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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2001-02 Irish Schedule/Results (5-5, 0-0 BIG EAST)

November

6	Tues.	OGBM Legends (exh.)	W, 76-62
13	Tues.	Christian Bros. (exh.)	W, 87-39
18	Sun.	Valparaiso	W, 42-35
21	Wed.	at (20/22) Colorado State	L, 66-72
24	Sat.	at Arizona	L, 70-72
26	Mon.	Army	W, 89-57

December

2	Sun.	vs. (16/17) Michigan ^	L, 63-78
6	Thurs.	at (7/8) Purdue	L, 57-70
9	Sun.	USC	W, 62-49
12	Wed.	Western Michigan	W, 71-48
22	Sat.	Marquette	W, 60-33
28	Fri.	at Rice	L, 61-72
31	Mon.	DePaul	1 p.m.

January

2	Wed.	at Miami* (FSF)	7 p.m.
5	Sat.	Providence*	1 p.m.
9	Wed.	Seton Hall*	7 p.m.
12	Sat.	at Villanova* (BETV)	Noon
19	Sat.	at Providence*	2 p.m.
21	Mon.	at Connecticut* # (ESPN)	3 p.m.
26	Sat.	Virginia Tech* (BETV)	6 p.m.
29	Tues.	Syracuse*	7 p.m.

February

2	Sat.	at Seton Hall* (CN8)	2 p.m.
5	Tues.	at Pittsburgh*	7 p.m.
10	Sun.	Boston College*	1 p.m.
13	Wed.	St. John's*	7 p.m.
16	Sat.	at Rutgers* (BETV)	8 p.m.
19	Wed.	West Virginia*	7 p.m.
23	Sat.	at Georgetown	4 p.m.
26	Tues.	Villanova*	7 p.m.

March

2-	Sat.-	at BIG EAST Championship
5	Tues.	(Piscataway, N.J.)
15	Fri.-	NCAA First and Second Rounds
18	Mon.	(campus sites)
23-	Sat.-	NCAA Regionals (Raleigh;
25	Mon.	Milwaukee; Ames, Iowa; Boise)
29-	Fri.-	NCAA Final Four
31	Sun.	(San Antonio, Texas)

Boldface indicates home game

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(x/y) indicates rankings in AP & ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff

^ Women's College Basketball Showcase, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Game to be played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

(ESPN) Game to be televised by ESPN

(FSF) Game to be televised by Fox Sports Florida

(CN8) Game to be televised by CN8, The Comcast Network

(BETV) Game to be televised as part of BIG EAST TV package

All times are local to site and subject to change

Game No. **11**

Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (5-5) vs. DePaul *Blue Demons* (7-5)

The Date and Time: Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, at 1 p.m. EST.

The Site: Joyce Center (11,418) in Notre Dame, Ind.

The Radio Plans: All Notre Dame games are broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620 in South Bend) with **Sean Stiress** handling the play-by-play. These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics website at www.und.com.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics will be available for the DePaul game through the Notre Dame (www.und.com) athletics website.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), DePaul (www.depaulbluedemons.com).

NOTRE DAME WINDS UP NON-CONFERENCE PLAY AT HOME AGAINST DEPAUL

Notre Dame will look to build some momentum heading into BIG EAST Conference play as it welcomes DePaul to the Joyce Center for a New Year's Eve matchup Monday at 1 p.m. (EST). The Irish come into the game on the heels of a disappointing 72-61 loss at Rice Friday night, which dropped them to 5-5 this season and 0-5 away from home.

DePaul (7-5) should be well-rested by the time it arrives on campus Monday afternoon. The Blue Demons have not played since Dec. 22, when they posted a 71-51 win at Northern Illinois. Senior forward **Lenae Williams** registered a double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds, and freshman guard **Jenni Dant** came off the bench to hit seven of eight shots and score 15 points for DePaul.

In an effort to bolster their schedule strength and enhance their NCAA tournament pedigree, the Blue Demons have played a highly-demanding non-conference schedule. In addition to Monday's tilt with defending national champion Notre Dame, DePaul also has faced three NCAA Sweet Sixteen teams from a year ago, including national runner-up Purdue, which narrowly slipped past the Blue Demons, 63-61, back on Dec. 17.

Williams has been the pacesetter for DePaul this season, ranking second in the nation at a robust 24.3 points per game. She also leads the team with 2.8 assists per game and stands second on the squad with 5.8 rebounds per outing, in addition to hitting a team-best 40 three-point field goals and 45 free throws this season.

Other players to watch include junior guard **Laura Sobieszczyk**, who leads the team with a .457 field goal percentage (.471 from three-point range), and junior center **Jamie Smith**, who is averaging a team-high 7.3 rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game.

Doug Bruno is in his 16th season at DePaul, owning a 309-209 (.597) record with the Blue Demons. He also has guided DePaul to 10 postseason berths, including seven NCAA Tournament spots. He is 6-2 in his career against Notre Dame.

LAST IRISH GAME

Rice 72, Notre Dame 61
Dec. 28, 2001
Autry Court (Houston, Texas)

Notre Dame (61)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	35	10-16	2-4	1-2	10	3	4	23
Barksdale	25	2-6	0-0	2-4	5	1	3	6
Severe	29	2-7	0-0	6-6	6	5	4	10
Joyce	22	1-2	0-1	0-2	2	0	3	2
Ratay	39	6-12	2-5	0-0	5	1	1	14
Haney	25	1-6	0-0	0-2	7	3	2	2
Borton	15	2-5	0-0	0-1	3	1	2	4
Hernandez	4	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	2	0
Wicks	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Flecky	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Bustamante	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	24-56	4-11	9-19	40	14	26	61

Rice (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
James	20	2-11	1-3	2-2	1	1	1	7
Hayes	28	8-13	0-0	2-3	12	1	4	18
McIntosh	36	2-4	0-0	6-13	8	3	0	10
Lawson	31	0-3	0-1	5-8	3	3	4	5
Liggett	23	2-8	0-2	4-4	2	2	1	8
Rigg	18	1-4	1-2	3-6	4	1	0	6
Maynard	19	2-9	2-4	4-4	3	2	1	10
Brown	9	2-3	2-2	0-0	1	1	1	6
Inman	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	2
Team					6			
Totals	200	20-57	6-14	26-40	42	15	13	72

Notre Dame	26	35	--	61
Rice	35	37	--	72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.9, Rice 35.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.4, Rice 42.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 47.4, Rice 65.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 20, Rice 12. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9 (Barksdale 4), Rice 6 (Hayes 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 7, Rice 10. **Attendance:** 1,602.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Dec. 24)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (40)	11-0	1
2.	Tennessee (3)	8-0	2
3.	Vanderbilt	11-1	4
4.	Oklahoma	10-1	3
5.	Iowa State	10-0	5
6.	Stanford	10-1	6
7.	Purdue	9-1	7
8.	Baylor	11-0	8
9.	Duke	9-2	9
10.	Georgia	8-0	10
11.	Louisiana Tech	5-3	11
12.	Michigan	10-1	13
13.	Texas Tech	7-2	12
14.	Wisconsin	9-1	15
15.	Colorado State	9-1	17
16.	Florida	8-3	20
17.	South Carolina	10-1	23
18.	Colorado	9-3	14
19.	Auburn	11-0	22
20.	North Carolina	9-2	16
21.	LSU	7-3	24
22.	Texas	7-2	19
23.	Old Dominion	5-3	25
24.	Penn State	7-4	—
25.	Tulane	9-2	21

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Dec. 24)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (37)	11-0	1
2.	Tennessee (3)	8-0	2
3.	Vanderbilt	11-1	3
4.	Iowa State	10-0	5
5.	Oklahoma	10-1	4
6.	Stanford	10-1	6
7.	Purdue	9-1	7
8.	Georgia	8-0	8
9.	Duke	9-2	9
10.	Baylor	11-0	10
11.	Louisiana Tech	5-3	11
12.	Michigan	10-1	13
13.	Texas Tech	7-2	14
14.	Wisconsin	9-1	18
15.	Colorado	9-3	12
16.	Colorado State	9-1	15
17.	Florida	8-3	20
18.	South Carolina	10-1	22
19.	North Carolina	9-2	16
20.	Auburn	11-0	25
21.	Texas	7-2	19
22.	LSU	7-3	23
23.	Tulane	9-2	21
24.	Penn State	7-4	24
25.	North Carolina State	6-5	17

Boldface indicates 2001-02 Notre Dame opponents

SCOUTING THE IRISH

Notre Dame looks to write a new chapter in its rapidly-developing history as the Irish defend their first NCAA championship in 2001-02. Seven monogram winners, including two starters, return from last season's title-winning squad, giving head coach **Muffet McGraw** a broad foundation from which to build this year. In addition, the Irish welcome six talented freshmen to the fold, a group heralded as perhaps the finest recruiting class in school history and ranked as high as third by several national publications.

McGraw is in her 15th year at Notre Dame with a 327-122 (.728) record and has led the Irish to six straight NCAA Tournament appearances and eight overall. She was a near-unanimous choice as national coach of the year in 2000-01, winning top honors from the Atlanta Tipoff Club (Naismith Award), Associated Press, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), and Sports Illustrated for Women. She also was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year, marking the third different conference to recognize McGraw as its top skipper since she took the reins at Notre Dame in 1987.

Both of Notre Dame's returning starters were honored by the BIG EAST coaches in their preseason balloting. Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** (5.9 ppg., 5.2 rpg.) was a second team preseason all-conference pick and brings explosive quickness and versatility to the Irish lineup, along with veteran leadership. As Notre Dame's only captain, she is being called upon to assume a greater mantle of responsibility in '01-02. After starting the first six games for the Irish, she has moved into a reserve role in the last four games, picking up her first double-double of the year with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** (12.5 ppg., 5.3 rpg.) was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST choice and is one of 30 finalists for the Naismith Award after setting an NCAA record for three-point percentage (.547) by a sophomore last season. On Dec. 6 at Purdue, she became the 19th player in school history to score 1,000 career points.

Joining Ratay in the backcourt is sophomore **Le'Tania Severe** (9.3 ppg., 4.2 rpg, 5.4 apg), who was hampered by injuries last season, appearing in just 22 games, but has confidently taken control of the Irish offense this season. She scored a career-high 17 points against USC and matched her career best with eight assists against Western Michigan. She also ranks fifth in the BIG EAST Conference in assists and eighth in steals (1.9 spg.). Juniors **Monique Hernandez** (0.2 ppg., 0.5 rpg.) and **Karen Swanson** (1.3 ppg., 0.8 rpg.), along with sophomore **Jeneka Joyce** (5.0 ppg., 2.1 rpg.) give McGraw tremendous flexibility in her guard rotation. Joyce has started the last four games for the Irish, the first starting assignments of her career, and she leads the team with a .500 field goal percentage and .417 three-point percentage. Additionally, freshmen **Allison Bustamante** (3.0 ppg., 2.0 rpg.) **Jill Krause** (0.0 ppg., 0.5 rpg.) and **Kelsey Wicks** (3.7 ppg., 2.9 rpg.) provide the Irish with solid ballhandling and perimeter shooting depth.

