

NOTRE DAME 2006 SCHEDULE (2-5)

FEBRUARY * – BIG EAST game
 Thur. 23 vs. Indiana St. (Mill., TN) W, 3-0
Service Academies Classic (Millington, TN)
 Fri. 24 vs. Air Force W, 8-2
 Sat. 25 vs. Memphis L, 6-7 (10)
 Sun. 26 vs. Oklahoma L, 3-4

MARCH
Minnesota Dairy Queen Classic (Metrodome)
 Fri. 3 vs. #4 Nebraska L, 1-11
 Sat. 4 vs. Minnesota L, 0-8
 Sun. 5 vs. Arizona L, 0-2 (10)

UTSA Express Classic (Wolff Stadium; San Antonio)
 Fri. 10 vs. Texas A&M 7:00 p.m.
 Sat. 11 vs. Iowa 11:00 a.m.
 Sun. 12 vs. Illinois 7:00 p.m.
 Mon. 13 vs. Iowa 7:00 p.m.

Irish Baseball Classic (Wolff Stadium; San Antonio)
 Thur. 16 vs. Iowa noon
 Fri. 17 vs. Southern Illinois 1:30 p.m.
 Fri. 17 vs. Iowa 5:30 p.m.
 Sat. 18 vs. Southern Illinois 1:30 p.m.
 Tues. 21 Wright State 5:05 p.m.
 Wed. 22 Central Michigan 5:05 p.m.

at Povich Field (Bethesda, MD)
 Sat. 25 vs. Georgetown (DH)* noon
 Sun. 26 vs. Georgetown* noon
 Tues. 28 Valparaiso 5:05 p.m.
 Wed. 29 Western Michigan 5:05 p.m.
 Fri. 31 Pittsburgh* 6:05 p.m.

APRIL
 Sat. 1 Pittsburgh* 1:05 p.m.
 Sun. 2 Pittsburgh* 12:05 p.m.
 Tues. 4 Chicago State 5:05 p.m.
 Wed. 5 Ball State 5:05 p.m.
 Fri. 7 at South Florida* 7:00 p.m.
 Sat. 8 at South Florida* 1:00 p.m.
 Sun. 9 at South Florida* Noon
 Tues. 11 Oakland 5:05 p.m.
 Wed. 12 Manchester 5:05 p.m.
 Thur. 13 St. John's (DH)* (CSTV) 12:05 p.m.
 Sat. 15 St. John's* 12:05 p.m.
 Tues. 18 Toledo 5:05 p.m.
 Wed. 19 IPFW (Comcast Local) 5:05 p.m.
 Fri. 21 Rutgers* 6:05 p.m.
 Sat. 22 Rutgers* 3:05 p.m.
 Sun. 23 Rutgers* 12:05 p.m.
 Tues. 25 Purdue 7:05 p.m.
 Wed. 26 Bowling Green 5:05 p.m.
 Sat. 29 at Connecticut (DH)* noon
 Sun. 30 at Connecticut* 11:00 a.m.

MAY
 Tues. 2 Cleveland State 5:05 p.m.
 Fri. 5 Louisville* 6:05 p.m.
 Sat. 6 Louisville* 1:05 p.m.
 Sun. 7 Louisville* 12:05 p.m.
 Sat. 13 at Seton Hall (DH)* noon
 Sun. 14 at Seton Hall* noon
 Tues. 16 vs. Michigan (Comcast Local) 7:00 p.m.
 (5th/3rd Park; Comstock Park, MI)

at Villanova Ballpark (Plymouth Meeting, PA)
 Thur. 18 vs. Villanova* 4:00 p.m.
 Fri. 19 vs. Villanova* 4:00 p.m.
 Sat. 20 vs. Villanova* noon
 Tues.- 23- *BIG EAST Tournament*
 Sat. 27 Br. House Net. Field (Clearwater, FL)
 Fri.- 2- *NCAA Regionals*
 Sun. 4 (Campus Sites)
 Fri.- 9- *NCAA Super Regionals*
 Sun. 11 (Campus Sites)
 Fri.- 16- *College World Series*
 Mon. 26 (Omaha, NE)

2006 NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

(UTSA Express Classic; San Antonio, Texas; March 10-13)

IRISH SET FOR ANNUAL VISIT TO SAN ANTONIO – The Notre Dame baseball team (2-5) will be looking to rediscover its winning ways while spending spring break in the familiar locale of San Antonio – at double-A Wolff Stadium – for the new UT San Antonio Classic and the traditional Irish Baseball Classic ... the first games are vs. a Texas A&M team that is 13-3 and has cracked the national top-25 polls (March 10; 7:00 central), Iowa (March 11; 11:00; and March 13; 7:00) and Illinois (March 12; 7:00) ... ND already has suffered several tough losses – including a pair of one-run games in Millington, Tenn., in which the Irish held late leads but gave up costly unearned runs (7-6 vs. Memphis, in 10; 4-3 vs. Oklahoma) and three games at Minnesota's DQ Classic in which ND batted a combined 3-for-23 with runners in scoring position ... two of the DQC losses came vs. pitchers ranked among the top-15 pro prospects in all of college baseball (Nebraska's Joba Chamberlain and Arizona's Mark Melancon ... the Arizona game (2-0, in 10) marked ND's second extra-inning loss of the young season ... the Irish entered 2006 with the nation's seventh-best winning pct. of the 2000s (now .721; 281-108-2) ... the veteran Irish lineup returns 8-of-9 position starters, with six seniors in the regular lineup ... ND's pitching staff is fronted by a seasoned three-man rotation that includes senior LHP Tom Thornton and a pair of junior RHPs (Jeff Manship and Jeff Samardzija) who are rated among the nation's top 100 prospects) ... those three pitchers and sophomore LHP Wade Korpi combined for a 1.17 ERA as the opening-week starters ... the Irish in 2005 won an unprecedented fourth straight BIG EAST tournament title before advancing to the NCAA Regional final for the sixth straight season, en route to a 38-24-1 record.

RADIO, LIVE-STATS, TEXT-MESSAGES UPDATES & HOTLINE – All of Notre Dame's 2006 regular-season and postseason again will be broadcast by South Bend's ESPN Radio (now on 1490 AM) ... the broadcasts are available via the internet at www.und.com (All Access subscription) ... und.com also provides links to livestats on the website's main page, for all home games and select road games (including all games in San Antonio) ... a free text-message service (Irish Alert) also now is available (see und.com for details) ... call the ND Sports Hotline at 574-631-3000 for schedule and result information for all varsity sports currently in season (from the main menu, select "4" and then select "1" for baseball information).

