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2006 Notre Dame Softball

10 Consecutive BIG EAST Regular-Season Titles • Seven Consecutive NCAA Appearances

Notre Dame vs. DePaul, Thursday, April 13, 4:00 p.m. (DH) (ESPNU)

2006 Schedule (24-12)

February

17	!vs. Colorado State	L, 4-5
17	!vs. BYU	W, 8-3
18	!vs. #14/12 Oregon State	L, 0-5
18	!at UNLV	W, 6-4
19	!vs. CS Fullerton	L, 3-9
24	\$vs. Buffalo	W, 1-0
24	\$at Florida International	W, 5-0 (5)
25	\$vs. Memphis	W, 4-1
25	\$at Florida International	L, 4-5

March

3	&vs. #17/17 Nebraska	L, 2-5 (8)
3	&at Tulsa	L, 1-2
4	&vs. Northern Iowa	W, 10-1 (5)
4	&vs. Kansas	W, 5-2
5	&vs. Stephen F. Austin	L, 1-2 (8)
12	at Cal Poly SLO	W, 3-1, W, 1-0
15	+at CS Fullerton	L, 2-3 (8)
16	+vs. #10/10 Arizona State	W, 3-2
17	+vs. Florida State	W, 1-0
18	+#4/4 Texas	L, 5-6
19	+#6/7 Alabama	L, 3-4
25	at Western Michigan	W, 5-0, W, 2-1 (8)
29	Bowling Green	W, 1-0 (11)

April

1	*Connecticut	W, 9-0 (6), W, 2-1 (8)
2	*Providence	W, 4-1, W, 8-0
4	Eastern Michigan	W, 2-0, W, 1-0
5	Akron	L, 2-4
8	*at Syracuse	L, 1-2, W, 7-5 (10)
9	*at Pittsburgh	W, 7-0, W, 14-4
11	Ball State	W, 6-0
13	*DePaul	4:00 p.m.
18	at #17/17 Northwestern	4:00 p.m.
19	Toledo	5:00 p.m.
22	*Villanova	12:00 p.m.
23	*Rutgers	11:00 a.m.
25	at Valparaiso	5:00 p.m.
26	Purdue	4:00 p.m.
29	*at South Florida	11:00 a.m.
30	*at #18/20 Louisville	12:00 p.m.

May

2	Loyola-Chicago	5:00 p.m.
6	*at Seton Hall	12:00 p.m.
7	*at St. John's	11:00 a.m.
11	BIG EAST Champ.	TBA
18	NCAA Regionals	TBA
25	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
30	Women's CWS	TBA

All times local to site. * - indicates BIG EAST

Conference game. ! - UNLV Desert Classic, \$ - FIU

Invitational, & - Tulsa Invitational, + - Judi Garman Classic

Irish ready to renew rivalry with DePaul on ESPNU -

The University of Notre Dame softball team (24-12) will face a common opponent in an uncommon situation on Thursday, April 13. The Irish will take on DePaul (18-11 as of April 12), one of their most frequent opponents, as BIG EAST Conference members for the first time. Notre Dame also will be making its first appearance on ESPNU - as the cable television station will broadcast game one of the doubleheader live (check local listings for channel location).

Notre Dame and DePaul have met 44 times previous to Thursday's doubleheader, but never a part of the same conference. The Blue Demons joined the BIG EAST Conference in 2005 and are competing in their first season of softball this spring.

Ivy Field audio coverage -

Notre Dame home softball game live audio coverage will return www.und.com on Thursday, April 13 (*Fighting Irish All-Access* subscription required). The DePaul doubleheader will be called by assistant sports information director Chris Masters can be heard live on www.und.com.

Irish ALERT continues on Thursday -

A joint effort between Centennial Wireless, Notre Dame Sports Properties and the Notre Dame Sports Information Office has made up-to-the-minute text messaging a reality this season. Notre Dame announced the Irish ALERT system, which will cover baseball, softball, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse this spring for a free trial.

Simply sign up for the service at www.und.com and your mobile device will receive score updates from each of the four sports throughout the 2006 season. The service also will provide periodical updates providing team schedules and special alerts when content is uploaded on www.und.com.

For softball, updates are sent when the weekly release is posted on www.und.com, when a schedule change pops up (delayed games, added games) and in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings of each Irish game.

Ivy Field parking information -

Due to construction on Ivy Road, the access to Ivy Field is limited this season. For the remaining games this season, the Alumni Field parking lot will be open (just south of the varsity soccer field and past the outfield wall of Frank Eck Stadium) and fans will be allowed to walk through Alumni Field to reach Ivy Field.

The University of Notre Dame softball team appreciates your patience with the access issues and thanks you for your continued support of Fighting Irish softball.

Meagan Ruthrauff named BIG EAST Player of the Week -

Senior 3B *Meagan Ruthrauff* earned her fifth career BIG EAST Player of the Week award, and first of 2006, on Monday, April 9. The senior co-captain finished the week with a .545 batting average, five home runs and 11 RBI. In conference play she was even better, hitting .692 (nine for 13) with six runs scored, five HR and 10 RBI.

See many of the following notes for a closer look at Ruthrauff's outstanding weekend.

2006 University of Notre Dame Softball Numerical Roster

No.		Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown	High School
1	*	Katie Laing	So.	2B/SS	5-4	R/R	Chandler, AZ	Corona del Sol
2	*	Brittany Glynn	Sr.	OF	5-3	R/R	Seymour, CT	St. Joseph
5	**	Kenya Fuemmeler	Jr.	P/UT	5-7	R/R	Salisbury, MO	Salisbury
8		Brittney Bargar	Fr.	P	5-9	R/R	Corona, CA	Corona
11	**	Gessica Hufnagle	Jr.	C/OF	5-6	R/R	Middlebury, IN	Northridge
12		Erin Glasco	Fr.	C	5-7	L/R	Johnson City, IL	Johnston City
14		Beth Northway	Fr.	INF/OF	5-7	R/R	Kentwood, MI	East Kentwood
16	***	Mallorie Lenn (c)	Sr.	C/1B	5-8	R/R	Garden Grove, CA	Pacifica
17		Alexandra Kotcheff	Fr.	OF	5-8	L/R	Los Angeles, CA	The Marlborough School
18		Christine Farrell	Fr.	P	5-8	R/R	La Habra, CA	Sonora
21		Linda Kohan	Fr.	INF	5-6	R/R	Westminster, CA	Westminster
22	***	Sara Schoonaert (c)	Sr.	SS/2B	5-3	R/R	Houston, TX	Clear Lake
23		Stephanie Mola	Fr.	OF	5-5	L/L	Naples, FL	St. John Neumann
24	**	Stephanie Brown	Jr.	OF	5-6	R/R	Chandler, AZ	Corona del Sol
27	**	Carissa Jaquish	Jr.	C/UT	5-6	R/R	Highland, CA	Redlands East Valley
32	***	Heather Booth (c)	Sr.	P	5-10	R/R	Riverside, CA	Martin Luther King
34	*	Sarah Smith	So.	OF	5-7	L/R	Oklahoma City, OK	Heritage Hall
77	***	Meagan Ruthrauff (c)	Sr.	1B	5-10	R/R	La Mirada, CA	La Serna

Head Coach: Deanna Gumpf (Nebraska '92, fifth season, 200-81)

Assistant Coaches: Kris Ganeff (Notre Dame '99), Lizzy Lemire (Notre Dame '01)

* - denotes monograms earned; (c) - denotes team captains

Ball State recap -

Notre Dame won its 24th game of the season with a 6-0 victory over Ball State (9-17) on Tuesday evening. The game was broadcast live on Comcast Local - a cable network available in Michigan and Southern Indiana.

The Irish jumped ahead 3-0 in the game with a two-RBI triple by sophomore **Katie Laing** and an RBI double from freshman **Linda Kohan**. Notre Dame's pitching staff combined to hold the Cardinals to two hits in the contest, while the Irish offense added on three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Among those three runs was sophomore **Brittany Glynn's** first career hit - a two-run home run down the leftfield line.

Weekend recap -

After losing two games in a row last week to end a nine-game winning streak, Notre Dame recovered to post a 3-1 record in conference play and moved their overall conference mark to 7-1 with a split at Syracuse and sweep at Pittsburgh.

The Syracuse doubleheader was a battle to the end. The Orange were able to win game one, 2-1, with an RBI single in the bottom of the second inning. The two pitchers in the contest, senior **Heather Booth** for Notre Dame and sophomore Erin Downey for Syracuse, would not give up a run over the final five innings of the contest.

