

# 2000 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

October 18, 2000

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2000 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE		
<b>Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)</b>		
9/1	#15 BYU vs. Clemson	BYU, 3-0
9/1	<b>Fairfield</b>	W, 3-0
9/2	Clemson vs. Fairfield	Fair., 3-0
9/2	<b>#15 BYU</b>	W, 3-2
9/3	<b>Clemson</b>	W, 3-0
<b>adidas Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)</b>		
9/8	#16 Michigan St. vs. #3 UCLA	UCLA, 3-1
9/8	<b>#4 Nebraska</b>	L, 0-3
9/9	#4 Nebraska vs. #16 Michigan St.	Neb., 3-0
9/9	<b>#3 UCLA</b>	L, 0-3
9/10	#3 UCLA vs. #4 Nebraska	Neb., 3-2
9/10	<b>#16 Michigan State</b>	L, 2-3
9/12	at Valparaiso	W, 3-0
<b>Lady Seminole Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.)</b>		
9/15	vs. Florida A&M	W, 3-0
9/15	at Florida State	W, 3-1
9/16	vs. Samford	W, 3-0
9/21	<b>#22 Loyola Mary. (LMU)</b>	W, 3-1
<b>Golden Dome Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)</b>		
9/22	#7 Colo. St. vs. #22 LMU	CSU, 3-0
9/22	<b>Wyoming</b>	W, 3-0
9/23	#22 LMU vs. Wyoming	LMU, 3-0
9/23	<b>#7 Colorado State</b>	L, 0-3
9/29	<b>Villanova*</b>	W, 3-0
10/1	<b>Georgetown*</b>	W, 3-0
10/7	at West Virginia*	W, 3-0
10/8	at Pittsburgh*	W, 3-1
10/11	at Illinois State	W, 3-0
10/18	at Michigan	L, 0-3
10/20	<b>Rutgers*</b>	7:00 p.m.
10/22	<b>Seton Hall*</b>	2:00 p.m.
10/28	at St. John's*	2:00 p.m.
10/29	at Connecticut*	2:00 p.m.
11/3	<b>Boston College*</b>	7:00 p.m.
11/4	<b>North Carolina</b>	7:00 p.m.
11/5	<b>Providence*</b>	2:00 p.m.
11/7	<b>St. Louis</b>	7:00 p.m.
11/11	at Syracuse*	1:00 p.m.
<b>BIG EAST Championship (Notre Dame, Ind.)</b>		
11/18	<b>Semifinals</b>	1:00, 3:30 p.m.
11/19	<b>Finals</b>	2:00 p.m.
11/24	at #4 USC	6:00 p.m.
<b>NCAA Championship (Semifinals/Finals in Richmond, Va.)</b>		
11/30 - 12/16 2000 NCAA Volleyball Tournament		
Home matches in <b>bold</b> All times local to site		
* indicates BIG EAST Conference Matches		

**WHO:** The University of Notre Dame, Rutgers University and Seton Hall University.

**WHAT:** The continuation of the 2000 BIG EAST volleyball schedule.

**WHERE:** The Joyce Center, Notre Dame, Ind.

**WHEN:** #21 Notre Dame vs. Rutgers, Friday, Oct. 20, 7:00 p.m.

#21 Notre Dame vs. Seton Hall, Sunday, Oct. 22, 2:00 p.m.

**Irish Resume BIG EAST Competition After Two Non-Conference Road Matches:** The Notre Dame Volleyball team (14-5, 4-0 in BIG EAST) returns to BIG EAST competition and the Joyce Center this weekend when conference adversaries Rutgers and Seton Hall travel to Notre Dame, Ind. The Irish will attempt to rebound from a non-conference road loss at Michigan on Wednesday, Oct. 18. It was the first loss in eight matches for Notre Dame away from the Joyce Center this season.

**Twenty Years in the Making:** The Notre Dame volleyball team is celebrating its first 20 years of varsity status this season. One of the university's first varsity sports for women founded in 1980, the volleyball program is one of the most successful in school history. **The meeting with Rutgers on Friday, Oct. 20, will be the 600th Notre Dame volleyball match. Of the 599 matches the Irish have played, they have been victorious in 418 of them for an impressive .700 winning percentage.**

**Scouting the Scarlet Knights:** Rutgers is 17-4 (4-0 in BIG EAST) in 2000 ... Notre Dame has swept all six of the previous meeting between the two teams ... the Scarlet Knights are 7-0 at home this season ... Rutgers four losses came at Michigan State, at Penn State, at South Carolina and at Temple ... **Jo Jameyson (Alvin, Texas)** posted a career-high .722 hitting percentage in the '99 Irish-Scarlet Knight meeting ... Kera Carter leads the team with 280 kills this season.

**Scouting the Pirates:** Seton Hall is 7-14 (0-4 in the BIG EAST) in 2000 ... the Pirates will meet Syracuse on Friday, Oct. 20, before travelling to Notre Dame for Sunday's match ... Notre Dame holds a 6-0 advantage in the series ... Irish senior **Christi Girton (Muncie, Ind.)** had 19 kills in last season's 3-0 Irish victory ... Kari Belin leads the Pirates with 188 kills this season.

