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2004 SCHEDULE (5-2-1, 2-1-0)

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Sept	<u>ember</u>		
3	Fri.	lvs. Oregon State	W, 2-1
5	Sun.	!vs. Boston U.	W, 2-0
10	Fri.	^Evansville	W, 2-1
12	Sun.	^CS Fullerton	Γ, 0-0 (2OT)
15	Wed.	at #1/1 Indiana	L, 0-2
18	Sat.	*Georgetown	W, 4-1
23	Thurs.		L, 0-1
26	Sun.	*at #21/25 Villanova	W, 1-0
Octo	<u>ber</u>		
1	Fri.	* #9/11 Boston Colleg	e 7:30 p.m.
3	Sun.	Loyola-Chicago	3:30 p.m.
7	Thurs	. *Pittsburgh	7:00 p.m.
10	Sun.	-,	1:00 p.m.
13	Wed.	#13 Michigan	7:00 p.m.
16	Sat.	*at #11/13 St. John's	7:30 p.m.
20	Wed.	*at #21 Seton Hall	3:00 p.m.
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- * BIG EAST Conference game
- ! adidas/IU Credit Union Classic
- ^ Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament **bold** home game (Alumni Field) rankings are NSCAA/adidas followed by *Soccer America*

2004 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

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#23/14 Notre Dame vs. #9/11 Boston College, Friday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. #23/14 Notre Dame vs. Loyola Chicago, Sunday, Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m.

Irish begin weekend with second straight matchup against the BIG EAST first-place team: The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team (5-2-1, 2-1-0 BIG EAST), ranked as high as 14th in the nation, returns to the friendly confines of Alumni Field for a key matchup with #9/11 Boston College (6-1-0, 3-1-0) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1. The match with the Eagles will be the second straight for the Irish against the BIG EAST Conference first-place team, as Notre Dame defeated Villanova 1-0 on Sunday, Sept. 26, to issue the Wildcats their first loss of the season.

Notre Dame will finish off the weekend on Sunday, Oct. 3, in a non-conference matchup with Loyola Chicago (1-6-1) at 3:30 p.m.

Live coverage of Irish men's soccer: Notre Dame men's soccer fans looking to keep track of the action this weekend and are unable make the trip to Alumni Field have two options for monitoring the action. Both live statistics, via College Sports Online's 'Gametracker' and live audio coverage for Irish Sports Pass subscribers are available.

The Gametracker and live audio coverage can be access on the right side of the front page of www.und.com.

The last time... Notre Dame faced Boston College was during the 2002 season, as the teams were not scheduled to face each other during the '03 conference schedule ... the Irish posted a 1-0 overtime victory in the '02 meeting at Chestnut Hill ... the last meeting with Loyola Chicago occurred in 2002 as well, a 1-0 victory for Notre Dame at Alumni Field.

What you need to know about Notre Dame this weekend:

- Notre Dame is looking to defeat the first-place team in the BIG EAST for the second straight match (the Irish defeated Villanova 1-0 on Sunday, Sept. 26).
- Notre Dame has started 2-1-0 in the BIG EAST Conference for the third consecutive season. The Irish posted a tie (vs. #19 Rutgers 1-1 in '02 and vs. Syracuse 1-1 in '03) in their next conference game in both previous instances.
- The Irish have welcomed back one of their injured players, as senior preseason All-American Kevin Goldthwaite was back in the lineup for Notre Dame's match at Villanova.

Boston College team overview and series history: Notre Dame and Boston College will be meeting for the 10th time on Friday ... the Irish lead the all-time series 6-3-0 ... Notre Dame is 3-1 against Boston College at Alumni Field ... the first meeting in the series occurred in Dayton, Ohio, in 1987 (a 5-0 Notre Dame victory) ... Boston College is 6-1-0 on the season and 3-1-0 in the BIG EAST Conference (good for first place) ... BC had three players earn conference honors this past week, as D Guy Melamed was named conference defensive player of the week, GK Issey Maholo was named the goalkeeper of the week and F Charlie Davis was named the rookie of the week ... Davies leads the team with five goals this season (along with two assists) and has posted 12 points so far in '04 ... Pat Haggerty has scored two goals for the Eagles ... Maholo is 6-1-0 with four shutouts this season and a 0.57 goals-against average.

