

2000-01 NOTRE DAME HOCKEY

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IRISH FACE-OFF VERSUS BOSTON COLLEGE IN OPENER OF MAVERICK STAMPEDE AT NEBRASKA-OMAHA

- Irish Fall To Minnesota In Season Opener At Hall Of Fame Classic
- ND Freshmen Rob Globke And Brett Lebda Notch First Collegiate Goals

MAVERICK STAMPEDE TOURNAMENT: The Notre Dame hockey team travels to Omaha, Nebraska to participate in the Maverick Stampede on Friday, October 13-14. The tournament, hosted by the University of Nebraska-Omaha, will be played at the Omaha Civic Center (8,314). The Fighting Irish will play in Friday's first game facing 1999-2000 NCAA Finalist Boston College at 5:00 p.m. (The Eagles started the week tied for fourth in the nation by USA Today/American Hockey Magazine with Michigan)... On Saturday night, Notre Dame will face either tournament host Nebraska-Omaha (ranked 14th in this week's coaches poll) or Niagara University (a 1999-2000 NCAA tournament participant) with game times set for 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.... (WJVA radio (1580 AM) again will broadcast Irish hockey games during the 2000-01 season with the play-by-play also available via the internet at www.und.com.

THE SERIES: Boston College holds an 11-7-1 edge in the all-time series and is 3-0-1 in the last four meetings and 7-1-1 in the last nine meetings...the two teams played to a 5-5 tie in the last meeting during the 1998-99 season...this will be the first meeting between the two schools on neutral ice...BC is 6-6-1 versus Notre Dame at Chestnut Hill and 5-1-0 versus the Irish at Notre Dame...the two teams will meet again on Friday, November 10th at the Joyce Center with face-off set for 7:05 p.m.

EAGLES TO DATE: Friday's game is the season opener for Boston College. The Eagles won their preseason game defeating Acadia University last Saturday by a 6-2 score. Marty Hughes and Ben Eaves led the Eagles with a goal and two assists. Coach Jerry York used all three goaltenders - Scott Clemmensen, Tom Egan and Tim Kelleher in the game.

SCOUTING THE EAGLES: Boston College hockey information can be found at www.bceagles.com.

NOTRE DAME VERSUS TOURNEY FOES: Notre Dame and Nebraska-Omaha are members of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) and met four times last season in UNO's first year in the league. The Irish are 1-2-1 versus the Mavericks...Notre Dame was 0-1-1 at Omaha last season - skating to a 2-2 tie on November 5th and falling 5-3 the following night ...the two teams split at the Joyce Center with Nebraska-Omaha winning 3-1 on February 11th and Notre Dame taking a 7-4 decision on February 12th...Notre Dame and Niagara have never met in college hockey action...

NEBRASKA-OMAHA AND NIAGARA TO DATE: Nebraska Omaha defeated the University of Manitoba, 6-1 in its preseason opener on October 6th...11 different players made it into the scoring column with David Brisson, Ed Cassin and Shane Glover leading the way with a goal and an assist each...Niagara comes into the tournament with an 0-1-0 mark after dropping its season opener, 3-2, to Lake Superior State in overtime...Hannu Karru and Joe Tallari scored for Niagara while freshman goaltender Rob Bonk made 31 saves in goal.

FOR MORE ON THE MAVERICKS AND PURPLE EAGLES: Nebraska-Omaha hockey information can be found at www.unomaha.edu while Niagara University info can be found at www.niagara.edu/sports...

| 2000-01 NOTRE DAME HOCKEY | | |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| OCTOBER | | |
| 7 | vs. Minnesota % | L, 3-7 |
| <i>Nebraska-Omaha Maverick Shootout</i> | | |
| 13 | vs. Boston College | 5:00 p.m. |
| 14 | vs. UNO or Niagara | 5:00 or 8:00 p.m. |
| 17 | WAYNE STATE | 7:05 p.m. |
| 20 | NORTHEASTERN | 7:05 p.m. |
| 21 | NORTHEASTERN | 7:05 p.m. |
| 26 | *MICHIGAN STATE | 7:05 p.m. |
| 29 | *MICHIGAN STATE | 7:05 p.m. |
| NOVEMBER | | |
| 3 | *at Miami | 7:35 p.m. |
| 4 | *at Miami | 7:35 p.m. |
| 10 | BOSTON COLLEGE | 7:05 p.m. |
| 24 | *NORTHERN MICHIGAN | 7:05 p.m. |
| 25 | *NORTHERN MICHIGAN | 7:05 p.m. |
| DECEMBER | | |
| 1 | *at Lake Superior | 7:05 p.m. |
| 2 | *at Lake Superior | 7:05 p.m. |
| 8 | *MIAMI | 7:05 p.m. |
| 9 | *MIAMI | 7:05 p.m. |
| 19 | *at Nebraska Omaha | 7:05 p.m. |
| 20 | *at Nebraska Omaha | 7:05 p.m. |
| <i>RPI Christmas Tournament (Troy, N.Y.)</i> | | |
| 19 | vs. St. Lawrence | 4:30 p.m. |
| 20 | vs. Rensselaer or Northeastern | 4:30/7:30 |
| JANUARY | | |
| 5 | *FERRIS STATE | 7:05 p.m. |
| 6 | *FERRIS STATE | 7:05 p.m. |
| 12 | *WESTERN MICHIGAN | 7:05 p.m. |
| 13 | *at Western Michigan | 7:05 p.m. |
| 19 | *OHIO STATE | 7:05 p.m. |
| 20 | *OHIO STATE | 7:05 p.m. |
| 23 | *at Michigan | 7:05 p.m. |
| 27 | vs. Yale (New Haven Coliseum) | 4:00 p.m. |
| 28 | at Yale | 1:00 p.m. |
| FEBRUARY | | |
| 2 | *at Ohio State | 7:35 p.m. |
| 3 | *at Ohio State | 7:05 p.m. |
| 9 | *BOWLING GREEN | 7:05 p.m. |
| 10 | *BOWLING GREEN | 7:05 p.m. |
| 16 | *at Michigan | 7:35 p.m. |
| 23 | *at Alaska Fairbanks | 7:05 p.m. |
| 24 | *at Alaska Fairbanks | 7:05 p.m. |
| MARCH | | |
| 2 | *at Western Michigan | 7:05 p.m. |
| 3 | *WESTERN MICHIGAN | 7:05 p.m. |
| 9- | CCHA Tournament | TBA |
| 11 | (home sites, best-of-3) | TBA |
| 13 | CCHA Play-In | TBA |
| 16 | ~CCHA Semifinals | TBA |
| 17 | ~CCHA Final | TBA |
| 23- | NCAA Regional | TBA |
| 25 | (Worcester, Mass. or Grand Rapids, Mich.) | |
| APRIL | | |
| 6 | NCAA Semifinals (Albany, N.Y.) | |
| 8 | NCAA Final (Pepsi Arena) | |