PROBABLE PITCHING ROTATION FOR UTSA CLASSIC

3/10 vs. Texas A&M – Jr. RHP Jeff Samardzija ('06: 5.40, 1-1, 2 Ks, 6 BB, 10 H/.270, 10.0 IP; '05: 3.89, 8-1, 56 Ks, 30 BB, 85 H, 78.2 IP)

3/11 vs. Iowa – Jr. RHP Jeff Manship ('06: 1.64, 0-0, 18 Ks, 4 BB, 5 H/.135, 11.0 IP ... '05: 3.97, 2-1, SV, 20 Ks, 10 BB, 24 H, 22.2 IP)

3/12 vs. Illinois – Sr. LHP Tom Thornton ('06: 6.75, 1-1, 8 Ks, 1 BB, 15 H/.375, 9.1 IP ... '05: 4.69, 6-6, 40 Ks, 19 BB, 115 H, 96 IP)

3/13 vs. Iowa – So. LHP Wade Korpi ('06: 4.26, 0-0, 9 Ks, 2 BB, 6 H/.250, 6.1 IP ... '05: 5.47, 4-3, 32 Ks, 33 BB, 73 H, .327)

Opponent probable starters vs. ND (Monday game TBA):

Texas A&M – junior RHP Kyle Nicholson (2.08, 3-0, 20 Ks, 3 BB, 21 H, 21.2 IP)

Iowa – senior RHP Austin Seward (5.23, 1-1, 4 Ks, 6 BB, 7 H, 10.1 IP)

Illinois – junior LHP Brad Mills (4.86, 2-0, 18 Ks, 6 BB, 20 H, 16.2 IP)

ND PROBABLE LINEUP (vs. RHP) * lefthander hitter, ** switch hitter

Pos.	Player	Yr./Ht./Wt.	Hometown	2005 Statistics and Notes
2B	#2 Brett Lilley*	Fr./5-7/165	North Canton, OH	Freshman All-American .355, 28 RBI, 30 HBP
C	#11 Sean Gaston*	Jr./6-0/175	Brownsburg, IN	Cape Cod League All-Star .293, HR, 28 RBI, 27 R
DH	#36 Steve Andres*	Sr./5-10/200	Napa, CA	Also could start in LF .232, 5 HR, 25 RBI, 21 BB
1B	#9 Craig Cooper	Sr./6-2/210	Plainview, NY	2-time BIG EAST bat. champ .325, 7 HR, 58 RBI, 14 SB
SS	#4 Greg Lopez	Sr./6-0/190	Upper Arlington, OH	2nd-year team captain .274, 2 HR, 34 RBI, 7 SAC
LF	#12 Matt Bransfield	Sr./6-1/200	Englewood, CO	Led '04 BIG EAST in RBI .313, 16 RBI, 6 2B (inj.)
2B	#7 Ross Brezovsky*	So./5-10/170	Naples, FL	Prep shortstop .261, 2 HR, 20 RBI, 35 R
CF	#16 Alex Netzey	Sr./6-1/200	Dolton, IL	Strong defensive CF .288, 2 HR, 24 RBI, 44 R
RF	#17 Cody Rizzo	Sr./6-1/195	Temecula, CA	Also serves as #2 catcher .252, 6 HR, 24 RBI, 17 SB

Texas A&M Aggies

Series: Texas A&M Leads Series 2-1

Location: College Station, Texas

Enrollment: 45,002

Colors: Maroon and White

Field: C.E. Pat Olsen Field (330-400-330)

Conference: Big 12

2005 Record: 30-25-1

Conference Record/Finish: 9-18/9th

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/13

Head Coach: Rob Childress (No. Colo. '90)

Record/at A&M: First Season

Assistants: Matt Deggs, Jeremy Talbot

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Website: www.aggieathletics.com

Top Returners (2005 Stats)

Ryan Hill, 1B, DH, Sr. (.317, 3 HR, 24 RBI)

Jason Meyer, LHP, So. (3.04, 5-5, 49 Ks)

Parker Dalton, 2B/SS, Jr. (.259, 2 HR, 21 RBI)

Austin Boggs, 3B, Jr. (.241, 4 HR, 29 RBI)

Chance Corgan, RHP, So. (4.45, 4-3, 50 Ks)

Brandon Glover, OF, So. (.289, 0 HR, 13 RBI)

Jordan Chambless, RHP, So. (2.25, 1-2, 42Ks)

Craig Stinson, C, Sr. ('04-.287, 3 HR, 37 RBI)

ND vs. TEXAS A&M (1-2)

In Mainieri Era: A&M leads 1-0

Neutral Sites: A&M leads 1-0

Current Streak: A&M 1 win

Date	Site	Result	Score
4/6/29	A&M	L	4-7
4/8/69	A&M	W	5-2
3/5/05	R-Rock	L	5-13

Series Scoring	Runs	Avg.
Notre Dame	14	4.6
Texas A&M	22	7.3

UTSA Express Classic Classic Information

Host: University of Texas-San Antonio

Location: San Antonio, Texas **Stadium:** Wolff Stadium **Cap.:** 6,000

Dimensions (LF-CF-RF): 310-402-340 **Ticket Office:** (210) 207-3750

Tournament Schedule (home team listed second)

• Friday, March 10

Illinois vs. Louisiana-Lafayette – 11:00 a.m.

Iowa vs. UTSA – 3:00 p.m. ... Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M – 7:00 p.m.

• Saturday, March 11

Iowa vs. Notre Dame – 11:00 a.m.

La.-Lafayette vs. Texas A&M – 3:00 p.m. ... UTSA vs. Illinois – 7:00 p.m.

• Sunday, March 12

Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Iowa – 11:00 a.m.

Texas A&M vs. UTSA – 3:00 p.m. ... Illinois vs. Notre Dame – 7:00 p.m.

• Monday, March 13

Texas A&M vs. Illinois – 11:00 a.m.

UTSA vs. Louisiana-Lafayette – 3:00 p.m. ... ND vs. Iowa – 7:00 p.m.

SCOUTING THE AGGIES – Texas A&M has entered the national top-25 polls thanks to a 13-3 record that includes a pair of wins over 2005 NCAA runner-up Florida (3-1, 1-0) ... see www.aggieathletics.com for detailed info.

