

NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Irish Softball: Sending 2014 Out in Style



It was another record-setting year for Notre Dame Softball as the team posted a 41 - 13 overall record (16-5 in ACC) and were ACC Regular Season & Tournament Championship runner-ups. For the 6th consecutive year, the Irish reached the 40-win plateau and were rewarded with a birth in the NCAA Championships for the 16th consecutive season.

A 1-0 heartbreaker to #3 UCLA marked the end of a season that saw the Irish rewrite the offensive record books and become a

fixture in the Top-25 for 14 consecutive weeks. As a team, Notre Dame Softball led the nation in batting average (.357) and had the second best slugging percentage (.552) in the country.

Senior Laura Winter set program records for wins (112) and strikeouts (1,078) en route to being the 7th overall pick in the NPF Draft.

Freshman Karley Wester was one of three finalists for NFCA National Freshmen of the Year and a second team All-American after being named ACC Freshman of the Year and batting .455 with 81 hits, 28 RBI and 26 stolen bases.

Emilee Koerner followed her 2013 All-American season by leading the nation in doubles with 28 (one shy of the NCAA single-season record) and being named to NFCA's All-America third-team.

Micaela Arizmendi had a breakout season by leading the ACC in RBIs (33) and slugging percentage (1.111) in conference play on the way to being named to the NFCA's All-American second team.

Single-season team records established by the 2014 Notre Dame Softball team included the best batting average (.357), most hits (533), most doubles (107) and the highest team on-base percentage (.419) in program history.



The Irish Softball team was recognized at the Notre Dame Athletics end-of-year award ceremony (O.S.C.A.R.S.) The team won the community service competition among all 26 Notre Dame teams.

Coach Gumpf Honored by Alliance of Women Coaches

Irish Head Coach Deanna Gumpf was one of six honorees of the Alliance of Women Coaches at its "The Bigger Picture of Being a Champion" event in Chicago on June 4th. The awards honor legends and leaders in a variety of sports, while recognizing contributions made away from the playing field.

Gumpf was recognized as a 2014 Bigger Picture Award winner alongside Stanford women's basketball coach Tara VanDerveer, social justice leader Pat Griffin, WNBA all-star Tamika Catchings, Northwestern women's lacrosse coach Kelly Amonte Hiller and IOC leader Anita DeFrantz. Past



LEFT: Coach Gumpf (second from right) joins her fellow award winners at the "Bigger Picture of Being a Champion" award ceremony held in Chicago by the Alliance of Women Coaches.

award winners have included former Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Summit, United States soccer Olympian Julie Foudy and Rutgers women's basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer.

The 2014 awards were presented in conjunction with the Alliance of Women Coaches annual convention. Under the direction of Gumpf, Notre Dame Softball has emerged as a national leader in the sport for its dedication to community service causes across Indiana, particularly in support of pediatric cancer. Irish softball has raised more than \$100,000 since 2011 through its Strikeout Cancer initiative that has directly assisted children in Northern Indiana battling pediatric cancer.

Congratulations to Coach Gumpf on being recognized as a Bigger Picture Award Winner by the Alliance of Women Coaches, and for receiving this prestigious award!



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July 14-16th Overnight Camp

For more information and to register online, visit: youthsports.nd.edu

Softball Alumni Weekend

Mark your calendars: November 15-16th is our Softball Alumni Weekend! Come back to campus for the home football game vs. Northwestern, and enjoy a tailgate at the softball field with your teammates, coaches and friends!

If you plan on coming back to campus, please contact Assoc. Coach Lizzy Lemire: elemire@nd.edu

The 14 Best Stories from the 2014 Notre Dame Softball Season (click each story to read/see more!)

