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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2002-03 Irish Schedule/Results (8-2, 0-0 BIG EAST)

November

4 (10/12) *Houston Jaguars ... W, 87-50*
19 (9/12) *OGBM Legends W, 70-60*
26 (10/10) *Cleveland State W, 107-65*
29 (10/10) at USC W, 69-57

December

4 (9/9) at Valparaiso W, 74-68
7 # (9/9) at Arizona State (FSN) .. W, 81-52
11 at (8/8) DePaul (WHME) L, 59-75
14 (8/8) *Temple W, 84-61*
21 (12/11) *IPFW W, 82-54*
23 (12/11) *Colorado State W, 46-45*
28 \$ (12/12) vs. Tennessee (5/5) .. L, 61-77
31 (13/13) at Marquette W, 75-68

January

4 (13/13) *Purdue (7/6) (CBS) 4 p.m.*
8 * at West Virginia 7 p.m.
11 * *Miami (BETV) Noon*
14 * at St. John's 7:30 p.m.
18 * *Rutgers 2 p.m.*
20 * *Connecticut (ESPN2) 2 p.m.*
25 * at Villanova (BETV) Noon
29 * at Boston College 7 p.m.

February

1 * *West Virginia 5 p.m.*
5 * *Georgetown 7 p.m.*
9 * at Virginia Tech (BETV) 2 p.m.
12 * *St. John's 7 p.m.*
16 * at Providence 2 p.m.
23 * at Connecticut 2 p.m.
26 * *Pittsburgh 7 p.m.*

March

1 * *Seton Hall 4 p.m.*
4 * at Syracuse 7 p.m.
8-11 ^ BIG EAST Championship
22-25 NCAA First & Second Rounds
29-Apr. 1 NCAA Regionals

April

6-8 NCAA Final Four (*Atlanta, Ga.*)

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

Italics indicates exhibition game

Boldface indicates home game played at Joyce Center (11,418)

AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II (Tempe, Ariz.)

\$ Game played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

^ BIG EAST Conference Championship (Piscataway, N.J.)

(FSN) Game televised on Fox Sports Net

(WHME) Game televised on WHME-TV (Ch. 46) in South Bend

(CBS) Game to be televised on CBS

(ESPN2) Game to be televised on ESPN2

(BETV) Game to be televised on BIG EAST TV package

Numbers before opponent name indicate Notre Dame's ranking in AP and ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff; numbers after opponent name indicate its ranking.

All times local to site // Dates and times subject to change

Game No.

11

(#13 AP/#13 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (8-2)**
vs. (#7 AP/#6 ESPN/USA Today) **Purdue Boilermakers (10-1)**

The Date and Time: Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, at 4:06 p.m. EST.

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

The TV Plans: CBS Sports national broadcast with **Beth Mowins** (play-by-play), **Debbie Antonelli** (analysis), **Ken Mack** (producer) and **Chris Svendsen** (director).

The Radio Plans: All Notre Dame games are broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620) and/or WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend with **Sean Stires** (play-by-play) and **Shawn Lewallen** (analysis). These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics website at www.und.com.

Real-Time Statistics: Live in-game statistics are available for the Purdue game via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Purdue (www.purduesports.com) athletics websites.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Purdue (www.purduesports.com).

NO. 13 NOTRE DAME SET TO FACE NO. 7 PURDUE BEFORE NATIONAL TV AUDIENCE

One of the nation's top inter-sectional rivalries will be rekindled when No. 13 Notre Dame plays host to seventh-ranked Purdue before a national television audience Saturday at 4 p.m. (EST) at the Joyce Center. The Irish and Boilermakers have split their last eight meetings, although Notre Dame has logged wins in the last two matchups at the Joyce Center.

The Irish (8-2) equalled the third-best start in school history on Tuesday afternoon with a 75-68 victory at Marquette. Notre Dame used a 33-11 run midway through the second half to open up a 14-point lead and eventually register the win. The Irish also hit 16 of their final 24 shots from the field and finished with a stellar .540 field goal percentage for the contest.

Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** led all scorers with 23 points and added 11 rebounds for her third double-double of the season. Junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** contributed a career-best 20 points and a season-high six assists, while freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** made her first career start a memorable one, collecting 16 points and a game-high 12 rebounds for her second consecutive double-double.

Purdue (10-1) enters Saturday's contest on the heels of a 76-66 win at home over Tulane Thursday night. Junior guard **Erika Valek** carded a game-high 23 points and six steals, while junior guard **Beth Jones** tossed in 15 points and junior forward **Lindsey Hicks** tallied 14 points for the Boilermakers.

Junior forward **Shereka Wright** is Purdue's leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 19 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Valek is second in scoring at 12.9 points per game, along with 5.5 assists per game.

Kristy Curry is in her fourth season as the Boilermakers' head coach with a record of 88-22 (.800). She is 2-2 in her coaching career against Notre Dame.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 75, Marquette 68

December 31, 2002

U.S. Cellular Arena (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Notre Dame (75)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	37	11-17	1-3	0-2	11	1	1	23
LaVere	36	5-11	0-0	6-7	12	2	3	16
Borton	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	7	1	1	2
Severe	34	5-5	0-0	10-11	2	6	3	20
Ratay	22	1-6	1-3	1-1	1	2	2	4
Duffy	27	2-4	2-4	0-0	0	1	2	6
Wicks	22	2-4	0-2	0-0	4	1	0	4
Team					2			
Totals	200	27-50	4-12	17-21	39	14	12	75

Marquette (68)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Alsdurf	35	7-21	4-12	0-0	2	1	4	18
Weaver	29	1-7	0-0	0-2	5	1	1	2
Klug	38	7-11	0-0	3-3	6	3	3	17
Kieger	35	5-10	4-5	2-2	3	5	3	16
O'Grady	21	2-6	1-2	4-4	4	1	0	9
Gales	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
Schwerman	21	2-5	0-2	0-0	0	1	2	4
Juedes	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2
Shouse	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	25-61	9-21	9-11	24	14	14	68

Notre Dame 29 46 -- 75

Marquette 28 40 -- 68

FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.0, Marquette 41.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame

33.3, Marquette 42.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 81.0, Marquette 81.8.

Turnovers: Notre Dame 19, Marquette 11. **Blocked Shots:** Notre

Dame 7 (LaVere 5), Marquette 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 5 (Duffy 2),

Marquette 10 (Kieger 4). **Attendance:** 3,686.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Dec. 30)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last
1.	Duke (41)	12-0	1
2.	LSU (1)	10-0	2
3.	Connecticut (1)	10-0	3
4.	Kansas State	11-1	4
5.	Tennessee	9-2	5
6.	Stanford	8-1	6
7.	Purdue	9-1	7
8.	Texas Tech	8-1	8
9.	Arkansas	9-1	10
10.	Minnesota	10-0	11
11.	North Carolina	9-1	13
12.	Vanderbilt	7-2	9
13.	NOTRE DAME	7-2	12
14.	Louisiana Tech	7-2	16
15.	Penn State	8-2	17
16.	South Carolina	10-1	18
17.	Texas	6-3	15
18.	Mississippi State	9-2	14
19.	Oklahoma	9-3	19
20.	Arizona	7-3	21
21.	Wisconsin-Green Bay	8-2	23
22.	UC Santa Barbara	5-2	22
23.	Boston College	7-3	20
24.	Villanova	8-1	NR
25.	Colorado	8-1	NR

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Dec. 31)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last
1.	Duke (36)	12-0	1
2.	Connecticut (4)	11-0	2
3.	LSU	10-0	3
4.	Kansas State	11-1	4
5.	Tennessee	9-2	5
6.	Purdue	9-1	6
7.	Stanford	8-1	7
8.	Arkansas	10-1	9
9.	Texas Tech	9-1	10
10.	Minnesota	10-0	11
11.	Vanderbilt	7-2	8
12.	North Carolina	9-1	13
13.	NOTRE DAME	7-2	12
14.	Penn State	9-2	16
15.	Louisiana Tech	7-2	17
16.	South Carolina	10-1	18
17.	Mississippi State	9-2	14
18.	Texas	6-3	15
19.	Oklahoma	9-3	20
20.	Arizona	7-3	21
21.	Wisconsin-Green Bay	8-2	24
22.	Boston College	7-3	19
23.	UC Santa Barbara	5-2	23
24.	DePaul	9-3	25
25.	Colorado	8-1	NR

Boldface indicates 2002-03 Notre Dame opponents

SCOUTING THE IRISH

Notre Dame's latest ascension to college basketball's summit already is underway, thanks in large part to the nine returning monogram winners and three starters back from last season's 20-10 club. Of the nine veterans back in the fold, only two are seniors, providing head coach **Muffet McGraw** with a rich blend of stability and experience upon which to build her next title contender.

McGraw now is in her 16th season at Notre Dame with a 350-129 (.731) record (438-170, .720 in 21 years overall) that includes 13 20-win seasons, nine postseason appearances, seven NCAA Tournament bids, four trips to the Sweet Sixteen, two Final Four berths and the 2001 national championship. Along the way, she has groomed seven All-Americans, 17 all-conference selections (including 10 first-team picks), seven players who have gone on to play professional basketball in the United States, and three USA Basketball National Team players (who have won a total of six medals). In addition, 15 of her former players and/or assistants currently are coaching at the high school or college level, including five collegiate head coaches. She also has been a master recruiter, attracting seven consecutive top 20 classes, including this year's freshman class, which was ranked eighth in the nation by *Blue Star Basketball*. McGraw recently coached the 600th game of her career on Nov. 29, a 69-57 win at USC, and she earned her 350th victory at Notre Dame on New Year's Eve at Marquette, joining Digger Phelps as the only Irish basketball coaches (men's or women's) to win 350 games at Notre Dame.

Two of Notre Dame's three returning starters already have received numerous preseason accolades. Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** (11.4 ppg., 3.3 rpg., .444 3FG%, .900 FT%) is a two-time *Associated Press* All-American and she is a preseason first-team all-BIG EAST Conference selection this year. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native has seen her name sprinkled liberally throughout the Notre Dame record book, including marks for scoring (6th, 1,489 points), three-point field goal percentage (1st, .478) and free throw percentage (1st, .871). In the latter two categories, Ratay's shooting numbers would be good enough to place her among the top 10 in NCAA history, and her three-point ratio would be the best in NCAA history. She has led the Irish in scoring four times this season, including a game-high 20-point effort (6-8 FG, season-high 5-6 3FG) vs. IPFW. Ratay also showed leadership and poise in crunch time against Colorado State, coolly knocking down two free throws with 9.3 seconds left to give the Irish a narrow victory.

In addition, Ratay joined sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (team-high 16.0 ppg., team-high 8.0 rpg., 2.3 apg., 1.1 bpg., three double-doubles) on the list of 30 candidates for the 2002-03 Naismith Award, given annually to the nation's outstanding player. Batteast is the reigning United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year and was a unanimous choice as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year after turning in one of the finest rookie seasons in school history. Like Ratay, she also was a preseason first-team all-conference choice this year. Batteast has scored in double figures in nine games this season, including two 20-point efforts. She also nearly posted a triple-double in Notre Dame's season-opening win over Cleveland State, finishing with 19 points, eight rebounds and a career-high seven assists. She did notch her first double-double of the season with 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds at USC. Batteast also contributed a season-best 24 points (10-15 FG) at Arizona State and added her second double-double (18 points, game-high 10 rebounds) vs. Colorado State. She tacked on her third double-double at Marquette, posting a game-high 23 points (career-best 11-17 FG) and 11 rebounds.

Joining Ratay in the Irish backcourt is junior guard **LeTania Severe** (10.4 ppg., 3.3 rpg., team-high 3.5 apg., 2.0 spg., .508 FG%), who quickly has developed into one of the top point guards in the BIG EAST. Last season, the speedy Severe

LAST IRISH GAME VS. PURDUE

Purdue 70, Notre Dame 57												
Dec. 6, 2001												
Mackey Arena (West Lafayette, Ind.)												
Notre Dame (57)												
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp				
Haney	13	3-9	0-0	2-2	2	0	1	8				
Batteast	37	5-8	0-1	0-0	4	4	3	10				
Borton	22	1-5	0-0	0-0	6	0	4	2				
Severe	37	1-6	0-0	4-6	8	8	3	6				
Ratay	36	5-10	1-4	1-1	2	2	3	12				
Joyce	28	3-5	3-4	0-0	3	1	2	9				
Hernandez	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0				
Wicks	7	1-3	0-2	0-0	3	0	2	2				
Barksdale	16	3-6	0-0	0-1	4	0	5	6				
Flecky	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2				
Team					4							
Totals	200	23-54	4-11	7-10	36	15	23	57				
Purdue (70)												
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp				
Meadows	35	2-8	0-1	2-2	7	3	3	6				
Wright	36	4-12	0-3	9-14	5	2	1	17				
Noon	24	8-14	0-0	5-9	13	1	4	21				
Komara	38	7-14	1-5	0-0	5	4	1	15				
Valek	29	0-6	0-2	1-2	1	2	1	1				
Hicks	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0				
Davis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0				
Jones	16	0-4	0-2	0-0	1	1	1	0				
Heikes	16	4-5	0-0	2-2	6	0	1	10				
Team					5							
Totals	200	25-64	1-13	19-29	43	13	13	70				
Notre Dame	24	33	--	57								
Purdue	31	39	--	70								
FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.6, Purdue 39.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 36.4, Purdue 7.7. FT Pct: Notre Dame 70.0, Purdue 65.5. Turnovers: Notre Dame 21, Purdue 10. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 7 (Barksdale 4), Purdue 5 (Wright 3). Steals: Notre Dame 6, Purdue 11 (Komara, Valek 4). Attendance: 8,786.												

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Batteast	F	6-2	So.	16.0	8.0	2.3 apg	Third double-double of year vs. Marq. (23p, 11r)
41	Courtney LaVere	F	6-3	Fr.	11.3	6.2	1.1 bpg	13.7 ppg., 7.2 rpg. in last six (16p, 12r at Marq.)
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	So.	8.3	5.8	1.6 bpg	Team-high .585 FG%; 3rd in BIG EAST in blocks
4	Le'Tania Severe (C)	G	5-8	Jr.	10.4	3.3	3.5 apg	Career-high 20 pts. (5-5 FG, 10-11 FT) vs. Marq.
22	Alicia Ratay (C)	G	6-0	Sr.	11.4	3.3	1.1 apg	Team-high .900 (36-40) FT% (2nd in BIG EAST)

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	Jr.	—	—	—	Sidelined indefinitely while rehabilitating injuries
10	Jill Krause	G	5-8	So.	0.8	0.5	0.3 spg	Buried first career three-pointer vs. Tennessee
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Sr.	1.6	0.2	0.4 spg	Drained three-pointer late in victory over IPFW
13	Megan Duffy	G	5-7	Fr.	2.6	1.7	2.5 apg	Career-high six pts. (1st two 3FGM) vs. Marquette
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	So.	3.4	2.8	1.2 apg	Provided spark off bench with 4 pts., 4 reb. vs. Marq.
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	So.	10.1	4.8	2.0 apg	Did not play vs. Marquette (lower back injury)

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

capably filled the large shoes left by the graduation of All-American Niele Ivey, setting career highs in virtually every statistical category. Severe has evolved into a scoring threat for the Irish this year, scoring in double figures in five games this season after cracking double digits only seven times in her first two years at Notre Dame. She canned all three of her three-point attempts vs. Cleveland State and scored 15 points at Valparaiso, knocking down a career-best 11-14 FT. Severe turned her the best offensive performance of her career at Marquette, scoring a career-high 20 points (5-5 FG, 10-11 FT) and dishing out six assists. She is backstopped by freshman **Megan Duffy** (2.6 ppg., 2.5 apg.), a crafty lefthander with a commanding floor presence and a smooth outside jumper. Duffy dished out a game-high seven assists at Arizona State, the most by an Irish rookie since Ratay's seven handouts against Butler on Dec. 1, 1999. She also scored a season-high six points at Marquette, knocking down the first two three-point field goals of her career.

