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Women's Basketball 2011-12

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2011-12 ND Women's Basketball: Game 4

Preseason WNIT — Championship

#2/2 Notre Dame **Fighting Irish** (3-0 / 0-0 BIG EAST) vs.

#1/1 Baylor **Lady Bears** (3-0 / 0-0 Big 12)

◆ DATE:	November 20, 2011	◆ TV:	CBS Sports Network (live)
◆ TIME:	2:00 p.m. ET/1:00 p.m. CT		Thad Anderson, p-b-p
◆ AT:	Waco, Texas		Ceal Barry, color
	Ferrell Center (10,284)	◆ RADIO:	Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) (live)
◆ SERIES:	BU leads 1-0		Bob Nagle, p-b-p
◆ LAST MTG:	BU 76-65 (12/1/10)	◆ LIVE STATS:	UND.com



2011-12 Schedule

3-0 / 0-0 BIG EAST

N2	(2/2) Windsor (exhibition)	W, 83-34
N11	(2/2) Akron ¹	W, 81-61
N13	(2/2) Indiana State ¹	W, 99-34
N17	(2/2) Hartford ¹	W, 98-43
N20	(2/2) @ Baylor (1/1)^{1-CBSSN}	2:00 ET
N25	vs. USC ²	5:45 ET
N26	vs. Duke/Gardner-Webb ²	5:45/8:00 ET
D2	Pennsylvania	7:00 ET
D4	@ Creighton	2:35 ET
D7	• Marquette	7:00 ET
D10	@ Purdue ^{BTN}	Noon ET
D18	Kentucky ^{ESPNU}	1:00 ET
D20	Central Florida	7:00 ET
D28	Longwood	2:00 ET
D30	@ Mercer	7:00 ET
J4	• @ Seton Hall	7:00 ET
J7	• Connecticut ^{CBS}	4:00 ET
J10	• @ Georgetown ^{CBSSN}	7:00 ET
J14	• @ Cincinnati	3:00 ET
J17	• Pittsburgh	7:00 ET
J21	• Villanova	1:00 ET
J23	Tennessee ^{ESPN2-BM}	7:00 ET
J28	• @ St. John's ^{BETV}	Noon ET
J31	• @ Rutgers ^{CBSSN}	7:00 ET
F5	• DePaul ^{ESPNU}	1:00 ET
F7	• @ Syracuse	7:00 ET
F12	• West Virginia ^{ESPNU}	3:30 ET
F14	• Providence	7:00 ET
F20	• @ Louisville ^{ESPN-BM}	2:00 ET
F25	• South Florida	2:00 ET
F27	• @ Connecticut ^{ESPN2-BM}	9:00 ET
M2	BIG EAST 1st Round ³	TBA
M3	BIG EAST 2nd Round ^{3-BETV}	TBA
M4	BIG EAST Quarterfinal ^{3-ESPNU}	TBA
M5	BIG EAST Semifinal ^{3-ESPNU}	6/8:00 ET
M6	BIG EAST Final ^{3-ESPN/ESPN2}	7:00 ET
M18	NCAA 1st Round ^{4-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M20	NCAA 2nd Round ^{4-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M24-	NCAA Regionals ^{5-ESPN}	TBA
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A1	NCAA National Semifinals ^{6-ESPN}	TBA
A3	NCAA Championship Game ^{6-ESPN}	TBA

Storylines

- ◆ Notre Dame is playing in the Preseason WNIT championship game for the second time, winning the 2004 crown with a 66-62 victory over No. 10/9 Ohio State.
- ◆ The Fighting Irish are part of a "1-vs-2" matchup for the third time, and first since splitting a pair of these contests during their 2000-01 national championship season.

While it won't have the finality of an NCAA tournament game, No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 1 Baylor should provide excellent early-season theater, as the Fighting Irish and Lady Bears square off at 2 p.m. ET (1 p.m. CT) Sunday in the Preseason WNIT championship game at the Ferrell Center in Waco, Texas. The game will be televised live to a national cable audience by CBS Sports Network.

Notre Dame (3-0) moved into Sunday's title clash with a 98-43 win over Hartford on Thursday night at Purcell Pavilion. For the second consecutive game, the Fighting Irish rode some early hot shooting, making 14 of their first 17 shots against the Hawks and taking a 30-point lead with less than 15 minutes gone, effectively taking all the steam out of the visitors.

Junior guard **Skylar Diggins** scored a game-high 22 points in 23 minutes and senior guard **Natalie Novosel** added 20 points in 22 minutes to lead an efficient Notre Dame offense.

Rankings

- ◆ Notre Dame is No. 2 in the current Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.
- ◆ Baylor is No. 1 in the current Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

Web Sites

- ◆ Notre Dame: www.UND.com
- ◆ Baylor: www.baylorbears.com
- ◆ BIG EAST: www.bigeast.org
- ◆ Big 12: www.big12sports.com

Setting The Standard

Under the guidance of 25th-year head coach **Muffet McGraw**, Notre Dame has evolved into one of the country's leading women's basketball powers. The Irish have appeared in 18 NCAA Tournaments (including a current streak of 16 in a row) and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 nine times in the past 15 seasons. Notre Dame also has reached the NCAA Women's Final Four three times, winning college basketball's ultimate prize with the 2001 national championship.

In its history, Notre Dame has developed 13 All-Americans, 10 WNBA players (including seven draft picks in the past 11 years) and 14 international basketball veterans (24 medals won). Now in their 35th season in 2011-12, the Irish own an all-time record of **723-310 (.700)**.

Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw

Saint Joseph's '77

- ◆ 25th season at Notre Dame
 - 559-211 (.726) at Notre Dame
 - 647-252 (.720) in 30th season overall
- ◆ 2011 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee
- ◆ 2001 consensus National Coach of the Year
- ◆ Four-time Naismith Coach of the Year finalist
- ◆ Four-time conference Coach of the Year
- ◆ 2011-12 NCAA D-I Issues Committee (*chair*)
- ◆ 2009 WBCA Carol Eckman Award recipient

Notre Dame's Possible Starting Lineup (C = captain)

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr*	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
14	Devereaux Peters (C)	F	6-2	5th	10.3	6.7	4.3 spg	• Averaging 1 reb. per minute this year
4	Skylar Diggins	G	5-9	Jr.	19.0	1.0	7.0 apg	• 2.33 A/TO ratio this year (21 asst/9 TO)
21	Natalie Novosel (C)	G	5-11	Sr.	14.3	2.3	2.3 apg	• Near perfect vs. HART (6-7 FG, 2-2 3FG, 6-6 FT)
22	Brittany Mallory (C)	G	5-10	5th	7.3	2.0	3.0 spg	• Went 4-for-4 from 3-pt line vs. Hartford
23	Kayla McBride	G	5-11	So.	15.0	5.0	2.0 spg	• Career-high 7 rebs. vs. Akron & Hartford
Off the Bench For the Fighting Irish								
3	Whitney Holloway	G	5-4	Fr.	3.7	1.0	2.0 spg	• Season-best 6 pts. vs. Hartford
5	Madison Cable	G	5-11	Fr.	—	—	—	• '11 Gatorade Pa. POY; 3-time state champ
11	Natalie Achonwa	F	6-3	So.	—	—	—	• '11 BE All-Freshman Team; .566 FG%
12	Fraderica Miller	G	5-10	Sr.	5.0	3.3	4.7 spg	• 3 steals shy of Preseason WNIT record
15	Kaila Turner	G	5-8	Jr.	4.3	1.3	2.7 apg	• Eight assists, zero turnovers this year
34	Markisha Wright	F	6-2	Fr.	10.7	6.7	1.3 apg	• 1st career dbl-dbl (14p/11r) vs. ISU
44	Ariel Braker	F	6-1	So.	3.0	3.7	0.7 apg	• Season-high 4 pts., 2 asst. vs. Hartford

* = players listed by academic class (Mallory and Peters are fifth-year seniors who have earned their undergraduate degrees and are in graduate studies)
Pronunciations: Achonwa (uh-CHAWN-wuh); Fraderica (fruh-DARE-uh-kuh); Kaila (KAY-luh); Markisha (marr-KEY-shuh); Novosel (KNOW-vuh-sell)

(x) = numbers before opponent name indicate ND rank in Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls; numbers after are opponent rank; when only one ranking is shown, it is from the AP poll.

• = BIG EAST Conference game
1 = Preseason WNIT (campus sites; teams guaranteed min. three games)
2 = Junkanoo Jam (St. Georges High School - Freeport, Bahamas)
3 = BIG EAST Championship (XL Center - Hartford, Conn.)
4 = NCAA 1st/2nd rounds (Purcell Pavilion - Notre Dame, Ind.)
5 = NCAA Regionals (at Des Moines, Fresno, Kingston, Raleigh)
6 = NCAA Women's Final Four (Pepsi Center - Denver, Colo.)

BM = Games to be televised as part of ESPN's Big Monday package
CBSSN = Games to be televised on CBS Sports Network
BETV = Games to be televised on BIG EAST Network (syndicated)
BTN = Game to be televised on Big Ten Network
NOTE: All home games not scheduled for commercial TV will be webcast live and free of charge on www.UND.com.

All games will be broadcast live on South Bend's Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) and worldwide on the Internet at UND.com.

All times Eastern // Dates and times subject to change





Quick Hitters

- Notre Dame has advanced to the championship game of the Preseason WNIT for the second time in its four appearances in that tournament. The Fighting Irish won the title in 2004 (defeating Ohio State, 66-62 in the championship game), and fell in the semifinal round in 1996 (lost to Tennessee, 72-59 in Ruston, La.) and 2007 (lost at Maryland, 75-59).
- Notre Dame has set three significant records in its first three games of the season. Against Akron on Nov. 11, the Fighting Irish set a new Preseason WNIT record with 29 steals, topping the old mark of 20 set by Northwestern State (La.) vs. Arkansas on Nov. 15, 1995. Against Indiana State on Nov. 13, Notre Dame raced out to a 58-15 halftime lead, its largest margin at the break in school history (two points more than a 53-12 lead the Fighting Irish had over New Hampshire on Nov. 12, 2010). Most recently on Thursday against Hartford, Notre Dame surpassed the Preseason WNIT record for steals in the tournament with 69 through three games (Rutgers had the old mark of 58 steals over four games in 1998).
- For the second consecutive week, Notre Dame is ranked second in both major national polls. The Fighting Irish also were No. 2 in both preseason rankings, their highest debut in either poll, topping their No. 4 AP ranking to open 2009-10, and their No. 5 ESPN/USA Today position to start 2000-01.
- With this week's No. 2 ranking in the Associ-

ated Press poll, Notre Dame has appeared in the AP poll for 79 consecutive weeks, extending a program record that dates back to the 2007-08 preseason poll. In fact, every current Fighting Irish player has competed for a ranked Notre Dame squad throughout her career, with more than half that time (41 weeks) spent in the AP Top 10.

- With 559 victories in 25 seasons at Notre Dame, head coach **Muffet McGraw** is third on the Fighting Irish athletics all-time coaching wins list (across all sports), trailing only men's/women's fencing coach **Michael DeCicco** (774-80 from 1962-95) and men's tennis/wrestling coach **Tom Fallon** (579-268-4 from 1957-87). McGraw passed baseball skipper **Jake Kline** (558-449-5 from 1934-75) with Thursday's win over Hartford.
- McGraw also is just the ninth Fighting Irish coach in the 125-year history of Notre Dame athletics to lead her team for 25 seasons, and the first to solely coach a women's sport (**Joe Piane** is in his 37th year as men's/women's track & field coach, while **Michael DeCicco** guided both Fighting Irish fencing teams during his 34-year career). Four of the nine members of this Silver Anniversary coaching club currently are active at Notre Dame — Piane (37 years), **Tim Welsh** (28th year with men's swimming & diving), McGraw and **Bob Bayliss** (25th year with men's tennis).

Other Notre Dame Notables

- Notre Dame is among the nation's winningest programs during the past 16 seasons (1996-97 to present), ranking fifth with 377 victories.
- Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance each of the past 11 seasons. Last year, the program finished fifth in the NCAA attendance rankings with a school-record 8,553 fans per game, topping the previous year's mark of 8,377. The Fighting Irish also have drawn 5,000-or-more fans to 161 of their last 163 home games, logging 17 Purcell Pavilion sellouts (most recently on Feb. 26, 2011, vs. Cincinnati).
- The Fighting Irish have become a regular fixture in the WNBA Draft in recent years, as seven Notre Dame players have been selected in the past 11 seasons. **Charel Allen** was the most recent Fighting Irish player to be chosen, going to the Sacramento Monarchs in the third round (43rd overall pick) of the 2008 WNBA Draft. **Ruth Riley** (San Antonio) was active in the league during the '11 season, helping the Silver Stars return to the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season. Three of Notre Dame's eight WNBA alums have won a total of four league championships — Riley won a pair of crowns with the Detroit Shock (2003 Finals MVP, 2006), **Coquese Washington** toiled for the 2000

Winningest Teams (1996-97 to present)	
511	Connecticut
477	Tennessee
435	Duke
385	Louisiana Tech
◆377	NOTRE DAME
370	Old Dominion
367	Purdue

NOTE: through games of Nov. 18.

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Media Services

The official Notre Dame athletics web site contains schedules, rosters, updated statistics and some historical information from previous seasons. High-resolution color headshots and action photos of Fighting Irish players, coaches and staff are available upon request.

Official Notre Dame athletics web site:

- <http://www.UND.com>

In-Season Interview Policy

All requests for Notre Dame player, coach or staff interviews must be made through **Chris Masters** and 24 hours' notice is appreciated. Please be aware that student-athletes' academic obligations always take precedence before any interview requests.

Media members also may speak to Fighting Irish team personnel before or after practice sessions. While most practices are open to the media, some may be closed at the coaching staff's discretion — contact **Chris Masters** for the latest practice schedule and availability.

On game days, no interviews will be granted with any Notre Dame player or coach prior to competition.

Credentials / Parking

Season credentials will be issued to all media covering the Fighting Irish on a regular basis. Please note — all Notre Dame basketball season credentials offer access to both Fighting Irish women's and men's basketball games.

For single-game credentials, contact **Chris Masters** no later than 24 hours before tipoff. Credential requests may be submitted via phone, fax or e-mail. Passes will be left at the media will call entrance (Gate 8) of Purcell Pavilion.

Parking is free for all Fighting Irish women's basketball games in the large lot south of Purcell Pavilion. Media members may park in the Gold Lot (adjacent to the baseball/soccer stadia southeast of the arena). Broadcast media may temporarily stop at the Gate 6 (loading dock) arena entrance to unload/load their equipment, but then must park in the designated media lot.

Credentials remain the property of the University of Notre Dame and may be revoked at any time.

Game Notes

Notre Dame's game notes package is made available on-line through the official Fighting Irish athletics web site during the season, usually at least one day prior to tipoff. Notre Dame's game notes are in Adobe PDF format and will be distributed via *electronic means only* (e-mail or web).

Please contact **Chris Masters** if you wish to be added to the e-mail distribution list for Notre Dame's regular women's basketball releases.

Gameday Services

Gameday packages containing game notes, programs and other information will be available prior to all home contests. A pre-game meal also will be served in the Monogram Room media area (exit through stands above Gate 6 to right of press row, entrance on right after exiting outer concourse doors) beginning one hour before tipoff.

A bank of statistics monitors is located on press row for the media's convenience. Final statistics books include an official NCAA box score and play-by-play. Purcell Pavilion also offers wireless Internet capability — check with **Chris Masters** for access.

Post-Game Interviews

Following each Notre Dame home game, Fighting Irish head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players, as well as the visiting head coach and selected players, will be available to speak with the media. Post-game press conferences are held in the Hammes Auditorium, located between Gates 1 & 2 on the first floor of Purcell Pavilion (exit court via Gate 1 ramp on opposite end of court from press row, go straight and turn right at the Notre Dame women's basketball office; auditorium entrance will be on your left).

Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to **Chris Masters** at the final media timeout of the second half.

