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[8-4 overall] [1-1 BIG EAST] [6-2 home] [1-1 away] [1-1 neutral]  
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	<b>2</b>	<p><b>Marie Roof</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of two juniors on the Irish roster</li> <li>• Bounced 23 kills while playing in 31 sets in 2010</li> <li>• All-state in volleyball and hoops as a prep in Michigan</li> </ul>	<p>Outside Hitter • 6-0 • Junior • Muskegon, Mich. • Mona Shores</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>Digs</th> <th>D/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>17</td> <td>8</td> <td>0</td> <td>0.00</td> <td>-.429</td> <td>27</td> <td>1.59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>58</td> <td>26</td> <td>24</td> <td>0.41</td> <td>.108</td> <td>56</td> <td>0.97</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	Digs	D/set	2011	17	8	0	0.00	-.429	27	1.59	CAREER	58	26	24	0.41	.108	56	0.97
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	<b>3</b>	<p><b>Andrea McHugh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 kills vs. Butler • 16 kills (.577) vs. Lipscomb</li> <li>• Five double-doubles in 2011 • BIG EAST Player of the Week (8.29)</li> <li>• Spent past summer playing with U.S. Junior National team</li> </ul>	<p>Outside Hitter • 5-10 • Sophomore • Yorba Linda, Calif. • El Dorado</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>Digs</th> <th>D/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>44</td> <td>12</td> <td>138</td> <td>3.14</td> <td>.187</td> <td>160</td> <td>3.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>155</td> <td>43</td> <td>524</td> <td>3.38</td> <td>.208</td> <td>439</td> <td>2.83</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	Digs	D/set	2011	44	12	138	3.14	.187	160	3.64	CAREER	155	43	524	3.38	.208	439	2.83
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	<b>4</b>	<p><b>Sam Brown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four blocks in two sets vs. St. Mary's</li> <li>• Seven blocks and eight kills vs. Eastern Michigan</li> <li>• Outstanding athlete with huge vertical jump</li> </ul>	<p>Middle Blocker • 6-2 • Sophomore • Albuquerque, N.M. • St. Pius X</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>Blocks</th> <th>B/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>14</td> <td>6</td> <td>16</td> <td>1.14</td> <td>.154</td> <td>15</td> <td>1.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>59</td> <td>24</td> <td>66</td> <td>1.12</td> <td>.247</td> <td>43</td> <td>0.73</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	Blocks	B/set	2011	14	6	16	1.14	.154	15	1.07	CAREER	59	24	66	1.12	.247	43	0.73
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	<b>5</b>	<p><b>Andie Olsen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 kills (.333) with a pair of blocks vs. Butler</li> <li>• Versatile and powerful in the middle for the Irish corps</li> <li>• Accomplished singer and songwriter</li> </ul>	<p>Middle Blocker • 6-2 • Sophomore • Oakland, Calif. • Bishop O'Dowd</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>Blocks</th> <th>B/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>10</td> <td>5</td> <td>13</td> <td>1.30</td> <td>.212</td> <td>2</td> <td>0.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>58</td> <td>26</td> <td>60</td> <td>1.03</td> <td>.270</td> <td>35</td> <td>0.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	Blocks	B/set	2011	10	5	13	1.30	.212	2	0.20	CAREER	58	26	60	1.03	.270	35	0.60
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	<b>6</b>	<p><b>Maggie Brindock</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Led Irish to a three-set team record .549 clip vs. Lipscomb</li> <li>• Started 11 of 12 matches for Irish in 2011</li> <li>• Six kills and eight digs with 22 assists at No. 6 Stanford</li> </ul>	<p>Setter • 5-11 • Sophomore • Rockwall, Texas • Rockwall</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Assists</th> <th>A/set</th> <th>Aces</th> <th>Digs</th> <th>D/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>38</td> <td>12</td> <td>343</td> <td>9.03</td> <td>4</td> <td>68</td> <td>1.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>87</td> <td>35</td> <td>565</td> <td>6.49</td> <td>7</td> <td>101</td> <td>1.16</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Assists	A/set	Aces	Digs	D/set	2011	38	12	343	9.03	4	68	1.79	CAREER	87	35	565	6.49	7	101	1.16
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	<b>8</b>	<p><b>Frenchy Silva</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10+ digs in nine of 10 contests • 22 digs vs. Butler and Villanova</li> <li>• All-Tournament Team: InnTowner Invite / Shamrock Invite</li> <li>• 12th Irish player ever to record 1,000 career digs</li> </ul>	<p>Libero / DS • 5-4 • Senior • Laguna Niguel, Calif. • Dana Hills</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Assists</th> <th>A/set</th> <th>Aces</th> <th>Digs</th> <th>D/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>44</td> <td>12</td> <td>22</td> <td>0.50</td> <td>12</td> <td>184</td> <td>4.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>339</td> <td>97</td> <td>212</td> <td>0.63</td> <td>45</td> <td>1144</td> <td>3.37</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Assists	A/set	Aces	Digs	D/set	2011	44	12	22	0.50	12	184	4.18	CAREER	339	97	212	0.63	45	1144	3.37