At the other guard position, sophomore **Kelsey Wicks** (3.4 ppg., 2.8 rpg.) offers a unique mix of outside shooting ability and toughness in the paint. The 6-2 native of Gillette, Wyo., connected at a 33-percent clip from the three-point line as a freshman, and she showed no fear in playing some of the nation's elite teams, scoring in double figures on the road at Connecticut and Tennessee. She scored a season-high 12 points against Temple, her third career double-digit game and best-ever outing at home.

Senior walk-on **Karen Swanson** (1.6 ppg., 0.4 spg.), junior **Jeneka Joyce** and sophomore **Jill Krause** (0.6 ppg., 0.5 rpg.) also will be counted on for support at the guard positions. Swanson tied her career high with five points vs. Cleveland State, while Krause has seen action in five games, grabbing a career-high three rebounds vs. IPFW and canning her first career three-pointer vs. Tennessee. Meanwhile, Joyce is out indefinitely while recovering from a myriad leg injuries suffered during her career.

Sophomore center **Teresa Borton** (8.3 ppg., 5.8 rpg., team-high .585 FG%) and sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** (10.1 ppg., 4.8 rpg., .500 FG%) have teamed up with Batteast to produce a formidable front line for Notre Dame this season. The 6-3 Borton turned in a solid performance in Notre Dame's season opener, hitting her first six shots and finishing with 18 points. She also set new career highs with 11 rebounds and four assists vs. IPFW, and later added 14 points and a career-best four blocked shots against Tennessee. At the same time, Flecky is widely considered to be the most improved player on the Notre Dame roster, after logging 10 points per game during her team's tour of Europe last May. She already has displayed her improvement this season, tallying a career-high 22 points and game-best eight rebounds vs. Cleveland State. Her five double-figure games this season already have topped her total (three) from all of last year. However, she missed the Marquette game with a lower back injury she aggravated vs. Tennessee.

Freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** (11.3 ppg., 6.2 rpg., .492 FG%) also is seeing significant playing time on the blocks for the Irish this season. LaVere was a consensus prep All-American as a senior

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	PUR
Overall record	8-2	10-1
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	13/13	7/6
SCORING		
Points scored per game	73.8	78.3
Points allowed per game	62.2	59.4
Field goal percentage	.470	.453
Three-point percentage	.293	.368
Free throw percentage	.743	.743
REBOUNDING		
Rebounds per game	39.7	38.7
Opponent rebs. per game	33.1	32.5
Rebounding margin	+6.6	+6.2
OTHER		
Assists per game	14.9	17.2
Turnovers per game	18.7	16.2
Assist/turnover ratio	0.80	1.06
Blocked shots per game	5.6	3.0
Steals per game	10.5	10.6

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** airs on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). In its third season, "The Kevin White Show" can be heard in 35 states Thursdays at 9 p.m. Central time. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.



THE PURDUE SERIES

Series: PUR leads 10-4. Games Played at Notre Dame: PUR leads 3-2.

Date	Site	Result	Score
11/26/84	Notre Dame, IN	L	59-62
11/30/85	West Lafayette, IN	L	54-71
12/1/91	West Lafayette, IN	L	66-80
12/4/92	Notre Dame, IN	L	41-74
12/8/93	West Lafayette, IN	L	59-66
11/30/94	Notre Dame, IN	L	83-87
3/15/96	Lubbock, TX *	W	73-60
12/5/96	West Lafayette, IN	L	58-73
12/10/97	Notre Dame, IN	W	77-71
3/21/98	Lubbock, TX #	L	65-70
12/8/99	West Lafayette, IN	L	61-71
12/9/00	Notre Dame, IN	W	72-61
4/1/01	St. Louis, MO %	W	68-66
12/6/01	West Lafayette, IN	L	57-70

* - NCAA Tournament (first round)
 # - NCAA Tournament (Midwest Regional semifinal)
 % - NCAA Tournament (national championship game)

Series Scoring	Total	Avg.
Notre Dame	893	63.8
Purdue	982	70.1

Current Win Streak: Purdue, 1 game
 McGraw vs. Purdue: 4-8
 ND Biggest Win: 13 (73-60 on 3/15/96)
 PUR Biggest Win: 33 (74-41 on 12/4/92)
 ND Longest Win Streak: 2 (2000-01)
 PUR Longest Win Streak: 6 (1984-94)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2002-03 season:

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	10	12
Nov. 18	9	12
Nov. 25	10	10
Dec. 2	9	9
Dec. 9	8	8
Dec. 16	12	11
Dec. 23	12	12
Dec. 30	13	13

at Buena High School in Ventura, Calif., averaging 26.5 points, 11.4 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game, all while shooting 57 percent from the field. The potential the 6-3 LaVere brings to the table was noticed by one national media outlet prior to the season, as the website *Women's College Hoops.com* named the Irish rookie one of its "Top 21 Freshmen of Impact." LaVere wasted little time in living up to that billing, coming off the bench to card 18 points, seven rebounds and five assists vs. Cleveland State. It was the highest scoring output by a Notre Dame freshman in her debut since Ratay's 18-point night vs. Toledo in 1999. LaVere has been playing extremely well of late, averaging 13.7 ppg. and 7.2 rpg. in her last six games, including a season-high 20 points vs. IPFW and the first two double-doubles of her career vs. Tennessee (game highs of 17 points and 11 rebounds) and Marquette (16 points, game-high 12 rebounds). She also made her first career start vs. Marquette in place of Flecky.

SERIES HISTORY VS. PURDUE

Purdue owns a 10-4 edge in the all-time series with Notre Dame, although the teams have split the last eight meetings since the Boilermakers won the first six games in the series. Purdue also holds a slight series edge over the Irish at the Joyce Center, winning three of the five previous meetings, but Notre Dame has won the last two times the Boilermakers have come to South Bend.

This intrastate rivalry began back in 1984, when Purdue claimed a 62-59 win at the Joyce Center. The teams played again the following year in West Lafayette, but the series then went dormant for the next five seasons. Notre Dame renewed acquaintances with the Boilermakers in 1991, and the series has been played annually since then, with the exception of the 1998-99 season.

Although the Irish came close against Purdue, they did not break through with their first win until the 1996 NCAA Tournament, when Notre Dame toppled the Boilermakers, 73-60, in the first round of the Midwest Regional at Lubbock, Texas. It also was the first-ever NCAA Tournament win for the Irish, and it coincided with Notre Dame's first season as a member of the BIG EAST Conference.

Beginning with that postseason contest seven years ago, the rivalry has steadily grown in intensity, with each team winning four games. The Notre Dame-Purdue series reached a fever pitch two years ago when the two sides met in St. Louis to decide the 2001 NCAA championship. The Irish came out on top with a narrow 68-66 victory, getting two free throws from consensus national player of the year **Ruth Riley** with 5.8 seconds left to pull out the win.

The Boilermakers exacted a small measure of revenge last season in the teams' only matchup, registering a 70-57 win at Mackey Arena in West Lafayette. Purdue let virtually the entire way, but could not completely shake a game Irish squad. Notre Dame trailed by just seven (31-24) at halftime, and actually wound up outshooting the Boilermakers for the game, hitting 42.6 percent from the field compared to 39.1 percent for Purdue. The major differences came in two areas — turnovers (the Irish had 21 giveaways to only 10 for the Boilermakers) and foul shooting (Purdue made 19-of-29 charities versus 7-of-10 for Notre Dame).

Alicia Ratay scored 12 points, **Jacqueline Batteast** added 10 points and **Le'Tania Severe** chalked up six points, eight rebounds and eight assists for the Irish. **Mary Jo Noon** led four Boilermakers in double figures with game highs of 21 points and 13 rebounds.

SCOUTING PURDUE

In many ways, Notre Dame and Purdue are similar teams. Both squads are coming off second round appearances in last year's NCAA Tournament. Both teams also were picked high in their respective conferences and are pegged to be impact players in this year's postseason. Like the Irish, the Boilermakers offer a strong mix of youthful talent and veteran savvy. And, like Notre Dame, Purdue has thrived despite playing a difficult non-conference schedule to date, posting a pair of wins over ranked opponents (No. 8 Vanderbilt and No. 19 Boston College).

The Boilermakers wrapped up a three-game homestand Thursday night with a 76-66 win over Tulane at Mackey Arena. Junior guard **Erika Valek** was one of three Purdue players in double figures, scoring a game-high 23 points. Junior guard **Beth Jones** added 15 points and junior forward **Lindsey Hicks** chipped in with 14 points and a game-high seven rebounds for the Boilermakers, who shot 48.2 percent (27-56) from the floor, and 85.7 percent (18-21) from the free throw line. Purdue also forced 25 turnovers, with Valek notching a game-high six steals.

A high-scoring club, the Boilermakers have tallied at least 70 points in all but two games this season, while allowing their opponents to reach that mark only twice. Purdue is averaging 78.3 points per game this season, and won each its first four contests by at least 19 points. However, the Boilermakers have been in some close battles of late, with five of their last six games decided by 10 points or less. In



those tight affairs, defense has been the difference, as Purdue is giving up only 59.4 ppg. and forcing better than 21 turnovers per outing.

Junior forward **Shereka Wright** paces a balanced Boilermaker attack, posting team highs of 19.0 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Valek has set the tone for Purdue at both ends of the floor, collecting 12.9 points and 5.5 assists per game, along with 3.3 steals per contest. Jones is the Boilermakers' primary sharpshooter, averaging 11.6 ppg. while making a team-high 29 three-point field goals and hitting at a .394 clip from beyond the three-point line. Senior center **Mary Jo Noon** is the fourth Purdue player scoring in double figures, posting 11.5 ppg. with a solid .511 field goal percentage.

Head coach **Kristy Curry** is in her fourth season patrolling the sidelines in West Lafayette, owning a career record of 88-22 (.800) at Purdue. She is 2-2 in her coaching career against the Irish, winning twice at Mackey Arena, but losing both of her matchups with Notre Dame away from home.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-PURDUE SERIES TIDBITS

- Saturday's game will be the the third time Notre Dame and Purdue both have been ranked in the top 15 of the *Associated Press* poll at tipoff. The Irish won the other two games, both in the 2000-01 season (72-61 and 68-66).
- Aside from a 33-point Purdue win in 1992, the other four series games between the Irish and Boilermakers at the Joyce Center have been decided by an average of 6.3 points per game.
- The 70-point mark seems to be a magic figure in the series. One or both teams have scored 70 points in 11 of the 14 matchups, with the first team to reach that milepost winning each time.
- Notre Dame and Purdue have played 11 times in the regular season, with all 11 games occurring within a 15-day span (Nov. 26 to Dec. 10). Saturday's game will mark the first time the two teams have not played within that 15-day window.
- Two of Notre Dame's four wins in the series have come in postseason play — a 73-60 victory in the first round of the 1996 NCAA Tournament, and a 68-66 triumph in the 2001 NCAA championship game. The 1996 win also was Notre Dame's first-ever NCAA Tournament victory.
- The Irish and Boilermakers are the first and only teams from the same state to play for the NCAA title.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Irish head athletic trainer **Jim Russ** — now in his 17th season at Notre Dame — served as an assistant athletic trainer at Purdue from 1977-82.
- Notre Dame director of golf **George Thomas** is a 1950 Purdue graduate and was a member of the Boilermaker golf team that finished second at the 1950 NCAA Championship.
- Fourth-year Notre Dame assistant athletic trainer **Doug Boersma** is a 1997 Purdue graduate and worked with the Boilermaker football team as an undergraduate.
- Second-year Notre Dame assistant athletic trainer **Tricia Matasyk** is a 1999 Purdue graduate.

NOTRE DAME AGAINST THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Notre Dame is 26-37 (.413) all-time against the current alignment of the Big Ten Conference, although the Irish have won five of their last seven games against Big Ten schools. Notre Dame has played all 11 members of the Big Ten, owning winning records against Indiana (5-3), Wisconsin (3-2), Northwestern (2-1) and Iowa (1-0). In addition, Notre Dame's 14-game series with Purdue is the longest against any Big Ten opponent in school history.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will earn its first victory over a top-10 opponent since defeating No. 9/8 Purdue, 68-66, in the 2001 NCAA championship game.
- The Irish will pick up their first win over a ranked opponent since Feb. 10, 2002, when they logged a 60-44 victory over No. 16/18 Boston College at home.
- Notre Dame will pocket its eighth consecutive home win against a ranked opponent, continuing a streak that dates back to Dec. 8, 1999.
- The Irish will improve to 72-4 (.947) all-time when playing as a ranked team at home.
- Notre Dame will win its 34th consecutive non-conference home game, a streak that dates back to Dec. 9, 1996.
- The Irish will card their 56th win in 57 home games, and their 81st victory in the last 84 home contests.
- Notre Dame will collect its third consecutive victory at home over Purdue, and its fifth series win over the Boilermakers (all in the last eight seasons).
- The Irish will chalk up their sixth win in the last eight games against Big Ten Conference opponents.

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

CONTACT INFORMATION

Assistant Sports Information Director **Chris Masters** is the contact for Irish women's basketball. He may be reached in his office at (574) 631-8032, or via cell phone at (574) 532-4166.

MUFFET MCGRAW INTERVIEWS

The best time for interviews with Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is Tuesday afternoon or by special appointment. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office to make specific arrangements.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

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

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

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

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

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



**BIG EAST STANDINGS
(through games of Jan. 2)**

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	Connecticut	0-0	11-0
2.	West Virginia	0-0	10-0
3.	Villanova	0-0	9-1
4.	Georgetown	0-0	8-1
5.	Virginia Tech	0-0	9-2
6.	NOTRE DAME	0-0	8-2
7.	Miami	0-0	8-3
	Pittsburgh	0-0	8-3
9.	Boston College	0-0	7-3
10.	Rutgers	0-0	6-3
11.	Seton Hall	0-0	5-4
12.	St. John's	0-0	6-5
13.	Providence	0-0	5-5
14.	Syracuse	0-0	5-6

**BIG EAST
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 25 Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown
 Dec. 2 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
 Trish Juhline, Villanova
 Dec. 9 Shannon Perry, Syracuse
 Dec. 16 Laine Selwyn, Pittsburgh
 Dec. 23 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
 Dec. 30 Laine Selwyn, Pittsburgh

**BIG EAST
ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 25 Tamara James, Miami
 Dec. 2 Tamara James, Miami
 Dec. 9 Carrie Mason, Virginia Tech
 Dec. 16 Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
 Dec. 23 Tamara James, Miami
 Dec. 30 Barbara Turner, Connecticut

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Jan. 3)

Junior G **Jeneka Joyce** leg injuries, out indefinitely
 Sophomore F **Katy Flecky** lower back injury, questionable (DNP at Marquette)

RANKING FILE

Notre Dame will face its second ranked opponent of the season when it takes on No. 7 Purdue Saturday at the Joyce Center. Ranked foes are nothing new for the Irish — they faced six Top 25 clubs last season and posted a 2-4 record. Over the years, Notre Dame has had most of its success against ranked opponents when it is ranked itself — the Irish are 23-22 (.511) in games where both teams are ranked. Notre Dame also is 156-32 (.830) all-time when it takes the floor as a ranked team — the Irish stand 13th in both major polls entering Saturday's game with Purdue. See pages 152-154 in the Notre Dame women's basketball media guide for more information on the Irish against ranked opponents.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Including Purdue, the Irish have faced 10 other NCAA champions over the years, compiling a career record of 16-51 (.239) against these title-winning teams. Notre Dame has a .500 or better series mark against three former national champions — North Carolina (2-0), Texas (1-1) and USC (4-1), whom the Irish defeated, 69-57 on Nov. 29 in Los Angeles.

Notre Dame has had better luck since it hoisted the hardware for the first time in 2001, owning a 2-4 record against other NCAA champions. The Irish have defeated USC in each of the last two seasons, while falling to Purdue, Connecticut and Tennessee (twice).

EYE ON THE IRISH

For just the second time in school history, Notre Dame will play on network television when CBS broadcasts Saturday's game with Purdue to a nationwide audience. The Irish also played on The Tiffany Network back in 1997, dropping a 74-67 decision at Ohio State. Despite the loss, **Katryna Gaither** was selected as the CBS/Chevrolet Player of the Game after piling up 23 points and 17 rebounds against the Buckeyes.

