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NOTRE DAME

2002-03 Men's Basketball Game Notes

2002-03 Notre Dame Schedule/Results (17-3, 5-1)

NOVEMBER

1	Fri.	ILLINOIS ALL-STARS (Ex.)	W, 107-77
11	Mon.	EA SPORTS ALL-STARS (Ex.)	W, 81-64
17	Sun.	BELMONT~	W, 76-48
18	Mon.	IUPUI+	W, 89-45
22	Fri.	BUCKNELL	W, 73-42
25-	Mon.-	vs. Furman@	W, 75-50
26	Tue.	vs. Creighton@	L, 75-80
30	Sat.	ALBANY	W, 90-55

DECEMBER

2	Mon.	MARQUETTE (13/10)	W, 92-71
7	Sat.	vs. Maryland (9/8)!	W, 79-67
8	Sun.	vs. Texas (2/2)!	W, 98-92
14	Sat.	(10/15) DEPAUL	W, 102-71
22	Sun.	(9/11) CANISIUS	W, 93-75
30	Mon.	(6/6) VANDERBILT	W, 76-63

JANUARY

4	Sat.	(6/6) vs. Valparaiso#	W, 55-53
6	Mon.	(5/6) at Pittsburgh (6/5)*	L, 55-72
12	Sun.	(5/6) SETON HALL*	W, 74-64
14	Tue.	(10/9) RUTGERS*	W, 68-57
18	Sat.	(10/9) at Kentucky (16/16)	L, 73-88
21	Tue.	(16/12) at Providence*	W, 71-65
25	Sat.	(16/12) at Boston College* W,	101-96 (OT)
29	Wed.	(11/10) WEST VIRGINIA*	W, 88-69

FEBRUARY

1	Sat.	GEORGETOWN*	12:00 p.m.
5	Wed.	at Seton Hall*	7:30 p.m.
9	Sun.	PITTSBURGH*	3:30 p.m.
15	Sat.	at Syracuse*	1:00 p.m.
18	Tue.	at West Virginia*	7:00 p.m.
22	Sat.	VIRGINIA TECH*	1:00 p.m.
24	Mon.	CONNECTICUT*	7:00 p.m.

MARCH

1	Sat.	at Rutgers*	4:00 p.m.
4	Tue.	SYRACUSE*	7:00 p.m.
8	Sat.	at Georgetown*	4:00 p.m.
12-	Wed.	at BIG EAST Championship	TBA
15	Sat.	(Madison Square Garden — New York, N.Y.)	
20-	Thur.-	NCAA First and Second Rounds	
23	Sun.		
28-	Thur.-	NCAA Regionals	
30	Sun.		

APRIL

5 &	Sat. &	NCAA Final Four Championship	
7	Mon.	(Louisiana Superdome- New Orleans, La.)	

* — BIG EAST Conference game
~ — Guardians Classic (First Round)
+ — Guardians Classic (Second Round)
@ — Guardians Classic -Semifinal/Championship Round (Kansas City, Mo.)
! — BB&T Classic (Washington, D.C.)
— United Center (Chicago, Ill.)
() — indicates Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today rankings at time of game

All times local to site.

Game No. 21 GEORGETOWN Hoyas (10-6, 2-4) at (11/10) NOTRE DAME Fighting Irish (17-3, 5-1)

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2003

Place: Joyce Center (11,418)

Time: 12:00 p.m. (EST)

Television: ESPN Regional — Don Criqui (play-by-play analyst) and Ron Perry (color analyst)

Radio: Host Communications Inc. (Jack Lorri, Jack Nolan) originates the Notre Dame Radio Network (includes WNDV 92.9 FM and 1490 AM in South Bend, Ind./Michiana Region; WBIG 1250 AM in Chicago, Ill.; ESPN 950 AM in Indianapolis, Ind.; WGL 1250 AM in Fort Wayne, Ind.; WEFM 95.9 FM in Michigan City, Ind.; WVHI 1330 AM in Evansville, Ind.; and WLUV 1520 AM in Rockford, Ill.). All radio broadcasts can also be heard through the World Wide Web at www.und.com.

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SCOUTING THE IRISH —

The Notre Dame men's basketball team (17-3, 5-1) heads into Saturday's matchup with Georgetown (10-6, 2-4) in sole possession of second place in the BIG EAST West Division standings. The Irish, winners of 13 of their last 15 games, are off to their best start in conference play since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96.

Coach Mike Brey's squad has won five straight in league play since dropping a 72-55 decision to Pittsburgh on the road on January 6 in its conference opener. Notre Dame's only other loss during the month of January was an 88-73 non-conference setback at Kentucky on January 18. Since the loss to the Wildcats, the Irish have won three straight.