The Irish recovered to win game two in 10 innings, earning their fourth extra-inning victory of the year. Notre Dame rallied from an 3-0 deficit to take a brief 5-3 lead in the sixth inning. Syracuse rallied with a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth and the score remained tied until junior **Carrisa Jaquish** hit her first home run of the season and second of her career in the top of the 10th inning, a two-run shot, to push the Irish to a 7-5 win.

Notre Dame wrapped up the weekend with dominating doubleheader at Pittsburgh. The Irish won game one 7-0, then took game two 14-4 behind a school-record tying 21 hits. Senior **Meagan Ruthrauff** crushed four home runs during the doubleheader, including a school-record three in game two. She also drove in a program-best seven runs in game two.

Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame softball is coordinated by Assistant Sports Information Director Alan Wasielewski.

Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available by contacting Wasielewski at (574) 631-7516 or via e-mail at Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

Requests to interview student-athletes and coaches must be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Statistics, results and weekly releases (typically released on Wednesday of each week of the season) also are readily available on Notre Dame's official athletic site, www.und.com.

If you wish to be added to the Notre Dame softball weekly release distribution list, please send an e-mail to: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

2006 USA Today/NFCA Top 25

April 12, 2006

Rnk	Team	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	UCLA (23)	33-3	743	2
2.	Texas (5)	40-4	719	1
3.	Alabama (2)	36-4	692	3
4.	Arizona	31-6	658	4
5.	California	36-4	631	7
6.	Tennessee	36-6	562	5
7.	Stanford	29-7	550	9
8.	Oregon State	29-6	526	6
9.	Georgia	38-9	516	10
10.	Arizona State	38-5	506	8
11.	LSU	38-6	453	11
12.	Michigan	25-10	397	12
13.	La.-Lafayette	32-7	390	13
14.	Washington	28-12	335	14
15.	Texas A&M	27-11	332	16
16.	Nebraska	27-6	309	17
17.	Northwestern	25-10	285	15
18.	Louisville	26-5	226	18
19.	Baylor	25-15	198	20
20.	Auburn	26-12	186	19
21.	Oklahoma	26-14-1	153	21
22.	North Carolina	37-11	108	22
23.	Florida	33-15	92	24
24.	Fresno State	24-13	81	23
25.	Missouri State	27-11	21	NR

Others receiving votes:

Southern Illinois (19), Oregon (19), Mississippi State (11), Georgia Tech (10), NOTRE DAME (5), Long Beach State (4), Virginia Tech (4), Texas State (4), NC State (4).

bold indicates 2006 opponents

Notre Dame in the USA Today/NFCA Top 25

Preseason: ORV (30th)
 Feb. 14: ORV (39th)
 Feb. 21: not ranked
 March 1: not ranked
 March 8: not ranked
 March 15: not ranked
 March 22: not ranked
 March 29: ORV (34th)
 April 5: ORV (t-31st)
 April 12: ORV (30th)

ND series history vs. DePaul -

Notre Dame and DePaul have met 44 times, with the Blue Demons holding a 26-17-1 edge in the series ... the series has been close to even since 2001 ... Notre Dame won four straight meetings over ranked DePaul teams from 2001-02, but the Blue Demons recovered with four consecutive wins of their own from 2003-04 ... the teams split their doubleheader last season in Chicago, with the Irish winning game one 2-1 in eight innings and dropping game two 7-4 ... DePaul is by far the most common opponent for the Irish.

DePaul preview -

The Blue Demons have been in and out of the top 25 this season and entered a doubleheader with Illinois on Wednesday with an 18-11 record ... DePaul is 5-3 in its first season in the BIG EAST ... DePaul is led on offense by Amber Patton (.403 avg.) and Marcy Wilus (.321, four HR, 17 RBI) ... the Blue Demon pitching staff shares its innings between Tracie Adix (5-2, 1.88 ERA), Megan Huitink (6-4, 1.98 ERA) and Stephanie Blagaich (6-3, 2.66 ERA) ... DePaul is 4-6 on its opponent's home field this season.

Deanna Gumpf nabs 200th win in record-setting style -

Notre Dame head coach *Deanna Gumpf* won her 200th game with the Irish in game two at Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 9 - and the Irish made sure the win would be remembered with a record-setting performance. As a team, Notre Dame pounded out 21 hits - matching the school record set back in 1992 against Rhode Island.

Two Irish players posted personal-best hit totals in the contest, with junior *Stephanie Brown* and senior *Meagan Ruthrauff* going four for five at the plate. Ruthrauff's big game drew much of the attention, however, as she set two school records in the contest by hitting three home runs and driving in seven runs.

Gumpf is now 201-81 (.713) in her career with the Irish and has led the team to five consecutive NCAA appearances and five consecutive BIG EAST regular-season titles during her tenure.

2006 ESPN.com/USA Softball

Top 25

April 11, 2006

Rnk	Team	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	UCLA (12)	33-5	490	3
2.	Texas (6)	40-4	475	1
3.	Alabama (1)	36-4	459	4
4.	Arizona (1)	31-6	450	2
5.	California	35-4	418	7
6.	Stanford	29-7	386	8
7.	Tennessee	36-6	367	5
8.	Oregon State	29-8	355	6
9.	Arizona State	38-6	339	9
10.	Georgia	38-9	332	11
11.	LSU	38-6	297	11
12.	La.-Lafayette	32-7	269	10
13.	Michigan	25-10	255	13
14.	Washington	28-12	249	14
15.	Nebraska	28-6	218	16
16.	Texas A&M	27-11	201	17
17.	Northwestern	25-10	196	15
18.	Baylor	25-15	133	18
19.	Oklahoma	26-14-1	122	21
20.	Louisville	26-5	121	19
21.	Auburn	26-12	119	20
22.	Fresno State	24-13	66	22
23.	North Carolina	37-11	38	NR
24.	Florida	33-15	37	NR
25.	S. Illinois	26-7	26	23

Others receiving votes:

DePaul (20), Virginia Tech (17), San Diego State (11), **BYU** (6), Mississippi State (6), Oklahoma State (5), **Florida State** (4), NC State (3), Georgia Tech (2) and Missouri State (2).

bold indicates 2006 opponents

Notre Dame in the ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25

Preseason: ORV (30th)
 Feb. 14: ORV (t-32nd)
 Feb. 21: not ranked
 Feb. 28: not ranked
 March 7: not ranked
 March 14: not ranked
 March 21: not ranked
 March 28: not ranked
 April 4: ORV (t-32nd)
 April 11: not ranked

2006 BIG EAST Conference Standings (as of April 11, 2006)

Team	BIG EAST				OVERALL (Final)					ND outcome vs. opponent
	W-L	Pct.	H	A	W-L-T	Pct.	H	A	N	
South Florida	6-0	1.000	4-0	2-0	36-18	.667	22-8	2-3	12-7	April 29
NOTRE DAME	7-1	.875	4-0	2-1	24-12	.667	8-1	9-4	7-7	
Louisville	5-1	.833	3-1	2-0	26-5	.839	11-4	9-0	6-1	April 30
Syracuse	10-2	.833	5-1	5-1	22-15	.595	6-2	6-3	10-10	L, 1-2; W, 7-5 (10)
DePaul	5-3	.625	3-1	1-3	18-11	.621	4-1	4-6	10-4	April 13
Pittsburgh	7-5	.583	3-5	4-0	24-17	.585	8-8	9-4	7-5	W, 7-0; W, 14-4
Providence	4-6	.400	0-2	4-4	19-10	.655	2-2	4-4	13-4	W, 4-1; W, 8-0 (6)
St. John's	4-6	.400	1-1	3-5	21-17	.553	8-2	7-9	6-6	May 7
Connecticut	4-6	.400	2-0	4-4	15-17	.469	1-4	8-6	6-7	W, 9-0 (5); W, 2-1 (8)
Seton Hall	2-8	.200	2-0	0-8	18-20	.474	6-1	3-12	9-7	May 6
Rutgers	2-8	.200	1-7	1-10	8-27	.229	2-8	2-4	4-15	April 23
Villanova	0-10	.000	0-8	0-2	6-25	.194	4-12	0-6	2-7	April 22

The top eight teams qualify for the 2006 BIG EAST Championship in South Bend, Ind.

