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2002 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

Pittsburgh at 16/25 Notre Dame Fri., Oct. 4, 2002 16/25 Notre Dame at Akron Sun., Oct. 6, 2002

THE PITTSBURGH AND AKRON GAMES — The Notre Dame men's soccer team faces two games during the upcoming weekend as the Irish play host to BIG EAST rival Pittsburgh on Fri., Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. (EST) and then travels to Akron for a non-conference matchup with the Zips on Sun., Oct. 6 at 2:30 p.m. (EDT). Notre Dame is 16th in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) poll and 25th in the *Soccer America* ranking.

Statistical Leaders in 2002

Erich Braun	6 g, 0 a (12 pts.)
Chad Riley	2 g, 7 a (11 pts.)
Justin Detter	4 g, 2 a (10 pts.)
Rafael Garcia	2 g, 3 a (7 pts.)
Chris Sawyer	11 GA, 33 saves, .750 Save Pct., 1.12 GAA

SCOUTING

THE IRISH —

Notre Dame heads into its two games this weekend with a 4-2-3 overall record and 2-1-1 mark in BIG EAST play.

The Irish were 0-

1-1 in its last two outings (both on the road) against St. John's and Rutgers as they lost to the Red Storm 1-0 and tied Rutgers 1-1 in double overtime. Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 19-11 on the season and 10-3 in league contests. The Irish defense has recorded one shutout and held its opponents to one goal or less on seven occasions. Senior **Erich Braun (Frankfurt, Germany)** has three multiple-goal games which have accounted for all six of his goals this season. His most recent came in Notre Dame's victory Providence; he also had multiple-goal games against Southwest Missouri State and Seton Hall. **Chad Riley (Houston, Texas)** has been one of the team's most consistent performers of late as he has registered two goals and five assists in Notre Dame's last six games. Riley dished off a career-best three assists in the win over the Friars and stands second in the scoring column with two goals and seven assists (11 points). His 0.78 assist-per-game average ties him for eighth nationally. **Justin Detter (White Lake, Mich.)** ranks second on the team in goals scored with four. In addition, he has dished off two assists from 10 points. **Rafael Garcia (Palmdale, Calif.)** stands fourth in the scoring column with two goals. Also, **Greg Martin (Plano, Texas)** and **Luke Boughen (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.)** each have scored a pair of goals. **Devon Prescod (Marietta, Ga.)** rounds out the scoring for the Irish with a goal. **Kevin Goldthwaite (Sacramento, Calif.)** has dished off three assists, while **Kevin Richards (Warwick, Bermuda)** has been credited with three this season. Four of Notre Dame's nine games have gone into double overtime and the Irish own a 1-0-3 record in those contests. Goalkeeper **Chris Sawyer (Highlands Ranch, Colo.)** has played 862:21 of a possible 887:29 minutes. He has allowed 11 goals and made 33 saves for a 1.12 goals against average and .750 save percentage.

SCOUTING THE PANTHERS — Pittsburgh comes into the contest with a 6-3-0 overall record and 1-2-0 mark in league play. The Panthers lost the season opener 4-1 to Connecticut and then went 4-0-1 over their next five games. Pittsburgh earned a 2-1 overtime win at Villanova for its only conference win and also dropped a 1-0 decision on the road at St. John's. The Panthers own a 0.88 team goals against average. Marco Carrizales leads the in scoring with six goals as his six goals represent 60.0 percent of the team's offense. He is one of just four Panther players who has scored at least one goal this season. Pittsburgh's only other loss was a 1-0 setback at Bucknell.