Notre Dame is coming off of an 88-69 victory at home against West Virginia on Wednesday night to remain undefeated at home this season (11-0). The win also was the 13th straight dating back to the final two home games of the 2001-02 campaign.

The Irish are ranked 11th in this week's Associated Press poll and 10th in the ESPN/USA Today poll. Notre Dame moved up five spots in the AP ranking from the previous week's poll and two positions in the latter poll.

The current 17-3 record marks the best start for a Notre Dame team since the 1978-79 season. That Irish team posted a 22-3 record before suffering its fourth loss in the 26th game of the season en route to a final 24-6 mark. In terms of calendar date, this is the earliest an Irish team has ever produced 17 wins in 97-plus years of basketball at the University.

Today's contest against Georgetown marks

the second straight home game for the Irish. Following this afternoon's outing, Notre Dame will play three of its next four games on the road. The lone home contest in that four-game stretch will be against Pittsburgh on Sunday, February 9.

Coach Mike Brey's squad owns a perfect 11-0 mark at home and has won 13 straight at the Joyce Center dating back to the final two games of the 2001-02 campaign. The last time an Irish team won its first 11 games at home was during the 1985-86 season as Notre Dame finished up with a perfect 15-0 mark at home. The current 13-game home win streak is the longest since that campaign.

LAST IRISH OUTING

Notre Dame 88, West Virginia 69
January 29, 2003
Joyce Center
Notre Dame, IN

West Virginia (69)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Sally	25	4	9	1	2	4	1	4	9
Herber	35	2	6	1	2	3	5	2	7
Pittsnogle	22	5	9	0	0	6	2	4	11
Collins	25	0	2	0	0	3	2	2	0
Schifino	35	6	13	7	13	5	3	3	20
Briggs	18	3	3	0	0	2	0	1	6
Beilein	13	1	4	2	2	1	0	2	5
Patella	7	1	2	0	0	2	2	3	1
Yeager	20	3	7	0	0	1	1	1	8
Team						0			
Totals	200	25	55	11	19	27	16	22	69

Notre Dame (88)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Cornette	26	3	5	0	0	6	3	2	7
Miller	34	5	12	5	6	9	2	2	15
Francis	20	2	7	4	6	7	1	1	8
Thomas	33	4	14	8	8	6	7	1	18
Quinn	31	6	15	4	4	1	3	0	3
Cornett	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jones	20	3	4	0	0	4	1	2	7
Lustig	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Timmermans	14	3	5	3	3	8	0	2	9
Team						2			
Totals	200	28	69	24	27	51	17	13	88

West Virginia 30 39 -- 69
Notre Dame 36 52 -- 88

FG Pct: Notre Dame 40.6, West Virginia 45.5. **3-FG Pct:** Notre Dame 32.0, West Virginia 33.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 88.9, West Virginia 57.9. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 10, Boston College 7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 14, West Virginia 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, West Virginia 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 7, West Virginia 5. **Attendance:** 11,418.

2002-03 Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Week #12 —Jan. 27-Feb. 2)

	<u>LW</u>
1. Arizona	1
2. Pittsburgh	2
3. Texas	4
4. Florida	5
5. Duke	3
6. Oklahoma	7
7. Kentucky	8
8. Louisville	9
9. Oklahoma State	13
10. Maryland	12
11. NOTRE DAME	16
12. Kansas	6
13. Illinois	18
14. Connecticut	11
15. Georgia	19
16. Creighton	10
17. Wake Forest	17
18. Marquette	20
19. Indiana	14
20. California	25
21. Mississippi State	22
22. Oregon	23
23. Alabama	15
24. Syracuse	NR
25. Missouri	21

ESPN/USA TODAY (Week #12 —Jan. 27-Feb. 2)

	<u>LW</u>
1. Arizona	1
2. Pittsburgh	2
3. Texas	4
4. Florida	5
5. Duke	3
6. Oklahoma	7
7. Kentucky	10
8. Louisville	14
9. Maryland	11
10. NOTRE DAME	12
11. Oklahoma State	17
12. Connecticut	8
13. Kansas	6
14. Illinois	15
15. Creighton	9
16. Marquette	19
17. Georgia	22
18. Wake Forest	18
19. Oregon	21
20. Indiana	16
21. Alabama	13
22. Mississippi State	23
23. Xavier	24
24. California	NR
25. Missouri	20

bold indicates 2002-03 opponent

The Irish have faced five opponents ranked in the top 25 this season and own a 3-2 mark in those games. This week's AP poll features eight opponents on the Irish schedule, while seven Notre Dame foes appear in the ESPN/USA Today poll.

