

## Post Game Notes

### Notre Dame vs. St. John's

May 2, 2010

- Senior Eric Maust (Alpharetta, Ga.) took the loss in Sunday's game and still has not won since his final start of 2009 (6-5 win over Louisville in the BIG EAST Tournament on May 23), although he has been victimized by a pair of blown saves (Rutgers on April 11 and the second game against Cincinnati on April 24). Maust did extend his streak of not allowing a home run to 53.1 innings and 247 batters faced, now the longest stretch of his career; he began his career by tossing 52.2 innings of homer-free ball, spanning 230 batters and 18 appearances. Maust has now tossed the fifth-most innings (51.0) in a season in Irish history without surrendering a long ball, trailing only Darin Schmalz (84.2 in 1996), Tim Kraus (62.2 in 1994), Tom Thornton (54.2 in 2003), and Peter Ogilvie (52.0 in 2001).
- Freshman Jeremy Baltz's fifth-inning home run snapped senior David Mills' (Battle Creek, Mich.) scoreless streak from the mound at 11.0 innings; Mills last yielded a run against Rutgers on April 9. Mills continued to make his opponents earn every base, however, as he did not issue a base on balls, extending his streak of not allowing a walk to 12 appearances, 18.1 innings, and 71 batters faced. Mills last walked a batter in the first game of the doubleheader with USF on March 27. His career average of 1.80 walks per nine innings ranks fourth in Notre Dame history.
- Mills' 2010 season average stands at 1.01 walks per nine innings, which would rank third in Notre Dame single-season history (30.0 innings needed to qualify; Mills currently has 26.2).
- Notre Dame failed to score in the first inning in Sunday's game, the first time in the past six games the Irish have not plated a run in the opening inning.
- Senior Ryan Connolly (Binghamton, N.Y.) singled, walked, and was hit by a pitch in Sunday's game and has now reached base safely in eight straight games and 55 of his last 56 contests.
- When Connolly notched six hits in six consecutive plate appearances against Cincinnati and Toledo earlier this season, he became the first Irish player to accomplish that feat since Matt Macri collected six straight base knocks against Virginia Tech in 2004 (Mar. 21-22). Sean Gaston also picked up six straight hits earlier that season, doing so at the hands of Florida Memorial (Feb. 28) and Minnesota (Feb. 29). Here is the base hit streak breakdown for the three players:

Sean Gaston (2/28/04, 2/29/04)

2B-1B-1B-2B-2B-1B

Matt Macri (3/21/04, 3/22/04)

1B-2B-HR-HR-1B-1B

Ryan Connolly (4/24/10, 4/27/10)

1B-1B-1B-1B-2B-2B

Underlined-Hits in the first game of the two

- Should Connolly hit another home run this season, he would become just the second Irish player to smack at least 10 home runs and be hit by at least 10 pitches in the same season; the only one to do it so far has been Eric Danapilis in 1993 (13 HR, 15 HBP). Connolly was plunked again on Sunday, giving him 17 HBP on the season and sole possession of ninth place in the Irish single-season record books in that category.
- Notre Dame's hitters have now drawn at least one walk in 35 consecutive games, the longest Irish streak since a 60-game stretch from 6/3/05-5/20/06.
- Junior shortstop Mick Doyle (LaGrange Park, Ill.) ended an 0-for-20 slump on Saturday with a fifth-inning double and proceeded to double twice more in Sunday's game; he and senior Brayden Ashdown (Tucson, Ariz.) have each seen their last three hits go for extra bases, as Ashdown doubled in the sixth inning on Sunday after homering twice on Friday night.
- When senior Steven Mazur (Round Rock, Texas) entered with the bases loaded and two outs in the eighth and punched out Jeremy Baltz, it marked just the second time this season an Irish pitcher has entered the game with the bases loaded and stranded all three runners. The other occasion came against Ball State on March 23, when sophomore Ryan Richter (South Bend, Ind.) relieved junior Ryan Sharpley (Marshall, Mich.) with two outs in the third inning and induced a fly out to end the threat.
- Notre Dame used the lineup of Ryan Connolly (LF), Frank DeSico (2B), David Mills (DH), Casey Martin (1B), Brayden Ashdown (CF), Billy Boockford (RF), Mick Doyle (SS), Cameron McConnell (C), and Greg Sherry (3B) for the fifth time in the past six games.