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2009 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL NOTES

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WINS & LOSSES

2009 Overall	20-12
At Eck Stadium	8-3
On the Road	2-5
Neutral Sites	10-4
2009 BIG EAST	6-6
At Eck Stadium	4-2
On the Road	2-4
Streak	W-1
Longest Winning Streak	6
Longest Losing Streak	2
Last Five Games	3-2
2.20 Ohio State! (KP)	L, 0-2
2.21 Illinois! (MF)	W, 14-7
2.22 Purdue! (JRS)	W, 9-4 (10)
2.27 Gonzaga@ (DS)	L, 3-7
2.28 Dayton@ (DS)	W, 14-5
3.1 Creighton@ (MF)	L, 3-6
3.6 Oral Roberts#	W, 2-1
3.7 Rice#	L, 0-9
3.8 Washington State#	W, 7-3
3.10 Grambling	W, 3-2
3.11 Grambling	W, 10-7
3.12 Illinois State\$	L, 2-3
3.14 Trinity\$	W, 11-8
3.15 UT Pan-American\$	W, 10-7
3.15 UT Pan-American\$	W, 7-2
3.17 Ball State	W, 5-4
3.18 Valparaiso	W, 10-4
3.20 Seton Hall*	W, 10-4
3.21 Seton Hall*	L, 4-9
3.22 Seton Hall*	L, 4-11
3.24 Central Michigan	W, 14-8
3.25 Oakland	L, 5-6
3.27 at Pittsburgh*	W, 5-4
3.28 at Pittsburgh*	L, 7-15
3.29 at Pittsburgh*	L, 11-14
3.31 Michigan State	Ppd.
4.1 Toledo	W, 11-7
4.3 Villanova*	W, 3-1
4.4 Villanova*	W, 4-0
4.4 Villanova*	W, 9-3
4.10 at Cincinnati*	L, 4-5 (11)
4.12 at Cincinnati*	L, 3-7 (7)
4.12 at Cincinnati*	W, 6-2
4.14 vs. Western Michigan%	7:00
4.15 vs. Northwestern^	7:00
4.17 West Virginia*	6:05
4.18 West Virginia*	3:05
4.19 West Virginia*	1:05
4.21 at Michigan	7:00
4.22 Michigan	6:05
4.24 at Louisville*	6:30
4.25 at Louisville*	4:00
4.26 at Louisville*	1:00
4.28 Illinois-Chicago	6:05
4.29 Bowling Green	6:05
5.1 Connecticut*	6:05
5.2 Connecticut*	1:05
5.3 Connecticut*	1:05
5.8 USF*	6:05
5.9 USF*	1:05
5.10 USF*	1:05
5.12 at Illinois State&	TBA
5.14 at St. John's*	6:00
5.15 at St. John's*	6:00
5.16 at St. John's*	1:00
5.19-23 BIG EAST Tournament	

Home Games in **Bold**
! BIG EAST/Big Ten (KP: Knology Park; MF: McKeechic Field; JRS: Jack Russell Stadium)
@ Phoenix Classic (DS: Diablo Stadium; MF: Marich Field)
Rice Classic (Houston, Texas)
\$ Irish Baseball Classic (San Antonio, Texas)
% C.O. Brown Stadium (Battle Creek, Mich.)
^ U.S. Cellular Field (Chicago, Ill.)
& Silver Cross Field (Joliet, Ill.)
* BIG EAST Games

IN THE BATTERS BOX — Notre Dame returns to action this week with a pair of neutral site, non-conference games. The Irish will travel to Battle Creek, Mich. and C.O. Brown Stadium to face Western Michigan on Tuesday night. First pitch is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. ET. Notre Dame then travels to Chicago and U.S. Cellular Field to play Northwestern. First pitch is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. CT. Both games can be heard on WHME 103.1 FM as well as UND.com. Wednesday's game against the Wildcats will also be streamed live on UND.com.

SCOUTING WESTERN MICHIGAN — The Broncos, led by fifth year head coach Randy Ford, enter the game 9-21 overall and 4-8 in Mid-American Conference play.

► Western Michigan is averaging 4.9 runs per game and hitting .267 with a .337 on-base percentage. The Broncos have also totaled 17 stolen bases in 26 attempts.

► Western Michigan has two everyday players that are hitting over .300. Chris Lewis leads the attack with a team-best .356 batting average. He has added 16 runs scored, a team-high 47 hits, eight doubles, four triples, two home runs and 18 RBI. Lewis also has a .388 on-base percentage and .523 slugging percentage. Kyle Galbraith is hitting .304 with 24 runs scored, 35 hits, seven doubles, a team-best six home runs and 23 RBI. Grant Simotes is batting .295 with seven doubles, a triple, two home runs and 14 RBI. He has also added 13 runs scored. Pedro Dager is hitting .289 with 10 runs scored, 26 hits, four doubles, one home run and eight RBI. He also is tied with six other Broncos for tops on the club with two stolen bases. Nathan Marquardt is batting just .212, but has five doubles, four home runs and 18 RBI. Western Michigan has hit 23 home runs this season as a team and has struck out 216 times.

► The pitching staff has a 6.02 ERA and .305 opponents' batting average along with 183 strikeouts and 110 walks in 258.2 innings. Tim Mowry is 2-0 with a 1.69 ERA in 11 appearances over 16.0 innings, while Neal Miller (0-1, 4.11), Derek Mosher (1-1, 5.09), John Navage (0-0, 5.84) and Troy Forton (2-0, 5.88) are other options out of the Broncos' bullpen. Western Michigan has committed 64 errors in 30 games and is fielding .945.

SCOUTING NORTHWESTERN — The Wildcats, led by 21st year head coach Paul Stevens, enter the game 7-23 overall and 1-7 in Big Ten action.

► Northwestern is averaging 5.0 runs per game and hitting .256 with a .324 on-base percentage. The Wildcats have also totaled 16 stolen bases in 32 attempts.

► Northwestern has only one everyday player that is hitting over .300 and five below .255. Chris Lashmet leads the attack with a team-best .318 batting average. He has added 19 runs scored, a team-high 35 hits, five doubles, two home runs and 17 RBI. Chris Noble is hitting .293 with 19 runs scored, 29 hits, five doubles, one home run and 17 RBI. Jake Goebbert is batting .280 with a team-best 24 runs scored, 10 doubles, four home runs and 23 RBI. He has also added 18 walks. Tommy Finn is hitting .263 with 17 runs scored, 31 hits, six doubles, one triple, one home run and six RBI. Tony Vercelli is batting just .259 with eight doubles, four home runs and 15 RBI, but has also struck out 28 times. Northwestern has hit 19 home runs this season as a team and has struck out 206 times.

► The pitching staff has a 6.06 ERA and .312 opponents' batting average along with 160 strikeouts and 109 walks in 251.0 innings. Michael Jahns is 1-1 with a 4.60 ERA in 10 appearances over 15.2 innings, while David Jensen (1-2, 5.40), Matt Havey (0-2, 8.31), Francis Brooke (1-1, 5.40) and Brian Morgan (0-2, 9.82) are other options out of the Wildcats' bullpen. Northwestern has committed 48 errors in 30 games and is fielding .958.



20-12

THE MATCHUP

Notre Dame vs. Western Michigan

April 14 • 7:00 p.m. ET
C.O. Brown Stadium
Battle Creek, Mich.



9-21

Notre Dame vs. Northwestern

April 15 • 7:00 p.m. CT
U.S. Cellular Field
Chicago, Ill.



7-23

► Pitching Matchup

Tuesday (7:00 p.m. ET)

LHP Steve Sabatino (1-0, 3.77) vs. RHP Casey Hall (0-0, 6.66)

Wednesday (7:00 p.m. CT)

LHP Ryan Richter (3-0, 1.29) vs. LHP Eric Jokisch (2-4, 3.64)

► Live Game Coverage

Audio: WHME 103.1 FM (Chuck Freeby, p-b-p); UND.com

Video: UND.com (Wednesday's game only)

Gametracker: UND.com

► Weather Report



Tues., Apr. 14
Mostly Cloudy/Rain
High 50, Low 38



Wed., Apr. 15
Partly Sunny/Warmer
High 57, Low 37

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NOTRE DAME				
Record:	20-12 (6-6 BIG EAST)			
Rankings:	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (nr) ESPN/Sports Weekly (nr) NCBWA (nr)			
Head Coach:	Dave Schrage			
Career Record:	557-614-1 (22nd year)			
ND Record:	81-61-1 (3rd year)			
WESTERN MICHIGAN				
Record:	9-21 (4-8 MAC)			
Rankings:	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (nr) ESPN/Sports Weekly (nr) NCBWA (nr)			
Head Coach:	Randy Ford			
Career Record:	101-102-1 (4th year)			
WMU Record:	101-102-1 (4th year)			
NORTHWESTERN				
Record:	7-23 (1-7 Big Ten)			
Rankings:	Baseball America (nr) Collegiate Baseball (nr) ESPN/Sports Weekly (nr) NCBWA (nr)			
Head Coach:	Paul Stevens			
Career Record:	546-632-5 (22nd year)			
NW Record:	546-632-5 (22nd year)			
THE ENEMY CAMP				
A look at how Notre Dame's opponents are doing in 2009:				
Opponent	W-L	RPI	ESPN	CB
Ohio State	22-6	22	RV	--
Illinois	19-7	88	RV	--
Purdue	12-13	219	--	--
Gonzaga	21-9	71	RV	--
Dayton	16-13	167	--	--
Creighton	15-15	128	--	--
Oral Roberts	13-9	80	--	--
Rice	22-7	6	7	6
Washington State	14-13	49	--	--
Grambling	4-22	288	--	--
Illinois State	12-9	120	--	--
Texas-Pan American	5-27	282	--	--
Trinity University	16-17	--	--	--
Ball State	15-12	201	--	--
Valparaiso	10-14	268	--	--
Seton Hall	14-12	83	--	--
Central Michigan	12-17	244	--	--
Oakland	6-16	277	--	--
Pittsburgh	17-10	143	--	--
Michigan State	11-17	218	--	--
Toledo	11-14	206	--	--
Villanova	13-15	161	--	--
Cincinnati	14-14	150	--	--
Western Michigan	7-19	254	--	--
Northwestern	5-20	250	--	--
West Virginia	23-6	118	RV	--
Michigan	18-10	149	--	--
Louisville	21-9	72	--	--
UIC	12-15	212	--	--
Bowling Green	12-13	191	--	--
Connecticut	14-14	119	--	--
USF	19-11	77	--	--
St. John's	18-10	123	--	--

WESTERN MICHIGAN SERIES NOTES — Notre Dame and Western Michigan have met 129 times on the diamond (second-most common opponent in Irish history). The series is remarkably tied, 64-64-1, and dates back to the 1916 season.