SCOUTING THE ZIPS — Akron owns a 1-4-3 record with three of its four losses coming by a single goal. Those three losses have come by the same 2-1 count. The Zips lost a 2-0

2002 Schedule/Results (4-2-3, 2-1-1)

AUGUST

23	Fri.	BETHEL (exhibition)	W, 5-1
26	Mon.	MICHIGAN (exhibition)	W, 4-1
31	Sat.	(NR/23) vs. Southwest Missouri State!	W, 3-2

SEPTEMBER

1	Sun.	(NR/23) vs. (19/19)Creighton!	T, 1-1 (2ot)
7	Sat.	(22/11) SETON HALL (6/21)*	W, 4-0
13	Fri.	(5/14) CORNELL@	T, 1-1 (2ot)
15	Sun.	(5/14) FURMAN (16/7)@	W, 2-1 (2ot)
19	Thur.	(5/7) at Bradley	L, 2-3
22	Sun.	(5/7) PROVIDENCE*	W, 5-1
26	Thur.	(10/16) at St. John's (2/2)*	L, 0-1
29	Sun.	(10/16) at Rutgers (19/NR)*	T, 1-1 (2 ot)

OCTOBER

4	Fri.	PITTSBURGH*	7:30 p.m.
6	Sun.	at Akron	2:30 p.m.
12	Sat.	at Boston College*	1:00 p.m.
16	Wed.	MICHIGAN STATE	7:00 p.m.
20	Sun.	CONNECTICUT*	2:00 p.m.
23	Wed.	at Villanova*	1:00 p.m.
26	Sat.	at Georgetown*	1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1	Fri.	VIRGINIA TECH*	7:30 p.m.
3	Sun.	LOYOLA (CHICAGO)	2:00 p.m.
9-	Sat.-	BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinals	TBA
10	Sun.	(Campus sites)	
15 &	Fri. &	BIG EAST Championship (Semifinals/Finals)	TBA
17	Sun.	(Rutgers University-Piscataway, N.J.)	
22-	Fri.-	NCAA First Round	TBA
23	Sat.	(Campus Sites)	
27	Wed.	NCAA Third Round	TBA
		(Campus Sites)	
30-	Sat.-	NCAA Third Round	TBA

DECEMBER

1-	Sat.-	(Campus Sites)	
6-	Fri.-	NCAA Quarterfinal Round	TBA
8	Sun.	(Campus Sites)	
13 &	Fri.	College Cup - Gerald R. Ford Stadium	TBA
15	Sun.	(Southern Methodist University)	

!- Diadora Challenge (Omaha, Neb.) @ Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament

*- BIG EAST Conference game

All times local to site

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

2002 BIG EAST Standings
(As of Oct. 2)

	BIG EAST Record	Overall Record
St. John's	4-1-1 (12)	7-1-1
Rutgers	3-1-1 (10)	3-2-2
Connecticut	3-1-0 (9)	7-2-0
Boston College	3-1-0 (9)	5-2-0
Seton Hall	3-2-0 (9)	5-3-2
NOTRE DAME	2-1-1 (7)	4-2-3
Virginia Tech	2-2-0 (6)	5-4-1
Georgetown	2-2-0 (6)	4-5-0
Pittsburgh	1-2-1 (4)	6-3-1
Providence	1-3-0 (3)	2-7-0
Syracuse	1-3-0 (3)	5-5-0
Villanova	1-4-0 (3)	3-8-0
West Virginia	0-3-1 (1)	3-6-1
() - points		

decision at Ohio State in its most recent outing on Sept. 29. Akron's lone win was a 1-0 victory at home against Dayton. The Zips have scored just seven goals in eight contests.

RECAPPING THE RUTGERS GAME — Notre Dame battled 19th-ranked Rutgers to a 1-1 double overtime tie. **Justin Ratcliffe** scored the game-tying goal for Notre Dame at the 79:15 mark off an assist from teammate Chad Riley. Rutgers took a 1-0 lead at the 68:53 when a shot deflected off an Irish defender. Notre Dame outshot the Scarlet Knights 21-13 in the game, but Rutgers goalkeeper Ricky Zinter came up with 10 saves in goal. Chris Sawyer finished with four stops in the net. Notre Dame owned a 6-2 shot advantage in the two 10-minute overtime periods, The Irish headed into the contest having lost five straight and were 1-6 against the Scarlet Knights at Yurcak Field.

