

History



*Defenseman
Benoit Cotnoir
is one of eight
Notre Dame hockey
players to earn
All-America honors.
His selection came
following the
1998-99 season.*

The Gold Standard

*Entering its 41st year of Division I play,
Notre Dame hockey is coming off the two most successful seasons in program history*

THE EARLY YEARS

From playing on frozen St. Joseph Lake on the Notre Dame campus, to South Bend's Howard Park Rink, to their own home ice at the Joyce Center, to the first-ever trip to the NCAA's Frozen Four in 2008, the Notre Dame hockey program has experienced a little bit of everything in its on-again, off-again 97-year history.

While most followers of Notre Dame's 41-year hockey history know the story since the program received Division I status in 1968, there are several earlier chapters that were building blocks to building the "Gold Standard" as we know it today.

Notre Dame first played collegiate hockey in the 1912-13 academic year, playing three games. The inaugural game was played at Culver Military Academy on Feb. 19, 1913 with Notre Dame prevailing, 6-0. That first team went 1-2-0.

After that first season, the program took a seven-year hiatus, returning again in 1919-20 under the guidance of two-time football All-American running back Paul Castner. The football standout served as player-coach from 1919-21 before serving as coach for two more seasons following his graduation.

In four seasons at the helm, Castner's teams were 18-4-0 while playing against the likes of Michigan Tech, Carnegie Tech, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Culver Academy, St. Thomas and Assumption.

Castner, however, was not the only football player to play a key role in the early days of the Notre Dame hockey program. All-American

offensive lineman Hunk Anderson was the goaltender on the 1920-21 team.

Anderson was followed by one of the most famous of all Irish athletes, Jim Crowley, who gained fame as the halfback in the Four Horseman backfield. Crowley was a freshman goaltender on the 1921-22 team that went 8-1, but his career was put on ice, so to speak, by legendary football coach Knute Rockne. Crowley recorded a pair of shutouts and turned in a stingy 1.33 goals-against average in his lone season between the Irish pipes.

Following Castner behind the Notre Dame bench was former football All-American Tom Leib. A two-time (1921 and 1922) All-American at right tackle, Leib's teams were 3-8-3 between 1923-26.

The team played one more season in 1926-27 under the guidance of Benjamin Dubois. That team went 3-7-1 before the program, due to lack of a playing venue, ceased competition.

Despite sporadic attempts to revive the program from 1928 through the early 1960's - including one game in which Heisman Trophy winner Angelo Bertelli was reported to have scored four goals - Notre Dame hockey would not see consistent action until the 1963-64 season.

THE CLUB YEARS

This began an era of hockey at Notre Dame that is sometimes forgotten. From 1963, until its return to Division I status for the 1968-69 season, the Irish sponsored a club hockey program that produced several of the players who would play key roles in

the early varsity years of the program in the late 60's.

Around 1960, students organized, and the University recognized, the Notre Dame Hockey Club. Operating as a club sport, the team had a faculty advisor and reported to the director of intramurals and club sports, Dominic Napolitano.

The club began intercollegiate play in the 1963-64 season. Arrangements were made to play on South Bend's artificial rink (Howard Park) and campus-wide tryouts were held. Ralph Cardillo (Guelph, Ont.) served as the first captain and Paul Belliveau (Fitchburg, Mass.), notched the first goal. Playing club teams from Northwestern, the University of Illinois, the Michigan State junior varsity and other varsity squads from the Midwest, Notre Dame went 0-8-0 in that first season.

In 1964-65, the club program improved to 5-6-0 on the season under the guidance of coach Richard Bressler. The club also started an intramural program to give other students access to the game of hockey.

Prior to the start of the 1965-66 season, the University's administration determined that hockey was to enter a "transition" period and the program was formally designated as a "minor sport." That designation was assigned to help the program in its transition from a club sport to a full varsity sport. The hockey program now came under the direction of Notre Dame vice-president, Rev. Edmund P. Joyce and athletics director, Edward "Moose" Krause.

The Notre Dame hockey teams of the 1920s included several well-known members of the school's football team.

The 1920-21 team (pictured at right) featured goaltender Hunk Anderson (seated, second from left), an All-America offensive lineman in 1921 who served as head coach of the Notre Dame football program from 1931-33.

Seated next to Anderson is Paul Castner (second from right), a two-time football All-American as a running back.

Castner served as a player/coach for the Notre Dame hockey program from 1919-21 before coaching the team for two more seasons following his graduation. He also was an accomplished baseball player at Notre Dame.





The early days of the Irish hockey program depended on St. Joseph Lake being frozen. This photo from January of 1941 shows Irish hockey players skating on the snow-covered lake after clearing the ice with shovels.

The 1965-66 team began to receive funding from the athletic department and continued to play teams from the Midwest (Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio State) and even branched out to the East Coast, participating in a Christmas Tournament at the Boston Garden. Under coach Jerry Paquette, the Irish were 6-9-3.

The program really began to take shape in 1966-67 playing mostly varsity-level programs as a club team. The Irish played in the first-ever collegiate hockey tournament played at Chicago Stadium and hosted by the Blackhawks and the Wirtz family. The Irish lost in the championship game to Ohio State, 6-5.

Notre Dame also won the Air Force Invitational at the Broadmoor World Arena on the way to a 14-5-3 record. The Irish were led offensively by Phil Wittliff (Port Huron, Mich.), Belliveau, alternate captain Tom Heiden (St. Paul, Minn.), captain Jim Haley (Boston, Mass.) and defensemen Eric Norri (Virginia, Minn.) and Frank Manning (Detroit, Mich.). Wittliff (who started his Notre Dame career on the football team), Norri and defenseman Dean Daigler (Tonawanda, N.Y.), would all go on to play on the first varsity team in 1968-69. Leo Collins (Fargo, N.D.), Ernie Gargaro (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.) and John Barry (Chicago, Ill.) were the team's goaltenders. Norri and Collins were both members of Notre Dame's 1966 national championship football team playing tackle and linebacker respectively.

In 1967-68, the club team played its' final season before moving to the Division I level.

RETURN TO VARSITY STATUS

The University hired Charles "Lefty" Smith as the program's first coach for the 1968-69 season and the new Athletic and Convocation Center (later named the Joyce Center) opened, giving Notre Dame its first on-campus, indoor rink.

Notre Dame competed as an independent from 1968-71, compiling a record of 50-32-6, providing Smith three seasons to build a competitive program

before the Irish became members of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), beginning with the 1971-72 season.

The Irish struggled to a 10-16-0 record in their first season in the WCHA and barely qualified for the playoffs, but the following year they proved they were capable of skating with the best college hockey teams in the nation.

A 31-goal, 65-point effort from Eddie Bumbacco (Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.) led the WCHA in scoring and propelled the Irish to a series sweep of top-ranked Wisconsin. The team's 19-9-0 conference record was good for a second-place finish in 1972-73.

Smith was named WCHA coach of the year while Bill Nyrop (Edina, Minn.) and Bumbacco became Notre Dame's first hockey All-Americans.



Lefty Smith coached Notre Dame hockey for the first 19 seasons of the program's modern era.

NOTRE DAME HOCKEY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

Informal Team	Overall	
1912-13	1-2-0	
1919-20	2-0-0	
1920-21	2-1-0	
1921-22	8-1-0	
1922-23	6-2-0	
1923-24	0-4-0	
1924-25	0-2-2	
1925-26	3-2-1	
1926-27	3-7-1	
Modern Era (Independent)	Overall	
1968-69	16-8-3	
1969-70	21-8-1	
1970-71	13-16-2	
WCHA	Overall	Finish
1971-72	14-20-0	t8th
1972-73	23-14-1	2nd
1973-74	14-20-2	8th
1974-75	13-22-3	7th
1975-76	19-17-2	5th
1976-77	22-13-3	2nd
1977-78	12-24-2	t7th
1978-79	18-19-1	5th
1979-80	18-20-1	5th
1980-81	13-21-2	9th
CCHA	Overall	Finish
1981-82	23-15-2	4th
1982-83	13-21-2	t7th
Club Status	Overall	
1983-84	22-6-1	
Independent	Overall	
1984-85	11-16-1	
1985-86	12-21-1	
1986-87	10-19-1	
1987-88	27-4-2	
1988-89	10-26-2	
1989-90	18-15-0	
1990-91	16-15-2	
1991-92	12-18-1	
CCHA	Overall	Finish
1992-93	7-27-2	10th
1993-94	11-22-5	8th
1994-95	11-25-1	9th
1995-96	9-23-4	t9th
1996-97	9-25-1	10th
1997-98	18-19-4	t6th
1998-99	19-14-5	4th
1999-00	16-18-8	5th
2000-01	10-22-7	11th
2001-02	16-17-5	t7th
2002-03	17-17-6	t5th
2003-04	20-15-4	5th
2004-05	5-27-6	12th
2005-06	13-19-4	t8th
2006-07	32-7-3	1st
2007-08	27-16-4	4th
Modern Record		
620-711-107 in 40 seasons		
Program Totals		
645-732-111 in 49 seasons		

Irish Hockey History

The Irish defeated North Dakota 13-3 in a two-game, total-goal WCHA playoff series, but Notre Dame lost to eventual national champion Wisconsin, 8-7, in the second round of the conference playoffs.

The Irish remained competitive in the WCHA over the next eight years but could do no better than another second-place finish during 1976-77. Several Notre Dame players gained national notoriety during that time, most notably Jack Brownschidle (East Amherst, N.Y.), who earned All-America honors in '76 and '77 and remains the Notre Dame hockey program's only two-time All-American. Brian Walsh (Cambridge, Mass.) earned All-America status and was named the 1976-77 WCHA MVP and Greg Meredith (Toronto, Ont.) earned All-America honors in 1979-80.

Four years later, Notre Dame joined Michigan, Michigan State and Michigan Tech as the newest members of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA). In 1981-82, Dave Poulin (Mississauga, Ont.) – a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award – led Notre Dame to a 23-15-2 record, a Great Lakes Invitational championship and a fourth-place finish in the regular-season standings. Following a first-round playoff series win over Michigan, the Irish defeated Bowling Green, 8-5, in the semifinals before falling to Michigan State, 4-1, in the title game.

The Irish were unable to sustain that level the next season and struggled to a 13-21-2 record. Following Notre Dame's loss to Bowling Green in a first-round playoff series, the University announced in the spring of 1983 that it would cease sponsoring varsity hockey. After competing as a club sport during 1983-84, varsity hockey returned to Notre Dame the following season (1984-85) when the Irish competed as a non-scholarship independent team.

Smith remained at the helm through the end of the 1986-87 campaign, compiling a 19-year record of 307-320-30. The most impressive statistic from the Smith era is that all 126 players who completed their collegiate eligibility earned their college degrees.

In 1987, Smith turned the program over to Ric Schafer (New Brighton, Minn.), a four-time monogram winner for the Irish from '70-'74 and an assistant coach under Smith from 1975-80.

Notre Dame hockey continued as an independent during the first four seasons of



Phil Wittliff got his Irish hockey career started as a member of the football team. After playing one season with the club team, he was the leading scorer on the first Irish hockey team of the modern era (1968-69) and then served as captain in 1969-70 and 1970-71.

Schafer's tenure, but with each year, the schedule became increasingly difficult and soon was littered with CCHA opponents. Schafer convinced the Notre Dame administration to allocate scholarships as the program continued to grow and his efforts culminated with Notre Dame's return to the CCHA for the 1992-93 season.

Prior to stepping down as head coach following the 1994-95 campaign, Schafer compiled a 112-152-15 record over eight seasons and will be remembered as the coach who returned Notre Dame hockey to a competitive Division I level.

In 1995, Notre Dame turned to its most distinguished hockey alum to take over behind the bench. Dave Poulin returned to his alma mater following a 13-year career in the National Hockey League. During Poulin's 10-year tenure, Notre Dame made steady improvements and continued to earn national recognition.

In 1998-99, the Irish hosted a first-round CCHA playoff series for the first time since 1982, after spending most of the year ranked in the national top 10. Defenseman Benoit Cotmoir (Rouyn-Noranda, Que.) became the program's seventh All-American.

The following season produced another milestone as the Irish beat Ferris State in the first round of the CCHA playoffs and made their second-ever trip to Joe Louis Arena for the CCHA semifinals.

In 2001-02 and 2002-03, the Irish pulled off playoff upsets and advanced to Joe Louis and the CCHA Super Six. In a five-year span, from 1999-00 to 2003-04, Notre Dame made it to Joe Louis Arena in four of five seasons (2000, 2002, 2003, 2004).

In 2001-02, the Irish upset higher-seeded Nebraska-Omaha in a series that featured a 3-2 double-overtime loss to the Mavericks, followed by one-goal wins in games two and three.

The following year, the Irish traveled to higher-seeded Miami (Ohio) and — after dropping the first game, 4-2 — saw goaltender Morgan Cey (Wilkie, Sask.) spin back-to-back shutouts (a first in Notre Dame history), winning 1-0 and 5-0 to advance to "the Joe" again.

The 2003-04 season saw the Irish turn in their first 20-win season (20-15-4) since 1987-88, while finishing tied for fourth in the league standings with a 14-11-3 record. The Irish hosted regional-rival Western Michigan, winning the series, two games to one with game three's win coming in sudden death overtime on a goal by then freshman Jason Paige (Saginaw, Mich.).

Notre Dame did not have much success at the CCHA Super Six, losing in the opening game each year — to Northern Michigan (3-1) in '01-'02 and Ohio State (3-2 and 6-5 in overtime) in '02-'03 and '03-'04 respectively.

