



2001 NOTRE DAME MEN'S SOCCER

NOTRE DAME ENTERTAINS CLEVELAND STATE AND RUTGERS IN ACTION THIS WEEK

- Irish Set To Resume Action After Postponement Of Two Games Following Nation's Tragedy Last Week

Release #3 — Week of Sept. 17

2001 Schedule/Results (1-2-0, 1-0-0)

AUGUST

25 Sat. vs. IPFW! (Ex.) W, 5-0
26 Sun. vs. Michigan! (Ex.) W, 3-0

SEPTEMBER

1 Sat. VILLANOVA* W, 5-0
7 Fri. (21/NR) at Furman (5/NR)# L, 2-3 (2OT)
9 Sun. (21/NR) vs. Clemson (NR/16)# L, 0-4
14 Fri. RHODE ISLAND@ cancelled
16 Sun. AKRON@ ppd.
19 Wed. CLEVELAND STATE 7:00 p.m.
22 Sat. RUTGERS* 7:30 p.m.
25 Tues. at Bradley 7:00 p.m.
29 Sat. at Seton Hall* 1:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

5 Fri. GEORGETOWN* 7:30 p.m.
11 Thur. at West Virginia* 7:00 p.m.
14 Sun. at Virginia Tech* 1:00 p.m.
17 Wed. at Indiana 7:00 p.m.
20 Sat. BOSTON COLLEGE* 7:30 p.m.
24 Wed. at Providence* 2:00 p.m.
27 Sat. at Connecticut* 7:00 p.m.
31 Tues IUPUI 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3 Sat. SYRACUSE 7:30 p.m.
10- Sat. BIG EAST Tournament Quarterfinals
11 Sun. (at campus sites)
16 Fri. at BIG EAST Tournament Semifinals^
18 Sun. at BIG EAST Tournament Finals^

*BIG EAST match

!IPFW Soccer Showcase (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

#UMBRO/Spinx Furman Invitational (Greenville, S.C.)

@Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament

^Storrs, CT

() - indicates rankings at time of game in NSCAA and Soccer America polls.

All times are local

2001 BIG EAST Standing (As of Sept. 17)

	BIG EAST Record	Overall Record
St. John's	1-0-0 (3)	3-0-0
Seton Hall	1-0-0 (3)	2-0-1
Connecticut	1-0-0 (3)	3-1-1
Boston College	1-1-0 (2)	2-1-0
Rutgers	1-0-0 (0)	2-1-0
Notre Dame	1-2-0 (0)	1-0-0
Virginia Tech	0-0-0 (0)	4-0-0
Georgetown	0-0-0 (0)	1-2-1
West Virginia	0-0-0 (0)	2-2-0
Syracuse	0-1-0 (0)	2-1-0
Pittsburgh	0-0-0 (0)	0-2-0
Providence	0-1-0 (0)	0-3-0
Villanova	0-2-0 (0)	0-3-0

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THE WEEK AHEAD — Notre Dame returns to action at Alumni Field for two games this week after the postponement of the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament following the tragic events of last week in New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania. The Irish play host to Cleveland State on Wed., Sept. 19 at 7:00 p.m. and then entertain BIG EAST rival #23 Rutgers on Sat., Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

RECAPING THE UMBRO/SPINX FURMAN INVITATIONAL — Notre Dame dropped two games at the Umbro/Spinx Furman Invitational as the Irish faced two ranked opponents in #5 Furman and #16 Clemson in the first-ever meetings between the two schools. Senior defender **Griffin Howard** (San Diego, Calif.) and sophomore forward **Devon Prescod** (Marietta, Ga.) were named to the all-tournament team. **Erich Braun** (Frankfurt, Germany) finished with a goal and an assist in the two games, while **Justin Detter** (White Lake, Mich.) added a goal and Prescod had an assist.

FURMAN: Notre Dame dropped a 3-2 overtime decision to #5 Furman. John Barry Nusum scored two goals for the Paladins, including the game winner 3:59 in the second overtime session. The Irish got on the scoreboard first when Braun knocked in a loose ball in the box at the 13:42 mark with the assist credited to Prescod. Nusum scored the equalizer for Furman at 19:33. The matchup remained tied at 1-1 until Detter gave the Irish a 2-1 advantage at the 70:57 mark off an assist from Braun. The Paladins tied the game on Sergei Raad's goal at the 81:11 mark. The match proceeded to overtime with Nusum netting the game-winning score at 108:59. Both teams attempted 12 shots in the game and junior goalkeeper **Greg Tait** (Fayetteville, N.Y.) made four saves in the contest.

CLEMSON: Clemson scored twice in each half as the Tigers shutout the Irish 4-0. Dimelon Westfield scored two goals and Steven Rhyne added a goal and two assists for Clemson. The Tigers had their first two scores less than 16 minutes into the contest with their third and fourth goals coming at the 47:31 and 50:59 marks, respectively. Clemson outshot Notre Dame 22-3 in the game as the Irish did not attempt a shot in the first half. **Greg Tait** had four saves and then was replaced by freshman **Chris Sawyer** (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) who played the final 34:19 and made four saves while not allowing a goal.

