

2000 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL

October 30, 2000

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2000 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE		
Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/1	#15 BYU vs. Clemson	BYU, 3-0
9/1	Fairfield	W, 3-0
9/2	Clemson vs. Fairfield	Fair., 3-0
9/2	#15 BYU	W, 3-2
9/3	Clemson	W, 3-0
adidas Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/8	#16 Michigan St. vs. #3 UCLA	UCLA, 3-1
9/8	#4 Nebraska	L, 0-3
9/9	#4 Nebraska vs. #16 Michigan St.	Neb., 3-0
9/9	#3 UCLA	L, 0-3
9/10	#3 UCLA vs. #4 Nebraska	Neb., 3-2
9/10	#16 Michigan State	L, 2-3
9/12	at Valparaiso	W, 3-0
Lady Seminole Classic (Tallahassee, Fla.)		
9/15	vs. Florida A&M	W, 3-0
9/15	at Florida State	W, 3-1
9/16	vs. Samford	W, 3-0
9/21	#22 Loyola Mary. (LMU)	W, 3-1
Golden Dome Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
9/22	#7 Colo. St. vs. #22 LMU	CSU, 3-0
9/22	Wyoming	W, 3-0
9/23	#22 LMU vs. Wyoming	LMU, 3-0
9/23	#7 Colorado State	L, 0-3
9/29	Villanova*	W, 3-0
10/1	Georgetown*	W, 3-0
10/7	at West Virginia*	W, 3-0
10/8	at Pittsburgh*	W, 3-1
10/11	at Illinois State	W, 3-0
10/18	at Michigan	L, 0-3
10/20	Rutgers*	W, 3-0
10/22	Seton Hall*	W, 3-0
10/28	at St. John's*	W, 3-0
10/29	at Connecticut*	W, 3-2
11/3	Boston College*	7:00 p.m.
11/4	North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
11/5	Providence*	2:00 p.m.
11/7	St. Louis	7:00 p.m.
11/11	at Syracuse*	1:00 p.m.
BIG EAST Championship (Notre Dame, Ind.)		
11/18	Semifinals	1:00, 3:30 p.m.
11/19	Finals	2:00 p.m.
11/24	at #4 USC	6:00 p.m.
NCAA Championship (Semifinals/Finals in Richmond, Va.)		
11/30 - 12/16 2000 NCAA Volleyball Tournament		

Home matches in **bold** All times local to site
* indicates BIG EAST Conference Matches

WHO: Notre Dame, Boston College, North Carolina and Providence.

WHAT: Notre Dame begins a four-match homestand.

WHERE: The Joyce Center, Notre Dame, Ind.

WHEN: #23 Notre Dame vs. Boston College, Friday, Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m.

#23 Notre Dame vs. North Carolina, Saturday, Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m.

#23 Notre Dame vs. Providence, Sunday, Nov. 5, 2:00 p.m.

Irish Continue Drive for Fifth BIG EAST Regular-Season Title this Weekend: The Notre Dame Volleyball team (18-5, 8-0 in BIG EAST) returns to campus for a three-game homestand this weekend, Nov. 3-5. The Irish will host BIG EAST conference foe Boston College on Friday, take on non-conference opponent North Carolina on Saturday, and finish off the weekend with a match against BIG EAST member Providence on Sunday.

Scouting the Eagles: Boston College is 10-15 (3-5) in 2000 ... Notre Dame has won the previous six meetings between the two schools ... Irish senior **Christi Girton (Muncie, Ind.)** had 16 kills in the '99 meeting ... Julia El-Hag is the offensive leader for the Eagles, she posted six kills and seven digs in the match last season.

Scouting the Tar Heels: North Carolina is 21-5 (11-2 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) in 2000 ... Notre Dame holds a 3-1 advantage in the series ... Irish senior **Adrienne Shimmel (Mission Viejo, Calif.)** had 16 digs in the last meeting between the two teams in 1998 ... Laura Green leads the Tar Heel offense this season with 338 kills ... setter **Eve Rackham** has 985 assists (13.13 per game) this season.

Scouting the Friars: Providence College is 16-12 (2-6) in 2000 and will play at Syracuse, Friday, Nov. 3, before travelling to Notre Dame for Sunday's match ... Notre Dame holds a 5-0 edge in the series, winning all five matches in three games ... Sarah Katinger leads the Friar offense this season with 457 kills (4.39 per game) on .263 hitting ... Providence is 0-4 on the road in BIG EAST conference competition ... Irish senior setter **Denise Boylan (Lisle, Ill.)** had 50 assists and 10 digs in the '99 match against Providence.

Connecticut Recap: Notre Dame won its second match in as many days, outlasting Connecticut in five games (15-11, 11-15, 15-5, 13-15, 16-14) Sunday, Oct. 29. The Irish swept a three game match at St. John's the day before (Oct. 28). **Christi Girton** posted a career-high 31 kills in the match against the Huskies to lead a Notre Dame offense that yielded four players with double-digit kills.

Girton had combined with fellow outsider hitter **Marcie Bomhack (Waukesha, Wis.)** for

2000 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

2	Denise Boylan***	Sr.	S	6-1	Lisle, IL	Benet Academy
3	Malinda Goralski**	Jr.	MB	6-1	Missouri City, TX	Clements
4	Kristy Kreher**	Jr.	OPP	6-1	Birmingham, MI	Marian
5	Jessica Kinder	Fr.	OH	5-10	Fresno, CA	Bullard
6	Marcie Bomhack**	Jr.	OH	6-0	Waukesha, WI	Catholic Memorial
7	Christi Girton***	Sr.	OH	6-3	Muncie, IN	Muncie Central
8	Kristen Kinder	Fr.	S	5-9	Fresno, CA	Bullard
9	Jo Jameyson***	Sr.	MB/OH	6-1	Alvin, TX	Alvin
10	Kim Fletcher	Fr.	MB	6-0	St. Louis, MO	Nerinx Hall
11	Keara Coughlin*	So.	DS/OH	5-8	Chicago, IL	Marian Catholic
12	Adrienne Shimmel***	Sr.	DS/OH	5-10	Mission Viejo, CA	Capistrano Valley
13	Christa Moen	Fr.	DS	5-4	San Antonio, TX	Oliver Wendell Holmes
14	Janie Alderete*	So.	DS	5-4	Santa Clara, CA	Archbishop Mitty
15	Katie Neff	Fr.	MB	6-4	St. Louis, MO	Cor Jesu Academy
16	Michelle Graham**	Sr.	S/DS	5-8	Austin, TX	Austin

