

2011 notre dame softball

**22 consecutive winning seasons • 12 consecutive ncaa appearances
6 big east tournament titles (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2009)**

gameday central

no. 24 notre dame fighting irish
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series: louisville leads, 10-8 (6-5 big east)
series streak: louisville, w1

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first meeting: 2.16.02 – louisville, 4-3
last meeting: 5.14.10 – louisville, 5-2

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one-hitters

• notre dame rides a 12-game winning streak into the weekend, including a perfect 5-0 mark against big east foes ... the streak is the longest of the season (notre dame opened the 2011 campaign with a 9-0 mark, the best start in program history) ... the series with louisville will cap off a six-game homestand for the irish.

• dating back to 2009, the irish have won 29 of their last 30 home games at melissa cook stadium.

• in the friendly confines of melissa cook stadium, the defending big east regular season champions have won 14 straight league contests ... the last home loss came on the back end of a 2009 doubleheader with louisville (may 3) ... notre dame is 24-7 (.774) all-time in big east games at melissa cook stadium ... now in its 16th season as a member of the conference, notre dame is 248-46 (.848) in regular season league play since joining the conference in 1996.

• last time out (april 13): notre dame made quick work of visiting loyola-chicago with an 8-0 non-conference win in six innings ... loyola-chicago (15-16) had notre dame's number in the last two matchups, defeating (then) no. 24 notre dame in just five innings with an 8-0 shutout in 2010 ... notre dame needed eight innings to post a 4-3 win over the ramblers in 2008 prior to a 2-2 draw in the latter game of that season's doubleheader ... wednesday was a different story ... notre dame batted through the lineup and registered six hits in the opening inning and even left the bases loaded ... with 13 hits on the day, notre dame reached double-digits in that category for the eighth time in the last 12 contests ... the ramblers had more errors (4) than hits (3) on the day.

• last meeting with louisville (may 14, 2010): four runs by louisville in the first inning of the 2010 big east conference softball tournament semifinal matchup between the cardinals and no. 24 notre dame made all the difference in the nationally televised showdown at ulmer stadium ... despite out-scoring the cardinals, 2-1, after the opening stanza, the second-seeded irish fell to third-seeded louisville, 5-2 ... each of notre dame's last three losses in the big east tournament have been at the hands of the cardinals (2007, 2008 and 2010).

• **heather johnson** enters the weekend in the midst of an 18-game hitting streak, behind only **sadie pitzenberger** (26) and **dani miller** (21) on the all-time chart.

• after receiving votes in each of the previous week's polls since the season began, notre dame came in at no. 24 in the most recent usa softball / espn top 25 poll.

2011 schedule / results

2.18 (fri.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio)	w, 3-2
	(1) at ucf	w, 5-3
2.19 (sat.)	(1) vs. illinois-chicago	w, 4-1
	(1) vs. delaware	w, 11-1 (5)
2.20 (sun.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio)	w, 4-1
2.26 (sat.)	(2) at college of charleston	w, 2-0
	(2) vs. iowa state	w, 1-0
2.27 (sun.)	(2) vs. marist	w, 10-1
	(2) vs. liberty	w, 6-4
3.4 (fri.)	(3) vs. longwood	l, 0-2
	(3) vs. #1 alabama	l, 1-4
3.5 (sat.)	(3) vs. north carolina	w, 4-3 (8)
	(3) vs. maryland	w, 5-3
3.6 (sun.)	(3) vs. fordham	w, 6-0
3.13 (sun.)	at cal poly	w, 4-1
	at cal poly	w, 2-0
3.16 (wed.)	(4) vs. #9 oklahoma	w, 2-1
	(4) at cal state fullerton	l, 0-10 (5)
3.17 (thurs.)	(4) vs. #19 louisiana-lafayette	l, 1-5
3.18 (fri.)	(4) vs. new mexico	w, 5-0
	(4) vs. #4 washington	l, 4-7
3.19 (sat.)	(4) vs. #5 michigan	l, 4-9
3.25 (fri.)	northern illinois	w, 4-1
3.29 (tues.)	western michigan	l, 2-3
3.31 (thurs.)	purdue	w, 7-5
4.2 (sat.)	providence*	w, 12-4 (5)
4.2 (sat.)	providence*	w, 7-3
4.3 (sun.)	providence*	w, 9-0 (5)
4.5 (tues.)	at wisconsin	w, 9-1 (6)
4.7 (thurs.)	butler	w, 5-0
4.7 (thurs.)	butler	w, 6-1
4.10 (sun.)	at syracuse*	w, 9-2
4.10 (sun.)	at syracuse*	w, 7-4
4.12 (tues.)	bowling green	w, 10-2 (6)
4.12 (tues.)	bowling green	w, 8-5
4.13 (wed.)	loyola-chicago	w, 8-0 (6)
4.16 (sat.)	louisville* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.17 (sun.)	louisville*	12:00 p.m.
4.21 (thurs.)	at villanova* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.23 (sat.)	at villanova*	11:00 a.m.
4.27 (wed.)	at usf* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.30 (sat.)	st. john's* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
5.1 (sun.)	st. john's*	11:00 a.m.
5.3 (tues.)	valparaiso	5:00 p.m.
5.4 (wed.)	pittsburgh* (dh)	2:00 p.m.
5.7 (sat.)	at connecticut*	4:00 p.m.
5.8 (sun.)	at connecticut* (dh)	11:00 a.m.
5.12-14	big east championship	--
5.20-29	ncaa regionals / super regionals	--
6.2-8	women's college world series	--

(1) ucf invitational – orlando, fla.

