

Notre Dame Volleyball

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

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NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL (9-5, 3-0)

SEPTEMBER

1	Wed.	(25) Loyola Chicago	W, 3-1
3	Fri.	(25) Nebraska (2)	L, 0-3
4	Sat.	(25) Nebraska (2)	L, 2-3
7	Tue.	Valparaiso	L, 2-3

Cal Poly Invitational (San Luis Obispo, CA)

10	Fri.	vs. Fresno State	W, 3-2
11	Sat.	vs. Sacramento State	W, 3-0
11	Sat.	at Cal Poly	W, 3-0

Gamecock Invitational (Columbia, SC)

17	Fri.	vs. Michigan State	W, 3-1
18	Sat.	vs. USC (2)	Cancelled
19	Sun.	at South Carolina (CSTV)	L, 1-3
28	Tue.	at Michigan (und.com)	L, 1-3

OCTOBER

2	Sat.	*at Syracuse	W, 3-0
9	Sat.	*at Rutgers	W, 3-0
10	Sun.	*at Seton Hall	W, 3-1
13	Wed.	Illinois State (und.com)	W, 3-2
19	Tue.	at Utah	7:00
20	Wed.	at Brigham Young	7:00
24	Sun.	*St. John's	2:00
30	Sat.	*at Georgetown	2:00
31	Sun.	*at Villanova	1:00

NOVEMBER

5	Fri.	*Connecticut (und.com)	7:00
7	Sun.	*Boston College	2:00
12	Fri.	*Pittsburgh (und.com)	4:00
14	Sun.	*West Virginia	2:00
16	Tue.	Northern Iowa (und.com)	7:00

BIG EAST Championship (Pittsburgh, PA)

20	Sat.	Semifinals	1/3:30
21	Sun.	Final	2:00

Baden Thanksgiving Tournament (Long Beach, CA)

26	Fri.	vs. UC Irvine	5:00
27	Sat.	at Long Beach State	7:00

DECEMBER

2-5	NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds (campus sites)	
10-11	NCAA Regionals (campus sites)	
16	NCAA Semifinals (Long Beach, CA)	5:30/8
18	NCAA Final (Long Beach, CA)	3:00

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.

Home matches in **bold** and held in Joyce Center. All times are local.

und.com - indicates match will feature live internet audio via www.und.com.

All home matches will feature live scoring via www.und.com.

Notre Dame (9-5) vs. #18 Utah (15-2) Tuesday, October 19, 7 p.m. • Crimson Court

- Live Internet Audio: www.utahutes.com
- Live Internet Video: www.utahutes.com

Notre Dame vs. Brigham Young (10-8) Wednesday, October 20, 7 p.m. • Smith Fieldhouse

- Live TV: BYU Television, KBYU-TV, www.byutv.org
- Live Webcast: www.byucougars.com
- Real-Time Stats: www.byucougars.com

Notre Dame vs. St. John's (14-7, 0-2) Sunday, October 24, 2 p.m. • Joyce Center

- Real-Time Stats: www.und.com
- Big Top Day: Enjoy a youth circus performance between games
- Early arriving fans can enjoy free face painting and balloon animals
- First 400 fans will receive a mini volleyball sponsored by Outpost Sports and Yesterday's
- Free food from Yesterday's while supplies last!
- Irish Spiker clinic following the match
- Teamster Night! All local teamster members and their families will receive free admission
- Girl Scout Night! Free admission for all Girl Scouts

IRISH SET FOR BIG WEEK, BEGINNING WITH MATCHES AT #18 UTAH AND BYU: The University of Notre Dame women's volleyball team, currently riding a four-match winning streak, has a big week of action ahead, as the Irish will first face #18 Utah (15-2), which has won 12 consecutive matches, on Tuesday at 7 p.m. (MDT) in Salt Lake City before taking on Brigham Young (10-8) on Wednesday at the same time in Provo. The Irish will then return home on Sunday for the first BIG EAST Conference match in the Joyce Center this season, a tussle with St. John's (14-7, 0-2) at 2 p.m. (EST). Fans will have various ways of keeping up with the matches in Utah, as the first contest will feature live internet audio and video and the second will be televised live by BYU Television, KBYU-TV in Utah, and on www.byutv.org, and www.byucougars.com will feature live video and real-time stats.

THE TV PLANS: Wednesday's match against Brigham Young, which starts at 7 p.m. (MDT) (8 p.m. in South Bend), will be televised live by BYU Television, which is available to more than 20 million homes, and also will be available on KBYU-TV, the PBS affiliate (channel 11) in Utah, and on the internet at www.byutv.org. BYU Television is available on Dish Network (channel 9403) and DirecTV PLUS (channel 374), as well as in cable packages in various markets. For availability of BYU TV in your area, please see the following link: <http://byutv.org/getbyutv/usmap.asp>.

THE STREAMING VIDEO PLANS: Tuesday's match at Utah, which starts at 7 p.m. (MDT) (8 p.m. in South Bend), will feature live streaming video, courtesy of the official website of Utah athletics, www.utahutes.com. Wednesday's contest at BYU also will have live streaming video, courtesy of the official website of Brigham Young athletics, www.byucougars.com.

THE RADIO PLANS: Tuesday's match against Utah will feature live internet audio, courtesy of the official website of Utah athletics, www.utahutes.com.

REAL-TIME STATS: Real-time statistics will be available in combination with the live webcast of Wednesday's match provided by www.byucougars.com. Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, will be made available on Sunday, via the Notre Dame athletics web site, www.und.com.

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 13+ seasons, Brown has guided Notre Dame to a winning record every year (and 20+ wins in each year but one), compiling a 332-114 (.744) 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 101-5 (.953) in regular-season BIG EAST play and 17-2 (.895) in conference tournament action. Notre Dame is 56-0 in BIG EAST regular-season matches in the Joyce Center.

The 2004 Irish team returned nine monogram winners and four starters from last year's squad that was 23-7 and finished 24th in the national rankings after peaking at 12th. The Irish also led the nation in blocks per game (3.72, with second-place Cornell at 3.52) and have three of their top

2004 Notre Dame Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown	Notes
<u>Probable Starters</u> (first position listed is projected starting spot)						
1	Emily Loomis***	Sr.	OH/MB/OPP	6-1	Fort Wayne, IN	Ranks 12th in ND history with 1,139 kills
6	Lauren Kelbley**	Jr.	OH/MB	6-1	Bascom, OH	24 kills vs. Illinois State; 25 kills (.304) at Seton Hall
8	Ashley Tarutis	Fr.	S	5-8	Long Beach, CA	Helps ND lead BIG EAST in hitting (.281) & kills (16.40)
9	Carolyn Cooper**	Jr.	MB/OPP	6-1	Houston, TX	Career-high 10 blocks vs. Illinois St; 1.67 avg. as starter
10	Adrianna Stasiuk	Fr.	OPP/OH	5-10	Park Ridge, IL	Triple-double vs. Illinois State (14 K, 11 D, 11 B)
12	Lauren Brewster**	Jr.	MB	6-3	Brentwood, TN	Triple-double vs. ISU (17 K, 13 D, 11 B); 11+ kills in last 12 matches
4	Meg Henican** (c)	Jr.	L/OH	5-9	New Orleans, LA	School-record 37 digs at Seton Hall (4 games)
<u>Reserves</u>						
2	Leah Nedderman**	Sr.	OH	5-10	Grapevine, TX	Foot injury will sideline her for the season
3	Kelly Burrell**	Jr.	S	5-10	Phoenix, AZ	Shares time as ND setter; started first 2 matches
5	Ellen Heintzman	Fr.	OH/OPP	5-11	Louisville, KY	15 kills on .444 hitting pct. vs. Michigan State
7	Kelly Corbett***	Sr.	DS/L	5-10	Mountain View, CA	1.75 digs in BIG EAST matches as def. specialist
11	Danielle Herndon*	So.	DS/L	5-7	Plant City, FL	Started season as top libero for ND
13	Laura Bresnahan	Fr.	MB/OPP	6-0	Elmhurst, IL	Made collegiate debut vs. Cal Poly
16	Julie McElroy	So.	OH/MB/OPP	6-0	Ames, IA	Joined team in spring '04; played in 3 matches

four blockers back for the '04 campaign.

Offensively, Notre Dame returns three players who were named honorable mention All-America last season and who constitute the only trio in school history to register 350+ kills apiece in the same season. Senior OH **Emily Loomis** (LOU-miss), the 2002 BIG EAST Championship's Most Outstanding Player and a fourth-year starter, became the 14th player in Irish history to register 1,000+ career kills late in '03. She currently stands 12th with 1,139 and has a chance to finish among the top five on the Notre Dame career kills list. Loomis played middle blocker for the first 10 matches of 2004 before moving to outside hitter, where she has played in the last four matches. Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** led the country in individual blocking in '03 (1.78 per game), and her career block average of 1.68 is the best in school history, while she ranks second in attack percentage (.315). She already has five individual BIG EAST statistical crowns to her credit (blocking in league and overall matches in '02 and '03, hitting percentage in BIG EAST play in '03), which is the most-ever by a Notre Dame player. Brewster, the only Irish returning starter playing in the same position she did a year ago, was named the Cal Poly Invitational MVP and leads the Irish in points (258/4.69), attack percentage (.306) and blocks (83/1.51) this season. Brewster, who had a triple-double against Illinois State (17 kills, 13 digs, 11 blocks) currently has had 11+ kills in 12 consecutive matches, which is tied for the fifth-longest streak of double-digit-kill performances in school history. Her classmate, OH **Lauren Kelbley** (KELL-blee), is one of only three juniors in Division I to earn all-region honors from the AVCA in each of her first two seasons. In '02, she was the rookie of the year for both the AVCA's Northeast Region and the BIG EAST Conference. Her career hitting percentage of .314 currently ranks as the third-best in school history. Notre Dame's leader in kills (215/3.91), Kelbley has had 15 or more kills eight times this season (20+ on four occasions), and she became the first Irish player in almost four years to pound 25 or more kills in a match, doing so against Seton Hall.

The other veteran in the Irish starting lineup is junior MB **Carolyn Cooper**, who was Notre Dame's top front-row sub for the last two seasons before moving into the lineup on Oct. 2. She has provided an immediate boost to Notre Dame's blocking, as she is averaging 1.67 per game as a starter, and the team is averaging 4.10.

With the graduation of AVCA honorable mention All-American **Kristen Kinder**, setter was the biggest hole to fill for this year's Notre Dame team. Freshman S **Ashley Tarutis** (tuh-ROO-tiss), a two-time All-American for Los Alamitos High School and the Golden West Volleyball Club in California, took over as Notre Dame's starting setter in the third match of the season and nearly led the Irish to an upset of #2 Nebraska (3-2 loss). Junior S **Kelly Burrell** (burr-ELLE), who has been a reserve the past two seasons including as part of the 6-2 offense run by the Irish early in '03, also has been rotating with Tarutis, typically playing in two of the six rotations in Notre Dame's 5-1 offense.

Another rookie, OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (stuh-SHEWK), completes the Irish starting lineup. A "Fab 50" selection playing for Maine South High School and the Chicago-area Sports Performance Volleyball Club, she ranks among Notre Dame's top three in six statistical categories. After missing a triple-double by just a single assist on Sept. 7 against Valparaiso, Stasiuk became the first Irish player since 1998 to register one, clinching it in three games against Illinois State before finishing with 14 kills, 11 digs, and 11 blocks. She was tabbed the BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week on Oct. 11.

Junior captain L **Meg Henican** (HENN-ih-kin) began the season starting at outside hitter, but injuries forced her into the libero jersey. In eight matches in the spot, she is averaging 5.09 digs per game. On Oct. 10 at Seton Hall, she registered 37 digs in four games to break the 12-year-old Notre Dame record for digs in any-length match and become the first Irish player since 1993 to have 30+ digs in a contest. Earlier this season, she had 26 digs in three games against Sacramento State, establishing the second-best performance ever in a three-game match. Henican, one of the team's top all-around players, played libero for most of '03 and became just the third player in program his-

USA Today/CSTV Top 25 Coaches' Poll (Oct. 11)

No.	School	Pts.	W-L	LW
1.	Washington (63)	1,623	13-0	1
2.	Minnesota	1,496	16-2	3
3.	Hawai'i (2)	1,475	14-0	4
4.	Nebraska	1,411	13-1	5
5.	Penn State	1,324	14-1	6
6.	USC	1,288	9-3	2
7.	Colorado State	1,219	13-1	7
8.	Ohio State	1,208	16-0	9
9.	Texas	1,111	15-0	11
10.	Florida	1,102	14-2	8
11.	UCLA	923	11-4	10
12.	Stanford	870	11-4	14
13.	California	761	8-6	17
14.	Saint Mary's (Calif.)	661	15-1	19
15.	Santa Clara	634	11-3	12
16.	Kansas State	621	11-5	16
17.	Tennessee	602	16-1	18
18.	Utah	498	13-2	20
19.	UC Santa Barbara	434	10-3	13
20.	Texas A&M	379	8-5	15
21.	Louisville	311	14-2	22
22.	Arizona	282	10-6	21
23.	Illinois	199	12-3	24
24.	Florida A&M	169	10-2	25
25.	San Diego	84	10-4	NR

Others receiving points and listed on two or more ballots: Rice 79, Missouri 69, Ohio 68, Pacific 65, **Long Beach State 64**, Georgia Tech 20, **Michigan 17**, **UC Irvine 16**, Colorado 14, Loyola Marymount 14, Wichita State 13.

Bold indicates 2004 Notre Dame opponent.
() - first-place votes

2004 BIG EAST Conference Awards

Preseason

Player of the Year

Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

All-BIG EAST Team

Jamie Hadenfeldt, UConn, Sr., OH

Sara Albert, Georgetown, Sr., MB

Lauren Brewster, ND, Jr., MB

Lauren Kelbley, ND, Jr., MB/OH

Emily Loomis, ND, Sr., OH/MB/OPP

Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

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

Players/Rookies of the Week

Sept. 6

P-Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

P-Sara Albert, Georgetown, Sr., MB

R-Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh, OH

Sept. 13

P-Lauren Brewster, ND, Jr., MB

R-Stephanie Olsen, Villanova, S

Sept. 20

P-Megan Miller, Pittsburgh, Sr., MH

R-Diana Andreyko, Pittsburgh, OH

Sept. 27

P-Jackie Ahlers, St. John's, Jr., OH

R-Lisa Tedder, St. John's, S

Oct. 4

P-Alison Zemanski, W. Virginia, Sr., MB

R-Sade Chambers, Connecticut, MH

Oct. 11

P-Allison Anderson, Boston Coll, So., L

R-Adrianna Stasiuk, ND, OPP

NCAA Leaders

(as of 10/10)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

1. Sami Cash, UC Irvine507

Kills

1. Stacey Gordon, Ohio State7.02

Assists

1. Marisa Main, Ohio State14.98

Blocks

1. Lindsay Hartsock, BYU1.81

Digs

1. Elvina Kung, Brown7.09

Aces

1. Eileen Nicole Rodriguez, Albany ...0.91

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

1. Texas341

Kills

1. Ohio State18.43

Assists

1. Ohio State17.02

Aces

1. Alabama A&M2.77

Blocks

1. Nebraska3.93

19. Notre Dame3.01

Digs

1. Robert Morris21.08

tory to register 400+ digs in a season. Her 3.48 career dig average is the second-best mark in Irish history, and she has hit the 20-dig plateau five times this season, while failing to notch 15 digs only twice in 14 matches.