1. Solo Captain; Profile in Leadership on Chloe Saganowich
2. Meet Cass & Carl; Student. Athlete. Irish.
3. Strikeout Cancer Does It Again; Irish Softball Passes \$100,000 Mark
4. Get in the Game; Coach Gumpf Gets Mic'd for Maryland Series
5. Saying Goodbye to Seniors; a Look Back at the Class of 2014
6. A Record 7 All-Region Selections Come in For Irish Softball
7. Whidden's Comeback Is Complete
8. ACC Stunner: Irish Exorcise Demons and Comeback to Bounce Va. Tech from ACC Tournament
9. Laura Winter Tosses Perfect Game to Become the First 100-Game Winner for Notre Dame Softball
10. Irish Knock off #7 FSU for Softball's First ACC Victory at Home
11. Being a Lefty is Alright; Profile on Slapper Jenna Simon
12. Allie Rhodes Tosses 40th No-Hitter in ND History, First of Her Career.
13. Koerner Named Student-Athlete of the Week After Going Off on B.C.
14. The Bigger Picture; Coach Gumpf Recognized Nationally by Alliance of Women Coaches

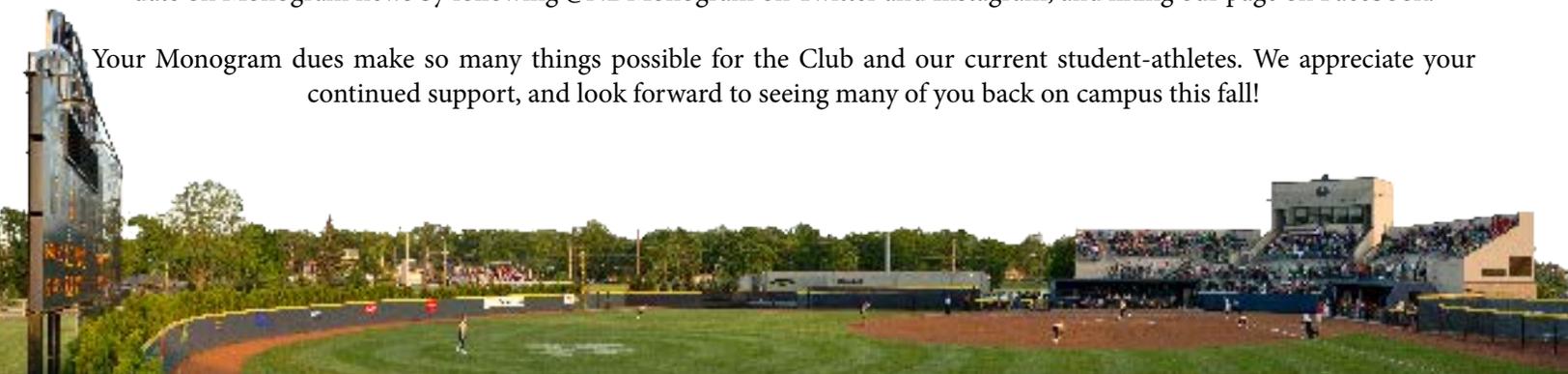
Message from the Monogram Club

Greetings, Softball Monogram winners, we hope you are having a great summer! As you prepare for fall, remember the tunnel game for all dues-paying Monogram winners is the Nov. 15 contest vs. Northwestern, during Softball Alumni Weekend.

Once again, we look forward to hosting our Saturday pre-game receptions and post-game Masses throughout the season. Stay tuned later this summer for additional details on the Monogram Club's schedule of fall events.

For any questions, please contact our office at 574-631-5450 and visit <http://ndmonogramclub.com>. You can also stay up to date on Monogram news by following @NDMonogram on Twitter and Instagram, and liking our page on Facebook.

Your Monogram dues make so many things possible for the Club and our current student-athletes. We appreciate your continued support, and look forward to seeing many of you back on campus this fall!



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Where Are They Now: HEATHER BOOTH



ND STATS:

Graduating Class: 2006
Major: Marketing
Position: Pitcher (Captain)
Jersey Number: 32

CURRENT STATS:

Occupation: Marketing Specialist, Nike
Resides: Chicago, IL

What are you up to now?