HEAD COACH BOBBY CLARK — **Bobby Clark** is in his second season at Notre Dame after being named the fifth head coach in the program's history on Jan., 19, 2001. In his 16th season as a collegiate coach, Clark has an overall record of 169-72-28 for an overall winning percentage of .680 and is 16-9-3 (.625) at Notre Dame. Heading into the 2002 campaign, he ranked 16th all-time among active Division I coaches in terms of winning percentage. Last season, he guided the Irish to a 12-7 mark and their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1996. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, he spent five seasons guiding the Stanford Cardinal to a 71-21-12 mark and .740 winning percentage from 1996-2000. Clark also was head coach at Dartmouth from 1985-93 where he led the Big Green to an 82-242-13 record (.646). Seven of Clark's teams have advanced to NCAA tournament play with his '98 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 (1994-95).

CLARK LEADS THREE DIFFERENT TEAMS INTO NAAs — As a head coach, Bobby Clark is certainly NCAA tournament tested. With Notre Dame's appearance in the 2001 championship, he has now guided three different schools to the NCAA postseason. At Dartmouth, he led the Big Green to two appearances in nine years, while his Cardinal teams at Stanford earned four berths in the five seasons he spent on Palo Alto, Calif., campus. Clark is the first Notre Dame coach to lead the Irish to the NAAs in his first season.

SERIES RECORD VS. PITTSBURGH — Notre Dame and Pittsburgh will be meeting for the seventh time with the Panthers holding a 1-2-3 advantage in the series. The two teams did not play each other last season, but in the last matchup, Pittsburgh handed the Irish a 3-2 setback at Alumni Field. Prior to that game, the two teams had battled to three consecutive ties. Notre Dame's lone win in the series was a 3-0 win at Alumni Field during the 1996 campaign. Pittsburgh has a 1-1-1 record in three appearances at Alumni Field.

SERIES RECORD VS. AKRON — Notre Dame is 0-6-2 against Akron in eight meetings, but this will be the first matchup between the two schools since the 1989 season. The Irish are 0-4 in games played at Akron. The last meeting was a 0-0 overtime tie.

FURMAN WIN SIGNIFICANT — Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Furman proved to be significant because it marked the highest ranked opponent that an Irish team had beaten since a 1-0 victory over second-ranked UNC Greensboro in the first round of the 1996 NCAA Tournament and was the last win over a top-10 team at home since a 1-0 victory over 10th-ranked St. John's during the 2000 campaign. In its 25-plus seasons of varsity competition, Notre Dame has nine wins over teams that have been ranked in the top 10 of either the NSCAA or *Soccer America* polls.

TOUGH STRETCH — Notre Dame is in the midst of a tough stretch in which the Irish are playing four of five games on the road, Coach Bobby Clark's squad played at St. John's and at Rutgers last week. Following the Pittsburgh game, Notre Dame travels to Akron two days later and then plays at Boston College on Oct. 12. The Irish conclude the regular season by playing four of its six games at home.

THE CAPTAINS — Seniors **Erich Braun** and **Justin Ratcliffe** and junior **Greg Martin** are serving as captains for the 2002 men's soccer team. Braun and Ratcliffe will be serving as captains for the first time in their career, while Martin has been selected as one of the Irish leaders for the second consecutive year. In 2001, Martin was the first sophomore in the 25-year history of the program to serve as a captain and becomes just the 10th player ever to serve as a two-time captain.

GOING OVERTIME — Through the first nine games of the season, Notre Dame has already played four overtime contests. The Irish are 1-0-3 in those double overtime games. Notre Dame registered its double overtime victory against Furman as the Irish tallied the game-winner with 2:31 left in the second overtime session. Last season, Notre Dame played just three overtime in 19 outings and were 1-2 in those contests. Under head coach Bobby Clark, Notre Dame is 2-2-3 in overtime games.