2006 BIG EAST Weekly Awardwinners

Player of the Week

Jo Sherlock, OF, St. John's, Feb. 20
 Alexis Switenko, SS/P, Syracuse, Feb. 27
 Katie Pierce, SS, Seton Hall, March 6
 Tiffany Stewart, OF, South Florida, March 13
 Christie Chapman, SS, South Florida, March 20
 Elena Romero, UTL, Providence, March 26
 Alexis Switenko, SS/P/Syracuse, Apr. 5
Meagan Ruthrauff, 3B, Notre Dame, Apr. 9

Pitcher of the Week

Tracie Adix, DePaul, Feb. 20
 Bree Spence, South Florida, Feb. 27
 Kady Garrick, Louisville, March 6
 Catherine Bishop, Louisville, March 13
 Meghan Bostick, Pittsburgh, March 20
 Lisa Geer, St. John's, March 26
Brittney Bargar, Notre Dame, Apr. 5
 Cristi Ecks, USF, Apr. 9

Notre Dame BIG EAST Honor Roll Selections

Linda Kohan, Feb. 20
 Heather Booth, Feb. 27
 Stephanie Brown, April 5

Irish pile up 21 hits in game two vs. Pittsburgh - Notre Dame's offense exploded for 21 hits in game two at Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 9, in a 14-4 victory over the Panthers. The performance matched the school record for hits in a single game. Notre Dame posted 21 hits against Rhode Island on March 14, 1992.

The Irish and Panthers also combined for a Notre Dame record 32 hits in game two - breaking the previous combined hits record of 29 (in the same game against Rhode Island, 1992 and vs. St. Joseph's on April 17, 1990).

Ruthrauff breaks two long-standing Irish records in remarkable performance - Senior 3B *Megan Ruthrauff* will see her name atop two single-game record categories after game two at Pittsburgh on Sunday, April 9.

Ruthrauff posted a personal-best four hits in game two - three of which left the park for home runs. She hit a solo shot to leftfield in the top of the first, had an RBI single in the fourth, added a solo shot in the sixth and put an exclamation mark on her day with a grand slam in the seventh inning.

Ruthrauff used all three fields for her home runs (one to left, one to center and one to right) and set the Notre Dame record for home runs in a single game (three) and RBI (seven).

The RBI record was first set in 2000 by '01 graduate Melanie Alkire. Alkire drove in six against San Diego State on March 12, 2000. The record was tied twice, once by '02 graduate Jarrah Myers at CS Northridge on March 11, 2001 and again by '05 graduate Liz Hartmann against Oakland on April 30, 2002.

The single-game home run record was held by nine different players - who accomplished the feat a combined 14 times. The most recent was by Hartmann, who hit two home runs against Nebraska on Feb. 14, 2004.

Ruthrauff earned her fifth career BIG EAST Player of the Week award for her performance over the weekend. Over a four-game conference stretch against Syracuse and Pittsburgh, Ruthrauff was nine for 13 with six runs scored, five home runs and 10 RBI.

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

as of April 12, 2006

Batting Average

Brown, Stephanie .....	.350
Ruthrauff, Meagan .....	.316
Lenn, Mallorie.....	.295

Runs Scored

Brown, Stephanie	26
Ruthrauff, Meagan	17
Kotcheff, Alexandra	15

Hits

Brown, Stephanie	41
Lenn, Mallorie.....	33
Ruthrauff, Meagan	31

Doubles

Schoonaert, Sara	8
Laing, Katie	8
Kohan, Linda.....	8
Brown, Stephanie	7

Home Runs

Ruthrauff, Meagan	8
Kohan, Linda.....	5
Brown, Stephanie	4

RBI

Ruthrauff, Meagan	24
Lenn, Mallorie.....	21
Laing, Katie	16

Stolen Bases

Brown, Stephanie	18
Schoonaert, Sara	11
Laing, Katie	6

Walks

Ruthrauff, Meagan	21
Brown, Stephanie	13
Kohan, Linda.....	11

ERA

Fuemmeler, Kenya	0.93
Booth, Heather	1.17
Bargar, Brittney	2.42

Innings Pitched

Booth, Heather	137.1
Bargar, Brittney	98.1
Fuemmeler, Kenya	15.0

Strikeouts

Booth, Heather	147
Bargar, Brittney	110
Fuemmeler, Kenya	10

Shutouts

Booth, Heather	5
Bargar, Brittney	3

Irish pile up a record 46 hits in three games -

The Notre Dame offense hit a lull over a four-game stretch from April 2-8. The Irish finished 2-2 during the four-game run and combined for 19 hits as a team. Starting with game two at Syracuse, the Irish offense seems to be finding its stride again.

Over a three-game stretch last weekend, all victories, Notre Dame amassed 46 hits (12 vs. Syracuse, 13 vs. Pittsburgh, 21 vs. Pittsburgh) - a school record for hits over three consecutive games.

Notre Dame had previously notched 40 hits in three consecutive games three times:

- 1996 vs. Rutgers (19), Rutgers (12) and Rutgers (9) - from 3-30 to 3-31
- 1998 vs. Loyola Chicago (13), vs. Loyola Chicago (14) and Rutgers (13) - from 3-26 to 3-28
- 2003 at Syracuse (11), Valparaiso (12) and Valparaiso (17) - from 4-19 to 4-23

The 2003 season also saw the Irish post the school record for consecutive games with 10 team hits - as Notre Dame won 10 games in a row from April 13 - April 23 and posted at least 10 hits in each game.

Notre Dame softball on the small screen -

The University of Notre Dame softball team will be featured four more times on cable television this season, with a possible sixth appearance in the BIG EAST Championship. Notre Dame's first appearance will be the first game of a double-header vs. DePaul on April 13. ESPN will cover the first game of the double-header (4:00 p.m.) between the long-time regional rivals and new conference opponents.

ESPN also will cover Notre Dame's first visit to USF as a conference opponent, picking up the first game of that doubleheader on Saturday, April 29 (11:00 a.m.).

Notre Dame's road game at Louisville will also be televised in the Louisville, Ky., area with ABC affiliate WHAS picking up the broadcast.

The Irish are set to visit Northwestern on Tuesday, April 18, and that game will be picked up by CSTV and shown live. The coverage can also be seen on www.und.com for those signed up for *Fighting Irish All-Access*.

Finally, CSTV will broadcast the BIG EAST Championship final game from the Belleville Softball Complex in South Bend, Ind., on May 13 at 6 p.m. The winner of that contest will receive the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship.

One-run warriors -

Notre Dame has played 16 one-run games this year. The team has posted an even 8-8 record in those 16 games, meaning that eight of the team's 12 losses this season have come by a single run.

Going back to March 3 (an extra-inning three-run loss to Nebraska), the Irish have lost just one game by more than one run (as 4-2 setback to Akron on April 5). During the team's trip to Southern California for spring break, the Irish played six consecutive one-run games, going 3-3 during the stretch with a win over #10 Arizona State and losses to #4 Texas (6-5), #6 Alabama (4-3) and at CS Fullerton (3-2 in eight innings).

- Notre Dame's one-run victories -
1-0 vs. Buffalo, 1-0 at Cal Poly SLO (G2), 3-2 vs. #10 Arizona State, 1-0 vs. Florida State, 2-1 at Western Michigan, 1-0 vs. Bowling Green, 1-0 vs. Eastern Michigan, 2-1 vs. Connecticut.

- Notre Dame's one-run losses -
5-4 vs. Colorado State, 5-4 at Florida International, 2-1 at Tulsa, 2-1 vs. Stephen F. Austin (8), 3-2 at CS Fullerton (8), 6-5 vs. #4 Texas, 4-3 vs. #6 Alabama, 2-1 at Syracuse.

Notre Dame Team Highs

Team	
Runs Scored	
14	.....vs. Pittsburgh (4-9-06)
Hits	
21	.....vs. Pittsburgh (4-9-06)
RBI	
13	.....vs. Pittsburgh (4-9-06)
Doubles	
5	.....vs. UNLV (2-18-06)
5	.....vs. Kansas (3-4-06)
Triples	
1	.....five times
Home Runs	
4	.....vs. Pittsburgh (4-9-06)
Total Bases	
37	.....vs. Pittsburgh (4-9-06)
Stolen Bases	
6	.....vs. Western Michigan (3-26-06)
Assists	
15	.....vs. Bowling Green (3-29-06)
15	.....vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)
Strikeouts Thrown	
13	.....vs. Stephen F. Austin (3-5-06)
Individual	
Runs Scored	
3	.....four times
Hits	
4	.....Brown, vs. Pitt (4-9-06)
4	.....Ruthrauff, vs. Pitt (4-9-06)
RBI	
7	.....Ruthrauff, vs. Pitt (4-9-06)
Doubles	
2	.....Ruthrauff, UNLV (2-18-06)
2	.....Laing, vs. Syracuse (4-8-06)
Home Runs	
3	.....Ruthrauff, vs. Pitt (4-9-06)
Total Bases	
13	.....Ruthrauff, vs. Pitt (4-9-06)
Walks	
3	.....Ruthrauff, vs. BYU (2-17-06)
3	.....Hufnagle, vs. Buffalo (2-24-06)
Stolen Bases	
2	.....t h ree times
Putouts	
13	.....Ruthrauff, vs. CS Fullerton (2-19-06)
13	.....Lenn, vs. Pitt (4-9-06)
Assists	
7	.....Schoonaert, vs. CS Fullerton (2-29-06)
7	.....Laing vs. UConn (4-1-06)
Innings Pitched	
11.0	.....Booth vs. BGSU (3-29-06)
Strikeouts Thrown	
12	.....Bargar vs. Pitt (4-9-06)

New BIG EAST Conference unveiled in 2006 -

The BIG EAST Conference expansion, which officially took place this fall, has garnered most of its attention in men's basketball. The conference has quickly transformed into the top men's basketball league in the country, but the effect that expansion will have on softball cannot be overlooked. The BIG EAST welcomes three traditional softball powers into the conference this season with the addition of DePaul, Louisville and South Florida. All three of the new teams will compete to end Notre Dame's regular-season conference title streak which stands at 10 years entering the '06 campaign.

