



NOTRE DAME

B A S K E T B A L L

2000-01 Notre Dame Schedule/Results (16-5, 8-2)

NOVEMBER

8	Wed.	(11/17) CALIFORNIA MIDWEST ALL-STARS	W, 98-68
12	Sun.	(11/17) INTERNATIONAL ALL-STARS	W, 89-71
18	Sat.	(16/17) SACRED HEART	W, 104-58
22	Wed.	(14/15) LOYOLA (CHICAGO)	W, 107-68
25	Sat.	(14/15) Cincinnati (16/13)	W, 69-51

DECEMBER

2	Sat.	(11/11) at Vanderbilt	W, 77-74
9	Tue.	(10/10) INDIANA	L, 78-86
9	Sat.	(10/10) MIAMI OF OHIO	L, 64-73
17	Sun.	(21/20) TENNESSEE TECH	W, 82-68
19	Tue.	(21/24) CANISIUS	W, 99-71
21	Thur.	(21/24) VERMONT	W, 96-86
29	Fri.	(22/23) LONG ISLAND	W, 97-49

JANUARY

2	Tue.	(21/25) at Syracuse (14/13)*	L, 70-79
6	Sat.	(21/25) RUTGERS*	W, 87-80
8	Mon.	(25/25) at Seton Hall (15/15)*	L, 76-78
13	Sat.	(25/25) at Kentucky	L, 71-82
16	Tue.	PITTSBURGH*	W, 74-58
21	Sun.	WEST VIRGINIA*	W, 78-61
23	Tue.	SYRACUSE (11/8)*	W, 74-60
27	Sat.	at Georgetown (10/11)*	W, 78-71

FEBRUARY

3	Sat.	(23/NR) at Pittsburgh*	W, 75-67
5	Mon.	(20/23) ST. JOHN'S*	W, 83-73
11	Sun.	(20/23) at West Virginia*	W, 69-66
14	Wed.	at Rutgers*	9:00 p.m.
18	Sun.	SETON HALL*	2:00 p.m.
21	Wed.	BOSTON COLLEGE*	7:30 p.m.
24	Sat.	at Virginia Tech*	2:00 p.m.
26	Mon.	at Connecticut*	7:00 p.m.

MARCH

4	Sun.	GEORGETOWN*	2:00 p.m.
7-	Mon.	at AT&T BIG EAST Tournament	TBA
10	Sat.	(Madison Square Garden - New York, N.Y.)	
15-	Thur.-	NCAA Tournament (First and Second Rounds)	
18	Sun.		
22-	Thur.-	NCAA Regional Championships	
25	Sun.		
31	Sat.	NCAA Men's Final Four Semifinals	

APRIL

2	Mon.	NCAA Men's Final Four Championship (Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome— Minneapolis, Minn.)	
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*BIG EAST Conference game

() - indicates rankings at time of game in Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

All times are EST.

Game No.

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14/21 NOTRE DAME Fighting Irish (16-5, 8-2) at RUTGERS Scarlet Knights (10-11, 2-8)

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2001

Place: Louis Brown Athletic Center (9,000)

Time: 9:00 p.m. EST

Radio: Host Communications Inc. (Jack Lorri, Jack Nolan) originates the Notre Dame Radio Network (includes WNDV-1490 AM and WNDV-92.9 FM in South Bend, WNTS-1590 AM in Indianapolis, WAUR-930 AM in Chicago, WGL-1250 AM WGL 1570 AM in Ft. Wayne; WEFM-95.9 FM in Michigan City; WGOM-860AM in Marion, WVHI-1330 AM in Evansville; WLUV-1520 AM in Rockford, Ill.; KATD-990AM in San Francisco, Calif.; WDEL-1550 AM in Wilmington, Del.; and KIND-1010AM in Independence, Kan.). All radio broadcasts can also be heard through the World Wide Web at www.und.com.
Television: ESPN — Dan Shulman (play-by-play) and Len Elmore (color).

IRISH ITEMS FOR THE RUTGERS GAME:

Notre Dame looks to sweep its third series from a BIG EAST opponent this season as the Irish (16-5, 8-2) play their second straight road game, and fourth in the last five outings, as they travel to Rutgers (10-11, 2-8). Head Coach Mike Brey's Irish are in first-place in the West Division of the BIG EAST standings and are coming off their third consecutive road victory following Sunday's three-point win (69-66) at West Virginia. Notre Dame had not won three straight road games on the homecourt of its opponent since the 1990-91 campaign.

Heading into tonight's contest with a school-record seven consecutive BIG EAST victories, a win would mark the first time since 1986-87 campaign that a Notre Dame team has won eight straight games. Notre Dame has not lost since dropping an 82-71 non-conference decision at Kentucky on Jan. 13.

This evening's game is the second regular-season meeting between the two teams. Earlier this season on Jan. 6, Notre Dame defeated Rutgers 87-80 at the Joyce Center. The win was Notre Dame's first in the league.

The Irish have not lost a league game since dropping a 78-76 decision at Seton Hall on Jan. 8. Notre Dame's two losses in the conference have been by a total of 11 points.

In Notre Dame's victory at West Virginia, the Irish jumped out to an early nine-point advantage only to have the Mountaineers come back and lead by eight at halftime. After four ties and two lead changes in the final four minutes, the Irish took the lead for good with 1:02 to play in the contest.

Notre Dame's defense has been a key in the current seven-game streak as the Irish allowing just 65.1 ppg. Brey's squad has only allowed 70-plus points in two games and have held opponents to 67 points and under in five of the last seven contests.

The Irish are six games above the .500 mark in BIG EAST play for the first time in school history, while its 8-2 mark ranks as its best start in its six seasons as a league member.

Rutgers enters the game having won two straight. The Scarlet Knights are coming off of an

LAST IRISH OUTING

Notre Dame 69, West Virginia 66							
February 11, 2001							
WVU Coliseum, Morgantown, WV							
Notre Dame (69)							
Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Murphy	40	4-10	6-7	10	0	4	15
Humphrey	35	5-10	1-3	4	2	4	11
Swanagan	17	1-2	1-2	3	1	5	3
Carroll	36	6-12	3-7	4	2	0	15
Ingelsby	40	5-11	2-2	1	3	1	17
Graves	30	1-9	6-6	3	1	2	8
Macura	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team	200	22-54	16-20	32	9	17	69
West Virginia (66)							
Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Yeager	33	4-7	0-0	7	3	4	9
Bowman	36	5-12	8-10	5	2	2	18
Oliver	20	1-3	0-0	3	1	4	2
Lyles	36	1-10	3-4	11	8	3	5
Berry	34	8-17	1-1	3	1	0	21
Moss	28	5-9	1-2	7	1	5	11
Hewitt	10	0-2	0-0	1	1	0	0
Seldon	3	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team	200	24-62	13-17	41	17	18	66
Notre Dame	31	38 -- 69					
West Virginia	39	27 -- 66					

FG Pct: Notre Dame 40.7, West Virginia 38.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 45.0, West Virginia 25.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 80.0, West Virginia 76.5. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 9 (Ingelsby 5), West Virginia 5. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 9, West Virginia 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4, West Virginia 5. **Steals:** Notre Dame 9, West Virginia 2. **Attendance:** 11,179.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS
(Week of Feb. 12)

1.	North Carolina	LW	1
2.	Stanford		2
3.	Duke		3
4.	Illinois		7
5.	Michigan State		4
6.	Kansas		5
7.	Iowa State	12	
8.	Arizona		11
9.	Boston College	17	
10.	Syracuse	9	
11.	Florida	8	
12.	Virginia		6
13.	Oklahoma		21
14.	NOTRE DAME	20	
15.	Tennessee		10
16.	Mississippi	25	
17.	Maryland		13
18.	Georgetown	15	
19.	Wisconsin		16
20.	Fresno State		23
21.	Alabama		18
22.	Kentucky	NR	
23.	Wake Forest		19
24.	UCLA		NR
25.	Iowa		14

ESPN/USA TODAY
(Week of Feb. 12)

1.	North Carolina	LW	1
2.	Stanford		2
3.	Duke		3
4.	Michigan State		4
5.	Illinois		6
6.	Kansas		5
7.	Syracuse	7	
8.	Arizona		10
9.	Florida		11
	Iowa St.		14
11.	Boston College	20	
12.	Virginia		9
13.	Tennessee		8
14.	Oklahoma		21
15.	Wake Forest		15
16.	Georgetown	12	
17.	Alabama		17
18.	Maryland		13
19.	Mississippi		24
20.	Wisconsin		18
21.	NOTRE DAME	23	
22.	Fresno State		22
23.	USC		18
24.	Iowa		16
25.	Kentucky	NR	

bold indicates 2000-01 opponent

84-64 win over Pittsburgh at home on Sunday afternoon.