VERSUS THE BIG 12

• Notre Dame owns a 19-17-1 (.527) all-time record vs. teams that currently comprise the Big 12 Conference (3-8 in Paul Mainieri era), having faced all current Big 12 teams that play baseball with the exception of Oklahoma State and Kansas ... the most-common Big 12 teams faced by ND have included Nebraska (10-3 series edge for the Irish), Texas (3-3) and Baylor (2-3), plus a handful of games vs. Texas Tech (1-0), Missouri (1-1), Texas A&M (1-2), Oklahoma (0-2) and Kansas State (0-2) ... ND went 1-1-1 vs. Big 12 team Iowa State (the Cyclones recently dropped their baseball program).

• The Mainieri-era games (3-8) vs. Big 12 teams include: a 6-1 win over Texas Tech at the 2004 Round Rock (TX) Classic; splits with Nebraska (5-3 at 1995 Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio; 1-7 at '03 DQ Metrodome Classic) and Missouri (1-13 at '99 UNO Classic; 7-6 at '02 UNO Classic); a 10-6 loss to Texas in Mainieri's first game at ND (at CS Fullerton); a 13-5 loss to Texas A&M at the '05 Round Rock Classic; a pair of losses to Baylor in San Antonio at the 1995 IBC (1-2; 4-10) – and '06 losses to Oklahoma in Millington, Tenn. (3-4), and to Nebraska at the Dairy Queen Classic (1-11).

FRIEND OR FOR? – ND junior RHP **Jeff Manship** is a former teammate of three A&M players: **Ryan Hill** (Reagan HS), **Austin Boggs** and **Kyle Nicholson** (both with Team Texas and other all-star teams) ... Manship (San Antonio) is one of four Texas natives on the 2006 ND roster, as are sophomore RHP/OF **Tony Langford** (Fort Worth), freshman If/RHP **Jeremy Barnes** (Garland) and freshman LHP **Sam Elam** (Mesquite) ... Langford played in the summer of '05 with the Eules Long Stars of the Texas League (as did A&M players **Chance Corgan**, **Blake Rampy** and **Keith Stein**).

PLAYING THE FIELD – Texas A&M's fellow Big 12 team Oklahoma State is one of just a handful of teams from the nation's top conferences that Notre Dame never has faced (as are Kansas, also of the Big 12, and ACC team Maryland) ... ND baseball has faced 285 opponents in its 115-year history, including 177 of 283 teams (63%) that played on the Div. I level in 2005 (many of the teams ND has not faced are from the smaller conferences) ... other teams of note that ND has yet to face include emerging programs such as the College of Charleston, Virginia Commonwealth, Coastal Carolina, Louisiana-Lafayette, East Carolina and Southern Mississippi – plus west-coast teams such as Cal Poly, San Jose State, UNLV and Utah.

REMEMBER WOLFF STADIUM? – Notre Dame's 2006 spring break trip to San Antonio marks the 19th time in the past 28 seasons (dating back to 1969) that the Irish baseball team has visited the state of Texas. Notre Dame owns a 73-51 all-time record (.589) in games played within the confines of the nation's largest state, including 38-20 (.655) in the previous 11 season of the Paul Mainieri era.

All but two of Mainieri's teams (the 2000 and '03 teams, which spent spring break in Jacksonville, Fla.) have made the familiar trip to San Antonio, where the players stay with host families – many of them developing lasting friendships with the residents of the Alamo City.

Most of the Mainieri-era trips to San Antonio have been part of the annual spring break trip, aside from the '96 Irish Baseball Classic (that team opened spring break in Seattle at the Husky Classic) and the 2001 Alamo Invitational during ND's second weekend of play (the Irish then spent the '01 spring break in Northern California, with that 7-0-1 trip including the team title at the Fresno State Classic – helping the '01 squad later earn the nation's No. 1 ranking).

Notre Dame's success during the past seven seasons has extended to its play in Texas, as the Irish are 21-8 in their previous 29 games in the Lone Star state (dating back to the middle of the 1999 spring break trip).

ND's all-time trips in Texas have included games at the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Round Rock's Dell Diamon, and the University of Dallas (among others).

HAWKEYES NOTES – Iowa has jumped out to a 5-1 start ... ND leads the series 36-23-1, with only one game since 1958 (a 3-2 win in 2000, played at North Florida) ... Iowa returned 23 of 33 letterwinners from its 2005 team that went 28-29, finished 3rd in the Big Ten (19-13) and went 0-2 in the Big Ten Tournament ... see www.hawkeyesports.com for detailed info.

FRIEND OR FOE, PART II. – Notre Dame senior CF **Alex Nettey** and **Trevor Husinga** of Illinois both played for the Fayetteville (N.C.) Swamp Dogs of the Coastal Plains League during the summer of 2005 ... ND junior LHP/1B **Mike Dury** and another Illinois player, **Mike Rhode**, were summer teammates in the Northwoods League (with the Madison Mallards) ... ND junior catcher **Sean Gaston** also played in the Northwoods League during the summer of 2005, on the Waterloo Bucks (as did Illinois player **Ryan Hastings**).

Notre Dame Baseball 2006 Summer Leagues (others TBA)

Brett Lilley (3B, So.) – Cape Cod League (Cotuit Kettleers)
Joey Williamson (RHP, So.) – Alaska League (Anchorage Glacier Pilots)
David Phelps (RHP, Fr.) – Alaska League (Mat-Su Miners; Palmer, AK)
David Gruener (LHP, So.) – Alaska League (Mat-Su Miners; Palmer, AK)
Ross Brezovsky (2B, So.) – Jayhawk League (Hays, KS, Larks)
Sam Elam (LHP, Fr.) – Jayhawk League (Hays, KS, Larks)
Wade Korpi – Valley League (Staunton, VA, Braves)
Kyle Weiland (RHP, Fr.) – Great Lakes League (Delaware, OH, Cows)
Jeremy Barnes (IF/RHP, Fr.) – Great Lakes League (Delaware, OH, Cows)
Danny Dressman (OF, Jr.) – Northwoods League (Madison, WI, Mallards)
Jess Stewart (RHP, Jr.) – Coastal Plains League (Wilson, NC, Tobs)
Brett Graffy (RHP, Fr.) – Central Illinois League (DuPage Dragons)
Eddy Mendiola (3B/C, Fr.) – Florida Collegiate League
Ryan Connolly (OF, Fr.) – New York Collegiate League