Loyola Chicago team overview and series history: Notre Dame and Loyola Chicago, who were once conference rivals in the MCC (now called the Horizon League), will be meeting for the 19th time on Sunday ... the Irish lead the all-time series 13-3-2, including a 1-0 victory in 2002 at Alumni Field ... the Ramblers are 1-5-1 this season ... six different players have scored goals for Loyola Chicago, led by Joe Nierzwicki's three scores.

Justin McGeeney named BIG EAST Co-Offensive Player of the Week: Sophomore forward Justin McGeeney was named co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Mon-

	2004 University of Notre Dame Men's Soccer Roster						
No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School	Pronunc.
0	Justin Michaud	Jr.	GK	6-0	175	Austin, TX/Stephens Ep. School	(Mi-SHOWED)
00	Chris Cahill	So.	GK	6-6	190	Louisville, KY/St. Francis DeSales	
1	Chris Sawyer***	Sr.	GK	6-1	193	Highlands Ranch, CO/Highlands Ra	nch
2	Ryan Miller	So.	MF	5-11	160	Barrington, IL/Barrington	
3	Kevin Goldthwaite***	Sr.	MF/D	6-1	173	Sacramento, CA/Christian Brothers	
4	Joe Lapira	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	150	Lake Charles, LA/Saint Louis Cath.	(La-PEER-a)
5	Jorge Schippers	So.	D	5-10	160	Guatemala City, Guatemala	(SHIPP-ers)
6	Greg Dalby*	So.	D	6-0	174	Poway, CA/Poway	(DAHL-bee)
7	Ian Etherington*	So.	F/MF	5-8	125	Temecula, CA/Chaparral	(ETH-er-ring-ton)
8	Luke Boughen***	Sr.	D/MF	5-10	169	SJ Capistrano, CA/Santa Margarita	(BOW-in)
9	Justin McGeeney*	So.	F/MF	5-8	165	Ames, IA/Ames	(Muh-GEE-knee)
10	Jon Mark Thompson*	Jr.	MF	5-11	150	Cape Girardeau, MO/Cape Girardea	ıu
11	Tony Megna*	Jr.	F	5-11	165	Middleton, WI/Middleton	
12	John Mousinho	Fr.	MF/D	6-1	175	Buckinghamshire, England	(MOO-seen-ho)
13	Jack Stewart***	Sr.	MF	6-1	177	Torrance, CA/South Torrance	
14	John Stephens**	Jr.	MF	5-8	155	Woodbridge, IL/Benet Academy	
15	Kurt Martin	Fr.	F/MF	5-10	160	McAllen, TX/Memorial	
16	Ben Crouse*	Jr.	D	5-11	165	Oak Park, CA/Oak Park	(rhymes with mouse)
17	Christopher High**	Sr.	D	5-11	182	Camarillo, CA/Rio Mesa	
18	Andrew Benton	Fr.	MF/D	6-1	180	Marietta, GA/Kell	
19	Alex Yoshinaga	Fr.	MF	5-10	160	San Diego, CA/Granite Hills	(YO-shin-aga)
20	Nate Norman*	So.	F/MF	6-1	170	Rochester, MI/Rochester Adams	
21	Kyle Dulworth	Fr.	MF	5-9	160	Fort Wayne, IN/Homestead	
22	Dale Rellas*	Jr.	D	6-2	165	Plano, TX/Plano West Senior	
23	John Cavanaugh	Fr.	D	5-10	156	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	
24	Brian Sheehan	Fr.	D	6-2	190	Denver, CO/Mullen	
25	Brian Murphy	So.	F	6-0	175	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College, '67) fourth season at Notre Dame (45-18-8), 198-81-33, 18 years overall Assistant Coaches: Mike Avery (Westmont, '90), Brian Wiese (Dartmouth, '95)

Team Trainer: Tricia Matysak (Purdue, '99) Team Manager: Ashly Cumberworth (Notre Dame '05)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Lon Record (Lock Haven, '99)

day, Sept. 27, after scoring the lone goal in #9 Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Villanova. McGeeney shares the award with West Virginia's Jerrod Smith, who scored the lone goal in the Mountaineer's win over Notre Dame on Thursday, Sept. 23.

McGeeney intercepted a missed clear by Villanova less than a minute into the second half. He controlled the ball, dribbled three times and drilled a low shot into the net for this team-high third goal of the season.

