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## Aaron Heilman

**Righthanded Pitcher**  
**Junior • 6-5 • 210**  
**Bats: Right**

**Logansport, Indiana**  
**Logansport High School**

### Honors and Awards

- **1st Team All-America** (Collegiate Baseball – 2000)
- **2nd Team All-America** (USA Today – 2000)
- **3rd Team All-America** (Amer. Baseball Coaches Assoc. – '99)
- **3rd Team All-America** (Collegiate Baseball – '98, '99)
- **Team USA Member** (summer '99)
- **Co-National Freshman of the Year** (Collegiate Baseball – 1998)
- **BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year** (2000)
- **1st Team All-BIG EAST** ('99, '00)
- **2nd Team All-BIG EAST** ('98)
- **NCAA Season ERA Champ** ('98)
- **ND Strikeout Record** (118; '99, '00)
- **BIG EAST Game K Record** (18, at West Virginia; 4/15/00)

Highly-touted pitcher who headed into his junior season as a consensus preseason first-team All-American (he was a third teamer in '98 and '99) ... ranked ninth on *Baseball America's* preseason list of top pro prospects among 2000 college players ... was elevated to the No. 3 college prospect by *BA* in mid-April before settling in as college baseball's No. 5 prospect (11th overall) in *BA's* final draft preview (late May), behind California 3B Xavier Nady (3rd), Texas RHP Beau Hale (6th), Auburn RHP Chris Bootcheck (8th) and Pepperdine C Dane Sardinha (10th) ... served as ND's lone junior captain in 2000 ... his 2000 honors include being named the BIG EAST Conference pitcher of the year, a first team All-American (*Collegiate Baseball*, six pitchers on 1st team) and a second team All-American (*USA Today Baseball Weekly*, three pitchers on 1st team, three on 2nd), with the All-America teams yet to be announced by *BA* and the American Baseball Coaches Association ... has garnered five career All-America honors from major organizations (two more than any previous ND player) ... was joined on *BA's* list of five preseason first team All-America pitchers by Bootcheck, Stanford's Jason Young, Arizona's Ben Diggins and UCLA's Josh Karp ... also cited by *BA* for having the "best fastball" among BIG EAST pitchers ... one of the top pitchers on USA Baseball team in summer of '99, with his teammates including Nady, Diggins (No. 8 college prospect), Young (No. 12), Stanford RHP Justin Wayne (No. 10), San Francisco 1B/3B Taggart Bozied (No. 10), North Carolina OF Tyrell Godwin (No. 11) and Karp (non-draft eligible soph.) ... drafted by New York Yankees in 54th round in '97 ... has made big strides under guidance of sixth-year ND pitching coach Brian O'Connor—who molded Brad Lidge into a '98 1st-rounder (he was a 42nd-round pick out of high school) and helped Tim Kalita develop into a 7th-rounder in '99 (he was undrafted as a prep) ... throws three quality pitches for strikes ... his moving fastball has been clocked in the mid-90s and sets up an improving changeup ... added a tricky slider as a freshman ... his loose delivery allows for increased velocity ... known for throwing strikes and keeping the ball low ... a clutch

big-game pitcher and unselfish teammate ... burst onto the scene as a freshman closer, when he led the nation with a 1.61 ERA (he shifted to No. 1 starter role in '99)... first freshman to earn All-America honors in ND baseball history ... joined catcher Elmer Kohorst as only Irish baseball players to earn All-America honors in multiple seasons (Kohorst was a first teamer in '56 and '57) and first to be All-America in three seasons ... one of six all-time ND baseball All-Americans (only pitcher among that group) and the fourth ND player ever named a 1st or 2nd team All-America, joining Kohorst (1st team ABCA, '56 and '57) and outfielders Dan Peltier (1st team ABCA and *BA*, '89) and Eric Danapilis (1st team ABCA, *BA* and *CB*, '93) ... first showed his ability to dominate as a starter in '98 fall practice ... one of 71 Indiana natives who have lettered with ND baseball ... noteworthy former Irish players who have worn No. 22 include Danapilis.

**CAREER NOTES:** His nine-inning averages in 68 career appearances at ND include: 7.3 hits, 2.7 walks, 10.1 strikeouts, 10.5 groundball outs and a 3.7 K-to-walk ratio ... has averaged 6.9 innings in 28 career starts ... his nine-inning averages as a starter at ND: 3.52 ERA, 10.1 Ks, 2.9 BB, 8.3 H ... actually owned a better career record in away games (15-2) than at Eck Stadium (13-5).