Among Notre Dame's top subs are freshman OH **Ellen Heintzman** (HIGHNTZ-min), senior DS **Kelly Corbett** (CORE-bit), and sophomore DS **Danielle Herndon** (HURN-din). Heintzman, a five-time AAU All-American for the Kentucky Indiana Volleyball Academy (KIVA), has seen some time in the starting lineup at both outside hitter and libero, and she had her best collegiate match vs. Michigan State, ending up with 15 kills on .444 hitting. Corbett and Herndon have seen time as defensive specialists after the latter started the season as Notre Dame's libero.

LAST TIME ON THE COURT: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) both notched triple-doubles in leading a potent blocking game that keyed Notre Dame's 30-25, 34-32, 25-30, 23-30, 15-10 victory over Illinois State (12-5) Wednesday evening in the Joyce Center. The Irish finished with 25.5 blocks - with four different players taking part in 10 or more apiece - in holding the Redbirds to a .163 hitting mark. Having already lost two fifth games on their home floor this season, Notre Dame picked up its play in the decisive frame, notching eight kills (with Brewster converting all four of her attempts for kills) and making just a single error for a .438 attack percentage to go with four blocks. The Irish never trailed and took the lead for good on a block by senior OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) and junior MB **Carolyn Cooper** (Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy) to go up 3-2. After leading by five at 9-4, Notre Dame, which held leads of four or more points in both of the games it lost, saw the Redbirds rally, eventually cutting the margin to 11-9 and then 12-10. An Illinois State attack error forced an ISU timeout, and then Loomis and Brewster combined for a block to give Notre Dame a match point, which Brewster converted to extend Notre Dame's current winning streak to four. Brewster ended with 17 kills on a .318 attack percentage and matched her career high with 13 digs. She also took part in 11 blocks, notching one solo block and assisting in 10 others for a total of 23 points. It was the 12th time in Brewster's career - but the first instance in 2004 - that she ended up with 10 or more blocks in a match. It was the 12th consecutive match in which Brewster has had 11 or more kills, which is tied for the sixth-longest streak of double-digit-kill performances in Irish history.

Stasiuk was just one assist away from a triple-double the last time she stepped on the Joyce Center floor, but this time she left no doubt, finishing game three with 12 kills, 10 digs, and 10 blocks. At the end of the match, the rookie had 14 kills, 11 digs, and 11 blocks for a total of 21.5 points. In her first 13 collegiate matches, Stasiuk had never had more than five blocks, but she more than doubled that. In addition, Stasiuk had a pair of aces - including one to win the marathon second game. In an interesting twist, no Irish player had registered a triple-double since Dec. 4, 1998, when a pair of Notre Dame competitors also accomplished the feat on the same day. In that match, a four-game, NCAA first-round win over Eastern Washington, **Kristy Kreher**, then just a rookie, had 24 kills on .541 hitting to go with 14 digs and 14 assists, while senior **Lindsay Treadwell** registered 11 kills, 16 digs, and 10 blocks.

It was the second time in 2004 a Division I team had a pair of players with triple-doubles; Dartmouth's Kathryn Hirsch and Elise Krieger did it against Army on Sept. 17. Brewster's and Stasiuk's accomplishment of dual triple-doubles that do not include assists is extremely rare. Since 2002, teams in Division I had featured multiple triple-doubles nine times, but none of the players involved in those sported 10+ blocks, as all of them checked in with double-digit assists. Of all the triple-doubles in Division I in 2004, only three previously had consisted of kills, digs, and blocks.

Notre Dame, which led Division I in team blocking in 2003 and came into the match as the top blocking squad in the BIG EAST Conference (and 19th nationally) in '04, had by far its best blocking match of this campaign, ending up with 25.5 blocks, one of the highest totals in school history. The Irish had only 2.5 blocks in the first game, but they then notched seven in the second game and nine in the third game before ending with three in the fourth and four in the 15-point final stanza. Notre Dame's previous season high in blocks had been 16 against Syracuse on Oct. 2. Prior to Wednesday, no Irish player had taken part in 10 blocks in a match, but a quartet accomplished that feat against the Redbirds.

Junior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) continued her hot hitting, finishing with 20 kills on a .283 hitting percentage. It was the second time in as many matches that she hit the 20-kill plateau, following a 25-kill performance on Oct. 10 at Seton Hall. Kelbley also matched her career high with four service aces and had five digs and a pair of blocks for 25 points. Loomis turned in her best performance of the 2004 season, ending with season highs of 18 kills, 11 blocks, and 25 points, sharing match-high honors in the latter category. The 11 blocks were a career high and five better than her previous season best, and the double-double was the 13th of her career and first of 2004. Cooper established career highs in both solo blocks (three) and total blocks (10) in becoming the fourth Irish player to notch double-digit blocks. She also matched her season high with 8.5 points. Rookie S **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) matched her season high with 51 assists and was just one shy of her collegiate high in digs with a team-best 17 that notched her sixth double-double of the season. She was outstanding as an offensive weapon, ending with four kills on eight attempts for a .375 percentage. Though Notre Dame beat Illinois State for the sixth time in a row, the match rekindled the rivalry in a series that has regularly featured five-game thrillers. In fact, eight of the last 13 meetings between the Irish and the Redbirds have been 3-2 affairs, with Notre Dame winning five of them.

SCOUTING UTAH: The Utes currently stand 15-2 and are riding the longest winning streak in school history, 12 matches. Utah is in first place in the Mountain West Conference, with a perfect 7-0 record that includes a four-game upset of #7 Colorado State last weekend. The Utes' lone

2004 BIG EAST Conference Standings

(records as of 10/16)

Rk.	School	Conf.	%	Overall	%	Preseason	ND vs.
1.	Notre Dame	3-0	1.000	9-5	.643	1st	–
2.	Boston College	2-0	1.000	15-7	.682	6th	H - Nov. 7
2.	Connecticut	2-0	1.000	11-6	.647	3rd	H - Nov. 5
4.	Pittsburgh	1-0	1.000	13-5	.722	2nd	H - Nov. 12
4.	West Virginia	1-0	1.000	14-7	.667	11th	H - Nov. 14
6.	Syracuse	2-1	.667	17-5	.773	9th	W, 3-0
7.	Rutgers	1-2	.333	12-6	.667	8th	W, 3-0
7.	Georgetown	1-2	.333	13-8	.619	7th	A - Oct. 30
9.	St. John's	0-2	.000	14-7	.667	4th	H - Oct. 24
10.	Seton Hall	0-3	.000	6-17	.261	10th	W, 3-1
10.	Villanova	0-3	.000	4-13	.235	5th	A - Oct. 31

defeats came in early September at Long Beach State (3-1) and at UC Irvine (15-12 in the fifth). Among Utah's top wins were an upset of #6 UCLA (15-12 in the fifth) and victories at BYU (3-1) and at home against St. Mary's (3-1). The Utes were ranked 18th in last week's AVCA rankings, but they figure to rise in this week's listing due to their upset of the Rams last weekend. The match will be a contest between two of the best blocking teams in the nation, as Utah was ninth in last week's NCAA stats at 3.28. Senior MB Lyndsey Henderson ranked fifth nationally in individual blocking with an average of 1.77. Utah returned five of seven starters from last year's squad that was 22-9 and second in the Mountain West (12-2 record, tournament runner-up to Colorado State). The '03 Utes beat Santa Clara in the opening round of the NCAA tournament before losing to Washington to finish 25th in the national rankings. Beth Launiere is in her 15th season leading Utah's program, and she has compiled a 290-173 (.626) mark.

IRISH-UTES SERIES NOTES: The Utes and Irish will meet for the second year in a row and fifth time overall, with every meeting coming since 1997 ... the schools have split the previous matches, with the Irish prevailing 34-32, 16-30, 30-26, 26-30, 15-12 in the Shamrock Invitational in the Joyce Center last season ... this will be Notre Dame's second trip to Salt Lake City, as Utah beat the Irish 15-11, 15-13, 13-15, 15-6 in 1999 ... the first meeting came at Spikeoff Spokane in 1997, where Notre Dame won 15-1, 15-8, 17-15 ... a year later, at the Michigan State Invitational, the Utes were victorious 15-10, 15-4, 15-10 ... Utah leads 8-7 in games won ... **Debbie Brown** holds a 24-21 career record against current members of the Mountain West Conference, including 8-6 at Notre Dame ... in last year's match, **Lauren Kelbley** had 13 kills, while **Emily Loomis** added 12, and **Lauren Brewster** notched a career-high 13 blocks ... **Meg Henican** had 11 kills and 14 digs at outside hitter, while **Kelly Burrell** notched 17 assists and seven digs.

SCOUTING BRIGHAM YOUNG: The Cougars currently stand 10-8 after having a five-match winning streak snapped over the weekend with consecutive losses to Wyoming and #7 Colorado State. Brigham Young is in third place in the Mountain West Conference with a 4-3 record. Five of the Cougar defeats this season have come against teams currently in the top 20 of the national rankings: Penn State (5th), Colorado State (7th), UCLA (11th), St. Mary's (14th, 15-12 in the fifth), and Utah (18th). The other BYU losses were five-game affairs against Oklahoma (15-10 in the fifth) and Utah State (17-15) and a 3-1 loss to the Cowgirls. The Irish and Cougars have played one common opponent, as BYU defeated Rutgers in five (15-10 in the fifth) in the opening weekend of the season at Penn State, while the Irish topped the Scarlet Knights in three games. Notre Dame will play on Tuesday at Utah, which beat Brigham Young in four games last month. The match will be a contest between two of the best blocking teams in the nation, as BYU was eighth in last week's NCAA stats at 3.30. The Cougars also were ranked 18th in hitting percentage at .283. Individually, sophomore MB Lindsay Hartsock was the national leader in blocking last week (1.81), and she was third in Division I in hitting percentage (.446). In addition, junior S Lauren Richards ranked 26th with 0.61 aces per game. BYU returned five of eight starters from last year's squad that finished 24-9 and third in the Mountain West (10-4 record, tournament semifinals). The '03 Cougars beat New Mexico State in the opening round of the NCAA Championship before falling to eventual national semifinalist Hawaii. Karen Lamb is in her third season leading the BYU program, having posted a 48-36 (.571) record. In her eighth year overall as a head coach, Lamb is 138-130 (.515).

IRISH-COUGARS SERIES NOTES: Notre Dame and BYU will meet for the first time since 2000 and the fourth time overall ... the Cougars won the first two meetings before the Irish rallied from a 2-0 deficit to prevail in five games over #15 BYU in the Shamrock Invitational in the Joyce Center in the most-recent match 5-15, 10-15, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10 ... this will be Notre Dame's second trip to Provo, as the eighth-ranked Cougars prevailed 15-12, 15-7, 15-7 in 1999 ... this will be the first time the Irish have faced a BYU team ranked lower than 15th ... the schools first met in the 1993 University of the Pacific Classic in Stockton, Calif., with the fourth-ranked Cougars downing #17 ND 15-5, 15-6, 15-11 ... Brigham Young won the first eight games in series before the Irish took three straight in '00 ... **Debbie Brown** holds a 24-21 career record against current members of the Mountain West Conference, including 8-6 at Notre Dame.

BIG EAST Leaders

All Matches (as of 10/11)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

1. Megan Miller, Pittsburgh375
- 9. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ...305**
- 10. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame ...281**

Kills

1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's5.56
- 5. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame ...3.90**

Assists

1. Azadeh Boroumand, Pittsburgh ..12.91
- 9. Ashley Tarutis, Notre Dame9.32**

Aces

1. Ashley Lancaster, Georgetown ...0.44
- 8. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ...0.36**
- 8. Adrianna Stasiuk, Notre Dame ...0.36**

Blocks

1. Alison Zemanski, West Virginia ...1.50
- 2. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ...1.44**

Digs

1. Megan McGrane, Pittsburgh6.08
- 3. Meg Henican, Notre Dame4.78**

Points

1. Jackie Ahlers, St. John's6.03
- 4. Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ...4.70**
- 6. Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame ...4.61**

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

1. Connecticut227
- 3. Notre Dame224**

Opponent Hitting Percentage

1. Syracuse139
- 6. Notre Dame184**

Assists

1. Pittsburgh14.69
- 4. Notre Dame13.58**

Kills

1. Pittsburgh16.08
- 4. Notre Dame15.00**

Blocks

- 1. Notre Dame3.01**
2. Syracuse2.65

Aces

1. Georgetown1.91
- 4. Notre Dame1.74**

Digs

1. West Virginia17.81
- 6. Notre Dame16.28**

Notre Dame listings in **bold**.

Irish in Double Figures

	Kills	Digs	Blocks
12-Lauren Brewster	13 (40)	5 (5)	1 (13)
6-Lauren Kelbley	13 (53)	–	– (1)
4-Meg Henican	2 (4)	13 (47)	–
10-Adrianna Stasiuk	6	10	1
8-Ashley Tarutis	–	6	–
1-Emily Loomis	5 (62)	– (14)	1 (1)
5-Ellen Heintzman	3	–	–
11-Danielle Herndon	–	1 (10)	–
9-Carolyn Cooper	–	–	1 (1)

Note: Career totals in parentheses.

BIG EAST Leaders

Conference Matches (as of 10/11)

INDIVIDUAL

Hitting Percentage

- Megan Miller, Pittsburgh480
- Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ...373**
- Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame323**

Kills

- Megan Miller, Pittsburgh5.60
- Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame ...4.70**
- Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ..4.00**

Assists

- Azadeh Boroumand, Pittsburgh ..13.60
- Ashley Tarutis, Notre Dame9.80**

Aces

- Kacy Sellers, Villanova0.67
- Meg Henican, Notre Dame0.50**
- Adrianna Stasiuk, Notre Dame ..0.40**

Blocks

- Alison Zemanski, West Virginia ...2.80
- Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ...1.50**
- Carolyn Cooper, Notre Dame ...1.50**

Digs

- Allison Anderson, Boston College ...10.30
- Meg Henican, Notre Dame6.30**

Points

- Megan Miller, Pittsburgh6.70
- Lauren Kelbley, Notre Dame ...5.25**
- Lauren Brewster, Notre Dame ...4.85**

TEAM

Hitting Percentage

- Notre Dame281**
- West Virginia254

Opponent Hitting Percentage

- West Virginia103
- Notre Dame121**

Assists

- West Virginia15.40
- Notre Dame15.00**

Kills

- Notre Dame16.40**
- West Virginia16.20

Blocks

- Connecticut3.86
- Notre Dame3.60**

Aces

- Villanova1.89
- Notre Dame1.40**

Digs

- Boston College23.40
- Notre Dame15.80**

Notre Dame listings in bold.

Irish in the Weekly Polls

Week	AVCA	Rich Kern.com	VB Mag.
preseason	25	23	no poll
Sept. 6	arv(26)	23	--
Sept. 13	--	arv(33)	--
Sept. 20	--	arv(36)	--
Sept. 27	--	--	--
Oct. 4	--	--	--
Oct. 11	--	--	--

Notes: Numbers in parentheses are listings, but not actual rankings. arv = also receiving votes.

SCOUTING ST. JOHN'S: St. John's heads into this week with a 14-7 record and an 0-2 mark in BIG EAST Conference action. The Red Storm will return to action after an 11-day layoff by heading to Syracuse on Friday before visiting the Joyce Center. St. John's suffered early-season losses to a trio of quality opponents (Florida A&M, Michigan State, and Ohio), but then won 10 of its next 11 matches (losing 3-1 to Hofstra). Since that stretch, the Red Storm has lost three of its last five, with all of the defeats coming in five games (against Long Island, defending BIG EAST co-champion Pittsburgh, and West Virginia). Michigan State is the lone common opponent between the Irish and Red Storm, as Notre Dame downed the Spartans in four games in the Gamecock Invitational last month and SJU lost in three last month. Junior OH Jackie Ahlers leads the BIG EAST in kills (5.56) and ranks ninth in Division I, and she also is tops in the conference in points (6.03). The Red Storm, picked to finish fourth in the league in '04, returned three of seven starters from last year's squad that was 26-9 and tied for fourth in the BIG EAST (7-5 record, missed tournament). Joanne Persico-Smith is in her 11th season leading the program, having compiled a 204-137 (.598) record.

