

2011 notre dame softball

**22 consecutive winning seasons • 12 consecutive ncaa appearances
6 big east tournament titles (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2009)**

gameday central

notre dame fighting irish
(17-6 overall, 0-0 big east)
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western michigan broncos
(4-18 overall, 0-0 mid-american)
[wmubroncos.com • mac-sports.com]

irish alert text message updates: und.com

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series: notre dame leads, 23-5

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series streak: notre dame, w10

first meeting: 4.8.92 – western michigan, 7-2

facebook: facebook.com/unddotcom

last meeting: 3.18.10 – notre dame, 13-4 (3)

one-hitters

• already the program's winningest coach, **deanna gumpf** (396-171-1) is four wins away from no. 400.

• last time out: northern illinois posted its lone run on three hits in the first inning of last friday's non-conference softball matchup with notre dame ... however, notre dame scored four straight - including a pair in the fifth inning - en route to a 4-1 win ... notre dame posted five hits in the contest from four different batters, led by two off the bat of **heather johnson** ... the irish improved to 21-2 all-time in home openers (and 9-1 under **gumpf**).

• last meeting with western michigan: notre dame scored seven runs in the fourth inning of the 2010 matchup with the broncos to cruise to a 13-4 victory at fran ebert field ... the irish recorded 17 hits in the six-inning affair ... **kristina wright** led all players with a 4-for-4 day at the dish, also adding two runs and three rbi ... five notre dame players (**sadie pitzenberger**, **alexa maldonado**, christine lux, **johnson** and **wright**) ... western michigan trailed 11-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth but prevented the shutout loss with one run in the inning ... the broncos added three more in the fifth and received two rbi from both gracie barstad and kayla houston.

• the home-opening defeat of northern illinois extended notre dame's active home winning streak to 21 games, the fifth-best streak in the nation ... the irish won their last home game of the 2009 season and went 19-0 in 2010.

• **amy buntin** and **dani miller** each posted 11-game hitting streaks earlier this season ... **brianna jorgensborg** and **johnson** are currently riding five-game streaks ... **miller** leads all players with nine multi-hit games ... **maldonado** has four multi-rbi games.

• the first round of ncaa stat rankings released last wednesday revealed that **laura winter** is eighth nationally in walks allowed / 7.0 ip (0.98) ... **shannon kelly** is t-23rd with two saves.

• **katie fleury** is seventh on the career list for runs scored (143) and fourth in walks (83) ... **johnson** and **miller** are tied for eighth with 25 home runs apiece ... **johnson** (164) needs 10 more rbi to tie christine lux on top of that listing.

• notre dame is in its 23rd season of varsity competition with an all-time record of 908-417-3 (.685) ... the program boasts 15 ncaa championship appearances (12 consecutive) and six big east conference tournament titles, the latest coming in 2009.

2011 schedule / results

2.18 (fri.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio) (1) at ucf	w, 3-2 w, 5-3
2.19 (sat.)	(1) vs. illinois-chicago (1) vs. delaware	w, 4-1 w, 11-1 (5)
2.20 (sun.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio)	w, 4-1
2.26 (sat.)	(2) at college of charleston (2) vs. iowa state	w, 2-0 w, 1-0
2.27 (sun.)	(2) vs. marist (2) vs. liberty	w, 10-1 w, 6-4
3.4 (fri.)	(3) vs. longwood (3) vs. #1 alabama	l, 0-2 l, 1-4
3.5 (sat.)	(3) vs. north carolina (3) vs. maryland	w, 4-3 (8) w, 5-3
3.6 (sun.)	(3) vs. fordham	w, 6-0
3.13 (sun.)	at cal poly at cal poly	w, 4-1 w, 2-0
3.16 (wed.)	(4) vs. #9 oklahoma (4) at cal state fullerton	w, 2-1 l, 0-10 (5)
3.17 (thurs.)	(4) vs. #19 louisiana-lafayette	l, 1-5
3.18 (fri.)	(4) vs. new mexico (4) vs. #4 washington	w, 5-0 l, 4-7
3.19 (sat.)	(4) vs. #5 michigan	l, 4-9
3.25 (fri.)	northern illinois	w, 4-1
3.29 (tues.)	western michigan	6:00 p.m.
3.31 (thurs.)	purdue	5:00 p.m.
4.2 (sat.)	providence* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.3 (sun.)	providence*	11:00 a.m.
4.5 (tues.)	at wisconsin	4:00 p.m.
4.7 (thurs.)	butler (dh)	4:00 p.m.
4.9 (sat.)	at syracuse* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.10 (sun.)	at syracuse*	11:00 a.m.
4.12 (tues.)	bowling green (dh)	4:00 p.m.
4.13 (wed.)	loyola-chicago	4:00 p.m.
4.16 (sat.)	louisville* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.17 (sun.)	louisville*	12:00 p.m.
4.21 (thurs.)	at villanova* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.23 (sat.)	at villanova*	11:00 a.m.
4.27 (wed.)	at usf* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
4.30 (sat.)	st. john's* (dh)	12:00 p.m.
5.1 (sun.)	st. john's*	11:00 a.m.
5.3 (tues.)	valparaiso	5:00 p.m.
5.4 (wed.)	pittsburgh* (dh)	2:00 p.m.
5.7 (sat.)	at connecticut*	4:00 p.m.
5.8 (sun.)	at connecticut* (dh)	11:00 a.m.
5.12-14	big east championship	--
5.20-29	ncaa regionals / super regionals	--
6.2-8	women's college world series	--

(1) ucf invitational – orlando, fla.