The highly successful 2003-04 season ended with the Irish being selected to participate in their first-ever NCAA tournament on the strength of a



Bill Nyrop is one of 14 former Notre Dame players who have gone on to careers in the National Hockey League and one of four to play in the Stanley Cup Finals, joining Dave Poulin, Don Jackson and Brett Lebda in that distinction.

All-Time Notre Dame Hockey Coaches

G.R. Walsh	1912-13
Paul Castner	1919-23
Tom Lieb	1923-26
Benjamin Dubois	1926-27
Charles "Lefty" Smith	1968-87
Ric Schafer	1987-95
Dave Poulin	1995-05
Jeff Jackson	2005-present



5-1 record versus teams ranked in the top five during the regular season.

Notre Dame faced two-time defending NCAA champion, Minnesota, in the opening game at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. After taking a 2-0 first-period lead, the Irish fell to the Gophers, 5-2, but Notre Dame had finally arrived on the national level.

Following a disappointing '04-'05 season (5-27-6), Poulin stepped down as head coach, turning over the reins to Jeff Jackson, who has continued to take the Irish to the national level.

In his first season at the helm, Jackson and his staff worked to "change the culture" of the program and saw solid results as the team improved to 13-19-4 overall and earned home ice in the first round of the CCHA tournament with an 11-13-4 record.

Jackson's second year behind the bench saw the Irish turn in the finest season in the program's history. With a veteran squad led by eight seniors, including first-team All-American - the eighth All-American in school history - goaltender David Brown (Stoney Creek, Ont.), Notre Dame compiled a school-record 32 wins on the way to a 32-7-3 mark and won their first-ever CCHA regular-season title with a 21-4-3 league record.

Along the way, Jackson's squad achieved the first-ever number one ranking in school history and were the top team in the nation for seven consecutive weeks from Feb. 5 to March 23.

The Irish swept Alaska (7-1, 3-1) in the second round to move to the CCHA semifinals.

In Detroit, Brown blanked Lake Superior, 3-0, in the semis and the Irish knocked off Michigan, 2-1, in the championship game for the school's first CCHA tournament championship.

Notre Dame made its second NCAA Tournament appearance as the top seed in the Midwest Regional at Grand Rapids, Mich. There, the Irish won the school's first NCAA tournament game, a 3-2 double-overtime thriller (the longest game in program history - 94:32) versus Alabama-Huntsville with freshman Ryan Thang (Edina, Minn.) getting the game winner with 4:42 left in



Notre Dame faced off against Michigan in its first-ever Frozen Four appearance. The game was played at Denver's Pepsi Center with the Irish winning in overtime, 5-4.

the second overtime. The dream season came to an end the following night in a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to eventual NCAA champion Michigan State.

In 2007-08, Notre Dame took an even bigger step on the national stage, advancing to the NCAA Frozen Four where they fell in the national championship game, 4-1, to Boston College.

The Irish finished the year with a 27-16-4 overall record and were 15-9-4 in the CCHA, good for fourth place. Late season scoring struggles almost cost Notre Dame an NCAA bid, but they made it in as the final at-large team in the tournament.

In the West Regional at Colorado Springs, Colo., the Irish found the goal-scoring touch as they dispatched the region's top-seed, New Hampshire, 7-3, and then avenged the 2007 loss to Michigan State, bouncing the Spartans from the tournament with a 3-1 win. Right wing Mark Van Guilder was the West Regional's Most Valuable

Player and he was joined on the all-Regional team by center Christian Hanson and defenseman Brock Sheahan.

Notre Dame became the first No. 4 seed to make the Frozen Four and would face the nation's top-ranked team, Michigan, in the semifinals at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo. Freshman left wing Calle Ridderwall (Stockholm, Sweden) became an overnight sensation when his goal at 5:44 of overtime sent Michigan home to Ann Arbor with a 5-4 loss and the Irish to the title game versus Boston College.

Recognition for Notre Dame hockey though has continued to grow. In the first 40 years of the program, NHL teams have drafted 55 Irish players, including five in the 2007 Entry Draft. In that draft, Notre Dame saw its first-ever first round selection, as incoming freshman defenseman Ian Cole (Ann Arbor, Mich.) was selected with the 18th pick overall by the St. Louis Blues.

In 2007-08, the Irish saw four former players spend time on NHL rosters. Defenseman Mark Eaton (Pittsburgh) is the elder statesman of the group and is followed by defenseman Brett Lebda (Detroit) and forwards Rob Globke (Florida) and Yan Stastny (St. Louis).

Notre Dame's most familiar NHL alumni include Poulin, whose 13-year career included three trips to the Stanley Cup finals and three all-star appearances. Fourteen other Irish players have worn NHL jerseys, with three of them — Nyrop (three times with Montreal), defenseman Don Jackson (three times with Edmonton) and Lebda (with Detroit in 2007-08) — drinking from the Stanley Cup.

Notre Dame also has made its mark on the international level. Since the birth of the U.S. National Developmental Program, the Irish have seen 21 of their players come from the program, including seven on the 2008-09 roster alone.

The Notre Dame hockey team raises their first CCHA title banner at Joe Louis Arena after defeating Michigan, 2-1, in the 2007 Championship game.



Year-by-Year Statistics



Notre Dame's 1969-70 hockey team compiled a 12-1-1 record at home while posting an .888 save percentage – ninth-best in Irish history. The '69-'70 squad was 21-8-1 overall and ranks second in goals per game (6.20) and goal margin (+2.60 gpg) in Irish hockey history.

Year-by-Year Team Statistics

Year	Record	Win Pct.	Home	Road	One-Goal Games	Overtime Record	GF-GA
07-08	27-16-4	.617	11-4-3	10-6-1	11-6	2-1-4	136-100
06-07	32-7-3	.798	13-2-2	12-4-1	9-4	3-1-3	143-70
05-06	13-19-6	.417	7-11-1	6-8-3	5-8	0-0-4	89-98
04-05	5-27-6	.211	3-12-4	2-12-2	5-6	1-2-6	60-138
03-04	20-15-4	.564	14-2-2	5-10-2	6-3	1-3-4	108-99
02-03	17-17-6	.500	7-7-3	10-9-2	8-4	0-0-5	122-123
01-02	16-17-5	.487	6-8-2	10-8-3	7-6	2-1-5	117-113
00-01	10-22-7	.346	5-11-2	5-8-4	4-4	1-1-7	104-150
99-00	16-18-8	.476	11-7-3	5-11-5	8-4	2-0-8	103-119
98-99	19-14-5	.566	12-3-3	7-11-2	7-6	0-1-5	114-100
97-98	18-19-4	.488	6-8-4	12-11-0	6-10	2-4-4	127-115
96-97	9-25-1	.271	5-12-1	4-13-0	3-12	1-2-1	92-131
95-96	9-23-4	.306	5-10-3	4-13-1	3-5	1-2-3	109-157
94-95	11-25-1	.311	7-7-1	4-18-0	4-6	1-1-1	121-168
93-94	11-22-5	.355	5-8-3	6-14-2	7-8	2-2-5	113-165
92-93	7-27-2	.222	4-9-1	3-18-1	3-7	0-1-2	100-179
91-92	12-18-1	.403	6-10-0	6-8-1	6-2	1-0-1	107-142
90-91	16-15-2	.515	13-3-1	3-12-1	7-5	0-1-2	134-144
89-90	18-15-0	.545	10-6-0	8-9-0	4-2	0-0-0	151-155
88-89	10-26-2	.289	6-11-0	4-15-2	2-4	0-0-2	127-189
87-88	27-4-2	.848	18-2-0	9-2-2	6-0	0-0-2	222-114
86-87	10-19-1	.350	6-8-0	4-11-1	3-7	1-4-1	103-122
85-86	12-21-1	.368	8-3-1	4-18-0	4-3	0-1-1	157-212
84-85	11-16-1	.411	10-5-0	1-11-1	3-5	2-0-1	162-170
83-84 (club)	22-6-1	.776	12-3-0	10-3-1	4-2	0-0-1	194-89
82-83	13-21-2	.389	6-9-1	7-12-1	4-7	1-0-2	155-206
81-82	23-15-2	.600	13-7-0	10-8-2	6-7	1-1-1	203-167
80-81	13-21-2	.389	4-12-1	9-9-1	4-9	2-3-2	139-166
79-80	18-20-1	.474	6-9-0	12-11-1	5-8	1-0-1	202-199
78-79	18-19-1	.487	10-7-0	8-12-1	11-4	1-1-1	184-196
77-78	12-24-2	.342	8-9-0	4-15-2	3-4	1-1-1	137-186
76-77	22-13-3	.618	11-5-2	11-8-1	5-9	0-0-3	191-147
75-76	19-17-2	.526	10-6-2	9-11-0	5-7	2-0-2	171-173
74-75	13-22-3	.382	5-9-2	8-13-1	3-4	2-1-3	141-187
73-74	14-20-2	.417	10-9-0	4-11-2	1-5	0-0-2	159-154
72-73	23-14-1	.618	13-4-1	10-10-0	3-2	0-1-1	199-174
71-72	14-20-0	.412	7-6-0	7-14-0	3-4	2-2-0	164-160
70-71	13-16-2	.452	6-6-1	7-10-1	5-3	1-2-2	116-137
69-70	21-8-1	.717	12-1-1	9-7-0	3-4	0-1-1	186-108
68-69	16-8-3	.648	8-5-1	8-3-2	4-0	1-0-1	149-117



Year-by-Year Team Statistics (con't.)

Year	Goal Differential	Goals Per Game	Goals-Against Average	Save Pct.	Pen.-Kill Percentage	Penalties Per Game	Power-Play Percentage
07-08	+0.77	2.89	2.10	.910	.886	6.09	.147
06-07	+1.74	3.40	1.67	.927	.904	6.29	.185
05-06	-0.25	2.47	2.70	.909	.811	7.58	.166
04-05	-2.05	1.58	3.58	.897	.793	8.13	.098
03-04	+0.23	2.77	2.48	.922	.876	6.26	.178
02-03	-0.25	3.05	3.04	.910	.824	6.72	.163
01-02	+0.18	3.08	2.90	.907	.807	7.61	.150
00-01	-1.17	2.67	3.78	.883	.767	8.82	.113
99-00	-0.38	2.45	2.78	.895	.828	7.69	.176
98-99	+0.37	3.00	2.60	.899	.832	8.39	.191
97-98	+0.29	3.10	2.75	.898	.843	6.37	.176
96-97	-1.11	2.63	3.73	.882	.813	8.69	.127
95-96	-1.33	3.03	4.36	.861	.773	11.33	.173
94-95	-1.27	3.27	4.52	.858	.795	11.59	.220
93-94	-1.37	2.97	4.28	.852	.733	9.24	.154
92-93	-2.19	2.77	4.98	.833	.812	8.58	.169
91-92	-1.13	3.45	4.81	.840	.708	8.39	.241
90-91	-0.30	4.06	4.28	.870	.833	7.94	.211
89-90	-0.12	4.58	4.69	.874	.777	7.03	.266
88-89	-1.63	3.34	4.92	.875	.807	7.42	.182
87-88	+3.27	6.73	3.40	.876	.808	6.36	.283
86-87	-0.63	3.43	3.86	.877	N/A	7.37	N/A
85-86	-1.62	4.62	6.18	.823	N/A	8.79	N/A
84-85	-0.29	5.79	6.07	.834	.720	10.75	.329
83-84 (club)	+3.62	6.69	3.07	.876	.916	9.90	.333
82-83	-1.42	4.31	5.72	.844	.709	9.47	.209
81-82	+0.90	5.08	4.18	.872	.758	9.25	.303
80-81	-0.75	3.86	4.61	.869	.749	9.00	.218
79-80	+0.08	5.18	5.10	.861	.750	8.62	.300
78-79	-0.32	4.84	5.16	.848	.737	7.39	.216
77-78	-1.29	3.61	4.89	.876	.749	6.55	.199
76-77	+1.16	5.03	4.00	.891	.817	6.89	.316
75-76	-0.05	4.50	4.55	.877	.802	8.32	.199
74-75	-1.21	3.71	4.92	.880	.852	8.35	.184
73-74	+0.14	4.42	4.28	.879	.752	4.42	.259
72-73	+0.66	5.24	4.21	.873	.785	7.16	.285
71-72	+0.12	4.82	4.71	.870	.777	6.89	.316
70-71	-0.68	3.74	4.30	.882	.835	7.84	.152
69-70	+2.60	6.20	3.60	.888	.861	7.43	.153
68-69	+1.19	5.52	4.30	.880	N/A	5.26	N/A

Top Seasons

Winning Percentage

1. 1987-88	.848 (27-4-2)
2. 2006-07	.798 (32-7-3)
3. *1983-84	.776 (22-6-1)
4. 1969-70	.717 (21-18-1)
5. 1968-69	.648 (16-8-3)

Victories

1. 2006-07	32
2. 2007-08	27
1987-88	27
4. 1981-82	23
1972-73	23

Home Winning Percentage

1. 1987-88	.900 (18-2-0)
2. 1969-70	.892 (12-1-1)
3. 2003-04	.833 (14-2-2)
4. 2006-07	.824 (13-2-2)
5. *1983-84	.800 (12-3-0)

Road Winning Percentage

1. 1987-88	.769 (9-2-2)
2. *1983-84	.750 (10-3-1)
3. 2006-07	.735 (12-4-1)
4. 1968-69	.692 (8-3-2)
5. 2007-08	.618 (10-6-1)

One-Goal Game Winning Pct.