**Michigan Recap:** Notre Dame lost its first road game of the year Wednesday, Oct. 18, at Michigan (6-15, 14-16, 14-16). The 21st-ranked Irish were led by senior **Jo Jameyson**, who had eight kills and four blocks, and junior **Kristy Kreher (Birmingham, Mich.)** with 13 kills, seven digs and six blocks, but were unable to hold leads in both games two and three of the

## 2000 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

2	Denise Boylan***	Sr. S	6-1	Lisle, IL	Benet Academy
3	Malinda Goralski**	Jr. MB	6-1	Missouri City, TX	Clements
4	Kristy Kreher**	Jr. OPP	6-1	Birmingham, MI	Marian
5	Jessica Kinder	Fr. OH	5-10	Fresno, CA	Bullard
6	Marcie Bomhach**	Jr. OH	6-0	Waukesha, WI	Catholic Memorial
7	Christi Girton***	Sr. OH	6-3	Muncie, IN	Muncie Central
8	Kristen Kinder	Fr. S	5-9	Fresno, CA	Bullard
9	Jo Jameyson***	Sr. MB/OH	6-1	Alvin, TX	Alvin
10	Kim Fletcher	Fr. MB	6-0	St. Louis, MO	Nerinx Hall
11	Keara Coughlin*	So. DS/OH	5-8	Chicago, IL	Marian Catholic
12	Adrienne Shimmel***	Sr. DS/OH	5-10	Mission Viejo, CA	Capistrano Valley
13	Christa Moen	Fr. DS	5-4	San Antonio, TX	Oliver Wendell Holmes
14	Janie Alderete*	So. DS	5-4	Santa Clara, CA	Archbishop Mitty
15	Katie Neff	Fr. MB	6-4	St. Louis, MO	Cor Jesu Academy
16	Michelle Graham**	Sr. S	5-8	Austin, TX	Austin

\* - denotes monograms earned

**Head Coach:** Debbie Brown (Arizona State, '82, 10th season at Notre Dame)

**Assistant Coaches:** Steve Hendricks (Ball State, '90), Lindsay Rosenthal (Notre Dame, '98)

AVCA/USA Today  
Top 25 Poll  
October 16, 2000

Rk	School ('00 record)	Points (1st)
1.	<i>Nebraska (17-0)</i>	1489 (49)
2.	Hawaii (15-0)	1449 (11)
3.	<i>Colorado State (21-1)</i>	1377
4.	<i>USC (14-1)</i>	1230
5.	Arizona (15-2)	1224
6.	Wisconsin (17-2)	1201
7.	Minnesota (18-1)	1149
8.	<i>UCLA (12-5)</i>	1052
9.	Pepperdine (15-3)	1011
10.	Florida (15-3)	980
11.	Ohio State (17-1)	888
12.	UC Santa Barbara (14-4)	837
13.	Penn State (16-4)	788
14.	Pacific (14-3)	766
15.	Santa Clara (17-1)	662
16.	<i>BYU (13-5)</i>	550
17.	Stanford (11-6)	513
18.	Utah (15-3)	452
19.	Long Beach State (13-5)	372
20.	<i>Michigan State (12-5)</i>	352
21.	<b>NOTRE DAME (14-4)</b>	337
22.	Utah State (14-5)	242
23.	<i>Loyola Marymount (14-5)</i>	208
24.	Missouri (16-2)	171
25.	Texas A&M (11-5)	93
Others receiving 30 or more points: None		

*Italics* = 2000 Notre Dame opponents

Volleyball Magazine Poll  
October 16, 2000

Rk	School	2000 Record
1.	Hawaii	15-0
2.	<i>Nebraska</i>	17-0
3.	<i>Colorado State</i>	21-1
4.	Arizona	15-2
5.	<i>USC</i>	14-1
6.	Wisconsin	17-2
7.	Minnesota	18-1
8.	Ohio State	17-1
9.	Penn State	16-4
10.	Pacific	14-3
11.	Florida	15-3
12.	<i>UCLA</i>	12-5
13.	UC Santa Barbara	13-4
14.	Pepperdine	15-3
15.	Stanford	11-6
16.	Long Beach State	12-5
17.	Santa Clara	17-1
18.	<i>BYU</i>	11-5
19.	Utah	15-3
20.	Kansas State	13-4

Others: Utah State, **NOTRE DAME**, *Michigan State*, Texas Tech, *Loyola Marymount*, *North Carolina*, Baylor, *Michigan*, Arizona State, Cal Poly.

match.

Michigan came out red-hot in the first game of the match, building an 11-2 lead on eight kills and two service aces. Irish head coach **Debbie Brown** called both of her available time-outs, and Notre Dame's offense began to wake up. A service ace from **Keara Coughlin (Chicago, Ill.)** and kills by Kreher and **Denise Boylan (Lisle, Ill.)** cut the Wolverine lead down to 12-6, but two Irish attack errors and a kill from Michigan's Chantel Redus earned her team the victory in the first game.

Notre Dame got back into the match due to a flash of dominance at the net with eight team blocks in game two. With the score knotted at 3-3, Jameyson and Boylan combined for three straight blocks to build a 6-3 Irish advantage. Michigan answered with two kills, but the Irish again strung together three straight blocks by **Malinda Goralski (Missouri City, Texas)**, **Christi Girton** and Kreher to build an 11-5 advantage.

The Wolverines clawed back into game two with a series of kills and the game stood at 14-12 with the Irish holding the lead. Both teams fought back and forth, but Michigan's Sarah Behnke had three kills at the end of the game to allow the Wolverines to steal the game-two victory and a 2-0 advantage in the match.

Over the break between games two and three, Debbie Brown regrouped her team and Notre Dame began to string together some consistent play. The Irish opened up game three with five straight points and would hold that lead throughout most of the game. Freshman **Jessica Kinder (Fresno, Calif.)** was inserted in the starting line up of game three and provided the Irish a boost with three kills and some solid defensive play with three digs. Both teams would battle back-and-forth with a series of consecutive side-outs with the score at 10-6, but a kill from Girton and two blocks by Goralski gave the Irish a 12-7 advantage. Kreher would lead the Irish to game point with three consecutive kills and Michigan called a time out with the score 14-11.

