



2001 University of Notre Dame Volleyball



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2001 SCHEDULE

August		
31	vs. SW Texas	W, 3-0
September		
1	vs. Florida Atl.	W, 3-0
1	vs. Idaho	W, 3-1
US Bank/Arby's Tournament*		
7	#7 UCLA	L, 0-3
8	#1 Nebraska	L, 0-3
9	#15 Pepperdine	L, 0-3
12	vs. Michigan	ppd
Mortar Board/Purdue Premier\$		
14	Indiana State	ppd
14	Tulane	ppd
15	Purdue	ppd
18	vs. Valparaiso	7 p.m.
22	vs. Syracuse@	6 p.m.
28	vs. Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
30	vs. Georgetown	2 p.m.
October		
2	at Toledo	7 p.m.
6	at Boston College@	3:30 p.m.
7	at Connecticut@	2 p.m.
12	vs. Villanova@	4 p.m.
14	vs. Rutgers	2 p.m.
16	at #24 Northern Iowa	7 p.m.
23	at Kentucky	7 p.m.
24	at Saint Louis	7 p.m.
28	at Providence@	2 p.m.
November		
3	at West Virginia@	5 p.m.
4	at Pittsburgh@	2 p.m.
9	vs. St. John's@	7 p.m.
11	vs. Seton Hall@	2 p.m.
14	vs. Illinois State	7 p.m.
17	BIG EAST Championship~ Semifinals	TBA
18	BIG EAST Championship~ Finals	TBA
Florida Volleyball Challenge^		
23	LSU	TBA
24	#10 Florida	TBA
29	NCAA Champ. begins	TBA

* - Lincoln, Neb.

\$ - West Lafayette, Ind.

~ - Pittsburgh, Pa.

^ - Buena Vista, Fla.

@ - BIG EAST Conference Match

NOTRE DAME VS. VALPARAISO MATCH NOTES

#23 Notre Dame vs. Valparaiso, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Notre Dame vs. Valparaiso series history: Notre Dame and Valparaiso will be meeting for the 18th time ... the Irish hold a 15-2 advantage in the series ... one of the oldest opponents for Notre Dame, Valparaiso appeared on the schedule in 1980 - the first season of varsity volleyball at Notre Dame ... Notre Dame is riding a 15-match winning streak against the Crusaders ... the Irish are 6-0 against Valparaiso in the Joyce Center ... **Kristy Kreher** led Notre Dame to a victory in the 2000 meeting at Valparaiso with nine kills ... **Kristen Kinder** had three kills, five assists and one block in just one game last season ... **Angie Nordquist** had five kills and six digs for Valparaiso (see box on p. 4 for the boxscore from the 2000 Notre Dame - Valparaiso match).

A look at the Crusaders: Valparaiso (0-6) is coming off a three-game loss to Kentucky (30-20, 30-20, 30-27) on Sept. 8, in a tournament played at Western Michigan. **Carrie Goodrich** leads the Crusader offense with 68 kills (3.40 per game) on .245 hitting. Setter **Cyndi Norman** is averaging 10.60 assists per game and **Heather Hynds** has accumulated 45 kills thus far in 2001. **Hynds** also is strong at the net, blocking 24 attempts (1.20 per game) this season.

Irish fall to 3-3 after three losses to ranked opponents in Lincoln, Neb.: Notre Dame endured its first three-match losing streak since September of 2000 after dropping three matches to #7 UCLA, #1 Nebraska and #15 Pepperdine (Sept. 7 through Sept. 9) at the U.S. Bank/Arby's Tournament in Lincoln, Neb.

The Irish played all three higher-ranked opponents tough, pushing the Bruins and Cornhuskers to game point in the first game of each match. **Kristy Kreher** led the Notre Dame effort against top ranked Nebraska, scoring 13 kills and collecting six digs.