SERIES RECORD VS. CLEVELAND STATE — This will be the third consecutive meeting between the two teams at Alumni Field. Notre Dame leads the series 2-0; both contests have been decided by a single goal. The Irish defeated the Vikings 1-0 in 1999 in the first-ever meeting between the two schools and then earned a 2-1 victory a year ago.

SERIES RECORD VS. RUTGERS — Notre Dame trails in the series 3-7 as Rutgers has taken each of the last four meetings and has outscored the Irish 7-1 in those contests. Notre Dame's last win in the series came during the 1997 campaign in the Scarlet Knights first-ever visit to Alumni Field as the Irish earned a 1-0 victory. Two years ago, in 1999, Rutgers defeated the Irish 2-0.

HEAD COACH BOBBY CLARK — **Bobby Clark** is in his first season at Notre Dame. He was named the fifth head coach in the history of the Notre Dame men's soccer program on Jan. 19, 2001. In his 15th season as a collegiate coach, Clark was victorious in his debut on the Irish sidelines in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, he spent five seasons guiding the Stanford Cardinal to a 71-21-12 record and .740 winning percentage from 1996-2000. Clark also was the head coach at Dartmouth from 1985-1993 where he led the Big Green to an 82-42-13 mark (.646). Heading into this season, Clark ranked 15th among active Division I head men's soccer coaches in terms of winning percentage. In 14-plus seasons, he owns a 154-65-25 record for Among active Division I head men's soccer coaches, he ranks 15th with a .681 winning percentage. Six of Clark's teams have advanced to NCAA tournament play with his 1998 Stanford squad finishing as the NCAA runnerup that season. In between his coaching stints at Dartmouth and Stanford, he was head coach of the New Zealand National Team.

NOTRE DAME CELEBRATING 25TH SEASON OF VARSITY COMPETITION — The 2001 campaign marks the 25th season of varsity competition for the Notre Dame men's soccer team. Since its inaugural campaign in 1977, Irish teams have compiled a 316-160-43 mark for a .650 winning percentage. Notre Dame has won 20-plus games on three occasions and 15 or more games 11 times. In the program's history, only five teams have had a losing season.

BRAUN OFF TO IMPRESSIVE START — Junior **Erich Braun**, who led Notre Dame in scoring as freshman and was second in the scoring column last season, is off to a quick start for the Irish with two goals and an assist (five points). He tallied goals in each of the Villanova and Furman contests and also dished off an assist against the Paladins.

HOWARD, PRESCOD GARNER ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM HONORS — **Griffin Howard** and **Devon Prescod** were named to the all-tournament team at the Umbro/Spinx Furman Invitational. Prescod had the assist on **Erich Braun's** goal which put the Irish up 1-0 in the contest.

BALANCED SCORING FOR IRISH — A balanced scoring attack has been very evident in Notre Dame's first three games this season with nine players recording at least one point. The Irish have

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(Week of Sept. 10 & Sept. 10)

		LW
1.	SMU	1
2.	St. John's	3
3.	Stanford	14
4.	Saint Louis	6
5.	Maryland	5
6.	Virginia	12
7.	Washington	2
8.	UAB	17
9.	Indiana	8
10.	North Carolina	4
11.	Seton Hall	18
12.	Maryland	5
13.	Ohio State	13
14.	Creighton	NR
15.	San Diego	20
16.	Penn State	NR
17.	Furman	NR
18.	Hartwick	24
19.	South Carolina	19
20.	Fairfield	NR
21.	Cal State Fullerton	11
22.	UCLA	NR
23.	Rutgers	10
24.	Wake Forest	9
25.	Kentucky	NR

SOCCER AMERICA
(Week of Sept. 17)

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3.	St. John's	3
4.	Furman	4
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6.	San Diego	6
7.	UCLA	7
8.	Saint Louis	8
9.	Stanford	9
10.	Washington	10
11.	Indiana	11
12.	Maryland	13
13.	North Carolina	14
14.	South Florida	15
15.	Penn Sate	16
16.	Cal State Fullerton	17
17.	South Carolina	18
18.	Georgia State	19
19.	Creighton	12
20.	Clemson	20

bold indicates 2001 opponents

2000 NSCAA GREAT LAKES
REGION RANKINGS
(Week of Sept. 10 & Sept. 17)

1. Indiana
2. Ohio State
3. Kentucky
4. Michigan State
5. Wisconsin
6. Wisconsin-Milwaukee
7. Marshall
8. Wright State
9. Michigan
10. Dayton

had five single goal-scorers — **Justin Detter**, **Kevin Goldthwaite** (Sacramento, Calif.), **Greg Martin** (Plano, Texas), **Matt Rosso** (Churchville, Pa.) and **Justin Ratcliffe** (Miami, Fla.) — and one player, **Erich Braun**, who has scored two goals. Six different players have registered assists in the seven goals the Irish have scored — Braun, Detter, **Rafael Garcia** (Palmdale, Calif.) Martin, **Devon Presod** and **Kevin Richards** (Warwick, Bermuda).