► Notre Dame holds a 44-31 series edge in South Bend, but Western Michigan leads the series in Kalamazoo, 31-19-1. The two teams have met on a neutral field three previous times in the series and the Broncos captured meetings in 1963 and 2000, while the Irish knocked off Western Michigan during the 1957 College World Series. The Irish and Broncos faced off in the postseason in three consecutive years (1957-59). The Broncos upended Notre Dame in the 1958 NCAA Tournament and two more times in the 1959 Tourney.

► Western Michigan beat Notre Dame in 2000 (11-7, at Sutherland Field in Kalamazoo), 2001 (7-6, at Notre Dame) and 2008 (6-4, at Notre Dame), but the Irish have won six of seven in the series and 10 of 13.

NORTHWESTERN SERIES NOTES — Notre Dame and Northwestern have met 130 times on the diamond (the most common foe in Irish history), but the two have not played since May 2, 2000. The Irish hold a 71-58-1 lead in the series dating back to the 1896 season.

► Notre Dame leads the all-time series in South Bend, 43-28, while the Wildcats lead the series 29-26-1 in Evanston. The Irish lead the series at neutral sites, 2-1, with the two foes splitting a pair of games during the 1957 NCAA Tournament.

► Without question one of the oldest rivalries in program history, Notre Dame and Northwestern played continuously from 1896 through 1905 with the exception of 1899 and 1902. The series went dormant from 1906-1920, but started up again in 1921 and remained pretty much annual until 1993. The two did not meet during 1925, 1927, 1943, 1956, 1975 and 1992.

► The series has historically included numerous high-scoring games. Either Notre Dame or Northwestern has scored 15 or more runs in 11 meetings. In fact, the Irish have eclipsed 20 or more runs five different times, including a 28-7 victory in 1962. The 28 runs scored are the most since 1911 and rank as the third-most in Irish single-game history.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2009 STATS)

	Notre Dame	Western Michigan	Northwestern
Batting Average	.309	.267	.256
Runs Per Game	6.6	4.9	5.0
Home Runs	19	23	19
Slugging Percentage	.431	.401	.367
Batters' BB+HBP-K Margin	-10	-99	-99
On-Base Percentage	.394	.337	.324
Stolen Bases	36-54	17-26	16-32
Team ERA	4.73	6.02	6.06
Opponent Batting Average	.259	.305	.312
Pitchers' K-BB Ratio	1.4	1.7	1.5
Pitchers' Ks Per 9 Innings	5.9	6.4	5.7
Pitchers' BB Per 9 Innings	4.1	3.8	3.9
Fielding Pct. (Errors)	.966 (43)	.945 (64)	.958 (48)
Double Plays Turned	22	23	23
Record at Home	8-3	3-5	3-1
Record on Road (including neutral)	12-9	6-16	4-22
Record in One-Run Games	4-3	3-3	3-8
Record in Extra Innings	1-1	2-0	0-0

PRO PARKS — Notre Dame and Northwestern will play at U.S. Cellular Field on April 15. The Irish played at U.S. Cellular Field last season and knocked off Northern Illinois, 5-4. Notre Dame has recently have played at several pro parks, including three college games and the 2001 exhibition vs. the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at their spring training site, Florida Power Park, plus 2002, '04 and '05 games in Texas at both Dell Diamond (home of triple-A Astros affiliate Round Rock Express) and Wolff Stadium (double-A San Antonio Missions), plus '06-'09 games at Wolff and the 2008 Whataburger Classic at Whataburger Field (home of the double-A Corpus Christi Hooks, also an Astros affiliate). The Irish also played Dayton in '05 at HoHoKam Park (Chicago Cubs spring-training; Mesa, Ariz.) while the 2006 & 2008 BIG EAST Championships were held in Clearwater, Fla., at Bright House Networks Field (spring training for the Philadelphia Phillies) and the 2007 BIG EAST Championship was in Brooklyn, N.Y., at Keyspan Park (home to the Brooklyn Cyclones, Mets single-A). Notre Dame played at another elite minor-league facility in 2007 (Coastal Federal Field; Baseball at the Beach tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C.). The Irish opened this season with their first two games at the Major League Spring Training facilities of the Toronto Blue Jays (Knology Park, Dunedin, Fla.) and Pittsburgh Pirates (McKenzie Field, Bradenton, Fla.). Notre Dame will play two games at Diablo Stadium -- spring training home of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

► Previous Irish teams have played at two Major League parks, in '95 and '96 tournaments at the Seattle Kingdome while facing the Univ. of Pittsburgh at Three Rivers Stadium in '98. The Irish also have played BIG EAST Tournament games at minor-league Dodd Stadium (Norwich, Conn.), Waterfront Stadium (Trenton, N.J.) and Commerce Bank Ballpark (Bridgewater, N.J.) while ND and Michigan annually play at Old Kent Park (now 5th/3rd Bank Ballpark), near Grand Rapids. The Irish also played at the 1998 ACC Blast in Orlando (Atlanta Braves' spring training; Disney Sports Complex) and in the 2000, '03 and '06 Hormel/DQ Classics at the Minnesota Metrodome.

ON DECK — After the two midweek non-conference games, Notre Dame will then host BIG EAST leader West Virginia in a three-game conference series over Blue-Gold weekend. Friday night's series opener is slated for 6:05 p.m. Saturday's game will start at 3:05 p.m. (Football Spring Game begins at 1:30 p.m.) and Sunday's finale is slated for 1:05 p.m.

PROBABLE POSITION STARTERS

Pos.	# Player	B-T	Cl.	GP-GS	Avg.	HR	RBI
C	Cam McConnell	R-R	So.	29-25	.278	2	21
<i>Served as the primary backup catcher last season; 10 of 21 RBI have either tied the game or given the Irish the lead</i>							
-or-	Matt Scioscia	R-R	So.	16-12	.222	1	10
<i>Son of former major league catcher and current manager of L.A. Angels Mike Scioscia</i>							
1B	David Casey	L-L	So.	18-10	.381	1	10
<i>Will start predominantly vs. RHP; career-best three hits and four RBI against Toledo (4.1)</i>							
-or-	Casey Martin	R-R	Jr.	26-10	.341	1	8
<i>Starts predominantly vs. LHP; picked up first career four-hit game against UTPA (3.15)</i>							
2B	Mick Doyle	R-R	So.	23-18	.274	0	9
<i>Athletic player that can play any infield position</i>							
-or-	Ryne Intlekofer	R-R	Jr.	20-13	.261	1	8
<i>Opened season as starting 2B after exceptional fall season; home run, triple and two RBI against Pitt (3.29)</i>							
3B	Greg Sherry	R-R	So.	31-31	.363	0	12
<i>Spent most of 2008 in the nine-hole; was first ND player to hit over .300 in that spot of the order since '04</i>							
SS	Jeremy Barnes	R-R	Sr.	32-32	.353	6	39
<i>Four-year starter (last three at 2B); named All-BIG EAST 2nd team in '06</i>							
LF	Golden Tate	L-L	So.	29-29	.328	0	7
<i>Two-sport standout led ND football team in rec. (58), rec. yds (1,080), rec. TDs (10) and total TDs (11) in '08</i>							
CF	A.J. Pollock	R-R	Jr.	32-32	.352	4	29
<i>Led ND in hitting in '07 and '08; preseason Baseball America first team All-American in '09; '08 Cape Cod League MVP</i>							
RF	David Mills	L-L	Jr.	28-27	.343	1	18
<i>Two-way player that doubles as situational lefty in Irish bullpen; all-BIG EAST first team in '08</i>							
-or-	Billy Boockford	R-R	Jr.	14-6	.375	0	4
<i>Had two hits, including go-ahead RBI single on 4.9 against Cinci (first start since 3.7); added hits in final two games of series</i>							
-or-	Brayden Ashdown	R-R	Jr.	18-5	.304	0	7
<i>Played in 78 career games and started 34; registered clutch pinch-hit 2-run 1B and go-ahead RBI 1B against Purdue (2.22)</i>							
DH	David Mills	L-L	Jr.	28-27	.343	1	18
<i>Two-way player that doubles as situational lefty in Irish bullpen; all-BIG EAST first team in '08</i>							
-or-	Matt Scioscia	R-R	So.	16-12	.222	1	10
<i>Son of former major league catcher and current manager of L.A. Angels Mike Scioscia</i>							
-or-	Evan Sharpley	L-R	Sr.	22-17	.189	1	3
<i>Led Irish in home runs last season (20th player in ND history to hit 10+ homers); ranked fourth in the BIG EAST</i>							

FREEBIES UPDATE — Over his years as a head coach, Notre Dame skipper Dave Schrage has utilized a formula to measure how many free bases a team allows during a given year. The formula adds walks allowed, errors, stolen bases allowed, hit batters, wild pitches, passed balls, and balks and divides that total by the number of games played. In 2007, the Irish allowed nearly 8.7 “freebies” per game. By comparison, Notre Dame’s 2006 team allowed just 6.2 per game en route to totaling 45 wins. The Irish made tremendous strides a year ago, allowing just 7.4 per game, but have struggled in 2009 (8.1 per game).

- ▶ Notre Dame took two of three games in the season opening weekend despite a below-par performance in terms of “freebies.” The Irish walked 12 batters and hit four more en route to an average of 8.7 per game.
- ▶ Ironically, the Irish dropped two of three games last weekend despite a positive performance in terms of “freebies.” The Irish walked just four batters en route to an average of 5.7 per game.
- ▶ Notre Dame captured 10 of 12 games (March 6-20), but the “freebies” formula would not be consistent with the Irish success. Notre Dame averaged 8.1 per game over the stretch.
- ▶ Notre Dame has dropped both of its BIG EAST series against Seton Hall and Pittsburgh. The Irish struggled mightily with “freebies.” Notre Dame is averaging 9.7 “freebies” per game, while the Pirates and Panthers averaged just 6.7.
- ▶ Notre Dame was just about as good as possible in the “freebie” department in the series sweep of Villanova. The Irish issued only 11 “freebies” over the entire weekend -- good for a 3.7 average per game (down almost 5.0 per game from what Notre Dame averaged entering the series).