Head coach **Debbie Brown's** teams have created a tradition of rebounding after dropping three straight contests (an incident that has occurred only five times during Brown's 11-year tenure). The 2000 team rattled off 21 victories in 23 matches to end last season's campaign after suffering losses to #4 Nebraska, #3 UCLA and #16 Michigan State. In 1999, the Irish ripped off eight-straight wins after losing back-to-back matches at #8 BYU and Utah. Also, in 1995 Notre Dame rebounded from three losses to #11 Texas, #4 Stanford and #14 Long Beach State to win 11 out of the final 12 matches of the season and advance to the NCAA Regionals in Palo Alto, Calif.

Collegiate volleyball implements three new rules: The National Association for Girls and Women in Sports (NAGWS), the official rules-making body for women's collegiate volleyball, has announced three modifications that will directly affect the way the game is played in 2001.

The NAGWS has introduced rally scoring and each play will result in a point being scored. Each match will be a best-of-five with games one through four being played to 30 points. The fifth and deciding game (if necessary) will be to 15 points. All games need to be won by two points.

Another rule change will affect the serve. First, players will not be al-

2001 University of Notre Dame Volleyball Roster

#	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Birthdate	Hometown	High School/Club Team
1	Emily Loomis	Fr.	OH	6-1	12-16-82	Fort Wayne, IN	Bishop Luers/Fort Wayne Volleyball
2	Leah Nedderman	Fr.	OH	5-10	2-15-83	Grapevine, TX	Colleyville/Texas Advantage
3	Malinda Goralski**	Sr.	MB	6-1	5-28-80	Missouri City, TX	Clements/Club Texas
4	Kristy Kreher***	Sr.	OPP	6-1	10-27-80	Birmingham, MI	Marian/USA Michigan
5	Jessica Kinder*	So.	OH	5-10	4-6-82	Fresno, CA	Bullard/Fresno Red
6	Marcie Bomhack***	Sr.	OH	6-0	9-28-79	Waukesha, WI	Catholic Mem./Milwaukee Sting
7	Kelly Corbett	Fr.	MB	6-0	12-13-82	Mountain View, CA	St. Francis/City Beach
8	Kristen Kinder*	So.	S	5-9	4-6-82	Fresno, CA	Bullard/Fresno Red
10	Kim Fletcher*	So.	MB	6-0	6-1-82	St. Louis, MO	Nerinx Hall/St. Louis Elite
11	Keara Coughlin**	Jr.	DS	5-8	6-18-81	Chicago, IL	Marian Catholic/Chicago Juniors
13	Christa Moen*	So.	DS/S	5-4	10-30-82	San Antonio, TX	Oliver Wendell Holmes/Alamo
14	Janie Alderete**	Jr.	DS	5-4	4-18-81	Santa Clara, CA	Archbishop Mitty/Cosmos
15	Katie Neff*	So.	OPP/OH	6-4	12-1-81	St. Louis, MO	Cor Jesu Academy/St. Louis Elite

* - indicates monograms earned

Head Coach - Debbie Brown (Arizona State '82)

11th season at Notre Dame, 257-90 (.741), 16th season overall, 374-173 (.684)

Assistant Coaches - Steve Hendricks (Ball State '90), Robin Davis (Northern Arizona '79)

Volunteer Student Assistant Coach - Greg Silber (Notre Dame '02)

Team Manager - Lauren Abiouness (Notre Dame '02)

Team Trainer - Chantal Porter (Iowa State '94)

Strength and Conditioning Coach - Heather Mason (Cincinnati '95)

lowed a second toss for service and the let serve will be allowed. Should a served ball touch the net, it will be a legal, live ball as long as it continues its path to the opponents court.

The third rule change is optional and can be implemented by the coaches before the match. Referred to as 'international pursuit', the rule allows for a player to retrieve a ball (on second contact) that has crossed the plane of the net to the opponents free space, provided that player does not touch the opponents court and send the ball back to their court, over or outside the antennas, for an opportunity for the third contact.

Goralski grabs BIG EAST weekly award: Senior middle blocker **Malinda Goralski** earned her first BIG EAST Player of the Week award on Monday, Sept. 3, after helping lead the Irish to three straight victories in the Shamrock Invitational.