* - denotes monograms earned

Head Coach: Debbie Brown (Arizona State, '82, 10th season at Notre Dame)

Assistant Coaches: Steve Hendricks (Ball State, '90), Lindsay Rosenthal (Notre Dame, '98)

AVCA/USA Today
Top 25 Poll
October 30, 2000

Rk	School ('00 record)	Points (1st)
1.	Nebraska (21-0)	1492 (52)
2.	Hawaii (20-0)	1448 (8)
3.	USC (19-1)	1361
4.	Arizona (19-2)	1317
5.	Wisconsin (21-2)	1235
6.	Colorado State (23-2)	1202
7.	Minnesota (21-2)	1104
8.	UCLA (16-5)	1089
9.	Pepperdine (20-3)	1047
10.	Florida (19-3)	942
11.	Penn State (20-4)	899
12.	Pacific (18-3)	848
13.	Ohio State (20-2)	771
14.	BYU (17-6)	702
15.	UC Santa Barbara (17-6)	690
16.	Santa Clara (20-2)	636
17.	Stanford (12-9)	489
18.	Long Beach State (15-7)	436
19.	Utah State (19-6)	406
20.	Utah (17-5)	341
21.	Texas A&M (15-5)	340
22.	Michigan State (13-8)	207
23.	NOTRE DAME (18-5)	187
24.	Missouri (18-4)	110
25.	Loyola Marymount (16-7)	67

Others receiving 30 or more points: None

Italics = 2000 Notre Dame opponents

Volleyball Magazine Poll
October 30, 2000

Rk	School	2000 Record
1.	Hawaii	20-0
2.	Nebraska	21-0
3.	Arizona	19-2
4.	USC	19-1
5.	Wisconsin	21-2
6.	Colorado State	23-2
7.	Pacific	16-3
8.	Minnesota	21-2
9.	Penn State	18-4
10.	Florida	17-3
11.	UCLA	16-5
12.	Pepperdine	20-3
13.	Ohio State	20-2
14.	UC Santa Barbara	17-6
15.	BYU	17-6
16.	Santa Clara	20-2
17.	Stanford	11-8
18.	Long Beach State	15-7
19.	Utah	17-5
20.	Utah State	19-6

Others: Kansas State, NOTRE DAME, Michigan State, Texas Tech, Loyola Marymount, North Carolina, Baylor, Michigan, Arizona State, Missouri.

33 kills against St. John's and the Irish duo put forth another solid effort against UConn. Bomhack logged her fourth double-double of the season with 19 kills and 13 digs (plus five blocks) against the Huskies. All told, the Irish starting outside hitters accounted for 83 kills (10.4 per game) in Notre Dame's two weekend BIG EAST matches.

Junior opposite **Kristy Kreher** (Birmingham, Mich.) continued the solid play she has displayed the entire season, posting 21 kills and nine digs against Connecticut.

The fourth member of the Irish offense with double-digit kills was junior middle blocker **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City, Texas) with 13 kills.

Senior setter **Denise Boylan** played a big part in the Irish offensive and defensive effort. Boylan notched 69 assists in the match, helping the Irish hit .257 as a team. The Irish co-captain also had nine digs, three blocks and eight kills.

Boylan wasn't alone in the defensive effort, sophomore defensive specialist **Janie Alderete** (Santa Clara, Calif.) had a career-high 18 digs in the match.

Kreher Asserting Herself: Junior opposite **Kristy Kreher** has asserted herself as one of the top players in the BIG EAST conference and the nation in 2000. The Birmingham, Mich., native leads the team in kills (306), digs (188) and is second attack attempts (648) while posting a .316 hitting percentage.

Kreher has six 20-plus kill matches this season, four of which came versus ranked teams (23 vs. #15 BYU, 21 vs. #16 Michigan State, 32 vs. #22 Loyola Marymount, 22 at Pittsburgh and 21 at Connecticut). She ranks sixth in the BIG EAST in both hitting percentage (.316) and kills per game (4.25).

The numbers keep stacking up for the Irish power hitter. Her 32 kills against in the four-game match vs. #22 Loyola Marymount set a school record and she also posted a career-best 27 digs in the contest. In 15 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage over .320, including a .565 mark at Michigan and a .579 mark at West Virginia.

Girton Named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week Two Consecutive Times In 2000: For the second time in as many weeks on Oct. 2, Christi Girton was named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week. She led the team in kills in both BIG EAST match victories over the weekend of Sept. 29, to Oct. 1. Against Villanova, Girton had eight kills on 10 attempts with one error (.700), playing in just two games against the Wildcats. She also led the Irish in kills with 16 against Georgetown, adding nine digs and four blocks. Girton ended up hitting .354 in the two matches this week with 24 total kills (4.8 per

game).

Girton had previously been named the Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week for her performance against Loyola Marymount, Wyoming and Colorado State, Sept. 21-23. In the three matches that week, Girton tallied 49 kills (5.44 per game), 34 digs (3.77 per game) and a .318 hitting percentage. She notched 23 kills in Notre Dame's upset win over #22 Loyola Marymount. In the Irish sweep of Wyoming, she played in only two games recording 10 kills and five digs. She also earned a spot on the Golden Dome Invitational All-Tournament Team with her solid play.

Girton becomes the second Irish player to earn player of the week honors this season. **Denise Boylan** was given the honor on Sept. 4.

Head Coach Debbie Brown: Now entering her 10th season as head coach, **Debbie Brown** has led the Notre Dame volleyball team to victory in nearly 75 percent of its matches, going 246-85 (.743) since she joined the program in 1991. That success came after six years as head coach at Arizona State (1983-88), giving her a 362-168 record over 15 seasons.