(2) cougar classic – mt. pleasant, s.c.

(3) diamond 9 events citrus classic – kissimmee, fla.

(4) judi garman classic – fullerton, calif.

*big east conference game

all times local to site / schedule subject to change

notre dame fighting irish (17-6)

no.	name	year	position	height	b / t	hometown / high school
1	kelsey thornton	so.	outfield	5-6	l/r	sugar land, texas / elkins
3	heather johnson	sr.	infield	5-8	r/r	los alamos, calif. / mater dei
4	lauren stuhr	fr.	outfield	5-6	b/r	huntington beach, calif. / huntington
5	shannon kelly	sr.	pitcher/utility	5-7	r/r	pembroke pines, fla. / hollywood christian
6	kasey o'connor	jr.	infield	6-0	r/r	yorktown heights, n.y. / yorktown
7	sadie pitzenberger	sr.	infield/outfield	5-7	l/r	tomball, texas / tomball
9	jody valdivia	sr.	pitcher	5-8	r/r	anaheim hills, calif. / canyon
12	katie fleury	sr.	infield	5-5	r/r	san jose, calif. / archbishop mitty
13	alexa maldonado	jr.	outfield	5-6	l/l	short hills, n.j. / millburn
14	monica torres	fr.	outfield	5-7	r/r	winter springs, fla. / winter springs
15	jackie bowe	so.	pitcher	5-7	r/r	galesburg, mich. / galesburg-augusta
17	dani miller	jr.	infield	5-9	r/r	huntington beach, calif. / edison
19	erin marrone	sr.	infield/outfield	5-9	r/r	alexandria, va. / bishop o'connell
22	kathryn lux	so.	infield	5-10	r/r	glendale heights, ill. / glenbard west
24	brianna jorgensborg	sr.	outfield	5-11	r/r	thousand oaks, calif. / la reina
27	alexia clay	sr.	catcher	5-6	r/r	rochester, ind. / culver academy
28	brittany o'donnell	so.	pitcher	5-9	r/r	avon, n.j. / red bank catholic
35	kristina wright	jr.	catcher	5-9	r/r	ramona, calif. / ramona
40	amy buntin	so.	catcher/utility	5-8	r/r	franklin, tenn. / brentwood
42	chloe saganowich	fr.	infield	5-9	r/r	treasure island, fla. / st. petersburg catholic
44	laura winter	fr.	pitcher/infield	6-1	r/r	san diego, calif. / rancho bernardo

head coach: deanna gumpf (10th season / nebraska '93)

assistant coaches: kris ganef (10th season / notre dame '99), lizzy lemire (6th season / notre dame '01)

volunteer assistant: dawn austin (6th season / penn state '93)

athletic trainer: nicole alexander (3rd season / florida '05)

student manager: sean rober (notre dame '11)

western michigan broncos (4-18)

no.	name	year	position	height	b / t	hometown / high school
2	jennifer tschetter	jr.	outfield	5-5	r/r	scottsdale, ariz. / desert mountain
4	christina pigozzi	fr.	infield	5-6	r/r	south haven, mich. / south haven
5	lindsey harris	sr.	catcher	5-4	r/r	louisville, ky. / assumption
6	elisha handshoe	so.	outfield	5-4	r/r	wawaka, ind. / west noble
7	myranda mcdonald	fr.	utility	5-5	r/r	leroy, mich. / pine river
8	kayla turner	sr.	catcher	5-8	r/r	portland, ore. / westview
9	gracie barstad	jr.	infield	5-5	r/r	canby, ore. / canby
10	meredith whitney	jr.	pitcher/infield	5-8	r/r	scottsdale, ariz. / desert mountain
11	courtney rousseau	jr.	outfield	5-8	r/r	bay city, mich. / delta college
12	lexi jager	sr.	utility	5-6	r/r	kalamazoo, mich. / comstock
13	diana patterson	so.	pitcher	5-6	r/r	la puente, calif. / los altos
15	tara buchanan	jr.	infield	5-8	r/r	la porte, ind. / la porte
18	michelle bendewald	sr.	infield	5-4	r/r	st. joseph, mich. / st. joseph
19	allie carlson	fr.	catcher	5-7	r/r	escanaba, mich. / gladstone
20	courtney burnett	jr.	outfield	5-4	r/r	galesburg, mich / comstock
21	kayla houston	jr.	pitcher/utility	5-8	r/r	san diego, calif. / valhalla
22	bri russell	fr.	outfield	5-4	r/l	portage, mich. / portage central
25	marisa belpedio	fr.	infield	5-8	r/r	oak park, ill. / oak park and river forest

head coach: kathy leitke (11th season / central michigan '85)

assistant coach: jamie spitale (11th season / hillsdale '97)

volunteer assistant coach: sarah thomas (1st season / western michigan '10)