The Irish defense made sure the goal held up and Notre Dame knocked off the first-place team in the league and dealt #21 Villanova its first loss of the 2004 season.

The weekly award is the first of McGeeney's career and second for the Notre Dame team this season. Jack Stewart was named the league defensive player of the week on Monday, Sept. 6.

One of two injured defenders returns to the lineup: Notre Dame received a bit of a lift on Sunday, Sept. 26, when preseason All-American Kevin Goldthwaite returned to the lineup full time after missing the first seven matches of the season with a knee injury. Goldthwaite, who was kept company on the sidelines by junior Dale Rellas (also projected as a starter in the Irish defense), played all but five minutes of the game with Villanova and helped the Irish post their third shutout of the season.

Notre Dame dominating statistically: Notre Dame has dominated its opponents on

Notre Dame men's soccer media information: Publicity for the 2004 Notre Dame men's

tion: Publicity for the 2004 Notre Dame men's soccer team is organized by assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski (Wasielewski.3@nd.edu). The Notre Dame sports information office is always interested in assisting members of the media in coverage of Irish soccer.

For men's soccer interviews, please contact Wasielewski at (574) 631-3397. All interviews of coaches and student-athletes must be arranged through the sports information office.

To receive all releases, including weekly updates on the Irish team, via e-mail, please send a request to Wasielewski at: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

^{* -} indicates monograms earned, (c) - team captain

2004 NSCAA/ADIDAS RANKING SEPT. 28, 2004

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	<u>Team</u>	'04 record	prev.
1.	UC Santa Barbara	8-0-0	2
2.	UNC-Greensboro	6-0-1	4
3.	Penn State	5-0-3	8
4.	Creighton	6-1-0	9
5.	New Mexico	6-0-0	7
6.	Indiana	6-2-0	10
7.	Duke	9-0-0	13
8.	William & Mary	5-1-2	NR
9.	Boston College	6-1-0	12
10.	California	7-0-1	16
11.	St. John's	5-2-1	5
12.	Old Dominion	5-1-1	6
13.	Michigan	6-1-1	3
14.	Maryland	5-2-1	1
15.	South Carolina	5-1-1	NR
16.	Santa Clara	7-1-0	11
17.	SMU	5-3-0	15
18.	Hartwick College	4-1-3	NR
19.	South Florida	5-0-2	17
20.	Brown	3-2-2	NR
21.	Seton Hall	5-2-1	NR
	Virginia	5-2-0	19
23.	NOTRE DAME	5-2-1	17
	Tulsa	4-2-1	25
25.	Coastal Carolina	6-1-0	14

Also receiving votes: Stanford, Binghamton.

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.

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Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas ranking...

Preseason: 9th Sept. 7: 11th Sept. 14: 14th Sept. 21: 17th Sept. 28: 23rd the final boxscore so far in '04, but have faced some instances of struggling to get the ball in the back of the net. Notre Dame struggled scoring goals early in the '03 season as well, putting up just seven goals in the team's first seven games.

Glancing over the season statistics, Notre Dame has close to a 3-1 ratio of shots vs. its opponents (152 - 55) and is averaging almost twice as many goals a contest (1.34 vs. 0.73). The Irish are averaging 19.0 shots per game compared to just 6.9 for their opponents and they have drawn 54 corner kicks compared to 21 for their opponents.

Irish poll watch: Notre Dame debuted in both the adidas/NSCAA and Soccer America polls at #9. The ninth-ranking was the highest preseason ranking for Notre Dame men's soccer in the adidas/NSCAA poll (the Irish were ranked third in the preseason last year by Soccer America).

This week the Irish are 14th in the Soccer America poll and 23rd in the NSCAA rankings.

Two other national polls have been updated as well, with the Irish #18 in the SoccerTimes.com Top 25 and #21 in the College Soccer News.com listing.

Notre Dame reached as high as third in both the adidas/NSCAA and Soccer America polls last season - the highest ranking in the program's history.

Two Irish players earn Soccer America honors: Notre Dame's strong start to the 2004 season has been noticed by one of the nation's top soccer publications. Soccer America named senior Kevin Goldthwaite (currently sidelined with an injury) to its preseason All-America team. Soccer America also named senior Jack Stewart to its Team of the Week on Thursday, Sept. 9.