1. 1987-88	1.000 (6-0)
2. 1968-69	1.000 (4-0)
3. 1991-92	.750 (6-2)
4. 1978-79	.733 (11-4)
5. 2006-07	.692 (9-4)

Overtime Winning Pct.

1. 1984-85	.833 (2-0-1)
2. 1975-76	.750 (2-0-2)
1968-69	.750 (1-0-1)
4. 2006-07	.643 (3-1-3)
5. 1999-00	.600 (2-0-8)

Goal Differential

1. *1983-84	+3.62
2. 1987-88	+3.27
3. 1969-70	+2.60
4. 2006-07	+1.74
5. 1968-69	+1.19

Goals Per Game

1. 1987-88	6.73
2. *1983-84	6.69
3. 1969-70	6.20
4. 1984-85	5.79
5. 1968-69	5.52

Goals-Against Average

1. 2006-07	1.63
2. 2007-08	2.10
3. 2003-04	2.48
4. 1998-99	2.60
5. 2005-06	2.70

Save Percentage

1. 2006-07	.927
2. 2003-04	.922
3. 2007-08	.910
2002-03	.910
5. 2005-06	.909

Penalty-Kill Percentage

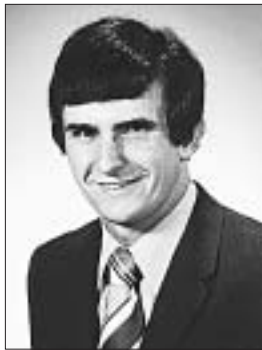
1. *1983-84	.916
2. 2006-07	.904
3. 2007-08	.886
4. 2003-04	.876
5. 1969-70	.861

Power-Play Percentage

1. *1983-84	.333
2. 1984-85	.329
3. 1971-72	.325
4. 1976-77	.321
5. 1981-82	.303

Note: The 1983-84 team competed under club status but statistics are recorded for the sake of continuity.

All-Americans



Eddie Bumbacco

**Wing • Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
1973 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Third all-time leading scorer (220 points)
- Second in career goals (103)
- Fourth in career assists (117)
- Tied for first in career hat tricks (7)
- Owns season record for points (90) and goals (43), tied for season assist record (47, all during 1972-73 season)
- Named first team all-WCHA (1972-73)

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts	PPG	GWG
133	103	117	220	21	7



Bill Nyrop

**Defenseman • Edina, Minnesota
1973 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Helped Notre Dame post a 3.60 goals-against-avg. in 1969-70 (currently eighth-best in Irish history)
- Led Notre Dame to a 23-14-1 record in 1972-73
- Named second team all-WCHA (1972-73)
- Notre Dame rookie of the year (1970-71)
- Played professionally with the Montreal Canadiens
- Named to WCHA's Top 50 Players in 50 years (2002)

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts
119	17	72	89



Jack Brownschidle

**Defenseman • East Amherst, New York
1976, 1977 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Notre Dame's only two-time All-American
- Shares record for assists in a game (5)
- Named first team all-WCHA (1975-76, 1976-77)
- Notre Dame most valuable player (1975-76)
- Ranks as fourth-highest scoring defenseman in Notre Dame history, with 109 career points (31 goals, 78 assists)
- Named to WCHA's Top 50 Players in 50 years (2002)

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts
142	31	78	109



Brian Walsh

**Center • Cambridge, Massachusetts
1977 All-American**

In the Notre Dame record book:

- First in career points (234)
- Tied for first in career assists (145)
- Tied for fifth in career goals (89)
- Tied for first in career hat tricks (8)
- Tied for first in season assists (47; 1975-76, 1976-77)
- Second-most points in a season (77; 1976-77)
- WCHA most valuable player (1976-77)

Career Stats

GP	G	A	Pts	PPG
140	89	145	234	24





Right Wing • Toronto, Ontario
1980 All-American

In the Notre Dame record book:

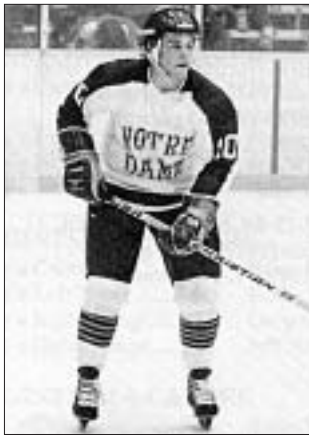
- First in career goals (104)
- Seventh in career points (192)
- First in career power-play goals (43)
- Tied for fifth in career game-winning goals (10)
- Fourth-most points in a season (71)
- Second-most goals in a season (40)
- Notre Dame Kanaley leadership award (1980)
- NCAA Silver Anniversary Award (2005)

Career Stats

<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>GWG</u>
149	104	88	192	43	10



Greg Meredith



Forward • Trenton, Michigan
1983 All-American

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Ninth in career goals (76)
- Tied for seventh-most points in a season (63, 1982-83)
- Tied for fifth in career power-play goals (25)
- Seventh in career game-winning goals (9)
- Tied for sixth in career hat tricks (5)
- Named second team all-CCHA (1982-83)

Career Stats

<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>GWG</u>
141	76	82	158	25	9



Kirt Bjork



Defenseman • Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec
1999 All-American

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Ended his career as the ninth-highest scoring defenseman in Notre Dame history, with 88 career points (28 goals, 60 assists)
- Named first team all-CCHA (1998-99)
- Finalist for CCHA "top offensive defenseman" award ('98-'99)
- Helped Irish post top two season goals-against averages in Notre Dame history (2.74 in 1997-98, 2.60 in '98-'99)

Career Stats

<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PPG</u>	<u>GWG</u>
141	28	60	88	11	3



Benoit Cotnoir



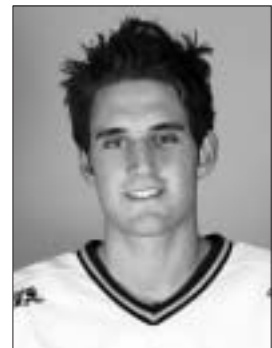
Goaltender • Stoney Creek, Ontario
2007 All-American

In the Notre Dame record book:

- Owns Notre Dame single-season records for wins (30), goals-against average (1.58), save percentage (.931) and shutouts (6), set during the 2006-07 season.
- Set Notre Dame career marks for goals-against average (2.32), save percentage (.916) and shutouts (12). Second all-time in wins with 55.
- Finalist for 2007 Hobey Baker Award; first college hockey winner of Lowes Senior CLASS Award.
- 2007 CCHA Player and Goaltender of the Year
- Named first team all-CCHA (2006-07)

Career Stats

<u>GP/GS</u>	<u>MIN</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>SVS</u>	<u>SV%</u>	<u>W-L-T</u>	<u>SHO</u>
111/108	6326:14	245	2.32	2,662	.916	55-38-11	12



David Brown

Notre Dame Hockey In The NCAA Tournament (3-3)

Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament Results

- 2004 - Midwest Regional (at Grand Rapids, Mich.)** – Minnesota 5, Notre Dame 2
- 2006 - Midwest Regional (at Grand Rapids, Mich.)** – Notre Dame 3, Alabama-Huntsville 2 (2ot)
– Michigan State, 2 Notre Dame 1
- 2008 - West Regional (at Colorado Springs, Colo.)** – Notre Dame 7, New Hampshire 3
– Notre Dame 3, Michigan State 1
– Notre Dame 5, Michigan 4 (OT)
– Boston College 4, Notre Dame 1

2004 NCAA Tournament - First Round Midwest Regional #3 Minnesota 5 • #13 Notre Dame 2

March 27, 2004 • Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Notre Dame hockey team made its first-ever NCAA hockey tournament appearance on March 27, 2004 at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. The opponent was the two-time defending national champion and third-ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers.

The Irish jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on goals by Cory McLean and Aaron Gill only to see the Gophers score five unanswered goals on the way to a 5-2 win over Notre Dame. That win moved the Gophers on to the Midwest Regional versus Minnesota-Duluth.

Sophomore All-American Thomas Vanek led Minnesota's comeback with two goals and an assist. Matt Koalska, Danny Irmen (ppg) and Troy Riddle also scored for the Gophers.

The Irish got on the scoreboard just 54 seconds into the contest as McLean teamed with Gill on a two-on-one to beat Minnesota goaltender Kellen Briggs for his 10th goal of the year.

Notre Dame took advantage of a Minnesota penalty late in the first period and made it 2-0 at 19:18 of the third on the power play. Rob Globke and Mike Walsh set up Gill's team-high ninth power-play goal of the year on a redirection past Briggs for Gill's 17th of the year.

The Gophers got their offense going in the second period just 26 seconds in when Koalska cut the lead in half to open the middle stanza.

The powerful Gopher offense would even the score at 9:13 when Irmen steered a bouncing puck past Morgan Cey for a power-play tally to make it 2-2.

Vanek put the Gophers ahead to stay 3-2 at 16:24 when he poked a loose puck past Cey for his first goal of the game.

The talented Vanek would seal the win at 11:52 when he raced down the right side and tried to stuff a shot past Cey on the short side. The rebound came right back to him and he continued behind the net for a wrap-around-goal for the 4-2 lead.

Riddle closed out the scoring for Minnesota with an empty-net goal at 19:24 to close out the season for Notre Dame.

On the night, Cey equaled a season-high with 40 saves. Briggs made 20 saves in the Minnesota goal.

GAME SUMMARY	1	2	3	F
#13 Notre Dame (20-15-4)	2	0	0	2
#3 Minnesota (27-13-3)	0	3	2	5

Scoring

1st: ND: Cory McLean 10 (Aaron Gill, Mike Walsh), 00:54; ND: A. Gill 17 (M. Walsh, Rob Globke), PPG, 19:18. 2nd: UM: Matt Koalska 13 (Thomas Vanek, Chris Harrington), 00:26; UM: Danny Irmen 14 (Harrington, Gino Guyer), PPG, 9:18; UM: Vanek 25 (unassisted), 16:24. 3rd: UM: Vanek 26 (Koalska, Keith Ballard), 11:52; UM: Troy Riddle 24 (unassisted), ENG, 19:24.

Goaltender Saves:

ND - Morgan Cey (59:01) 13 - 18 - 9 - 40

UM - Kellen Briggs (60:00) 6 - 7 - 7 - 20

Power Plays: ND: 1 for 5; UM: 1 for 5

Penalties: ND: 8 for 16 min.; UM: 8 for 16 min.

Attendance: 5,325

2007 NCAA Tournament - First Round Midwest Regional

#1 Notre Dame 3 • Alabama-Huntsville 2 (2ot)

March 23, 2007 • Grand Rapids, Mich.

For over 94 minutes Notre Dame and Alabama-Huntsville battled tooth and nail, looking for that one scoring chance to end the contest.

This time the luck of the Irish was in full force as freshman Ryan Thang drilled a shot from the left wing circle that beat Charger goaltender Marc Narduzzi to give the Irish the 3-2 win in the longest game in Irish hockey history.

The win, the first NCAA Tournament win in Irish hockey history, advanced Notre Dame to the Midwest Regional finals to face Michigan State.

Notre Dame got off to a fast start, scoring a pair of goals in the first five minutes of the game.

Senior left wing Josh Sciba gave the Irish a 1-0 lead just 3:18 into the game, beating starting goaltender Blake MacNicol with a shot from the left face-off dot.

Thang followed with his first goal of the night at 4:26 when he took a feed from Erik Condra and ripped a low shot that beat MacNicol, giving the Irish a 2-0 lead. The goal sent MacNicol to the UAH bench in favor of Marc Narduzzi. It would be well over 90 minutes before the Irish would score again as they led 2-0 after the first period.

Alabama got back in the game at 10:20 of the second period as Dominick Rozman's shot deflected off an Irish defenseman past David Brown to cut the Notre Dame lead to 2-1.

The Chargers would get the equalizer at 16:06 when Cale Tanaka fired a shot from the slot that beat Brown to the upper corner.

From there the goaltenders took over. Brown would finish with 28 saves in the game while Narduzzi made 49 saves, giving up just one goal.

The Irish got the game winner via the power play when defenseman Noah Babin was pulled down on a scoring bid. Defensemen Brett Blatchford and Kyle Lawson played catch at the point until Lawson slid a pass to the left wing boards where Thang took the puck.

"He had stopped so many with his glove up until then that I decided to roll in front and shot it towards his blocker and it went in," said Thang. "I couldn't tell it was in until I saw the water bottle pop up in the air."

Thang's goal was his 20th of the season and set off a wild celebration on the ice as the Irish had their first NCAA tournament win and lived to play another day.

The 94:42 minutes of action was the longest game in Notre Dame hockey history.

GAME SUMMARY	1	2	3	OT	OT	F
Alabama-Huntsville (13-20 -3)	0	2	0	0	0	2
#1 Notre Dame (32-6-3)	2	0	0	0	1	3

Scoring

1st: ND: Josh Sciba 8 (unassisted), 3:18; ND: Ryan Thang 19 (Erik Condra), 4:26. 2nd: UAH: Dominick Rozman 6 (Josh Murray), 10:20; UAH: Cale Tanaka 2 (Tom Train), 16:06. 3rd: No Scoring. 1st OT: No Scoring. 2nd OT: ND: Thang 20 (Kyle Lawson, Brett Blatchford), PPG, 15:18.