HOOSIER HOOPLA

Notre Dame has been extremely successful against its fellow Indiana schools over the years, compiling a 99-29 (.773) record vs. the rest of the Hoosier State. Among current Division I members, the Irish have a winning record against all the other Indiana institutions except Ball State (1-2) and Purdue (4-10). Historically, Notre Dame has had the most in-state success against Butler (19-6), followed by Evansville (18-1) and Valparaiso (16-0).

The game with Purdue is the last of three for the Irish this season against Indiana schools. Notre Dame won at Valparaiso, 74-68, on Dec. 4, and downed IPFW, 82-54 on Dec. 21 at the Joyce Center.

DIGGER AND ME

With a 75-68 Irish win at Marquette on Tuesday, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** joined **Digger Phelps** as the only Irish basketball coaches (men's or women's) to collect 350 victories at the school. McGraw is 350-129 (.731) in 16 seasons at Notre Dame, while Phelps posted a 393-197 (.666) mark in 20 years at the helm of the Irish men's basketball program.

In addition, McGraw has the third-highest winning percentage of any basketball coach at Notre Dame (men's or women's) with at least five years of service, and her ratio is the best by any coach in the last 60 years. Only men's coaches **Bertram G. Maris** (.794 from 1907-12) and **George Keogan** (.771 from 1923-43) have had more success at Notre Dame over an extended period than McGraw.

CLOSE SHAVES

The Irish pulled out a narrow 46-45 victory over Colorado State on Dec. 23, but a close game shouldn't come as any surprise to Notre Dame fans. Over the last three seasons, the Irish have played 12 games that were decided by five points or less, splitting those dozen contests. However, the Colorado State nail-biter was the first one-point win for Notre Dame since a 63-62 squeaker over Villanova on Dec. 12, 1998 at the Joyce Center.

During the 16-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**, the Irish have posted a 32-38 (.457) record in games decided by five points or less, including a 14-12 (.538) mark since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96.



COOL AS ICE

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** added another chapter to her ever-growing legend at Notre Dame on Dec. 23 when she buried two free throws with 9.3 seconds left to defeat Colorado State, 46-45. It wasn't the first time the Lake Zurich, Ill., product had stepped up in the clutch. Playing as a freshman at No. 8 Rutgers in 2000, Ratay set a BIG EAST Conference record by going 7-for-7 from three-point range, including two treys in the final 16 seconds of the contest with the Irish trailing by six. She went on to finish with 26 points and 10 rebounds as Notre Dame pulled out a 78-74 overtime win.

Last season, Ratay nearly topped herself in the BIG EAST Tournament quarterfinals vs. Syracuse. With the Irish trailing by 16 points and only 3:52 left, Ratay scored 17 of the next 19 Notre Dame points, including nine in a span of 18 seconds, to single-handedly spark a 19-5 run that pulled her team within 81-79 with 18 seconds remaining. However, Syracuse finally forced a Ratay miss and hit three free throws to save the victory.

IRISH OFF TO A FAST START

With its win over Marquette on Tuesday, Notre Dame improved to 8-2 this season, matching the third-best 10-game start in school history. The Irish went 10-0 to open the 2000-01 campaign, and started off 9-1 in 1998-99. This year's 8-2 debut also marks the fourth time in the last five seasons the Irish have won eight of their first 10 games. Here's a look at the best 10-game starts in school history, and how Notre Dame finished after these strong openings:

Season	10-game record	Season record (postseason)
2000-01	10-0	34-2 (NCAA champion)
1998-99	9-1	26-5 (NCAA second round)
2002-03	8-2	??
1999-2000	8-2	27-5 (NCAA Sweet Sixteen)
1982-83	8-2	20-7 (none)
1978-79*	8-2	16-6 (Indiana AIAW District Champion)
1977-78*	8-2	13-4 (Indiana AIAW District Champion)

* Notre Dame was an AIAW Division III member at this time

THE BATTEAST 500

Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** scored the 500th point of her career in Tuesday's win at Marquette. She now has 518 points in only 36 career games, making her the fourth-fastest player to reach the 500-point mark in school history. A total of 13 players have scored their 500th point in less than two seasons at Notre Dame, although only five have done so in less than 40 career games (including Batteast and senior guard **Alicia Ratay**, who did it in 35 games). Here's a list of those Irish players with 500 points in two years (shown in order of when they scored their 500th point):

Player	Time to 500 points (Season)	Career Point Total
Shari Matvey*	29 games (1979-80)	1,373
Beth Morgan*	29 games (1993-94)	2,322
Alicia Ratay	35 games (2000-01)	1,489 (active)
Jacqueline Batteast	36 games (2002-03)	518 (active)
Mary Beth Schueth	39 games (1982-83)	1,233
Ruth Riley	42 games (1998-99)	2,072
Heidi Bunek	44 games (1986-87)	1,202
Karen Robinson	45 games (1988-89)	1,590
Sandy Botham	47 games (1985-86)	1,460
Katryna Gaither	48 games (1994-95)	2,126
Letitia Bowen	51 games (1992-93)	1,205
Trena Keys	52 games (1983-84)	1,589
Sheila McMillen	67 games (1996-97)	1,439

* Matvey and Morgan are the only players to score 500 points in their freshman season at Notre Dame.

ROAD WARRIORS

Last season, Notre Dame struggled early on to find the winning formula on the road, dropping its first five games away from the Joyce Center before defeating Miami on Jan. 2. It took the Irish a lot less time to earn a road win this season, as Notre Dame claimed its road opener, 69-57 at USC. The Irish then added wins at Valparaiso, Arizona State and Marquette — Notre Dame didn't pick up its fourth road win last season until the 11th contest away from home on Feb. 5, 2002 at Pittsburgh.

FIRST BIG EAST TELECONFERENCE SLATED FOR JAN. 6

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2002-03 season, the first of which is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 6. The others will be held Feb. 3 and March 6. Each of the 14 league head coaches will be available for eight minutes in a pre-arranged format.

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

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

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



2002-03 IRISH HONORS

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

Naismith Award Watch List
Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

Courtney LaVere (Fr., Ventura, Calif.)

Top 21 Freshmen of Impact (*Women's College Hoops.com*)

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

Naismith Award Watch List
Senior CLASS Award "Player To Watch"
Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

TOP JOYCE CENTER CROWDS

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	2/10/02	#16 Boston Coll.	W, 60-44	9,676
4.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
5.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
6.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
7.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
8.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
9.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
10.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
11.	2/26/02	Villanova	L, 45-48	7,785
12.	2/19/02	West Virginia	W, 72-63	7,709
13.	2/13/02	St. John's	W, 66-31	7,677
14.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
15.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
16.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
17.	11/26/01	Army	W, 89-57	7,323
18.	12/12/01	Western Michigan	W, 71-48	7,310
19.	12/31/01	DePaul	W, 79-50	7,154
20.	12/22/01	Marquette	W, 60-33	7,132

* denotes capacity crowd // rankings are from AP poll

The Irish have won 10 of their last 14 regular-season games outside the Joyce Center, including eight of their last 10. Of those last 10 games in hostile territory, the only blemishes on that record came earlier this season with losses at DePaul and at a neutral site vs. Tennessee.

A WELL-BALANCED DIET

Notre Dame has raced out to a 8-2 start thanks to its well-balanced offense which has seen at least three players score in double figures in seven of those eight wins. In addition, the Irish have had four players reach double digits in five games this season (Cleveland State, USC, Valparaiso, Arizona State, Temple) and had five double-figure scorers on three occasions (Cleveland State, USC, Temple). The last time Notre Dame had five double-figure scorers three times in the same year was the 2000-01 season, when the Irish turned the trick against Connecticut (twice) and Alcorn State.

As you might expect, Notre Dame also has five players averaging in double figures for the season as well. Sophomore forward and Naismith Award candidate **Jacqueline Batteast** has been the pacesetter at 16.0 ppg., followed by fellow Naismith nominee, senior guard **Alicia Ratay** (11.4 ppg.). Freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** has come on of late, moving up to 11.3 ppg., while junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** is fourth at 10.4 ppg., and sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** rounds out the high-scoring quintet at 10.1 ppg. (more than double last year's scoring average of 4.9 ppg.). In addition, sophomore center **Teresa Borton** is lurking not far out of double figures at 8.3 ppg.

LaVERE IS THE EFFICIENCY EXPERT

Freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** has made good use of her time on the floor this season. Although she is averaging just 19.5 minutes per game, the Ventura, Calif., product is collecting 11.3 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, ranking third and second on the team, respectively. If LaVere were to average 40 minutes played, she would be logging 23.2 ppg. and 12.7 rpg., both tops on the squad. By comparison, Notre Dame's leading scorer and rebounder, sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast**, would be registering 21.8 ppg. and 10.9 rpg. if she averaged a full 40 minutes.

LaVere has continued her rapid development over the last six games, collecting 13.7 points and 7.2 rebounds per game. She also has posted double-doubles in each of her last two outings vs. Tennessee (game highs of 17 points and 11 rebounds) and Marquette (16 points, game-high 12 rebounds). In addition, LaVere made her first career start in the latter game, replacing an injured **Katy Flecky**.

START ME UP

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** reached a milestone at Valparaiso, becoming the 10th player in school history to start 100 career games. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native now has started 107 of 108 games for Notre Dame, yielding her starting spot to **Imani Dunbar** for Senior Night in 2001 (vs. Georgetown). With her start vs. Tennessee last weekend, Ratay moved past **Mary Gavin** (1984-88) into sixth place on Notre Dame's career games started list. Ratay is now 17 starts away from the school record of 124, currently held by **Ruth Riley**. At her current pace, Ratay would break Riley's mark by the time the BIG EAST Championship rolls around in early March.

RATAY'S MILESTONE WATCH

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** is on the threshold of several other career milestones in 2002-03. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native reached her first landmark at Valparaiso, becoming the fifth player in school history to amass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 assists in her career. She also is the second Irish player in three seasons to attain that feat, following **Kelley Siemon**, who completed the hat trick when she scored her 1,000th point in Notre Dame's NCAA championship game win over Purdue in 2001. The others in this elite group are **Beth Morgan** (1993-97), current Irish assistant coach **Letitia Bowen** (1991-95) and **Trena Keys** (1982-86). Ratay currently has 1,489 points, 542 rebounds and 209 assists.

Ratay also is 25 three-point field goals away from tying the Notre Dame career record of 249, currently held by **Sheila McMillen** (1995-99). Ratay averaged more than 70 treys per season during her first three years at Notre Dame.

Two other milestones also are within Ratay's reach. She ranks sixth on the Irish all-time scoring list with 1,489 points, but she needs only 100 counters to move into the top five on that chart, catching Keys (1,589 from 1982-86). In addition, Ratay has been one of the most durable players in school history, appearing in all 108 Irish games in her career and starting all but one (2001 Senior Night vs. Georgetown). She can break the Notre Dame career records for starts and games played with another 17 starts and 24 games played this season.



Ratay already holds the Irish career marks for free throw (.871) and three-point field goal (.478) percentages, records which would rank among the top 10 in NCAA history. In addition, if her career ended today, Ratay's three-point percentage would stand as the best in NCAA history, and her free throw ratio would be sixth in NCAA annals. For a complete rundown of Ratay's place in the Notre Dame record books, please see the charts on page 9 of these notes.

POLL POSITION

Notre Dame was ranked 13th in the latest *Associated Press* poll, marking the eighth consecutive week the Irish have appeared in the AP poll this season. Notre Dame was among the top 10 for the first five weeks of the season, and the Irish have spent 56 weeks in the top 10 in the 26-year history of the program (two weeks in 1996-97, 16 in 1998-99, 15 in 1999-2000, 18 in 2000-01 and five in 2002-03).

Notre Dame has been extremely successful at home when playing as a ranked team. The Irish are 71-4 (.947) all-time at the Joyce Center when they appear in the AP poll at tipoff, including 45 wins in their last 47 games and a 4-0 mark this season.

The Irish also are ranked 13th in the Dec. 24 ESPN/*USA Today* coaches poll, marking their eighth consecutive week in that survey as well. Notre Dame spent two weeks in the top 10 of the ESPN/*USA Today* poll earlier this season, marking its first foray into the top 10 since finishing No. 1 after winning the 2001 NCAA championship. That top ranking also capped a string of 52 consecutive weeks in the coaches' top 10 for the Irish, who appeared in the poll's upper division continuously from Nov. 22, 1998-April 2, 2001.

Notre Dame is slated to face four teams that are currently ranked in both major polls (No. 3/2 Connecticut, No. 5/5 Tennessee, No. 7/6 Purdue and No. 23/22 Boston College). In addition, Villanova is 24th in the most recent AP poll, while DePaul is ranked 24th in the latest ESPN/*USA Today* coaches' poll. Six other Notre Dame opponents presently are receiving votes in one or both of the major polls — Arizona State, Colorado State, Miami, Rutgers, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

NOTRE DAME HAS REASON TO BE THANKFUL AFTER FALL SEASONS

Irish teams have turned in exceptional performances during the 2002 fall sports season. All six of Notre Dame's fall sports (football, volleyball, men's/women's soccer, men's/women's cross country) qualified for postseason play, headlined by a third-place finish for the women's cross country squad at the NCAA Championships, an NCAA quarterfinal finish for the women's soccer team, and a Gator Bowl berth and No. 9 BCS ranking for the football team. In fact, Notre Dame was the only school in the nation to have all six of those fall sports qualify for the postseason.

Thanks to its successful finishes in the fall, Notre Dame has moved into fourth place in the latest NACDA Directors' Cup standings, which were released Dec. 19 (see note on page 11).

RATAY, BATTEAST NAMED TO 2002-03 NAISMITH PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** (Lake Zurich, Ill.) and sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind.) have been named preseason candidates for the 2002-03 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Awards which are presented annually by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

The Naismith Awards program, now in its 35th year, honors the outstanding male and female college basketball players in the United States. The awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball.

The candidates were selected by a vote of the Board of Selectors comprised of leading basketball coaches, journalists and basketball analysts.

For Ratay, this year's selection to the Naismith Preseason Watch List is her third in as many seasons. The senior guard is a two-time *Associated Press* honorable mention All-American and ranks sixth on Notre Dame's career scoring list with 1,489 points. She also ranks among the top 10 in NCAA history in career three-point (.478) and free throw percentage (.871), and she is on the verge of breaking the school record for career three-point field goals made, needing just 25 treys to match **Sheila McMillen's** total of 249 from 1995-99.

Last season, Ratay was a first-team all-BIG EAST Conference selection after finishing third in the conference in scoring at 15.4 points per game. She also averaged a career-high 5.5 rebounds per game and ranked 15th in the nation in free throw percentage, hitting a school-record 88.2 percent of her charities. Ratay started every game for the Irish last season and has played in every Notre Dame game in her career, starting 105 of a possible 106 contests to date.