Brown has coached teams that have qualified for the NCAA tournament 13 times and have won nine conference championships. The Irish have won four of five regular-season conference titles since they began BIG EAST play in 1995 and also have won four of five BIG EAST tournament titles. An NCAA berth at the end of the 2000 season would give **Brown** her 14th consecutive post-season coaching opportunity.

Regional Rankings: Notre Dame sits atop the NCAA Northeast Region ranking that was released on Oct. 17, 2000. The bi-weekly poll is conducted by the NCAA.

The rankings:

1. NOTRE DAME
2. Temple
3. Rutgers
4. Georgetown
5. George Washington
6. Connecticut
7. Xavier
8. Dayton
9. Pittsburgh
10. Hofstra

Teams in bold are BIG EAST teams the Irish have already defeated in 2000.

Milestone: With her 16-kill effort against Georgetown on Oct. 1, senior **Christi Girton** surpassed the 1,000-kill plateau for her career. Girton currently has 1,137 career kills. She becomes the 11th Irish player to surpass 1,000 kills in a career.

The Muncie, Ind., native also has two matches this season where she has posted 30 or more kills. She set a then career-mark with

Probable Notre Dame Starters

Setter

Denise Boylan, Sr. 6-1 (Lisle, Ill.)

Outside Hitters

Marcie Bomhack, Jr., 6-0
(Waukesha, Wis.)

Christi Girton, Sr., 6-3
(Muncie, Ind.)

Opposite

Kristy Kreher, Jr., 6-1
(Birmingham, Mich.)

Middle Blockers

Jo Jameyson, Sr., 6-1
(Alvin, Texas)

Malinda Goralski, Jr., 6-1
(Missouri City, Texas)

Defensive Specialists

Janie Alderete, So., 5-4
(Santa Clara, Calif.)

Keara Coughlin, So., 5-7
(Chicago, Ill.)

Notre Dame Sports Information

Publicity for Notre Dame volleyball is coordinated by sports information publicity assistant Alan Wasielewski. Photographs, statistics and feature ideas are available to the media by contacting Wasielewski at (219) 631-3397. Requests to interview student-athletes should be arranged through the SID office and should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Media may contact head coach Debbie Brown directly on weekdays at (219) 631-6307. Credentials for home games can be obtained by calling Wasielewski.

Come Join the Fun at the Joyce Center

The Notre Dame Promotions Department is supporting a number of new, exciting, and educational promotional events at the Notre Dame volleyball matches in 2000.

The Irish will play host to Boston College and 'Breast Cancer Awareness Night' Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:00 p.m. Fans will receive free admission by wearing a National Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon, which can be obtained by donating three dollars at the Joyce Center gate. All proceeds will benefit the Alumni Association's Awareness of Breast Cancer Program. For more information, call 219-631-8393.

Sunday, Nov. 5, when the Irish take on Providence, it will be 'Cash-Back for School Night'. Fans can earn 1,000 points for local schools in the Cash Back for Schools program by redeeming their tickets at Scottsdale Mall.

30 kills at Pittsburgh, then broke the record two weeks later at Connecticut with 31 kills.

Boylan Earns Player of the Week Honors: Senior setter **Denise Boylan** was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Monday, Sept. 4, for her performance during the Shamrock Invitational (Sept. 1-3). She led the team to three victories, including a come-from-behind upset over #15 BYU. **Boylan's** statistics over the course of the Shamrock tournament: 136 assists (12.36 avg), 27 digs, 10 blocks, 10 kills and five aces.

Preseason Honors: Notre Dame senior setter **Denise Boylan** was chosen as the BIG EAST preseason player of the year on Aug. 8. **Boylan** earned first-team all-BIG EAST honors in 1999 after leading the Irish with 1,132 assists and 35 aces. Her career marks of 3,291 assists and 11.84 assist per game average are both second in school history.

Boylan was joined on the preseason all-BIG EAST team by fellow senior **Christi Girton**. **Girton** had previously earned second team all-BIG EAST accolades after the 1998 and 1999 seasons. She led the team in kills (333) and digs (201) last season and ranks 10th on the career hitting percentage list with a .254 mark.

Top Hitters Return: Even after the loss of Mary Leffers, the top career percentage hitter in school history, Notre Dame boasts two of its top all-time ball strikers on its 2000 roster.

Kristy Kreher put together one of the best hitting percentage seasons ever in 1999, recording 272 kills on 592 attempts with only 85 errors (.316 percentage). **Kreher** has moved up the career charts as well, ranking second in hitting percentage with a .294 mark entering the 2000 season. In 23 matches this season, she has a .316 percentage (306 kills, 101 errors on 648 attempts).

Senior **Christi Girton** also had an impressive 1999 season with 333 kills and just 111 errors for a .302 mark, which is tied for the 10th-best season mark in Irish history. **Girton** boasts a .268 percentage in 2000 (297 kills, 116 errors on 675 attempts).

Home Court Advantage To Be Tested: The Irish continued their traditional success at home in 1999 with a 10-2 Joyce Center record. Notre Dame is 165-64 all-time in the Joyce Center and the Debbie Brown era (1991-current) is even better. Since 1991, Notre Dame has won 113 of 133 home matches for a stellar .849 winning percentage.

These numbers are being challenged in 2000 as the Irish have played #1 Nebraska, #4 Colorado State, #7 UCLA, #15 BYU, #17 Michigan State and #22 Loyola Marymount in the first four weeks of the 2000 season. Notre Dame also will play host the 2000 BIG EAST volleyball championship Nov. 18-19.

A Highly-Rated Group of Freshmen: The class of 2004 that features **Kim Fletcher**, **Jessica**

2000 BIG EAST Standings (Oct. 30)

Standings	'00 Overall	BE
1. Notre Dame	18-5	8-0
2. Rutgers	19-6	6-2
3. Pittsburgh	20-8	6-2
4. St. John's	22-7	5-3
5. Georgetown	15-9	5-3
6. Syracuse	21-9	4-4
7. Connecticut	14-11	4-4
8. Boston College	10-15	3-5
9. Providence	16-12	2-6
10. Villanova	9-16	2-6
11. West Virginia	8-14	2-6
12. Seton Hall	8-17	1-7

2000 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

Denise Boylan, Notre Dame
Christi Girton, Notre Dame
Dama Fiume, Syracuse
Kiran Gill, Georgetown
Sarah Katinger, Providence
Yulia Vtyurina, Georgetown

Preseason Player of the Year Denise Boylan, Notre Dame



Kinder, **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno, Calif.), **Katie Neff** and **Christa Moen** (San Antonio, Texas) was ranked the ninth-best recruiting class in the nation by *Volleyball Magazine*. **Fletcher** and **Kristen Kinder** were members of *Volleyball Magazine's* "Fab 50" list of the top senior high school volleyball players in the country.

