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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2002-03 Irish Schedule/Results (7-1, 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) 1 p.m.
31 at Marquette 2 p.m.

January

4 *Purdue (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 to be played at Consecro 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. **9**

(#12 AP/#12 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (7-1)**
vs. (#5 AP/#5 ESPN/USA Today) **Tennessee Lady Vols (8-2)**

The Date and Time: Saturday, Dec. 28, 2002, at 1 p.m. EST.

The Site: Consecro Fieldhouse (18,345) in Indianapolis, Ind.

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** handling the play-by-play. For the Marquette game, **Sean Lewallen** will call the play-by-play. 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 Tennessee game via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Tennessee (www.utladyvols.com) athletics websites.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Tennessee (www.utladyvols.com).

NO. 12 NOTRE DAME RETURNS FROM CHRISTMAS BREAK TO FACE NO. 5 TENNESSEE

Two of the nation's top teams will square off Saturday at 1 p.m. (EST) when No. 12 Notre Dame faces fifth-ranked Tennessee at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. It will mark the first regular season meeting between the two sides since 1996, and both teams are coming off close games in their last outings, albeit with differing results.

The Irish improved to 7-1 this season with a slim 46-45 victory over Colorado State Monday afternoon at the Joyce Center. Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** was the hero for Notre Dame, coolly nailing two free throws with 9.3 seconds left to put the Irish ahead. Notre Dame then had to survive a last-second three-point attempt by the Rams to come away with its 33rd consecutive non-conference win at home.

On a day where the Irish shot a season-low 29.8 percent from the field, sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** provided much of the offensive muscle, scoring a team-high 18 points and collecting 10 rebounds to register her second double-double of the season. In fact, she was the only Notre Dame player to crack double figures, marking the first time all season the Irish haven't had at least three players score 10 points in a game.

Tennessee is 8-2 this season following a last-second 63-62 loss at No. 22 Texas on Dec. 21. Longhorn freshman Nina Norman canned a three-pointer with one second left to give the hosts the upset. Tennessee was led by senior guard **Kara Lawson**, who scored 24 points, and junior guard **Tasha Butts**, who logged a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior forward **Gwen Jackson** leads the Lady Vols in scoring at 15.7 ppg., followed by Lawson at 14.4 ppg. Junior forward **Courtney McDaniel** is UT's top rebounder at 7.0 rpg.

Hall of Fame head coach **Pat Summitt** is in her 29th season at Tennessee with a record of 796-160 (.833) at the school.

LAST IRISH GAME

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
Espinosa	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
Flechy	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
LaVerre	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 (Flechy, Severe 2). **Attendance:** 6,632.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Dec. 23)

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

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Dec. 24)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last
1.	Duke (36)	10-0	1
2.	Connecticut (4)	9-0	2
3.	LSU	9-0	3
4.	Kansas State	10-1	7
5.	Tennessee	8-2	4
6.	Purdue	8-1	6
7.	Stanford	6-1	5
8.	Vanderbilt	7-1	8
9.	Arkansas	8-1	9
10.	Texas Tech	7-1	10
11.	Minnesota	9-0	12
12.	NOTRE DAME	7-1	11
13.	North Carolina	8-1	13
14.	Mississippi State	8-1	14
15.	Texas	6-2	21
16.	Penn State	7-2	15
17.	Louisiana Tech	7-2	17
18.	South Carolina	8-1	19
19.	Boston College	6-2	18
20.	Oklahoma	8-3	16
21.	Arizona	6-2	24
22.	Georgia	6-3	20
23.	UC Santa Barbara	4-1	NR
24.	Wisconsin-Green Bay	8-2	NR
25.	DePaul	9-3	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 349-128 (.732) record (437-169, .721 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 will go after her 350th victory at Notre Dame Saturday against fifth-ranked Tennessee.

Two of Notre Dame's three returning starters already have received numerous preseason accolades. Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** (13.1 ppg., 3.9 rpg., .517 FG%, .500 3FG%) 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, 1,480 points), three-point field goal percentage (1st, .481) and free throw percentage (1st, .872). 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 16.9 ppg., team-high 7.9 rpg., 2.5 apg., two 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 all seven Irish games this season. 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 (career-high 10-15 FG) at Arizona State and added her second double-double (18 points, game-high 10 rebounds) vs. Colorado State.

Joining Ratay in the Irish backcourt is junior guard **LeTania Severe** (9.1 ppg., 3.1 rpg., team-high 3.0 apg., 2.5 spg., .490 FG%), who quickly has developed into one of the top point guards in the BIG EAST. Last season, the speedy Severe capably filled the large shoes left by the gradua-

LAST IRISH GAME VS. TENNESSEE

Tennessee 89, Notre Dame 50

March 17, 2002

NCAA Midwest Regional - Second Round
Thompson-Boling Arena (Knoxville, Tenn.)