Combined with an already solid conference lineup, the BIG EAST is now arguably the top softball league east of the Mississippi River. With a new league alignment, the BIG EAST Championship - scheduled to be played in South Bend, Ind., beginning May 11 - will feature a new schedule. The top eight teams from the league standings will take part in a single-elimination, three-day tournament to determine the league's automatic berth in the NCAA Championship. The final game of that tournament will be shown live on CSTV.

Irish captains -

Notre Dame will feature four captains this season for just the second time in the program's history. The senior class of *Heather Booth*, *Mallorie Lenn*, *Meagan Ruthrauff* and *Sara Schoonaert* will provide leadership both on and off the field for the team in 2006. The only other team to feature four captains was Notre Dame's most successful team ever - the 2001 squad. Current Irish assistant coach *Lizzy Lemire* shared the captaincy that season with Melanie Alkire, Danielle Klayman and Jennifer Sharron. The Irish finished 54-7 in '01 and earned a number-one seed in the NCAA Championship.

Season schedule has been/will be a challenge -

The 2006 season will prove a challenge for the Irish, as the team will face several teams ranked in the top 25, or just out of the national rankings.

According to the latest rankings, the Irish will face (NFCA rankings first, followed by USA Softball) ORV DePaul #17/17 Northwestern and #18/20 Louisville. Notre Dame has already faced #10/10 Arizona State (3-2 victory), #4/4 Texas (6-5 loss), #6/7 Alabama (4-3 loss), #14/12 Oregon State (5-0 loss) BYU (8-3 victory), who has been in and out of the national polls this season and #17/17 Nebraska (5-3, eight-inning loss).

Notre Dame knocked off four ranked teams during the 2005 season. The Irish defeated #21 South Florida and #19 Florida on their first weekend of action (Feb. 12-13), then knocked off #5/6 Tennessee in its last game at the Palm Springs Classic. Notre Dame also defeated #15 Northwestern with a four-run rally in the bottom of the seventh on Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

Under head coach Deanna Gumpf, the Irish have knocked off at least three ranked teams in three of four seasons (#25 South Florida, #4 Nebraska, #15 Oregon State in '02; #8 Nebraska, #14 Nebraska, #18 Nebraska in '04). The Irish have defeated a total of 14 ranked teams during Gumpf's tenure. The most ranked wins for the Irish came in 2001, when the team defeated eight teams ranked in the national top 25.

New coaching staff, new Gumpf Family addition -

Notre Dame unveiled its new coaching staff in a unique way this season. *Lizzy Lemire*, a 2001 Notre Dame graduate, has joined the staff and *Kris Ganeff* (Notre Dame '99) moves up into the first assistant role. The change came about with the decision of former Irish assistant coach Charmelle Green to take a job in Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Development Program.

The unusual twist to the story is that Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf missed Lemire's official debut with the team. Gumpf and her husband John welcomed their second child, Tatum Elizabeth, on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Deanna has rejoined the team full time on the road for its Spring Break trip to Southern California.

To aid in the pitching staff's development during Gumpf's pregnancy, former Irish assistant coach and 1993 Penn State graduate Dawn Austin returned to the team as a volunteer assistant coach this season.

Ruthrauff reaches career walks record -

Senior 1B *Meagan Ruthrauff*, Notre Dame's cleanup hitter the last three seasons, is not only a potent RBI producer (128 in three-plus years, tied for seventh on the all-time Notre Dame list), but she also has outstanding plate discipline.

Ruthrauff has drawn 100 walks during her career, surpassing matching Andrea Loman's (2000-03) previous Notre Dame career record of 87.

Ruthrauff has already drawn 20 free passes this season and ranks one-two on the single-season walk list at Notre Dame. In 2004, she drew a record 36 base on balls and followed up with 31 walks in 2005.

Booth now Notre Dame's most prolific pitcher -

While leading her team to a 7-0 victory over Pittsburgh in game one on Sunday, April 9, senior *Heather Booth* became Notre Dame's all-time leader in innings pitched with 773.1 - surpassing Jen Sharron's previous school mark of 772.1. Booth has been a front-line starter for the Irish since she arrived on campus four years ago and ranks in the top five for all of Notre Dame's significant pitching records.

Currently, Booth is first all-time in innings pitched (777.1), second in appearances (141), third in games started (116), second in wins (82), second in complete games (74), fourth in shutouts (26) and third in strikeouts (734). See page eight of this notes package for a complete listing of Booth on the all-time statistical charts.

Notre Dame takes some of the nation's top teams to the brink -

Just a quick glance at the nation's top 25 teams (as of April 12) will provide the true nature of Notre Dame's 2006 schedule. The Irish have faced five teams ranked in the nation's top 17 (according to the NFCA top 25) and will have two ranked games remaining - at #17 Northwestern on Tuesday, April 18 (CSTV) and a BIG EAST Conference doubleheader at #18 Louisville on Sunday, April 30.

While the Irish have just one win against its five ranked teams faced in 2006 - they have competed head-to-head with the nation's top teams and represented themselves well. Current NFCA ranking listed -

- #10 Arizona State - (W, 3-2) Notre Dame earned its biggest victory of the year and ended a 10-game winning streak for the Sun Devils ... the Irish took a 1-0 lead on a solo home run by Meagan Ruthrauff in the bottom of the second inning ... ASU answered with a home run of its own, a two-run shot by Mindy Cowles in the third inning ... ASU kept its one run lead until the bottom of the seventh when freshman Stephanie Mola reached on an error and scored on a walk-off two-run home run by Stephanie Brown.

- #2 Texas - (L, 6-5) Notre Dame led the Longhorns 5-1 entering the bottom of the fifth inning ... the Irish built their lead on two-run home runs from Mallorie Lenn (in the top of the first) and Katie Laing (in the top of the fifth) ... after allowing just one run over the first four innings, freshman Brittney Bargar allowed four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning ... the Longhorns won the game on a solo home run by pinch hitter Rachel Cook in the bottom of the sixth inning.

- #3 Alabama - (L, 4-3) In the next game on the Irish schedule after the near miss vs. Texas, Notre Dame led Alabama 2-0 in the top of the fourth inning ... Mallorie Lenn provided the big hit again with a two-run homer ... Alabama answered with three unearned runs in the bottom of the fourth inning off Heather Booth ... Bama's Jordan Praytor then provided the big hit with a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth ... that run proved to be the game-winner, as the Irish posted two runs in the top of the seventh on a home run from freshman Linda Kohan.

- #16 Nebraska - (L, 5-2 in eight) Taking on the Cornhuskers in Tulsa, Notre Dame rallied from a 1-0 deficit to take a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth inning on and RBI double by Stephanie Brown and RBI single from Mallorie Lenn ... Nebraska answered with a sacrifice fly in the top of the seventh inning to extend the game ... the Cornhuskers eventually won the game in the bottom of the seventh, utilizing the international tiebreaker rule to score three unearned runs with two outs.