% - Hall of Fame Game (St. Paul, Minn.)
 * - Central Collegiate Hockey Assoc. game
 ~ - Joe Louis Arena (Detroit, Mich.)

| 2000-01 Notre Dame Personnel Breakdowns | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Top Returnees (yr., pos., ht./wt. ... 1999-2000 stats) | |
| Dan Carlson (Sr., LW, 5-9/180; 17-18-35, 42 GP) | ND's top scorer in 1999-2000; career: 35-55-90, 119 GP |
| Ryan Dolder (Sr., RW, 6-0/195; 10-14-24, 42 GP) | Former walk-on now team captain; career: 18-18-36, 103 GP |
| David Inman (Jr., C/LW, 6-1/205; 13-7-20, 32 GP) | 1999 second-round draft pick (N.Y. Rangers) |
| Tony Zasowski (So., G, 5-11/195; 13-9-6, 2.56, .901) ... | Set Irish GAA record; allowed 0-2 goals in 17 of 27 starts |
| Evan Nielsen (So., D, 6-2/210; 4-10-14, 41 GP) | 2000 eighth-round NHL draft pick (Atlanta) |
| Connor Dunlop (So., C, 5-10/180; 3-13-16, 35 GP) | Member of 1999-2000 USA Junior National Team |
| Ryan Clark (Sr., D, 6-4/230; 1-3-4, 36 GP) | 88 career games played |
| Michael Chin (So., RW, 6-2/210; 6-7-13, 37 GP) | Recorded 4G-5A in final 15 games of 1999-2000 season |
| Chad Chipchase (Sr., LW, 6-0/200; 0-0-0, 15 GP) | Jr. season hampered by knee injury, career: 15-8-23, 94 GP |
| Top Players Lost (Yr., Pos., 1999-2000 Stats) | |
| Ben Simon (Sr., C/LW; 13-19-32) | ND's 2nd-leading career scorer since '92 (44-86-130, 144 GP) |
| Tyson Fraser (Sr., D; 3-11-14) | Key PP component; alt. captain; career: 8-49-57, 131 GP |
| Joe Dusbabek (Sr., RW; 8-19-27) | Career: 26-49-75, 127 GP |
| Sean Molina (Sr., D; 1-8-9) | 148 career GP (4th in ND history) |
| Nathan Borega (Sr., D; 1-3-4) | 6-2, 225 pounds ... alternate captain ... 140 career GP |
| Top Newcomers (all freshmen, except for Maruk-junior) | |
| Neil Komadoski ... D | 6-1/215 |
| Rob Globke | RW 6-2/200 |
| Tom Galvin | D |
| Aaron Gill | C |
| Brett Lebda | D |
| Jon Maruk | LW 5-9/180 |

Notre Dame Hockey – By The Numbers

6,901

Career minutes played by goaltender Lance Madson (1986-90)

1968

First varsity hockey season of the modern era

1912

First varsity hockey season

1580

WJVA radio (AM) is scheduled to broadcast most of the 2000-01 Notre Dame hockey season

724

Career games played in the NHL by Irish head coach Dave Poulin

307

Career coaching wins by Lefty Smith, in 19 seasons at Notre Dame

152

Notre Dame record for career games played, set by defenseman John Schmidt (1978-82)

130:36

Shutout streak posted by Tony Zasowski, spanning 1999-2000 games versus New Hampshire and Michigan State (2)

104

ND record for career goals, set by Greg Meredith (1976-80) after scoring twice in his final game to best (see new note) ...

103

Previous Irish career goals record, set by Eddie Bumbacco (1970-74)

86

Consecutive games played by Andy Jurkowski, from 1998-2000

79

All-time Notre Dame hockey letterwinners from the state of Minnesota

59

Pick used by New York Rangers to select Notre Dame's David Inman in second round of 1999 NHL Draft

47

Saves posted by Matt Eisler in 3-0 win over Ohio State on Oct. 25, 1996 (most ever in a Notre Dame shutout)

HALL OF FAME GAME WRAP-UP: The Fighting Irish dropped a 7-3 decision to the Minnesota Golden Gophers in the Hall of Fame Game played at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minnesota on October 7th. The Irish suffered opening night jitters surrendering a pair of unassisted first period goals and trailed 3-0 before sophomore **Connor Dunlop (St. Louis, Mo.)** got the Irish on the board at 11:13 of the second stanza with an assist to **Jon Maruk (Eden Prairie, Minn.)**. Minnesota added two more goals in the period to go into the second intermission with a 5-1 lead. The lead would go to 7-1 before two members of the Irish freshmen class got their first collegiate goals. Right wing **Rob Globke (West Bloomfield, Mich.)** scored at 13:32 on a backhander after being set up by Maruk on a 2-on-1 chance. Rookie defenseman **Brett Lebda (Buffalo Grove, Ill.)** closed the scoring at 15:01 as he intercepted a Minnesota pass at the blueline and went in all alone beating UM goaltender Adam Hauser with a nice move for the unassisted goal. Notre Dame was outshot 31-18 in the game. Sophomore goaltender **Tony Zasowski (Darrien, Ill.)** played the first 40 minutes giving up five goals while making 21 saves. Junior **Jeremiah Kimento (Palos Hills, Ill.)** played the final period surrendering two goals and making three saves.