Notre Dame (50)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	27	2-10	0-1	0-0	4	0	1	4
Flecky	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	0
Barksdale	16	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	2	4	2
Severe	29	3-10	0-0	2-4	4	0	4	8
Ratay	28	3-10	0-4	3-4	5	0	1	9
Joyce	9	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Krause	2	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	1
Swanson	4	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	1	0	3
Borton	24	1-4	0-0	1-5	6	1	5	3
Batteast	20	2-9	0-2	1-3	2	0	3	5
Wicks	19	2-5	2-5	4-4	1	0	3	10
Bustamante	16	2-4	1-2	0-0	1	1	1	5
Team					8			
Totals	200	17-59	4-17	12-22	37	6	26	50

Tennessee (89)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Jackson, G.	21	3-5	0-0	2-2	6	1	2	8
Jackson, B.	18	3-8	2-3	2-4	5	4	1	10
Ely	14	1-2	0-0	4-4	4	2	1	6
McDivitt	15	2-3	1-2	2-2	2	2	3	7
Lawson	27	7-18	1-4	1-1	4	3	2	16
Snow	16	2-3	0-0	7-8	2	1	4	11
Butts	17	1-3	0-1	2-2	3	2	1	4
Davis	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Canon	3	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Munoz	19	3-6	0-2	0-0	5	0	2	6
Moore	15	3-4	0-0	2-2	3	2	1	8
Robinson	13	3-6	0-0	2-5	1	0	2	8
McDaniel	11	1-2	0-0	3-5	9	1	2	5
Pillow	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Team					5			
Totals	200	29-64	4-13	27-35	51	18	23	89

Notre Dame	27	23	--	50
Tennessee	53	36	--	89

FG Pct: Notre Dame 28.8, Tennessee 45.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 23.5, Tennessee 30.8. FT Pct: Notre Dame 54.5, Tennessee 77.1. Turnovers: Notre Dame 25, Tennessee 17. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 7, Tennessee 3. Steals: Notre Dame 8, Tennessee 16. Attendance: 5,799.

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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.	16.9	7.9	2.5 spg	Second double-double of year vs. CSU (18p, 10r)
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	So.	10.5	4.8	2.1 apg	Second on team with .527 field goal percentage
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	So.	8.4	5.6	1.4 bpg	5th in BIG EAST in blocks; team-high .577 FG%
4	Le'Tania Severe (C)	G	5-8	Jr.	9.1	3.1	3.0 apg	9th in BIG EAST in steals (2.5 spg.); 11th in FT% (.759)
22	Alicia Ratay (C)	G	6-0	Sr.	13.1	3.9	1.1 apg	.914 FT% (3rd in BIG EAST); two GW FT vs. CSU

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.	0.4	0.6	0.2 spg	Collected career-high three rebs., two pts. vs. IPFW
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Sr.	2.0	0.3	0.3 apg	Drained three-pointer late in victory over IPFW
13	Megan Duffy	G	5-7	Fr.	2.3	2.0	3.0 apg	1.14 A/TO ratio (13th in BIG EAST; tops by BE frosh)
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	So.	3.8	2.8	1.1 apg	Dished out career-high four assists vs. IPFW
41	Courtney LaVere	F	6-3	Fr.	10.0	4.9	1.1 apg	12.3 ppg. over last four games (20 pts. vs. IPFW)

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

tion 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 four 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 a season-high 15 points at Valparaiso, knocking down a career-best 11-14 FT. Severe also tied her career high with five steals against Temple. She is backstopped by freshman **Megan Duffy** (2.3 ppg., team-high 3.0 apg., 1.14 A/TO ratio), 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 five points vs. Temple and collected a season-best four steals vs. IPFW. Her 1.14 assist/turnover ratio currently is tops among BIG EAST freshmen.

At the other guard position, sophomore **Kelsey Wicks** (3.8 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** (2.0 ppg., 0.5 spg.), junior **Jeneka Joyce** and sophomore **Jill Krause** (0.4 ppg., 0.6 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 four games, scoring two points and grabbing a career-high three rebounds vs. IPFW. Meanwhile, Joyce is out indefinitely while recovering from a myriad leg injuries suffered during her career.

Sophomore center **Teresa Borton** (8.4 ppg., 5.6 rpg., team-high .577 FG%) and sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** (10.5 ppg., 4.8 rpg., .527 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. 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.

Freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** (10 ppg., 4.9 rpg.) also is seeing significant playing time on the blocks for the Irish this season. LaVere was a consensus prep All-American as a senior 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

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	UT
Overall record	7-1	8-2
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	12/12	5/5
SCORING		
Points scored per game	75.2	80.3
Points allowed per game	59.6	50.8
Field goal percentage	.485	.480
Three-point percentage	.304	.442
Free throw percentage	.726	.709
REBOUNDING		
Rebounds per game	39.2	44.4
Opponent rebs. per game	31.8	32.8
Rebounding margin	+7.4	+11.6
OTHER		
Assists per game	15.3	17.0
Turnovers per game	18.6	18.2
Assist/turnover ratio	0.82	0.93
Blocked shots per game	4.9	4.2
Steals per game	11.8	11.7

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 TENNESSEE SERIES

Series: Tennessee leads 14-0. Games Played at Neutral Sites: Tennessee leads 2-0.

Date	Site	Result	Score
11/25/83	Notre Dame, IN *	L	56-71
11/24/84	Knoxville, TN	L	57-62
12/9/85	Notre Dame, IN	L	63-71
2/14/87	Knoxville, TN	L	55-90
2/3/88	Notre Dame, IN	L	71-91
2/20/89	Knoxville, TN	L	43-98
12/3/89	Notre Dame, IN	L	54-77
2/9/91	Knoxville, TN	L	71-88
1/12/92	Notre Dame, IN	L	82-85
1/4/93	Knoxville, TN	L	48-79
1/7/94	Notre Dame, IN	L	70-105
11/19/96	Ruston, LA !	L	59-72
3/29/97	Cincinnati, OH @	L	66-80
3/17/02	Knoxville, TN #	L	50-89

* — Notre Dame Thanksgiving Classic; ! — Preseason WNIT (Semifinal); @ — NCAA Tournament (National Semifinal); # — NCAA Tournament (Second Round).