This evening's game marks the 15th meeting between the two teams with the series tied at 7-7. Notre Dame has been victorious in each of the last two meetings, but since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, the Scarlet Knights own a 5-4 advantage the nine times the two teams have met as league foes.

Notre Dame is ranked 14th in the Associated Press ranking and is 21st in the ESPN/USA Today Poll. The Irish returned to the top 25 ranking of the AP Poll two weeks ago after a two-week hiatus and is in the ESPN/USA Today for the second straight week following a three-week absence. Notre Dame was ranked in the first 10 polls of the season after starting the preseason ranked for the first time since the 1989-90 campaign. Notre Dame started the preseason tied for 15th in the preseason AP Poll and were 17th in the ESPN/USA Today ranking. Notre Dame climbed as high as 10th in both polls on Dec. 4, but dropped from the top 10 after suffering back-to-back setbacks to Indiana and Miami (Ohio).

RECAP OF WEST VIRGINIA:

For the third time in four games, Notre Dame rallied from a second-half deficit as the Irish picked up their seventh straight BIG EAST win with a 69-66 victory at West Virginia. **Martin Ingelsby** led the Irish in scoring for the first time this season in scoring as he netted 17 points, connecting on five three-pointers (tying his career-high). **Troy Murphy** recorded his 10th double-double of the season as he added 15 points and 10 rebounds. In addition to Ingelsby and Murphy, **Matt Carroll** and **Ryan Humphrey** also were in double figures as they finished with 15 points and 11 points, respectively.

Notre Dame jumped out to an early nine-point advantage, but trailed 39-31 at halftime as the Mountaineers shot 51.6 percent from the field and were led by Brooks Berry's 18 points.

The Irish defense tightened up in the second half and limited West Virginia to just eight field goals and 25.8 percent shooting as the Mountaineers connected on just eight of 31 shot attempts.

Notre Dame, which did not attempt a free-throw in the first half, was 16-of-20 from the charity stripe in the final 20 minutes.

The Irish committed just nine turnovers in the contest, one shy of their season low of eight, but were outrebounded 41-32 in the game.

POLL POSITION:

Notre Dame is ranked 14th in the Associated Press Poll, up six spots from a week ago and jumped two places to 21st in this week's ESPN/USA Today ranking. The Irish were ranked in the first 10 polls to start the season and climbed as high as 10th in both rankings during the week of Dec. 4 before falling out of the top 10 after back-to-back home losses to Indiana and Miami of Ohio.

IRISH ON VALENTINE'S DAY:

Notre Dame has a 22-11 record when playing on Valentine's Day, although the Irish have lost their last two Feb. 14 matchups — West Virginia (85-80) in 1999 and Miami (66-57) in 1998.

HEAD COACH MIKE BREY:

Mike Brey was named the 17th head coach in the program's history on July 14, 2000 following five seasons (1995-2000) as head coach at the University of Delaware. Brey earned his first victory as Irish head coach on Nov. 18 with a 104-58 triumph over Sacred Heart. The win marked the 100th of his coaching career and came in the 152nd game of his coaching career. He has an overall record of 115-57 for a .669 winning percentage. He guided the Blue Hens to a 99-52 record during his tenure while earning berths in three postseason tournaments. Under Brey, Delaware appeared in two NCAA tournaments ('98 and '99) and played in the National Invitation Tournament in his final season (2000). His .667 winning percentage among Division I coaches with five years as a head coach stands second only to Tom Izzo of Michigan State (.731). Prior to his arrival in Newark, Del., he spent eight seasons (1987-95) on the Duke sidelines along Blue Devil head coach Mike Krzyzewski, and before that stint was an assistant coach at DeMatha High School under legendary coach Morgan Wootten from 1982-87.

BREY AND MENTOR KRZYZEWSKI REACH MILESTONES ONE DAY APART:

First-year head coach **Mike Brey** earned his 100th career victory (in 152 games as a head coach) against Sacred Heart on Nov. 18. That win came just one day after his former mentor, Mike Krzyzewski, earned his 500th win at Duke on Nov. 17. Brey

Mike Brey earned his 100th career win in his first game as head coach at Notre Dame when the Irish defeated Sacred Heart 104-58 on Nov. 18. It marked the 152nd game of his coaching career. The list below is the number of games it has taken some of the active Division I head coaches around the country to reach the 100-win mark in their careers.

Jim Boeheim	117
Jerry Tarkanian	117
Denny Crum	122
Roy Williams	129
Nolan Richardson	131
Gale Catlett	132
Pete Gillen	135
Pat Kennedy	140
Tom Izzo	145
Bob Huggins	146
Mike Jarvis	150
Gary Williams	151
Rick Majerus	152
Tubby Smith	152
Mark Gottfried	155
Jim Harrick	158
Lute Olson	164
Dave Odom	181
Jim Calhoun	183
Mike Krzyzewski	187

NOTRE DAME MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME DAY VS. RUTGERS/FEBRUARY 14, 2001

NOTRE DAME STARTING LINE:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2000-01 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
3	Troy Murphy	PF	6-11	245	Jr.	23.2	9.3	10 double-doubles	42 career doubles following SJU (34, 11)
34	David Graves	SF	6-6	208	Jr.	14.7	4.7	47 3-PT FGs	Streak of 51 games with a three-pointer ends vs. WVU
42	Harold Swanagan	F	6-7	252	Jr.	3.9	3.6	48.1% FG Pct.	Has started last seven games
13	Matt Carroll	SG	6-6	210	So.	12.0	4.5	88 assists	Tied for team lead with 47 three-pointers
24	Martin Ingelsby	PG	6-0	175	Sr.	8.2	2.8	6.8 apg	Season-high 17 points vs. West Virginia

NOTRE DAME OFF THE BENCH:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2000-01 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
4	Ryan Humphrey	F	6-8	233	Sr.	14.9	9.4	8 double-doubles	Suffered sprained ankle at the end of the WVU game
5	Charles Thomas	G	5-11	160	Jr.	2.6	0.3	—	Third-year walk-on
11	Ivan Kartelo	C	6-11	247	So.	0.9	1.5	—	Out indefinitely with a sprained ankle
15	Jere Macura	F	6-9	226	So.	1.9	1.7	—	Has come off the bench in each of the last six games
20	Torrian Jones	G	6-4	185	Fr.	1.1	0.8	—	Has played in 18 contests
35	Hans Rasmussen	F	6-10	228	Sr.	0.7	0.0	—	Has played in three games
50	Tom Timmermans	C	6-11	248	Fr.	1.1	0.8	—	Third European to join Irish roster in two years
51	Chris Markwood	G	6-4	190	Fr.	—	—	—	Had arthroscopic surgery on left knee Sept. 29

was an assistant under Krzyzewski at Duke from 1987-95.

FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS:

Mike Brey reached the 16-win mark (in 21 games) quicker than any other first-year coach in the program's history. The last Notre Dame squad to pick up 16 wins in its first 21 games was the 1988-89 Irish team coached by Digger Phelps. That Notre Dame squad also produced a 15-5 mark through its first 20 games en route to finishing with a 21-9 overall mark.