LAST IRISH GAME

#2 Notre Dame 98, Hartford 43
Preseason WNIT — Semifinal
November 17, 2011
Purcell Pavilion (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Hartford (43)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Doherty	22	4-11	0-1	0-6	2	3	2	8
Smith	21	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	3	2
Elliott	31	3-7	2-4	1-2	2	3	4	9
Hall	18	1-3	0-0	2-4	3	0	5	4
Bepko	24	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	5
Clark	17	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	0	2	0
Gilbert	20	2-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	4	4
Bultron	9	0-3	0-2	1-2	0	0	0	1
Englert	17	2-3	1-1	0-0	1	2	0	5
Moore	21	2-6	1-1	0-2	1	0	1	5
Team					4			
Totals	200	17-43	5-10	4-18	24	10	25	43

Notre Dame (98)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Peters	18	1-6	0-0	5-8	8	2	2	7
Diggins	23	9-14	0-2	4-4	0	6	2	22
Novosel	22	6-7	2-2	6-6	2	0	1	20
Mallory	26	4-4	4-4	0-0	3	1	1	12
McBride	24	6-9	0-1	2-3	7	3	0	14
Holloway	14	2-3	0-1	2-2	2	1	0	6
Miller	19	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	2	4	1
Turner	22	2-6	2-4	0-0	3	4	3	6
Wright	22	1-6	0-0	4-6	2	0	1	6
Braker	10	1-2	0-0	2-4	4	2	1	4
Team					3			
Totals	200	32-57	8-14	26-35	37	21	15	98

Hartford	20	23	—	43
Notre Dame	50	48	—	98

FG Pct: Hartford 39.5, Notre Dame 56.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Hartford 50.0, Notre Dame 57.1. **FT Pct:** Hartford 22.2, Notre Dame 74.3. **Turnovers:** Hartford 30, Notre Dame 14. **Blocked Shots:** Hartford 3 (Clark 2), Notre Dame 4 (Novosel 2). **Steals:** Hartford 9 (Doherty 5), Notre Dame 15 (Diggins 4). **Attendance:** 8,292.





2011-12 Standings (thru Nov. 17)

Table with columns: BIG EAST (W, L), Overall (W, L). Rows include Notre Dame, Seton Hall, Villanova, Cincinnati, etc.

(n) Ranking in current Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls

2011-12 Preseason Awards

Player of the Year Skylar Diggins, Notre Dame
Freshman of the YearKaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, Connecticut

2011-12 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team^

- Kayla Alexander, Jr., C Syracuse
*Skylar Diggins, Jr., G Notre Dame
*Keisha Hampton, Sr., F DePaul
Bria Hartley, So., G Connecticut
Tiffany Hayes, Sr., G Connecticut
Natalie Novosel, Sr., G Notre Dame
Devereaux Peters, 5th-Yr. Sr., F Notre Dame
Monique Reid, Sr., F Louisville
*Sugar Rodgers, Jr., G Georgetown
Shoni Schimmel, So., G Louisville
Shenneika Smith, Jr., G St. John's
Da'Shena Stevens, Sr., F St. John's

2011-12 Preseason All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention

- Stefanie Dolson, So., C Connecticut
Khadajah Rushdan, Sr.-RS, G Rutgers
April Sykes, Sr., G/F Rutgers
Andrea Smith, Sr., G South Florida

2011-12 Preseason Coaches' Poll

- 1. Notre Dame (9 first-place votes)..... 219 points
2. Connecticut (7) 216
3. Louisville 191
4. Rutgers 176
5. Georgetown 175
6. DePaul 152
7. St. John's 145
8. Syracuse 123
9. West Virginia 108
10. South Florida 96
11. Marquette 92
12. Pittsburgh 62
13. Villanova 54
14. Providence 51
15. Cincinnati 38
16. Seton Hall 22

Around the BIG EAST

Houston Comets, while Jacqueline Batteast was Riley's teammate on the 2006 title-winning squad in Detroit.

- For the fifth year in a row, the Fighting Irish posted a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), according to figures released by the NCAA in October. What's more, since Muffet McGraw became head coach in 1987, every Notre Dame women's basketball player who has completed her athletic and academic eligibility at the University has earned her bachelor's degree (a 64-for-64 success rate). The Fighting Irish also are one of only four schools in the past four years to record a 100-percent GSR and play for a national championship in the same season.

A Quick Look At Baylor

Baylor returns four starters and 12 letterwinners from last year's 34-3 club that won the Big 12 Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight before being eliminated by eventual national champion Texas A&M.

The top-ranked Lady Bears (3-0) have won their three Preseason WNIT contests by an average of 49 points per game, most recently downing No. 22/RV UCLA, 83-50 on Thursday night in Waco. Sophomore guard Odyssey Sims scored a game-high 22 points, while junior center Brittney Griner (18 points/14 rebounds) and redshirt junior forward Destiny Williams (16 points/10 rebounds) added double-doubles for Baylor, which nearly doubled up the Bruins in the second half (53-27) after leading by seven at the break.

The 6-foot-8 Griner leads BU in scoring (19.7 ppg.), rebounding (11.7 rpg.) and blocks (5.7 bpg.), while Sims is second in scoring (18.3 ppg.) and tops in steals (2.7 spg.) and three-point percentage among regulars (.353). Williams chips in a well-rounded stat line with 12.3 points and 8.0 rebounds per game, as well as a team-high .591 field goal percentage.

Head coach Kim Mulkey is in her 12th year at Baylor with a 301-79 (.792) record, including a win in her only prior meeting with Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame-Baylor Series

Notre Dame and Baylor met for the first time last season, with the Lady Bears earning a 76-65 victory in Waco. The teams are slated to meet next year at Purcell Pavilion.

The Last Time Notre Dame And Baylor Met

Brooklyn Pope provided quite a boost for Brooklyn Griner and second-ranked Baylor.

Pope had 20 points with 14 rebounds and got her three assists on baskets by Griner, and the Lady Bears withstood a quick second-half surge by No. 16 Notre Dame for a 76-65 victory on Dec. 1, 2010, in Waco, Texas.

Griner finished with 21 points, eight rebounds and four blocks. She and Pope combined to score Baylor's first 15 points in the game, putting the Lady Bears ahead to stay.

Skylar Diggins had 21 points and Natalie Novosel added 12 for Notre Dame, which trailed by 22 points with a little less than 13 minutes to play, and when Pope made a layup with 11:18 left, Baylor still led 56-37.

LAST IRISH GAME vs. BAYLOR

#2/3 Baylor 76, #16 Notre Dame 65
December 1, 2010
Ferrell Center (Waco, Texas)

Notre Dame (65)

Player stats for Notre Dame: min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Totals: 200, 24-62, 6-18, 11-15, 38, 12, 27, 65

Baylor (76)

Player stats for Baylor: min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Totals: 200, 26-60, 3-11, 21-29, 43, 12, 12, 76

Notre Dame 24 41 - 65
Baylor 38 38 - 76

FG Pct: Notre Dame 38.7, Baylor 43.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 33.3, Baylor 27.3. FT Pct: Notre Dame 73.3, Baylor 72.4. Turnovers: Notre Dame 22, Baylor 20. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 4 (Peters 2), Baylor 5 (Griner 4). Steals: Notre Dame 12 (Diggins, Novosel 4), Baylor 14 (Hayden 6). Attendance: 7,239.

Notre Dame then scored 12 consecutive points in 79 seconds before Pope ended that stretch with a jumper. The Fighting Irish would get as close as 65-59 on Kayla McBride's two free throws with 5:00 left, and had a chance to cut even further into the lead on their next possession, but Novosel misfired on a three-pointer and the Lady Bears iced the win by making 9-of-12 free throws down the stretch.

Pope and Griner were among five Baylor players scoring in double figures. Kimetria Hayden had 14 points, including her own 7-0 run in the first half, while Odyssey Sims had 11 and Melissa Jones 10.

Other Notre Dame-Baylor Series Tidbits

- Notre Dame is 7-8 (.467) all-time against Texas schools, following losses last year to Baylor (76-65) and Texas A&M (76-70). The Fighting Irish also are 4-8 (.333) against Texas schools away from Purcell Pavilion.

Table with columns: ND vs. State of Texas, Overall, Away*. Rows include Baylor, Rice, SMU, Texas, Texas A&M, TCU, Texas State, Texas Tech, and TOTAL.

* - road/neutral sites combined

- Factoring in its numerous visits to the state for postseason tournaments (both NCAA and NWIT), Notre Dame is 10-13 (.435) all-time when playing in Texas. The last Fighting Irish victory in the Lone Star State came on March 15, 1998, when Notre Dame won at No. 6/5 Texas Tech, 74-59, in the second round of





National Polls

Associated Press Poll

• November 14, 2011: Poll #2

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ◆Baylor (35)	2-0	993	1
2 NOTRE DAME (4)	2-0	935	2
3 ◆Tennessee	1-0	910	3
4 ◆Connecticut	1-0	874	4
5 Stanford	2-0	851	5
6 Texas A&M (1)	1-0	789	6
7 Miami (Fla.)	1-0	764	7
8 ◆Duke	1-0	687	8
9 ◆Louisville	1-0	681	9
10 Maryland	2-0	652	11
11 Penn State	2-0	557	12
12 Georgia	1-0	507	13
13 Oklahoma	1-0	419	15
14 ◆Georgetown	1-1	401	10
15 ◆Rutgers	1-0	366	16
16 ◆Purdue	1-0	354	17
17 ◆Kentucky	1-0	323	18
18 ◆DePaul	2-0	314	19
19 North Carolina	2-0	297	20
20 LSU	0-0	244	21
21 Florida State	2-1	213	14
22 ◆UCLA	2-0	204	22
23 ◆USC	1-0	194	23
24 Ohio State	1-0	110	—
25 Texas Tech	1-0	69	—

Others Receiving Votes: Texas 61, Wisconsin-Green Bay 44, Gonzaga 39, Michigan State 24, Georgia Tech 22, Kansas State 16, **◆St. John's 15**, Xavier 15, Iowa 12, Iowa State 9, Marist 7, Temple 7, Arkansas 6, Vanderbilt 6, California 3, Dayton 3, Delaware 2, UNLV 1.

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

• November 15, 2011: Poll #2

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ◆Baylor (26)	2-0	766	1
2 NOTRE DAME (2)	2-0	734	2
3 ◆Tennessee (1)	1-0	693	3
4 ◆Connecticut (2)	1-0	680	4
5 Stanford	2-0	676	5
6 Texas A&M	1-0	628	6
7 Miami (Fla.)	1-0	570	7
8 ◆Duke	1-0	541	8
9 Maryland	2-0	511	10
10 ◆Louisville	1-0	507	9
11 Georgia	1-0	456	12
12 Penn State	2-0	425	14
13 ◆Kentucky	1-0	367	15
14 Oklahoma	1-0	324	16
15 ◆Rutgers	1-0	323	17
16 ◆Georgetown	1-1	261	11
17 North Carolina	2-0	252	19
18 ◆DePaul	2-0	249	18
19 Florida State	2-1	200	13
20 ◆Purdue	1-0	182	21
21 LSU	1-0	152	22
22 ◆USC	1-0	127	23
23 Wisconsin-Green Bay	1-0	100	24
24 Texas	1-1	83	20
25 Ohio State	1-0	51	—

Others Receiving Votes: **◆UCLA 41**, Gonzaga 35, Georgia Tech 28, Vanderbilt 27, Marist 24, Iowa State 14, Temple 14, **◆Villanova 7**, **◆St. John's 4**, **◆Syracuse 4**, Michigan State 4, Texas Tech 4, California 3, Middle Tennessee 3, South Dakota State 3, **◆Marquette 1**, Iowa 1.

LW = last week

◆ = 2011-12 Notre Dame opponent (italics are potential opponents based upon tournament results)

Notre Dame In the Polls

Associated Press Poll

Week	Pts	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			11-12	All-Time
Oct. 29, 2011 (Pre)	934 (6)	2	1	217
Nov. 14, 2011	935 (4)	2	2	218
SEASON HIGHS	935 (6)	2	2*	79*

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

Week	Pts	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			11-12	All-Time
Nov. 1, 2011 (Pre)	728 (5)	2	1	210
Nov. 15, 2011	734 (2)	2	2	211
SEASON HIGHS	734 (5)	2	2*	42*

* = current streak of poll appearances // first-place votes in parentheses

the NCAA national championship game on April 5, 2011, in Indianapolis). The four losses in that time all came by 11 points or less (three by six or fewer and one in OT):

ND vs. Big 12		
	Overall	Away*
◆BU	0-1	0-1
ISU	1-0	0-0
KU	0-0	0-0
KSU	1-0	1-0
MU	1-0	1-0
OU	3-2	3-2
OSU	0-0	0-0
UT	1-1	1-1
TAMU	0-2	0-2
TTU	1-2	1-2
TOTAL	8-8	7-8
	(.500)	(.467)

* - road/neutral sites combined

- 2000 NCAA Mid-east Regional semifinal vs. Texas Tech at Memphis (L, 69-65 ... ND led 17-0 to start the game)
- 2010 NCAA Kansas City Regional semifinal vs. Oklahoma at Kansas City, Mo. (L, 77-72, ot ... OU nailed game-winning 3FG with 4.4 seconds left in overtime)
- 2010-11 regular season at Baylor (L, 76-65 ... margin was six points with five minutes left; BU one FG over final 8:23).
- 2011 NCAA national championship game vs. Texas A&M (L, 76-70 ... ND led by seven points with 15:52 left, had FT to regain lead with 3:56 left and possession to tie with 0:29 left; TAMU ended game on 10-4 run)

Best Of The Best

For the third time (and first in more than a decade), Notre Dame will be playing in a matchup of the nation's top two teams, as the second-ranked Fighting Irish visit No. 1 Baylor on Sunday.

Notre Dame is 1-1 in its previous two "1-vs-2" games, losing at No. 2 Connecticut, 78-76 on March 6, 2001, in the BIG EAST Championship title game, and then avenging that loss a little more than three weeks later with a 90-75 victory over the top-ranked Huskies on March 30, 2001, in the NCAA national semifinals (Women's Final Four) at the Saavis Center (now Scottrade Center) in St. Louis.

The Fighting Irish have three wins against No. 1 teams in their history, most recently defeating Connecticut, 72-63, on April 3, 2011, in the NCAA national semifinals at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Tournament Tested

Notre Dame has felt right at home in tournament situations during the past 16 years. Starting with the 1996-97 season, the Fighting Irish have won 29 of their last 32 regular-season tournament games (multi-game events only), including runs

the NCAA Championship (Midwest Region) behind a game-high 23 points from then-freshman center **Ruth Riley**.

- Notre Dame has had four players on its all-time roster from the state of Texas. **Kelly Hicks** (1977-80; Bandera) was the first Lone Star State product to suit up for the Fighting Irish, followed by **Ellen Mauch** (1987; Mineral Wells). More recently, two members of Notre Dame's 2001 NCAA national championship teams came from Texas — **Imani Dunbar** (1997-2001; San Angelo) and **Amanda Barksdale** (1999-2002; Friendswood).
- Notre Dame guards **Skylar Diggins** and **Natalie Novosel** and forward **Devereaux Peters** were teammates with Baylor guard **Odyssey Sims** on the 2011 USA World University Games Team that posted a 6-0 record and won the gold medal this summer in Shenzhen, China.
- Both former college point guards, Notre Dame's **Muffet McGraw** and Baylor's **Kim Mulkey** are the only coaches to both play for and coach a team that has appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, and then also coach that same team to a national championship. McGraw played at Saint Joseph's (Pa.) when it rose to No. 3 in 1977, while Mulkey was the floor general for top-ranked Louisiana Tech in 1982. McGraw then took Notre Dame to the 2001 national championship, while Mulkey did the same with Baylor four years later.
- McGraw and Mulkey also are members of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, with McGraw being enshrined this past June, while Mulkey was a 2001 inductee.
- Baylor redshirt junior forward **Destiny Williams** is a native of Benton Harbor, Mich., and attend Benton Harbor High School, located less than 40 miles from the Notre Dame campus.
- Veteran Fighting Irish women's soccer coach **Randy Waldrum** held a similar post at Baylor from 1996-98, starting the Lady Bear program from scratch and leading BU to the school's first Big 12 title (in any sport) in 1998 and the women's soccer program's first NCAA Championship berth before leaving in 1999 to come to Notre Dame (where he has led the Fighting Irish to a pair of national titles in 2004 and 2010).
- One of Waldrum's first recruits at Baylor was goalkeeper **Dawn Greathouse**, who went on to be a three-time All-Big 12 selection and a second-team All-America choice in 1998. The holder of virtually every meaningful goalkeeping record in both school and Big 12 history when she departed, Greathouse graduated from Baylor in 2001, and recently completed her ninth season as an assistant coach at Notre Dame. She returned to the BU campus on Nov. 4 as a member of the Baylor Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2011.

Notre Dame vs. The Big 12 Conference

Notre Dame is 8-8 (.500) all-time against current Big 12 Conference members, including wins in six of its last 10 games against that conference (most recently falling to Texas A&M, 76-70 in





Baylor Series

Baylor Leads Series 1-0

Date	Site	Result	Score
12/1/10	Waco, Texas	L	65-76

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	65	65.0
Baylor	76	76.0

Current Win Streak: Baylor - 1 game

Muffet McGraw vs. Baylor: 0-1

Kim Mulkey vs. Notre Dame: 1-0

McGraw vs. Mulkey: Mulkey leads 1-0

ND Biggest Win: None

BU Biggest Win: 11 (76-65 on 12/1/10)

ND Longest Win Streak: None

BU Longest Win Streak: 1 (2010)

to the title in last year's WBCA Classic at Purcell Pavilion (three games) and the State Farm Holiday Hoops Classic in Seattle (two games).