BRAUN MOVING UP THE CHARTS — With his eight goals this season, **Erich Braun** has moved to 10th on the all-time Irish goals scored list with 31. His 74 points (31goals, 12 assists) places him 12th on the all-time scoring list.

THREE CHEERS FOR CHAD — **Chad Riley's** three assists against Providence marked a single-game career-best for the junior who has led the Irish in that category during his two-plus seasons. He leads the team with six assists this season and registered six assists in both of his first two campaigns. In 45 career games, Riley has dished off 19 assists. The second-leading scorer on the Irish team with two goals and seven assists, he has been Notre Dame's most consistent performer of late as he has scored two goals and dish five assists in Notre Dame's last five games. His team-leading seven are the most since Ryan Cox's eight during the 1998 campaign.

BIG EAST PLAY BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN SAWYER — **Chris Sawyer** has a knack for playing well in BIG EAST games. In Notre Dame's five BIG EAST contests, he has surrendered just two goals in 354:52 minutes of action. In 12 league career league games, he has registered five complete-game shutouts. Sawyer has played 1085:15 minutes in those 12 conference games and allowed just six goals for a 0.50 goals against average. In addition, he has made 40 saves and owns a .869 save percentage.

BOUGHEN HAS CAREER DAY AGAINST FRIARS — Sophomore **Luke Boughen** registered the first two goals of his collegiate career against Providence 1:12 apart. It also marked his first career points in an Irish uniform. Boughen scored his first goal at the 51:19 mark and then followed with his second score at 52:31.

RAFAEL IS COMING UP BIG — No Irish player has stepped up his level of play this season more than senior forward **Rafael Garcia**. He has two goals and three assists on the season and stands fourth in the scoring column with seven points. Garcia registered goals in both the Creighton and Seton Hall contests and is credited with assists in Southwest Missouri State and Furman matches. Garcia has started all eight games. Heading into the 2002 campaign, he had made 13 starts in 38 games and had scored two goals and dished off two assists.

PRESCOD POWER — Junior forward **Devon Prescod** has been slowed by nagging injuries this season that has limited his playing time during the game. Prescod is slowly regaining the form of a year ago, against Providence, tallied his first goal of the season. He has played in all nine games this season, and in addition to the goal, has dished off one assist.

**NSCAA/adidas
(Week of Sept. 30)**

	<u>LW</u>
1. St. John's	2
2. Stanford	1
3. Wake Forest	8
4. Indiana	5
5. Southern Methodist	6
6. Maryland	4
7. Connecticut	15
Loyola Marymount	7
9. Clemson	11
10. Bradley	12
11. South Carolina	3
12. San Diego	14
13. Rutgers	19
American	18
15. Boston College	21
16. NOTRE DAME	10
17. UCLA	16
18. Furman	24
19. Yale	NR
20. Penn State	12
21. Duke	NR
22. Creighton	20
23. Tulsa	NR
24. Hofstra	NR
25. Santa Clara	NR

**SOCCER AMERICA
(Week of Sept. 30)**

	<u>LW</u>
1. St. John's	2
2. Wake Forest	3
3. Indiana	4
4. Clemson	6
5. Stanford	1
6. UCLA	7
7. Connecticut	9
8. San Diego	8
9. South Carolina	5
10. Furman	12
11. Southern Methodist	15
12. Loyola Marymount	14
13. Maryland	10
14. Yale	17
15. Bradley	20
16. Portland	11
17. Boston College	NR
18. Duke	25
19. California	NR
20. Creighton	21
21. North Carolina	13
22. Coastal Carolina	23
23. UC Santa Barbara	24
24. Davidson	NR
25. NOTRE DAME	16

bold indicates 2002 opponents

DETTOR DOING IT — **Justin Detter** is Notre Dame's second-leading goal scorer this season with four goals and stands third in the Irish scoring column (10 points). Detter has already equalled his single-season goal scoring best and has 12 career goals and eight assists (32 points).

