19. Louisville	24-5	17
20. UC Santa Barbara	19-8	22
21. NOTRE DAME	23-6	20
22. Arizona	17-14	21
23. SW Missouri State	27-4	23
24. Texas A&M	21-9	24
25. Maryland	26-7	25

Other receiving points and listed on 2+ ballots: Florida A&M 59, Ohio 43, Colorado 32, San Francisco 32, Arkansas 26, Kansas 25, **Pittsburgh 17, Utah 17**, Wisconsin 17, Michigan State 11, Long Beach State 7, UC Irvine 5, Michigan 5, Missouri 5, Cincinnati 3.

bold indicates 2003 Notre Dame opponent.
() - first-place votes

Notre Dame 2003 Match HighsIndividual

<u>Kills</u>	24	Loomis	vs. Valparaiso
4G	20	Brewster	at North Carolina
5G	22	Kelbley	vs. Houston
	22	Kelbley & Brewster	vs. Va. Tech
<u>Blocks</u>	13	Brewster	vs. Purdue
3G	11	Brewster	at Boston College
5G	13	Brewster	vs. Utah
<u>Digs</u>	28	J. Kinder	vs. Valparaiso
4G	24	J. Kinder	at North Carolina
5G	25	Henican	at Pittsburgh
<u>TA</u>	48	Loomis	vs. Virginia Tech
3G	43	Loomis	vs. Syracuse
4G	43	Loomis	at Connecticut
	43	Kelbley	at #14 N. Iowa
<u>Hit %</u>	.706	Kelbley	vs. Georgetown
4G	.593	Brewster	at Connecticut
5G	.476	Brewster	vs. Houston
<u>Asst.</u>	68	K. Kinder	vs. Virginia Tech
3G	45	K. Kinder	at St. John's
4G	51	K. Kinder	vs. Villanova
<u>Aces</u>	4	J. Kinder	vs. South Carolina
3G	3	Brewster	vs. Georgetown
	3	J. Kinder	at Rhode Island
	3	Brewster	vs. Illinois State
5G	3	Burrell	vs. Utah
	3	Herndon	vs. Virginia Tech
<u>Points</u>	28.5	Kelbley	vs. Houston
3G	25.5	Loomis	vs. Valparaiso
4G	27.0	Brewster	at North Carolina
		<u>Team</u>	
<u>Kills</u>	3G	62	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	67	vs. E. Washington
	5G	83	vs. Virginia Tech
<u>Blocks</u>	3G	19	at Boston College
	4G	20	vs. Villanova
	5G	22.5	at Pittsburgh
<u>Digs</u>	3G	81	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	88	at Connecticut
	5G	80	vs. Utah
<u>TA</u>	3G	167	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	182	vs. South Carolina
	5G	196	vs. Virginia Tech
<u>Hit %</u>	3G	.436	vs. Seton Hall
	4G	.324	vs. #10 Arizona
	5G	.291	vs. Virginia Tech
<u>Asst.</u>	3G	55	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	61	vs. Miami (BE)
	5G	79	vs. Virginia Tech
<u>Aces</u>	3G	7	vs. Valparaiso & Syracuse
	4G	10	vs. South Carolina
	5G	8	vs. Utah
<u>Points</u>	3G	76	vs. Valparaiso
	4G	93	vs. Villanova
	5G	100	vs. Virginia Tech

The first game was close throughout, featuring 13 ties and five lead changes. The final deadlock was at 22-22, when the Cardinal sprinted to a 29-26 advantage to gain three game points. Kills from Brewster and Neff forced a Stanford timeout, but the game ended on the following point thanks to Nnamani's ninth kill.

Notre Dame came out strong in game two, taking a 6-3 advantage prior to an 8-1 Stanford run. The Irish could not come within fewer than four points the remainder of the frame. Stanford had 25 kills and hit .372 despite six Notre Dame blocks.

The final game was tight, with Notre Dame leading 21-20 before Stanford tied the frame for the 10th time and went on a 9-2 run to secure a number of match points, setting up a six-point victory.

IRISH GAIN 12TH CONSECUTIVE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP BERTH: Notre Dame earned its 12th consecutive berth to the NCAA Championship when the field was announced Sunday evening. The Irish will travel to Champaign, Ill. to be part of one of just two subregionals with three of the four teams ranked among the national top 25, opening play on Friday vs. #19 Louisville at 5 p.m. (CST) in Huff Hall. The other first-round match will feature host #18 Illinois, the tournament's No. 15 overall seed, against Murray State at 7 p.m. (CST). The winners will play in second-round action on Saturday at 7 p.m. (CST).

Notre Dame, regular-season co-champions of the BIG EAST Conference, earned one of the 33 at-large bids to the NCAA tournament. Illinois also gained an at-large berth, while Murray State and Louisville took two of the 31 automatic berths.

The winner of Saturday's second-round match will advance to Honolulu, Hawaii for regional play Dec. 12-13. The final four is slated for Dec. 18 and 20 in Dallas, Texas.

Louisville, a co-champion of Conference USA with Cincinnati, won its league tournament and stands 24-5 heading into the NAAs. Illinois tied with Minnesota for second place in the Big Ten Conference and is 24-6. Murray State will make its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Championship, having won the Ohio Valley Conference tournament with a 24-5 record.

Seven Notre Dame opponents earned invitations to the tournament: Arizona, Northern Iowa, Pepperdine (No. 4 overall seed), Pittsburgh, Stanford, Utah (No. 5 overall seed), and Valparaiso. The Irish were 4-5 against those teams.

The 12 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances is the second-longest current streak of any Notre Dame sport, behind fencing. Overall, the Irish have earned 13 berths, reaching the quarterfinals in 1993 and the round of 16 in '94, '95, and '97. Notre Dame is 11-12 in the NAAs.

This will be the seventh time — and third since 2000 — that the Irish will travel to a Big Ten Conference court for NCAA play. Notre Dame's first-ever NCAA Championship loss came in Urbana to Illinois in the second round of the 1988 tournament.

All-session tickets covering the first and second round matches go on sale starting Monday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m., while single-match tickets go on sale Friday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. Fans can order tickets by calling the Illinois athletic ticket office at (217) 333-3470. Tickets will then be on sale at Huff Hall on Friday beginning at 4 p.m. All-session tickets are \$12 for reserved (floor) seating and \$10 for general admission (balcony) seating. Students can purchase an all-session general admission ticket for \$6. Single-match tickets are \$8 for reserved seating and \$7 for general admission seating. Students can purchase a single-session general admission ticket for \$5.

IRISH FALL TO 21st IN NATIONAL RANKINGS: After dropping its only contest of the week to #6 Stanford, Notre Dame fell one spot to 21st in this week's *USA Today* AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25, released Monday. The Irish are ranked 16th by *Volleyball* magazine, 22nd by RichKern.com, 32nd in the Ballicora Computer Rankings, and 16th in the RKPI rankings, which are designed to emulate the NCAA's RPI rankings.

Four '03 Irish opponents are listed in this week's AVCA top 25. Pepperdine (L, 1-3) leads the way at fourth, while Stanford (L, 0-3) is fifth, Northern Iowa (L, 1-3) is 16th, and Arizona (W, 3-1) is 22nd. Pittsburgh (L, 2-3 & L, 0-3) and Utah (W, 3-2) are receiving votes but not listed in the top 25.

IRISH MAINTAIN NATIONAL LEAD IN BLOCKING, BREWSTER REGAINS TOP SPOT: Notre Dame continued to hold a healthy lead nationally among Division I teams in blocking last week, while sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./

2003 BIG EAST Standings

(as of 11/30)

School	Conf.	%	Overall	%	Preseason	Notre Dame vs.
1. *#%Pittsburgh	11-1	.917	25-5	.833	3rd	L, 2-3; L, 0-3*
1. *#Notre Dame	11-1	.917	23-6	.791	1st	-
3. *Miami	9-3	.750	22-9	.710	2nd	W, 3-0; W, 3-1*
4. *Villanova	7-5	.583	14-15	.483	9th	W, 3-1
4. St. John's	7-5	.583	26-9	.743	8th	W, 3-0
4. Virginia Tech	7-5	.583	13-14	.482	4th	W, 3-2
7. Connecticut	6-6	.500	20-12	.625	6th	W, 3-1
8. Rutgers	5-7	.417	11-17	.393	7th	W, 3-0
9. Syracuse	4-8	.333	17-16	.515	10th	W, 3-0
10. Boston College	3-9	.250	17-12	.586	12th	W, 3-0
10. Georgetown	3-9	.250	9-19	.321	5th	W, 3-0
10. Seton Hall	3-9	.250	20-13	.606	11th	W, 3-0
13. West Virginia	2-10	.167	6-21	.222	13th	W, 3-0

* - clinched berth in BIG EAST Championship # - regular-season co-champions % - tournament champions

Brentwood H.S.) moved once again into the national lead among individual blocking leaders. The Irish were averaging 3.76 blocks per game, with Cornell, the nation's second-best team, at 3.52 and no other team above 3.24. Brewster's average crept up to 1.82, allowing her to pass Valparaiso's Liz Mikos, who is at 1.79.

Over its last four matches, Notre Dame has 62 blocks for an average of 4.17 per game. Earlier in the season, the Irish had a six-match stretch averaging 4.89 blocks per game (93 blocks, 19 games). Brewster has 30 over the last four contests, an average of 2.00 per frame.

A year ago, Notre Dame finished second nationally in blocking with a school-record average of 3.66, while Brewster was fourth at 1.68.

BROWN WINS FOURTH BIG EAST COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD: Irish head coach **Debbie Brown** earned her fourth BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year Award -- including three in the last four years -- at the annual league awards banquet held last Friday in the South Bend Marriott. Brown, who also was named the league's top coach in 1995, 2000, and '01, shared the distinction with Pittsburgh's Chris Beerman. Her latest squad opened 21-2, matching the best start in the program's history. Notre Dame has been listed as high as 12th nationally, the best Irish ranking since 1996. Her team had a 14-match winning streak, stretching nearly two months from mid-September to mid-November, the second-longest stretch in school history. Notre Dame's regular-season conference co-championship marked its eighth title in nine years since joining the BIG EAST in 1995. The Irish lead the nation in blocking (3.76) and were the top BIG EAST team in conference play in blocking (4.21), hitting percentage (.288), and opponent hitting percentage (.134).

FOUR IRISH PLAYERS EARN ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS: Notre Dame senior co-captain S **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) and sophomores MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) grabbed half of the spots on the all-BIG EAST first team at the annual league awards banquet on Nov. 21 in the South Bend Marriott. Meanwhile, junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) earned second-team honors.

Kinder is an all-BIG EAST selection for the third straight season, after being named to the second team in '01 and '02. The 2001 BIG EAST Setter of the Year (an award no longer given), Kinder is in her third season as the starting Irish setter and her second as a team co-captain. She has helped Notre Dame to a 68-21 (.767) record since taking over as its top setter. In the Notre Dame career record book, Kinder ranks third in assists (3,617) and fourth in assist average (10.83). She joined **Jaimie Lee** ('97), **Christy Girton** ('00), and **Kristy Kreher** ('01) as the only three-time all-BIG EAST honorees in Irish history.

Brewster, who was honorable mention all-BIG EAST as a freshman, has established herself as one of the top middle blockers in the country this season. She leads the BIG EAST Conference and the nation in individual blocking (183/1.81), while being a key

BIG EAST Leaders -- All Matches

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

- Sara Albert, Georgetown 356
- Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame 353**
- Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame 306**

Kills

- Jackie Ahlers, St. John's 5.02

Assists

- Lindsey Macke, Pittsburgh 13.08
- Kristen Kinder, Notre Dame 10.12**

Aces

- Katherine Whitney, Seton Hall 0.62

Blocks

- Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame 1.81**
- Ashleigh Young, Rutgers 1.27
- Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame 1.24**
- Katie Neff, Notre Dame 1.10**
- Emily Loomis, Notre Dame 1.08**

Digs

- Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh 5.40
- Meg Henican, Notre Dame 3.79**

Points

- Jackie Ahlers, St. John's 5.69
- Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame 4.82**

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

- St. John's 259
- Notre Dame 255**

Opponent Hitting Percentage

- Connecticut 161
- Notre Dame 161**

Assists

- Pittsburgh 15.26
- Notre Dame 14.03**

Kills

- Pittsburgh 16.61
- Notre Dame 15.58**

Blocks

- Notre Dame 3.75**
- Pittsburgh 2.63

Aces

- Boston College 2.02
- Notre Dame 1.45**

Digs

- Connecticut 18.29
- Notre Dame 15.38**

Notre Dame listings in **bold**

BIG EAST Leaders -- Conference MatchesINDIVIDUAL**Hitting Percentage**

1. **Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame** **.403**
2. Katie Esbrook, Virginia Tech362
4. **Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame** **.340**

Kills

1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's 4.95
10. **Emily Loomis, Notre Dame** **3.76**

Assists

1. Shawn McDonald, Seton Hall 12.53
4. **Kristen Kinder, Notre Dame** **12.12**

Aces

1. Basak Karamehmet, Georgetown . 0.56
10. **Jessica Kinder, Notre Dame** **0.26**

Blocks

1. **Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame** **1.93**
2. Sara Albert, Georgetown 1.38
3. **Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame** **1.34**
4. **Emily Loomis, Notre Dame** **1.29**

Digs

1. Xaimara Coss, Connecticut 5.13
5. **Meg Henican, Notre Dame** **4.07**

Points

1. Wendy Hatlestad, Pittsburgh 5.52
5. **Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame** **5.10**
8. **Emily Loomis, Notre Dame** **4.75**

TEAM**Hitting Percentage**

1. **Notre Dame** **.288**
2. Miami245

Opponent Hitting Percentage

1. **Notre Dame** **.134**
2. Pittsburgh162

Assists

1. Miami 15.17
2. **Notre Dame** **14.79**

Kills

1. Miami 16.34
2. **Notre Dame** **16.26**

Blocks

1. **Notre Dame** **4.21**
2. Pittsburgh 2.76

Aces

1. Georgetown 2.05
2. **Notre Dame** **1.48**

Digs

1. Connecticut 18.33
6. **Notre Dame** **15.62**

Notre Dame listings in **bold**

factor in Notre Dame ranking as the top blocking team in Division I (3.75). Brewster also is tops on the Irish in attack percentage (.353, 3rd in BIG EAST), points (487.5/4.82, 4th in BIG EAST), while being second in kills (356/3.52) and service aces (25/0.25).