Goaltender Saves:

UAH - Blake MacNicol (4:26) 1 - x - x - x - x - 1

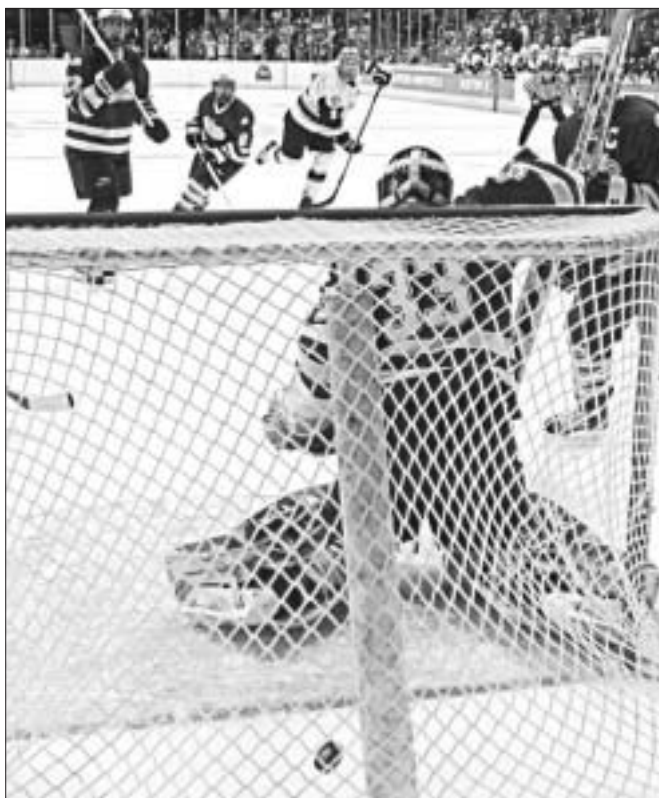
Marc Narduzzi (90:16) 9 - 13 - 11 - 8 - 8 - 49

ND - David Brown (94:42) 7 - 3 - 3 - 12 - 3 - 28

Power Plays: UAH: 0 for 2; ND: 1 for 6

Penalties: UAH: 6 for 12 min.; ND: 2 for 4 min.

Attendance: 5,201



Ryan Thang (#9 in white) gives Notre Dame its first NCAA Tournament win with his game-winning goal at 15:18 of the second overtime versus Alabama-Huntsville on March 23, 2007.



**2007 NCAA Tournament - Quarterfinals
Midwest Regional**

#10 Michigan State 2 • #1 Notre Dame 1

March 24, 2007 • Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Notre Dame hockey season will go down as the best in the program's 39-year history as the Irish set record after record on the way to a 32-7-3 record. The ride came to an end though as CCHA foe, Michigan State, handed the Irish a 2-1 loss in the Midwest Regional Championship.

The loss ended Notre Dame's season and sent the Spartans to the NCAA Frozen Four where they would eventually win the national championship.

Chris Mueller and Tim Kennedy scored power-play goals for the Spartans while junior Evan Rankin scored Notre Dame's lone goal in the loss.

The regional championship got off to a slow start as the two teams tried to get a read on each other. The game would remain scoreless after one period of play.

Michigan State finally broke through at 6:04 of the second period as the Spartans took advantage of a Notre Dame penalty. Defenseman Chris Snavelly fired a shot from the right point that Brown stopped. Chris Mueller stuffed the rebound past the Irish netminder for his 14th goal and a 1-0 lead.

The lead would go to 2-0 on another power-play chance at 5:59 of the third period.

Working the puck behind the net, Tim Kennedy walked in front and tucked the puck between Brown's pads and the post as he was leveled by Deeth on the penalty kill. The goal was Kennedy's 17th of the year and marked just the third time all season that Notre Dame gave up two power-play goals in a game.

Notre Dame finally broke through on Michigan State goaltender Jeff Lerg at 14:52. Jason Paige moved the puck from the left wing boards to defenseman Brett Blatchford. Blatchford fired a shot on goal that went off of Rankin and past Lerg, cutting the lead to 2-1. For Rankin, the goal was his fourth of the season.

The Irish would get several chances in the waning moments as Brown was pulled for the final 1:15 of the game in favor of a sixth attacker but could not score.

Defenseman Wes O'Neill and forward Ryan Thang were selected to the All-Regional Team from Notre Dame. They were joined by Michigan State forwards Tim Kennedy and Chris Mueller, defenseman Tyler Howells and goaltender Jeff Lerg. Lerg was the Regional Most Valuable Player.

GAME SUMMARY	1	2	3	F
#10 Michigan State (24-13-3)	0	1	1	2
#1 Notre Dame (32-7-3)	0	0	1	1

Scoring

1st: No Scoring. 2nd: MSU: Chris Mueller 14 (Chris Snavelly, Ethan Graham), PPG, 6:04. 3rd: MSU: Tim Kennedy 17 (Tim Crowder, Justin Abdelkader), PPG, 5:59; ND: Evan Rankin 4 (Brett Blatchford, Jason Paige), 14:52.

Goaltender Saves

MSU - Jeff Lerg (60:00) 8 - 3 - 8 - 19
ND - David Brown (58:45) 7 - 8 - 8 - 23

Power Plays: MSU: 2 for 7; ND: 0 for 5

Penalties: MSU: 8 for 16 min.; ND: 10 for 20 min.

Attendance: 4,839

**2008 NCAA Tournament - First Round
West Regional**

#12 Notre Dame 7 • #4 New Hampshire 3

March 28, 2008 • Colorado Springs, Colo.

For most of the second half of the 2007-08 season, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish struggled to score goals. The struggles came to an end at the World Arena in the first semifinal of the NCAA West Regional.

Notre Dame got seven goals from six different players as the Irish advanced to the West Regional final with a 7-3 win over top-seeded New Hampshire.

Junior Christian Hanson scored two goals while Ian Cole (ppg), Kyle Lawson (ppg), Dan Kissel, Ryan Thang and Kevin Deeth had single goals in the win. Mark Van Guilder had a three-assist night while Thang added two assists for his three-point game.

New Hampshire got two goals from Jerry Pollastrone and one from Phil DeSimone while James vanRiemsdyck added three assists in the game.



Junior center Christian Hanson scores off a pass from Stewart Carlin at 2:39 of the second period to put Notre Dame ahead 3-2 on the way to a 7-3 win over New Hampshire in the opening game of the NCAA West Regional.

The win improved Notre Dame to 25-15-4 on the year while fourth-ranked New Hampshire ends its season with a 25-10-3 mark.

The Wildcats jumped out to an early lead, scoring at the 1:04 mark of the first when Pollastrone fired a rebound shot past Jordan Pearce for his 14th of the season.

The Irish answered back just 58 seconds later on the power play when Cole drilled a wrist shot through Wildcat goaltender Kevin Regan's pads to tie the game at the 2:02 mark.

UNH continued to put the pressure on Pearce and made it 2-1 at 5:41 when Pollastrone got his second of the period and the game, firing the rebound of a Brad Flaishans shot past the Irish goaltender to make it 2-1. Despite being out shot in the first period by a 15-6 margin, Notre Dame would tie the score at 2-2 with a power-play goal at 17:25. Thang set up Lawson at the right point and the sophomore defenseman drilled a wrister past Regan for his fifth of the year.

The Irish took the lead for good at 2:39 of the second period when Hanson scored his 11th goal of the year when Stewart Carlin's shot rebounded into the slot where Hanson shoveled the puck past Regan to make it 3-2.

The lead would go to 4-2 on a tremendous individual effort by Kissel as he stickhandled through three UNH defenders and fired a shot inside the left post at 9:53 for his ninth goal of the season.

New Hampshire came right back and cut the lead to 4-3 when Phil DeSimone scored at 13:09.

Notre Dame restored the two-goal lead just 23 seconds into the third period after Van Guilder and Thang forced a Wildcat turnover behind the net. Van Guilder slid the puck in front to Thang who drilled one of his patented wrist shots past Regan for his 17th goal of the year and a 5-3 lead.

With less than four minutes left in the game and the teams skating 4-on-4, UNH pulled its goaltender for a 5-on-4 advantage.

Thang would break up a Wildcat rush and fired a shot that went wide of the goal but off the back boards, bouncing to Deeth who shot it into the open net to make it 6-3 with 3:06 left in the game.

Regan would again be pulled with under three minutes left in the game and Hanson closed the scoring at 17:54 when he scored his second of the night and 12th of the season for the final of 7-3.

On the night, New Hampshire would out shoot Notre Dame, 35-34. Pearce finished the night with 32 saves while Regan had 27.

GAME SUMMARY	1	2	3	F
#12 Notre Dame	2	2	3	7
#4 New Hampshire	2	1	0	3

Scoring

1st: UNH: Jerry Pollastrone 14 (James vanRiemsdyck), 1:04; ND: Ian Cole 8 (Ben Ryan, Mark Van Guilder), PPG, 2:23; UNH: Pollastrone 15 (Brad Flaishans, vanRiemsdyck), 5:41; ND: Kyle Lawson 5 (Van Guilder, Ryan Thang), PPG, 17:25. 2nd: ND: Christian Hanson 11 (Stewart Carlin, Brock Sheahan), 2:39; ND: Dan Kissel 9 (unassisted), 9:53; UNH: Phil DeSimone 3 (Flaishans, vanRiemsdyck), 13:09. 3rd: ND: Thang 17 (Van Guilder), 00:23; ND: Kevin Deeth 9 (Thang), ENG, 16:54; ND: Hanson 12 (Garrett Regan, Brett Blatchford), 17:54.

Goaltender Saves:

ND: Jordan Pearce (60:00) 13 - 12 - 7 - 32
UNH: Kevin Regan (58:45) 4 - 15 - 8 - 27

Power Plays: ND: 2-8; UNH: 0-4

Penalties: ND: 5 for 10 min.; UNH: 8 for 27 min.

Attendance: 6,634

**2008 NCAA Tournament - Quarterfinals
West Regional**

#12 Notre Dame 3 • #9 Michigan State 1

March 29, 2008 • Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Notre Dame hockey team earned its first-ever trip to the Frozen Four with a 3-1 win over Michigan State in the championship game of the NCAA West Regional at the Colorado Springs World Arena.

The Fighting Irish became the first team seeded fourth in a regional to advance to the Frozen Four and avenged their 2-1 loss to the Spartans in the '06-'07 Midwest Regional final.

Christian Hanson, Mark Van Guilder and Teddy Ruth scored for Notre Dame in the victory with Van Guilder getting the game winner with 5:54 remaining in the third period.

Michigan State dominated play early in the game but could not get the puck past goaltender Jordan Pearce who stopped all 10 first-period shots.

Hanson broke through on the scoreboard for the Irish at 2:43 of the second stanza when he stuffed a rebound of his own wrap-around attempt past Spartan goaltender Jeff Lerg. That gave Hanson three goals and an assist in the two games and earned him a spot on the all-regional team.

Michigan State's Justin Abdelkader banged a laser off the crossbar three minutes later, then tied the game with 10:55 to play in the period when he put a one-timer from the left circle behind Pearce for his third point of the weekend to make it 1-1.

The game would remain that way until Van Guilder snapped the tie with just under six minutes left in the game. He took a pass from Ben Ryan off his leg, regained control in the slot and beat Lerg inside the near post with wrist shot from the slot.

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The Irish added an insurance goal just 1:14 later when Teddy Ruth put a slapshot from just outside the right circle past Lerg high on the glove side. Justin White and Christian Hanson cycled the puck out of the right corner, leaving Ruth alone at the point.

While eight different players scored for the Irish, the Notre Dame defense played a huge role in both victories. The Irish blanked 12 shots in the victory over MSU and killed all four Spartan power plays and all nine in the two regional games.

Pearce allowed just one goal on 21 Michigan State shots and had 32 saves in the victory over New Hampshire, posting back-to-back victories over Hobey Baker semifinalists Lerg and Kevin Regan.

Van Guilder, Hanson and defenseman Brock Sheahan were selected to the NCAA West Regional All-Tournament team with Van Guilder being named Most Outstanding Player.

GAME SUMMARY	1	2	3	F
#12 Notre Dame	0	1	2	- 3
#19 Michigan State	0	1	0	- 1

1st: No Scoring. 2nd: ND: Christian Hanson 13 (Garrett Regan), 2:43; MSU: Justin Abdelkader 19 (Tim Kennedy, Tim Crowder), 9:05. 3rd: ND: Mark Van Guilder 12 (Ben Ryan), 14:06; ND: Teddy Ruth 2 (Justin White, Hanson), 15:20.

Goaltender Saves:

ND: Jordan Pearce (60:00) 10 - 4 - 6 - 20
MSU: Jeff Lerg (59:13) 7 - 7 - 9 - 23

Power Play: ND: 0-4; MSU: 0-3

Penalties: ND: 4 for 8 min.; MSU: 5 for 10 min.

Attendance: 5,836

2008 NCAA Tournament - Semifinals Frozen Four

#5 Notre Dame 5 • #1 Michigan 4 (ot)

April 10, 2008 • Denver, Colo.

Freshman left wing Calle Ridderwall scored his second goal of the game at 5:44 of overtime, lifting fifth-ranked Notre Dame to a 5-4 victory over top-seeded Michigan in the NCAA Frozen Four semifinals at a sold-out (18,544) Pepsi Center in Denver. The win moved the Irish into their first national championship game versus Boston College on April 12.

Ridderwall came into the game with three goals in his rookie season, but saved some of his best play of the year for college hockey's biggest stage as he also scored the opening goal in the first period. He was joined on the Irish side of the scoresheet by Mark Van Guilder, Ryan Thang and Kevin Deeth. Chad Kolarik scored twice for Michigan with Matt Rust and Carl Hagelin getting single goals in the loss.