Freebies	2009	2008	2007	2006
Walks Allowed	129	178	191	170
Errors	43	54	83	68
SB Allowed	37	62	73	65
Hit Batters	30	47	61	50
Wild Pitches	19	35	45	23
Passed Balls	1	8	27	6
Balks	1	9	5	7
TOTAL	260 (8.1/gm)	393 (7.4/gm)	485 (8.7/gm)	389 (6.2/gm)

AROUND THE HORN —

- ▶ **RBI BY COMMITTEE:** Notre Dame has seven players with 10 or more RBI, but have 12 in the order with at least seven RBI.
- ▶ **IN THE CLUTCH:** The Irish are batting .327 with runners in scoring position (.328 in 2008), led by sophomore David Casey (.500, 6-for-12), junior A.J. Pollock (.366, 15-for-41), sophomore Mick Doyle (.353, 6-for-17), junior David Mills (.343, 12-for-35), junior Casey Martin (.444, 8-for-18), sophomore Cameron McConnell (.273, 9-for-333) and senior Jeremy Barnes (.458, 22-for-48).
- ▶ **RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME:** Notre Dame is hitting .352 (186-for-529) with runners on base, but just .268 (146-for-544) with the bases empty.

QUICK FACTS

Name of School	University of Notre Dame
City / Zip	Notre Dame, Ind. / 46556
Founded	1842
Enrollment	8,352 (undergraduate)
Nickname	Fighting Irish
School Colors	Gold & Blue
Home Facility	Frank Eck Stadium / 2,500
Surface / Dimensions	Natural Grass
	LF - 380, CF - 400, RF - 380
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	BIG EAST
President	Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C
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HISTORY

First Year of Baseball	1892
All-Time Record	2,225-1,316-20 (.628)
College World Series Appearances	2
	(1957, 2002)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	21
	(1949, '56-'59, '60, '63, '70, '89, '92-'94, '96, '99-'06)
NCAA Tournament Record	41-44
Regular-Season Conference Titles	13
(MCC: '87, '88, '90, '92-'95; BIG EAST: '97, '99, '01, '02, '04, '06)	
Conference Tournament Titles	10
	(MCC: '89, '91-'94; BIG EAST: '02-'06)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Dave Schrage
Alma Mater	Creighton, 1983
Record at Notre Dame	81-61-1 (3)
Career Record	557-614-1 (22)
Career Division I Record	497-548-1 (19)
Baseball Office Phone	574.631.6366
Best Time to Reach Coach	Mornings
Recruiting Coordinator	Scott Lawler (Simpson College, '00)
Pitching Coach	Sherard Clinkscals (Purdue, '94)
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Graham Sikes (Liberty, '02)
Athletic Trainer	Scott Stansbury

TEAM INFORMATION

2008 Overall Record	33-21-1
Home Record	16-6-1
Away Record	11-5
2008 BIG EAST Record	16-10
Home Record	6-5
Away Record	10-5
Monogram Winners Returning/Lost	18/7
Position Starters Returning/Lost	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost	13/6
All-Star Candidates	Jeremy Barnes, Eric Maust, David Mills, A.J. Pollock

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Baseball America			Collegiate Baseball					
Team	Record	Pvs.	Team	Record	Pvs.			
1. Louisiana State	26-9	2	1. Louisiana State	26-9	4			
2. Rice	25-8	3	2. Georgia	29-6	5			
3. UC Irvine	22-9	5	3. Rice	25-8	6			
4. Arizona State	25-8	1	4. UC Irvine	22-9	7			
5. North Carolina	27-9	4	5. Arkansas	24-8	1			
6. Cal State Fullerton	22-9	6	6. Arizona State	25-8	2			
7. Baylor	23-10	7	7. North Carolina	27-9	3			
8. Georgia	29-6	8	8. Cal State Fullerton	22-9	8			
9. Texas	24-8	9	9. Oklahoma	28-8	12			
10. Oklahoma	28-8	11	10. Georgia Tech	21-8-1	9			
11. Arkansas	24-8	12	11. Texas	24-8	14			
12. Georgia Tech	21-8	13	12. Miami	25-10	10			
13. Miami	25-10	10	13. Virginia	28-7-1	11			
14. Oregon State	20-7	16	14. Baylor	23-10	13			
15. San Diego State	25-12	18	15. Cal Poly	24-8	16			
16. Texas Christian	22-10	19	16. Oregon State	20-7	17			
17. Mississippi	25-10	14	17. Texas Christian	22-10	18			
18. Cal Poly	24-8	21	18. Coastal Carolina	29-7	19			
19. Virginia	28-7	22	19. Mississippi	25-10	15			
20. Coastal Carolina	29-7	24	20. Florida	23-12	22			
21. Kansas State	26-9	—	21. Clemson	23-12	—			
22. Gonzaga	23-10	—	22. Florida State	21-11	—			
23. East Carolina	26-9	15	23. Minnesota	20-10	30			
24. Kansas	23-12	—	24. Kent State	24-7	—			
25. Minnesota	20-10	—	25. George Mason	28-6	25			
ESPN/USA Today			26. West Virginia	25-7	—			
Team	Record	Pvs.	27. Georgia Southern	24-8	26			
1. Georgia (17)	29-6	3	28. Vanderbilt	21-13	—			
2. Arizona State (4)	25-8	1	29. Eastern Illinois	24-6	27			
3. Louisiana State (5)	26-9	4	30. San Diego State	25-12	28			
4. Rice (2)	25-8	7	NCBWA					
5. North Carolina (3)	27-9	2	Team	Record	Pvs.			
6. Cal State Fullerton (1)	22-9	6	1. Louisiana State	26-9	3			
7. Miami	25-10	5	2. Georgia	29-6	4			
UC Irvine (1)	22-9	10	3. Rice	25-8	7			
9. Oklahoma	28-8	11	4. North Carolina	27-9	2			
10. Texas	24-8	12	5. Arizona State	25-8	1			
11. Georgia Tech	21-8-1	8	6. Texas	24-8	9			
12. Arkansas	24-8	9	7. UC Irvine	22-9	10			
13. Baylor	23-10	13	8. Cal State Fullerton	22-9	6			
14. Virginia	28-7-1	14	9. Miami	25-10	5			
15. Coastal Carolina	29-7	19	10. Oklahoma	28-8	11			
16. Mississippi	25-10	17	11. Georgia Tech	21-8-1	8			
17. East Carolina	26-9	16	12. Arkansas	24-8	12			
18. Clemson	23-12	20	13. Baylor	23-10	13			
19. Oregon State	20-7	22	14. Coastal Carolina	29-7	19			
20. Florida State	21-11	25	15. Florida State	21-11	20			
21. Cal Poly	24-8	24	16. Mississippi	25-10	15			
22. TCU	22-10	23	17. Virginia	28-7-1	18			
23. Texas A&M	21-14	15	18. Clemson	23-12	22			
24. San Diego	23-13	21	19. Cal Poly	24-8	23			
25. Florida	23-12	—	20. East Carolina	26-9	14			
Others receiving votes: San Diego State 65, Oklahoma State 61, Kansas State 50, Ohio State 41 , George Mason 29, Gonzaga 29 , New Mexico 25, Minnesota 19, Centenary 13, Western Kentucky 10, West Virginia 9 , New Mexico State 8, Eastern Illinois 6, Boston College 5, Illinois, 5 , Georgia Southern 4, South Carolina 4, Alabama 3, Auburn 3, Elon 3, Hawaii 3, San Jose State 3, Kansas 2, Kent State 2, Rhode Island 2, Winthrop 2, Louisiana-Monroe 1, Vanderbilt 1.			21. TCU	22-10	24	Others receiving votes: Alabama (22-12), Boston College (22-12), Dallas Baptist (22-10), Eastern Illinois (24-6), Elon (20-11), George Mason (28-6), Georgia Southern (24-9), Gonzaga (23-10) , Hawaii (21-12), Illinois (21-8) , Kent State (24-7), Louisville (24-9) , Loyola Marymount (22-15), Middle Tennessee State (24-8), Minnesota (20-10), New Mexico (28-8), New Mexico State (29-6), South Carolina (23-12), Southern Miss (22-12), Texas State (23-10), Troy (22-13), UC Riverside (20-9), West Virginia (25-7) , Western Kentucky (25-9).		

2009 opponents in bold

► **CONTROLLING THE RUNNING GAME:** Notre Dame sophomore catcher Cameron McConnell might be the most improved player on the Irish roster this season. Not only does McConnell have two home runs and 21 RBI, third best on the club, but also he has already thrown out 14 base stealers (second-best in the BIG EAST). In fact, opponents have only recorded 27 stolen bases in 41 attempts (.659) against McConnell. Notre Dame's catchers last season, Sean Gaston and McConnell, only pegged 10 the entire year.

► **TEAM NOTES:** Notre Dame is 14-2 this season when scoring six or more runs and 6-10 when scoring five or fewer runs ... the Irish are now 14-2 when scoring the game's first run, but 6-10 when the opponent scores first ... Notre Dame is 18-0 when taking a lead to the ninth inning despite being outscored 18-10 in the ninth inning ... the Irish are 14-3 when holding their opponent to five runs or less, but just 6-9 when the foe scores more than five runs ... Notre Dame is 16-2 when out hitting its opponent and 3-7 when out-hit ... Interestingly, the Irish are 15-9 when committing an error and 5-3 when not committing an error.

► **INDIVIDUAL NOTES:** Senior **Jeremy Barnes** leads Notre Dame with 39 RBI, which also ranks fifth in the BIG EAST ... Barnes is on pace for 68 RBI in the regular season, which would rank just outside the top-10 in single-season Irish history ... Junior **A.J. Pollock** ranks third on the Irish in batting average (.352) ... if he were to win the Notre Dame batting title against in 2009, Pollock would be the second Irish player to ever win three straight team batting titles ... Pollock's career .359 batting average ranks just outside the top-10 in school history ... Sophomore **Cameron McConnell** might be the most improved player on the Notre Dame roster in 2009 ... he ranks third on the team with 21 RBI ... even more impressive, of McConnell's 21 RBI, 10 have either tied the game or given the Irish the lead ... Sophomore **Golden Tate**, who had a career-high nine-game hitting streak snapped against Oakland on March 25, opened the year with hits in five consecutive games (so he has a hit in 24 of his 29 starts) ... Tate has also reached base in 26 of his 29 starts ... Junior **David Mills** also had a nine-game hit streak snapped against Oakland ... he has recorded a hit in 54 of his 69 career games started.

IRISH DEFENSE GONE COLD WITH THE WEATHER — Notre Dame head coach Dave Schrage figured the Irish would not only be one of the top defensive clubs in the BIG EAST, but also one of the top fielding teams across the country. Notre Dame appeared headed that direction once they returned from its spring trip with a sparkling .974 fielding percentage. The Irish had committed just 15 errors over their first 15 games, but Notre Dame has not continued that defensive prowess over the last 17 games. The Irish are fielding just .959 with 28 errors. In fact, Notre Dame has just two errorless games in the stretch. The Irish have posted eight multi-error games since returning from Texas, including three straight games with three errors (Mar. 28-Apr. 1) and then a season-high four against Cincinnati on April 11.