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	845	60.4
Tennessee	1,158	82.7

Current Win Streak: Tennessee, 14 games
 McGraw vs. UT: 0-10
 ND Biggest Win: None
 UT Biggest Win: 55 (98-43 on 2/20/89)
 ND Longest Win Streak: None
 UT Longest Win Streak: 14 (1983-present)

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

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 12.3 ppg. in her last four games, including a season-high 20 points vs. IPFW last Saturday.

SERIES HISTORY VS. TENNESSEE

Historically, Notre Dame has struggled against Tennessee, going 0-14 against the Lady Vols since the series began back in 1983. In fact, UT remains the only opponent the Irish have never defeated over a minimum of 10 games played, and the Lady Vols are one of only four teams to have earned at least 10 victories over Notre Dame.

The Irish began playing Tennessee on an annual basis early in the 1983-84 season and continued facing one another at alternating home sites for the next 10 years. Following a one-year break, the teams met twice in 1996-97, with the Lady Vols handing Notre Dame its first and last losses of the season — 72-59 in the semifinals of the preseason WNIT at Ruston, La., and 80-66 at the NCAA Final Four in Cincinnati. Those two games remain the only Notre Dame-Tennessee matchups to take place on neutral floors.

The Irish and Lady Vols would not meet again until the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament in Knoxville, when UT roughed up Notre Dame, 89-50. Tennessee has won all 14 games in the series by an average margin of 22 points, topping the 70-point mark in all but one contest. Meanwhile, Notre Dame has cracked the 70-point barrier four times against the Lady Vols, and has come within 10 points of UT three times. The closest margin in the series came on Jan. 12, 1992 at the Joyce Center, when the Lady Vols edged the Irish, 85-82.

SCOUTING TENNESSEE

Expectations are high in Knoxville this season, as Tennessee believes it has the personnel and system in place to make a run at its seventh national championship. The Lady Vols are off to an 8-2 start this season, a mark that includes four victories in six games against ranked opponents. UT is in the midst of a rugged stretch in its schedule, with five consecutive games against former NCAA champions, and the last four away from home. In fact, the Lady Vols have not seen much of Thompson-Boling Arena this season, with 10 of their first 13 games on the road, including a current stretch that features nine out of 10 games in hostile territory.

Tennessee has not taken the floor since last Saturday, when 22nd-ranked Texas dealt the Lady Vols a last-second 63-62 loss in Austin. Senior All-America guard Kara Lawson pumped in a game-high 24 points, including six three-point field goals, for Tennessee, and junior guard Tasha Butts contributed a double-double with 11 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. However, the Lady Vols were undone by poor shooting from the field (35.7 percent) and a tenacious Texas defense that won the rebounding battle, 41-40, and forced 16 turnovers.

Senior forward Gwen Jackson leads Tennessee in scoring at 15.7 points per game, to go along with 6.5 rebounds per game and a team-best .620 field goal percentage (.542 from the three-point arc). Lawson is the Lady Vols' second-leading scorer at 14.4 ppg., doing much of her damage from the perimeter, where she is connecting at a 45.5 percent rate from the three-point line. All told, seven Tennessee players are averaging at least seven points per game. Junior forward/center Courtney McDaniel is the team's top rebounder at 7.0 caroms per outing.

The Lady Vols are scoring 80.3 ppg., while shooting 48 percent from the floor and 44.2 percent from three-point range. Tennessee's defense has been particularly stout, limiting opponents to 50.8 ppg., and forcing more than 22 turnovers per contest.

Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt is in her 29th season at UT, posting a 796-160 (.833) record with the Lady Vols. She is 14-0 all-time against Notre Dame.

NOTRE DAME-TENNESSEE CONNECTIONS

- Irish sophomore forward Jacqueline Batteast and Tennessee sophomore forward Shyra Ely were AAU teammates on "The Family", an Indianapolis-based squad which won the national title in the summer of 1999 and finished as the national runner-up in 2000. In addition, both Batteast and Ely were finalists for Indiana Miss Basketball honors in 2000, an award ultimately won by Ely.
- Two of the top players ever to come out of northern Indiana will be on display Saturday when Notre Dame sophomore forward Jacqueline Batteast and Tennessee freshman guard Shanna Zolman take the floor. Batteast, a South Bend native, was a three-time first-team all-state selection and earned first-



team Parade All-America honors while playing at Washington High School. Zolman set the Indiana career scoring record with 3,085 points and also was a Parade All-America selection during her career at Wawasee High School in Syracuse, Ind. In an odd twist, Saturday's game will mark the first time Batteast and Zolman have faced one another in a meaningful game (excluding all-star competition).

- The Irish and Lady Vols will be playing at Conesco Fieldhouse, home of the WNBA's Indiana Fever. Both Notre Dame and Tennessee have two players on the current Fever roster. Guards **Coquese Washington** ('92) and **Niele Ivey** ('01) represent the Irish, while forwards **Nikki McCray** ('95) and **Tamika Catchings** ('01) are former Lady Vol letterwinners. Led by this quartet, Indiana reached the playoffs for the first time in franchise history this past summer. Ivey and Catchings will hold a "Meet and Greet" with fans immediately following Saturday's game.
- Only one Tennessee native has played for Notre Dame during the 26-year history of the program. **Tricia McManus**, a product of Oak Ridge, Tenn., was a three-year monogram winner for the Irish from 1979-81, helping Notre Dame to a berth in the round of 16 at the 1980 AIAW Division III national tournament.