BREY vs. RANKED OPPONENTS:

As a head coach at both Notre Dame and Delaware, Mike Brey has coached in 11 games against ranked opponents. Notre Dame's game against Georgetown last Saturday marked the fifth ranked opponent the Irish had faced this season. Brey earned his first win as a head coach over a ranked opponent when Notre Dame beat then 16th-ranked Cincinnati 69-51 at the Wooden Tradition in Indianapolis, Ind., on Nov. 25, 2000. The 74-60 win over Syracuse was his first against a top 10 opponent. The Orangemen entered the contest eighth in the ESPN/USA Today ranking.

NOTRE DAME vs. RUTGERS:

The series between the two teams is tied at 7-7 with the Irish having won the last two meetings between the two schools. Prior to Notre Dame's victory (74-62) last season in the first round of the AT&T BIG EAST Championship, the Irish had lost three straight to the Scarlet Knights. In the only meeting between the two teams during the regular season a year ago, Rutgers defeated Notre Dame 76-51 at the Louis Brown Athletic Center.

RECAP OF RUTGERS - Part I:

Notre Dame shot better than 60.0 percent from the field as the Irish rebounded from their loss at Syracuse in posting an 87-80 victory over Rutgers in their BIG EAST home opener.

Troy Murphy scored a career-high 37 points in the contest as he connected on 13-of-18 shots from the field and was eight-for-eight from the free-throw line. It marked the third 30-point performance of the season for the Irish forward and the 14th of his career. Murphy, who established his previous personal best of 35 against both St. Francis (Pa.) and Seton Hall last season, was one of three Irish players in double figures. In addition to his 37 points, he grabbed seven rebounds in the game. He also scored 10 of the team's final 13 points in the last six minutes of the game.

Ryan Humphrey added 17 points and finished with six rebounds and five blocked shots, while David Graves added 16 points.

For the second straight game, **Martin Ingelsby** played the entire 40 minutes. He finished with four points, a career-high 13 assists and just one turnover.

Notre Dame was outrebounded for the first time in six games and fifth time this season as the

LAST GAME vs. RUTGERS

Notre Dame 87, Rutgers 80

January 6, 2001

Joyce Center, Syracuse, N.Y.

Rutgers (80)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Sherrrod	36	5-10	5-8	4	2	1	15
Axani	35	3-4	2-4	5	2	4	8
Kent	24	3-7	1-3	8	2	5	7
Billet	38	8-15	0-0	3	4	1	20
Greer	38	9-15	4-4	3	3	3	26
Tompson	8	0-2	0-0	3	0	1	0
Wright	21	0-4	4-8	4	0	4	4

Team 200 28-57 16-17 33 13 19 80

Notre Dame (87)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Murphy	34	13-18	8-8	7	3	4	37
Humphrey	32	6-9	5-6	6	0	4	17
Graves	38	6-13	2-2	1	0	3	16
Carroll	27	3-6	0-0	0	4	4	8
Ingelsby	40	1-3	2-2	3	13	3	4
Kartelo	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Macura	11	1-1	0-2	2	0	0	3
Jones	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Swanagan	11	1-1	0-0	3	0	3	2

Team 200 31-51 17-20 25 20 23 87

Rutgers 36 44 -- 80

Notre Dame 42 45 -- 87

FG Pct: Notre Dame 60.8, Rutgers 49.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, Rutgers 53.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 85.0, Rutgers 59.3. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 8, Rutgers 8. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 15, Rutgers 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 8, Rutgers 0. **Steals:** Notre Dame 6, Rutgers 4. **Attendance:** 10,549.

2000-01 BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

East Division

1.	Connecticut (12)	90
2.	St. John's	72
3.	Villanova (2)	69
4.	Miami	58
5.	Boston College	37
6.	Providence	35
7.	Virginia Tech	24

West Division

1.	Seton Hall (4)	80
2.	Georgetown (5)	77
3.	NOTRE DAME (3)	68
4.	Syracuse (2)	53
5.	Pittsburgh	45
6.	West Virginia	27
7.	Rutgers	25

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year:

TROY MURPHY — NOTRE DAME

BIG EAST Preseason Rookie of the Year:

Eddie Griffin — Seton Hall

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team:

Troy Bell — Boston College

Kevin Braswell — Georgetown

TROY MURPHY — NOTRE DAME

Ricardo Greer — Pittsburgh

Darius Lane — Seton Hall

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team:

Albert Mouring — Connecticut

Ruben Boumtje Boumtje — Georgetown

Lee Scruggs — Georgetown

Samuel Dalembert — Seton Hall

Michael Bradley — Villanova



**2000-01 NOTRE DAME
MEN'S BASKETBALL TELECONFERENCES**

**HEAD COACH MIKE BREY —
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. EST**

Call: (317) 263-8800 • Enter: 3263#

- Wed., Nov. 15 — Sacred Heart
- Mon., Nov. 20 — Loyola (Chicago)/Cincinnati
- Thurs., Nov. 30 — Vanderbilt/Indiana
- Wed., Dec. 6 — Miami of Ohio
- Thurs., Dec. 14 — Tennessee Tech/Canisius/Vermont
- Wed., Dec. 27 — Long Island/Syracuse
- Thurs., Jan. 4 — Rutgers/Seton Hall
- Wed., Jan. 10 — Kentucky/Pittsburgh
- Thurs., Jan. 18 — West Virginia/Syracuse
- Thurs., Jan. 25 — Georgetown
- Thurs., Feb. 1 — Pittsburgh/St. John's
- Thurs., Feb. 8 — West Virginia/Rutgers
- Thurs., Feb. 15 — Seton Hall/Boston College
- Thurs., Feb. 22 — Virginia Tech/Connecticut
- Thurs., March 1 — Georgetown
- Mon., Mar. 5 — BIG EAST Tournament

**TROY MURPHY —
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST**

Call: (317) 263-8800 • Enter: 3263#

- Wed., Nov. 15
- Wed., Nov. 22
- Wed., Nov. 29
- Wed., Dec. 6
- Wed., Dec. 13
- Wed., Dec. 20
- Wed., Dec. 27
- Thurs., Jan. 4
- Wed., Jan. 10
- Wed. Jan. 17
- Wed. Jan. 24
- Wed., Jan. 31
- Wed., Feb. 7
- Thurs., Feb. 15*
- Wed., Feb. 21
- Wed., Feb. 28
- Mon., Mar. 5

*11-30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**2000-01 BIG EAST
MEN'S BASKETBALL TELECONFERENCES**

Call: (913) 981-5520

**Dates: Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Jan. 25,
Feb. 8, Feb. 22 and Mar. 5**

- 11:00 a.m. — Steve Lappas (Villanova)
- 11:08 a.m. — Mike Brey (Notre Dame)**
- 11:16 a.m. — Al Skinner (Boston College)
- 11:24 a.m. — Jim Calhoun (Connecticut)
- 11:32 a.m. — Mike Jarvis (St. John's)
- 11:40 a.m. — Ben Howland (Pittsburgh)
- 11:48 a.m. — Jim Boeheim (Syracuse)
- 11:56 a.m. — Perry Clark (Miami)
- 12:04 p.m. — Gale Catlett (West Virginia)
- 12:12 p.m. — Tommy Amaker (Seton Hall)
- 12:20 p.m. — Kevin Bannon (Rutgers)
- 12:28 p.m. — Tim Welsh (Providence)
- 12:36 p.m. — Craig Esherrick (Georgetown)
- 12:44 p.m. — Ricky Stokes (Virginia Tech)

Scarlet Knights owned a 33-25 rebounding advantage.

The Irish, who had struggled from the free-throw line in their last six outings, converted 85.0 (17-20) on the charity stripe.

IRISH POST BACK-TO-BACK WINS OVER TOP 10 OPPONENTS:

Notre Dame's victories against Syracuse and Georgetown in consecutive games marked the first time in school history that an Irish team beat two top 10 opponents in back-to-back contests. When the Irish defeated the Orangemen 74-60 on Jan. 23, Syracuse was ranked eighth in the ESPN/USA Today ranking, while Georgetown was 10th in the Associated Press Poll before suffering a 78-71 setback to Notre Dame.