Freshmen Contribute Early in the Season: The 2000 freshmen class has made some significant contributions in the first seven matches of the year. OH **Jessica Kinder** and MB **Kim Fletcher** have been in and out of the rotation for the Irish in the first five weeks of the season. **Fletcher** has played in 46 of the 78 games this season, scoring 62 kills, 27 digs and 33 blocks. **Jessica Kinder** has come off the bench with an effective jump-serve to score 11 aces and also has 34 kills and 59 digs.

MB **Katie Neff** and S **Kristen Kinder** were in the starting lineup of the third game ver-

BIG EAST Weekly Honors

Players of the Week:

Sept. 4:	<i>Denise Boylan, Notre Dame</i>
Sept. 11:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse
Sept. 18:	Dana Fiume, Syracuse Kiran Gill, Georgetown
Sept. 25:	<i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i> Dana Fiume, Syracuse
Oct. 2:	<i>Christi Girton, Notre Dame</i> Sarah Katinger, Providence
Oct. 9:	Kera Carter, Rutgers
Oct. 16:	Lauren Warner, Georgetown
Oct. 23:	Marcia Thiesen, Pittsburgh
Oct. 30:	Kera Carter, Rutgers

Notre Dame Statistical Leaders

Kills:	Kristy Kreher	306
	Christi Girton	297
	Marcie Bomhack	208
Attack Attempts:	Christi Girton	675
	Kristy Kreher	648
	Marcie Bomhack	573
Hitting Percentage:	Malinda Goralski	.365 (181 kills, 44 errors, 375 att.)
	Denise Boylan	.354 (78, 20, 164)
	Kristy Kreher	.316 (306, 101, 648)
Assists per game:	Denise Boylan	13.25
	Kristen Kinder	7.77
	Kristy Kreher	0.90
Aces:	Denise Boylan	21
	Marcie Bomhack	21
	Janie Alderete	20
	Keara Coughlin	19
Digs:	Kristy Kreher	188
	Marcie Bomhack	182
	Christi Girton	169
Blocks:	Malinda Goralski	91
	Kristy Kreher	58
	Jo Jameyson	53

sus Valparaiso and Villanova. **Kristen Kinder** set the Irish to a .409 hitting percentage in the decisive game against Valparaiso and added three kills. **Neff** had two kills and a block in the game versus the Crusaders. **Kristen Kinder** also saw action in the Florida A&M and Seton hall matches, playing two games in each and totaling four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Rattlerettes and 17 assists, three digs and two kills against the Pirates.

Katie Neff started the Seton Hall match (her first career start) and tied a career-high with four blocks in the contest.

Freshman DS **Christa Moen** has seen action in 28 games this season, tallying 40 digs.

A Record Number of Home Matches?: The Irish have 17 home matches scheduled in 2000. If Notre Dame qualifies for the BIG EAST tournament (the top four teams in the conference will make up the tournament field) it will have an opportunity to play the most home matches in the program's history. Notre Dame played 18 home matches in 1992 and 1996.

Freshmen Connections: Four of the five Notre Dame freshmen enjoy two different bonds. **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** will be the first pair of twins to take the court for the Irish. Classmates **Katie Neff** and **Kim Fletcher** are both from the St. Louis, Mo., area and played on the same club team, the St. Louis Elite.

Neff and **Fletcher** will get a chance to play hometown St. Louis University when the Billikens visit the Joyce Center Nov. 7. The **Kinders**, who call Fresno, Calif., home, will get to return to the west coast when the Irish travel to USC Nov. 24.

California Dreaming: When the Irish travel to Los Angeles, Calif., for their final regular season match up versus USC, a number of players will get a chance to play in their home state. The Golden State is home to four players on the 2000 roster: Senior **Adrienne Shimmel** (Mission Viejo), sophomore **Janie Alderete** (Santa Clara) and freshmen **Jessica** and **Kristen Kinder** (Fresno).

Texas Representation: Texas also boasts four players on the 2000 Irish roster. Seniors **Jo Jameyson** (Alvin) and **Michelle Graham** (Austin), junior **Malinda Goralski** (Missouri City) and freshman **Christa Moen** (San Antonio) will compete with California for state bragging rights in the Irish locker room. Assistant coach **Lindsay Rosenthal** (Austin) also hails from the Lone Star State.

Shimmel Off the Bench: Senior OH **Adrienne Shimmel** has provided quite a boost off the bench for the Irish this season. She set career-highs in kills (six), attack attempts (16) and blocks (three) in the Irish victory over Samford.

Shimmel's 26 kills on the season has eclipsed her career total of 17 entering the 2000 cam-

paign.

Toughest Schedule? Notre Dame has faced one of the toughest schedules in the nation this year. According to the AVCA/USA Today Oct. 30, rankings, the Irish faced two of the top teams in the nation, #1 Nebraska and #6 Colorado State, in the month of September. The Irish will also meet current-#3 USC on Nov. 24, in Los Angeles.

Eight teams in the top 25 appear on the Notre Dame schedule this season. The Irish have knocked off #15 BYU (now ranked 14th) and #23 Loyola Marymount (now ranked 25th).

Notre Dame In BIG EAST Competition: Since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, it has won four regular-season conference titles in volleyball. Until Georgetown knocked the Irish off in the BIG EAST Tournament in 1999, Notre Dame had compiled a 10-0 record in the BIG EAST Tournament and won four titles. Current Irish OH **Marcie Bomhack** was named MVP of the BIG EAST Tournament in 1998.