Ridderwall opened the scoring just five minutes into the game when he took an outlet pass from Justin White in center ice, moved into the Michigan zone and rifled a shot over Michigan goaltender Billy Sauer's right shoulder for his fourth goal of the year.

Just 42 seconds later, the Irish had a 2-0 lead when Thang dropped a pass for Van Guilder who ripped a shot from the left circle under Sauer's left arm for his 13th of the season at 5:42.

Thang took his turn at 19:25 of the first period when he scored a brilliant short-handed goal, beating the Wolverine defense at the blueline, then flipping a backhander over Sauer's blocker for his 18th goal of the year and a 3-0 Irish lead.

Sauer was replaced by Bryan Hogan in the Michigan goal to start the second period and he held the Irish at bay until the Wolverines could get back in the game.

They would score twice in a 15-second span midway through the middle period to get back in the game. Kolarik scored his first of the night at 8:48 when he took a centering pass from Kevin Porter in the high slot and wristed a shot over the left shoulder of Notre Dame goaltender Jordan Pearce.

Seconds later, Michigan's Aaron Palushaj skated into the left corner and tossed a pass toward the crease, where Matt Rust redirected the puck behind Pearce at 9:03 to make it a 3-2 game after two periods.

The Wolverines would get the equalizer on the power play at 2:16 of the third period. Kolarik would get his second goal of the game when he fired a shot off the right post that caromed back to him. He wasted no time, depositing it past Pearce for his 30th goal of the year.

The Irish grabbed the lead back with 8:30 remaining in the game as Dan Kissel and Deeth combined on a two-on-one. Kissel put a pass on Deeth's stick and the sophomore center cut in front of the goal, chipping a shot over Hogan for his 10th goal of the season to give Notre Dame the 4-3 lead.

Michigan answered back, tying the game at 4-4 at 14:39 when Hagelin won the race to a loose puck in the Irish zone and fired a shot from the goal line that somehow found its way between Pearce's pad and the near post to send the game into overtime.

That set up Ridderwall's overtime heroics. White dropped a pass to the right point to defenseman Dan VeNard. The senior blueliner drilled a low shot on goal that Hogan stopped with the rebound sliding to the slot. Ridderwall was there and put his head down driving the puck past Hogan to set off a wild celebration on the Pepsi Center ice with a 5-4 Notre Dame win.

The win was the first in overtime for the Irish during the 2007-08 season and their first since defeating Alabama-Huntsville in the 2006-07 NCAA Tournament.

Pearce made 29 saves in the victory while Hogan stopped 18 of 20 shots in 45:44 minutes. Sauer finished with six saves in the first 20 minutes of action.

GAME SUMMARY	1	2	3	OT	F
#5 Notre Dame	3	0	1	1	- 5
#1 Michigan	0	2	2	0	- 4

1st: ND: Calle Ridderwall 4 (Justin White), 5:00; ND: Mark Van Guilder 13 (Ryan Thang, Brock Sheahan), 5:42; ND: Ryan Thang 18 (unassisted), SHG, 19:25. 2nd: UM: Chad Kolarik 29 (Kevin Porter, Bryan Hogan), 8:48; UM: Matt Rust 12 (Aaron Palushaj, Carl Hagelin), 9:03. 3rd: UM: Kolarik 30 (Max Pacioretty, Palushaj), PPG, 2:16; ND: Kevin Deeth 10 (Dan Kissel, Ian Cole), 11:30; UM: Hagelin 11 (Rust, Palushaj), 14:39. OT: Ridderwall 5 (Dan VeNard, White), 5:44.

Goaltender Saves:

ND: Jordan Pearce (65:44) 11 - 7 - 7 - 4 - 29
UM: Billy Sauer (20:00) 6 - x - x - x - 6

Bryan Hogan (45:44) x - 6 - 5 - 7 - 18

Power Play: ND: 0-3; UM: 1-5

Penalties: ND: 5 for 10 min.; ND: 3 for 6 min.

Attendance: 18,544 (sellout)

2008 NCAA Tournament - Finals Frozen Four

#3 Boston College 4 • #5 Notre Dame 1

April 12, 2008 • Denver, Colo.

On Saturday, April 12, the Notre Dame hockey team ventured where no other Irish hockey team had ever been. They faced off in the NCAA Frozen Four championship game against Boston College at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo.

The Irish ran into a red-hot Nathan Gerbe as the third-ranked Eagles ended Notre Dame's season with a 4-1 loss in front of a sell-out crowd of 18,632. Gerbe scored twice and assisted on BC's other two goals on his way to a four-point game and Most Valuable Player honors. Kevin Deeth scored the lone goal for the Irish who finished the year with a 27-16-4 record.

Both teams had chances in a tightly-played first period that led to the fourth scoreless opening frame in NCAA title game history (also 1968, 2001 and 2007). BC ended up with a 7-4 shot advantage in the opening 20 minutes, while Notre Dame went on the power play three times in the period, coming up empty on all three.

The Eagles snapped the scoreless tie just 2:23 into the second period, converting an Irish turnover into a goal. Brian Gibbons forced the turnover and found Gerbe inside the left circle where he whipped a shot over Jordan Pearce's left shoulder for his 34th goal of the year.



Calle Ridderwall talks to the media after scoring two goals, including the overtime game winner versus Michigan in Notre Dame's first Frozen Four appearance on April 10, 2008.

Gerbe was at it less than three minutes later, this time on a Boston College power play. Ben Smith's shot from the slot was wide of the goal but rebounded off the back dashboards into the crease where the Eagles' top scorer was there to jam the rebound past Pearce for a 2-0 lead at 5:37.

BC made it 3-0 at 8:11 of the second period, converting a second power-play chance, this time with a 4-on-3 advantage. Joe Whitney did the honors as he took a feed from Gerbe at the top of the slot and drove a slapshot past Pearce for his 11th goal of the year.

The Irish finally broke through over a minute later at 9:07 when Deeth took a feed from defenseman Kyle Lawson and snapped a shot past Eagles' goaltender John Muse to cut the lead to 3-1 after two periods of play.

Notre Dame looked like they had cut the margin to 3-2 just 4:56 into the third period. Ian Cole's centering pass got caught up in Lawson's near the right post and deflected toward the goal, trickling past Muse and over the goal line. Although it was ruled a goal on the ice by referee Todd Anderson, video replay official, Greg Shepherd, overturned the score after a lengthy delay, ruling that the puck was apparently propelled into the net by Lawson's skate in a distinct kicking motion.

The no-goal call took on added significance less than a minute later when Boston College scored to make it a 4-1 game. Gerbe tracked down the puck behind the net and threw a centering pass back in front for Smith, who fanned on his shot attempt but got enough of the bouncing biscuit for it to knuckle over Pearce's shoulder at 5:31 of the period for the final score of 4-1.

Pearce finished with 19 saves in goal while Muse stopped 20 in the game. The Irish were 0-for-8 on the power play while Boston College was able to convert on two of four tries.

Pearce finished the year with 23 wins and the team's 27 wins were the second most in the program's history. Lawson and Deeth were selected to the Frozen Four all-tournament team.

GAME SUMMARY	1	2	3	F
#5 Notre Dame	0	1	0	- 1
#3 Boston College	0	3	1	- 4

1st: No Scoring. 2nd: BC: Nathan Gerbe 34 (Brian Gibbons, Ben Smith), 2:23; BC: Gerbe 35 (Smith, Dan Bertram), PPG, 5:37; BC: Joe Whitney 11 (Gerbe, Benn Ferriero), PPG, 8:11; ND: Kevin Deeth 11 (Kyle Lawson, Ian Cole), 9:07. 3rd: BC: Ben Smith 25 (Gerbe, Gibbons), 5:31.

Goaltender Saves:

ND: Jordan Pearce (58:31) 7 - 8 - 4 - 19

BC: John Muse (60:00) 5 - 7 - 8 - 20

Power Play: ND: 0-8; BC: 2-4

Penalties: ND: 5 for 10 min.; BC: 8 for 16 min.

Attendance: 18,632 (sellout)



Honors & Awards

CoSIDA Academic All-Americans

Selected in voting by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Student-athlete must have a 3.2 grade-point average or better to be nominated. Hockey players are selected to the fall and winter at-large team.

2007-08	Jordan Pearce (2nd Team at-large)
2000-01	Dan Carlson (3rd Team at-large)
1999-00	Andy Jurkowski (3rd Team at-large)
1998-99	Forrest Karr (2nd Team at-large)
1997-98	Steve Noble (1st Team at-large)
1996-97	Steve Noble (2nd Team at-large)

Notre Dame Monogram Club Team MVP

2007-08	Jordan Pearce
2006-07	David Brown
2005-06	David Brown
2004-05	Morgan Cey
2003-04	Aaron Gill
2002-03	John Wroblewski
2001-02	Connor Dunlop
2000-01	Dan Carlson
1999-00	Dan Carlson
1998-99	Forrest Karr
1997-98	Matt Eisler
1996-97	Matt Eisler
1995-96	Jamie Ling
1994-95	Matt Eisler
1993-94	Matt Osiecki
1992-93	Jamie Ling
1991-92	Lou Zadra
1990-91	Greg Louder
1989-90	Lance Madson
1988-89	Lance Madson
1987-88	Mike McNeill
1986-87	Mike McNeill
1985-86	Mike McNeill
1984-85	Brent Chapman
1983-84	Brent Chapman
1982-83	Kirt Bjork
1981-82	Dave Poulin
1980-81	Jeff Logan
1979-80	Greg Meredith
1978-79	Greg Meredith
1977-78	Terry Fairholm, Geoff Collier
1976-77	Brian Walsh
1975-76	Jack Brownschidle
1974-75	Len Moher
1973-74	Mark Kronholm
1972-73	Eddie Bumbacco
1971-72	Paul Regan
1970-71	Dick Tomasoni
1969-70	John Noble
1968-69	Dick Tomasoni

National Awards

Hobey Baker Finalist

2006-07 David Brown (Sr., G)

Lowes Senior CLASS Award

2006-07 David Brown (Sr., G)

Spencer Penrose Award - Div. 1 Coach Of The Year

2006-07 Jeff Jackson

Central Collegiate Hockey Association

CCHA Player Of The Year

2006-07 David Brown (Sr., G)

CCHA Goaltender Of The Year

2006-07 David Brown (Sr., G)

CCHA Coach Of The Year

2006-07 Jeff Jackson

All-Conference, First-Team

2006-07 David Brown (Sr., G)
1998-99 Benoit Cotnoir (Sr., D)

All-Conference, Second-Team

2003-04 Aaron Gill (Sr., C)
Rob Globke (Sr., RW)
Brett Lebda (Sr., D)
1998-99 Ben Simon (Jr., C)
1982-83 Kirt Bjork (Sr., F)
1981-82 Dave Poulin (Sr., C)
John Schmidt (Sr., D)

All-Conference Honorable Mention

2007-08 Kyle Lawson (So., D)
2006-07 Noah Babin (Sr., D)
Erik Condra (So., RW)
2001-02 Connor Dunlop (Jr., C)
David Inman (Sr., RW)
2000-01 Dan Carlson (Sr., LW)
1998-99 Brian Urick (Sr., F)

All-Conference Special Mention

1999-00 Dan Carlson (Jr., LW)
Ben Simon (Sr., C)
1998-99 Aniket Dhadphale (Sr., LW)
Forrest Karr (Sr., G)
1997-98 Benoit Cotnoir (Jr., D)
Aniket Dhadphale (Jr., LW)
Mark Eaton (Fr., D)
Ben Simon (So., C)
1996-97 Matt Eisler (Jr., G)
1995-96 Matt Eisler (So., G)
1994-95 Garry Gruber (Jr., D)
Jay Matushak (Jr., RW)
Jamie Ling (Jr., C)
1993-94 Garry Gruber (So., D)
Jay Matushak (So., RW)
1992-93 Dan Marvin (Sr., LW)
1981-82 Kirt Bjork (Jr., F)
Jeff Perry (Sr., W)

Rookie of the Year

1997-98 Mark Eaton (D)

All-Rookie Team

2006-07 Kevin Deeth (C)
Kyle Lawson (D)
Ryan Thang (LW)
2005-06 Erik Condra (RW)
2000-01 Brett Lebda (D)
1998-99 David Inman (C)
1997-98 Mark Eaton (D)
1996-97 Joe Dusbabek (RW)
1992-93 Jamie Ling (C)

All-Rookie Team Honorable Mention

2007-08 Ian Cole (D)
2003-04 David Brown (G)
Wes O'Neill (D)
2001-02 Morgan Cey (G)
1999-00 Tony Zasowski (G)
1996-97 Nathan Borega (D)
Tyson Fraser (D)



Defenseman Mark Eaton was named the CCHA rookie of the year following the 1997-98 season, becoming the second Notre Dame hockey player ever named conference rookie of the year.