A BIG EAST MOMENT FOR THE IRISH:

Notre Dame's seven consecutive BIG EAST wins against Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Syracuse, Georgetown, Pittsburgh and St. John's marks the first time since the Irish joined the league in 1995-96 that they have posted seven straight wins over league foes. Notre Dame also is six games above the .500 mark for the first time since becoming a league member.

BIG EAST MOMENT II FOR IRISH:

Notre Dame's three straight victories on the road over Georgetown (78-71 on Jan. 27), Pittsburgh (75-67 on Feb. 3) and West Virginia (69-66 on Feb. 11) marks the first time since the Irish joined the BIG EAST that they have won three consecutive road games in the league. Heading into Sunday's matchup with the Mountaineers, the Irish had only once won consecutive BIG EAST road outings — in 1998-99 when they defeated Providence 83-80 on Dec. 8, which was followed by a 71-68 victory versus Miami (Fla.) on Jan. 9.

NOTE THE CHANGE IN MURPHY TELECONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Troy Murphy once again will hold a weekly teleconference. On page 4 is a listing of those dates and times. Media should take note of the new time. All teleconferences will begin at 11:00 a.m. (a change from 11:15 a.m.), with one exception — the Feb. 15 teleconference will commence at 11:30 a.m.).

HE'S AN ESPY NOMINEE:

Troy Murphy is one of four nominees for an ESPY Award as the Men's College Basketball Player of the Year. The ninth annual ESPY Awards will be shown live from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., on Mon., Feb. 12 at 9:00 p.m. EST on ESPN. Murphy is joined by Mateen Cleaves (Michigan State), Marcus Fizer (Iowa State) and Kenyon Martin (Cincinnati) as the nominees for 2000. All three of the other candidates are former collegians and currently on rosters in the National Basketball Association. Murphy has the rare distinction of perhaps winning an ESPY while still attending school.

MURPHY AND THE WOODEN WATCH:

Troy Murphy is among the top 30 candidates and one of four BIG EAST players named to the midseason list for the 2001 John R. Wooden Award. Murphy, a member of the 2000 John R. Wooden All-America team, was one of the top 25 vote-getters on the Preseason List of 50 which was announced in the fall. He and Duke senior Shane Battier are the only two previous candidates among the current list of 30. The 10-member Wooden Award All-America team will be announced on March 27, 2001. From that squad, one member will receive the Wooden Award Trophy as the nation's "Most Outstanding Collegiate Basketball Player." The announcement will be made on April 6, 2001, and will be shown on a one-hour telecast on Fox Sports Net. The three other BIG EAST players on the list of 30 include Albert Mouring of Connecticut, Eddie Griffin of Seton Hall and Preston Shumpert of Syracuse.

MURPHY IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Certainly **Troy Murphy** can stake claim to being the most publicized men's collegiate basketball player in the past two months. Feature articles appeared in three major sports publications on the junior All-American. Sports Illustrated's Grant Wahl profiled Murphy in a piece entitled "Troy Story", which appeared in the Dec. 25 issue of the magazine, while Mike DeCoursey wrote an article entitled "Getting a Slight Edge" for The Sporting News which hit the newsstands before the Christmas holiday. Curry Kirkpatrick has a piece entitled "Murphy's Law" in the Jan. 8 bi-weekly edition of ESPN Magazine.

NAISMITH WATCH:

Troy Murphy is listed among the Top 15 finalists for the 2000-01 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year as was announced on Feb. 12. Murphy is one of four BIG EAST players among the final 15 in consideration for the Award. The 14 finalists along with Murphy include: Shane Battier (Duke), Charlie Bell (Michigan State), Troy Bell (Boston College), Michael Bradley (Villanova), Jarron Collins (Stanford), Joe Forte (North Carolina), Eddie Griffin (Seton Hall), Brendan Haywood (North Carolina), Casey Jacobson (Stanford), Terence Morris (Maryland), Jason Richardson (Michigan State), Jamaal Tinsley (Iowa State), Jason Williams (Duke) and Michael Wright (Arizona).

HUMPHREY NAMED CBS PLAYER OF THE GAME:

Ryan Humphrey was selected as the CBS Player of the Game versus Kentucky after recording his seventh double-double of the season as he finished with 12 points, a game-high 13 rebounds and three blocked shots.

MURPHY COPS BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS FOR FOURTH TIME

Troy Murphy was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week for the fourth time this season after averaging 24.3 points and 10.5 rebounds and leading the Irish to wins over St. John's and West Virginia which extended the team's win streak to seven games. He had 34 points and 11 rebounds against the Red Storm and scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds versus the Mountaineers. Murphy shares the honor with Todd Billet of Rutgers. He earns the player-of-the-week honor for the 10th time in his career.

MAKING THE GRADE:

While Irish head coach Mike Brey is pleased with his team's play on the court, he can be equally proud of his squad's performance in the classroom. The team earned an overall grade-point average of 3.027 for the fall semester, the highest combined average since 1992 (when records were first kept). It was the first semester above a 3.00 for any Notre Dame men's basketball team in 17 semesters. Seven of the 13 players earned a grade-point average of 3.178 and higher with four players earning Dean's List recognition. The three players named to the Dean's List were: senior marketing majors **Martin Ingelsby (3.405)** and **Hans Rasmussen (3.467)** and freshman **Chris Markwood (3.400)**, enrolled in the First Year of Studies.

MURPHY JOINS "20-20" CLUB:

Troy Murphy turned in one of the most memorable performances in BIG EAST Conference history on Jan. 8 at Seton Hall with his 25-point and 20-rebound outing against the Pirates. It marked only the seventh time in league history and first time since 1992 that a player registered a "20-20" in conference game. The last Notre Dame player to grab 20-plus rebounds in a game was LaPhonso Ellis — 20 vs. Dayton on Jan. 27, 1992 in a 76-54 victory.

ORANGEMEN FIRST TOP 10 VICTIM AT JOYCE CENTER SINCE 1994:

Notre Dame had two wins against top 10 opponents during the 1994, but both of those victories occurred on the road. Prior to Tuesday night's win against Syracuse, the Irish had not beaten a top 10 opponent at home since Feb. 5, 1994 when Notre Dame handed UCLA a 79-63 setback. At the time, the Bruins were ranked fourth in the Associated Press Poll and were tied for second in the ESPN/USA Today ranking.

HOME COOKIN':

Notre Dame's four consecutive BIG EAST wins against Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Syracuse and St. John's helped extended its home win streak to nine games. The Irish now, 11-2 at home, have three games remaining at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame was 16-4 at home a year ago, and since the start of last season, have won 81.8 percent of its games at the Joyce Center.

PRODUCTIVE FRONTLINE SHOWS SCORING AND REBOUNDING VERSATILITY:

Notre Dame's frontline duo of **Troy Murphy** and **Ryan Humphrey** have proven to be a formidable match for Irish opponents. In all but three games, one of the two has either led or tied for team-high scoring honors. The Murphy-Humphrey combination has led Notre Dame in rebounding in 20 of 21 contests. **David Graves** led the Irish in scoring against Tennessee Tech (20 points) on Dec. 17 and West Virginia (17 points) on Jan. 21, while **Martin Ingelsby** topped the scoring column with his 17-point effort on Sun., Feb. 11 versus West Virginia. Harold Swanagan's 10 rebounds against Pittsburgh on Jan. 16 marked the first time all season that neither Murphy or Humphrey was not the team's leading rebounder. Murphy has been the leading scorer and rebounder in 15 and nine games, respectively, while Humphrey has led the Irish in scoring in two games and in rebounding on 11 occasions.

DOUBLE TROUBLE:

Troy Murphy and **Ryan Humphrey** have produced double-doubles in the same contest in four games this season. The most recent outing was nine days ago against St. John's as Murphy scored 34 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Humphrey scored 16 points and grabbed 11 boards. The other three games in which the two combined for double-doubles were against Canisius (Murphy-29 points, 15 rebounds and Humphrey-20 points, 11 rebounds), Long Island (Murphy-24 points, 10 rebounds and Humphrey-20 points, 11 rebounds) and Kentucky (Murphy-14 points, 11 rebounds and Humphrey-12 points, 13 rebounds). Murphy has 10 double-doubles this season, while Humphrey has eight.

