



Notre Dame Men's Lacrosse

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NOTRE DAME MEN'S LACROSSE

(1-0, 0-0 GWLL)

FEBRUARY

27 Sun. (10) at Penn State (18) W, 14-6

MARCH

5 Sat. (9) at Cornell (10) 1 p.m.
8 Tue. at Villanova 4 p.m.

The First 4 (Carson, CA • Home Depot Center)

12 Sat. vs. North Carolina (CSTV) 5 p.m.

19 Sat. ***BUTLER** 1 p.m.
26 Sat. at Hofstra 1:30 p.m.

APRIL

2 Sat. at Dartmouth 2:30 p.m.
7 Thurs. ***DENVER** 4 p.m.
10 Sun. ***AIR FORCE** Noon
17 Sun. *at Fairfield 1 p.m.
29 Fri. *at Ohio State 7 p.m.

MAY

14-15 Sat.- NCAA Championship (1st rd.)
Sun. Campus Sites
21-22 Sat.- NCAA Championship (quarters)
Sun. Baltimore, Md.; Princeton, N.J.
28 Sat. NCAA Championship (semis)
Baltimore, Md.
30 Mon. NCAA Championship (final)
Baltimore, Md.

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** played at Moose Krause Stadium, weather permitting. Otherwise, home games held in Loftus Sports Center. All times are local to site.

NOTE: Number in parentheses to left of opponent is Notre Dame USILA national ranking at time of match; number to right of opponent is its USILA national ranking at time of match.

Irish in the Weekly Rankings

Week	USILA Geico/STX	Inside Lax.	Lax. Mag.
Preseason	--	10	11
Feb. 28	--	9	no poll

#9 Notre Dame (1-0) vs. #10 Cornell (0-0)

Saturday, March 5, 1 p.m. • Schoellkopf Field

- Real-Time Stats: www.cornellbigred.com (also linked on und.com)

- Live Audio: www.cornellbigred.com (also linked on und.com)

#9 Notre Dame vs. Villanova

Tuesday, March 8, 4 p.m. • Villanova Stadium

- Live Audio: www.villanova.com

#9 Notre Dame vs. #7 North Carolina

The First 4 • Saturday, March 12, 5 p.m. (PST)

Carson, California • Home Depot Center

- Live Television: College Sports Television

- Real-Time Stats: www.collegesports.com (also linked on und.com)

#9 IRISH EMBARK ON THREE-GAME, SPRING-BREAK ROAD TRIP: In continuing a season-opening four-game road stretch, the ninth-ranked University of Notre Dame men's lacrosse team (1-0) will embark upon its spring-break trip this weekend, a 10-day jaunt that will cover 5,644 miles and see the Irish play three games, including a pair against top-10 foes. Notre Dame will first play at #9 Cornell (0-0) on Saturday at 1 p.m. (EST) before heading to Villanova (1-1) for a 4 p.m. (EST) game on Tuesday and then making the cross-country trip to Carson, Calif., for The First 4, an elite invitational in which the Irish will play #7 North Carolina (1-0) on Saturday, March 12 at 5 p.m. (PST) in the Home Depot Center in a contest to be shown live on College Sports Television.

THE TV PLANS: Both games in The First 4 -- Notre Dame and North Carolina at 5 p.m. (PST/8 p.m. in South Bend) and Syracuse and Georgetown at 7:30 p.m. -- will be shown live to a national audience by College Sports Television (CSTV), with Joe Beninati (play-by-play), Quint Kessenich (analysis), and Sheehan Stanwick (sideline). CSTV is available on most cable systems nationwide, as well as via DirecTV (channel 610).

THE RADIO PLANS: The first two games of the road trip will feature live internet audio broadcasts provided by the host schools. Saturday's game against Cornell will have a broadcast available to subscribers of College Sports Pass, which can be accessed via Cornell's official athletic site, www.cornellbigred.com, or through a link on Notre Dame's site, www.und.com. Tuesday's games against Villanova will feature live audio available to Yahoo! Sports subscribers and accessible via the Wildcats' official site, www.villanova.com.

REAL-TIME STATS: Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, will be made available for both the Cornell and North Carolina games, via the Notre Dame athletics web site, www.und.com.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS NOTES PACKAGE: Below are some of the top points from this notes package. For more details on any topic, consult the remainder of this release.

* Notre Dame opened the season with a 14-6 victory at #21 Penn State on Feb. 27. The Irish held the Nittany Lions scoreless in the final 25:17 of the contest, scoring the game's final six goals. Fifth-year senior G **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School) led the defensive effort with 17 saves (.739), while junior All-American A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) had three goals and three assists, and senior A **Jim Morrison** (Fulton, Md./Mount St. Joseph H.S.) and junior A **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy) added three goals apiece.

* Notre Dame is coming off a 2004 season in which it was 7-5, finished second in the Great Western Lacrosse League (4-1 record, behind Ohio State), and was 12th in the final USILA national rankings.

* The Irish returned 17 monogram winners, including six starters, from last year's team. Among those are junior A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.), a USILA third-team All-American in 2004 after being honorable mention as a rookie. After being one of the 15 nominees for the Tewaaron Trophy (awarded to the top player in college lacrosse) last season, he is again among the 37 selected for the watch list for this year's award.

* Other returning starters for the Irish are fifth-year senior G **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School), senior M **Brian Giordano** (Princeton, N.J./Hun School), and juniors D **D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Preparatory School), A **Brian Hubschmann** (Short Hills, N.J./Hun School), and M **Matt Ryan** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.). Hubschmann will miss the entire season, though, after suffering a knee injury earlier this month.

* Notre Dame moved up one spot (past idle Cornell) to ninth in this week's *Inside Lacrosse* magazine media poll and were 10th in the *Inside Lacrosse* coaches' preseason poll and 11th in the

THE CORNELL SERIES

Series: Cornell leads 2-0
At Cornell: Cornell leads 1-0

Date	H/A	W/L	Score	Ranks
4-14-90	A	L	8-14	-16
4-13-91	H	L	3-10	-15

Series Scoring	Total	Avg.
Notre Dame	11	5.5
Cornell	24	12.0

THE VILLANOVA SERIES

Series: Tied 4-4
At Villanova: Notre Dame leads 2-1

Date	H/A	W/L	Score	Ranks
3-21-87	N*	L	6-7	
3-10-90	A	L	5-13	
3-30-91	H	L	9-15	
3-7-92	NI	L	10-14	
3-19-95	H	W	15-7	17-
3-12-96	A	W	8-2	15-
3-13-99	A	W	14-10	19-
4-19-00	H	W	17-9	12-

* - Long Island, N.Y.
 ! - Philadelphia, Pa.

Series Scoring	Total	Avg.
Notre Dame	84	10.5
Villanova	77	9.6

THE UNC SERIES

Series: North Carolina leads 3-1
At Neutral Sites: First meeting

Date	H/A	W/L	Score	Ranks
3-5-95	A	L	8-11	17-7
4-13-96	H	L	10-11	7-5
3-8-03	A	W	10-8	11-12
3-14-04	H	L	11-14	5-9

Series Scoring	Total	Avg.
Notre Dame	39	9.8
Villanova	44	11.0

Note: "Ranks" column features Notre Dame national ranking followed by opponent's national ranking.

NOTRE DAME IN 2005 ...

(2004 records in parentheses)

... at home: 0-0 (4-2)
 ... away: 0-0 (3-3)
 ... neutral: 0-0 (0-0)
 ... indoors: 1-0 (3-2)
 ... outdoors: 0-0 (4-3)
 ... vs. ranked opponents: 1-0 (4-5)
 ... vs. GWLL teams: 0-0 (4-1)
 ... vs. non-con. teams: 1-0 (3-4)
 ... when scoring first: 0-0 (6-4)
 ... when leading at halftime: 1-0 (6-3)

PROBABLE STARTERS

Attack

6-Pat Walsh	Jr.	Wantagh H.S. (NY)	3 g, 3 a, 1 gb
17-Matt Karweck [CAR-wick]	Jr.	Penn Yan Academy (NY)	3 g, 1 a, 2 gb
34-Jim Morrison	Sr.	Mount St. Joseph (MD)	3 g, 2 gb

Midfield

9-Matt Ryan	Jr.	Ridley H.S. (PA)	2 g, 2 a, 1 gb
28-Michael Podgajny [puh-GO-nee]	Fr.	Ridley H.S. (PA)	1 a, 1 gb
36-Brian Giordano [gee-or-DAWN-oh]	Sr.	Hun School (NJ)	1 g, 3 gb

Defense

7-Joey Rallo [RAL-low]	So.	Boys' Latin H.S. (MD)	2 gb
21-D.J. Driscoll	Jr.	Malvern Prep School (PA)	6 gb
33-Ross Zimmerman	Fr.	Brother Rice H.S. (MI)	2 gb
11-Stewart Crosland [CROSS-lind]	Sr.	Landon School (MD)	1-0, 6.54, 7.39

KEY RESERVES

Attack

15-Matt Malakoff [MAL-uh-koff]	Sr.	Bay Shore H.S. (NY)	
2-Chris Richez (LSM) [ree-SHAY]	Sr.	Freeport H.S. (NY)	2 gb
3-Colin Fatti [FAW-dee]	Sr.	Skaneateles H.S. (NY)	1 a
4-Bill Liva [LEE-vuh]	So.	Malvern Prep School (PA)	1 g, 1 gb
13-Brandon Schultheis (LSM) [SHUL-tice]	Jr.	Babylon H.S. (NY)	
14-Anson Fraser	Fr.	Summit H.S. (NJ)	1 gb
18-Drew Peters	Jr.	Babylon H.S. (NY)	2 gb
19-Frank Matarazzo (FO) [maw-tuh-RAW-zoh]	Sr.	Bergen Catholic H.S. (NJ)	0-2 fo
22-Taylor Clagett (FO) [CLAG-it]	Fr.	DeMatha Catholic H.S. (MD)	12-18 fo, 5 gb
23-Ryan Cunn [rhymes w/ toon]	So.	West Islip H.S. (NY)	
25-John Greaney [GRAIN-ee]	So.	Babylon H.S. (NY)	
27-Craig Bishko (FO)	Sr.	West Islip H.S. (NY)	0-3 fo
44-Tyler Kruppenacher [CROOM-in-awk-er]	Sr.	MICDS H.S. (MO)	
50-Lucius Polk	So.	St. Albans H.S. (DC)	1 g

Goaltender

1-Joey Kemp	Fr.	Georgetown Prep School (MD)	1 save
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Lacrosse magazine preseason poll. The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) does not publish its first rankings of the season until Monday, March 7.