IRISH-RED STORM SERIES NOTES: The Irish and Red Storm will meet for the 10th time, once per season since Notre Dame became a member of the BIG EAST Conference in 1995 ... the Irish have won each of the previous nine matches, taking 27 of 28 games ... in 2003, 17th-ranked Notre Dame prevailed 30-24, 30-24, 30-19 in Jamaica ... this will be the sixth trip to the Joyce Center for St. John's ... the schools first met in '95, with the Irish winning 15-0, 15-6, 15-4 to start a streak of 22 consecutive game victories over SJU ... the Red Storm's lone game win was a 30-25 triumph in the second game in '02 in the Joyce Center ... New York has produced five Irish volleyball players, making it one of just six states to do so ... in the 1998 match, Notre Dame finished with 20 blocks, which still stands as the most-ever for the Irish in a three-game contest ... the '01 affair saw the Irish take the first game 30-8, which is the largest margin of victory for Notre Dame in a game in school history ... last year's SJU team was 33rd in Division I in hitting percentage (.259) ... Jackie Ahlers was a first-team all-BIG EAST selection and was tabbed honorable mention All-America in '03 ... a three-time league player of the week, Ahlers led the BIG EAST in kills in conference matches (4.95) and was 24th nationally in overall kills (5.02) ... in three matches against SJU, **Emily Loomis** is averaging 4.80 kills on .421 hitting to go with 2.10 digs, 1.50 blocks, and 5.90 points ... in two matches, **Lauren Kelbley** is averaging 2.86 kills on .326 hitting to go with 2.00 blocks and 4.07 points, while **Lauren Brewster** is averaging 2.14 blocks and 3.50 points ... defensively, **Meg Henican** is averaging 3.50 digs in two matches, while **Danielle Herndon** had 11 in last year's match (3.67 per game).

HEAD COACH DEBBIE BROWN: Irish head coach **Debbie Brown** is in her 14th season at the helm of the Notre Dame program. She has led the Irish to a 332-114 (.744) mark, while holding a 449-197 (.695) 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 BIG EAST, 4 Midwestern Collegiate, 1 Pac-10), she has coached eight 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). A captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic volleyball team after winning a pair of national championships and earning All-America honors twice while 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.

BROWN LOOKING FOR 450TH CAREER VICTORY: Notre Dame head coach **Debbie Brown** is just one wins away from the 450th of her 20-year collegiate coaching career. Heading into this week, her career mark as a head coach stands at 449-197 (.695). Brown will join an elite club of just 31 active Division I coaches who have registered 450+ victories as head coaches. Only three coaches in that group (Alabama's Judy Green-19th, Arkansas' Chris Poole-19th, Florida's Mary Wise-18th) have coached for fewer seasons than Brown. The 14th-year Irish mentor (after six seasons at Arizona State) came into the season ranking 22nd among active Division I coaches in winning percentage.

BREWSTER, STASIUK NOTCH TRIPLE-DOUBLES vs. ILLINOIS STATE: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) both notched triple-doubles in Notre Dame's five-game victory against Illinois State on Wednesday. Stasiuk clinched hers in the third game and ended with 14 kills, 11 digs, and 11 blocks, while Brewster finished with 17 kills, 13 digs, and 11 blocks. It was the second time this season that a Division I team had multiple triple-doubles in the same match (Dartmouth's Kathryn Hirsch and Elise Krieger did it against Army on Sept. 17), but the accomplishment of dual triple-doubles that do not include assists is extremely rare. Since 2002, teams in Division I had featured multiple triple-doubles nine times, but none of the players involved in those sported 10+ blocks, as all of them checked in with double-digit assists. Of all the triple-doubles in Division I in 2004, only three previously had consisted of kills, digs, and blocks. Prior to Wednesday, no Irish player had registered a triple-double since Dec. 4, 1998, when a pair of Notre Dame competitors also accomplished the feat. In that match, a four-game, NCAA first-round win over Eastern Washington, **Kristy Kreher**, then just a rookie, had 24 kills on .541 hitting to go with 14 digs and 14 assists, while senior **Lindsay Treadwell** registered 11 kills, 16 digs, and 10 blocks.

IRISH BLOCKING GAME COMES ALIVE WITH 25.5 AGAINST REDBIRDS: Notre Dame, which led Division I in blocking, but had struggled at times early this season (averaging below 2.90 blocks per game), regained its 2003 form on Wednesday, finishing with 25.5 blocks in a five-game victory against Illinois State. The Irish had only 2.5 blocks in the first game, but they then notched seven in

the second game and nine in the third game before ending with three in the fourth and four in the 15-point final stanza. Notre Dame's previous season high in blocks had been 16 against Syracuse on Oct. 2. Prior to Wednesday, no Irish player had taken part in 10 blocks in a match, but a quartet accomplished that feat against the Redbirds, as senior OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.), junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.), and freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) had 11 each and junior MB **Carolyn Cooper** (Houston, Texas/Lutheran South Academy) ended with 10, including three solo blocks.

KELBLEY HITS 20-KILL PLATEAU FOR SECOND STRAIGHT MATCH: Junior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) registered a match-high 20 kills against Illinois State on Wednesday, marking the second match in a row in which she has had 20 or more kills. On Oct. 10 at Seton Hall, Kelbley became the first Irish player in nearly four years to register 25 kills. It marked the first time in more than two years that an Irish player had 20+ kills in consecutive matches, as current senior **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) accomplished the feat against Connecticut (20) on Sept. 27, 2002, and matched that total two days later vs. St. John's. Kelbley also had 24 kills at Michigan on Sept. 28 and 22 vs. Valparaiso on Sept. 7.

BREWSTER'S STREAK OF MATCHES WITH 11+ KILLS REACHES 12: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) had 17 kills against Illinois State on Wednesday to mark the 12th consecutive match in which she has had 11 or more kills. Only once this season -- Sept. 3 vs. #2 Nebraska (five kills) -- has she not hit double digits in kills. Her current streak is tied for the fifth-longest streak of matches with 10+ kills in Irish history.

BREWSTER LEADS ND TO FIFTH-GAME WIN vs. ISU: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was a key factor in Notre Dame's fifth-game victory against Illinois State. She converted all four of her attack attempts into kills and also had a pair of digs and was in on two of Notre Dame's four blocks, as the Irish prevailed 15-10.

TV STARS: Wednesday's match against Brigham Young will be televised live by BYU Television, marking the third time in an eight-match span that the Irish will be on TV. It also will be the fourth time in less than a year that Notre Dame has been televised. Most recently, the Sept. 28 match between Notre Dame and Michigan was televised by Comcast Sports Local and shown on a tape-delayed basis in southeast Michigan. That was the second time in as many matches that the Irish were featured on television, as the championship match of the Gamecock Invitational, in which South Carolina claimed a 3-1 victory, was shown nationally by College Sports Television (CSTV) as part of its "Sunday Night Spikes" national match-of-the-week package. This week also marks the fourth the third time in the last 23 matches that Notre Dame has been televised, as the Irish beat then-league rival Miami in three games late last season in a match that was part of CSTV's inaugural "Sunday Night Spikes" series.

IRISH REMAIN ROAD WARRIORS: Though Notre Dame finally ended the longest midseason road trip in school history by playing at home on Wednesday, the Irish pack their bags again this week, as four of their next five matches will be away from the Joyce Center. Notre Dame will head to Utah and BYU this week before playing one home match prior to road trips to Georgetown and Villanova. The last Irish road swing was nine matches and 36 days long and it saw Notre Dame visit five different states and six cities: San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Columbia, S.C.; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Syracuse, N.Y.; New Brunswick, N.J.; and South Orange, N.J. It was the longest midseason road trip in the 25-year history of the program, in terms of both consecutive matches away from home and time between home tilts. During the swing, Notre Dame traveled 9,042 miles, which is more than one-third the circumference of the earth at its equator.

HENICAN'S 37 DIGS BREAK 12-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL RECORD: Irish junior libero and captain **Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) broke the 12-year-old school record for most digs in any-length match by registering 37 in a four-game affair at Seton Hall on Oct. 10. Henican dug just four Pirate attack attempts in the first game, but then scrambled for a dozen in game two, 11 in the third game, and 10 in the final frame to end up with a total 11 better than her previous career high (26 vs. Sacramento State in the Cal Poly Invitational on Sept. 11). Her performance - an average of 9.25 digs per game - broke the school record of 36 digs, done by **Christy Peters** on Sept. 5, 1992, against Kentucky in a five-game match. The previous Irish record for digs in a four-game match was 35 by **Jessica Fiebelkorn**, set that same month, on Sept. 18, 1992, at Purdue. No player had managed even 30 digs in any-length match since a 31-dig performance by Peters in 1993 at Arizona State.

STASIUK NAMED BIG EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK: Freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) was named the BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week on Oct. 11 after helping Notre Dame to a pair of conference victories on the road against Rutgers and Seton Hall. The Park Ridge, Ill., native averaged 3.43 kills per game on a .302 hitting mark, while contributing 3.29 digs to an Irish defense that held its opponents to an attack percentage of only .166. Stasiuk was a key factor in Notre Dame holding Rutgers - which came into the match ranking second in the BIG EAST in hitting percentage - to below .100 hitting in every game and a .081 mark for the match. Her nine digs were the second-highest total accumulated by any player, while she also took part in a pair of blocks. Offensively, Stasiuk had nine kills - tied for the third-highest total for all players - to end up with 10 points. On Sunday, Stasiuk helped Notre Dame outdig Seton Hall - who was second in the conference in digs - by a 76-67 margin. She again was second on the team, this time with 14 digs, marking the ninth time in 13 matches this season that she has had 11 or more digs. The 2004 Maine

2004 Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Kills

Lauren Kelbley	.....215 (3.91)
Lauren Brewster	.....192 (3.49)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....138 (2.51)

Hitting %

Lauren Brewster	.....306
Lauren Kelbley	.....281
Kelly Burrell	.....214

Assists

Ashley Tarutis	.....517 (9.40)
Kelly Burrell	.....154 (3.28)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....38 (0.69)

Digs

Meg Henican	.....254 (4.62)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....160 (2.91)
Ashley Tarutis	.....136 (2.47)

Blocks

Lauren Brewster	.....13/70 (1.51)
Emily Loomis	.....18/42 (1.15)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....3/50 (0.96)

Service Aces

Lauren Kelbley	.....20 (0.36)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....20 (0.36)
Lauren Brewster	.....18 (0.33)

Service Ace-to-Error Ratio

Danielle Hemdon	.....1.67 (5 A, 3 E)
Lauren Brewster	.....1.06 (18 A, 17 E)
Lauren Kelbley	.....1.00 (20 A, 20 E)

Service Percentage

Danielle Hemdon	.....973 (109-112)
Emily Loomis	.....937 (59-63)
Lauren Brewster	.....927 (215-232)

Points

Lauren Brewster	.....258 (4.69)
Lauren Kelbley	.....255 (4.64)
Adrianna Stasiuk	.....186 (3.38)

Irish Double-Doubles

<u>Lauren Brewster</u> -- Season: 5, Career: 11 17 kills, 13 digs, 11 blocks ..Illinois State 18 kills, 13 digs .....Valparaiso 14 kills, 13 digs .....vs. Fresno St. 15 kills, 11 digs .....vs. Sac. St. 13 kills, 12 digs .....at S. Carolina
<u>Kelly Burrell</u> -- Season: 0, Career: 2
<u>Meg Henican</u> -- Season: 2, Career: 4 10 kills, 20 digs .....Loyola Chicago 11 kills, 15 digs .....#2 Nebraska (9/4)
<u>Emily Loomis</u> -- Season: 1, Career: 13 18 kills, 11 blocks .....Illinois State
<u>Adrianna Stasiuk</u> -- Season: 5 14 kills, 11 digs, 11 blocks ..Illinois State 16 kills, 15 digs .....Valparaiso 15 kills, 11 digs .....vs. Fresno St. 14 kills, 17 digs .....vs. Sac. St. 15 kills, 14 digs .....at Seton Hall
<u>Ashley Tarutis</u> -- Season: 6 25 assists, 14 digs .....Loyola Chicago 51 assists, 14 digs .....#2 Nebraska 47 assists, 17 digs .....Valparaiso 49 assists, 18 digs .....vs. Fresno St. 37 assists, 10 digs .....vs. Sac. St. 51 assists, 17 digs .....Illinois State

Notre Dame in 2004 ...

(2003 records in parentheses)

at home2-3 (12-3)
away4-2 (8-3)
on neutral courts3-0 (3-1)

in three games4-1 (12-3)
in four games3-2 (8-3)
in five games2-2 (2-1)
in two-point games2-5 (6-11)

vs. ranked opponents0-2 (1-4)
vs. BIG EAST teams3-0 (12-2)
vs. non-conference teams6-5 (11-5)
vs. AVCA Northeast Reg.3-0 (13-2)

at night3-4 (13-2)
during the day6-1 (9-5)
in tournament play4-1 (7-4)
on television0-2 (1-0)

winning first game9-1 (21-2)
losing first game0-4 (2-5)
winning first two games7-0 (15-0)
losing first two games0-2 (1-5)
split first two games2-3 (7-2)
leading 2-1 in games5-1 (9-0)
trailing 2-1 in games0-3 (2-4)

higher hitting percentage9-0 (22-1)
lower hitting percentage0-5 (1-6)
more kills6-0 (18-1)
fewer kills1-5 (5-6)
equal kills2-0 (0-0)
more service aces7-3 (19-2)
fewer service aces0-2 (2-4)
equal service aces2-0 (2-1)
more digs7-0 (14-0)
fewer digs2-5 (9-7)
more blocks8-2 (21-4)
fewer blocks0-3 (0-2)
equal blocks1-0 (2-1)

longest winning streak4 (14)
longest losing streak3 (3)
longest game winning streak8 (15)
longest game losing streak4 (9)

on game point32-33
when facing game point17-22
on match point9-8
when facing match point1-5

Most Total Points:

254, ND 127, Illinois State 127

Fewest Total Points:

151, ND 90, Cal Poly 61

Largest Margin of Victory:

29 points, ND 90, Cal Poly 61

Largest Margin of Defeat:

19 points, Nebraska 90, ND 71

South High School graduate was one of four Irish players with 14 or more kills, ending with 15 – one shy of her season high – on a .344 hitting percentage. Stasiuk also served up a pair of aces (the sixth time she has had multiple service aces in a match in '04) and took part in three blocks to finish with 18.5 points, her second-highest match total as a collegian. Stasiuk, who was named to Volleyball magazine's elite "Fab 50" list of the top prep players in the nation last year, is the seventh Notre Dame player ever to be honored as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Week. The last Irish student-athlete to be so tabbed was current junior **Lauren Brewster**, who earned the accolade on Oct. 28, 2002.

IRISH NOTCH 100TH BIG EAST REGULAR-SEASON VICTORY: Notre Dame's 3-0 victory at Rutgers on Oct. 9 was its 100th in BIG EAST regular-season action. Since joining the conference in 1995, the Irish now hold a 101-5 (.953) record, including 56-0 in the Joyce Center. Notre Dame joined Pittsburgh (103-37) as the only schools to have won 100 BIG EAST matches. The Irish are just two victories behind the Panthers in conference wins even though Pittsburgh competed in the BIG EAST for five more seasons than Notre Dame.