**IN THE ND RECORD BOOK:** Ranks 6th in Irish history with a 2.80 career ERA (3rd-best since '63; 2nd-best by any Irish pitcher with 150-plus IP) ... his 314 career Ks are one shy of David Sinnes' ND record (315, '90-'93) ... his career average of 10.13 Ks/9 IP is tops in ND history ... ranks 6th at ND in career wins (28) and winning pct. (.800, 28-7) while his 12 saves are tied for 2nd ... his 68 appearances (6th in ND history) include 29 starts, 14 complete games ... already ranks 6th in ND history with 279.2 career IP ... logged 109 IP in '99 (5th in ND history) and 103.2 in 2000 (7th) ... joined Tom Price ('93, '94) and Chris Michalak ('92, '93) as only ND pitchers to win 10-plus games twice (11 in '99, 10 in 2000; an ND pitcher has won 12-plus games in a season just twice) ... his eight complete games in 2000 are tied for 6th in ND history (most since '94) ... tied his own ND record

with 118 Ks in 2000 (also in '99) ... his 18-K game at West Virginia on April 15, 2000 (a 3-1 win in 10 innings) was one shy of the ND record set by Frank Carpin (19) in a 10-inning game vs. Indiana in 1958 ... joined eventual Chicago Cubs World Series winner Ed Ruelbach as the only ND pitchers known to have posted 12-plus Ks in multiple career games (Heilman had 12 vs. Georgia on March 5, 2000, while Ruelbach had a pair of 16-K games in the 1904 season) ... second ND player—and first since 1908—to post 10 straight wins in a season (2000).

**IN THE BIG EAST RECORD BOOK:** Joined current St. John's junior RHP Kevin McGerry as the first pitchers ever named all-BIG EAST Conference in three consecutive seasons (Heilman was a 2nd-teamer in '98 and a 1st-teamer in '99 and 2000) ... one of ND's three major BIG EAST award winners during the past three seasons (Lidge was pitcher of the year and 3B Brant Ust was player of the year, both in '98) ... first individual to earn four BIG EAST player or pitcher-of-the-week honors in one season (2000) ... has collected eight BIG EAST pitcher-of-the-week awards in his career (no other BIG EAST pitcher or player has totaled more than four, since the awards began in 1985) ... his 2.83 career ERA in BIG EAST regular-season games ranks 4th among BE pitchers with 100-plus IP ... tied for 10th in BE regular-season history with 10 complete games, also ranking 3rd in career Ks (143) and tied for 2nd in career wins (15-4) ... his six CGs and 7-1 record in 2000 both were one shy of the BIG EAST regular-season records ... his 18 Ks at West Virginia on April 15, 2000, tied the BIG EAST record for Ks in a regular-season game (former Seton Hall ace and S.F. Giants' 1st-round pick Jason Grilli had 18 in a '98 game vs. UConn) ... has logged 30 innings in six career outings vs. WVU (1.50, 4-1, SV, 37 K, 8 BB, 21 H).

**WITH USA BASEBALL:** Followed in footsteps of former ND infielder Ust, who finished as Team USA's third-leading hitter in summer of '98 while playing 3B ... only player on 22-man USA roster in '99 who hailed from a school in the Midwest or Northeast ... had unique experience of touring with

### Heilman's Career Statistics

Year	G/GS/CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HB	BK	AVG	HR	W-L	SV	ERA
1998	31/1/0	67.0	46	16	12	19	78	4	10	0	.198	2	7-3	9	1.61
1999	20/14/6	109.0	89	50	38	37	118	11	7	1	.217	3	11-2	3	3.14
2000	17/14/8	103.2	90	47	37	29	118	3	8	0	.234	5	10-2	0	3.21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>68/29/14</b>	<b>279.0</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.210</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28-7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.80</b>

◆ Notre Dame's Aaron Heilman and Stanford's Jason Young were the only pitchers listed as preseason first team All-Americans by both *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball* magazines.

Team USA during 39-game schedule through 14 cities in 10 states-plus a five-games series in Japan ... one of the top starters-and a part-time closer-on 11-member staff ... his 14 appearances included team-best seven starts, with a 4-2 record and two saves ... his 3.84 ERA ranked third among pitchers with 25-plus IP ... second on team with 37 Ks (in 40 IP), plus 12 walks and 41 hits allowed ... allowed a .270 opponent batting average, with one wild pitch ... helped USA post 3.84 team ERA ... saved first USA win (3-1 vs. Mexico), striking out the two batters he faced ... picked up 9-0 win over Mexico (5 shutout IP) ... tossed three no-hit innings to save 7-1 win over Korea in Albuquerque, N.M. (H, BB, 4 K, 5 GOs) ... posted 2.1 shutout IP in 8-3 win over Nicaragua in Boise, Idaho ... picked up 5-3 win over Nicaragua in Portland, Ore., recording four of final five outs (H, 2 K) ... logged 6.2 IP to beat Mexico, 15-5, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (5 R, 8 H, 2 BB, 8 K, 6 GO) ... also was invited to '98 Team USA tryouts.