NOTRE DAME AGAINST THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The Irish are 5-24 (.172) all-time against the Southeastern Conference, although they have won two of their last three meetings vs. SEC schools. Most recently, Notre Dame defeated both Georgia and Vanderbilt during the 2000-01 season, before falling to Tennessee in the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament. In fact, UT has been responsible for 14 of those 24 SEC losses by the Irish over the years. Besides the Lady Vols, Notre Dame has faced just five other Southeastern Conference teams — Alabama (1-3), Georgia (1-2), LSU (1-2), South Carolina (0-2) and Vanderbilt (2-1).

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will defeat a top-five opponent for the first time since downing No. 1 Connecticut, 90-75, in the 2001 NCAA Final Four.
- Irish head coach **Muffet McGraw** will earn her 350th victory at Notre Dame, joining **Digger Phelps** as the only Notre Dame basketball coaches ever to record 350 wins at the school. McGraw's career ledger will stand at 350-128 (.732) in 16 seasons with the Irish, and 438-169 (.722) in 21 years overall.
- Notre Dame will improve to 8-1 this season, marking the fourth 8-1 start in school history, and the third in the last five seasons.
- The Irish will collect their first-ever win over Tennessee in 15 career meetings, and post their sixth all-time victory over a Southeastern Conference school.
- Notre Dame will move to 3-0 all-time when playing in NBA arenas (2-0 at Denver's Pepsi Center).
- The Irish will raise their lifetime record at neutral sites to 73-42 (.635), including a 29-11 (.725) mark since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96.
- Notre Dame will even its record against former NCAA champions at 3-3 since the Irish became a member of that elite sorority in 2001. It also will mark the second time this season Notre Dame has toppled a former national champion — the Irish downed USC, 69-57, back on Nov. 29 in Los Angeles.

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Dec. 27)

Junior **G Jeneka Joyce** leg injuries, out indefinitely

WE LOVE THIS GAME

Notre Dame will play in an NBA arena for just the third time in school history Saturday when it faces Tennessee at Conesco Fieldhouse, home of the NBA's Indiana Pacers and WNBA's Indiana Fever. The Irish are 2-0 in NBA facilities, having defeated Utah (69-54) and Vanderbilt (72-64) in the 2001 NCAA Midwest Regional at Denver's Pepsi Center, home of the NBA's Nuggets.

DIGGER AND ME

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** needs just one win to join **Digger Phelps** as the only Irish basketball coaches (men's or women's) to collect 350 victories at the school. McGraw is 349-128 (.732) 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.

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 Dec. 27)**

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

**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

**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

CASHING THAT CHRISTMAS BONUS

Notre Dame has posted an all-time record of 15-10 (.600) in its first game after Christmas, including a 9-6 mark in the Muffet McGraw era. The Irish also are 5-2 in their first post-Christmas contest since they joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96.

ON THIS DATE...

Notre Dame is 4-3 (.571) all-time when playing on December 28th. This is the third consecutive season the Irish will play on that date — they won at USC (70-61) two years ago, and lost at Rice (72-61) last season.

Perhaps the most memorable Notre Dame game played on this date came in 1990, when the Irish knocked off No. 11 Louisiana Tech, 71-66, in the opening round of the Texaco-Hawk Classic in Philadelphia. At the time, it was the highest-ranked opponent Notre Dame had ever defeated, and when coupled with a 72-53 win over Saint Joseph's (Pa.) the next night, it propelled the Irish into the *Associated Press* Top 25 poll for the first time in school history.

RANKING FILE

Notre Dame will face its first ranked opponent of the season when it takes on No. 5 Tennessee Saturday in Indianapolis. 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 23-21 (.523) in games where both teams are ranked. Notre Dame also is 155-31 (.833) all-time when it takes the floor as a ranked team — the Irish stand 12th in both major polls entering Saturday's game with Tennessee. 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 Tennessee, the Irish have faced 10 other NCAA champions over the years, compiling a career record of 16-50 (.242) 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 2-3 record against other NCAA champions. The Irish have defeated USC in each of the last two seasons, while falling to Purdue, Connecticut and Tennessee.

NEUTRAL LIKE SWITZERLAND

Notre Dame has been quite successful at neutral sites over the years. The Irish hold an all-time record of 72-42 (.632) in neutral territory, including a 47-22 (.681) mark in the **Muffet McGraw** era (1987-present), and a 28-11 (.718) ledger since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96.

CLOSE SHAVES

The Irish pulled out a narrow 46-45 victory over Colorado State on Monday, 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, Monday's 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 Monday 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

Notre Dame will be looking to post the fourth 8-1 start in school history, and its third in the last five years, when it faces Tennessee on Saturday. In their three previous 8-1 debuts, the Irish have finished with a winning record each time, including a pair of 25-win campaigns, two trips to the NCAA Tournament and the 2001 national championship.

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** will be seeking her third 8-1 start with the Irish on Saturday — she also pulled off that feat in 1998-99 (9-1) and 2000-01 (10-0). The other hot start came in the second varsity season of Irish basketball (1978-79), which was played at the NCAA Division III level under head coach **Sharon Petro**.