Irish Players on the All-Time Charts

Most Doubles

1. Melanie Alkire (1998-01).....	49
2. Elizabeth Perkins (1994-97)	48
3. Jenny Kriech (1999-02)	45
4. Andrea Loman (2000-03)	44
Sara Hayes (1992-95)	44
6. Lizzy Lemire (1998-01)	43
7. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ...	40
Andria Bledsoe (2000-03)	40
9. Meghan Murray (1994-97).....	39
10. Megan Ciolli (2002-05)	37

Most Home Runs

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)	36
2. Andrea Loman (2000-03)	31
3. Melanie Alkire (1998-01).....	30
4. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ...	27
Liz Hartmann (2002-05)	27
6. Sara Hayes (1992-95)	26
7. Mallorie Lenn (2003-current)	16
8. Meghan Murray (1994-97).....	15
9. Stephanie Brown (2004-current)	14
Andria Bledsoe (2000-03)	14
11. Megan Ciolli (2002-05)	13

Most RBI

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)	174
2. Melanie Alkire (1998-01)	167
3. Andrea Loman (2000-03).....	148
4. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ..	141
5. Sara Hayes (1992-95)	137
Liz Hartmann (2002-05)	131
7. Meghan Murray (1994-97)	129
8. Lizzy Lemire (1998-01)	126
9. Andria Bledsoe (2000-03).....	125
10. Megan Ciolli (2002-05)	101

Most Walks

1. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ..	101
2. Andrea Loman (2000-03)	87
3. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)	76

Most Stolen Bases

1. Megan Ciolli (2002-05)	76
2. Andrea Loman (2000-03)	60
3. Katie Marten (1994-97)	58
4. Jenny Kriech (1999-02)	55
5. Kellie Middleton (2003-05)	45
6. Jarrah Myers (1999-2002)	43
7. Jenn Giampaolo (1995-98)	41
8. Stephanie Brown (2004-current)	40

Most Putouts

1. Jarrah Myers (1999-02)	1,337
2. Mallorie Lenn (2003-current).....	1,185
3. Stephanie Pinter (1991-94)	1,177
4. Kris McCleary (1996-99)	1,040
5. Sara Hayes (1992-95)	964
6. Amy Folsom (1989-92)	826
7. Meagan Ruthrauff (2003-current) ..	796
8. Lisa Mattison (2000-03).....	768
9. Kelly Rowe (1995-98)	655

Most Pitching Appearances

1. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	154
2. Heather Booth (2003-current)	141
Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	134
4. Angela Bessolo (1996-99)	125
5. Missy Linn (1989-92)	122

Most Games Started

1. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	132
2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	117
3. Heather Booth (2003-current)	116
4. Missy Linn (1989-92)	97
5. Terri Kobata (1993-96)	94

Most Wins

1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	88
2. Heather Booth (2003-current)	82
3. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	79
Terri Kobata (1993-96)	79
5. Missy Linn (1989-92)	63

Most Complete Games

1. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	76
2. Heather Booth (2003-current)	74
Missy Linn (1989-92)	74
4. Terri Kobata (1993-96)	65
5. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	54

Most Shutouts

1. Terri Kobata (1993-96)	42
2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	38
3. Missy Linn (1989-92)	29
4. Heather Booth (2003-current)	26
5. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	20

Most Innings Pitched

1. Heather Booth (2003-current)	777.1
2. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	772.1
3. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05).....	744.0
4. Missy Linn (1989-92)	670.0
5. Terri Kobata (1993-96)	630.0

Most Strikeouts

1. Terri Kobata (1993-96)	907
2. Steffany Stenglein (2002-05)	790
3. Heather Booth (2003-current)	734
4. Jennifer Sharron (1998-01)	728
5. Angela Bessolo (1996-99)	445

2006 Notre Dame Softball Results

Date	Opponent	Score	W/L	ND Line/Opp. Line	Innings	ND Record	Pitcher	GW Hit/Run
Feb. 17	Colorado St.	4-5	L	4-5-1/5-11-1	7	0-1	Booth (L, 0-1)	-
Feb. 17	BYU	8-3	W	8-11-1/3-5-2	7	1-1	Bargar (W, 1-0)	Lenn/Laing
Feb. 18	#14 Oregon St.	0-5	L	0-3-1/5-8-0	7	1-2	Booth (L, 0-2)	-
Feb. 18	at UNLV	6-4	W	6-11-0/4-6-2	7	2-2	Bargar (W, 2-0)	Jaquish/Northway
Feb. 19	vs. CS Fullerton	3-9	L	3-7-0/9-10-0	7	2-3	Booth (L, 0-3)	-
Feb. 24	vs. Buffalo	1-0	W	1-3-0/0-4-1	7	3-3	Bargar (W, 3-0)	-/Glynn
Feb. 24	at Fla. Intern.	5-0	W	5-5-0/0-2-3	5	4-3	Booth (W, 1-3)	Kohan/Hufnagle
Feb. 25	vs. Memphis	4-1	W	4-5-1/1-6-2	7	5-3	Booth (W, 2-3)	Kohan/Kotcheff
Feb. 25	at Fla. Intern.	4-5	L	4-6-1/5-7-2	7	5-4	Bargar (L, 3-1)	-
Mar. 3	vs. #17 Nebraska	2-5	L	2-7-1/5-6-0	8	5-5	Booth (L, 2-4)	-
Mar. 3	at Tulsa	1-2	L	1-4-1/2-5-1	7	5-6	Bargar (L, 3-2)	-
Mar. 4	vs. N. Iowa	10-1	W	10-8-1/1-7-2	5	6-6	Bargar (W, 4-2)	Ruthrauff/Kohan
Mar. 4	vs. Kansas	5-2	W	5-13-0/2-5-4	7	7-6	Booth (W, 3-4)	Kohan/Ruthrauff
Mar. 5	vs. SFA	1-2	L	1-9-2/2-7-0	8	7-7	Bargar (L, 4-3)	-
Mar. 12	at Cal Poly SLO	3-1	W	3-8-0/1-5-3	7	8-7	Booth (W, 4-4)	Brown/Kotcheff
Mar. 12	at Cal Poly SLO	1-0	W	1-3-0/0-6-3	7	9-7	Bargar (W, 5-3)	-/Smith
Mar. 15	at CS Fullerton	2-3	L	2-3-1/3-5-0	8	9-8	Booth (L, 4-5)	-
Mar. 16	vs. #10 Arz. St.	3-2	W	3-7-1/2-7-2	7	10-8	Bargar (W, 6-3)	Brown/Brown
Mar. 17	vs. Florida St.	1-0	W	1-3-0/0-3-1	7	11-8	Booth (W, 5-5)	Kotcheff/Brown
Mar. 18	vs. #4 Texas	5-6	L	5-5-1/6-10-1	7	11-9	Booth (L, 5-6)	-
Mar. 19	vs. #6 Alabama	3-4	L	3-3-1/4-8-1	7	11-10	Booth (L, 5-7)	-
Mar. 26	at W. Michigan	5-0	W	5-9-1/0-0-1	7	12-10	Booth (W, 6-7)	Schoonaert/Smith
Mar. 26	at W. Michigan	2-1	W	2-6-1/1-3-2	8	13-10	Bargar (W, 7-3)	-/Brown
Mar. 29	Bowling Green	1-0	W	1-5-1/0-3-1	11	14-10	Booth (W, 7-7)	Lenn/Kotcheff
Apr. 1	Connecticut*	9-0	W	9-11-0/0-4-1	5	15-10	Booth (W, 8-7)	-/Brown
Apr. 1	Connecticut*	2-1	W	2-6-2/1-0-1	8	16-10	Bargar (W, 8-3)	Ruthrauff/Mola
Apr. 2	Providence*	4-1	W	4-9-1/1-3-0	7	17-10	Booth (W, 9-7)	Lenn/Kotcheff
Apr. 2	Providence*	8-0	W	8-10-0/0-2-1	6	18-10	Bargar (W, 9-3)	Lenn/Brown
Apr. 4	E. Michigan	2-0	W	2-6-1/0-2-1	7	19-10	Booth (W, 10-7)	Schoonaert/Laing
Apr. 4	E. Michigan	1-0	W	1-5-1/0-2-0	7	20-10	Bargar (W, 10-3)	Ruthrauff/Kotcheff
Apr. 5	Akron	2-4	L	2-4-0/4-7-1	7	20-11	Bargar (L, 10-4)	-
Apr. 8	at Syracuse*	1-2	L	1-4-1/2-2-2	7	20-12	Booth (L, 10-8)	-
Apr. 8	at Syracuse*	7-5	W	7-12-0/5-13-2	10	21-12	Booth (W, 11-8)	Jaquish/Laing
Apr. 9	at Pittsburgh*	7-0	W	7-13-0/0-5-	7	22-12	Booth (W, 12-8)	-/Smith
Apr. 9	at Pittsburgh*	14-4	W	7-21-0/4-11-2	7	23-12	Bargar (W, 11-5)	Kohan/Kohan
Apr. 11	Ball State	6-0	W	6-9-0/0-2-1	7	24-12	Booth (W, 13-8)	Laing/Lenn

Team Miscellaneous Stats

Multiple Hit Games

Player	2	3	4	5+	Total
Schoonaert	9	1	-	-	10
Brown	7	2	1	-	10
Laing	10	-	-	-	10
Kohan	7	1	-	-	8
Lenn	7	1	-	-	8
Ruthrauff	6	-	1	-	7