Kelbley, the league's rookie of the year and a second-team all-conference honoree in 2002, was one of just two players on the first team who also were preseason all-conference selections. She is second on the team in blocks (129/1.24), hitting percentage (.306), and service aces (25/0.24) and third in kills (341/3.28) and points (442.5/4.25). Kelbley ranks third in the conference in blocking and 10th in attack percentage and was fourth in hitting in league play (.340).

Loomis was a first-team selection a year ago and was named to the preseason all-conference team this season. She leads the Irish in kills (380/3.58) and is second in points (463.5/4.37). On Sunday, Loomis became the 13th Irish player to notch 1,000 career kills. She has set two Notre Dame records this season: consecutive matches with 10+ kills (21) and most kills in a match without an error (24 on Sept. 9 vs. Valparaiso).

It marked the fourth time Notre Dame placed three players on the all-BIG EAST first team, after doing so in 1995, '97, and 2000.

In all, 32 Irish players have earned all-BIG EAST honors, including 20 on the first team, since the Irish joined the league in '95.

BREWSTER'S BRILLIANT BLOCKING (AND HITTING): Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) has turned into one of the top middle blockers in the country this season. Brewster currently leads the nation in individual blocking, averaging 1.81 blocks per game (183 blocks, 101 games) and is the major reason the Irish are tops among Division I teams in blocking, at 3.75 (398 blocks, 106 games).

Brewster's season average currently ranks as the best-ever in Irish history, just ahead of **Mary Kay Waller's** record of 1.79. Her block total of 183 is the third-highest for an Irish player, 23 shy of the school record (206 by Waller in '88), while her 153 block assists are eight away from the Notre Dame record she set last season. Her career block average of 1.75 is better than Waller's school-record mark of 1.68, while her 353 total blocks already place her eighth on the all-time list, despite having played less than half of her collegiate career. Brewster has led Notre Dame in blocks 17 times this season and has had four or more in 26 of 29 matches. She has had six or more 15 times and has hit double digits six times, including a pair of career-high 13-block matches, which marked the most for an Irish player in a match since 1993.

Brewster is a key to the Irish unit that is on pace to set the school record for block average for the second consecutive season (3.66 in '02) after the previous mark (3.57) had stood since 1988. She also is part of the only quartet in history -- Brewster, MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.), OPP **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy), and OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) -- to register 100 blocks apiece, something the group did both last season and this year.

A first-team all-BIG EAST selection, Brewster not only leads the conference in blocking, but also hitting percentage in league matches (.403), while ranking third in the overall category (.353). She led the Irish in hitting percentage 15 times, including a stretch of seven consecutive matches in which she hit over .350 in each (10/5-10/29), as well as 12 times in the last 16 matches. Brewster has hit over .300 in 19 matches, including 13 marks over .400.

Brewster also leads the Irish in points (487.5/4.83) and is second in kills (356/3.52) and third in service aces (25/0.25). After not doing so at all a year ago, she has been the team leader in kills 13 times this season, while being tops in points on 15 occasions, registering at least nine in every contest. Brewster has seven career double-doubles, including four this season, each coming with kills and blocks. She was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week three times in October and was the Shamrock Invitational MVP.

BREWSTER'S BIG EAST BLOCKING: Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was in on 11 blocks, including eight in the opening game, in the BIG EAST semifinal against Miami. It matched the second-highest total ever for an Irish player in a BIG EAST Championship match, just behind Brewster's 12-block performance in last year's title match against Miami. Two other players -- **Lindsay**

2003 BIG EAST Awards**Player of the Year**

Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

Rookie of the Year

Katherine Whitney, OH, Seton Hall

Libero of the Year

Megan McGrane, So., Pittsburgh

Coaches of the Year**Debbie Brown, Notre Dame**

Chris Beerman, Pittsburgh

All-BIG EAST First Team

Jackie Ahlers, So., MH, St. John's

Lauren Brewster, So., MB, Notre Dame

Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

Lauren Kelbley, So., MB, Notre Dame**Kristen Kinder, Sr., S, Notre Dame**

Megan Miller, Jr., MH, Pittsburgh

All-BIG EAST Second Team

Jamie Hadenfeldt, Jr., OH, Connecticut

Emily Loomis, Jr., OPP, Notre Dame

Leyre Santaella Sante, Sr., OH, Miami

Annie Spicer, Jr., OH, Virginia Tech

Kerri Sullivan, Jr., MB, Villanova

Valeria Tipiana, Jr., RS, Miami

All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention

Sara Albert, Jr., MB, Georgetown

Shayla Bush, Sr., OH, Rutgers

Katie Esbrook, Fr., MH, Virginia Tech

Melissa Markowski, So., S, Virginia Tech

Megan McGrane, So., L, Pittsburgh

Sarah Rollman, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

Players/Rookies of the WeekSept. 1**P-Emily Loomis, Jr., OPP/OH, ND**

R-Katherine Whitney, OH, Seton Hall

R-Allie Kupec, MH, Virginia Tech

Sept. 8**P-Lauren Kelbley, So., MB, Notre Dame**

P-Gini Ullery, Jr., OH, Pittsburgh

R-Alison Shepp, MB, Boston College

Sept. 15

P-Robin Lewullis, So., MH, Miami

P-Jackie Ahlers, So., MH/OH, St. John's

R-Jill Robinson, S, Miami

Sept. 22

P-Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

P-Jackie Ahlers, So., MH/OH, St. John's

R-Katherine Whitney, OH/RS, Seton Hall

Sept. 29**P-Lauren Kelbley, So., MB, Notre Dame**

R-Jill Robinson, S, Miami

Oct. 6**P-Lauren Brewster, So., MB, Notre Dame**

P-Wendy Hatlestad, Sr., OH, Pittsburgh

R-Katherine Whitney, OH/RS, Seton Hall

Oct. 13**P-Lauren Brewster, So., MB, Notre Dame**

P-Megan Miller, Jr., MH, Pittsburgh

R-Francheska Savage, MB, Miami

Oct. 20

P-Jackie Ahlers, So., MH/OH, St. John's

R-Alison Shepp, MB/RS, Boston College

R-Erin McQuillin, MB, Syracuse

Oct. 27**P-Lauren Brewster, So., MB, ND**

P-Lindsey Macke, Jr., S, Pittsburgh

R-Katie Esbrook, MH, Virginia Tech

Nov. 3

P-Jenna Meyers, Sr., OH, Seton Hall

P-Melissa Markowski, So., S, Va. Tech

R-Colette Ramirez, RH, Virginia Tech

Nov. 10**P-Kristen Kinder, Sr., S, Notre Dame**

R-Jill Robinson, S, Miami

Nov. 17

P-Megan Miller, Jr., MH, Pittsburgh

R-Jill Robinson, S, Miami

Treadwell (1997 vs. Villanova) and **Malinda Goralski** (2000 vs. Connecticut) -- also had 11 blocks in a BIG EAST tournament match.

HENICAN OUTDIGS THE BIG EAST'S BEST: In the two meetings between Notre Dame and Pittsburgh this season, sophomore L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) outperformed the top libero in the BIG EAST Conference, the Panthers' Megan McGrane. Henican had 25 digs in the regular-season meeting and 21 in the tournament final, for a total of 46, an average of 5.75 per game. McGrane had 16 digs in Pittsburgh and 14 in the BIG EAST final, an average of 3.75 per game.

The first-ever BIG EAST Libero of the Year, McGrane is leading the conference and ranks fifth nationally with 5.34 digs per game. She became the fastest Panther ever to reach 1,000 career digs (doing so Sunday) and is the first Pittsburgh player ever to have 500 digs in a season (513 after Sunday).

After starting the season playing mostly outside hitter, Henican has been outstanding since making the move to the opposite-colored jersey on Sept. 26. Since then, she is averaging 4.17 digs per game (275 digs, 66 games), helping the Irish lead the conference in opponent hitting percentage (.134). Overall this season, she is averaging 3.79 digs per game (402/106), which ranks fourth in the conference. Against Stanford, she became just the third Irish player to post 400 digs in a season, joining **Christy Peters** ('94) and **Jessica Fiebelkorn** ('92), who each did it twice.

DYNAMIC (DIGGING) DUO: Sophomore L **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) and senior co-captain OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) have combined for 746 digs this season, already establishing themselves as the fourth-best digging pair in Irish history. Their total is the most for a duo since 1993, and six more Kinder digs will mark just the third time ever Notre Dame has had a pair of players with 350+ digs in a season (also 1991 & '92). 1994 graduate **Christy Peters** was half of each of the top three marks, teaming with **Jessica Fiebelkorn** for a school-record 883 in 1992, with **Jenny Birkner** for 828 in '93, and again with Fiebelkorn for 813 in '91.

Henican and Kinder individually carry two of the top eight season dig averages in Notre Dame history. Henican's 3.79 (402 digs, 106 games) ranks third, while Kinder's mark of 3.25 (344 digs, 106 games) is eighth. Against Stanford, Henican became just the third player in school history to register 400 digs in a season, joining Peters and Fiebelkorn, who did it twice each. The Irish sophomore's career dig average of 3.11 (585 digs, 188 games) ranks second only to Peters' 3.72, while Kinder is 11th at 2.50 (826 digs, 331 games). Henican has had 15 or more digs in seven of the last eight matches.

Henican and Kinder have been especially effective in three-game matches, posting three of the top six digging performances in school history this season. Kinder's 28 against Valparaiso on Sept. 9 were a school record for a straight-game match, while Henican matched the third-best total with 21 against Pittsburgh in the BIG EAST final and Kinder had 20 vs. West Virginia, which ranks sixth.

OUTSTANDING OPPOSITE BLOCKERS: Senior **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Calif./Cor Jesu Academy) and junior **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) have established themselves as two of the top blocking non-middle blockers in Irish history. Neff's career block average of 1.00 (245 blocks, 244 games) and Loomis' mark of 0.91 (277 blocks, 305 games) trail only **Zanette Bennett's** ('88) average of 1.01 (434 blocks, 428 games). Loomis and Neff combined with sophomores **MB Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and **MB Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) to be the first-ever Irish quartet to register 100 blocks apiece a season ago. The foursome has duplicated the feat this year.

DYNAMIC DEFENSE: Notre Dame's defensive effort in the BIG EAST semifinals vs. Miami was strong all the way around, with 17 blocks (4.25 per game) and 76 digs (19.00 per game) en route to holding the Hurricanes to .144 hitting — the lowest mark for an Irish opponent in the last eight matches. The dig total was the second-highest ever for Notre Dame in a BIG EAST Championship match, trailing a 91-dig performance in 1998 vs. Connecticut. On Saturday, four Notre Dame players had 12 or more digs, led by sophomore L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) and senior

co-captain OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.), who each had 16. Senior co-captain S **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) had 15 and freshman DS/L **Danielle Herndon** (Plant City, Fla./Durant H.S.) had a dozen.

61 AND DONE: Notre Dame's loss to Pittsburgh in the final of the BIG EAST Championship marked the first-time the Irish suffered a home loss to a conference foe since joining the league in 1995. Prior to that match, Notre Dame was 61-0 at home against BIG EAST teams, including 56-0 in regular-season play and 5-0 in conference tournament action. In regular-season league action, the Irish have won 72 consecutive home matches, dating back to 1990, including a 71-0 mark under current head coach **Debbie Brown**.

IRISH SUFFER RARE PAIR OF UNRANKED HOME LOSSES: Notre Dame's losses to South Carolina on Sept. 14 in the Shamrock Invitational and to Pittsburgh on Nov. 23 in the final of the BIG EAST Championship mark the first time under head coach **Debbie Brown** that two unranked teams have defeated the Irish in the Joyce Center in the same season. Dating back to the second round of last year's NCAA tournament, Notre Dame has suffered three defeats in its last 16 home matches vs. unranked opponents after going 139-3 -- including 52 in a row -- prior to this stretch. Since Brown took over the Irish program in 1991, Notre Dame is 152-6 (.962) against unranked teams at home.

SWEPT AWAY: Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Pittsburgh on Sunday was the first time the Irish did not win a game this season. The last 3-0 Irish loss came on Dec. 8, 2002, to Michigan State in the second round of the NCAA Championship.