COLE FAR FROM COLD — Sophomore starting pitcher Cole Johnson had a phenomenal fall season that pushed him to the front of the Irish rotation. However, his status at the beginning of the year was in question after a bike accident on campus. Johnson was riding his bike to class when he lost control on a patch of ice. He landed on his throwing shoulder, leaving him out for nearly an entire month (January), but Johnson rehabilitated and has established himself as the one of the starters in the BIG EAST. He enters this weekend with a 4-0 record and a 2.30 earned run average. Johnson has struck out 35, walked 20 and allowed only 37 hits in 54.2 innings of work (opponents are hitting just .198 against him). Johnson has tossed at least 6.0 innings in each of this last six starts, including 6.0 scoreless innings of one-hit baseball against Oral Roberts on March 6 and back-to-back complete game victories over Pittsburgh on March 27 and Villanova on April 3. He could have become the first Irish pitcher to toss three straight CGs since Dan Kapala in 2005, but Notre Dame's game with Cincinnati on April 9 was tied 2-2 after inning innings.

► Johnson, though, was spectacular once again for the Irish despite not factoring in the decision against the Bearcats. The right-handed hurler went 9.2 innings and allowed just two earned runs on eight hits. Johnson struck out five and walked three. He became the first Notre Dame pitcher to work into the 10th inning since Aaron Heilmann tossed 10.0 innings against West Virginia on April 15, 2000. Johnson has now tossed 9.0 or more innings in three consecutive starts. In fact, the righty has worked at least 7.0 innings in five straight starts. Johnson sports a 3-0 mark with a 2.38 ERA in those five starts with a pair of complete games and another outing that last 9.2 innings.

► Johnson allowed just two earned runs in his first career complete game victory to lead the Irish past Pittsburgh, 5-4. He was the first opposing pitcher to throw a nine-inning complete game at Trees Field since May 13, 2006. Johnson kept the high powered Pittsburgh attack grounded for much of the afternoon. The Panthers entered the contest hitting .321 as a team and averaging 8.5 runs per game. In fact, Pittsburgh was even more impressive over its first four home games, plating nearly 10 runs a game, but Johnson was in control from the opening pitch. The right-handed hurler scattered seven hits, issued just two walks and struck out four. Johnson

became the first Notre Dame pitcher to throw a nine-inning complete game since David Phelps went the distance against Villanova on May 23, 2007. With Notre Dame holding a 5-2 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, the Panthers took advantage of a pair of Irish errors, plated two unearned runs and had the tying run in scoring position, but Johnson escaped the jam with the Irish still clinging to a one run lead, 5-4, and proceeded to retire the final seven Panthers of the game.

► Johnson threw his second consecutive complete game, and the Irish scored all three of their runs in the first inning to defeat the Villanova Wildcats, 3-1, on April 3. Johnson became the first Irish pitcher since Dan Kapala in 2005 to throw back-to-back complete games. Johnson cruised through the first three innings, retiring the first nine batters on only 35 pitches with three strikeouts. Johnson gave up one run on seven hits, striking out five and walking just one.

BOOCKFORD SHOWS NO SIGNS OF RUST — On April 9 against Cincinnati, junior Billy Boockford made his first start for Notre Dame since March 7. The right fielder did not show any signs of rust. Boockford went 2-for-5 with a pair of RBI singles. In fact, the first RBI base hit tied the game, 1-1, in the top of the fourth inning and the second gave the Irish a 3-2 lead in the top of the 11th inning. He then added RBI singles each of the final two games of the series with the Bearcats. Boockford is 4-for-10 with four RBI since returning to the starting lineup.

THERE IS JOY IN SOUTH BEND, MIGHTY CASEY IS STARTING TO HIT — Sophomore David Casey has really seemed to find himself offensively since taking over the majority of the at bats against RHP. The first basemen owns an eight-game hitting streak (longest current streak on the squad). Casey is hitting .519 (14-for-27) with nine runs scored, a home run and nine RBI. The home run came in the opening game of Notre Dame's doubleheader on April 11 at Cincinnati. The solo bomb not only cleared the scoreboard in right field, but crashed halfway up the facade of Fifth Third Bank Arena that sits some 30-40 feet behind the wall.

DUPRA, DOING MORE — Sophomore RHP Brian Dupra had his best outing as a collegiate pitcher against Villanova on April 4. The Rochester, N.Y. native was named the BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week for his efforts. He tossed a three-hit shutout with no walks and a career-high tying six strikeouts to lead the Irish past Villanova, 4-0. Dupra also became the first Notre Dame pitcher to throw a complete game shutout in over two years. Former All-American David Phelps was the last to accomplish the feat, blanking South Florida 1-0 at Eck Stadium on March 23, 2007. Dupra needed just 108 pitches to finish off the Wildcats. The righty retired the first 14 Villanova batters on just 48 pitches before allowing a single with two outs in the fifth inning. Dupra proceeded to retire the next five before allowing a double in the seventh (which was the furthest any Villanova hitter reached on base the entire afternoon). He did surrender another double in the ninth, but that was it for the Wildcats. Dupra was so dominant that he worked with a three-ball count just twice the entire afternoon and the first did not come until the fifth inning. He faced just four over the minimum on the afternoon (he also plunked one batter). Dupra's complete game effort without a walk was the first for an Irish pitcher since Tom Thornton's complete game no free pass outing against Southern Illinois on March 18, 2006.

NOW THAT'S STARTING PITCHING — Notre Dame's pitching staff entered the Villanova series averaging just a little over 5.1 innings per start, but the weekend rotation of sophomore Cole Johnson, sophomore Brian Dupra and junior Eric Maust all worked into the ninth inning. In fact, Maust nearly followed Johnson and Dupra with a third straight complete game victory. He fell just two outs shy of his first career 9.0 inning complete game. The Irish were forced to use just four pitchers the entire series with Villanova.

► Sophomores Cole Johnson and Brian Dupra become the first Irish pitchers to throw complete games in back-to-back games since Tom Thornton went the distance on April 22, 2005, and Dan Kapala repeated the effort on April 25.

LIGHTS OUT — Notre Dame approached numerous pitching records in the three-game series sweep of Villanova. The Irish posted a 1.33 earned run average and limited the Wildcats to a .172 batting average. Villanova managed just four runs (all earned) the entire weekend. The four runs were tied for the fourth fewest ever allowed by a Notre Dame pitching staff over a three-game BIG EAST series. Even more impressive, all of the previous series marks for fewest runs, with the exception of last season's sweep of Georgetown, included a seven-inning game (BIG EAST used to play a seven-inning game as the first game of a doubleheader).

► Ironically, three of the top eight series for fewest earned runs allowed have come against Villanova (2006, 2008 and 2009).

Fewest Runs Allowed Over BIG EAST Series (3 games)

2	at Georgetown	2008
2	vs. Georgetown	1997
3	vs. Seton Hall	1996
4	vs. Villanova	2009
4	at Villanova	2008
4	vs. Seton Hall	2001
4	vs. Rutgers	2004
4	at Villanova	2006
5	at St. John's	2001
5	at West Virginia	2004
5	vs. West Virginia	2005

IRISH FINDING THEIR HOME RUN STROKE — Notre Dame entered the series against Pittsburgh with just eight home runs over its first 22 games. In fact, the Irish hit only four long balls over their first 18 games.

► Notre Dame exploded for six home runs in the series with the Panthers, including a season-best four in

NOTRE DAME VS. CONFERENCES	
Atlantic 10	1-0 (1.000)
Dayton	1-0 (.000)
BIG EAST	6-6 (.500)
Cincinnati	1-2 (.333)
Connecticut	0-0 (.000)
Louisville	0-0 (.000)
Pittsburgh	1-2 (.333)
Seton Hall	1-2 (.333)
St. John's	0-0 (.000)
USF	0-0 (.000)
Villanova	3-0 (1.000)
West Virginia	0-0 (.000)
Big Ten	2-1 (.667)
Illinois	1-0 (1.000)
Michigan	0-0 (.000)
Michigan State	0-0 (.000)
Northwestern	0-0 (.000)
Ohio State	0-1 (.000)
Purdue	1-0 (1.000)
Conference USA	0-1 (.000)
Rice	0-1 (.000)
Horizon League	1-0 (1.000)
Illinois-Chicago	0-0 (.000)
Valparaiso	1-0 (1.000)
Independents	2-0 (1.000)
Texas-Pan American	2-0 (1.000)
Mid-American	3-0 (1.000)
Ball State	1-0 (.000)
Bowling Green	0-0 (.000)
Central Michigan	1-0 (1.000)
Toledo	1-0 (1.000)
Western Michigan	0-0 (.000)
Missouri Valley	0-2 (.000)
Creighton	0-1 (.000)
Illinois State	0-1 (.000)
Pac-10	1-0 (1.000)
Washington State	1-0 (1.000)
Southern Collegiate Athletic	1-0 (1.000)
Trinity	1-0 (1.000)
Southwestern Athletic	2-0 (1.000)
Grambling	2-0 (1.000)
Summit League	1-1 (.500)
Oakland	0-1 (.000)
Oral Roberts	1-0 (1.000)
West Coast	0-1 (.000)
Gonzaga	0-1 (.000)

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Media Guides

Media guides will be available to working press only and may be purchased by fans. Press guides will not be distributed to fans from the press box or the media relations office. The 2009 Notre Dame Baseball Media Guide is also available online at UND.com in .pdf format.

Game Notes and Statistics

Game notes and statistics will be distributed to all working media and scouts on game days at Frank Eck Stadium. Copies will also be made available in the press box. The statistics are for working press, scouts and coaches only. A complete statistical book containing box score, play-by-play and game notes will also be available in the press box for working media following each home game. All information will be made available to fans through UND.com.

Live Stats/GameTracker

While every Irish game can be accessed by radio either through the internet or in the greater Michiana area, every home game and nearly every road game can be tracked through live statistical updates on UND.com.

Sunday's finale. The four home runs were the most in a single game by Notre Dame since April 21, 2007 against West Virginia.

► The Irish continued the stretch of long ball success with three solo shots in the 4-0 victory over Villanova on April 4.

► Notre Dame has hit 11 home runs over its last 10 games and 15 over the last 14 games.