Multiple RBI Games

Player	2	3	4	5+	Total
Lenn	3	1	1	-	5
Laing	2	2	-	-	4
Ruthrauff	1	1	-	1	3
Brown	3	-	-	-	3

Hitting Streaks

Player	Season-High	Dates
Stephanie Brown	10	Feb. 24 - March 12
Mallorie Lenn	8	Feb. 25 - March 12
Sara Schoonaert	7	Feb. 25 - March 12
Alexandra Kotcheff	5	March 3 - March 12
Gessica Hufnagle	4	April 8 - current
Carissa Jaquish	4	April 8 - current
Katie Laing	4	April 2 - April 5
Stephanie Mola	4	April 8 - April 11
Linda Kohan	4	April 4 - April 8
Meagan Ruthrauff	4	April 8 - April 11
Erin Glasco	4	March 4 - March 12

2006 Notre Dame Softball Player Bio Updates -**Brittney Bargar • Fr. • RHP • 5-9 • Corona, CA • Corona H.S.**

Career: Became the first Irish pitcher to win an eight-inning no-hitter vs. Connecticut on April 1 ... threw all eight innings of Notre Dame's 2-1 victory, striking out six and allowing one for her first collegiate no-hitter ... earned her first BIG EAST weekly award on Monday, April 5, as she was named the BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week.

2006: Notre Dame's No. 2 starting pitcher behind veteran Heather Booth ... a confident first-year player capable of solid pitching performances ... throws hard with good velocity ... posted the biggest victory of her young career over #10 Arizona State at the Judi Garman Classic, allowing seven hits, two runs and striking out seven in Notre Dame's 3-2 victory ... picked up her first career shutout victory in game two at Cal Poly SLO, scattering six hits, walking three and striking out eight in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory ... pitched well in a tough loss at Tulsa, allowing five hits, one earned run and striking out nine in a complete-game 2-1 loss ... earned a short victory vs. Northern Iowa, pitching the first three innings of a 10-1, five-inning Notre Dame win, allowing three hits and striking out five ... picked up her seventh victory at Western Michigan by logging her longest career appearance, going 7 1/3 innings while allowing just three hits, walking four and striking out six in an eventual 2-1 victory in game two of the doubleheader at WMU ... pitched into extra innings for the second consecutive outing and earned her first career no-hitter in game two against Connecticut ... struck out six, walked one and allowed an unearned run against the Huskies in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory ... pitched five innings and allowed two hits in game two against Providence, with the Irish eventually winning 8-0 in six innings ... dominated game two against Eastern Michigan, striking out a career-high 11 batters ... recorded the last seven outs of the 1-0 victory over EMU via strikeouts ... saw her six-game win streak come to an end with a 4-2 loss to Akron on April 5 ... the loss was the first in a month for the righthander ... posted a personal-best with 12 strikeouts in game two at Pittsburgh, but also allowed a season-high 11 hits in the contest.

2006 Awards:

BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week (4-5)

2006/Career Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
2.42	11-4	21	16	7	3/2	0	98.1	93	41	34	40	110	7.85	.244

Heather Booth • Sr. • RHP • 5-10 • Riverside, CA • Martin Luther King H.S.

Career: Ranks among Notre Dame's all-time top five in appearances, wins, innings pitched and strikeouts ... became Notre Dame's all-time leader in innings pitched with a complete-game shutout performance at Pittsburgh (game one) on April 9 ... poised to become Notre Dame's all-time leader in appearances and complete games ... with a strong finish, could become just the second Irish pitcher to post 800 strikeouts in a career (currently has 734) ... 2003 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... 2003, 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Third-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2004 Second-Team NFCA All-Mideast Region ... 2004 FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team ... brings a five-game win streak into this weekend's action at Syracuse and Pittsburgh ... did not allowed an earned run in seven pitching appearances from March 25 - April 8.

2006: Staff ace for the Fighting Irish ... will carry much of the pitching load and provide leadership for Notre Dame's pair of rookie pitchers ... picked up first win of the season against Florida International (Feb. 24) with a five-inning complete-game shutout, striking out nine and allowing just two hits ... also picked up a complete-game victory over Memphis, scattering six hits, allowing one run and striking out 10 ... named adidas Golden Panther Invitational tournament MVP for her performance over three days, going 2-0 with a 0.47 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 15.0 IP ... took a hard-luck loss vs. #17 Nebraska, scattering six hits, allowing two earned runs and striking out seven in eight innings ... shut down a potent Kansas offense, picking up a complete-game victory with 7.0 IP, two earned runs and 10 strikeouts ... suffered a frustrating non-decision against Stephen F. Austin, allowing seven hits and striking out 11 in Notre Dame's 2-1, eight-inning setback ... it was the second consecutive 10 strikeout performance for the righthander ... evened record to 4-4 on the season with a complete-game five-hit performance at Cal Poly SLO, allowing five hits and striking out eight ... best outing of the early season might have come vs. Florida State, as Booth shut down the Seminoles in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory with three hits and 11 strikeouts ... the FSU game was suspended by rain in the fourth inning, but Booth returned the next day to earn the victory ... pitched well against #6 Alabama, striking out six and allowing three unearned runs in Notre Dame's eventual 4-3 loss ... earned second combined no-hitter of her career in game one at Western Michigan, throwing the first four innings, walking three and striking out five ... picked up second save of the season in game two at WMU, entering the game with one out in the bottom of the eighth inning with the Irish holding a one-run lead ... forced a pop up and then struck out the final batter of the game ... turned in the longest pitching performance of her career in a 1-0, 11-inning victory over Bowling Green ... worked 11.0 innings, walking two, striking out five and allowing just three hits ... forced 16 fly ball outs and 16 ground ball outs vs. the Falcons ... struck out five batters in four innings pitched in game one against Connecticut, winning Notre Dame's 9-0 game-one victory ... struck out eight and allowed just three hits (one unearned run) against Providence in game one ... shut down Eastern Michigan in game one, allowing just two hits and striking out six ... saw her five-game win streak come to an end with a tough 2-1 loss to Syracuse (game one) ... allowed only two hits in the loss to the Orange, but walked four and struck out just two ... did not allow a single runner to reach base over the final three innings of the Syracuse loss ... returned to form in game one at Pittsburgh, scattering five hits, walking two and striking out 11 for the third time in 2006 ... pitched four innings of no-hit softball against Ball State, picking up the win while striking out five.

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther Invitational Tournament MVP

2006 Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
1.17	13-8	26	20	13	5/3	2	137.1	91	35	23	57	147	7.51	.189

Career Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
1.55	82-35	141	116	74	26/11	6	777.1	541	231	172	270	734	6.61	.194

Stephanie Brown • Jr. • OF • 5-6 • Chandler, AZ • Corona del Sol H.S.

Career: Consistent hitter who piled up 131 hits (at least 60 each season) in her first two years with the Irish ... tied former teammate Liz Hartmann for the Notre Dame freshman home run record, hitting seven in 2004 ... 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Buckeye Invitational All-Tournament Team ... 2004 NFCA Leadoff Classic All-Tournament Team ... has moved into the top-10 all-time in career home runs with 14 ... played second base as a rookie for the Irish in 2004.

2006: Returns to the top of the lineup as Notre Dame's leadoff hitter for the third consecutive season ... a three tool player capable of slapping, bunting and hitting for power ... has recently shifted to centerfield after starting the first 23 games of the season in rightfield ... earned a spot on the adidas Golden Panther Invitational all-tournament team after posting three hits (including a home run against FIU) and scoring five runs during the two-day tournament ... two for four with an RBI double and run scored vs. #17 Nebraska ... ended up one for one with two RBI (on sacrifice flies) vs. Northern Iowa ... reached in all four at bats against Tulsa, going two for three (reached on an error and error on a sacrifice as well) ... provided the game-winning hit with a two-run single in the top of the seventh in game one at Cal Poly SLO, bringing the Irish back from a 1-0 deficit and eventually leading to the 3-1 victory ... provided Notre Dame's biggest hit of the season so far, crushing a two-run opposite field home run in the bottom of the seventh vs. #10 Arizona State for a walk-off hit in the 3-2 victory ... that walk-off home run highlighted a three for four performance against the Sun Devils ... one for three against both Florida State and Texas and also posted a stolen base against both teams ... piled up three hits in game one at Western Michigan, going three for four with two singles, an RBI double and a stolen base ... finished two for four with a double vs. Bowling Green ... piled up three hits in the doubleheader vs. Connecticut, hitting a solo home run in game two and scoring two runs ... finished four for six with four runs scored in the doubleheader vs. Providence ... named to the BIG EAST Conference weekly honor roll on Monday, April 5, going nine for 17 over the week (.529) with two runs, two doubles and two home runs ... two for five with two stolen bases and one run scored in game two at Syracuse (7-5 Irish win) ... posted a career-best four hits and scored three runs in game two at Pittsburgh.