**AS A JUNIOR (2000):** Named a 1st team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* and a 2nd team All-American by *USA Today Baseball Weekly* (CB named six 1st-team pitches while *USA Today* named three each to the 1st and 2nd team) ... also expected to be named All-American by *Baseball America* and the American Baseball Coaches Association (those teams are named later in the summer) ... named BIG EAST pitcher of the year and only unanimous pick among 13 players named 1st team all-BIG EAST (also was only repeat 1st teamer from '99) ... led Irish in ERA (3.21, 6th in the BIG EAST), victories (10-2, tied for 1st in BIG EAST), Ks (118, 1st in BIG EAST), innings (103.2, 3rd in BIG EAST), starts (14, 4th in BIG EAST), low opponent batting avg. (.234, 5th in BIG EAST), complete games (8, tied for 1st in BIG EAST) and shutouts (2, 2nd in BIG EAST) ... also led team in Ks "looking" (43), Ks per 9 IP (10.24), K-to-BB ratio (4.07), low opponent leadoff on-base pct. (.192, or 1.7 per 9 IP) and groundball outs (112) ... allowed just .221 batting by lefthanded batters (best on staff), .240 by righthanders (2nd-best) ... also ranked 2nd on staff in fewest BB/9 IP (2.52), 3rd in groundout-to-flyout ratio (1.70) and 4th in opponent batting with two outs (.271) ... surprisingly struggled at times with runners on base (.313 opp. avg. with runners OB) ... averaged nearly 20 innings per home run allowed (5) ... basestealers were 18-for-23 with him on the

mound ... had just three wild pitches, plus eight hit batters and no balks ... 10 of 47 runs credited to him were unearned ... led Irish staff to the nation's 15th-best team ERA in the 2000 regular season (3.79), with the staff ranking 1st in the nation on April 24 (2.72) ... his 14 starts lasted an average of 7.07 innings, with the following nine-inning averages in his starts: 10.2 Ks, 2.6 BB, 7.7 H, 9.8 GOs, 5.6 FOs and 37.3 BF ... similar to the performance of the Boston Red Sox when Pedro Martinez is on the mound, the ND offense and defense performed noticeably better during Heilman's 14 starts than in the other 50 games this season ... in the 14 games started by Heilman, the ND offense posted a .336 batting avg.-compared to just .290 in games not started by the Irish ace ... the Irish averaged 8.3 runs per nine innings when Heilman pitched, compared to 6.9 runs/9 inn. when Heilman opened the game on the bench ... other ND stats from the 14 Heilman stats included 13 home runs (37 in the other 50 games), an eye-popping .983 fielding pct. and just eight errors (.954, 77 Es in non-Heilman starts), plus a .376 batting avg. with runners in scoring position (.297 in non-Heilman starts) ... his 14 starts included: five in which he allowed no earned runs and 10 with 0-3 earned runs allowed; five in which he allowed 1-5 hits and 10 in which he allowed 0-2 walks ... posted five-plus Ks in all 14 starts, including seven starts with 8-plus Ks ... pitched in four games that were decided by one run or in extra innings, going 2-1 in those games with a 1.67 ERA, 36 Ks, 4 BB and 21 hits allowed in 27 IP ... posted better numbers in road games (2.75, 7-1, 75.1 IP, 87 K, 22 BB, 64) than at Eck Stadium (4.45, 3-1, 28.1 IP, 31 K, 7 BB, 26 H) ... was on track for opening-week win vs. Ohio State before his errant throw on a routine double-play ball led to a pair of unearned runs and a 5-4 loss, after ND had claimed a 4-0 lead in the Service Academies Classic at USA Baseball Stadium in Millington, Tenn. (6 IP, 5 R, 3 ER, 8 H, 2 BB, 5 K) ... won his next 10 decisions, tying an ND record set by Frank Scanlan in 1908 ... had a rocky relief inning in 8-5 win over Wake Forest in Minnesota's Hormel Foods Classic, at the Metrodome (3 H, 2 R, K) ... came back two days later to shut down Georgia in 6-4 win, with 11 of his 12 Ks coming on called third strikes (8 IP, 4 H, UER) ... posted a pair of wins during spring break trip in Jacksonville, vs. Duquesne (5-1, 8 IP, 4 H, 3 BB, 8 K,