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	<b>9</b>	<p><b>Nicole Smith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will miss the duration of the 2011 campaign after tearing MCL/ACL and fracturing her knee during the preseason</li> <li>• Hails from same area as Irish All-American Lauren Brewster</li> </ul>	<p>Outside Hitter • 6-1 • Sophomore • Franklin, Tenn. • Fred Page</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>Digs</th> <th>D/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>--</td> <td>--</td> <td>--</td> <td>--</td> <td>--</td> <td>--</td> <td>--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>26</td> <td>12</td> <td>29</td> <td>1.12</td> <td>0.48</td> <td>13</td> <td>0.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	Digs	D/set	2011	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	CAREER	26	12	29	1.12	0.48	13	0.50
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	<b>10</b>	<p><b>Kathleen Severyn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posted a pair of two-ace outings during Shamrock Invite</li> <li>• Two aces vs. Portland • Two aces at Wisconsin</li> <li>• Sixth member of family to attend Notre Dame</li> </ul>	<p>Libero / DS • 5-7 • Freshman • Naperville, Ill. • Benet Academy</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Assists</th> <th>A/set</th> <th>Aces</th> <th>Digs</th> <th>D/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>35</td> <td>12</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.03</td> <td>9</td> <td>8</td> <td>0.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>35</td> <td>12</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.03</td> <td>9</td> <td>8</td> <td>0.23</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Assists	A/set	Aces	Digs	D/set	2011	35	12	1	0.03	9	8	0.23	CAREER	35	12	1	0.03	9	8	0.23
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	<b>11</b>	<p><b>Meg Vonderhaar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four kills on six swings (.667) against Lipscomb and Portland</li> <li>• Hard hitter from the outside • PrepVolleyball.com Senior Ace</li> <li>• Last name is pronounced vawn-DUR-har</li> </ul>	<p>Outside Hitter • 6-1 • Freshman • Wheaton, Ill. • St. Francis</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>Digs</th> <th>D/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>11</td> <td>5</td> <td>12</td> <td>1.09</td> <td>.462</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>11</td> <td>5</td> <td>12</td> <td>1.09</td> <td>.462</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.09</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	Digs	D/set	2011	11	5	12	1.09	.462	1	0.09	CAREER	11	5	12	1.09	.462	1	0.09
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	<b>12</b>	<p><b>Toni Alugbue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scorched Wisconsin with 10 kills on 15 errorless swings (.667)</li> <li>• Golden Dome Invite All-Tournament team</li> <li>• Last name is pronounced uh-LUBE-way</li> </ul>	<p>Outside Hitter / Right Side • 6-0 • Freshman • Del Aire, Calif. • El Segundo</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>D/set</th> <th>B/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>28</td> <td>9</td> <td>49</td> <td>1.75</td> <td>.283</td> <td>0.71</td> <td>1.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>28</td> <td>9</td> <td>49</td> <td>1.75</td> <td>.283</td> <td>0.71</td> <td>1.14</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	D/set	B/set	2011	28	9	49	1.75	.283	0.71	1.14	CAREER	28	9	49	1.75	.283	0.71	1.14
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	<b>14</b>	<p><b>Hilary Eppink</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All-Tournament Team: Shamrock Invite / InnTowner Invite</li> <li>• 10 kills on 18 errorless swings (.556) against Villanova</li> <li>• Season-high 14 kills (.478) came against Western Michigan</li> </ul>	<p>Middle Blocker • 6-2 • Junior • Westfield, Ind. • Westfield</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>Blocks</th> <th>B/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>43</td> <td>12</td> <td>78</td> <td>1.81</td> <td>.264</td> <td>43</td> <td>1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>193</td> <td>63</td> <td>381</td> <td>1.97</td> <td>.280</td> <td>189</td> <td>0.98</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	Blocks	B/set	2011	43	12	78	1.81	.264	43	1.00	CAREER	193	63	381	1.97	.280	189	0.98
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	<b>15</b>	<p><b>Kristen Dealy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eighth Irish player to join 1,000-1,000 club (kills / digs)</li> <li>• InnTowner Invitational MVP • Preseason all-BIG EAST</li> <li>• Three-time BIG EAST All-Tournament team</li> </ul>	<p>Outside Hitter • 6-0 • Senior • Santa Barbara, Calif. • Santa Barbara</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>SP</th> <th>MP</th> <th>Kills</th> <th>K/set</th> <th>Hit%</th> <th>Digs</th> <th>D/set</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>44</td> <td>12</td> <td>86</td> <td>1.95</td> <td>.159</td> <td>140</td> <td>3.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAREER</td> <td>358</td> <td>100</td> <td>1026</td> <td>2.87</td> <td>.175</td> <td>1101</td> <td>3.08</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		SP	MP	Kills	K/set	Hit%	Digs	D/set	2011	44	12	86	1.95	.159	140	3.18	CAREER	358	100	1026	2.87	.175	1101	3.08
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### Bump, Set, Spike ...