The only Notre Dame losses during this current stretch were a pair of defeats to third-ranked teams in the Preseason WNIT semifinals (72-59 vs. Tennessee at Ruston, La., in 1996; 75-59 at Maryland in 2007) and a 67-63 overtime setback at No. 20 Colorado on Nov. 15, 2003, in the finals of the WBCA Classic — a game that saw the Buffaloes sink a desperation 30-footer at the end of regulation to force the extra session.

Notre Dame is playing its first regular-season tournament of the 2011-12 campaign, with a trip to the Bahamas for the Junkanoo Jam on tap for the Fighting Irish over Thanksgiving weekend. It will mark the second consecutive year Notre Dame has competed in multiple tourneys.

The Fighting Irish are playing in the Preseason WNIT for the fourth time, previously having won the tournament title in 2004 and reaching the semifinals in 1996 and 2007. The Fighting Irish are 12-2 all-time (10-0 at home) in Preseason WNIT games, including a 64-53 victory over No. 8/12 North Carolina State in the now-discontinued third-place game on Nov. 20, 1996, in Ruston, La.

With a victory, Notre Dame would become the fourth school to win multiple Preseason WNIT titles, joining three-time champion Connecticut (1997, 2001, 2005) and two-time winners Louisiana Tech (1996, 2000) and Purdue (2006, 2010).

ND Regular Season Tournament Titles Since 1996-97
1996-97
Comfort Inn Downtown Classic
1999-2000
Wachovia WBB Invitational
2000-01
Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge
2004-05
Preseason WNIT
2005-06
Duel in the Desert (Gray Div.)
2009-10
Paradise Jam (Island Division)
2010-11
WBCA Classic
State Farm Holiday Hoops Classic

western State vs. Arkansas on Nov. 15, 1995). Notre Dame then tacked on 25 steals two days later against Indiana State, giving the Fighting Irish the top two single-game steal marks in the tournament's 17-year history.

Notre Dame set another record in that win over Indiana State on Nov. 13. The Fighting Irish led the Sycamores by 43 points (58-15) at halftime, topping the school record for the largest lead at the break (53-12 vs. New Hampshire on Nov. 12, 2010). The 43-point spread also was the second-largest margin in favor of Notre Dame in a single half since Nov. 24, 1989, when it outscored Liberty, 61-17 in the second half of a 113-35 win at the UCF Rotary Classic in Orlando, Fla.

In Thursday's win over Hartford, the Fighting Irish eclipsed the Preseason WNIT record for steals in the entire tournament (currently at 69 through three games), breezing by Rutgers' old mark of 58 thefts in a four-game span in 1998.

Helping Hands

Continuing a trend from last season, Notre Dame has shared the basketball very well during the first three games of the year.

The Fighting Irish are averaging 23.3 assists per game, with their 25 assists against Akron on Nov. 11 falling just three shy of the Preseason WNIT record for assists in a game (set on the same night - Nov. 9, 2001 - by Connecticut vs. Fairfield and Vanderbilt vs. Eastern Kentucky). What's more, Notre Dame has assisted on 69.3 percent of its field goals this season (70 of 101), and is not far from the Preseason WNIT record for assists in the entire tournament (87 by Texas Tech in 1994).

Last year, the Fighting Irish registered assists on 60.9 percent of their baskets (669 of 1,099), with 16 games of at least 20 assists.

Spread The Wealth

Notre Dame has featured a balanced offense thus far, with at least four players scoring in double figures in all three games.

During the past three seasons (2009-10 to present), Notre Dame is 37-4 (.902) when it has at least four players score in double figures, with two of those losses coming in overtime (March 28, 2010 - 77-72 vs. Oklahoma in NCAA Sweet 16 at Kansas City; Nov. 18, 2010 - 86-83 in double overtime vs. UCLA at Purcell Pavilion) and a third by a single point (Feb. 28, 2011 - 70-69 at DePaul).

Novosel Reaches Career Milestone

On a free throw with 14:20 remaining on Nov. 13 against Indiana State, senior guard **Natalie Novosel** became the 29th Notre Dame women's basketball player to score 1,000 career points (currently 27th at 1,021). She joins junior guard **Skylar Diggins** (23rd with 1,126 points) as the two active players in that elite Fighting Irish club, with Notre Dame's two fifth-year seniors also having the chance to reach the scoring millennium later this season — for-

ND 1,000-Point Scorers
21. Courtney LaVere ('02-'06).. 1,150
22. Becca Bruszewski ('07-'11) .. 1,148
23. ♦Skylar Diggins ('10-pres.).. 1,126
24. Danielle Green ('95-'00)... 1,106
25. Carrie Bates ('81-'85)..... 1,060
26. Mollie Peirick ('94-'98)..... 1,034
27. ♦Natalie Novosel ('09-pres.).. 1,021

BIG EAST No Strangers To WNIT Final

Sunday will mark the eighth time a BIG EAST Conference team has played in the Preseason WNIT championship game in the tournament's 17-year history — league schools are 4-3 in the prior seven outings when battling for the title. Connecticut (3-0) and Notre Dame (1-0) have accounted for those four wins, while Rutgers lost in the 1998 and 2003 finals, and DePaul fell at Purdue, 67-58 last year.

No conference has had more Preseason WNIT championship game appearances among its current members than the BIG EAST and Big 12, as Baylor is making the eighth showing for the latter conference (not counting appearances by now-departed Big 12 members Colorado in 1995 and Nebraska in 1997).

Three Games, Three Records

Notre Dame wasted little time in carving new spots in the record books during its first three games of the season.

Against Akron on Nov. 11, the Fighting Irish piled up 29 steals, shattering the previous Preseason WNIT record for steals in a single game that had stood for nearly 16 years (20 by North-

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	BU
Overall/conference record	3-0/0-0	3-0/0-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today poll	2/2	1/1

SCORING

Points scored per game	92.7	85.3
Points allowed per game	46.0	36.3
Field goal percentage	.523	.487
Three-point percentage	.450	.295
Free throw percentage	.690	.636

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	36.3	54.3
Opponent rebs. per game	30.3	35.3
Rebounding margin	+6.0	+19.0

OTHER

Assists per game	23.3	21.3
Turnovers per game	17.3	13.7
Assist/turnover ratio	1.35	1.56
Blocked shots per game	3.7	9.7
Steals per game	23.0	6.7





ward **Devereaux Peters** has tallied 891 points to date, while guard **Brittany Mallory** has 777 career points.

Should all four players hit the 1,000-point mark, it would be the first time in the 35-year history of Notre Dame women's basketball that a quartet of active 1,000-point scorers were on the roster at the same time. Twice (In both 2000-01 and 2009-10), Notre Dame has had three 1,000-point players on the roster, with the third reaching that total in her final career game (**Kelley Siemon** in 2001 NCAA national championship game vs. Purdue, **Melissa Lechlitner** in 2010 NCAA Sweet 16 game vs. Oklahoma).

What's more, Novosel becomes the sixth player from Notre Dame's 2009-10 NCAA Sweet 16 team to reach the 1,000-point plateau during her career, along with Diggins, Lechlitner, **Ashley Barlow** (ninth at 1,492), **Lindsay Schrader** (13th at 1,429) and **Becca Bruszewski** (22nd at 1,148) — and that doesn't even include Peters or Mallory, who also were part of that 13-player roster.

Game #3 Recap: Hartford

Skylar Diggins scored 22 points and **Natalie Novosel** added 20 points, while **Kayla McBride** and **Brittany Mallory** chipped in the rest to help No. 2 Notre Dame rout Hartford 98-43 on Thursday night in the semifinals of the Preseason WNIT.

McBride had 14 points and Mallory added 12 (going 4-of-4 from beyond the arc) for the Fighting Irish (3-0), who shot 56.1 percent from the field and connected on 8-of-14 three-point tries for the second consecutive game.

Hartford (2-1) had no answer for Notre Dame on either side of the court. The Hawks committed 30 turnovers and only shot 39.5 percent from the field. **Daphne Elliott** led the way for the Hawks with nine points and three assists.

The Fighting Irish came out strong opening with a 10-2 lead and set the tone of the game on the defensive end by forcing a shot-clock violation on the opening possession (one of three they would cause during the game).

Notre Dame broke the game open with a 14-0 run over a 5:29 stretch midway through the first half. The Fighting Irish implemented a full-court press on defense for the majority of the half and stifled any kind of Hartford rally.

Hartford struggled with turnovers against the Notre Dame defense, committing 18 in the first half — one more than its total shots in the period.

Beyond The Box Score — Hartford

- For the first time in the 35-year history of Fighting Irish women's basketball, Notre Dame scored at least 98 points in consecutive games.
- The combined 197 points in the past two games are the most scored by the Fighting Irish in a two-game span since Nov. 19-23, 2008, when they piled up 198 points in a home win over Evansville (96-61) and a road victory at Boston College (102-54).
- Notre Dame registered consecutive wins by at least 55 points for the first time in school history.
- Mallory is the eighth Notre Dame player to go perfect from the three-point line (min.

four attempts), and first since Nov. 22, 2000, when current Fighting Irish assistant coach **Niele Ivey** knocked down all four of her long-distance tries in an 83-56 victory at No. 19/RV Wisconsin.

- Mallory is fourth Notre Dame player to go 4-for-4 or better on three-pointers at Purcell Pavilion, and the first since Dec. 8, 1998, when **Sheila McMillen** set an arena record by going 5-for-5 in a 106-81 loss to top-ranked Connecticut.
- The Fighting Irish held their opponent without a double-figure scorer for the first time since Jan. 23, 2011, in a 69-36 win over No. RV/23 St. John's at Purcell Pavilion.
- Notre Dame is 49-7 (.875) against first-time opponents since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, including a 29-3 (.906) mark against new foes since the start of the 2000-01 season.
- The Fighting Irish have won 26 consecutive home games against first-time opponents dating back to January 1996.
- The victory was No. 559 of head coach **Muffet McGraw's** career, giving her sole possession of third place on the Notre Dame all-time coaching wins list (for all sports), passing baseball coach **Jake Kline** (558 from 1934-75).
- Prior to the game, a banner was raised at Purcell Pavilion to recognize McGraw's induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in June 2011.

Notre Dame Claims Top Spot In 2011-12 BIG EAST Coaches' Preseason Poll

For the first time in its 17-year membership in the BIG EAST Conference, Notre Dame has been selected as the outright No. 1 team in the annual BIG EAST preseason women's basketball poll, according to a vote of the league's 16 head coaches released Oct. 20 during the 2011-12 BIG EAST Women's Basketball Media Day at the B.B. King Blues Club & Grill in New York City.

In the closest vote since Notre Dame shared top honors with Connecticut in the 2002-03 BIG EAST preseason poll, the Fighting Irish picked up 219 points and nine first-place votes in the balloting (coaches are not permitted to select their own teams), edging out Connecticut, which collected the remaining seven first-place votes and finished with 216 points. Louisville (191 points) was chosen third, while Rutgers (176 points) finished a close fourth ahead of Georgetown (175 points).

The complete 2011-12 BIG EAST preseason coaches' poll can be found in the sidebar on page 3 of this notes package.

Fighting Irish Trio Earns Numerous 2011-12 Preseason Honors

Along with picking Notre Dame to finish first in the conference this year in their preseason poll, the BIG EAST coaches voted junior guard **Skylar Diggins** as the league's Preseason Player of the Year. Diggins is just the second Fighting Irish player to earn that honor, and the first since fellow South Bend Washington High School graduate and Notre Dame All-American **Jacqueline Batteast** did so prior to her senior

2011-12 Trends

Day of the Week	
Sunday	1-0
Monday	0-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	0-0
Thursday	1-0
Friday	1-0
Saturday	0-0

Time of Game	
Day games (before 6 p.m. local time)	1-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	2-0

Location	
Home games	3-0
Road games	0-0
Neutral site games	0-0

Halftime score	
Leading at the half	3-0
Tied at the half	0-0
Trailing at the half	0-0

Individual scoring	
Two or fewer double-figure scorers	0-0
Three double-figure scorers	0-0
Four double-figure scorers	1-0
Five or more double-figure scorers	2-0

Rebounding margin	
Grab more rebounds than opponents	2-0
Grab same number of rebounds	0-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	1-0

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

Free throw margin	
Make more free throws	3-0
Make same number of free throws	0-0
Make fewer free throws	0-0

Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers	3-0
Commit same number of turnovers	0-0
Commit more turnovers	0-0

Miscellaneous	
Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	0-0
On commercial television	0-0
In white jerseys	3-0
In alternate white jerseys (green trim)	0-0
In alternate white jerseys (pink trim)	0-0
In blue jerseys	0-0
In green jerseys	0-0

Margin of Victory	
1-5 points	0-0
6-10 points	0-0
11-15 points	0-0
16-20 points	1-0
21+ points	2-0
In overtime games	0-0

Conference Affiliation	
America East	1-0
Mid-American	1-0
Missouri Valley	1-0

Month	
November	3-0
December	0-0
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0
April	0-0





Quick Facts

Notre Dame Quick Facts

Official Name: University of Notre Dame
Location: Notre Dame, Ind.
Enrollment: 8,372 (undergraduate) / 11,985 (overall)
Founded: 1842
Colors: Gold and Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish
School Fight Song: Notre Dame Victory March
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena: Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (cap. 9,149)
President: Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
Provost: Thomas G. Burish
Executive Vice President: John Affleck-Graves
NCAA Faculty Representative: Patricia Bellia
Director of Athletics: Jack Swarbrick
Senior Deputy Athletics Director/SWA: Missy Conboy
Associate Athletics Director (WBB): Jill Bodensteiner

Head Coach: Muffet McGraw (Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77)
Record: 647-252 (.720) - 30th season
At Notre Dame: 559-211 (.726) - 25th season
At Purcell Pavilion: 280-54 (.838)
Associate Head Coach:
 Jonathan Tshipis (North Carolina '96) - 9th season
Associate Coach:
 Carol Owens (Northern Illinois '90) - 12th season
Assistant Coach:
 Niele Ivey (Notre Dame '00) - 5th season
Coordinator of Basketball Operations:
 Stephanie Menio (Pittsburgh '04) - 7th season
Associate Director of Operations & Technology:
 Angie Pothhoff (Penn State '97) - 7th season
Athletic Trainer: Anne Marquez
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Craig Cheek
Academic Counselor: Chad Grotgeut
Equipment Manager: Kathy Speybroeck
Student Managers:
 Lucy Eckard (Sr., Orinda, Calif.)
 Nick Sigmund (Sr., Lakewood, Ill.)

Women's Basketball History

35th Season:
 1st game, Dec. 3, 1977 vs. Valparaiso (W, 48-41)
All-Time Record: 723-310 (.700)
Record At Purcell Pavilion:
 35th season, 357-88 (.802)
Record in The BIG EAST (regular season):
 17th season, 201-63 (.761)
Conference/Membership Affiliations:
 AIAW D-III independent (1977-78 through 1979-80)
 AIAW D-I independent (1980-81)
 NCAA D-I independent (1981-82 through 1982-83)
 North Star (1983-84 through 1987-88)
 *Midwestern Collegiate (1988-89 through 1994-95)
 BIG EAST (1995-96 to present)
Regular-Season Conference Championships (8):
 North Star - 1985, 1986
 *Midwestern Collegiate - 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995
 BIG EAST - 2001
Conference Tournament Championships (5):
 North Star - N/A
 *Midwestern Collegiate - 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994
 BIG EAST - None
NCAA Championship Appearances (18):
 National Champion - 2001
 National Finalist - 2011
 Final Four - 1997, 2001, 2011
 Elite 8 - 1997, 2001, 2011
 Sweet 16 - 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2011
 Berths - 1994, 1996-2011
Consecutive NCAA Championship Appearances:
 16 (1996-present)
NIT Appearances (4):
 1986 (3rd place), 1989 (7th place), 1991 (8th place),
 1995 (3rd place)
Consecutive Postseason Appearances:
 18 (1994-present); 17 NAAs, 1 NIT

* - now known as the Horizon League

season (2004-05).

Diggins also joined a pair of her teammates — senior guard **Natalie Novosel** and fifth-year senior forward **Devereaux Peters** — on the Preseason All-BIG EAST Team, with Novosel and Peters making the preseason squad for the first time, while Diggins was a unanimous choice for the preseason all-conference team for the second consecutive year.

Notre Dame's three Preseason All-BIG EAST honorees (who also have been named preseason candidates for this year's Wade Trophy and Wooden Award, both of which go to the national player of the year) were more than any school, with three others having two selections (Connecticut had a third player earn honorable mention status).

Diggins — who added Associated Press Pre-season All-America honors to her trophy case on Nov. 1 (the second Fighting Irish player to collect that status and first since Batteast in 2004-05) — put together one of the finest sophomore seasons in Notre Dame women's basketball history in 2010-11 while sparking the Fighting Irish to their second NCAA title game berth and third NCAA Women's Final Four appearance. The crafty southpaw made a nearly-seamless transition to the point guard position, ranking among the top 15 in the BIG EAST in scoring (15.0 ppg.), assists (team-high 4.8 apg.) and steals (1.9 spg.), posting career highs in all three areas. What's more, her 585 total points and 186 total assists were the second-most ever accrued by a Notre Dame sophomore — **Katryna Gaither** scored 590 points in 1994-95, while **Mary Gavin** dished out 205 assists in 1985-86 — and her 75 steals were fourth on the Fighting Irish sophomore charts (just eight off the school record), while her 1,226 total minutes were just one shy of **Beth Morgan's** school record set in 1996-97.