A pair of freshmen (and former Parade All-Americans) are making an immediate impact on the Notre Dame front line, as forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (14.5 ppg., 8.4 rpg.) and center **Teresa Borton** (5.0 ppg., 5.5 rpg.) started the first six games for the Irish. Batteast was named the 2001-02 preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and her combination of speed, athleticism and perimeter shooting ability already make her a valuable weapon in the Irish arsenal. Already a three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week, Batteast is among the league leaders in scoring (11th), rebounding (3rd), field goal percentage (13th, .444), blocks (7th, 1.5) and double-doubles (2nd, 5), picking up her fifth double-dip Friday at Rice with a career-high 23 points (10-of-16 FG) and 10 rebounds. In her last five games, Batteast is shooting a sparkling 53.7 percent from the field. Meanwhile, at 6-3, Borton is a smooth and versatile post player with excellent mobility and a solid defensive presence. She showed tremendous promise in her

LAST IRISH GAME VS. DEPAUL

DePaul 96, Notre Dame 87
January 16, 1995
Alumni Hall (Chicago, Ill.)

Notre Dame (87)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bowen	25	2-5	1-1	3-4	3	3	4	8
Fields	34	3-4	0-0	0-0	6	4	1	6
Gaither	27	8-12	0-0	2-3	11	1	4	18
Peirick	23	1-4	1-1	2-2	1	2	1	5
Morgan	37	9-17	3-6	4-4	5	2	3	25
Bohman	25	3-7	0-0	3-3	5	0	4	9
Poor	16	3-7	0-0	1-2	5	0	5	7
Hutchinson	24	3-5	1-1	2-2	4	5	4	9
Team					1			
Total	200	32-61	6-9	17-20	41	17	26	87

DePaul (96)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Schueler	30	3-6	1-2	0-0	3	3	1	7
Stone	19	2-5	0-0	3-4	5	0	5	7
Blacharczyk	16	1-5	1-3	0-0	3	1	0	3
Alhaleem	29	5-13	1-5	8-12	2	1	4	19
Byears	38	14-25	0-1	10-11	13	4	2	38
Francke	17	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	3	3	2
Udoka	14	1-3	0-0	1-2	7	0	3	3
Booker	11	4-11	2-4	1-2	2	1	1	11
Clark	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	4	0
Team					1			
Total	200	32-76	5-16	27-37	42	19	22	96

Notre Dame	37	50	--	87
DePaul	37	59	--	96

FG Pct: Notre Dame 52.0, DePaul 42.0. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 66.7, DePaul 31.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 85.0, DePaul 73.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 30, DePaul 16. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 1, DePaul 2. Steals: Notre Dame 9, DePaul 16. Attendance: 2,828.

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Batteast	F	6-1	Fr.	14.5	8.4	1.9 apg	Shooting 53.7 percent from field in last five games
31	Amanda Barksdale	C	6-3	Jr.	5.7	4.2	4.7 bpg	Scored six points at Rice in return to hometown
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-8	So.	9.3	4.2	5.4 apg	Scored 10 points (6-of 6 free throws) at Rice
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	So.	5.0	2.1	1.2 apg	Shooting team-high 50.0 percent from floor
22	Alicia Ratay	G	6-0	Jr.	12.5	5.3	1.9 apg	Carded 14 points and five rebounds at Rice

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
3	Ericka Haney (C)	G/F	6-0	Sr.	5.9	5.2	1.0 spg	6.3 rpg in four games since move to reserve role
10	Jill Krause	G	5-8	Fr.	0.0	0.5	—	Has appeared in four games (2 reb. vs. Army)
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Jr.	1.3	0.8	0.3 apg	Tied career high with five points against Army
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	Fr.	5.0	5.5	1.0 apg	Over half (29) of her 55 rebounds on offensive glass
23	Monique Hernandez	G	5-9	Jr.	0.2	0.5	0.7 apg	One of seven players to appear in all 10 games
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	Fr.	3.7	2.9	0.3 apg	Averaging 12.6 minutes per game off bench
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	Fr.	3.7	3.1	0.6 apg	Second on team with .765 free throw percentage
44	Allison Bustamante	G	6-0	Fr.	3.0	2.0	0.3 apg	Has made three of six three-pointers this season

Boldface denotes team statistical leaders // (C) denotes team captain

first collegiate game against Valparaiso, scoring a game-high 14 points and grabbing a game-best nine rebounds.

Junior **Amanda Barksdale** (5.7 ppg., 4.2 rpg., 4.7 bpg.) was one of the nation's top shot blockers last season and has recovered nicely after missing Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg. She notched seven blocks against USC and recently tied a school record with eight blocks against Marquette — both outings are tops in the BIG EAST this season and rank among the best single-game performances in the nation in 2001-02. However, her 4.7 bpg. average, which would lead the nation, does not appear in the conference or NCAA rankings because she has yet to play in enough games to qualify. Meanwhile, freshman **Katy Flecky** (3.7 ppg., 3.1 rpg.) was a two-time Miss Colorado Basketball and offers the Irish an physical presence in the post.

RECAPING RICE

Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** recorded her fifth double-double of the season, scoring a career-high 23 points and pulling down 10 rebounds, but it was not enough as Notre Dame fell to Rice, 72-61, Friday night at Autry Court in Houston. The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for the Irish, who fell to 5-5 on the season and 0-5 away from the Joyce Center.

Batteast hit 10-of-16 shots from the field to tie Connecticut's Swin Cash for the BIG EAST lead in double-doubles this season. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** tallied 14 points and sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** registered 10 points, six rebounds and five assists for Notre Dame.

Johnetta Hayes paced Rice with 18 points and 12 rebounds. The Lady Owls, who ended a three-game losing streak, connected on 26-of-40 free throws in the game to offset a 35.1 percent shooting night from the field. Rice also claimed a 42-40 edge on the boards, where the Irish had a +9 edge over their opponents coming into the contest.

With the exception of a pair of ties in the first five minutes of the game, the Lady Owls (6-3) led the entire way, opening up a 23-8 lead with 10:53 to go in the first half. Notre Dame fought back behind its trademark defensive pressure, limiting Rice to just two field goals over the remainder of the period. The Irish twice pulled within two points, the last coming on a basket by Batteast for a 26-24 deficit with 3:34 left in the frame. However, Rice ended the half on a 9-2 run to rebuild a 35-26 lead at the half.

Much as they did in the first period, the Lady Owls widened their lead to 53-39 on a jumper by Hayes with 13:03 left. Again, Notre Dame clawed its way back, getting within five points twice, the last on a layup by Batteast to make the score 58-53 at the 3:54 mark. That would be as close as the Irish would get — although it didn't score a basket in the final 5:59, Rice did make 14-of-24 free throws to keep Notre Dame at bay.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	DU
Overall record	5-5	7-5
AP/ESPN-USA Today ranking	arv/arv	arv/NR
SCORING		
Points scored per game	64.1	68.4
Points allowed per game	58.6	64.3
Field goal percentage	.409	.397
Three-point percentage	.372	.378
Free throw percentage	.637	.697
REBOUNDING		
Rebounds per game	44.3	34.8
Opponent rebs. per game	36.1	40.6
Rebounding margin	+8.2	(-5.8)
OTHER		
Assists per game	14.2	14.9
Turnovers per game	18.9	13.7
Assist/turnover ratio	0.75	1.09
Blocked shots per game	6.1	3.8
Steals per game	8.0	10.9

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** began Sept. 9 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 10-10:30 p.m. Central time for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.



THE DEPAUL SERIES

Series: DU leads 13-8. Games Played at Joyce Center: DU leads 5-4.

Date	Site	Result	Score
1/30/79	Chicago, IL	L	53-82
2/27/82	Notre Dame, IN	L	55-60
2/27/83	Chicago, IL	W	52-50
1/21/84	Chicago, IL	L	46-62
1/30/84	Notre Dame, IN	W	78-62
1/27/85	Chicago, IL	L	64-72
2/24/85	Notre Dame	W	68-57
1/26/86	Notre Dame, IN	W	55-53
2/23/86	Chicago, IL	W	73-58
1/18/87	Notre Dame, IN	L	68-80
2/21/87	Chicago, IL	W	53-44
1/20/88	Chicago, IL	L	77-80
2/28/88	Notre Dame, IN	L	68-69
1/24/89	Chicago, IL	L	62-83
3/24/89	Amarillo, TX*	L	69-77
1/27/90	Notre Dame, IN	L	64-71
1/11/91	Chicago, IL	W	81-66
2/11/92	Notre Dame, IN	L	49-62
1/25/93	Chicago, IL	L	55-71
1/11/94	Notre Dame, IN	W	77-63
1/16/95	Chicago, IL	L	87-96

* - National Women's Invitation Tournament (NWIT)

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	1354	64.5
DePaul	1418	67.5

Current Win Streak: DePaul, 1 game

McGraw vs. DePaul: 2-8

ND Biggest Win: 16 (78-62 on 1-30-84)

DU Biggest Win: 29 (53-82 on 1-30-79)

ND Longest Win Streak: 3 (1985-86)

DU Longest Win Streak: 5 (1988-90)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2001-02 season (arv - also receiving votes):

	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	15	14
Nov. 12	15	no poll
Nov. 19	15	15
Nov. 26	23	23
Dec. 3	arv	arv
Dec. 10	arv	arv
Dec. 17	arv	arv
Dec. 24	arv	arv

NOTRE DAME TRAVEL PLANS

Following Monday afternoon's game with DePaul, Notre Dame will leave that evening via commercial airline for Miami to prepare for its BIG EAST Conference opener Wednesday night against the Hurricanes. While in south Florida, the Irish will stay at the Doubletree Hotel at Coconut Grove (305-858-2500). Notre Dame will return to campus on Thursday, Jan. 3, via commercial airline, arriving back in town at approximately 12:50 p.m. (EST).

THE NOTRE DAME-DEPAUL SERIES

DePaul holds a 13-8 lead in the series with Notre Dame, a rivalry which dates back to the 1978-79 season. However, it will be the first meeting between the Irish and Blue Demons since 1995, and the first time the teams have clashed at the Joyce Center since 1994. Monday's game also will mark the 10th time the Irish have played host to DePaul, with the Blue Demons owning a slim 5-4 edge on the Joyce Center hardwood.