Goldthwaite injured his knee in practice before Notre Dame's first regular season contests and recently returned to the lineup full time at Villanova on Sept. 26. Stewart scored two goals during Notre Dame's first weekend of competition, helping the Irish win their first two games of the season since 1999.

Snapshot of the Irish: On paper, the Irish will be challenged to replace 35 of 38 goals scored last season. On the field, Notre Dame will boast a quick and talented midfield, a strong defense and one of the best goal-keepers in the nation for the 2004 season.

The Irish attack will be keyed by an ath-

2004 SOCCER AMERICA RANKING SEPT. 28, 2004

	<u>Team</u>	'03 record	prev.
1.	UC Santa Barbara	8-0-0	1
2.	Duke	9-0-0	22
3.	California	7-0-1	4
4.	Santa Clara	7-1-0	3
5.	New Mexico	6-0-0	7
6.	Indiana	6-2-0	8
7.	Stanford	5-1-2	5
8.	Creighton	6-1-0	10
9.	Penn State	5-0-3	14
10.	UNC-Greensboro	6-0-1	15
11.	Boston College	6-1-0	NR
12.	UCLA	4-1-2	11
13.	St. John's	5-2-1	6
14.	NOTRE DAME	5-2-1	9
15.	South Carolina	5-1-1	NR
16.	William & Mary	5-1-2	NR
17.	South Florida	5-0-2	16
18.	Maryland	5-2-1	2
19.	SMU	5-3-0	18
20.	Portland	5-2-0	20
21.	Akron	5-2-1	NR
22.	Virginia	5-2-0	12
23.	Coastal Carolina	6-1-0	17
24.	Washington	6-3-1	21
25.	SW Missouri St.	7-0-1	NR

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.



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Notre Dame in the *Soccer America* ranking...

Preseason: 9th Sept. 7: 4th Sept. 14: 5th Sept. 21: 9th Sept. 28: 14th

2004 BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS AWARDS

Offensive Player of the Week Sept. 6 - Mark Pedreiras, Seton Hall Sept. 13 - Andre Schmidt, St. John's Sept. 20 - Jerrod Laventure, Seton Hall Sept. 27 - Justin McGeeney, Notre Dame Jarrod Smith, West Virginia

Defensive Player of the Week

Sept. 6 - Jack Stewart, Notre Dame Sept. 13 - Pat Haggerty, Boston College Sept. 20 - Moshe Shalchon, Connecticut Sept. 27 - Guy Melamed, Boston College

Goalkeeper of the Week

Sept. 6 - Issey Maholo, Boston College Sept. 13 - Issey Maholo, Boston College Sept. 20 - Bill Gaudette, St. John's Sept. 27 - Issey Maholo, Boston College Nick Noble, West Virginia

Rookie of the Week

Sept. 6 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
 Sept. 13 - Bonginkosi Macala, Connecticut
 Sept. 20 - Dan DeMasters, Villanova
 Sept. 27 - Charlie Davies, Boston College

2004 BIG EAST Men's Soccer Standings (as of Sept. 26)

<u>Rnk</u>	<u>Team</u>	BIG EAST	Points	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Streak</u>
1.	Boston College	3-1-0	9	6-1-0	Won 2
2.	Villanova	3-1-0	9	5-1-1	Lost 1
3.	St. John's	3-1-0	9	5-2-1	Lost 1
4.	Connecticut	2-0-0	6	4-3-1	Won 1
5.	NOTRE DAME	2-1-0	6	5-2-1	Won 1
6.	West Virginia	2-2-0	6	5-3-0	Won 2
7.	Rutgers	1-1-1	4	3-3-2	Won 1
8.	Seton Hall	1-1-0	3	5-2-1	Won 2
9.	Pittsburgh	0-1-1	1	2-2-2	Lost 2
10.	Georgetown	0-2-0	0	4-5-0	Won 1
11.	Syracuse	0-2-0	0	2-5-0	Lost 2
12.	Providence	0-4-0	0	0-7-0	Lost 7

letic midfield, featuring three sophomores in Greg Dalby (1 A), Nate Norman (1 G, 1 A) and Ian Etherington (2 A) and senior Luke Boughen (1 A). All four have the ability to move up and score goals, while also setting up forwards Justin McGeeney (3 G) and Tony Megna (1 G).