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 and Arizona State — Notre Dame didn't pick up its third road win last season until the 10th contest away from home on Feb. 2, 2002.

The Irish have won nine of their last 12 regular-season road games, including seven of their last eight. Besides a loss at DePaul on Dec. 11, the only other blemishes on that record came last January with a last-second loss at Villanova and a setback at eventual national champion Connecticut.

BATTEAST RACING TO 500

Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** has scored 493 points in only 34 career games, putting her in position to be one of the fastest players to reach the 500-point mark in school history. A total of 12 players have scored their 500th point in less than two seasons at Notre Dame, although only four have done so in less than 40 career games (including 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)	1,480 (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.

A WELL-BALANCED DIET

Notre Dame has raced out to a 7-1 start thanks to its well-balanced offense which has seen at least four players score in double figures in five of those seven wins. In addition, the Irish have had five players reach double digits in three games this season (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 four players averaging in double figures for the season as well. Sophomore forward and Naismith Award candidate **Jacqueline Batteast** has been the pacesetter at 16.9 ppg. (sixth in the BIG EAST Conference), followed by fellow Naismith nominee, senior guard **Alicia Ratay** at 13.1 ppg. (20th in the BIG EAST) Sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** is third at 10.5 ppg. (more than double last year's scoring average), and freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** has come on of late, moving up to 10.0 ppg. this year. Two others — junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** and sophomore center **Teresa Borton** — are lurking just out of double figures at 9.1 and 8.4 ppg., respectively.

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

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 16.5 minutes per game, the Ventura, Calif., product is collecting 10.0 points per game (fourth on the team) and 4.9 rebounds per game (third on the team). If LaVere were to average 40 minutes played, she would be logging 24.2 ppg. and 11.8 rpg., both tops on the squad. By comparison, Notre Dame's leading scorer and rebounder, sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast**, would be registering 22.6 ppg. and 10.5 rpg. if she averaged a full 40 minutes.

Proof of LaVere's effectiveness on the floor was shown in last Saturday's win over IPFW. She scored a game-high 20 points on 9-of-16 shooting in just 19 minutes of action!

WINNING BY THE MONTH

Another indication of Notre Dame's continued rise to national prominence has been its consistent run of success. With its victory over IPFW last Saturday, the Irish are assured of finishing with no worse than a .500 mark in December. Notre Dame now has posted a record of .500 or better in 40 of their last 41 months of action, dating back to December 1994. The only blemish on that record came in March 2002, when Notre Dame went 1-2 during the BIG EAST and NCAA tournaments.

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 105 of 106 games for Notre Dame, yielding her starting spot to **Imani Dunbar** for Senior Night in 2001 (vs. Georgetown). Ratay's 105 starts put her in a tie with Mary Gavin (1984-88) for sixth place on Notre Dame's career games started list, and 19 starts away from the school record. **Ruth Riley** set the school standard with 124 career starting assignments, a mark Ratay could reach 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 1,480 points, 540 rebounds and 207 assists.

Ratay also is 26 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 1,480 points, but she needs only 109 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 106 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 19 starts and 26 games played this season.

Ratay already holds the Irish career marks for free throw (.872) and three-point field goal (.481) percentages, records which would rank among the top 10 in NCAA history. In addition, her three-point percentage would stand as the best in NCAA history if her career ended today. For a complete run-down of Ratay's place in the Notre Dame record books, please see the charts on page 9 of these notes.

POLL POSITION

Notre Dame is ranked 12th in the most recent *Associated Press* poll, marking the seventh 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 12th in the most recent ESPN/USA Today coaches poll, marking their



seventh consecutive week in that survey. 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. 20/19 Boston College). In addition, DePaul is ranked 25th in the latest ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll, and five other Notre Dame opponents presently are receiving votes in one or both of the major polls — Arizona State, Colorado State, Villanova, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

DRIBBLING TO THE DOME

Notre Dame is one of only three schools in the country to have both of its basketball teams ranked in the top 15 in the latest *Associated Press* poll, with the Irish men checking at No. 8. The other schools in this elite group are Duke and Connecticut. In addition, Notre Dame is the only school in the nation to have both basketball teams in the AP top 15 and its football team ranked in the top 10 in the final Bowl Championship Series (BCS) standings. The Irish gridders were ranked ninth in the final BCS survey and are preparing to face North Carolina State on New Year's Day at the Toyota Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla.

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 1,480 points. She also ranks among the top 10 in NCAA history in career three-point (.481) and free throw percentage (.872), and she is on the verge of breaking the school record for career three-point field goals made, needing just 26 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 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

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Total Points

4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	1,480
7. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
8. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439

Scoring Average

3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	15.8
4. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	14.5
5. Heidi Bunek (1985- 89)	14.5
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	14.3
7. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	14.0
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)	223
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
4. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	464
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	342

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

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.481 (223-464)*
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 Gaither (1993-97)	328
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	307
5. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	293
6. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	286

Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.872 (293-336)
2. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
3. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

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)	105
Mary Gavin (1984-88)	105