POULIN ON THE MINNESOTA GAME: "After watching the tape, I saw lots of early season jitters. We didn't pass well, we didn't support the puck well, things that we usually do pretty well. I think that goes to the fact that we played six freshmen and six Minnesota natives. They wanted to do well and tried to do too much. I'm confident that the things that we do well, we will do well."

"I thought we played better in the third period. We saw flashes, individually, of what (**Rob Globke** and (**Brett Lebda** can do offensively. I thought the line of **Jay Kopishke (Alexandria, Minn.)**, **John Wroblewski (Neenah, Wisc.)** and **Matt Van Arkel (Richton Park, Ill.)** played well. Matt may have had his best game ever in an Irish uniform. **Connor Dunlop** played very well."

POULIN ON THE MAVERICK SHOOTOUT: "We are really getting right back into it this Friday night. Boston College was ranked fifth in the preseason and Nebraska-Omaha was 14th. Two top 15 teams. These games will show us the things we need to work on. We are excited to get back on the ice today (Monday) to work on the things we didn't do well in Minnesota."

HALL-OF-FAMERS: Notre Dame's appearance in the Hall of Fame Game marks the second appearance by the Irish in the season opening game...in 1998-99, the Irish downed Wisconsin, 2-1, in front of nearly 14,000 fans at the Kohl Center dedication game ...

FOR OPENERS: Following the 7-3 loss to Minnesota, Notre Dame is now 17-17-0 record in 34 season openers during the program's modern era ... the Irish are 4-6-0 in their last 10 season openers... including 3-3-0 in the Dave Poulin era (2-1 loss to Guelph, 2-1 win over Western Ontario, 5-1 win over Western Ontario, 2-1 win at Wisconsin, 5-3 loss to Michigan and 7-3 loss to Minnesota).

SPECIAL TEAMS: Notre Dame was 0-6 on the power play and

WHO'S BACK: Notre Dame returns 16 of 24 letterwinners from the 1999-2000 team that went 16-18-8, finished fifth in the CCHA and advanced to the CCHA semifinals ... the Irish also return junior D Sam Cornelius (lettered in '98-'99, 16 GP last season) and sophomore D Paul Harris (9 GP last season) ... all told, ND's 15 returning skaters accounted for two-thirds of the goals and 60 percent of the total offense in 1999-2000 ... ND returns five of its top-seven scorers from 1999-2000, including its leading scorer in senior LW **Dan Carlson (17G-18A, 9 PPG, 5 GWG)** ... senior RW and team captain **Ryan Dolder (10G-14)** was ND's fourth-leading scorer last season, followed by junior C **David Inman (13G-7A)** and sophomore C **Connor Dunlop (3G-13A)** ... Inman and Dunlop combine to give ND two of the top young centers in the CCHA while junior **Brett Henning (3G-7A)** could shift from C to LW this season ... including Henning, ND has six veterans who could play at left wing--with that group having a combined 14 years of Division I experience ... other top candidates at LW include seniors **Chad Chipchase (15 GP during injury-plagued 1999-2000 season)** and **Jay Kopischke (6G-5A)**, with Chipchase also capable of playing at C or RW ... for the second consecutive season, ND must replace a four-year regular at RW (Joe Dusbabek, with Brian Urick moving on after '98-'99) ... other top returners at RW include sophomore **Michael Chin (6G-7A)** and senior **Matt Van Arkel (4G-1A)** ... just two 1999-2000 letterwinners return in the D: 6-4, 230-pound senior **Ryan Clark** and sophomore **Evan Nielsen (4G-10A)**, who could fill the power-play point role filled the past two seasons by Benoit Cotnoir ('99) and Tyson Fraser ('00) ... Clark and Nielsen skated together in 30 games last season (including the final 22) ... all three Irish Gs are back, led by sophomore **Tony Zasowski (ND record 2.56 GAA, 13-9-6 record, .901 save pct.)** and junior **Jeremiah Kimento (3-8-2 career record, 2.88 GAA, .890 save pct.)**.

WHO'S GONE: With two of the top-three scorers lost to graduation, ND is one of several CCHA teams looking to receive boosts in goalscoring from other players ... the Irish also must replace four of their top-six defenseman from last season: **Nathan Borega, Tyson Fraser, Sean Molina** and **Sean Seyferth** ... the 6-2, 225-pound Borega (70 PIM last season) was a four-year enforcer with the Irish while Fraser's subtle skills included serving as the point man on the Irish power play (he had 3G-11A last season, 7G-49A for his career) ... Molina (1G-8A in 1999-2000) appeared in 148 career games (tied for 4th in ND history) and played a role on the second PP unit in 1999-2000 ... the graduated D foursome combined to appear in 486 career games (140 for Borega, 131 for Fraser, 67 for Seyferth) ... top losses from the forward line include C and team captain **Ben Simon** and RW **Joe Dusbabek** ... Simon's 1999-2000 season included 13G-19A and a team-best 10 PPGs ... he averaged nearly a point per game in his career (44G-85A, 143 GP) and is ND's second-leading career scorer since the Irish rejoined the CCHA in 1992 ... Dusbabek (8G-19A in 1999-2000) totaled 26G-49A in 126 career games ... Academic All-American **Andy Jurkowski (5G-8A)** made a successful transition from D to LW as senior in 1999-2000 while C **Troy Bagne** rounds out the 2000 graduates (he had 2G-3A in 1999-2000, 5G-10A in 123 career games).