Goralski Patrols the Net: The loss of 1999 BIG EAST Player of the Year and middle blocker **Mary Leffers** to graduation has been eased by the steady play of junior **Malinda Goralski**. Through 23 matches in 2000, Goralski has nearly surpassed her career totals over the last two years:

1998-99:

Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage	Games Played
110	77	.271	91

2000:

Kills	Blocks	Hitting Percentage	Games Played
181	91	.365	72

The Missouri, Texas, native had a career-high 15 kills in the five-game loss to #16 Michigan State on September 10. She matched that number of kills in the Irish upset of #22 Loyola Marymount.

Goralski, who leads the BIG EAST in hitting percentage with a .365 mark, followed her performance against LMU with a 10-kill match against Wyoming. She totaled those 10 kills on 12 attempts without committing an error for an amazing .833 hitting percentage. She also leads the team in blocks this season with 91 and ranks second in the BIG EAST in blocks per game (1.26).

AVCA Poll History: Since Debbie Brown took over the program in 1991, Notre Dame has made numerous appearances in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) poll. Notre Dame's first ranking came in the preseason poll of 1992. Notre Dame's highest ranking was seventh on Oct. 10, 1995, after an Irish eight-match win streak. The highest final ranking was 12th in 1994, when the Irish advanced to the final 16 teams in the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame is currently ranked

23rd in the poll.

2000 BIG EAST Tournament: The 2000 BIG EAST Volleyball Tournament will be played at the Joyce Center for the first time since 1995 in November. The semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, with the championship to be played on Sunday, Nov. 19. The Irish boast a .909 winning percentage (10-1) in tournament play since they joined the league in 1995 and have captured four tournament titles.

Dominance: In the past decade, only three BIG EAST schools have claimed the volleyball tournament crown. Pittsburgh dominated the late '80s and early '90s with seven straight titles, while Notre Dame won the next four, led by tournament MVPs Angie Harris ('95), Lindsay Treadwell ('96), Jaimie Lee ('97) and Marcie Bomhack ('98). Providence ('83, '85, '87) and Georgetown ('99) are the only other schools to have won a BIG EAST championship.

Twenty Years in the Making: The Notre Dame volleyball team is celebrating its first 20 years of varsity status this season. One of the university's first varsity sports for women founded in 1980, the volleyball program is one of the most successful in school history. The victory over Rutgers on Friday, Oct. 20, was the 600th Notre Dame volleyball match. Of the 603 matches the Irish have played, they have been victorious in 422 of them for an impressive .700 winning percentage.

Team Match Highs		
Kills:	at Pittsburgh	99
	vs. LMU	97
	at Connecticut	96
Attack Attempts:	vs. LMU	250
	at Connecticut	226
	at Pittsburgh	217
Hitting Percentage:	at West Virginia	.420 (39 kills, 5 errors, 81 att.)
	at St. John's	.411 (59, 13, 112)
	vs. Clemson	.408 (63, 14, 120)
Assists:	at Pittsburgh	94
	vs. LMU	93
	at Connecticut	80
Aces:	vs. Florida A&M	13
	at Illinois State	13
	vs. Valparaiso	8
	vs. Villanova	8
	at West Virginia	8
Digs:	vs. LMU	105
	at Pittsburgh	75
	vs. Fairfield	67
Blocks:	vs. LMU	15
	at Michigan	14.5
	at West Virginia	13

Notre Dame vs. Opponents		
	UND	OPP
Attack:		
Kills:	1309	1139
Errors:	467	552
Total Attacks:	3090	3058
Attack Percentage:	.272	.192
Kills/Game:	16.8	14.6
Set:		
Assists:	1188	1035
Assists/Game:	15.2	13.3
Serve:		
Aces:	143	124
Errors:	187	180
Aces/Game:	1.8	1.6
Blocks		
Total Blocks:	216.0	200.0
Blocks Per Game:	2.8	2.6

BIG EAST Conference Leaders (for all games as of Oct. 30)		
Hitting Percentage:		
Player	School	
<i>Goralski, M.</i>	ND	.365
Nickels, J.	UP	.341
Miller, A.	SJU	.341
Carter, K.	GU	.321
Dykema, J.	UC	.318
Assists/Game:		
<i>Boylan, D.</i>	ND	13.25
Norris, C.	UP	12.64
Ward, J.	GU	12.42
Fanning, S.	PC	11.80
Kurasaki, R.	SJU	11.47
Blocks/Game:		
Venarchik, L.	RU	1.45
<i>Goralski, M.</i>	ND	1.26
Kirikakou, M.	RU	1.24
Bach, R.	BC	1.19
Lambert, Christine	UC	1.18
Kills/Game:		
Roudovski, O.	SJU	4.67
Renick, S.	UP	4.63
Carter, K.	RU	4.40
Katinger, S.	PC	4.39
Fiume, D.	SU	4.33
Aces/Game:		
Vtyurina, Y.	GU	0.55
Tuyay, P.	RU	0.51
Kiriakou, M.	RU	0.47
Stokes, J.	SU	0.47
Mullen, M.	GU	0.45
Digs/Game:		
Schwer, L.	BC	4.11
Cella, A.	PC	3.99
Katinger, S.	PC	3.88
Mercein, K.	SJU	3.52
Hardy, N.	WVU	3.49

BIG EAST Team Leaders (All games as of Oct. 30)

<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>		
Team	Games	
<i>Notre Dame</i>	78	.272
Pittsburgh	98	.256
Rutgers	84	.240
Syracuse	112	.239
St. John's	107	.232
<u>Assists:</u>		
<i>Notre Dame</i>	78	15.23
Connecticut	92	14.21
Georgetown	85	14.19
Pittsburgh	98	14.14
Boston College	95	13.32
<u>Blocks:</u>		
Rutgers	84	2.95
<i>Notre Dame</i>	78	2.77
Syracuse	112	2.62
Connecticut	92	2.60
Seton Hall	84	2.57
<u>Opponent Hitting Percentage:</u>		
Rutgers	84	.147
St. John's	107	.165
Connecticut	92	.175
Georgetown	85	.176
Pittsburgh	98	.181
<u>Kills:</u>		
<i>Notre Dame</i>	78	16.78
Pittsburgh	98	16.22
Connecticut	92	15.90
Georgetown	85	15.81
St. John's	107	15.05
<u>Service Aces:</u>		
Georgetown	85	2.25
Rutgers	84	2.05
Syracuse	112	2.04
Pittsburgh	98	1.84
<i>Notre Dame</i>	78	1.83
<u>Digs:</u>		
West Virginia	86	17.99
Boston College	95	17.68
Providence	104	16.23
St. John's	107	15.70
Pittsburgh	98	14.87

Notre Dame Bio Updates:

Janie Alderete #14
Sophomore • DS • 5-3 • Santa Clara, Calif.