* Fifth-year senior G **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School) was the Great Western Lacrosse League's first Player of the Week after having 17 saves (.739) in helping the Irish win 14-6 at #21 Penn State.

* Notre Dame will play each of its first four games away from home this season, the first time that has happened since 1989. The Irish will play eight of 11 total games on the road this season.

* The Irish will visit Ithaca, N.Y., for the first time since 1990 and just the second time overall. Notre Dame will be at Villanova for the first time since 1999 and fourth time ever. The Irish have never played in Carson, Calif.

* Cornell -- ranked 10th in the *Inside Lacrosse* media poll after being ninth in both preseason polls (*Inside Lacrosse* coaches and *Lacrosse* magazine) -- will open its season on Saturday. The Big Red returns 28 letterwinners and eight starters from last year's team that finished 9-5, tied for the Ivy League championship (4-1 record), and beat Hobart (11-5) in the opening round of the NCAA tournament before falling 6-5 in the quarterfinals to eventual national runner-up Navy to finish eighth in the *Inside Lacrosse* media poll.

* This will be the first meeting since 1991 between ND and Cornell and just the third overall. The Big Red won the two previous matchups, prevailing 14-8 at home in 1990 and 10-3 at Notre Dame a year later.

* Villanova -- receiving votes (listed 32nd) in the *Inside Lacrosse* media poll after being 22nd in the *Inside Lacrosse* preseason coaches' poll -- stands 1-1 on the season heading into Saturday's home game against #17 Pennsylvania. The Wildcats -- who return seven starters from last year's team that was 12-3 and finished second in the Colonial Athletic Association (4-1 record) and 16th in the *Inside Lacrosse* rankings -- began the year losing 8-6 at Colgate before winning 5-2 over Binghamton at home last weekend.

* Notre Dame and Villanova -- rivals in the BIG EAST Conference in most other sports -- will meet for the first time since 2000 and the ninth time overall. The Wildcats won the first four meetings, while the Irish have taken each of the last four (1995, '96, '99, '00). ND is 2-1 at Villanova, having lost in its initial trip, in 1990.

* North Carolina -- seventh in the *Inside Lacrosse* media poll after being ranked fifth in the preseason by *Lacrosse* and seventh by *Inside Lacrosse* -- opened the season last weekend with an 18-12 home victory against #17 Denver and will travel to #5 Navy on Saturday. The Tar Heels have seven starters back from last year's squad that was 10-5, finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference (2-1 record), and seventh in the final *Inside Lacrosse* rankings after beating Great Western Lacrosse League champion Ohio State 13-6 in the opening round of the NCAA tournament and then losing 15-

By the Numbers

Notre Dame		Cornell (2004)	Villanova	North Carolina
1-0	Record	9-5	1-1	1-0
9th	Inside Lacrosse Rank	8th	-- (listed 32nd)	7th
1-0, away	Home/Away Record	6-2, home	1-0, home	0-0, neutral
14.00	Scoring Offense	9.50	5.52	18.00
6.00	Scoring Defense	9.07	5.02	12.00
+8.00	Scoring Margin	+0.43	+0.50	+6.00
40.0	Shots	32.6	25.5	33.0
+3.0	Shot Margin	-4.5	+3.5	-1.0
25.0	Shots On Goal	20.5	13.5	24.0
.350	Shot Pct.	.244	.216	.545
.625	SOG Pct.	.552	.529	.727
8.00	Assists	6.57	3.00	13.00
.500 (4/8)	EMO	.423	.333 (2-6)	.800 (4-5)
.400 (2-5)	Opponent EMO	.234	.182 (2-11)	.250 (1-4)
35.0	Ground Balls	29.9	30.0	31.0
+3.0	Ground Ball Margin	+0.6	+5.5	-3.0
.522 (12-23)	Faceoffs	.507	.714 (20-28)	.394
18.0	Saves	11.4	8.0	9.0
.750	Save Pct.	.557	.615	.429
.750	Clears	.801	.710	.643
5.0	Penalties/Game	3.4	5.5	4.0

9 to Johns Hopkins in the quarterfinals.

* ND and UNC will meet for the third year in a row and fifth time overall, with the Tar Heels having won three of the four previous meetings. The Irish victory was a 10-8 decision in Chapel Hill in 2003.

* Last year, #9 North Carolina went up 5-1 in the first quarter and never allowed #5 Notre Dame to cut the lead to less than two en route to a 14-11 victory on March 14 in the Loftus Sports Center. Current senior A Jed Prossner scored four times in the opening quarter for the Heels and then added two more goals after the Irish had cut the lead to two. Current senior A Bryan Will also had three goals for UNC. Notre Dame was led by current junior A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.), who posted three goals and three assists.

* Notre Dame had four players mentioned on the *Inside Lacrosse* preseason All-America lists, with junior A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) on the second team, junior D **D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Prep School) on the third team, and senior M **Brian Giordano** (Princeton, N.J./Hun School) and junior A **Brian Hubschmann** (Short Hills, N.J./Delbarton H.S.) as honorable-mention selections.

* The *Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Yearbook* also listed Notre Dame as the favorite to win the Great Western Lacrosse League this season, ahead of Denver, defending champion Ohio State, Air Force, Fairfield, and Butler.

* The Irish have back five of their top seven scorers from last year's squad that finished second in Division I in scoring offense (12.50 goals per game), first in assists per game (7.9), and 14th in man-up offense (.358). That group started out 2005 with a strong performance, scoring 14 goals (8 assists) against #21 Penn State, while converting on four of eight extra-man opportunities.

* All three of Notre Dame's starting attackmen -- senior **Jim Morrison** (Fulton, Md./Mount St. Joseph H.S.) and juniors **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy) and **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) -- scored three goals against Penn State. Morrison missed all of the 2004 season with injuries and had played in just five games in his career prior to that contest, scoring just one goal.

* Dating back to last year, Notre Dame's defense has held its opponents to fewer than 10 goals in seven of the last eight games, allowing just 6.63 goals per game over that span, while posting a 7-2 record.

* After winning just 44.0% of faceoffs last season (and more than half just twice in 12 games), Notre Dame won 12-23 (.522) in the season opener against Penn State. Leading that charge was freshman M **Taylor Clagett** (Chesapeake Beach, Md./DeMatha Catholic H.S.) -- the brother of 2004 graduate and four-year contributor M **Steve Clagett** -- who won 12 of his 18 attempts (.667).

* Notre Dame -- which features junior A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.), one of 37 on the watch list for the Tewaaraton Trophy -- will see five other players in that group this week: junior M Joe Boulukos and senior A Sean Greenhalgh of Cornell, senior D Jon Urbana from Villanova, and seniors A Jed Prossner and M Bryant Will of North Carolina.

* Notre Dame has 13 New York natives (out of 41 players -- over 30%) on its roster, but 10 of those are from Long Island. Of the other three, two hail from within 50 miles of Ithaca: senior M **Colin Fatti** (Skaneateles, N.Y./Skaneateles H.S.) and junior A **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy).

* Notre Dame has five Pennsylvania natives on its roster, all of whom hail from the Philadelphia area: juniors D **D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Prep School) and M **Matt Ryan** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.), sophomore M **Bill Liva** (Bryn Mawr, Pa./Malvern Prep School), and freshmen D **Sean Dougherty** (Malvern, Pa./Malvern Prep School) and M **Michael Podgajny** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.).

THE LAST ND-CORNELL GAME

Notre Dame 3, Cornell 10

April 13, 1991
Moose Krause Stadium
Notre Dame, IN

Scoring Summary

Team	1	2	3	4	E
Cornell	2	4	4	0	10
Notre Dame	0	1	0	2	3

Scoring (goals-assists)

Cornell: Snow 1-3, Lando 2-1, Busse 2-0, Gray 1-0, Reynolds 1-0, Kiely 1-0, Alexander 1-0, Morgan 1-0
ND: Mayglothing 1-0, Schirf 1-0, Capano 1-0

Team Stat	Cornell	ND
Shots	40	25
Ground Balls	43	44
Faceoffs won	11	5
Clears	22/7	20/9
EMO	0/3	0/4
Saves	6	12
Penalties	4/3:00	3/2:30

Inside Lacrosse Preseason Coaches Poll

No.	School	Pts.
1.	Johns Hopkins	1370
2.	Syracuse	1309
3.	Princeton	1207
4.	Navy	1195
5.	Maryland	1177
6.	Georgetown	1066
7.	North Carolina	1011
8.	Virginia	1007
9.	Cornell	818
10.	Notre Dame	746
11.	Towson	714
12.	Rutgers	634
13.	Duke	622
14.	Ohio State	604
15.	UMass	530
16.	Army	425
17.	Loyola	418
18.	Penn	387
19.	Brown	348
20.	Hobart	267
21.	Penn State	238
22.	Villanova	229
23.	Dartmouth	216
24.	Denver	209
25.	Hofstra	173