VETERAN UNIT – Notre Dame's 2006 opening-day lineup included six seniors, a junior and two sophomores ... it marks just the third time in the 12-year Paul Mainieri era (and only second time since his first season at ND, in '95) that the Irish have not featured at least one freshman position starter:

Notre Dame Freshman Starters in the Paul Mainieri Era

1995 – no freshman starters
1996 – Jeff Wagner (C) and Paul Turco (SS)
1997 – Brant Ust (2B) and Jeff Felker (1B), Jeff Perconte (RF platoon)
1998 – Alec Porzel (LF)
1999 – Steve Stanley (CF), Paul O'Toole (C) and Andrew Bushey (3B)
2000 – Brian Stavisky (RF)
2001 – Steve Sollmann (2B)
2002 – Matt Macri (SS, injured)
2003 – Craig Cooper (LF), Cody Rizzo (RF), Greg Lopez (3B), Steve Andres (DH)
2004 – none
2005 – Brett Lilley (2B/3B), Ross Brezovsky (3B/2B)
2006 – none

LOPEZ JOINS WEEKLY DIARY STAFF FOR COLLEGE BASEBALL INSIDER
Notre Dame senior shortstop and second-year captain Greg Lopez is one of four players in all of Division I baseball who will be featured this season during a weekly diary feature on www.collegebaseballinsider.com ... check the CBI website and look for more on this diary series at und.com.

LANGFORD LOST FOR SEASON AFTER ELBOW SURGERY

Notre Dame sophomore Tony Langford – who was poised to be a valuable two-way player for the Irish in 2005 – will be lost for the season after undergoing reconstructive "Tommy John" elbow surgery on Feb. 22 ... Langford was in line to be on the top late-game righthanded relievers for the Irish and also figured heavily in the mix as a righthanded-hitting DH.

SCHEDULE CHANGES – There have been several minor changes to the Notre Dame 2006 baseball schedule, since its initial release on Dec. 10:

- The first two days of the Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio have shifted start times ... Iowa and Southern Illinois now will open the tournament on March 15 at noon while the March 16 schedule will include a noon game between ND and Iowa, with another SIU-Iowa game on that day at 4:30.

- Two home games have shifted their start times (April 22 vs. Rutgers at 3:05; April 25 vs. Purdue at 7:05) while the April 13 doubleheader vs. St. John's will be telecast live by CSTV (other TV broadcasts are TBA).

- The BIG EAST also has announced that the eight-team conference tournament will be held in the new venue of Bright House Networks Field (Clearwater, Fla.), the Philadelphia Phillies spring-training site and home field for their single-A affiliate.

- Also of note is the fact that South Bend/Notre Dame now observes Eastern time (including DST) all year-round ... that's a switch from past years when South Bend residents never changed their clocks (and were on EST year-round) ... thus, South Bend no longer will be on the equivalent of Central time from April through October, as it has been in recent years (South Bend's time zone now will be aligned with the east coast all 12 months).

ND BASEBALL AND ECK STADIUM FEATURED IN EA SPORTS GAME

– The Notre Dame baseball program and Eck Stadium are prominent elements in the newly-released EA Sports home video game MVP 06 NCAA Baseball ... the revolutionary game features Notre Dame and 127 other Division I teams while Eck Stadium is one of 19 stadiums featured in the popular new release ... EA Sports – the makers of the highest-rated and top-selling baseball game of the past three years – has created a completely new baseball experience: MVP 06 NCAA® Baseball. Inspired by the spirit and emotion of collegiate athletics, MVP 06 NCAA Baseball is the first-ever college baseball game.

ILLINI NOTES – Illinois is off to an 3-3 start after a sweep of BIG EAST newcomers South Florida ... Illinois returned just 9 of 22 letterwinners from its 2005 team that went 33-23-1 and won the Big Ten (20-12; 0-2 in tournament) ... Illinois leads the all-time series vs. ND 37-22 but the Irish have won 4-of-5 in the Paul Mainieri era: 15-4 at ND in '95, 3-13 at Illinois in '96, a pair of games played at North Florida in 2000 (5-1, 12-3), and the 9-5 ND win at the 2001 Fresno State Classic ... the teams were rained out of a 2004 game at the Round Rock Classic ... see www.fightingillini.com for detailed info.

FRIEND OR FOE?, PART III.? – Notre Dame junior LHP/1B **Mike Dury** played 2004 summer ball alongside Iowa's **Tim Gudez**, with the Madison Mallards of the Northwoods League.

IN-STATE BATTLES – After the season-opening win over Indiana State, Notre Dame now owns a 44-9 record (.830) vs. fellow Indiana-based schools during the Paul Mainieri era (since '95), with games versus: Valparaiso (10-1), Butler (7-0), Purdue (6-2), IUPUI (5-0), Indiana Tech (4-1), Indiana (3-0), Indianapolis (2-0), IPFW (2-0), Indiana State (2-1), Ball State (2-3), and Evansville (1-1) ... the Irish have 2006 games schedule vs. Valparaiso, Ball state and IPFW.

FOR OPENERS – Following the 3-0 win over Indiana State, ND now is 8-1 in its past nine season openers, with five straight wins (29-9 margin in the past three openers).

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON – Six current Irish players are second-generation college baseball players: senior IF **Eddie Smith** (Ed Smith, Gonzaga), junior LHP/1B **Mike Dury** (John Dury, N.C. State), junior RHP **Jeff Manship** (John Manship, Arizona), freshman IF **Evan Sharpley** (Tom Sharpley, Spring Arbor) and freshman C **Mike Many** (Bob Many, Northern Illinois).

OPENING-DAY HOME RUNS – Current seniors **Steve Andres** and **Matt Bransfield** are two of 13 Notre Dame players in the Pat Murphy/Paul Mainieri era (since '89) to hit a home run on opening day, with Andres doing so in 2005 vs. Florida A&M (at UCF) and Bransfield in the 2006 opener vs. Indiana State (in Millington) ... Matt Edwards also homered in the 2005 game vs. FAMU, one of two openers since '89 in which the Irish have hit multiple HRs (Craig DeSensi, Paul Failla and Eric Danapilis all homered in the 1993 opener, a 11-4 win at Arizona State) ... ND players have homered in each of the past five season openers – also Matt Bok in '02 (vs. Missouri, at UNO), Kris Billmaier in '03 (vs. Dayton, at ASU) and Edwards in '04 (vs. San Diego State, at USC) ... Edwards is the only player from the Murphy/Mainieri era to hit multiple opening-day HRs in his career ... the program's 13 opening-day HRs in the past 18 seasons have come from six seniors, five juniors and two sophomores (none since '93); three first basemen, two catchers, two DHs, two shortstops and two leftfielder (also a CF and RF).