TOUGH TIMES: After opening the season 21-2, Notre Dame has lost four of its last six matches. The last time the Irish had a trio of defeats so close together was Sept. 7-9, 2001, when they dropped consecutive contests to #7 UCLA, #1 Nebraska, and #15 Pepperdine in the US Bank/Arby's Tournament in Lincoln, Neb. The Irish have not had a stretch of four losses in six matches since Oct. 9-21, 1998, when they lost at Connecticut and Fairfield, before winning at St. John's and Duke and losing at #24 North Carolina nad #8 Florida.

DOUBLE JEOPARDY: Pittsburgh became the first team in the **Debbie Brown** era (1991-present) -- and just the fourth ever -- to defeat Notre Dame in regular-season and conference tournament play in the same season. The Panthers topped the Irish 3-2 on Nov. 16 in Pittsburgh, Pa. in a regular-season match before sweeping Notre Dame on Nov. 23 in the final of the BIG EAST Championship. The last team to do so was Butler, which topped the Irish in 1990 in both a regular-season match and the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Championship. The Bulldogs also pulled the trick in 1985, beating Notre Dame in the North Star Conference tournament, while Saint Louis did the same two years previous.

Pittsburgh was just the seventh team ever -- and second in the Brown era -- to beat Notre Dame in regular-season and postseason action in the same season. The only other team to accomplish the feat in the last 13 years was Wisconsin, which topped the Irish 3-1 in the Shamrock Invitational in 1997 before eliminating Notre Dame from the NCAA regional semifinals by the same score. Notre Dame lost to the same team in regular-season and postseason action five times from 1980-90. Valparaiso won 2-0 in the second-ever varsity volleyball match for the Irish, in 1980, prior to defeating Notre Dame in the Indiana Division II State Tournament later that season. The following year, St. Francis (Ind.) topped the Irish twice in the regular season -- once in its tournament and once in a scheduled match -- before beating Notre Dame in the Division II state tournament.

NOTRE DAME WINNING STREAK SNAPPED AT 14: The Nov. 11 loss at Northern Iowa snapped a 14-match winning streak for the Irish, which dated back to a 3-1 loss at home against South Carolina on Sept. 14. The winning streak was the second-longest in the 24-year history of Notre Dame varsity volleyball and the longest under 13-year head coach **Debbie Brown**. The longest winning streak in school history was 17 matches in 1986. Over the streak, Notre Dame won 42 of 48 games, surrendering one each to

2003 Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Kills	
Emily Loomis	380 (3.58)
Lauren Brewster	356 (3.52)
Lauren Kelbley	341 (3.28)
Hitting %	
Lauren Brewster353
Lauren Kelbley306
Kristen Kinder292
Assists	
Kristen Kinder	1,073 (10.12)
Kelly Burrell	205 (2.77)
Jessica Kinder/Meg Henican	66 (0.62)
Digs	
Meg Henican	402 (3.79)
Jessica Kinder	344 (3.25)
Kristen Kinder	239 (2.25)
Blocks	
Lauren Brewster	183 (1.81)
Lauren Kelbley	129 (1.24)
Emily Loomis	115 (1.08)
Aces	
Jessica Kinder	33 (0.31)
Lauren Brewster	25 (0.25)
Lauren Kelbley	25 (0.24)
Points	
Lauren Brewster	487.5 (4.82)
Emily Loomis	463.5 (4.37)
Lauren Kelbley	442.5 (4.25)

Irish Double-Doubles

<u>Lauren Brewster</u> -- Season: 4, Career: 7	
13 kills, 13 blocks	vs. Purdue
20 kills, 10 blocks	at North Carolina
21 kills, 10 blocks	at Pittsburgh
16 kills, 11 blocks	vs. Miami (BE semis)
<u>Kelly Burrell</u> -- Season: 1, Career: 2	
20 assists, 12 digs	at Texas
<u>Kim Fletcher</u> -- Season: 0, Career: 1	
<u>Meg Henican</u> -- Season: 1, Career: 2	
11 kills, 14 digs	vs. Utah
<u>Jessica Kinder</u> -- Season: 2, Career: 9	
10 kills, 10 digs	vs. Virginia Tech
13 kills, 16 digs	vs. Miami (BE semis)
<u>Kristen Kinder</u> -- Season: 9, Career: 27	
29 assists, 14 digs	vs. Utah
29 assists, 10 digs	vs. South Carolina
35 assists, 13 digs	vs. Purdue
39 assists, 10 digs	vs. Georgetown
46 assists, 10 digs	at Connecticut
29 assists, 12 digs	vs. Illinois State
24 assists, 10 digs	vs. Syracuse
51 assists, 15 digs	at Pittsburgh
47 assists, 15 digs	vs. Miami (BE semis)
<u>Emily Loomis</u> -- Season: 4, Career: 12	
17 kills, 11 digs	vs. Villanova
12 kills, 17 digs	at UConn
16 kills, 18 digs	vs. Virginia Tech
12 kills, 10 digs	vs. Miami

Notre Dame in 2003...

... at home: 12-2
... away: 7-4
... on neutral courts: 3-0
... in three games: 12-2
... in four games: 8-3
... in five games: 2-1
... vs. ranked opponents: 1-3
... vs. BIG EAST teams: 12-2
... vs. non-con. teams: 11-4
... at night: 13-1
... during the day: 9-5
... in tournament play: 7-3

Irish Record Book**INDIVIDUAL -- CAREER**Hitting Percentage (min. 900 attempts)

1. Malinda Goralski ('01)361 (731-167-1562)
2. **Lauren Kelbley** **.327 (639-167-1443)**
3. **Lauren Brewster** **.324 (587-180-1255)**
11. **Kim Fletcher** **.270 (432-166-984)**

Pct. of Games Played

1. Jenny Birkner ('96)965 (473/490)
2. **Emily Loomis** **.957 (308/315)**
3. **Lauren Kelbley** **.954 (209/219)**
5. **Lauren Brewster** **.936 (205/219)**

Pct. of Matches Played

1. Janelle Karlan ('93) 1.000 (145/145)
1. Jenny Birkner ('96) 1.000 (140/140)
1. **L. Kelbley/L. Brewster** **1.000 (61/61)**
6. **Emily Loomis** **.989 (88/89)**

Kills

1. Christy Peters ('94) 1,683
13. **Emily Loomis** **1,001**

Kill Average (min. 650 kills)

1. Angie Harris ('97) 3.97 (1577 K, 397 G)
5. **Emily Loomis** **3.25 (1,001 K, 308 G)**

Double-Digit Kill Matches

1. Angie Harris ('97) 88
7. **Emily Loomis** **57**

20+ Kill Matches

1. Christy Peters ('94) 19
7. **Emily Loomis** **6**

Assists

1. Janelle Karlan ('93) 5,197
3. **Kristen Kinder** **3,617**

Assist Average

1. Denise Boylan ('00) 12.37 (4687 A, 379 G)
4. **Kristen Kinder** **10.83 (3617 A, 334 G)**

Service Aces

1. Angie Harris ('97) 239
3. **Jessica Kinder** **118**

Ace Average (min. 50 aces)

1. Angie Harris ('97)602 (239 SA, 397 G)
4. **Jessica Kinder** **.356 (118 SA, 331 G)**

Dig Average (min. 500 digs)

1. Christy Peters ('94) 3.72 (1640 D, 441 G)
2. **Meg Henican** **3.11 (585 D, 188 G)**
11. **Jessica Kinder** **2.50 (826 D, 331 G)**

Total Blocks

1. Mary Kay Waller ('88) 699
18. **Lauren Brewster** **358**

Block Average (min. 200 blocks)

1. **Lauren Brewster** **1.75 (358 TB, 205 G)**
2. Mary Kay Waller ('88) 1.68 (699 TB, 415 G)
5. **Lauren Kelbley** **1.17 (245 TB, 209 G)**
12. **Katie Neff** **1.00 (247 TB, 247 G)**
13. **Emily Loomis** **0.91 (279 TB, 308 G)**

Block Average (non-MB)

1. Zanelle Bennett ('88) 1.01 (434 TB, 428 G)
2. **Katie Neff** **1.00 (247 TB, 247 G)**
3. **Emily Loomis** **0.91 (279 TB, 308 G)**

Purdue, Villanova, Connecticut, and North Carolina, as well as two to Virginia Tech.

In the Brown era, the Irish have had 29 different winning streaks of five matches or more, winning five in a row seven times, six straight four times, seven in a row three times, eight straight four times, nine in a row six times, 10 straight once, 11 in a row twice, and 12 straight once, and 14 in a row once.

Notre Dame also was just two shy of a pair of other school records before losing to UNI. The Irish had won eight in a row away from home and six straight on opponents' home courts.

CLASS OF THE CONFERENCE: Since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, the Irish have experienced incredible success in league play. Overall, Notre Dame is 98-5 in conference regular-season matches and 17-2 in the BIG EAST Championship. In eight seasons, the Irish have won eight regular-season titles and seven tournament titles. Notre Dame is 56-0 at home in BIG EAST regular-season matches.

This season, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh tied for the regular-season crown with identical 11-1 records, while the Panthers topped the Irish in the final of the BIG EAST Championship.

GOOD START: Notre Dame opened BIG EAST Conference play 11-0 for the eighth time in nine years since joining the league in 1995. The Irish have posted six undefeated conference seasons and started 11-0 in each of the last two seasons before losing. The only year Notre Dame did not win at least its first 11 league matches was 1998, when the Irish lost at Connecticut in their third conference match of the year.

HOME, SWEET HOME: Playing in the Joyce Center has been a nightmare for opponents, especially since head coach **Debbie Brown** took over the Irish program in 1991. In that span, Notre Dame is 159-23 (.874) at home, including a school-record 36-match winning streak from 2000-02. In addition to holding a 56-0 all-time mark at home in regular-season BIG EAST matches, the Irish have won 72 in a row at home against conference foes, dating back to 1990, including a 71-0 record in the Brown era. Overall, Notre Dame is 87-4 (.956) in the Joyce Center against league teams in regular-season play.

Notre Dame also has had incredible success against unranked teams. In the Brown era, Notre Dame is 152-6 (.962) against unranked foes in the Joyce Center, with the losses coming to Santa Clara in 1993, Ball State in '96, Oral Roberts in '98, Michigan State in the '02 NCAA tournament, and South Carolina and Pittsburgh (BIG EAST final) in '03. Each of the first three defeats came in five games. The loss to MSU snapped the 36-match overall home streak and a 52-match home winning streak against unranked teams.

TAKE 20: Notre Dame's win over Virginia Tech on Nov. 7 improved its record to 20-2, marking its fifth consecutive 20-win season and the 12th time in 13 years under head coach **Debbie Brown** that the Irish have won at least 20 matches. The lone exception was an 18-13 campaign in 1998. Overall, this is the 15th season with 20+ victories in 24 years of varsity volleyball at Notre Dame.

BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK DOMINANCE: Notre Dame dominated the BIG EAST Player of the Week award this season, gaining at least a share of it seven times in 11 weeks (while being idle once). Junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) won the initial honor of the season, on Sept. 1. Sophomore MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) was named a BIG EAST Co-Player of the Week Sept. 8 after her tournament-MVP performance in the Longhorn Classic and won the honor again on Sept. 29.

Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) dominated the award in the month of October, winning it three times and missing out only on an idle week for the Irish. She gained the distinction Oct. 6, 13, and 27. Brewster is just the third Irish player ever to be named BIG EAST player of the week three times in a season. She joins **Mary Leffers** (1999) and **Kristy Kreher** (2001) in that group. She and St. John's sophomore Jackie Ahlers are the only two players to win the award three times this season.

Most recently, senior co-captain **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) won the award on Nov. 10.

LOOMIS BREAKS A PAIR OF SCHOOL RECORDS: Junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis**

(Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) has broken a pair of Irish records this season. In the Sept. 9 Valparaiso match, she set a Notre Dame record for most kills in a match without an error (24), while also falling just shy of the school record for kills in a three-game match. The previous mark for most kills without an error was 23, done by **Jaimie Lee** on September 8, 1995 at Indiana in a five-game victory.

Loomis also set a new record for consecutive matches with 10 or more kills, with a 21-match streak including the final six contests of 2002 and each of the first 15 this year. It was snapped when she had seven kills in a 3-0 win against Rutgers on Oct. 12. The longest streak of that kind prior to Loomis' was a 17-match stretch by **Angie Harris** from Oct. 5 to Nov. 28 in 1997. Loomis' 15-match streak this season was the third-longest in a single season.

JESSICA KINDER DIGS HER WAY TO SCHOOL RECORD: On Sept. 9 vs. Valparaiso, Notre Dame senior co-captain OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) set a Notre Dame record with 28 digs, the most ever by an Irish player in a three-game match. Her performance, which featured 10 digs in the first game, three in the second, and 15 in the final frame, bettered the previous record by three. **Tracey Shelton** scrambled for 25 digs in a three-game win over Butler on Oct. 25, 1989. Kinder's 28 were the most in any length match for an Irish player since October 25, 1993, when **Christy Peters** had 31 at Arizona State in a four-game contest.

OCTOBER FEST: Notre Dame posted a perfect 8-0 record in the month of October, marking the first-ever perfect record in a full month of play in the 24-year history of the program. The Irish, who took 24 of 26 games last month, have won 11 consecutive October matches, dating back to last year. Over the last four-plus years, Notre Dame is 34-5 (.872) in October.