Last Week's Results

Saturday

UMBC 10, # 13 Duke 12

Butler 7, #20 Hobart 11

#15 UMass 12, #25 Hofstra 7

#11 Towson 7, #17 Loyola 5

#4 Navy 11, #14 Ohio State 5

#16 Army 4, #2 Syracuse 9

#6 Georgetown 6, #5 Maryland 13

#24 Denver 12, #7 North Carolina 18

Manhattan 2, #8 Virginia 18

Binghamton 2, #22 Villanova 5

Sunday

#21 Penn State 6, #10 Notre Dame 14

This Week's Top 25 Schedule

Tuesday

#13 Duke 15, VMI 5

Saturday

Lehigh at #16 Army

#25 at #19 Brown

#10 Notre Dame at #9 Cornell

Quinnipiac at #23 Dartmouth

Lafayette at #24 Denver

Binghamton at #20 Hobart

#7 North Carolina at #4 Navy

#1 Johns Hopkins at #3 Princeton

#17 Loyola at #21 Penn State

#6 Georgetown at St. John's

#8 Virginia at #2 Syracuse

#12 Rutgers at Delaware

#14 Ohio State at UMBC

#13 Duke at #5 Maryland

#18 Pennsylvania at #22 Villanova

Sunday

Siena at #23 Dartmouth

#11 Towson at #24 Denver

Great Western Lacrosse League Standings

School	Conf.	%	Overall	%	IL Rank	Notre Dame vs.
Fairfield	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	--	A - 4/17
Air Force	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	--	H - 4/10
Notre Dame	0-0	.000	1-0	1.000	10th	—
Denver	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	24th	H - 4/7
Ohio State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	14th	A - 4/29
Butler	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	--	H - 3/19
Last Week's GWLL Results			This Week's GWLL Schedule			
<u>Saturday</u>			<u>Wednesday</u>		<u>Sunday</u>	
Fairfield 12, Holy Cross 4			Fairfield 17, SJU 5		Lafayette at Air Force	
#20 Hobart 11, Butler 7			<u>Saturday</u>		Holy Cross at Butler	
#14 Ohio State 5, #4 Navy 11			#11 Towson at AFA		#11 Towson at #24 DU	
#7 North Carolina 18, #24 Denver 12			#10 ND at #9 Cornell		Sacred Heart at Fairfield	
<u>Sunday</u>			Lafayette at #24 DU			
#21 Penn State 6, #10 ND 14			#14 OSU at UMBC			
VMI 8, Air Force 12						

SNAPSHOT OF THE IRISH: Notre Dame's men's lacrosse program has experienced a wealth of success since the arrival of head coach **Kevin Corrigan** in 1989. In his 15 seasons, Corrigan has guided Notre Dame to a winning record 13 times, including 10 seasons with nine or more victories, compiling a 140-79 (.639) mark. The Irish have earned 10 berths to the NCAA Championship, including quarterfinal appearances in 1995 and 2000 and a Final Four trip in 2001. Notre Dame has 36 victories over ranked opponents, including eight vs. top-10 teams and holds a 72-23 (.758) overall record at home. Notre Dame has won 12 conference titles (9 Great Western Lacrosse League, 3 Midwest Lacrosse Association Great Lakes Conference) in that span. Since the formation of the GWLL in 1994, the Irish are 41-5 (.891) in conference play -- including 22-2 (.917) at home -- winning at least a share of the league championship in every season except 1998 and 2004. Notre Dame has had at least one player earn All-America honors in each of the last 12 seasons, a total of 23 honorees since 1994. In addition, the Irish have garnered 85 all-conference honors, highlighted by four GWLL player-of-the-year awards.

The 2005 Irish team returned 17 monogram winners and six starters from last year's squad that was 7-5, finished second to Ohio State in the GWLL (4-1 record), and finished 12th in the final USILA national rankings, just missing a bid to the NCAA Championship.

Notre Dame had one of the top offenses in all of college lacrosse last year, finishing second in Division I in scoring offense (12.50 goals per game) and first in assists per game (7.9). Back from that team are five of the top seven -- and three of the top four -- scorers. Headlining that group is junior A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.), who was a third-team All-American and one of 15 nominees (seven attackmen, five of whom are back in '05) for the Tewaaraton Trophy (awarded to the top player in collegiate lacrosse). He finished seventh in the nation in scoring in 2004 (3.92 points per game) and narrowly missed being the first Notre Dame sophomore ever to hit the 100-career-point-plateau, a milestone he achieved with a six-point (3 G, 3 A) performance in the '05 season opener against Penn State. The Irish were slated to have another starter back at attack, as junior A **Brian Hubschmann** (Short Hills, N.J./Delbarton H.S.) -- who was preseason honorable mention All-America by *Inside Lacrosse* -- made the move back to his prep position after being a starting midfielder in 2004 (and finishing third on the team in scoring, with 18 goals and 11 assists), but a season-ending knee injury suffered last month will preclude him from seeing action in 2005. As a result, Notre Dame has moved junior A **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy) from being a starting midfielder to a starter on attack. He was a starter in the midfield for the Irish in 2003 and last year ran on the second midfield, mostly in an offensive role. He notched three goals and an assist in the opener vs. Penn State. The final starting slot on attack is filled by senior co-captain A **Jim Morrison** (Fulton, Md./Mount St. Joseph H.S.), a former walk-on who will be Notre Dame's top creaseman. He was earning major minutes in fall ball as a junior, but then missed all of last season due to injuries. He had played in only five games (1 G) prior to this year, but then had three goals against Penn State. Senior A **Matt Malakoff** (Bay Shore, N.Y./Bay Shore H.S.), who has been a contributor throughout his career, is Notre Dame's top reserve at attack.

In the midfield, Notre Dame is led by its most-experienced player, senior co-captain M **Brian Giordano** (Princeton, N.J./Hun School), who is back for his fourth year as a starter. He has 41 goals, 21 assists, and 49 ground balls in his career, which has seen him be named first-team all-GWLL in each of the last two campaigns. Giordano, who had multiple goals in six of 10 games in which he played in 2004, was named preseason honorable mention All-America by *Inside Lacrosse* this season. Also back in a starting role is junior M **Matt Ryan** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.), who has been a major contributor in each of the last two seasons. Last year, he led non-seniors in ground balls with 39, and he had two goals and two assists vs. Penn State. The final spot on Notre Dame's top midfield -- vacated by Karweck -- is filled by freshman M **Michael Podgajny** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.), a strong all-around player who was a prep All-American at Ridley High School. He earned his first collegiate point against Penn State, registering an assist. On Notre Dame's second midfield are senior M **Colin Fatti** (Skaneateles, N.Y./Skaneateles H.S.), junior M **Drew Peters** (Babylon, N.Y./Babylon H.S.), and sophomore M **Bill Liva** (Bryn Mawr, Pa./Malvern Prep School), all who have played key roles for the Irish in the past. Others who figure to contribute in the midfield are senior M **Tyler Krummenacher** (St. Louis, Mo./MICDS H.S.), sophomores M **Ryan Cunn** (West Islip,

N.Y./West Islip H.S.) and M **Lucius Polk** (Washington, D.C./St. Albans H.S.), and freshman M **Anson Fraser** (Summit, N.J./Summit H.S.). Freshman M **Taylor Clagett** (Chesapeake Beach, Md./DeMatha Catholic H.S.), whose brother Steve graduated last year after being a four-year contributor in the Irish midfield, has emerged as Notre Dame's top faceoff man, winning 12 of 18 draws (.667) against Penn State. Seniors M **Craig Bishko** (West Islip, N.Y./West Islip H.S.) and M **Frank Matarazzo** (Franklin Lakes, N.J./Bergen Catholic H.S.) also figure to contribute again in that role, after sharing the duties in 2004.

Defense will be a key factor in Notre Dame's fortunes this year, as it is a relatively-inexperienced unit. Junior D **D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Prep School) is the lone returning starter, but he figures to be one of the top defensemen in the nation this year. He set a Notre Dame freshman record for ground balls (61) in 2003 and last year developed into the team's top on-ball defender. He is joined down low by sophomore D **Joey Rallo** (Cockeysville, Md./Boys' Latin H.S.) -- who was the top Irish reserve defenseman in 2004 -- and talented freshman D **Ross Zimmerman** (Utica, Mich./Brother Rice H.S.), a big, athletic player who was an All-American at Brother Rice High School. Among the top reserves are seniors D **Taylor Matthews** (St. Louis, Mo./MICDS H.S.) and D **James Severin** (Bayville, N.Y./Chaminade H.S.) and freshman D **Sean Dougherty** (Malvern, Pa./Malvern Prep School).

The final line of defense figures to be a strength for the Irish, with fifth-year senior G **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School) manning the cage again for the third consecutive season. He got a taste of being the top Notre Dame goalie in 2002 before establishing himself as not only the best goalkeeper on the Irish, but one of the elite players at the position in the country in 2003. Crosland was fifth in Division I in save percentage (.626) that year before ranking 11th (.599) in '04. Freshman G **Joey Kemp** (Potomac, Md./Georgetown Prep School), who is expected to be a future star, also figures to push Crosland for time in the cage.

LAST TIME ON THE FIELD: Notre Dame, ranked 10th, held #21 Penn State scoreless in the final 25 minutes, tallying six unanswered goals en route to a 14-6 season-opening triumph Sunday afternoon in Holuba Hall. The Irish, who got hat tricks from all three of their starting attackmen -- senior **Jim Morrison** (Fulton, Md./Mount St. Joseph H.S.) and juniors **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy) and **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) -- turned in their largest margin of victory ever in a road game vs. a nationally-ranked opponent and began the season with a win for the fifth time in the last six years. After Notre Dame held an 8-5 halftime advantage, Penn State junior A Nate Whitaker netted his third goal of the game 4:43 into the second half. That would mark the end of the success of the Nittany Lions offense, as the Irish held PSU scoreless for the final 25:17, keeping the Lions to only 12 shots (just five on goal). That defensive effort -- keyed by fifth-year senior G **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School), senior LSM **Chris Richez** (Freeport, N.Y./Freeport H.S.), junior D **D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Preparatory School), sophomore D **Joey Rallo** (Cockeysville, Md./Boys' Latin H.S.), and freshman D **Ross Zimmerman** (Utica, Mich./Brother Rice H.S.) -- was nothing new for Notre Dame, which in 2004 held opponents scoreless for 25 minutes or more on four occasions. Walsh led all players with six points, while Karweck had four, as did junior M **Matt Ryan** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.), who finished with two goals and two assists. Crosland made 17 saves (.739), while freshman M **Taylor Clagett** (Chesapeake Beach, Md./DeMatha Catholic H.S.) was 12 of 18 in faceoffs and junior D **D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Prep School) had a team-high six ground balls. The Irish outshot PSU 40-37 and held a 35-32 advantage in ground balls, while winning 12 of 23 faceoffs and converting on half of their extra-man opportunities.