Has played in 63 of the team's 78 games played in 2000 ... had a then-career high 15 digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... had six digs vs. #16 Michigan State in the adidas Invitational ... had a career-best four aces

Notre Dame Individual Match Highs

<u>Kills:</u>	Kristy Kreher	32
	vs. LMU	
	Christi Girton	31
	at Connecticut	
	Christi Girton	30
	vs. Pittsburgh	
<u>Attack Attempts:</u>	Christi Girton	73
	at Connecticut	
	Kristy Kreher	60
	vs. LMU	
	Marcie Bomhack	58
	vs. LMU	
<u>Hitting Percentage:</u>	Malinda Goralski	.833
	(10 kills, 0 error, 12 att.)	
	vs. Wyoming	
	Christi Girton	.700
	(8, 1, 10)	
	vs. Villanova	
	Denise Boylan	.667
	(8, 0, 12)	
	at Connecticut	
<u>Assists:</u>	Denise Boylan	86
	vs. Pittsburgh	
	Denise Boylan	84
	vs. LMU	
	Denise Boylan	69
	at Connecticut	
<u>Aces:</u>	Marcie Bomhack	5
	vs. Florida A&M	
	Janie Alderete	4
	at Valparaiso	
	Keara Coughlin	4
	vs. West Virginia	
<u>Digs:</u>	Kristy Kreher	27
	vs. LMU	
	Marcie Bomhack	25
	vs. LMU	
	Marcie Bomhack	19
	vs. Pittsburgh	
<u>Blocks:</u>	Kristy Kreher	8
	vs. Pittsburgh	
	Malinda Goralski	8
	at Michigan	
	Malinda Goralski	7
	three times	
	Jo Jameyson	7
	vs. LMU	
	Kristy Kreher	7
	vs. West Virginia	

at Valparaiso in two games ... also had five digs versus the Crusaders ... tallied three aces versus Florida A&M in the Lady Seminole Classic in Tallahassee,

Fla. ... named the "Best Defensive Specialist" in the Lady Seminole Classic Tournament ... had nine digs in the Irish win over #22 Loyola Marymount ... notched eight digs at Pittsburgh ... totaled five digs and two aces at Illinois State ... posted seven digs and an ace versus Rutgers ... had five digs and three aces against Seton Hall ... notched a career-best 18 digs in the Notre Dame five-game victory at Connecticut.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
63	112	1.78	20	0.32

Marcie Bomhack #6
Junior • OH • 6-0 • Waukesha, Wis.

Starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 69 of the team's 78 games this season ... had 13 kills, eight digs and three blocks vs. Clemson ... had seven kills and five digs vs. #4 Nebraska ... posted a double-double with 13 kills and 15 digs vs. #16 Michigan State ... tallied five kills on nine attempts with no errors (.556 hitting percentage) at Valparaiso ... had a team-high 11 kills vs. Florida A&M in the first round of the Lady Seminole Classic volleyball tournament in Tallahassee, Fla. ... set a career-mark for aces in a match with five vs. the Rattlerettes ... totaled 13 kills at Florida State ... was named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... notched a double-double vs. Loyola Marymount with 13 kills and 25 digs ... the 25 digs is a career-best total ... also had six blocks against the Lions ... had six kills and five digs vs. #4 Colorado State ... had 10 digs, five kills and four blocks vs. Villanova ... notched a double-double with 12 kills and a team-high 12 digs against Georgetown ... scored 19 kills and 19 digs for third double-double of the year ... had 14 kills and seven digs at Illinois State, including three straight kills to close out the third and decisive game ... notched eight kills and an ace vs. Rutgers ... had 16 kills and six digs at St. John's ... posted her fifth double-double of the season with 19 kills and 13 digs at Connecticut ... also had five blocks and two aces against the Huskies.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
69	182	2.64	21	0.30
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
38	208	3.01	.234	18

Denise Boylan #2
Senior • S • 6-1 • Lisle, Ill.

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year ... Notre Dame team co-captain and starting setter ... has played in 69 of the team's 78 games this season ... has played a large part in the Irish hitting .272 as a team ... had 37 assists, 10 digs, three blocks and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield during the Shamrock Invitational ... tallied 50 assists, 10 digs and three blocks in the Irish upset of 15th-ranked

BYU ... set Notre Dame to a .421 hitting percentage in the fifth game of the BYU match ... helped the Irish post a .408 hitting percentage in the Clemson match ... named the 2000 Shamrock Invitational Most Valuable Player ... named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 4, for her performance over the course of the Shamrock Invitational ... had a season-high 11 digs versus #4 Nebraska ... tallied six kills, 66 assists, six digs, three blocks and two aces vs. #16 Michigan State ... named to the adidas Invitational all-tournament team ... had 51 assists, nine digs and three blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team, the third all-tournament selection on the year ... set the Notre Dame record for assists in a four-game match with 84 against #22 Loyola Marymount ... combined with freshman setter Kristen Kinder to lead Notre Dame to a .400 hitting percentage in the match against Wyoming ... totaled 41 assists, nine digs, four kills and two blocks vs. Georgetown ... helped the Irish post a .722 hitting percentage (13-0-18) in the first game at West Virginia ... Irish ended up hitting a season-high .420 in that match ... broke her own school record with a career-high 86 assists in the four-game match victory at Pittsburgh ... Irish hit .350 over the two-game West Virginia and Pittsburgh match swing ... had five kills, six digs and two aces at Illinois State ... totaled 30 assists, nine digs, five kills, four blocks and two aces in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted 43 assists, 11 digs, three blocks, two kills and an ace vs. Rutgers ... played just one game against Seton Hall and had two kills, six assists, two digs and a block ... led the Irish to a .411 hitting percentage in three game sweep at St. John's ... Irish hit .363 (14-0-22) in the first game vs. the Red Storm ... individually, Boylan had 47 assists, eight digs, three kills, two aces and two blocks against St. John's ... followed up the next day with 69 assists, eight kills, nine digs and three blocks at Connecticut to lead Notre Dame to a five-game match victory.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
69	914	13.25	21	0.30
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Digs
46	78	1.13	.354	145

Keara Coughlin #11

Sophomore • DS • 5-8 • Chicago, Ill.

