



Notre Dame (22-10) vs. Pittsburgh (24-7)
Thursday, March 11, 2010
BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinals

Irish Advance To BIG EAST Quarterfinals:

- Notre Dame advanced to the quarterfinals of the BIG EAST Championship with a 68-56 second-round victory on Wednesday night against Seton Hall. The win avenged a 90-87 loss the Irish suffered on the road to the Pirates on Feb. 11 during the regular season.
- All-American **Luke Harangody** came off the bench, played 24 minutes and finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds. **Tory Jackson** also scored in double figures and finished with 13 points and six assists as he played all 40 minutes of the contest.
- The Irish shot 52.7 percent from the field and outrebounded the Pirates 40-30 in the contest. After allowing 49 first-half points in the first meeting between the two teams, Notre Dame's defense limited Seton Hall to just 34.5 percent shooting (20-58) and 12.5 percent (2-16) from three-point range.

Notre Dame In The BIG EAST Championship:

- With the win over the Pirates, Notre Dame improved to 6-14 all-time in the 20 games its had played in the tournament since 1996. The Irish are now 5-9 under head coach Mike Brey.
- Notre Dame is 2-5 all-time in BIG EAST tournament quarterfinal contests.
- This will be the second meeting between the Irish and Panthers in the BIG EAST Championship. In the only matchup between the two teams, Pittsburgh defeated Notre Dame 66-54 in the quarterfinals of the 2001 championship.
- Notre Dame has never won back-to-back game in the BIG EAST Championship.
- A win against the Panthers would enable the Irish to advance to the semifinals of the tournament for the third time in school history. Notre Dame other semifinal appearances were in 2007 and 2002.

The Notre Dame-Pittsburgh Series:

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- The series between the two teams is tied at 27-27. The Panthers have won six of the last eight meetings.
- Mike Brey is 7-8 all-time versus Pittsburgh.

Last Outing Versus Pittsburgh:

- Playing without **Luke Harangody**, the Pittsburgh game on Feb. 24 got Notre Dame's five-game win streak started as the Irish produced a 15-point victory.
- The Irish were led by four players in double figures. **Tim Abromaitis** was the game's leading scorer as he finished with 17 points. **Ben Hansbrough** added 15 points, grabbed nine rebounds and dished off four assists, while **Tory Jackson** added 14 points and seven assists. **Tyrone Nash** finished with 13 points and seven rebounds.
- Notre Dame shot 50.0 percent from the field (22-44) and 55.6 percent from three-point range (.556).
- The Panthers connected on just 23-55 for the game (.418) and were just 4-18 (.222) from beyond the arc.

On A Roll:

- The win over the Pirates was the fifth straight for the Irish and matched the team's longest win streak of the season when it opened up the 2009-10 campaign 5-0.
- Winners of four straight to conclude the regular season, Notre Dame's five-game win streak against BIG EAST foes is the longest since the 2007-08 campaign when that Irish team rattled off five straight wins.
- Notre Dame's longest win streak in BIG EAST play is eight games. He Irish did that in 2000-01 en route to winning the BIG EAST Conference West Division crown in Mike Brey's first season along the Irish sidelines.

Irish At MSG:

- Notre Dame is 53-41 all-time playing at Madison Square Garden.

Notre Dame vs. Ranked Opponents:

- Notre Dame is playing a ranked opponent for the seventh time this season and are 3-3 in those contests.
- The Irish are 29-54 all-time against ranked opponents under head coach Mike Brey.

Ironman:

- Tory Jackson has never missed a game during his Irish career and tonight against the Panthers will be playing in a Notre Dame record 134th career outing. He tied the mark last evening against Seton Hall of 133 games set by Matt Carroll from 1999-03.
- Jackson has started 119 of the 133 games he has played.

History In The Making:

- With the victory over Seton Hall, Notre Dame's senior class of **Tim Andree, Luke Harangody, Tory Jackson** and **Jonathan Peoples** tied the record for most wins by a four-year class. The mark of 42 wins was done on two occasions from 1975-79 and 1977-81.
- This year's senior quartet is 92-41 all-time for a .692 winning percentage.
- The group also became the all-time winningest Notre Dame class in BIG EAST regular-season play as they finished with a 43-27 (.614) record.

Worth Noting:

- Luke Harangody** recorded his 64th career double-double and first since scoring 19 points and grabbing 15 rebounds against USF on Feb. 7. He also scored 20-points for the 64th time in his career to rank second all-time in that category.
- Since becoming a starter in the Irish lineup six games ago, Carleton Scott has averaged 11.0 points (66 points) and 5.3 rebounds (4.8).
- Tim Abromaitis'** nine points against Seton Hall marked just the fourth time this season that the Irish failed to score in double figures.
- Notre Dame has shot better than 50.0 percent in 14 games this season.