KELBLEY BECOMES FIRST ND PLAYER IN NEARLY FOUR YEARS TO NOTCH 25+ KILLS: Junior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) had a career-best 25 kills on Oct. 10 at Seton Hall. She took the lion's share of swings, ending with just eight attack errors on a career-high 56 attempts for a .304 percentage and 26 points. Kelbley started slowly, converting 10 attempts into only three kills in the first game. But she rebounded to have eight kills on .353 hitting in the following frame and then notch seven kills apiece in each of the final two games, hitting better than .305 on both occasions. It marked the second time in four matches that Kelbley set her career high (after tying it once earlier this season). She had 24 kills at Michigan on Sept. 29 to better her previous best output by two. It also was the most kills for an Irish player since Oct. 28, 2000, when **Christi Girton** notched 31 in a five-game victory at Connecticut.

OFFENSE FINDS CONSISTENCY IN NEW JERSEY: Notre Dame's matches in New Jersey on Oct. 9 and 10 were two of the best offensive performances, orchestrated by setters **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) and **Kelly Burrell** (Phoenix, Ariz./Xavier College Prep School), for the Irish this season. Notre Dame, which has been plagued with offensive inconsistency for much of the 2004 campaign, hit .270+ in six of seven games against Rutgers and Seton Hall, topping the .330 mark on four occasions. The Irish had 16 or more kills in every game in both matches and committed more than five errors just twice. Notre Dame ended up hitting .303 against the Scarlet Knights after being over .300 just once in the first 11 matches of the season. The Seton Hall match currently stands as the top offensive contest of the season for the Irish, as they had 17 or more kills in every game (including 20+ in two) and hit .340 or better in three games to end up with a season-best match attack percentage of .315, the top mark for the Irish in their last 18 matches (since hitting .358 at West Virginia on Nov. 15, 2003).

Tarutis and Burrell had four hot hitters to work with, as a quartet of Notre Dame players finished with 14 or more kills and .300+ hitting marks. Junior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) became the first Notre Dame player in nearly four years to have 25 kills in a match (on .304 hitting), while fellow junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) ended up with 16 kills on .316 hitting, while freshman OPP **Adrianna Stasiuk** (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) had 15 kills on .344 hitting and senior OH **Emily Loomis** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) added 14, making just a single error for a .361 mark. Tarutis ended up with 46 assists, her best output in a four-game match, while Burrell had 16, her third-best sum of the season.

NOTRE DAME OPENS 3-0 IN BIG EAST FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE SEASON: After road wins against Syracuse (3-0), Rutgers (3-0), and Seton Hall (3-1), the Irish are 3-0 in BIG EAST Conference action. It is the sixth consecutive season and ninth time in 10 years of league membership that Notre Dame has been unbeaten after three BIG EAST matches. In fact, the Irish have opened 11-0 in BIG EAST play in every year but one (1998-lost third league match, 3-2 at Connecticut).

DIG TO WIN: Notre Dame's floor defense is a key indicator of its success. The Irish have won 24 consecutive matches (seven in 2004) in which they have finished with more digs than the opponent. The last time Notre Dame lost when outdigging the opponent was Nov. 15, 2002, when the Irish finished with a 76-73 dig advantage at Miami, but lost in five games (15-7 in the fifth). In Notre Dame's six victories this season, it owns a +1.56 dig average (16.88-15.32), while the Irish are being outdug by 1.71 per game (16.52-14.79) in their five defeats. It was a key factor in the Irish claiming the title at the Cal Poly-Best Western Invitational. Heading into that event, Notre Dame had been outdug in seven consecutive matches (dating back to 2003), but the Irish averaged 19.00 digs per game for the tournament, finishing each match with more digs than their opponents. A highlight of that was Notre Dame registering 80 digs in a three-game win over Sacramento State for an average of 26.67 per game. Leading the way was junior captain **L Meg Henican** (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.), who had 26 -- the second-highest total ever for an Irish player in a three-game affair.

BREWSTER TABBED CAL POLY INVITE MVP, KELBLEY ON ALL-TOURNEY TEAM: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was tabbed the tournament MVP for helping Notre Dame to the championship of the Cal Poly-Best Western Royal Oak Invitational, while fellow junior OH **Lauren Kelbley** (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) gained mention on the all-tournament team. Brewster finished the three-match Cal Poly Invite with 42 kills, an average of 3.82 per game, on a tournament-high .372 hitting percentage. She also was in on 18 blocks (1.64 average) and scrambled for 28 digs (2.55), while serving up four aces (0.36). She was in the tournament leaders in four categories, ending up first in hitting percentage, second in blocks, fourth in kills (the only non-OH in the top six), and fifth in aces. Kelbley led all players in the event in both kill average

(44/4.00) and ace average (7/0.64), while ranking behind only two of her teammates with a .265 hitting percentage. She also added 10 blocks (0.91). It was the second in-season tournament in a row that Brewster was tabbed the MVP, as she gained the same honor in last year's Shamrock Invitational. Kelbley gained all-tournament honors for the fourth time in her career.

BREWSTER WINS FOURTH BIG EAST PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK AWARD: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) was named the BIG EAST Conference Player of the Week on Sept. 13 after helping Notre Dame go unbeaten to capture the championship of the Cal Poly-Best Western Royal Oak Invitational. Brewster, who was named the tournament's MVP, notched three double-doubles in four matches during the week, ending with 60 kills, an average of 3.75 per game, on a .336 hitting percentage. She also averaged 1.62 blocks (3 BS, 23 BA) and 2.56 digs (41 total) per game and had 78.5 points (4.91 per game). In the mid-week match against Valparaiso, she was just two blocks shy of her first career triple-double, as she ended up with 18 kills, 13 digs, and eight blocks. Saturday's evening match, vs. tournament host Cal Poly, saw the Brentwood, Tenn., native match her career best with a .684 hitting mark, registering 13 kills on 19 errorless swings to go with six blocks. Brewster ranked among the top four in four different categories in the Cal Poly Invitational leaders, coming in first in hitting percentage, second in blocks, and fourth in service aces and kills. She was the only non-outside hitter in the top six in kill average. The Brentwood High School graduate, who was named the BIG EAST's top player three times during October of 2003, joins outside hitters **Angie Harris** ('98) and **Christi Girton** ('01) as the only Irish players ever to be named the BIG EAST Player of the Week four times during their careers.

BREWSTER, TARUTIS EARN GAMECOCK INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS: Junior MB **Lauren Brewster** (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and freshman S **Ashley Tarutis** (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) were named to the all-tournament team after helping Notre Dame to a runner-up finish in the Gamecock Invitational. Brewster finished with 3.75 kills on .365 hitting to go with 1.25 service aces, 2.62 digs, 0.88 blocks, and 5.44 points per game. She led all players in five statistical categories on Friday vs. Michigan State and then turned in the top serving performance for an Irish player since 1995 by notching six aces vs. the tournament host. For the tournament, Brewster had 10 aces -- four on a single rotation in the third game against USC -- and only one service error in 47 times serving. Tarutis ended up with 10.00 assists per game in helping the Irish hit .212 for the tournament, and she added 1.75 digs and 0.38 aces. Against MSU, the rookie led Notre Dame to a .289 hitting mark that was its second-highest of the season and its best in a match longer than three games since Nov. 7, 2003.

IRISH CHAMPIONS AGAIN: Notre Dame dropped just two games in claiming the title at the Cal Poly-Best Western Invitational, Sept. 10-11. It meant that 2004 is the fifth consecutive season in which the Irish have captured at least one in-season tournament championship. In 2003, Notre Dame won both the Longhorn Classic in Austin, Texas, and its own Shamrock Invitational. The Irish also won the Shamrock Invitational from 2000-02 and were the champions of the 2000 Lady Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., and the '02 Golden Dome Invitational at home.

IRISH HOLD ORANGE TO .017 HITTING PERCENTAGE: Notre Dame's defense held Syracuse to just a .017 attack percentage in the 3-0 Irish victory on Oct. 2. The Orange ended up with 35 kills and 33 errors on 121 attempts, due in large part to a season-high 16 blocks from Notre Dame. The Syracuse attack managed more kills than errors in just one game, posting the lowest attack percentage by an Irish opponent since last year's Orange ended up hitting -.008 (32 kills, 33 errors) in the Joyce Center on Nov. 2. The 'Cuse had 10 or more errors in every game and finished with 35 kills and 33 errors, with nearly half of them coming on Irish blocks.

IRISH MATCH FOUR-GAME SCHOOL RECORD WITH 15 ACES VS. GAMECOCKS: Despite losing, Notre Dame served up 15 aces against South Carolina in the title match of the Gamecock Invitational. That sum matched the school record for aces in a four-game match. Notre Dame previously posted 15 aces on Oct. 14, 1994 at Texas and on Sept. 9, 1995 against Kentucky in Bloomington, Ind. In addition to a team-leading six aces from Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.), the Irish also got three aces from junior captain L Meg Henican (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.), and two each from freshman S Ashley Tarutis (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.), sophomore DS Danielle Herndon (Plant City, Fla./Durant H.S.), and freshman OPP Adrianna Stasiuk (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.). Notre Dame committed just eight service errors and finished with 26 aces (3.25 per game) and just 15 service errors in eight games of the tournament.

BREWSTER'S SIX ACES BEST FOR IRISH PLAYER SINCE 1995: Junior MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) turned in the best serving performance of her career against South Carolina in the championship match of the Gamecock Invitational. She finished with six service aces, including four on a single rotation in game three to set her career high for the second match in a row (4 vs. Michigan State on Sept. 17). Her performance marked the best serving performance by an Irish player since Angie Harris had a school-record nine aces on Oct. 20, 1995, against Syracuse. Brewster's total - which was further accentuated by her having only one service error - is tied for the second-highest mark ever by an Irish player in a four-game match. In the two matches of the Gamecock Invitational, she had 10 aces and only one error.

BREWSTER POSTS MATCH HIGHS IN FIVE CATEGORIES IN LEADING ND OVER MICHIGAN STATE: Junior MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) had one of the best all-around performances of her career, leading all players in the match in five different statistical cate-

Irish Opponents

(as of 10/10)

Wins

#37 Michigan State (6-8, 1-5 Big Ten), 3-1
#62 Illinois St. (12-4, 5-2 Missouri Valley), 3-2
#68 Sacramento St. (14-5, 4-1 Big Sky), 3-0
#69 Rutgers (11-6, 0-2 BIG EAST), 3-0
#87 Loyola Chicago (13-5, 4-1 Horizon), 3-1
#95 Fresno State (9-8, 2-3 WAC), 3-2
#124 Syracuse (16-5, 2-1 BIG EAST), 3-0
#195 Seton Hall (6-14, 0-2 BIG EAST), 3-1
#199 Cal Poly (2-14, 0-7 Big West), 3-0

Losses

#4/3 Nebraska (13-1, 7-0 Big 12), 3-2
#4/3 Nebraska (13-1, 7-0 Big 12), 3-0
#32/18 Michigan (14-3, 4-2 Big Ten), 3-1
#38 South Carolina (10-5, 3-3 SEC), 3-1
#56 Valparaiso (16-3, 6-0 Mid-Con.), 3-2

Remaining Matches

#18/42 Utah (13-2, 5-0 Mountain West)
#30/19 Long Beach St. (13-2, 5-2 Big West)
#33/32 UC Irvine (12-4, 5-2 Big West)
#49 Pittsburgh (12-5, 1-0 BIG EAST)
#63 Northern Iowa (11-6, 5-2 Missouri Valley)
#91 BYU (10-6, 4-1 Mountain West)
#99 Boston College (14-7, 2-0 BIG EAST)
#114 St. John's (14-7, 0-2 BIG EAST)
#118 Connecticut (10-6, 2-0 BIG EAST)
#152 West Virginia (13-7, 1-0 BIG EAST)
#155 Villanova (4-11, 0-2 BIG EAST)
#165 Georgetown (11-8, 0-2 BIG EAST)

Notes: ND match score follows each team's record. Rankings are AVCA poll (below #25 unofficial)/Rich Kern Percentage Index (RKPI). Notre Dame is 28th in the RKPI.

Top '04 Performances vs. ND

20+ Kills

26, Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan
23, Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chicago
20, Sarah Pavan, Nebraska (9/4)

.500+ Hitting (5+ kills)

.688 (11-0-16), Dani Mancuso, Nebraska (9/4)
.562 (11-2-16), Melissa Elmer, Nebraska (9/3)
.500 (12-2-20), Lauren Ford, South Carolina

20+ Digs

29, Sara Silcox, Valparaiso
25, Jessi Novak, Valparaiso
20, Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chicago
20, Christianna Reneau, Fresno State
20, Jessie Janik, Illinois State

60+ Assists

66, Lisa Gamalski, Michigan
64, Dani Busboom, Nebraska (9/4)
61, Katie Bova, Valparaiso

25+ Points

26.5, Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan
25.5, Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chicago

20-20 Matches

Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chicago (23 K, 20 D)
Note: No player has had 5+ aces, 10+ blocks, or a triple-double against Notre Dame this season.

Irish Record Book

INDIVIDUAL -- CAREER

Percentage of Matches Played

- 1. Janelle Karlan (90-93)(145-145) 1.000
- 1. Jenny Birkner (93-96)(140-140) 1.000
- 1. Lauren Kelbley(76-76) 1.000**
- 1. Lauren Brewster(76-76) 1.000**
- 5. Lindsay Treadwell (95-98)(132-133) .992
- 6. Emily Loomis(103-104) .990**

Percentage of Games Played

- 1. Emily Loomis(363-373) .973**
- 2. Jenny Birkner (93-96)(473-490) .965
- 3. Lauren Kelbley(267-277) .964**
- 4. Lauren Brewster(263-277) .949**

Kills

- 10. Jenny Birkner (1993-96)1,171
- 11. Alicia Turner (1989-92)1,162
- 12. Emily Loomis1,139**

Kill Average

- 4. Christi Girtan (1997-2000)3.30
- 5. Lauren Kelbley3.24**
- 6. Kristy Kreher (1998-2001)3.23
- 7. Jaimie Lee (1994-97)3.21
- 8. Emily Loomis3.14**
- 9. Lauren Brewster3.02**
- 10. Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)2.91

Consecutive Matches With 10+ Kills

- 4. Lauren Kelbley(9/9/03-10/23/03) 13
- 5. Christi Girtan(10/28/00-12/2/00) 12
- 5. Lauren Brewster(9/4/04-current) 12**

Matches With Team-High Kills

- 7. Marilyn Cragin (1989-92)35
- 7. Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)35
- 9. Emily Loomis33**
- 11. Alicia Turner (1989-92)31
- **Lauren Kelbley23**
- **Lauren Brewster21**

Matches With 10+ Kills

- 5. Jaimie Lee (1994-97)68
- 6. Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)63
- 7. Emily Loomis62**
- 8. Lauren Kelbley53**

Matches With 20+ Kills

- 6. Alicia Turner (1989-92)8
- Mary Kay Waller (1985-88)6
- 7. Kathy Cunningham (1985-88)6
- 7. Christi Girtan (1997-2000)6
- 7. Emily Loomis6**
- 7. Lauren Kelbley6**

Attack Attempts

- 5. Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)3,199
- **Emily Loomis2,956**

Hitting Percentage

- 1. Malinda Goralski (1998-2001)361
- 2. Lauren Brewster315**
- 3. Lauren Kelbley314**
- 4. Kristy Kreher (1998-2001)306

Service Ace Average (min. 50 aces)

- 8. Denise Boylan (1997-2000)0.258
- 9. Lauren Brewster0.255**
- 10. Christy Peters (1991-94)0.254

Dig Average (min. 500 digs)

- 1. Christy Peters (1991-94)3.72
- 2. Meg Henican3.48**
- 3. Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)2.96

Solo Blocks

- 4. Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)107
- 5. Emily Loomis78**

Total Blocks

- 4. Jessica Fiebelkom (1989-92)504
- 5. Lauren Brewster443**
- 10. Molly Stark (1990-93)350
- **Emily Loomis343**

Block Average

- 1. Lauren Brewster1.6844**
- 2. Mary Kay Waller (1985-88)1.6843
- 3. Mary Leffers (1996-99)1.45
- Jennifer Rouse (1993-96)1.11
- 7. Lauren Kelbley1.07**
- 9. Cynthia May (1989-92)1.02

gories in helping Notre Dame to its first win against Michigan State since 1994 on Sept. 17 in the Gamecock Invitational. Brewster had match highs in kills (17), hitting percentage (.500), service aces (4), blocks (4), and points (23). She made just two attack errors and no service errors in setting a career high for service aces. Brewster also was third on the Irish with nine digs.