Much of the DePaul-Notre Dame series centers around their mutual affiliation with the North Star Conference in the 1980s. From 1984-88, the two schools met twice annually, splitting those 10 meetings while each side went on to win a pair of North Star titles. The Irish and Blue Demons also played twice in the '88-'89 campaign, with the second matchup coming in the National Women's Invitation Tournament (NWIT) in Amarillo, Texas — DePaul won that encounter, 77-69, in what remains the only postseason contest played between the teams. The series continued annually with a single game played each season from 1990-95 before going dormant.

The last time they met, the Blue Demons knocked off the Irish, 96-87, on Jan. 16, 1995, at Alumni Hall in Chicago. Future WNBA standout **Latasha Byears** scored 38 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to single-handedly pace DePaul to the victory. **Beth Morgan** tallied 25 points and **Katryna Gaither** logged a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds for Notre Dame, which lost despite shooting 52 percent (32-of-61) from the field.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-DEPAUL SERIES TIDBITS

- Monday's game is the 22nd all-time meeting between Notre Dame and DePaul, one of only six rivalries in Irish history lasting more than 20 games. In an interesting twist, DePaul's Conference USA sister, Marquette, is the most frequent rival in Notre Dame history — the Irish and Golden Eagles met for the 27th time back on Dec. 22.
- DePaul was one of five opponents on Notre Dame's 2001-02 schedule against whom the Irish have a losing record (8-13). The others are Colorado State (0-1), Connecticut (2-12), Purdue (4-10) and Rutgers (7-8).

NOTRE DAME-DEPAUL CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame has two players who hail from the Chicagoland area. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** is a native of Lake Zurich, Ill., and attended Lake Zurich High School, while freshman guard **Jill Krause** is a resident of Glenview, Ill., and played at Regina Dominican High School.
- Notre Dame assistant coach **Carol Owens** is a Chicago native. She also played her college ball at nearby Northern Illinois University (in DeKalb) from 1987-90, where she was a two-time Kodak District IV All-America selection and was inducted into the NIU Athletic Hall of Fame.
- Both head coaches have connections to the now-defunct Women's Professional Basketball League (WPBL), a forerunner to the present-day WNBA. Upon her graduation from St. Joseph's (Pa.) in 1977, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** spent one season as a point guard with the California Dreams. Meanwhile, DePaul skipper **Doug Bruno** served two seasons (1978-80) as the head coach and director of player personnel for the Chicago Hustle, guiding his 1978-79 squad to the WPBL Midwest Division title.
- Former Notre Dame standout **Krissi Davis** ('91) spent two seasons from 1992-94 as an assistant coach at DePaul under Bruno, helping the Blue Demons win the 1993 Great Midwest Conference title and reach the NCAA Tournament.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame would extend its winning streak over Conference USA opponents to nine games.
- The Irish would earn their first win over DePaul since Jan. 11, 1994, and even their home record against the Blue Demons at 5-5.
- Notre Dame would register its 44th consecutive home victory, extending the nation's longest active home court winning streak.



- The Irish would chalk up their 29th consecutive non-conference win at the Joyce Center, a streak which dates back more than five years (Dec. 9, 1996 - L, 81-69 vs. No. 19/13 Wisconsin).
- Notre Dame would assure itself of a winning record in the month of December, the 36th consecutive month in which the Irish will have finished with a .500 or better record (dating back to Dec. 1994).
- The Irish would improve their overall record to 93-17 (.845) over the last three-plus seasons.

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Dec. 30)

Notre Dame has no major injuries to report.

COMMON OPPONENTS

Notre Dame and DePaul have played only one common opponent this season — Purdue. The Irish dropped a 70-57 decision to the Boilermakers on Dec. 6 in West Lafayette, Ind., while the Blue Demons narrowly missed upsetting No. 7 Purdue, 63-61, on Dec. 17 in Chicago.

NOTRE DAME AGAINST CONFERENCE USA

Notre Dame is 43-20 (.683) against the current members of Conference USA, playing more games (63) against C-USA opponents than any other league outside of the BIG EAST Conference (122). The Irish have won eight consecutive games against C-USA competition, including a 60-33 victory over Marquette on Dec. 22 at the Joyce Center. In fact, Notre Dame has not lost to a C-USA foe since joining the BIG EAST for the 1995-96 season. Interestingly, Monday's opponent, DePaul, was the last current C-USA member to defeat the Irish, winning 96-87 on Jan. 16, 1995, in Chicago.

FOLLOWING THE NORTH STAR

DePaul is one of 10 former North Star Conference schools Notre Dame has played since it left the NSC to join the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (now known as the Horizon League) in 1988. The Irish have a 100-22 (.820) record in the last 12-plus seasons against former North Star members, including a 2-0 mark this year with wins over Valparaiso and Marquette.

Much of that post-NSC record was compiled when several North Star teams resurfaced alongside the Irish in the MCC. In fact, eight of Notre Dame's 10 former North Star foes also squared off with the Irish in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

DePaul was not one of those schools to join Notre Dame in the MCC. However, the Blue Demons are one of two former North Star teams against whom the Irish have a losing record since leaving the league — Notre Dame is 2-6 against the Blue Demons and 1-2 against Northern Illinois since 1988.

Nevertheless, the Irish have won 12 consecutive games against former North Star members, a streak which pre-dates Notre Dame's current membership in the BIG EAST Conference. Curiously, the last NSC alum to defeat the Irish was Northern Illinois, which knocked off Notre Dame, 87-64, on March 10, 1995, in the semifinals of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Tournament.

AULD LANG SYNE

Notre Dame will be playing on New Year's Eve for the fifth time in its 25-year history when it plays hos to DePaul Monday afternoon. The Irish are 3-1 on the last day of the year, defeating Syracuse (81-60) in 1991, Pittsburgh (66-46) in 1997, and Rice (80-40) in 2000, and losing to Montana (50-48) in 1986.

McGRAW TO REACH COACHING MILESTONE AGAINST DEPAUL

Muffet McGraw will coach her 450th game at Notre Dame Monday afternoon against DePaul. She owns a 327-122 (.728) record in her 15th season with the Irish, making her the winningest coach in school history and fourth on the BIG EAST Conference career wins list behind Connecticut's **Geno Auriemma** (438), Rutgers' **Theresa Grentz** (434) and Villanova's **Harry Perretta** (423).

In addition, McGraw will be the sixth coach to work 450 games at a BIG EAST Conference school. Three of those coaches are still active in the league — Perretta (672), Auriemma (536) and Seton Hall's **Phyllis Mangina** (468). Grentz (584) and Virginia Tech's **Carol Alfano** (540) are the other BIG EAST mentors who reached that milestone.

A TALE OF TWO SEASONS

Location, location, location — that's the mantra many real estate agents use, but it's also a phrase which could easily be applied to Notre Dame's fortunes this season. When the Irish play at home, they have been very strong, going 5-0 and outscoring their opponents 65-44. However, when Notre Dame

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

MUFFET McGRAW INTERVIEWS

The best time for interviews with Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is Monday morning or by special appointment. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office at 219-631-7516 to make specific arrangements.

THE MUFFET McGRAW SHOW

Muffet McGraw's half-hour, weekly television show is produced by LeSea Broadcasting and hosted by **Bob Nagle**. The show, now in its fifth season, is carried by WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and will air at 6:30 p.m. EST on Saturdays through the end of the season.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

- Irish practice sessions are generally open to the media, although the coaching staff may choose to close certain practices. Contact **Chris Masters** in the Notre Dame SID office for exact practice times and availability.
- All player interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame SID office by contacting Masters. All player and coach interviews must be scheduled in advance — no interviews will be conducted on game days.
- Following games, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players will speak with the media in the football auditorium at the Joyce Center. The visiting coach and selected players may appear in the auditorium after the Notre Dame press conference. Media members should submit interview requests to Notre Dame SID staffers no later than four minutes before the end of the game. The Irish locker room is closed after every game, home and away.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame women's basketball game notes and press releases via email should send requests to Assistant Sports Information Director **Chris Masters** at masters.5@nd.edu.

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletic department web site can be found at www.und.com, with the extensive offerings including live audio and real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home women's basketball games.



BIG EAST STANDINGS
(as of Dec. 30)

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	Connecticut	1-0	13-0
	Virginia Tech	1-0	9-2
	Miami	1-0	8-2
	Syracuse	1-0	6-3
	Rutgers	1-0	4-6
6.	Boston College	0-0	9-2
	Georgetown	0-0	8-3
	Villanova	0-0	6-3
	NOTRE DAME	0-0	5-5
10.	Seton Hall	0-1	7-4
	West Virginia	0-1	6-4
	Providence	0-1	6-6
	Pittsburgh	0-1	4-7
	St. John's	0-1	3-8

BIG EAST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Nov. 19	Swin Cash, Connecticut Trish Juhline, Villanova
Nov. 26	Julie McBride, Syracuse Sarah Hicks, Virginia Tech
Dec. 3	Diana Taurasi, Connecticut Kate Bulger, West Virginia
Dec. 10	Chanivia Broussard, Miami
Dec. 17	Meghan Saake, Miami Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech
Dec. 24	Mandy Wittenmyer, Pittsburgh

BIG EAST ROOKIES OF THE WEEK

Nov. 19	Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
Nov. 26	Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
Dec. 3	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Dec. 10	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Dec. 17	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame Mary Lisicky, Georgetown
Dec. 24	Clare Droesch, Boston College

leaves the cozy confines of the Joyce Center, it has found the going rough — the Irish are 0-5 away from home and have been outscored by a 73-63 count.

WHAT'S THE FREQUENCY, KENNETH?

After playing just two games in a 16-day span from Dec. 13-28, Notre Dame will get busy in a hurry, playing five games in the next 13 days — an average of one game every 2.6 days. That run begins Monday afternoon at home against DePaul and continues Wednesday with the BIG EAST Conference opener at Miami. The Irish will kick off the home portion of their BIG EAST schedule Saturday against Providence and also will entertain Seton Hall at the Joyce Center on Jan. 9 before ending up the five-game blitz Jan. 12 at Villanova.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Notre Dame has turned up the defense in its last four games, holding USC, Western Michigan, Marquette and Rice to an average of 50.5 points per game while limiting them to a combined .286 field goal percentage (67-for-234). In addition, the Irish blocked a season-high 13 shots in the win over Marquette (including a school-record eight rejections by **Amanda Barksdale**), and averaged 47.8 rebounds in those four contests, highlighted by 56 rebounds against WMU, the second-highest total for the Irish this season.

Notre Dame also has extended its defensive clamps to the three-point line, where opponents are now a paltry 17-of-75 (.227) over the last five games, including a 1-of-13 performance by seventh-ranked Purdue on Dec. 6.

For the season, the Irish are giving up 58.6 points per game, while allowing opponents to shoot just 34.4 percent from the field and 27 percent from the three-point arc.