1995-96 Benoit Cotnoir (D)
Aniket Dhadphale (LW)
1993-94 Ben Nelsen (D)
1992-93 Jeremy Coe (D)

CCHA Tournament MVP - Bill Beagan Award

2006-07 David Brown (Sr., G)

All-Tournament Team

2006-07 David Brown (Sr., G)
Erik Condra (So., RW)
Wes O'Neill (Sr., D)
1981-82 Dave Poulin (Sr., C)

Terry Flanagan Award

2007-08 Dan VeNard (Sr., D)
1996-97 Steve Noble (Sr., C)

CCHA Scholar-Athlete of the Year

2004-05 Cory McLean (Sr., RW)

CCHA All-Academic Team

2007-08 Jordan Pearce (Jr., G)
2006-07 Jason Paige (Sr., C)
2005-06 Jason Paige (Jr., C)
2004-05 Cory McLean (Sr., RW)
2003-04 Rob Globke (Sr., RW)
2001-02 David Inman (Sr., RW)
2000-01 Dan Carlson (Sr., LW)
1999-00 Andy Jurkowski (Sr., LW)
1998-99 Aniket Dhadphale (Sr., LW)
Forrest Karr (Sr., G)
1997-98 Steve Noble (Sr., C)
1996-97 Steve Noble (Jr., C)
1995-96 Garry Gruber (Sr., D)
1992-93 Curtis Janicke (Sr., F)
Carl Picconatto (Sr., G)

Mike & Marian Ilitch Humanitarian Award

2003-04 Neil Komadoski (Sr., D)

CCHA Honorable Mention All-Academic Team

2003-04 T.J. Mathieson (Sr., D)
2000-01 David Inman (Jr., C)
1998-99 Benoit Cotnoir (Sr., D)
Andy Jurkowski (Jr., LW)
1997-98 Lyle Andrusiak (Sr., C)
Aniket Dhadphale (Jr., LW)
Forrest Karr (Jr., G)

Honors & Awards

- 1995-96 Chris Bales (Sr., LW)
Jamie Ling (Sr., C)
Jay Matushak (Sr., RW)
Steve Noble (So., C)
- 1994-95 Garry Gruber (Jr., D)
Jamie Ling (Jr., C)
Jay Matushak (Jr., RW)
- 1993-94 Garry Gruber (So., D)
Jamie Ling (So., C)
- 1992-93 Dan Marvin (Sr., LW)
- 1982-83 Kirt Bjork (Sr., F)
- 1981-82 Jeff Perry (Sr., W)
John Schmidt (Sr., D)

Western Collegiate Hockey Association

All-Conference, First-Team

- 1979-80 Greg Meredith (Sr., RW)
- 1976-77 Jack Brownschidle (So., D)
Brian Walsh (Sr., C)
- 1975-76 Jack Brownschidle (Jr., D)
- 1972-73 Eddie Bumbacco (Jr., W)

All-Conference, Second-Team

- 1976-77 John Peterson (Jr., G)
- 1973-74 Ray DeLorenzi (Jr., W)
- 1972-73 Ian Williams (Jr., W)
Bill Nyrop (Jr., D)

All-Conference, Honorable Mention

- 1980-81 Jeff Brownschidle (Sr., D)
Jeff Logan (Jr., W)
Dave Poulin (Jr., C)
- 1979-80 Jeff Brownschidle (Jr., D)
Tom Michalek (Sr., C)
Dave Poulin (So., C)
- 1978-79 Jeff Brownschidle (So., D)
Dave Laurion (Fr., G)
Tom Michalek (Jr., C)
Dave Poulin (Fr., C)
- 1977-78 Don Jackson (Sr., D)
Len Moher (Sr., G)
John Peterson (Sr., G)
- 1976-77 Paul Clarke (Sr., D)
Don Fairholm (Sr., W)
Clark Hamilton (Sr., W)
Len Moher (Jr., G)
- 1975-76 Paul Clarke (Jr., D)
Clark Hamilton (Jr., W)
Len Moher (So., G)
Alex Pirus (Sr., W)
Brian Walsh (Jr., C)
- 1974-75 Jack Brownschidle (So., D)
Alex Pirus (Jr., W)
Brian Walsh (So., C)
- 1973-74 Eddie Bumbacco (Sr., W)
Steve Curry (Sr., D)
Ray DeLorenzi (So., W)
Larry Israelson (Sr., W)
Bill Nyrop (Sr., D)
Paul Regan (Sr., W)
Brian Walsh (Fr., D)
- 1972-73 Bill Green (Sr., D)
Mark Kronholm (Jr., G)
Mark Steinborn (Sr., D)
- 1971-72 Steve Curry (So., D)
Bill Green (Jr., D)
Bill Nyrop (So., D)
Ian Williams (So., D)

Most Valuable Player

1976-77 Brian Walsh (Sr., C)

Freshman of the Year

1973-74 Brian Walsh (C/D)

Top 50 Players in 50 Years

(selected in 2001-02)

Jack Brownschidle (D) 1973-77
Bill Nyrop (D) 1973-77

Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award

- 2007-08 Jordan Pearce
- 2006-07 Jason Paige
- 2005-06 Jason Paige
- 2004-05 Cory McLean
- 2003-04 T.J. Mathieson
- 2002-03 T.J. Mathieson
- 2001-02 T.J. Mathieson
- 2000-01 Dan Carlson
- 1999-00 Andy Jurkowski
- 1998-99 Forrest Karr
- 1997-98 Steve Noble
- 1996-97 Steve Noble
- 1995-96 Steve Noble
- 1994-95 Jay Matushak
- 1993-94 Jay Matushak
- 1992-93 Carl Picconatto
- 1991-92 Carl Picconatto
- 1990-91 Carl Picconatto,
Scott Vickman
- 1989-90 Bruce Guay
- 1988-89 Bob Herber
- 1987-88 John Welsch
- 1986-87 Tim Lukenda
- 1985-86 Marc Guay
- 1984-85 Dave Waldbillig
- 1983-84 Tony Bonadio
- 1982-83 Mark Doman
- 1981-82 Jeff Perry
- 1980-81 Scott Cameron
- 1978-79 Tom Michalek



Junior goaltender Jordan Pearce is presented the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award by Chris Putt, President of the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley.



Freshman defenseman Teddy Ruth receives Notre Dame's rookie-of-the-year award from Irish assistant coach Andy Slaggert.

Notre Dame Rookie of the Year

- 2007-08 Teddy Ruth
- 2006-07 Ryan Thang
- 2005-06 Erik Condra
- 2004-05 None Selected
- 2003-04 David Brown
- 2002-03 Matt Amado
- 2001-02 Morgan Cey
- 2000-01 Aaron Gill
Rob Globke
- 1999-00 Tony Zasowski
- 1998-99 David Inman
- 1997-98 Mark Eaton
- 1996-97 Joe Dusbabek
- 1995-96 Brian Urick
- 1994-95 Matt Eisler
- 1993-94 Ben Nelsen
- 1992-93 Jamie Ling
- 1991-92 Brent Lamma
- 1990-91 Greg Louder
- 1989-90 Dan Sawyer
- 1988-89 Dave Bankoske
- 1987-88 Rob Bankoske
- 1986-87 Lance Madson
- 1985-86 Roy Bemiss
- 1984-85 Tom Mooney
- 1983-84 Dave Waldbillig
- 1982-83 Mark Benning
- 1981-82 Sean Regan
- 1980-81 Tony Bonadio
- 1979-80 Kirt Bjork
- 1978-79 Dave Poulin
- 1977-78 Jeff Brownschidle
- 1976-77 Greg Meredith
- 1975-76 Steve Schneider
- 1974-75 Don Fairholm
- 1973-74 Brian Walsh
- 1972-73 Pat Novitzki
- 1971-72 John Campbell
- 1970-71 Bill Nyrop
- 1969-70 John Noble
- 1968-69 Dick Tomasoni

Chris Zorich Award

- 2005-06 Chris Trick
- 2003-04 Neil Komadoski



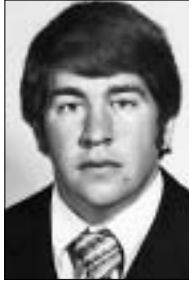
Francis Patrick O'Connor Award

2006-07 T.J. Jindra

Bold indicates current players.

William Donald Nyrop Award Defensive Player of the Year

Bill Nyrop was one of the finest defenseman ever to play at Notre Dame. The Edina, Minn., native was a standout blueliner from 1970-74, playing in 119 games with 17 goals and 72 assists for 89 points. Selected in the fifth round of the 1972 NHL Entry Draft by the Montreal Canadiens, Nyrop was selected second team all-WCHA in 1973 and was an All-American selection that season.



In 2002, he was chosen to the WCHA's 50th anniversary team along with teammate Jack Brownschidle. Following his Notre Dame career, Nyrop went on to play on three Stanley Cup championship teams with the Montreal Canadiens (1976-78).

He passed away on Dec. 31, 1995 due to cancer at the age of 43. His memory and legacy at Notre Dame will live on with the William Donald Nyrop defensive player of the year award that is presented to the team's top defensive player each season.

2007-08	.....	Brock Sheahan
2006-07	.....	Noah Babin
2005-06	.....	Wes O'Neill
2004-05	.....	Wes O'Neill
2003-04	.....	Tom Galvin
2002-03	.....	Evan Nielsen
2001-02	.....	Evan Nielsen
2000-01	.....	Brett Lebda
1999-00	.....	Tyson Fraser
1998-99	.....	Benoit Cotoir
1997-98	.....	Mark Eaton

Charles "Lefty" Smith Coaches Award

Charles "Lefty" Smith came to Notre Dame in 1968 to start the Notre Dame hockey program and remained the head coach of the Fighting Irish for 19 seasons before retiring in 1987. During his time behind the bench, Notre Dame produced six All-Americans and finished second in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) twice (1972-73 and 1976-77). He was selected the WCHA Coach of the Year following the 1972-73 season. The popular head coach retired following the 1986-87 season with a career record of 307-320-30.



Following his coaching career, Smith became the director of the Loftus Sports Center where he remains today coordinating all events and activities. In 2002, he was honored for his outstanding accomplishments in hockey at the Hobey Baker Award Banquet as a "Legend of Hockey" honoree.

"Lefty" Smith's name will always be synonymous with Irish hockey as his name now graces the Coaches Award that goes annually to the unsung hero of the Notre Dame hockey program, the player who is unheralded, has overcome adversity and shows

loyalty and commitment to his teammates, Notre Dame hockey and the University of Notre Dame.

2007-08	.....	Dan VeNard
2006-07	.....	T.J. Jindra
2005-06	.....	Rory Walsh
2004-05	.....	Cory McLean
2003-04	.....	Neil Komadoski
2002-03	.....	Jake Wiegand
2001-02	.....	Jeremiah Kimento
2000-01	.....	Kyle Kolquist
1999-00	.....	None Selected
1998-99	.....	Brian Urick

Notre Dame Most Improved Player

2007-08	.....	Dan Kissel
2006-07	.....	Garrett Regan
2005-06	.....	Mark Van Guilder
2004-05	.....	Noah Babin
2003-04	.....	Mike Walsh
		Jason Paige
2002-03	.....	Cory McLean
2001-02	.....	John Wroblewski
2000-01	.....	T.J. Mathieson
1999-00	.....	Jay Kopischke
1998-99	.....	Ryan Dolder
1997-98	.....	John Dwyer
1996-97	.....	Andy Jurkowski
1995-96	.....	Scott Giuliani, Brian McCarthy
1994-95	.....	Chris Bales
1993-94	.....	Carey Nemeth
1992-93	.....	Jeff Hasselman
1991-92	.....	Curtis Janicke
1990-91	.....	Scott Vickman
1989-90	.....	Lou Zadra
1988-89	.....	Tim Kuehl
1987-88	.....	Bob Bilton
1986-87	.....	Rob Bankoske
1985-86	.....	Bob Herber
1984-85	.....	John Nickodemus
1983-84	.....	Tim Reilly
1982-83	.....	Steve Whitmore
1981-82	.....	Joe Bowie
1980-81	.....	Mark Doman
1979-80	.....	Bill Rothstein
1978-79	.....	John Friedmann
1977-78	.....	Don Jackson
1976-77	.....	Dick Howe
1975-76	.....	Don Fairholm
1974-75	.....	Geoff Collier

1973-74	.....	Don Smith
1972-73	.....	Ray DeLorenzi
1971-72	.....	Pat Conroy
1970-71	.....	Jim Cordes
1969-70	.....	Paul O'Neil
1968-69	.....	Jim Cordes

Offensive Player of the Year

The Offensive Player of the Year Award was introduced during the 2005-06 season and is presented each season to the team's top offensive player as selected by the coaching staff.

2007-08	.....	Erik Condra
2006-07	.....	Erik Condra
2005-06	.....	Josh Sciba

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Notre Dame hockey program introduced two new awards in 2005-06 to honor the program's past and the dedication of individuals to the success of Irish hockey.

The Distinguished Alumni Award that will be given each year to an alumnus of the program to acknowledge their accomplishments and the example that they have set for others as an alumnus of the Notre Dame hockey program. Each Distinguished Alumni Award winner will receive a mounted Gold Helmet that is now worn by the Notre Dame hockey program.

Two former players – David Bossy '77 and Paul Regan '73 received the first Distinguished Alumni Awards.

2007-08	.....	Greg Meredith
2006-07	.....	Brian Walsh, Phil Witcliff
2005-06	.....	Dave Bossy, Paul Regan

Honorary Alumni Award

The Honorary Alumni Award will be presented each year to a person who while not a alum of the program, made major contributions to Notre Dame due to their affiliation with the program.

2007-08	.....	Tom Nevala
2006-07	.....	Rev. Thomas Gaughan
		John Whitmer
2005-06	.....	Tim McNeill

Bold indicates current players.

Byron V. Kanaley Award

The most prestigious honor awarded to a Notre Dame student-athlete, the Byron V. Kanaley Award, has been presented each year since 1927 to the senior monogram athletes who have been most exemplary as both students and leaders.

The awards, presented by the Faculty Board on Athletics, are named in honor of a 1904 Notre Dame graduate who was a member of the Notre Dame baseball team as an undergraduate. Kanaley went on to a successful banking career in Chicago and served the University as a lay trustee from 1915 until his death in 1960.