SHINING UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME — Sophomore Golden Tate blossomed into one of the most improved wide receivers in the country this past fall. He led the Irish in receptions (58), receiving yards (1,080), receiving touchdowns (10) and total touchdowns (11). Tate ranked tied for 83rd in the NCAA FBS in receptions per game (4.46), 28th in receiving yards per game (83.08), 22nd in total receiving yards (1,080) and tied for 16th in receiving touchdowns (10). He became the fifth Irish wideout (sixth time) to ever eclipse 1,000 yards in a single season. Tate recorded 1,754 all-purpose yards (third-most in Notre Dame history), the most by an Irish player since Tim Brown in 1987.

► Tate has made a similar impact on the diamond this spring. After playing in 18 games, including nine starts, and hitting .262 with three doubles, four RBI and three stolen bases in 2008, Tate has emerged as one of the top leadoff hitters in the BIG EAST Conference. He is batting .328 with five doubles, a triple and seven RBI. Tate also is 6-for-7 in stolen bases. He carried a career-best nine game hitting streak into the March 25 matchup with Oakland, but went 0-for-3. The nine-game hitting streak was tied with senior Jeremy Barnes and junior David Mills (also ended against Oakland) for the second-longest by a Notre Dame player this season. Junior A.J. Pollock posted a 10-game hitting streak.

NOTRE DAME LOVES ITS R & R — Freshman reliever and South Bend native Ryan Richter has not wasted much time in making an impact for his hometown Irish. Richter, who missed most of his senior season with an injury, has made six appearances for Notre Dame and sports a 3-0 record with a 1.29 earned run average in 14.0 innings of work. He has yielded 11 hits and five walks, along with 10 strikeouts, while opponents are batting just .212 against him. Richter attended St. Joseph's High School, mere minutes from the Notre Dame campus. He could become the 21st South Bend native to monogram with the Irish baseball team and seventh from St. Joe, including the likes of Matt Nussbaum (1999-00), Tony Zappia (1970-71), Marty DeGraff (1993-94), Joe Kernan (1967-68), Nick Mainieri (2004-05) and Michael McNeill (1985).

AS BARNES GOES, SO GO THE IRISH — Notre Dame senior Jeremy Barnes has had a remarkable start to the 2009 season. Barnes is hitting .353 with nine doubles, five triples, six home runs and 39 RBI, but his performance in victories is even more impressive. Barnes leads the Irish with a .453 batting average (34-for-75), .800 slugging percentage and .527 on-base percentage in their 20 victories. On the other hand, he is hitting just .182 (8-for-44) with a .432 slugging percentage and .280 on-base percentage in Notre Dame's 12 losses. In fact, the Irish are 19-6 when Barnes has a hit and 11-2 when he has a multi-hit affair.

MILLS MAKES MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE BUMP — Notre Dame junior David Mills got plenty of recognition in 2008 for his efforts at the plate. The outfielder was named first team all-BIG EAST after hitting .349 with six triples, two home runs and 26 RBI. However, Mills did not experience the same type success on the mound. He went 1-0 in 11 relief appearances, but posted a 6.23 ERA and opponents batted .450 against him. In 2009, Mills has not only continued his tear at the plate, but has become a reliable option out of the Notre Dame bullpen. He is 1-0 with a 1.00 ERA in seven relief appearances. Mills has struck out seven, walked three and surrendered six hits in 9.0 innings of work. In fact, opponents are batting just .194 against him.

SLINGING SAM ELAM — Senior Sam Elam has experienced the highest highs and the lowest lows over his career with the Irish. Elam, considered the top-pitching prospect in the entire BIG EAST conference following the summer of 2007, made just one appearance in 2008 dealing with major control problems. He walked four, uncorked three wild pitches and allowed two earned runs on no hits in 1.0 inning. This from the same pitcher that took a no-hitter into the eighth inning (two outs) against Purdue on April 18, 2007. Elam went the distance that night and blanked the Boilermakers on just one hit with nine strikeouts. He has shown signs of regaining the form of 2006 and 2007. Elam fanned a pair in his scoreless inning of work against Dayton on Feb. 28 and tossed 3.0 more effective innings of relief against Central Michigan on March 24. The southpaw allowed just a pair of infield hits and one earned run, but struck out five and walked two. The outing was Elam's longest of the season and longest since going 4.1 innings on April 24, 2007 against Rutgers.

FRESHMEN ARMS ACTING FAR FROM IT — Notre Dame entered this season with tremendous depth in its pitching staff and much of it was due in part to a large contingent of freshmen. LHP Ryan Richter, LHP Dustin Ispas, RHP Will Hudgins, LHP Steve Sabatino and LHP Joe Spano have each made their respective contributions early in 2009. The quintet owns a combined 5-2 record with a 4.11 ERA in 72.1 innings of work and opponents are batting .247 against the group.

IF ONLY AN INNING ENDED WITH TWO OUTS — Notre Dame had allowed 37 runs and a .220 batting average (39-for-177) with two outs over its first 17 games, but Seton Hall registered 19 runs, 16 RBI and a .440 batting average (22-for-50) with two outs over the three-game series.

► In fact, 15 of those runs and 13 of those two out RBI came over the last two games of the series. The Pirates also hit .486 (18-for-37) with two down in Saturday and Sunday's victories.

► It was déjà-vu all over again against Central Michigan. After Notre Dame plated three runs in the bottom of the first inning to grab a 3-0 lead, the Chippewas followed with six runs in the top of the second inning. The six runs were not only all unearned, but also all scored with two outs.

► Over those four games, Notre Dame's opponents plated an astounding 28 runs with two outs. In fact, the Irish had allowed 35 two-out RBI over their first 18 games, but surrendered 23 in those four contests.

FIGHTING FOR A CURE — Senior Ryan Connolly has faced adversity over his career at Notre Dame. The outfielder/catcher has seen limited playing time over the past two years due to a reoccurring shoulder injury -- an injury that caused him to miss his entire freshman season in 2006. But, this adversity all pails in comparison to what Connolly faced in 2002 as a 15-year old sophomore in high school.

► Connolly's father, Michael, passed away after a two-year battle with lung cancer despite never smoking a cigarette over his entire life. Connolly, and his mother Penny, along with the assistance of Dr. Leslie Kohman (Michael's surgeon), began the Michael E. Connolly Endowment for Lung Cancer Research.

► The goal was to raise \$500,000. The Connollys and the Board of Directors are responsible for all the ground-work fundraising efforts. After just three years of diligently collecting pledges and hosting golf tournaments and other fundraising events, they reached their goal. The Connolly Endowment issued its first grant of \$10,000, which was then matched by the Hendrick's Fund at Upstate Medical University, to a group of researchers trying to determine if lung cancer patients who had surgery would also benefit from a cancer-inhibiting drug.

A MAN OF MANY TALENTS — Playing a varsity sport at Notre Dame can be very time consuming. Balancing a baseball career and going to school full time is even more of a challenge. Junior Casey Martin is always looking for new activities, namely playing instruments that will help him relax and take a reprieve from his busy schedule. These instruments, specifically the harmonica, which first appealed to him in high school, gives Martin a way to express himself and offers an excitement that neither baseball nor school can provide.

Becoming interested in the harmonica was "just one of those things where I saw somebody else playing it and I thought it was pretty cool so my parents got me one and I taught myself how to play." Since that time, the harmonica has developed into Martin's favorite instrument, not just because he has become quite good at playing it, but also, because it's unique.

"You go to college and pretty much everybody can play the guitar, but the harmonica is cool because not that many people play it," Martin said.

Martin is able to showcase his harmonica and guitar playing skills in informal "jam sessions," with his friends on the baseball team.

"Right now, there's probably four or five of us that get together every once in a while and just jam. Next year, we're hoping to get some solid material together and we're hoping to play some shows at the house."

While the group is satisfied with their proficiency at the guitar and the drums, Martin acknowledges that they desperately lack a capable singer, as the members "are all too chicken to sing." Martin joked that placing an advertisement in the paper to recruit a talented singer would be a good option because otherwise, "we're just going to have to set a microphone really far away so you just can't hear us."

While Martin may be successful at playing the harmonica and the guitar, his newest instrument he's determined to add to his repertoire is the ukulele.

"Yeah, I know," he jokes, "there's probably not that many 240 lbs, 6-4 guys playing the ukulele, but you can travel with it and take it pretty easily on a plane or a bus."

This willingness to explore new instruments is indicative of Martin's personality. Not an avid fan of the television, Martin keeps himself occupied searching for new activities including a new fascination with the Rubik's cube, something the whole baseball team is getting into.

"One kid brought in a cube and then everyone bought one and now we time ourselves to see who finishes first."

When asked about other pastimes he is discovering, he laughs, "Do you want me to be totally honest? This is going to make me sound like the hugest dork, but I've been doing a lot of whittling." Although Martin makes fun of himself when he introduces his hobbies, it is easy to see from the smile on his face that he enjoys the adventure of acquiring new skills and certainly takes pleasure in doing something different than his comfortable routine of baseball and academics.

When describing his hobbies, Martin oftentimes mentions how many of his teammates are involved in comparable activities. It's as though the camaraderie on the field translates to camaraderie off the field as Martin depicts the team as one that "loves Rubik's cubes, whittling and harmonicas."

It seems as though we'll just have to wait to see what the new hobbies this skilled musician and his teammates delve into throughout the season.

NOTRE DAME NOTES FROM SETON HALL SERIES — The Notre Dame baseball team dropped two of three games this past weekend against Seton Hall. The Irish opened the weekend with a 9-4 rout of the Pirates high-potential draft pick Sean Black, but Seton Hall took the next two games, 9-4 and 11-4 to secure the series triumph.

► Notre Dame had allowed 37 runs and a .220 batting average (39-for-177) with two outs entering the weekend (over its first 17 games), but Seton Hall registered 19 runs, 16 RBI and a .440 batting average (22-for-50) with two outs over the three-game series.

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► Junior A.J. Pollock, junior David Mills and senior Jeremy Barnes carried Notre Dame offensively over the weekend. Pollock batted .583 with five runs scored, a double, home run and three RBI. Mills hit .500 with five runs scored and two RBI, while Barnes batted .417 with a run scored, double, home run and six RBI.

NOTRE DAME NOTES FROM RICE CLASSIC — The Notre Dame baseball team took two of three games this past weekend at the Rice Classic. The Irish opened the weekend with a nail biting 2-1 victory over Oral Roberts. After No. 7 Rice blanked Notre Dame, 9-0, the Irish upended Washington State, 7-3, to secure a tie for the tournament championship. The host Owls, Golden Eagles and Irish all finished the weekend with identical 2-1 records.

► Notre Dame finished its weekend at the Rice Invitational with a 2-1 record. The Irish knocked off Oral Roberts, who later being the seventh-ranked Owls, and Washington State. Notre Dame led the tournament in batting average (.202) and fielding percentage (.982).