She recorded 37 kills and 25 blocks during the weekend, including slamming down a career-high 18 kills Friday (Aug. 31) against Southwest Texas State. Goralski, who earned all-tournament honors, also tied a career high with 11 blocks against Idaho in Notre Dame's 3-1 win

against the Vandals. On the weekend, Goralski recorded 3.7 kills and 2.5 blocks per game while hitting .463.

Coaching change: Robin Davis, most recently an assistant at Northern Arizona, has joined the Irish staff as an assistant. Davis replaces Lindsay Rosenthal and will help the Irish in the day-to-day business of the program, recruiting and on-court teaching.

Davis also has head coaching experience at Biola (Calif.) University. He coached 10 years at Biola, then moved on to Northern Arizona, helping them qualify for the NCAA Tournament in 1999 and 2000 while capturing the Big Sky Conference Co-Championship in 2000.

Irish forced to adjust from the comforts of home to life on the road: Notre Dame played 19 matches in the friendly confines of the Joyce Center last season. The Irish had 17 regular-season home matches scheduled and won both matches at the 2000 BIG EAST Volleyball Championship, which was held on campus.

The 2001 schedule calls for at least 16 road matches, a number that could increase if the Irish qualify for the BIG EAST Championship. A key

stretch of the Irish schedule will be six consecutive road matches from Oct. 16 through Nov. 4.

Welcome to the BIG EAST: In addition to facing Pepperdine for the first time ever at the US Bank/Arby's Tournament in Lincoln, Neb., this weekend, Notre Dame will face Virginia Tech for the first time ever and the first time as a BIG EAST Conference opponent on Sept. 28.

Virginia Tech enters the conference for volleyball competition for the first time in 2001. The Hokies competed as independents last season and compiled a 13-16 record.

Freshman ready to contribute: Even as the Irish welcome back 10 monogram winners to the 2001 roster, three talented freshman have joined the team and could see playing time early in the season. **Emily Loomis (Fort Wayne, Ind.)** has made a push for playing time after posting a 10-6 jump-reach in a preseason test and displaying solid offensive and defensive skills. Loomis tied for the team lead in kills in the Shamrock Invitational championship match vs. Idaho with 14. She also tied for a team-high with eight kills vs. #15 Pepperdine at the U.S.Bank/Arby's

NOTRE DAME PROBABLE STARTERS

Setter

#8 Kristen Kinder, So., 5-9
(Fresno, Calif.)

Opposite

#4 Kristy Kreher, Sr., 6-1
(Birmingham, Mich.)

Outside Hitter

#6 Marcie Bomhack, Sr., 6-0
(Waukesha, Wis.)

#1 Emily Loomis, Fr., 6-1
(Fort Wayne, Ind.)

Middle Blocker

#3 Malinda Goralski, Sr., 6-1
(Missouri City, Texas)

#10 Kim Fletcher, So., 6-0
(St. Louis, Mo.)

Defensive Specialist

#11 Keara Coughlin, Jr., 5-8
(Chicago, Ill.)

#14 Janie Alderete, Jr., 5-2
(Santa Clara, Calif.)

**NOTRE DAME
SPORTS INFORMATION**

Publicity for Notre Dame volleyball is coordinated by sports information publicity 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.

Tournament in Lincoln, Neb.

OH Leah Nedderman (Grapevine, Texas) and **MB Kelly Corbett (Mountain View, Calif.)** have both impressed the Irish coaching staff in the preseason and are poised to see significant playing time off the bench.