Once again, Michigan was able to rally. Three kills by Joanna Fielder and three decisive kills by Katrina Lehman closed out the game and the match for the Wolverines.

***Girton Named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week for the Second Consecutive Week:*** For the second time in as many weeks on Oct. 2, Christi Girton was named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week. She led the team in kills in both BIG EAST match victories last weekend. Against Villanova, Girton had eight kills on 10 attempts with one error (.700), playing in just two games against the Wildcats. She also led the Irish in kills with 16 against Georgetown, adding nine digs and four blocks. Girton ended up hitting

.354 in the two matches this week with 24 total kills (4.8 per game).

**Girton** had previously been named the Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week for her performance against Loyola Marymount, Wyoming and Colorado State, Sept. 21-23. In the three matches that week, Girton tallied 49 kills (5.44 per game), 34 digs (3.77 per game) and a .318 hitting percentage. She notched 23 kills in Notre Dame's upset win over #22 Loyola Marymount. In the Irish sweep of Wyoming, she played in only two games recording 10 kills and five digs. She also earned a spot on the Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team with her solid play.

Girton becomes the second Irish player to earn player of the week honors this season. Denise Boylan was given the honor on Sept. 4.

***Head Coach Debbie Brown:*** Now entering her 10th season as head coach, **Debbie Brown** has led the Notre Dame volleyball team to victory in nearly 75 percent of its matches, going 242-85 (.740) since she joined the program in 1991. That success came after six years as head coach at Arizona State (1983-88), giving her a 358-168 record over 15 seasons.

**Brown** has coached teams that have qualified for the NCAA tournament 13 times and have won nine conference championships. The Irish have won four of five regular-season conference titles since they began BIG EAST play in 1995 and also have won four of five BIG EAST tournament titles. An NCAA berth at the end of the 2000 season would give **Brown** her 14th consecutive post-season coaching opportunity.

***Milestone:*** With her 16-kill effort against Georgetown on Oct. 1, senior **Christi Girton** surpassed the 1,000-kill plateau for her career. Girton currently has 1,070 career kills. She becomes the 11th Irish player to surpass 1,000 kills in a career.

***Boylan Earns Player of the Week Honors:*** Senior setter **Denise Boylan** was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Monday, Sept. 4, for her performance during the Shamrock Invitational (Sept. 1-3). She led the team to three victories, including a come-from-behind upset over #15 BYU. **Boylan's** statistics over the course of the Shamrock tournament: 136 assists (12.36 apg), 27 digs, 10 blocks, 10 kills and five aces.

***Preseason Honors:*** Notre Dame senior setter **Denise Boylan** was chosen as the BIG EAST preseason player of the year on Aug. 8. Boylan earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors in 1999 after leading the Irish with 1,132 assists and 35 aces. Her career marks of 3,291 assists and 11.84 assist per game average are both second in school history.

**Boylan** was joined on the preseason all-BIG

## Probable Notre Dame Starters

### Setter

**Denise Boylan**, Sr. 6-1 (Lisle, Ill.)

### Outside Hitters

**Marcie Bomhack**, Jr., 6-0  
(Waukesha, Wis.)

**Christi Girton**, Sr., 6-3  
(Muncie, Ind.)

### Opposite

**Kristy Kreher**, Jr., 6-1  
(Birmingham, Mich.)

### Middle Blockers

**Jo Jameyson**, Sr., 6-1  
(Alvin, Texas)

**Malinda Goralski**, Jr., 6-1  
(Missouri City, Texas)

### Defensive Specialists

**Janie Alderete**, So., 5-4  
(Santa Clara, Calif.)

**Keara Coughlin**, So., 5-7  
(Chicago, Ill.)

## Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame volleyball is coordinated by sports information assistant Alan Wasielewski. Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available to the media by contacting Wasielewski at (219) 631-3397. Requests to interview student-athletes should be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Media may contact head coach Debbie Brown directly on weekdays at (219) 631-6307. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

## Come Join the Fun at the Joyce Center

The Notre Dame Promotions Department is supporting a number of new and exciting promotional events at the Notre Dame volleyball games in 2000.

The Irish will play host to Beach Volleyball Night on Friday, Oct. 20, when Notre Dame meets conference foe Rutgers. Fans are encouraged to dress for the beach as you could win a trip for two to Florida. The first 250 fans will receive a free sun visor.

There will also be a Dad-Daughter Day when the Irish meet Seton Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22. Daughters 16-and-under receive free admission when accompanied by their father to the match. There will be a series of giveaways throughout the afternoon, including tickets to the Oct. 25 N'Sync concert in Indianapolis, Ind.

EAST team by fellow senior **Christi Girton**. **Girton** had previously earned second team all-BIG EAST accolades after the 1998 and 1999 seasons. She led the team in kills (333) and digs (201) last season and ranks 10th on the career hitting percentage list with a .254 mark.

**Top Hitters Return:** Even after the loss of **Mary Leffers**, the top career percentage hitter in school history, Notre Dame boasts two of its top all-time ball strikers on its 2000 roster.

**Kristy Kreher** put together one of the best hitting percentage seasons ever in 1999, recording 272 kills on 592 attempts with only 85 errors (.316 percentage). **Kreher** has moved up the career charts as well, ranking second in hitting percentage with a .294 mark entering the 2000 season. In 19 matches this season, she has a .338 percentage (255 kills, 77 errors on 526 attempts).

Senior **Christi Girton** also had an impressive 1999 season with 333 kills and just 111 errors for a .302 mark, which is tied for the 10th-best season mark in Irish history. **Girton** boasts a .259 percentage in 2000 (230 kills, 91 errors on 537 attempts).