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther Invitational All-Tournament Team
Best Western Airport Festival All-Tournament Team
BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (4-5-06)

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.350	36-36	117	26	41	7	0	4	13	.513	13	.414	18-18	23	0	0	1.000

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.325	166-166	529	108	172	26	1	14	57	.457	47	.390	40-53	231	95	15	.956

Christine Farrell • Fr. • RHP • 5-8 • La Habra, CA • Sonora H.S.

2006: Freshman pitcher has yet to see action while working through recovery from offseason surgery.

Kenya Fuemmeler • Jr. • RHP • 5-7 • Salisbury, MO • Salisbury H.S.

2006: Veteran reliever who has set career highs for innings pitched and appearances already this season ... has thrown well off the bench for the Irish this season ... finished off Notre Dame's 10-1, five-inning victory over Northern Iowa, allowing four hits, a run and striking out three in 2.0 innings ... completed the final three innings of a combined no-hitter with senior Heather Booth in game one at Western Michigan ... walked two and forced six ground outs along with three fly outs in her three innings of action vs. the Broncos ... pitched one inning in Notre Dame's 9-0, five-inning win over Connecticut in game one ... also finished off Notre Dame's 9-0, six-inning victory over Providence in game two ... turned in a great relief appearance against Akron, entering the game with the Irish trailing 4-0 and shutting down the Zip offense over 2 1/3 innings, waling one and striking out one and allowing a single hit ... worked two solid innings against Ball State, pitching the fifth and sixth innings of Notre Dame's 6-0 victory.

2006 Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
0.93	0-0	8	0	0	0/4	0	15.0	8	2	2	9	10	4.67	.160

Career Statistics:

<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>App</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SHO/CBO</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SO/7</u>	<u>B/Avg.</u>
1.24	1-0	14	0	0	0/6	0	22.2	18	7	4	14	15	4.73	.214

Erin Glasco • Fr. • C/DP • 5-7 • Johnston City, IL • Johnston City H.S.

2006: Left-handed hitter one of Notre Dame's top choices at designated player ... also the team's back up catcher in 2006 ... drove in two runs with an RBI single in game one vs. Connecticut (9-0 Irish victory) ... picked up her fourth RBI of the season with a double in game one vs. Michigan (2-0 Irish victory).

2006/Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.164	31-27	73	2	12	3	0	0	5	.205	4	.218	0-0	26	0	0	1.000

Brittany Glynn • So. • OF • 5-3 • Seymour, CT • St. Joseph H.S.

2006: Provides depth in the outfield for the Irish ... one of the team's top pinch-running options ... has scored seven runs as a pinch runner in 2006 ... posted a memorable first career hit, hitting a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning against Ball State ... the hit represented the first RBI, hit and extra-base hit of her career.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.250	19-0	4	7	1	0	0	1	2	1.000	0	.250	0-2	0	0	0	.000

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.200	28-0	5	8	1	0	0	1	2	.800	0	.200	0-3	0	0	0	.000

Gessica Hufnagle • Jr. • OF • 5-6 • Middlebury, IN • Northridge H.S.

2006: Had made a switch from catcher to outfielder this season ... has rotated as one of Notre Dame's starting outfielders and is capable of outstanding athletic defensive plays ... broke open game one at Western Michigan with a two-out, two-RBI single up the middle to give the Irish a 4-0 lead in an eventual 5-0 victory ... carded first three-hit game of her career at Pittsburgh in game two, going three for five with a double and RBI ... one for three with a run scored vs. Ball State.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.208	31-28	72	9	15	2	1	0	7	.264	8	.305	1-3	21	1	1	.957

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.190	113-53	137	24	26	3	1	0	11	.226	12	.265	5-8	214	14	6	.974

Carissa Jaquish • Jr. • INF • 5-6 • Highland, CA • Redlands East Valley H.S.

2006: Has the ability to play third base, outfield and catch for the Irish if necessary ... started in leftfield for the Irish at Cal Poly SLO ... has also been a catcher for the Irish during her career ... hit her first home run of the season in dramatic fashion, launching a two-run shot with one out in the top of the 10th inning to provide the winning margin in game two at Syracuse, Notre Dame taking the win 7-5 ... one for one with a two-RBI triple in game two at Pittsburgh.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.167	21-9	30	4	5	0	1	1	5	.333	5	.306	0-0	0	5	0	1.000

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.216	119-75	227	26	49	7	4	2	24	.308	19	.284	5-5	171	11	3	.984

Linda Kohan • Fr. • INF • 5-6 • Westminster, CA • Westminster H.S.

2006: Has appeared at both third base and first base for the Irish this season ... also the top option for the Irish at DP when not in the starting defensive alignment ... slammed three home runs in her first collegiate weekend of action, earning a spot on the BIG EAST Conference Softball Honor Roll ... first career hit for the Irish was a three-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning against Colorado State ... finished two for three against BYU and was hit by a pitch ... two for three with a solo home run against UNLV ... posted a personal-best three hits against CS Fullerton, going three for four with a solo home run, double and two runs scored ... finished two for four with an RBI against Memphis ... two for four with an RBI double vs. Kansas ... broke out of an 0-22 slump with a solo home run in the top of the seventh inning in Notre Dame's 4-3 loss to #6 Alabama ... two for three with a single, double and run scored in game one at Western Michigan ... had a single hit in game two against the Broncos, finishing the doubleheader three for six ... smacked two doubles in the twin bill with Eastern Michigan, finishing two for three in the doubleheader with a walk ... drove in the only two runs of Notre Dame's 4-2 loss to Akron with a two-out RBI double in the bottom of the seventh inning ... two for three with two runs scored and a solo home run (her fifth of the season) in Notre Dame's 14-4 victory over Pittsburgh in game two ... two for two with a an RBI double, single and walk in Notre Dame's 6-0 win over Ball State.

2006 Awards:

BIG EAST Softball Honor Roll (2-21-06)

2006/Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.265	36-36	102	12	27	8	0	5	13	.450	11	.364	0-0	123	34	6	.963

Alexandra Kotcheff • Fr. • OF • 5-8 • Los Angeles, CA • The Marlborough School

2006: Stepped in as Notre Dame's starting centerfielder from day one ... will be out indefinitely after suffering a hand injury in game one at Syracuse ... steady on defense while finding her way offensively in 2006 ... has seen action in both the second and ninth spot in the Irish batting order ... has consistently produced since shifting to the second spot during spring break ... posted first multiple hit game of her career vs. Northern Iowa, going two for two with two RBI and two runs scored ... logged the first extra-base hit of her career at CS Fullerton, drilling a triple to the leftfield wall ... moved up to second in the lineup against Florida State and paid instant dividends, providing the game-winning RBI single up the middle in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over the Seminoles ... also had an RBI single vs. #4 Texas ... three for four with three singles in game two at Western Michigan ... her single up the middle in the top of the eighth would have loaded the bases with one out, but was misplayed by the Bronco centerfielder and both Irish runs in the 2-1 victory scored on the play ... ended up two for five and scored the game-winning run in Notre Dame's 1-0, 11-inning victory over Bowling Green ... singled with one out in the bottom of the 11th and scored from first base on a double by Mallorie Lenn ... three for three in game one vs. Connecticut with two runs scored ... two for three with an RBI and run scored in game one vs. Providence ... with the scored tied at 0-0 in the bottom of the sixth inning in game two with Eastern Michigan, doubled to lead off the inning and eventually scored the game-winning run on an RBI single from teammate Meagan Ruthrauff ... one for two with a double in game one at Syracuse before leaving the contest after injuring her hand sliding into second base.

2006/Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.274	32-32	95	15	26	2	1	0	5	.316	0	.274	3-4	18	1	2	.905

Katie Laing • So. • 2B • 5-4 • Chandler, AZ • Corona del Sol H.S.

Career: Has been a starter at second base for the past two seasons ... tied the school record for single-season doubles (also held by current assistant coach Lizzy Lemire) with 17 in 2005 ... 2005 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 NFCA Second Team All-Mideast Region ... capable of hitting for both average and power ... possesses great range at second base and is a consistent performer on defense.