IRISH MAINSTAYS — Four Irish veterans have started 90.0 percent or better of Notre Dame's games during their careers: **Erich Braun** (Sr.) — 59 of 61 (.967); **Justin Ratcliffe** (Sr.) — 58 of 64 (.906); **Justin Detter** (Jr.) — 44 of 45 (.978); and **Chad Riley** (Jr.) — 42 of 45 (.933).

QUICK FLICKS — Notre Dame has wasted little time in getting on the scoreboard in four of its first eight games. **Erich Braun** tallied the season's first goal 17 seconds into the contest in the season opener against Southwest Missouri State, while **Rafael Garcia** put in the Irish's lone goal versus Creighton at the 7:12 mark. Against Seton Hall, Garcia scored Notre Dame's initial goal 23:28 into the contest and Braun gave the Irish a 1-0 lead at the 11:04 mark of the match against Providence.

GETTING HIS STARTS — Freshman **Dale Rellas (Plano, Texas)** has been in the starting lineup all nine of Notre Dame's games in 2002. He was the only Irish rookie to see action against Southwest Missouri State in the season opener.

PLAYING THE BEST — The '02 men's soccer schedule features nine teams that advanced to NCAA tournament play a year ago. Those teams featured on the 18-game slate include: Akron, Boston College, Connecticut, Creighton, Furman, Michigan State, Rutgers, St. John's and Seton Hall.

IRISH TABBED THIRD IN BIG EAST PRESEASON POLL — The Notre Dame men's soccer team has been chosen to finish third in the Preseason BIG EAST Coaches Poll. Connecticut, the 2001 regular-season champion, has been chosen first by a vote of the league's head coaches, while St. John's, last year's tournament champion, has been chosen second. **Chris Sawyer** has been selected as the Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year, while he, **Erich Braun** and **Justin Detter** were named to the Preseason All-BIG EAST squad.

25 AND COUNTING — The 2001 campaign marked the 25th season of varsity competition for the Notre Dame men's soccer program. Since its inaugural season in 1977, Irish teams have compiled a 331-167-45 record for a .651 winning percentage. Notre Dame has won 20-plus games on three occasions and 15 or more contests 11 times. In the program's history, only five teams have had a losing season.

ALL IN THE FAMILY — Freshman defender **John Stephens (Woodbridge, Ill.)** is no stranger to athletics at Notre Dame. His grandfather, Colonel John Stephens, served as Notre Dame's longtime associate athletics director until the mid-80's. His father, John, is a graduate of Notre Dame and received a law degree from the University.

HOME SWEET HOME — Notre Dame will play nine of its 18 regular season contests at the friendly confines of Alumni Field during the 2002 season. The Irish finished 7-1 last year at home (its only loss was to Rutgers). The Irish own a 78-28-8 mark all-time for a .719 winning percentage. The '02 campaign will mark the 12th for Notre Dame at Alumni Field. Notre Dame owns a 10-1-1 mark (.875) at Alumni Field under Clark with its only loss coming to Rutgers (3-0 on Sept. 22, 2001).

LEADER OF THE PACK — For the first time in the history of the BIG EAST Conference, six teams represented the league in the 2001 NCAA Men's Soccer Championship. The BIG EAST led all conferences with six selections. In addition to Notre Dame, Boston College, Connecticut, Rutgers, St. John's and Seton Hall earned spots in the 48-team field.

BIG EAST FORMAT — With the addition of Virginia Tech at the start of the 2001 campaign, the BIG EAST created a change in its regular-season format with a 10-game conference format instituted. Notre Dame will not play West Virginia and Syracuse this season.

DIADORA CHALLENGE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM — Notre Dame had four players named to the all-tournament team at the Diadora Challenge — **Erich Braun**, **Greg Martin**, **Jack Stewart (Torrance, Calif.)** and **Luke Boughen (San Juan Capistrano, Calif.)**. In addition, Braun was selected as the tournament's MVP as the Irish also won the tournament crown.