Six members of the Notre Dame hockey team have received the award, including: Kevin Hoene (1972), Mark Kronholm (1974), Greg Meredith (1980), Tom Michalek (1980), Steve Noble (1998) and Dan Venard in 2008.



Kevin Hoene
1972



Mark Kronholm
1974



Greg Meredith
1980



Tom Michalek
1980



Steve Noble
1998



Dan VeNard
2008

Irish in the NHL

Since 1972, the Notre Dame hockey program has sent 77 of its former players on to careers in professional hockey. Listed below are the 14 players who have spent time in the National Hockey League along with their career statistics. The years listed next to each player's name are the years they played at Notre Dame.

Jim Brown (1978-82)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1982-83	New Haven (AHL)	75	3	12	15	120
	Los Angeles (NHL)	3	0	1	1	5
1983-84	New Haven (AHL)	39	2	4	6	18
	NHL Totals	3	0	1	1	5

Jack Bronschidle (1973-77)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1977-78	Salt Lake City (CHL)	25	4	12	16	0
	St. Louis (NHL)	40	2	15	17	23
1978-79	Salt Lake City (CHL)	11	0	10	10	0
	St. Louis (NHL)	64	10	24	34	14
1979-80	St. Louis (NHL)	77	12	32	44	8
1980-81	St. Louis (NHL)	71	5	23	28	12
1981-82	St. Louis (NHL)	80	5	33	38	26
1982-83	St. Louis (NHL)	72	1	22	23	30
1983-84	St. Louis (NHL)	51	1	7	8	19
	Hartford (NHL)	13	2	2	4	10
1984-85	Binghamton (AHL)	56	4	17	21	8
	Hartford (NHL)	17	1	4	5	5
1985-86	Binghamton (AHL)	58	5	26	31	18
	Hartford (NHL)	9	0	0	0	4
1986-87	Rochester (AHL)	74	8	22	30	13
	NHL Totals	494	39	162	201	151



Defenseman Mark Eaton played parts of five seasons with the Nashville Predators. He spent his first season (2006-07) with the Pittsburgh Penguins who signed him as a free agent in the summer of 2006.

Jeff Bronschidle (1977-81)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1981-82	Binghamton (AHL)	52	4	23	27	24
	Hartford (NHL)	3	0	1	1	2
1982-83	Binghamton (AHL)	64	9	18	27	52
	Hartford (NHL)	4	0	0	0	0
1983-84	Salt Lake City (CHL)	11	1	7	8	12
	Binghamton (AHL)	30	2	7	9	50
	NHL Totals	7	0	1	1	2

Mark Eaton (1997-98)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1998-99	Philadelphia (AHL)	74	9	27	36	38
1999-00	Philadelphia (AHL)	47	9	17	26	6
	Philadelphia (NHL)	27	1	1	2	8
2000-01	Milwaukee (IHL)	34	3	12	15	27
	Nashville (NHL)	34	3	8	11	14
2001-02	Nashville (NHL)	58	3	5	8	24
2002-03	Milwaukee (AHL)	3	1	0	1	2
	Nashville (NHL)	50	2	7	9	22
2003-04	Nashville (NHL)	75	4	9	13	26
2004-05	Grand Rapids (AHL)	29	3	3	6	21
2005-06	Nashville (NHL)	69	3	1	4	44
2006-07	Pittsburgh (NHL)	35	0	3	3	16
2007-08	Pittsburgh (NHL)	36	0	3	3	4
	NHL Totals	384	16	37	53	158



Right wing Rob Globke saw his first NHL action with the Florida Panthers in 2005-06. He scored his first NHL goal on Feb. 4, 2006 versus the Atlanta Thrashers.

Rob Globke (2000-04)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2004-05	San Antonio (AHL)	63	6	6	12	21
	Texas (ECHL)	10	8	4	12	13
2005-06	Rochester (AHL)	52	6	9	15	52
	Florida (NHL)	18	1	0	1	6
2006-07	Rochester (AHL)	48	7	11	18	37
	Florida (NHL)	19	0	1	1	0
2007-08	Florida (NHL)	9	0	0	0	2
	Rochester (AHL)	64	9	12	21	42
	NHL Totals	46	1	1	2	8



Defenseman Don Jackson saw action in the NHL for Minnesota, Edmonton and the New York Rangers. He was a member of two Stanley Cup championship teams in 1984 and 85.

Don Jackson (1974-78)

Season	Team (League)	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
1977-78	Minnesota (NHL)	2	0	0	0	2
1978-79	Oklahoma City (CHL)	73	8	23	31	108
	Minnesota (NHL)	5	0	0	0	2
1979-80	Oklahoma City (CHL)	33	5	9	14	54
	Minnesota (NHL)	10	0	4	4	18
1980-81	Oklahoma City (CHL)	59	5	33	38	67
	Minnesota (NHL)	10	0	3	3	19
1981-82	Wichita (CHL)	71	7	37	44	116
	Edmonton (NHL)	8	0	0	0	18
1982-83	Birmingham (CHL)	4	1	4	5	8
	Edmonton (NHL)	71	2	8	10	136
1983-84	Edmonton (NHL)	64	8	12	20	120
1984-85	Edmonton (NHL)	78	3	17	20	141
1985-86	Edmonton (NHL)	45	2	8	10	93
1986-87	N.Y. Rangers (NHL)	22	1	0	1	91
	NHL Totals	315	16	52	68	640

Don Jackson (1974-78) – Coaching Record in NHL

Season	Team (League)	Type	GP	W-L-T
1989-90	Knoxville (ECHL)	Head Coach‡		
1990-91	Knoxville (ECHL)	Head Coach	64	46-13-0
1992-93	Quebec (NHL)	Ass't. Coach		
1993-94	Quebec (NHL)	Ass't. Coach		
1994-95	Cincinnati (IHL)	Head Coach	81	49-22-0
1995-96	Wichita (CHL)	Head Coach	64	22-39-3
1996-97	Kansas City (IHL)	Head Coach	82	38-29-0
1997-98	Pittsburgh (NHL)	Ass't. Coach		
1998-99	Pittsburgh (NHL)	Ass't. Coach		
1999-00	Pittsburgh (NHL)	Ass't. Coach		
2000-01	Chicago (NHL)	Ass't. Coach		
2001-02	Ottawa (NHL)	Ass't. Coach		
2002-03	Ottawa (NHL)	Ass't. Coach		

‡ Midseason replacement



Irish in the NFL Draft

Since 1969, the Notre Dame hockey program has seen 55 of its players drafted by National Hockey League teams, including five in the 2007 Entry Draft. During that draft, current sophomore defenseman, Ian Cole, became the program's first-ever first-round choice as he was selected 18th overall by the St. Louis Blues.

Name	Team	Year	Round	Pick
Ian Williams	Pittsburgh Penguins	1971	6th	74
Bill Green	Vancouver Canucks	1971	7th	87
Bill Nyrop	Montreal Canadiens	1972	4th	66
D'Arcy Keating	Pittsburgh Penguins	1972	7th	104
Eddie Bumbacco	Montreal Canadiens	1972	9th	142
John Campbell	New York Rangers	1973	3rd	46
Len Moher	Buffalo Sabres	1975	10th	174
Alex Pirus	Minnesota North Stars	1975	3rd	41
Clark Hamilton	Detroit Red Wings	1975	3rd	50
Jack Brownschidle	St. Louis Blues	1975	6th	99
Paul Clarke	Montreal Canadiens	1975	9th	158
Kevin Nugent	Boston Bruins	1975	10th	171
Roger Bourque	Montreal Canadiens	1975	14th	208
Don Jackson	Minnesota North Stars	1976	3rd	39
John Peterson	Chicago Blackhawks	1976	6th	99
Greg Meredith	Atlanta Flames	1978	6th	97
Don Lucia	Philadelphia Flyers	1978	10th	168
Scott Cameron	New York Islanders	1978	10th	169
Jim Brown	Los Angeles Kings	1979	5th	92
John Schmidt	Montreal Canadiens	1980	9th	187
John Devoe	Montreal Canadiens	1982	4th	69
Greg Hudas	Detroit Red Wings	1982	7th	128
Mike McNeill	St. Louis Blues (supplemental)	1988	1st	14
Dan Sawyer	Calgary Flames	1989	10th	210
Greg Louder	Edmonton Oilers	1990	5th	101
Chris Tschupp	Calgary Flames	1990	6th	125
John Rushin	New York Rangers	1991	7th	147
Davide Dal Grande	New York Rangers	1992	6th	144
Wade Salzman	St. Louis Blues	1992	11th	259
Tim Harberts	Pittsburgh Penguins	1993	9th	234
Steve Noble	St. Louis Blues	1994	8th	198
Aniket Dhadphale	San Jose Sharks	1994	10th	245
Brian Urick	Edmonton Oilers	1996	5th	114
Ben Simon	Chicago Blackhawks	1997	5th	110
Joe Dusbabek	San Jose Sharks	1997	7th	163
Jay Kopischke	Los Angeles Kings	1997	8th	193
Ryan Clark	New York Islanders	1997	9th	222
David Inman	New York Rangers	1999	2nd	59
Brett Henning	New York Islanders	1999	9th	255
Evan Nielsen	Atlanta Thrashers	2000	8th	242
Neil Komadoski	Ottawa Senators	2001	3rd	81
Rob Globke	Florida Panthers	2002	2nd	40
Mike Walsh	New York Rangers	2002	5th	143
Yan Stastny	Boston Bruins	2002	8th	259
Victor Oreskovich	Colorado Avalanche	2004	2nd	55
Wes O'Neill	New York Islanders	2004	4th	115
David Brown	Pittsburgh Penguins	2004	8th	228
Kyle Lawson	Carolina Hurricanes	2005	7th	198
Erik Condra	Ottawa Senators	2006	7th	211
Ian Cole	St. Louis Blues	2007	1st	18
Teddy Ruth	Washington Capitals	2007	2nd	46
Ryan Thang	Nashville Predators	2007	3rd	81
Ben Ryan	Nashville Predators	2007	4th	114
Brad Phillips	Philadelphia Flyers	2007	7th	182
Sean Lorenz	Minnesota Wild	2008	4th	115

Bold indicates current players



Bill Nyrop became the third Notre Dame player to be selected in the NHL draft, when the Montreal Canadiens made the defenseman their fourth-round pick in 1972. Nyrop went on to enjoy a seven-year NHL career with Montreal and the Minnesota North Stars, totaling 207 career games played and 63 career points.



Defenseman Ian Cole became the first Notre Dame hockey player ever selected in the first round of the National Hockey League Entry Draft. The rugged defenseman was selected with the 18th overall pick in the 2007 Draft by the St. Louis Blues.



Irish in the Pros



After playing three seasons with the Ottawa Senators organization, Neil Komadoski was signed by the St. Louis Blues and played in for Peoria (AHL) and Alaska (ECHL) in 2007-08.



Right wing Tim Wallace played in the Pittsburgh organization for the Scranton/Wilkes Barre Penguins in 2007-08. He had 12 goals and 14 assists in 74 games. He helped the Penguins to the Calder Cup finals, playing in 22 postseason games with two goals and six assists.

Since 1972, the Notre Dame hockey program has sent 80 of its former players on to playing careers in professional hockey. The years below denote the years each player played professionally along with the teams they played for.

Name (Years Played Pro)	Teams Played For
Phil Wittliff (1971-77)	Jersey (EHL), Port Huron (IHL), Milwaukee (USHL)
John Campbell (1973-78)	Providence (AHL), Richmond (AHL), Winston-Salem (SHL), Preston (CSAHL)
Mark Steinborn (1973-74)	Port Huron (IHL), Oklahoma City (CHL)
Steve Curry (1974-75)	Maine (NAHL), Cape Cod (NAHL)
Ray DeLorenzi (1974-76)	Tulsa (CHL), Vancouver (WHA), Johnstown (NAHL), Calgary (WHA)
Larry Israelson (1974-77)	Tulsa (CHL), Vancouver (WHA), Springfield (AHL), Calgary (WHA), Tidewater (SHL), Erie (NAHL)
Ric Schafer (1975-76)	Switzerland
Roger Bourque (1979-80)	Hull (QMJHL)
Paul Clarke (1978-81)	Flint (IHL), Chicago (CnHL)
Clark Hamilton (1977-80)	Kansas City (CHL), Erie (EHL), Cincinnati (CHL)
Brian Walsh (1976-79)	Calgary (WHA), San Francisco (PHL), New Hampshire/Cape Cod (NEHL)
Dan Byers (1978-80)	Johnstown (NEHL), Fort Wayne (IHL)
Geoff Collier (1978-80)	Milwaukee (IHL), Netherlands Elite League
Kevin Nugent (1978-79)	Dallas (CHL), Indianapolis (WHA)
Kevin Humphreys (1982-83)	Switzerland
Kirt Bjork (1983-85)	Adirondack (AHL), Italian Elite League
Bob McNamara (1983-88)	Peoria (IHL), Milwaukee (IHL), Rochester (AHL), Mohawk Valley (ACHL)
Greg Hudak (1985-86)	Flint (IHL)
Bob Thebeau (1986-87)	Virginia (ECHL)
Steve Whitmore (1986-87)	The Netherlands
Frank O'Brien (1988-89)	Sweden
Lance Patten (1988-89)	Sweden
Bob Bilton (1988-89)	Indianapolis (IHL)
Tim Caddo (1988-91)	SHT Seinajoki (Sweden Div. II)
Tim Kuehl (1989-90)	Sweden
Lance Madson (1990-92)	Louisville (ECHL), Columbus (ECHL), Springfield (AHL)
Andy Slaggett (1989-90)	Wurzburg ESV (Germany)
Kevin Patrick (1992-93)	Green Bay (AHA), St. Thomas (CoHL), New Haven (AHL)
Lou Zadra (1992-93)	Green Bay (AHA), Daytona Beach (SuHL)
Eric Gregoire (1993-94)	Erie (ECHL)
Carl Picconatto (1993-94)	Flint (CoHL), Muskegon (CoHL)
Dan Sawyer (1993-95)	Utica (CoHL), Huntington (ECHL), Johnstown (ECHL)
Dave Bankoske (1993-95)	Romford (BHL), Toledo (ECHL)
Greg Louder (1994-95)	Wheeling (ECHL), Cape Breton (AHL)
Matt Osiecki (1994-00)	Tallahassee (ECHL), Alexandria (WPHL)
Jamie Ling (1996-03)	Milwaukee (IHL), Mobile (ECHL), Hershey (AHL), Baton Rouge (ECHL), Chesapeake (ECHL), Dayton (ECHL), Dayton (ECHL), Cincinnati (IHL), Kansas City (IHL), Indianapolis (IHL), Cleveland (AHL)