Six times before have the Irish gone undefeated in a month featuring a limited schedule -- never one with more than four matches in it. Notre Dame went unbeaten in August in 1987 (1-0), '91 (1-0), '96 (3-0), 2001 (1-0) and '02 (2-0), as well as posting an undefeated November (4-0) in 1982.

PACKING THEM IN: Notre Dame set a Joyce Center volleyball attendance record for the second season in a row, averaging 1,576 over its 15 home matches in 2003. The total attendance of 23,643 is the most in the program's history, while the highest average prior to this season was 1,064 a year ago. The Irish are tops in the conference and Northeast Region in both total and average attendance, while ranking 10th nationally in total attendance and 17th in average. Each of the last five Notre Dame home matches has featured crowds of over 1,000.

A crowd of 8,643 watched Notre Dame outlast Virginia Tech 3-2 on Nov. 7, setting a new Joyce Center attendance record for volleyball by more than 5,000. It was the fourth-largest crowd for a collegiate volleyball match this season. The previous Irish mark was 3,251 on Nov. 1, 2002 vs. Providence. Both matches were played immediately before Irish football pep rallies.

Two days later, 2,715 packed the Joyce to watch the Irish beat Miami 3-0 in a match televised by College Sports Television. It was the largest volleyball crowd in the building for a match not played before a football pep rally.

NOTRE DAME DEFENSE REGISTERS A FIRST IN PROGRAM'S HISTORY: The Notre Dame defense held its opponents to identical .008 hitting percentages in consecutive matches earlier this season. It was the first time in the 24-year history of the program that Irish opponents registered more errors than kills in back-to-back matches. On Oct. 29, Illinois State had 31 kills and 32 errors on 132 attempts. Two days later, Syracuse notched 32 kills and 33 errors on 129 swings on Sunday. Once before, in 1995, Notre Dame held opponents to negative percentages twice in a three-match span.

On the season, the Irish are on pace to challenge the school record for lowest opponent hitting average, holding foes to a .156 percentage. Notre Dame saw the opposition hit .190 or better just four times in the first 21 matches and eight times overall. Irish opponents hit .070 or worse in four straight matches and five of six at one point in late October-early November. Irish foes have been under .090 on eight occasions in '03.

Notre Dame was tops in BIG EAST play in opponent hitting percentage at .134, with

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INDIVIDUAL -- SEASON

Hitting Percentage (min. 250 attempts)

1. Mary Kay Waller (1986) 395 (316-64-638)
6. **Lauren Brewster (2003)** **353 (356-99-729)**

Pct. of Games Played

1. Six tied at 1.000
1. **Jessica Kinder, Kristen Kinder ... 1.000 (106/106)**
1. **Emily Loomis, Meg Henican 1.000 (106/106)**

Matches With 10+ Kills

1. Angie Harris ('95) & Christy Peters ('93) 29
6. **Emily Loomis (2003)** **25**
- T8. **Lauren Kelbley (2003)** **23**

Consecutive Matches With 10+ Kills

1. Angie Harris 17 (10/5-11/28/97)
3. **Emily Loomis (2003)** **15 (8/29-10/10/03)**
4. **Lauren Kelbley (2003)** **13 (9/9-10/23/03)**

Combined Digs (Two Players)

1. Jessica Fiebelkorn/Christy Peters (1992) 883
2. Christy Peters/Jenny Birkner (1993) 828
3. Jessica Fiebelkorn/Christy Peters (1991) 813
4. **Meg Henican/Jessica Kinder (2003)** **746**

Digs

1. Christy Peters (1993) 500
5. **Meg Henican (2003)** **402**

Dig Average (min. 200 digs)

1. Christy Peters (1993) 4.10 (500 D, 122 G)
3. **Meg Henican (2003)** **3.79 (402 D, 106 G)**
8. **Jessica Kinder (2003)** **3.25 (344 D, 106 G)**

Total Blocks

1. Mary Kay Waller (1988) 206
2. Jessica Fiebelkorn (1991) 186
3. **Lauren Brewster (2003)** **183**

Block Assists

1. Lauren Brewster (2002) 161
2. Jessica Fiebelkorn (1991) 155
3. **Lauren Brewster (2003)** **153**

Block Average (min. 80 games played)

1. **Lauren Brewster (2003)** **1.81 (183 B, 101 G)**
2. Mary Kay Waller (1988) 1.79 (206 B, 115 G)

TEAM -- SEASON

Winning Percentage

1. 1994 892 (33-4)
4. **2003** **.793 (23-6)**

Record in 5-Game Matches

1. 1992833 (5-1)
2. **2003** **.750 (3-1)**

Kill Average

1. 2000 17.43
6. **2003** **15.58**

Block Average

1. **2003** **3.75**
2. 2002 3.66

Low Opponent Hitting Percentage

1. 1986 151
- T4. **2003** **.161**

Low Opponent Ace Average

1. **2003** **0.93**
2. 1996 1.11

Consecutive Wins

1. Oct. 24-Nov. 21, 1986 17
2. **Sept. 17-Nov. 9, 2003** **14**

Irish in the Weekly Rankings

Week	USA Today/ AVCA	Rich Kern.com	VB Mag.
preseason	RV	25	RV
Sept. 2	21	18	RV
Sept. 8	15	13	RV
Sept. 15	18	15	RV
Sept. 22	17	16	RV
Sept. 29	17	16	RV
Oct. 6	15	14	RV
Oct. 13	15	14	16
Oct. 20	14	14	15
Oct. 27	14	12	13
Nov. 3	12	12	10
Nov. 10	12	12	10
Nov. 17	17	17	15
Nov. 24	20	22	16
Dec. 1	21	22	16

Note: AVCA ranks 25, RichKern.com ranks 30, *Volleyball Magazine* ranks 20.

NCAA Leaders**INDIVIDUAL****Hitting Percentage**

1. Jayli Jackson, Florida A&M	.471
21. Lisa Argabright, Illinois	.380

Kills

1. Aline Pereira, George Mason	6.74
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Assists

1. Kele Eveland, Georgia Tech	14.93
12. Erin Virtue, Illinois	13.45

Blocks

1. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame	1.81
2. Liz Mikos, Valparaiso	1.79

Digs

1. Sarah Gascon, Southeastern La.	6.66
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Aces

1. Stephanie Cisneros, Hampton	1.23
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TEAM**Hitting Percentage**

1. Florida A&M	.368
8. Louisville	.293

Kills

1. Georgia Tech	18.18
18. Louisville	16.50

Assists

1. Georgia Tech	16.97
4. Murray State	16.06
11. Louisville	15.24
27. Illinois	14.86

Aces

1. Hampton	3.41
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Blocks

1. Notre Dame	3.75
2. Cornell	3.52
30. Illinois	2.85

Digs

1. Southeastern Louisiana	21.11
18. Murray State	18.31

Pittsburgh second at .162. The Irish are first in the conference in overall matches, as well.

REWRITING THE RECORD BOOKS: The 2003 season has produced a number of individual and team performances that rank among the best in the 24-year history of the Irish program.

On the team front, Notre Dame is currently on pace to break a pair of school season records: block average (3.75; record is 3.66 in '02) and low opponent ace average (0.93; record is 1.11 in '96). The Irish also currently rank second all-time in winning percentage in five-game matches (3-1, .750; record is 5-1, .833 in '92), while being fourth in winning percentage (.793; record is .892 in '94) and low opponent hitting percentage (.161; record is .151 in '86) and sixth in kill average (15.58; record is 17.43 in '00).

Individually, a number of players are on pace to etch their names among the all-time season leaders. Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) is averaging 1.81 blocks per game, which currently ranks as the top season blocking average in history, just ahead of **Mary Kay Waller's** school record 1.79 in 1988. Brewster also has a realistic shot of setting records for both total blocks (183, record is 206) and block assists (153, record is 161 by Brewster in '02) this season and her hitting percentage of .353 ranks as the sixth-best mark in a season. Two Irish players are posting dig numbers that are among the best eight defensive seasons ever. Sophomore L/OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) is averaging 3.79 per game, currently ranking third, while senior co-captain OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) is at 3.25, which is eighth. Henican is fifth in digs at 402, while the duo's combined total of 746 is fourth-best in Notre Dame history. Junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) has 25 matches with 10 or more kills this season, which is the sixth-highest total, while sophomore MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) is tied for eighth with 23. Additionally, four Irish players -- Henican, Loomis, Jessica Kinder, and senior co-captain S **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) -- have played in all 106 games this season. Only six players in history have played in every game in a season, including Kristen Kinder in '01.

A number of Irish players also are moving up the all-time career lists in various categories. Loomis is among the leaders in eight categories: percentage of games played (2nd, .957), block average for non-middle blockers (3rd, 0.91), kill average (5th, 3.25), percentage of matches played (6th, .989), matches with 20+ kills (7th, 6), matches with 10+ kills (7th, 57), kills (1,001, 13th), and block average (13th, 0.91). Kristen Kinder is third in assists (3,617) and fourth in assist average (10.83). Jessica Kinder ranks third in total service aces (118), fourth in ace average (0.356), and 11th in dig average (2.50). Fellow senior OPP/OH **Kim Fletcher** (St. Louis, Mo./Nerinx Hall H.S.) is 11th in hitting percentage (.270), while classmate OPP **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy) is 12th in block average (1.00), but second among non-middle blockers, just .01 behind **Zanette Bennett**.

Sophomores Brewster, Kelbley, and Henican have reached minimums in a few categories to qualify for the career leaders and figure to move into others as they play more matches. Brewster's career block average of 1.75 currently is tops all-time, ahead of Waller's school record of 1.68. Kelbley is fifth at 1.17. In hitting percentage, they rank second and third all-time, with Kelbley at .327 and Brewster at .324. **Malinda Goralski** ('01) holds the Irish record at .361. Henican is second all-time in dig average (3.11). Kelbley is third in percentage of games played (.954), while Brewster is fifth (.936). They both have played all 61 matches throughout their careers, putting them in a four-way tie for first in percentage of matches played. Brewster is eighth in total blocks (358).

IRISH AMONG THE BIG EAST LEADERS: A number of Irish players are among the BIG EAST Conference statistical leaders. Sophomore MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) leads the league in blocks (1.81) and is third in hitting percentage (.353) and fourth in points (4.82). Sophomore MB **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) is third in blocks (1.24) and 10th in hitting percentage (.306). Senior S **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) is seventh in assists (10.12), while senior OPP **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo./Cor Jesu Academy) is seventh in blocks (1.10) and junior OPP/OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) is eighth (1.08). Sophomore OH **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) is fourth in digs (3.79).

In the team statistics, Notre Dame leads the conference, and the nation, in blocks (3.75). The Irish are in the top five in five other categories: hitting percentage (2nd, .255), oppo-

ment hitting percentage (2nd, .161), kills (4th, 15.58), and assists (4th, 14.03).

Notre Dame dominated the leaders in conference matches. The Irish were first in three of the seven categories and second in three others. Notre Dame led the BIG EAST in hitting percentage (.288), opponent hitting percentage (.134), and blocks (4.21), holding sizeable leads in each category. Miami is second in hitting percentage (.245), while Pittsburgh is second in opponent hitting percentage (.162) and blocks (2.76). The Irish were second in assists (14.79), kills (16.26), and aces (1.48).

In the individual leaders in conference matches, Brewster finished first in blocks (1.93) and hitting percentage (.403) and fifth in points (5.10). Loomis also was among the leaders in three categories: blocks (4th, 1.29), points (8th, 4.75), and kills (10th, 3.76). Kelbley was third in blocks (1.34), while coming in fourth in hitting percentage (.340). Kristen Kinder was fourth in assists (12.12), while Henican was fifth in digs (4.07), and senior OH **Jessica Kinder** (Fresno, Calif./Bullard H.S.) was 10th in aces (0.26).

HEAD COACH DEBBIE BROWN: Irish head coach **Debbie Brown** is in her 13th season at the helm of the Notre Dame program. She has led the Irish to a 323-108 (.749) mark, while holding a 440-191 (.697) overall record. Brown's Notre Dame teams have earned 12 consecutive NCAA tournament berths, advancing to the quarterfinals in 1993 and the round of 16 in '94, '95, and '97. Her squads have won 20 or more matches 12 times. A nine-time conference coach of the year (4 MCC, 4 BIG EAST, 1 Pac-10), she has coached four Irish players to All-America honors, while 32 have gained all-BIG EAST mention since 1995. The Irish also have claimed 12 regular-season conference titles (4 Midwestern Collegiate, 8 BIG EAST) and 11 league tournament crowns (4 MCC, 7 BIG EAST). The captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic volleyball team after winning a pair of national championships and earning All-America honors twice playing at USC, Brown graduated from Arizona State in 1982 and coached her alma mater from 1983-88, helping the Sun Devils to five NCAA tournaments.

IRISH-CARDINALS SERIES NOTES: Notre Dame and Louisville will meet for the 15th time, but the first in the NCAA tournament. The Irish have won 12 of the previous encounters, dropping decisions in 1992 and '96, both in the Big Four Classic. The teams last played in the 1999 Shamrock Invitational, with the Irish winning in three games.