**Cincinnati** - Series history: Notre Dame leads, 9-4 (3-3 BIG EAST) / Series streak: Cincinnati, W2

First meeting: 9.19.87 - Notre Dame, 3-2 / Last meeting: 11.19.10 - Cincinnati, 3-0

• Notre Dame and Cincinnati last met in the semifinals of the 2010 BIG EAST Championship with the Bearcats prevailing in straight sets, 3-0 ... the match featured 28 ties and 13 lead changes as the back-and-forth tilt was much more competitive than the two teams' regular-season meeting ... in that match, there were only nine ties and three lead changes as the Bearcats outscored the Irish by 22 points ... Saturday's contest will be the 14th meeting between Notre Dame and Cincinnati with the Irish holding a 28-20 advantage in sets won throughout the series ... with the regular-season win over the Irish in 2010, Cincinnati extended its home winning streak to 35 matches, which at the time was the second-longest home streak in the nation behind Penn State ... the Irish needed five sets to defeat the Bearcats when the two teams last met on Notre Dame's home floor in 2009 (Serinity Phillips recorded her 1,000th career kill and Jamel Nicholas delivered three aces down the final stretch of the fifth set) ... Notre Dame is 4-0 against the Bearcats at home ... in 2006, the Irish redeemed a regular-season loss by knocking the Bearcats out of the BIG EAST Championship with a come-from-behind win in five sets ... it was the first time on the season that Notre Dame had trailed 2-1 and came back to win ... the match also marked the second time all season that Notre Dame had a pair of players with 20+ kills in the same match ... Mallorie Croal had 25 kills while Adrianna Stasiuk slammed 23 ... Cincinnati's 3-0 win in October 2007 was its first defeat of an Irish squad ... the first-ever match between the teams was a five-set affair in the 1987 Eastern Kentucky Colonel Invitational in Richmond, Ky. ... the schools did not play again until an Irish win in the opening round of the 2000 NCAA Tournament in Columbus, Ohio ... Zanette Bennett cranked 31 kills against the Bearcats in the 1987 match, a total which stands tied for the third-highest ever by an Irish player in any length match ... she finished with a .529 hitting mark in that match, which is the second-highest mark in program history in a five-set affair ... Irish great Mary Jo Hensler (1981-84) hails from the Cincinnati area.