THE MURPHY-HUMPHREY-GRAVES COMBINATION LEADS THE WAY:

Notre Dame's trio of **Troy Murphy**, **Ryan Humphrey** and **David Graves** continue to put up impressive numbers. Murphy leads the team in scoring as he is averaging 23.2 points and is second in the rebounding column with 9.3 rebounds per game, while Humphrey is second in scoring (14.9 ppg.) and leads the team with a 9.4 rebounding average. Graves owns a 14.7

Irish All-Time vs. 2000-2001 Opponents

Team	Record
Boston College	8-9
Canisius	17-4
Cincinnati	3-1
Connecticut	3-5
Indiana	19-45
Georgetown	5-6
Kentucky	17-38
Long Island	2-0
Loyola-Chicago	29-2
Miami (Ohio)	3-4
Pittsburgh	22-19
Rutgers	7-7
Sacred Heart	1-0
St. John's	14-11
Seton Hall	6-5
Syracuse	14-13
Tennessee Tech	2-0
Vanderbilt	3-4
Vermont	3-0
West Virginia	15-7
Virginia Tech	0-1
Total	194-179 (.520)



NOTRE DAME POLL WATCHING (Week By Week)

Date	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	T15	17
Nov. 13	16	17
Nov. 20	14	15
Nov. 27	11	11
Dec. 4	10	10
Dec. 11	21	20
Dec. 18	21	24
Dec. 25	22	23
Jan. 1	21	25
Jan. 8	25	25
Jan. 15	NR	NR
Jan. 22	NR	NR
Jan. 29	23	NR
Feb. 5	20	23
Feb. 12	14	21



Irish Record

By Day	
On Sundays:	3-0
On Mondays:	1-1
On Tuesdays:	3-2
On Wednesdays:	1-0
On Thursdays:	1-0
On Fridays:	1-0
On Saturdays:	6-2
By Time	
Night Games:	11-3
Day Games:	5-2
By Location	
Home Games:	11-2
Road Games:	4-3
Neutral Games:	1-0
By Halftime Score	
Lead at halftime:	11-0
Trail at halftime:	4-5
Tied at halftime:	1-0
By Rebound Margin	
Outrebounding opponents:	10-3
Outrebounded by opponents:	6-2
Same number of rebounds	0-0
By Field Goal Shooting	
Shoot better from field:	16-1
Shoot worse from field:	0-4
Shoot same from field:	0-0
Shoot 50% or better:	8-1
Shoot less than 50%:	7-4
Keep opponents under 50%:	15-4
Keep opponents under 40%:	12-0
By Free Throw Margin	
Hit more free throws:	15-2
Hit fewer free throws:	1-2
Same number of free throws:	0-1
By Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers:	6-2
Commit more turnovers:	9-2
Commit same number of turnovers:	1-1
By Margin	
One-point games:	0-0
Two-point games:	0-1
Three-point games:	2-0
Four-point games:	0-0
5-10 point games:	5-3
11-20 point games:	5-1
21-30 point games:	1-0
31+point games:	3-0
By Conference	
Northeast	2-0
Midwestern Collegiate	1-0
Conference USA	1-0
Southeastern	1-1
Big Ten	0-1
Mid-American	0-1
Ohio Valley	1-0
Metro Atlantic Athletic	1-0
America East	1-0
BIG EAST	8-2
By Month	
In November	3-0
In December	5-2
In January	5-3
In February	3-0
In March	0-0

scoring average. The trio is responsible for 65.9 percent of the team's offensive scoring (1,109 of 1,708 points). The three scored 20-plus points each in back-to-back games against Canisius and Vermont on Dec. 19 and 21, respectively. In the victory over the Catamounts, Murphy and Graves each had 21 points in the win, while Humphrey added 20. In the previous outing against Canisius, just 48 hours prior to the win over the Catamounts on Dec. 21, Murphy had 29 points, Graves 23 and Humphrey 20. That game marked the first time since the 1991-92 season that three players contributed 20 or more points in a game. The last time it happened was in Notre Dame's 101-98 victory over Syracuse at the Carrier Dome on February 15, 1992 when LaPhonso Ellis, Daimon Sweet and Elmer Bennett had 28, 24 and 22 points, respectively.

SPREADING THE WEALTH:

Notre Dame had all five of its starters in double figures for the third time this season in the loss at Kentucky. All five Irish starters also reached double-figure scoring in a win over Canisius and in the loss to Indiana. When all five starters — **Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey, David Graves, Matt Carroll** and **Martin Ingelsby** — reached double figures against the Hoosiers, it marked the first time since the 1998-99 campaign that all five starters scored 10-plus points in game. That season, all five of Notre Dame's starting members reached double figures three times in games against Stetson, St. Francis (N.Y.) and Boston College. Five players, four starters (Murphy, Humphrey, **Harold Swanagan** and Carroll) and Graves who came off the bench, scored in double figures in the win at Georgetown.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR:

All 12 players who played in the game against Long Island on Dec. 29 in the final game of 2000 contributed points in the final 97-point outing — **Troy Murphy (24), Ryan Humphrey (20), David Graves (14), Matt Carroll (14), Jere Macura (7), Harold Swanagan (3), Ivan Kartelo (4), Charles Thomas (3), Martin Ingelsby (2), Torrian Jones (2), Hans Rasmussen (2)** and **Tom Timmermans (2)**.

COMEBACK KIDS:

Notre Dame has shown tremendous resiliency in its last five outings and has staged comebacks in both the first and second halves of games to pull out victories. Here's a look at the Irish comebacks:

- West Virginia** - Trailed 19-8 with 12:34 to go in first half before 16-4 run to take the lead for good with 7:39 remaining in the first half.
- Syracuse** - Never trailed in the contest.
- Georgetown** - Trailed 54-46 with 11:27 in the second half, but outscored the Hoyas 14-5 to take the lead for good with 4:59 left in the game.
- Pittsburgh** - Fell behind 21-10 with 13:05 remaining in the first half and closed out the final 13 minutes with a 24-8 run that gave the Irish a 34-29 halftime advantage. Notre Dame never trailed in the second half.
- St. John's** - Trailed 46-36 with 18:37 remaining in the second half, but used an 18-8 run to take a two-point lead (56-54) with 9:30 left to play. Never trailed after that point and had a 19-point lead (77-58) with 2:05 remaining.
- West Virginia** - Trailed 60-53 with 6:22 left in the game before a 9-0 run helped the Irish claim a 60-58 advantage with 2:21 to play. Fell behind 65-64 with 1:40 to play before pulling out the three-point win.

WING-ING IT:

The perimeter play of outside shooters **David Graves** and **Matt Carroll** give the Irish a deadly three-point shooting arsenal. The duo has made 94 (59.5 percent) of Notre Dame's 158 three-point field goals and has attempted 229 (57.5 percent) of the team's 398 shots from beyond the arc. Carroll is shooting 43.9 from three-point range, while Graves has made 38.5 percent of his attempts from beyond the arc.

IRONMAN:

Martin Ingelsby leads the team in minutes played this season as he is averaging 37.2 minutes per game. He has played the entire 40 minutes in seven of 10 BIG EAST contests and in nine games overall. The two non-league games which he played the entire 40 minutes were against Vanderbilt and Miami of Ohio.

OVER THE 100-MARK PLATEAU:

The Irish went over the 100-point mark in its first two games of the season posting victories over Sacred Heart (104-58) and Loyola (107-68). It marked the first time since the 1985-86 campaign that a Notre Dame team registered back-to-back 100-point contests. It also was the first time in school history that an Irish team began the season scoring 100-plus points in its first two contests.