Has played in 65 of the team's 78 games in 2000 ... one of the team's best defensive specialists ... had three digs and two aces in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... tallied a eight digs against #3 UCLA ... notched seven digs and an ace vs. #16 Michigan State ... totaled six digs, two kills and two aces vs. Florida A&M ... had six digs at Florida State ... had a season-high nine digs to along with two aces vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... tallied seven digs against #4 Colorado State ... had a career-high four aces at West Virginia ... notched nine digs at Pittsburgh ... one of the team leaders in aces with 19 this season ... had seven digs and three aces at Illinois State ... second

on the team in digs with six at Michigan ... notched five digs versus Rutgers.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
65	99	1.52	19	0.29

Kim Fletcher #10

Freshman • MB • 6-0 • St. Louis, Mo.

Used to spell both Malinda Goralski and Jo Jameyson off the bench ... provides a spark with some powerful and accurate hitting ... recorded her first career kill and block in the Fairfield match ... had three kills and a block in the upset of #15 BYU ... had two kills, four blocks and three kills vs. Clemson ... notched three kills, four digs and two blocks against #3 UCLA ... totaled five kills and four blocks against #16 Michigan State ... posted seven kills against Samford ... had six kills and two blocks vs. Wyoming ... had a career-high five blocks at West Virginia ... played a major role in the Irish victory at Pittsburgh with a career-best eight kills (8-1-11) for a .636 hitting percentage ... has scored a kill in 16 of 17 career matches ... helped the Irish post two impressive conference victories over the weekend of Oct. 28-29 ... had six kills, three digs and three blocks at St. John's ... notched four kills and a career-best six blocks at Connecticut.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
46	27	0.59	6	0.13
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
33	62	1.35	.266	8

Christi Girton #7

Senior • OH • 6-3 • Muncie, Ind.

Preseason all-BIG EAST team member ... starter at outside hitter for the Irish ... has played in 70 of the team's 78 games this season ... posted double-digit kills in 14 of the 23 Irish matches this season ... second on the team in kills with 297 ... began the season vs. Fairfield with 14 kills, eight digs and four blocks ... had 18 kills and eight digs in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... scored six kills and two blocks in the deciding fifth game of the BYU match ... named to the 2000 Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team ... had a double-double with 19 kills and 16 digs against #16 Michigan State ... added five blocks against the Spartans ... one of four Irish players with double-digit kills (10) at Florida State ... had 23 kills vs. #22 Loyola Marymount ... also had 17 digs vs. the Lions ... had 10 kills in two games vs. Wyoming ... tallied a double-double against #4 Colorado State with 16 kills and 12 digs ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 25, for her performance vs. LMU, Wyoming and Colorado State ... had eight kills on 10 attempts with one error (.700) vs. Villanova ... notched a team-high 16 kills with nine digs and four blocks vs.

Georgetown ... named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week on Oct. 2, for her performance vs. Villanova and Georgetown ... had a then-career-best kills performance at Pittsburgh with 30 total ... also had 15 digs against the Panthers ... had a double-double at Illinois State with 17 kills and 17 digs ... posted second-straight 17 kills match at St. John's ... came back the next day to set a new career-high with 31 kills at Connecticut ... also had nine digs and two aces against the Huskies.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
70	169	2.41	16	0.23
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
36	297	4.24	.268	16

Malinda Goralski #3

Junior • MB • 6-1 • Missouri City, Texas

Starter for the Irish at middle blocker ... has improved each week of the season and leads the team in hitting percentage with a .365 mark ... also leads the team in blocks with 91 ... had a career-high ten digs in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... notched seven blocks in the Irish upset of #15 BYU ... posted a career-high 15 kills vs. #16 Michigan State ... had eight kills and four blocks at Valparaiso ... notched 10 kills and six blocks at Florida State ... named to the Lady Seminole Classic all-tournament team ... tied her career-high with 15 kills against #22 Loyola Marymount ... had 10 kills on 12 attempts with no errors vs. Wyoming ... also had seven blocks against the Cowgirls ... had nine kills vs. #4 Colorado State ... named to the 2000 Golden Dome Invitational all-tournament team ... added nine kills and six blocks vs. Georgetown ... had eight blocks at West Virginia and Pittsburgh ... once again had eight blocks and six kills in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted eight kills and five blocks vs. Rutgers ... notched four kills and five blocks against Seton Hall ... had another stand-out hitting game with eight kills on 12 attempts with no errors (.667) at St. John's ... also had seven blocks against the Red Storm ... had 13 kills the next day at Connecticut ... her kill and block production in 2000 surpasses her previous two years combined.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
72	91	1.26	9	0.13
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	181	2.51	.365	13

Michelle Graham #16

Senior • DS/S • 5-8 • Austin, Texas

Backup setter who has been used as a defensive specialist this season ... has played in 10 games ... has three assists and two aces in 2000 ... posted one kill and four digs in two games vs. Seton Hall.

Jo Jameyson #9
Senior • MB/OPP • 6-1 • Alvin, Texas

Provides depth behind Malinda Goralski at MB and is also used at opposite ... third on the team in blocks with 53 ... notched six kills and four blocks in the first match of the year vs. Fairfield ... had five blocks against Clemson ... posted six kills and three digs against #4 Nebraska ... tallied five kills and four blocks versus #16 Michigan State ... had season highs with 11 kills and seven blocks against #22 Loyola Marymount ... totaled four blocks vs. Villanova and followed up with six against Georgetown ... totaled five kills at Pittsburgh ... had eight kills and two blocks at Illinois State ... second on the team in kills with eight (and four blocks) in Irish loss at Michigan ... posted six kills and six blocks against Rutgers.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Blocks	Blocks/Game	Assists	Assists/Game
53	53	1.00	10	0.19
Aces	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Solo Blocks
0	85	1.60	.271	4

Jessica Kinder #5
Freshman • OH • 5-10 • Fresno, Calif.