Notre Dame holds an 18-6 all-time record against current Conference USA teams, having played Cincinnati (3-0), Houston (2-4), and Tulane (1-0) in addition to Louisville. The Irish beat the Cougars in five games in this year's Longhorn Classic. Notre Dame has never played a Conference USA team in the NCAAAs.

IRISH-RACERS SERIES NOTES: Notre Dame and Murray State have never previously met. The Irish hold a 4-1 all-time record against Ohio Valley Conference foes, having won twice against Eastern Kentucky and once vs. Samford while splitting a pair of contests with Morehead State.

IRISH-ILLINI SERIES NOTES: Illinois has won five of the six previous meetings with the Irish, but the teams have not played since 1993. The Illini won the initial five contests, from 1984-91 before Notre Dame registered a five-game win over ninth-ranked Illinois in the 1993 Reebok Challenge. The Irish have lost in all four previous trips to Champaign, including a 3-2 decision in the 1988 NCAA Championship. Three of the ND-Illinois matches have gone to five games.

Notre Dame has a 2-10 record against current Big Ten teams in NCAA Championship play, including seven consecutive losses, dating back to 1993. In each of the last four years -- and 10 times in 12 tournament appearances -- a Big Ten team has ended the Irish season. Michigan State did the honors in 2001 and '02, while Ohio State did so in 1999 and 2000.

If Notre Dame and Illinois play in the second round, it would mark the third consecutive year that the schools met in NCAA tournament action in some sport. In 2001-02, the Illini topped the Irish in men's tennis in the round of 16, while Notre Dame got the best of Illinois in the second round of last season's men's basketball tournament.

"NOTRE DAME PRIMETIME" AIRING ON CSTV & WHME-TV: Among the new fall programming for College Sports Television (CSTV) is "Notre Dame Primetime," a weekly one-hour show dedicated entirely to Notre Dame athletics. It airs on Sundays at 8:30 p.m. (EDT) and can now be seen in the South Bend area on Mondays at 7 p.m. (EST) on WHME-TV. A number of Irish volleyball personalities already have been featured on "Notre Dame Primetime," including head coach **Debbie Brown**, OPP/OH **Emily Loomis**, OH **Jessica Kinder**, and MB **Lauren Brewster**. CSTV is currently available nationwide to more than 15 million cable and satellite homes. To find out where CSTV is available in your area, log on to www.CSTV.com, or call your local cable or satellite operator.

KEEPING UP WITH ND VOLLEYBALL: For the fastest results of Notre Dame volleyball matches, call the Notre Dame Sports Hotline at (574) 631-3000 and choose #5 and #1. The hotline provides schedules and result information for all 26 varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the match recaps and weekly releases provided on the official athletic website, www.und.com. The hotline is the first medium updated with results of each Notre Dame volleyball match.

Once again, www.und.com will be the best place for in-depth coverage of Irish volleyball. Live scoring of all home matches, as well as live internet broadcasts of eight contests available to College Sports Pass subscribers supplement the match previews and recaps.

In addition, media members and fans may be added to the sports information e-mail release list by contacting sports information assistant Bo Rottenborn at Rottenborn.2@nd.edu. All requests for story ideas, interview access, match credentials, and information on Irish volleyball should be similarly directed. Credential and interview requests should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Notre Dame NCAA Championship History

Notre Dame has appeared in the NCAA Championship 13 times and currently boasts a 12-year streak of tournament appearances. The Irish first qualified for the championship in 1988 and made an immediate impression, knocking off #20 Penn State in four games at the Joyce Center. Fourth-ranked Illinois defeated Notre Dame the next weekend.

The Irish returned to the NCAA Championship in 1992 and made the trip to Penn State for a first-round matchup. The Nittany Lions earned a bit of revenge from the 1988 meeting, sending Notre Dame home with a three-game loss. The two teams would meet again in 1993, after the Irish knocked off #8 Nebraska at home in the second round (the Irish received a first-round bye in the 48-team field) and then defeated Minnesota in Minneapolis in three games to move to the final eight. Penn State spoiled the Irish hopes once again with a three-game victory in Minneapolis.

Notre Dame played host to a second round match again in 1994, defeating future BIG EAST Conference mate Pittsburgh in four games. Penn State was waiting once again in the round of 16 and sent Notre Dame home with a three-game loss.

The 1995 NCAA tournament saw Notre Dame receive yet another first-round bye and face Iowa State in the second round in the Joyce Center. After Notre Dame defeated the Cyclones 3-0 it headed west to Palo Alto, Calif., where Oral Roberts eliminated the Irish from the tournament in three games. The 1996 season was the fourth straight year that Notre Dame played host to NCAA action. The Irish defeated Hofstra in the first round but another Big Ten school knocked Notre Dame out in the second round, to Ohio State.

With 64 teams competing in 1997, Notre Dame made a run to the round of 16 with victories over Liberty and Arkansas in Fayetteville, before Wisconsin eliminated the Irish in Madison. The 1998 season had Notre Dame in Stanford, Calif., where they defeated Eastern Washington in the first round before the host team knocked them out in three games.

Notre Dame headed west once again in 1999 to face Ohio State in Los Angeles. The Buckeyes eliminated the Irish in four games, setting up a rematch in 2000. In Columbus, Notre Dame defeated Cincinnati in the first round before Ohio State stepped up to send the Irish home early once again in four games.

It has been Michigan State that has ended the Irish season each of the last two years. In 2001, Notre Dame headed to Madison, Wis. and fell to the Spartans in the first round in four games. A year ago, the Joyce Center played host to early-round action, and Notre Dame beat the College of Charleston in four games prior to falling 3-0 to MSU. The Spartans snapped a 36-match home winning streak for the Irish.

Notre Dame Year-by-Year in the NCAA Tournament

1988

vs. #20 Penn State, W, 3-1

vs. #4 Illinois, L, 2-3

1992

vs. #9 Penn State, L, 0-3

1993

vs. #8 Nebraska, W, 3-0

vs. Minnesota, W, 3-2

vs. #7 Penn State, L, 0-3

1994

vs. Pittsburgh, W, 3-1

vs. #9 Penn State, L, 0-3

1995

vs. Iowa State, W, 3-0

vs. #19 Oral Roberts, L, 0-3

1996

vs. Hofstra, W, 3-0

vs. #12 Ohio State, L, 2-3

1997

vs. Liberty, W, 3-0

vs. #18 Arkansas, W, 3-1

vs. #4 Wisconsin, L, 1-3

1998

vs. Eastern Washington, W, 3-1

vs. #8 Stanford, L, 0-3

1999

vs. Ohio State, L, 1-3

2000

vs. Cincinnati, W, 3-0

vs. Ohio State, L, 2-3

2001

vs. Michigan State, L, 1-3

2002

vs. College of Charleston, W, 3-1

vs. Michigan State, L, 0-3

bold indicates matches in the Joyce

Notre Dame NCAA Records

Team Hitting Percentage

.422 (44-9-83) vs. Hofstra, 1996

.360 (74-30-204) vs. Liberty, 1997

.347 (58-15-124) vs. Iowa St., 1995

Team Service Aces

11 vs. Wisconsin, 1997

9 vs. Illinois, 1988

8 vs. Penn State, 1988

Team Blocks

30 vs. Penn State, 1988

29 vs. Ohio State, 1999

17 vs. Charleston, 2002

12 vs. Arkansas, 1997

12 vs. Illinois, 1988

12 vs. Pittsburgh, 1994

Low Opponent Hitting Percentage

.000 (18-18-83) vs. Hofstra, 1996

.104 (45-26-183) vs. Pittsburgh, 1994

.107 (29-18-103) vs. Liberty, 1997

Individual Hitting Percentage

(minimum four att. per game)

.625 (10-0-16) Marilyn Cragen

vs. Penn State, 1992

.607 (19-2-28) Angie Harris

vs. Iowa State, 1995

.583 (7-0-12) Julie Bremner

vs. Penn State, 1988

.545 (14-2-22) Nicole Coates

vs. Nebraska, 1993

.541 (24-4-37) Kristy Kreher

vs. Eastern Washington, 1998

Individual Kills

31 Jaimie Lee (vs. Wisconsin, '97)

27 Jaimie Lee (vs. OSU, '97)

26 Christy Peters (vs. PSU, '88)

25 Mary Kay Waller (vs. PSU, '88)

24 Kristy Kreher (vs. EWU, '98)

24 Kristy Kreher (vs. OSU, '99)

Individual Service Aces

4 Denise Boylan (vs. Wis., '97)

4 Angie Harris (vs. Ark., '97)

4 Angie Harris (vs. ISU, '95)

4 Julie Bremner (vs. Ill., '88)

4 Jessica Kinder (vs. CoC, '02)

Individual Blocks

14 Mary Kay Waller (vs. PSU, '88)

12 Mary Leffers (OSU, '96)

12 Zanette Bennett (vs. PSU, '88)

Individual Digs

26 Nicole Coates (vs. Minn., '93)

23 Angie Harris (vs. Wis., '97)

23 Meg Henican (vs. CoC, '02)

22 Lindsay Treadwell (vs. Wis., '97)

22 Christy Peters (vs. Pitt., '94)

Notre Dame Match-by-Match Leaders

Match	Kills	Pct.	Digs	Blocks	Assists	Aces	Points
vs. Arizona	16-Kelley (1)	.522-Loomis (1)	10-Henican (1)/JK (1)	6-Kelley (1)	26-KK (1)	2-J. Kinder (1)	20-Kelley (1)
at Pepperdine	17-Brewster (1)	.483-Brewster (1)	13-Henican (2)	4-Loomis (1)/Brewster (1)	26-KK (2)	1-JK (2)/Burrell (1)	19-Brewster (1)
vs. E. Wash.	18-Loomis (1)	.412-Loomis (2)	10-Henican (3)	5-Loomis (2)	29-KK (3)	3-JK (3)/Kelley (1)	21.5-Loomis (1)
vs. Houston	22-Kelley (2)	.476-Brewster (2)	12-Henican (4)	8-Kelley (2)	27-KK (4)	2-JK (4)/Kelley (2)	28.5-Kelley (2)
at Texas	16-Loomis (2)	.412-Kelley (1)	12-Burrell (1)	6-Kelley (3)	23-KK (5)	2-K. Kinder (1)	18.5-Loomis (2)
vs. Valparaiso	24-Loomis (3)	.571-Loomis (3)	28-J. Kinder (2)	5-Brewster (2)	34-KK (6)	2-Hen (1)/Kelley (3)/Coop (1)	25.5-Loomis (3)
vs. Indiana	16-Loomis (4)	.375-Neff (1)	13-Henican (5)	7-Kelley (4)	28-KK (7)	3-Kelley (3)	18.5-Loomis (4)
vs. Utah	13-Kelley (3)	.261-Neff (2)	23-J. Kinder (3)	13-Brewster (3)	29-KK (8)	3-Burrell (2)	15.5-Kelley (3)
vs. S. Carolina	15-Brewster (2)	.310-Kelley (2)	20-Herridon (1)	6-Kelley (5)	29-KK (9)	4-J. Kinder (5)	18.5-Brewster (2)
vs. Purdue	15-Loomis (5)	.429-Brewster (3)	15-Henican (6)	13-Brewster (4)	35-KK (10)	3-Brewster (1)	24-Brewster (3)
vs. Villanova	17-Loomis (6)	.412-Loomis (4)	14-Henican (7)	9-Kelley (6)	51-KK (11)	3-Loomis (1)	23.5-Loomis (5)
vs. Georgetown	16-Brewster (3)	.706-Kelley (3)	12-Henican (8)	4-Loomis(3)/Brew(5)/Neff(1)	39-KK (12)	3-Brewster (2)	21-Brewster (4)
at St. John's	16-Loomis (7)	.500-Loomis (5)	14-J. Kinder (4)	7-Brewster (6)	45-KK (13)	2-KK (2)/Herridon (1)	18-Loomis (6)
at UConn	17-Brewster (4)	.593-Brewster (4)	20-Henican (9)	8-Brewster (7)	46-KK (14)	2-JK (6)/Brewster (3)	24-Brewster (5)
vs. Seton Hall	13-Brewster (5)	.684-Brewster (5)	12-Henican (10)	7-Brewster (8)	40-KK (15)	2-Kelley (4)	17.5-Brewster (6)
vs. Rutgers	16-Brewster (6)	.560-Brewster (6)	13-Henican (11)	7-Kelley (7)	39-KK (16)	2-JK (7)/Kelley (5)	20.5-Brewster (7)
at N. Carolina	20-Brewster (7)	.361-Brewster (7)	24-J. Kinder (5)	10-Brewster (9)	50-KK (17)	2-Loomis (2)/KK (3)	27-Brewster (8)
at Rhode Island	10-Kelley (4)	.412-Brewster (8)	11-J. Kinder (6)	6-Brewster (10)	30-KK (18)	3-J. Kinder (8)	14-Kelley (4)
at B.C.	11-Loomis (8)	.353-Brewster (9)	10-Henican (12)	11-Brewster (11)	27-KK (19)	1-Loomis (3)/Kelley (6)	16.5-Loomis (7)
vs. Illinois St.	11-Kelley(5)/Brewster(8)	.524-Brewster (10)	17-Henican (13)	6-Kelley (8)	29-KK (20)	3-Brewster (4)	17-Brewster (9)
vs. Syracuse	19-Loomis (9)	.625-K. Kinder (1)	12-Henican (14)	8-Kelley (9)	24-KK (21)	3-J. Kinder (9)	22-Loomis (8)
vs. Virginia Tech	22-Kelley(6)/Brewster(9)	.429-Brewster (11)	18-Loomis (1)	6-Brewster (12)	68-KK (22)	3-Herridon (2)	25.5-Kelley(5)/Brew(10)
vs. Miami	15-Kelley (7)	.462-Brewster (12)	15-Henican (15)	4-Kelb(10)/Brew(13)/Neff(2)	44-KK (23)	1-Loomis(4)/JK (10)	17-Kelley (6)
at N. Iowa	14-Brewster (10)	.385-Brewster (13)	17-Henican (16)	9-Brewster (14)	49-KK (24)	2-K. Kinder (4)	19.5-Brewster (11)
at West Virginia	12-Brewster (11)	.625-Kelley (4)	20-J. Kinder (7)	6-Cooper (1)	35-KK (25)	2-Loomis (5)	15-Brewster (12)
at Pittsburgh	21-Brewster (12)	.275-Brewster (14)	25-Henican (17)	10-Brewster (15)	51-KK (26)	2-Loomis (6)	26.5-Brewster (13)
vs. Miami	16-Brewster (13)	.500-Brew (15)/KK (2)	16-JK (8)/Henican (18)	11-Brewster (16)	47-KK (27)	1-JK(11)/Loomis(7)/Brewster(5)	22.5-Brewster (14)
vs. Pittsburgh	14-Loomis (10)	.368-Neff (3)	21-Henican (19)	5-Neff (3)/Kelley (11)	38-KK (28)	1-Loomis(8)/Kelley(7)/Brew(6)	16-Loomis (9)
at Stanford	10-Kelley (8)	.556-K. Kinder (3)	10-Henican (20)	5-Brewster (17)/K. Kinder (1)	34-KK (29)	1-J. Kinder (12)/Brewster (7)	12.5-Brewster (15)

Note: Numbers in parentheses are number of times player has led Irish in that category this season.