Batteast was named the 2002 United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year and a WBCA/Kodak honorable mention All-America pick after averaging 13.8 points

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Total Points

4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	1,489
7. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
8. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439

Scoring Average

3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	15.8
4. Heidi Bunek (1985- 89)	14.5
5. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	14.4
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	14.3
7. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	13.8
8. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	13.1

Three-Point Field Goals Made

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	249
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	231
3. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	224
4. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	190
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	128

Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	650
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	628
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	469
Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	469
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	342

Three-Point Field-Goal Percentage (min. 50 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.478 (224-469)*
2. Kari Hutchinson (1994-98)	.424
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	.405

*current NCAA career record is .467 (Erin Maher, Harvard)

Free Throws Made

1. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	518
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	447
3. Katryna Gaiter (1993-97)	328
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	307
5. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	297
6. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	286

Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.871 (297-341)*
2. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
3. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

*Sixth in NCAA history (.915, Brooke Lassiter, Louisiana Tech)

Most Games Started

1. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	124
2. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	118
3. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	116
4. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	114
Beth Morgan (1993-97)	114
6. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	107
7. Mary Gavin (1984-88)	105

Boldface indicates current players



'02-03 IRISH TRENDS

Day of the Week

Sunday	0-0
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	2-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	0-0
Friday	1-0
Saturday	3-1

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	5-1
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	3-1

Location

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

Halftime score

Leading at the half	7-0
Trailing at the half	1-2
Tied at the half	0-0

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	8-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	0-2
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	7-0
Lower pct. than opponent	1-2
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	6-0
Shoot less than 45%	2-2
Hold opponent under 40%	6-1

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	6-0
Make fewer free throws	1-2
Make same number of free throws	1-0

Turnovers

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

Margin of Victory

1-5 points	1-0
6-10 points	2-0
11-15 points	1-0
16-20 points	0-2
21+ points	4-0

Conference Affiliation

BIG EAST	0-0
Atlantic 10	1-0
Big Ten	0-0
Conference USA	1-1
Horizon League	1-0
Independent	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Mountain West	1-0
Pacific-10	2-0
Southeastern	0-1

Month

November	2-0
December	6-2
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

and 7.8 rebounds per game in her rookie season at Notre Dame. The sophomore forward ranked second in the BIG EAST in rebounding and double-doubles (11) and fifth in blocked shots (1.38 bpg.), earning second-team all-conference honors along the way. She also was a unanimous choice as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and was a six-time conference Rookie of the Week in 2001-02. Batteast is one of only four sophomores to be named to the 2002-03 Naismith Preseason Watch List.

Notre Dame is one of only five schools to have more than one women's basketball player named to the Naismith Preseason Watch List, joining Duke, Kansas State, LSU and Tennessee in that select group.

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 168 games over the last seven seasons, which stands as the sixth-most wins of any school in the country during that time. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since the start of the 1996-97 campaign (totals through games of Jan. 2):

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>'96-'97</u>	<u>'97-'98</u>	<u>'98-'99</u>	<u>'99-'00</u>	<u>'00-01</u>	<u>'01-'02</u>	<u>'02-03</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	39	11	214
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	30	9	202
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	25	7	185
4. Duke	19	24	29	28	30	31	12	173
5. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	28	3	172
6. NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	20	8	168
7. UC Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	22	26	6	161

HALF AND HALF

Over the last three seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 54-1 (.982) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead. In that span, the only time Notre Dame didn't win with a halftime lead was Jan. 12, 2002 at Villanova, when the Irish took a 31-25 advantage at the intermission, only to see the Wildcats claim a last-second 60-59 victory.

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last seven seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 106-2 (.981) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. The only times that notion didn't come to pass were on Feb. 17, 2001 (Rutgers 54-53), and Feb. 26, 2002 (Villanova 48-45). Notre Dame has added four wins to that count this season with victories over USC, Arizona State, IPFW and Colorado State.

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

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the last seven seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 85-3 (.966) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame has added four wins to that total this year with its victories over Cleveland State, Arizona State, Temple and IPFW.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

Notre Dame has two captains this season — senior guard **Alicia Ratay** (Lake Zurich, Ill.) and junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** (Pembroke Pines, Fla.). They are the 34th and 35th different players to serve as captains for the Irish in the 26-year history of the program (not including the 1986-87 season, when captains were chosen on a game-by-game basis).

IRISH HAIL FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

The 11 players on this year's Notre Dame roster hail from nine different states, including two each from Illinois and Ohio. Other states represented on the Irish roster include California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Washington and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame roster features players from 34 different states, including 23 during the **Muffet McGraw** era. Ironically, the most common home state on the Irish all-time roster — Michigan (14) — is not represented for the second year in a row, although assistant coaches (and former Notre Dame players) **Coquese Washington** and **Letitia Bowen** both are Michigan natives.



**NACDA DIRECTORS' CUP
FALL UPDATE**

The University of Notre Dame stands fourth in the second set of fall sports standings released in the 2002-03 Division I NACDA Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup). The latest standings were unveiled Dec. 19.

The No. 4 ranking is the highest for Notre Dame since the Irish were third in the '96-'97 final fall standings (Notre Dame ended up 14th overall that year).

Fall NCAA competition so far has earned the Irish 229 points based on their third-place finish in women's cross country (85 points, highest total ever in that sport for the Irish), their 22nd-place finish in men's cross country (30 points), their third-round appearance in women's soccer (64 points) and their second-round appearance in men's soccer (50 points).

Yet to come are fall points for Notre Dame's 2002 NCAA involvement in volleyball (the Irish advanced to the second round) and football (the Irish finished the regular season 12th in the ESPN/USA Today poll and presumably will remain somewhere in the top 25 after their New Year's Day appearance in the Gator Bowl).

Notre Dame is the only school in the country to make postseason appearances in all six of those sports during the fall 2002 season.

The third set of fall standings will be released Jan. 2 and the final fall standings will be available Jan. 9.

Stanford (353 points) leads the competition thanks to its NCAA championship in men's cross country and its second-place finishes in women's cross country and men's soccer. Second is Wake Forest ('02 NCAA field hockey champion), followed by Penn State, Notre Dame and Michigan.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in field hockey, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's soccer.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01 and 13th in 2001-02.

Here are the current standings:

1. Stanford 353
2. Wake Forest 277
3. Penn State 269
4. **Notre Dame** **229**
5. Michigan 209
6. Maryland 193
7. William & Mary 189
8. UCLA 187
9. (tie) Wisconsin 176
- (tie) Michigan State 176
11. Connecticut 171
12. BYU 167
13. North Carolina 165
14. Colorado 155
15. Portland 150

FUN WITH NUMBERS

This season, Notre Dame fans are seeing a pair of jersey numbers on the floor that are a bit uncommon in Irish colors. Freshman guard **Megan Duffy** has chosen to wear No. 13, becoming only the second Notre Dame player since 1986 to wear those digits. **Danielle Green** was the last to sport No. 13, doing so during her freshman season (1995-96). Prior to Green, no Irish player had worn that number since **Trena Keys** (1982-86). Not one to bow to superstition, Duffy chose the No. 13 because she was born on Friday the 13th.

In addition, freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** is wearing No. 41 this season, a number which has been modeled just once before by an Irish player. **Imani Dunbar** had that jersey number throughout her Notre Dame career from 1997-2001.

NOTRE DAME PICKED FOR SHARE OF BIG EAST TITLE IN PRESEASON POLL

For the first time in its eight-year affiliation with the BIG EAST Conference, Notre Dame was picked to finish first in the league's preseason coaches poll that was released Oct. 24 at BIG EAST Media Day. The Irish shared top billing with defending national champion Connecticut, with each team earning seven first-place votes and 161 total points in the balloting. Boston College (143 points), Villanova (128 points) and Virginia Tech (110 points) round out the top five.

Individually, Notre Dame was the only school to place two players on the preseason all-BIG EAST first team. Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** earned *Associated Press* honorable mention All-America honors for the second time in her career last season, and was a first-team all-conference selection. She is the top returning scorer for the Irish, averaging 15.4 points and 5.5 rebounds per game in '01-02. She also led the BIG EAST and ranked 15th in the nation in free throw percentage, hitting a school-record .882 from the charity stripe. Ratay also was named one of 30 preseason candidates for the Naismith Player of the Year award, her third selection in as many seasons.

Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** also was recognized by the conference coaches after being named the 2002 United States Basketball Writers Association National Freshman of the Year. The South Bend native averaged 13.8 points and 7.8 rebounds per game last season, and was a unanimous selection as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. She also registered 11 double-doubles (second in the conference) and was a second-team all-league selection, the only freshman to make an all-BIG EAST squad in '01-02. In addition, Batteast was a WBCA/Kodak honorable mention All-America selection last year and like Ratay, she was chosen as one of 30 preseason candidates for the Naismith Player of the Year award.

RATAY NAMED CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR C.L.A.S.S. AWARD

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** was selected as one of 30 candidates for the second annual Senior CLASS Award, which is presented annually to the nation's senior Player of the Year by the Senior CLASS Organizing Committee. Ratay is one of three BIG EAST Conference student-athletes on the list of Senior CLASS Award "Players to Watch," joining Villanova's Trish Juhline and Brianne Stepherson of Boston College. Connecticut guard Sue Bird received the inaugural award last year.

Ratay is a two-time *Associated Press* honorable mention All-American and was a first-team all-BIG EAST selection last season. She ranks sixth in school history with 1,489 points and is among the top perimeter shooters in the country, connecting at a school-record .478 clip from behind the three-point line in her career. She also has made a school-record 87.1 percent of her free throws at Notre Dame, and both her free throw and three-point percentages would rank among the top 10 in NCAA history.

Ratay also is an exemplary student, owning a 3.46 cumulative grade-point average while pursuing a double major in psychology and education. She has been named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team each of the last three years, and she has garnered Dean's List honors three times.

The Senior CLASS Award — the acronym stands for **Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School** — is based on a number of factors, the most important being that the recipient must have exhausted their four years of eligibility and have fulfilled their commitment to their respective university. In addition, the recipient must be working toward their degree, be in good academic standing and be of sound moral character. The award was developed last season in response to the recent trend of college basketball players leaving early to turn professional.

The performances of the 30 "Players to Watch" will be tracked during the season, and from that pool of players, a group of 10 finalists will be selected by a national committee of sportscasters and sports-writers that cover Division I college basketball. The finalists then will appear on the official ballot which will be voted upon in March by the national media committee and Division I college basketball coaches. The winner will be announced during the Women's Final Four April 6-8 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.



GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame has received a 2002 *USA Today*/NCAA Academic Achievement Award for graduating 90 percent of its freshmen student-athletes who enrolled in 1995.

Now in their second year, the awards were presented in September to the 10 institutions with the highest overall graduation rates for scholarship student-athletes who began college in the 1995-96 academic year. Rice University was first at 91 percent, one point better than Notre Dame, Stanford and Duke.

The awards were announced in conjunction with the release of the 2002 NCAA Graduation Rate Report. The 12th such survey issued by the NCAA, the report covers student-athletes who enrolled between 1992 and 1995 at Division I institutions, including 115 in Division I-A.

The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates. In addition to one-year rates, the NCAA provides a four-year average to better measure graduation rates over time at each institution.

As it has since the NCAA survey began, Notre Dame ranked among the top 10 in five major student-athlete graduation rate areas -- overall, football, men, women and African-Americans.

All Student-Athletes

- 1. Northwestern 90%
- 2. Duke 89
- Stanford 89
- 4. **Notre Dame** **85**

Female Student-Athletes

- 1. Northwestern 99%
- 2. Stanford 94
- 3. Vanderbilt 93
- 4. **Notre Dame** **92**

Male Student-Athletes

- 1. Duke 87%
- 2. Stanford 86
- 3. Northwestern 84
- 4. **Notre Dame** **82**
- Rice 82

Football Student-Athletes

- 1. Northwestern 85%
- 2. Duke 84
- 3. Rice 83
- 10. **Notre Dame** **74**

African-American Student-Athletes

- 1. Rice 83%
- Stanford 83
- Vanderbilt 83
- 4. Northwestern 82
- 5. Duke 81
- 6. **Notre Dame** **73**

LaVERE NAMED ONE OF NATION'S "TOP 21 FRESHMEN OF IMPACT"

Courtney LaVere was a consensus All-America selection and one of the top 25 prep players in the country following her senior season at Buena High School in Ventura, Calif. One media outlet believes LaVere will continue that success in her initial campaign at Notre Dame. *Women's College Hoops.com* chose the 6-3 freshman forward as one its "Top 21 Freshmen of Impact" for the 2002-03 season.

LaVere joins the Irish after averaging 26.5 points, 11.4 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game during her senior season. She finished her high school career with 1,897 points (second in school history), 1,029 rebounds (third in school history) and 303 blocks (first in school history). She also holds school single-game records for points (45) and blocks (9), as well as BHS single-season marks for points (741), scoring average (26.5) and blocks (99). LaVere was named the 1999 California Freshman of the Year by *Cal-Hi Sports*, and she helped lead Buena to the top spot in the *USA Today* Super 25 national rankings for much of the 2000-01 season.

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 80 of their last 83 games at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center, including a school-record 51-game winning streak (10th-longest in NCAA history) from 1998-2002. Notre Dame also has a 56-4 (.933) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game winning streak at home before it was snapped with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the 2002 home finale. Besides the Wildcats, Connecticut (three times) is the only other BIG EAST school to successfully conquer the Irish on their home floor.

Nevertheless, Notre Dame still owns a 33-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center that dates back more than six years — a stretch that includes victories over a trio of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke in 1998-99 and Purdue in 2000-01), as well as No. 19 Illinois in '98-99. Notre Dame's last non-conference loss at home came back on Dec. 9, 1996, when 19th-ranked Wisconsin toppled the Irish, 81-69.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center. The Irish own a 243-66 (.786) record at the venerable facility. In both the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 seasons, the Irish were a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season. Also, since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, Notre Dame is 93-5 (.949) at the Joyce Center.

JAMMIN' THE JOYCE

For the third consecutive season, Notre Dame is ranked among the top 10 in the nation in attendance, according to the latest unofficial rankings compiled by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Office. The Irish have averaged 6,432 fans for four home games this season, placing them seventh in the country (through games of Dec. 29).

Notre Dame averaged a school-record 7,825 fans for their 14 home games last season, good for eighth in the final NCAA attendance rankings. The 2001-02 season also saw Notre Dame register 13 of the top 20 crowds in school history, including a gathering of 9,676 fans, the third-largest in school annals, for a 60-44 win over 16th-ranked Boston College.

Furthermore, all of the top 20 crowds in the Irish record book have occurred during the 16-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw** (1987-present). And, as more evidence of Notre Dame's rapid elevation to "hot ticket" status in South Bend, 19 of the top 20 crowds in school history have been recorded in the last four seasons.

NOTRE DAME FACING ONE TOUGH SLATE

Historically, Notre Dame has always played a difficult schedule and 2002-03 is no exception. The Irish will play no less than 14 teams that qualified for postseason play last year, including nine NCAA Tournament teams (highlighted by defending national champion Connecticut and Final Four participant Tennessee). In addition, six opponents (Arizona State, Connecticut, Purdue, Temple, Tennessee and Valparaiso) won the regular-season or tournament title in their respective conference. Furthermore, 17 of the 24 Irish opponents finished with records of .500 or better last season, including 10 squads that posted 20-win campaigns.

IRISH ON THE SMALL SCREEN

Notre Dame is getting a good deal of face time in 2002-03, playing on television at least seven times, including nationally-televised contests against Arizona State (Dec. 7 on Fox Sports Net), Purdue (Jan. 4 on CBS) and Connecticut (Jan. 20 on ESPN2). In addition, Notre Dame appears three times as part



of the BIG EAST regular-season television package, playing host to Miami (Jan. 11, noon ET) and traveling to Villanova (Jan. 25, noon ET) and Virginia Tech (Feb. 9, 2 p.m. ET). All three of those games will be telecast in South Bend on WHME-TV on a tape-delayed basis as part of the league's TV deal. WHME-TV also broadcast the Irish game at DePaul (Dec. 11) live from Chicago.

Besides the regular-season conference television deal, the BIG EAST tournament semifinals on March 10 also will be aired on BIG EAST TV, while the conference championship game on March 11 will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

The Irish are 1-1 on television this season, defeating Arizona State and falling at DePaul.

NOTRE DAME ON THE AIRWAVES

Once again this season, every Irish women's basketball game will air on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend. Veteran broadcaster and WDND sports director **Sean Stires** is now in his third season handling the play-by-play for Notre Dame. The Irish also can be heard on the Internet at Notre Dame's official athletics website (www.und.com) by subscribing to Fighting Irish Pass, which gives listeners full access to a wide variety of Irish events on radio for only \$6.95 per month.

THE MUFFET MCGRAW SHOW

Muffet McGraw's half-hour, weekly television show is produced by LeSea Broadcasting and hosted by **Bob Nagle**. The show, now in its fifth season, is carried by WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and will air at 6:30 p.m. (EST) on Saturdays through the completion of the 2002-03 season. The show also is available via satellite (Galaxy 6, Transponder 15) each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (EST), and may be seen on LeSea Broadcasting stations in Denver, Honolulu, Indianapolis, New Orleans and Tulsa (check local listings).