WHO'S NEW: ND's fifth consecutive highly-regarded recruiting class includes three products of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program: D **Neil Komadoski (Chesterfield, Mo.)** and **Brett Lebda (Buffalo Grove, Ill)** and RW **Rob Globke (West Bloomfield, Mass.)** ... the other two freshmen signees include C **Aaron Gill (Rochester, Minn./Rochester Mustangs)** and D **Tom Galvin (Miller Place, NY./Waterloo Blackhawks)** ... one other newcomer is junior LW **Jon Maruk**, who played two seasons at Alaska Anchorage before scoring 32G-42A in 71 games last season with the Twin City Vulcans (which won the 1999-2000 national junior-A title) ... Globke is known for strong wide-reaching offensive skills, after ranking as the third-leading scorer on the 1999-2000 USA Under-18 National Team (15G-21A) ... Gill is a strong all-around centerman who totaled 26G-23A in 55 games with the Mustangs last season ... the 6-1, 205-pound Komadoski--who could help replace the imposing presence of graduated Nathan Borega (6-2, 225)--made a name for himself as the top enforcer on the USA Under-18 National Team and is considered one of the nation's top prospects for the 2001 NHL draft ... Lebda is known for his smooth skating and offensive ability while Galvin is a steady performer with strong all-around skills (both could play roles on the power play).

gave up three power play goals in six chances in the opener at Minnesota. **Connor Dunlop's** first goal of the season came with the two teams skating four-on-four. The Irish were whistled for 20 penalties for 51 minutes in the game while Minnesota was called for 21 penalties for 42 minutes on the night.

CENTURY MARK: Senior right wing **Matt Van Arkel** played in his 100th career game versus Minnesota. He is one of four members of the 2000-2001 squad to have played in 100 or more games for the Irish.

IRISH FIRSTS: Freshman RW **Rob Globke** and D **Brett Lebda** got the first goals of their Notre Dame careers in the Hall of Fame Classic versus Minnesota. Both goals came in the third period - Globke (13:32) and Lebda (15:01). Junior LW **Jon Maruk** picked up a pair of assists in his first game wearing an Irish uniform.

TOUGH SLATE: Notre Dame's 39-game schedule includes as many as 14 games versus teams ranked in the U.S. College Hockey Online preseason top-20 poll ... the 40-voter panel of coaches and media tabbed Michigan second (behind North Dakota) and Boston College fourth (behind Wisconsin), with other ND opponents on that top-20 list including Michigan State (5th), St. Lawrence (6th), Minnesota (11th), Nebraska Omaha (13th), Lake Superior (14th) and Rensselaer (19th) ... ND will face Michigan, BC, MSU and LSSU twice each while playing UNO 2-3 times (RPI is a potential opponent, at the RPI Christmas Tournament) ... the first half of the Irish schedule is particularly challenging, as it will include as many as 12 games versus ranked teams prior to New Year's Day (all except the Jan. 23 and Feb. 16 games versus Michigan) ... ND opened versus Minnesota, then plays BC and possibly a potential game versus UNO at the Maverick Shootout ... the fourth week of the season then will feature the two-game home series with Michigan State ... ND also could play as many as 14 games versus teams ranked in the *USA Today* American Hockey Coaches Association preseason poll: Michigan (2nd), MSU (4th), BC (5th), SLU (8th), Minnesota (12th), LSSU (13th), UNO (14th) and Northern Michigan (tied for 17th-most votes).

HOMECOMING: Sophomore goaltender **Tony Zasowski** returns to Omaha this weekend where he turned in a stellar junior hockey career with the Omaha Lancers of the United States Hockey League (USHL). The Darien, Illinois native played two seasons in Omaha ('96-'97 and '97-'98) helping the Lanc-

ers to the USHL's Clark Cup finals in 1998-99 while being named USHL goaltender of the year. He set Lancer records for wins in a season (35-11 in '98-'99) and career (50-17), shutouts in a season (5 in '98-'99) and career (6), and save percentage in a season (.918 in '98-'99) and career. He set the USHL mark in '98-'99 for wins and shutouts in a season and he topped the USHL with a league best 1.96 goals against average in his final year. A midseason groin injury cut short his first year in Omaha where he was 15-6 with a 2.49 GAA and a .913 save percentage.

USHL VETERANS: Notre Dame's 2000-01 roster—and particularly the freshman class—has plenty of experience with the United States Hockey League, as each of the five scholarship freshman—and junior newcomer **Jon Maruk** (Twin City Vulcans)—played in the USHL last season ... all told, 17 different ND players have skated in the USHL, as members of that league's traditional programs or the USA Hockey Under-18 Team ... that group includes senior D **Ryan Clark** and sophomore LW **Jake Wiegand** (Lincoln Stars), senior LW **Jay Kopsichke** (North Iowa Huskies), senior RW **Ryan Dolder** and Maruk (Twin City Vulcans), sophomore RW **Michael Chin** and freshman F **Kyle Dolder** (Twin City Vulcans) and sophomore G **Tony Zasowski** (Omaha Lancers) ... Chin also played one year with the USA program, as did nine other current Irish players (see note below).

A PATRIOTIC GROUP: Notre Dame's current roster includes 10 players who have past experience with USA Hockey, as members of the National Team Development Program (NTDP) and/or the National Junior Team ... Notre Dame's current total of eight NTDP alums is the most at any Division I school ... that group includes junior F **Brett Henning** and four members of the sophomore class—RWs **Michael Chin** and **John Wroblewski**, C **Connor Dunlop** and D **Paul Harris**—plus a trio of freshmen: RW **Rob Globke** and D **Neil Komadoski** and **Brett Lebda** ... senior LW **Dan Carlson** played with Team USA at the 1998-99 World Junior Championship while Henning, Dunlop and junior C **David Inman** played with the USA at the 1999-2000 World Juniors ... four Irish players—Dunlop, Globke, Komadoski and Wroblewski—remain among the top candidates for the USA's 2000-01 National Junior Team while a pair of 2000 Irish graduates—center **Ben Simon** and RW **Joe Dusbabek**—played for the USA at the World Juniors in '96-'97 (Simon) and '97-'98 (Simon and Dusbabek).