The last time...

Team

... Notre Dame won 5 in a row – 2003, won 14 straight from 9/17-11/9
 ... Notre Dame won 10 in a row - 2003, won 14 straight from 9/17-11/9
 ... Notre Dame won 15 in a row - 1986, won 17 straight from 10/24-11/21
 ... Notre Dame lost 5 in a row - 1990, lost 7 straight from 10/23-11/3
 ... Notre Dame lost 10 in a row - 1983, lost 10 straight from 9/2-9/8
 ... Notre Dame lost the first game in a win – 9/26/03, vs. Villanova
 ... Notre Dame lost the first 2 games in a win – 9/5/03, vs. Houston (@ Austin, TX)
 ... Notre Dame won the first game in a loss – 11/16/03, at Pittsburgh
 ... Notre Dame won the first 2 games in a loss – 9/18/02, at Purdue
 ... Notre Dame lost at home in a regular-season BIG EAST match - Never
 ... Notre Dame beat a ranked opponent - 8/29/03, vs. #10 Arizona (3-1)
 ... Notre Dame beat a top-10 opponent - 8/29/03, vs. #10 Arizona (3-1)
 ... Notre Dame beat a top-5 opponent - 9/25/93, vs. #3 Nebraska (3-1)

Kills

... 5 Notre Dame players had 10+ kills - 9/14/02, vs. Pepperdine (W, 3-2), Emily Loomis (22), Katie Neff (21), Lauren Brewster (14), Jessica Kinder (13), & Lauren Kelbley (12)
 ... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ kills - 11/15/03, at Pittsburgh (L, 2-3), Lauren Brewster (21), Emily Loomis (16), Lauren Kelbley (15)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills – 11/7/03, vs. Virginia Tech (W, 3-2), Lauren Kelbley (22), Lauren Brewster (22)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills with 0 errors -- 9/9/03, vs. Valparaiso (W, 3-0), Emily Loomis (24)
 ... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ kills - 11/7/03, vs. Virginia Tech (W, 3-2), Lauren Kelbley (22), Lauren Brewster (22)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 25+ kills – 10/29/00, at Connecticut (W, 3-2), Christi Girton (31)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 30+ kills – 10/29/00, at Connecticut (W, 3-2), Christi Girton (31)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills and 20+ digs - 9/21/00, vs. Loyola Marymount (W, 3-1), Kristy Kreher (32 kills, 27 digs)

Digs

... 5 Notre Dame players had 10+ digs - 10/4/03, at Connecticut (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (20), Jessica Kinder (19), Emily Loomis (17), Danielle Herndon (14), Kristen Kinder (10)
 ... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ digs - 11/22/03, vs. Miami (W, 3-1/BIG EAST semifinals), Jessica Kinder (16), Meg Henican (16), Kristen Kinder (15)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ digs – 11/22/03, vs. Pittsburgh (L, 0-3/BIG EAST final), Meg Henican (21)
 ... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ digs - 12/7/02, vs. Charleston (W, 3-1/NCAA), Meg Henican (23) & Jessica Kinder (21)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 25+ digs - 11/16/03, at Pittsburgh (L, 2-3), Meg Henican (25)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 30+ digs - 10/25/93, at Arizona State (L, 1-3), Christy Peters (31)
 ... a Notre Dame player had 35+ digs - 9/18/92, at Purdue (W, 3-1), Jessica Fiebelkorn (35)
 ... Notre Dame had 100+ digs - 11/14/01, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 108

Blocks

... a Notre Dame player had 10+ blocks - 11/22/03, vs. Miami (W, 3-1/BIG EAST semifinals), Lauren Brewster (11)
 ... Notre Dame had 20+ blocks - 11/16/03, at Pittsburgh (L, 2-3), 22.5

Aces

... a Notre Dame player had 5+ aces - 10/12/01, at Kentucky (W, 3-2), Kristen Kinder (5)
 ... Notre Dame had 10+ aces - 9/13/03, vs. South Carolina (L, 1-3)

Hitting Percentage

... a Notre Dame player hit .500+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 11/22/03, vs. Miami (W, 3-1/BE semis), Lauren Brewster (16-2-28, .500)
 ... a Notre Dame player hit .600+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 10/10/03, vs. Seton Hall (W, 3-0), Lauren Brewster (13-0-19, .684)
 ... a Notre Dame player hit .700+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 9/28/03, vs. Georgetown (W, 3-0), Lauren Kelbley (12-0-17, .706)
 ... Notre Dame hit over .400 as a team - 10/10/03, vs. Seton Hall (W, 3-0), .436
 ... Notre Dame hit over .500 as a team - 11/13/99, vs. Villanova (W, 3-0), .510
 ... Notre Dame held an opponent under .100 team hitting - 11/2/03, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), -.008
 ... Notre Dame held an opponent under .000 team hitting - 11/2/03, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), -.008
 ... Notre Dame hit less than .200 - 11/2/03, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), .171
 ... Notre Dame hit less than .100 - 10/17/01, vs. Northern Iowa (L, 1-3), .037
 ... Notre Dame hit less than .200 & won - 11/2/03, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), .171

Assists

... a Notre Dame player had 60+ assists – 11/7/03, vs. Virginia Tech (W, 3-2), Kristen Kinder (68)

Notre Dame 2003 Bio Updates

#1 Emily Loomis

Jr. • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Second-Team All-BIG EAST

Season Highs

Kills: 24 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9

Digs: 18 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7

Blocks: 8 at Pittsburgh & vs. Miami (BE)

Points: 25.5 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9

Assists: 4 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7

Aces: 3 vs. Villanova, 9-26

AT: 48 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7

Hitting %:

3G - .571 (24-0-42) vs. Valparaiso, 9-9

4G - .522 (14-2-23) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29

5G - .333 (13-2-33) vs. Houston, 9-5

Career Highs

Kills: 24 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03

Digs: 18 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03

Blocks: 9 vs. UW-Milwaukee, 8-30-02

Assists: 4 vs. Charleston '02 & Va. Tech '03

Aces: 3 vs. Michigan '02 & Villanova '03

AT: 64 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 9-14-02

Hitting %:

3G - .636 (14-0-22) vs. BC, 11-3-02

4G - .522 (14-2-23) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29-03

5G - .471 (21-5-34) at Purdue, 9-18-02

Second-team all-BIG EAST selection ... has started all 29 matches and played in all 106 games ... played at opposite in every match before moving to middle blocker vs. Stanford in regular-season finale ... leads team in kills (380/3.58) and is second in points (487.5/4.82) ... against the Cardinal, became the 13th player in Irish history with 1,000 career kills ... has set two Notre Dame records this season: consecutive matches with 10+ kills (21) and most kills in a match without an error (24) ... the former included the last six matches of 2002 and the initial 15 of this season ... latter Irish record came on .571 hitting in three games vs. Valparaiso ... previous record was 23 by Jaimie Lee in 1995 ... missed ND record for kills in a three-game match by one ... a major reason Notre Dame leads the nation in blocking ... her 0.91 career block average (279 blocks, 308 games) is the third-best for a non-middle blocker in Irish history and 13th-best overall ... important in Irish defense that is on pace to set school record for block average (3.75 in '03, record is 3.66) ... ranks eighth in conference -- and fourth on Irish -- in blocking (115/

1.08) ... in BIG EAST matches, listed among the league leaders in blocks (4th, 1.29), points (8th, 4.75), and kills (10th, 3.76) ... named first '03 BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 1 (12 GP, 42 K, .365, 14 B, 4 BS, 3 D, 51 pts.) after helping Irish to upset of #10 Arizona ... earned mention on all-tournament teams for Four Points Sheraton Classic (see above stats) and Longhorn Classic (8 GP, 29 K, .368, 7 B, 5 D, 33 pts.) ... led Irish in kills on 10 occasions ... has had 10+ kills in 25 matches this season (6th all-time) and 57 in her career (7th all-time) ... hit .400 or better in seven of the first 13 matches of the season ... also led team in points nine times, aces on eight occasions, hitting percentage five times, blocks three times each, and digs once ... in season opener, hit .522 (14-2-23) in helping Irish to upset of #10 Arizona ... had 18 kills on .412 hitting (18-4-34) vs. Eastern Washington ... hit .400 (16-2-35) in three-game win over Texas ... had 15 kills and no errors on .405 hitting vs. Purdue ... notched first double-double of season vs. Villanova (17 kills, 11 digs) ... had 16 kills on .500 hitting vs. St. John's ... posted second double-double at UConn, with 12 kills and career-high 17 digs ... had 11 kills (.333), eight digs, and six blocks at Boston College ... slammed 19 kills in just three games vs. Syracuse, adding eight digs, six blocks, and 22 points ... had team-leading and career-high 18 digs vs. Virginia Tech, to go along with 16 kills ... had back-to-back double-doubles vs. Hokies (16 kills, 18 digs) and Miami (12 kills, 10 digs) ... had season-high eight blocks in helping Irish to season-high 22.5 blocks at Pittsburgh ... had seven kills vs. Stanford in first career match at middle blocker ... has had three or more blocks in 21 matches ... averaged 2.32 digs (146 digs, 63 games) as a full-time back-row player from Sept. 26-Nov. 23 ... also had 16 aces in that span (0.25) after serving sparingly in the 6-2 ... has 12 career double-doubles ... the only player in Notre Dame athletic history to earn all-conference honors in two distinctly different sports (excluding cross country and track and field) ... recorded the top vertical reach measurement in Irish volleyball history as a freshman and earned all-BIG EAST honors at the '02 conference indoor and outdoor track and field meets in the high jump (league champion at outdoor meet) ... ranks among the Irish career leaders in percentage of games played (2nd, .957), kill average (5th, 3.25), percentage of matches played (6th, .989), 10+ kill matches (7th, 57), 20+ kill matches (7th, 6), and block average (13th, 0.91).

#2 Leah Nedderman

Jr. • OH • 5-10 • Grapevine, Texas

Career Highs

Kills: 14 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Digs: 3 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Blocks: 2 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Assists: 1 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Aces: 1 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

AT: 33 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Hitting %:

3G - .242 (14-6-33) vs. Prov., 11-1-02

4G - NA

5G - NA

Nedderman missed all of fall practice with an ankle injury, which has continued to sideline her.

#3 Kelly Burrell

So. • S • 5-11 • Phoenix, Ariz.

Season Highs

Kills: 1 vs. Houston, Texas, and Syracuse

Digs: 12 at Texas, 9-6

Points: 3.0 vs. Utah, 9-13

Assists: 23 vs. South Carolina, 9-14

Aces: 3 vs. Utah, 9-13

AT: 1 on nine occasions

Career Highs

Kills: 3 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Digs: 12 at Texas, 9-6-03

Blocks: 5 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02

Assists: 39 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Aces: 3 vs. Utah, 9-13-03

AT: 6 three times

Burrell was an integral part of Notre Dame's 6-2 rotation, which was utilized in the first 10 matches ... has been a key reserve at times since then, playing in all but two matches at setter ... second on team in assists (205/2.77) ... averaged 4.32 assists (173/40) in 6-2 ... helped team hit .324 in upsetting #10 Arizona in season opener ... had 20 assists to go with team-leading and career-high 12 digs vs. Texas ... double-double was second of her career ... set Irish to .311 attack percentage in four-game win against Purdue ... did not play at Boston College or vs. Miami ... led team in service aces vs. Pepperdine and Utah.