BARKSDALE'S BLOCK PARTY

Junior center **Amanda Barksdale** has forced opponents to deal with rejection quite often this season. Although she missed Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her leg, she still leads the Irish with 4.7 blocks per game (28 rejections). In fact, she would lead the nation in that category, but she has yet to play in enough games to qualify for either the BIG EAST Conference or NCAA rankings. Nevertheless, she has been at her best in the last four games, averaging 5.8 swats per game, including a school-record eight blocks against Marquette on Dec. 22 and seven rejections against USC on Dec. 9. Those single-game performances rank first and second in the BIG EAST and among the top five outings in the country this season.

In her career, Barksdale has 120 career blocks, making her only the fifth player in school history to reach the century mark in career rejections. She also needs just four blocks to tie **Trena Keys** for fourth place on Notre Dame's career blocks list. In addition, she is averaging 1.74 blocks per game in her three-year career, which is second in Irish history behind only 2001 consensus national player of the year, **Ruth Riley**, who averaged 2.82 swats per game from 1997-2001.

ALICIA ALMOST AUTOMATIC FROM THE LINE

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has been nearly perfect from the free throw line this season, making 22 of 23 charity tosses for a sparkling .957 free throw percentage — that figure would lead the BIG EAST Conference (and rank fourth nationally) if she had enough attempts to qualify. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native also has made 13 consecutive free throws, dating back to her final two shots at Colorado State on Nov. 21. Additionally, since the start of last season, she has made 90.6 percent of her foul shots (87-of-96).

Ratay is Notre Dame's career free throw percentage leader by a wide margin, connecting on 86.8 percent of her charities (171-of-197) in her three-year tenure with the Irish. **Mollie Peirick** (1994-98) is second on the career free throw percentage list with an .819 ratio.

WINNING BY THE MONTH

Another indication of Notre Dame's continued rise to national prominence has been its consistent run of success. Case in point — the Irish have posted a record of .500 or better in 35 consecutive months dating back to December 1994. That month, Notre Dame stumbled to a 1-4 record (1-6 overall), but recovered to finish 21-10 and finish third at the National Women's Invitation Tournament (NWIT). A win Monday over DePaul would give the Irish a 4-3 record this December and preserve the streak.



TWO MORE IRISH GAMES SLATED FOR TELEVISION

The Notre Dame games at Miami on Jan. 2 and Seton Hall on Feb. 2 now are scheduled to be televised regionally. The Miami contest will air on Fox Sports Florida, while the Seton Hall tussle will be shown on CN8, The Comcast Network in Philadelphia. Check local listings for broadcast times and availability.

NOTRE DAME AMONG NATIONAL ATTENDANCE LEADERS

Notre Dame is ranked seventh in the nation, according to the latest unofficial attendance figures released last Monday by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Department. The Irish have averaged 7,464 fans for their five home games, nearly 1,100 more than last season, when Notre Dame was ranked ninth in the country in attendance with an average of 6,376 fans per game.

IRISH HOPING TO ENJOY ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME

After a rugged first month of the season that saw Notre Dame face three ranked opponents and play four of its first six games away from home, the schedule now appears to balance out over the next month. The Irish currently are in the midst of a stretch where they play six of eight games at the Joyce Center, including a successful three-game, 13-day homestand which wrapped up last Saturday with a win over Marquette. After playing host to DePaul on New Year's Eve, Notre Dame will open BIG EAST Conference play Wednesday night at Miami before returning home for a pair of league tilts with Providence (Saturday) and Seton Hall (Jan. 9).

A LITTLE COMPARISON SHOPPING

Prior to the 2001-02 season, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** compared her team to the 1997-98 Irish squad. Through 10 games this season, that comparison seems to be holding true in several ways. Here's a look at some of the similarities between this year's club and the '97-98 unit:

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Previous season result (record)	NCAA Final Four (31-7)	NCAA Champion (34-2)
Starters/monogram winners lost	4/5	3/5
Freshmen on roster	4	6
Seniors on roster	2	1
Freshmen starters	2	2
10-game record (Top 25 opponents)	6-4 (3)	5-5 (3)
Final season result (record)	NCAA Sweet Sixteen (22-10)	??

IRISH GOING THROUGH BASIC TRAINING

For the sixth time in the last eight seasons, Notre Dame played three ranked opponents in its first seven games, going 0-3 against Colorado State, Michigan and Purdue (all away from home). However, recent history has shown that these early-season tests have proven invaluable later in the year — during this stretch, the Irish have gone on to make six consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, reaching the Sweet Sixteen four times and the Final Four twice, including the 2001 national championship. Additionally, in the previous seven seasons (1995-2001), Notre Dame has gone on to win 20 games each year, carding four 25-win campaigns and two 30-win seasons.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

With six freshmen on this year's roster, Notre Dame is certainly going through some growing pains. However, the Irish rookies are getting a great deal of college experience this season, as evidenced by their production through 10 games of the 2001-02 campaign. Notre Dame's freshmen have accounted for 42.6 percent of the points (273 of 641), 45.8 percent of the rebounds (203 of 443) and 37.5 percent of the minutes (750 of 2000) recorded by the Irish this season. Additionally, Notre Dame has started two freshmen (**Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton**) in its first six games this year, and four of the six Irish rookies are averaging at least 11 minutes per contest.

A SEVERE DEVELOPMENT

Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** has quickly adapted to her new role as the starting point guard for the Irish, filling the large shoes of All-American **Niele Ivey**. Through 10 games this season, Severe is third on the team with 9.3 points per game and leads the squad with 5.4 assists per game, ranking fifth in the BIG EAST Conference in the latter category. Entering the 2001-02 campaign, her career

IRISH TRENDS IN '01-02

Day of the Week

Sunday	2-1
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	0-1
Friday	0-1
Saturday	1-1

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	4-2
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	1-3

Location

Home games	5-0
Road games	0-4
Neutral site games	0-1

Halftime score

Leading at the half	5-0
Trailing at the half	0-4
Tied at the half	0-1

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	5-2
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	0-3
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	5-3
Lower pct. than opponent	0-2
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	1-0
Shoot less than 45%	4-4
Hold opponent under 40%	5-3

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	2-0
Make fewer free throws	2-4
Make same number of free throws	1-1

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	2-1
Commit more turnovers	2-4
Commit same number of turnovers	1-0

Final Margin

1-5 points	0-1
6-10 points	1-1
11-15 points	1-3
16-20 points	0-0
21+ points	3-0

Conference Affiliation

Big Ten	0-2
Conference USA	1-0
Mid-American	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Mountain West	0-1
Pacific-10	1-1
Patriot League	1-0
Western Athletic Conference	0-1

Month

November	2-2
December	3-3
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0



'01-02 IRISH HONORS

Jacqueline Batteast (Fr., South Bend, Ind.)

Preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year
 Freshman All-America (WBB News Service)
 Top 21 New Players of Impact (Women's College Hoops.com)
 BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 2001)

Ericka Haney (Sr., Toledo, Ohio)

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Alicia Ratay (Jr., Lake Zurich, Ill.)

Naismith Award Watch List
 Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

**NOTRE DAME VS.
 2001-02 OPPONENTS**

NON-CONFERENCE

Army	1-0
Arizona	2-1
Colorado State	0-1
DePaul	8-13
Marquette	23-4
Michigan	6-6
Purdue	4-10
Rice	1-1
USC	3-1
Valparaiso	15-0
Western Michigan	7-0
Total	70-37 (.654)

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Boston College	6-3
Connecticut	2-12
Georgetown	15-1
Miami (Fla.)	11-2
Pittsburgh	10-0
Providence	8-0
Rutgers	7-8
St. John's	10-0
Seton Hall	9-2
Syracuse	12-1
Villanova	11-3
Virginia Tech	3-0
West Virginia	8-0
Total	112-32 (.778)

TOTAL VS. '01-02 OPPONENTS 182-69 (.725)

highs were seven points and two assists and she had played in just 22 games due to injury.

Severe has been adept at distributing the ball to her teammates, handing out at least five assists six times, including a career-high eight assists against Purdue and Western Michigan. She also has proven to be a scoring threat when necessary, pouring in a career-high 17 points against USC and reaching double figures five times this season.

IT'S BATTEAST, TO SAY THE LEAST

Although the season is only 10 games old, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** already is showing much of the potential which led the BIG EAST Conference coaches to vote her as the league's preseason Rookie of the Year. The South Bend, Ind., resident is a three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week selection and is second in the league with five double-doubles this season (Colorado State, Army, Western Michigan, Marquette and Rice), including double-dips in each of her last three games. In addition, she has scored in double figures in nine of Notre Dame's 10 games.

Batteast has been especially strong in her last five games, averaging 16.6 points and 8.6 rebounds per game while shooting a superb 53.7 percent from the field. In her last outing Friday night at Rice, she tossed in a career-high 23 points on 10-of-16 shooting and added 10 rebounds, three assists and three blocked shots.

This season, Batteast leads the team in scoring at 14.5 points per game (11th in the BIG EAST) and rebounding at 8.4 boards per outing, good for third in the BIG EAST. She also is ranked among the league leaders in field goal percentage (13th, .444) and blocked shots (7th, 1.5 bpg.).

CRASHING THE BOARDS

Despite losing its top two rebounders from last year (**Ruth Riley** and **Kelley Siemon**), Notre Dame doesn't appear to have broken stride in the rebounding department this season. The Irish have averaged 44.3 rebounds per game through 10 games in 2001-02, owning a +8.2 edge on the glass, which ranks among the top 30 in the nation according to the latest NCAA statistical reports.

Leading the charge on the boards for Notre Dame have been a pair of freshmen — forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is setting the pace at 8.4 rebounds per game (ranking third in the BIG EAST Conference), while center **Teresa Borton** is second with 5.5 caroms per contest. In fact, six different players are averaging at least four rebounds per game. Additionally, the Irish have been potent on the offensive glass, collecting 15.9 offensive rebounds per game. Batteast and Borton also are setting the pace in that category with 29 offensive caroms each.

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last five-plus seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 92-1 (.989) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. Curiously, the only time that notion didn't come to pass was last season, when Rutgers handed Notre Dame a 54-53 loss, one of only two setbacks the Irish suffered en route to the 2001 national championship.

The Irish already have added to this total five times during the 2001-02 season, turning the trick in all five of their home games — Valparaiso (35 points), Army (57), USC (49), Western Michigan (48) and Marquette (33).

... BUT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SCORE IF YOU WANT TO WIN

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the last five-plus seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 80-3 (.964) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame contributed another win to that growing record when it rang up 89 points in a win over Army on Nov. 26.

NOTRE DAME MAKING A LIVING BEYOND THE ARC

Notre Dame has established itself as one of the top three-point shooting teams in the nation over the last three seasons. The Irish led the nation in three-point percentage last year, hitting 46.4 percent of their shots from long distance — in fact, over the last six seasons, Notre Dame has averaged better than 10 three-point attempts per game. The Irish also set a new school record with 28 three-point tries in their win over Army on Nov. 26.