HEAD COACH KEVIN CORRIGAN: Irish head coach **Kevin Corrigan** is in his 17th season at the helm of the Notre Dame program. He has led the Irish to a 140-79 (.639) mark, while holding a 150-94 (.615) overall record in 18+ seasons. Corrigan's Notre Dame teams have earned 10 NCAA tournament berths since 1990, highlighted by quarterfinal appearances in 1995 and 2000 and a Final Four trip in 2001. Only six other Division I schools have as many postseason appearances in that span, while Corrigan and Princeton's Bill Tierney are the only two mentors in the country to have led their current teams to 10 NCAA tournaments since '90. Corrigan's teams have had 13 winning seasons, including 10 with nine or more victories. He has had at least one player earn All-America honors in each of the last 12 seasons for a total of 23 All-Americans since 1994. In addition, 85 players have garnered all-conference mention under Corrigan. The Irish also have claimed at least a share of 12 conference titles (9 Great Western Lacrosse League, 3 Midwest Lacrosse Association Great Lakes Conference). In a three-year playing career as a midfielder at Virginia, Corrigan helped the Cavaliers to the NCAA final in 1979. He previously was an assistant at Notre Dame in 1983 and served as head coach of Randolph-Macon College for two years (1985-86).

NATIONAL RANKINGS: Notre Dame is well-represented in the national rankings. After a 14-6 season-opening victory at #21 Penn State, the Irish moved up one spot (past Saturday opponent and idle Cornell) to ninth in this week's *Inside Lacrosse* media poll. In the preseason, they were listed 10th in the *Inside Lacrosse Face-Off Yearbook* coaches' poll and 11th in the *Lacrosse* magazine preseason poll. The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) does not publish its first rankings of the season until Monday, March 7. The Irish finished last season 12th in those rankings.

SCOUTING CORNELL: The Big Red -- ranked 10th in the *Inside Lacrosse* media poll after being ninth in both preseason polls (*Inside Lacrosse* coaches and *Lacrosse* magazine) -- will open the season on Saturday. The Big Red, which saw Notre Dame pass it for ninth in this week's *Inside Lacrosse* media poll, returns 28 letterwinners and eight starters from last year's team that finished 9-5, tied for the Ivy League championship (4-1 record), and beat Hobart (11-5) in the opening round of the NCAA tournament before falling 6-5 in the quarterfinals to eventual national runner-up Navy to finish eighth

THE LAST ND-VILLANOVA GAME

Notre Dame 17, Villanova 9
April 19, 2000
Moose Krause Stadium • Notre Dame, IN

Scoring Summary

Team	1	2	3	4	E
Villanova	0	4	3	2	9
Notre Dame	2	2	6	7	17

First Quarter

ND 1: Jon Harvey from Steve Bishko, 9:24
ND 2: John Flandina unassisted, 7:17

Second Quarter

ND 3: Jon Harvey unassisted, 13:16 (up)
VU 1: Eric Dauer from Chris Larson, 10:27
VU 2: Brian Marks from Jack McTigue, 9:40 (up)
VU 3: Chris Larson unassisted, 8:55
ND 4: Jon Harvey from Tom Glatzel, 6:48 (up)
VU 4: Eric Dauer from Jack McTigue, 4:04

Third Quarter

ND 5: Todd Ulrich from Tom Glatzel, 13:34
VU 5: Chris Larson from Tom Lasky, 12:13
VU 6: Jack McTigue unassisted, 11:52
VU 7: Brian Marks from Andrew Bogle, 10:13
ND 6: David Ulrich from Kevin Higgins, 10:07
ND 7: Devin Ryan unassisted, 9:24
ND 8: Jon Harvey from David Ulrich, 8:30
ND 9: Mike Adams from Tom Glatzel, 8:06
ND 10: David Ulrich unassisted, 7:10

Fourth Quarter

ND 11: Tom Glatzel unassisted, 14:03
ND 12: David Ulrich, unassisted 11:01
ND 13: Jon Harvey from David Ulrich, 6:41
ND 14: David Ulrich from Tom Glatzel, 5:19 (up)
ND 15: Tom Glatzel from David Ulrich, 4:25
ND 16: Jon Harvey from Steve Bishko, 4:12
ND 17: Tom Glatzel unassisted, 4:03
VU 8: Jack McTigue unassisted, 3:29 (up)
VU 9: Craig Clancy from Clayton Greene, 0:19

Individual Scoring (goals-assists)

VU: Jack McTigue 2-2, Chris Larson 2-1, Eric Dauer 2-0, Brian Marks 2-0, Craig Clancy 1-0, Tom Lasky 0-1, Andrew Bogle 0-1, Clayton Green 0-1
ND: David Ulrich 4-3, Tom Glatzel 3-4, Jon Harvey 6-0, Steve Bishko 0-2, John Flandina 1-0, Todd Ulrich 1-0, Devin Ryan 1-0, Mike Adams 1-0, Kevin Higgins 0-1

Goaltenders

VU: Matt Wilk (L, 52:00, 9 saves, 12GA), Mike Mullette (8:00, 1 save, 5GA)
ND: Kirk Howell (W, 56:30, 15 saves, 7GA), Patrick Darcy (3:30, 1 save, 2GA)

Ground Balls

ND: Kevin Higgins 10, Dave Ulrich 6, Mike Adams 6, Tom Glatzel 6, Steve Bishko 6, Kirk Howell 4, Jon Harvey 3, Steve Fiamingo 2, Devin Ryan 1, John Flandina 1, Mike Richtsmeier 1, Andy Santoriello 1, Travis Wells 1, Chad DeBolt 1, Dave Rubano 1, John Souch 1, Pat Darcy 1, Chris Young 1

Faceoffs

ND: Kevin Higgins 11-15, Chad DeBolt 8-12, Eric Simon 1-1, Dave Rubano 1-1

Team Stats	VU	ND
Shots	31	48
Ground Balls	31	53
Faceoffs	8/29	21/29
Clears	16/29	23/25
EMO	2/4	3/5
Saves	10	16
Penalties	5/5:30	4/3:30

LAST YEAR'S ND-UNC GAME

#5 Notre Dame 11, #9 North Carolina 14
 March 14, 2004
 Loftus Sports Center • Notre Dame, IN

Scoring Summary

Team	1	2	3	4	F
North Carolina	6	3	2	3	14
Notre Dame	3	2	2	4	11

First Quarter

ND 1: Pat Walsh (5) unassisted, 13:34
 NC 1: Mike McCall (9) from Bryant Will (8), 11:16
 NC 2: Jed Prossner (10) from Bryant Will (9), 9:30
 NC 3: Jed Prossner (11) from Andrew McElduff (1), 8:48
 NC 4: Mike McCall (10) from Jed Prossner (5), 8:39
 NC 5: Jed Prossner (12) unassisted, 5:50
 ND 2: Brian Hubschmann (4) unassisted, 4:28
 NC 6: Jed Prossner (13) unassisted, 1:06
 ND 3: Matt Howell (6) from Pat Walsh (6), 0:39

Second Quarter

NC 7: Bryant Will (1) from Ryan Tolson (1), 8:12 (up)
 ND 4: Matt Howell (7) from Pat Walsh (7), 6:13
 ND 5: Brian Hubschmann (5) unassisted, 5:12
 NC 8: Bryant Will (2) unassisted, 2:58
 NC 9: Scott Falatach (11) unassisted, 0:42

Third Quarter

ND 6: Matt Karweck (7) from Dan Berger (1), 14:25 (up)
 ND 7: Matt Karweck (8) from Brian Giordano (4), 7:13
 NC 10: Jed Prossner (14) unassisted, 6:54
 NC 11: Kyle Henderson (1) unassisted, 2:20

Fourth Quarter

ND 8: Pat Walsh (6) unassisted, 14:16
 ND 9: Matt Ryan (2) unassisted, 13:25
 NC 12: Andrew McElduff (2) from Bryant Will (10), 8:58
 ND 10: Pat Walsh (7) from Matt Ryan (3), 6:40
 NC 13: Jed Prossner (15) unassisted, 5:42
 NC 14: Bryant Will (3) from Jed Prossner (6), 2:02
 ND 11: Matt Ryan (3) from Pat Walsh (8), 1:36

Individual Scoring (goals-assists)

UNC: Jed Prossner 6-2, Bryant Will 3-3, Mike McCall 2-0, Andrew McElduff 1-1, Scott Falatach 1-0, Kyle Henderson 1-0, Ryan Tolson 0-1
 ND: Pat Walsh 3-3, Matt Ryan 2-1, Brian Hubschmann 2-0, Matt Howell 2-0, Matt Karweck 2-0, Dan Berger 0-1, Brian Giordano 0-1

Goaltenders

UNC: Paul Spellman (W, 60:00, 17 saves, 11 GA)
 ND: Stewart Crosland (L, 60:00, 14 saves, 14 GA)

Ground Balls

UNC: Kevin Frew 12, Paul Spellman 4, Scott Falatach 3, Jed Prossner 2, Ronnie Staines 2, Johnny Seivold 2, Ryan Tolson 2, Hayward Howard 2, Matt Pessagno 1, Andrew Lucas 1, Ryan Blair 1, Dave Duffy 1, Dan Stringer 1, Billy Staines 1, Kyle Henderson 1

ND: Matt Ryan 5, Frank Matarazzo 5, Dan Berger 3, D.J. Driscoll 3, Brian Hubschmann 2, Brian Giordano 2, Steve Clagett 2, Craig Bishko 2, Pat Walsh 1, Brennan Creaney 1, Matt Karweck 1, Drew Peters 1

Faceoffs

UNC: Kevin Frew 14-28
 ND: Craig Bishko 7-15, Frank Matarazzo 7-13

Team Stats	NC	ND
Shots	39	46
Ground Balls	36	28
Faceoffs	14-28	14-28
Clears	20-24	20-25
EMO	1-3	1-2
Saves	17	14
Penalties	2/1:30	3/3:00

Attendance – 927

in the *Inside Lacrosse* rankings. Gone from that team are third-team All-American D Tim DeBlois and honorable-mention All-America selection A Andrew Collins, but junior M Joe Boulukos -- also honorable mention All-America in 2004 -- returns for Cornell, and both he and senior A Sean Greenhalgh are on the Tewaaraton Trophy watch list. After Saturday, the Big Red will next travel to Army on March 12. Cornell is coached by Jeff Tambroni, who has accumulated a 36-19 (.655) record in four seasons leading the Big Red.

IRISH-BIG RED SERIES NOTES: Notre Dame and Cornell will meet for the first time since 1991 and just the third time overall. The Big Red have won both of the previous meetings, prevailing 14-8 at home in 1990 and 10-3 at Notre Dame a year later. Cornell was nationally-ranked (16th in '90, 15th in '91) in both of those contests, while Notre Dame was unranked. The Big Red has the opportunity to join Maryland as the only schools to have played Notre Dame at least three times without ever losing. The Irish hold a 12-9 all-time record against the Ivy League, including a 12-8 mark under current head coach **Kevin Corrigan**.