NOTRE DAME INKS PAIR OF TOP 20 PREP STANDOUTS IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD

University of Notre Dame women's basketball coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 14 that two of the nation's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing national letters of intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2003. **Crystal Erwin**, a 6-2 forward from St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif., and **Susie Powers**, a 5-11 guard from Highlands Ranch High School in Denver, Colo., will join the Irish for the 2003-04 campaign.

Erwin has averaged 22.6 points and 14.5 rebounds per game during her three-year prep career at St. Paul. She holds the school records for career points (2,084) and rebounds (1,324), as well as single-season points (869) with one year still to play for the Swordsmen. Ranked as high as third in the nation by All-Star Girls Report, Erwin was named to the 2002-03 *USA Today* Preseason Super 25 Team, and she is a two-time *Street & Smith's* All-America pick, earning third-team honors last season. She also has been named to all-star teams at the adidas Top Ten Camp each of the last two years and she was a member of the USA Basketball Youth Development Festival West Team this past summer. Erwin is the second California native in as many seasons to commit to the Irish, following current Notre Dame freshman **Courtney LaVere**.

Powers averaged 11.5 points and 6.8 assists per game last season for perennial national power Highlands Ranch High School, which won its third consecutive Colorado Class 5A title last season and was ranked No. 1 in the nation for much of the campaign according to the *USA Today* Super 25 poll. Powers was ranked as high as 12th in the nation by the *Greg Swaim Basketball Report*, and she is a two-time *Street & Smith's* honorable mention All-America selection. She also was Erwin's teammate on the USA Basketball Youth Development Festival West Team in the summer of 2002. In addition to Erwin, Powers will have some familiarity with another Irish player -- she played with sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** at Highlands Ranch in 2000, helping lead the Falcons to the first of their three straight state championships.

With the addition of Erwin and Powers, Notre Dame has its seventh consecutive top 20 recruiting class, according to *Blue Star Basketball*, which rated the newest Irish signees 16th in the nation.

MCGRAW INDUCTED INTO SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

University of Notre Dame women's basketball coach **Muffet McGraw** was one of seven people inducted into the Saint Joseph's (Pa.) University Athletics Hall of Fame Nov. 16 in Philadelphia. McGraw was a standout point guard for Saint Joseph's during its first four years of varsity competition, serving as team captain during her final two seasons (1975-76 and 1976-77). She helped lead the Hawks to an 18-3 record as a junior and a third-place finish in the AIAW Eastern Regional Tournament. A year later,

2002-03 IRISH INSIGHTS

- Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** was a member of the 1998 U.S. Under-17 Junior National Team that won a bronze medal at the Junior Olympics in Moscow, Russia that summer.

- As part of a class project last year, senior guard **Karen Swanson** helped design and sell a calendar that featured casual photos of her teammates (Swanson shot most of the photos herself). The calendar was hugely popular among Irish fans and raised nearly \$7,000 for the World Trade Center Public School Relief Fund.

- Junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** caused something of a stir during Notre Dame's tour of Italy this past summer. It seems Severe bears a striking resemblance to a famous European track star named Fiona May, and several locals came up to Severe during the trip, asking for her autograph.

- Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is only the third South Bend native to play for the Irish, and the first since Molly Mahoney in 1987.

- Sophomore center **Teresa Borton** grew up on an apple orchard in Yakima, Wash., and her family owns Borton Fruit Company. In addition, she is one of two Bortons currently playing Division I basketball — cousin, Katie, is a senior at Colorado State.

- One of Teresa Borton's teammates on West Valley High School's 2001 state championship team was **Annie Schefter**, who was the starting point guard. As it turns out, Schefter also is a pretty talented soccer player, good enough to earn a scholarship to follow Borton to Notre Dame. Schefter went on to earn high school All-America honors in 2001 and find a spot on the U.S. under-19 World Cup team, but a knee injury during summer workouts forced her to miss not only the under-19 World Cup, but also her entire freshman season with the Irish.



2002-03 IRISH INSIGHTS

- Sophomore guard **Kelsey Wicks** fell in love with the University of Notre Dame after watching the Irish play in the 1997 NCAA Final Four. However, she was not initially recruited by Notre Dame. So, she sent the Irish coaching staff a videotape of her games, and Notre Dame quickly began pursuing her. Wicks often refers to her journey to Notre Dame as "a tape and a dream".
- Wicks was a three-sport star at Campbell County High School in Gillette, Wyo. In addition to her basketball prowess, Wicks was a four-time state champion in the high jump, and earned all-state honors in golf while leading the Camels to their first state championship.
- Freshman guard **Megan Duffy** won three AAU national championships with the Dayton Lady HoopStars in 1996, 1998 and 2000. One of Duffy's teammates early in her AAU career was former Connecticut standout Tamika Williams, who now plays for the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx.
- Duffy also earned all-city honors and was a two-time captain of the boys' golf team at Dayton's Chaminade-Julienne High School.
- Not one to be superstitious, Duffy chose the No. 13 because she was born on Friday the 13th.
- Freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** is called "Malibu" by her teammates. The nickname was coined by fellow freshman Megan Duffy because of LaVere's California roots and her self-described likeness to "a typical California girl." LaVere also alluded to the moniker in her pre-season media guide questionnaire with the title she chose for her autobiography — "A Day in the Life of a Malibu Barbie".

she guided SJU to a 23-5 record, a sixth-place finish at the AIAW National Tournament, and a No. 3 national ranking in the *Associated Press* poll, the highest year-end poll finish in school history. She also set the Saint Joseph's single-season record for steals with 102 during the 1976-77 campaign.

McGraw graduated from SJU in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. She played one season for the California Dreams in the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) before beginning her college coaching career as an assistant coach at her alma mater from 1980-82. Following five successful seasons at Lehigh (1983-87), McGraw was named the head coach at Notre Dame, a position she has held ever since.

Now in her 16th year with the Irish, McGraw has posted a stellar 350-129 (.731) record (438-170, .720 overall in 21 years), guiding Notre Dame to 13 20-win seasons, nine postseason appearances, seven NCAA Tournament berths, four Sweet Sixteen visits, two Final Fours and the 2001 NCAA title. The 2001 Naismith and AP National Coach of the Year, McGraw also is a member of the SJU Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the Philadelphia Big Five Hall of Fame.

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When she's not diligently working with the Notre Dame women's basketball team, assistant coach **Coquese Washington** spends the offseason playing in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). A six-year veteran point guard, Washington guided the Indiana Fever to their first-ever playoff berth this past summer, following her midseason trade from the Houston Comets.

During the course of the 2002-03 college basketball season, *WNBA.com* will feature regular interviews and chat sessions with Washington. Readers will get an inside look at how she successfully handles the challenges of being a collegiate assistant, while also remaining prepared for the next professional basketball season.

IRISH ENJOY SUCCESSFUL SUMMER TRIP TO EUROPE

Last May, the Irish embarked on a 12-day tour of Italy and France, going 3-1 in a four-game series against Italian professional teams. Among the Notre Dame victories was an 82-76 conquest of 14-time Italian First Division champion Pool Comense 1872, which had won its latest league title only two weeks prior to playing the Irish.

Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** and sophomore guard **Kelsey Wicks** shared team-high scoring honors on the tour, averaging 14.8 points per game during the series. Batteast, the reigning United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year, also registered two double-doubles and carded 11.3 rebounds per game while in Europe.

Sophomore center **Teresa Borton** collected team-high rebounding laurels, averaging 12.3 boards per contest. She also posted double-figure rebounding totals in three of four games, finishing with nine caroms in her other outing. Like Batteast, she averaged a double-double, adding 10 points per night.

All told, five Irish players scored in double figures while in Europe — the aforementioned trio, along with junior guard **LeTania Severe** (13.5 ppg.) and sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** (10.0 ppg.). As a team, Notre Dame averaged 79.5 points and 51.3 rebounds per game during the trip.

UP NEXT: WEST VIRGINIA

Notre Dame will open BIG EAST Conference play next Wednesday, Jan. 8, with a 7 p.m. (EST) game against league upstart West Virginia at the WVU Coliseum in Morgantown. The Mountaineers are off to the best start in school history this season, going 10-0 in non-conference play, including wins over Duquesne and Ohio University. WVU is one of only five teams in the nation that still are undefeated this season, joining fellow BIG EAST member Connecticut, top-ranked Duke, No. 2 LSU and 10th-ranked Minnesota.

The Mountaineers are led by junior guard **Kate Bulger**, a second-team all-conference selection last season. Bulger currently ranks first in the BIG EAST in three-point percentage (.552), second in three-pointers made (2.9 per game), fourth in scoring (17.7 ppg.) and fifth in field goal percentage (.532). She is complemented by junior guard **Sherell Sowho**, who ranks fourth in the conference in field goal percentage (.543), ninth in steals (2.4 spg.) and 15th in scoring (14.9 ppg.). Sophomore point guard **Yolanda Paige** has been the driving force behind the Mountaineers' early success, averaging a league-best 9.0 assists per game, a mark that ranks among the top five in the nation this season.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with West Virginia, 9-0, following a 72-63 victory last season at the Joyce Center. The Irish are 4-0 at the WVU Coliseum, including an 87-64 win in their last visit on Jan. 24, 2001.



McGRAW PART OF U.S. TITLE IX COMMISSION

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** has been serving as a member of the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, after being selected for the position last summer by United States Secretary of Education Rod Paige. McGraw is one of 15 sports professionals and educators on the blue-ribbon panel, which is co-chaired by former Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) star **Cynthia Cooper** and **Ted Leland**, director of athletics at Stanford University.

The Commission was founded to study the effects of Title IX, the 30-year-old anti-discrimination law, and examine ways of strengthening enforcement and expanding opportunities to ensure fairness for all college student-athletes. The members of the panel held public hearings and spoke with coaches, student-athletes, parents, college officials, educators and other experts to gather information and prepare recommendations that will be submitted to Paige early next year.

"I'm very honored to have been chosen for this very important Commission," McGraw said. "I think Title IX has been great for female student-athletes and I hope we will find ways to make it even better."

McGraw, who is now in her 16th season at Notre Dame, is the only women's basketball coach on the Commission. Among the other featured members on the panel are: **Julie Foudy**, president of the Women's Sports Foundation and captain of the U.S. National Women's Soccer Team, and **Donna DeVarona**, co-founder of the Women's Sports Foundation and a two-time Olympic gold medalist in swimming.

"Without a doubt, Title IX has opened the doors of opportunity for generations of women and girls to compete, to achieve, and to pursue their American dreams," Paige said. "I am confident that, with the help of this Commission, we will learn how we can do a better job of enforcing a law that represents hope to so many Americans."

NCAA AND BIG EAST STATISTICAL LEADERS

Here's where the Irish players and team stand in the most recent NCAA statistics report (through games of Dec. 16) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report (through games of Dec. 29):

Team Rankings	NCAA	BIG EAST
Scoring Offense	20th at 79.0	6th at 73.7
Scoring Defense		9th at 61.6
Scoring Margin		5th at +12.1
FT Percentage		5th at .737
FG Percentage	8th at .509	5th at .464
FG Percentage Defense		6th at .367
3-Point FG Percentage		14th at .287
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	6th at .307
Rebounding		6th at 39.8
Rebounding Defense	not kept	7th at 34.1
Rebounding Margin		5th at +5.7
Blocked Shots		3rd at 5.44
Assists		8th at 15.0
Steals		3rd at 11.11
Turnover Margin	not kept	8th at +1.78
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	11th at 0.80

Individual Rankings	NCAA	BIG EAST
Scoring		Batteast, 12th at 15.2
Rebounding		Batteast, 7th at 7.7
FG Percentage		Batteast, 14th at .459
Assists		Severe, 15th at 3.22
FT Percentage		Ratay, 2nd at .897
		Batteast, 5th at .793
		Severe, 7th at .784
Steals		Severe, 12th at 2.22
		Batteast, 15th at 2.0
Blocked Shots		Borton, 3rd at 1.67
		Batteast, 8th at 1.11
Assist/Turnover Ratio		Severe, 14th at 0.91
Offensive Rebounds		Batteast, 9th at 2.56
		Borton, 15th at 2.44
Defensive Rebounds		Batteast, 8th at 5.11

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

2002-03 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 8-2 (Home: 4-0, Away: 4-1, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 26	10/10		CLEVELAND STATE	W 107-65	W1	1-0		Flecky-22	two with 8	Batteast-7	6,402
Nov. 29	10/10		at USC	W 69-57	W2	2-0		Ratay-17	Batteast-11	Flecky-3	1,317
Dec. 4	9/9		at Valparaiso	W 74-68	W3	3-0		Ratay-21	Borton-8	Severe-5	1,561
Dec. 7	9/9		(1) at Arizona State (FSN)	W 81-52	W4	4-0		Batteast-24	Borton-9	Duffy-7	7,274
Dec. 11	8/8		at DePaul (WHME)	L 59-75	L1	4-1		Batteast-17	Batteast-9	two with 2	2,522
Dec. 14	8/8		TEMPLE	W 84-61	W1	5-1		Ratay-17	LaVere-9	Severe-4	6,324
Dec. 21	12/11		IPFW	W 82-54	W2	6-1		two with 20	Borton-11	five with 4	6,372
Dec. 23	12/11		COLORADO STATE	W 46-45	W3	7-1		Batteast-18	Batteast-10	Batteast-3	6,632
Dec. 28	12/12	5/5	(2) vs. Tennessee	L 61-77	L1	7-2		LaVere-17	LaVere-11	Severe-5	8,223
Dec. 31	13/13		at Marquette	W 75-68	W1	8-2		Batteast-23	LaVere-12	Severe-6	3,686
Jan. 4			PURDUE (CBS)	4 p.m. EST							
Jan. 8			at West Virginia*	7 p.m. EST							
Jan. 11			MIAMI* (BETV)	Noon EST							
Jan. 14			at St. John's*	7:30 p.m. EST							
Jan. 18			RUTGERS*	2 p.m. EST							
Jan. 20			CONNECTICUT* (ESPN2)	2 p.m. EST							
Jan. 25			at Villanova* (BETV)	Noon EST							
Jan. 29			at Boston College*	7 p.m. EST							
Feb. 1			WEST VIRGINIA*	5 p.m. EST							
Feb. 5			GEORGETOWN*	7 p.m. EST							
Feb. 9			at Virginia Tech* (BETV)	2 p.m. EST							
Feb. 12			ST. JOHN'S*	7 p.m. EST							
Feb. 16			at Providence*	2 p.m. EST							
Feb. 23			at Connecticut*	2 p.m. EST							
Feb. 26			PITTSBURGH*	7 p.m. EST							
March 1			SETON HALL*	4 p.m. EST							
March 4			at Syracuse*	7 p.m. EST							
<u>BIG EAST Championship (Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway, N.J.)</u>											
March 8			First Round								
March 9			Quarterfinals								
March 10			Semifinals								
March 11			Championship								
<u>NCAA First & Second Rounds (Predetermined campus sites)</u>											
March 22 & 23			First Round								
March 24 & 25			Second Round								
<u>NCAA Regionals (East - Dayton, Ohio; Mideast - Knoxville, Tenn.; Midwest - Albuquerque, N.M.; West - Stanford, Calif.)</u>											
March 29 & 30			Semifinals								
March 31 & April 1			Finals								
<u>NCAA Final Four (Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.)</u>											
April 6			Semifinals								
April 8			Championship								

*BIG EAST Conference game

(1) AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II (Tempe, Ariz.)