However, this year's season-opening win over Valparaiso produced an offensive anomaly for Notre Dame. The Irish were held without a three-point field goal, breaking a streak of 50 consecutive games in which they had made at least one trey. Prior to that game, the last time Notre Dame had gone dry from beyond the arc was Jan. 26, 2000, at St. John's.

Notre Dame didn't waste time in starting up a new three-point streak, canning 51 triples in their last nine games (5.1 treys per game). The Irish have now made at least one three-pointer in 155 of their last 157 games, a streak which stretches back more than four seasons.

FRESH FACES IN THE IRISH LINEUP

Notre Dame had a decidedly youthful look in its starting lineup when it opened the season Nov. 18 against Valparaiso, as freshmen **Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton** got the nod at forward and center, respectively. In doing so, the pair were first rookie tandem in 20 years to start a season opener for the Irish — **Ruth Kaiser** and **Mary Beth Schueth** cracked the starting five in a 78-44 win over St. Joseph's (Ind.) on Dec. 2, 1981. Borton paced the Irish with 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso, while Batteast scored two points and grabbed five boards against the Crusaders.

THE END OF ONE STREAK ...

For the first time since the end of the 1997-98 season, Notre Dame was not ranked in either of the major national polls on Dec. 3. The exclusion snapped a 60-week run in the ESPN/*USA Today* poll and a 56-week stretch in the AP rankings. This week, the Irish earned eight points in the Associated Press poll and seven points in the ESPN/*USA Today* poll.

... BUT THE CONTINUATION OF ANOTHER

Thanks to Kent State's loss at home to Rhode Island on Dec. 1, Notre Dame now owns the longest active home winning streak in the nation at 43 games. The Irish have not lost a game at the Joyce Center since Dec. 8, 1998, when Connecticut logged a 106-81 victory. Notre Dame's home winning streak next will be put to the test on Monday when DePaul pays a visit to the Joyce Center.

RATAY NAMED NAISMITH CANDIDATE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Notre Dame junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has been selected as a preseason candidate for the 2001-02 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award. It marks the second time in as many seasons that Ratay has been named to the 30-player preseason Naismith watch list.

Ratay averaged 12.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game last season, and set an NCAA record for three-point percentage (54.7 percent) by a sophomore on the way to third-team all-BIG EAST Conference honors — she was the only sophomore to make any of the three all-league squads. Ratay also is a former BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and was named an honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press in 2000. She will be looking to follow in the footsteps of her former teammate, **Ruth Riley**, who won the 2000-01 Naismith Award, becoming the first Notre Dame women's basketball player to be so recognized.

The Naismith Awards, in their 34th year, are given in honor of the inventor of the game of basketball — Dr. James Naismith. The awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball. The Awards, including Men's and Women's College Player of the Year, Men's and Women's Coach of the Year, Male and Female Prep Player of the Year and Men's and Women's Official of the Year, are determined by a vote of the Naismith Board of Selectors. In addition, the Board of Selectors, comprised of a select group of leading basketball coaches, journalists and administrators, honors a Men's and Women's Outstanding Contributor to Basketball. The 2001-02 Naismith Award will presented April 5, 2002 in Atlanta.

NOTRE DAME PICKED SECOND IN BIG EAST PRESEASON BALLOTING

Fresh off a share of their first-ever BIG EAST championship last season, the Irish have been picked to finish second in 2001-02 according to a preseason poll of the league's coaches which was released at BIG EAST Media Day on Oct. 25. Notre Dame claimed two first-place votes and 155 points overall, trailing only Connecticut (11 first-place votes, 167 points). Rutgers, Boston College and Villanova round out the top five, with VU picking up the remaining first-place vote.

Individually, junior guard **Alicia Ratay** was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST selection after earning third-team honors last year. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native set an NCAA record for three-point percentage by a sophomore last season (.547) and is the top returning scorer for the Irish in 2001-02 after charting 12.9 points per game a year ago.

RATAY JOINS IRISH 1,000-POINT CLUB

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** is the newest member of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club, joining that elite sorority with 12 points on Dec. 6 at Purdue. In addition to being the 19th Irish player to hit that milestone, Ratay is the eighth player to do so in less than three seasons, and the 15th student-athlete to turn the trick while spending part of her career under current head coach **Muffet McGraw**. Here's a look at the members of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club and where Ratay stands on that list:

Player, Years	Points
1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	2,322
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	2,126
3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	2,072
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
7. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439
8. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	1,430
9. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	1,373
10. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	1,298
11. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	1,233
12. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	1,205
13. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	1,202
14. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	1,194
15. Danielle Green (1995-2000)	1,106
16. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	1,060
17. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	1,038
18. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	1,034
19. Kelley Siemon (1997-2001)	1,006
— Ericka Haney (1998-present)	856

TOP JOYCE CENTER CROWDS

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
4.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
5.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
6.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
7.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
8.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
9.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
10.	11/26/01	Army	W, 89-57	7,323
11.	12/12/01	W. Michigan	W, 71-48	7,310
12.	12/22/01	Marquette	W, 60-33	7,132
13.	2/7/01	Pittsburgh	W, 72-58	7,025
14.	1/7/94	#1 Tennessee	L, 70-105	6,886
15.	2/20/01	Miami	W, 81-43	6,533
16.	1/18/96	#3 Connecticut	L, 64-87	6,501
17.	1/23/99	St. John's	W, 99-60	6,384
18.	1/31/01	Providence	W, 64-44	6,131
19.	1/13/01	Virginia Tech	W, 75-55	5,873
20.	3/19/00	G. Wash. (NCAA)	W, 95-60	5,521

* denotes capacity crowd
Bold denotes game played in 2001-02



FIRST BIG EAST TELECONFERENCE SLATED FOR JAN. 7

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2001-02 season, the first of which is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 7. Each of the 14 league head coaches will be available for eight minutes in a pre-arranged format.

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact Notre Dame assistant sports information director **Chris Masters** for the phone number.

Here is a complete listing of the times when each BIG EAST coach will be available (all times EST and subject to change):

- 11:00 a.m. - Ferne Labati, Miami
- 11:08 a.m. - Darcel Estep, St. John's
- 11:16 a.m. - Cathy Inglese, Boston College
- 11:24 a.m. - Mike Carey, West Virginia
- 11:32 a.m. - Bonnie Henrickson, Virginia Tech
- 11:40 a.m. - Jim Jabir, Providence
- 11:48 a.m. - Patrick Knapp, Georgetown
- 11:56 a.m. - Phyllis Mangina, Seton Hall
- 12:04 p.m. - Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame**
- 12:12 p.m. - Traci Waites, Pittsburgh
- 12:20 p.m. - C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers
- 12:28 p.m. - Harry Perretta, Villanova
- 12:36 p.m. - Marianna Freeman, Syracuse
- 12:44 p.m. - Geno Auriemma, Connecticut

Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** also was recognized by the conference coaches, earning second team preseason all-BIG EAST laurels. She joins Ratay as one of two starters back from last year's NCAA championship squad and averaged 11 ppg. and 5.7 rpg. during the '00-01 campaign.

In addition, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was chosen as the preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. It was one in a series of early-season honors for the South Bend, Ind., product, who also was named a first team freshman All-American by the *Women's Basketball News Service* and was tabbed as one of the Top 21 "New Players of Impact" by Women's College Hoops.com.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

This season, for only the fourth time in school history, Notre Dame has just one captain — senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney**. She is the first solo captain for the Irish since **Sheila McMillen** in 1998-99 and the second in head coach **Muffet McGraw's** 15-year tenure.

IRISH HAIL FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

The 13 players on this season's Notre Dame roster hail from 10 different states, including two each from Florida, Illinois and Ohio. Other states represented on the Irish roster include Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame women's basketball roster features players from 34 different states, including 23 during the **Muffet McGraw** era. Ironically, the most common home state on the Irish all-time roster — Michigan (14) — is not represented on this season's roster.

FUN WITH NUMBERS

This season, Notre Dame fans are seeing a pair of jersey numbers on the floor that haven't made an appearance in quite some time. Freshman guard **Kelsey Wicks** has chosen to wear No. 24, becoming the first Irish player since **Andrea Alexander** (1990-94) to sport those digits. In addition, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is wearing No. 21 this season, a number which has not been modeled by an Irish player since All-American **Beth Morgan** wore the same jersey from 1993-97. Prior to Morgan, the last Notre Dame player to wear No. 21 was current Irish assistant coach **Coquese Washington**, who had the number from 1989-93.

IRISH CLOSING IN ON 500TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

Notre Dame is on the verge of becoming the 50th team in NCAA history, and the fourth BIG EAST Conference school to post 500 career wins. The Irish currently have an all-time record of 491-221 (.690), putting them just nine victories away from the magic mark. However, Notre Dame is in a dogfight with several other schools to see who will be the next to reach the 500-win plateau. Here's a look at the standings in the race to 500 wins (through games of Dec. 29):

School	Career Wins	Next Game
Missouri	493	12/30 vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay
Maine	492	1/3 vs. Binghamton
NOTRE DAME	491	12/31 vs. DePaul
Illinois State	491	1/4 at Northern Iowa
Middle Tennessee	490	1/2 at Memphis

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 144 games in its last five-plus seasons, the fifth-most wins of any school in the country. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins over the last five-plus seasons (through games of Dec. 29):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	13	177
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	10	173
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	6	160
4. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	5	146
5. Notre Dame	31	22	26	27	34	5	145

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Notre Dame is looking to continue some impressive streaks in 2001-02. The Irish have won a school-record 43 consecutive games at home, which became the longest active streak in the nation when Kent State's 43-game run came to an end Dec. 1 with a loss to Rhode Island. The Irish have not lost



at home in more than three years, dating back to a defeat at the hands of top-ranked Connecticut on Dec. 8, 1998. Notre Dame also has a 49-3 (.942) record in BIG EAST games at the Joyce Center, with Connecticut the only league team to solve the Irish at home.

Notre Dame also sports a five-year, 28-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center — a streak that includes victories over a trio of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke in 1998-99 and Purdue in 2000-01), as well as 25th-ranked Illinois in '98-99. Notre Dame's last non-conference loss at the Joyce Center came way back on Dec. 9, 1996, when 19th-ranked Wisconsin toppled the Irish, 81-69. Overall, the Irish are 68-2 (.971) at the Joyce Center in their last 70 home games, with the only losses coming to Connecticut.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, sporting a 231-65 (.780) mark at the venerable facility. Last season, the Irish were a perfect 15-0 for the second year in a row. The 15 victories are a school record for home wins in a season and the first time Notre Dame teams have been undefeated at home during the regular season. Also, since joining the BIG EAST Conference in time for the 1995-96 season, **Muffet McGraw's** squad is 81-4 (.953) at the Joyce Center.