THE LAST TIME ND AND CORNELL PLAYED: Notre Dame, fresh off its first-ever NCAA tournament bid in 1990, played host to #15 Cornell at Moose Krause Stadium on April 13, 1991, and the Big Red came away with a 10-3 victory. Cornell dominated the game, jumping out to an 8-1 lead midway through the third quarter before allowing a pair of final-period tallies -- though it would still be Notre Dame's lowest scoring output of the season. The Big Red also held a 40-25 advantage in shots and got four points (1 G, 3 A) from John Snow and two goals apiece from Joe Lando (also 1 A) and John Busse. Notre Dame's goal scorers were senior M **John Capano**, junior A **Brian Schirf**, and sophomore M **Brian Mayglothling**. The Irish did hold a 44-43 edge in ground balls.

THE LAST TIME ND VISITED CORNELL: The only previous trip by Notre Dame to Ithaca, N.Y., came on April 14, 1990, when the Irish -- who would go on to earn their first-ever NCAA Championship invitation -- lost 14-8 to #16 Cornell. Notre Dame, bidding for its first-ever win over a nationally-ranked team, was strong early, going up 6-4 at halftime. The Irish still led 7-6 with just one quarter to play, but Cornell outscored Notre Dame 8-1 in the final 15 minutes to claim the victory. The Big Red made a change at the faceoff X in the fourth quarter and that allowed them to score seven consecutive goals to secure the victory. Leading the Cornell attack was Cummings, who had four goals, while O'Hanlon added three and an assist, and Agnotti accounted for two goals and two assists. Notre Dame was led by sophomore A **Mike Sullivan**, who had a goal and three assists, while senior A **Brian McHugh** and senior M **Mike Quigley** scored two goals apiece.

NOTRE DAME-CORNELL CONNECTIONS: Notre Dame has 13 New York natives (out of 41 players -- over 30%) on its roster, but 10 of those are from Long Island. Of the other three, two hail from within 50 miles of Ithaca: senior M **Colin Fatti** (Skaneateles, N.Y./Skaneateles H.S.) and junior A **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy). The other -- senior D **Mike Hagerty** (Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna H.S.) -- is from the Albany area.

SCOUTING VILLANOVA: Villanova -- receiving votes (listed 32nd) in the *Inside Lacrosse* media poll after being 22nd in the *Inside Lacrosse* preseason coaches' poll -- stands 1-1 on the season heading into Saturday's home game against #17 Pennsylvania. The Wildcats began the year losing 8-6 at Colgate before winning 5-2 over Binghamton at home last weekend. Offensively, junior M Matt Starker leads the way with five goals and one assist, while junior A Brendan O'Donnell has four points (2 G, 2 A). Sophomore M Chris Colliniates has won 19-26 (.731) faceoffs, while senior M Chris Kramer leads the team with 13 ground balls. Junior G Joseph Canuso boasts a 5.02 goals-against average to go with a .615 save percentage. The Wildcats returned 27 letterwinners and seven starters from last year's team that was 12-3 and finished second in the Colonial Athletic Association (4-1 record) and lost in the title game of the league tournament to Towson. Villanova just missed an at-large bid to the NCAAs in 2004, ending 14th in the USILA rankings and 16th in the *Inside Lacrosse* poll. Back is senior D Jon Urbana, who was named honorable mention All-America in 2004 by the USILA and is on the Tewaaraton watch list. Randy Marks is in his 23rd season leading the VU program, having compiled a 168-135 (.554) record.

IRISH-WILDCATS SERIES NOTES: Notre Dame and Villanova -- rivals in the BIG EAST Conference in most other sports -- will meet for the first time since 2000 and the ninth time overall, with both sides having won four of the previous contests. The Wildcats won the first meeting by a 7-6 score in 1987 on Long Island, N.Y., en route to taking four consecutive games in the series. Notre Dame got its first win (15-7 at home) in 1995 and has not lost since then, also prevailing in 1996 and '99 at Villanova and in 2000 at Notre Dame. The last Wildcat victory came in 1992 in a neutral-site meeting in Philadelphia that ended in a 14-10 decision. The most-recent contest saw the 12th-ranked Irish prevail 17-9 at Moose Krause Stadium, while Notre Dame's last trip to Villanova resulted in a 14-10 win for the 19th-ranked Irish in 1999. The lone Irish defeat at VU came in their first trip, a 13-5 affair in 1990.

THE LAST TIME ND AND VILLANOVA PLAYED: Junior A **Jon Harvey** tallied a career-high six goals, tying the Notre Dame record for goals in a home game, as he led the 12th-ranked Irish to a 17-9 victory over Villanova at Moose Krause Stadium on April 19, 2000. The difference in the game was when Notre Dame scored 12 consecutive goals in the second half after falling behind 7-5 early in the third quarter. Seven different players scored in the contest for the Irish, as junior **David Ulrich** tallied four goals and dished off three assists while his classmate, **Tom Glatzel**, added three goals and four assists. Notre Dame led 3-0 and junior **Todd Ulrich** gave the Irish a 5-4 lead 1:26 into the second half, but then VU scored three goals in a 2:00 span, as the Wildcats grabbed a 7-5 lead with 10:13

left in the third quarter on a Brian Marks score. David Ulrich answered with a goal six seconds later to begin the Irish run. Notre Dame won 20 of the game's 29 faceoffs and held a 52-35 advantage in ground balls. For the Wildcats, Jack McTigue led the way with four points (2 G, 2 A), while Chris Larson had three (2 G, 1 A).

THE LAST TIME ND VISITED VILLANOVA: Senior **Chris Dusseau** and sophomore **Tom Glatzel** each scored three goals and sophomore Dave Ulrich added five assists to lead 19th-ranked Notre Dame to a 14-10 victory at Villanova on March 13, 1999. The Irish jumped out to a 4-0 lead before VU tied the game at 4-4, but Notre Dame then closed out the first half with four goals to take control of the game. The Irish outshot Villanova 39-24, but the Wildcats had a 37-29 ground-ball edge. Villanova cut the Notre Dame lead to 9-7 in the fourth quarter before Dusseau, Glatzel and freshman **John Flandina** each netted scores to put the Irish ahead 12-7. Villanova got three goals from Justin Looney and a trio of assists from John McTigue.

NOTRE DAME-VILLANOVA CONNECTIONS: Notre Dame has five Pennsylvania natives on its roster, all of whom hail from the Philadelphia area: juniors **D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Prep School) and **Matt Ryan** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.), sophomore **Bill Liva** (Bryn Mawr, Pa./Malvern Prep School), and freshmen **D Sean Dougherty** (Malvern, Pa./Malvern Prep School) and **Michael Podgajny** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.).

THE FIRST 4: Pantheon International -- which also was responsible for the Algonquin Cup, which Notre Dame took part in during the fall of 2003 in Boston and beat Syracuse to win the event championship -- has organized The First 4, an elite lacrosse invitational, to take place on Saturday, March 12 in the Home Depot Center in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson, Calif. It is an all-day event that will feature a total of seven lacrosse contests, culminating with a pair of NCAA Division I top-10 clashes: #9 Notre Dame vs. #7 North Carolina at 5 p.m. (PST) and #2 Syracuse vs. #8 Georgetown at 7:30 p.m. It will be some of the top lacrosse ever played in the state of California (there are no Division I varsity teams in the state and other invitationals have been rare). Both of those games will be shown live to a national audience by College Sports Television. The First 4 kicks off with a quartet of top California high school matchups: #18 Malibu vs. #7 Foothill at 11 a.m. in the track stadium; #2 La Costa Canyon vs. #4 Berkeley at Noon on turf field #5; #1 Torrey Pines vs. #3 Monte Vista Danville at 1 p.m. in the track stadium; and #5 Coronado vs. #3 St. Ignatius at 2 p.m. on turf field #5. At 3 p.m. in the track stadium, there will be a matchup of the top two collegiate club teams in the nation: #1 UC Santa Barbara vs. #2 Colorado State. For more information on the event, see www.thefirst4.com.

SCOUTING NORTH CAROLINA: North Carolina -- seventh in the *Inside Lacrosse* media poll after being ranked fifth in the preseason by *Lacrosse* and seventh by *Inside Lacrosse* -- opened the season last weekend with an 18-12 home victory against #17 Denver and will travel to #5 Navy on Saturday. Senior A Mike McCall led the Heels against DU with eight points (6 G, 2 A), while senior A Jed Prossner (5 G, 1 A) and junior A Ryan Blair (3 G, 3 A) had six apiece. Senior G Paul Spellman allowed 11 goals and made nine saves for UNC. The Tar Heels returned 30 letterwinners and seven starters from last year's squad that was 10-5, finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference (2-1 record), and lost in the semifinals of the conference tournament. UNC was seventh in the final USILA and *Inside Lacrosse* rankings after beating Great Western Lacrosse League champion Ohio State 13-6 in the opening round of the NCAA tournament and then losing 15-9 to Johns Hopkins in the quarterfinals. Gone from that team are first-team All-American D Ronnie Staines and honorable-mention All-America selection M Kevin Frew. Back are first-team All-American Prossner, as well as senior M Bryan Will, who was a second-team All-American, and honorable-mention picks Spellman and junior M Stephen McElduff. Prossner and Will are on the Tewaaron watch list. John Haus is in his fifth year leading UNC, having compiled a 32-22 (.593) record there and a 99-50 (.664) overall mark in 10+ seasons as a head coach.

IRISH-TAR HEELS SERIES NOTES: Notre Dame and North Carolina will meet for the third year in a row and fifth time overall, with the Tar Heels having won three of the four previous meetings. The teams first played in 1995, with UNC claiming an 11-8 home victory against the Irish. After another Carolina victory (11-10) the following season, the schools did not play again until 2003, when Notre Dame claimed its first win over the Heels in a 10-8 decision in Chapel Hill. A year ago, UNC returned the favor, 14-11 in the Loftus Sports Center. All four previous contests between the schools have been decided by three goals or fewer. This also will be the fifth time in as many meetings that both teams are nationally-ranked heading into the game, but it will be the first time since 1996 that UNC holds the higher ranking.