Notre Dame Double-Digit Hit Streaks (since 1995)

22 – Ross Brezovsky (2008; Sr., OF)
 21 – Craig Cooper (2006; Sr., 1B)
 21 – Mike Amhein (1997; Sr., C)
 18 – Jeff Felker (1999; Jr., 1B)
 16 – Steve Stanley (2000; So., CF)
 15 – Alex Nettey (2005; Jr., CF)
 15 – Steve Sollmann (2003; Jr., 2B)
 15 – Jeff Wagner (1997; Sr., C/DH)
 15 – Brant Ust (1997; Fr., 2B/SS)
 14 – Steve Andres (2004; So., LF)
 14 – Brian Stavisky (2000; Fr., RF)
 14 – Matt Nussbaum (1999; Jr., LF)
13 – David Mills (2008; So., DH)
 13 – Craig Cooper (2005; Jr., LF)
 13 – Steve Sollmann (2003; Jr., 2B)
 13 – Steve Stanley (2002; Sr., CF)
 13 – Andrew Bushey (2001; Jr., 3B)
 13 – Allen Greene (1997; So., LF)
 12 – Matt Bransfield (2006; Sr., LF)
 12 – Javi Sanchez (2002; SS, So.)
 12 – Steve Stanley (1999; CF, Fr.)
 12 – Jeff Wagner (1998; Jr., C)
11 – Jeremy Barnes (2008; Jr., 2B)
11 – A.J. Pollock (2008; So., OF)
 11 – Ryan Smith (2007; Fr., C/DH)
11 – Jeremy Barnes (2007; So., 2B)
 11 – Matt Bransfield (2006; Sr., OF/DH)
 11 – Danny Dressman (2006; Jr., OF)
 11 – Ross Brezovsky (2006; So., 2B)
 11 – Steve Stanley (2002; CF, Sr.)
 11 – Brian Stavisky (2002; Jr., LF)
 11 – Allen Greene (1998; Jr., CF)
 11 – Scott Sollmann (1996; Jr., CF)
10 – A.J. Pollock (2009; Jr., CF)
10 – Jeremy Barnes (2008; Jr., 2B)
10 – Jeremy Barnes (2008; Jr., 2B)
 10 – Brett Lilley (2008; Sr., SS)
 10 – Danny Dressman (2007; Sr., CF)
 10 – Matt Edwards (2005; Sr., 1B)
 10 – Matt Macri (2004; Jr., 3B)
 10 – Matt Edwards (2004; Jr., 1B)
 10 – Matt Edwards (2003; So., 3B)
 10 – Steve Stanley (2002; Sr., CF)
 10 – Steve Sollmann (2002; So., 2B)
 10 – Steve Stanley (2001; Jr., CF)
 10 – Ken Meyer (2001; Jr., DH)
 10 – Steve Sollmann (2001; Fr., 2B)
 10 – Steve Stanley (2000; So., CF)
 10 – Brian Stavisky (2000; Fr., RF)
 10 – Steve Stanley (1999; Fr., CF)
 10 – Brant Ust (1998; So., 3B)
 10 – J.J. Brock (1997; Sr., 3B)
 10 – Randall Brooks (1996; Jr., 2B)
 10 – J.J. Brock (1996; Jr., 3B)

Most Double-Digit Hit Streaks from 1995-2007

8 – Steve Stanley
 4 – Steve Sollmann, **Jeremy Barnes**
 3 – Brian Stavisky, Matt Edwards
 2 – Brant Ust, Allen Greene, Jeff Wagner,
 J.J. Brock, Craig Cooper, Danny Dressman, **A.J. Pollock**

2009 BIG EAST STANDINGS

Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
West Virginia	10-2	.833	25-7	.781
USF	10-2	.833	22-11	.667
Louisville	8-4	.667	24-9	.727
St. John's	8-4	.667	19-12	.613
Notre Dame	6-6	.500	20-12	.625
Connecticut	6-6	.500	17-15	.531
Seton Hall	6-6	.500	15-14	.517
Cincinnati	5-7	.417	16-15	.516
Pittsburgh	4-8	.333	17-13	.567
Villanova	3-9	.250	17-16	.515
Rutgers	3-9	.250	13-19	.406
Georgetown	3-9	.250	10-22	.312

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG EAST*(All times are Eastern)***Monday, April 13**

West Virginia vs. Maryland Eastern Shore 4:00

Tuesday, April 14

Connecticut vs. Hartford 3:00

Seton Hall vs. Princeton 3:30

Rutgers at Fordham 4:00

West Virginia at Duquesne 4:00

Louisville vs. Kentucky 6:00

Pittsburgh at Penn State 6:35

Cincinnati vs. Xavier 7:00

Notre Dame at Western Michigan 7:00

USF vs. Florida International 7:00

Villanova vs. Delaware 8:00

Wednesday, April 15

Cincinnati vs. Miami (Ohio)/Wright State TBA

Pittsburgh vs. Ohio 3:00

St. John's vs. Hofstra 3:00

USF vs. Florida International 3:00

Connecticut vs. Brown 3:15

Rutgers vs. Iona 3:30

Seton Hall at Wagner 3:30

Villanova vs. at Lafayette 3:30

Georgetown vs. George Mason 7:00

Notre Dame vs. Northwestern 8:00

Friday, April 17

CINCINNATI at ST. JOHN'S 3:00

GEORGETOWN at CONNECTICUT 3:00

LOUISVILLE at RUTGERS 3:00

SETON HALL at PITTSBURGH 3:00

USF at VILLANOVA 3:00

WEST VIRGINIA at NOTRE DAME 6:05

Saturday, April 18

USF at VILLANOVA Noon

CINCINNATI at ST. JOHN'S 1:00

GEORGETOWN at CONNECTICUT 1:00

LOUISVILLE at RUTGERS 1:00

SETON HALL at PITTSBURGH 1:00

WEST VIRGINIA at NOTRE DAME 3:05

Sunday, April 19

CINCINNATI at ST. JOHN'S Noon

GEORGETOWN at CONNECTICUT Noon

LOUISVILLE at RUTGERS Noon

SETON HALL at PITTSBURGH Noon

USF at VILLANOVA 12:15

WEST VIRGINIA at NOTRE DAME 1:05

All times are Eastern

BIG EAST Conference games in CAPS

BIG EAST Player of the Week

AUSTIN MARKEL, WEST VIRGINIA, SR., OF

BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week

THOMAS ROYSE, LOUISVILLE, SO., RHP

BIG EAST WEEKLY HONOR ROLL

Joe Cotter, Villanova, Sr., OF

Lance Durham, Cincinnati, Jr., 1B/OF

Chris Rey, USEF, Sr., OF

George Springer, Connecticut, Fr., OF

Jarryd Summers, West Virginia, So., RHP

► The Irish also got stellar individual performances from a number of players. Sophomore Greg Sherry (Mendham, N.J.) led the tournament in hitting with a .444 batting average. Junior A.J. Pollock (Hebron, Conn.) finished third in hitting (.333), third in hits (4) and third in total bases (9), but also led the field in doubles (2) and RBI (5).

► Notre Dame's bullpen was back to form this weekend. A weekend after the Irish blew a pair of games in the eighth and ninth inning; the Irish pen went 1-0 over the weekend with a 2.70 ERA and one save. The quartet of junior Steven Mazur (Round Rock, Texas), freshman Ryan Richter (South Bend, Ind.), freshman Joe Spano (Verona, N.J.), junior David Mills (Battle Creek, Mich.) and junior Todd Miller (Franklin, Tenn.) allowed just five hits in 10.0 innings of work. They struck out seven and walked three, while opponents batted just .161 against them.

► Eric Maust allowed just two earned runs on four hits in 7.0 innings to lead the Irish past Washington State, 7-3, in final day action from the 2009 Academy Sports + Outdoors Rice Classic. HE was sharp from the opening pitch. The right-handed hurler retired the first eight Washington State batters of the ball game before a two-out walk in the bottom of the third inning. Maust then surrendered a two strike, two out double to place a pair of runners in scoring position, but got Shea Vucinic to ground out to end the threat. Maust then retired 10 straight Cougars between the third and sixth inning. Washington State did managed to scratch across two runs in the sixth on Alex Burg's two-out, two-run triple to cut the Irish lead to 4-2. Maust walked three and struck out just one, but retired the leadoff batter in five of his seven innings.

► A.J. Pollock batted .333 in three games from the 2009 Rice Classic. The centerfielder went 4-for-12 with one run scored, two doubles, five RBI and one stolen base. Pollock also played flawless defense, recording five putouts and made a pair of spectacular diving catches over the weekend. Pollock drove in five of the six runs Notre Dame drove in as a team over the three games. He capped off the weekend with a 2-for-4 effort with a double and four RBI in the 7-3 victory over Washington State.

NOTRE DAME NOTES FROM PHOENIX COLLEGE CLASSIC — Notre Dame dropped two of its three games at the Phoenix College Classic hosted by the University of Dayton. The Irish lost their weekend opener against Gonzaga, 7-3, and weekend finale versus Creighton, 6-3, but routed the host Flyers, 14-5.

► The story of the opening weekend was the Notre Dame bullpen. The bullpen worked 12.2 innings over the three games and allowed just two earned runs – good for a 1.42 ERA. The sextet allowed just six hits as Ohio State, Illinois and Purdue batted just .143 (6-for-42) against the non-starters. The Irish bullpen was at its best in the two come-from-behind victories over Illinois (14-7) and Purdue (9-4, 10 innings). The Irish not only outscored the Illini 9-0 over the final three innings of the game, but Notre Dame's bullpen retired the final 10 Illinois batters of the evening, including three by strikeout. The Irish were even better against the Boilermakers. They did not allow a hit over the final 4.2 innings of the game.

► However, they were unable to replicate that kind of performance this past weekend. The group was charged with both losses and posted a 6.57 ERA in 12.1 innings of work. In fact, Gonzaga and Creighton combined for eight runs over the 7th, 8th and 9th innings of the two meetings with the Irish.

► In the opener against Gonzaga, the Bulldogs scored two runs in both the eighth and ninth inning to break a 3-3 tie and slip past Notre Dame, 7-3, at Diablo Stadium. The Bulldogs plated the four runs on a pair of RBI groundouts, a sacrifice fly and wild pitch.

► Junior David Mills and junior Matt Grosso each had a pair of hits and RBI for Notre Dame.

► Barnes went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and three RBI, while four others each knocked in a pair to lead Notre Dame past Dayton, 14-5, at Diablo Stadium on Feb. 28.

► Barnes, who finished just a home run short of the cycle, had a RBI triple and a two-run double. Junior Ryné Intlekofer went 1-for-5 with a two-run double. Pollock went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBI, while junior Brayden Ashdown and junior Casey Martin each drove in two. Sophomore Greg Sherry went 3-for-4 with three runs scored and a RBI.