I work at the Swoosh (Nike) and bring innovation and inspiration to athletes all over the world. In my [infrequent] spare time, I'm helping plan wedding festivities for Sara Schoonaert's (Softball, '06) wedding in November. She's a longtime friend and teammate from ND and I can't wait to stand next to her on her big day!

What's one thing we might not know/expect about you?

Work and personal travel keep me in the air at least 100,000 miles each year, which is about 280+ hours spent in airports. I run into more ND friends, coaches and teams at O'Hare and Midway than I do on campus!

How do you stay in touch with Irish Softball?

Facebook and Twitter (waiting for an NDS softball Instagram!) Can't wait to see all those ACC roadtrip photos!

Any Irish Fun Facts to share?

When I first moved to Chicago, I went to an ND/DePaul game and met Elizabeth (Perkins) Latimer (Softball, '97.) We both moved to the city and now we live one block from each other. She invites me over for dinner, I've met her husband and family... Notre Dame Softball is everywhere!



Weddings Take Teamwork: Booth (left) is helping Irish Softball alum, Sara Schoonaert ('06) with her upcoming November wedding. Good luck to both of them!

Softball Facility Updates



June 1



July 1



August 1

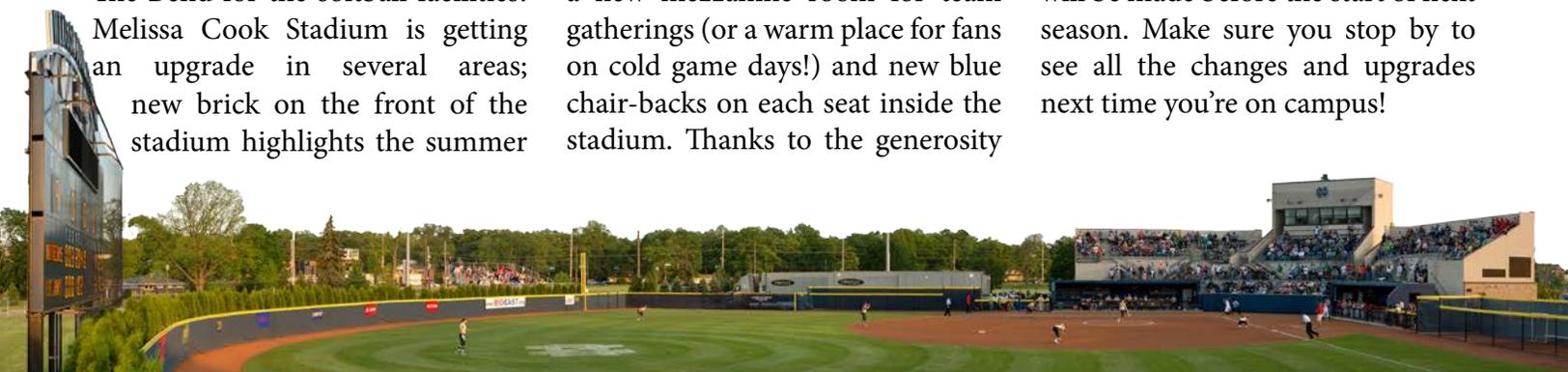


Mezzanine Room Before & After

It's been a busy summer around The Bend for the softball facilities! Melissa Cook Stadium is getting an upgrade in several areas; new brick on the front of the stadium highlights the summer

construction projects, along with a new mezzanine room for team gatherings (or a warm place for fans on cold game days!) and new blue chair-backs on each seat inside the stadium. Thanks to the generosity

of several donors, these changes will be made before the start of next season. Make sure you stop by to see all the changes and upgrades next time you're on campus!



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Events You Should Know About

Softball Alumni Weekend/ Wounded Warriors Game

Mark your calendars: Sept. 27-29 is Softball Alumni Weekend! If you plan on coming to campus for the event, contact Lizzy Lemire: elemire@nd.edu

Wounded Warriors Game

We take on the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team on Sunday, Sept. 29th at Noon at Melissa Cook Stadium, with an ND Celebrity Slow-Pitch Game at 1:30 pm. Come cheer on the Irish and those who serve our nation in a special event paying tribute to 'God, Country, Notre Dame.'