Strong schedule: Irish head coach **Debbie Brown**, who led the team to two key victories over high ranked

USA TODAY/AVCA TOP 25

SEPT. 10, 2001

Rnk	School	Pts.	2001 Record	Last Poll
1.	<i>Nebraska</i> (38)	1595	6-1	1
2.	Long Beach State (26)	1581	5-0	2
3.	Arizona (1)	1434	5-0	5
4.	Stanford	1379	6-0	9
5.	USC	1316	4-1	6
6.	Penn State	1254	6-1	4
7.	Pacific	1240	8-1	8
8.	<i>UCLA</i>	1232	5-1	7
9.	Wisconsin	1180	6-2	3
10.	<i>Florida</i>	1015	4-1	11
11.	Colorado State	982	6-0	12
12.	Hawai'i	875	4-4	10
13.	<i>Pepperdine</i>	724	4-2	15
	BYU	724	5-1	16
15.	Ohio State	670	7-0	17
16.	Texas A&M	627	6-1	18
17.	Minnesota	538	6-2	14
18.	UC Santa Barbera	516	2-3	13
19.	South Carolina	451	6-0	21
20.	Santa Clara	400	7-1	24
21.	Utah	278	4-2	19
22.	Kansas State	257	4-2	22
23.	NOTRE DAME	225	3-3	20
24.	<i>Northern Iowa</i>	187	6-0	ORV
25.	Texas	133	5-1	25

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES AND LISTED ON TWO OR MORE BALLOTS: Louisville (111), Colorado (83), Michigan State (56), Baylor (18), Missouri (13), Washington State (12).

- *Italics* indicates 2001 Notre Dame opponents
- NR = not ranked in last poll
- ORV = team was in 'others receiving votes' category in last poll

opponents in 2000 (3-2 come-from-behind victory over #15 BYU and a 3-1 win over #22 Loyola Marymount), has scheduled a number of highly-rated teams this season. Notre Dame will face five top 25 teams in 2001, including #10 Florida in the Gator's Volleyball Conference Challenge at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex on Nov. 24. The Irish have already faced #1 Nebraska, #7 UCLA and #15 Pepperdine this season at the US Bank/Arby's Tournament in Lincoln, Neb.

Northern Iowa, who entered the *USA Today/AVCA* Poll on Sept. 9, will meet the Irish on Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the Quad Cities.

Career-bests: A number of Irish players posted career-bests during Shamrock Invitational and US Bank/Arby's Tournament over the first two weekends of the season. **Malinda Goralski** tied her career high in both kills (18) and blocks (11) vs. Southwest Texas and Idaho, respectively. **Kim Fletcher** posted two career-bests while achieving her first career double-double with 14 kills and 10 digs against Idaho and while freshman **Emily Loomis** also posted 14 kills vs. the Vandals, for a personal-best total of her young career.

Junior DS **Janie Alderete** set a new career mark with 19 digs against #15 Pepperdine on Sept. 9.

BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

Player(s) of the Week

Sept. 3
Malinda Goralski, Notre Dame
 Christine Lambert, Connecticut
 Sept. 10
 Noreen Carroll, Syracuse

Rookie(s) of the Week

Sept. 3
 Laura Koster, Syracuse
 Sept. 10
 Jessica Brizzolara, Boston College
 Laura Koster, Syracuse

Goralski leads BIG EAST: In addition to earning the first BIG EAST Player of the Week award of the season on Sept. 2, senior middle blocker **Malinda Goralski** ranks in the top five of two statistical categories in the conference rankings. The Missouri City, Texas, native leads all league players in blocks per game with 1.79 (34 total). She is also second in hitting percentage (.381) and plays a major role in Notre Dame's top team ranking in blocks per game (2.92).

In the latest NCAA statistical rankings, Goralski is ranked 11th in blocks per game (1.79) and 39th in hitting percentage (.381).

Fletcher emerges in the middle of the Irish offense: Sophomore middle blocker **Kim Fletcher**, who earned BIG EAST All-Rookie Team honors in 2000, is second on the team in kills (56), third in digs (48) and second in blocks (16). Her quickness and ability to reach the entire court caught the eye of competing coaches in the 2001 Shamrock Invitational, who played a hand in voting her the Most Outstanding Player of the two-day tournament.