JUNIOR JUMP: Junior C **David Inman**—who had 10G-10A as a freshman and 13G-7A as a sophomore—will be hoping to be the latest in a recent trend of Notre Dame forwards who have

Notre Dame Hockey – By The Numbers

32
Consecutive seasons spent working with the Notre Dame hockey program by current athletic trainer John Whitmer (covering all but the first season of the program's modern era)

20
States and provinces represented among list of letterwinners during six-year tenure of head coach Dave Poulin (1995-present)

+15
Improvement in CCHA standings by Notre Dame from the 1996-97 to '97-'98 seasons

15
Jersey number worn by noteworthy Irish players such as Paul Regan, Eddie Bumbacco, Dave Poulin and Brian Urick

10
Players on current Notre Dame roster who have played with USA Hockey (on the National Team Development Program or World Junior Championship team)

9
Jersey number worn by noteworthy Irish players such as Don Fairholm, Steve Schneider, Bill Rothstein, Curtis Janicke and Ankiet Dhadphale

6'6"
Tallest player in Notre Dame hockey history—defenseman Davide dal Grande (1992-96)

6:50
Quickest hat trick in Notre Dame history, by Sterling Black in 1973

5
Number of NHL draft picks on 2000-01 Notre Dame roster

4.0
Semester GPA posted 11 times by Notre Dame hockey players during past six years

2.56
Tony Zasowski's Irish record season goals-against-average (1999-2000)

0
Combined goals scored by Notre Dame and Miami on Dec. 10, 1994—the CCHA's first scoreless tie

PRESEASON CCHA POLLS: In the fall of 1999, the Central Collegiate Hockey Association coaches correctly predicted the regular-season finishes of Michigan (1st), Michigan State (2nd), Northern Michigan (3rd, ended tied for 3rd), Miami (9th, ended tied for 9th), Western Michigan (10th, ended tied for 9th) and Alaska Fairbanks (12th) while the CCHA media poll correctly predicted the finishes of NMU, Notre Dame (5th), Miami, WMU and UAF.

Heading into 2000-2001, the polls both have picked Michigan and Michigan State to repeat at the top spots. Michigan received 11 of 12 first-place votes in the coaches poll but the Spartans garnered 19 first-place votes and 467 voting points in the media poll to edge Michigan (which had 20 first-place votes and 460 points).

Nebraska-Omaha was picked third by the coaches, followed by Lake Superior, Notre Dame, Miami, Ferris State, Northern Michigan, Bowling Green, and Ohio State—while Western Michigan and Alaska-Fairbanks were predicted to finish out of the playoffs.

The media poll tabbed Lake Superior and Northern Michigan in third and fourth, followed by UNO, which received one first-place vote. Notre Dame, Bowling Green and Ferris State were next in the media poll, followed by Miami (which also received a first-place ballot), OSU, WMU and UAF.

| CCHA Coaches Poll (1st-place votes) | Points |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Michigan (11) | 143 |
| 2. Michigan State (1) | 132 |
| 3. Nebraska-Omaha | 106 |
| 4. Lake Superior | 97 |
| 5. Notre Dame | 92 |
| 6. Miami | 79 |
| 7. Ferris State | 74 |
| 8. Northern Michigan | 71 |
| 9. Bowling Green | 49 |
| 10. Ohio State | 44 |
| 11. Western Michigan | 34 |
| 12. Alaska-Fairbanks | 15 |

| CCHA Media Poll (1st-place votes) | Points |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Michigan State (19) | 467 |
| 2. Michigan (20) | 460 |
| 3. Lake Superior | 350 |
| 4. Northern Michigan | 343 |
| 5. Nebraska-Omaha (1) | 315 |
| 6. Notre Dame | 270 |
| 7. Bowling Green | 222 |
| 8. Ferris State | 202 |
| 9. Miami (1) | 183 |
| 10. Ohio State | 163 |
| 11. Western Michigan | 153 |
| 12. Alaska-Fairbanks | 70 |

made huge goalscoring jumps in their junior seasons ... that group includes LW Aniket Dhadphale (18 combined goals in his first two seasons, 25 as a junior in 1997-98), C Ben Simon (13G in first two years, 18 as a junior in 1998-99) and current senior LW **Dan Carlson** (18G in first two seasons, 17 as a junior in 1999-2000).

GOAL SCORERS WANTED: Notre Dame will be looking to develop several new goalscorers in 2000-01, as just three returners (senior LW **Dan Carlson**, junior C **David Inman** and senior RW **Ryan Dolder**) had more than six goals in 1999-2000.

RISING PROSPECTS: Two members of Notre Dame's freshman class are considered top prospects for upcoming NHL drafts ... defenseman **Neil Komadoski** was rated by NHL Central Scouting as the No. 51 prospect for the 2000 draft (even though he is not eligible for the draft until 2001) ... first-year RW **Rob Globke** likewise could develop into a high-end draft prospect but will not be eligible for the draft until 2002.

YOUNG D: Notre Dame's group of eight defensemen has combined to log just 190 career games played, compared to 419 games of experience on the blue line heading into 1998-99 ... the four veteran D include senior **Ryan Clark** (88 GP), junior **Sam Cornelius** (52) and sophomores **Evan Nielsen** (41) and **Paul Harris** (9) ... half of the blue-line group is comprised of freshmen, including former USA Hockey teammates **Neil Komadoski** and **Brett Lebda**, plus **Tom Galvin** and walk-on **T.J. Mathieson**.