POINTS A PLENTY:

Notre Dame is averaging 81.3 points per game and outscoring its opponents by 11.8 points per game. The Irish scored 90-plus points in three consecutive games — Canisius (99-91), Vermont (96-86) and Long Island (97-49). Brey's squad has topped the 90-point mark five times overall this season.

WORTH NOTING FROM THE LOYOLA GAME:

Notre Dame's strong outing against the Ramblers on Nov. 22 produced some noteworthy

**2000-01 BIG EAST STANDINGS
(through games of Feb. 11)**

East Division	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Boston College	18-2	9-1
Providence	17-6	8-3
St. John's	13-9	7-4
Villanova	14-8	5-5
Connecticut	15-8	4-6
Miami	12-10	4-7
Virginia Tech	8-14	2-9

West Division	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
NOTRE DAME	16-5	8-2
Syracuse	19-4	7-3
Georgetown	19-4	6-4
West Virginia	13-8	4-6
Pittsburgh	12-11	4-8
Seton Hall	12-9	3-7
Rutgers	10-11	2-8

2000-01 BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

Player of the Week:

Nov. 20	Michael Bradley (VU)
Nov. 27	Troy Murphy (ND)
	Preston Shumpert (SU)
	Todd Billett (RU)
Dec. 4	Darius Lane (SHU)
Dec. 11	Michael Bradley (VU)
Dec. 18	Troy Murphy (ND)
Dec. 26	Troy Bell (BC)
Jan. 2	Troy Bell (BC)
Jan. 8	Damone Brown (SU)
	John Linehan (PC)
Jan. 15	Anthony Glover (SJU)
Jan. 22	Michael Bradley (VU)
Jan. 31	Troy Murphy (ND)
	Troy Bell (BC)
Feb. 5	Preston Shumpert (SU)
Feb. 12	Troy Murphy (ND)
	Todd Billet (RU)

Rookie of the Week:

Nov. 20	Omar Cook (SJU)
	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Nov. 27	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Dec. 4	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Dec. 11	Michael Sweetney (GU)
	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Dec. 18	Michael Sweetney (GU)
Dec. 25	Marcus Douthit (PC)
Jan. 2	Caron Butler (UC)
	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Jan. 8	Caron Butler (UC)
	Omar Cook (SJU)
Jan. 15	Omar Cook (SJU)
Jan. 29	Marcus Barnes (UM)
Jan. 29	Ryan Sidney (BC)
Feb. 5	Michael Sweetney (GU)
Feb. 12	Omar Cook (SJU)

team numbers in the contest:

- Set school record for three-point field goals made (16) and three-point field goal percentage (.727 - 16 of 22).
- Tied the school record for blocked shots (12).
- Second time since 1985-86 that the Irish recorded back-to-back outings 100-point outings (vs. Manhattan - 102-47 and vs. Miami (Fla.) - 126-73).

500TH GAME AT JOYCE CENTER:

Notre Dame played its 500th game at the Joyce Center on Nov. 18 against Sacred Heart. The Irish are 396-116 all-time at the Joyce Center for a .773 winning percentage since it began play in the inaugural 1968-69 season. The Irish were 16-4 (.800) at home in 1999-2000, marking the third time in school history they had 16 victories (the most at the Joyce Center). Notre Dame also recorded 16 wins at the Joyce during the 1976-77 and 1982-83 campaigns.

BLOCK PARTY:

Notre Dame has 137 blocks as team and that figure already ranks as the second most in a season for an Irish team. The single-season team record is 145 set by the 1991-92 Notre Dame team. The Irish had 110 blocks as a team a year ago. **Ryan Humphrey** leads the team with 62, while **Troy Murphy** is second with 42.

GRAVES GROOVIN' OFF THE BENCH:

David Graves has come off the bench in Notre Dame's last eight games and has proven to be a very effective player in his new role. Graves, who has missed just nine starts in 88 career games, had been a starter in 31 consecutive games before having that streak snapped against Pittsburgh on Jan 16. In the last seven games, he has averaged 13.9 points and 5.6 rebounds coming off the bench. He had a season-high 24 points against Pittsburgh on Feb. 1.

GRAVES JOINS 1,000-POINT CLUB:

Junior **David Graves** joined Notre Dame's 1,000-point club and became the 41st player in Irish basketball history to reach that mark. Graves tallied his 1,000th point in the win over Vermont on Dec. 21. He notched his 1,000th point in the second half on a free throw with 16:58 remaining in the contest. He has 1,166 points in 88 career games for a 13.3 career scoring average heading into this evening's game and currently ranks 27th on the all-time Notre Dame scoring list.

A 1,000-POINT CLASS ACT:

With **David Graves** reaching the 1,000-point mark, he joined **Troy Murphy** (1,846 career points) as the second member of Notre Dame's class of 2002 to reach that plateau. It marks the first time that a class has produced at least two 1,000-point scorers since the trio of LaPhonso Ellis, Elmer Bennett and Daimon Sweet. The three combined for 4,403 points from 1988-92 with Ellis scoring 1,505 points, Bennett 1,488 points and Sweet 1,410 points. Graves and Murphy have combined for 3,012 points in two-plus seasons.

SWANAGAN SPARKLES:

Since the Christmas break, **Harold Swanagan's** play has earned him more and more playing time. The Irish junior has been one of the team's most productive players and has been in the starting lineup in each of the last seven games beginning with the Pittsburgh game on Jan. 16. Swanagan will be in the starting lineup this evening for the eighth straight game (and ninth time this season). Against the Panthers in his second start of the season, Swanagan played a season-high 22 minutes and finished with seven points (tying his then season-high) and a game-high 10 rebounds. The 10 boards marked a season best for him and also was the fifth time in which he grabbed 10-plus rebounds in a game during his career. He had six points and nine rebounds against West Virginia and scored a then season-high nine points against the Orangemen. In the win at Georgetown, Swanagan finished with a season-best 11 points, six rebounds and two assists, and in addition, connected on all seven of his free-throw attempts from the field.

LEADER OF THE PACK:

The consistency of **Troy Murphy** as both a scorer and rebounder is remarkable when considering these numbers. Of the 85 career games he has played (he missed three games his freshman year because of a sprained ankle), Murphy has led or tied for team-high scoring and rebounding honors on 67 and 56 occasions, respectively. Below is the breakdown year-to-year of how he has led the Irish in both categories during his career.

	Scoring	Rebounding
2000-01	15 of 21 games (71.4%)	9 of 21 games (42.9%)
1999-00	33 of 37 games (89.2%)	30 of 37 games (81.1%)
1998-99	19 of 27 games (70.4%)	17 of 27 games (63.0%)
Totals	67 of 85 games (78.8%)	56 of 85 games (65.9%)

Some other noteworthy statistics include: 84 of 85 games in double figure scoring, 42 career double-doubles, 16 career games with 30-plus points and 49 contests with 20-plus points.

MURPHY GETS 100TH BLOCK:

Troy Murphy blocked his 100th career shot against Long Island on Fri., Dec. 29 and currently second on the Notre Dame all-time career shot-blocking list with 118. LaPhonso Ellis (1988-92) is the Irish all-time leader in this category with 200.



Irish in the National Statistics

Scoring

Troy Murphy 3rd 23.2

Assists

Martin Ingelsby 11th 6.8

Blocked Shots

Ryan Humphrey 14th 3.0

Scoring Offense

Team 22nd 81.3

Scoring Margin

Team 23rd 11.8

HUMPREY APPROACHING 1,000 POINTS:

Ryan Humphrey is 51 points from reaching the 1,000-point mark. The Irish forward has scored 313 points in a Notre Dame uniform. Heading into his first season at Notre Dame Humphrey, who transferred from the University of Oklahoma, had 636 points. He has played in 84 career games and owns an 11.3 scoring average.

A MURPHY MOMENT:

Troy Murphy grabbed his 800th career rebound in Notre Dame's win over Syracuse becoming just the 10th Irish player to reach that mark. **Murphy has 843 rebounds in his career and is one of just two Notre Dame players in history to score 1,800 points and grab 800 rebounds.** The only other Irish player to achieve that milestone was Tom Hawkins (1956-59) who scored 1,820 points and grabbed 1,318 rebounds during his career.