**Louisville** - Series history: Notre Dame leads, 17-9 (4-2 BIG EAST) / Series streak: Louisville, W2

First meeting: 10.11.86 - Notre Dame, 3-0 / Last meeting: 10.9.10 - Louisville, 3-1

• Notre Dame has won three of the four regular-season meetings with Louisville, but the Cardinals have knocked the Irish out of three of the last four BIG EAST Championships ... Notre Dame saw its 19-match BIG EAST regular-season winning streak come to an end when it traveled to Louisville in 2010, as the Cardinals handed the Irish a 3-1 defeat ... the rivalry lived up to the billing, and resulted in the end of the nation's sixth-longest league winning streak ... the two squads are no stranger to long matches, as that contest was the fourth-straight and seventh in the last 10 meetings between the teams that did not end in a sweep ... it was the first time Notre Dame was out-hit in a league match in 21 consecutive outings, dating back to 2008 ... the defeat in the 2009 league tournament snapped Notre Dame's 15-match winning streak ... Notre Dame downed Louisville for the latest of its nine league titles in 2005 ... Louisville native Christina Kaelin tallied 14 kills in a homecoming match of sorts during the regular-season meeting between the two teams in 2008 ... Kaelin also hit .344 during the 3-0 Irish win, which was the first sweep on the Cardinals' home floor since the first-ever meeting between the two programs on Oct. 11, 1986 ... it was just the fourth sweep over Louisville for Notre Dame in the 25-match series history ... during the 2007 regular season, the Irish dealt Louisville a 3-1 defeat to blemish what was previously an undefeated league mark for the Cardinals ... in 2003 postseason action, the Cardinals knocked Notre Dame out of the NCAA Tournament with a 3-0 first-round win ... Louisville defeated Notre Dame twice in 2006, the first time the Irish had ever dropped multiple contests to the Cardinals in the same season ... in the 1994 meeting in the Joyce Center, the Irish had 94 kills which ranks fifth on the school's all-time list ... after six consecutive Notre Dame wins, UofL broke through at home in 1992 with a 3-1 upset of the 20th-ranked Irish.

• Notre Dame went 1-1 last weekend with a loss to Villanova after sweeping Georgetown to open BIG EAST play ... junior **Hilary Eppink** posted a team-high 10 kills on a .556 clip against the Hoyas ... **Eppink** did not commit an error on 18 swings ... Georgetown hit a paltry .009 with a -.030 average in the first set while slugging at a -.118 rate to end the contest ... Notre Dame hit .469 in the opener, its best hitting period of the contest ... Notre Dame stumbled out of the gate and never fully recovered against Villanova ... while hitting .094 with 11 service errors, Notre Dame fell to the Wildcats, 3-1, during the nationally televised contest on ESPN with 1,337 fans on hand to watch at Purcell Pavilion ... Notre Dame won the first 16 matches of the all-time series with Villanova but has since dropped four of the last six meetings ... the two teams combined for 23 service errors and Notre Dame failed to record an ace for the first time since facing Northern Iowa on Nov. 7, 2010 ... senior **Kristen Dealy** (25) and **Frenchy Silva** (22) each eclipsed the 20-dig plateau.

• One day after redeeming a 2010 loss to Western Michigan, Notre Dame swept host Wisconsin to claim the team title at the InnTowner Invitational ... senior **Kristen Dealy** earned MVP honors with senior **Frenchy Silva** and junior **Hilary Eppink** earning all-tournament nods ... the win on Wisconsin's home floor was the first ever for the Irish, also giving Notre Dame its first back-to-back wins over the Badgers in the history of the 10-match series.

• Notre Dame's 1,000-1,000 club inducted a new member in senior **Kristen Dealy** during a Sept. 16 match against Western Michigan ... now with more than 1,000 career kills and 1,000 digs, **Dealy** is the eighth Irish player ever to join the club and the first since Adrianna Stasiuk did so in 2007.

• Freshman **Jeni Houser** was named MVP of the Golden Dome Invitational after leading all players at the four-team event in hitting (.348), kills/set (3.82) and points/set (4.36) ... **Houser** matched a career-high with 19 kills against Portland (Sept. 10) as Notre Dame went 2-1 on the weekend.

• Freshman **Toni Alugbue** and sophomore **Andrea McHugh** were named to the Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... **Alugbue** averaged 1.36 blocks/set on the weekend and **McHugh** shelved a pair of double-doubles and dropped four aces on Portland (Sept. 10).

• Sophomore **Sammie Brown** became the 11th player in Notre Dame history to record at least 1,000 assists in a career, doing so with a 32-assist effort against Portland (Sept. 10).