► The Irish got another great effort from their bullpen as Mills, freshman Will Hudgins and senior Sam Elam combined to throw 3.2 scoreless innings of relief. Elam also fanned a pair in his inning of work.

► In the weekend's final tilt on March 1, Creighton used a dropped fly ball in the top of the eighth inning with two outs to grab a 4-3 lead and tacked on two more runs in the top of the ninth inning to secure a 6-3 victory over Notre Dame.

► With the game tied, 3-3, in the top of the eighth inning and two out, Notre Dame appeared to get out of the inning when junior reliever Steven Mazur got Nick Becker to hit a lazy fly ball to right field. With Ashdown camped under it, the right fielder lost the ball in the sun and it dropped just a step in front of him to allow the go-ahead run.

► The Bluejays added two insurance runs in the ninth inning on Darin Ruf's clutch two-out RBI single to make it 6-3. Notre Dame was retired in order in the bottom of the ninth as Creighton closer Kirk Clark picked up his first save of the season.

► Mazur was charged with the loss. The righty went 2.2 innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits, but pitched far better. The Bluejays, as they did all afternoon, found every hole and dropped in every bloop hit. Mazur yielded six hits and also struck out three.

RECAPPING THE BIG EAST / BIG TEN CHALLENGE — Notre Dame opened the season taking two of three games in the inaugural 2009 BIG EAST / Big Ten Baseball Challenge. The Irish were one of three BIG EAST schools to post a 2-1 record. Notre Dame also was the only school among the 18-team field that ranked among the top five in both batting (third) and ERA (third) over the tournament.

► The story of the weekend was the Notre Dame depth, especially its bench, and the bullpen. Sophomore Mick Doyle, junior Matt Grosso and sophomore Cameron McConnell, all of whom did not play in the season-opening loss to Ohio State, started against Illinois and combined to bat .467 (7-for-15) with four runs scored and seven RBI. Doyle went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI, while McConnell went 2-for-3 with a run scored and career-best three RBI. Grosso was 2-for-5 with his first career home run, a game-tying two-run blast

in the eight-run seventh inning.

► The Irish defeated Purdue primarily due to its bench. Junior Brayden Ashdown, McConnell and junior Casey Martin all entered the game as pinch hitters in the eighth inning. Ashdown not only scored two runs, but provided a critical two-run, pinch hit single to bring Notre Dame within a run, 4-3, and added a go-ahead RBI single in the 10th. McConnell and Martin each scored a pair of runs and went 1-for-2. For the weekend, the Irish bench went 4-for-8 with three RBI and six runs scored.

► The bullpen worked 12.2 innings over the three games this past weekend and allowed just two earned runs - good for a 1.42 ERA. The sextet allowed just six hits as Ohio State, Illinois and Purdue batted just .143 (6-for-42) against the non-starters. Junior Steven Mazur picked up the victory over the Boilermakers and threw 3.0 hitless innings of relief over two separate relief outings. Junior David Mills (1.1 IP) and the freshman tandem of Will Hudgins (1.1 IP) and Joe Spano (0.2 IP) combined to not allow a run on two hits in 3.1 innings of work. Sophomores Todd Miller (3.1 IP) and Cole Johnson (3.0 IP) were the only two pitchers of the group to allow runs, but each surrendered just one earned run on a pair of hits.

► Notre Dame's bullpen was at its best in the two come-from-behind victories over Illinois (14-7) and Purdue (9-4, 10 innings). The Irish not only outscored the Illini 9-0 over the final three innings of the game, but Notre Dame's bullpen retired the final 10 Illinois batters of the evening, including three by strikeout. The Irish were even better against the Boilermakers. They did not allow a hit over the final 4.2 innings of the game.

A.J. POLLOCK PRESEASON HONOR ROLL — Notre Dame junior OF A.J. Pollock was named first team preseason All-American by *Baseball America*. He was one of just two players from the BIG EAST Conference to be named to the first, second or third team. Pollock has already been named second team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* and third team by *CollegeBaseballInsider.com*. He has also been named to the Wallace Award Watch List and listed as the 39th overall prospect, 16th collegiate prospect and top overall prospect from the BIG EAST Conference for the 2009 MLB Draft by *Baseball America*. Pollock was also ranked as the seventh-best prospect from the Cape Cod League by *Baseball America* following his Most Valuable Player season this past summer. He was most recently recognized by *Baseball America* as the 10th-ranked player from the junior class.

IRISH PICKED BY BASEBALL AMERICA TO RETURN TO NCAA TOURNAMENT — Notre Dame was well represented in *Baseball America's* 2009 season preview. The Irish, picked to finish second in the BIG EAST, was projected to reach the NCAA Tournament's field of 64. Notre Dame was penciled into the Irvine Regional as the fourth seed. UC Irvine was the host and top-seed, while Stanford (#2 seed) and defending national champion Fresno State (#3 seed) rounded out the regional. The Irish had three players listed among the top 50 in their respective class. LHP Sam Elam was rated the 39th-best senior in the nation, while OF A.J. Pollock was the 10th-ranked junior and RHP Evan Danieli was the 48th-rated sophomore. Pollock not only was named all-BIG EAST, but was also listed by the publication as a first team All-American. He and Louisville third baseman Chris Dominguez were the only two BIG EAST players honored. Sophomore RHP Brian Dupra was also named the first team all-BIG EAST relief pitcher. Danieli and Dupra were ranked as the second and third best prospects in the league heading into the 2010 MLB Draft.

MAUST, POLLOCK AND BARNES NAMED PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST FIRST TEAM — Notre Dame placed the trio of junior RHP Eric Maust, junior OF A.J. Pollock and senior SS Jeremy Barnes on the preseason All-BIG EAST squad. No other conference school had more players on the 14-man squad than Notre Dame.

IRISH PICKED THIRD BY BIG EAST COACHES — The University of Notre Dame baseball team was picked to finish third in the 2009 BIG EAST preseason baseball poll as determined by a vote of the league's 12 head coaches, who were not permitted to vote for their own teams. The Irish received a total of 99 points.

	Team	Points	2008 Record
1.	Louisville	121 (11)	41-19, 16-11
2.	USF	103	31-27, 14-13
3.	Notre Dame	99	33-21-1, 16-10
4.	St. John's	93 (1)	41-14, 20-7
5.	Cincinnati	77	23-11, 19-8
6.	Connecticut	62	27-28, 11-16
7.	West Virginia	60	35-21, 13-14
8.	Rutgers	58	23-29-1, 11-16
9.	Seton Hall	49	31-25, 15-12
10.	Villanova	31	30-28, 12-15
11.	Pittsburgh	27	19-34, 7-19
12.	Georgetown	12	18-32, 7-20

PLENTY OF WAYS TO FOLLOW THE IRISH

► Notre Dame baseball fans will have several options for tracking the 2009 season on a game-by-game basis, through live streaming video (Notre Dame home games only), live-audio broadcasts, GameTracker live stats and free Irish Alert text messages:

► Live radio broadcasts are available in the South Bend area on WHME 103.1 FM (Notre Dame baseball is part of a small percentage of programs in the nation with its entire season airing live on a commercial station). All games are streamed live on und.com, with the links posted on the lower left corner of the und.com main page. The online broadcasts are free of charge, as part of a quick signup with Fighting Irish All-Access (which includes archives or all audio and video content). See All-Access signup link via the multimedia gold button at the top of each und.com page

► Irish ALERT free text-message updates (three per game) are available to your cell phone or other mobile devices. See link on the right side blue sidebar on the baseball page at und.com.

► GameTracker live stats are provided for all home games and most road games (based on phone-line availability). When Notre Dame is on the road, the home team typically provides the live stats — with bonus GameTracker stats also provided by the Notre Dame SID office for select road games.

► Complete coverage of each and every Irish home game through live streaming video.

**TUESDAY'S STARTER...**

#52 • Freshman
LHP • Steve Sabatino
6-2 • 200
Lockport, Illinois (Lockport Township H.S.)

Notre Dame will start freshman left-hander Steve Sabatino (1-0, 3.77 ERA) against Western Michigan on Tuesday. The Lockport, Illinois native has made three career appearances (starts on Mar. 11 against Grambling, Mar. 18 against Valparaiso and Mar. 25 against Oakland) for a total of 14.1 innings pitched. He has allowed nine hits, six earned runs and 12 walks while striking out 13. The nine strikeouts by Sabatino in the victory over Grambling were the most by any Notre Dame pitcher in 2009 and were the most by any Irish rookie hurler since 2002. Chris Niesel fanned a freshman record 10 against Southern Illinois on Feb. 24, 2002.

SABATINO'S LAST...

Victory: Mar 11, 2009 vs Grambling ... number of starts since then — 2

Complete Game: --

Shutout: --

Fanning 3 Batters In Inning: last time 3.11.09 vs. Grambling (4th)

Fanning 2 Batters In Inning: last time 3.11.09 vs. Grambling (5th)

CAREER BESTS...

Low-Hit Complete Game: --

Most Strikeouts: 9, vs. Grambling on March 11, 2009

Longest Winning Streak: --

LAST START...

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
3.25	Oakland	ND	4.0	4	3	3	5	0

2009 INNING-BY-INNING...

	ERA	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	B/Avg	2B	3B	HR	HB	WP	BK	GDP
1st	0.00	0	0	0	2	2	8	11	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2nd	3.00	2	1	1	1	2	10	12	.200	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
3rd	9.00	4	3	3	5	2	12	19	.333	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4th	0.00	2	0	0	3	3	9	13	.222	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
5th	0.00	0	0	0	1	3	6	7	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6th	54.00	1	2	2	0	1	2	3	.500	1	0	0	0	1	0	0

2009 GAME-BY-GAME...

	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
*Grambling	5.0	2	1-1	4-9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	1.80
*Valparaiso	5.1	3	2-2	3-4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1-0	0	2.61
*Oakland	4.0	4	3-3	5-0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1-0	0	3.77
* Started														

VS. WESTERN MICHIGAN...

2009: --

Career: --

CAREER STATS...

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO
2009	3.77	1-0	3-3	0	0	14.1	9	6-6	12-13
TOTAL	3.77	1-0	3-3	0	0	14.1	9	6-6	12-13

WEDNESDAY'S STARTER...

#23 • Freshman
 LHP • Ryan Richter
 6-3 • 185
 South Bend, Indiana (St. Joseph's H.S.)