Boldface indicates current players



'02-03 IRISH TRENDS

Day of the Week	
Sunday	0-0
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	1-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	0-0
Friday	1-0
Saturday	3-0
Time of Game	
Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	4-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	3-1
Location	
Home games	4-0
Road games	3-1
Neutral site games	0-0
Halftime score	
Leading at the half	6-0
Trailing at the half	1-1
Tied at the half	0-0
Rebounding margin	
Grab more rebounds than opponents	7-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	0-1
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0
Field goal shooting	
Higher pct. than opponent	6-0
Lower pct. than opponent	1-1
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	5-0
Shoot less than 45%	2-1
Hold opponent under 40%	6-0
Free throw margin	
Make more free throws	5-0
Make fewer free throws	1-1
Make same number of free throws	1-0
Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers	4-0
Commit more turnovers	3-1
Commit same number of turnovers	0-0
Margin of Victory	
1-5 points	1-0
6-10 points	1-0
11-15 points	1-0
16-20 points	0-1
21+ points	4-0
Conference Affiliation	
BIG EAST	0-0
Atlantic 10	1-0
Big Ten	0-0
Conference USA	0-1
Horizon League	1-0
Independent	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Mountain West	1-0
Pacific-10	2-0
Southeastern	0-0
Month	
November	2-0
December	5-1
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

the Naismith Preseason Watch List, joining Duke, Kansas State, LSU and Tennessee in that select group.

HALF AND HALF

Over the last three seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 53-1 (.981) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead. 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 with its victories over Cleveland State, Arizona State, Temple and IPFW.

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 167 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 Dec. 26):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-03	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	39	9	212
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	30	8	201
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	25	7	185
4. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	28	2	171
Duke	19	24	29	28	30	31	10	171
6. NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	20	7	167
7. UC Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	22	26	4	159

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.

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



**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

so during her freshman season (1995-96). Prior to Green, no Irish player had worn that number since **Trena Keys** (1982-86).

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 Brienne 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 1,480 points and is among the top perimeter shooters in the country, connecting at a school-record .481 clip from behind the three-point line in her career. She also has made a school-record 87.2 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 sportswriters 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.

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



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 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 eighth in the country (through games of Dec. 15).

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.



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.

WHME-TV also broadcast the Irish game at DePaul (Dec. 11) live from Chicago. In addition to the regular-season package, the BIG EAST tournament semifinals on March 10 will be aired on BIG EAST TV, while the conference championship game on March 11 will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

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, 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



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 because of her California roots and the title she chose for her autobiography — "A Day in the Life of a Malibu Barbie".

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 349-128 (.732) record (437-169, .721 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.

IRISH ASSISTANT COACH FEATURED ON WNBA.COM

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 **Le'Tania 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: MARQUETTE

It will be a quick turnaround for the Irish, as they head to Milwaukee Tuesday for a 2 p.m. (CST) matchup with Marquette. The Golden Eagles will be well-rested by the time they take on Notre Dame, having had 10 days off since a 76-49 ouster of Sacred Heart on Dec. 21 at U.S. Cellular Arena. Marquette is 6-2 this season and has won its last five games, including a double-overtime thriller over NCAA qualifier Georgia State on Dec. 7 in the championship game of the Atlanta Invitational.

Tuesday's game will mark the 28th time the Irish and Golden Eagles have met, continuing the most frequent rivalry in school history. Notre Dame owns a 23-4 edge in the all-time series, including a current six-game winning streak that was extended with a 60-33 victory at the Joyce Center last year.



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. 27):

Team Rankings	NCAA	BIG EAST
Scoring Offense	20th at 79.0	6th at 75.2
Scoring Defense		8th at 59.6
Scoring Margin		5th at +15.6
FT Percentage		5th at .726
FG Percentage	8th at .509	3rd at .485
FG Percentage Defense		5th at .370
3-Point FG Percentage		13th at .304
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	5th at .295
Rebounding		5th at 39.2
Rebounding Defense	not kept	3rd at 31.8
Rebounding Margin		4th at +7.5
Blocked Shots		3rd at 4.88
Assists		8th at 15.25
Steals		3rd at 11.75
Turnover Margin	not kept	8th at +2.12
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	9th at 0.82

Individual Rankings	NCAA	BIG EAST
Scoring		Batteast, 6th at 16.9 Ratay, 20th at 13.1
Rebounding		Batteast, 5th at 7.9
FG Percentage		Batteast, 10th at .500
FT Percentage		Ratay, 3rd at .914 Batteast, 7th at .793 Severe, 11th at .759
Steals		Severe, 9th at 2.5 Batteast, 11th at 2.25
3-Point Field Goals Made		Ratay, 15th at 1.38
Blocked Shots		Borton, 5th at 1.38 Batteast, 11th at 1.12
Assist/Turnover Ratio		Duffy, 13th at 1.14
Offensive Rebounds		Batteast, 10th at 2.5 Borton, 15th at 2.25
Defensive Rebounds		Batteast, 6th at 5.38

NOTRE DAME VS. TENNESSEE

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

Overall Record: 7-1 (Home: 4-0, Away: 3-1, Neutral: 0-0); 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			(2) vs. Tennessee	1 p.m. EST							
Dec. 31			at Marquette	2 p.m. EST							
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; Midwest - 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 to be played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

(FSN) Game to be 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:	38,404	4,801	7,274 (ASU-12/7)
Home:	25,730	6,432	6,632 (CSU-12/23)
Away:	12,674	3,168	7,274 (ASU-12/7)
Neutral:			

2002-03 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics

Overall Record: 7-1 (Home: 4-0, Away: 3-1, Neutral: 0-0)