NEW COACHING FACE: **Craig Brown** is the newest member of the Notre Dame hockey coaching staff, serving as volunteer goaltender coach for 2000-01 ... Brown was a regular in the nets at Western Michigan for four seasons (1990-94) and was named to the all-CCHA honorable mention team as a sophomore in 1991-92 ... he still owns Broncos records for save percentage in a season (.907 in '93-'94, good for sixth in the nation) and a career (.899) while also owning both WMU goals-against-average records (2.86 in '93-'94-which ranked seventh nationally-plus a 3.33 GAA for his career) ... Brown's freshman season in 1990-91 saw him post a 17-13-2 record while contributing four assists (most ever by a WMU goaltender)... he was named WMU rookie of the year after helping that '90-'91 squad reach the CCHA semifinals and closed his career in 1993-94 by posting a 14-5-2 record on a Western Michigan team that advanced to the NCAAs ... Brown-ranks third in the Broncos record book for career victories (53-36-10) ... he was named to the CCHA's All-Academic squad for 1993-94 ... a ninth-round NHL entry draft selection by the L.A. Kings, Brown spent his five-year pro career in the East Coast Hockey League, as a member of the Pensacola Ice Pilots and the Nashville Knights from 1994-99 ... his career honors included team rookie of the year and MVP, plus ECHL-leading totals in victories and minutes played for 1994-95 ... Brown served as a player assistant coach in 1997 and led Pensacola to the 1998 ECHL Championship Finals ... a native of Scarborough, Ontario, he played with the Wexford Raiders of the Toronto Metro Junior B League (which also produced current Irish junior C David Inman) ... Brown resides in Mishawaka with his wife Deanna and two-year-old son Carson (the couple is expecting a daughter in October).

CAPTAINS NAMED: The Notre Dame hockey program has named its captains for the 2000-01 season, with senior RW **Ryan Dolder** serving as team captain while senior LW **Dan Carlson** and senior F **Chad Chipchase** will serve as the alternate team captains ... **Dolder**

has fashioned a classic story during the past three-plus years, after first joining the program as a last-minute walk-on in 1997-98 (he had received no Division I offers after playing two years of junior hockey with the Twin City Vulcans, prompting a move to Palm Springs, Calif., where he was living with his grandparents while planning to attend a local junior college and become a golf pro) ... Dolder has continued to make strides during each season of his Irish career while developing into a clutch goalscorer and solid all-around player ... his evolving leadership was recognized by the Irish coaches midway through the 1999-2000 season, when he was named the squad's youngest alternate captain ... Dolder heads into his senior season with 18 goals (4 PP, 4 GW) and 18 assists in 103 career games played (he had 10G-14A last season) ... he has been whistled for just 29 penalties (66 minutes) in 103 career games (one penalty every 3.6 games) and takes a team-best streak of 64 consecutive games played into the 2000-01 season ... **Carlson** ranks as the CCHA's sixth-leading returning scorer (18G-19A as team MVP in 1999-2000) ... a leading Academic All-America candidate (3.43 cumulative GPA as a finance and computer applications major), Carlson is a pivotal part of the ND special teams while his career stats include 35G-55A in 119 career games ... Chipchase was selected as an alternate captain despite missing most of 1999-2000 due to a leg injury (he doubled his goalscoring from his freshman to sophomore season, when he 10G-5A).

CARLSON BREAKS THROUGH: Senior LW **Dan Carlson** (Edina, Minn.) had a big junior season that netted his team MVP honors ... Carlson's 35-point season in 1999-2000 included 17 goals (he had 18 in the previous two seasons combined), plus five game-winning goals and nine power-play goals (he totaled just three GWGs and six PPGs over the course of his first two seasons ... Carlson also boosted his shot percentage as a junior (.140, compared to .098 his first two seasons) ... Carlson heads into 2000-01 tied for ninth in ND history with eight career game-winning goals, needing five to tie the record shared by Irish head coach Dave Poulin ('82) and Brian Urick ('99).

A SPECIAL PLAYER: **Dan Carlson** has played a key role on both special-teams units during his Notre Dame career and could become the fifth player to rank among Notre Dame career top 10 for both power-play goals and shorthanded goals ... Carlson needs seven PPGs to crack that ND career top-10 list (10 shy of fifth) while his four career shorthanded goals rank 11th in ND history, three back of the record shared by three players.

RISING TO THE TOP: Senior LW **Dan Carlson** is one of the top returning scorers in the CCHA, as his 35 points in 1999-2000 (17G-18A) rank sixth among current CCHA players, behind Western Michigan's David Gove (18G-28A), Michigan State's Adam Hall (26G-13A), Miami's Pat Leahy (16G-22A), MSU's Rustyn Dolyn (18G-19A) and Ferris State's Kevin Swider (15G-21A).

GOOD TO BE BACK: Senior F and alternate team captain **Chad Chipchase** returned to regular season action at Minnesota...Chipchase played a limited role in 1999-2000 (15 GP) due to a knee injury that ultimately require surgery in February of 2000 (he did not play in the final 19 games of his junior season).

IRON MEN: Current senior RW **Ryan Dolder** and senior LW **Dan Carlson** were the only Irish players to appear in all 42 games of 1999-2000 ... Dolder takes a team-best streak of 65 consecutive games played into the Maverick Shootout ... Carlson has played in 120

of 123 games during his first three-plus seasons (missing two while at the '98-'99 World Juniors) and needs to appear in 33 more games to break John Schmidt's ND record for career games played (152, '78-'82).

TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL: During the past three seasons, the Notre Dame hockey program has sent several players on to the professional ranks, with 10 of those recent players competing in 2000-01 ... **D Mark Eaton**-who in the summer of 1998 opted to forego his final three years of college eligibility at Notre Dame and signed a free agent contract with the Philadelphia Flyers-had a solid 1998-99 season with the Philadelphia Phantoms of the American Hockey League and played 27 games with the Flyers in 1999-2000 before being traded to the Nashville Predators prior to the start of the season ... **G Matt Eisler** ('98) has joined the East Coast Hockey League's Dayton Bombers, where his teammates include former Irish center and '96 graduate **Jamie Ling** (who serves as a player assistant coach with the Bombers) ... RW **Brian Urick** ('99) had a solid preseason camp with the Edmonton Oilers and has been assigned to the AHL's Hamilton (Ont.) Bulldogs ... LW **Aniket Dhadphale** ('99) currently is trying out with the AHL's Providence (R.I.) Bruins while another '99 graduate, **D Benoit Cotnoir**, was in the tryout camp of the International Hockey League's Chicago Wolves before returning to the Mobile (Ala.) Mystics of the East Coast Hockey League (he also played in Mobile last season) ... five 2000 graduates likewise are active in pro hockey ... C **Ben Simon** was in the camp of the Atlanta Thrashers and played in several preseason games before being assigned to the IHL's Orlando (Fla.) Solar Bears ... RW **Joe Dusbabek** attended the San Jose Sharks preseason camp and has joined the ECHL's Roanoke Express ... **D Sean Molina** tried out with the Chicago Wolves and has signed on with the ECHL's Trenton (N.J.) Titans ... **D Nathan Borega** currently is a member of the ECHL's Louisiana Ice Gators while **D Sean Seyferth** is in camp with the IHL's Detroit Vipers.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS: Notre Dame is the nation's only Division I hockey program to produce a GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American during each of the past four seasons (as part of the fall-winter at-large program), with C **Steve Noble** earning second-team honors in 1996-97 and first-team honors in '97-'98, followed by **G Forrest Karr** in '98-'99 (second team) and LW **Andy Jurkowski** in 1999-2000 (third team).