A State Farm Coaches' All-America and third-team AP All-America selection last year, Diggins also ranked second on the team with 32 double-digit scoring games, leading the squad in scoring 14 times and rolling up 10 20-point outings, including the last three NCAA Championship games against Tennessee (24), Connecticut (season-high 28) and Texas A&M (23). She added at least five assists in 22 different games (after having seven five-assist games her entire freshman season), capped by a career-high 12 assists against Oklahoma in the NCAA Dayton Regional semifinal, the most helpers ever for a Fighting Irish player in the NCAA tournament, and most in any game since 2000.

A unanimous first-team all-BIG EAST selection, the NCAA Dayton Regional Most Outstanding Player and a member of the NCAA Women's Final Four All-Tournament Team, as well as being a finalist for the three major national player-of-the-year awards (Wooden Award, Wade Trophy, Naismith Trophy) and the Nancy Lieberman Award (top point guard), Diggins also made history in that regional final win over Tennessee, becoming just the second Notre Dame player to score 1,000 career points in less than two seasons with the Fighting Irish (Morgan had exactly 1,000 points at the end of her sophomore season of 1994-95), and doing so in 72 games, tying for the fourth-fastest run

2011-12 Notre Dame Top Bench Scorers

Player	Points	Opponent/Date
Markisha Wright	14	Indiana State, 11/13/11
Markisha Wright	12	Akron, 11/11/11
Fraderica Miller	10	Indiana State, 11/13/11

Game-high scorers in italics

to the scoring millennium in program history. Diggins currently ranks 24th on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list with 1,090 points.

Meanwhile, Novosel was easily one of the nation's most improved players in 2010-11, nabbing State Farm Coaches' honorable mention All-America and first-team all-BIG EAST laurels, as well as the BIG EAST's Most Improved Player award, after more than tripling her scoring average from a year ago from 5.0 points to a team-high 15.1 points per game. She also scored in double figures a team-best 33 times, the second-highest single-season total in school history (Gaither had 37 double-digit games in 1996-97) and nearly doubled her combined total of 17 from her first two years. What's more, Novosel had seven 20-point games (her career high entering the season was 19 points) and posted a team-best .413 three-point percentage, in addition to being second on the squad in steals (tied-1.9 spg.) and third in assists (1.9 apg.).

In 2010-11, Novosel set a new school record with 183 free throws made and 39 games started (tying with Peters and **Becca Bruszewski**), while her 232 free throw attempts were second-most in school history. In addition, she placed among the top 10 on the program's single-season charts for total points (7th - 588) and minutes played (9th - 1,102).

Peters (who garnered honorable mention preseason All-America status from the AP on Nov. 1) also enjoyed her finest season at Notre Dame in 2010-11, having fully recovered from a pair of knee injuries earlier in her career. Peters set new career highs in virtually every category, ranking third on the team in scoring (11.9 ppg.) and tops in double-doubles (10), rebounding (7.5 rpg.), field goal percentage (.593), and blocked shots (1.7 bpg.), not to mention fourth in steals (1.7 spg.). Furthermore, she placed fifth in the country in field goal percentage, and ranked among the BIG EAST leaders in scoring (22nd), rebounding (6th), field goal percentage (2nd), blocked shots (4th) and double-doubles (2nd). As if that weren't enough, she was one of just two players in the nation to record at least 60 blocks and 60 steals last season (she had 68 blocks and 66 steals), joining Illinois' **Karisma Penn** (78/62) in that select company.

Like Novosel, Peters was named a State Farm Coaches' honorable mention All-America and first-team all-BIG EAST selection in 2010-11, while also taking home BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year honors. She scored in double figures 25 times and tied the school record by starting all 39 games during Notre Dame's run to the NCAA national championship game. In that title clash against Texas A&M, Peters rang up a double-double with 21 points (on 8-of-10 shooting) and a game-high 11 rebounds, securing her place on the NCAA Women's Final Four All-Tournament Team.





Polling Station

For the second consecutive week, Notre Dame is ranked No. 2 in the Associated Press poll, its highest showing in that survey since the end of the 2000-01 season (when the Fighting Irish also stood second heading into the NCAA Championship). The preseason No. 2 ranking also was the highest Notre Dame has ever been ranked in the AP preseason poll, topping its No. 4 debut in 2009-10.

Notre Dame received six first-place votes in the 2011-12 AP preseason poll (and four this week), the first time it has received consideration for the top spot since March 11, 2001, when the Fighting Irish earned five first-place votes (they were ranked No. 2 after falling at Connecticut, 79-76 in the BIG EAST tournament final). The previous week, Notre Dame had 33 first-place votes in its sixth week with the No. 1 ranking in the AP poll.

This week's ranking marks the 79th consecutive AP poll appearance for the Fighting Irish, extending the program record that started with the AP preseason poll in 2007-08 (the old record was 59 consecutive weeks from 1998-2001). In fact, every current Notre Dame player has competed for a ranked Fighting Irish squad throughout her career, spending more than half (41) of those appearances in the AP Top 10.

This year's No. 2 preseason ranking also represents the 12th time in the past 13 years (starting with the 1999-2000 campaign) that Notre Dame has appeared in the initial AP poll, something only nine schools in the nation have done — Connecticut, Duke and Tennessee have shown up in all 13 during that span, while Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Stanford join the Fighting Irish with 12 preseason AP poll berths.

Notre Dame has been ranked in the AP poll for 218 weeks during the program's 35-year history, with every one of those appearances coming in the **Muffet McGraw** era (since 1987-88). McGraw ranks 11th among all active NCAA Division I head coaches for weeks in the AP poll, and also is 22nd all-time in that category.

In addition, the Fighting Irish are ranked No. 2 in the current ESPN/USA Today/WBCA coaches' poll (their second week in a row at that spot), and like the AP poll, Notre Dame earned its best-ever preseason ranking, topping its No. 5 placement to begin the 2000-01 campaign. The Fighting Irish also collected five first-place votes in this year's preseason coaches' survey (and two this week), their first nods for the top spot since the final '00-01 balloting, when they received all 40 first-place votes after winning the national championship.

Notre Dame has been ranked in the coaches' poll for 80 of the past 81 weeks, falling just outside the Top 25 in the final poll of the 2008-09 season. Nevertheless, the Fighting Irish have appeared in the coaches' poll for a total of 211

weeks during their history (all coming during McGraw's tenure).

This marks the fourth consecutive season Notre Dame has been ranked in the top 10 of the ESPN/USA Today/WBCA poll, as well as 10 of the past 14 campaigns (1998-99 to present).

More Polling Data

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is one of 31 people in NCAA Division I women's basketball history who have both played for and coached a team that has appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Besides her 218 AP poll appearances while coaching at Notre Dame, McGraw was the starting point guard at Saint Joseph's (Pa.) as a senior in 1977, helping the Hawks to No. 3 in the nation.

Of the 31 people on this list, 16 currently are NCAA Division I head coaches (see accompanying chart), with McGraw and Baylor's **Kim Mulkey** are the only active skippers to play for and coach a team in the AP poll, and coach that team to a national title (McGraw in 2001, Mulkey in 2005).

Half And Half

During the past 11 seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Fighting Irish are 219-18 (.924) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead, including wins in 147 of their last 159 such contests.

What's more, in the past three seasons (2009-10 to present), Notre Dame is 56-1 when leading at the half, with the only loss coming on April 5, 2011, in the NCAA national championship game at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis (Notre Dame led Texas A&M, 35-33 at intermission before falling 76-70).

The Best Offense Is A Good Defense...

During the past 17 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 Fighting Irish have an amazing 233-15 (.940) record when they hold their opponents below 60 points in a game.

...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. During the past 17 seasons (since

AP Poll Appearances As Player & Coach (active coaches only)

- Amanda Butler (Florida)
- Cori Close (UCLA)
- Sylvia Crawley (Boston Coll.)
- June Daugherty (Wash. St.)
- Nell Fortner (Auburn)
- MaChelle Joseph (Ga. Tech)
- Joanne McCallie (Duke)
- ◆Muffet McGraw (ND)
- Katie Meier (Miami-Fla.)
- Kim Mulkey (Baylor)
- Kathy Olivier (UNLV)
- Jennifer Rizzotti (Hartford)
- Dawn Staley (S. Carolina)
- Charli Turner Thorne (Ariz. St.)
- Coquese Washington (Penn St.)
- Terri Williams-Flournoy (G'town)

NOTES: Current teams listed ... all coaches shown have made AP poll with current teams except Daugherty (did so at Boise State and Washington), Olivier (UCLA) and Staley (Temple) ... Butler and Olivier are coaching at their alma maters ... Turner-Thorne is on sabbatical for the 2011-12 season.

AP Poll Appearances Active D-I Coaches

1. Summitt (Tenn) 601
2. Landers (UGa) 462
3. VanDerveer (Stan) 409
10. Blair (TAMU) 248
11. ◆McGraw (ND) 218

All-Time D-I Coaches

1. Summitt (Tenn) 601
2. Landers (UGa) 462
3. VanDerveer (Stan) 409
20. Weller (Md) 227
21. Grentz (Illinois) 225
22. ◆McGraw (ND) 218

NOTE: through Nov. 14 AP poll; most recent team coached is listed

Superlatives (BIG EAST Era)

Notre Dame Superlatives In The BIG EAST Era (1995-96 to present)

- Longest winning streak:** 23 games (Nov. 17, 2000-Feb. 14, 2001)
- Longest BIG EAST winning streak:** 15 games (Jan. 5-Feb. 22, 2000)
- Longest losing streak:** 3 games, four times (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007)
- Longest BIG EAST losing streak:** 3 games, twice (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007)
- Most points scored in a game:** 111 vs. West Virginia, Jan. 7, 1999
- Most points scored in a BIG EAST game:** 111 vs. West Virginia, Jan. 7, 1999
- Fewest points scored in a game:** 38 vs. Villanova, Jan. 24, 2004
- Fewest points scored in a BIG EAST game:** 38 vs. Villanova, Jan. 24, 2004
- Most points allowed in a game:** 106 by Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1998
- Most points allowed in a BIG EAST game:** 106 by Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1998
- Fewest points allowed in a game:** 21 by Southeast Missouri State, Jan. 2, 2011
- Fewest points allowed in a BIG EAST game:** 31 by St. John's, Feb. 13, 2002
- Largest margin of victory:** 76 vs. Southeast Missouri State (97-21), Jan. 2, 2011
- Largest margin of victory in BIG EAST game:** 56 vs. Seton Hall (91-35), Jan. 31, 1998
- Largest margin of victory in home game:** 76 vs. Southeast Missouri State (97-21), Jan. 2, 2011
- Largest margin of victory in road game:** 53 at Central Michigan (94-41), Nov. 29, 2007
- Largest losing margin:** 39 at Tennessee (89-50), March 17, 2002
- Most points allowed in a win:** 93 by Illinois (101-93), Nov. 24, 1998
- Most points scored in a loss:** 84 vs. Texas A&M (88-84, ot), Dec. 3, 1995
- Fewest points scored in a win:** 38 vs. Villanova (38-36), Jan. 24, 2004
- Fewest points allowed in a loss:** 48 vs. Villanova (48-45), Feb. 26, 2002
- Largest deficit overcome to win a game:** 18 at Vanderbilt (59-57), Dec. 30, 2008
- Largest deficit overcome to win a home game:** 15 vs. Pittsburgh (72-65), Feb. 28, 2006
- Largest lead given up in a loss:** 17 vs. Texas Tech (69-65), March 25, 2000
- Most consecutive points scored:** 36 vs. Southeast Missouri State (97-21), Jan. 2, 2011
- Most consecutive points scored (start of game):** 36 vs. Southeast Missouri State (97-21), Jan. 2, 2011
- *Largest halftime lead:** 43 vs. Indiana State (58-15), Nov. 13, 2011
- Largest halftime deficit:** 26 at Tennessee (53-27), March 17, 2002
- Highest field goal percentage:** .680 (34-50) vs. Boston College, Feb. 12, 1997
- Lowest field goal percentage:** .220 (13-59) at Seton Hall, March 1, 2005
- Highest three-point percentage:** 1.000 (5-5) vs. Duke, Nov. 17, 2004
- Highest free throw percentage:** 1.000 (18-18) at Valparaiso, Nov. 30, 2004
- Most three-point field goals made:** 13, twice (most recently: at Miami (Fla.), Jan. 2, 2002)
- Most free throws made:** 37 vs. Wake Forest, Nov. 27, 2010
- Most assists:** 32 vs. Michigan State, Dec. 11, 1999
- Most blocked shots:** 16 vs. Boston College, Feb. 10, 2002
- Most steals:** 36 vs. New Hampshire, Nov. 12, 2010
- Most turnovers forced:** 49 vs. New Hampshire, Nov. 12, 2010
- Fewest turnovers committed:** 3 at Maryland, Nov. 16, 2007

* - mark set during 2011-12 season





2011-12 Awards

G Skylar Diggins

- Associated Press Preseason All-American
- ESPN.com Preseason All-American
- Sporting News Preseason First-Team All-American
- Athlon Sports Preseason First-Team All-American
- WBCA/State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List
- John R. Wooden Award Watch List
- BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year
- Preseason All-BIG EAST (*unanimous*)

G Natalie Novosel

- Sporting News Preseason Second-Team All-American
- WBCA/State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List
- John R. Wooden Award Watch List
- Preseason All-BIG EAST
- Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Candidate

F Devereaux Peters

- Associated Press Preseason All-American (*hon. mention*)
- Sporting News Preseason Third-Team All-American
- WBCA/State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List
- John R. Wooden Award Watch List
- Preseason All-BIG EAST

Top Purcell Pavilion 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*
T1.	12/31/05	#1 Tennessee	L, 51-62	11,418*
T1.	1/5/08	#3 Tennessee	L, 63-87	11,418*
T1.	1/27/08	#1 Connecticut	L, 64-81	11,418*
T1.	12/7/08	#17 Purdue	W, 62-51	11,418*
7.	12/2/07	Michigan	W, 77-46	10,825
8.	1/27/09	Rutgers	L, 68-78	10,082
9.	2/8/09	#25 DePaul	W, 62-59	10,011
10.	2/10/02	#16 Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676
11.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
12.	12/3/06	Indiana	L, 51-54	9,494
13.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
T14.	12/31/09	#18 Vanderbilt	W, 74-69	9,149*
T14.	1/24/10	#16 West Virginia	W, 74-66	9,149*
T14.	2/6/10	Pittsburgh	W, 86-76	9,149*
T14.	2/14/10	DePaul	W, 90-66	9,149*
T14.	2/23/10	Marquette	W, 82-67	9,149*
T14.	3/1/10	#1 Connecticut	L, 51-76	9,149*
T14.	12/5/10	Purdue	W, 72-51	9,149*
T14.	1/8/11	#2 Connecticut	L, 76-79	9,149*
T14.	1/23/11	St. John's	W, 69-36	9,149*
T14.	2/12/11	Rutgers	W, 71-49	9,149*
T14.	2/16/11	Cincinnati	W, 66-48	9,149*
25.	11/15/09	Ark.-Pine Bluff	W, 102-57	9,080

* = indicates sellout crowd (11,418 thru '08-09; currently 9,149)
 Rankings from AP poll // **Boldface** games played in 2011-12

1995-96), the Fighting Irish are 156-5 (.969) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are three overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and UCLA (86-83 in double OT) in 2010, as well as a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998, and an 81-80 loss to DePaul in 2008.

In the past three years (2009-10 to present), Notre Dame is 33-1 when topping the 80-point mark, including all three wins this year.

Irish Are The Hottest Ticket In Town

The past two seasons have seen an unprecedented surge in fan support for Notre Dame women's basketball, as the Fighting Irish set new program records for the highest year-end NCAA attendance ranking (fourth in 2009-10), highest average attendance (8,553 fans per game in 2010-11) and most sellouts in a single season (six in 2009-10). And, as the old saying goes — "you ain't seen nothin' yet."

For the third consecutive year, Notre Dame fans exhausted the program's season ticket packages (7,500) and have snapped up single-game ducats at a rate that helped the Fighting Irish already sell out two games (Jan. 7 vs. Connecticut, Jan. 23 vs. Tennessee), and put six others (Dec. 18 vs. Kentucky, Dec. 20 vs. UCF, Jan. 21 vs. Villanova, Feb. 5 vs. DePaul, Feb. 12 vs. West Virginia and Feb. 25 vs. USF) within striking distance of a sellout.