LAST YEAR'S ND-UNC GAME: Fifth-ranked Notre Dame fell behind 5-1 in the first quarter and could not recover, losing 14-11 to #9 North Carolina on March 14, 2004, in the Loftus Sports Center. After the initial spurt, the Irish cut the lead to two goals on four occasions, but could never come closer than that. Sophomore All-America **A Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) led Notre Dame offensively with three goals and three assists. North Carolina junior A Jed Prossner finished with six goals -- four in the first period and two to extend the Tar Heel lead back to three after Notre Dame had cut it down. He added a pair of assists, while junior M Bryant Will also was effective offensively, ending up with three goals on four shots to go with a trio of assists. Junior G Paul Spellman stopped 17 shots for a .607 save percentage. North Carolina held a 36-28 advantage in ground balls, while the Irish actually outshot the Tar Heels 46-39, including 16-7 in the final period.

NOTRE DAME-NORTH CAROLINA CONNECTIONS: Notre Dame has one player on its all-time roster that hailed from the state of North Carolina. Attackman **Mike Richtsmeier** played for the Irish in 2000 and '01, seeing action in nine games and failing to earn a monogram. He was a native of Durham and graduate of Durham Academy.

IRISH TO MAKE SECOND-EVER TRIP TO CALIFORNIA: The First 4 will mark Notre Dame's second trip to play in the state of California since becoming a varsity program in 1981. In 1990 -- a season that would eventually see the Irish earn their first-ever NCAA Championship invitation -- Notre Dame played in the four-team San Diego Tournament over the weekend of March 30-31. The Irish ended up as the champions in the event, which also featured Air Force, Texas Tech, and host San Diego State. In the opening round, the Irish trailed the Falcons 6-1 in the first quarter, but came all the way back, getting scores from senior **A Brian McHugh** (finished with 4 G) and junior **A Mike Sullivan** (4 G, 1 A) in the final two minutes en route to a 12-11 victory. In the title game, Notre Dame beat San Diego State 18-10, with junior **A Chris Rowley** leading the way with two goals and two assists. McHugh was named the tournament's MVP, while he was joined on the all-tournament team by Sullivan, senior **M Dave Carey**, and senior **D Mike Stevens**.

CALIFORNIA CONNECTION: Notre Dame does have one California native represented on its all-time roster. Midfielder **Joe Minutoli** played for the Irish in 1990 and '91, seeing action in three games and failing to earn a monogram. He was a native of San Rafael, Calif., and a graduate of San Marin High School, both in Bay area. He was a member of the only other Irish team to play in California.

CROSLAND TABBED GWLL PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Fifth-year senior G **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School) was named the Great Western Lacrosse League Player of the Week by the conference after helping Notre Dame to a season-opening 14-6 win at #21 Penn State on Sunday. The third-year starter stopped 73.9% of the shots he faced, making 17 saves to help the Irish to their largest-ever margin of victory in a road game against a nationally-ranked opponent. Crosland anchored an outstanding defensive performance that held the Nittany Lions scoreless in the final 25:17 of the contest, opening the door for Notre Dame's high-octane offense -- second in Division I in scoring offense (12.50 goals per game) in 2004 -- to put the game out of reach with six unanswered goals.

IRISH REGISTER LARGEST-EVER VICTORY MARGIN IN ROAD GAME AGAINST RANKED FOE: Notre Dame's eight-goal (14-6) win at #21 Penn State in the season opener marked the largest-ever margin of victory for the Irish in a road contest against a nationally-ranked opponent. Previously, the largest margin for Notre Dame in that situation was five, done against #17 Army in 2000 (10-5) and #18 Rutgers in 2001 (9-4). The Irish also notched a five-goal victory (12-7) in a neutral-site game against #10 Bucknell in the opening round of the 2001 NCAA tournament.

DEFENSE BLANKS PENN STATE IN FINAL 25:17: Notre Dame led just 8-6 when Penn State junior A Nate Whitaker netted his third goal of the game 4:43 into the second half on Sunday. But that would mark the end of the success of the Nittany Lions offense, as the Irish held PSU scoreless for the final 25:17, keeping the Lions to only 12 shots (just five on goal). That defensive effort – keyed by fifth-year senior G **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School), senior LSM **Chris Richez** (Freeport, N.Y./Freeport H.S.), junior D **D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Preparatory School), sophomore D **Joey Rallo** (Cockeysville, Md./Boys' Latin H.S.), and freshman D **Ross Zimmerman** (Utica, Mich./Brother Rice H.S.) – was nothing new for Notre Dame, which in 2004 held opponents scoreless for 25 minutes or more on four occasions. This streak allowed Notre Dame to end the game with six unanswered goals en route to a 14-6 triumph.

ALL THREE IRISH ATTACKMEN NOTCH HAT TRICKS vs. PENN STATE: Notre Dame's starting attack unit, which lost two starters to graduation after last season, began the 2005 season in a big way, as all three attackmen -- senior **Jim Morrison** (Fulton, Md./Mount St. Joseph H.S.) and juniors **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) and **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy) -- registered hat tricks in Notre Dame's 14-6 victory at #21 Penn State. Walsh tallied a game-high six points, also adding three assists, while Karweck had four points in his first collegiate game at the position (he moved there less than two weeks before the season following two seasons in the midfield). Morrison, who missed all of the 2004 campaign and had seen action in just five career games beforehand (1 goal), scored each of Notre Dame's first three goals of the contest.

WALSH'S SIX POINTS IN OPENER MAKE HIM SECOND-FASTEST TO 100 CAREER POINTS: Junior A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) opened up the second half of his career with six points (3 G, 3 A) against #21 Penn State on Feb. 27. That brought his career point total to 105, making him the second-fastest Irish player ever to reach 100 career points, doing it in his 27th game. The quickest was all-time leading scorer **Randy Colley** (1991-95), who did it in 21 games en route to finishing with 273 points (173 G, 100 A). The previous second-fastest to 100 was **John Olmstead**, who did it in 34 games and finished his career in 1989 with 146 points.

MORRISON'S RETURN SEES THREE GOALS IN FIRST 6 MINUTES ON FIELD: Senior co-captain A **Jim Morrison** (Fulton, Md./Mount St. Joseph H.S.), who missed all of last season due to injuries, announced his presence immediately in the season opener against #21 Penn State, scoring three goals in the first 5:33 of the game. After having not seen action since the 2003 Harvard game, he found the net 2:48 into the PSU contest and then scored again with 10:01 left in the opening period and a final time just 34 seconds later. Prior to that, Morrison had seen action in just five career games and had scored only one goal (2003 vs. Butler) on eight career shots.

CLAGETT PROVIDES IMMEDIATE BOOST AT FACEOFF X: In his first collegiate game, freshman M **Taylor Clagett** (Chesapeake Beach, Md./DeMatha Catholic H.S.) provided an immediate boost to the faceoff unit for Notre Dame, which has not won more than half of its faceoffs in a season since 2001. The rookie -- the brother of four-year regular in the Irish midfield and 2004 graduate **Steve Clagett** -- won 12 of the 18 draws he took in the season opener at #21 Penn State, for a winning percentage of .667. He allowed Notre Dame to win the majority of the 23 faceoffs in the contest, after doing that just twice in 12 games in 2004 en route to a .440 success rate on the season.

NOTRE DAME LOOKS TO BE OFFENSIVE JUGGERNAUT AGAIN IN 2005: Notre Dame -- which returned five of its top seven scorers from last year's team that finished second in Division I in scoring offense (12.50 goals per game) -- opened the 2005 campaign with a strong offensive performance, scoring 14 goals against Penn State, which allowed more than 11 goals just twice in 2004 (once was in a 17-7 loss to ND). The Irish, which led the nation in assists per game (7.9) last season, had seven different goal scorers against the Nittany Lions and also registered eight assists.

DEBUTS, ETC.: The season opener at #21 Penn State on Feb. 27 saw various firsts for Irish players. M **Michael Podgajny** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.) and D **Ross Zimmerman** (Utica, Mich./Brother Rice H.S.) both earned starting assignments in their first collegiate contests, while six other Notre Dame freshmen -- M **Taylor Clagett** (Chesapeake Beach, Md./DeMatha Catholic H.S.), D **Sean Dougherty** (Malvern, Pa./Malvern Prep School), M **Anson Fraser** (Summit, N.J./Summit H.S.), G **Joey Kemp** (Potomac, Md./Georgetown Prep School), A/M **Sloan Smith** (Concord, N.H./Phillips Exeter Academy), and A **Alex Wharton** (Baltimore, Md./Gilman School) -- also made their collegiate debuts. In addition, sophomore M **Ryan Cunn** (West Islip, N.Y./West Islip H.S.) -- who missed all of last season with a knee injury -- made his collegiate debut, as did sophomore LSM **Brian Halvorsen** (Lake Oswego, Ore./Lakeridge H.S.). Junior A **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy) played at attack for the first time as a collegian, after moving from the midfield less than two weeks prior to the season. Senior A **Jim Morrison** (Fulton, Md./Mount St. Joseph H.S.) also returned to action after missing the entire 2004 campaign.