BATTLE-TESTED: ND prevailed in its 2000 CCHA play-off series with Ferris State, after a frantic regular season that saw the Irish post a 7-4 record in one-goal games while playing 10 overtime games (eight in final nine weeks). ... the senior class has acquired plenty of experience in pressure-packed playoff action, as the Irish were extended to a decisive third game in the first round of the CCHA playoffs each of the past three seasons (after winning the first game each year).

BLOODLINES: Four current members of the Notre Dame hockey program-junior F **Brett Henning**, junior LW **Jon Maruk**, sophomore C **Connor Dunlop** and freshman **D Neil Komadoski**-hold a unique connection, as each of their fathers enjoyed a lengthy career in the National Hockey League (see p. 39 of the 2000-01 Notre Dame media guide for photos from their playing days).

• **Lorne Henning** played nine seasons with the New York Islanders ('72-'81) and has spent the past 15 years as an assistant and head coach in the NHL. An original member of the Islanders, Henning compiled 73G-111A as a forward over his 543-game career and played a major role in a four-year Stanley Cup dynasty ('80-'83). Henning served as an assistant with the Island-

ers from '80-84 and '87-'94, as head coach for the Minnesota North Stars ('85-'87) and the Islanders ('94-'95), and as a Chicago Blackhawks assistant from '95-'98 before returning in '98-'99 to the Islanders, as associate coach.

• **Dennis Maruk** played 14 NHL seasons—with the California Seals ('75-'76), Cleveland Barons ('76-'78), Minnesota North Stars ('78-'79, '83-'88) and the Washington Capitals ('78-'83)—and finished as the NHL's fourth-leading scorer in 1982 (60G-76A) while compiling 878 career points (356G-522A) in 888 games.

• **Blake Dunlop** played 11 seasons in pro hockey ('73-'84), including NHL stints with the Minnesota North Stars ('73-'77), Philadelphia Flyers ('77-'79), St. Louis Blues ('79-'84) and Detroit Red Wings ('83-'84), while totaling 130G-274A in 550 career NHL games.

• Rounding out the quartet is **Neil Komadoski, Sr.**, who played eight NHL seasons as a defenseman with the Los Angeles Kings ('72-'78) and the St. Louis Blues ('77-'80), totaling 16G-76A and 632 penalty minutes in 501 career games.

CENTURY MEN: Senior LW **Dan Carlson** is on the verge of becoming the fourth ND hockey player in the last three seasons to reach 100 points, entering his final season with 35G-55A ... RW **Brian Urick** (57G-69A) and LW **Aniket Dhadphale** (61G-44A) each reached 100 in the '98-'99 season while C **Ben Simon** (44G-86A) reached the milestone in 1999-2000 ... Carlson needs 15 goals in his final season to join Urick and center **Jamie Ling** ('92-'96) as the third Irish player since 1993—and 28th overall—to reach 50G-50A in his career (he needs 25G-5A to become ND's 17th 60-60 player and first since Dave Bankoske did it from 1988-93) ... a 41-point season in 2000-01 would land Carlson among ND's top-20 career scorers (Ling, with 51G-102A, is the only post-1993 player on that list, at 13th).

CLOSING THE DEAL: Notre Dame quietly has laid claim to a lengthy streak, as the Irish head into the 2000-01 season with an unbeaten record in their previous 40 games when holding a lead at the second intermission (34-0-6, including 11-0-3 in 1999-2000) ... the last time ND lost after holding a second-intermission lead was Jan. 9, 1998, in the second of three games at Alaska Fairbanks ... UAF's Sean Fraser tied the game (2-2) with a power-play goal in the third minute of the final period before Chris Kirwan converted a breakaway with 0:45 left in overtime ... the Irish also are 22-2-3 during the past two seasons when leading at the first intermission (10-1-1 in 1999-2000).

CLUSTER CLUTTER: ND's experience with the CCHA's new cluster scheduling format in 1999-2000 yielded only a handful of weekend sweeps, as just four of the 14 series saw one team emerge with a pair of wins ... three of those sweeps featured at least one close game, with Michigan sweeping the Irish in the opening week (5-3 with an empty-netter, 6-1) and Ferris State doing the same two weeks later (4-1, 4-2) ... ND then needed a pair of one-goal wins to sweep Alaska Fairbanks (1-0, 3-2) before rallying to beat Western Michigan in overtime (4-3, followed by a 4-1 win).

CLUSTER PARTNERS, PART II: The rotating CCHA cluster schedule has yielded four games for the Irish in 2000-01 versus Ohio State, Miami and Western Michigan—with two vs. the other eight squads in the 28-game schedule ... the following CCHA teams will not visit the Joyce Center in 2000-01: Alaska Fairbanks, Lake Superior, Michigan and Nebraska Omaha ... the Irish will not make regular-season trips in 2000-01 to Bowling Green, Ferris State, Northern Michigan and Michigan State ... ND's 1999-2000 cluster partners were UAF, MSU and UNO, with the 2001-02 partners to in-

clude Bowling Green, Ferris State and Michigan.