In fact, while some additional tickets may be available on the day or week of the game for individual contests this season (depending on returned inventory by visiting teams and other constituencies), it's entirely possible that Notre Dame will flirt with a sell out for every one of its home games during the 2010-11 regular season.

Fighting Irish On Your Radio Dial

Beginning with the 2008-09 athletics year, the Notre Dame athletics department announced it had partnered with the LeSEA Broadcasting Network, making Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) the new radio home of Notre Dame women's basketball in the South Bend market.

LeSEA originates all Notre Dame women's basketball games, with those events carried on Pulse FM (96.9/92.1), marking a return to the FM side of the dial for the first time since the 1998-99 season. Combined, these two stations blanket the nation's No. 91 media market (South Bend-Elkhart), covering a 21-county area in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan that contains more than 1.4 million listeners (better than 800,000 in the greater South Bend area alone). All told, Notre Dame's women's basketball network stretches from Kalamazoo, Mich., to the north, North Judson, Ind., to the west, Macy, Ind., (home of former Fighting Irish All-America center **Ruth Riley**) to the south, and LaGrange, Ind., to the east.

Women's basketball game broadcasts also continue to be streamed live and free of charge on Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.UND.com) through the Fighting Irish Digital Media package.

Bob Nagle, the voice of Notre Dame women's basketball from 1996-97 through 1998-99

(including the program's first NCAA Final Four berth in 1997), is now in the fourth season of his second stint as the radio play-by-play broadcaster for the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame On The Small Screen

Notre Dame will have at least 23 regular season games televised during the 2011-12 season. Highlighting this year's broadcast schedule are 11 nationally- or regionally-televised Fighting Irish women's basketball contests, including the program's fifth-ever appearance on network television, and second in as many years (Jan. 7 vs. Connecticut on CBS) and six showings on the ESPN family of networks, including three appearances on that entity's famed "Big Monday" telecast.

In addition, Notre Dame continues to expand its broadcast reach globally on the Internet. For the sixth consecutive season, all Fighting Irish regular-season home games not selected for commercial TV coverage (as well as the Nov. 2 exhibition vs. Windsor) will be webcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site, www.UND.com, via the site's free Fighting Irish Video Channel.

This year's TV slate continues a trend that has seen the Fighting Irish become a regular fixture on television. Beginning with the NCAA championship season of 2000-01 and continuing through Thursday's game vs. Hartford (webcast live on UND.com), Notre Dame has played in 204 televised games, including 149 that were broadcast nationally.

Oh Captain, My Captain

Fifth-year senior guard **Brittany Mallory**, senior guard **Natalie Novosel** and fifth-year senior forward **Devereaux Peters** are serving as Notre Dame's team captains for the 2011-12 season. Mallory is in her second season as team captain, while Novosel and Peters received the captain's honor for the first time in their respective careers following a preseason vote by their teammates.

Notre Dame Breaks New Ground With "Heart of the Irish" Service Initiative

For the third consecutive year, the Notre Dame women's basketball team will be front and center in the South Bend and greater Michiana communities with its groundbreaking outreach program (renamed "**Heart of the Irish**"), which will involve numerous interactive events during the 2011-12 season. The goal of this year's "Heart of the Irish" program is to highlight community leaders who are making a difference, as well as encourage fans to give back to their community and make an impact through a variety of special initiatives.

The first of five cornerstone events for the 2011-12 "Heart of the Irish" drive will take place on **Dec. 2**, when Notre Dame plays host to Pennsylvania in a 7 p.m. (ET) game at Purcell Pavilion. During that game, the Fighting Irish will hold their annual **Teddy Bear Toss**, collecting new teddy bears and other stuffed animals for patients at Riley Children's Hospital, which serves many Michiana children, as well as local youth patients. The





highlight of the event comes at halftime, when fans are invited to toss their stuffed animals onto the court, where they are then collected by volunteers.

Less than one week after the Teddy Bear Toss, Notre Dame will have a second outreach event called **Food For Friends**, to be held in conjunction with the Fighting Irish BIG EAST Conference opener against Marquette at 7 p.m. (ET) on **Dec. 7** at Purcell Pavilion. Fans can bring to the game a variety of non-perishable food items that will be collected and delivered as part of the Food Drive for the St. Joseph Country chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Notre Dame's next special "Heart of the Irish" event is entitled **Reading One on One** and it's scheduled for **Jan. 17**, when the Fighting Irish play host to Pittsburgh at 7 p.m. (ET) at Purcell Pavilion. The That evening, the team will collect children's books for the South Bend Community School Corporation in support of the Public Education Foundation.

The Fighting Irish will hold their annual fund-raising game in support of breast cancer awareness and research on **Feb. 12** (3:30 p.m. ET vs. West Virginia) at Purcell Pavilion. Known locally as the **Pink Zone** game (and nationally renamed as Play4Kay), it will feature numerous informational booths and donation opportunities for fans to contribute to the fight against breast cancer, with the highlight being the always-memorable halftime ceremony to honor those who have been touched by (and in many cases, conquered) the disease. Last year, Notre Dame raised more than \$130,000 through its Pink Zone game for the Foundation of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center and the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, lifting its three-year donation total to more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The last event in the "Heart of the Irish" series comes on Valentine's Day (**Feb. 14**), when Notre Dame welcomes Providence to Purcell Pavilion for a 7 p.m. (ET) tipoff. This will be the inaugural **Splish Splash**, in which fans can bring towels, wash cloths or toiletries such as small bottles of shampoo, soap or toothpaste for the YWCA of St. Joseph County.

Throughout the season, the Fighting Irish also will recognize community leaders who have made exceptional contributions.

In addition to this five-event series, Notre Dame women's basketball will take part in a cooperative effort with the University's Office of Sustainability as the Fighting Irish encourage all fans to recycle in their daily lives, particularly when they attend Notre Dame basketball games at Purcell Pavilion.

Originally called the "Spirit of Giving" program, Notre Dame's community outreach efforts began in earnest during the summer of 2009. Since then, Fighting Irish players, coaches, staff and fans have taken part in hundreds of hours of service projects designed to give back to the South Bend and greater Michiana communities.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team was honored for its community outreach efforts in 2008-09, receiving the Trophy Award (symbolic of the Fighting Irish program with the

most service hours in one academic year) from the Notre Dame athletics department.

Irish Fans Crave Another Big Mac Attack

It's year five of Notre Dame's wildly-successful "Big Mac" promotion, offering fans a coupon for a free Big Mac from South Bend-area McDonald's restaurants if the Fighting Irish score at least 88 points in a home game.

In the five-year history of the promotion (and counting exhibition games), Notre Dame has hit the 88-point mark 28 times, including Thursday's win over Hartford.

It should come as no surprise that in the short history of the promotion, the Notre Dame player with the most "Big Mac" baskets shares the same initials with the tasty burger — fifth-year senior guard **Brittany Mallory**, who has sent the crowd home happy (and presumably with full bellies) five times, including four during the promotion's inaugural run in 2007-08.

And for those tracking such things (or perhaps falling under the heading of "the media relations director has way too much time on his hands"), 17 different players have converted the "burger ball", including six current members of the Fighting Irish roster.

What's more, of the 28 Big Mac games to date, 14 have been reached on two-point baskets, 10 on free throws, and four on three-pointers.

Next Game: USC

For the second time in three seasons, Notre Dame will spend Thanksgiving weekend in the Caribbean, as the Fighting Irish head to Freeport, Bahamas, for the Junkanoo Jam, presented by Basketball Travelers. Notre Dame opens the tournament at 5:45 p.m. (ET) Friday against No. 23/22 USC at St. Georges High School, with No. 8 Duke meeting Gardner-Webb in the other Freeport Division first-round game immediately after the Fighting Irish and Trojans square off.

Notre Dame is 7-2 all-time against USC, but has not faced the Trojans since Nov. 24, 2006, when USC posted a 69-58 victory in Los Angeles.

ND's "Big Mac Baskets"

2011-12

Indiana State Braker FT
Hartford Wright FG

2010-11

*Michigan Tech McBride FG
New Hampshire McBride FG
Morehead State Turner FG
IUPUI Achonwa FT
Wake Forest Solomon FT
Creighton Forr FG
SE Missouri St. Badway 3FG
Seton Hall Mallory FT

2009-10

*Indianapolis Solomon FT
UAPB Bruszewski FT
IPFW Williamson FG
Valparaiso Novosel 3FG
Charlotte Christiansen 3FG
DePaul Bruszewski FT

2008-09

*Gannon Novosel FT
Evansville Solomon FG
Loyola-Chicago Novosel FG
Syracuse Lechlitrner FG

2007-08

*So. Indiana Williamson FG
*Hillsdale Mallory FT
Miami (Ohio) Barlow FG
Boston Coll. Mallory FG
Canisius Mallory 3FG
Valparaiso Mallory FT
Marquette Allen FG
So. Florida Schrader FG

* exhibition game

2011-12 Signees

Notre Dame head women's basketball coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 9 that three of the country's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their academic and athletic careers with the Fighting Irish, each signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2012.

Hannah Huffman, a 5-9 guard from Diablo, Calif. (Carondelet High School), **Jewell Loyd**, a 5-10 guard from Lincolnwood, Ill. (Niles West High School) and **Michaela Mabrey**, a 5-10 guard from Belmar, N.J. (Manasquan High School) all made their official commitments to the Fighting Irish during the early signing period.

All three student-athletes are rated among the top 40 players in the country by various national recruiting services. As a group, this trio currently is ranked No. 3 by multiple recruiting outlets and is a consensus top-10 class by all major services, giving Notre Dame a Top 25 class for the 16th consecutive year, a streak only two other schools in the country (Connecticut and Tennessee) can match.

A capsule look at the newest additions to the Notre Dame women's basketball program follows:

HANNAH HUFFMAN, 5-9, G (Diablo, Calif./Carondelet)

Statistics/Records: Beginning fourth year at Carondelet (combined record of 85-14, .859) ... career per-game statistical averages of 11.8 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.7 steals ... coming off best season to date in 2010-11, helping Carondelet to 29-4 record and No. 20 national ranking by MaxPreps while averaging 16.3 ppg., 6.3 rpg., 3.6 apg., 3.5 spg. and 1.2 bpg. (led team in scoring assists and steals, finished second in rebounds and blocks) ... shot 53-percent from the floor, including 48-percent from three-point line, both of which also were team highs ... averaged 31.0 ppg. in final three games of state tournament, including a game-high 30 points in NorCal Division I championship game vs. Berkeley ... also played for high-powered East Bay Xplosion AAU team.

Awards/Honors: *Sporting News* honorable mention All-American (2011) ... NorCal Preps/Rivals.com Northern California Division I Player of the Year (2011) ... consensus all-state selection in 2011 ... three-time first-team all-state choice in her class ... 2011 first-team all-region pick ... 2011 *San Francisco Chronicle* Contra Costa/Tri-Valley Player of the Year ... 2011 first-team all-metro selection ... ranked 27th by *All-Star Girls Report* ... ranked 52nd by *ESPN Hoopgurlz* ... ranked 63rd by *Blue Star Basketball*.

JEWELL LOYD, 5-10, G (Lincolnwood, Ill./Niles West)

Statistics/Records: Entering fourth year as starter at Niles West (combined record of 71-22, .763) ... career per-game statistical averages of 25.0 points, 11.7 rebounds, 4.7 assists, 4.0 steals and 3.3 steals ... begins senior year with 2,241 career points, and could become just seventh player in Illinois girls' basketball history to score 3,000 points (only the third in 20 years) ... as a junior in 2010-11, averaged 30.1 ppg., 15.0 rpg., 4.5 spg., 4.1 apg. and 3.2 bpg., while registering 24 double-doubles (including one triple-double) and shooting 53-percent from the field ... played AAU ball for Midwest Elite with career per-game statistical averages of 24.0 points, 11.0 rebounds, 5.3 assists, 4.3 steals and 3.0 blocks ... member of 2010 USA Basketball Under-17 World Championship Team that went 8-0 and captured the gold medal in Toulouse, France ... averaged 8.6 points and 4.0 rebounds per game while shooting .460 from the field and .353 from the three-point line.

Awards/Honors: MaxPreps honorable mention All-American (2011) ... ESPN Rise Underclass All-American (2010) ... three-time all-state, all-area and all-conference selection ... ranked No. 3 in Class of 2012 by *Blue Star Basketball*, *All-Star Girls Report* and *Collegiate Girls Basketball Report* ... ranked No. 4 by *ESPN Hoopgurlz*.

MARKISHA WRIGHT, 6-2, F (Des Moines, Iowa/East)

Statistics/Records: Beginning fourth prep season (third at Manasquan) ... career per-game statistical averages in two seasons at Manasquan of 24.8 points, 7.3 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.8 steals ... as a junior in 2010-11, averaged 23.4 ppg., 9.0 rpg., 5.9 apg. and 3.8 spg., while knocking down 42 three-pointers and .883 from the free throw line ... sparked on AAU circuit, playing for New Jersey Demons.

Awards/Honors: 2011 second-team all-state selection ... 2011 all-metro (tri-state) first-team pick ... 2011 *Coast Star Offensive Player of the Year* ... 2010 *Newark Star-Ledger* Sophomore of the Year ... three-time all-region and all-conference choice ... ranked 20th by *Blue Star Basketball* ... ranked 32nd by *ESPN Hoopgurlz* ... ranked 36th by *All-Star Girls Report* ... ranked 76th by *Collegiate Girls Basketball Report*.

Notre Dame Incoming Class of 2012

Hannah Huffman	5-9, G, Diablo, Calif. (Carondelet)
Jewell Loyd	5-10, G, Lincolnwood, Ill. (Niles West)
Michaela Mabrey	5-10, G, Belmar, N.J. (Manasquan)



**2011-12 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results****Overall Record: 3-0 (Home: 3-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0**

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result/Score	Streak	Record	Conf	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 11	2/2		(1) AKRON	W 81-61	W1	1-0		Diggins-21	Peters-8	Diggins-8	8,516
Nov. 13	2/2		(1) INDIANA STATE	W 99-48	W2	2-0		McBride-16	Wright-11	Diggins-7	8,157
Nov. 17	2/2		(1) HARTFORD	W 98-43	W3	3-0		Diggins-22	Peters-8	Diggins-6	8,292
Nov. 20	2/2	1/1	(1) at Baylor ^{CBSSN}	2 p.m.							
Nov. 25			(2) vs. USC	5:45 p.m.							
Nov. 26			(2) vs. Duke/Gardner-Webb	5:45/8 p.m.							
Dec. 2			PENNSYLVANIA	7 p.m.							
Dec. 4			at Creighton	2:35 p.m.							
Dec. 7			• MARQUETTE	7 p.m.							
Dec. 10			at Purdue ^{BTN}	Noon							
Dec. 18			KENTUCKY ^{ESPNU}	1 p.m.							
Dec. 20			CENTRAL FLORIDA	7 p.m.							
Dec. 28			LONGWOOD	2 p.m.							
Dec. 30			at Mercer	7 p.m.							
Jan. 4			• at Seton Hall	7 p.m.							
Jan. 7			• CONNECTICUT ^{CBS}	4 p.m.							
Jan. 10			• at Georgetown ^{CBSSN}	7 p.m.							
Jan. 14			• at Cincinnati	3 p.m.							
Jan. 17			• PITTSBURGH	7 p.m.							
Jan. 21			• VILLANOVA	1 p.m.							
Jan. 23			TENNESSEE ^{ESPN2-BM}	7 p.m.							
Jan. 28			• at St. John's ^{BETV}	Noon							
Jan. 31			• at Rutgers ^{CBSSN}	7 p.m.							
Feb. 5			• DePAUL ^{ESPNU}	1 p.m.							
Feb. 7			• at Syracuse	7 p.m.							
Feb. 12			• WEST VIRGINIA ^{ESPNU}	3:30 p.m.							
Feb. 14			• PROVIDENCE	7 p.m.							
Feb. 20			• at Louisville ^{ESPN-BM}	2 p.m.							
Feb. 25			• SOUTH FLORIDA	2 p.m.							
Feb. 27			• at Connecticut ^{ESPN2-BM}	9 p.m.							

BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn. — XL Center)

March 2	First Round	TBA
March 3	Second Round ^{BETV}	TBA
March 4	Quarterfinals ^{ESPNU}	TBA
March 5	Semifinals ^{ESPNU}	6/8 p.m.
March 6	Final ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	7 p.m.

NCAA Championship — First & Second Rounds (Notre Dame, Ind. — Purcell Pavilion)

March 18	First Round ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
March 20	Second Round ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA

NCAA Regionals (Des Moines Iowa; Fresno, Calif.; Kingston, R.I.; Raleigh, N.C.)