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Batteast, Jacqueline	8-8	239-29.9	55-110	.500	2-16	.125	23-29	.793	20	43	63	7.9	17-0	20	25	9	18	135	16.9
Ratay, Alicia	8-8	248-31.0	31-60	.517	11-22	.500	32-35	.914	7	24	31	3.9	5-0	9	11	4	8	105	13.1
Flecky, Katy	8-7	191-23.9	29-55	.527	3-6	.500	23-35	.657	13	25	38	4.8	24-1	17	22	6	12	84	10.5
LaVere, Courtney	8-0	132-16.5	31-63	.492	0-1	.000	18-33	.545	17	22	39	4.9	17-0	9	12	4	6	80	10.0
Severe, Le'Tania	8-8	224-28.0	24-49	.490	3-5	.600	22-29	.759	7	18	25	3.1	23-0	24	28	2	20	73	9.1
Borton, Teresa	8-8	190-23.8	30-52	.577	0-0	.000	7-11	.636	18	27	45	5.6	15-0	9	11	11	9	67	8.4
Wicks, Kelsey	8-1	128-16.0	9-30	.300	3-17	.176	9-11	.818	7	15	22	2.8	9-0	9	10	3	8	30	3.8
Duffy, Megan	8-0	189-23.6	4-17	.235	0-6	.000	10-16	.625	2	14	16	2.0	17-0	24	21	0	10	18	2.3
Swanson, Karen	4-0	34-8.5	3-7	.429	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1-0	1	3	0	2	8	2.0
Krause, Jill	5-0	25-5.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	0.6	3-0	0	2	0	1	2	0.4
Team									16	15	31	3.9			4				
Notre Dame	8	1600	216-445	.485	24-79	.304	146-201	.726	107	207	314	39.2	131-1	122	149	39	94	602	75.2
Opponents	8	1600	170-460	.370	41-140	.293	96-124	.774	99	155	254	31.8	169-2	97	166	16	63	477	59.6

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	19 at DePaul, 12/11/02
Assists	26 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Turnovers	29 at USC, 11/29/02
Blocked Shots	8 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Steals	20 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points (Game)	75, DePaul, 12/11/02
Points (Half)	42 (1st half), DePaul, 12/11/02
Field Goals Made	25, twice (MR: DePaul, 12/11/02)
Field Goal Attempts	67, Arizona State, 12/7/02
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	47.2 (25-53), DePaul, 12/11/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	9, IPFW, 12/21/02
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	22, IPFW, 12/21/02
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	41.2 (7-17), DePaul, 12/11/02
Free Throws Made	18, DePaul, 12/11/02
Free Throw Attempts	22, DePaul, 12/11/02
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	89.5 (17-19), Colorado State, 12/23/02
Rebounds	36, DePaul, 12/11/02
Personal Fouls	27, Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Assists	18, USC, 11/29/02
Turnovers	31, Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Blocked Shots	7, Arizona State, 12/7/02
Steals	12, twice (MR: IPFW, 12/21/02)

* 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, twice (MR: vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	4 at USC, 11/29/02
Three-Point Percentage	12.5 (1-8) vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
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 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
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	6 vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02

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, USC, 11/29/02
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	27, USC, 11/29/02
Personal Fouls	16, twice (MR: Arizona State, 12/7/02)
Assists	9, twice (MR: Colorado State, 12/23/02)
Turnovers	12, Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Blocked Shots	0, IPFW, 12/21/02
Steals	5, Colorado State, 12/23/02

* indicates school record

NOTRE DAME VS. TENNESSEE

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

Winners listed in CAPITAL LETTERS

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

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

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

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	40 by Valparaiso, 12/4	
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: 16 — 73-57 (0:11, 2nd) and 75-59 (0:00, 2nd) at DePaul (DPU 75-59), 12/11

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) at DePaul (DPU 75-59), 12/11

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Halftime Leads: ND: 6 (ND Record — 6-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 2 (ND Record — 1-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0

Rebound Advantage: ND: 7 (ND Record — 7-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 0-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0

Bench Scoring Advantage: ND: 5 (ND Record — 4-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 3 (ND Record — 3-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0
 ND Margin: +1 point, +0.1 ppg. (ND — 151 pts., 18.9 ppg.; Opponents — 150 pts., 18.8 ppg.)

<u>Point Differential</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>42</u>
ND Wins	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
ND Losses	0	0	0	1	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	6-1	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: 30 (Batteast 8, Flecky 5, Ratay 5, LaVere 4, Severe 4, Borton 3, Wicks 1) // Opponents: 20
 20-29-Point Games: 5 (Ratay 2, Batteast 1, Flecky 1, LaVere 1) // Opponents: 3
 30-39-Point Games: 0 // Opponents: 0
 Game-High Honors*: 5 (Ratay 3, Batteast 1, LaVere 1)
 Team-High Honors*: 9 (Ratay 4, Batteast 3, Flecky 1, LaVere 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 3 (Batteast 2, Borton 1) // Opponents: 0
 Game-High Honors*: 9 (Batteast 4, Borton 3, Flecky 1, LaVere 1)
 Team-High Honors*: 9 (Batteast 4, Borton 3, Flecky 1, LaVere 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0
 Game-High Honors*: 9 (Batteast 3, Duffy 2, Borton 1, Flecky 1, Severe 1, Wicks 1)
 Team-High Honors*: 12 (Batteast 4, Duffy 3, Flecky 2, Severe 2, Borton 1, Wicks 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 2 (Batteast 2 - USC, COLOST) // Opponents: 0