#4 Meg Henican

So. • L/OH • 5-11 • New Orleans, La.

Season Highs

Kills: 11 vs. Utah, 9-13
 Digs: 25 at Pittsburgh, 11-16
 Blocks: 5 vs. Indiana, 9-12
 Points: 14.5 vs. Utah, 9-13
 Assists: 6 vs. Purdue & Syracuse
 Aces: 2 on five occasions
 AT: 31 vs. Utah, 9-13
 Hitting %:
 3G - .231 (3-0-13) vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
 4G - .182 (8-4-22) vs. Purdue, 9-17
 5G - .226 (11-4-31) vs. Utah, 9-13-03

Career Highs

Kills: 13 vs. Providence, 11-1-02
 Digs: 25 at Pittsburgh, 11-16-03
 Blocks: 5 vs. Indiana, 9-13-03
 Assists: 6 vs. Purdue '03 & Syracuse '03
 Aces: 3 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02
 AT: 31 vs. Utah, 9-13-03
 Hitting %:
 3G - .409 (13-4-22) vs. Prov., 11-1-02
 4G - .158 (7-4-19) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29-03
 5G - .226 (11-4-31) vs. Utah, 9-13-03

Henican is one of the top all-around players on the Irish ... has been libero in each of last 19 matches after beginning season as starting outside hitter ... has played in all 106 games ... is just the third player in Irish history to register 400 digs in a season, joining Jessica Fiebelkorn and Christy Peters, who did it twice each ... averaging 4.17 digs since becoming starting libero on Sept. 26 ... has had 15 digs or more in seven of last eight matches and 12 times overall this season ... leads team (402/3.79) and ranks fourth in BIG EAST in digs ... in league matches only, ranked fifth (171/4.07) ... her career dig average of 3.11 ranks as the second-best mark in Irish history ... on the all-time season lists, currently ranks second in dig average and fifth in digs ... combines with teammate Jessica Kinder to be fourth most prolific digging duo in Irish history (746 digs) ... tied for third on team in assists (66/0.62) ... a major reason Notre Dame is on pace to set new school record for fewest service aces allowed per game (0.95 in '03, record is 1.11) ... key to the unit that held BIG EAST opponents to a .134 hitting percentage, the best mark in the league ... has led Irish in digs 20 times ... has had 10 or more digs in 26 of 29 matches, includ-

ing 11 in a row ... has had 12+ on 18 occasions ... had second career double-double vs. Utah, with 11 kills and 14 digs ... had season-high 20 digs at Connecticut, her second career match with 20+ digs ... had 19 digs vs. North Carolina ... against Illinois State, registered 15 digs in first two games before finishing with 17 in the three-game match ... posted 15+ digs in five consecutive matches from Nov. 7-16, culminating with career-high 25 digs at Pittsburgh ... had 21 vs. the Panthers in BIG EAST final ... in two matches against Pittsburgh, she averaged 5.75 digs (46 digs, 8 games), outperforming BIG EAST Libero of the Year Megan McGrane, who averaged 3.75 (30 digs) ... at outside hitter, averaged 1.39 kills, 0.53 assists, 0.33 aces, 3.25 digs, and 0.58 blocks.

#5 Jessica Kinder

Sr. • OH • 5-10 • Fresno, Calif.

Season Highs

Kills: 13 vs. Miami (BE), 11-22
 Digs: 28 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
 Blocks: 6 at Connecticut, 10-5
 Points: 16.0 vs. Miami (BE), 11-22
 Assists: 10 vs. Houston, 9-5
 Aces: 4 vs. South Carolina, 9-14
 AT: 29 vs. Miami (BE), 11-22
 Hitting %:
 3G - .500 (6-1-10) vs. Rutgers, 10-12
 4G - .345 (13-3-29) vs. Miami, 11-22
 5G - .368 (8-1-19) vs. Houston, 9-5

Career Highs

Kills: 15 at Purdue '02 & vs. UConn '02
 Digs: 28 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03
 Blocks: 6 at Connecticut, 10-5-03
 Assists: 10 vs. Houston, 9-5-03
 Aces: 4 on four occasions
 AT: 37 at Purdue, 9-18-02
 Hitting %:
 3G - .522 (14-2-23) vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
 4G - .391 (14-5-23) vs. WVU, 10-27-02
 5G - .368 (8-1-19) vs. Houston, 9-5-03

Jessica Kinder provides a boost in all facets of Irish game, ranking among top five on team in six categories ... serves as co-captain with twin sister Kristen, leading Irish to one of most successful seasons in history ... has started all 29 matches at outside hitter and played in all 106 games ... leads team in service aces (33/0.31) ... ranks 10th in league leaders counting BIG

EAST matches only (11/0.26) ... second on Irish in digs (344/3.25), third in assists (66/0.62), and fifth in kills (177/1.67), points (237/2.24), and blocks (48/0.45) ... in Irish career record book, is third in aces (117) and fourth in ace average (0.356) ... combines with teammate Meg Henican to be fourth most prolific digging duo in Irish history (746 digs) ... set Notre Dame record for digs in a three-game match vs. Valparaiso (28) with 10 in the first game, three in the second and 15 in the third ... previous record was 25 by Tracey Shelton in 1989 and no player other than Shelton and Kinder has had more than 21 digs in a three-game match ... also posted fifth-best digging performance in a three-game match in school history, with 20 at West Virginia ... named to Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team, notching a team-high 47 digs (3.62), while adding 17 kills, seven aces, five assists, and three blocks ... a major reason Notre Dame is on pace to set new school record for fewest service aces allowed per game (0.95 in '03, record is 1.11) ... key to the unit that held BIG EAST opponents to a .134 hitting percentage, the best mark in the league ... has had 10+ digs on 16 occasions, including four matches of 20 or more ... led Irish in digs eight times ... has had a service ace in 20 of 29 matches, leading team in category 12 times ... had 23 digs, six kills, three blocks, and two aces vs. Utah ... registered 19 digs, eight kills, six blocks, two assists, and two aces vs. UConn ... turned in 24 digs and seven kills at North Carolina ... had identical lines of eight kills and one error on 19 attempts (.368) vs. Houston and St. John's ... had six kills on .500 hitting vs. Rutgers ... had nine kills vs. Villanova and Illinois State, hitting .412 vs. Redbirds ... had seventh career double-double vs. Virginia Tech, with season-high 10 kills and 10 digs ... had nine kills on .318 hitting to go along with nine digs vs. Miami ... had top offensive match of season vs. Hurricanes in BIG EAST semifinals, with 13 kills on .345 hitting ... also had 16 digs, six assists, and four blocks ... her season dig average is the eighth-best in Notre Dame history and her career mark (2.50) is 12th.

#6 Lauren Kelbley

So. • MB/OH • 6-1 • Bascom, Ohio

First-Team All-BIG EAST

Season Highs

Kills: 22 vs. Houston & Virginia Tech
 Digs: 5 at Connecticut & Stanford

Blocks: 9 vs. Villanova, 9-26
 Points: 28.5 vs. Houston, 9-5
 Assists: 1 on five occasions
 Aces: 3 vs. E. Washington & Indiana
 AT: 45 vs. Utah & Virginia Tech
 Hitting %:
 3G - .706 (12-0-17) vs. Georgetown, 9-28
 4G - .424 (16-2-33) vs. #10 Arizona, 8-29
 5G - .462 (22-4-39) vs. Houston, 9-5

Career Highs

Kills: 22 vs. Houston '03 & Virginia Tech '03
 Digs: 5 at Connecticut ('03) & Stanford ('03)
 Blocks: 12 vs. St. John's, 9-29-02
 Assists: 1 on 15 occasions
 Aces: 4 vs. Saint Louis, 9-7-02
 AT: 45 vs. Utah '03 & Virginia Tech '03
 Hitting %:
 3G - .706 (12-0-17) vs. Georgetown, 9-28-03
 4G - .462 (15-3-26) at ISU, 10-29-02
 5G - .481 (13-0-27) at Miami, 11-15-02

First-team all-BIG EAST selection ... has started all 29 matches ... played middle blocker until moving to outside hitter vs. Stanford ... second on team in blocks (129/1.25), hitting percentage (.306), and service aces (25/0.24) and third in kills (341/3.28) and points (442.5/4.25) ... among BIG EAST leaders, ranks third in blocks and 10th in hitting percentage ... in league matches only, was third in blocks (55/1.34) and fourth in hitting percentage (.340) ... has reached a number of minimums needed to qualify for various career Irish leaders this season, ranking among top four on four Irish career lists: hitting percentage (2nd, .327), block average (5th, 1.17), percentage of matches played (T-1st, 1.000), and percentage of games played (3rd, .954) ... a major reason Notre Dame leads the nation in blocking and important in Irish defense that is on pace to set school record for block average (3.73 in '03, record is 3.66) ... one of four Irish players averaging over 1.00 block per game ... two-time BIG EAST Player of the Week honored on 9/8 after hitting .446 in Longhorn Classic and on 9/29 after hitting .478 with 26 kills and 12 blocks in opening weekend of league play ... Longhorn Classic MVP (8 GP, 30 K, .446, 14 B, 40.5 pts.) ... named to all-tournament teams in Four Points Sheraton Classic (12 GP, 39 K, .360, 12 B, 4 SA, 5 D, 49.5 pts.) and Longhorn Classic ... led Irish in blocks 11 times, kills on eight occasions, points six times, aces seven times, and hitting percentage four times ... has hit over .300 in 19 matches, including 11 marks of .400+ ... had 10+ kills in 13 consecutive matches (9/9-10/23), the fourth-longest streak in school history ... has

had 10 or more kills in 23 matches (total is eighth-best in Irish history) ... has had three or more blocks on 22 occasions ... has had 12 or more points in 24 matches ... had 16 kills on .424 hitting to go along with six blocks and four digs in helping Irish to season-opening upset of #10 Arizona ... had career-high 22 kills on .462 hitting vs. Houston to go along with eight blocks and two aces for 28.5 points ... hit .524 vs. Valparaiso, converting 11 kills on 21 tries with no errors ... barely missed double-double vs. Villanova, with 14 kills and nine blocks ... had career-high .706 hitting percentage (12-0-17) vs. Georgetown ... registered 15 kills, six blocks, and five digs vs. UConn ... had 11 kills on .529 hitting vs. Seton Hall ... posted eight blocks vs. Syracuse ... matched career high with 22 kills vs. Virginia Tech, on .333 hitting for 25.5 points ... had 15 kills on .353 hitting vs. Miami ... posted six kills on eight swings at West Virginia ... just missed double-double at Pittsburgh, with 15 kills and eight blocks ... led team with 10 kills on .368 hitting vs. Stanford in first career match on the outside ... matched career high with five digs vs. Cardinal.

#7 Kelly Corbett

Jr. • MB/DS • 6-0 • Mountain View, Calif.

Season Highs

Digs: 6 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
 Aces: 1 on three occasions
 Points: 1.0 on three occasions

Career Highs

Kills: 5 twice
 Digs: 6 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
 Blocks: 6 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
 Assists: 2 vs. Providence, 11-1-02
 Aces: 3 vs. Providence, 11-1-02
 AT: 11 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
 Hitting %:
 3G - .500 (5-0-10) vs. Prov., 11-1-02
 4G - NA
 5G - NA

Corbett has seen action at libero and defensive specialist, appearing in eight matches this season, including eight of the last 17 ... notched career-high six digs in one game vs. Valparaiso ... saw conference action against Villanova, Georgetown, Seton Hall, Rutgers, and West Virginia, registering three digs vs. the Pirates ... saw action in two games vs. Wildcats ... also played against Purdue, Rhode Island, and Illinois State.