March 24-25	Regional Semifinals ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
March 26-27	Regional Final ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA

NCAA Women's Final Four (Denver, Colo. — Pepsi Center)

April 1	National Semifinals ^{ESPN}	TBA
April 3	National Championship ^{ESPN}	TBA

• = indicates BIG EAST Conference game

NR = national ranking (listed as Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today)

(s) = indicates sellout crowd

(1) = Preseason WNIT (played at campus sites)

(2) = Junkanoo Jam (Freeport, Bahamas - St. Georges High School)

BM = Games to be televised live as part of ESPN's Big Monday package

CBSSN = Games to be televised live on CBS Sports Network (formerly CBS College Sports)

BIG EAST TV = Games to be televised live as part of BIG EAST Network (check local listings)

BTN = Game to be televised live on Big Ten Network

NOTE: All home games not scheduled for commercial TV will be webcast live at www.UND.com

Home games listed in ALL CAPS and played inside Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (capacity 9,149)

All times Eastern // Dates and times subject to change

2011-12 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	24,965	8,322	8,516 (11/11-Akron)
Home:	24,965	8,322	8,516 (11/11-Akron)
Away:			
Neutral:			





2011-12 Statistics

All Games: 3-0 (Home: 3-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 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.
Diggins, Skylar	3-3	76-25.3	22-37	.595	2-6	.333	11-13	.846	3	0	3	1.0	5-0	21	9	2	12	57	19.0
McBride, Kayla	3-3	67-22.3	18-27	.667	3-4	.750	6-8	.750	7	8	15	5.0	4-0	6	6	0	6	45	15.0
Novosel, Natalie	3-3	68-22.7	14-31	.452	3-8	.375	12-16	.750	1	6	7	2.3	3-0	7	8	2	4	43	14.3
Wright, Markisha	3-0	70-23.3	12-25	.480	0-0	.000	8-15	.533	10	10	20	6.7	4-0	4	2	3	1	32	10.7
Peters, Devereaux	3-3	62-20.7	12-24	.500	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	10	10	20	6.7	7-0	9	9	2	13	31	10.3
Mallory, Brittany	3-3	62-20.7	7-11	.636	6-8	.750	2-2	1.000	1	5	6	2.0	3-0	3	7	0	9	22	7.3
Miller, Fraderica	3-0	55-18.3	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	3	7	10	3.3	11-0	7	5	0	14	15	5.0
Turner, Kaila	3-0	63-21.0	4-15	.267	3-9	.333	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	1.3	4-0	8	0	0	2	13	4.3
Holloway, Whitney	3-0	44-14.7	4-10	.400	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	1.0	3-0	3	3	0	6	11	3.7
Braker, Ariel	3-0	33-11.0	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	4	7	11	3.7	2-0	2	2	2	2	9	3.0
Team									6	4	10	3.3				1			
Notre Dame	3	600	101-193	.523	18-40	.450	58-84	.690	48	61	109	36.3	46-0	70	52	11	69	278	92.7
Opponents	3	600	51-135	.378	17-46	.370	19-39	.487	32	59	91	30.3	67-2	35	112	8	27	138	46.0

All Games.....ND Opp

SCORING	278.....	138
Points per game	92.7.....	46.0
Scoring margin	+46.7	
FIELD GOALS-ATT	101-193.....	51-135
Field goal pct.....	.523.....	.378
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	18-40.....	17-46
3-point FG pct.....	.450.....	.370
3-pt FG made per game.....	6.0.....	5.7
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	58-84.....	19-39
Free throw pct.....	.690.....	.487
F-Throws made per game.....	19.3.....	6.3
REBOUNDS.....	109.....	91
Rebounds per game.....	36.3.....	30.3
Rebounding margin	+6.0	
ASSISTS.....	70.....	35
Assists per game.....	23.3.....	11.7
TURNOVERS.....	52.....	112
Turnovers per game.....	17.3.....	37.3
Turnover margin.....	+20.0	
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3.....	0.3
STEALS	69.....	27
Steals per game	23.0.....	9.0
BLOCKS.....	11.....	8
Blocks per game	3.7.....	2.7

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	152	126	278
Opponents	65	73	138

Notre Dame's Largest ...

LEAD
Overall: 67 (99-32 (1:34 - 2nd) vs. Indiana State, 11/13)
BIG EAST:
DEFICIT
Overall: 1 (9-8 (15:44 - 1st) vs. Akron, 11/11)
BIG EAST:
MARGIN OF VICTORY
Overall: 65 (99-34 vs. Indiana State, 11/13)
BIG EAST:
MARGIN OF DEFEAT
Overall:
BIG EAST:
HALFTIME LEAD
Overall: 43 (58-15 vs. Indiana State, 11/13) (<i>school record</i>)
BIG EAST:
HALFTIME DEFICIT
Overall:
BIG EAST:
HOME CROWD
Overall: 8,516 (vs. Akron, 11/11)
BIG EAST:
ROAD CROWD
Overall:
BIG EAST:
NEUTRAL CROWD
Overall:
BIG EAST:

Starting Lineups

Date	Opponent	F	F	G	G	G
N11	AKRON	Peters	McBride (G)	Diggins	Mallory	Novosel
N13	INDIANA STATE	Peters	McBride (G)	Diggins	Mallory	Novosel
N17	HARTFORD	Peters	McBride (G)	Diggins	Mallory	Novosel

Specialty Stats (ND/Opp)

Date	Opponent	Paint	OffTO	2ndCh	FBreak	Bench
N11	AKRON	52/28	50/15	22/14	10/8	20/20
N13	INDIANA STATE	52/8	51/2	18/3	22/0	37/6
N17	HARTFORD	44/12	41/9	12/12	6/2	23/15



2011-12 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Holloway	Diggins	Cable	Achonwa	Miller	Peters	Turner	Novosel	Mallory	McBride	Wright	Braker
(1) AKRON	0-0-2	21-2-8	DNP	DNP	4-1-2	10-8-4	2-1-2	13-3-1	2-2-2	15-7-1	12-7-2	2-2-0
(1) INDIANA STATE	5-1-0	14-1-7	DNP	DNP	10-6-3	14-4-3	5-0-2	10-2-6	8-1-0	16-1-2	14-11-2	3-5-0
(1) HARTFORD	6-2-1	22-0-6	DNP	DNP	1-3-2	7-8-2	6-3-4	20-2-0	12-3-1	14-7-3	6-2-0	4-4-2
(1) at Baylor												
(2) vs. USC												
(2) vs. Duke/Gardner-Webb												
PENNSYLVANIA												
at Creighton												
• MARQUETTE												
at Purdue												
KENTUCKY												
CENTRAL FLORIDA												
LONGWOOD												
at Mercer												
• at Seton Hall												
• CONNECTICUT												
• at Georgetown												
• at Cincinnati												
• PITTSBURGH												
• VILLANOVA												
TENNESSEE												
• at St. John's												
• at Rutgers												
• DePAUL												
• at Syracuse												
• WEST VIRGINIA												
• PROVIDENCE												
• at Louisville												
• SOUTH FLORIDA												
• at Connecticut												
<i>Games started in boldface // home games in ALL CAPS // * = BIG EAST game</i>												
<i>1 = Preseason WNIT (campus sites) // 2 = Junkanoo Jam (Freeport, Bahamas)</i>												





2011-12 Single Game Highs & Lows

Team Superlatives

NOTRE DAME HIGH	NOTRE DAME LOW	CATEGORY	OPPONENT HIGH	OPPONENT LOW
99 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	81 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	Points/Game	61 by Akron (11/11/11)	34 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
58 (1st) vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	37 (2nd) vs. Akron (11/11/11)	Points/Half	31 (2nd) by Akron (11/11/11)	15 (1st) by Indiana State (11/13/11)
36 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	32 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	Field Goals Made	23 by Akron (11/11/11)	11 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
74 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	57 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	Field Goal Attempts	56 by Akron (11/11/11)	36 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
.581 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	.446 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	FG Percentage	.411 by Akron (11/11/11)	.306 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
8, twice (MR: vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	2 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	3-Point FG Made	8 by Akron (11/11/11)	4 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
14, twice (MR: vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	12 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	3-Point FG Attempts	23 by Akron (11/11/11)	13 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
.571, twice (MR: vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	.167 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	3-Point FG Percentage	.500 by Hartford (11/17/11)	.308 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
26 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	13 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	Free Throws Made	8 by Indiana State (11/13/11)	4 by Hartford (11/17/11)
35 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	21 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	Free Throw Attempts	18 by Hartford (11/17/11)	10 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
.743 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	.619 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	FT Percentage	.800 by Indiana State (11/13/11)	.222 by Hartford (11/17/11)
38 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	34 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	Rebounds	44 by Akron (11/11/11)	23 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
25 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	21 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	Assists	16 by Akron (11/11/11)	9 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
29 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	15 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	Steals	14 by Akron (11/11/11)	4 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
4, twice (MR: vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	3 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	Blocked Shots	3, twice (MR: by Hartford, 11/17/11)	2 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
27 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	11 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	Turnovers	46 by Akron (11/11/11)	30 by Hartford (11/17/11)
18 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	13 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	Fouls	25 by Hartford (11/17/11)	20 by Akron (11/11/11)

Individual Superlatives

	NOTRE DAME	OPPONENT
Points Scored	22 by Skylar Diggins vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	13, twice (MR: by Anna Munn of Indiana State, 11/13/11)
Field Goals Made	9 by Skylar Diggins vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	5, twice (MR: by Anna Munn of Indiana State, 11/13/11)
Field Goal Attempts	14, three times (MR: by Skylar Diggins vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	13 by Anna Munn of Indiana State (11/13/11)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	.857 (6-7), twice (MR: by Natalie Novosel vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	.500 (5-10) by Rachel Tecca of Akron (11/11/11)
3-Point Field Goals Made	4 by Brittany Mallory vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	3 by Anna Munn of Indiana State (11/13/11)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	4, twice (by Brittany Mallory/Kaila Turner vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	7 by Taylor Ruper of Akron (11/11/11)
3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)	1.000 (4-4) by Brittany Mallory vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	.500 (3-6) by Anna Munn of Indiana State (11/13/11)
Free Throws Made	6, twice (MR: by Natalie Novosel vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	3, three times (MR: Thomas/Zurek of Indiana State, 11/13/11)
Free Throw Attempts	8, twice (MR: by Devereaux Peters vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	6 by Ruthanne Doherty of Hartford (11/17/11)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)	1.000 (6-6) by Natalie Novosel vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	1.000 (3-3) by Rachel Tecca of Akron (11/11/11)
Rebounds	11 by Markisha Wright vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	8 by Rachel Tecca of Akron (11/11/11)
Assists	8 by Skylar Diggins vs. Akron (11/11/11)	4, twice (MR: Natasha Zurek of Indiana State, 11/13/11)
Steals	7 by Fraderica Miller vs. Akron (11/11/11)	5 by Ruthanne Doherty of Hartford (11/17/11)
Blocked Shots	2, four times (MR: by Natalie Novosel vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	2, twice (MR: by Taylor Clark of Hartford, 11/17/11)
Turnovers	7 by Devereaux Peters vs. Akron (11/11/11)	9 by Natasha Zurek of Indiana State (11/13/11)
Minutes Played	33 by Skylar Diggins vs. Akron (11/11/11)	32, twice (MR: Brittany Schoen of Indiana State, 11/13/11)



**2011-12 Game-By-Game Team Statistics**

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs.		PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	1-2	Tot
				FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.			Off-Def-Tot								
N11	NOTRE DAME AKRON	h1W	81-61	33-74 23-56	.446 .411	2-12 8-23	.167 .348	13-21 7-11	.619 .636	19-19-38 17-27-44	18-0 20-1	24 16	27 46	3 3	29 14	44-37 30-31	81 61	
N13	NOTRE DAME INDIANA STATE	h1W	99-34	36-62 11-36	.581 .306	8-14 4-13	.571 .308	19-28 8-10	.679 .800	15-19-34 6-17-23	13-0 22-0	25 9	11 36	4 2	25 4	58-41 15-19	99 34	
N17	NOTRE DAME HARTFORD	h1W	98-43	32-57 17-43	.561 .395	8-14 5-10	.571 .500	26-35 4-18	.743 .222	14-23-37 9-15-24	15-0 25-1	21 10	14 30	4 3	15 9	50-48 20-23	98 43	
N20	NOTRE DAME at #1/1 Baylor																	
N25	NOTRE DAME vs. USC																	
N26	NOTRE DAME TBA																	
D2	NOTRE DAME PENNSYLVANIA																	
D4	NOTRE DAME at Creighton																	
D7	• NOTRE DAME MARQUETTE																	
D10	NOTRE DAME at Purdue																	
D18	NOTRE DAME KENTUCKY																	
D20	NOTRE DAME CENTRAL FLORIDA																	
D28	NOTRE DAME LONGWOOD																	
D30	NOTRE DAME at Mercer																	
J4	• NOTRE DAME at Seton Hall																	
J7	• NOTRE DAME CONNECTICUT																	
J10	• NOTRE DAME at Georgetown																	
J14	• NOTRE DAME at Cincinnati																	
J17	• NOTRE DAME PITTSBURGH																	
J21	• NOTRE DAME VILLANOVA																	
J23	NOTRE DAME TENNESSEE																	
J28	• NOTRE DAME at St. John's																	
J31	• NOTRE DAME at Rutgers																	
F5	• NOTRE DAME DePAUL																	
F7	• NOTRE DAME at Syracuse																	
F12	• NOTRE DAME WEST VIRGINIA																	
F14	• NOTRE DAME PROVIDENCE																	
F20	• NOTRE DAME at Louisville																	
F25	• NOTRE DAME SOUTH FLORIDA																	
F27	• NOTRE DAME at Connecticut																	

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Miscellaneous Notre Dame Statistics

LEADING SCORER

Skylar Diggins	2 (29)
Kayla McBride	1 (4)
Natalie Novosel	0 (15)
Devereaux Peters	0 (13)
Brittany Mallory	0 (4)
Natalie Achonwa	0 (1)

LEADING REBOUNDER

Devereaux Peters	2 (37)
Markisha Wright	1
Natalie Achonwa	0 (7)
Skylar Diggins	0 (4)
Natalie Novosel	0 (2)
Ariel Braker	0 (1)
Kayla McBride	0 (1)
Fraderica Miller	0 (1)

LEADER IN ASSISTS

Skylar Diggins	3 (40)
Brittany Mallory	0 (11)
Natalie Novosel	0 (11)
Devereaux Peters	0 (2)
Natalie Achonwa	0 (1)
Kayla McBride	0 (1)
Kaila Turner	0 (1)

GAMES STARTED

Skylar Diggins	3 (71)
Brittany Mallory	3 (43)
Kayla McBride	3 (7)
Natalie Novosel	3 (46)
Devereaux Peters	3 (45)

CHARGES TAKEN

Opponents	3
Notre Dame	2

Brittany Mallory	1 (12)
Natalie Novosel	1 (6)
Skylar Diggins	0 (6)
Devereaux Peters	0 (4)
Natalie Achonwa	0 (3)
Kaila Turner	0 (1)

20-29-POINT SCORING GAMES

Opponents	0
Notre Dame	3

Skylar Diggins	2 (19)
Natalie Novosel	1 (8)
Devereaux Peters	0 (4)
Brittany Mallory	0 (2)
Kayla McBride	0 (1)

30-POINT SCORING GAMES

Opponents	0
Notre Dame	0

TECHNICAL FOULS

Opponents	0
Notre Dame	0

FOUR-POINT PLAYS

Opponents	0
Notre Dame	0

THREE-POINT PLAYS

Opponents	2
Notre Dame	5

Skylar Diggins	4
Kayla McBride	1

ND'S FIRST SUBSTITUTION

Markisha Wright	3
Kaila Turner	1

BENCH POINTS

Opponents	41 (13.7 ppg.)
Notre Dame	80 (26.7 ppg.)