**Home Court Advantage To Be Tested:** The Irish continued their traditional success at home in 1999 with a 10-2 Joyce Center record. Notre Dame is 165-64 all-time in the Joyce Center and the Debbie Brown era (1991-current) is even better. Since 1991, Notre Dame has won 113 of 133 home matches for a stellar .849 winning percentage.

These numbers are being challenged in 2000 as the Irish have played #1 Nebraska, #4 Colorado State, #7 UCLA, #15 BYU #17 Michigan State and #22 Loyola Marymount in the first four weeks of the 2000 season. Notre Dame also will play host the 2000 BIG EAST volleyball championship Nov. 18-19.

**A Highly-Rated Group of Freshmen:** The class of 2004 that features **Kim Fletcher** (St. Louis, Mo.), **Jessica Kinder**, **Kristen Kinder**, **Katie Neff** (St. Louis, Mo.) and **Christa Moen** (San Antonio, Texas) was ranked the ninth-best recruiting class in the nation by *Volleyball Magazine*. **Fletcher** and **Kristen Kinder** were members of *Volleyball Magazine's* "Fab 50" list of the top senior high school volleyball players in the country.

**Freshmen Contribute Early in the Season:** The 2000 freshmen class has made some significant contributions in the first seven matches of the year. OH **Jessica Kinder** and MB **Kim Fletcher** have been in and out of the rotation for the Irish in the first three weeks of the season. **Fletcher** has played in 36 of the 64 games this season, scoring 49 kills, 24 digs and 23 blocks. **Jessica Kinder** has come off the bench with an effective jump-serve to score 11 aces and also has 29 kills and 53 digs.

MB **Katie Neff** and S **Kristen Kinder** were

## 2000 BIG EAST Standings (Oct. 16)

Standings	'00 Overall	BE
1. Rutgers	17-3	4-0
2. Notre Dame	14-4	4-0
3. St. John's	18-5	3-1
4. Connecticut	12-7	3-1
5. Pittsburgh	16-8	2-2
6. Georgetown	12-7	2-2
7. West Virginia	7-10	2-2
8. Syracuse	15-8	1-3
9. Providence	14-8	1-3
10. Villanova	7-13	1-3
11. Boston College	6-13	1-3
12. Seton Hall	7-14	0-4

## 2000 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

**Denise Boylan**, Notre Dame  
**Christi Girton**, Notre Dame  
Dama Fiume, Syracuse  
Kiran Gill, Georgetown  
Sarah Katinger, Providence  
Yulia Vtyurina, Georgetown

**Preseason Player of the Year**  
**Denise Boylan**, Notre Dame



in the starting lineup of the third game versus Valparaiso and Villanova. **Kristen Kinder** set the Irish to a .409 hitting percentage in the decisive game against Valparaiso and added three kills. **Neff** had two kills and a block in the game versus the Crusaders. **Kristen Kinder** also saw action in the Florida A&M match, playing two games and totaling four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs.

Freshman DS **Christa Moen** has seen action in 19 games this season, tallying 22 digs.

**A Record Number of Home Matches?:** The Irish have 17 home matches scheduled in 2000. If Notre Dame qualifies for the BIG EAST tournament (the top four teams in the conference will make up the tournament field) it will have an opportunity to play the most home matches in the program's history. Notre Dame played 18 home matches in 1992 and 1996.

**Freshmen Connections:** Four of the five

## BIG EAST Weekly Honors

### Players of the Week:

Sept. 4:	<i>Denise Boylan, Notre Dame</i>
Sept. 11:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse
Sept. 18:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse Kiran Gill, Georgetown
Sept. 25:	<i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i> Dana Fiume, Syracuse
Oct. 2:	<i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i> Sarah Katinger, Providence
Oct. 9:	Kera Carter, Rutgers
Oct. 16:	Lauren Warner, Georgetown

### Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

<b>Kills:</b>	Kristy Kreher	255
	Christi Girton	230
	Marcie Bomhack	162
<b>Attack Attempts:</b>	Christi Girton	537
	Kristy Kreher	526
	Marcie Bomhack	464
<b>Hitting Percentage:</b>	Malinda Goralski	.365 (148 kills, 37 errors, 304 att.)
	Kristy Kreher	.338 (255, 77, 526)
	Denise Boylan	.336 (63, 17, 137)
<b>Assists per game:</b>	Denise Boylan	13.14
	Kristen Kinder	7.64
	Kristy Kreher	0.93
<b>Aces:</b>	Keara Coughlin	19
	Denise Boylan	18
	Marcie Bomhack	17
<b>Digs:</b>	Marcie Bomhack	158
	Kristy Kreher	156
	Christi Girton	149
<b>Blocks:</b>	Malinda Goralski	74
	Jo Jameyson	45
	Kristy Kreher	44

Notre Dame freshmen enjoy two different bonds. **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** will be the first pair of twins to take the court for the Irish. Classmates **Katie Neff** and **Kim Fletcher** are both from the St. Louis, Mo., area and played on the same club team, the St. Louis Elite.

**Neff** and **Fletcher** will get a chance to play hometown St. Louis University when the Billikens visit the Joyce Center Nov. 7. The **Kinders**, who call Fresno, Calif., home, will get to return to the west coast when the Irish travel to USC Nov. 24.

**California Dreaming:** When the Irish travel to Los Angeles, Calif., for their final regular season match up versus USC, a number of players will get a chance to play in their home state. The Golden State is home to four players on the 2000 roster: Senior **Adrienne Shimmel** (Mission Viejo), sophomore **Janie Alderete** (Santa Clara) and freshmen **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno).

**Texas Representation:** Texas also boasts four players on the 2000 Irish roster. Seniors **Jo Jameyson** (Alvin) and **Michelle Graham** (Austin), junior **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City) and freshman **Christa Moen** (San Antonio) will compete with California for state bragging rights in the Irish locker room. Assistant coach **Lindsay Rosenthal** (Austin) also hails from the Lone Star State.