#8 Kristen Kinder

Sr. • S • 5-9 • Fresno, Calif.
 First-Team All-BIG EAST

Season Highs

Kills: 7 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7
 Digs: 15 at Pittsburgh, 11-16
 Blocks: 5 at North Carolina, 10-21
 Points: 8.5 at #14 Northern Iowa, 11-11
 Assists: 68 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7
 Aces: 2 on eight occasions
 AT: 19 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7
 Hitting %:
 3G - .667 (5-1-6) vs. Seton Hall, 10-10
 4G - .400 (2-0-5) vs. Purdue, 9-17
 5G - .263 (7-2-19) vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7

Career Highs

Kills: 8 at Miami (Fla.), 11-15-02
 Digs: 17 vs. Illinois State, 11-14-01
 Blocks: 6 twice
 Assists: 68 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03
 Aces: 4 vs. Syracuse, 9-22-01
 AT: 20 vs. Miami (Fla.), 11-15-02
 Hitting %:
 3G - .750 (6-0-8) at Valpo, 9-10-02
 4G - .417 (6-1-12) vs. Pitt., 10-25-02
 5G - .350 (8-1-20) at Miami, 11-15-02

Kristen Kinder, the 2001 BIG EAST Setter of the Year and a first-team all-BIG EAST selection this year, is in her third year as the starting Irish setter ... is just the third player in Irish history to earn all-BIG EAST honors three times ... started all 29 matches and played in all 106 games ... serves as second-year co-captain along with twin sister Jessica, leading Irish to one of most successful seasons in history ... combined with Kelly Burrell in 6-2 rotation for first 10 matches before becoming full-time setter in 5-1 ... has led Irish to 68-21 (.767) record as starting setter ... in Irish record book, ranks third in career assists (3,617) and fourth in assist average (10.82) ... leads team in assists (1,073/10.12) and ranks seventh in BIG EAST, due largely to splitting time in first 10 matches ... in league matches only, was fourth in assists (509/12.12) ... among team leaders in conference matches, placed Irish first in hitting percentage (.288) and second in kills (16.26) and assists (14.79) ... ranks third on team in hitting percentage (.292) and fourth on team in aces (21/0.20), digs (239/2.25) ... in addition to leading team in assists in all 29 matches, also has been tops in aces four times ... since taking over as full-time setter, has Irish

hitting .270, with 15.92 kills and 14.52 assists per game after Notre Dame had a .231 attack percentage and 15.02 kills and 13.23 assists per game in the 6-2 ... also has 83 kills on .333 hitting in the 5-1 ... has set Irish to hitting percentages over .250 11 times in 19 matches in the 5-1, including five marks over .350 ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on 11/1, setting Irish to .305 hitting percentage in beating Miami and Virginia Tech, while averaging 14.00 assists per game and adding 13 kills on .333 hitting ... helped Notre Dame to .324 hitting percentage in upsetting #10 Arizona in opener ... had season-high 14 digs vs. Utah ... set Irish to .311 attack percentage vs. Purdue ... helped team to .350+ hitting marks four times in five-match stretch: vs. Georgetown (.358), St. John's (.369), Seton Hall (.436), and Rutgers (.352) ... the mark against the Pirates was the best for Notre Dame since 2001 ... had five kills on .667 hitting herself in that match ... took part in season-high five blocks vs. North Carolina ... had five kills on .625 hitting vs. Syracuse to go along with 10 digs ... posted career-high 68 assists in helping Irish to .291 hitting percentage in five-game win over Virginia Tech ... it was the most for a Notre Dame player since Denise Boylan had 86 in 2000 ... had 44 assists and six kills on .455 hitting in leading Irish to .326 hitting mark and victory against Miami ... set Notre Dame to .358 attack percentage at West Virginia, adding five kills on .444 hitting ... had season-high 15 digs vs. Pittsburgh ... had eight kills on .500 hitting to go along with 15 digs vs. Miami in BIG EAST semifinals ... had five kills on .556 hitting at #6 Stanford ... leads Irish with nine double-doubles this season ... has 27 in her career ... has had 10 or more digs nine times.

#9 Carolyn Cooper

So. • MB • 6-3 • Houston, Texas

Season Highs

Kills: 6 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Digs: 4 at West Virginia, 11-15
Blocks: 6 at West Virginia, 11-15
Points: 8.5 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Assists: 1 vs. Houston, 9-5
Aces: 2 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
AT: 17 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Hitting %:
3G - .294 (6-1-17) vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
4G - NA
5G - NA

Career Highs

Kills: 6 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03

Digs: 5 vs. West Virginia, 10-27-02
Blocks: 9 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
Assists: 3 at Valparaiso, 9-10-02
Aces: 2 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03
AT: 17 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9-03
Hitting %:
3G - .571 (4-0-7) vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
4G - NA
5G - NA

Cooper has seen action off the bench at middle blocker in 21 matches, including 18 of the last 20 ... part of Notre Dame front line that leads the nation in blocking ... also important in Irish defense that is on pace to set school record for block average (3.73 in '03, record is 3.66) ... made her first career start vs. Houston in the Longhorn Classic, playing in her home state for the first time as a collegiate player ... registered career-high six kills vs. Valparaiso ... had four blocks vs. Villanova ... led team with season-high six blocks at West Virginia ... also had four digs vs. Mountaineers, matching her cumulative total from the first 24 matches, and added three kills.

#10 Kim Fletcher

Sr. • OPP/OH • 6-0 • St. Louis, Mo.

Season Highs

Kills: 11 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Digs: 7 vs. Valparaiso, 9-9
Blocks: 3 vs. Villanova & Rhode Island
Points: 13.0 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Assists: 2 vs. Valparaiso & Georgetown
AT: 32 vs. Villanova, 9-26
Hitting %:
3G - .286 (7-1-21) at Rhode Island, 10-23
4G - NA
5G - NA

Career Highs

Kills: 16 vs. Michigan State, 11-30-01
Digs: 10 vs. Idaho, 9-1-01
Blocks: 10 vs. G'town, 11-18-01
Assists: 3 vs. Idaho, 9-1-01
Aces: 2 on three occasions
AT: 32 vs. Villanova, 9-26-03
Hitting %:
3G - .684 (13-0-19) vs. Texas St., 8-31-01
4G - .455 (14-4-22) at UConn, 10-7-01
5G - .471 (10-2-17) vs. G'town, 11-18-01

Fletcher has seen front-row action in 15 matches this season, starting five times ... started at outside hitter vs. Eastern Washington and at opposite

vs. Villanova, Georgetown, Rhode Island, and Boston College ... had 11 kills on career-high 32 attempts, as well as four digs and three blocks vs. Wildcats ... had seven kills and six digs vs. Rams ... her .270 career hitting percentage ranks 11th among all-time Irish players.

#11 Danielle Herndon

Fr. • L • 5-9 • Plant City, Fla.

Season Highs

Digs: 20 vs. South Carolina, 9-14
Assists: 2 vs. #10 Arizona & Virginia Tech
Aces: 3 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7
AT: 3 at North Carolina, 10-21

Herndon, the lone freshman on the Irish team, has seen back-row action in every match this season ... was starting libero in nine of first 10 matches before becoming defensive specialist ... ranks fourth on team in digs (201/2.12) ... a major reason Notre Dame is on pace to set new school record for fewest service aces allowed per game (0.95 in '03, record is 1.11) ... key to the unit that held BIG EAST opponents to a .134 hitting percentage, the best mark in the league ... led Irish with season-high 20 digs vs. South Carolina ... had 42 digs (3.23) in Shamrock Invitational ... led team with three aces vs. Virginia Tech ... has had 10 or more digs on eight occasions ... has nine aces since moving out of the libero position.

#12 Lauren Brewster

So. • MB • 6-3 • Brentwood, Tenn.

First-Team All-BIG EAST

Season Highs

Kills: 22 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7
Digs: 6 at Texas & vs. Miami (BE)
Blocks: 13 vs. Utah & Purdue
Points: 27 at North Carolina, 10-21
Assists: 2 on three occasions
Aces: 3 on three occasions
AT: 42 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7
Hitting % -
3G - .684 (13-0-19) vs. Seton Hall, 10-10
4G - .593 (17-1-27) at UConn, 10-5
5G - .476 (13-3-21) vs. Houston, 9-5

Career Highs -

Kills: 22 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03

Digs: 6 on three occasions
 Blocks: 13 vs. Utah '03 & Purdue '03
 Assists: 2 on four occasions
 Aces: 3 on four occasions
 AT: 42 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03
 Hitting % -
 3G - .684 (13-0-19) vs. Seton Hall, 10-10-03
 4G - .593 (17-1-27) at UConn, 10-5-03
 5G - .476 (13-3-21) vs. Houston, 9-5-03

Brewster has turned into one of the most dominating middle blockers in the country ... first-team all-BIG EAST selection ... has started 28 of 29 matches ... ranks second in the nation in blocking and is the major reason Notre Dame leads all Division I teams in the category ... leads team in blocking (183/1.81), attack percentage (.353), and points (487.5/4.83) and is second in kills (356/3.52) and third in service aces (25/0.25) ... leading the BIG EAST in blocking is third in hitting percentage and fourth in points ... in league matches only, ranked first in blocks (79/1.93) and hitting percentage (.403) and fifth in points (209/5.10) ... has chance to break Irish season records in block average, total blocks, and block assists ... already has third-highest total ever in latter two categories, 23 total blocks (206, Mary Kay Waller, '88) and eight block assists (161, Brewster, '02) away from the records ... her average is currently better than the Irish record (1.79, Waller, '88) ... hitting percentage is sixth-best season mark for an Irish player ... her career block average of 1.72 is the best in Irish history ... her .324 career hitting mark is third-best, while she ranks fifth in percentage of games played (.936) and eighth in total blocks (358), despite having played less than half of her collegiate career ... important in Irish defense that is on pace to set school record for block average (3.73 in '03, record is 3.66) ... honored as BIG EAST Player of the Week three times in October, missing out only on an idle week for the Irish ... earned award on 10/6 (24 K, .457, 15 B, 35.5 pts. in 7 GP), 10/13 (29 K, .614, 13 B, 38 pts. in 6 GP), and 10/27 (36 K, .371, 27 B, 55 pts. in 10 GP) ... tournament MVP of the Shamrock Invitational, delivering 33 kills and 22 blocks (1.69), while accounting for a team-high 48.5 points ... after not doing so at all last season, has led Irish in kills 13 times ... has been team leader in hitting percentage 15 times, including seven matches in a row (10/5-10/29), hitting over .350 in each ... has been top Notre Dame hitter in 12 of last 16 matches ... has led Irish in blocks 17 times, points 15 times, and aces seven times ... has hit over .300 in 19 matches, including 13 marks over .400 ... has had four or more blocks in 26 of 29 matches and has been in on six or more 15 times

... registered nine or more points in every match ... was in on career-high 13 blocks twice in three-match stretch (vs. Utah and Purdue) ... prior to that, no Notre Dame player had been in on 13 blocks in a match since Molly Stark had 15 on October 2, 1993 ... had then-career-high 17 kills vs. #5 Pepperdine ... missed the first two games vs. Houston with the flu before slamming 13 kills on .476 hitting in the final three ... had 13 kills on .429 hitting to go along with 13 blocks vs. Purdue, in registering first double-double of season ... had 16 kills on .464 hitting vs. Georgetown ... matched then-career high vs. UConn, with 17 kills on .593 attack percentage ... hit career-high .684 (13-0-19) vs. Seton Hall ... posted 16 kills on .560 hitting vs. Rutgers ... had then-career-high 20 kills on .361 hitting and 10 blocks against North Carolina ... had 11 blocks at Boston College ... hit .524 with 11 kills and no errors vs. Illinois State ... posted career-high 22 kills on .429 hitting for 25.5 points vs. Virginia Tech ... had 14 kills on .385 hitting and nine blocks at #14 Northern Iowa ... registered sixth career double-double at Pittsburgh with 21 kills and 10 blocks ... had 16 kills on .500 hitting to go along with 11 blocks and six digs vs. Miami in BIG EAST semifinals ... block total was the second-highest ever for an Irish player in the BIG EAST Championship, behind her 12-block performance in last year's title match ... set Notre Dame record for block assists in a season (161) as a freshman.

#15 Katie Neff

Sr. • OPP • 6-4 • St. Louis, Mo.

Season Highs

Kills: 15 vs. E. Washington, 8-30
 Digs: 2 on seven occasions
 Blocks: 9 vs. Utah, 9-13
 Points: 16.0 vs. E. Washington, 8-30
 Assists: 2 on three occasions
 Aces: 1 vs. Villanova, 9-26
 AT: 38 vs. E. Washington, 8-30
 Hitting % -
 3G - .429 (9-0-21) at West Virginia, 11-15
 4G - .375 (11-2-24) vs. Indiana, 9-12
 5G - .269 (8-1-26) at Pittsburgh, 11-16

Career Highs

Kills: 21 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 9-14-02
 Digs: 4 at Miami, 11-15-02
 Blocks: 9 vs. Utah, 9-13-03
 Assists: 5 vs. UConn, 11-23-02
 Aces: 2 vs. UConn, 11-23-02

AT: 44 vs. #10 Pepperdine, 9-14-02
 Hitting % -
 3G - .529 (11-2-17) vs. STL, 9-7-02
 4G - .375 (11-2-24) vs. Indiana, 9-12
 5G - .409 (21-3-44) vs. Pepp., 9-14-02

Neff has played in every match this season at opposite, starting 15 times, including each of the last 10 matches ... her 1.00 career block average (247 blocks, 247 games) is the second-best mark for a non-middle blocker in Irish history and 12th-best overall ... has 43 kills (2.39) on .310 hitting (43-8-113) over last four matches ... a major reason Notre Dame leads the nation in blocking ... important in Irish defense that is on pace to set school record for block average (3.73 in '03, record is 3.66) ... one of four Irish players averaging over 1.00 block per game ... ranks third on team in block average (110/1.10) and fourth in kills (194/1.94) and points (261.5/2.62) ... named to the Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team, registering 30 kills and 14 blocks and posting the highest Irish hitting percentage (.244) ... has had four or more blocks 16 times ... had season-high 15 kills on .368 hitting vs. Eastern Washington ... posted 11 kills on .375 hitting vs. Indiana ... led Irish in hitting percentage in consecutive matches vs. Hoosiers and Utah ... had 10 kills vs. South Carolina and St. John's ... had career-high nine blocks vs. Utah ... shared team lead in blocks vs. Georgetown and Miami ... had nine kills on .333 hitting vs. Hurricanes ... posted nine kills and no errors on .429 hitting mark at West Virginia ... had seven kills on nine errorless swings for .368 attack percentage to go along with five blocks.

#16 Lindsay Peterson

So. • DS • 6-0 • Mt. Carroll, Ill.

Career Highs

Kills: 1 vs. Providence, 11-1-02
 Digs: 1 vs. Providence, 11-1-02

Has seen action at defensive specialist vs. Villanova, Rutgers, and West Virginia this season.