(2) Game played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

(FSN) Game televised live on Fox Sports Net

(WHME) Game televised live on WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend

(CBS) Game to be televised live on CBS

(ESPN2) Game to be televised live on ESPN2

(BETV) Game to be televised live on BIG EAST Conference television package (WHME-TV Channel 46 in South Bend)

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

CAPS indicates home game played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418) // Dates and times are subject to change

2002-03 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	50,313	5,031	8,223 (UT-12/28)
Home:	25,730	6,432	6,632 (CSU-12/23)
Away:	16,360	3,272	7,274 (ASU-12/7)
Neutral:	8,223	8,223	8,223 (UT-12/28)

2002-03 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics

Overall Record: 8-2 (Home: 4-0, Away: 4-1, Neutral: 0-1)

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Bateast, Jacqueline	10-10	294-29.4	67-139	.482	3-20	.150	23-31	.742	25	55	80	8.0	23-1	23	30	11	19	160	16.0
Ratay, Alicia	10-10	301-30.1	33-74	.446	12-27	.444	36-40	.900	7	26	33	3.3	8-0	11	14	5	8	114	11.4
LaVere, Courtney	10-1	195-19.5	42-85	.494	0-1	.000	29-47	.617	24	38	62	6.2	22-0	11	21	11	8	113	11.3
Severe, Le'Tania	10-10	296-29.6	31-61	.508	3-5	.600	39-48	.813	8	25	33	3.3	29-0	35	35	2	20	104	10.4
Flecky, Katy	9-8	216-24.0	30-60	.500	3-6	.500	28-41	.683	13	30	43	4.8	28-1	18	26	7	15	91	10.1
Borton, Teresa	10-10	239-23.9	38-65	.585	0-0	.000	7-11	.636	26	32	58	5.8	21-1	13	15	16	11	83	8.3
Wicks, Kelsey	10-1	166-16.6	11-37	.297	3-21	.143	9-11	.818	10	18	28	2.8	10-0	12	12	3	8	34	3.4
Duffy, Megan	10-0	232-23.2	6-26	.231	2-12	.167	12-18	.667	2	15	17	1.7	22-0	25	24	1	12	26	2.6
Swanson, Karen	5-0	35-7.0	3-7	.429	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	1-0	1	3	0	2	8	1.6
Krause, Jill	6-0	26-4.3	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	0.5	3-0	0	2	0	2	5	0.6
Team									22	17	39	3.9						5	
Notre Dame	10	2000	262-557	.470	29-99	.293	185-249	.743	137	260	397	39.7	167-3	149	187	56	105	738	73.8
Opponents	10	2000	219-589	.372	56-175	.320	128-170	.753	134	197	331	33.1	206-2	130	195	23	86	622	62.2

2002-03 Single Game Highs & Lows

NOTRE DAME HIGHS

Points (Game)	107 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Points (Half)	61* (1st half) vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Field Goals Made	42 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Field Goal Attempts	70 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	60.0 (42-70) vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	8 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	19 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	42.1 (8-19) vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Free Throws Made	30 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Free Throw Attempts	40 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	84.2 (16-19) at USC, 11/29/02
Rebounds	50 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Personal Fouls	24 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02
Assists	26 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Turnovers	29 at USC, 11/29/02
Blocked Shots	10 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02
Steals	20 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points (Game)	77, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Points (Half)	42 (1st half), DePaul, 12/11/02
Field Goals Made	25, three times (MR: Marquette, 12/31/02)
Field Goal Attempts	68, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	47.2 (25-53), DePaul, 12/11/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	9, twice (MR: Marquette, 12/31/02)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	22, IPFW, 12/21/02
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	42.9, twice (MR: Marquette, 12/31/02)
Free Throws Made	23, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Free Throw Attempts	35, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	89.5 (17-19), Colorado State, 12/23/02
Rebounds	53, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Personal Fouls	27, Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Assists	19, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Turnovers	31, Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Blocked Shots	7, Arizona State, 12/7/02
Steals	13, Tennessee, 12/28/02

* indicates school record

NOTRE DAME LOWS

Points (Game)	46 vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
Points (Half)	20 (1st half) vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goals Made	14 vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goal Attempts	42 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Field Goal Percentage	29.8 (14-47) vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	1, three times (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	4 at USC, 11/29/02
Three-Point Percentage	12.5 (1-8), twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)
Free Throws Made	8 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Free Throw Attempts	12 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Free Throw Percentage	60.9 (14-23) vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Rebounds	33 at DePaul, 12/11/02
Personal Fouls	12, twice (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)
Assists	6, twice (MR: vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02)
Turnovers	12 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Blocked Shots	0 vs. Temple, 12/14/02
Steals	5 at Marquette, 12/31/02

OPPONENT LOWS

Points (Game)	45, Colorado State, 12/23/02
Points (Half)	12 (1st half), Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goals Made	13, Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goal Attempts	42, Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goal Percentage	28.4 (19-67), Arizona State, 12/7/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	2, Colorado State, 12/23/02
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	14, twice (MR: Tennessee, 12/28/02)
Three-Point Percentage	13.3 (2-15), Colorado State, 12/23/02
Free Throws Made	6, USC, 11/29/02
Free Throw Attempts	6, USC, 11/29/02
Free Throw Percentage	56.3 (9-16), IPFW, 12/21/02
Rebounds	24, Marquette, 12/31/02
Personal Fouls	14, Marquette, 12/31/02
Assists	9, twice (MR: Colorado State, 12/23/02)
Turnovers	11, Marquette, 12/31/02
Blocked Shots	0, IPFW, 12/21/02
Steals	5, Colorado State, 12/23/02

* indicates school record

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

2002-03 Notre Dame Game-by-Game Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs. Off-Def-Tot	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.									
Cleveland State	22-56	.393	5-15	.333	16-19	.842	11-22-33	26	12	31	1	7	65
at NOTRE DAME (6,402)	42-70	.600	4-9	.444	19-30	.633	11-26-37	17	25	12	6	20	107
at USC (1,317)	24-63	.381	3-14	.214	6-6	1.000	12-15-27	16	18	24	1	7	57
NOTRE DAME	26-47	.553	1-4	.250	16-19	.842	8-26-34	12	7	29	7	12	69
at Valparaiso (1,561)	25-63	.397	5-18	.278	13-18	.722	16-15-31	27	10	12	2	6	68
NOTRE DAME	21-42	.500	2-7	.286	30-40	.750	11-25-36	16	11	14	5	9	74
(1) at Arizona State (7,274)	19-67	.284	4-18	.222	10-13	.769	15-14-29	16	13	14	7	12	52
NOTRE DAME	35-63	.556	3-10	.300	8-12	.667	16-34-50	18	22	22	5	7	81
at DEPAUL (2,522)	25-53	.472	7-17	.412	18-22	.818	12-24-36	21	12	13	1	7	75
Notre Dame	20-53	.377	2-10	.200	17-22	.773	14-19-33	19	6	15	4	8	59
Temple	24-59	.407	6-21	.286	7-11	.636	14-20-34	23	14	24	1	7	61
at NOTRE DAME (4,689)	28-63	.444	3-12	.250	25-32	.781	20-24-44	15	19	13	0	17	84
IPFW	18-57	.316	9-22	.409	9-16	.563	12-21-33	19	9	28	0	12	54
at NOTRE DAME (6,372)	30-60	.500	8-19	.421	14-23	.609	16-30-46	17	26	27	8	15	82
Colorado State	13-42	.310	2-15	.133	17-19	.895	7-24-31	21	9	20	3	5	45
at NOTRE DAME (6,632)	14-47	.298	1-8	.125	17-23	.739	11-23-34	17	6	17	4	6	46
(2) TENNESSEE	24-68	.353	6-14	.429	23-35	.657	23-30-53	23	19	18	6	13	77
vs. Notre Dame (8,223)	19-62	.306	1-8	.125	22-27	.815	16-28-44	24	13	19	10	6	61
at Marquette (3,686)	25-61	.410	9-21	.429	9-11	.818	12-12-24	14	14	11	1	10	68
NOTRE DAME	27-50	.540	4-12	.333	17-21	.810	14-25-39	12	14	19	7	5	75

Winners listed in CAPITAL LETTERS

(1) AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II (Tempe, Ariz.)

(2) Game played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

2002-03 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Severe	Joyce	Krause	Swanson	Borton	Duffy	Batteast	Ratay	Wicks	Flecky	LaVere
CLEVELAND STATE	13-1-4	DNP	0-0-0	5-0-1	18-3-1	0-1-4	19-8-7	4-3-1	8-4-0	22-8-2	18-7-5
at USC	11-6-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	10-2-1	2-1-1	14-11-1	17-3-0	0-0-0	13-4-3	2-2-0
at Valparaiso	15-3-5	DNP	DNP	DNP	9-8-1	1-1-2	13-5-0	21-6-2	0-2-0	13-3-1	2-4-0
(1) at Arizona State	11-4-6	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	14-9-1	2-5-7	24-8-0	8-5-1	3-3-3	10-6-3	9-6-1
at DePaul	5-5-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	7-3-0	3-0-2	17-9-2	10-3-1	2-6-0	4-1-0	11-4-1
TEMPLE	7-1-4	DNP	0-0-0	0-1-0	2-6-1	5-4-3	14-6-3	17-3-2	12-1-2	11-7-3	16-9-1
IPFW	3-2-3	DNP	2-3-0	3-0-0	5-11-4	2-3-4	16-6-4	20-3-2	5-4-4	6-5-4	20-6-1
COLORADO STATE	8-3-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-3-0	3-1-1	18-10-3	8-5-0	0-2-0	5-4-1	2-1-0
(2) vs. Tennessee	11-6-5	DNP	3-0-0	0-0-0	14-6-3	2-1-0	2-6-2	5-1-0	0-2-2	7-5-1	17-11-0
at Marquette	20-2-6	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-7-1	6-0-1	23-11-1	4-1-2	4-4-1	DNP	16-12-2

(1) AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II (Tempe, Ariz.)

(2) Game played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

2002-03 Miscellaneous Statistics

	<u>All Games</u>	<u>vs. BIG EAST Teams</u>
Most First Half Points Scored	61 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26	
Most First Half Points Allowed	42 by DePaul, 12/11	
Most Second Half Points Scored	49 vs. Temple, 12/14	
Most Second Half Points Allowed	41 by Tennessee, 12/28	
Fewest First Half Points Scored	20 vs. Colorado State, 12/23	
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	12 by Colorado State, 12/23	
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	26, twice (MR: vs. Colorado State, 12/23)	
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	20 by USC, 11/29	

Largest Leads

ND: 43 — 97-54 (5:51, 2nd) vs. Cleveland State (ND 107-65), 11/26
 Opponent: 21 — 60-39 (9:14, 2nd) vs. Tennessee (UT 77-61), 12/28

Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 9 — 11-2 (17:13, 1st) at USC (ND 69-57), 11/29

Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 3 (37-34) at USC (ND 69-57), 11/29

Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 4 — 21-17 (9:52, 1st) at DePaul (DPU 75-59), 12/11; 4-0 (19:04, 1st) vs. Tennessee (UT 77-61), 12/28

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Halftime Leads: ND: 7 (ND Record — 7-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 3 (ND Record — 1-2; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0

Rebound Advantage: ND: 8 (ND Record — 8-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 2 (ND Record — 0-2; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0

Bench Scoring Advantage: ND: 6 (ND Record — 5-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 4 (ND Record — 3-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0

ND Margin: (-7) points, (-0.7) ppg. (ND — 183 pts., 18.3 ppg.; Opponents — 190 pts., 19.0 ppg.)

<u>Point Differential</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>42</u>
ND Wins	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
ND Losses	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

<u>Starting Lineups (F-F-C-G-G) & W-L Marks</u>	<u>All Games</u>	<u>vs. BIG EAST teams</u>
Batteast, Flecky, Borton, Ratay, Severe	6-2	0-0
Batteast, LaVere, Borton, Ratay, Severe	1-0	0-0
Batteast, Wicks, Borton, Ratay, Severe	1-0	0-0

Complete Games Played: 0 // Opponents: 0
 Most Minutes: 39 (Alicia Ratay at Valparaiso, 12/4)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 36 (Batteast 9, LaVere 6, Severe 6, Flecky 5, Ratay 5, Borton 4, Wicks 1) // Opponents: 26
 20-29-Point Games: 7 (Batteast 2, Ratay 2, Flecky 1, LaVere 1, Severe 1) // Opponents: 3
 30-39-Point Games: 0 // Opponents: 0
 Game-High Honors*: 7 (Ratay 3, Batteast 2, LaVere 2)
 Team-High Honors*: 11 (Batteast 4, Ratay 4, LaVere 2, Flecky 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 6 (Batteast 3, LaVere 2, Borton 1) // Opponents: 1
 Game-High Honors*: 11 (Batteast 4, Borton 3, LaVere 3, Flecky 1)
 Team-High Honors*: 11 (Batteast 4, Borton 3, LaVere 3, Flecky 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0
 Game-High Honors*: 11 (Batteast 3, Severe 3, Duffy 2, Borton 1, Flecky 1, Wicks 1)
 Team-High Honors*: 14 (Batteast 4, Severe 4, Duffy 3, Flecky 2, Borton 1, Wicks 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 5 (Batteast 3 - USC, COLOST, MARQ; LaVere 2 - UT, MARQ) // Opponents: 1

** totals may not add up to games played due to ties // figures in italics indicate school records*

IRISH DOWN THE STRETCH

Here's a look at Notre Dame's performance at the free throw line in the final five minutes of regulation and overtime this season:

Alicia Ratay	6-6 (1.000)
Jill Krause	2-2 (1.000)
Le'Tania Severe	12-16 (.750)
Teresa Borton	6-8 (.750)
Courtney LaVere	11-19 (.579)
Jacqueline Batteast	3-6 (.500)
Katy Flecky	2-4 (.500)
Kelsey Wicks	2-4 (.500)
Megan Duffy	1-3 (.333)
TOTAL	45-68 (.662)

The Last Time It Happened ...

Notre Dame recorded a

30-point win was on 11/26/01 — ND 107, Cleveland State 65 (42 points)*
 40-point win was on 11/26/01 — ND 107, Cleveland State 65 (42 points)*
 50-point win was on 3/4/01 — ND 89, Georgetown 33 (56 points) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 30-point loss was on 3/17/02 — Tennessee 89, ND 50 (39 points) (*NCAA Tournament Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 11/26/01 — 60.0% (42-70) vs. Cleveland State (ND 107-65)*
 65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
 90% on FTs was on 1/9/97 — 91.7% (11-12) vs. West Virginia (ND 103-58)*

Notre Dame

won 10 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (*across two seasons*)
 • lost 5 games in a row (*one season*) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight
 scored 100 points was on 11/26/01 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)*
 • scored 100 points on the road never
 • scored 100 points at a neutral site was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (*Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.*)
 • scored 100 points & lost never
 allowed 100 points was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)*
 scored less than 50 points was on 12/23/02 (ND 46, Colorado State 45)*
 allowed less than 50 points was on 12/23/02 (ND 46, Colorado State 45)*
 played an overtime game was on 3/6/00 (Rutgers 81, ND 72) (*BIG EAST Championship Semifinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 • played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
 won on a "last second" shot was on 1/14/95 (ND 67, Detroit 65 — Letitia Bowen putback at 0:01)
 lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
 had five double-figure scorers was on 12/14/01 (ND 84, Temple 61) — Alicia Ratay 17, Courtney LaVere 16, Jacqueline Batteast 14, Kelsey Wicks 12, Katy Flecky 11*
 had six double-figure scorers was on 1/23/99 (ND 99, St. John's 60) — Danielle Green 20, Sheila McMillen 20, Ericka Haney 16, Sherisha Hills 13, Ruth Riley 13, Niele Ivey 12*
 had seven double-figure scorers was on 2/6/97 (ND 90, Syracuse 73) — Rosanne Bohman 16, Mollie Peirick 15, Katryna Gaither 14, Kari Hutchinson 11, Sheila McMillen 11, Beth Morgan 11, Jeannine Augustin 10
 had two double-figure rebounders was on 12/31/02 (ND 75, Marquette 68) — Courtney LaVere 12, Jacqueline Batteast 11
 had two players with "double-doubles" was on 12/31/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (23 pts., 11 reb.) & Courtney LaVere (16 pts., 12 reb.) at Marquette (ND 75-68)
 had three players with "double-doubles" was on 12/21/95 — Beth Morgan (28 pts., 11 reb.), Katryna Gaither (27 pts., 14 reb.) & Carey Poor (10 pts., 10 reb.) at Michigan St. (MSU 87-83, ot)
 had two 20-point scorers was on 12/31/02 (ND 75, Marquette 68) — Jacqueline Batteast 23, Le'Tania Severe 20
 had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*
 made 10 three-point field goals was on 3/3/02 (Syracuse 84, ND 79) — 10-26 (38.5%) on threes (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 committed less than 10 turnovers was on 1/26/02 (ND 64, Virginia Tech 57) — 7 turnovers* (**school record**)
 committed 25 turnovers was on 12/21/02 (ND 82, IPFW 54) — 27 turnovers*
 forced 25 turnovers was on 12/21/02 (ND 82, IPFW 54) — 28 turnovers*