2009-10 Notre Dame Men's Basketball
Notre Dame Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 10, 2010)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	22-10	17-3	3-6	2-1
CONFERENCE	10-8	7-2	3-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	12-2	10-1	0-0	2-1

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds			pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg				
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot									avg			
44	HARANGODY, Luke	27-25	918	34.0	236-483	.489	23-76	.303	132-169	.781	63	198	261	9.7	63	0	44	50	19	14	627	23.2			
21	ABROMAITIS, Tim	32-23	1004	31.4	175-346	.506	81-180	.450	110-124	.887	41	117	158	4.9	68	1	50	41	10	15	541	16.9			
23	HANSBROUGH, Ben	32-32	1126	35.2	115-253	.455	59-144	.410	91-125	.728	27	98	125	3.9	75	2	144	57	5	34	380	11.9			
03	JACKSON, Tory	32-32	1192	37.2	109-261	.418	36-102	.353	59-94	.628	18	66	84	2.6	56	1	172	66	4	44	313	9.8			
01	NASH, Tyrone	32-32	846	26.4	91-169	.538	0-0	.000	76-122	.623	76	97	173	5.4	93	3	53	42	15	21	258	8.1			
34	SCOTT, Carleton	31-6	547	17.6	57-116	.491	16-45	.356	16-21	.762	39	102	141	4.5	53	2	32	23	33	14	146	4.7			
20	PEOPLES, Jonathan	32-10	553	17.3	43-104	.413	20-50	.400	12-18	.667	19	35	54	1.7	32	0	44	33	5	18	118	3.7			
32	BROOKS, Joey	22-0	86	3.9	15-31	.484	4-7	.571	11-16	.688	5	4	9	0.4	12	0	4	5	0	9	45	2.0			
33	BROGHAMMER, Mike	13-0	71	5.5	10-22	.455	1-4	.250	3-7	.429	8	6	14	1.1	13	1	2	4	1	4	24	1.8			
45	COOLEY, Jack	20-0	105	5.3	8-20	.400	0-0	.000	4-12	.333	21	15	36	1.8	19	1	1	4	5	3	20	1.0			
05	KOPKO, Tom	8-0	13	1.6	3-6	.500	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	8	1.0			
41	ANDREE, Tim	8-0	14	1.8	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.4	0	0	1	3	0	1	4	0.5			
Team											57	53	110												7
Total.....		32	6475		864-1816	.476	242-612	.395	514-708	.726	376	792	1168	36.5	486	11	547	336	97	177	2484	77.6			
Opponents.....		32	6476		815-1873	.435	225-626	.359	389-521	.747	342	691	1033	32.3	596	17	457	332	112	193	2244	70.1			

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	2484	2244	11-14-09	NORTH FLORIDA	w 86-65	8048
Points per game	77.6	70.1	11-16-09	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	w 95-72	7512
Scoring margin	+7.5	-	11-19-09	LONG BEACH STATE	w 82-62	7876
FIELD GOALS-ATT	864-1816	815-1873	^ 11-22-09	LIBERTY	w 91-72	7682
Field goal pct	.476	.435	^ 11-24-09	KENNESAW STATE	w 80-62	7015
3 POINT FG-ATT	242-612	225-626	^ 11-27-09	vs Northwestern	L 58-72	3308
3-point FG pct	.395	.359	^ 11-28-09	vs St. Louis	w 64-52	3308
3-pt FG made per game	7.6	7.0	12-1-09	IDAHO STATE	w 80-70	8033
FREE THROWS-ATT	514-708	389-521	12-6-09	UCF	w 90-72	8004
Free throw pct	.726	.747	12-9-09	IUPUI	w 93-70	7605
F-Throws made per game	16.1	12.2	12-12-09	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	L 85-87	8574
REBOUNDS	1168	1033	12-19-09	UCLA	w 84-73	9149
Rebounds per game	36.5	32.3	12-22-09	BUCKNELL	w 101-69	8612
Rebounding margin	+4.2	-	* 12-30-09	PROVIDENCE	w 93-78	9149
ASSISTS	547	457	* 1-2-10	at Connecticut	L 70-82	16294
Assists per game	17.1	14.3	* 1-5-10	at USF	w 74-73	5107
TURNOVERS	336	332	* 1-9-10	WEST VIRGINIA	w 70-68	9149
Turnovers per game	10.5	10.4	* 1-16-10	at Cincinnati	L 58-60	11589
Turnover margin	-0.1	-	* 1-18-10	SYRACUSE	L 71-84	9149
Assist/turnover ratio	1.6	1.4	* 1-23-10	DEPAUL	w 87-77	9149
STEALS	177	193	* 1-27-10	at Villanova	L 72-90	17619
Steals per game	5.5	6.0	* 1-30-10	at Rutgers	L 73-74	7049
BLOCKS	97	112	* 2-4-10	CINCINNATI	w 83-65	8530
Blocks per game	3.0	3.5	* 2-7-10	USF	w 65-62	8520
ATTENDANCE	168033	146609	* 2-11-10	at Seton Hall	L 87-90	8403
Home games-Avg/Game	20-8402	9-13402	* 2-14-10	ST. JOHN'S	L 68-69	8547
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-8664	* 2-17-10	at Louisville	Lo2 89-91	19623
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Totals	
Notre Dame	1182	1268	24	10	2484	
Opponents	1002	1209	21	12	2244	
						* 2-24-10
						PITTSBURGH
						w 68-53
						8581
						* 2-27-10
						at Georgetown
						w 78-64
						15992
						* 3-3-10
						CONNECTICUT
						w 58-50
						9149
						* 3-6-10
						at Marquette
						Wot 63-60
						18942
						* 3-10-10
						vs Seton Hall
						w 68-56
						19375

* = Conference game
^ = Chicago Invitational Challenge
\$ = BIG EAST Championship