The defense will be a strength across the board with All-American Jack Stewart (2 G) and junior Dale Rellas (who missed the '03 season after starting each game as a rookie) in the middle. Rellas has been sidelined with a foot injury and senior Christopher High has filled in well, scoring his first career goal against Evansville. Ryan Miller will step in at rightback, while Kevin Goldthwaite will patrol the left side. Goldthwaite, one of the best in the country at his position, missed the first seven games of the season after suffering an injury in practice. Goldthwaite returned to the lineup full time at Villanova on Sept. 26. Junior Ben Crouse stepped in and played very well in Goldthwaite's left back position.

Behind Notre Dame's talented defense is GK Chris Sawyer (16 saves, three shutouts), the BIG EAST Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year and one of the most talented goal stops in the nation

Notre Dame also has received a big boost from its freshmen class. Alex Yoshinaga (2 G, 1 A) is second on the team with five points this season, while Joe Lapira scored his first career goal in game-winning style vs. Georgetown. Sophomore Brian Murphy, who did not play during his freshman season, has been highly active in the front of the Notre Dame offense and has contributed two assists so far in 2004.

Sawyer and Stewart named to the 2004 Hermann Trophy watch list: Two Notre Dame men's soccer players have been named to the 2004 Hermann Trophy Watch List, the most prestigious honor in intercollegiate soccer. Senior goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and senior central defender Jack Stewart joined 23 other players from across the country to be considered among the top talents in the nation and ones to watch for outstanding play during the '04 season.

Sawyer and Stewart were two of four BIG EAST Conference players on the list, joining St. John's Matt Groenwald and Boston College's Guy Melamed. With two players on the watch list, Notre Dame joins defending national champion Indiana, North Carolina and UCLA as the only four teams in the nation to have two players on the Hermann list. Sawyer and Stewart also become the first Notre Dame players in school history to be named to the men's Hermann Watch List.

Sawyer matched the school record for shutouts last season with 12, including an impressive three straight in the BIG EAST Championship, helping the Irish secure the program's first conference title since 1996. Sawyer was named the BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Defensive Player after the tournament, a trophy that fit well next to his BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year award.

Compiling a 485-minute scoreless minute streak early in the 2003 season, Sawyer eventually played all but 10 minutes of Notre Dame's matches last season. He held Notre

2004 SOCCERTIMES.COM TOP 25 SEPT. 28, 2004

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	<u>Team</u>	'04 record	prev.
1.	UC Santa Barbara	8-0-0	2
2.	Penn State	5-0-3	14
3.	California	7-0-1	13
4.	Duke	9-0-0	21
5.	UNC-Greensboro	6-0-1	18
6.	Santa Clara	7-1-0	3
7.	Indiana	6-2-0	6
8.	Creighton	6-1-0	7
9.	New Mexico	6-0-0	17
10.	Boston College	6-1-0	22
11.	St. John's	5-2-1	4
12.	Maryland	5-2-1	1
13.	UCLA	4-1-2	9
14.	Michigan	6-1-1	5
15.	Old Dominion	5-1-1	10
16.	Stanford	5-1-2	11
17.	South Florida	5-0-2	23
18.	NOTRE DAME	5-2-1	8
19.	Coastal Carolina	6-1-0	12
20.	William & Mary	5-1-2	NR
21.	Virginia	5-2-0	15
22.	SMU	5-3-0	19
23.	South Carolina	5-1-1	NR
24.	Washington	6-3-1	20
25.	Tulsa	4-2-1	24

Also receiving votes: Portland, SW Missouri State, VCU, Wake Forest, Hartwick College, CS Northridge, Akron, James Madison, North Carolina, Villanova, Clemson, Saint Louis, Seton Hall, San Fransisco, Brown, UAB, Connecticut, Kentucky, Rutgers.

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.

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Notre Dame in the Soccer Times.Com ranking...

Preseason: 9th Sept. 7: 7th Sept. 14: 5th Sept. 20: 8th Sept. 27: 18th Dame's opponents to one or zero goals in 20 of 23 matches. Sawyer was also named the 2004 Preseason BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year.

Playing just a few yards in front of Sawyer last year, Stewart anchored the Irish defense as a central defender and will continue in that role for 2004. Known throughout collegiate soccer as one of the best defenders in the nation, Stewart excels in the air and is one of the most physical and intense players on the team. The Torrance, Calif., native has moved up from his defensive position to score two goals and dish off two assists in his career.

A list of 15 semifinalists will be announced in November, with three finalists selected in early December. A winner will be announced at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis, Mo., on Jan. 8. 2005.