IRISH JUST MISS BIGGEST UPSET IN SCHOOL HISTORY: On Sept. 4, Notre Dame took a two-games-to-one lead against #2 Nebraska, but could not hold on, eventually losing 15-10 in the fifth game. The Huskers would have been the highest-ranked team ever to lose to the Irish, but their 1993 squad still holds that distinction, as Notre Dame upset #3 Nebraska in four games in the Golden Dome Invitational in the Joyce Center. Nonetheless, the five-game loss marked a significant improvement for the Irish against the nation's very best teams. Only once in 11 previous contests against squads ranked #1 or #2 had Notre Dame managed to win a game -- in a four-game loss to #2 Florida in 1997 in the Joyce Center.

NOTRE DAME OPPONENTS EXCELLING IN 2004: Notre Dame's opponents have been finding considerable success during the first month of the 2004 season, as six were either ranked or receiving votes in last week's AVCA poll and just three of 26 headed into last week with a losing record. In particular the five teams that have defeated the Irish -- Nebraska twice, Valparaiso, South Carolina, and Michigan -- have combined for a 66-13 (.835) record thus far this season.

HENICAN JUST MISSES SCHOOL RECORD WITH 26 DIGS vs. SACRAMENTO STATE: Junior captain L/OH Meg Henican (New Orleans, La./Isidore Newman H.S.) registered a career-high 26 digs in a three-game win over Sacramento State on Sept. 11. It was the second-highest dig total for an Irish player in a three-game match in school history, trailing only the 28 by Jessica Kinder in last year's win against Valparaiso on Sept. 9 in the Joyce Center. Henican was playing libero for the first time this season in the Cal Poly Invitational, and she responded by averaging 5.91 digs per game over three matches.

STASIUK ONE ASSIST SHY OF TRIPLE-DOUBLE vs. VALPO: Rookie OPP Adrianna Stasiuk (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) nearly registered a triple-double on Sept. 7 in the five-game match against Valparaiso. She finished with a season-high 16 kills (on .342 hitting) to go with 15 digs and nine assists in Notre Dame's loss to the Crusaders. Stasiuk also had a pair of service aces and was in on five blocks for a total of 21.5 points. She has started every match for the Irish in '04 and ranks among the team's top three in every statistical category.

TARUTIS TURNS IN TERRIFIC TOTALS: Freshman S Ashley Tarutis (Long Beach, Calif./Los Alamitos H.S.) made her first start on Sept. 4 vs. #2 Nebraska -- after playing only in the back row in the first two matches of the season -- and responded by nearly leading Notre Dame to its biggest victory (in terms of national rankings) in the program's history. She helped the Irish to hitting percentages over .425 in two games, as well as a .244 mark for the match. Tarutis finished with 51 assists and 14 digs, as well as six kills on .357 hitting. Her assist total was the most for an Irish freshman in a match since Denise Boylan had 73 on Dec. 13, 1997, against Wisconsin in the round of 16 of the NCAA Championship. Tarutis' six kills were the most for a Notre Dame freshman setter since Shannon Tuttle notched six against Bowling Green on Oct. 13, 1992.

FIVE HIT DOUBLE FIGURES IN KILLS vs. FRESNO STATE: Notre Dame's five-game win over Fresno State on Sept. 10 in the opening match of the Cal Poly-Best Western Royal Oak Invitational saw the Irish put five players in double figures in kills for the first time in nearly two years. Junior OH Lauren Kelbley (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) led the Irish with 17 kills, while freshman OPP Adrianna Stasiuk (Park Ridge, Ill./Maine South H.S.) had 15, junior MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) added 14, senior MB Emily Loomis (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) had 12, and rookie OH Ellen Heintzman (Louisville, Ky./Sacred Heart Academy) registered 10 in her first career start. It was the first time five Notre Dame players had 10+ kills in a match since Sept. 14, 2002, in a five-game win against #10 Pepperdine in the final of the Golden Dome Invitational at the Joyce Center. Loomis, Brewster, and Kelbley also were part of that effort.

LET'S PLAY FIVE ... AGAIN: For just the second time in the 25-year history of the program, Notre Dame played three consecutive five-game affairs earlier this month. The Irish lost to #2 Nebraska in the Joyce Center on Sept. 4 (15-11 in the fifth) and then, four days later, fell 15-12 in the fifth to Valparaiso. On Sept. 10, Notre Dame defeated Fresno State (15-12 in the fifth) in the opening match of the Cal Poly-Best Western Royal Oak Invitational. The only previous streak of three straight five-game matches came from Nov. 16-24, 1991.

HOME, SWEET HOME: Notre Dame's Joyce Center has become one of the most difficult places in the nation for road teams to win, especially since the arrival of head coach Debbie Brown in 1991. Over the last 13 years, Notre Dame has posted a 161-26 (.861) home record. The Irish have pieced together a variety of impressive winning streaks on their home floor, winning 14 or more in a row on five different occasions, highlighted by 27 consecutive home wins from 1993-95 and a program-best 36-match winning streak from 2000-02. Notre Dame currently has won 72 consecutive regular-season conference matches (56-0 vs. the BIG EAST) in the Joyce Center, with its last defeat coming in 1990. The Irish, who have topped 13 ranked teams -- including four top-10 squads -- at home, also hold a 154-7 (.957) record against unranked teams in the Joyce Center, including a 52-match winning streak (1998-2002).

THREE RECENT NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, A DOZEN '03 NCAA TOURNAMENT TEAMS HIGH-

LIGHT 2004 SCHEDULE: A dozen teams earning berths to last year's NCAA Championship and a trio of teams that have combined to win six of the last 11 national titles highlight the 2004 schedule. Notre Dame was scheduled to take on three of the last five teams to win national championships. After consecutive home dates against Nebraska (national champions in 1995 and 2000) earlier this month, the Irish were supposed to face two-time defending NCAA champion USC, where Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown was a standout outside hitter, in the Gamecock Invitational, but the Women of Troy pulled out of the tournament due to weather concerns. Three-time national champ (1989, '93, '98) Long Beach State will play host to the Irish on Nov. 27. Twelve of Notre Dame's 17 non-conference matches will be against NCAA participants from a year ago, including half of the 16 road matches.

PRESEASON BIG EAST FAVORITES: For the 10th consecutive season, Notre Dame is the favorite in the BIG EAST Conference. The Irish, who have captured eight regular-season and seven tournament crowns in their nine years in the league, garnered nine first-place votes and were chosen as the favorite in the preseason volleyball poll of conference head coaches. Pittsburgh, which beat the Irish in last year's BIG EAST final after the teams shared the regular-season crown, gained two first-place votes and was picked second. The teams will meet in the Joyce Center on Nov. 12 in a match slated to take place before the football pep rally for the matchup between the schools on the gridiron the following day.

For the first time since the debut of the preseason all-BIG EAST team in 1998, one school placed three players on it. Notre Dame senior OH/MB/OPP Emily Loomis (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) and juniors MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and MB/OH Lauren Kelbley (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) were tabbed after the younger two were first-team all-league honorees in '03 and Loomis was on the second team after being a first-team selection in '02.

IRISH ONE OF JUST TWO DIVISION I TEAMS RETURNING THREE ALL-REGION PLAYERS: Back for Notre Dame in 2004 are three players – senior OH/MB/OPP Emily Loomis (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) junior MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) and junior MB/OH Lauren Kelbley (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.) – who were tabbed all-Northeast Region and honorable mention All-America by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) last season. The Irish are one of only a pair of Division I squads (also two-time defending NCAA champion USC) to have three players back who earned all-region accolades from the AVCA in 2003.

BREWSTER, IRISH LOOK TO REPEAT AS NCAA BLOCKING CHAMPS: In 2003, Notre Dame won its first two NCAA statistical championships, as the Irish were the top blocking squad in Division I with an average of 3.72 per game (second-place Cornell averaged only 3.52), while then-sophomore MB Lauren Brewster (Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood H.S.) led the nation in individual blocking (1.78 per game). The core of Notre Dame's blocking unit returns for the '04 season, with Brewster, junior MB/OH Lauren Kelbley (Bascom, Ohio/Hopewell-Loudon H.S.), and senior OH/MB/OPP Emily Loomis (Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers H.S.) back in the fold. Gone is OPP Katie Neff, who was third on the Irish in blocking in both 2002 and '03. That quartet holds the distinction of being the only foursome in Notre Dame history to post 100 blocks apiece in the same season, a feat it accomplished in both of the last two campaigns.

CLASS OF THE CONFERENCE: Notre Dame has experienced unprecedented success in the nine years since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995. The Irish have compiled a 101-5 (.953) regular-season mark, highlighted by eight titles and winning streaks of 45 and 35 consecutive matches. Notre Dame is 56-0 in BIG EAST regular-season matches in the Joyce Center, and the Irish have won seven BIG EAST tournament championships, posting a 17-2 mark in the event and reaching the final every year. Notre Dame also has dominated the conference awards, winning player-of-the-year honors six times and the coach-of-the-year award on four occasions. In seven instances, Irish players have been named the league tournament's most outstanding player. Also, Notre Dame student-athletes have garnered 32 all-conference accolades, including 20 first-team honors, which account for more than one-third of the first-team selections during the span.

SEVEN-MATCH SCHEDULE SET FOR www.und.com INTERNET AUDIO: Notre Dame's official athletic website, www.und.com, will feature seven internet audio broadcasts of Irish matches this season, available to subscribers of College Sports Pass. Former Bethel College volleyball coach Dr. Lorne Oke returns to call the action, and he will be joined again by Stephen Hinkel, in his second season of Irish volleyball. The schedule continues on Nov. 5 vs. Connecticut (7 p.m.), which will be followed by broadcasts on Nov. 12 vs. Pittsburgh (4 p.m.), and Nov. 16 vs. Northern Iowa (7 p.m.). For more information about College Sports Pass, see www.und.com.

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 Irish varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the match recaps and weekly releases provided on the official athletics website at 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 six contests supplement the regular match previews and recaps.

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

Notre Dame Match-by-Match Leaders

Match	Kills	Pct. (min. 5 kills)	Digs	Blocks	Assists	Aces	Points
Loyola Chicago	15-Loomis (1)/Kelbley (1)	.316-Loomis (1)	22-Henican (1)	7-Brewster (1)	25-Tarutis (1)	5-Stasiuk (1)	20-Loomis (1)
#2 Nebraska	10-Kelbley (2)	.381-Kelbley (1)	12-Stasiuk (1)	5-Loomis (1)	11-Burrell (1)/Tarutis (2)	2-Kelbley (1)/Brewster (1)	12-Kelbley (1)
#2 Nebraska	18-Brewster (1)	.452-Brewster (1)	15-Henican (2)	7-Brewster (2)	51-Tarutis (3)	1-Brewster (2)	24.5-Brewster (1)
Valparaiso	22-Kelbley (3)	.365-Kelbley (2)	20-Henican (3)	8-Brewster (3)	47-Tarutis (4)	2-Kelbley (2)/Stasiuk (2)	27.5-Kelbley (2)
vs. Fresno State	17-Kelbley (4)	.286-Stasiuk (1)	22-Henican (4)	7-Brewster (4)/Loomis (2)	49-Tarutis (5)	3-Brewster (3)	21-Brewster (2)
vs. Sacramento St.	15-Kelbley (5)/Brewster (2)	.458-Stasiuk (2)	26-Henican (5)	5-Brewster (5)	37-Tarutis (6)	2-Kelbley (3)	19.5-Kelbley (3)
at Cal Poly	13-Brewster (3)	.684-Brewster (2)	17-Henican (6)	6-Brewster (6)	29-Tarutis (7)	4-Kelbley (4)	18-Kelbley (4)
vs. Michigan State	17-Brewster (4)	.500-Brewster (3)	15-Henican (7)	4-Brewster (7)	44-Tarutis (8)	4-Brewster (4)	23-Brewster (3)
at South Carolina	13-Brewster (5)	.273-Kelbley (3)	15-Henican (8)	3-Brewster (8)	36-Tarutis (9)	6-Brewster (5)	20.5-Brewster (4)
at Michigan	24-Kelbley (6)	.404-Kelbley (4)	19-Henican (9)	6-Brewster (9)	39-Tarutis (10)	1-Loo(1)/Hen(1)/Kelb(5)/Brew(6)	27-Kelbley (5)
at Syracuse	11-Brewster (6)	.348-Brewster (4)	16-Henican (10)	7-Brewster (10)/Cooper (1)	25-Tarutis (11)	2-Stasiuk (3)/Henican (2)	15.5-Brewster (5)
at Rutgers	13-Brewster (7)	.500-Brewster (5)	10-Henican (11)	4-Brewster (11)	27-Tarutis (12)	1-Kelb(6)/Tarutis(1)/Coop(1)/Hen(3)	15-Brewster (6)
at Seton Hall	25-Kelbley (7)	.361-Loomis (2)	37-Henican (12)	5-Cooper (2)	46-Tarutis (13)	2-Henican (4)/Stasiuk (4)	26-Kelbley (6)
Illinois State	20-Kelbley (8)	.318-Brewster (6)	17-Tarutis (1)	11-Brew(12)/Loom(3)/Stas(1)	51-Tarutis (14)	4-Kelbley (7)	25-Kelb(7)/Loo(2)