12 GO) and Iowa (3-2, 9 IP, 6 H, 11 K, 9 GO) ... logged 1.2 innings of shut-out relief in 10-3 win over Detroit (H, 3 K) ... posted 4-0 shutout win in ND's 3,000th varsity game, vs. Villanova in downtown Philadelphia (7-inn. CG, H, 2 BB, 5 K, 8 GO, 22 BF, 87 pitches) ... collected two more 7-inning CGs at UConn (8-3, 7 H, 2 ER, BB, 6 K, 9 GO) and vs. Boston College (10-6, 8 H, BB, 5 K, 8 GO) ... tied BIG EAST record and came just shy of the ND record with an 18-K effort in 3-1, 10-inning win at West Virginia on April 15 (scheduled for seven innings) ... seemingly became stronger as that game wore on, spotting his slider with regularity while delivering a fastball that still touched 91 mph in the lategoing ... retired 15 straight batters from the 5th-10th innings in that game and struck out 10 of the final 12 batters he faced, including seven straight before a Todd Cisneros single with two outs in the 10th (Kevin Olkowski-who had two of WVU's six hits-went down swinging on three pitches to end the game) ... the memorable outing included six hits, two BB, 11 groundouts and one flyout ... all nine WVU starters-plus reserve Matt McGee-were K victims and the Ks by inning progressed as follows: 1-3-0-2-2-0-2-2-3-3 ... six of the Ks came on called third strikes while just two came on 3-2 counts (three on 0-2) ... picked up 11-5 win at Seton Hall (5 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, 9 K) ... made his third relief appearance in 5-4, 11-inning win over Michigan (in Grand Rapids, Mich.), logging shut-out innings in 7th and 8th (H, 2 K) ... returned home to post 7-inn. CGs vs. St. John's (8-3, 7 H, BB, 9 K) and Pittsburgh (7-0, 2 H, BB, 8 K) ... took a no-hitter into 6th inning of that Pitt game ... was one of three pitchers in the nation who were ranked among the top-25 ERA leaders and had 10-plus wins as of May 6 (2.21, 10-2) ... the others were former teammates of Heilman's from the '99 USA national team: Stetson's Lenny Dinardo (2.13, 13-1) and Houston's Kyle Crowell (1.98, 11-2) ... had a rocky pair of late outings, in 16-6 loss to Rutgers in the final week of the regular season (5.1 IP, 9 R, 5 ER, 8 H, 3 BB, 6 Ks) and vs. Pittsburgh in the BIG EAST Tournament (on four days rest, as compared to his usual full-week lay-off) ... had no decision in that 15-7 win over Pitt, after allowing the most earned runs (seven) and 2nd-most hits (11) of his career (6.1 IP, 2 BB, 5 K, 9 GO) ... closed with no decision in 8-4 win over Tulane at NCAA Starkville Regional (6 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 BB, 5 K).

## Aaron Heilman in the Notre Dame Record Book

<b>Career Ks/9 IP</b> .....	1st (10.13)
<b>Career Strikeouts</b> .....	2nd (314)
<b>Career Saves</b> .....	2nd (12)
<b>Career ERA</b> .....	6th (2.80)
<b>Career Wins</b> .....	6th (28-7)
<b>Career Winning Pct.</b> ...	6th (.800)
<b>Career Appearances</b> .....	6th (68)
<b>Career Innings</b> .....	8th (279.2)
<b>Season Ks</b> .....	1st (118, '99)
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<b>Season Saves</b> .....	2nd (9, '98)
<b>Season Opp. Avg.</b> ..	2nd (.198, '98)
.....	6th (.217, '99)
<b>Season Wins</b> .....	3rd (11-2, '99)
.....	8th (10-2, '00)
<b>Season Innings</b> .....	5th (109, '99)
.....	7th (103.2, '00)
<b>Season Comp. Gms</b> .....	6th (8, '00)
<b>Season ERA</b> .....	8th (1.61, '99)
<b>Ks in a Game</b> .....	2nd (18, '00)
<b>Consecutive Wins</b> .....	1st (10, '00)

## Heilman's Career Bests

### Innings Pitched

10.0, at W. Virginia, gm 1 (4/15/00)  
 9.0, vs. Iowa, @Jack. (3/16/00)  
 9.0, vs. Creighton, @S.A. (3/11/99)  
 9.0, vs. Creighton, NCAAAs (5/28/99)  
 8.0, vs. Duquesne, @Jack. (3/11/00)  
 8.0, vs. Georgia, @M'dome (3/5/00)  
 8.0, vs. Detroit (4/5/99)

### Strikeouts

18, at WVU, gm 1, 10 IP (4/15/00)  
 12, vs. Ga., @M'dome, 8 IP (3/5/00)  
 11, vs. Iowa, @Jack., 9 IP (3/16/00)  
 11, vs. Creigh., @S.A. 9 IP (3/11/99)  
 10, vs. Oakland, 7.1 IP (4/30/99)  
 9, vs. St. John's, gm 1, 7 IP (4/29/00)  
 9, at S. Hall, gm 1, 5 IP (4/20/00)  
 9, at WVU, gm 1, 7 IP (3/20/99)  
 9, vs. Detroit, 8 IP (4/5/99)  
 8, seven times