500 Career Wins!

Congratulations to Head Coach Deanna Gumpf, who notched her 500th career win on April 23, 2013, in a 11-1 victory over UConn. This was Gumpf's 12th year at the helm and all 500 wins have come at Notre Dame.

Strikeout Cancer Weekend

We're proud to announce over \$40,000 was raised through the Strikeout Cancer events held on April 12-13th! Capped by a thrilling 7-run, 7th inning comeback against Rutgers on Sunday, the weekend successfully brought the Notre Dame and South Bend communities together to fight pediatric leukemia.

Fall Softball Schedule

Coming in for a football weekend? Stay on Sunday and see softball!

September

- 15 vs. Illinois State 12 pm EST
- vs. Illinois State 2 pm EST
- 22 vs. Butler (time TBD)
- vs. Purdue (time TBD)
- 29 vs. Wounded Warriors 12 pm EST

October

- 5 vs. Illinois-Chicago (in Chicago)
- vs. Heartland C.C. (in Chicago)
- 9 vs. Southwest C.C. 6 pm EST

ACC Schedule

You might have heard...we joined the ACC! Here's our conference schedule including home and away:

March

- 8-9 at Georgia Tech
- 15-16 at Virginia Tech
- 22-23 vs. Pittsburgh
- 29-30 at Syracuse

April

- 12-13 vs. Florida State
- 19-20 at Virginia
- 26-27 vs. Maryland

May

- 3-4 vs. Boston College

If you're in the Atlanta, Blacksburg, Syracuse or Charlottesville area we'd love to see you at games!



Message from the Monogram Club



Greetings, softball Monogram winners! There's another busy fall planned and we hope to see you on campus or at our Shamrock Series reception before the pep rally on Oct. 4 in Fort Worth, Texas. Further details will be included in the upcoming Inside Irish e-newsletter, sent to all dues-paying members.

In addition, we recently debuted several new social media channels where you can keep up with the latest Club news and information. Subscribe to our YouTube channel and official blog, and make sure you're following the Instagram page for photos from campus and Club events. And of course, if you haven't already, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and join the Monogram Club LinkedIn group.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 574-631-5450 or visit <http://ndmonogramclub.com>. Thank you for your continued support, and as always, Go Irish!



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Where Are They Now: Andrea Loman



ND STATS:

Graduating Class: 2003

Major: Management Info Systems

Position: 1B/3B; Captain

Jersey Number: #33

CURRENT STATS:

Occupation: IT Consultant, Accenture

Resides: Riverside, CA

What are you up to now?

Presently an IT Consultant with Accenture, but I also sponsor two 'sons' in Africa that call me 'Mum' and I hope they will have the opportunity to come to America for University in 2015.

What's one thing we might not know/expect about you?

I have been to Kenya 8 times (and counting) through the non-profit I founded in 2007, Orphans Can Dream Too. My long-term goal is to build an orphanage there. I am also involved with Refuge for Redemption, which is a sober

living facility that caters to people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction in Riverside, CA. We provide a safe, sober environment where faith and camaraderie help those seeking recovery.

How do you stay in touch with Irish Softball?

Facebook is a personal favorite that allows me to keep up with growing families and those I may not contact daily. Also, to see so many alumni at the National Championship game in Miami was a very special experience which I will always hold dear.

Keep in Touch and Stay Connected...

The 'Notre Dame Family' is a unique and vital part of what it means to be a "Domer."

This sense of community extends beyond the last out, the final game or graduation. It's found at alumni gatherings and game-watches, the sharing of a "Go Irish!" with strangers or memories and stories with life-long friends.

We want to strengthen that bond.

This newsletter is intended to provide information and opportunities to re-connect with teammates, coaches and members of the Irish Softball community.

Think of it as a way to keep in touch with your alma mater and follow your former team. You may have hung up the jersey, but you're still on the all-time roster!

