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

2011 notre dame softbal

gameday central

notre dame fighting irish (16-6 overall, 0-0 big east) [und.com • bigeast.org]

eastern michigan eagles (9-4 overall, 0-0 mid-american) [emueagles.com • mac-sports.com]

series: notre dame leads, 13-2 series streak: notre dame, w4 first meeting: april 5, 1999 eastern michigan, 5-4 last meeting: march 23, 2010 notre dame, 9-3



one-hitters

• spring break saw the irish hit the west coast for eight games, including six at the prestigious judi garman classic ... after sweeping a doubleheader at cal poly, notre dame went 2-4 at the judi garman classic ... that mark included a 2-1 victory over no. 9 oklahoma, the first for notre dame over a top 10 opponent since 2009 ... that victory was also against (then) ninth-ranked oklahoma during the same tournament.

• with what is perhaps one of the most challenging non-conference schedules at this point of the season, notre dame has already faced four top 10 teams (no. 1 alabama, no. 4 washington, no. 5 michigan and no. 9 oklahoma) ... the irish are 1-3 against those squads. • the irish are currently on a two-game skid heading into their home opener ... the team posted a program-record nine straight wins (feb. 18-feb. 27) to start the season, later followed by a six-game winning streak (march 5-march 16).

· last season's home opener: nine runs in each of the two contests during the 2010 home doubleheader - which was also pitted the irish against eastern michigan - provided enough offense for notre dame to sweep the twinbill by respective scores of 9-0 and 9-3 ... christine lux and kristina wright were each good for one home run and one double on the day, as half of notre dame's 22 hits went for extra bases (11 doubles, four home runs, one triple) ... dani miller and heather johnson contributed four rbi apiece, with johnson's entire load coming in the first game ... jody valdivia (14-2) tacked on her 13th straight win from the circle in game one ... she needed 5.0 innings to toss the four-hit shutout ... the irish are 20-2 all-time in home openers.

• notre dame is in its 23rd season of varsity competition with an all-time record of 907-417-3 (.685) ... the program boasts 15 ncaa championship appearances (12 consecutive) and six big east conference tournament titles, the latest coming in 2009.

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2.18 (fri.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio)	w, 3-2
	(1) at ucf	w, 5-3
2.19 (sat.)	(1) vs. illinois-chicago	w, 4-1
	(1) vs. delaware	w, 11-1 (5)
2.20 (sun.)	(1) vs. miami (ohio)	w, 4-1
2.26 (sat.)	(2) at college of charles	ston w, 2-0
	(2) vs. iowa state	w, 1-0
2.27 (sun.)	(2) vs. marist	w, 10-1
	(2) vs. liberty	w, 6-4
3.4 (fri.)	(3) vs. longwood	l, 0-2
	(3) vs. #1 alabama	l, 1-4
3.5 (sat.)	(3) vs. north carolina	w, 4-3 (8)
	(3) vs. maryland	w, 5-3
3.6 (sun.)	(3) vs. fordham	w, 6-0
3.13 (sun.)	at cal poly	w, 4-1
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3.16 (wed.)	(4) vs. #9 oklahoma	w, 2-1
	(4) at cal state fullerton	
3.17 (thurs.)	(4) vs. #19 louisiana-lafa	
3.18 (fri.)	(4) vs. new mexico	w, 5-0
	(4) vs. #4 washington	l, 4-7
3.19 (sat.)	(4) vs. #5 michigan	l, 4-9
3.23 (wed.)	eastern michigan (dh	-
3.25 (fri.)	northern illinois	5:00 p.m.
3.29 (tues.)	western michigan	6:00 p.m.
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(1) ucf invitational – orlando, fla. (2) college of charleston invite – charleston, 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 home games in **bold**



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notre dame fighting irish (16-6)

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1	kelsey thornton	SO.	outfield	5-6	l/r	sugar land, texas / elkins
3	heather johnson	sr.	infield	5-8	r/r	los alamitos, 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	1/1	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 ganeff (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)

eastern michigan (9-4)

no.	name	year	position	height	b/t	hometown / high school
2	lauren wells	fr.	pitcher	5-8	I/I	lowell, ind. / lowell
3	sarah gerber	jr.	catcher	5-8	r/r	north canton, ohio / hoover
4	lindsay smith	SO.	outfield	5-4	l/r	seville, ohio / cloverlead
5	jaclyn caro	sr.	pitcher	5-7	r/r	chino, calif. / st. lucy's priory
6	katy blaharski	so.	outfield	5-5	l/r	carleton, mich. / airport
7	mckenna russ	jr.	outfield	5-8	1/1	north canton, ohio / hoover
9	jessica richards	jr.	outfield	5-9	l/r	canton, ohio / jackson
10	courtney nicholson	so.	utility	5-6	r/r	navarre, ohio / canton central catholic
11	jamie melchert	sr.	pitcher	5-10	r/r	scottville, mich. / mason county central
12	jillian williamson	so.	pitcher	5-11	r/r	sebewaing, mich. / unionville-sebewaing
14	amanda stanton	fr.	infield	5-6	r/r	homer glen, ill. / lockport township
15	lauren delapaz	sr.	utility	5-7	r/r	plymouth, mich. / canton
16	allison scherer	fr.	infield	5-4	r/r	stow, ohio / stow-munroe
19	kaylee tolliver	jr.	infield	5-8	1/1	amanda, ohio / clearcreek
20	shaina peters	fr.	utility	5-7	r/r	east jordan, mich. / east jordan
21	stacie skodinski	sr.	infield	5-6	r/r	south bend, ind. / washington
22	kayla kostich	fr.	utility	5-10	r/r	taylor, mich. / cabrini
23	jenna ignowski	so.	pitcher	5-10	r/r	niles, mich. / niles
25	nellie cocquillard	SO.	infield	5-6	r/r	niles, mich. / niles

head coach: karen baird (9th season / adrian '94) **assistant coaches:** eric oakley, heather han