### Fewest Hits Allowed (min. 5 IP)

1, vs. Vill., gm 1, @Ph., 7 IP (3/25/00)  
 1, vs. Miami, Fla., 5 IP (5/12/99)  
 2, vs. Pitt., gm 1, 7 IP (3/6/00)  
 2, vs. Pitt., gm 1, 7 IP (4/10/99)  
 3, at WVU, gm 1, 7 IP (3/20/99)  
 3, vs. PC, 7 IP, BE Tour. (4/1/99)

### Fewest Walks Allowed (min. 5 IP)

0, vs. Iowa, @Jack., 9 IP (3/16/00)  
 0, vs. Ga., @M'dome, 8 IP (3/5/00)  
 0, at WVU, gm 1, 7 IP (3/20/99)  
 0, at Vill., gm 1, 7 IP (3/27/99)  
 1, vs. Pitt., gm 1, 7 IP (3/6/00)  
 1, vs. St. John's, gm 1, 7 IP (4/29/00)  
 1, at UConn, gm 1, 7 IP (4/1/00)  
 1, at Florida Int'l, 5.2 IP (2/21/99)  
 1, vs. Creighton, 9 IP (3/11/99)  
 1, vs. Pitt., gm 1, 7 IP (4/10/99)  
 1, vs. SHU, gm 1, 6.2 IP (4/24/99)

### Shutout Streak

33.1 IP (March 1-April 28, 1998)

### Consecutive Winning Decisions

10 (March 5 - May 6, 2000)  
 7 (March 7 - April 10, 1999)

◆ Aaron Heilman earned All-America honors for the third straight season in 2000, highlighted by a 10-game winning streak and an 18-strikeout game at West Virginia.

## Breaking Down Aaron Heilman's 28 Career Starts

Innings Pitched	Games (2000)
4.2	1 (0)
5.0	1 (1)
5.2	2 (1)
6.0	2 (2)
6.1	1 (1)
6.2	1 (0)
7.0	10 (5)
7.1	2 (0)
8.0	3 (2)
9.0	3 (1)
10.0	1 (1)
<b>Average Start</b>	<b>6.86 IP</b>

Earned Runs	Games (2000)
0	7 (5)
1	3 (0)
2	3 (2)
3	6 (3)
4	3 (1)
5	1 (1)
6	4 (1)
7	1 (1)
<b>ERA As Starter</b>	<b>3.52</b>

Hits Allowed	Games (2000)
1	1 (1)
2	2 (1)
3	2 (0)
4	3 (2)
5	4 (1)
6	3 (2)
7	3 (2)
8	5 (4)
9	1 (0)
10	1 (0)
11	2 (1)
13	1 (0)
<b>Hits/9 IP As Starter</b>	<b>8.25</b>

Walks Allowed	Games (2000)
0	5 (2)
1	7 (3)
2	7 (5)
3	2 (2)
4	2 (0)
5	3 (2)
6	2 (0)
<b>Walks/9 IP As Starter</b>	<b>2.91</b>

Strikeouts	Games (2000)
4	3 (0)
5	5 (5)
6	3 (2)
7	2 (0)
8	6 (2)
9	4 (2)
10	1 (0)
11	2 (1)
12	1 (1)
18	1 (1)
<b>Ks/9 IP As Starter</b>	<b>10.08</b>

Note: Does not include a two-inning start as part of a planned rotation.