Preseason All-America honors: Notre Dame has landed two preseason All-America honors by College Soccer News.com. The website named GK Chris Sawyer to its preseason All-America first team, while D Jack Stewart was named to the third team.

Notre Dame will face a challenging schedule once again in 2004: Notre Dame is set to meet several ranked teams this season, including a match already played at #1/1 Indiana.

This week's schedule features a big contest with #9/11 Boston College.

#13 Michigan will visit Alumni Field on Oct. 13 and regionally ranked Michigan State will appear at Alumni Field on Nov. 2.

The Irish will face their biggest challenge during the team's traditional fall break trip through the BIG EAST Conference. Notre Dame will take on #11/13 St. John's (Oct. 16), #21 Seton Hall (Oct. 20) and Rutgers (Oct. 23) on the road over a seven-day stretch. The Irish will then wrap up their BIG EAST schedule at home on Oct. 30 against Connecticut.

Notre Dame is 13-10-3 (.557) against ranked teams under Bobby Clark, including victories over #4 St. John's ('03), #9 Virginia Tech ('03), #5 Connecticut ('02), #6 Seton Hall ('02), #7 Furman ('02), #6 Indiana ('01) and #21 Villanova last Sunday.

Bobby Clark quick biography: Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark is in his fourth season at Notre Dame. He has led

2004 COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS.COM TOP 30 - SEPT. 20, 2004

Team

- 1. UC Santa Barbara
- 2. Indiana
- 3. California
- 4. Creighton
- 5. Penn State
- 6. Santa Clara
- 7. New Mexico
- 8. UNC-Greensboro
- 9. Duke
- 10. Boston College
- 11. Maryland
- 12. St. John's
- 13. Old Dominion
- 14. Virginia
- 15. Michigan
- 16. Stanford
- 17. UCLA
- 18. Coastal Carolina
- 19. South Florida
- 20. SMU
- 21. NOTRE DAME
- 22. VCU
- 23. South Carolina
- 24. Villanova
- 25. Wake Forest
- 26. Portland
- 27. Tulsa
- 28. Saint Louis
- 29. William & Mary
- 30. Akron

Also receiving votes: Washington, James Madison, Fla. International, **Seton Hall**, **Michigan State**, San Fransisco, SW Missouri State, Hartwick College, Kentucky, UAB, Brown.

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.

POLL TRACKER

Notre Dame in the College Soccer News.com ranking...

Preseason: 14th Sept. 6: 13th Sept. 13: 17th Sept. 20: 18th Sept. 27: 21st the Irish to at least 12 wins each season and the 2003 BIG EAST Championship. Overall, he is 45-18-8 at Notre Dame (.690) and helped the Irish qualify for the NCAA Championship tournament for an unprecedented third-straight season in '03.

Winning has been synonymous with Clark's teams where ever he has coached. His Dartmouth teams (1985-93) posted an 82-42-13 (.646) record over nine years and three Ivy League Championships. At Stanford, Clark put up an 82-42-13 (.646) mark in nine years and finished second in the NCAA Championship in 1998.

Overall, Clark has compiled a 198-81-33 collegiate record (.688) and has landed seven teams in the final national rankings.

The Irish established their motto of 'Making History' early in the 2003 season and that goal was achieved in remarkable fashion. Notre Dame earned its highest-ever preseason ranking in 2003 (third in the *Soccer America* ranking) and highest-ever in-season ranking in both major polls (third in both polls). Notre Dame also earned its first-ever bye in the NCAA Championship and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the third-straight season - another unprecedented achievement.

Please see p. 12-15 of the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer media guide for a more detailed historical biography on Clark.

Keep up with the Irish via the Notre Dame hotline: The Notre Dame athletic department hotline has realigned its menu offerings for the 2004 fall sports season.

The hotline provides schedule and results information for varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the live coverage and game recaps already provided on the official athletic website at www.und.com.