(2) cougar classic – mt. pleasant, s.c.

(3) diamond 9 events citrus classic – kissimmee, fla.

(4) judi garman classic – fullerton, calif.

*big east conference game

all times local to site / schedule subject to change

notre dame fighting irish

no.	name	year	position	height	b / t	hometown / high school
1	kelsey thornton	so.	outfield	5-6	l/r	sugar land, texas / elkins
3	heather johnson	sr.	infield	5-8	r/r	los alamos, calif. / mater dei
4	lauren stuhr	fr.	outfield	5-6	b/r	huntington beach, calif. / huntington
5	shannon kelly	sr.	pitcher/utility	5-7	r/r	pembroke pines, fla. / hollywood christian
6	kasey o'connor	jr.	infield	6-0	r/r	yorktown heights, n.y. / yorktown
7	sadie pitzenberger	sr.	infield/outfield	5-7	l/r	tomball, texas / tomball
9	jody valdivia	sr.	pitcher	5-8	r/r	anaheim hills, calif. / canyon
12	katie fleury	sr.	infield	5-5	r/r	san jose, calif. / archbishop mitty
13	alexa maldonado	jr.	outfield	5-6	l/l	short hills, n.j. / millburn
14	monica torres	fr.	outfield	5-7	r/r	winter springs, fla. / winter springs
15	jackie bowe	so.	pitcher	5-7	r/r	galesburg, mich. / galesburg-augusta
17	dani miller	jr.	infield	5-9	r/r	huntington beach, calif. / edison
19	erin marrone	sr.	infield/outfield	5-9	r/r	alexandria, va. / bishop o'connell
22	kathryn lux	so.	infield	5-10	r/r	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
24	brianna jorgensborg	sr.	outfield	5-11	r/r	thousand oaks, calif. / la reina
27	alexia clay	sr.	catcher	5-6	r/r	rochester, ind. / culver academy
28	brittany o'donnell	so.	pitcher	5-9	r/r	avon, n.j. / red bank catholic
35	kristina wright	jr.	catcher	5-9	r/r	ramona, calif. / ramona
40	amy buntin	so.	catcher/utility	5-8	r/r	franklin, tenn. / brentwood
42	chloe saganowich	fr.	infield	5-9	r/r	treasure island, fla. / st. petersburg catholic
44	laura winter	fr.	pitcher/infield	6-1	r/r	san diego, calif. / rancho bernardo

head coach: deanna gumpf (10th season / nebraska '93)

assistant coaches: kris ganeyff (10th season / notre dame '99), lizzy lemire (6th season / notre dame '01)

volunteer assistant: dawn austin (6th season / penn state '93)

athletic trainer: nicole alexander (3rd season / florida '05)

student manager: sean rober (notre dame '11)

louisville cardinals

no.	name	year	position	height	b / t	hometown / high school
00	colby wherry	sr.	infield	5-8	r/r	goodlettsville, tenn. / beech
1	tesha paysen	jr.	outfield	5-3	l/r	hodgenville, ky. / larue county
2	christina roesel	sr.	outfield	5-6	l/r	morris, ill. / morris community
3	jordan trimble	so.	outfield	5-3	l/r	louisville, ky. / dupont manual
4	jennifer esteban	so.	outfield	5-1	l/r	brea, calif. / olinda
5	sarah anderson	so.	catcher	5-4	l/l	shepherdsville, ky. / north hardin
6	alicja wolny	so.	infield	5-9	l/l	el dorado hills, calif. / oak ridge
7	katelynn mann	so.	utility	5-3	r/r	alta loma, calif. / los osos
8	maggie ruckenbrod	fr.	catcher/infield	5-7	r/r	st. louis, mo. / oakville
10	chelsea leonard	so.	pitcher	5-6	l/r	lexington, n.c. / central davidson
11	taner fowler	fr.	catcher/infield	5-5	r/r	morganfield, ky. / union county
12	kristin austin	jr.	outfield	5-5	l/r	hartsburg, mo. / southern boone county
13	caralisa connell	fr.	pitcher	5-8	r/r	murfreesboro, tenn. / siegel
19	chelsea bemis	sr.	infield/catcher	5-7	r/r	san diego, calif. / mt. carmel
21	chrisanna roberts	so.	outfield	5-1	r/r	louisville, ky. / presentation
23	chelsea jordan	so.	outfield	5-6	l/r	livermore, calif. / livermore
24	hannah kiyohara	fr.	infield	5-6	r/r	new albany, ind. / new albany
25	tori collins	jr.	pitcher	5-10	l/l	lafayette, ind. / mccutcheon

head coach: sandy pearsall (12th season / oregon state '83)

assistant coaches: carol bruggeman (6th season / iowa '87), courtney scott (1st season / cal berkeley '03)