**AS A SOPHOMORE (1999):** Named a 3rd team All-American by American Baseball Coaches Association and *Collegiate Baseball* while earning 1st team all-BIG EAST honors ... racked up 118 Ks (2nd in the BIG EAST) in 109 innings (3rd in BIG EAST, fifth in ND history), besting the 41-year-old Irish strikeout record set by Frank Carpin in '58 (102) ... posted team-best 3.14 ERA and 11-2 record (both 2nd in BIG EAST), becoming 6th Irish pitcher and first since '94 to win 11-plus games ... allowed 89 hits and .217 opponent batting avg., 6th-lowest by an Irish pitcher since '91 ... added three saves, six complete games and 37 walks ... allowed three home runs in 410 ABs (one every 36 IP) ... 12 of 50 runs credited to him were unearned ... posted 3.2 K-to-walk ratio ... his 20 appearances included 14 starts ... led team with 11 wild pitches, second with seven hit batters ... led Irish with 38 Ks "looking" ... righthanders hit .211 vs. him (best on staff) ... allowed 32.7 percent of leadoff batters to reach base (3rd-best) ... led team with .225 opponent batting when runners were on base, ranking second with a .205 opponent two-out batting average ... led staff in groundout-to-flyout ratio (2.13) ... averaged 7.1 IP per start (three seven-inning complete games) ... his nine-inning averages included 38.2 batters faced, 9.54 Ks and 7.35 hits (all team bests), plus 3.06 walks and 11.06 groundouts (both 3rd-best on the staff) ... basestealers were 12-of-16 vs. him ... posted 6-1 record in BIG EAST regular season (tied for league's 2nd-most wins), with a 3.04 ERA (3rd-best), 52 Ks (5th) in 50.1 IP, 15 walks, 46 hits and a .238 opponent avg. ... posted 2.17 ERA and 5-1 record on the road (3.94, 6-1 at Eck Stadium) ... saved early 14-11 game at New Orleans (2 IP, 2 H, 2 K) ... had impressive seven-inning outing to beat Penn State, 3-1 (4 H, 1 UER, 5 BB, 8 K) ... won next six starts, including nine-inning, 11-K game vs. Creighton at Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio (5-4, 6 H, 3 ER, 1 BB, 14 GO) ... tossed seven-inning, nine-K complete game at West Virginia (4-1, 3 H, 25 BF, 12 GO) ... added seven-inning complete game in 4-0 win at Villanova (5 H, 8 K, 10 GO) ... posted fourth straight complete game in 5-4 win over Providence (7 IP, 3 H, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, 10 GO) ... pushed record to 6-1 with eight innings in 6-4 win over Detroit (5 H, 3 ER, 2 BB, 9 K, 10 GO) ... added another seven-inning complete game to beat Pittsburgh, 4-1 (2 H, 1 BB, 8 K, 9 GO, 25 BF) ... picked up 8-7 win

over Seton Hall (6.2 IP, 11 H, 6 ER, 1 BB, 6 K, 11 GO) ... posted 10 Ks in 7.1 IP to help beat Oakland, 7-6 in 10 innings (8 H, 6 R, 4 BB, 4 GO) ... notched 8-2 win at Georgetown (6.1 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 4 BB, 7 K, 5 GO) ... became part of Notre Dame baseball history on May 12, as Irish nearly no-hit Miami in 1-0 win ... faced 17 batters over final five innings, giving up a two-out, two-strike single by Mike Rodriguez to shallow left field in the ninth ... Rodriguez stole second but Heilman struck out eventual USA teammate Manny Creso with a 2-2 slider, handing Miami its first scoreless game since '95 (Miami averted its first no-hit effort since '58) ... his 72-pitch outing included seven Ks, four groundouts, three walks ... forced back into closer role at St. John's and BIG EAST Tournament, due to John Corbin's ankle injury ... saved 5-2 nightcap at St. John's (1.2 IP, 2 H, 1 BB, 2 K) ... played leading role in bizarre 7-2 tournament win over West Virginia, after relieving Tim Kalita in top of the seventh (with the Irish leading, 3-0) ... gave up a leadoff single before setting down the next three batters ... the game then was delayed by rain until the next day, with Heilman pitching the eighth while the Irish stretched to 7-0 ... lefty Mike Naumann took the mound in the ninth but Heilman was moved to first base as a safeguard ... after Naumann worked into a jam, Heilman retook the mound with the bases loaded (7-2), serving up a game-ending double play ... capped memorable season with a 154-pitch, complete-game win over Creighton in NCAAs (8-1, 5 H, 6 BB, 7 K, 10 GO), earning a spot on the all-South Bend Regional team.

**AS A FRESHMAN (1998):** Capped memorable season by leading nation in ERA (1.61) and being named a 3rd team All-American by *CB*, plus 2nd team all-BIG EAST ... joined Ust as second Irish player to earn consensus Freshman All-America honors from *CB* and *BA* while sharing *CB* Co-Freshman-of-the-Year award with Nady and Auburn lefthander Hayden Gliemmo ... Notre Dame's first recipient of a national freshman-of-the-year award and first freshman or sophomore ever named All-America ... posted 8th-best season ERA in recorded Irish history and 3rd-best in 20 years ... fashioned 33-inning midseason shutout streak over 19 appearances ... finished 2nd on team in victories (7-3) while his team-leading nine saves ranked 2nd in Irish history behind Mike Coffey's 10 in '89 (John Corbin later set the record with 11 in 2000) ... led staff