DISCIPLINED PLAY: Since ranking as the CCHA's most-penalized team in '95-'96 (11.31 penalties/gm), ND has ranked as the conference's least-penalized ... the Irish averaged the fewest penalties per game by any CCHA team in '96-'97 (8.69) and '97-'98 (6.37) before ranking as the CCHA's third-least penalized in '98-'99 (8.40) ... ND again was the CCHA's least-penalized team in 1999-2000, averaging just 7.69 penalties (16.59 PIM), leading to just 5.67 opponent power-play chances per game ... over the course of the past four seasons, ND has averaged an impressive 7.74 penalties per game.

DOUBLE (OT) DIP: Current Irish senior **Dan Carlson** turned in a rare feat during a three-week stretch of the 1999-2000 season, as the speedy left wing scored in overtime to beat both Western Michigan (4-3) and Ohio State (2-1) ... that marked just the second time—and the first in 28 years—that an ND player has scored two overtime goals in the same season, as then-junior winger **Paul Regan** scored overtime goals in 1971-72 versus Michigan Tech (6-5) and Cornell (5-4).

FEELING A DRAFT: ND and Boston College both had four players selected in the '97 NHL draft, most by any Division I school ... the drafted players included a pair of forwards who graduated in 2000—**Ben Simon** (5th round, Chicago Blackhawks) and **Joe Dusbabek** (7th round, San Jose Sharks)—plus current seniors **Jay Kopischke** (8th round, L.A. Kings) and **Ryan Clark** (9th round, N.Y. Islanders) ... four ND players have been selected in the first nine rounds of the same NHL draft just once previously, in '75 ... the 2000-01 ND hockey team includes five players that have been selected in the National Hockey League draft ... in addition to **Clark** and **Kopischke**, ND's drafted players include a pair of junior forwards who were selected in the 1999 NHL draft—**David Inman** (2nd round, New York Rangers) and **Brett Henning** (9th round, New York Islanders)—plus sophomore D **Evan Nielsen** (8th round, Atlanta Thrashers, 2000) ... just two other teams in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association—Michigan (7) and Michigan State (6)—have more draft picks on their 2000-2001 rosters than Notre Dame.

MIDWEST MAGIC: Notre Dame continues to reap the benefits of the rapidly-improving youth hockey programs in the lower Midwest (namely Illinois and Missouri), as one-third of the current roster includes players from Illinois (6) or Missouri (2) ... four of those players also are products of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program (NTDP): sophomore RW **Michael Chin** (Urbana, Ill.), sophomore C **Connor Dunlop** (St. Louis, Mo.) and first-year D **Brett Lebda** (Buffalo Grove, Ill.) and **Neil Komadoski** (Chesterfield, Mo.) ... sophomore D **Evan Nielsen** (Evanston, Ill.) was invited to join the NTDP but returned for his senior year at The Taft School ... ND's other Illinois natives include the team's top two returning goaltenders—junior **Jeremiah Kimento** (Palos Hills) and **Tony Zasowski** (Darien)—plus senior RW **Matt Van Arkel** (Richton Park). ... prior to 1995, the ND hockey program had produced just eight total letterwinners from Illinois and two from Missouri.

ROAD WARRIORS: Despite a 5-9-6 road record in 1999-2000 (3-6-6 on opponent ice), ND finished 3-4-3 in its final 10 road games and has turned in its share of big road wins during the past few seasons ... in fact, the Irish posted wins in 22 different road arenas during the first five seasons of the Dave Poulin era (20 in the past three seasons). ... the '97-'98 and '98-'99 seasons saw the Irish post road wins over all 10 CCHA opponents, including a 4-2 CCHA playoff win at Michigan

and wins over Ohio State at the OSU Ice Arena and the off-campus Columbus Fairgrounds Coliseum (the Irish last season added a win over OSU at yet another Columbus venue, with the 2-1 OT win at Value City Arena) ... ND also owns three road wins over Wisconsin during the Poulin era, at different sites: Milwaukee's Bradley Center, the Dane County Coliseum and the Kohl Center ... the Irish own road wins in the Poulin era at Mankato State, St. Cloud State, North-eastern and North Dakota—plus a 5-5 tie at Boston College and a pair of 2-2 ties last season at the Omaha Civic Auditorium and Northern Michigan's Berry Events Center ... finally, Notre Dame has posted recent neutral-site wins at the University of Minnesota (vs. Brown), the University of Denver (vs. Union) and the University of New Hampshire (vs. Vermont).

ROAD TRIP ANYONE?: The Notre Dame hockey program again will travel plenty of miles during the 2000-01 season, as the Irish are slated to traverse the equivalent of nearly 17,000 miles in the upcoming season—after travelling nearly 18,000 in 1999-2000 (17,907, or close to three-quarters of the Earth's diameter) ... the longer trips of 2000-01 include the season-opening game versus Minnesota, a trip to Omaha for the Maverick Shootout (plus a later series with Nebraska Omaha), an upper-peninsula visit to Lake Superior, the RPI Christmas Tournament in Troy, N.Y., a pair of games versus Yale in New Haven, Conn., and a return journey to Fairbanks, Alaska (ND's third trip to UAF in the last four seasons) ... the 1999-2000 campaign likewise included trips to Omaha and Fairbanks, plus a pair of visits to tournaments in Denver, Colo., a Thanksgiving tournament at New Hampshire and an upper-peninsula visit to Northern Michigan ... here's a breakdown of the 2000-01 trips, based on average roundtrip land mileage:

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| Minneapolis, Minn. | 1,022 |
| Omaha, Neb. | 1,108 |
| Oxford, Ohio | 420 |
| Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. | 870 |
| Omaha, Neb. | 1,108 |
| Troy, N.Y. | 1,736 |
| Kalamazoo, Mich. | 150 |
| Ann Arbor, Mich. | 354 |
| New Haven, Conn. | 1,552 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 530 |
| Ann Arbor, Mich. | 354 |
| Fairbanks, Alaska | 7,290 |
| Kalamazoo, Mich. | 150 |
| Total | 16,644 |