STREAKS: The following streaks are active heading into Notre Dame's spring-break trip:

- ND has won seven consecutive games when scoring eight or more goals (last loss: 14-11 vs. #9 North Carolina, 3/14/04)
- ND has won four consecutive road games in Great Western Lacrosse League play (last loss: 11-5 at #19 Ohio State, 4/6/03)
- ND has lost five consecutive games when not outscoring the opponent in the first quarter (last win: 13-4 vs. Air Force, 4/12/03, after trailing 2-1)
- ND has lost 19 consecutive games when trailing after three quarters (last win: 9-8 vs. Harvard, 5/1/99, after trailing 8-6)
- ND has lost eight consecutive games against top-10 opponents (last win: 13-9 vs. #3 Johns Hopkins, 5/20/01, NCAA quarterfinals)
- ND has lost seven consecutive games against top-five opponents (last win: 13-9 vs. #3 Johns Hopkins, 5/20/01, NCAA quarterfinals)
- ND has lost six consecutive overtime games (last win: 10-9 vs. #12 Hobart, 3/29/04)
- Junior A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) has at least one point in 13 consecutive games (last pointless: 5/3/03 vs. #4 Maryland)
- Senior G **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School) has had a .625+ save percentage in seven consecutive games (last below: .550 vs. #17 Ohio State, 3/31/04)
- Junior A **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy) has had at least one point in six consecutive games (last pointless: vs. Dartmouth, 4/4/04) and at least one goal in two consecutive games (last goalless: vs. Fairfield, 4/18/04)
- Senior M **Brian Giordano** (Princeton, N.J./Hun School) has had at least one goal in four consecutive games in which he has played (last goalless: vs. Dartmouth, 4/4/04)

IRISH LOSE PRESEASON HONORABLE-MENTION ALL-AMERICAN HUBSCHMANN FOR SEASON: Junior A **Brian Hubschmann** (Short Hills, N.J./Delbarton H.S.), tabbed preseason honorable-mention All-America by *Inside Lacrosse*, will miss the entire 2005 campaign after suffering a season-ending knee injury in practice on Feb. 16, just nine days prior to the opening game. He was slated to be a starter at attack -- where he played while helping Delbarton High School win the 2002 New Jersey state championship -- after being a regular in the Irish midfield in his first two collegiate seasons. Hubschmann started all 11 games in which he played in 2004, finishing third on the team in scoring with 29 points (18 G, 11 A). Hubschmann, a second-team all-conference pick, led Notre Dame in both shots (88) and shots on goal (48) and ranked fifth in the Great Western Lacrosse League (T-48th nation-

ally) in points per game (2.64) and seventh in assists per game (1.00; 50th in Division I). In response to the injury, the Irish moved junior **Matt Karweck** (Penn Yan, N.Y./Penn Yan Academy) from midfield to attack and inserted freshman **M Michael Podgajny** (Ridley Park, Pa./Ridley H.S.) into the first midfield.

WALSH ON TEWAARATON TROPHY WATCH LIST; IRISH TO SEE FIVE OTHERS IN THAT GROUP THIS WEEK: Junior **A Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) was one of 37 players named to the watch list for the 2005 Tewaaraton Trophy, awarded to the nation's top player at the conclusion of the season. The award will be presented at a banquet in Washington, D.C. on June 3. Walsh, who was one of 15 nominees for the award last year, is the only Irish player ever named to the watch list for the Tewaaraton Trophy, which is in just its fifth year, though **A Tom Glatzel** was a finalist for the award in 2001. Notre Dame will see five other players on the Tewaaraton watch list this week: junior **M Joe Boulukos** and senior **A Sean Greenhalgh** of Cornell, senior **D Jon Urbana** from Villanova, and seniors **A Jed Prossner** and **M Bryant Will** of North Carolina.

FOUR EARN PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA MENTION: Four Irish players were mentioned on the *Inside Lacrosse* preseason All-America lists. Junior **A Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) led the way as a second-team selection, while junior **D D.J. Driscoll** (Downingtown, Pa./Malvern Prep School) was on the third team, and senior **M Brian Giordano** (Princeton, N.J./Hun School) and junior **A Brian Hubschmann** (Short Hills, N.J./Delbarton H.S.) were honorable-mention selections.

GOOD D: Dating back to last year, Notre Dame's defense has held its opponents to fewer than 10 goals in seven of the last eight games, allowing just 6.63 goals per game over that span, while posting a 7-2 record. The lone exception was on April 11, 2004, when the Irish won 14-12 at #17 Denver. Notre Dame's defeats during that stretch both came by 9-8 scores, against #17 Ohio State and at #3 Maryland (double overtime).

TOUGH TEAMS: There are just four teams (out of 11) on Notre Dame's 2005 schedule that the Irish do not hold a winning record in the all-time series against, and three of those are Notre Dame's spring-break opponents. The Irish have lost both meetings with Cornell, split eight with Villanova, and dropped three of four against North Carolina.

TOUGH SLATE: Notre Dame will face a difficult road to the 2005 NCAA Championship. This year's Irish schedule features 11 games, with eight of those opponents listed in the *Inside Lacrosse* preseason coaches' top 25, while the other three were receiving votes. Additionally, Notre Dame will have just three home games in 2005.

LONG TRIP: Notre Dame's 10-day spring-break trip will see the Irish visit three cities and cover 5,644 miles. The Irish -- who just wrapped up a week of midterm exams -- left campus early Friday morning to fly to Syracuse, N.Y., and then make the hour-long bus ride south to Ithaca in preparation for their Saturday game against Cornell. On Saturday evening, the travel party will bus toward Philadelphia, a four-hour jaunt that ends with them arriving in the suburb of Villanova to prepare for Tuesday's contest against the Wildcats. Wednesday will see the Irish fly from Philadelphia to Los Angeles and then bus to the suburb of Carson, which will play host to The First 4, an elite invitational tournament that will see Notre Dame and North Carolina play on Saturday.

TWO TOP-10 TUSSELS ON TAP: Notre Dame will take part in a battle of top-10 teams on Saturday, as the ninth-ranked Irish play at #10 Cornell. The Irish could also take part in another contest of top-10 squads next weekend, as North Carolina currently stands at #7 in the nation. Saturday will be the 11th time that Notre Dame has been involved in a game of a pair of top-10 teams, with the Irish holding a 4-6 mark in the previous 10. All of Notre Dame's wins in top-10 battles came during the 2001 season, when they topped #7 Virginia, #5 Loyola, #10 Bucknell (NCAA first round), and #3 Johns Hopkins (NCAA quarterfinals). The Irish have currently dropped four consecutive matchups of top-10 squads, with #4 ND losing in the semifinals of the 2001 NCAAAs to #2 Syracuse, and then the ninth-ranked Irish falling to #1 Virginia at Alexandria, Va., in 2003. Last year, Notre Dame, ranked fifth at the time, lost at #3 Syracuse and three days later fell at home against #9 North Carolina.

ROAD WARRIORS: Notre Dame will play eight of its 11 games -- including each of the first four -- away from home this season. The Irish will have just three home dates (March 19 vs. Butler, April 7 vs. Denver, April 10 vs. Air Force), in matching the 1987 season for the fewest home tilts in a season since the varsity program was established in 1981. Notre Dame begins the year with away contests against Penn State, Cornell, and Villanova, and then will take on North Carolina in Carson, Calif., in The First 4. The last time the Irish opened the season with four straight games away from home was 1989, when they lost at Stony Brook and against Georgetown in Hempstead, N.Y., before falling at Penn State and then beating Lehigh in University Park, Pa. The home opener that season was a 17-4 win over Hartford on March 25.

ALL OF NOTRE DAME'S HOME GAMES TO BE TELEVISED IN 2005: The 2005 season will be one of the most-televised campaigns in Notre Dame men's lacrosse history, as the Irish will have more than 35 percent of their regular-season contests on TV, including all of their home games. Comcast Sports Local, which has affiliates in both Chicago and Detroit, plans to televise all three of Notre Dame's home contests: March 19 vs. Butler, April 7 vs. Denver, and April 10 vs. Air Force. In addition, the Irish matchup with North Carolina in The First 4 invitational on March 12 in Carson, Calif., will be shown live to a national audience via College Sports Television. It is the second year in a row that the Irish have appeared on CSTV, as the 2004 contest with Ohio State at Moose Krause Stadium was also shown by the network.

IRISH WELL REPRESENTED IN INSIDE LACROSSE SEASON PREVIEW ISSUE: Notre Dame was mentioned on numerous occasions in the season preview issue (Dec. 15, 2004) of *Inside Lacrosse*. The Irish were picked ninth in its Division I listing of the top 16 squads, as well as listed as one of four "Dark Horses" to reach the NCAA semifinals (along with Duke, UMass, and Army). Notre Dame's game at GWLL rival Ohio State on April 29 also tabbed one of the six "Prime Time" games of the 2005 season. In addition to the Irish midfield being ranked #7 among Division I teams, junior **A Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) was one of four listed in the "Next in Line" category of *IL's* Tewaaraton Trophy preview, which listed five favorites, meaning Walsh is among the magazine's top nine candidates for the award given to the top player in the country. Walsh also was on the magazine's list of both "Wheels" and "Anklebreakers".

WALSH ON PACE TO BREAK IRISH RECORD FOR CAREER ASSISTS PER GAME: Though he still has nearly half of his career left, junior **A Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) has an excellent chance to break the Notre Dame record for assists per game. Thus far, he has notched 61 assists in 27 career games, an average of 2.26 per game. The top mark in Irish history is 1.96, done by all-time assist leader **Dave Ulrich** (1998-2001), who had 110 in 56 contests.

GWLL DOMINANCE: For the 12th year in a row, the Irish will compete in the Great Western Lacrosse League, along with Air Force, Butler, Denver, Fairfield, and Ohio State. Notre Dame has won nine GWLL titles and holds a 41-5 (.891) all-time record in league play, including 22-2 (.917) at home. Last year, the Irish lost 9-8 to the Buckeyes and finished 4-1 in conference action, second in the standings behind OSU.

CROSLAND AMONG THE TOP GOALTENDERS IN IRISH HISTORY: Fifth-year senior **Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, Md./Landon School), in his third

year as Notre Dame's starting goaltender, has established himself as one of the best in school history at that position, as evidenced by his high placing on a number of Irish career statistical lists. See the below chart for a summary of his positions

Category	Stat	Rank	Next Up	All-Time Leader
Save Percentage	.623	3rd	2nd-Matt McQuillan (1985-88), .634	Tim Michels (1981), .677
Goals-Against Average	8.04	3rd	2nd-Kirk Howell (1998-2001), 8.02	Nick Antol (2001-03), 7.98
Victories	18	5th	4th-Matt McQuillan (1985-88), 22	Kirk Howell (1998-2001) & Alex Cade (1995-98),
Saves	374	6th	5th-Chris Parent (1990-93), 416	Rob Simpson (1982-85), 623
Minutes Played (goaltender)	1,687:01	3rd	2nd-Kirk Howell (1998-2001), 2578:28	Alex Cade (1995-98), 2804:50
Games Started (goaltender)	30	T-5th (w/McQuillan)	T-3rd-Rob Simpson (1982-85) & Chris Parent (1990-93), 38	Alex Cade (1995-98), 50
Ground Balls (goaltender)	74	5th	4th-Chris Parent (1990-93), 77	Alex Cade (1995-98), 208

WALSH CLIMBING IRISH CAREER CHARTS: Even though he is just one game into the second half of his career, junior A **Pat Walsh** (Wantagh, N.Y./Wantagh H.S.) already is climbing Notre Dame's career offensive charts. See below a summary of his positions heading into spring break:

Category	Stat	Rank	Next Up	All-Time Leader
Points	105	15th	14th-Brian McHugh (1987-90), 111	Randy Colley (1991-95), 273
Points Per Game	3.89	2nd	1st-Randy Colley (1991-95), 4.96	Randy Colley (1991-95), 4.96
Goals	44	T-26th (w/Todd Ulrich & John Flandina)	25th-Mike Quigley (1987-90), 45	Randy Colley (1991-95), 173
Goals Per Game	1.63	11th	10th-Dan Berger (2001-04), 1.64	Randy Colley (1991-95), 3.14
Assists	61	7th	6th-Tom Grote (1983-86), 62	David Ulrich (1998-2001), 110
Assists Per Game	2.26	1st	[2nd-David Ulrich (1998-2001), 1.96]	David Ulrich (1998-2001), 1.96

START ME UP: Notre Dame won 14-6 at #21 Penn State to open the season 1-0 for the fifth time in the last six years and the 18th time in 25 seasons of Irish varsity lacrosse. Notre Dame will look to go 2-0 for the third time in the last five years and fifth in the last nine (also 2003, '01, 198, '97).