with .198 opponent batting avg., 2nd-best among Irish pitchers since '91 ... finished 26 of 30 relief stints, allowing earned runs in only four relief outings ... his 31 appearances trail only Coffey's 37 ('89) in the Irish record book while his 78 Ks (in 67 IP) rank 13th ... led staff with 10.5 Ks/9 IP and 4.1 K-to-walk ratio (19 BB) ... became 4th Irish player to be an NCAA stat leader, joining Shaun Fitzmaurice (0.34 triples/gm, '64), Dan Peltier (32 doubles, '89) and Scott Sollmann (11 triples, '95) ... had five Ks in 4 IP for first win, 5-2 vs. Loyola, La. (at the University of New Orleans) ... ran his 33-inning shutout streak from March 1-April 28 ... tossed two shutout innings for 3-2 win over Cincinnati ... saved both April 4 games at Boston College (5-2, 6-4), with a bases-loaded K of heavy hitter Sean McGowan to end opener ... turned in gutsy shutout performance in 5-3, 15-inning win over West Virginia (6 IP, 5 H, 3 BB, 5 K) ... picked up tense late-season win over St. John's (2-1, 3 IP, 1 BB, 4 K) ... pitched four times in as many days at BIG EAST Tournament, with a save in 9-7 elimination-game win over Providence (2.2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 BB, 1 K).

**PREP AND PERSONAL:** Team MVP as a senior at Logansport High School ... helped team win two regional titles ... all-conference and all-state as a senior ... named Gatorade state player of the year as a senior (11-1, 1.06 ERA, 105 K, 34 H, 79 IP) ... listed as top pitching prospect in the state of Indiana by *Baseball America* ... compiled 34-8 combined record with Logansport and Walton Post 418 American Legion ... tossed perfect game as a freshman before 17-K performance in '96 American Legion regional ... 10-3 as a junior (2 SV, 0.98 ERA, 81 IP, 87 K, 17 BB) ... member of National Honor Society ... served as yearbook photography editor ... father Joe Heilman ran track and field at Indiana University ... sister Michelle played softball at Saint Joseph's College ... born Nov. 12, 1978, in Logansport, Ind. ... son of Joseph and Deborah Heilman ... full name is Aaron Michael Heilman ... a management information systems major in the College of Business.

◆ Aaron Heilman's run to the 1998 NCAA Division I statistical title for season earned-run average (1.61) included a 33.1-inning shutout streak and 26 appearances with no earned runs allowed.