Notre Dame will turn to another freshman left-hander, Ryan Richter (3-0, 1.29 ERA), against Northwestern on Wednesday. The South Bend, Indiana native has made six career appearances (all out of the Irish bullpen) for a total of 14.0 innings pitched. He has allowed just 11 hits, two earned runs and five walks while striking out 10. Opponents are batting just .212 against him. He attended St. Joseph's High School, mere minutes from the Notre Dame campus. He could become the 21st South Bend native to monogram with the Irish baseball team and seventh from St. Joe, including the likes of Matt Nussbaum (1999-00), Tony Zappia (1970-71), Marty DeGraff (1993-94), Joe Kernan (1967-68), Nick Mainieri (2004-05) and Michael McNeill (1985).

RICHTER'S LAST...

Victory: Apr 1, 2009 vs Toledo ... number of starts since then — 0

Complete Game: --

Shutout: --

Fanning 3 Batters In Inning: last time 3.24.09 vs. Central Michigan (6th)

Fanning 2 Batters In Inning: last time 4.1.09 vs. Toledo (5th)

CAREER BESTS...

Low-Hit Complete Game: --

Most Strikeouts: 4, twice, Central Michigan on March 24, 2009 and Toledo on April 1, 2009

Longest Winning Streak: 3, 3.7.09 through present

LAST START...

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
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2009 INNING-BY-INNING...

	ERA	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	B/Avg	2B	3B	HR	HB	WP	BK	GDP
5th	0.00	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6th	0.00	2	2	0	2	3	14	16	.143	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
7th	2.25	4	1	1	1	2	16	17	.250	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8th	1.80	5	1	1	1	3	18	20	.278	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
9th	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

2009 GAME-BY-GAME...

	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	W-L	SV	ERA
Rice	1.0	0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0.00
Grambling	3.0	4	2-1	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	2.25
Valparaiso	2.0	2	1-0	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	1.50
CMU	3.0	2	0-0	2-4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2-0	0	1.00
Toledo	4.0	3	1-1	1-4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-0	0	1.38
Cincinnati-2	1.0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3-0	0	1.29

* Started

VS. NORTHWESTERN...

2009: --

Career: --

CAREER STATS...

Year	ERA	W-L	G-GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO
2009	1.29	3-0	6-0	0	0	14.0	11	4-2	5-10
TOTAL	1.29	3-0	6-0	0	0	14.0	11	4-2	5-10

Roster Information

ALPHABETICAL		
Name	Yr.	Pos.
Ty Adams	SO	1B/OF
Brayden Ashdown	JR	OF
Jeremy Barnes	SR	INF/RHP
Billy Boockford	JR	OF
David Casey	SO	1B/OF
Tommy Chase	FR	INF
Ryan Connolly	SR	OF/C
Leighton Cooper	FR	OF
Evan Danieli	SO	RHP
Mick Doyle	SO	INF
Brian Dupra	SO	RHP
Sam Elam	SR	LHP
Matt Grosso	JR	OF
Will Harford	JR	INF/C
Will Hudgins	FR	RHP
Ryne Intlekofer	JR	INF/OF
Dustin Ispas	FR	LHP
Cole Johnson	SO	RHP
Matt Katich	SO	C
Casey Martin	JR	1B
Eric Maust	JR	RHP
Steven Mazur	JR	RHP
Cameron McConnell	SO	C
Eddy Mendiola	SR	INF
Todd Miller	SO	RHP
David Mills	JR	OF/LHP
Herman Petzold	JR	INF
A.J. Pollock	JR	OF/INF
Ryan Richter	FR	LHP
Alex Robinson	FR	OF
Steve Sabatino	FR	LHP/1B
Andrew Scheid	JR	RHP
Matt Scioscia	SO	C/1B
Evan Sharpley	SR	1B/OF
Ryan Sharpley	SO	RHP
Greg Sherry	SO	INF
Joe Spano	FR	LHP
Joe Spizzirri	SO	LHP
Golden Tate	SO	OF
Bill Warrender	JR	OF



NUMERICAL							
No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Matt Grosso	JR	OF	L/L	5-10	175	Hebron, CT (RHAM/Maine/UConn)
2	Alex Robinson	FR	OF	B/R	6-0	170	Dallas, TX (First Baptist Academy)
4	A.J. Pollock	JR	OF/INF	R/R	6-1	200	Hebron, CT (RHAM)
5	David Mills	JR	OF/LHP	L/L	5-9	165	Battle Creek, MI (Lakeview)
6	Brian Dupra	SO	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Rochester, NY (Greece Athena)
7	Dustin Ispas	FR	LHP	L/L	6-1	190	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Los Osos)
8	Evan Sharpley	SR	1B/OF	L/R	6-2	210	Marshall, MI (Marshall)
10	Ryan Connolly	SR	OF/C	R/R	5-11	190	Binghamton, NY (Binghamton)
11	Tommy Chase	FR	INF	R/R	5-10	165	Cohasset, MA (Boston College HS)
12	Brayden Ashdown	JR	OF	R/R	6-1	180	Tucson, AZ (Catalina Foothills)
13	Herman Petzold	JR	INF	R/R	5-8	175	Saint Clair Shores, MI (De LaSalle)
14	Eddy Mendiola	SR	INF	R/R	6-0	220	Miami, FL (Palmer Trinity)
15	Greg Sherry	SO	INF	R/R	5-10	180	Mendham, NJ (Delbarton)
16	Eric Maust	JR	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Alpharetta, GA (Blessed Trinity)
17	Billy Boockford	JR	OF	R/R	6-1	195	Glen Ellyn, IL (Glenbard West)
18	Steven Mazur	JR	RHP	R/R	6-0	195	Round Rock, TX (Stony Point)
19	Todd Miller	SO	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	Franklin, TN (Montgomery Bell Academy)
20	Jeremy Barnes	SR	INF/RHP	R/R	5-10	190	Garland, TX (South Garland)
21	Joe Spano	FR	LHP	L/L	5-11	165	Verona, NJ (Seton Hall Prep)
22	Evan Danieli	SO	RHP	R/R	6-7	230	East Hanover, NJ (Seton Hall Prep)
23	Ryan Richter	FR	LHP	L/L	6-3	185	South Bend, IN (St. Joseph's)
24	Sam Elam	SR	LHP	L/L	6-3	220	Mesquite, TX (Potect)
25	Matt Katich	SO	C	R/R	6-2	210	New Castle, PA (Mohawk)
26	Mick Doyle	SO	INF	R/R	6-1	200	LaGrange Park, IL (Benet Academy)
28	Cameron McConnell	SO	C	R/R	6-1	205	Bannockburn, IL (Deerfield)
29	Ryne Intlekofer	JR	INF/OF	R/R	5-9	160	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
30	Will Harford	JR	INF/C	R/R	6-0	180	Chicago, IL (Kent School (CT))
31	Andrew Scheid	JR	RHP	R/R	6-6	205	Highlands Ranch, CO (Regis Jesuit)
32	Golden Tate	SO	OF	L/L	6-1	180	Hendersonville, TN (Pope John Paul II)
34	Ryan Sharpley	SO	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Marshall, MI (Marshall)
36	Leighton Cooper	FR	OF	B/R	6-0	170	Fort Washington, MD (Flint Hill)
37	Cole Johnson	SO	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Hudson, OH (Hudson)
38	Casey Martin	JR	1B	R/R	6-4	230	Chesterton, IN (Chesterton)
41	Bill Warrender	JR	OF	R/R	6-1	190	Collegeville, PA (LaSalle Collegiate)
42	Ty Adams	SO	1B/OF	R/R	6-6	235	Indianapolis, IN (Brebeuf Jesuit)
43	Joe Spizzirri	SO	LHP	L/L	6-2	195	San Juan Capistrano, CA (J Serra Catholic)
44	David Casey	SO	1B/OF	L/L	6-4	235	Whitefish Bay, WI (Whitefish Bay)
45	Will Hudgins	FR	RHP	R/R	6-3	180	Richmond, VA (Douglas Freeman)
52	Steve Sabatino	FR	LHP/1B	L/L	6-2	200	Lockport, IL (Lockport Township)
55	Matt Scioscia	SO	C/1B	R/R	6-1	225	Westlake Village, CA (Encino Crespi Carmelite)

COACHING STAFF

No.	Name	Position	Year	Alma Mater
3	Dave Schrage	Head Coach	3rd	Creighton '83
9	Scott Lawler	Assistant Coach	3rd	Simpson '00
39	Sherard Clinkscales	Assistant Coach	3rd	Purdue '94
47	Graham Sikes	Volunteer Assistant	2nd	Liberty '02

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By Class

Seniors (5) Barnes, Connolly, Elam, Mendiola, E. Sharpley
Juniors (13) Ashdown, Boockford, Grosso, Harford, Intlekofer, Martin, Maust, Mazur, Mills, Petzold, Pollock, Scheid, Warrender
Sophomores (14) Adams, Casey, Danieli, Doyle, Dupra, Johnson, Katich, McConnell, Miller, Scioscia, R. Sharpley, Sherry, Spizzirri, Tate
Freshmen (8) Chase, Cooper, Ispas, Richter, Robinson, Sabatino, Spano, Hudgins

By Position

Pitchers 17, Catchers 4, Infielders 15, Outfielders 14

By State

Arizona (1) Ashdown; **California (4)** Intlekofer, Ispas, Scioscia, Spizzirri;
Colorado (1) Scheid; **Connecticut (2)** Grosso, Pollock; **Florida (1)** Mendiola;

Georgia (1) Maust; **Illinois (5)** Boockford, Doyle, Harford, McConnell, Sabatino; **Indiana (3)** Adams, Martin, Richter; **Maryland (1)** Cooper;
Massachusetts (1) Chase; **Michigan (4)** Mills, Petzold, E. Sharpley, R. Sharpley; **New Jersey (3)** Danieli, Sherry, Spano; **New York (2)** Connolly, Dupra; **Ohio (1)** Johnson; **Pennsylvania (2)** Katich, Warrender; **Tennessee (2)** Tate, Miller; **Texas (4)** Barnes, Elam, Robinson, Mazur; **Virginia (1)** Hudgins;
Wisconsin (1) Casey

By Height

6-7 Danieli; **6-6** Adams, Scheid; **6-4** Casey, Martin, R. Sharpley; **6-3** Dupra, Elam, Johnson, Miller, Hudgins, Richter; **6-2** Katich, Sabatino, E. Sharpley, Spizzirri; **6-1** Ashdown, Boockford, Doyle, Ispas, Maust, McConnell, Pollock, Scioscia, Tate, Warrender; **6-0** Cooper, Harford, Mendiola, Robinson; **5-11** Connolly, Mazur, Spano; **5-10** Barnes, Chase, Grosso; **5-9** Intlekofer, Mills, Sherry; **5-8** Petzold