Here's how the hotline is aligned (as of Aug. 28):

- *Dial (574) 631-3000
- *Select any of the following subgroups:
- (1) Upcoming schedule and recent results of ALL varsity sports currently in action (select cells 3-9 for the most updated results for specific sports).
 - (2) 2004 Football schedule.
- (3) Basketball information (then press 1 for men's basketball and 2 for women's basketball)
 - (4) Soccer information (then press 1 for men's soccer and 2 for women's soccer).
 - (5) Women's volleyball (press 1) and men's ice hockey (press 2) information.
 - (6) Men's and women's cross country information.
- (7) Men's and women's swimming and diving information (then press 1 for men's swimming and 2 for women's swimming).
- (8) Tennis information (then press 1 for men's tennis and 2 for women's tennis) and men's and women's fencing information (press 3).
- (9) Women's golf (press 1), men's golf (press 2) and women's rowing (press 3) information.

2004 ADIDAS/NSCAA GREAT LAKES REGIONAL POLL SEPT. 28, 2004

	<u>Team</u>	'04 Record	<u>Pvs</u>
1.	Indiana	6-2-0	2
2.	Michigan	6-1-1	1
3.	NOTRE DAME	5-2-1	3
4.	Akron	5-2-1	5
5.	Kentucky	6-2-1	8
	Oakland	5-1-1	6
7.	Michigan State	5-2-0	4
8.	IUPUI	7-1-0	7
9.	Butler	6-3-0	NR
10.	UW-Milwaukee	3-2-2	NR

bold indicates 2004 opponents

2004 Notre Dame Goals

- Jack Stewart (1) vs. Oregon State assist(s): Alex Yoshinaga (1)
- Justin McGeeney (1) vs. Oregon State (GW) assist(s): Nate Norman (1)
- Jack Stewart (2) vs. Boston U. (GW) assist(s): John Stephens (1)
- Nate Norman (1) vs. Boston U. unassisted
- Christopher High (1) vs. Evansville assist(s): John Stephens (2)
- Justin McGeeney (2) vs. Evansville (GW) assist(s): Brian Murphy (1)
- Alex Yoshinaga (1) vs. Georgetown assist(s): Greg Dalby (1)
- Joe Lapira (1) vs. Georgetown (GW) assist(s): Briam Murphy (2)
- Alex Yoshinaga (2) vs. Georgetown assist(s): lan Etherington (1), Luke Boughen (1)
- Tony Megna (1) vs. Georgetown assist(s): lan Etherington (2)
- Justin McGeeney (3) vs. Villanova unassisted

2004 Notre Dame Player Bio Updates

* - please see the Notre Dame men's soccer media guide for more information on Notre Dame players.

#1 Chris Sawyer Sr. GK 6-1 193

2004 Awards: Hermann Trophy Watch List selection ... BIG EAST Preseason Goal-keeper of the Year ... preseason all-BIG EAST selection ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-touranment team ... College Soccer News.com preseason All-American.

2004 Accomplishments: Recorded first shutout of the year vs. Boston University in the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic (2-0 Irish victory) ... did not allow a goal to CS Fullerton in as Notre Dame and the Titans battled to a 0-0 scoreless tie in two overtimes ... has faced 23 shots on goal this season, making 16 saves and allowing six goals (0.73 goalsagainst average) ... has 23 shutouts in his career currently, closing in on Bert Bader's career record of 32 from 1991-94.

#2 Ryan Miller So. D 5-11 160

2004 Accomplishments: Notre Dame's starting right back ... along with Jack Stewart, the only Irish players to see all 560 minutes of action so far in 2004.

#3 Kevin Goldthwaite Sr. D 6-1 173

<u>2004 Awards:</u> Soccer America Preseason All-America.

2004 Accomplishments: Returned to the lineup full time against Villanova on Sept. 26 after missing the first seven matches of the season with an injury.

#4 Joe Lapira Fr. F 5-8 150

2004 Accomplishments: Scored the first goal of his career, the game winner, against Georgetown in his first career BIG EAST contest... provides a spark off the bench for the Irish offense.