An Irish player had

25 points was on 3/3/02 — Alicia Ratay (29) vs. Syracuse (SU 84-79) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 30 points was on 2/19/02 — Alicia Ratay (31) vs. West Virginia (ND 72-63)*
 35 points was on 2/22/00 — Ruth Riley (36) vs. Miami (ND 83-68)*
 40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)
 15 rebounds was on 1/29/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (15) vs. Syracuse (ND 71-46)*
 20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)
 10 assists was on 1/15/01 — Niele Ivey (10) vs. Connecticut (ND 92-76)*
 5 blocks was on 12/31/02 — Courtney LaVere (5) at Marquette (ND 75-68)
 5 steals was on 12/14/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (5) & Le'Tania Severe (5) vs. Temple (ND 84-61)*
 a "double-double" was on 12/31/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (23 pts., 11 reb.) & Courtney LaVere (16 pts., 12 reb.) at Marquette (ND 75-68)
 a "triple-double" was on 2/15/90 — Sara Liebscher (17 pts., 12 reb., 10 asst.) vs. Detroit (ND 99-58)*
 20 pts & 10 rebs was on 12/31/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (23 pts., 11 reb.) at Marquette (ND 75-68)
 20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25 pts., 20 reb.) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

An opposing player had

25 points was on 2/16/02 — Mauri Horton (25), Rutgers (ND 57-52)
 30 points was on 1/28/98 — Jen Beisel (30), Villanova (VU 70-54)*
 35 points was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)
 10 rebounds was on 12/28/02 — Shyra Ely (10), Tennessee (UT 77-61) (*at Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.*)
 15 rebounds was on 3/30/01 — Kelly Schumacher (17), Connecticut (ND 90-75) (*NCAA National Semifinal at St. Louis, Mo.*)
 20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)
 10 assists was on 2/17/01 — Tasha Pointer (10), Rutgers (RU 54-53)
 5 blocks was on 2/7/01 — Bettina Love (6), Pittsburgh (ND 72-58)*
 5 steals was on 12/7/02 — Jill Noe (5), Arizona State (ND 81-52)
 a "double-double" was on 12/28/02 — Shyra Ely (14 pts., 10 reb.), Tennessee (UT 77-61) (*at Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.*)
 a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DPU 83-62)

* indicates Notre Dame home game

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21 Jacqueline Batteast

Forward, Sophomore, 6-2, South Bend, IN (Washington)

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST ... has started all 10 games for the Irish, averaging 29.4 minutes per game ... leads team and ranks among top 15 in BIG EAST in scoring (12th - 16.0 ppg.) and rebounding (7th - 8.0 rpg.) ... also among BIG EAST leaders in FG% (14th - .482), FT% (5th - .742), blocked shots (8th - 1.1 bpg.) and steals (15th - 1.9 spg.) ... scored in double figures in nine games ... has three double-doubles ... earned game-high rebounding honors four times ... nearly posted Notre Dame's first triple-double in 12 years vs. Cleveland State in season opener, finishing with 19 points, a game-high eight rebounds and a career-best seven assists (with no turnovers) ... notched her first double-double of the season at USC, tallying 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds ... dodged foul trouble to post 13 points at Valparaiso ... piled up season-high 24 points (10-15 FG) and eight rebounds at Arizona State ... tallied 17 points and game-high nine rebounds at DePaul ... collected 14 points and tied career high with five steals vs. Temple ... posted 16 points (7-10 FG), six rebounds and four assists vs. IPFW ... chalked up second double-double of season with 18 points and game-high 10 rebounds vs. Colorado State ... collected third double-double with game-high 23 points (on career-high 11-17 FG) and season-best 11 rebounds in season-high 37 minutes at Marquette.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	24 at Arizona State, 12/7/02	26, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02)
Field Goals	11 at Marquette, 12/31/02	Same
3-pt Field Goals	1, three times (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	5 at DePaul, 12/11/02	11 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Rebounds	11, twice (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)	15 vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02
Assists	7 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
Steals	5 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	5, twice (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)
Blocks	2, four times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Minutes	37 at Marquette, 12/31/02	39, twice (MR: at Pittsburgh, 2/5/02)

12 Teresa Borton

Center, Sophomore, 6-3, Yakima, WA (West Valley)

Has started all 10 games for the Irish, averaging 23.9 minutes per outing ... carding 8.3 points and 5.8 rebounds per game, ranking sixth on team in scoring and third in rebounding ... also leads team with a .585 field goal percentage (38-65) and stands third in BIG EAST Conference with 1.6 blocks per game ... has scored in double figures four times ... earned game-high rebounding honors three times ... made first six shots of the season and finished 9-13 from the field with 18 points in opening-night win over Cleveland State (field goals made tied her career high) ... made 4-5 FG and scored 10 points at USC — also added career-high three steals ... pulled down game-high eight rebounds at Valparaiso ... scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds at Arizona State ... collected career-high 11 rebounds, dished out career-best four assists and had a season-high three blocks vs. IPFW ... notched 14 points (7-10 FG), six rebounds and a career-best four blocks vs. Tennessee.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	18 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	20 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Field Goals	9 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	9, twice (MR: vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02)
Free Throws	3 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	4 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	11 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	Same
Assists	4 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	4, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)
Steals	3 at USC, 11/29/02	Same
Blocks	4 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	4, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)
Minutes	33 at USC, 11/29/02	34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

13 Megan Duffy

Guard, Freshman, 5-7, Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)

Has appeared in all 10 games for the Irish, averaging 23.2 minutes per outing ... carding 2.6 points and 2.5 assists per game ... dished out four assists without a turnover in college debut vs. Cleveland State ... scored first college basket at USC ... grabbed five rebounds and distributed game-high seven assists at Arizona State (most by Irish freshman since Ratay vs. Butler in '99) ... carded three points at DePaul ... notched five points, including season-best 3-4 FT vs. Temple ... had game-high four assists and season-high four steals vs. IPFW ... canned three free throws in four tries vs. Colorado State ... buried first two three-point field goals of career and scored season-high six points at Marquette.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	6 at Marquette, 12/31/02
Field Goals	2 at Marquette, 12/31/02
3-pt Field Goals	2 at Marquette, 12/31/02
Free Throws	3, twice (MR: vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02)
Rebounds	5 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Assists	7 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Steals	4 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Blocks	1 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02
Minutes	27, three times (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)

33 Katy Flecky

Forward, Sophomore, 6-2, Lone Tree, CO (Highlands Ranch)

Has appeared in all nine games for the Irish, starting eight times, averaging 24 minutes per game ... second on team in field goal percentage (.500), third in steals (1.67 spg.) and fourth in scoring (10.1 ppg.) and rebounding (4.8 rpg.) ... scored in double figures in five games (three double-figure games last season) ... earned game-high rebounding honors once ... opened season with a bang, tallying 22 points (8-14 FG, 6-10 FT), a game-high eight rebounds and three steals in 30 minutes vs. Cleveland State — all stats were career highs except rebounds ... came off the bench to score 13 points, block a career-best two shots and deal team-high three assists at USC ... added 13 points and nailed her first career three-point field goal at Valparaiso ... notched 10 points (5-6 FG) and six rebounds at Arizona State ... collected 11 points and seven rebounds vs. Temple ... tied career high with four assists vs. IPFW ... tied career standard with three steals vs. Tennessee ... did not play at Marquette (lower back injury).

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	22 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
Field Goals	8 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
3-pt Field Goals	1, three times (MR: vs. Colo. St., 12/23/02)	Same
Free Throws	6 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	6, twice (MR: vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02)
Rebounds	8 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	10 vs. St. John's, 2/13/02
Assists	4 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	4, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)
Steals	3, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)	Same
Blocks	2 at USC, 11/29/02	2, twice (MR: at USC, 11/29/02)
Minutes	30 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same

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

Has not played during 2002-03 season ... continues to rehabilitate numerous leg injuries suffered during her career.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	None	14 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Field Goals	None	5, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
3-pt Field Goals	None	4 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Free Throws	None	3, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Rebounds	None	4, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Assists	None	5 vs. Georgetown, 3/4/01
Steals	None	3, three times
Blocks	None	1, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
Minutes	None	33 vs. USC, 12/9/01

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

Has appeared in six games for the Irish ... tallied first two points of season (2-2 FT) and set career highs with three rebounds and eight minutes played vs. IPFW ... pumped in her first career three-point field goal vs. Tennessee.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	3 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	Same
Field Goals	1 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	1, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)
3-pt Field Goals	1 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	Same
Free Throws	2 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	2, three times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)
Rebounds	3 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	Same
Assists	None	1, four times (MR: at Georgetown, 2/23/02)
Steals	1, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)	Same
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	8 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	Same

41 Courtney LaVere Forward, Freshman, 6-3, Ventura, CA (Buena)

Women's College Hoops.com "Top 21 Freshmen of Impact" ... has appeared in all 10 games for the Irish, starting once, and averaging 19.5 minutes per outing ... ranks third on team in scoring (11.3 ppg.) and second in rebounding (6.2 rpg.) ... also fourth on team with .494 field goal percentage (42-85) ... piled up 18 points (5-8 FG, 8-12 FT), seven rebounds and five assists in college debut vs. Cleveland State (most points by ND rookie in first game since Alicia Ratay's 18 vs. Toledo in '99) ... collected four rebounds at Valparaiso ... notched nine points and six rebounds at Arizona State ... registered 11 points and four rebounds at DePaul ... carded 16 points and nine rebounds vs. Temple ... scored game-high 20 points and snatched six rebounds vs. IPFW ... logged first career double-double with game highs of 17 points (6-11 FG) and 11 rebounds (latter was season-best) vs. Tennessee ... made first career start at Marquette, collecting second straight double-double (16 points, game-high 12 rebounds) and adding season-high five blocks ... averaging 13.7 points and 7.2 rebounds per game in last six contests.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	20 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Field Goals	9 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Free Throws	8 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Rebounds	12 at Marquette, 12/31/02
Assists	5 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Steals	3 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Blocks	5 at Marquette, 12/31/02
Minutes	36 at Marquette, 12/31/02

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

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST selection ... Senior C.L.A.S.S. Award candidate ... team captain ... has started all 10 games for the Irish, averaging a team-high 30.1 minutes per game ... ranks second in scoring (11.4 ppg.), and fourth in three-point percentage (.444) ... stands second in BIG EAST with .900 free throw percentage (36-40) ... scored in double figures five times ... chalked up team-high 17 points (6-9 FG) at USC ... added game-high 21 points (6-9 FG, 8-10 FT) at Valparaiso ... contributed game-high 17 points vs. Temple ... unloaded game-high 20 points (6-8 FG, 5-6 3FG) vs. IPFW ... hit game-winning free throws with 9.3 seconds left in one-point win over Colorado State ... ranks sixth in school history with 1,489 points ... holds school records for career three-point percentage (.478, 224-469) and free throw percentage (.871, 297-341) — both would rank in top 10 in NCAA history and three-point mark would be an NCAA record ... one of five Irish players to amass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 assists in her career (1,489 points, 542 rebounds, 209 assists).

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	21 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	6, three times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	5 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	7, three times (MR: vs. Syracuse, 3/3/02)
Free Throws	6, twice (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)	11 vs. West Virginia, 2/19/02
Rebounds	6 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	12 vs. St. John's, 2/12/00
Assists	2, four times (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	2 at DePaul, 12/11/02	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1, five times (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)	2, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/3/01)
Minutes	39 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	44 at Rutgers, 2/19/00

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

Team captain ... has started all 10 games for the Irish, averaging 29.6 minutes per game ... leads team in assists (3.5 apg.), steals (2.0 spg.) and three-point percentage (.600), ranks second in field goal percentage (.508) and fourth in scoring (10.4 ppg.) ... among BIG EAST leaders in assists (15th), steals (12th), and free throw percentage (.813, 39-48) ... scored in double figures in six games (had seven double-figure games prior to this season) ... knocked down 5-7 FG (including a career-high-tying three three-point field goals), scored 13 points and added four assists and four steals in win over Cleveland State ... chipped in 11 points and six rebounds at USC ... tallied 15 points and five steals, and sank a career-high 11-of-14 free throws at Valparaiso — 14 FTA ties for fifth-highest total in school history ... collected 11 points and season-best six assists at Arizona State ... tied career high with five steals vs. Temple ... tallied 11 points, season-high six rebounds and five assists in career-best 38 minutes vs. Tennessee ... scored career-high 20 points (5-5 FG, 10-11 FT) and dished out season-high six assists at Marquette.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	20 at Marquette, 12/31/02	Same
Field Goals	5, four times (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)	6, twice (MR: vs. USC, 12/9/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	3, twice (MR: vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02)
Free Throws	11 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	Same
Rebounds	6, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)	9 vs. West Virginia, 2/19/02
Assists	6, twice (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)	9, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 3/3/02)
Steals	5 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	5, three times (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)
Blocks	1, twice (MR: at Arizona State, 12/7/02)	2, three times (MR: vs. WVU, 2/19/02)
Minutes	38 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	38, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)

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

Has appeared in five games for the Irish ... made both of her shots, including a three-point field goal, and tied her career high with five points and 11 minutes played in season-opening win vs. Cleveland State ... saw action for seven minutes at Arizona State ... knocked down a three-pointer in 10 minutes vs. IPFW.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	5 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	5, three times (MR: vs. Cleveland St., 11/26/01)
Field Goals	2 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	2, three times (MR: vs. Cleveland St., 11/26/01)
3-pt Field Goals	1, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	1, six times (MR: vs IPFW, 12/21/02)
Free Throws	None	3, three times (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)
Rebounds	1 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	3 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00
Assists	1 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	2 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Steals	1, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	2, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 2/1/01)
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	11 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	11, twice (MR: vs. Cleveland St., 11/26/02)

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

Has appeared in all 10 games for the Irish, starting once, and averaging 16.6 minutes per game ... averaging 3.4 ppg., 2.8 rpg., and 1.2 apg. ... scored eight points and set new career highs with three steals and two blocked shots in season opener vs. Cleveland State ... earned second career start at USC ... grabbed season-high six rebounds at DePaul ... scored season-high 12 points, including career-high 5-5 FT vs. Temple ... handed out career-best four assists vs. IPFW ... tallied four points and four rebounds at Marquette.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	12 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	16 at Connecticut, 1/21/02
Field Goals	3, twice (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)	7 at Connecticut, 1/21/02
3-pt Field Goals	1, three times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	3 at Providence, 1/19/02
Free Throws	5 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	Same
Rebounds	6 at DePaul, 12/11/02	10 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Assists	4 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	Same
Steals	3 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
Blocks	2 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
Minutes	25 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	27, twice (MR: at Connecticut, 1/21/02)

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

2002-03 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

Notre Dame 107, Cleveland State 65
November 26, 2002
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Cleveland State (65)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Schrock	26	3-10	1-2	3-3	4	4	4	10
Sword	20	4-8	1-2	0-0	5	0	4	9
Woloszynek	26	1-3	0-0	1-2	5	0	4	3
Perkins	27	0-3	0-1	0-0	3	3	2	0
Roudebush	33	8-17	2-5	5-6	1	1	1	23
Williams	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Smith	13	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	3	1	2
Rickards	12	3-5	1-2	1-1	2	0	1	8
Martin	7	0-1	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	2
Bambrook	10	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	3	0
Shrake	9	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	4
Sichting	15	1-2	0-0	2-3	3	0	4	4
Team					6			
Totals	200	22-56	5-15	16-19	33	12	26	65

Notre Dame (107)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	25	9-15	0-1	1-2	8	7	2	19
Flecky	30	8-14	0-1	6-10	8	2	3	22
Borton	18	9-13	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	18
Severe	21	5-7	3-3	0-0	1	4	2	13
Ratay	25	1-4	0-2	2-2	3	1	0	4
Krause	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Swanson	11	2-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	5
Duffy	19	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	4	2	0
Wicks	22	3-6	0-1	2-4	4	0	3	8
LaVere	22	5-8	0-0	8-12	7	5	3	18
Team					2			
Totals	200	42-70	4-9	19-30	37	25	17	107

Cleveland State 30 35 -- 65
Notre Dame 61 46 -- 107

FG Pct: Cleveland State 39.3, Notre Dame 60.0. 3-PT FG Pct: Cleveland State 33.3, Notre Dame 44.4. FT Pct: Cleveland State 84.2, Notre Dame 63.3. Turnovers: Cleveland State 31, Notre Dame 12. Blocked Shots: Cleveland State 1, Notre Dame 6. Steals: Cleveland State 7, Notre Dame 20 (Severe 4). Attendance: 6,402.