SHOT CLOCK VIOLATIONS

Opponents	0
Notre Dame	4

JUMP BALLS CONTROLLED

Opponents	0
Notre Dame	3

Devereaux Peters	3/3 (1.000)
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FIRST SCORE

Opponents	0
Notre Dame	3

Skylar Diggins	1
Brittany Mallory	1
Kayla McBride	1

RUNS OF 10-0 OR BETTER

Opponents	0
Notre Dame	5

LARGEST HALFTIME LEAD

43, 58-15 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11) (school record)

LARGEST HALFTIME DEFICIT

None

LARGEST LEAD

67, 99-32 (1:34 - 2nd) vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)

LARGEST DEFICIT

1, 9-8 (15:44 - 1st) vs. Akron (11/11/11)

LARGEST WIN

65, 99-34 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)

LARGEST DEFEAT

None

MOST CONSECUTIVE PTS

23 (5:54 - 1st to 16:20 - 2nd) vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)

MOST CONSECUTIVE OPP PTS

7, twice (MR: 14:10 - 2nd to 12:58 - 2nd by Hartford, 11/17/11)

LONGEST WINNING STREAK

3 (11/11 - present)

LONGEST LOSING STREAK

None

LARGEST HOME CROWD

8,516 vs. Akron (11/11/11)

LARGEST ROAD CROWD

None

LARGEST NEUTRAL CROWD

None

NOTE: totals may not add up to games played due to ties ... figures in parentheses by player totals are career totals (charges taken first tracked in '08-09)

Double-Figure Points

	2011-12	Career
Natalie Achonwa	0	13
Ariel Braker	0	1
Skylar Diggins	3	59
Brittany Mallory	1	26
Kayla McBride	3	10
Fraderica Miller	1	2
Natalie Novosel	3	50
Devereaux Peters	2	47
Kaila Turner	0	2
Markisha Wright	2	2

Double-Figure Rebounds/Assists

	2011-12	Career
Natalie Achonwa	0	2
Skylar Diggins	0	2/1*
Brittany Mallory	0	1*
Fraderica Miller	0	1
Devereaux Peters	0	13
Markisha Wright	2	2

* - assists

5-5-5 Games (aka "Stat Sheet Stuffers")

	2011-12	Career
Skylar Diggins	1	18
Brittany Mallory	0	5
Natalie Novosel	0	3
Devereaux Peters	0	6
Kaila Turner	0	1

NOTE: At least 5 in three of five statistical categories (points, rebounds, assists, steals or blocks)

Double-Doubles

	2011-12	Career
Natalie Achonwa	0	1
Skylar Diggins	0	2
Brittany Mallory	0	1
Devereaux Peters	0	11
Markisha Wright	1	1

14 pts., 11 rebs. vs. Indiana State, 11/13

Clutch Free Throws (final 5 min. + OT)

	FT-FTA	Pct.
Kayla McBride	2-2	1.000
Fraderica Miller	2-2	1.000
Ariel Braker	3-6	.500
Markisha Wright	2-6	.333
'11-12 Team Totals	9-16	.563



The Last Time Notre Dame...

SCORING

Player scored 25 points: Skylar Diggins (28) vs. Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Player scored 30 points: Skylar Diggins (31) vs. Vermont, 3/23/10
Player scored 35 points: Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma, 3/25/08 (@ West Lafayette, Ind.)
Player scored 40 points: Ruth Riley (41) at Providence, 1/30/99
Two players scored 20 points: Skylar Diggins (22) and Natalie Novosel (20) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11
Three players scored 20 points: Danielle Green (28), Sheila McMillen (26), Ruth Riley (23) vs. West Virginia, 1/7/99
Two players scored 25 points: Alicia Ratay (26) and Ruth Riley (26) at Rutgers, 2/19/00
Player scored 25 points/3 consecutive games: Charel Allen (25 vs. DePaul, 2/11/07; 25 at Villanova, 2/13/07; 26 at Providence, 2/17/07)
None in double figures: at Seton Hall, 2/8/04
One in double figures: Skylar Diggins (10) at Connecticut, 3/8/10
Six in double figures: Kayla McBride (16), Skylar Diggins (14), Devereaux Peters (14), Markisha Wright (14), Fraderica Miller (10) and Natalie Novosel (10) vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11
Seven in double figures: see eight in double figures
Eight in double figures: Becca Bruszewski (19), Ashley Barlow (15), Skylar Diggins (14), Fraderica Miller (11), Lindsay Schrader (11), Brittany Mallory (10) and Natalie Novosel (10) vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 11/15/09
ND scored 50 points/half: 50 (1st half) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11
ND scored 55 points/half: 58 (1st half) vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11
ND scored 60 points/half: 61 (1st half) vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
ND scored 100 points/game: 102 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 11/15/09
ND scored 100 points/home game: see 100 points/game
ND scored 100 points/BIG EAST game: 104 at Georgetown, 1/19/08
ND scored fewer than 15 points/half: 11 (1st half) at West Virginia, 1/13/08
ND scored fewer than 20 points/half: 19 (1st half) at Connecticut, 1/16/10
ND scored fewer than 50 points/game: 44 at Connecticut, 3/8/10

FIELD GOAL SHOOTING

Player made every shot from the field (min. 7): Crystal Erwin (9-9) vs. Washington, 12/11/04
ND shot 55 percent/game: 56.1 (32-57) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11
ND shot 55 percent/consecutive games: 58.1 (36-62) vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11; and 56.1 (32-57) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11
ND shot 60 percent/game: 64.0 (32-50) vs. Seton Hall, 2/8/11
ND shot 65 percent/game: 68.0 (34-50) vs. Boston College, 2/12/97
ND shot 70 percent/game: 70.2 (40-57) vs. Xavier, 2/9/85
ND shot below 25 percent/game: 24.5 (13-53) at West Virginia, 1/13/08
ND shot below 30 percent/game: 26.9 (18-67) at Connecticut, 1/16/10
ND shot below 35 percent/game: 33.8 (24-71) at Connecticut, 3/8/11
ND shot below 35 percent/game and won: 33.8 (22-65) at Michigan State, 11/19/09
ND shot 55 percent/half: see 60 percent/half
ND shot 60 percent/half: 62.1 (18-29), 1st half vs. Hartford, 11/17/11
ND shot 65 percent/half: 65.2 (15-23), 1st half at West Virginia, 2/22/11
ND shot 70 percent/half: 71.0 (22-31), 2nd half at Boston College, 11/23/08
ND shot 55 percent/both halves: 66.7 (16-24) and 61.5 (16-26) vs. Seton Hall, 2/8/11
ND shot below 25 percent/half: 23.1 (6-26), 2nd half at Villanova, 1/29/11
ND shot below 30 percent/half: see below 25 percent/half

THREE-POINT SHOOTING

Player made 4 three-pointers/half: Brittany Mallory (1st half) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11
Player made 5 three-pointers/half: Kellie Watson (1st half) vs. Michigan State, 11/29/08
Player made 5 three-pointers: see made 6 three-pointers
Player made 6 three-pointers: Brittany Mallory vs. Oklahoma, 3/26/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)
Player made 7 three-pointers: Alicia Ratay at Providence, 2/16/03
Player made 8 three-pointers: Sheila McMillen vs. St. John's, 2/28/98 (@ Piscataway, N.J.)
Player attempted 10 three-pointers: Brittany Mallory vs. Oklahoma, 3/26/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)
ND made 10 three-pointers: 10 at Syracuse, 1/30/10
ND did not make a three-pointer: at Villanova, 1/29/11
ND attempted 20 three-pointers: 20 vs. Marquette, 2/23/10
ND shot 60 percent 3FG (min. 5 att.): 60.0 (3-5) vs. Seton Hall, 2/8/11

FREE THROW SHOOTING

Player made 10 for 10 or better: 12-12 by Charel Allen vs. Oklahoma, 3/25/08 (@ West Lafayette, Ind.)
ND shot 90 percent (min. 10 att.): 91.7 (11-12) vs. Evansville, 11/19/08
ND shot below 50 percent (min. 10 att.): 33.3 (4-12) vs. Cincinnati, 1/31/09
ND made 30 free throws: 37 (attempted 43) vs. Wake Forest, 11/27/10
ND made fewer than five FTs: 2 (attempted 2) vs. Connecticut, 3/8/10 (@ Hartford, Conn.)
ND attempted 40 free throws: 41 (made 28) at South Florida, 2/5/11
ND attempted fewer than 5 FTs: 2 (made 2) vs. Connecticut, 3/8/10 (@ Hartford, Conn.)

REBOUNDS

Player had 15 rebounds: Lindsay Schrader (15) vs. Cincinnati, 1/31/09
Player had 20 rebounds: Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul, 1/20/88
Two players had double-figure rebounds: Skylar Diggins (11) and Devereaux Peters (10) vs. Gonzaga, 12/29/10 (@ Seattle, Wash.)
Three players had double-figure rebounds: Katryna Gaither (14), Beth Morgan (11) and Carey Poor (10) at Michigan State, 12/21/95
ND had 60 rebounds: 66 vs. Southeast Missouri State, 1/2/11
ND had 20 offensive rebounds: 21 at Connecticut, 3/8/11
ND had 25 offensive rebounds: 25 at Kentucky, 11/21/10

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Points & rebounds: Markisha Wright (14/11) vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11
Points & rebounds/consecutive games: Devereaux Peters (17/12) vs. Temple, 3/21/11 (@ Salt Lake City, Utah); (17/13) vs. Oklahoma, 3/26/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)
Points & rebounds/3 consecutive games: Jacqueline Batteast (17/11) vs. Missouri State, 3/21/04; (27/12) vs. Middle Tennessee, 3/23/04; (22/12) vs. Penn State, 3/27/04 (@ Hartford, Conn.)
Points & rebounds/4 consecutive games: Jacqueline Batteast (14/11) vs. Virginia Tech, 1/10/04; (23/11) vs. Connecticut, 1/13/04; (22/10) at West Virginia, 1/17/04; (12/10) at Syracuse, 1/21/04
Points & rebounds/5 consecutive games: Jacqueline Batteast (20/10) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01; (11/12) vs. Marquette, 12/22/01; (23/10) at Rice, 12/28/01; (25/14) vs. DePaul, 12/31/01; (12/13) at Miami (Fla.), 1/2/02
Points & assists: Brittany Mallory (10/10) vs. Rutgers, 2/12/11
Points & assists/consecutive games: Niele Ivey (12/10) at Valparaiso, 11/17/00; (14/11) vs. Arizona, 11/20/00
Two players had double-doubles: Skylar Diggins (19p/11r) and Devereaux Peters (10p/10r) vs. Gonzaga, 12/29/10 (@ Seattle, Wash.)
Three players had double-doubles: Crystal Erwin (14p/10r), Megan Duffy (14p/10a) and Jacqueline Batteast (10p/10r) vs. St. John's, 1/26/05
15 points and 15 rebounds: Lindsay Schrader (19/15) vs. Cincinnati, 1/31/09
20 points and 10 rebounds: Devereaux Peters (21/11) vs. Texas A&M, 4/5/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
20 points and 20 rebounds: Heidi Bunek (25/20) at DePaul, 1/20/88

TRIPLE-DOUBLES (only two in school history)

Points, rebounds, assists: Sara Liebscher (17p/12r/10a) vs. Detroit, 2/15/90
Points, assists, steals: Mary Gavin (11p/14a/10s) vs. Marquette, 1/31/87

ASSISTS

Player had 10 assists: Skylar Diggins (12) vs. Oklahoma, 3/26/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)
Player had 10 assists/consecutive games: Megan Duffy (11 vs. Rutgers, 1/23/05; 10 vs. St. John's, 1/26/05)
Player had 15 assists: Mary Gavin (17) at Marquette, 2/28/87
ND had 30 assists: 31 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 11/15/09
ND had fewer than 10 assists: 7 vs. DePaul, 3/7/11 (@ Hartford, Conn.)
ND had fewer than 5 assists: 3 vs. Villanova, 3/8/09 (@ Hartford, Conn.)

BLOCKED SHOTS

Player blocked 5 shots: see blocked 6 shots
Player blocked 6 shots: Devereaux Peters vs. Louisville, 3/6/11 (@ Hartford, Conn.)
Player blocked 10 shots: Amanda Barksdale (11) vs. Boston College, 2/10/02
ND blocked 10 shots: 10 at St. John's, 2/16/10
ND blocked 15 shots: 16 vs. Boston College, 2/10/02
ND blocked 0 shots: vs. Villanova, 1/9/10

STEALS

Player had 7 steals: Fraderica Miller vs. Akron, 11/11/11
Player had 8 steals: Ashley Barlow vs. Cincinnati, 1/31/09
ND had 20 steals: 25 vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11

TURNOVERS

ND committed 25 or more: 27 vs. Akron, 11/11/11
ND committed 25 or more and won: see 25 or more
ND committed 30 or more: 30 at West Virginia, 2/22/11
ND committed 10 or fewer: 10 at Utah, 3/19/11
ND committed 10 or fewer/consecutive games: 10 at Providence, 12/8/10; 10 vs. Creighton, 12/11/10
ND committed 5 or fewer: 3 at Maryland, 11/16/07

MISCELLANEOUS

Led ND in points/rebounds/assists: Skylar Diggins (23p/10r/6a) vs. Pittsburgh, 2/6/10
Hit "final minute" game-winning shot: Ashley Barlow (3FG/0:34.2 2nd) at Syracuse, 1/30/10
Four-point play: Ashley Barlow (0:08.4, 1st half) at Syracuse, 1/30/10
Made shot from midcourt or beyond: Breona Gray (48 feet at 0:00, 1st half) at Seton Hall, 1/2/07
Played every minute: Melissa Lechlitter (40) vs. St. John's, 1/17/09
Played more than 40 minutes: Skylar Diggins (47) & Becca Bruszewski (44) vs. UCLA, 11/18/10
ND rallied from 10-point deficit to win: trailed vs. Vermont, 10-20 (11:37 - 1st); won 84-66, 3/23/10
ND rallied from 15-point deficit to win: trailed at Vanderbilt, 28-46 (15:56 - 2nd); won 59-57, 12/30/08
ND scored 20 straight points: 23-0 run vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11
ND scored 25 straight points: 36-0 run vs. Southeast Missouri State, 1/2/11

OVERTIME

ND played an OT game: see played two overtimes
ND played two overtimes: vs. UCLA (L, 86-83), 11/18/10
ND won an OT game: vs. Oklahoma (79-75), 3/25/08 (@ West Lafayette, Ind.)
ND won an OT game at home: vs. Bowling Green (85-81), 11/13/06
ND won an OT game on the road: at Bowling Green (86-84), 12/5/07
ND lost an OT game: see played two overtimes

RANKINGS

Played the No. 1 team in the AP poll: defeated Connecticut (72-63), 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Played the No. 1 team in the ESPN/USA Today/WBCA poll: see played No. 1 team in AP poll
Defeated top-10 opponent: vs. #1/1 Connecticut (72-63), 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Defeated top-10 opponent at home: vs. #6/7 Rutgers (63-47), 1/23/05
Defeated top-10 opponent on the road: at #9/10 Connecticut (65-59), 1/30/05
Defeated top-10 opponent by double digits: vs. #4/4 Tennessee (73-59), 3/28/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)





The Last Time An Opponent...

SCORING

Player scored 25 points: see 30 points
Player scored 30 points: Danielle Adams (30), Texas A&M, 4/5/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Player scored 35 points: Maya Moore (36), Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Two players scored 20 points: Stefanie Dolson (24) and Maya Moore (22), at Connecticut, 3/8/11
Three players scored 20 points: Angela Simpson (37), Bridgette Williams (24) and Stephanie Shaw (22), Northwestern State, 3/24/95 (@ Amarillo, Texas)
Two players scored 25 points: Jene Morris (32) and Quenese Davis (25), San Diego State, 11/26/09 (@ St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)
None in double figures: Hartford, 11/17/11 (Daphne Elliott - 9 pts)
One in double figures: Anna Munn (13), Indiana State, 11/13/11
Five in double figures: Brittney Griner (21), Brooklyn Pope (20), Kimetria Hayden (14), Odyssey Sims (11) and Melissa Jones (10) at Baylor, 12/1/10
Six in double figures: Jannon Roland (21), Danielle McCulley (14), Jennifer Jacoby (12), Stacey Lovelace (12), Nicole Erickson (11) and Shannon Lindsey (11), Purdue, 11/30/94
Scored 50 points/half: 50 (2nd half), San Diego State, 11/26/09 (@ St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)
Scored 55 points/half: see 60 points/half
Scored 60 points/half: 63 (2nd half), Northwestern State, 3/24/95 (@ Amarillo, Texas)
Scored 100 points/game: 106, Connecticut, 12/8/98
Scored 100 points/non-conference game: 103, Northwestern State, 3/24/95 (@ Amarillo, Texas)
Scored fewer than 15 points/half: 6 (1st half), Southeast Missouri State, 1/2/11
Scored fewer than 20 points/half: 19 (2nd half), Indiana State, 11/13/11
Scored fewer than 40 points/game: 34, Indiana State, 11/13/11

FIELD GOAL SHOOTING

Shot 50 percent/game: 54.7 (29-53), Texas A&M, 4/5/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Shot 55 percent/game: 55.6 (30-54), Connecticut, 3/1/10
Shot 60 percent/game: 60.0 (30-50), DePaul, 1/22/08
Shot below 25 percent/game: 24.6 (14-57), Seton Hall, 2/8/11
Shot below 30 percent/game: see below 25 percent/game
Shot 50 percent/half: see 65 percent/half
Shot 55 percent/half: see 65 percent/half
Shot 60 percent/half: see 65 percent/half
Shot 65 percent/half: 68.2 (15-22), 2nd half by Texas A&M, 4/5/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Shot 70 percent/half: 70.0 (14-20), 2nd half by New Hampshire, 11/12/10
Shot 50 percent/both halves: 53.3 (16-30) and 56.5 (13-23) at Connecticut, 2/19/11
Shot below 20 percent/half: 15.4 (4-26), 2nd half by Seton Hall, 2/8/11
Shot below 25 percent/half: see below 20 percent/half
Shot below 30 percent/half: 26.3 (5-19), 1st half by Indiana State, 11/13/11
Shot below 30 percent/both halves: 26.9 (7-26) and 24.0 (6-25), Syracuse, 2/1/11