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

Season Highs & Lows

In a Match

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points	3G 90-4 times (MR: at SHU)	71-#2 Nebraska	90-#2 Nebraska	61-Cal Poly	-	-
Won	4G 116-at Seton Hall	103-at South Carolina	119-Michigan	92-Michigan St.	-	-
	5G 133-vs. Fresno State	112-#2 Nebraska	127-Illinois State	116-Fresno St.	-	-
Kills	3G 59-vs. Sacramento St.	33-#2 Nebraska	50-#2 Nebraska	32-Cal Poly	15-Brewster/Kelbley (SAC)	16-Sarah Pavan, Nebraska
	4G 77-at Seton Hall	56-at South Carolina	80-Michigan	58-Seton Hall	25-Kelbley (at Seton Hall)	26-Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan
	5G 75-Illinois State	67-#2 Nebraska	79-#2 Nebraska	66-Fresno State	22-Kelbley (Valparaiso)	20-Sarah Pavan, Nebraska
Attack	3G 28-#2 Nebraska	17-3 times (MR: at RU)	33-Rutgers	18-Sac. St.	9-Brewster (#2 Nebraska)	12-Lora Yankauskas, Rutgers
Errors	4G 32-at South Carolina	19-vs. Michigan State	30-Loyola Chicago	18-S. Carolina	9-Stasiuk (at S. Carolina)	9-twice
	5G 29-Valpo & vs. Fresno St.	26-#2 Nebraska	41-Fresno & Illinois St.	29-Valparaiso	10-Kelbley (#2 Nebraska)	13-Sarah Pavan, Nebraska
TA	3G 135-vs. Sacramento St.	101-at Syracuse	147-Sacramento St.	111-Rutgers	34-Loomis (#2 Nebraska)	43-Sandra Bandimere, Sac. St.
	4G 181-at Michigan	142-vs. Michigan State	185-Loyola Chicago	146-S. Carolina	56-Kelbley (at Seton Hall)	64-Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chi.
	5G 221-Valparaiso	168-#2 Nebraska	218-Valparaiso	176-#2 Nebraska	55-Loomis (Illinois State)	63-Kristen Fenton, Fresno State
Hit %	3G .311-vs. Sacramento St.	.039-#2 Nebraska	.188-#2 Nebraska	.017-Syracuse	.684-Brewster (at Cal Poly)	.562-Melissa Elmer, Nebraska
	4G .315-at Seton Hall	.146-at S. Carolina	.295-South Carolina	.189-Loyola Chi.	.500-Brewster (vs. MSU)	.500-Lauren Ford, South Carolina
	5G .244-#2 Nebraska	.195-Valparaiso	.278-#2 Nebraska	.120-Fresno State	.452-Brewster (#2 NU)	.444-Jennifer Saleaumua, Neb.
Asst.	3G 53-vs. Sacramento St.	29-#2 Nebraska	40-#2 Nebraska	26-Cal Poly	37-Tarutis (vs. Sac. St.)	35-Dani Busboom, Nebraska
	4G 68-at Seton Hall	46-at South Carolina	79-Michigan	52-Seton Hall	46-Tarutis (at Seton Hall)	66-Lisa Gamalski, Michigan
	5G 70-Illinois State	60-#2 Nebraska	73-#2 Nebraska	65-Fresno State	51-Tarutis (Neb. & Ill. St.)	64-Dani Busboom, Nebraska
Aces	3G 10-at Cal Poly	4-3 times (MR: at RU)	4-Sacramento St.	0-Syracuse	4-Kelbley (at Cal Poly)	2-twice
	4G 15-at South Carolina	4-at Michigan & at SHU	11-South Carolina	4-3x (MR: SHU)	6-Brewster (at S. Carolina)	4-twice
	5G 8-vs. Fresno State & Ill. St.	1-#2 Nebraska	6-#2 Nebraska	4-Valpo & Illinois St.	4-Kelbley (Illinois State)	2-five times (MR: Kabbes, Ill. St.)
Serve	3G 12-at Rutgers	6-#2 Nebraska	9-Syracuse	5-Cal Poly & SAC	4-twice (MR: Tarutis, RU)	3-twice
Errors	4G 15-at Seton Hall	5-Loyola Chicago	13-MSU & S. Car.	5-Loyola Chi.	5-Henican (at Seton Hall)	5-Katelyn Panzau, S. Carolina
	5G 15-Illinois State	10-Valparaiso	12-Fresno State	3-Illinois State	6-Stasiuk (Illinois State)	5-Ilima Sam Fong, Fresno State
Digs	3G 80-vs. Sacramento St.	38-at Rutgers	60-#2 Nebraska	30-Rutgers	26-Henican (vs. Sac. St.)	19-Kristin Jackson, Cal Poly
	4G 79-Loyola Chicago	53-at South Carolina	80-Loyola & Mich.	53-Michigan St.	37-Henican (at Seton Hall)	20-Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chi.
	5G 91-Valparaiso	59-#2 Nebraska	102-Valparaiso	68-#2 Nebraska	22-Henican (vs. Fresno St.)	29-Sara Silcox, Valparaiso
Blocks	3G 16-at Syracuse	9-at Rutgers	13-#2 Nebraska	5-Cal Poly	7-Brewster/Cooper (at Syr.)	7-twice
	4G 14.5-Loyola Chicago	6-at South Carolina	14-South Carolina	5-Michigan	7-Brewster (Loyola Chi.)	7-twice
	5G 25.5-Illinois State	12-#2 Nebraska	15-#2 Nebraska	7-Valpo & Fresno	11-Loom/Stasiuk/Brew (Ill. St.)	8-Tracy Stalls, Nebraska
Points	3G 73-vs. Sacramento St.	47-#2 Nebraska	66-#2 Nebraska	39-Cal Poly	19.5-Kelbley (vs. Sac. St.)	17.5-Sarah Pavan, Nebraska
	4G 92-at Seton Hall	77-at South Carolina	91-Michigan	70-Michigan St.	27-Kelbley (at Michigan)	26.5-Jennifer Gandolph, Michigan
	5G 108.5-Illinois State	80-#2 Nebraska	100-#2 Nebraska	78-Fresno State	27.5-Kelbley (Valparaiso)	23-Sarah Pavan, Nebraska

In a Game (fifth games not included in lows)

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points Won	32-Illinois State (2nd)	17-Loyola Chicago (3rd)	34-Illinois State (2nd)	14-Cal Poly (3rd)	-	-
Kills	23-Valparaiso (1st)	7-#2 Neb. (9/3, 3rd)	23-Michigan (3rd)	7-Cal Poly (3rd)	10-Kelbley (Sac. St., 2nd)	9-Nichol Amberg, Loyola Chi. (3rd)
Attack Errors	11-twice (S.C. 1st/4th)	1-Valparaiso (4th)	13-twice	3-4 times	5-Kelbley (Fresno St., 1st)	6-Kristen Conway, Syracuse (2nd)
Attack Attempts	58-Illinois State (2nd)	28-3 times (MR: CP 3rd)	56-twice	29-Seton Hall (1st)	20-Kelbley (Cal Poly, 2nd)	20-3 times
Hitting %	.424-at Seton Hall (4th)	-.054-#2 Neb. (9/3, 3rd)	.455-Michigan (3rd)	-.162-C. Poly (3rd)	.800-twice	1.000-Amber Davis, SHU (8k,2nd)
Assists	21-twice	5-#2 Nebraska (9/3, 3rd)	23-Michigan (3rd)	5-Cal Poly (3rd)	20-Tarutis (Neb., 9/4, 2nd)	20-Lisa Gamalski, Michigan (4th)
Aces	6-at South Carolina (3rd)	0-15 times	5-S. Carolina (3rd)	0-15 times	4-Brewster (S.C., 3rd)	3-Katie Bruzdinski, Mich. (2nd)
Serve Errors	6-twice (MR: Ill. St., 2nd)	0-twice	5-3 times	0-4 times (MR: ISU-4)	2-multiple times	2-multiple times
Digs	31-vs. Sac. St. (3rd)	7-vs. Michigan St. (1st)	28-Valparaiso (4th)	8-Mich. St. (1st)	12-Henican (SHU, 2nd)	10-Kristin Jackson, Cal Poly (2nd)
Blocks	9-Illinois State (3rd)	0-at Cal Poly (2nd)	7-S. Carolina (1st)	0-8 times	5-Brewster (Cal Poly, 3rd)	4-4 times
Points	31-Illinois State (2nd)	12-#2 Neb. (9/3, 3rd)	25-S. Carolina (3rd)	9-Cal Poly (3rd)	10.5-Kelbley (Sac. St., 2nd)	11.5-Nichol Amberg, Loyola (3rd)

In Fifth Games

Category	ND High	ND Low	Opp. High	Opp. Low	ND Ind. High	Opp. Ind. High
Points Won	15-Fresno St. & Illinois St.	10-#2 Nebraska	15-Neb. & Valpo	10-Illinois State	-	-
Kills	9-vs. Fresno State	7-#2 Nebraska	8-Valpo & ISU	7-Neb. & FSU	4-Stasiuk (FSU) & Brew (ISU)	4-Ashley Grubb, Illinois State
Attack Errors	6-Nebraska & Valpo	1-Illinois State	6-Illinois State	2-Neb. & Valpo	2-five times	2-3 times
Attack Attempts	28-Valparaiso	16-Illinois State	24-Valparaiso	16-#2 Nebraska	9-Kelbley (Valparaiso)	11-Ashley Grubb, Illinois State
Hitting %	.438-Illinois State	.043-#2 Nebraska	.312-#2 Nebraska	.087-Illinois State	1.000-Brewster (4 K, ISU)	.750-twice (MR: Doombos, ISU)
Assists	8-Valpo & Fresno State	5-#2 Nebraska	8-Illinois State	6-#2 Nebraska	8-Tarutis (vs. Fresno State)	8-Kelly Rikli, Illinois State
Aces	1-Illinois State	0-3 times	0-4 times	0-4 times	1-Loomis (Illinois State)	0
Serve Errors	2-Nebraska & Fresno St.	0-Valpo & Illinois State	2-Valpo & FSU	0-Illinois State	1-4 times	1-5 times
Digs	8-Valparaiso & Fresno St.	5-Illinois State	11-Valparaiso	6-Fresno State	3-3 times	3-4 times
Blocks	4-Illinois State	0-#2 Nebraska	6-#2 Nebraska	0-3 times (MR: ISU)	2-Brew/Cooper/Loomis (ISU)	3-Stalls & Elmer, Nebraska
Points	13-Illinois State	7-#2 Nebraska	13-#2 Nebraska	7-Fresno State	5-Brewster (Illinois State)	4-twice (MR: Ashley Grubb, ISU)

The Last Time...

Team

- ... Notre Dame lost the first game in a win – 9/26/03, vs. Villanova [lost 8 straight when losing first game]
- ... Notre Dame lost the first 2 games in a win – 9/5/03, vs. Houston (@ Austin, TX) [lost 7 straight when losing first 2 games]
- ... Notre Dame was down 2-1 in a win – 11/7/03, vs. Virginia Tech [lost 4 straight when down 2-1]
- ... Notre Dame won the first game in a loss – 9/7/04 vs. Valparaiso [won 8 straight when winning first game]
- ... Notre Dame won the first 2 games in a loss – 9/18/02, at Purdue [won 32 straight when winning first 2 games]
- ... Notre Dame was up 2-1 in a loss – 9/4/04, vs. #2 Nebraska [won 4 straight when leading 2-1]
- ... 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 - 9/10/04, vs. Fresno State (W, 3-2/San Luis Obispo, CA), Lauren Kelbley (17), Adrianna Stasiuk (15), Lauren Brewster (14), Emily Loomis (12), Ellen Heintzman (10)
- ... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ kills - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Kelbley (20), Emily Loomis (18), Lauren Brewster (17)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ kills - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Kelbley (20)
- ... 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 - 10/10/04, at Seton Hall (W, 3-1), Lauren Kelbley (25)
- ... 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)
- ... a Notre Dame player had a triple-double - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (17 kills, 13 digs, 11 blocks) & Adrianna Stasiuk (14 kills, 11 digs, 11 blocks)

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 Hemdon (14), Kristen Kinder (10)
- ... 3 Notre Dame players had 15+ digs - 9/7/04, vs. Valparaiso (L, 2-3), Meg Henican (20), Ashley Tarutis (17), Adrianna Stasiuk (15)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 20+ digs - 9/11/04, vs. Sacramento State (W, 3-0/San Luis Obispo, CA), Meg Henican (26)
- ... 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 - 10/10/04, at Seton Hall (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (37)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 30+ digs - 10/10/04, at Seton Hall (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (37)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 35+ digs - 10/10/04, at Seton Hall (W, 3-1), Meg Henican (37)
- ... Notre Dame had 100+ digs - 11/14/01, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 108
- ... Notre Dame outdug its opponent and lost - 11/15/02, at Miami (L, 2-3), 76-73 [won 24 straight when outdigging opponent]

Blocks

- ... a Notre Dame player had 10+ blocks - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (11), Emily Loomis (11), Adrianna Stasiuk (11), & Carolyn Cooper (10)
- ... multiple Notre Dame players had 10+ blocks - 10/13/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), Lauren Brewster (11), Emily Loomis (11), Adrianna Stasiuk (11), & Carolyn Cooper (10)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 4+ solo blocks - 9/4/04, vs. #2 Nebraska (L, 2-3), Lauren Brewster (4)
- ... Notre Dame had 20+ blocks - 10/14/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 25.5
- ... Notre Dame had 25+ blocks - 10/14/04, vs. Illinois State (W, 3-2), 25.5
- ... Notre Dame had 30+ blocks - 10/13/95, at Georgia Tech (L, 2-3), 32

Aces

- ... a Notre Dame player had 5+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), Lauren Brewster (6)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 6+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), Lauren Brewster (6)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 7+ aces - 10/20/95, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), Angie Harris (9)
- ... Notre Dame had 10+ aces - 9/19/04, at South Carolina (L, 1-3), 15

Hitting Percentage

- ... a Notre Dame player hit .500+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 10/10/04, at Rutgers (W, 3-0), Lauren Brewster (13-2-22, .500)
- ... a Notre Dame player hit .600+ (min. 4 attacks/game) - 9/11/04, at Cal Poly (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
- ... a Notre Dame opponent hit over .300 as a team - 12/5/03, vs. #19 Louisville (L, 0-3/NCAA 1st round), .302 (63-18-149)
- ... a Notre Dame opponent hit over .350 as a team - 10/22/02, at #2 Hawai'i (L, 0-3), .373 (64-17-126)
- ... Notre Dame held an opponent under .100 team hitting - 10/10/04, at Rutgers (W, 3-0), .081
- ... Notre Dame held an opponent under .000 team hitting - 11/2/03, vs. Syracuse (W, 3-0), -.008
- ... Notre Dame hit less than .200 - 10/2/04, at Syracuse (W, 3-0), .198 (37-17-101)
- ... Notre Dame hit less than .100 - 9/3/04, vs. Nebraska (L, 0-3), .039
- ... Notre Dame hit less than .200 & won - 10/2/04, at Syracuse (W, 3-0), .198 (37-17-101)

Assists

- ... a Notre Dame player had 60+ assists - 11/7/03, vs. Virginia Tech (W, 3-2), Kristen Kinder (68)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 70+ assists - 11/24/00, at #3 USC (L, 2-3), Denise Boylan (70)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 80+ assists - 10/8/00, at Pittsburgh (W, 3-1), Denise Boylan (86)
- ... a Notre Dame player had 90+ assists - 10/13/95, at #25 Georgia Tech (L, 2-3), Carey May (96)
- ... 2 Notre Dame players had 20+ assists - 9/1/04, vs. Loyola University Chicago (W, 3-1), Ashley Tarutis (25) & Kelly Burrell (23)

2004 Notre Dame Bio Updates

#1 Emily Loomis

Sr. • MB/OPP/OH • 6-1 • Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Preseason All-BIG EAST

Season Highs

Kills: 18 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Digs: 8 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Total Blocks: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Block Solos: 4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Block Assists: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Points: 25 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Assists: 2 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3

Aces: 1 at Michigan & vs. Illinois State

AT: 55 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Hitting %:

3G - .333 (1-0-3) vs. Sacramento State, 9-11

4G - .361 (14-1-36) at Seton Hall, 10-10

5G - .255 (18-4-55) vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Career Highs

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

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

Total Blocks: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13-04

Solo Blocks: 4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Block Assists: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13-04