IRISH HIT THE ROAD — Following its two-game homestand this week, Notre Dame will play five of its next six contests on the road, which include three BIG EAST matchups against Seton Hall (Sat., Sept. 29), West Virginia (Thur., Oct. 11) and Virginia Tech (Sun., Oct. 14). The only home game on the Irish over the next six games is against Georgetown on Fri., Oct. 5.

NOTRE DAME RANKED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1999 CAMPAIGN — After their season-opening win against Villanova, the Irish were ranked 21st in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) poll. It was the first time that an Irish team had been ranked in that poll since the '99 season when they held the number 16 spot for two weeks.

IU RETURNS TO IRISH SCHEDULE — Notre Dame will renew its in-state rivalry with Indiana as the two squads face each other for the first time since the 1997 campaign when the Irish played host to the Hoosiers. This year's contest will be played on Wed., Oct. 7 in Bloomington, Ind. The first meeting between the two schools was played in 1978, and the two met continuously (except for in 1990) through the 1997 campaign. Indiana leads the series 18-1-1. Notre Dame picked up its lone victory in the series in 1987 with a 4-3 overtime victory.

A GAME OF FIRSTS — Notre Dame's win over Villanova proved to be a night of firsts for many associated with the team. First, head coach **Bobby Clark** got his first win with the Irish in his coaching debut. Three players — freshman **Kevin Goldthwaite**, sophomore **Greg Martin** and junior **Justin Ratcliffe** tallied their first collegiate goals. Martin had the first multiple-point game of his career as he also dished off his first career assist.

GETTING INTO THE ACTION — Of the six freshmen on the Irish roster, two rookies — **Kevin Goldthwaite** and **Jack Stewart** (Torrance, Calif.) have seen action in all three games coming off the bench. Goldthwaite's first collegiate game will be one to remember as his first goal in a Notre Dame uniform came off of his first-ever shot in a game.

SAWYER IMPRESSIVE OFF THE BENCH — Backup goalie **Chris Sawyer** (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) came off the bench against Clemson to play in his first collegiate. He played the final 34:19 of the contest and made five saves.

GOOD BIG EAST START — Notre Dame has been extremely successful in its BIG EAST openers as the Irish are 5-1-1 since becoming a conference member in 1995. The Irish dropped their league opener last season at Boston College (2-0) and tied Pittsburgh (0-0) in 1997. Both of those games were on the road.

IRISH TO VISIT BLACKSBURG IN HOKIES' FIRST SEASON — Virginia Tech attained full membership in the BIG EAST last season, but did not play a conference member in some of the fall sports, including men's soccer. The Hokies embark on league play in men's soccer this season. Notre Dame is scheduled to play Virginia Tech in the first-ever meeting between the two teams on Sun., Oct. 14 at 1:00 p.m. in Blacksburg, Va.

IRISH TABBED SIXTH IN BIG EAST Preseason Coaches Poll — The Irish have been picked to finish sixth in the 2001 BIG EAST Preseason Coaches Poll by a vote of the league's 13 head coaches. Connecticut, the defending NCAA champion, has been picked to capture the BIG EAST's regular-season crown. **Erich Braun**, the 1999 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year, is listed on the 12-member preseason all-conference team.

NEW BIG EAST FORMAT — The addition of Virginia Tech to the league has created a change in the regular-season format with a 10-game conference format being instituted in 2001. Notre Dame will not play St. John's and Pittsburgh this season. Another change that has resulted is that conference teams will now earn three points for a victory instead of one, while ties will still be worth one point.

YOUNG GUNS — The 25-man Notre Dame roster is comprised of just four seniors and nine juniors with almost half of the squad made up of sophomores and freshmen. Bobby Clark inherited a program which returns eight starters and 19 letterwinners from last year's squad.

HOME SWEET HOME — Although Notre Dame struggled somewhat at home last season (3-4), the Irish own a 70-27-7 mark for a .707 winning percentage at Alumni Field. Notre Dame finished the '99 season with a 7-3-0 mark at home after posting a 5-1-2 record at Alumni Field in '98. The Irish lost two one-goal decisions at home (to Western Michigan and Rutgers) and also suffered a 3-1 setback to Georgetown. The 2001 campaign marks the 11th season for the Irish playing at Alumni Field.

MARTIN NAMED BIG EAST DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK — Sophomore defender **Greg Martin** was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week for the first time in his career. The sophomore tri-captain was instrumental in leading the Irish to their shutout of Villanova in the season opener as the Irish defense limited the Wildcats to just four shots on goal. Martin also registered the first points of his career with a goal and an assist in the contest.