OUTFIELD VETERANS – Notre Dame's current four veteran outfielders – the senior trio of LF **Steve Andres**, CF **Alex Nettey** and RF **Cody Rizzo**, plus junior **Danny Dressman** – have combined to make 310 outfield starts in their Notre Dame careers ... that total does not include the 115 career outfield starts by senior Craig Cooper, who is slated to shift to first base in 2006:

<u>Career OF Starts</u>	<u>LF</u>	<u>CF</u>	<u>RF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cody Rizzo	13	30	95	138
Craig Cooper	50	8	57	115
Alex Nettey	4	76	2	82
Steve Andres	59	0	2	61
Danny Dressman	6	29	2	37
Totals	130	140	155	425

MANSHIP DELIVERS AGAIN – Notre Dame junior RHP **Jeff Manship** has logged two impressive starts vs. quality opponents (Oklahoma and Arizona), compiling a 1.64 ERA, 18 strikeouts, just four walks and five hits allowed in 11 innings (2 runs allowed; .135 opp. batting avg.) ... his fast start has Manship on pace to challenge longstanding ND season records for Ks per 9 IP (14.7; current record of 12.8 has stood for nearly 50 years) and fewest hits allowed per 9 IP (4.6; record of 4.1 was set in '63) ... he is averaging 24.5 outs per 9 IP via Ks or groundouts while allowing just one two-out hit (1-for-13) and one hit with runners on base (1-for-14) over the course of his two starts ... his outing last week vs. Arizona included a career-best 10 strikeouts and seven groundball outs in six innings, allowing just three hits (none with runners on base or with 2-outs) and two walks ... Manship became the first Notre Dame pitcher with a double-digit strikeout game since Tom Thornton's 12 strikeouts vs. Kent State in the 2004 NAAs.

SCORING STREAK ENDS AT 215 – The second-longest scoring streak in Notre Dame baseball history (215 games, dating back to 2002) ended in last week's 8-0 loss to the host team Minnesota at the Dairy Queen Classic ... a 2002 shutout loss to Rutgers ended ND's record scoring streak (231) but the Irish then scored in 215 straight before the loss to the Gophers ... ND now has been shut out just eight times in the 12-year Paul Mainieri era (never more than twice in the same season).

TIMELY HITTING AND PITCHING – Here's a look at some key situational stats, with seven games in the books:

- Senior LF Matt Bransfield is batting .364 (4-for-11) with runners in scoring position but the team as a whole is hitting just .259 with RBI chances.
- The Irish have reached on just 31% of leadoff plate appearances, led by Ross Brezovsky (3-of-7), Brett Lilley (3-of-7) and Sean Gaston (4-of-7) ... Alex Nettey is one of ND's top leadoff options but has reached just 4-of-13 times (31%) when leading off in '06.
- The ND pitchers have struggled vs. leadoff batters (allowing 32-of-62, or 52%, to reach) but have buckled down with runners on base (.223 opp. batting), including .286 with runners in scoring position ... the opponents have cashed in half of their leadoff baserunners (16-of-43 have scored, including 6-of-6 that scored in the Nebraska game).
- The opponents own a significant edge in two-out batting (.275, to .212 for ND), with 16 two-out RBI for the opponents and just five for ND (three of those came on Mike Dury's home run vs. Oklahoma).
- Other stats of note – the Irish have grounded into eight double plays and have stolen just six stolen bases ... senior SS Greg Lopez has made just one error in 33 fielding chances (.970) and the Irish own a .977 team fielding pct. (just four errors by startign position players) ... the ND pitchers have totaled just 21 walks in 62 innings, for 3.05 BB per 9 IP.

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL 2006 QUICK FACTS

Location Notre Dame, IN 46556
 Founded 1842
 First Season of Baseball 1892
 Undergraduate Enrollment 8,311

Nickname Fighting Irish
 Colors Gold and Blue
 Conference BIG EAST
 Athletic Director Kevin White

Stadium (cap.) Eck Stadium (2,500)
 Surface, Dim..... Grass, 331-401--331

Head Coach Paul Mainieri (Fla. Int'l '80)
 Career Record 819-475-3 (23 seasons)
 Record at ND 488-196-2 (11 seasons)

Asst. Coach Terry Rooney (Radford '96)
 Asst. Coach Cliff Godwin (ECU '01)
 Vol. Asst. John Gumpf (CS San Bernadino '97)

Letterwinners Ret./Lost 21/7
 Position Starters Ret./Lost 8/1
 Letterwinning Pitchers Ret./Lost 10/5
 Total Returners 21 (13 pos./10 pitchers)
 Newcomers 11

2005 Record 38-24-1
 2004 BIG EAST Record/Finish .. 14-9-1/3rd
 Postseason 2-2 NCAA Gainesville Reg.

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MILESTONE MARKERS – The following individuals are approaching statistical milestones in their Notre Dame careers:

Jeff Samardzija 100 strikeouts
 Cody Rizzo 151 hits, 94 RBI
 Tom Thornton 154 strikeouts
 Greg Lopez 98 RBI, 93 runs
 Steve Andres ... 93 runs, 87 RBI, 86 walks
 Paul Mainieri 490 wins (at ND)
 Matt Bransfield 90 RBI
 Alex Nettey 88 hits

NOTRE DAME BASEBALL 2006 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

Position Starters Returning (Avg/HR/RBI)

1B – Craig Cooper (Sr.; .325/7/58; 14 SB)
 3B – Brett Lilley* (So.; .355/0/28; 30 HBP)
 SS – Greg Lopez (Sr.; .274/2/34; 7 SAC)
 C – Sean Gaston* (Jr.; .293/1/28; 27 R)
 RF – Cody Rizzo (Sr.; .252/6/24; 17 SB)
 LF – Matt Bransfield (Sr.; .313/0/16; 6 2B)
 CF – Alex Nettey (Sr.; .288/2/24; 44 R)
 2B – Ross Brezovsky* (So.; .261/2/20; 35 R)
 DH/LF – Steve Andres* (Sr.; .232/5/25; 21 BB)

Position Starter Lost (Avg/HR/RBI)

1B – Matt Edwards (.353/14/68; 21 2B, 46 BB)

* Notes: stats for '05 season ... asterisks indicate lefthanded hitters ... no other position players lost from the 2005 team that had more than 5 at-bats ... Cooper started in the outfield during the 2003-05 seasons ... Bransfield was injured for part of '05 and previously has been a DH and reserve catcher with the Irish.