Fletcher has set career marks this season for kills (14) and digs (10) while posting her first career double-double against Idaho in the Shamrock Invitational championship match. Fletcher has posted more than five kills and five digs in every match this season. She currently ranks ninth in the BIG EAST in hitting percentage (.319).

Promotions before, during and after the match vs. Valparaiso:

The Notre Dame volleyball marketing and promotions crew has a number of new activities planned for the 2001 season.

On Sept. 18, when the Irish meet Valparaiso, all youth under the age of 14 are invited to a pre-match clinic in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse at 4 p.m. The clinic will run until 5:15, will be run by the Irish coaching staff and players and the participants in the clinic will receive free admission to the Notre Dame vs. Valparaiso match.

Between the Buns will be providing coupons at the entrance, a serving contest will occur between games two and three and the Irish cheerleaders will be passing out gift certificates throughout the match.

Notre Dame postpones four matches due to national developments last week:

Due to the tragedies in New York, Pennsylvania and Northern Virginia last week, Notre Dame postponed its volleyball matches with Michigan (Sept. 12), Indiana State (Sept. 14), Tulane (Sept. 14) and Purdue (Sept. 15).

Said University of Notre Dame director of athletics Kevin White: "We believe the horrific developments (last) Tuesday warrant a national period of bereavement and a moratorium as far as athletics are concerned. Consistent with the BIG EAST decision not to compete in any sports, we have postponed all athletic events through the weekend."

No make up dates have been arranged as of yet. The BIG EAST Conference did not compete in any sports last week, therefore no Player of the Week announcements will be available.



BIG EAST STANDINGS

as of Sept. 17

Team	BE	overall
1. St. John's	0-0	7-1
2. Connecticut	0-0	6-1
3. Boston College	0-0	5-2
4. Syracuse	0-0	4-3
5. Notre Dame	0-0	3-3
6. Rutgers	0-0	3-3
7. Virginia Tech	0-0	3-4
8. Villanova	0-0	3-4
9. Seton Hall	0-0	3-5
10. Georgetown	0-0	2-4
11. Pittsburgh	0-0	2-5
12. West Virginia	0-0	2-5
13. Providence	0-0	1-6

Notre Dame in the 2001 USA Today/AVCA Poll

Preseason: 20
 (3-0, Shamrock Invitational title)
September 3: 20
 (3-3, three losses to ranked teams)
September 10: 23
 (Four matches postponed)
September 17: 23

NOTRE DAME VS. VALPARAISO							
SEPT. 12, 2000							
ATHLETICS-RECREATION CENTER, VALPARAISO, IN							
NOTRE DAME 3							
Name	G	Kills	Error	Att.	Pct.	Digs	Blks
Boylan	2	3	0	6	.500	1	2
Goralski	2	8	2	15	.400	1	5
Kreher	3	9	3	18	.333	4	0
Bomhack	2	5	0	9	.556	5	1
Girton	3	9	3	22	.273	10	3
Alderete	2	0	0	0	.000	5	0
Kinder, J.	2	1	1	2	.000	2	1
Kinder, K.	1	3	0	3	1.000	0	1
Jameyson	2	2	0	7	.286	0	1
Fletcher	2	3	2	10	.100	2	0
Coughlin	2	0	0	0	.000	4	0
Shimmel	1	1	1	4	.000	4	1
Moen	2	0	0	0	.000	3	0
Neff	1	2	0	4	.500	1	1
Graham	1	0	0	0	.000	1	0
Totals	3	46	12	100	.340	43	9
VALPARAISO 0							
Nordquist	3	5	3	11	.182	6	0
Norman	3	1	2	4	-.250	4	0
Frazier	3	14	2	22	.545	4	0
Goodrich	3	4	4	17	.000	10	0
Slowik	3	4	4	19	.000	5	0
Hynds	3	2	1	14	.071	2	0
Hansen	3	0	1	4	-.250	2	0
Rohren	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Robinson	3	0	1	6	-.167	0	0
Baird	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Totals	3	30	18	97	.124	33	0