

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

no. 21 notre dame fighting irish

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valparaiso crusaders

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tuesday, may 3 • 5:00 p.m. (et)

melissa cook stadium • notre dame, ind.

series: notre dame leads, 30-2

series streak: notre dame, w29

first meeting: 4.13.89 – valparaiso, 1-0

last meeting: 4.21.10 – notre dame, 7-6

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one-hitters

• heading into this week's six-game stretch, notre dame has won seven straight and 21 of its last 22 contests ... dating back to the end of the 2009 campaign, the irish have won 34 of their last 36 games at melissa cook stadium ... in their friendly home confines, the defending big east regular season champions have won 19 of their last 20 league contests ... notre dame is 29-8 (.784) all-time in big east games at melissa cook stadium with one of those losses coming to pittsburgh in 2009.

• a non-conference bout on tuesday with valparaiso will be followed by a pair of big east conference series with pittsburgh (may 3) and connecticut (may 7-8) this week for the notre dame softball team ... the irish enter the final week of the regular season on the heels of a three-game sweep of st. john's (april 30-may 1) and two wins at usf (april 27) ... two of the five wins came in the form of no-hitters.

• tabbed first in the big east preseason poll, a regular season title is still not out of the question for notre dame ... depaul remains in first place with a 17-1 league record and will play three games with usf (may 7-8) ... with five league games remaining, notre dame would finish second if both the irish and blue demons win-out ... the irish, who played just two games against both syracuse and villanova, could finish 19-1 with an outside shot at a title barring a usf upset win at depaul (out-right) or even a rainout (shared).

• last meeting with valparaiso (april 21, 2010): dani miller went 2-for-3 with a home run and four rbi, including a walk-off sacrifice fly to score katie fleury from third in the bottom of the seventh to give notre dame a 7-6 win ... miller stroked a three-run homer in her first at-bat, one of 11 hits for notre dame ... sadie pitzenberger was a perfect 3-for-3 with a run scored and fleury added two hits and crossed the plate twice ... the game featured two ties and five lead changes with the squads combining for 23 hits.

• notre dame boasts four of the big east's top six batters in sadie pitzenberger (1st - .564), heather johnson (2nd - .535), alexia clay (5th - .476) and brianna jorgensborg (6th - .471) ... johnson is first with a .614 on-base pct., 1.140 slugging pct. and 49 total bases ... she is tied for first with seven home runs in league play and second with 24 rbi ... clay is second with six doubles ... katie fleury's eight stolen bases is good for a tie for second.

• notre dame sent its eight seniors out in style with a 14-0 win over st. john's (may 1) on senior day ... jody valdivia and shannon kelly combined for a five-inning no-hitter ... even more, notre dame started each of its eight seniors to begin the game ... the brilliant pitching effort came just four days after laura winter notched the first no-hitter of her career during a 1-0 win at usf ... winter punched out nine bulls as 51 of her 77 offerings went for strikes ... usf, winners of five straight entering the doubleheader, was also blanked in the closing game by a 5-0 count ... in game two, brittany o'donnell took a no-hitter into the sixth as usf ended its 10.0 inning hitless drought with a single but left three runners on the pond in the inning ... o'donnell earned her seventh win behind a one-hit effort in 6.0 frames.

2011 schedule / results

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 charleston	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
	at cal poly	w, 2-0
3.16 (wed.)	(4) vs. #9 oklahoma	w, 2-1
	(4) at cal state fullerton	l, 0-10 (5)
3.17 (thurs.)	(4) vs. #19 louisiana-lafayette	l, 1-5
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
3.25 (fri.)	northern illinois	w, 4-1
3.29 (tues.)	western michigan	l, 2-3
3.31 (thurs.)	purdue	w, 7-5
4.2 (sat.)	providence*	w, 12-4 (5)
4.2 (sat.)	providence*	w, 7-3
4.3 (sun.)	providence*	w, 9-0 (5)
4.5 (tues.)	at wisconsin	w, 9-1 (6)
4.7 (thurs.)	butler	w, 5-0
4.7 (thurs.)	butler	w, 6-1
4.10 (sun.)	at syracuse*	w, 9-2
4.10 (sun.)	at syracuse*	w, 7-4
4.12 (tues.)	bowling green	w, 10-2 (6)
4.12 (tues.)	bowling green	w, 8-5
4.13 (wed.)	loyola-chicago	w, 8-0 (6)
4.16 (sat.)	louisville*	w, 8-5
4.17 (sun.)	louisville*	w, 4-3
4.17 (sun.)	louisville*	l, 6-9
4.21 (thurs.)	at villanova*	w, 2-1
4.21 (thurs.)	at villanova*	w, 10-8
4.27 (wed.)	at usf*	w, 1-0
4.27 (wed.)	at usf*	w, 5-0
4.30 (sat.)	st. john's*	w, 10-3
4.30 (sat.)	st. john's*	w, 11-1 (5)
5.1 (sun.)	st. john's*	w, 14-0 (5)
5.3 (tues.)	valparaiso	5:00 p.m.
5.4 (wed.)	pittsburgh* (dh)	4:00 p.m.
5.7 (sat.)	at connecticut*	1:00 p.m.
5.8 (sun.)	at connecticut* (dh)	12:00 p.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

notre dame fighting irish (33-8)

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 pitzenger	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 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)

valparaiso crusaders (30-18-1)

no.	name	year	position	height	b / t	hometown / high school
00	alex lagesse	jr.	pitcher/utility	5-7	l/r	beecheer, ill. / beecheer
1	sam mcgee	jr.	pitcher	5-10	r/r	bloomington, mich. / jefferson
2	angie doerffler	fr.	infield	5-7	r/r	fort wayne, ind. / concordia lutheran
3	sara strickland	jr.	outfield	5-4	l/r	scottsdale, ariz. / horizon
4	hayley bridwell	so.	outfield	5-7	l/r	lemont, ill. / lemont
5	jill jacobson	sr.	outfield	5-10	l/r	beecheer, ill. / beecheer
7	amanda wisniewski	fr.	utility	5-9	r/r	lake in the hills, ill. / huntley
8	amanda bolton	jr.	pitcher	5-5	r/r	scottsdale, ariz. / horizon
9	jessie marinec	so.	infield	5-9	r/r	alsip, ill. / marist
10	kelly belisle	fr.	utility	5-4	l/l	anoka, minn. / anoka
12	amanda korb	fr.	utility	5-11	r/r	indianapolis, ind. / lutheran
13	kc boldt	sr.	outfield	5-11	r/r	red wing, minn. / red wing
19	sadie conner	sr.	infield/catcher	5-7	r/r	washington, ill. / washington
20	jordan rutkowski	jr.	catcher/outfield	5-6	r/r	alden, n.y. / alden
21	joylyn ichiyama	jr.	infield	5-2	r/r	torrance, calif. / redondo union
22	shaleigh jansen	jr.	pitcher	6-0	r/r	ottawa, ill. / ottawa township
30	jennifer hermanson	so.	infield	5-7	l/r	beecheer, ill. / beecheer
33	tori brown	so.	outfield	5-4	r/r	harrison, ohio / harrison
99	kelsey phalen	jr.	infield	5-9	r/r	batavia, ill. / batavia

head coach: jordan stevens (bowling green '04)

assistant coach: rachel folden (marshall '08)

graduate assistant: lynn anderson (wisconsin '08)