SEASON TICKET SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH FOR IRISH

Attendance at Notre Dame women's basketball games in 2000-01 increased nearly 88 percent compared to the previous season — and indications suggest another significant jump is underway for the 2001-02 campaign. Coming off the 2001 NCAA championship, there have been more than 6,700 season tickets sold to the general public and University faculty and staff for the '01-'02 women's basketball season. That's compared to 2,700 a year ago and 940 in 1999-2000 — a jump of nearly 150 percent over last season, and a whopping 700 percent rise in just two years.

The sale of season tickets for the '01-02 campaign actually began midway through Notre Dame's 2001 championship season. All seats are reserved for Irish women's games for the first time this season — all seating in previous years had been general admission.

The Irish ranked ninth nationally in attendance last year at 6,376 fans per game, compared to 3,392 in 1999-2000. Notre Dame also recorded the first two women's basketball sellouts in school history, as 11,418 fans packed the Joyce Center for victories over top-ranked Connecticut and Georgetown.

All five of Notre Dame's home games in 2001-02 have attracted more than 7,300 fans, placing them among the top 12 crowds in school history (see chart on page 9). In fact, all of the top 20 crowds in the Notre Dame record book have occurred during the 15-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**.

NOTRE DAME FACES TOUGH SCHEDULE IN 2001-02

Notre Dame is slated to play 10 teams which reached the postseason as part of a rugged schedule this year. On the docket are seven NCAA Tournament squads, including four (Connecticut - 1/1, Purdue - 7/7, Michigan - 12/12 and Colorado State - 15/16) which are ranked in the Top 25 in the latest Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls. In addition, three Irish opponents (Boston College, DePaul and Virginia Tech) are receiving votes in one or both of the major rankings this week.

IRISH ON THE SMALL SCREEN

Notre Dame is getting a good deal of face time in 2001-02, playing on television at least eight times, including a pair of nationally-televised contests — Nov. 21 at Arizona (Fox Sports Net) and Jan. 21 at Connecticut (ESPN). The Irish also will make two regional television appearances this season — Jan. 2 at Miami (Fox Sports Florida) and Feb. 2 at Seton Hall (CN8, The Comcast Network).

In addition, Notre Dame will appear three times as part of the BIG EAST regular-season television package, playing host to Virginia Tech (Jan. 26) and traveling to Villanova (Jan. 12) and Rutgers (Feb. 16). All three of those games will be telecast live on Fox Sports Chicago as part of the league's TV deal. The BIG EAST Championship semifinals on March 4 also will be aired on the BIG EAST TV package, while the conference title game on March 5 will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

Additionally, the Dec. 6 rematch of the 2001 NCAA championship game between Notre Dame and Purdue was televised live statewide by LeSea Broadcasting, which includes WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and WHMB-TV (Channel 40) in Indianapolis.

NOTRE DAME RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM PAIR OF TOP 25 PROSPECTS

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 15 that two of the nation's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing national letters of intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2002. **Megan Duffy** (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne HS)

BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

1.	Connecticut (11)	167
2.	NOTRE DAME (2)	155
3.	Rutgers	143
4.	Boston College	125
5.	Villanova (1)	112
6.	Virginia Tech	111
7.	Georgetown	102
8.	Miami	86
9.	Seton Hall	75
10.	Syracuse	59
11.	Providence	56
12.	Pittsburgh	41
13.	St. John's	23
14.	West Virginia	19

2001-02 Preseason Player of the Year

Sue Bird, Sr., G, 5-9, Connecticut

2001-02 Preseason Rookie of the Year

Jacqueline Batteast, Fr., F, 6-1, Notre Dame

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

*Sue Bird, Connecticut, G, Sr.
 Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown, F, So.
 Swin Cash, Connecticut, F, Sr.
 Becky Gottstein, Boston College, F, Sr.
 Trish Juhline, Villanova, G, Jr.

Alicia Ratay, Notre Dame, G, Jr.

** - unanimous selection*

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Chanivia Broussard, Miami, F, So.
 Davalyn Cunningham, Rutgers, F, Sr.
Ericka Haney, Notre Dame, G/F, Sr.
 Asjha Jones, Connecticut, F, Sr.
 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut, G, So.



**RUTH RILEY TO RECEIVE
NCAA TODAY'S TOP VIII
AWARD**

Former Notre Dame All-American and Academic All-American **Ruth Riley**, the consensus national player of the year in women's basketball in 2001 and already winner of an NCAA post-graduate scholarship, was named a recipient of the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award on Dec. 13. The Today's Top VIII Award winners are a group of distinguished student-athletes from the 2001 calendar year who will be recognized at the 37th annual NCAA Honors Dinner, January 13, 2002, in Indianapolis, for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership.

In addition to their athletics accomplishments, the NCAA Today's Top VIII recipients have earned numerous academic honors, have volunteered countless hours to community projects and have served as role models for their academic institutions and to their peers.

A two-time *Associated Press* first team All-American, Riley was selected as the 2001 BIG EAST Player of the Year and the AP and Naismith Women's College Player of the Year after helping lead Notre Dame to its first national title last spring. Off the court, Riley was selected as the Verizon Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year after being named first team Academic All-American for two consecutive years. She also was awarded with an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

Riley averaged 19 points and eight rebounds a game, leading Notre Dame to a 34-2 record. The former Irish center is the only player in Notre Dame history to score more than 2,000 points and grab more than 1,000 rebounds.

An eight-time Dean's List selection at Notre Dame, Riley graduated in May with a 3.64 grade-point average in psychology and sociology. She was also selected as the BIG EAST women's basketball scholar-athlete of the year and the BIG EAST women's scholar-athlete of the year for all sports. Riley received the university's highest scholar-athlete honor when she was awarded the Byron V. Kanaley Award at the 2001 Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet.

Last April, she was chosen in the first round of the 2001 WNBA Draft, going fifth overall to the Miami Sol. In her inaugural professional season, Riley averaged 6.8 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.44 blocks per game (ninth in the league) while helping Miami, a second-year expansion franchise, qualify for the WNBA playoffs.

Recognition for the group at the Honors Dinner is in conjunction with the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis. CBS Sports broadcaster **Clark Kellogg** will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. Kellogg, a graduate of Ohio State University, was a standout basketball player at his alma mater and the 1982 No. 1 draft pick of the NBA's Indiana Pacers.

and **Courtney LaVere** (Ventura, CA/Buena HS) are the first players to commit to the Irish during the early signing period.

Duffy, a 5-7 guard, averaged 17 points per game last season for Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio. She was a 2001 first-team Division I all-state selection and earned honorable mention All-America accolades from *Street & Smith's*. Additionally, *Student Sports* tabbed her as a junior All-America selection. She was rated as high as No. 24 in the country by the All-Star Girls Report (ASGR) and No. 29 by *School Sports*.

LaVere, a 6-3 forward, tallied 13.8 points and eight rebounds per game last season for Buena High School in Ventura, Calif. She also shot 54 percent from the field and 73 percent from the free throw line for BHS, which was ranked in the top 10 nationally throughout the 2000-01 season by *USA Today*. In addition, LaVere was an All-America honoree by both *USA Today* and *Street & Smith's* last year, and she already has been selected as a preseason third-team All-American for the '01-02 campaign by *School Sports*. Like Duffy, LaVere also was a first-team all-state selection last season. She is a consensus top-15 player according to all of the major recruiting services — No. 10 by the Blue Star Index, No. 13 by *School Sports* and No. 15 by ASGR.

The additions of Duffy and LaVere have given Notre Dame one of this year's top 10 recruiting classes, according to at least one recruiting outlet. The Blue Star Index has ranked the latest group of Irish signees sixth in the nation, marking the sixth consecutive year in which Blue Star has placed Notre Dame's recruiting class among the Top 20 in the country.

BOOK ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON NOW ON SALE

Fans of Notre Dame women's basketball will be able to relive the 2000-01 NCAA championship season in a new book by **Mark Bradford** entitled "Nice Girls Finish First." The book, which hit store shelves Dec. 10, is the story of how the Irish and head coach **Muffet McGraw** put together a squad of truly remarkable young women, some of whom overcame great odds, to win the national championship last April. Included in the book are in-depth interviews with members of the Notre Dame senior class and starting lineup, giving an unique perspective on what goes into putting together a championship team.

Bradford is a sportswriter for the *South Bend Tribune*, and also has done free-lance work for the Associated Press and *Indianapolis Star*. The Mishawaka, Ind., resident has covered Notre Dame football and men's and women's basketball for the last six years.

KRAUSE FEATURED IN "CONFESSIONS OF A FRESHMAN"

Freshman guard **Jill Krause** is giving fans an inside look at the 2001-02 Irish women's basketball team through regular diary entries on the Notre Dame athletic website, www.und.com. Entitled "Confessions of a Freshman," the Glenview, Ill., native is detailing her journey as a first-year player on the defending NCAA championship squad. Her diary entries may be accessed either from the front page or the women's basketball page on the Notre Dame website.

HANEY SHINES ON BIG EAST ALL-STAR TEAM

For the second time in as many years, Notre Dame sent a player with the BIG EAST Women's Basketball All-Star Team, as guard/forward **Ericka Haney** joined the squad for its six-game swing of Germany last summer. Haney followed in the footsteps of **Niele Ivey**, who helped lead the BIG EAST All-Stars to a 5-1 record during a junket through Canada in the summer of 2000.

Haney paced the BIG EAST squad, which was led by Syracuse head coach **Marianna Freeman**, to an unbeaten 6-0 record during its tour, scoring a team-high 18 points in a 103-57 win over Ludwigsburg/Malmsheim in the final game of the trip.

Haney finished with a team-high 13.0 points per game and collected 4.5 rebounds per game during her European vacation. She also scored in double figures in five of the All-Stars' six wins.