Notre Dame 69, USC 57
November 29, 2002
Los Angeles Sports Arena (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	34	5-12	0-2	4-5	11	1	3	14
Wicks	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borton	33	4-5	0-0	2-2	2	1	2	10
Severe	35	5-8	0-0	1-2	6	1	1	11
Ratay	38	6-9	1-1	4-4	3	0	0	17
Duffy	20	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	1	2	2
Flecky	26	4-9	0-0	5-6	4	3	4	13
LaVere	7	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Team					5			
Totals	200	26-47	1-4	16-19	34	7	12	69

USC (57)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Young	18	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	0
Woodward	31	10-19	2-5	0-0	0	2	2	22
Hoffman	33	4-11	0-0	2-2	9	3	1	10
Cheeks	30	4-8	0-2	2-2	2	3	3	10
Hicks	25	0-4	0-2	0-0	2	8	2	0
Gnekow	26	0-6	0-3	0-0	2	0	4	0
Hollans	25	3-9	1-2	2-2	7	2	1	9
Gipson	12	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	6
Team					3			
Totals	200	24-63	3-14	6-6	27	18	16	57

Notre Dame 34 35 -- 69
USC 37 20 -- 57

FG Pct: Notre Dame 55.3, USC 38.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 25.0, USC 21.4. FT Pct: Notre Dame 84.2, USC 100.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 29, USC 24. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 7 (Batteast, Flecky 2), USC 1. Steals: Notre Dame 12 (Batteast, Borton 3), USC 7 (Hoffman 3). Attendance: 1,317.

Notre Dame 74, Valparaiso 68
December 4, 2002
Athletics-Recreation Center (Valparaiso, Ind.)

Notre Dame (74)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	26	5-11	0-1	3-3	5	0	3	13
Flecky	26	4-5	1-1	4-5	3	1	4	13
Borton	30	3-8	0-0	3-4	8	1	2	9
Severe	36	2-3	0-0	11-14	3	5	4	15
Ratay	39	6-9	1-3	8-10	6	2	0	21
Duffy	22	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	2	2	1
Wicks	13	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
LaVere	8	1-3	0-0	0-2	4	0	1	2
Team					4			
Totals	200	21-42	2-7	30-40	36	11	16	74

Valparaiso (68)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Stangler	20	1-4	0-1	0-0	4	0	4	2
Baughner	29	2-5	0-0	2-2	4	0	4	6
Gutowski	13	0-6	0-3	2-2	2	0	2	2
Hammel	37	8-21	1-7	0-0	4	4	5	17
Gray	35	5-11	0-0	1-2	8	0	2	11
Bechtold	9	0-0	0-0	3-4	0	1	4	3
Boone	24	4-7	2-3	3-4	2	1	2	13
Taylor	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Knoester	29	5-9	2-4	2-4	0	3	3	14
Vander Meer	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					6			
Totals	200	25-63	5-18	13-18	31	10	27	68

Notre Dame 31 43 -- 74
Valparaiso 28 40 -- 68

FG Pct: Notre Dame 50.0, Valparaiso 39.7. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 28.6, Valparaiso 27.8. FT Pct: Notre Dame 75.0, Valparaiso 72.2. Turnovers: Notre Dame 14, Valparaiso 12. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 5 (Borton, Batteast 2), Valparaiso 2. Steals: Notre Dame 9 (Severe 3), Valparaiso 6 (Gray, Knoester 2). Attendance: 1,561.

Notre Dame 81, Arizona State 52
AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II
December 7, 2002
Wells Fargo Arena (Tempe, Ariz.)

Notre Dame (81)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	31	10-15	1-4	3-4	8	0	1	24
Flecky	25	5-6	0-0	0-1	6	3	3	10
Borton	23	7-10	0-0	0-0	9	1	3	14
Severe	24	5-11	0-0	1-1	4	6	3	11
Ratay	28	2-5	1-2	3-3	5	1	0	8
Krause	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Duffy	26	1-3	0-0	0-1	5	7	2	2
Wicks	17	1-5	1-3	0-0	3	3	2	3
LaVere	16	4-7	0-0	1-2	6	1	4	9
Team					4			
Totals	200	35-63	3-10	8-12	50	22	18	81

Arizona State (52)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Buckner	18	1-7	0-0	1-1	4	2	3	3
Denson	21	3-10	0-0	1-2	2	0	2	7
Albert	10	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	1
Loney	27	0-7	0-5	0-0	2	4	2	0
Noe	29	7-20	4-10	1-1	6	1	2	19
Young	15	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Stagg	17	1-9	0-3	0-0	2	1	1	2
Crisp	21	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	6
Rosenthal	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Thipin	7	0-0	0-0	2-2	2	0	1	2
Kovsedy	32	4-7	0-0	4-5	8	0	4	12
Team					2			
Totals	200	19-67	4-18	10-13	29	13	16	52

Notre Dame 46 35 -- 81
Arizona State 17 35 -- 52

FG Pct: Notre Dame 55.6, Arizona State 28.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 30.0, Arizona State 22.2. FT Pct: Notre Dame 66.7, Arizona State 76.9. Turnovers: Notre Dame 22, Arizona State 14. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 5, Arizona State 7 (Albert, Loney 2). Steals: Notre Dame 7 (Batteast 3), Arizona State 12 (Noe 5). Attendance: 7,274.

DePaul 75, Notre Dame 59
December 11, 2002
DePaul Athletic Center (Chicago, Ill.)

Notre Dame (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	6-17	0-2	5-5	9	2	4	17
Flecky	19	1-3	0-1	2-2	1	0	2	4
Borton	20	3-5	0-0	1-2	3	0	1	7
Severe	31	2-4	0-0	1-2	5	0	4	5
Ratay	34	3-6	2-3	3-3	3	1	3	10
Krause	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Duffy	27	1-3	0-1	1-0	0	2	2	3
Wicks	11	0-5	0-3	2-2	6	0	1	2
LaVere	21	4-10	0-0	3-4	4	1	2	11
Team					2			
Totals	200	20-53	2-10	17-22	33	6	19	59

DePaul (75)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Smith, C.	29	7-17	0-1	5-5	6	1	1	19
Dant	34	8-14	2-3	5-8	3	3	4	23
Smith, J.	30	4-5	0-0	0-0	3	0	3	8
Kustok	30	3-5	3-4	2-2	7	3	4	11
Luke	16	0-1	0-1	1-2	4	1	2	1
Sobieszczyk	31	2-6	2-5	2-2	2	2	2	8
Forsberg	10	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	2	0
Patterson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
McCollum	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Benton	1	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	1	2
Smith, K.	19	1-3	0-1	1-1	6	1	2	3
Team					5			
Totals	200	25-53	7-17	18-22	36	12	21	75

Notre Dame 33 26 -- 59
DePaul 42 33 -- 75

FG Pct: Notre Dame 37.7, DePaul 47.2. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 20.0, DePaul 41.2. FT Pct: Notre Dame 77.3, DePaul 81.8. Turnovers: Notre Dame 15, DePaul 13. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 4 (Batteast, Borton 2), DePaul 1. Steals: Notre Dame 8 (Batteast 3), DePaul 7 (C. Smith 3). Attendance: 2,522.

Notre Dame 84, Temple 61
December 14, 2002
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Temple (61)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Belafonte	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Moore	11	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	6
Dupree	32	3-5	0-0	0-0	9	1	3	6
Bowens	22	7-12	0-2	3-4	4	2	3	17
Smalls	33	5-18	3-8	1-2	2	5	0	14
Jordan	24	3-8	3-7	0-0	0	2	4	9
Cruz	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	0
Owens	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	0
Pam	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Hamilton	11	0-2	0-1	0-0	4	1	2	0

2002-03 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

Notre Dame 82, IPFW 54
December 21, 2002
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

IPFW (54)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Dudley	18	1-4	0-1	0-0	3	0	1	2
Gearlds	32	6-19	5-11	0-0	3	4	1	17
Bibbs	17	1-4	0-0	1-2	3	0	4	3
Nicley	31	3-8	2-3	3-6	1	1	0	11
Bruening	27	2-7	0-0	0-2	3	3	4	4
Manno	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Green	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Elmore	18	2-2	0-0	1-2	2	0	4	5
Ehle	4	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
O'Connell	21	0-2	0-2	0-0	5	0	0	0
Carey	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Murdock	12	3-7	2-4	4-4	3	0	1	12
Boyd	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					9			
Totals	200	18-57	9-22	9-16	33	9	19	54

Notre Dame (82)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	26	7-10	1-3	1-2	6	4	1	16
Flecky	19	2-6	0-0	2-4	5	4	2	6
Borton	25	2-5	0-0	1-3	11	4	4	5
Severe	23	1-3	0-0	1-1	2	3	3	3
Ratay	23	6-8	5-6	3-3	3	2	0	20
Krause	8	0-0	0-0	2-2	3	0	2	2
Swanson	10	1-4	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	3
Duffy	26	0-3	0-3	2-3	3	4	2	2
Wicks	21	2-5	1-4	0-0	4	4	2	5
LaVere	19	9-16	0-0	2-5	6	1	1	20
Team					3			
Totals	200	30-60	8-19	14-23	46	26	17	82

IPFW 25 29 -- 54
Notre Dame 45 37 -- 82

FG Pct: IPFW 31.6, Notre Dame 50.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** IPFW 40.9, Notre Dame 42.1. **FT Pct:** IPFW 56.3, Notre Dame 60.9. **Turnovers:** IPFW 28, Notre Dame 27. **Blocked Shots:** IPFW 0, Notre Dame 8 (Borton 3). **Steals:** IPFW 12 (Gearlds 4), Notre Dame 15 (Duffy 4). **Technical Foul:** Bruening. **Attendance:** 6,372.

Notre Dame 46, Colorado State 45
December 23, 2002
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Colorado State (45)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Augsburger	28	5-7	1-3	8-9	8	3	5	19
Borton, K.	26	0-5	0-3	0-0	2	1	2	0
Narkiewicz	23	2-7	0-2	0-0	7	1	4	4
Thomas	10	0-3	0-0	3-4	2	0	0	3
English	29	2-6	0-3	0-0	4	1	1	4
Espinoza	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	0
Ferrucho	6	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Campbell	20	2-4	1-2	0-0	0	2	1	5
Jenkins	20	2-6	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	4
Strecker	27	0-1	0-0	6-6	4	0	3	6
Team					2			
Totals	200	13-42	2-15	17-19	31	9	21	45

Notre Dame (46)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	8-18	0-1	2-4	10	3	0	18
Flecky	23	1-6	1-1	2-4	4	1	5	5
Borton, T.	21	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	2
Severe	36	1-7	0-1	6-7	3	1	3	8
Ratay	37	2-8	0-2	4-4	5	0	1	8
Duffy	22	0-1	0-1	3-4	1	1	3	3
Wicks	12	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	0	0	0
LaVere	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	2
Team					5			
Totals	200	14-47	1-8	17-23	34	6	17	46

Colorado State 12 33 -- 45
Notre Dame 20 26 -- 46

FG Pct: Colorado State 31.0, Notre Dame 29.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Colorado State 13.3, Notre Dame 12.5. **FT Pct:** Colorado State 89.5, Notre Dame 73.9. **Turnovers:** Colorado State 20, Notre Dame 17. **Blocked Shots:** Colorado State 3, Notre Dame 4. **Steals:** Colorado State 5, Notre Dame 6 (Flecky, Severe 2). **Attendance:** 6,632.

Tennessee 77, Notre Dame 61
December 28, 2002
Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Tennessee (77)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Butts	24	3-8	2-3	5-6	5	5	2	13
Jackson, G.	26	6-15	1-2	3-5	5	0	1	16
Robinson	17	0-2	0-0	2-6	3	0	4	2
Lawson	30	3-11	1-4	0-0	5	4	1	7
Moore	27	2-5	1-1	0-0	4	5	2	5
Davis	5	2-2	0-0	1-4	3	0	1	5
Zolman	18	2-6	1-2	0-0	6	3	2	5
Jackson, B.	13	1-3	0-1	4-4	1	1	1	6
McDaniel	10	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	0	2	2
Ely	20	4-10	0-0	6-8	10	1	4	14
Fluker	10	0-3	0-1	2-2	1	0	3	2
Team					6			
Totals	200	24-68	6-14	23-35	53	19	23	77

Notre Dame (61)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	18	1-12	0-1	0-0	6	2	5	2
Flecky	25	1-5	0-0	5-6	5	1	4	7
Borton	27	7-10	0-0	0-0	6	3	5	14
Severe	38	2-7	0-0	7-8	6	5	3	11
Ratay	31	1-8	0-2	3-4	1	0	1	5
Krause	1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	3
Swanson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Duffy	16	0-5	0-2	2-2	1	0	3	2
Wicks	16	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	2	1	0
LaVere	27	6-11	0-0	5-7	11	0	2	17
Team					6			
Totals	200	19-62	1-8	22-27	44	13	24	61

Tennessee 36 41 -- 77
Notre Dame 25 36 -- 61

FG Pct: Tennessee 35.3, Notre Dame 30.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Tennessee 42.9, Notre Dame 12.5. **FT Pct:** Tennessee 65.7, Notre Dame 81.5. **Turnovers:** Tennessee 18, Notre Dame 19. **Blocked Shots:** Tennessee 6 (Robinson 3), Notre Dame 10 (Borton 4). **Steals:** Tennessee 13 (Moore 4), Notre Dame 6 (Flecky 3). **Attendance:** 8,223.

Notre Dame 75, Marquette 68
December 31, 2002
U.S. Cellular Arena (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Notre Dame (75)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	37	11-17	1-3	0-2	11	1	1	23
LaVere	36	5-11	0-0	6-7	12	2	3	16
Borton	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	7	1	1	2
Severe	34	5-5	0-0	10-11	2	6	3	20
Ratay	22	1-6	1-3	1-1	1	2	2	4
Duffy	27	2-4	2-4	0-0	0	1	2	6
Wicks	22	2-4	0-2	0-0	4	1	0	4
Team					2			
Totals	200	27-50	4-12	17-21	39	14	12	75

Marquette (68)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Alsduff	35	7-21	4-12	0-0	2	1	4	18
Weaver	29	1-7	0-0	0-2	5	1	1	2
Klug	38	7-11	0-0	3-3	6	3	3	17
Kieger	35	5-10	4-5	2-2	3	5	3	16
O'Grady	21	2-6	1-2	4-4	4	1	0	9
Gales	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
Schwerman	21	2-5	0-2	0-0	0	1	2	4
Juedes	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2
Shouse	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	25-61	9-21	9-11	24	14	14	68

Notre Dame 29 46 -- 75
Marquette 28 40 -- 68

FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.0, Marquette 41.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 33.3, Marquette 42.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 81.0, Marquette 81.8. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 19, Marquette 11. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 7 (LaVere 5), Marquette 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 5 (Duffy 2), Marquette 10 (Kieger 4). **Attendance:** 3,686.