Points: 26.5 vs. Pepperdine, 9-14-02

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

Preseason all-BIG EAST selection after being tabbed for all-league honors in both 2002 (first team) and '03 (second team) ... also garnered AVCA all-Northeast Region honors in each of last two seasons and was honorable mention All-America in '03 ... currently ranks 12th on Irish all-time kills list with 1,139 (Alicia Turner, 1989-92, is 11th with 1,162) and has a chance to finish in the top five ... the only Notre Dame student-athlete ever to earn all-BIG EAST honors in two distinctly different sports, as she also is a four-time all-league performer in the high jump for the Irish track and field team (including the 2003 outdoor conference champion) ... moved from opposite to middle blocker for final two matches of 2003 and started in that position this season before switching to outside hitter on Oct. 2 (where she played during her first two collegiate campaigns) ... ranks second on Irish in blocks (60/1.15), third in kill average (131/2.52), and fourth in points (172/3.31), and hitting percentage (.206) ... a big reason Notre Dame leads the league in team blocking and ranked 19th in Division I heading into last week (3.20) ... leads team with 18 solo blocks after

having just 20 in all of '03 ... in four matches at outside hitter (15 games), is averaging 3.07 kills on .255 hitting to go with 1.40 blocks and 4.00 points ... had top match of the season in five-game win over Illinois State, ending with 18 kills, 11 blocks, and 25 points ... shared team honors with 15 kills on .316 hitting in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago ... also had eight digs and six blocks (four solo) for a team-high 20 points vs. the Ramblers ... had 12 kills, seven blocks, and four digs for 17 points vs. Fresno State ... started against Sacramento State, but played only briefly in the first game in an attempt to rest her on a day with two matches ... finished with 1.22 block average in the Cal Poly Invitational, which ranked sixth among the tournament leaders, while her four solo blocks were the most by any player in the event ... had 11 kills, six digs, and five blocks against Michigan ... notched 14 kills while only making one error for a .361 attack percentage against Seton Hall ... has started 101 of 105 matches during her career, including each of the last 64 matches (dating back to Sept. 27, 2002) ... has appeared in 97.3% (363-373) of the games over the past four seasons, which stands as the highest percentage in school history ... has played in 103 of 104 matches, with that 99.0% mark standing sixth-best in Notre Dame history ... also in the Irish career record book in solo blocks (5th, 78), kill average (8th, 3.14), matches with 10+ kills (7th, 62), matches with 20+ kills (T-7th, 6), and matches with team-high kills (9th, 33) ... in 37 games as a middle blocker, averaged 2.30 kills on .181 hitting to go with 1.41 digs, 1.05 blocks, and 3.03 points.

#2 Leah Nedderman

Sr. • OH • 5-10 • Grapevine, Texas

Career Highs

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

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

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

Block Assists: 2 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

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

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

Will miss all of 2004 campaign with a stress fracture of her right foot after the injury also precluded her from playing at all in '03.

#3 Kelly Burrell

Jr. • S • 5-10 • Phoenix, Ariz.

Season Highs

Kills: 2 vs. Sacramento State, 9-10

Digs: 2, 5 times MR: at Syracuse

Total Blocks: 2, 5 times MR: vs. South Carolina

Block Assists: 2, 5 times MR: vs. South Carolina

Points: 3 vs. Sacramento State, 9-11

Assists: 23 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Aces: None

AT: 6 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

Hitting %:

3G - .667 (2-0-3) vs. Sacramento State, 9-11

4G - .500 (1-0-2) vs. South Carolina, 9-19

5G - .000 (1-1-4) vs. Fresno State, 9-10

Career Highs

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

Digs: 12 at Texas, 9-6-03

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

Solo Blocks: 2 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02

Block Assists: 4 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Points: 6.5 vs. Connecticut, 9-27-02

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

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

AT: 6 four times, MR: vs. LUC 9-1-04

One of Notre Dame's two regular setters ... started first two matches of season (after starting just twice during the first two years of her collegiate career) and played when the setting spot was in the front row ... since then has rotated in off the bench, typically playing in two of the six rotations ... has played in every match but one and 47 of 55 games on the year ... ranks second on Irish in assists (154/3.28) ... a major reason Notre Dame is tops in the BIG EAST in kills (16.40) and hitting percentage (.281) in league matches ... notched 23 assists in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago, bettering her top mark from the 2003 campaign, when she started the season as a regular in Notre Dame's 6-2 offense ... was in on a pair of blocks vs. the Ramblers ... has had one kill in each of the three matches in which she has played ... shared team honors with 11 assists in first match against #2 Nebraska ... had two kills, 10 assists, two digs, and a pair of blocks in three games against Sacramento State, helping Irish to season-high .311 hitting mark ... finished Cal Poly Invitational with 2.80 assist average that ranked fifth in the tournament leaders ... helped Irish to .289 hitting percentage vs. Michigan State ... led ND to .303 hitting mark against Rutgers and .315 vs. Seton Hall.

#4 Meg Henican

Jr. • L/OH • 5-9 • New Orleans, La.

****Captain****

Season Highs

Kills: 11 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4
Digs: 37 at Seton Hall, 10-10
Total Blocks: 4 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3
Block Solos: 1 vs. LUC & Nebraska (9-3)
Block Assists: 3 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3
Points: 16 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1
Assists: 5 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4
Aces: 4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1
AT: 36 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Hitting %
3G - .158 (4-7-19) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3
4G - .160 (7-3-25) at Michigan, 9-28
5G - .233 (11-4-30) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Career Highs

Kills: 13 vs. Providence, 11-1-02
Digs: 37 at Seton Hall, 10-10-04
Total Blocks: 5 vs. Indiana, 9-12-03
Solo Blocks: 1, 9 times MR: vs. Neb., 9-3-04
Block Assists: 4 vs. Indiana, 9-12-03
Points: 16 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1
Assists: 6 vs. Purdue '03 & Syracuse '03
Aces: 4 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1-04
AT: 36 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7-04
Hitting %:
3G - .409 (13-4-22) vs. Prov., 11-1-02
4G - .160 (7-3-25) at Michigan, 9-28-04
5G - .233 (11-4-30) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4-04

One of only two juniors to serve as Notre Dame's sole captain in the 25-year history of the program ... started first four matches at outside hitter before injuries forced her into the libero jersey, where she played for the final two-thirds of 2003 ... her career dig average of 3.48 is the second-best in Irish history ... after becoming just the third ND player ever to have 400+ digs in a season in '03, leads Irish in that category again in '04 with 4.62 average (254 total) ... boasts 5.09 dig average (173 digs, 34 games) as Irish libero in '04 ... has had 20+ digs in five matches of '04 after hitting the 20-dig plateau just four times in first two collegiate seasons ... ranks third in BIG EAST leaders in dig average despite not playing libero in five matches ... also third in dig average in conference matches (6.30) ... has led Irish in digs in 12 of 14 matches ... broke 12-year-old school record for digs in any-length match by registering 37 in four games at Seton Hall ... had four digs in the first game, then 12, 11, and 10 ... set then-career high with 26 digs against Sacramento State, posting the second-highest total ever for an Irish player in a three-game match ... notched double-double in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago with 10 kills and 22 digs to go with a career-high four service aces and three blocks ... had another double-double

in Notre Dame's five-game loss to #2 Nebraska, finishing with 11 kills and 15 digs to go with five assists ... corralled 20 digs against Valparaiso in final match at outside hitter ... notched 22 digs against Fresno State in first match as Irish libero ... registered 17 digs in three games at Cal Poly ... finished Cal Poly Invitational with 5.91 dig average (65 digs, 11 games), which was by far the best of any player in the tournament (next-best average was 5.27) ... notched 15 digs in each match of Gamecock Invitational (vs. Michigan State, at South Carolina) and also had five service aces (2 vs. MSU, 3 vs. USC) ... in 21 games as an outside hitter, averaged 1.81 kills on .071 hitting to go with team-high 3.86 digs and 2.33 points.

#5 Ellen Heintzman

Fr. • OH/OPP • 5-11 • Louisville, Ky.

Season Highs

Kills: 15 vs. Michigan State, 9-17
Digs: 4 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Total Blocks: 2 vs. LUC & Sac. State
Block Assists: 2 vs. LUC & Sac. State
Points: 16.5 vs. Michigan State, 9-17
Assists: 1 vs. Loyola Chicago & S. Carolina
Aces: 1 vs. Fresno State & Michigan State
AT: 38 vs. South Carolina, 9-19
Hitting %:
3G - .111 (7-4-27) vs. Sacramento State, 9-11
4G - .444 (15-3-27) vs. Michigan State, 9-17
5G - .231 (10-4-26) vs. Fresno State, 9-10

Versatile rookie has been a contributor in various spots for Irish ... saw time at both opposite and libero in first week before starting at outside hitter for five matches (9/10-9/19) ... has played in 11 matches and 28 games, averaging 1.96 kills and 2.16 points ... in 19 games as a starter, averaged 2.58 kills (49 total) on .189 hitting mark for 2.82 points (53.5 total) ... top performance of season came against Michigan State in Gamecock Invitational, as she finished with 15 kills on .444 hitting percentage for 16.5 points ... in first career start, had 10 kills on .231 hitting for 11.5 points in Notre Dame's five-game win over Fresno State ... notched 11 kills in final of Gamecock Invitational against South Carolina ... made collegiate debut in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago, slamming four kills on six errorless swings in two games ... also was in on a pair of digs vs. the Ramblers ... saw spot action in second match against #2 Nebraska ... was Irish libero for first two games of match against Valparaiso, registering four digs ... did not play in the first Nebraska match ... five-time All-American for the Kentucky Indiana Volleyball Academy (KIVA) also was

twice a first-team all-Kentucky selection in prep action for Sacred Heart Academy, helping it to its first-ever state championship.

#6 Lauren Kelbley

Jr. • OH/MB • 6-1 • Bascom, Ohio

Preseason All-BIG EAST

Cal Poly Invitational All-Tournament Team

Season Highs

Kills: 25 at Seton Hall, 10-10
Digs: 9 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Total Blocks: 7 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Block Solos: 2 vs. Michigan State, 9-17
Block Assists: 7 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Points: 27.5 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Assists: 1 at Syracuse, 10-2
Aces: 4 vs. Cal Poly & Illinois State
AT: 56 at Seton Hall, 10-10
Hitting %:
3G - .474 (12-3-19) at Rutgers, 10-9
4G - .404 (24-5-47) at Michigan, 9-28
5G - .365 (22-3-52) vs. Valparaiso, 9-7
Career Highs
Kills: 25 at Seton Hall, 10-10-04
Digs: 9 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7-04
Total Blocks: 12 vs. St. John's, 9-29-02
Solo Blocks: 4 at Villanova, 10-13-02
Block Assists: 11 vs. St. John's, 9-29-02
Points: 28.5 vs. Houston, 9-5-03
Assists: 1 on 16 occasions
Aces: 4, 3 times (MR: vs. Illinois St., 10-13-04)
AT: 56 at Seton Hall, 10-10-04
Hitting %:
3G - .706 (12-0-17) vs. Georgetown, 9-28-03
4G - .462 (15-3-26) at Illinois State, 10-29-02
5G - .481 (13-0-27) at Miami, 11-15-02

Preseason all-BIG EAST selection is one of only two current Division I juniors who have gained all-region accolades in both of the last two years ... tabbed honorable mention All-America by the AVCA in 2003 ... gained all-conference honors in both 2002 (second team) and '03 (first team) ... named rookie of the year for both the BIG EAST Conference and the AVCA's Northeast Region in '02 ... ranks among top 10 in Irish career record book in hitting percentage (3rd, .314), kill average (5th, 3.24), matches with 10+ kills (8th, 53), block average (8th, 1.07), and matches with 20+ kills (T-7th, 6) ... moved to outside hitter from middle blocker for final two matches of last season and has remained there in '04 ... leads Irish in kills (215/3.91), shares team lead in service aces (20/0.36), and is second in points (255.5/4.64), attack percentage (.281) and third in service ace-to-error ratio (1.00) ... among the BIG EAST Conference leaders, ranks fifth in kills,

sixth in points, and 10th in attack percentage ... in league matches only, ranks second in kills (4.70), fifth in points (5.25), and seventh in hitting percentage (.323) ... named to Cal Poly Invitational all-tournament team ... led all players in that tournament in both kill average (44/4.00) and ace average (7/0.64) and was third behind teammates Lauren Brewster and Adrianna Stasiuk with a .264 hitting percentage ... had 10+ kills in every match but one this season (six in a row) and 44 of the last 51 ... has had 20+ kills four times, including each of her last two matches, after doing so just twice in her first two collegiate seasons ... has 20 service aces after having just 13 in all of '03 ... has led Irish in kills in eight matches and has been tops in aces and points seven times each and hitting percentage on four occasions ... became first Notre Dame player in nearly four years to have 25 kills in a match when she posted that sum on .304 hitting in four games against Seton Hall ... turned in one of the best matches of her career in five-game contest vs. Valparaiso, matching career best with 22 kills on .365 hitting, while setting a career high with nine digs and adding seven blocks and two service aces for a total of 27.5 points ... had 15 kills and matched then-career high with six digs in season opener against Loyola University Chicago ... was only Irish player with double-figure kills against #2 Nebraska on Sept. 3, finishing with 10 and just two errors for a .381 attack percentage ... registered 15 kills against the Huskers the following night ... led Irish with 17 kills in five-game win over Fresno State ... had 15 kills on .364 hitting in three games against Sacramento State, with 10 of those kills coming in the second game ... notched 12 kills and matched career high with four aces at Cal Poly ... had 12 kills on team-high .273 hitting against South Carolina in final of Gamecock Invitational ... set career high with 24 kills on .404 hitting at Michigan for a total of 27 points ... had 12 kills on .474 hitting at Rutgers ... notched 20 kills to go with five digs and four service aces (matching career high) in five-game win against Illinois State ... has played in all 76 matches during her collegiate career, as well as 267 of 277 (96.4%, which ranks third all-time) games ... has started 75 of 76 matches during her career, including each of the last 52 (dating back to Nov. 3, 2002).

#7 Kelly Corbett

Sr. • DS/L • 5-10 • Mountain View, Calif.

Season Highs

Digs: 6 at Rutgers, 10-9

AT: 2 at Rutgers, 10-9

Career Highs

Kills: 5 vs. Providence ('02) & Loyola ('02)
Digs: 6 vs. Valparaiso '03 & Rutgers '04
Total Blocks: 6 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
Solo Blocks: 1 at Loyola Marymount, 9-6-02
Block Assists: 6 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02
Points: 9 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

Converted middle blocker has made the switch to the back row ... has played in nine matches and 15 games as a defensive specialist, averaging 1.27 digs per game ... matched career high with six digs at Rutgers ... also had five at Syracuse and three vs. Seton Hall ... had one dig in each of the three matches of the Cal Poly Invitational ... also had one dig against Illinois State ... made season debut in fourth game of the second match against #2 Nebraska ... played two games against Sacramento State.

#8 Ashley Tarutis

Fr. • S • 5-8 • Long Beach, Calif.