One of five talented freshman on the roster that have received significant playing time ... has played in 42 of the team's 78 games this season ... possesses a powerful jump-serve that head coach Debbie Brown uses as a weapon off the bench ... one of the team leaders in aces with 11 this year ... recorded her first career kill on her first attempt in the Fairfield match ... gave the Irish a huge spark off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU with two kills, three aces, a career-high eight digs and a block ... had three aces, three digs and a block against #4 Nebraska ... had a career-high four kills vs. #3 UCLA ... posted three kills, three digs and two aces vs. Samford ... had five digs vs. Wyoming ... notched a career-high seven kills to go along with seven digs vs. Villanova ... notched three kills and six digs at West Virginia ... had three kills and three digs in one game at Michigan ... played two games against Rutgers, scoring three kills and four digs.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
42	59	1.40	11	0.26
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
7	34	0.81	.078	7

Kristen Kinder #8
Freshman • S • 5-9 • Fresno, Calif.

The future for the Irish at the setter position ... has received some playing time behind senior setter Denise Boylan ... has played in 13 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson and tallied six assists and a dig ... had three kills and five assists in one game at Valparaiso ... posted two kills,

best match of the young season came vs. Samford ... posted four kills, 15 assists, three aces and nine digs against the Bulldogs ... totaled a career-high 16 assists vs. Wyoming, including setting the Irish to a .286 hitting percentage in the match ... played in one and a half games vs. Villanova, matching her career-best with 16 assists while adding five digs and two kills ... had 13 assists, five digs and one block in one game at West Virginia ... started and played games two and three vs. Seton Hall ... had 17 assists, two kills, two digs and a block against the Pirates.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Assists	Assists/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
13	101	7.77	3	0.23

Kristy Kreher #4
Junior • OPP • 6-1 • Birmingham, Mich.

The top offensive performer for the Irish so far in 2000 ... leads the team in kills (306) ... scored double-digit kills in 14 of the team's 23 matches on the year ... in 15 matches this season, she has posted a hitting percentage better than .320, including a .565 mark at Michigan ... has six 20-plus kill matches, four of them against ranked teams (23 vs. #15 BYU, 21 vs. #16 Michigan State, 32 vs. #22 Loyola Marymount, 22 at Pittsburgh and 21 at Connecticut) ... has posted a team-high six double-doubles this year ... began the season with 11 kills and nine digs vs. Fairfield ... notched first double-double of the season in Notre Dame's upset of #15 BYU (23 kills, 17 digs) ... led the team in kills with 16 vs. Clemson ... had 15 kills and nine digs against #3 UCLA ... had second 20-plus kill match of the vs. #16 Michigan State (21) ... scored 19 kills at Florida State to earn the Lady Seminole Classic Most Valuable Player award ... had a great match vs. #22 Loyola Marymount with 32 kills and 27 digs - both career-high numbers ... the 32 kills also set a school record for the most kills in a four-game match ... had nine kills and nine digs vs. #4 Colorado State ... notched a double-double against Georgetown with 11 kills and 10 digs, while adding five blocks ... led the team with 12 kills on .579 hitting (12-1-19) in the victory at West Virginia ... also had seven blocks against the Mountaineers ... followed up the WVU match the next day with 22 kills, 10 digs, and eight blocks at Pittsburgh ... the eight blocks against the Panthers ties a career-high ... continued her hot hitting at Illinois State with 18 kills (.452 hitting percentage) 16 digs, seven assists and three aces ... led the team with 13 kills at Michigan on .565 hitting (13-0-23) ... also had seven digs and six blocks against the Wolverines ... recovered from a slow-start vs. Rutgers to score a team-high 14 kills ... also posted 15 digs, five blocks, five assists and an ace against the Scarlet Knights ... had seven kills on .353 hitting in two games vs. Seton Hall ... posted nine kills, five blocks and five digs at St. John's ... had her sixth 20-plus kill match of the year with 21 kills and nine digs at Connecticut.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
72	188	2.61	17	0.24
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
58	306	4.25	.316	65

Christa Moen #13
Freshman • DS • 5-4 • San Antonio, Texas

Provides quality depth for the Irish at the defensive specialist position ... has played in 28 games this season ... saw her first collegiate action off the bench in the upset of #15 BYU, tallying six digs and an ace ... had four digs and an ace vs. Clemson ... scored her first career kill against Samford ... had three digs and an ace at West Virginia ... had three digs in one game vs. Rutgers ... led the team in digs with nine at St. John's ... had four digs at Connecticut.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
28	40	1.43	7	0.25

Katie Neff #15
Freshman • MB • 6-4 • St. Louis, Mo.

Tallest player on the Irish roster ... started her first career match against Seton Hall (Oct. 22) ... saw her first collegiate action against Clemson, recording a kill ... had two kills on four attempts and one block at Valparaiso ... posted a kill and a block against Samford ... had career-high three kills and three blocks against Wyoming ... tallied a career-best four blocks (and three kills) at West Virginia ... had two kills and tied her career-high with four blocks in first career start vs. Seton Hall.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Kills	Kills/Game	Blocks	Blocks/Game
11	14	1.27	15	1.36

Adrienne Shimmel #12
Senior • OH • 5-10 • Mission Viejo, Calif.

Has provided some energy off the bench for the Irish in 2000 ... has played in 14 games this season ... first action of the season came vs. Clemson where she scored three kills ... had a career-high six kills against Samford ... also had three blocks vs. the Bulldogs ... notched four kills against Wyoming ... had four kills and a season-high eight digs vs. Villanova ... posted four kills, nine digs and a block at West Virginia ... had two kills, eight digs and three blocks in three two games vs. Rutgers and Seton Hall.

2000 Statistics

Games played	Digs	Digs/Game	Aces	Aces/Game
14	37	2.64	0	0.00
Blocks	Kills	Kills/Game	Hit. Per.	Assists
8	26	1.86	.120	4