Top Returning Pitchers ('05 stats)

Tom Thornton* (Sr.; 4.69 ERA, 6-6, 40 Ks)
 Jeff Samardzija (Jr.; 3.89 ERA, 8-1, 56 Ks)
 Jeff Manship (Jr.; 3.97 ERA, 2-1, SV, 20 Ks)
 Mike Dury* (Jr.; 1.38 ERA, 1-0, 2 SV, 17 Ks)
 Wade Korpi* (So.; 5.47 ERA, 4-3, 32 Ks)

Top Pitcher Lost ('05 stats)

Ryan Doherty (3.79 ERA, 1-3, 7 SV, 44 Ks)

* Note: asterisks indicate LHPs

Key Freshmen (stats for 2005)

Kyle Weiland (RHP; Albuquerque, NM)
 First team all-state
 (5.20 ERA, 4-1, 2 SV, 53 Ks, 19 BB, 35 IP)

David Phelps (RHP; Hazelwood, MO)
 First team all-state
 (1.56 ERA, 6-2, 88 Ks, 18 BB, 25 H, 54 IP)

Jeremy Barnes (RHP/IF; Garland, TX)
 All-state shortstop
 (.430, 4 HR ... team-record 1.31 ERA in '04)

Sam Elam (LHP; Mesquite, TX)
 Led team to regional championship
 (2.50 ERA, 9-3, 72 Ks, 35 IP)

Eddy Mendiola (3B/C; Miami, FL)
 All-country honors
 (.390, 3 HR, 6 2B, 14 RBI, 20 BB, 14 SB)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

• The Notre Dame baseball team traditionally has matched its stellar play on the field with strong performances in the classroom and that continued to be the case in the 2005 fall semester – as the 32 players combined for a 3.17 team GPA during the semester.

• The NCAA's recently-released Graduation Success Rate (GSR) data also reinforced the Notre Dame baseball program's elite academic standing, as the Irish were one of 17 teams among 268 in Division I – but one of only two teams from that group that also currently are in the national top-25 polls – to compile a 100% graduation rate, during a four-year sample of classes entering from 1995-98.

• The Irish also own a 100% graduation rate (63-of-63) among four-year players throughout the tenure of head coach Paul Mainieri ('95-present), with 12 others who signed professionally prior to their senior season returning to complete or near completion of their degree requirements.

• Twenty-one of the ND baseball players posted a GPA of 3.0-plus during the 2005 fall semester, with 11 checking in at 3.4 or higher ... the ND players also have combined for an impressive 3.10 cumulative team GPA over the course of their college careers.

• Notre Dame boasts several strong Academic All-America candidates in 2006, most notably: senior LHP **Tom Thornton** (3.54 cumulative GPA; as a double major in anthropology and film-television-and-theater), sophomore 3B **Brett Lilley** (3.64; business), senior SS **Greg Lopez** (3.39; pre-professional studies and anthropology), senior LF/DH **Matt Bransfield** (3.36; sociology) and junior catcher **Sean Gaston** (3.36; political science and history) ... Notre Dame's unmatched Academic All-America history includes 20 honorees since 1992.

• The senior class led the way for the Irish during the 2005 fall semester, averaging a 3.54 semester GPA that included seven players above a 3.4 and all eight posting a semester GPA of 3.05 or higher.

FOUR-PEAT NO EASY FEAT – Oral Roberts (8) is the only team in the nation with a longer active streak of conference tournament titles than Notre Dame's four straight BIG EAST Tournament titles ... Rice won nine straight Western Athletic Conference automatic bids from 1997-2005 (the WAC does not sponsor a tournament and awards its bid to the regular-season champ) ... ORU and Rice are the only teams – among 30 Division I conferences – that are riding a streak of more than four consecutive conference automatic bids ... ND also owns the record for consecutive wins in BIG EAST tournament play (7, still active).

IRISH MAKE SEVENTH STRAIGHT NCAA TRIP – Notre Dame, which bounced back from a 14-14 start to the 2005 season by going 22-8-1 in the second half, made its seventh straight appearance in the NCAAs and eighth of the Paul Mainieri era (since '95) ... the Irish are part of an elite group of 12 teams that have appeared in the NCAAs every year since 1999, with the others including: recent NCAA champions Miami, LSU, Texas, Rice and Cal State Fullerton, plus Florida State, Stanford, Clemson, Tulane, East Carolina and Oral Roberts ... ND is part of an even smaller list of seven teams that have advanced to at least the NCAA Regional final every year since 2000 (six straight), with the other five teams including LSU, Miami, Rice, South Carolina, Stanford and Texas.

PLATE-DISCIPLINE CHART

Player	Walks	Hit-By-Pitch	Strikeouts	Plate Discipline (BB+HBP-Ks)
Danny Dressman ('06)	4	0	1	+3
(2005)	5	1	12	-6
Sean Gaston ('06)	4	0	3	+1
(2005)	5	4	16	-7
Craig Cooper ('06)	1	1	1	+1
(2005)	32	14	22	+24
Ross Brezovsky ('06)	2	0	2	-
(2005)	16	4	40	-20
Mike Dury ('06)	1	1	2	-
(2005)	2	1	11	-8
Jeremey Barnes ('06)	3	0	3	-
Alex Nettey ('06)	0	2	3	-1
(2005)	13	14	29	-2
Brett Lilley ('06)	1	2	5	-3
(2005)	34	27	32	+29
Steve Andres ('06)	2	0	5	-3
(2005)	21	6	20	+7
Greg Lopez ('06)	0	0	3	-3
(2005)	10	16	43	-17
Cody Rizzo ('06)	0	0	5	-5
(2005)	22	21	35	+8
Matt Bransfield ('06)	1	0	9	-8
(2005)	10	7	14	+3
TEAM TOTALS	19	6	48	-23
(2005)	220	125	328	+17

Note: Lilley, Cooper and Matt Edwards (+17) were a combined +70 in the 2005 plate-discipline ratio (the rest of the team was -53)

Notre Dame Baseball 2005 Summer-League Statistics

Sean Gaston (Cotuit Kettleers; Cape Cod League) – named to league all-star team, also named first team all-league and team MVP ... hit .298 with 12 RBI and .328 on-base pct. (4 extra-base hits)