**NSCAA/adidas
Great Lakes Region
(Week of Sept. 30)**

1. Indiana
2. **NOTRE DAME**
3. Wisconsin
4. Michigan State
5. Ohio State
6. Evansville
Kentucky
7. Detroit Mercy
8. Dayton
9. Oakland

MIKE BERTICELLI CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM — Three Notre Dame players — **Justin Ratcliffe (Miami, Fla.)**, **Devon Prescod (Marietta, Ga.)** and **Kevin Goldthwaite** — were named to the all-tournament team. Bradley had four players selected, including goalkeeper Chris Dunsheath who also earned MVP honors. Furman and Cornell each placed two players on the squad.

LIGHTENING STRIKES TWICE — Notre Dame has had two games this season delayed by lightening — Creighton and Bradley. Against Creighton, there was a 30-minute lightening delay, while the Bradley contest was delayed 20 minutes in the 16th minute of the contest.

SCOTTISH CORNER KICKS — The Notre Dame men's soccer team reported back to campus on July 21 to begin an intense 10 days of workouts in preparation for their 14-day trip to Scotland. The squad left for the native homeland of head coach Bobby Clark on Aug. 2 and returned back to Indiana on Aug. 16. The Irish made their headquarters on the University of Aberdeen and Edinburgh University campuses. Junior midfielder **Greg Martin** recorded the events of the trip in a diary which appeared on Notre Dame's website (www.und.com) during the trip. Former Notre Dame men's soccer player Thomas Crotty (1977-79) who contributed \$50,000 – the entire amount needed for the cost of the trip. The Irish finished 4-0-1 while playing five games in 11 days.

Game #1 (August 4) — Notre Dame 6, Formatine United 1

Notre Dame opened its Scotland Tour with a 6-1 victory over Formatine United. Erich Braun scored two first-half goals and Paul Rodriguez added another as the Irish built a 3-1 halftime advantage. Devon Prescod gave the Irish a 4-1 lead early into the second, while Rafael Garcia and Justin Ratcliffe also added scores. Chris Sawyer started and played the entire first half, while Greg Tait played the entire second half.

Game #2 (August 6) — Notre Dame 8, Banks of Dee 1

Notre Dame was impressive in its second game as the Irish registered an 8-1 win victory over the Banks of Dee. The Irish claimed a 3-0 halftime advantage on goals by Kevin Goldthwaite, Rafael Garcia and Erich Braun. Second-half scores from Chad Riley, Justin Ratcliffe and Devon Prescod pushed the Irish lead to 6-0. After the Banks of Dee scored its lone goal of the contest, Justin Detter and Prescod added the contest's final two scores.

Game #3 (August 8) — Notre Dame 1, Ross County 0

Notre Dame improved to 3-0 with a 1-0 win in Dingwall over the Ross County under-21 squad. The game-winning Irish score came from Filippo Chillemi 10 minutes into the second half.

The opposition nearly tied the game with three minutes remaining in the contest on a questionable call that resulted in a penalty kick, but Greg Tait's save preserved the win.

Game #4 (August 12) — Notre Dame 2, Aberdeen FC Under-21 0

Notre Dame posted its most noteworthy victory of its two-week summer tour and improved to 4-0 with a 2-0 shutout over the Aberdeen under-21 squad. Erich Braun scored his fourth goal of the trip early in the second half with Filippo Chillemi adding the second goal midway through the half. Devon Prescod set up both goals in the game. Goalkeeper Chris Sawyer played the entire 90 minutes of the contest. The victory marked the first time in four games that one of Clark's teams had produced a win over that squad. Previously, he had brought to Scotland two of his Dartmouth and one of his Stanford teams.

Game #5 (August 14) — Notre Dame 1, Dundee United 1

Playing its fifth game in 11 days, Notre Dame tied Dundee United 1-1 in its fifth and final game of its Scotland tour. Erich Braun netted the contest's lone goal off an assist from Devon Prescod. Dundee United tallied the equalizer with three minutes left in the contest.