Brett Bruininks (1996-99)	Philadelphia (AHL), Johnstown (ECHL), Indianapolis (IHL), Florida (ECHL)
Garry Gruber (1996-99)	Tallahassee (ECHL), Louisville (ECHL), Huntington (ECHL), Peoria (ECHL), Augusta (ECHL), Charlotte (ECHL)
Brian McCarthy (1998-99)	Bad Nauheim EC (GerBun)
Ben Nelsen (1996-98)	Charlotte (ECHL), Richmond (ECHL)
Matt Eisler (1998-00)	Saint John (AHL), Johnstown (ECHL), Greensboro (ECHL)
Steve Noble (1998-99)	Fort Worth (CHL)
Benoit Cotnoir (1999-04)	Mobile (ECHL), Richmond (ECHL), Pont Rouge (QSPHL), Basingstoke (BNL), Augusta (ECHL), Macon (WHA2)
Aniket Dhadphale (1999-05)	Greensboro (ECHL), Roanoke (ECHL), Trenton (ECHL), Providence (AHL), Macon (ECHL), Lanshut EV (GerBun), Fassa HC (Italy)
Forrest Karr (1999-00)	Jacksonville (ECHL), South Carolina (ECHL)
Brian Urick (1999-01)	Tallahassee (ECHL), Hamilton (AHL)
Nathan Borega (2000-02)	Louisiana (ECHL), Pensacola (ECHL), Reading (ECHL)
Joe Dusbabek (2000-)	Roanoke (ECHL), Bridgeport (AHL), Quad City (UHL), Phoenix (ECHL), Utah (ECHL), Pensacola (ECHL)
Sean Molina (2000-02)	Trenton (ECHL), Lowell (AHL), Cleveland (AHL), Cincinnati (ECHL)
Sean Seyferth (2000-01)	Dayton (ECHL), Wheeling (ECHL)
Dan Carlson (2001-)	Saint John (AHL), Roanoke (ECHL), Lowell (AHL), Coventry (EIHL), Munich (GER)
Chad Chipchase (2001-02)	HYC Herentals (Belgium)
Ryan Clark (2001-03)	Mississippi (ECHL)
Ryan Dolder (2001-02)	Mississippi (ECHL)
Jay Kopschke (2001-03)	South Carolina (ECHL), Charlotte (ECHL), Augusta (ECHL)
Matt Van Arkel (2001-02)	Pee Dee (ECHL), Trenton (ECHL), Fort Wayne (UHL)
David Inman (2002-04)	Charlotte (ECHL), Hartford (AHL), Lowell (AHL)
Jon Maruk (2002-03)	Bossier-Shreveport (CHL)
Evan Nielsen (2002-05)	Chicago (AHL), Gwinnett (ECHL), Trenton (ECHL)
Tony Zasowski (2002-03)	Dayton (ECHL)
Jake Wiegand (2002-05)	Dayton (ECHL), Pee Dee (ECHL)
Michael Chin (2003-05)	Cincinnati (ECHL), Dayton (ECHL), Greenville (ECHL), Pee Dee (ECHL), Trenton (ECHL)
Connor Dunlop (2003-05)	Cincinnati (ECHL), Litvinov (Czech), Trenton (ECHL)
John Wroblewski (2003-07)	Fresno (ECHL)
Tom Galvin (2004-)	Atlantic City (ECHL), Reading (ECHL), Quad City (ECHL), Muskegon (UHL), Grand Rapids (AHL)
Aaron Gill (2004-07)	Cleveland (AHL), Trenton (ECHL), Idaho (ECHL)
Neil Komadoski (2004-)	Binghamton (AHL), Peoria (AHL), Alaska (ECHL)
Morgan Cey (2005-)	Johnstown (ECHL), Springfield (AHL), Norfolk (AHL), Mississippi (ECHL)
Brad Wanchulak (2005-07)	Phoenix (ECHL), Pee Dee (SPHL), Greenville (ECHL), Memphis (CHL), Heerenveen Flyers (Hlnd), Wichita (ECHL)
Chris Trick (2005-08)	Pensacola (ECHL), Utah (ECHL), Kalamazoo (IHL)
Matt Amado (2006-07)	Chicago (UHL), Quebec (LNAH)
Tim Wallace (2006-)	Wheeling (ECHL), Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL)
Mike Walsh (2006-)	Toledo (ECHL), Grand Rapids (AHL), Dayton (ECHL)
Noah Babin (2007-)	Albany (AHL)
Wes O'Neill (2007-)	Cleveland (AHL), Johnstown (ECHL)
David Brown (2007-)	Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL), Wheeling (ECHL)
Jason Paige (2007-)	Trenton (ECHL)
Josh Seiba (2007-)	Bakersfield (ECHL), Las Vegas (ECHL), Dayton (ECHL)
Tom Sawatske (2007-)	Dayton (ECHL), Phoenix (ECHL)
Michael Bartlett (2007-)	Arizona (CHL), Austin (CHL)

NOTRE DAME IN PRO HOCKEY ADMINISTRATION

The following Notre Dame hockey players moved on to positions in professional hockey coaching and management when their playing careers ended.

Name (Years)	Teams Played For
Bob McNamara (1987-88, 92-)	Milwaukee (IHL) – Player-assistant coach, Cleveland (IHL) – Assistant General Manager; Grand Rapids (IHL and AHL) – General Manager, Interim Head coach
Phil Wittliff (1979 - 2006)	Milwaukee (IHL) – Head coach, Executive V.P. and General Manager
Don Jackson	Knoxville (ECHL) – Head coach, Quebec (NHL) – Ass't. (1989-03, 2005-) Coach, Cincinnati (IHL) - Head coach, Wichita (CHL), Head coach, Kansas City (IHL) – Head coach, Pittsburgh (NHL) – Ass't. coach, Chicago (NHL) – Ass't. coach, Ottawa (NHL) Ass't. coach, Eisbaren Berlin – Ass't coach, Eisbaren Berlin Head coach
Bill Nyrop (1991-93)	Knoxville (ECHL) – Head coach, West Palm Beach (SuHL) – Head coach
Jamie Ling (2000-01, 03-04)	Dayton (ECHL) – Player-assistant coach, Head coach
Tim Reilly (2002-04)	Dayton (ECHL) – Team President

Players and coaches in bold and italics active through 2006-07 season

IHL - International Hockey League, ECHL - East Coast Hockey League, WHA - World Hockey Association, CoHL - Colonial Hockey League, CnHL - Continental Hockey League, AHL - American Hockey League, BHL - British Hockey League, WPHL - Western Professional Hockey League, CHL - Central Hockey League, GerBun - Germany - Bundesliga, DEL - Deutsche Eishockey League (Germany), WHA2 - World Hockey Association 2, SuHL - Sunshine Hockey League



Senior goaltender Jordan Pearce joined the Irish after playing for the U.S. Developmental Program during the 2003-04 season where he turned in an 8-11-1 mark with a 3.57 goals-against average and an .874 save percentage. Last season, Pearce set Notre Dame records for games played (43) and minutes (2,558:00) in his first season as a starter. He was 23-15-4 on the year with a 2.04 goals-against average and a .914 save percentage.



Three Notre Dame players, skated on the USA's 1999-2000 World Junior Championship team (each pictured in second row): Brett Henning (fourth from left), David Inman (fifth from right) and Connor Dunlop (third from right).

USA Hockey Looks To Notre Dame for Helping Hand at World Junior Championships

The Notre Dame hockey program has played a leading role in the United States Hockey junior national program in recent years. After concluding his Notre Dame career, All-American defenseman Jack Brownschidle was a member of the USA Hockey team in 1976-77 and '78-'79. Twenty-six years later, a total of 20 Irish players have been a part of USA Hockey, with the junior national team or under-18 developmental program. During the 2000-01 and 2001-02 seasons, the Irish had two representatives on the U.S. Junior National team. Connor Dunlop '03, served as captain of the '00-'01 team and was joined by Rob Globke. The following season, Globke made his second appearance along with defenseman Brett Lebda. In each of the last two seasons, the Irish have had one player on the Junior National squad. In '06-'07, defenseman Kyle Lawson served as the team captain while in '07-'08, defenseman Ian Cole was selected to the team.

Notre Dame Players on the U.S. Junior National Team

Jack Brownschidle — 1976-77, 1978-79
 Ben Simon — 1996-97, 1997-98
 Joe Dusbabek — 1997-98
 Dan Carlson — 1998-99
 Connor Dunlop — 1999-00, 2000-01
 Brett Henning — 1999-00

David Inman — 1999-00
 Rob Globke — 2000-01, 2001-02
 Brett Lebda — 2001-02
 Kyle Lawson — 2006-07
 Ian Cole — 2007-08

Notre Dame's USA Hockey Alumni



Jack Brownschidle
Junior National Team
1976-77, 1978-79



Ben Simon
Junior National Team
1996-97, 1997-98



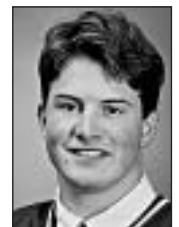
Brett Henning
USNTDP 1997-98
Junior Nat'l Team
1999-00



Joe Dusbabek
Junior National Team
1997-98



Michael Chin
USNTDP
1997-98



Connor Dunlop
USNTDP
1997-98, 1998-99
Junior National Team
1999-00, 2000-01



Paul Harris
USNTDP
1997-98, 1998-99



John Wroblewski
USNTDP
1997-98, 1998-99



Dan Carlson
Junior
National Team
1998-99



Neil Komadoski
USNTDP
1998-99, 1999-00



David Inman
Junior National
Team
1999-00



Brett Lebda
USNTDP
1998-99, 1999-00
Junior National
Team 2001-02

USA Hockey Under-18 Stars Sign On With Irish

The 2008-09 Notre Dame hockey team includes seven players who are products of the USA Hockey National Team Developmental Program (NTDP) which began in 1997-98. Current senior goaltender Jordan Pearce began his Irish career during the 2005-06 season. Junior defenseman Kyle Lawson was a CCHA all-rookie team member in his first season (2006-07). Three NTDP alums – goaltender Brad Phillips and defensemen Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth – joined the Notre Dame roster in 2007-08 and played key roles in the run to the NCAA championship game. Two more alums will join the Irish in 2008-09 - forward Patrick Gaul and defenseman Sean Lorenz. Those two give the Irish 21 former national team members to have played at Notre Dame since 1997-98.



Sophomore goaltender Brad Phillips is one of seven former U.S. National Developmental Team members on the 2008-09 Irish roster. In his first season with Notre Dame, Phillips was 4-1-0 with a 1.53 goals-against average and a .923 save percentage. He also recorded his first career shutout, a 7-0 win at Princeton on Dec. 8, 2007. Phillips was selected in the seventh round of the 2007 NHL Entry Draft by the Philadelphia Flyers.



Freshman center Patrick Gaul joins the Irish after two seasons in the U.S. National Team Developmental Program. He joins 2007-08 Under-18 teammate Sean Lorenz at Notre Dame this season. In 56 games last season, Gaul had eight goals and 19 assists for 27 points. Among his goals were four power-play goals and one game winner.



Defenseman Sean Lorenz becomes the fourth former defenseman from the U.S. National Team Developmental Program who will patrol the Notre Dame blueline in 2008-09. Lorenz joins sophomores Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth and junior Kyle Lawson. A hard-nosed defender, Lorenz had four goals and five assists in 57 games last year. He was selected in the fourth round of the 2008 NHL Entry Draft by the Minnesota Wild.



Rob Globke
USNTDP
1998-99, 1999-00
Junior National Team
2000-01, 2001-02



Derek Smith
USNTDP
1999-00, 2000-01



Noah Babin
USNTDP
2000-01, 2001-02



Tim Wallace
USNTDP
2000-01, 2001-02



Michael Bartlett
USNTDP
2001-02, 2002-03



Josh Sciba
USNTDP
2001-02, 2002-03



Tom Sawatske
USNTDP
2000-01, 2001-02



Jordan Pearce
USNTDP
2002-03, 2003-04



Kyle Lawson
USNTDP
2003-04, 2004-05
Junior National Team
2006-07



Ian Cole
USNTDP
2005-06, 2006-07
Junior National Team
2007-08



Brad Phillips
USNTDP
2005-06, 2006-07



Teddy Ruth
USNTDP
2005-06, 2006-07



Patrick Gaul
USNTDP
2006-07, 2007-08



Sean Lorenz
USNTDP
2006-07, 2007-08