INGLESBY CONTINUES TO CLIMB ASSIST CHART:

Senior **Martin Ingelsby** dished off his 400th career assist against Vermont on Dec. 21. He currently has 475 career assists, good for fourth on the all-time career assist list. Ingelsby passed Rich Branning (1976-80) who finished his career with 466 assists. Ingelsby owns a 4.17 assist average in 114 career games.

FOLLOWING TROY ON THE WEB:

Follow All-American **Troy Murphy** on the world wide web at www.und.com/troymurphy. The site includes biographical information, statistics, pictures, a weekly diary, a listing of awards and honors and links to articles on the web which have been written on this Irish junior. For more information on the site, contact the Notre Dame Sports Information Office at (219) 631-7516.

MURPHY GOES HAWAIIAN:

Troy Murphy's travels took him to Hawaii twice within a two-week span in August and early September. The Irish junior participated in the Pete Newell Big Man Camp just before returning to campus for the start of the school year and met up with former Notre Dame standout and 1997 BIG EAST Player of the Year Pat Garrity. Murphy made a second trip across the mainland when he played for the USA Men's Select Team on Sept. 2 in Honolulu against the USA Basketball Men's Senior National Team. The game was televised by NBC and Murphy finished with four points and three rebounds. St. John's head coach Mike Jarvis served as the team's coach.

DOUBLE-TAKE FOR HUMPHREY:

Just 21 games into his Notre Dame career, **Ryan Humphrey** has already posted eight double-doubles in an Irish uniform. His most recent came eight days ago against St. John's as he scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. He has registered double-doubles in seven of the last 15 games, and in back-to-back contests against Tennessee Tech (10 points, 12 rebounds) on Dec. 17, Canisius (20 points, 11 rebounds) on Dec. 19 and Long Island (20 points, 11 rebounds) on Dec. 21. Humphrey, who has 18 career double-doubles (10 in two seasons at Oklahoma), registered his first double-double at Notre Dame in the win over Cincinnati on Nov. 25, as he scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. He also has had 10 or more rebounds in 26 games during his career and scored 10-plus points on 54 occasions. Humphrey also has scored 20-plus points in seven games throughout his career.

GRAVES PRODUCES BACK-TO-BACK-TO BACK 20-POINT OUTINGS:

David Graves has scored 20-plus points in four games this season, including a season-high 24-point performance against Pittsburgh. He had three consecutive outings (a first in his career) in which he scored 20-plus points against Tennessee Tech (20 points), Canisius (23 points) and Vermont (21 points) and averaged 21.3 points in those victories. He has scored 20-plus points nine times during his career, which includes a career-best 33-point effort against Vanderbilt during the 1999-2000 campaign.

MURPHY DOUBLE-DOUBLES REACHES 10:

Troy Murphy registered his 10th double-double of the season, and 42nd of his career against West Virginia as he scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against West Virginia. Murphy's other double-doubles have come against Sacred Heart (31 points, 14 rebounds), Vanderbilt (23 points, 11 rebounds), Canisius (29 points, 15 rebounds), Vermont (21 points, 13 rebounds), Long Island (24 points, 10 rebounds), Seton Hall (25 points, 20 rebounds), Kentucky (14 points, 11 rebounds), Syracuse (34 points, 16 rebounds) and West Virginia (15 points, 10 rebounds). He has grabbed 10 or more rebounds in 43 career games.

FREE-THROW SHOOTING WOES APPEAR SOLVED:

Notre Dame appears to have solved some of its free-throw shooting problems as the Irish have made 76.9 percent from the charity stripe in the last seven games (197-256). Notre Dame had its best night from the line this season against Rutgers on Jan. 6, hitting 17-of-20 attempts for 85.0 percent accuracy. In Notre Dame's victory over Georgetown more than two weeks ago, the Irish converted 23 of its 28 chances from the charity stripe, including a 17 of their last 21 in the final four minutes. In the previous outing against Syracuse, Brey's squad hit 83.9 percent from the line, connecting on 26 of its 31 attempts. That was a complete turnaround from its performance against Syracuse in the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 2 when the Irish converted just 8-21 from the line (38.1 percent). Notre Dame was just 1-10 from the free-throw line in the first half of that contest (after making their first free throw attempt, the Irish missed their next 10). Against Pittsburgh on Feb. 3, th Irish were 20-25 from the line (80.0 percent accuracy) and were 12-14 in the final 1:33



Irish Items

Mike Brey Weekly Radio Call-In

The Mike Brey Radio Show made its debut two nights ago on 1620-AM WHLY live in South Bend. The 13-week live call-in show, hosted by U-93 sports director Sean Stires, takes place at Parisi's Italian Restaurant. Brey discusses the Irish season and previews upcoming games. Current Irish players will be among the featured guests throughout the season.

Kevin White Radio Show

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 11:00-11:30 p.m. for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics including administrators, coaches and media members.

Basketball Luncheons Set

The final basketball luncheon will take place take place on Tues., Feb. 20, 2001 (the day before the Notre Dame-Boston College game).

The luncheons, which begin at noon, will feature Brey, members of his squad, video presentations and other special guests.

Tickets are \$16 each. Tickets are available by mail by writing Athletics Business Office, 113 Joyce Center, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Checks should be made payable to University of Notre Dame. No telephone reservations will be accepted. For more information, call 219-631-7246.



of the contest. In the West Virginia game, Notre Dame did not attempt a free-throw in the first half, but did make 16 of its 20 attempts in the second half. **In the last four games versus Georgetown, Pittsburgh, St. John's and West Virginia, Notre Dame is a combined 43-57 (75.4 percent) overall in the final four minutes of the contest.**

STREAKING ALONG:

Troy Murphy's 15 points against West Virginia extended his streak of double figure scoring games to 72. The junior forward has netted double figures in 84 of 85 contests throughout his career. The only time he failed to score in double figures was against Syracuse on Dec. 29, 1995 when he scored just five points. In that game all of his points came from the free-throw line (5-6) as he was 0-11 from the field.

THIRTY SOMETHING:

Troy Murphy has scored 30-plus points in five of Notre Dame's 21 games this season. In addition to his 34 points against Syracuse and St. John's, he netted a career-best 37 points in the win over Rutgers on Jan. 6. He also had 31 in the season opener against Sacred Heart on Nov. 18 and 30 vs. Cincinnati on Nov. 25. He scored 30 or more points in nine games last season and has 15 career 30-plus outings. He also has scored 20-plus points 49 times in 84 career games.

IRISH THREE-POINTERS EXTEND TO 71 STRAIGHT GAMES:

Notre Dame's nine three-pointers against West Virginia extended its consecutive games with a three-pointer to 71 games. The Irish streak nearly ended when they had just one three-pointer (a season low) against Pittsburgh on Feb. 3. The last time the Irish failed to connect on at least one three-pointer in a game was against Connecticut in a 101-70 loss in Hartford, Conn., on January 12, 1999. Notre Dame set the school single-game three-point mark when it nailed 16 three-pointers against Loyola earlier this season.

DIALING LONG DISTANCE:

David Graves' streak of 50 consecutive games with a three-pointer came to an end on Sunday when he went 0-4 from beyond the three-point arc against West Virginia. Prior to this, the last time Graves failed to make a three-pointer was against Maryland on Nov. 26, 1999. In 88 career games, he has had at least one three-point field goal in all but 11 contests.

ANSWERING THE CALL:

In a recent addition of ESPN Magazine, ESPN analyst and former Duke basketball standout Jay Bilas highlighted five point guards nationally who have played vital roles for their teams this season. Among the five mentioned was Irish senior **Martin Ingelsby**, currently leading the BIG EAST in assist-to-turnover ratio. Here's what Bilas had to say about Ingelsby's play:

"Last season, Matt Doherty benched Ingelsby in favor of Jimmy Dillon. Now Dillon and Doherty are gone and Mike Brey has put the ball back into Ingelsby's hands. So what if he didn't have much choice? Point is, the 6-0 senior has responded. In the second half of Notre Dame's win over Cincinnati on Nov. 25, Ingelsby showed some onions by taking Kenny Satterfield off the dribble to ignite an Irish run. Through six games, he was averaging 7.2 points, hitting 48% on threes and had 41 assists vs. seven turnovers — the kind of stats that soothe any coach."