2004 IN REVIEW: The 2004 season began with tremendous promise, but things did not play out as planned. At the conclusion of the regular season, the Irish stood 7-5 and ranked 11th by *Inside Lacrosse* and 12th by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, but they were left out of the 16-team NCAA Championship. There turned out to be two seminal games during the 2004 campaign, and both ended in similar heartbreaking fashion. In both instances, Notre Dame scored late goals, but then gave up even later scores and lost by a 9-8 score. A win in either game – the late-March Great Western Lacrosse League showdown with Ohio State at Moose Krause Stadium or the May 1 season finale at #3 Maryland – would have assured the Irish a spot in the NCAA tournament. The contest against the Buckeyes was the GWLL opener for both schools, but it would prove to be decisive in determining the conference's champion, as none of the other league squads were able to top either OSU or the Irish. Notre Dame appeared to be in control of the contest with a minute left in the third period, holding a 7-3 advantage, but Ohio State would rally, scoring five consecutive goals to go up 8-7 with 4:27 left in the contest. Sophomore M **Brian Hubschmann** then knotted the score with Notre Dame's fourth man-up tally of the game with just 28 seconds left. OSU senior Josh Lesko and Irish junior **Craig Bishko** faced off. The ball squirted towards the Buckeyes' box, and both teams were battling for it when Notre Dame was called for a loose-ball push, thus awarding possession to Ohio State. The Buckeyes brought the ball down the right side and senior middle Ryan Laffey deked away from a defender and found attackman Ben Wolff open in front of the goal. The sophomore then scored from a yard away to hand OSU a 9-8 victory.

Having run off five wins since the Ohio State game and ranked 12th, Notre Dame made its first-ever regular-season trip to Byrd Stadium to take on the 10-2 Terrapins, who began the season with eight consecutive victories and rose to the #1 ranking before losing to Navy and Johns Hopkins. A win would have virtually assured the Irish one of the at-large bids to the NCAA tournament, the first-ever for a GWLL squad. Notre Dame's defense and strong goal-tending from Bethesda, Md., native **Stewart Crosland** – who had 10 saves in the first half – allowed the Irish to stifle the Terps' offense, which had been averaging nearly 12 goals per game, early on. Maryland managed just a single goal and trailed 3-1 at the intermission. The Terps scored four of the first five goals of the third quarter to go up 5-4. That advantage would last just 1:23, and it would be Maryland's only lead until the end of the game. Two goals by senior midfielder **Steve Clagett** – a native of Chesapeake Beach, Md., and DeMatha Catholic High School graduate – put Notre Dame back on top, 7-6, heading into the final period. Sophomore Bill McGlone tied the game with just under 12 minutes left in the game, and the defenses would take control for most of the remainder of the affair. That ended when Irish sophomore All-America attackman **Pat Walsh** found junior midfielder **Brian Giordano**, who in turn found the back of the net to give Notre Dame – on the verge of registering its biggest regular-season win (in terms of national rankings) in program history – an 8-7 advantage with 1:23 remaining in the contest. The Terps won the ensuing faceoff, but then turned the ball over, and Bishko corralled it to give his team possession and a chance to run out the clock, which had just one minute left on it. Maryland's defense came through when it needed to, though, getting a turnover with 40 seconds remaining. Irish senior defenseman **Brennan Creaney** momentarily regained control of the ball, but he had it knocked out of his possession, and Terp J.R. Bordley scooped up the ball on a scramble and fired it into the goal with 19 seconds remaining to tie the score at 8-8. After a fairly even first overtime (ND held a 4-3 advantage in shots), Maryland won the opening faceoff in the second extra session and, after a timeout, saw Brendan Healy cut past an Irish defender to the front of the net and bounce the ball in to give the Terps a victory and send Notre Dame to its sixth consecutive overtime defeat and the end of its season.

Coming off a 2003 campaign in which Notre Dame was 9-5 and just missed a trip to the NAAs, hopes were high for the Irish – returning eight starters from that team – at the beginning of '04. After trailing 5-4 in the second quarter of the season opener against #17 Penn State, the Irish exploded – scoring on six straight extra-man opportunities – on the way to a 17-7 victory. That win, as well as some early-season upsets, vaulted Notre Dame all the way to #5 in the USILA national rankings, making the '04 group just the second Irish team to crack the top five. Up next for the team was Notre Dame's first-ever trip to the Carrier Dome to face #3 and eventual national champion Syracuse. The Irish held a 10-7 third-quarter lead before the Orangemen went on a 9-1 run en route to a 19-13 victory. Just two days later, Notre Dame lost to another top-10 team, #9 North Carolina, falling behind 5-1 in the first quarter and losing 14-11. After a road loss (13-7 at # 16 Loyola) in their first outdoor game of the season, the Irish got back on track with a 19-11 upset of #11 Hofstra before opening league play.

Included in the five-game winning streak were the top back-to-back defensive performances in school history, coming in wins against Dartmouth (10-3) and Air Force (12-2), as well rallying from a 9-6 deficit with 20 minutes to play for a 14-12 road victory against #17 Denver. The final home game of the campaign saw senior attackman **Matt Howell** go out in style, scoring five goals and assisting on three others vs. Fairfield to fall just one shy of the Irish record for points in a game.

Notre Dame faced an extremely difficult schedule, as eight of 12 opponents were nationally-ranked at the time of the game and just two were not at least receiving votes when playing the Irish. Four of Notre Dame's five defeats came against squads that finished in the top six of the USILA rankings.

Walsh led a quartet of first-team all-GWLL honorees (also Howell, Giordano, and sophomore defenseman **D.J. Driscoll**), while also becoming just the second Irish attackman to be named to one of the USILA All-America teams, as a third-team pick. Walsh, who fell just one point shy of becoming the first Notre Dame sophomore ever to reach 100 career points, also was one of 15 nominees (seven of them attackmen) for the Tewaaraton Trophy, awarded to the top player in college lacrosse. He led the GWLL in both scoring (3.92 points per game) and assists (2.17) and ranked seventh and sixth, respectively, in the nation. Walsh was the top performer for an offensive unit that finished second (behind Syracuse) in scoring offense with an average of 12.50

goals per game.

IRISH IN OVERTIME: Should the game be tied at the end of regulation, Notre Dame will try to snap a six-game losing streak in overtime affairs after having won six in a row prior to that. The Irish last took part in an overtime game in the 2004 season finale, falling 9-8 in double overtime at #3 Maryland on May 1. Prior to that, Notre Dame lost three overtime contests in '02, one in '01, and one in '99. The last Irish overtime win was a 10-9 result at home against #12 Hobart on March 29, 1997. Notre Dame has an 8-8 all-time record in overtime games in the 25-year varsity history of the program. The Irish have played just two double-overtime games, with the first a 7-6 defeat at home against Loyola on March 16, 2002.

Notre Dame has played overtime games against three teams on the 2005 schedule. The Irish lost to Penn State 10-9 at home in the 2002 season opener, beat Ohio State 11-10 in 1983 in Columbus, and have lost a pair at Hofstra (10-9, 1999; 11-10, 2001).

IRISH ADD SEVEN FOR NEXT SEASON: Notre Dame head coach **Kevin Corrigan** recently announced that seven players have signed national letters of intent to join his squad for the 2006 season. Below are the newest members of the Irish. For more information, see www.und.com.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>High School</u>
Peter Christman	A	Simsbury, CT	Westminster H.S.
Dan Gibson	A/M	Germantown, TN	Memphis University School
Ryan Hoff	A	Baldwin, MD	Dulaney H.S.
Regis McDermott	D	Amityville, NY	Chaminade H.S.
Davey Melera	M	Lutherville, MD	Boys' Latin H.S.
Scott Rodgers	G	Wantagh, NY	MacArthur H.S.
Duncan Swezey	A	Ambler, PA	Hatboro Horsham H.S.

MEN'S LAX GOLD GAME TO BE APRIL 7 vs. GWLL RIVAL DENVER: On Thursday, April 7, at 4 p.m., the two teams picked by *Inside Lacrosse* to be the best in the Great Western Lacrosse League this year will face off at Moose Krause Stadium. It will be the men's lacrosse "Gold Game" this season. That distinction was created by the Student-Athlete Advisory Council to encourage the entire Notre Dame community to attend designated contests, each determined to be the most significant home event of the season for the respective team. The contest also will be televised by Comcast Sports Local.

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW: A weekly radio show featuring Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White airs at 7 p.m. (Central time) each Thursday on ESPN Radio 1000 in Chicago (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espradio1000.com). Now in its fifth season, "The Kevin White Show" can be heard in 35 states. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

KEEPING UP WITH ND MEN'S LACROSSE: For the fastest results of Notre Dame men's lacrosse games, call the Notre Dame Sports Hotline at (574) 631-3000 and choose #5 and #1. The hotline provides schedules and result information for all 26 varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the match recaps and weekly releases provided on the official athletic website, www.und.com. The hotline is the first medium updated with results of each Notre Dame men's lacrosse game.

In addition, media members and fans may be added to the sports information e-mail release list by contacting assistant sports information director Bo Rottenborn at Rottenborn.2@nd.edu. All requests for story ideas, interview access, match credentials, and further information on Irish men's lacrosse should similarly be directed to Rottenborn. Credential and interview requests should be made at least 24 hours in advance.