Jeff Manship (Cotuit Kettleers; Cape Cod League) – his win in final week clinched playoff spot (3-3, 2.88 ERA, 45 Ks, 15 BB, 44 H, 50 IP, 9 GS)

Craig Cooper (Brewster Whitecaps; Cape Cod League) – hit .217 with 11 R, 6 2B, 17 BB, 4 SB

Matt Bransfield (Mat-Su Miners; Alaska League) – named to league all-star team while leading team in slugging (.469) and doubles (12), ranking 2nd in RBI (23), and 3rd in both batting (.312) and on-base pct. (.409)

Cody Rizzo (Mat-Su Miners; Alaska League) – 2nd on team with 9 times hit-by-pitch (hit .188, 6 BB, HR, 12 R, 5 RBI)

Alex Nettey (Fayetteville, NC Swampdogs; Coastal Plains League) – hit .236 as starting CF (3 BB, 9 HBP, 8 R, 12 RBI, 8 SB)

Danny Dressman (Madison, WI Mallards; Northwoods League) – team's top defensive outfielder, making just one error in 54 GP (hit .297, 18 R, 17 RBI, 3 2B, 12 BB, 6 SB)

Ross Brezovsky (Hays, KS Larks; Jayhawk League) – hit .256 with 18 runs scored (8 RBI, 3 2B, 15 BB, 12 K, 31 G)

David Gruener (Hays, KS Larks; Jayhawk League) – had 9 starts in 11 appearances (5-2, 59 Ks, 23 BB, 44 H, 52 IP)

Wade Korpi (Staunton, VA, Braves; Valley League) – went 3-3 with 4.67 ERA in 12 appearances (46 Ks, 34.2 IP, 4 GS, 18 BB, 36 H, .265 opp. avg.)

Joey Williamson (Luray, VA, Wranglers; Valley League) – posted 2.06 ERA, and 3-0 record (9 GP/6 GS, 42 Ks, 20 BB, 26 H)

Eddie Smith (DuPage Dragons; Central Illinois Collegiate League) – stole 4 bases on 5 attempts (.156, 8 R, 5 RBI, .315 OBP, .938 FLD)

FAR & WIDE – Notre Dame's nine position player starters hail from seven states, including two outfielders from **California** (senior LF/DH Steve Andres and RF Cody Rizzo) and two leftside infielders from **Ohio** (senior SS Greg Lopez and sophomore 3B Brett Lilley), plus one each from **New York** (senior 1B Craig Cooper), **Colorado** (senior LF/DH Matt Bransfield), **Indiana** (junior C Sean Gaston), **Florida** (sophomore 3B Ross Brezovsky) and **Illinois** (senior CF Alex Nettey)

STATE ROLL CALL – The Notre Dame list of all-time monogram winners includes players from 44 home states ... pitchers Brandon Vioria (Wailuku, Hawaii) in 2000 and Cody Wilkins (Hudson, N.C.) in 2004 became the first players from their respective states ever to monogram with the Irish baseball program ... the only states that have not produced ND baseball letterwinners include Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Vermont ... the 12-year Paul Mainieri era has featured players from 36 states, including 15 states on the 2006 roster (see list below):

Florida (4) – Ross Brezovsky (Naples), Wade Korpi (Lake Worth), Eddy Mendiola (Miami), Joey Williamson (Lantana)

Indiana (4) – Mike Dury (Indianapolis), Sean Gaston (Brownsburg), Jeff Samardzija (Valparaiso), John Seabaugh (Granger)

Texas (4) – Jeremy Barnes (Garland), Sam elam (Mesquite), Tony Langford (Fort Worth), Jeff Manship (San Antonio)

California (3) – Steve Andres (Napa), Danny Dressman (San Jose), Cody Rizzo (Temecula)

Illinois (3) – Brett Graffy (Homer Glen), Mike Many (Naperville), Alex Nettey (Dolton)

Michigan (2) – Dan Kapala (Royal Oak), Evan Sharpley (Marshall)

New York (2) – Ryan Connolly (Binghamton), Craig Cooper (Plainview)

Ohio (2) – Brett Lilley (North Canton), Greg Lopez (Upper Arlington)

Washington (2) – David Gruener (Gig Harbor), Eddie Smith (Olympia)

Colorado (1) – Matt Bransfield (Englewood)

Massachusetts (1) – Tom Thornton (Middleboro)

Missouri (1) – David Phelps (Hazelton)

New Jersey (1) – Chris Soriano (Randolph)

New Mexico (1) – Kyle Weiland (Albuquerque)

Virginia (1) – Jess Stewart (Manassas)

**MANSHIP, SAMARDZIJA
AMONG NATION'S TOP PROSPECTS**

• *Baseball America* recently released its annual list of college baseball's top-100 prospects for the 2006 Major League baseball draft and Notre Dame was one of six teams in the nation to feature two starting pitchers among those top-100 prospects – as **Jeff Manship** is slotted at No. 75 on that list while fellow junior righthander **Jeff Samardzija** is listed 94th ... the other teams with two starting pitchers among the top-100 prospects are UNC, Missouri, Cal Poly, Washington and San Diego.

• *BA's* annual college preview issue lists ND senior 1B **Craig Cooper** and sophomore B **Brett Lilley** on its preseason all-BIG EAST team ... *BA* also cites three ND players – Lilley, SS **Greg Lopez** and junior catcher **Sean Gaston** – as the BIG EAST's best defensive players at their respective positions while tabbing Lilley as the BIG EAST batter with the "best strike-zone discipline," Samardzija as the BIG EAST's best athlete, Manship as the league's pitcher with the best breaking ball and senior lefthander **Tom Thornton** as the BIG EAST pitcher with the best control.

• *BA's* prospect rankings list Manship fourth and Samardzija sixth among the BIG EAST's top prospects while Cooper is listed 44th among the nation's top senior prospects.

LIDGE NAMED TO WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC TEAM – Former Notre Dame ace pitcher and current Houston Astros all-star closer **Brad Lidge** ('96-'98) was one of 16 college baseball products who were named to the United States original 30-man roster for the upcoming World Baseball Classic, a 16-nation tournament that will held from March 3-20 at venues in Japan, Puerto Rico and the United States ... former Notre Dame standout and current Arizona Diamondbacks infielder **Craig Counsell** ('92) was not named to the team but is one of 22 players who remain on the provisional roster – with the official U.S. 30-man roster not to be submitted to WBC organizers until March 2 ... all 10 of the relief pitchers originally named to the team are former college baseball players, as is Astros starting pitcher Roger Clemens (Texas) and five position players.