MY FAVORITE MARTIN:

Senior **Martin Ingelsby** returned to his role as a starter this season after serving as Notre Dame's starting point guard for both the 1997-98 and 1998-99 campaigns. A starter in his first two seasons, Ingelsby lost his starting job in the seventh game of the season a year ago and averaged just 14.8 minutes and 4.8 points per game in 1999-2000. Through 21 games this season, he leads the team in minutes played (37.2) and is averaging 8.2 points, 2.8 rebounds and 6.8 assists.

DISHING IT OUT:

Martin Ingelsby leads the Irish with 142 assists. Most impressive is the fact that he has committed just 39 turnovers in 21 games. He had a career-high 13 assists against Rutgers, while committing just one turnover. It marked the fourth time this season he had dished off 10-plus assists in a game. He dished off 11 assists in both the Loyola (Chicago) and Canisius contests, while also registering 10 assists in the win over Long Island. The 13 assists in the Rutgers game was the eighth time in his career in which he had dished off 10-plus assists. Ingelsby has played 782 of a possible 840 minutes and is averaging a turnover every 20.1 minutes and just 1.86 turnovers per game. Ingelsby's assist-to-turnover ratio of 3.64 leads the BIG EAST Conference.

CONSISTENT CARROLL:

No Irish player has been as consistent throughout the season has sophomore **Matt Carroll**. He registered double figures for the 33rd time in his career (and 15th time this season) against West Virginia as he scored 15 points. He is shooting 47.3 (87-184) percent from the field, 43.9 (47-107) from three-point range and 82.1 (32-39) from the charity stripe. Even more impressive is that he is second in the assist column with 88 (4.19 per game).

UNSELFISH IRISH:

The most telling statistic in Notre Dame's 21 games — the 397 assists (18.9 per game). Notre Dame has made a total of 592 field goals which translates into an assist for every 1.49 baskets. As a team, the Irish have committed 309 turnovers, resulting in a 1.28 assist-to-turnover ratio and a turnover every 2.71 minutes. Last season, Notre Dame had more turnovers (656) than assists



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Irish Sign Two to National Letters of Intent

Point guard Chris Thomas (Indianapolis, Ind.) and forward Jordan Cornette (Cincinnati, Ohio) have signed national letters of intent to attend the University of Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2001.

Thomas, who led Pike High School to a 65-12 record in his first three seasons, averaged 24.3 points, 5.6 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 3.5 steals as a junior while leading his squad to an 18-6 record. He shot .480 from the field and .810 from the free-throw line and connected on a personal best 61 three-pointers. The 6-1, 165-pound Thomas garnered second-team all-state accolades following the 1999-2000 campaign and earned all-conference and all-Marion County honors for the third straight year.

Heading into his senior season, Thomas had played in all 77 games throughout his scholastic career and owned career averages of 19.2 points, 4.4 rebounds and assists and 2.6 steals. As a sophomore, he averaged 22.5 points, 4.9 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.5 steals as Pike finished with a 17-5 mark. In his freshman season, he netted 12.9 points, while helping his team capture the 1998 Indiana state championship with a final record of 30-1.

Cornette led his St. Xavier High School squad in 2000 to its first-ever Ohio state crown en route to a 25-2 mark. The 6-9, 200-pound Cornette averaged 9.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.0 blocked shots as a junior and garnered all-Greater Catholic League honors as well as second-team all-city accolades in leading his team to the most wins and best winning percentage in the program's history.

Cornette led his Cincinnati #1 AAU team to a runner-up finish at the 120-team AAU national tournament in Orlando, Fla., in July of 2000. Cornette's squad advanced to the championship game after defeating Thomas' Bloomington Red team in the semifinals.

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IRISH SHOW TRIPLE THREAT AGAIN:

Notre Dame's three-point shooting appears to be alive and healthy again this season as the Irish have canned an average of 7.52 three-pointers (158-398) in 21 games. **David Graves** leads the way with 47, while **Matt Carroll** has made 44 and **Martin Ingelsby** 36. In the season opener against Sacred Heart, the Irish began the game by hitting eight of their first nine three-pointers. They also had a school-record 16 against Loyola on Nov. 22. Last season, the Irish averaged 7.8 three-pointers per game en route to establishing the single-season mark with 287.

MURPHY MOVES INTO TOP 10 ON IRISH SCORING CHARTS:

Troy Murphy became the 40th player in Notre Dame history to score 1,000 points on Jan. 29, 2000 when the Irish defeated St. John's. He started the season 16th on the all-time scoring list, but the 488 points he has scored in 21 games have elevated him to fifth on the scoring list with 1,846 career points. Against St. John's, Murphy passed Tom Hawkins (1956-59), who scored 1,820 points during his career. He now needs 213 points to move into fourth on the all-time scoring list occupied by David Rivers (1984-88) who finished his career with 2,058 points.

Murphy became the second-youngest player in Irish history to score 1,000 points at 19 years and 272 days old. Former Irish All-American Adrian Dantley (1973-76) was 18 years and 355 days old when he scored his 1,000th point. Murphy also joined Dantley as the only Irish players to reach the 1,000-point mark in their sophomore seasons. He scored his 1,000th point in his 48th career game — the fifth-fastest among Notre Dame's 1,000-point scorers. All-time leading scorer Austin Carr (1968-71) needed just 35 games, while Dantley needed 44. It took John Shumate (1972-74) and Bob Arnzen (1966-69) 46 games to score 1,000 points.

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE FOR MURPHY:

Among active Division I players through games of Jan. 15 according to STATS Inc., **Troy Murphy** is first with 42 career double-doubles. He has scored in double figures in 84 of 85 career games he has played and has registered double figures in 72 straight contests heading into this evening's matchup with Rutgers. The only time Murphy has failed to score in double figures was against Syracuse on Dec. 29, 1998.

LIGHTS, CAMERA ACTION:

Notre Dame will make nine national television appearances during the 2000-01 season as the Irish will be featured three times on CBS and six times on ESPN. It is the most regular-season telecasts since the 1988-89 campaign when that Notre Dame squad also had nine of its games nationally televised. The national lineup is as follows: Indiana (Tues., Dec. 5 on ESPN); at Syracuse (Tues., Jan. 2 on ESPN); at Seton Hall (Mon., Jan. 8 on ESPN); at Kentucky (Sat., Jan. 13 on CBS); St. John's (Mon., Feb. 5 on ESPN); at Rutgers (Wed., Feb. 14 on ESPN); Seton Hall (Sun., Feb. 18 on CBS); at Connecticut (Mon., Feb. 26 on ESPN) and Georgetown (Sun., Mar. 4 on CBS).

IRISH LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM HONORED AS ONE OF NATION'S BEST:

The Notre Dame CHAMPS/Life Skills Program has been identified as one of the best in the nation by the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association. Notre Dame received one of four program of excellence award at the Association's Sept. 25 awards dinner in Dallas. Honored along with Notre Dame were Arizona State University, the University of Iowa and Michigan State University. Notre Dame's Life Skills Program currently is under the direction of Bernard Muir, associate athletic director for student-athlete welfare.

In existence since August 1996, Notre Dame's Life Skills Program is committed to the total development of the University's student-athletes. It fosters the cultivation of skills that allow for their maximization on and off the playing field. The program develops and implements events and activities which are designed to facilitate learning in five key areas: academic excellence, athletic success, career preparation, community involvement and personal development. By the time a Notre Dame student-athlete graduates, he or she will have participated in approximately 40 hours of required skill building and development workshops in each key area. All freshmen and their parents participate in orientation sessions designed to assist in the transition into the University and to inform them about the Life Skills Program as well as other support services.