**Shimmel Off the Bench:** Senior OH **Adrienne Shimmel** has provided the Irish quite a boost off the bench this season. She set career-highs in kills (six), attack attempts (16) and blocks (three) in the Irish victory over Samford.

**Shimmel's** 24 kills on the season has eclipsed her career total of 17 entering the 2000 campaign.

**Toughest Schedule?** Notre Dame has faced one of the toughest schedules in the nation this year. According to the AVCA/USA Today Oct. 16, rankings, the Irish have faced two of the top five teams in the nation, #1 Nebraska and #3 Colorado State, in the month of September. The Irish will also meet current-#4 USC on Nov. 24, in Los Angeles.

Eight teams in the top 25 appear on the Notre Dame schedule this season. The Irish have knocked off #15 BYU (now ranked 16th) and #23 Loyola Marymount.

**Notre Dame In BIG EAST Competition:** Since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, it has won four regular-season conference titles in volleyball. Until Georgetown knocked the Irish off in the BIG EAST Tournament in 1999, Notre Dame had compiled a 10-0 record in the BIG EAST Tournament and won four titles. Current Irish OH **Marcie Bomhack** was named MVP of the BIG EAST Tournament in 1998.

**Goralski Patrols the Net:** The loss of 1999

BIG EAST Player of the Year **Mary Leffers** to graduation has been eased by the steady play of junior **Malinda Goralski**. Through 17 matches in 2000, Goralski has nearly surpassed her career totals over the last two years:

<b>1999:</b>	Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage	Games Played
	110	77	.271	91
<b>2000:</b>	Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage	Games Played
	148	74	.365	59

The Missouri, Texas, native had a career-high 15 kills in the five-game loss to #16 Michigan State on September 10. She matched that number of kills in the Irish upset of #22 Loyola Marymount.

Goralski, who leads the BIG EAST in hitting percentage with a .357 mark, followed her performance against LMU with a 10-kill match against Wyoming. She totaled those 10 kills on 12 attempts without committing an error for an amazing .833 hitting percentage. She also leads the team in blocks this season with 66.

**AVCA Poll History:** Since **Debbie Brown** took over the program in 1991, Notre Dame has made numerous appearances in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) poll. Notre Dame's first ranking came in the preseason poll of 1992. Notre Dame's highest ranking was seventh on Oct. 10, 1995, after an Irish eight-match win streak. The highest final ranking was 12th in 1994, when the Irish advanced to the final 16 teams in the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame is currently ranked 21st in the poll.

**2000 BIG EAST Tournament:** The 2000 BIG EAST Volleyball Tournament will be played at the Joyce Center for the first time since 1995. The semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, with the championship to be played on Sunday, Nov. 19. The Irish boast a .909 winning percentage (10-1) in tournament play since they joined the league in 1995 and have captured four tournament titles.

**Dominance:** In the past decade, only three BIG EAST schools have claimed the volleyball tournament crown. Pittsburgh dominated the late '80s and early '90s with seven straight titles, while Notre Dame won the next four, led by tournament MVPs **Angie Harris** ('95), **Lindsay Treadwell** ('96), **Jaimie Lee** ('97) and **Marcie Bomhack** ('98). Providence ('83, '85, '87) and Georgetown ('99) are the only other schools to have won a BIG EAST championship.

**New Format:** The BIG EAST Conference has a new four-team format after experimenting with an expanded three-day, six-team field in 1999. The tournament will include the top four teams according to the final regular-season standings.