NCAA AND BIG EAST STATISTICAL LEADERS

Here's where the Irish players and team stand in the most recent NCAA statistics report (through games of Dec. 17) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report for all games and conference games (through games of Dec. 27):

Team Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring Offense		11th at 64.4	
Scoring Defense		4th at 57.1	
Scoring Margin		7th at +7.3	
FT Percentage		12th at .656	
FG Percentage		10th at .407	
FG Percentage Defense	30th at .361	2nd at .343	
3-Point FG Percentage	32nd at .384	4th at .373	
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	2nd at .255	
Rebounding		2nd at 44.8	
Rebounding Defense	not kept	7th at 35.4	
Rebounding Margin	28th at +7.8	2nd at +9.4	
Blocked Shots	not kept	1st at 5.78	
Assists	not kept	10th at 14.22	
Steals	not kept	11th at 8.11	
Turnover Margin	not kept	14th at (-3.11)	
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	9th at 0.76	

Individual Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring		Batteast, 11th at 13.6	
Rebounding		Batteast, 3rd at 8.2	
.....		Borton, t-19th at 5.8	
FG Percentage		Batteast, 13th at .419	
Assists		Severe, 5th at 5.44	
FT Percentage	Ratay, 4th at .957		
Steals		Severe, t-8th at 2.00	
3-Point FG Made		Ratay, t-13th at 1.67	
Blocks		Batteast, 7th at 1.33	
Offensive Rebounds		Batteast, 8th at 3.00	
.....		Borton, 9th at 2.89	
Defensive Rebounds		Batteast, 1st at 5.22	

**NOTRE DAME AMONG
BEST IN ATHLETE
GRADUATION RATES**

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top NCAA Division I-A institutions in five major graduation rate categories — all student-athletes, football players, male student-athletes, female student-athletes and African-American student-athletes — according to statistics released this fall by the NCAA.

The 2001 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 11th-such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1991 and 1994 at Division I institutions, including 114 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 85 percent of its student-athletes, fourth behind Northwestern (92 percent), Duke (91) and Stanford (88).

Among student-athletes who complete all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, not considering those who leave or transfer, 99 percent earn their degrees. The national average for Division I-A schools is 58 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 90 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank fifth in that category behind leader Northwestern at 98 percent. Among men, Notre Dame's 82 percent rate is fourth behind Duke at 90 percent, Northwestern at 88 percent and Stanford at 85 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 73 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking behind only Duke, Vanderbilt, Stanford, Northwestern and Rice.

Here are the top institutions in some of the major categories:

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

1. Northwestern 92%
2. Duke 91%
3. Stanford 88%
- 4. NOTRE DAME 85%**

FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

1. Northwestern 98%
2. Stanford 93%
3. Duke 92%
4. Vanderbilt 91%
- 5. NOTRE DAME 90%**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

1. Duke 84%
2. Vanderbilt 82%
3. Stanford 81%
4. Northwestern 80%
5. Rice 78%
- 6. NOTRE DAME 73%**

NOTRE DAME VS. DEPAUL

2001-02 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 5-5 (Home: 5-0, Away: 0-4, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	ND Result	W-L	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 18	15/14		VALPARAISO	W 42-35	W1	1-0		Borton-14	two with 9	Severe-4	7,960
Nov. 21	15/15	20/22	at Colorado State	L 66-72	L1	1-1		Ratay-16	Batteast-11	Severe-5	6,749
Nov. 24	15/15		at Arizona	L 70-72	L2	1-2		Ratay-19	Haney-9	Severe-6	3,335
Nov. 26	23/23		ARMY	W 89-57	W1	2-2		Batteast-18	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,323
Dec. 2	23/23	16/17	(1) vs. Michigan	L 63-78	L1	2-3		Ratay-19	Batteast-9	Severe-6	6,482
Dec. 6		7/8	at Purdue	L 57-70	L2	2-4		Ratay-12	Severe-8	Severe-8	8,786
Dec. 9			USC	W 62-49	W1	3-4		Batteast-19	two with 7	Severe-4	7,595
Dec. 12			WESTERN MICHIGAN	W 71-48	W2	4-4		Batteast-20	two with 10	Severe-8	7,310
Dec. 22			MARQUETTE	W 60-33	W3	5-4		Batteast-11	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,132
Dec. 28			at Rice	L 61-72	L1	5-5		Batteast-23	Batteast-10	Severe-5	1,602
Dec. 31			DEPAUL								
Jan. 2			at Miami*								
Jan. 5			PROVIDENCE*								
Jan. 9			SETON HALL*								
Jan. 12			at Villanova*								
Jan. 19			at Providence*								
Jan. 21			(2) at Connecticut*								
Jan. 26			VIRGINIA TECH*								
Jan. 29			SYRACUSE*								
Feb. 2			at Seton Hall*								
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*								
Feb. 10			BOSTON COLLEGE*								
Feb. 13			ST. JOHN'S*								
Feb. 16			at Rutgers*								
Feb. 19			WEST VIRGINIA*								
Feb. 23			at Georgetown*								
Feb. 26			VILLANOVA*								

BIG EAST Championship (Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway, N.J.)

March 2	First Round
March 3	Quarterfinals
March 4	Semifinals
March 5	Championship

NCAA First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)

March 15 & 16	First Round
March 17 & 18	Second Round

NCAA Regionals (East - Raleigh, N.C.; Mideast - Milwaukee, Wis.; Midwest - Ames, Iowa; West - Boise, Idaho)

March 23	Semifinals
March 25	Finals

NCAA Final Four (Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas)

March 29	Semifinals
March 31	Championship

CAPS denotes home game

* BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Women's College Basketball Showcase (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

(2) Game played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

NR - Indicates Notre Dame and opponent national rankings in the Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls at tipoff

2001-02 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics

Overall Record: 5-5 (Home: 5-0, Away: 0-4, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Jacqueline Batteast	10-10	291-29.1	59-133	.444	13-36	.361	14-21	.667	29	55	84	8.4	24-0	19	28	15	17	145	14.5
Alicia Ratay	10-10	342-34.2	43-100	.430	17-43	.395	22-23	.957	18	35	53	5.3	13-0	19	19	1	10	125	12.5
Le'Tania Severe	10-10	311-31.1	29-69	.420	4-10	.400	31-46	.674	10	32	42	4.2	21-0	54	52	7	19	93	9.3
Ericka Haney	10-6	207-20.7	25-67	.373	0-0	.000	9-16	.563	19	33	52	5.2	20-0	8	17	5	10	59	5.9
Amanda Barksdale	6-4	111-18.5	14-29	.483	0-0	.000	6-11	.545	8	17	25	4.2	15-1	3	9	28	3	34	5.7
Teresa Borton	10-6	204-20.4	21-55	.382	0-0	.000	8-22	.364	29	26	55	5.5	25-0	10	11	1	6	50	5.0
Jeneka Joyce	10-4	189-18.9	18-36	.500	10-24	.417	4-11	.364	4	17	21	2.1	9-0	12	16	0	3	50	5.0
Katy Flecky	9-0	101-11.2	10-25	.400	0-0	.000	13-17	.765	10	18	28	3.1	12-0	5	14	4	5	33	3.7
Kelsey Wicks	9-0	113-12.6	11-32	.344	4-14	.286	7-10	.700	12	14	26	2.9	14-0	3	9	0	2	33	3.7
Allison Bustamante	4-0	28-7.0	4-13	.308	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	1	7	8	2.0	4-0	1	2	0	0	12	3.0
Karen Swanson	4-0	16-4.0	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	1-1	1.000	0	3	3	0.8	3-0	1	2	0	0	5	1.3
Monique Hernandez	10-0	75-7.5	1-11	.091	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	3	2	5	0.5	9-0	7	5	0	5	2	0.2
Jill Krause	4-0	12-3.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.5	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team									16	23	39	3.9					4		
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2001-02 Single Game Highs & Lows

NOTRE DAME HIGHS

Points (Game)	89 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Points (Half)	47 vs. Army (1st half), 11/26/01
Field Goals Made	33 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Attempts	77 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	46.0 (29-63) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	10 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	28* vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	60.0 (6-10) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Free Throws Made	19 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Free Throw Attempts	25, twice (MR: vs. USC, 12/9/01)
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	79.2 (19-24) at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	60 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Personal Fouls	26 at Rice, 12/28/01
Assists	20 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Turnovers	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	13 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Steals	13 vs. USC, 12/9/01

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points (Game)	78, Michigan, 12/2/01
Points (Half)	45, Michigan (1st half), 12/2/01
Field Goals Made	29, Michigan, 12/2/01
Field Goal Attempts	65, Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	50.0 (29-58), Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	8, Arizona, 11/24/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	26, Arizona, 11/24/01
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	42.9 (6-14), Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throws Made	26, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Attempts	40, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	100.0* (20-20), Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	43, Purdue, 12/6/01
Personal Fouls	22, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Assists	23, Michigan, 12/2/01
Turnovers	27, USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	8, Colorado State, 11/21/01
Steals	13, twice (MR: Marquette, 12/22/01)

* denotes school record

NOTRE DAME LOWS

Points (Game)	42 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Points (Half)	18 vs. Valparaiso (2nd half), 11/18/01
Field Goals Made	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Attempts	43 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	32.6 (14-43) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	0 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	00.0 (0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws Made	6 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Free Throw Attempts	10 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	42.9 (6-14) vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Rebounds	28 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Personal Fouls	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Assists	8 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Turnovers	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Blocked Shots	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Steals	4, twice (MR: at Arizona, 11/24/01)

OPPONENT LOWS

Points (Game)	33, Marquette, 12/22/01
Points (Half)	12, Western Michigan (1st half), 12/12/01
Field Goals Made	10, Marquette, 12/22/01
Field Goal Attempts	47, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	18.5 (10-54), Marquette, 12/22/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	1, twice (MR: USC, 12/9/01)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	7, Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	7.7 (1-13), Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throws Made	4, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throw Attempts	11, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	33.3 (4-12), Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	29, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Personal Fouls	10, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	6, Marquette, 12/22/01
Turnovers	10, Purdue, 12/6/01
Blocked Shots	1, Army, 11/26/01
Steals	6, Michigan, 12/2/01

2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Biography Updates

31 Amanda Barksdale Center, Junior, 6-3, Friendswood, TX (Clear Brook)

Has played in six games (four starts) this season, averaging 18.5 minutes per game ... charting 5.7 points, 4.2 rebounds and 4.7 blocks per game ... missed first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg ... would lead nation in blocks but has not yet played in enough games to qualify ... nearly posted a triple-double against Marquette, finishing with 10 points (tying her career high), eight rebounds and a career-high eight blocks (tying the school record), in 20 minutes ... made first career start against USC, playing a career-high 26 minutes and tallying seven blocks (five in first half) ... also recorded 100th career block against USC, becoming fifth player in school history to reach century mark ... ranks second in school history with 1.74 blocks per game and fifth with 120 career blocks (needs four to catch Trena Keys for fourth place).