**AARON HEILMAN'S CAREER GAME-BY-GAME STATS AT NOTRE DAME**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>GS?</u>	<u>CG?</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>HB</u>	<u>BK</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>W-L?</u>	<u>SV?</u>	<u>ERA</u>
1/30/98	Florida State (@Orlando, FL)			1.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		0			0.00
2/14/98	Loyola, La. (@UNO)			4.0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0		0	W, 1-0		0.00
2/21/98	@Miami, FL			1.1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0		1			1.42
2/22/98	@Miami, FL			2.0	1	4	0	1	2	0	1	0		1			1.08
2/25/98	Central Michigan	1		4.2	10	4	4	0	4	1	1	0		0			3.46
3/1/98	Indiana (@Evansville, IN)			1.0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0		0	W, 2-0		3.21
3/8/98	Southwest Texas (@S.A., TX)			1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0			3.00
3/11/98	Southern Illinois (@S.A., TX)			1.1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		0		1	2.76
3/24/98	Cincinnati			2.0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0		0	W, 3-0		2.45
3/29/98	Georgetown			2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0		0			2.21
4/1/98	Western Michigan			1.0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0		0			2.11
4/2/98	Bowling Green			3.0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0		0			1.85
4/4/98	@Boston College			0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0		2	1.82
4/4/98	@Boston College			1.1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0		0		3	1.73
4/7/98	Ball State			2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0		0			1.61
4/11/98	Villanova			0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		0			1.57
4/11/98	Villanova			3.0	4	0	0	0	5	0	1	0		0		4	1.42
4/14/98	Manchester			1.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0		5	1.36
4/15/98	Purdue			1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0		0			1.32
4/21/98	Michigan (@Grand Rapids, MI)			1.2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0		0		6	1.26
4/22/98	Valparaiso			3.2	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	0		0	W, 4-0		1.14
4/25/98	@Seton Hall			3.0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		0		7	1.06
4/28/98	Michigan State			4.0	3	0	0	1	8	1	1	0		0			0.97
5/2/98	West Virginia			4.0	6	4	4	3	1	0	0	0		0	L, 4-1		1.61
5/3/98	West Virginia			6.0	5	0	0	3	5	0	1	0		0	W, 5-1		1.44
5/9/98	St. John's			3.0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0		0	W, 6-1		1.37
5/10/98	St. John's			1.0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0		0	L, 6-2		1.49
5/13/98	West Virginia (BET)			0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	W, 7-2		1.49
5/14/98	St. John's (BET)			2.0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0		0		8	1.44
5/15/98	Rutgers (BET)			2.2	3	2	2	1	1	0	2	0		0	L, 7-3		1.65
5/16/98	Providence (BET)			1.2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		0		9	1.61
<b>One-Year Totals (31 GP)</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.198</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7-3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.61</b>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>GS?</u>	<u>CG?</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>HB</u>	<u>BK</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>W-L?</u>	<u>SV?</u>	<u>ERA</u>
2/21/99	@Florida International	1		5.2	9	7	6	1	4	3	0	0		1	L, 0-1		9.53
2/27/99	@New Orleans			2.0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		0		1	7.04
2/28/99	Southern Illinois (@UNO)			1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0			6.23
3/7/99	Penn State (@S.A., TX)	2		7.0	4	1	0	5	8	1	0	0		0	W, 1-1		3.45
3/11/99	Creighton (@S.A., TX)	3	1	9.0	6	4	3	1	11	0	1	1		0	W, 2-1		3.28
3/20/99	@West Virginia	4	2	7.0	3	1	1	0	9	0	0	0		0	W, 3-1		2.84
3/27/99	Villanova (@Phil., PA)	5	3	7.0	5	0	0	0	8	0	1	0		0	W, 4-1		2.33
4/1/99	Providence	6	4	7.0	3	4	3	2	4	2	1	0		1	W, 5-1		2.56
4/5/99	Detroit	7		8.0	5	4	3	2	9	4	0	0		0	W, 6-1		2.68
4/10/99	Pittsburgh	8	5	7.0	2	1	1	1	8	0	1	0		0	W, 7-1		2.52
4/14/99	Cleveland St. (planned rot.)	9		2.0	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	0		1			2.73
4/17/99	Boston College	10		7.1	13	10	4	6	8	1	0	0		0	L, 7-2		2.96
4/24/99	Seton Hall	11		6.2	11	7	6	1	6	0	1	0		0	W, 8-2		3.40
4/30/99	Oakland	12		7.1	8	6	6	4	10	0	1	0		0			3.75
5/8/99	@Georgetown	13		6.1	7	2	2	4	7	0	1	0		0	W, 9-2		3.69
5/12/99	Miami, FL			5.0	1	0	0	3	7	0	0	0		0	W, 10-2		3.49
5/15/99	@St John's			0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0			3.48
5/15/99	@St. John's			1.2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0		0		2	3.42
5/19-20/99	West Virginia (BET)			2.2	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0		0		3	3.33
5/28/99	Creighton (NCAAs)	14	6	9.0	5	1	1	6	7	0	0	1		0	W, 11-2		3.14
<b>1999 Totals (20 GP)</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>109.0</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.217</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11-2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.14</b>
<b>Two-Year Totals (51 GP)</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>176.0</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.210</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18-5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.56</b>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>GS?</u>	<u>CG?</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>HB</u>	<u>BK</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>W-L?</u>	<u>SV?</u>	<u>ERA</u>
2/25/00	Ohio State (@Millington, TN)	1	1	6.0	8	5	3	2	5	0	0	0		1	L, 0-1		4.50
3/3/00	Wake Forest (@Minn., MN)			1.0	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0		0			6.43
3/5/00	Georgia (@Minn., MN)	2		8.0	4	1	0	0	12	0	1	0		0	W, 1-1		3.00
3/11/00	Duquesne (@Jack., FL)	3		8.0	4	0	0	3	8	0	0	0		0	W, 2-1		1.96
3/16/00	Iowa (@Jack., FL)	4	2	9.0	6	2	2	0	11	1	1	0		0	W, 3-1		1.97
3/22/00	Detroit			1.2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0		0			1.87
3/25/00	Villanova (@Phil., PA)	5	3	7.0	1	0	0	2	5	0	0	0		0	W, 4-1		1.55
4/1/00	@Connecticut	6	4	7.0	7	3	2	1	6	0	0	0		0	W, 5-1		1.70
4/9/00	Boston College	7	5	7.0	8	6	6	2	5	0	1	0		1	W, 6-1		2.47
4/15/00	@West Virginia	8	6	10.0	6	1	0	2	18	1	1	0		0	W, 7-1		2.09
4/20/00	@Seton Hall	9		5.0	8	4	3	5	9	0	0	0		0	W, 8-1		2.33
4/26/00	Michigan (@ Gr. Rapids, MI)			2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0		0			2.26
4/29/00	St. John's	10	7	7.0	7	3	3	1	9	0	0	0		0	W, 9-1		2.40
5/6/00	Pittsburgh	11	8	7.0	2	0	0	1	8	0	1	0		0	W, 10-1		2.21
5/13/00	Rutgers	12		5.2	8	9	5	3	6	0	1	0		1	L, 10-2		2.56
5/18/00	Pittsburgh (BET)	13		6.1	11	7	7	2	5	1	2	0		1			3.04
5/26/00	Tulane (NCAAs)	14		6.0	5	4	4	5	5	0	0	0		1			3.21
<b>2000 Totals (17 GP)</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.234</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.21</b>
<b>Three-Year Totals (68 GP)</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>279.0</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.210</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28-7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.80</b>