* 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)
Teresa Borton	6-8 (.750)
Le'Tania Severe	7-10 (.700)
Courtney LaVere	5-10 (.500)
Jacqueline Batteast	3-6 (.500)
Katy Flecky	2-4 (.500)
Kelsey Wicks	2-4 (.500)
Megan Duffy	1-3 (.333)
TOTAL	34-53 (.642)

NOTRE DAME VS. TENNESSEE

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 2/13/02 (ND 66, St. John's 31) — Katy Flecky 10, Alicia Ratay 10*

had two players with "double-doubles" was on 2/13/02 — Katy Flecky (12 pts., 10 reb.) & Alicia Ratay (14 pts., 10 reb.) vs. St. John's (ND 66-31)*

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 12/21/02 (ND 82, IPFW 54) — Alicia Ratay 20, Courtney LaVere 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 2/10/02 — Amanda Barksdale (11) vs. Boston College (ND 60-44)* (**school record**)

5 steals was on 12/14/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (5) & Le'Tania Severe (5) vs. Temple (ND 84-61)*

a "double-double" was on 12/23/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (18 pts., 10 reb.) vs. Colorado State (ND 46-45)*

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 2/2/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (21 pts., 12 reb.) at Seton Hall (ND 65-60)

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 2/16/02 — Davalyn Cunningham (12), Rutgers (ND 57-52)

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 2/16/02 — Davalyn Cunningham (10 pts., 12 reb.), Rutgers (ND 57-52)

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 eight games for the Irish, averaging 29.9 minutes per game ... leads team and ranks sixth in the BIG EAST in scoring (16.9 ppg.) and fifth in rebounding (7.9 rpg.) ... also ranks seventh in conference with .793 FT% (23-29), 10th with .500 FG% (55-110), 11th in steals (2.25 spg.) and 11th in blocked shots (1.12 bpg.) ... scored in double figures in all eight games ... has two 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 and eight rebounds on career-best 10-15 FG 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.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	24 at Arizona State, 12/7/02	26, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02)
Field Goals	10 at Arizona State, 12/7/02	10, three times (MR: at Arizona St., 12/7/02)
3-pt Field Goals	1, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	5 at DePaul, 12/11/02	11 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Rebounds	11 at USC, 11/29/02	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	36, twice (MR: vs. Colorado St., 12/23/02)	39, twice (MR: at Pittsburgh, 2/5/02)

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

Has started all eight games for the Irish, averaging 23.8 minutes per outing ... carding 8.4 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, ranking sixth on team in scoring and second in rebounding ... also leads team with a .577 field goal percentage (30-52) and stands fifth in BIG EAST with 1.38 blocks per game ... has scored in double figures three 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.

	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	3 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	4 at Pittsburgh, 2/5/02
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 eight games for the Irish, averaging 23.6 minutes per outing ... carding 2.3 points and 3.0 assists per game ... also ranks 13th in BIG EAST with 1.14 assist/turnover ratio (tops among league freshmen) ... 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 season-high 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.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	5 vs. Temple, 12/14/02
Field Goals	1, four times (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)
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	None
Minutes	27, twice (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)

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

Has appeared in all eight games for the Irish, starting seven times, averaging 23.9 minutes per game ... second on team in field goal percentage (.527), third on team in scoring (10.5 ppg.), third in steals (1.5 spg.) and fourth in 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.

	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 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	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 five 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.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	2 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	2, three times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)
Field Goals	None	1 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
3-pt Field Goals	None	None
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 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	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 eight games for the Irish, averaging 16.5 minutes per outing ... carding 10.0 points and 4.9 rebounds per game, ranking fourth and third on team, respectively... 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 season-high nine rebounds vs. Temple ... scored game-high 20 points and snatched six rebounds vs. IPFW.

	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	9 vs. Temple, 12/14/02
Assists	5 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Steals	3 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Blocks	2 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Minutes	26 vs. Temple, 12/14/02

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 eight games for the Irish, averaging a team-high 31 minutes per game ... ranks second in scoring (13.1 ppg.) and three-point percentage (.500), and third in field goal percentage (.517) ... 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 1,480 points ... holds school records for career three-point percentage (.481, 223-464) and free throw percentage (.872, 293-336) — 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 (1,480 points, 540 rebounds, 206 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, three times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	2 at DePaul, 12/11/02	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1, four times (MR: vs. Colorado St., 12/23/02)	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 eight games for the Irish, averaging 28 minutes per game ... leads team in assists (3.0 apg.), steals (2.5 spg.) and three-point percentage (.600), ranks fifth in scoring (9.1 ppg.), and sixth in field goal percentage (.490) ... stands ninth in BIG EAST in steals and 11th in free throw percentage (.759, 22-29) ... scored in double figures in four 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 season highs of 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.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	15 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	17 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Field Goals	5, three times (MR: at Arizona St., 12/7/02)	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 at USC, 11/29/02	9 vs. West Virginia, 2/19/02
Assists	6 at Arizona State, 12/7/02	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	36, twice (MR: vs. Colo. St., 12/23/02)	38 vs. Villanova, 2/26/02

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

Has appeared in four 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 eight games for the Irish, starting once, and averaging 16 minutes per game ... averaging 3.8 ppg., 2.8 rpg., and 1.1 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.

	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)

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.