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	10 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	10, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Field Goals	5 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Free Throws	2, twice (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	4, twice (MR: vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01)
Rebounds	8 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	11 vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01
Assists	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	2, three times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Steals	1, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	2, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 2/12/00)
Blocks	8* vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Minutes	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

* denotes school record

21 Jacqueline Batteast Forward, Freshman, 6-1, South Bend, IN (Washington)

Preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... Three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10 & 17) ... has started all 10 games for the Irish as a true freshman, averaging 29.1 minutes per game ... leads team in scoring (14.5 ppg.) and rebounding (8.4 rpg.) and ranks second on team with 1.5 blocks per game ... ranks 11th in BIG EAST in scoring, third in rebounding and seventh in blocked shots ... second in BIG EAST with five double-doubles ... has scored in double figures in her last nine games ... paired with Teresa Borton as the first rookie tandem to start a season opener in 20 years ... picked up her first career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds at Colorado State ... notched double-double with 18 points and career-high 12 rebounds against Army ... carded double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... logged her fourth double-double of year with 11 points and 12 rebounds against Marquette ... registered fifth double-double (and third in as many games) with career-best 23 points (10-16 FG) and 10 rebounds at Rice.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	23 at Rice, 12/28/01
Field Goals	10 at Rice, 12/28/01
3-pt Field Goals	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Rebounds	12, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Assists	4 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocks	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Minutes	37 at Purdue, 12/6/01

12 Teresa Borton Center, Freshman, 6-3, Yakima, WA (West Valley)

Has played in all 10 games for the Irish, starting six as a true freshman and averaging 20.4 minutes per outing ... carding 5.0 points and 5.5 rebounds per game — latter figure is second on team ... more than half (29) of her 55 rebounds are offensive — ranks ninth in BIG EAST Conference in that category ... joined Jacqueline Batteast as the first freshman duo to start a season opener for Notre Dame in 20 years ... nearly posted a double-double in her first college game, finishing with game highs of 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso ... almost had double-double at Colorado State, tallying nine points and eight rebounds .. matched season high with nine rebounds vs. Army ... hauled in seven rebounds against Western Michigan.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goals	5 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws	4 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	9, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Assists	3, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Steals	1, five times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)
Blocks	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Minutes	34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

44 Allison Bustamante Guard, Freshman, 6-0, Miami, FL (Our Lady of Lourdes)

Has appeared in four games, averaging 7.0 minutes per outing ... notching 3.0 points and 2.0 rebounds per game ... has made three of her five three-point attempts (60 percent) this season ... made first collegiate appearance against Colorado State, seeing less than one minute of action ... tallied six points and four rebounds in 14 minutes against Army ... also drilled first career three-point field goal against Army ... missed next four games (Dec. 2-12) after suffering high right ankle sprain in practice Nov. 28 ... made impressive return from injury with six points (2-of-3 from three-point line) and four rebounds against Marquette.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	6, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Field Goals	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
3-pt Field Goals	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Free Throws	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Rebounds	4, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Assists	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	14 vs. Army, 11/26/01

33 Katy Flecky
Forward, Freshman, 6-2, Lone Tree, CO (Highlands Ranch)

Has appeared in nine games for Notre Dame, averaging 11.2 minutes per game ... tallying 3.7 points and 3.1 rebounds per game ... second on team with .765 free throw percentage (13-of-17) ... saw first collegiate action against Valparaiso ... had solid return to home state with six points and eight rebounds at Colorado State ... carded season-high nine points and six rebounds in season-best 28 minutes at Arizona .. sat out Michigan game after suffering a concussion in practice Nov. 28 ... chalked up seven points (3-5 FG) and six rebounds in win over Marquette.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goals	3 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Free Throws	5 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	8 at Colorado State, 11/21/01
Assists	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Steals	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Blocks	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Minutes	28 at Arizona, 11/24/01

3 Ericka Haney
Guard/Forward, Senior, 6-0, Toledo, OH (Central Catholic)

Preseason second-team all-BIG EAST pick ... has appeared in all 10 games this season, starting six times and averaging 20.7 minutes per game ... averaging 5.9 points and 5.2 rebounds per contest ... the only captain for Notre Dame in 2001-02, just the second solo captain for the Irish in the Muffet McGraw era ... charted six points and five rebounds in season-opening win over Valparaiso ... corralled game-high nine rebounds at Arizona ... rang up seven points and six rebounds against Army ... rang up season-high eight points at Purdue ... came off bench to card six points, six rebounds and season-high two blocks against USC ... picked up first double-double of season (and sixth of career) with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... averaging 6.8 points and 6.3 rebounds in four games since moving to reserve role ... collected seven rebounds (four offensive) and season-high three assists at Rice.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	12 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	21 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Field Goals	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	10 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Free Throws	3 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	7 vs. Connecticut, 3/30/01
Rebounds	10 vs. W. Michigan, 12/12/01	14 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Assists	3 at Rice, 12/28/01	5 vs. Georgia, 11/24/00
Steals	2, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	4 vs. St. John's, 1/23/99
Blocks	2 vs. USC, 12/9/01	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/22/00)
Minutes	33 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	39 vs. Rutgers, 2/17/01

23 Monique Hernandez
Guard, Junior, 5-9, Rio Rancho, NM (Cibola)

Has appeared in all 10 games for the Irish, averaging 7.5 minutes per contest while playing primarily as a defensive stopper ... picked up an offensive rebound at Colorado State ... turned in superb all-around effort vs. Army, finishing with two points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals in 17 minutes — three assists and two steals tied her career highs ... dished out two assists against Michigan ... notched two assists against Western Michigan.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	10 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01
Field Goals	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01
3-pt Field Goals	None	1 at Purdue, 12/8/99
Free Throws	None	4 vs. USC, 12/28/00
Rebounds	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 vs. Villanova, 12/6/00
Assists	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, four times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Steals	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)	2, six times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Blocks	None	2, vs. Georgetown, 1/29/00
Minutes	17 vs. Army, 11/26/01	25 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01

5 Jeneka Joyce
Guard, Sophomore, 5-9, Topeka, KS (Washburn Rural)

Has played in all 10 games (four starts) for Notre Dame, averaging 18.9 minutes per outing ... logging 5.0 points and 2.1 rebounds per game ... owns top field goal (.500) and three-point (.417) percentages on team ... tallied seven points and three assists in win over Army ... poured in season-high 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting (including three three-point field goals) against Michigan ... tossed down nine points and three more treys at Purdue ... made first career start against USC, hitting all three of her shots and finishing with seven points in a career-high 33 minutes ... grabbed career-high four rebounds vs. Marquette.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	14 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Field Goals	4 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3, twice (MR: at Purdue, 12/6/01)	4 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Free Throws	2 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	3 vs. West Virginia, 1/24/01
Rebounds	4 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Assists	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 vs. Georgetown, 3/4/01
Steals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, three times
Blocks	None	1, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
Minutes	33 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

NOTRE DAME VS. DEPAUL

10 Jill Krause Guard, Freshman, 5-8, Glenview, IL (Regina Dominican)

Has played in four games for the Irish this season ... made first collegiate appearance against Army, grabbing two rebounds.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	None
Field Goals	None
3-pt Field Goals	None
Free Throws	None
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Assists	None
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	6 vs. Army, 11/26/01

22 Alicia Ratay Guard, Junior, 6-0, Lake Zurich, IL (Lake Zurich)

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST selection ... has started all 10 games for Notre Dame, averaging a team-high 34.2 minutes per game ... second on team in scoring (12.5 ppg.) and assists (1.9 apg.), and third in rebounds (5.3 rpg.) and three-point percentage (.395) ... also has made a team-high 17 three-point field goals ... would lead BIG EAST Conference in free throw percentage (.957) but does not have enough attempts to qualify; still ranked fourth in nation in free throw percentage in most recent NCAA rankings (as of Dec. 17) ... tied for 13th in BIG EAST in three-point field goals made (1.7 per game) ... has scored in double figures in nine games this season and 39 of her last 46 games ... also has reached double digits in scoring 59 times in her 78-game college career ... nearly came up with a double-double in the season opener against Valparaiso, finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds while playing all 40 minutes ... rang up a game-high 16 points (6-7 FT) at Colorado State ... connected for team-best 19 points (3-5 from three-point range) and added seven rebounds at Arizona ... canned 4-of-6 three-point attempts and scored 12 points in victory over Army ... matched season-high with 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds against Michigan ... became 19th Notre Dame player to score 1,000 career points with her 12-point night at Purdue (now ranks 18th on ND career list)... tallied 14 points (6-12 FG) at Rice ... has made 13 consecutive free throws dating back to her final two attempts against Colorado State.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	19, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 12/2/01)	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	8 at Arizona, 11/24/01	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01	7 at Rutgers, 2/19/00
Free Throws	6 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	7, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 3/5/01)
Rebounds	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	12 vs. St. John's, 2/12/00
Assists	3, three times (MR: vs. WMU, 12/12/01)	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	2, three times (MR: vs. WMU, 12/12/01)	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/3/01)
Minutes	40 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	44 at Rutgers, 2/19/00

4 Le'Tania Severe Guard, Sophomore, 5-8, Pembroke Pines, FL (Ft. Lauderdale)

Has started all 10 games at point guard, playing 31.1 minutes per night ... ranks third on team with 9.3 points per game and leads squad with 5.4 assists per outing ... ranks fifth in BIG EAST in assists and eighth in steals (1.9 spg) ... has scored in double figures five times, the first double-digit outings of her career ... made first career start in season opener vs. Valparaiso, tallying seven points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocks ... cracked double figures for first time with 15 points on 6-of-12 shooting (including trio of three-point field goals) at Colorado State ... added 12 points (8-10 FT) and six assists at Arizona ... chipped in with 13 points vs. Army ... dished out six assists against Michigan ... broke personal records with eight rebounds, eight assists and 37 minutes played at Purdue ... notched new career highs with 17 points and five steals against USC ... matched career best with eight assists against Western Michigan ... scored 10 points (6-6 FT) at Rice.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	17 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same
Field Goals	6, twice (MR: vs. USC, 12/9/01)	Same
3-pt Field Goals	3 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	Same
Free Throws	8 at Arizona, 11/24/01	Same
Rebounds	8 at Purdue, 12/6/01	Same
Assists	8, twice (MR: vs. W. Michigan, 12/12/01)	Same
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same
Blocks	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)	Same
Minutes	37 at Purdue, 12/6/01	Same

11 Karen Swanson Guard, Junior, 5-8, Westlake, OH (Westlake)

Has played in four games this season ... made first appearance of year against Army, matching her career high with five points in seven minutes.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	5 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Field Goals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
3-pt Field Goals	None	1, three times (MR: at West Va., 1/24/01)
Free Throws	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/20/01)
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00
Assists	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	1, three times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Steals	None	2, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 2/1/01)
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	7 vs. Army, 11/26/01	11 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00

24 Kelsey Wicks Guard, Freshman, 6-2, Gillette, WY (Campbell County)

Has played in nine games for the Irish this season, averaging 12.6 minutes per contest ... tallying 3.7 points and 2.9 rebounds per game ... carded season-high nine points (2-3 FG, 4-4 FT) and sank first career three-point field goal at Arizona ... notched seven points in victory over Army ... grabbed season-high six rebounds in season-best 21 minutes against Western Michigan.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goals	2, four times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
3-pt Field Goals	1, four times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Free Throws	4 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	1, twice (MR: vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01)
Steals	1, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Blocks	None
Minutes	21 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01