• Senior **Frenchy Silva**, junior **Hilary Eppink** and sophomore **Andrea McHugh** were each named to the Shamrock Invitational All-Tournament team ... in fact, **McHugh** was named the tournament's MVP one day prior to shelving Player of the Week honors from the BIG EAST Conference ... **McHugh** led the Irish with 58 kills in three tournament matches and posted a career-best 25 kills to go along with 13 digs against Idaho.

• Notre Dame was picked to finish second in league play according to the BIG EAST Preseason Coaches Poll ... the Irish received one first-place vote.

### Notre Dame By the Numbers

First season .....	1980 / 32nd season
Overall all-time record .....	655-373 (.637)
Home all-time record .....	303-96 (.761)
Conference all-time record .....	230-39 (.858)
BIG EAST regular-season titles .....	11 (last in 2009)
BIG EAST Championship titles .....	9 (last in 2005)
NCAA Championship appearances.....	17
Head Coach.....	Debbie Brown (Arizona State '82)
Record at Notre Dame .....	471-187 (.716) / 21st season
Overall career record .....	588-270 (.686) / 27th season
Last NCAA appearance .....	2009 NCAA Tournament
Last NCAA opponent.....	Ohio (L, 2-3)
Starters returning / lost .....	5 / 1
Liberos returning / lost .....	1 / 2
Monogram winners returning / lost .....	10 / 5

### 2011 BIG EAST Standings

School	BIG EAST	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Louisville	2-0	1.000	10-4	.714
Villanova	2-0	1.000	10-5	.667
Seton Hall	2-0	1.000	11-6	.647
Cincinnati	2-0	1.000	10-6	.625
Marquette	1-0	1.000	10-4	.714
Pittsburgh	1-1	.500	11-5	.688
<b>Notre Dame</b>	1-1	.500	8-4	.667
USF	1-1	.500	5-9	.357
DePaul	1-1	.500	4-11	.267
West Virginia	1-1	.500	3-10	.231
Syracuse	0-1	.000	9-6	.600
Connecticut	0-2	.000	8-7	.533
Georgetown	0-2	.000	8-7	.533
St. John's	0-2	.000	9-10	.474
Rutgers	0-2	.000	6-12	.333

\*all records accurate as of 9.30.11

### 2011 Schedule

#### Shamrock Invitational

Aug. 26	Eastern Michigan	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 3-1
Aug. 27	Idaho	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 3-1
Aug. 28	Butler	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 3-1

#### Stanford Invitational

Sept. 2	at No. 6 Stanford	Palo Alto, Calif.	L, 1-3
Sept. 3	vs. St. Mary's	Palo Alto, Calif.	L, 0-3

#### Golden Dome Invitational

Sept. 9	Lipscomb	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 3-0
Sept. 10	Portland	Notre Dame, Ind.	L, 2-3
Sept. 11	Valparaiso	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 3-0

#### InnTowner Invitational

Sept. 16	vs. Western Michigan	Madison, Wis.	W, 3-1
Sept. 17	at Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	W, 3-0

Sept. 24	Georgetown*	Notre Dame, Ind.	W, 3-0
Sept. 25	Villanova* (ESPNU)	Notre Dame, Ind.	L, 1-3
Oct. 1	Cincinnati*	Notre Dame, Ind.	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Louisville*	Notre Dame, Ind.	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Pittsburgh*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	at West Virginia*	Morgantown, W.Va.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	at DePaul*	Chicago, Ill.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	USF*	Notre Dame, Ind.	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Connecticut*	Storrs, Conn.	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	at St. John's*	Jamaica, N.Y.	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 5	Seton Hall*	Notre Dame, Ind.	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	Rutgers*	Notre Dame, Ind.	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Marquette*	Milwaukee, Wis.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	at Syracuse*	Syracuse, N.Y.	12:00 p.m.

Nov. 18	BIG EAST	Milwaukee, Wis.	--
Nov. 19	BIG EAST	Milwaukee, Wis.	--
Nov. 20	BIG EAST	Milwaukee, Wis.	--

Nov. 25	at Dayton	Dayton, Ohio	7:00 p.m.
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Dec. 2-17	NCAA Championship	--	--
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All times local to site - \*BIG EAST Conference match