Here are some ways to be engaged:

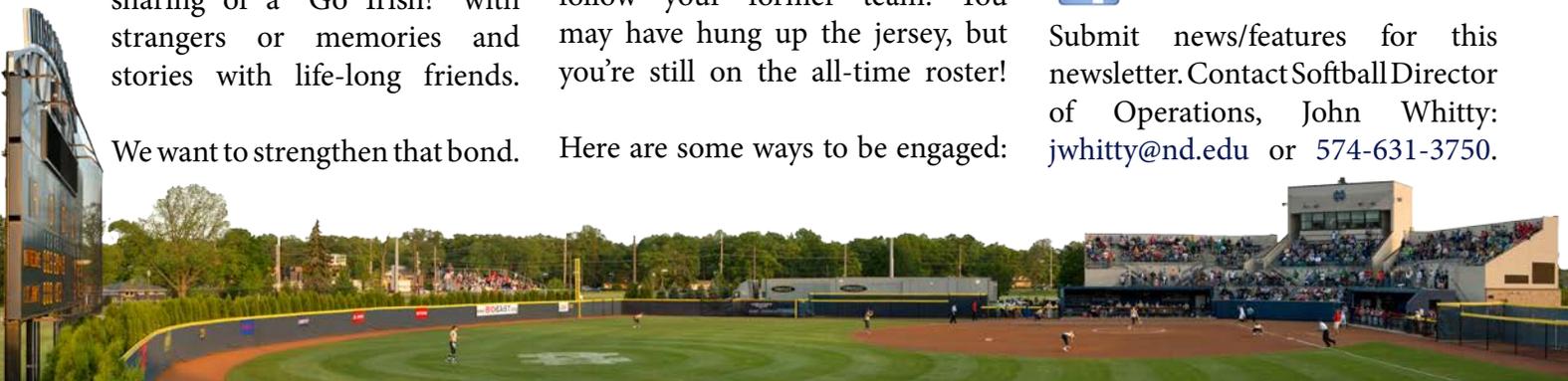
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Like us on Facebook and keep up with the Irish Softball Team!



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1,000 Program Wins!

On April 3, 2013 Notre Dame Softball notched its 1,000th victory in program history with a 8-2 win over Georgetown. Congratulations to members of the Irish Softball family across all generations on this historic accomplishment!

Wounded Warriors Game/ Softball Alumni Weekend

Mark your calendars: September 28-29, 2013 is Softball Alumni Weekend! This coincides with a Wounded Warriors softball game on our field and the ND vs. Oklahoma Football Weekend! If you plan on coming back to campus, please contact Lizzy Lemire: elemire@nd.edu

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For more information, contact
Kris Ganeff: ganeff.2@nd.edu

Upcoming Away Games

Not around campus? We travel! Here are some dates and places to possibly see us play in your area:

April

16 at Michigan St., 5pm EST
20 at Pittsburgh, 12 pm EST
at Pittsburgh, 2 pm EST
21 at Pittsburgh, 2 pm EST
27 at DePaul, 12 pm CST
at DePaul, 2 pm CST
28 at DePaul, 12 pm CST

May

9-11 BIG EAST Tournament
Tampa, FL (Hosted by USF)

If you're in the East Lansing, Pittsburgh, Chicago or Tampa area, we'd love to see you at games!

Message from the Monogram Club

Greetings softball Monogram winners! For those of you traveling to ND for Blue-Gold Weekend on April 19-20, please click here to login and register for many exciting events and follow [@NDMonogram](https://twitter.com/NDMonogram) for updates! The lineup includes a Young Alumni reception in ND Stadium, a casual pre-Blue-Gold game luncheon for dues-paying members and guests, as well as An Evening with the Monogram Club which will feature a new cocktail reception format.

Your Monogram dues make so many things possible for the current student-athletes.
Click here for a Thank You Monogram Club video message from the softball team!

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We hope to see you soon and thanks for your support. Go Irish!