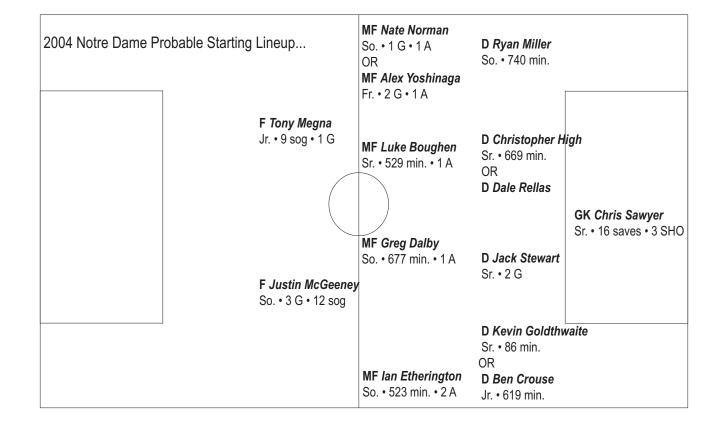
#6 Greg Dalby So. MF 6-0 174

<u>2004 Awards:</u> Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Has been a steady influence in the Irish midfield ... contributed first assist of the season (and his career) on Alex Yoshinaga's first goal against Georgetown ... has the ability to move back to central defense and also become an attacking midfielder ... increased his aggressiveness this season, taking 11 shots so far (including two on goal).

#7 Ian Etherington So. MF 5-8 125

2004 Accomplishments: Has appeared at both left and right midfield ... tied with Brian Murphy and John Stephens for the team lead with two assists ... assisted on the third and fourth goals of Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown in the BIG EAST opener for



Notre Dame.

#8 Luke Boughen Sr. MF 5-10 169

2004 Accomplishments: One of Notre Dame's starting central midfielders ... logged his first assist of the season on Alex Yoshinaga's second goal vs. Georgetown.

#9 Justin McGeeney So. D 6-1 173

2004 Awards: BIG EAST Co-Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 29) ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Expected to be a goal scorer for the Irish in '04 and has delivered with his first three career goals ... carded the game-winner in Notre Dame's victory at #21 Villanova, scoring just two minutes into the second half ... leads the team in shots with 29, including 12 on goal ... scored the game winning goal vs. Oregon State and Evansville.

#11 Tony Megna 5-11 165

2004 Accomplishments: One of Notre Dame's starting forwards ... scored his first career goal in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown ... has the ability to attack and put pressure on the opposing defense ... second on the team with 23 shots, including nine on goal.

#13 Jack Stewart Sr. D 6-1 177

2004 Awards: Hermann Trophy Watch List selection ... Soccer America Team of the selection ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team ... Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament team ... BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week (Sept.

2004 Accomplishments: Led Notre Dame to a 2-0 record at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic with two goals in two games during the tournament ... has scored on two of his six shots on goal ... posted the game-winning goal vs. Boston University.

#14 John Stephens Jr. MF 5-8 155

2004 Accomplishments: Used as relief in the midfield for the Irish ... has recorded the first two assists of his career in 2004.

#16 Ben Crouse Jr. D 5-11 165

2004 Accomplishments: Has stepped in to fill the role of injured left back Kevin Goldthwaite ... has moved forward well, getting off seven shots ... fits well into Notre Dame's system of attacking defenders.

#17 Christopher High Sr. D 5-11 182

2004 Accomplishments: Picked up in '04 where he left off in '03, filling in for an injury in the central defense ... scored his first career goal in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Evansville ... has shown an increased aggressiveness in 2004 and has moved up for seven shots, including two on goal.

#19 Alex Yoshinaga Fr. MF 5-10 160

2004 Accomplishments: Second on the team Week (Sept. 9) ... preseason all-BIG EAST | in scoring with two goals and an assist for

five points ... has scored on two of his eight shots (and two of three shots on goal) ... one of the team's top options for set piece kicks and corner kicks ... scored twice in his first career BIG EAST game vs. Georgetown, tieing the game at 1-1, then putting the Irish up 3-1 in an eventual 4-1 victory ... assisted on Jack Stewart's goal vs. Oregon State - the first of the year for the Irish.

#20 Nate Norman So. MF 6-1 170

2004 Awards: Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament team selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Has one goal and one assist this season ... an excellent oneon-one player capable of dribbling past defenders ... can created dangerous scoring chances off the dribble ... six of his 10 shots attempted this season have been on goal.

#22 Dale Rellas Jr. D 6-2 165

2004 Accomplishments: Projected starter for the Irish sidelined for the second time in his career for a foot injury.

#25 Brian Murphy So. F 6-0 175

2004 Accomplishments: Has been utilized as a forward substitute to give the Irish offense some energy off the bench ... extremely skilled in the air with his head ... logged his first career assist on Justin McGeeney's game-winning goal vs. Evansville ... picked up the second assist of the season/career against Georgetown on Joe Lapira's gamewinning goal ... five of his six shots this season have been on goal.