2006: Two for two with a run scored, walk and stolen base against BYU ... ended up two for four with a run scored and double against UNLV ... also two for three with an RBI in game one against Florida International ... showed signs of breaking out of her season-long slump against CS Fullerton, crushing her first home run of the season to highlight a one for three performance ... two for three with a double against #10 Arizona State ... finished one for three with a two-run home run against #4 Texas at the Judi Garman Classic ... has shown signs of breaking out of her season-long slump since the beginning of the BIG EAST season ... two for three with a double, triple and three RBI in game one vs. Connecticut (9-0 Irish victory) ... drove in three more runs and finished two for three in game two vs. Providence ... three for five with a run scored in the doubleheader vs. Eastern Michigan ... two for five in game two at Syracuse, including two doubles and one RBI ... doubled to lead off the top of the 10th inning against the Orange and scored the game-winning run on teammate Carrisa Jaquish's home run ... finished two for five with a run scored in game two at Pittsburgh ... two for three with a two-RBI triple and double vs. Ball State (6-0 Irish victory).

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.265	36-36	113	11	30	8	3	2	16	.442	3	.291	6-7	74	79	4	.975

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.291	97-95	282	41	82	25	4	5	39	.461	10	.323	12-14	194	156	11	.970

Mallorie Lenn • Sr. • C • 5-8 • Garden Grove, CA • Pacifica H.S.

Career: Has been a top option at starting catcher for the Irish since her freshman season ... a streaky hitter who has proven to be a tough out in postseason competition ... 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.

2006: Has shown signs of developing into consistent RBI producer in the heart of Notre Dame's batting order ... all three home run she has hit this season have been multi-run shots (grand slam, two two-run home runs) ... crushed her first career grand slam in Notre Dame's victory over BYU ... ended up two for four with four RBI against the Cougars ... finished one for two with two walks against CS Fullerton at the UNLV Desert Classic ... finished three for seven in the doubleheader sweep at Cal Poly SLO ... finished two for three with a two-run home run vs. #4 Texas ... also launched a two-run home run vs. #6 Alabama at the Judi Garman Classic ... drilled a walk-off RBI double in the bottom of the 11th inning vs. Bowling Green, driving in Alexandra Kotcheff with the game-winning run ... finished two for three with three runs batted in and one double in game two vs. Providence (8-0 Irish victory) ... finished three for three in game one against Pittsburgh ... wrapped up the doubleheader against Pitt five for six at the plate with three runs scored, two RBI and three walks ... two for three with a double and run scored vs. Ball State.

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.295	36-36	112	11	33	6	0	3	21	.429	9	.358	0-0	254	13	0	1.000

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.266	214-211	597	46	159	32	1	16	92	.404	40	.319	4-5	1185	87	9	.993

Stephanie Mola • Fr. • OF • 5-5 • Naples, FL • St. John Neumann H.S.

2006: Provides the Irish with depth in the outfield and a left-handed bat off the bench ... consistent at putting the ball in play as a pinch hitter ... made her first career appearance of the season against BYU (one AB) ... game off the bench in a key situation against #10 Arizona State ... led off the bottom of the seventh inning by reaching on a fielding error at third base and eventually scored on Stephanie Brown's walk-off two-run home run ... logged her first career hit in her first career start (at designated player) in game two at Western Michigan ... started her first career game in the defensive lineup against Bowling Green, finishing 0-3 ... started in the outfield in game two vs. Connecticut ... with the scored tied in the bottom of the eighth 1-1, singled and eventually scored the winning run on teammate Mallorie Lenn's RBI double ... posted first multiple hit game of her career at Syracuse in game two, going two for five with a run scored ... finished the doubleheader at Pittsburgh two for seven with her first career RBI in game one.

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.206	15-9	34	4	7	0	0	0	2	.206	0	.206	0-2	3	0	1	.750

Beth Northway • Fr. • INF/OF • 5-7 • Kentwood, MI • East Kentwood H.S.

2006: Working back into the lineup from offseason shoulder surgery ... will see action in the outfield or infield once she returns to full strength ... has made 15 pinch running appearances, scoring two runs.

Meagan Ruthrauff • Sr. • 1B/3B • 5-10 • La Mirada, CA • La Serna H.S.

Career: Started third season as Notre Dame's first base ... has shifted over to Notre Dame's starting third base since the end of Spring Break and performed well in the field ... has also seen time at DP, third base and shortstop during her career ... Notre Dame career leader in walks with 96 ... also ranks in the top 10 all-time in RBI, home runs, doubles and put outs ... 2003, 2004 First-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2005 Second-Team All-BIG EAST ... 2003 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team ... 2004 NFCA Second Team All-Mideast Region ... 2003 NFCA First Team All-Mideast Region ... 2004 FSU Invitational All-Tournament Team .

2006: A key contributor for the Irish both on offense and defense ... has made a successful switch to third base after starting the first 21 games of the season at first base ... earned three walks against BYU ... two for four with two double sand two RBI at UNLV ... hit first home run of the season against CS Fullerton ... one for three with an RBI and walk in game two against Florida International ... crushed a three-run home run in the top of the first inning vs. Northern Iowa ... two for four with an RBI single and double vs. Kansas ... two for three with a solo home run vs. #10 Arizona State, keying Notre Dame's eventual 3-2 upset victory ... drew two intentional walks in RBI situations against Bowling Green ... one for two with an RBI double in game one vs. Connecticut ... two for three in game one vs. Eastern Michigan ... exploded for nine hits and 10 RBI on Notre Dame's BIG EAST trip to Syracuse and Pittsburgh, earning the fifth BIG EAST Player of the Week award from the conference office ... one for two with and RBI and two walks (one intentional) at Syracuse in game one ... finished two for three with a run scored and RBI (along with two intentional walks) and a home run in game two at Syracuse ... two for three with two runs scored and RBI and solo home run in game one at Pittsburgh ... broke two Notre Dame long-standing records in game two at Pittsburgh ... became the first Irish player to hit three home runs in a single game, going four for five with seven RBI ... the seven RBI also set a school record for a single game ... scored three runs in the contest and hit home runs to all three fields (left, center and right) ... finished the weekend nine for 13 at the plate in BIG EAST play, scoring six runs and driving in 10 ... also was walked intentionally three times during the week.

2006 Awards:

BIG EAST Player of the Week (4-9-06)

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.316	36-36	98	17	31	6	0	8	24	.622	21	.443	0-0	132	40	1	.994

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.305	220-219	617	94	188	40	0	27	141	.501	101	.408	4-4	796	97	8	.991

Sara Schoonaert • Sr. • SS • 5-3 • Houston, TX • Clear Lake H.S.

Career: Third season as Notre Dame's starting shortstop ... consistent with the glove and starting to develop as an offensive threat in 2006 ... 2005 Third-Team All-BIG EAST.

2006: Has been consistent at the plate and with the glove so far this season ... two for four against BYU with a double, RBI and stolen base ... two for two in game two against Florida International with a double, walk and stolen base ... named to the adidas Golden Panther Invitational all-tournament team ... two for four vs. #17 Nebraska ... posted third three-hit performance of her career against Kansas, going three for three with an RBI double, run scored and walk ... doubled and scored with one out in the top of the seventh inning against Stephen F. Austin, forcing the game into extra innings ... one for three with an RBI and single in game one at Western Michigan ... two for three with a double, RBI and run scored in game one vs. Connecticut ... finished the Providence doubleheader four for six at the plate with a run scored ... posted two hits in three consecutive games during BIG EAST play on April 8-9 ... two for five with two RBI, a double and stolen base at Syracuse in game two ... two for four with two RBI in game one at Pittsburgh ... capped off the doubleheader at Pitt four for nine with a two for five performance in game two, scoring two runs.

2006 Awards:

adidas Golden Panther All-Tournament Team

Best Western Airport Festival All-Tournament Team

2006 Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.270	36-36	111	12	30	8	0	0	13	.342	9	.325	11-13	62	50	4	.966

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.245	214-168	436	72	107	21	5	0	46	.317	31	.299	27-39	280	232	29	.946

Sarah Smith • So. • OF • 5-7 • Oklahoma City, OK • Heritage Hall H.S.

2006: Returns as one of the team's top baserunner threats ... made her first career start in leftfield vs. Cal Poly SLO (game one) and posted her first career hit, finishing the game one for two ... also started in leftfield for the Irish at CS Fullerton ... picked up her third stolen base of the season vs. #4 Texas .. started in leftfield in game two vs. Eastern Michigan.

Career Statistics:

<u>Avg.</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>2B</u>	<u>3B</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>	<u>Slg%</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>OB%</u>	<u>SB-Att</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Fld%</u>
.200	34-3	5	10	1	0	0	0	0	.200	0	.200	3-4	2	0	0	1.000