THREE-POINT SHOOTING

Player made 5 three-pointers: Maya Moore, Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Player made 6 three-pointers: Anne Boese, IPFW, 12/8/09
Player made 7 three-pointers: Angie Bjorklund, Tennessee, 1/5/08
Player attempted 10 three-pointers: Maya Moore (13), Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Made 10 three-pointers: 11 by IPFW, 12/8/09
Did not make a three-pointer: 0 at LSU, 11/16/08
Shot 50 percent 3FG (min. 5 att.): 50.0 (5-10) by Hartford, 11/17/11
Shot 60 percent 3FG (min. 5 att.): 61.5 (8-13) by Temple, 3/21/11 (@ Salt Lake City, Utah)

FREE THROW SHOOTING

Player made 10 free throws: Kelly Faris (10), Connecticut, 1/8/11
Player made 15 free throws: Nok Duany (15) at Georgetown, 2/23/02
Player attempted 15 free throws: Candace Parker (17), Tennessee, 3/30/08 (@ Oklahoma City, Okla.)
Player made 10 for 10 or better: Kelly Faris (10-10), Connecticut, 1/8/11
Shot 90 percent (min. 10 att.): 96.3 (26-27), Connecticut, 1/8/11
Shot below 50 percent (min. 10 att.): 22.2 (4-18), Hartford, 11/17/11
Made 30 free throws: 32 (attempted 37) by Illinois, 11/24/98
Made fewer than five FTs: 4 (attempted 18), Hartford, 11/17/11
Attempted 40 free throws: 45 (made 28) at South Florida, 1/13/07
Attempted fewer than 5 FTs: 2 (made 1), Southeast Missouri State, 1/2/11

REBOUNDS

Player had 15 rebounds: Michelle Harrison (16) at Utah, 3/19/11
Player had 20 rebounds: Wendy Scholtens (20) at Vanderbilt, 1/8/89
Two players had double-figure rebounds: Abi Olajuwon (14) and Amanda Thompson (11), Oklahoma, 3/28/10 (@ Kansas City, Mo.)
Three players had double-figure rebounds: Aurora Adams (16), Brenda McCunn (11) and Paula Langseth (10), Hawaii, 3/22/81 (@ Anchorage, Alaska)
Had 50 rebounds: 56 by Pittsburgh, 2/10/08
Out-rebounded ND by 10 or more: 12 by Tennessee, 3/28/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio) (UT 46, ND 34)

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Points & rebounds: Glory Johnson (12/14), Tennessee, 3/28/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)
Points & assists: Liad Suez-Karni (14/10), Villanova, 2/7/06
Two players had double-doubles: Abi Olajuwon (20/14) and Amanda Thompson (13/11), Oklahoma, 3/28/10 (@ Kansas City, Mo.)
Three players had double-doubles: Mary Raese (24p/10r), Mary Westerwelle (11p/10r) and Netra McGrew (10p/10a), Idaho, 3/21/86 (@ Amarillo, Texas)

15 points and 15 rebounds: Tina Charles (16/17), Connecticut, 3/8/10 (@ Hartford, Conn.)
20 points and 10 rebounds: Brooklyn Pope (20/14) at Baylor, 12/1/10
20 points and 20 rebounds: Wendy Scholtens (29/20) at Vanderbilt, 1/8/89

TRIPLE-DOUBLES

Points, rebounds, assists: Liad Suez-Karni (14p/10r/10a), Villanova, 2/7/06
Points, rebounds, steals: Diana Vines (23p/11r/12s) at DePaul, 1/24/89

ASSISTS

Player had 10 assists: Ketia Swanier (11), Connecticut, 1/27/08
Player had 15 assists: Veronica Pettry (16) at Loyola-Chicago, 2/18/89
Had 25 assists: 27, Connecticut, 3/2/99 (@ Piscataway, N.J.)
Had 30 assists: 30 at Loyola-Chicago, 2/18/89
Had fewer than 10 assists: 9, Indiana State, 11/13/11

BLOCKED SHOTS

Player blocked 5 shots: Courtney Paris (5), Oklahoma, 3/25/08 (@ West Lafayette, Ind.)
Blocked 10 shots: see blocked 15 shots
Blocked 15 shots: 16 at Connecticut, 1/27/07
Blocked 0 shots: Tennessee, 3/28/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)

STEALS

Player had 5 steals: Ruthanne Doherty, Hartford, 11/17/11
Player had 7 steals: Courtney Pilypaitis, Vermont, 3/23/10
Player had 10 steals: Katie Smrcka-Duffy, Georgetown, 1/29/00
Had 15 steals: 15, Louisville, 3/6/11 (@ Hartford, Conn.)
Had 20 steals: 24, Georgetown, 1/29/00

TURNOVERS

Player committed 10 turnovers: Kerah Nelson (11), IUPUI, 11/26/10
Committed 20 turnovers or more and won: 24 at DePaul, 2/26/11
Committed 25 turnovers or more: see 30 turnovers or more
Committed 30 turnovers or more: 30, Hartford, 11/17/11
Committed 35 turnovers or more: 36, Indiana State, 11/13/11
Committed 40 turnovers or more: 46, Akron, 11/11/11
Committed 5 turnovers or fewer: 5 at Villanova, 1/25/03
Committed 10 turnovers or fewer: 10, Georgetown, 2/20/10

MISCELLANEOUS

Led team in points/rebounds/assists: Mi-Khida Hankins (16p/8r/3a) at Providence, 12/8/10
Hit "final minute" game-winning shot: Felicia Chester (layup/0:05.9) at DePaul, 2/26/11
Played every minute: Bria Hartley (40), Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.)
Played more than 40 minutes: Danielle Robinson & Nyeshia Stevenson (45), Oklahoma, 3/28/10 (@ Kansas City, Mo.)
Rallied from 10-point deficit to win: Villanova, 3/8/09 (ND led 15-5 with 9:18 left in 1st half, UV won 58-47) (@ Hartford, Conn.)
Led ND by 10 or more at halftime: 14 at Baylor (38-24), 12/1/10
Led ND by 15 or more at halftime: 23 at Connecticut (42-19), 1/16/10
Led ND by 25 or more points: 30 by Connecticut (71-41 at 2:58 of 2nd half), 3/1/10

SCORING MARGINS — The Last Time...

ND won by 30-plus points: see 50
ND won by 30-plus points at home: see 50
ND won by 30-plus points on the road: 32 — ND 82, at Pittsburgh 50, 1/15/11
ND won by 40-plus points: see 50
ND won by 50-plus points: 55 — at ND 98, Hartford 43, 11/17/11
ND won by 60-plus points: 65 — at ND 99, Indiana State 34, 11/13/11
ND won by 70-plus points: 76 — at ND 97, Southeast Missouri State 21, 1/2/11

ND lost by 10-19 points: 11 — at Baylor 76, ND 65, 12/1/10
ND lost by 10-19 points at home: 10 — Rutgers 78, at ND 68, 1/27/09
ND lost by 10-19 points on the road: see 10-19
ND lost by 20-29 points: 21 — at Connecticut 78, ND 57, 2/19/11
ND lost by 20-29 points at home: 25 — Connecticut 76, at ND 51, 3/1/10
ND lost by 20-29 points on the road: see 20-29
ND lost by 30-plus points: 39 — at Tennessee 89, ND 50, 3/17/02





2011-12 Box Scores

GAME 1 #2 Notre Dame 81, Akron 61 Preseason WNIT - First Round November 11, 2011 Purcell Pavilion (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Table with 10 columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Tecca, Young, Cassell, Lubbergh, Ruper, Williams, Stubbs, Mushington, King, Team, and Totals.

Table with 10 columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Peters, Diggins, Novosel, Mallory, McBride, Holloway, Miller, Turner, Wright, Braker, Team, and Totals.

Akron 30 31 - 61
Notre Dame 44 37 - 81

FG Pct: Akron 41.1, Notre Dame 44.6. 3-PT FG Pct: Akron 34.8, Notre Dame 16.7. FT Pct: Akron 63.6, Notre Dame 61.9. Turnovers: Akron 46, Notre Dame 27. Blocked Shots: Akron 3 (Tecca 2), Notre Dame 3 (Diggins 2). Steals: Akron 14 (Tecca, Cassell, Stubbs 3), Notre Dame 29 (Miller 7). Attendance: 8,516.

NOTES: Notre Dame improves to 27-8 (.771) all-time in season openers, including a 22-3 (.880) record in the 25-year Muffet McGraw era ... the Fighting Irish have won 17 consecutive season openers, matching up exactly with their membership in the BIG EAST Conference ... the Fighting Irish move to 74-16 (.822) all-time against schools from the state of Ohio, including a 38-7 (.844) record at Purcell Pavilion and an active 18-game home winning streak against Ohio schools, stretching back to March 1993 ... Notre Dame improves to 36-14 (.720) against the current Mid-American Conference membership and extends its winning streak against MAC opponents to 19 games ... the Fighting Irish have a 22-4 (.846) record against the MAC at Purcell Pavilion, as well as a 21-5 (.808) mark in the McGraw era and 13-1 (.929) home record vs. the MAC since McGraw came to Notre Dame in 1987-88 ... for the third time in four Preseason WNIT appearances, Notre Dame opened at home against a MAC opponent, having won all three times (66-41 vs. Kent State in 1996; 98-50 vs. Miami-Ohio in 2007) ... the Fighting Irish forced 46 Akron turnovers, third-most by a Fighting Irish opponent in school history behind the 49 giveaways by New Hampshire in last year's season opener (Nov. 12, 2010 at Purcell Pavilion), and 48 turnovers by SIU-Edwardsville on Jan. 11, 1980 (in DeKalb, Ill.) ... the 29 Notre Dame steals set a new Preseason WNIT record (previous: 20 by Northwestern State vs. Arkansas in 1995) and tied for second in school history (record: 36 in last year's win over New Hampshire) ... Fraderica Miller had a career-high seven steals (previous was five on four occasions, the last vs. Southeast Missouri State on Jan. 2, 2011 at Purcell Pavilion), the most by a Notre Dame player in a single game since Natalie Novosel had seven steals in the win over New Hampshire ... Kayla McBride registered a career-high seven rebounds (previous was six on four occasions, the last on Jan. 12, 2011, vs. Louisville at Purcell Pavilion) and a career-best four steals (previous was three on two occasions, the last on Nov. 26, 2010, vs. IUPUI at Purcell Pavilion) ... Skylar Diggins dished out a game-high eight assists, the most by a Notre Dame player in a season opener since Nov. 18, 2005, when Megan Duffy had eight assists in a 55-45 win over Michigan at Purcell Pavilion (a game better known for being McGraw's 500th career victory).

GAME 2 #2 Notre Dame 99, Indiana State 34 Preseason WNIT - Quarterfinal November 13, 2011 Purcell Pavilion (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Table with 10 columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Thomas, Oyer, Zurek, Schoen, Munn, Valley, Gunning, Mattox, Rademacher, Franklin, Team, and Totals.

Table with 10 columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Peters, Diggins, Novosel, Mallory, McBride, Holloway, Miller, Turner, Wright, Braker, Team, and Totals.

Indiana State 15 19 - 34
Notre Dame 58 41 - 99

FG Pct: Indiana State 30.6, Notre Dame 58.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Indiana State 30.8, Notre Dame 57.1. FT Pct: Indiana State 80.0, Notre Dame 67.9. Turnovers: Indiana State 36, Notre Dame 11. Blocked Shots: Indiana State 2, Notre Dame 4 (Wright, Braker 2). Steals: Indiana State 4 (Schoen, Munn 2), Notre Dame 25 (Peters, Diggins 6). Attendance: 8,157.

NOTES: Notre Dame's 25 steals are second-most in a Preseason WNIT game, topped only by the 29 Fighting Irish thefts recorded two days earlier vs. Akron ... the Fighting Irish set a school record with their 43-point halftime lead (previous: 53-12 vs. New Hampshire on Nov. 12, 2010) ... Notre Dame has advanced to the semifinals of the Preseason WNIT for the fourth time in as many appearances (also 1996, 2004 and 2007) ... Notre Dame's 65-point margin of victory is the fourth-largest in school history, and third 65-point win in less than a calendar year ... the Fighting Irish scored 58 points in the first half, tying for the third-most points in one half in school history (and matching the second-most in the first half of a game) - Notre Dame last scored that many points in a half on Nov. 15, 2009, with a similar 58-point first half in a 102-54 win over visiting Arkansas-Pine Bluff ... the Fighting Irish had six double-figure scorers for the first time since they also had six in last year's Seton Hall win (Feb. 8, 2011) ... Notre Dame is 27-2 (.931) against the current Missouri Valley Conference alignment (18-1 in the 25-year Muffet McGraw era), including a 14-1 (.933) record at home (11-0 in the McGraw era); Notre Dame also has won nine consecutive games overall and 13 in a row at home against MVC teams ... Indiana State was the 21st different in-state opponent the Fighting Irish have faced, with Notre Dame rising to 122-32 (.792) against other Indiana schools and a 61-11 (.847) record at home and an active 17-game winning streak against the Hoosier State ... ISU is the eighth of the other nine NCAA Division I schools in Indiana that Notre Dame has played, with the lone exception being Ball State ... Natalie Novosel became the 29th player in school history to score 1,000 points, passing the milestone on a pair of free throws with 14:20 remaining ... Markisha Wright registered her first career double-double (14 points/11 rebounds) in her second college game, the earliest a Fighting Irish rookie has posted a double-double in her career since Nov. 13, 2006, when Ashley Barlow chalked up 19 points and 10 rebounds in an 85-81 overtime win over Bowling Green at Purcell Pavilion.

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Table with 10 columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Doherty, Smith, Elliott, Hall, Bepko, Clark, Gilbert, Bultron, Englert, Moore, Team, and Totals.

Table with 10 columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Peters, Diggins, Novosel, Mallory, McBride, Holloway, Miller, Turner, Wright, Braker, Team, and Totals.

Hartford 20 23 - 43
Notre Dame 50 48 - 98

FG Pct: Hartford 39.5, Notre Dame 56.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Hartford 50.0, Notre Dame 57.1. FT Pct: Hartford 22.2, Notre Dame 74.3. Turnovers: Hartford 30, Notre Dame 14. Blocked Shots: Hartford 3 (Clark 2), Notre Dame 4 (Novosel 2). Steals: Hartford 9 (Doherty 5), Notre Dame 15 (Diggins 4). Attendance: 8,292.

NOTES: Notre Dame advances to the Preseason WNIT championship game for the second time in four tournament appearances, having won the 2004 crown (66-62 win over No. 10/9 Ohio State in the final on Nov. 20, 2004, at Purcell Pavilion) ... this marks the eighth time in the 17-year history of the tournament that a BIG EAST team has reached the Preseason WNIT final, with DePaul the most recent league school to advance that far in 2010 (BIG EAST teams are 4-3 in the Preseason WNIT championship game after the Blue Demons' 67-58 loss at Purdue last year) ... Notre Dame set a new Preseason WNIT "all-tournament" record with 69 steals, topping the old record of 58 thefts set by Rutgers over a four-game span in 1998 ... for the first time in the 35-year history of Fighting Irish women's basketball, Notre Dame scored at least 98 points in consecutive games ... the combined 197 points in the past two games are the most scored by the Fighting Irish in a two-game span since Nov. 19-23, 2008, when they piled up 198 points in a home win over Evansville (96-61) and a road victory at Boston College (102-54) ... Notre Dame registered consecutive wins by at least 55 points for the first time in school history ... Brittany Mallory is the eighth Notre Dame player to go perfect from the three-point line (min. four attempts), and first since Nov. 22, 2000, when current Fighting Irish assistant coach Niele Ivey knocked down all four of her long-distance tries in an 83-56 victory at No. 19/RV Wisconsin in the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge ... Mallory is fourth Notre Dame player to go 4-for-4 or better on three-pointers at Purcell Pavilion, and the first since Dec. 8, 1998, when Sheila McMillen set an arena record by going 5-for-5 in a 106-81 loss to Connecticut ... the Fighting Irish held their opponent without a double-figure scorer for the first time since Jan. 23, 2011, in a 69-36 win over No. RV/23 St. John's at Purcell Pavilion ... Notre Dame had at least four double-digit scorers for the third time in as many games this year, improving to 37-4 in such outings during the past three seasons (2009-10 to present) ... the Fighting Irish have won 29 of their last 32 regular-season tournament games, and rise to 12-2 all-time in the Preseason WNIT, including a 10-0 record at home ... Notre Dame is 49-7 (.875) against first-time opponents since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, including a 29-3 (.906) mark against new foes since the start of the 2000-01 season ... the Fighting Irish have won 26 consecutive home games against first-time opponents dating back to January 1996 ... the victory was No. 559 of head coach Muffet McGraw's career, giving her sole possession of third place on the Notre Dame all-time coaching wins list (for all sports), passing baseball coach Jake Kline (558 from 1934-75) ... prior to the game, a banner was raised at Purcell Pavilion to recognize McGraw's induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in June 2011.