CLUTCH HITTING KEY COMPONENT – Three stats that measure clutch offensive production – leadoff on-base pct., batting with runners in scoring position and 2-out batting – show that clutch hitting can overcome a team's dropoff in power numbers, as then-freshman 3B Brett Lilley proved to be a valuable addition to the 2005 team ... using a formula that combines those three situational hitting numbers, Lilley was the runaway team leader with a "clutch hitting" score of 1.402 ... that number can be skewed a bit by the on-base pct. (which has the benefit of including walks and HBPs and thus is higher than the batting avg. stats) ... using an adjustment whereby the leadoff on-base pct. is multiplied by 75%, Lilley still checked in as ND's all-around leader in clutch hitting with a 1.273 score (.515 leadoff on-base/.386 adjusted, .448 RISP, .439 with 2-outs) ... Lilley led the team in 2-out batting and batting with RISP while ranking 3rd in leadoff OB (better than his overall team-leading .502 OB pct.) ... current senior 1B Craig Cooper was 2nd overall with a 1.117 clutch-hitting score that included the team's 2nd-best batting averages with 2 outs (.439) and with runners in scoring position (.448) ... departed 1B Matt Edwards was the 2005 team's runaway leader with a .581 leadoff on-base pct. ... as a team, the most consistent part of ND's 205 clutch offense was leadoff on-base pct. (.406/.311 adjusted), followed by batting with RISP (.309) while the 2-out batting lagged behind at .294 ... here's a look at how each 2005 player rated on the clutch-hitting matrix:

CLUTCH-HITTING CHART (team rank listed before each stat)

	Leadoff On-Base Pct.	Batting w/ RISP	2-Out Batting	Clutch Hit Tot.
Brett Lilley (2005)	.429 (3-7) (3) .515 (.386 adjusted)	.000 (0-2) (1) .448	.000 (0-6) (1) .439	1,273
Craig Cooper (2005)	– (5) .419 (.314)	.000 (0-3) (2) .434	.333 (1-3) (2) .369	1,117
Matt Bransfield (2005)	.200 (1-5) (2) .542 (.407)	.364 (4-11) (6) .314	.222 (2-9) (6) .286	1,007
Sean Gaston (2005)	.571 (4-7) (7) .357 (.268)	.000 (0-1) (4) .322	.000 (0-2) (5) .302	892
Alex Nettey (2005)	.308 (4-13) (6) .418 (.314)	.500 (1-2) (9) .273	.200 (1-5) (12) .219	806
Greg Lopez (2005)	.400 (2-5) (8) .353 (.265)	.250 (2-8) (10) .242	.000 (0-5) (7) .279	786
Cody Rizzo (2005)	.000 (0-2) (4) .436 (.327)	.286 (2-7) (12) .190	.250 (2-8) (10) .246	763
Ross Brezovsky (2005)	.429 (3-7) (10) .298 (.224)	.200 (1-5) (7) .288	.143 (1-7) (10) .246	758
Steve Andres (2005)	.400 (2-5) (11) .286 (.215)	.167 (1-6) (11) .220	.250 (2-8) (8) .275	710
Danny Dressman (2005)	.000 (0-2) (13) .182 (.137)	.000 (0-1) (8) .286	.250 (1-4) (9) .250	673
Mike Dury (2005)	.000 (0-1) (9) .333 (.250)	.333 (1-3) (13) .182	.333 (1-3) (13) .167	599
Jeremy Barnes	.111 (1-9)	0-0	.750 (3-4)	
TEAM	.308	.259	.212	
(2005)	.406 (.311)	.309	.294	908

NCAA RECORD BOOK CAREER HIT-BY-PITCH

1. 92 Tony Hurtado (San Fran.; '97-'00); 221 GP (2.40 gms/HBP)
2. 81 Gabe Somarriba (FL Atlantic; '99-'02); 226 GP (2.79 gms/HBP)
3. 74 Jeff Ontiveros (Texas; 1999-2002); 258 GP (3.49 gms/HBP)
4. **70* Cody Rizzo (Notre Dame; '03-); 177 GP (2.53 gms/HBP)**

* At his career average pace, Rizzo would need to play in 58 more games to break the NCAA career HBP record

NCAA RECORD BOOK PLAYER SEASON HIT-BY-PITCH

1. 33 Andrew Slater (Richmond, '97)
2. 32 Gary Morris (Elon, '05)
- 32 Steve Dembrowski (F. Dickinson, '79)
4. **30 Brett Lilley (Notre Dame, '05)**
5. 29 Ryder Mathias (Wake Forest, '05)
- 29 Chris Nelson (Southern Utah, '02)
- 29 Jonah Martin (Arizona State, '00)
- 29 Corky Miller (Nevada, '98)
10. **28 Cody Rizzo (Notre Dame, '03)**

Note: Lilley and Rizzo are the only players from the same school on the above top-10 list (28-plus HBPs in a season)

NCAA RECORD BOOK TEAM SEASON HIT-BY-PITCH

<u>Team</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Gms</u>	<u>HBP (per gm)</u>
1. Notre Dame	'05	63	130 (2.06)
2. Nevada	'97	60	125 (2.08)
3. Long Beach St.	'98	67	124 (1.85)
Coll. Charleston	'04	63	122 (1.94)
5. Cal St. Fullerton	'03	66	117 (1.77)
6. Arizona State	'00	59	115 (1.95)
Long Beach St.	'99	60	114 (1.90)
8. Notre Dame	'04	63	106 (1.68)

• The 2005 Notre Dame team owns the 2nd-best HBP per game among teams on the above list ... ND totaled 236 HBPs in the past two seasons, in 125 games (1.89 per game) ... ND (106 in '04; 130 in '05) and Long Beach State (124 in '98, 114 in '99) are the only teams to post 106-plus HBPs in multiple seasons

Double-Digit Hit Streaks in the Paul Mainieri era (since '95)

- 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 – 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 – Javi Sanchez (2002; SS, So.)
- 12 – Steve Stanley (1999; CF, Fr.)
- 12 – Jeff Wagner (1998; Jr., C)
- 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 – 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 in the Mainieri Era

- 8 – Steve Stanley
- 4 – Steve Sollmann
- 3 – Brian Stavisky, Matt Edwards
- 2 – Brant Ust, Allen Greene,
Jeff Wagner, J.J. Brock