2000 Individual Match Highs			Team Match Highs			BIG EAST Conference Leaders (for all games as of Oct.16)			
<b>Kills:</b>	Kristy Kreher	32	<b>Kills:</b>	at Pittsburgh	99	<b>Hitting Percentage:</b>			
	vs. LMU			vs. LMU	97	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>		
	Christi Girton	30		vs. Michigan State	83	<i>Goralski, M.</i>	ND	.357	
	vs. Pittsburgh		<b>Attack Attempts:</b>	vs. LMU	250	Miller, A.	SJU	.342	
	Kristy Kreher	23		at Pittsburgh	217	Nickels, J.	UP	.336	
	vs. BYU			vs. Michigan State	212	<i>Kreher, K.</i>	ND	.328	
<b>Attack Attempts:</b>	Kristy Kreher	60				Carter, K.	GU	.325	
	vs. LMU		<b>Hitting Percentage:</b>	at West Virginia	.420	<b>Assists/Game:</b>			
	Marcie Bomhack	58		(39 kills, 5 errors, 81 att.)		<i>Boylan, D.</i>	ND	13.31	
	vs. LMU			vs. Clemson	.408	Norris, C.	UP	12.60	
	Christi Girton	57		(63, 14, 120)		Ward, J.	GU	12.52	
	vs. LMU, Pittsburgh			vs. Wyoming	.400	Fanning, S.	PC	11.52	
				(43, 11, 80)		Ferris, M.	WVU	11.12	
<b>Hitting Percentage:</b>	Malinda Goralski	.833	<b>Assists:</b>	at Pittsburgh	94	<b>Blocks/Game:</b>			
	(10 kills, 0 error, 12 att.)			vs. LMU	93	Venarchik, L.	RU	1.43	
	vs. Wyoming			vs. Michigan State	72	Kirikakou, M.	RU	1.30	
	Christi Girton	.700	<b>Aces:</b>	vs. Florida A&M	13	Bach, R.	BC	1.29	
	(8, 1, 10)			at Illinois State	13	Dykema, J.	UC	1.18	
	vs. Villanova			vs. Valparaiso	8	<i>Goralski, M.</i>	ND	1.18	
	Kristy Kreher	.579		vs. Villanova	8	<b>Kills/Game:</b>			
	(12, 1, 19)			at West Virginia	8	Renick, S.	UP	4.71	
	vs. West Virginia		<b>Digs:</b>	vs. LMU	105	Fiume, D.	SU	4.58	
<b>Assists:</b>	Denise Boylan	86		at Pittsburgh	75	Roudovski, O.	SJU	4.52	
	vs. Pittsburgh			vs. Fairfield	67	<i>Kreher, K.</i>	ND	4.32	
	Denise Boylan	84				Carter, K.	RU	4.30	
	vs. LMU		<b>Blocks:</b>	vs. LMU	15	Katinger, S.	PC	4.23	
	Denise Boylan	66		vs. Notre Dame	14	<b>Aces/Game:</b>			
	vs. Michigan State			at West Virginia	13	Vtyurina, Y.	GU	0.57	
<b>Aces:</b>	Marcie Bomhack	5	Notre Dame vs. Opponents				Tuyay, P.	RU	0.52
	vs. Florida A&M						Kiriakou, M.	RU	0.50
	Janie Alderete	4				Warner, L.	GU	0.49	
	at Valparaiso					Stokes, J.	SU	0.48	
	Keara Coughlin	4				<b>Digs/Game:</b>			
	vs. West Virginia					Schwer, L.	BC	4.16	
<b>Digs:</b>	Kristy Kreher	27				Cella, A.	PC	4.09	
	vs. LMU					Katinger, S.	PC	3.99	
	Marcie Bomhack	25	<b>Attack:</b>			Hardy, N.	WVU	3.52	
	vs. LMU		Kills:	UND	OPP	Mercein, K.	SJU	3.49	
	Marcie Bomhack	19	Errors:	1021	887				
	vs. Pittsburgh		Total Attacks:	361	414				
			Attack Percentage:	2410	2375				
			Kills/Game:	.274	.199				
			Assists:	16.7	14.5				
			Assists/Game:						
			Assists/Game:	939	807				
			Assists/Game:	15.4	13.2				
			<b>Set:</b>						
			Assists:						
			Assists/Game:						
			<b>Serve:</b>						
			Aces:	115	98				
			Errors:	135	131				
			Aces/Game:	1.9	1.6				
			<b>Blocks</b>						
			Total Blocks:	160.0	159.0				
			Blocks Per Game:	2.6	2.6				

## BIG EAST Team Leaders (All games as of Oct. 16)

### Hitting Percentage:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Games</u>	
<i>Notre Dame</i>	61	.274
Pittsburgh	84	.247
St. John's	84	.239
Rutgers	67	.238
Syracuse	85	.228

### Assists:

<i>Notre Dame</i>	61	15.39
Connecticut	66	14.36
Pittsburgh	84	14.07
Georgetown	68	14.03
St. John's	84	13.05

### Blocks:

Rutgers	67	2.93
<i>Notre Dame</i>	61	2.62
Syracuse	85	2.60
Connecticut	66	2.59
Seton Hall	70	2.50

### Opponent Hitting Percentage:

Rutgers	67	.137
St. John's	84	.152
Connecticut	66	.163
Boston College	82	.180
Providence	81	.182

### Kills:

<i>Notre Dame</i>	61	16.74
Pittsburgh	84	16.23
Connecticut	66	16.21
Georgetown	68	15.60
St. John's	84	15.02

### Service Aces:

Georgetown	68	2.28
Syracuse	85	2.21
Rutgers	67	2.13
<i>Notre Dame</i>	61	1.89
Pittsburgh	70	1.83

### Digs:

West Virginia	63	17.27
Providence	81	16.93
Boston College	82	16.65
St. John's	84	15.82
Pittsburgh	84	15.05

### Notre Dame Bio Updates:

*Janie Alderete* #14  
Sophomore • DS • 5-3 • Santa Clara, Calif.

Has played in 52 of the team's 64 games played in 2000 ... had a career-high 15 digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... had six digs vs. #16 Michigan State in the adidas Invitational ... had a career-best four aces at

Valparaiso in two games ... also had five digs versus the Crusaders ... tallied three aces versus Florida A&M in the Lady Seminole Classic in Tallahassee, Fla. ... named the "Best Defensive Specialist" in the Lady Seminole Classic Tournament ... had nine digs in the Irish win over #22 Loyola Marymount ... notched eight digs at Pittsburgh ... totaled five digs and two aces at Illinois State.

### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
52	80	1.54	15	0.29

*Marcie Bomback* #6  
Junior • OH • 6-0 • Waukesha, Wis.

Starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 56 of the team's 64 games this season ... had 13 kills, eight digs and three blocks vs. Clemson ... had seven kills and five digs vs. #4 Nebraska ... posted a double-double with 13 kills and 15 digs vs. #16 Michigan State ... tallied five kills on nine attempts with no errors (.556 hitting percentage) at Valparaiso ... had a team-high 11 kills vs. Florida A&M in the first round of the Lady Seminole Classic volleyball tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. ... set a career-mark for aces in a match with five vs. the Rattlerettes ... totaled 13 kills at Florida State ... was named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... notched a double-double vs. Loyola Marymount with 13 kills and 25 digs ... the 25 digs is a career-best total ... also had six blocks against the Lions ... had six kills and five digs vs. #4 Colorado State ... had 10 digs, five kills and four blocks vs. Villanova ... notched a double-double with 12 kills and a team-high 12 digs against Georgetown ... scored 19 kills and 19 digs for third double-double of the year ... had 14 kills and seven digs at Illinois State, including three straight kills to close out the third and decisive game.

### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
56	158	2.82	17	0.30
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
31	162	2.89	.216	13

*Denise Boylan* #2  
Senior • S • 6-1 • Lisle, Ill.

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year ... Notre Dame team co-captain and starting setter ... has played in 57 of the team's 64 games this season ... has played a large part in the Irish hitting .273 as a team ... had 37 assists, 10 digs, three blocks and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... tallied 50 assists, 10 digs and three blocks in the Irish upset of 15th-ranked BYU ... set Notre Dame to a .421 hitting percentage in the fifth game of the BYU match ... helped the Irish post a .408 (season-high) hitting percentage in the Clemson match ... named the 2000 Shamrock Invitational Most Valuable Player ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 4, for her perfor-

mance over the course of the Shamrock Invitational ... had a season-high 11 digs versus #4 Nebraska ... tallied six kills, 66 assists, six digs, three blocks and two aces vs. #16 Michigan State ... named to the adidas Invitational all-tournament team ... had 51 assists, nine digs and three blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team, the third all-tournament selection on the year ... set the Notre Dame record for assists in a four-game match with 84 against #22 Loyola Marymount ... combined with freshman setter Kristen Kinder to lead Notre Dame to a .400 hitting percentage in the match against Wyoming ... totaled 41 assists, nine digs, four kills and two blocks vs. Georgetown ... helped the Irish post a .722 hitting percentage (13-0-18) in the first game at West Virginia ... Irish ended up hitting .420 in that match ... broke her own school record with a career-high 86 assists in the four-game match victory at Pittsburgh ... Irish hit .350 over the two-game West Virginia and Pittsburgh match swing ... had five kills, six digs and two aces at Illinois State ... totaled 30 assists, nine digs, five kills, four blocks and two aces in Irish loss at Michigan.

### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
57	749	13.14	18	0.32
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Digs
37	63	1.11	.336	115

*Keara Coughlin* #11  
Sophomore • DS • 5-8 • Chicago, Ill.

Has played in 56 of the team's 64 games in 2000 ... one of the team's best defensive specialists ... had three digs and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... tallied a eight digs against #3 UCLA ... notched seven digs and an ace vs. #16 Michigan State ... totaled six digs, two kills and two aces vs. Florida A&M ... had six digs at Florida State ... had a season-high nine digs to along with two aces vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... tallied seven digs against #4 Colorado State ... had a career-high four aces at West Virginia ... notched nine digs at Pittsburgh ... tied for the team lead in aces with 17 ... had seven digs and three aces at Illinois State ... second on the team in digs with six at Michigan.

### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
56	88	1.57	19	0.34

*Kim Fletcher* #10  
Freshman • MB • 6-0 • St. Louis, Mo.

Used to spell both Malinda Goralski and Jo Jameyson off the bench ... provides a spark with some powerful and accurate hitting ... recorded her first career kill and block in the Fairfield match ... had three kills and a block in the upset of #15 BYU ... had two kills, four blocks and three kills vs. Clemson ... notched three kills, four digs and two blocks against #3 UCLA ... totaled five kills and four blocks against

#16 Michigan State ... posted seven kills against Samford ... had six kills and two blocks vs. Wyoming ... had a career-high five blocks at West Virginia ... played a major role in the Irish victory at Pittsburgh with a career-best eight kills (8-1-11) for a .636 hitting percentage ... has scored a kill in 15 of 16 career matches.

#### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
36	24	0.67	5	0.15
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
23	49	1.36	.274	4

**Christi Girton** #7  
Senior • OH • 6-3 • Muncie, Ind.

Preseason all-BIG EAST team member ... starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 58 of the team's 64 games this season ... posted double-digit kills in 11 of the 19 Irish matches this season ... second on the team in kills with 230 ... began the season vs. Fairfield with 14 kills, eight digs and four blocks ... had 18 kills and eight digs in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... scored six kills and two blocks in the deciding fifth game of the BYU match ... named to the 2000 Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team ... had a double-double with 19 kills and 16 digs against #16 Michigan State ... added five blocks against the Spartans ... one of four Irish players with double-digit kills (10) at Florida State ... had 23 kills vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... also had 17 digs vs. the Lions ... had 10 kills in two games vs. Wyoming ... tallied a double-double against #4 Colorado State with 16 kills and 12 digs ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 25, for her performance vs. LMU, Wyoming and Colorado State ... had eight kills on 10 attempts with one error (.700) vs. Villanova ... notched a team-high 16 kills with nine digs and four blocks vs. Georgetown ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Oct. 2, for her performance vs. Villanova and Georgetown ... had a career-best kills performance at Pittsburgh with 30 total ... also had 15 digs against the Panthers ... had a double-double at Illinois State with 17 kills and 17 digs.

#### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
58	149	2.57	11	0.19
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
31	230	3.97	.259	15

**Malinda Goralski** #3  
Junior • MB • 6-1 • Missouri City, Texas

Starter for the Irish at middle blocker ... has improved each week of the season and leads the team in hitting percentage with a .365 mark ... also leads the team in blocks with 74 ... had a career-high ten digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... notched seven blocks in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... posted

a career-high 15 kills vs. #16 Michigan State ... had eight kills and four blocks at Valparaiso ... notched 10 kills and six blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... tied her career-high with 15 kills against #22 Loyola Marymount ... had 10 kills on 12 attempts with no errors vs. Wyoming ... also had seven blocks against the Cowgirls ... had nine kills vs. #4 Colorado State ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... added nine kills and six blocks vs. Georgetown ... had eight blocks at West Virginia and Pittsburgh ... once again had eight blocks and six kills in Irish loss at Michigan ... her kill and block production in 2000 surpasses her previous two years combined.

#### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
59	74	1.25	9	0.15
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	148	2.51	.365	12

**Michelle Graham** #16  
Senior • DS/S • 5-8 • Austin, Texas

Backup setter who has been used as a defensive specialist this season ... has played in seven games ... has three assists and two aces in 2000.

**Jo Jameyson** #9  
Senior • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Alvin, Texas

Provides depth behind Malinda Goralski at MB and is also used at opposite ... second on the team in blocks with 45 ... notched six kills and four blocks in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... had five blocks against Clemson ... posted six kills and three digs against #4 Nebraska ... tallied five kills and four blocks versus #16 Michigan State ... had season highs with 11 kills and seven blocks against #22 Loyola Marymount ... totaled four blocks vs. Villanova and followed up with six against Georgetown ... totaled five kills at Pittsburgh ... had eight kills and two blocks at Illinois State ... second on the team in kills with eight (and four blocks) in Irish loss at Michigan.

#### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
48	45	0.94	10	0.21
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	77	1.60	.265	4

**Jessica Kinder** #5  
Freshman • OH • 5-10 • Fresno, Calif.

One of five talented freshman on the roster that have received significant playing time ... has played in 39 of the team's 64 games this season ... possesses a powerful jump-serve that head coach Debbie Brown uses as a weapon off the bench ... one of the team leaders in aces with 11 this year ... recorded her first career kill on her first attempt in the Fairfield match ... gave

the Irish a huge spark off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU with two kills, three aces, a career-high eight digs and a block ... had three aces, three digs and a block against #4 Nebraska ... had a career-high four kills vs. #3 UCLA ... posted three kills, three digs and two aces vs. Samford ... had five digs vs. Wyoming ... notched a career-high seven kills to go along with seven digs vs. Villanova ... notched three kills and six digs at West Virginia ... had three kills and three digs in one game at Michigan.

#### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
39	53	1.36	11	0.28
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
6	29	0.74	.078	7

**Kristen Kinder** #8  
Freshman • S • 5-9 • Fresno, Calif.

The future for the Irish at the setter position ... has received some playing time behind senior setter Denise Boylan ... has played in 11 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson and tallied six assists and a dig ... had three kills and five assists in one game at Valparaiso ... posted two kills, 13 assists and five digs vs. Florida A&M ... best match of the young season came vs. Samford ... posted four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Bulldogs ... totaled a career-high 16 assists vs. Wyoming, including setting the Irish to a .286 hitting percentage in the match ... played in one and a half games vs. Villanova, matching her career-best with 16 assists while adding five digs and two kills ... had 13 assists, five digs and one block in one game at West Virginia.

#### 2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
11	84	7.64	3	0.27

**Kristy Kreher** #4  
Junior • OPP • 6-1 • Birmingham, Mich.

The top offensive performer for the Irish so far in 2000 ... leads the team in kills (255) ... scored double-digit kills in 12 of the team's 19 matches on the year ... in 13 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage better than .320, including a .565 mark at Michigan ... has five 20-plus kill matches, four of them against ranked teams (23 vs. #15 BYU, 21 vs. #16 Michigan State, 32 vs. #22 Loyola Marymount, 22 at Pittsburgh) ... began the season with 11 kills and nine digs vs. Fairfield ... notched first double-double of the season in Notre Dame's upset of #15 BYU (23 kills, 17 digs) ... led the team in kills with 16 vs. Clemson ... had 15 kills and nine digs against #3 UCLA ... had second 20-plus kill match of the vs. #16 Michigan State (21) ... scored 19 kills at Florida State to earn the Lady Seminole Classic Most Valuable Player award ... had a great match vs. #22 Loyola Marymount with 32 kills and 27 digs - both career-high numbers ... the 32 kills also set a school

record for the most kills in a four-game match ... had nine kills and nine digs vs. #4 Colorado State ... notched a double-double against Georgetown with 11 kills and 10 digs, while adding five blocks ... led the team with 12 kills on .579 hitting (12-1-19) in the victory at West Virginia ... also had seven blocks against the Mountaineers ... followed up the WVU match the next day with 22 kills, 10 digs, and eight blocks at Pittsburgh ... the eight blocks against the Panthers ties a career-high ... continued her hot hitting at Illinois State with 18 kills (.452 hitting percentage) 16 digs, seven assists and three aces ... led the team with 13 kills at Michigan on .565 hitting (13-0-23) ... also had seven digs and six blocks against the Wolverines.

**2000 Statistics**

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
59	156	2.64	14	0.24
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
44	255	4.32	.338	55

**Christa Moen #13**

Freshman • DS • 5-4 • San Antonio, Texas

Provides quality depth for the Irish at the defensive specialist position ... has played in 19 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU, tallying six digs and an ace ... had four digs and an ace vs. Clemson ... scored her first career kill against Samford ... had three digs and an ace at West Virginia.

**Katie Neff #15**

Freshman • MB • 6-4 • St. Louis, Mo.

Tallest player on the Irish roster ... has seen limited playing time behind Malinda Gorklaski and Jo Jameyson ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson, recording a kill ... had two kills on four attempts and one block at Valparaiso ... posted a kill and a block against Samford ... had career-high three kills and three blocks against Wyoming ... tallied a career-best four blocks (and three kills) at West Virginia.

**Adrienne Shimmel #12**

Senior • OH • 5-10 • Mission Viejo, Calif.

Has provided some energy off the bench for the Irish in 2000 ... has played in 11 games this season ... first action of the season came vs. Clemson where she scored three kills ... had a career-high six kills against Samford ... also had three blocks vs. the Bulldogs ... notched four kills against Wyoming ... had four kills and a season-high eight digs vs. Villanova .. posted four kills, nine digs and a block at West Virginia.

**2000 Statistics**

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
11	28	2.55	0	0.00
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
5	24	2.18	.167	3