Gamecock Invitational All-Tournament Team

Season Highs

Kills: 6 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Digs: 18 vs. Fresno State, 9-10

Blocks: 3 vs. Fresno State, 9-10

Solo Blocks: 1 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Block Assists: 3 vs. Fresno State, 9-10

Points: 6 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Assists: 51 vs. #2 Nebraska & Illinois State

Aces: 3 vs. Cal Poly, 9-11

AT: 14 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Hitting %:

3G - .667 (2-0-3) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-3

4G - .200 (2-1-5) vs. Michigan State, 9-17

5G - .375 (4-1-8) vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Notre Dame's starting setter after starting the season playing only in the back row ... leads team in assists (517/9.40) and is third in digs (136/2.47) ... a major reason Notre Dame is tops in the BIG EAST in kills (16.40) and hitting percentage (.281) in league matches ... as a starter, she is averaging 10.02 assists (481 total) and the Irish are hitting .239 with 15.27 kills per game after ND had 13.14 kills on .130 hitting in first two matches of season ... has had six double-doubles ... ranks ninth in BIG EAST in assists, due largely to continuing to split time with teammate Kelly Burrell ... has led ND to 18 games above .300 hitting, including seven per-

formances over .400 ... has been tops on team in assists in every match in '04 ... nearly led Irish to their biggest win in school history (in terms of national rankings) in first career start, as ND took #2 Nebraska to five games before falling ... finished with 51 assists, the most by an Irish freshman since Denise Boylan had 73 in the round of 16 of the 1997 NCAA tournament ... also converted six kills on .357 hitting, marking the most by a Notre Dame freshman setter since Shannon Tuttle had as many against Bowling Green in 1992 ... 20 assists came in the second game ... added 14 digs vs. the Huskers ... had team-high 25 assists and 14 digs vs. Loyola University Chicago in collegiate debut, leading Notre Dame to .226 hitting mark while she was on the floor ... ended up with 47 assists as well as 17 digs against Valparaiso ... led Irish to Cal Poly Invitational title, winning nine of 11 games and leading the field in hitting percentage (.253), kills (16.00), and assists (14.45) ... earned first victory as a starter in five-game match against Fresno State, in which she had 49 assists and 18 digs in helping Notre Dame to three hitting marks over .275 ... orchestrated top Irish offensive performance of the season, as ND hit .311 in three-game win over Sacramento State in which she had 37 assists and 10 digs ... ranked third in assist average (115/10.45) and second in service ace average (6/0.55) in the Cal Poly tournament ... had 44 assists in helping ND to .289 hitting mark (two games at .310+) in leading Irish to first win over Michigan State since 1994 and their highest attack percentage in a match longer than three games since Nov. 7, 2003 ... had 36 assists vs. South Carolina, setting Irish to 21 kills on .409 hitting in game two ... had 39 assists against Michigan, helping Irish to .405 hitting mark in third game ... led Irish to .303 hitting mark at Rutgers and then season-high .315 mark against Seton Hall ... had 17+ kills in all four games vs. the Pirates, and helped Irish hit .340+ in three of the four games ... led Notre Dame to outstanding hitting effort (8 kills, 1 error, .438) in fifth game en route to victory against Illinois State ... helped Irish to 21 kills and only four errors for .347 hitting mark in first game vs. Redbirds ... has committed just five ball-handling errors for an average of one every 103 assists ... has not committed a ball-handling error in 12 of 14 contests ... is just the fifth player to be ND's top setter as a freshman, joining Taryn Collins (1986), Julie Bremner (1988), Janelle Karlan (1990), and Denise Boylan (1997) ... two-time All-American for the Golden West Volleyball Club also helped Los Alamitos High School to its first-ever California state title as a senior.

#9 Carolyn Cooper

Jr. • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Houston, Texas

Season Highs

Kills: 5 at Rutgers & at Seton Hall

Digs: 3 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Total Blocks: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Solo Blocks: 3 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Block Assists: 7 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Points: 8.5 at Seton Hall & vs. Illinois State

Assists: 1 vs. Sacramento State & Seton Hall

AT: 13 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Hitting %:

3G - .333 (5-2-9) at Rutgers, 10-9

4G - .182 (5-3-11) at Seton Hall, 10-10

5G - .500 (1-0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Career Highs

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

Digs: 5 vs. West Virginia, 10-27-02

Total Blocks: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13-04

Solo Blocks: 3 vs. Illinois State, 10-13-04

Block Assists: 8 vs. Loyola, 9-14-02

Points: 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 - .182 (5-3-11) at Seton Hall, 10-10-04

5G - .500 (1-0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 9-7-04

Moved into starting lineup at middle blocker on Oct. 2 after being a key reserve over the past two seasons ... has provided a boost to Irish blocking, as team is averaging 4.10 per game since then (after averaging 2.86 in first 10 matches), and she is contributing 1.67 ... in four matches (15 games) as a starter, also averaging 1.00 kills on .068 hitting to go with 2.13 points ... has played in 37 games, many times entering for only a single point at a time during the early portion of the season ... posted career-high 10 blocks (including career-best three solo blocks) against Illinois State after having sven against Syracuse in first start of season and second of career ... also had season highs in points (10), digs (3), and attack attempts (13) against the Redbirds ... notched five kills on .333 hitting at Rutgers ... registered five kills and team-high five blocks vs. Seton Hall ... played nearly the entire match against Sacramento State, ending up with three kills, one dig, one block, and an assist ... also saw extensive action against South Carolina in the final of the Gamecock Invitational, ending up with three kills and a block ... had first kill and dig of season vs. Valparaiso ... saw action in all five games against #2 Nebraska on Sept. 4.

#10 Adrianna Stasiuk

Fr. • OPP/OH • 5-10 • Park Ridge, Ill.

BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (10/11)

Season Highs

Kills: 16 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Digs: 17 vs. Sacramento State, 9-11

Total Blocks: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Solo Blocks: 2 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Block Assists: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Points: 21.5 vs. Valparaiso & Illinois State

Assists: 9 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Aces: 5 vs. Loyola Chicago, 9-1

AT: 42 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Hitting %:

3G - .458 (12-3-24) vs. Sacramento State, 9-11

4G - .344 (15-4-32) at Seton Hall, 10-10

5G - .342 (16-3-38) vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

One of Notre Dame's best all-around players has been an immediate contributor ... has started every at opposite and ranks among top three on team in six statistical categories: tied for first in service aces (20/0.36), second in digs (160/2.91), and third in kills (138/2.51), points (186/3.38), blocks (53/0.96), and assists (38/0.69) ... tabbed BIG EAST Rookie of the Week on 10/11 for helping Irish to road wins at Rutgers and Seton Hall, averaging 3.43 kills per game on a .302 hitting mark, while contributing 3.29 digs to an Irish defense that held its opponents to an attack percentage of only .166 ... clinched a triple-double against Illinois State (first for an ND player since 1998) in just three games, finishing with 14 kills, 11 digs, and 11 blocks ... more than doubled previous season high in blocks (five) ... notched two aces vs. the Redbirds, as well, including one to end marathon second game (34-32) ... has had 11+ digs on 10 occasions ... serves as Notre Dame's secondary setter and occasionally as its primary setter for one or two points at a time ... was just one assist shy of a triple-double vs. Valparaiso, ending up with 16 kills on .342 hitting, as well as 15 digs and nine assists ... also had five blocks and a pair of service aces ... Notre Dame's best fifth-game player is hitting .438 (10-3-16) in fifth games, including four kills against Fresno State and three on four errorless swings vs. Valparaiso ... used jump serve for five aces in collegiate debut vs. Loyola University Chicago, becoming the first ND player since 2001 to notch five or more aces in a match ... also had 14 digs, four kills, and four assists against the Ramblers ... finished with eight kills on .294 hitting and team-best 12 digs in first match vs. #2 Nebraska ... had 15 kills on team-high .286 hitting to go with 11 digs for 17 points in five-game win over Fresno State ...

notched 14 kills on collegiate-high .458 hitting and had season-best 17 digs against Sacramento State ... among Cal Poly Invitational leaders, ranked second in hitting percentage (.300, behind teammate Lauren Brewster), sixth in kills (3.36), and seventh in assists (0.91) ... notched 12 kills and three aces against Michigan State in Gamecock Invitational ... notched 16 digs at Michigan and had 12 in three games at Syracuse ... also had five blocks in both of those matches ... registered 15 kills on .344 hitting to go with 14 digs for 18.5 points at Seton Hall ... four-time All-American helped the Sports Performance Volleyball Club to six national championships ... "Fab 50" selection by Volleyball magazine and ranked 42nd in the PrepVolleyball.com Senior Aces rankings ... was Maine South High School's first-ever all-state volleyball player.

#11 Danielle Herndon

So. • DS/L • 5-7 • Plant City, Fla.

Season Highs

Digs: 12 vs. Michigan State, 9-17

Assists: 1 vs. Fresno State & Illinois State

Aces: 2 vs. South Carolina, 9-19

AT: 1 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Career Highs

Digs: 20 vs. South Carolina, 9-14-03

Points: 3 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03

Assists: 2 vs. Va. Tech ('03) & #10 Ariz. ('03)

Aces: 3 vs. Virginia Tech, 11-7-03

AT: 3 at North Carolina, 10-21-03

Back-row player who started season at libero, but now fills defensive specialist role ... has played in 46 of 55 games, registering 69 digs (1.50) ... has been one of Notre Dame's most consistent servers, leading Irish in both service ace-to-error ratio (1.67, 5 SA, 3 SE) and serve percentage (109-112, .973) ... served as Irish libero in 15 of first 17 games of season ... missed first two games vs. Valparaiso, but then registered six digs off the bench in final three games ... also had an ace against the Crusaders ... finished with nine digs and an assist and an ace as a DS vs. Fresno State ... had eight digs against Sacramento State ... notched season-high 12 digs against Michigan State ... had season-best two service aces vs. South Carolina ... did not play at Rutgers ... returned to action with five digs in three games against Seton Hall ... notched seven digs against Illinois State ... has made just four reception errors, an average of one every 11.5 games.

#12 Lauren Brewster

Jr. • MB • 6-3 • Brentwood, Tenn.

Preseason All-BIG EAST

Cal Poly Invitational MVP

BIG EAST Player of the Week (9/13)

Gamecock Invitational All-Tournament Team

Season Highs

Kills: 18 vs. #2 Nebraska (9-4) & Valpo

Digs: 13, 3 times (MR: vs. Illinois State, 10-13)

Blocks: 11 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Block Solos: 4 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Block Assists: 10 vs. Illinois State, 10-13

Points: 24.5 vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Assists: 1, 7 times (MR: vs. Illinois State, 10-13)

Aces: 6 vs. South Carolina, 9-19

AT: 45 vs. Valparaiso, 9-7

Hitting %:

3G - .684 (13-0-19) vs. Cal Poly, 9-11

4G - .500 (17-2-30) vs. Michigan State, 9-17

5G - .452 (18-4-31) vs. #2 Nebraska, 9-4

Career Highs

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

Digs: 13, 3 times (MR: vs. Illinois St., 10-13-04)

Total Blocks: 13 vs. Utah '03 & Purdue '03

Solo Blocks: 4 vs. B.C. '03 & Nebraska '04

Block Assists: 12 vs. Miami (BE), 11-24-02

Points: 27 at North Carolina, 10-21-03

Assists: 2 on four occasions

Aces: 6 vs. South Carolina, 9-19-04

AT: 52 vs. Louisville (NCAAs), 12-5-03

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

Preseason all-BIG EAST selection is the defending NCAA Division I blocking champion (1.78) who also helped the Irish lead the nation in team blocking in '03 (3.72) ... tabbed first-team all-BIG EAST, AVCA all-Northeast Region, and honorable mention All-America last year ... career block average of 1.68 ranks as tops in Irish record book, while she is second in hitting percentage (.315), fifth in total blocks (443), and ninth in service ace average (0.255) and kill average (3.02) ... leads the Irish in blocking (83/1.51) for third consecutive season and is also tops in points (258/4.69), and attack percentage (.306) ... ranks second in kills (192/3.49) and service ace-to-error ratio (1.06), and third in service aces (18/0.33) and fourth in digs (115/2.09) ... currently has had 10+ kills in 12 consecutive matches, which is tied for the fifth-longest streak in school history ... one of only two players to rank among the top 10 in the BIG EAST leaders in four categories (also Connecticut's Jamie Hadenfeldt) ... ranked second in blocks, fourth in points, eighth in aces, and ninth in hitting percentage ... a major rea-

son the Irish are first in the league and were 19th in Division I in team blocking ... also ranked in four categories in leaders including only league matches: fifth in hitting percentage (.373), seventh in blocks (1.50) and points (4.85), and eighth in kills (4.00) ... led team in blocks in 12 of 14 matches this season, while also being tops in kills seven times, and aces, hitting percentage, and points on six occasions each ... posted first triple-double by an Irish player since 1998, ending with 17 kills, 13 digs (matching career high), and 11 blocks against Illinois State ... largely responsible for Irish winning the fifth game of that match, when she had four kills on four attempts to go with two digs and two blocks in the decisive frame ... has five double-doubles (including three in a row from Sept. 7-11) to bring career total to 11 ... at Cal Poly on Sept. 11, became eighth player in Irish history to have 400 career blocks ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 13 after helping the Irish win the Cal Poly Invitational (16 G, 60/3.75 K, .336 hitting, 3 BS/23 BA/1.62 TB, 41/2.56 D, 78.5/4.91 pts.) ... tabbed Cal Poly Invitational MVP after leading all players in hitting percentage (.372) and finishing second in blocks (18/1.64), fourth in kills (42/3.82), and fifth in service aces (4/0.36) ... tabbed to all-tournament team in Gamecock Invitational after averaging 3.75 kills on .365 hitting to go with 1.25 service aces, 2.62 digs, 0.88 blocks, and 5.44 points per game ... led all players in five statistical categories -- kills (17), hitting percentage (.500), service aces (4), blocks (4), and points (23) -- in helping ND to first win over Michigan State since 1994 ... turned in the top serving performance for an Irish player since 1995 by notching career-high six aces -- including four on a single rotation in game three -- against South Carolina ... had 10 kills and then-career-high eight digs to go with seven blocks in season opener vs. Loyola University Chicago ... reset career high with nine digs in just three games in first match against #2 Nebraska ... registered 18 kills in back-to-back matches, doing it first on .452 hitting in Notre Dame's five-game near-upset of the Cornhuskers ... duplicated the feat against Valparaiso, while adding eight blocks and 13 digs to reestablish her career high in the latter category for the third time in four matches ... had 14 kills, 13 digs, and seven blocks against Fresno State before notching 15 kills on .323 hitting to go with 11 digs vs. Sacramento State ... matched career high with .684 hitting percentage at Cal Poly, notching 13 kills on 19 errorless swings ... had five blocks in the third game of match against the Mustangs ... had 13 kills and 12 digs against South Carolina ... finished Gamecock Invitational with 10 aces and only one service

error in 47 times serving ... had 13 kills on .500 hitting at Rutgers ... led BIG EAST in blocking in both conference and total matches in both 2002 and '03 and also was tops in hitting percentage in league play last season (.403) ... set Irish record for block assists (161) in 2002 and established freshman records for total blocks (175) and block average (1.68, ranked 4th in Division I) ... has played in all 76 matches during her career, starting 74 of them, including each of the last 40 (dating back to Sept. 6, 2003) ... has played in 263 of 277 games for a 94.9% mark that stands fourth-best all-time.

#13 Laura Bresnahan

Fr. • MB/OPP • 6-0 • Elmhurst, Ill.

Season Highs

Total Blocks: 1 at Cal Poly, 9-11

Solo Blocks: 1 at Cal Poly, 9-11

Points: 1 at Cal Poly, 9-11

TA: 3 at Cal Poly, 9-11

Made her collegiate debut against Cal Poly, registering a solo block ... honorable mention all-Illinois honoree for York Community High School set its school record for career kills (1,154).

#16 Julie McElroy

So. • OH/MB/OPP • 6-0 • Ames, Iowa

Season Highs

TA: 2 at Rutgers, 10-9

Joined Irish as a walk-on last spring ... made collegiate debut against Cal Poly ... also played at Syracuse and Rutgers ... two-time all-Iowa selection for Ames High School set its school record for season hitting percentage (.426).