Georgetown enters today having lost four of its last five games. The Hoyas have lost back-to-back league games to Pittsburgh (65-64) on the road and to Seton Hall (93-82) in overtime at home.

The Irish and Hoyas are meeting for the 15th time this afternoon with Georgetown holding an 8-6 advantage in the series. The last matchup between the two teams produced an epic four-overtime battle at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. — the longest game in BIG EAST history on February 9, 2002. In that game, Notre Dame emerged a 116-111 winner in the contest. Since joining the BIG EAST, the two schools have played 11 times and the Hoyas have won seven of those matchups. Georgetown teams are 4-2 at the Joyce Center. The home court has not been kind to the home team in this series — the Hoyas have won three straight at the Joyce Center, while the Irish have won their last three at the MCI Center. Notre Dame's last win against the Georgetown at the Joyce Center was a 79-69 decision on February 25, 1998.

Notre Dame has played four top 10 opponents and owns three wins over those teams — No. 10 Marquette (92-71), No. 8 Maryland (79-67) and No. 2 Texas (98-91). The Irish earned those victories in consecutive outings over a six-day stretch (Dec. 2-8). It marked the first time that an Irish team had beaten three straight top 10 opponents in the program's history. Prior to the victory over the Golden Eagles on December 2, Notre Dame had not beaten a top 10 team since Brey's first season when that Irish squad defeated Boston College (10th in AP and 9th in ESPN/USA Today polls). The win over the Longhorns was Notre Dame's first win over a top five opponent since January 5, 2000 versus No. 2 Connecticut (75-70) at the Hartford Civic Center.

The victory over Texas marked the fourth time in history that a Notre Dame team had beaten at least three top 10 opponents in a single season. The most top 10 wins by an Irish team in the same season is four — that was accomplished by the 1977-78 squad which advanced to the NCAA Final Four.

The 98 points scored by the Irish against Texas were the most scored by an Irish team over a ranked opponent since a 101-98 victory over Syracuse (ranked 10th at the time) on Feb. 15, 1992 at the Carrier Dome. The 21-point margin of victory against Marquette was the largest over a ranked opponent since a 98-67 win over then third-ranked Missouri on March 3, 1990.

Notre Dame is averaging 80.2 points and has scored 90-plus points in six games this season and has topped the century mark twice. Brey's team has averaged 94.5 points in its last two outings. The Irish are yielding 60.0 points per contest and have held their opponents to 65 points and under on 10 occasions.

Notre Dame been very dominant at home, averaging 83.7 points and yielding just 60.0 points per game. The Irish's average margin of victory in games at the Joyce Center is 23.6 points per game. Notre Dame's largest margin of victory was 35 points in its 90-55 against Albany, while the closest margin was a 10-point decision (64-54) versus Seton Hall.

Matt Carroll (Horsham, Pa.) continues to lead the Irish in scoring with a 20.4 scoring average overall and 22.0 average in six conference games. He has scored 20-plus points in four of the last seven games, including a BIG EAST career-high 31-point performance in the loss at Pittsburgh on January 6. Carroll has been the only Irish player who has scored in double figures in all 20 games and has topped the 20-point mark in seven of the last 12 games and in nine contests overall. He heads into tonight's game with West Virginia having scored in double figures in 26 consecutive games.

Carroll is approaching two Irish records. He currently stands second all-time in career three-pointers made (255) and needs just five to break the mark of 259 held by former teammate David Graves (1998-2002). He also stands third all-time in career games started with 111, needing just six to break David Rivers' (1984-88) mark of 116.

Chris Thomas (Indianapolis, Ind.) has averaged 23.0 points in Notre Dame's last two games and has a 17.8 scoring average overall and 19.2 average in BIG EAST play. He leads the team in assists (7.1) and steals (1.9). He has registered three double doubles this season and has dished off 10-plus assists in four games. He had a season-high 13 assists against Canisius, which also matched his career best. Thomas topped the 20-point mark for the eighth time in last Saturday's outing against Boston College as he finished with a team-high 28 points.

Dan Miller (Mt. Holly, N.J.) is third on the Irish scoring list with a 14.2 average and is the team's second-leading rebounder at 6.0 rebounds per game. He has scored in double figures in all but five games (Creighton, Pittsburgh, Seton Hall, Rutgers and Providence) and has scored 20 or more points on five occasions. He is coming off of a BIG EAST career-best 16-point outing against Boston College one week ago and a 15-point and nine-rebound effort in Tuesday night's victory over West Virginia.

Torin Francis (Roslindale, Mass.) is averaging 10.5 points and a team-leading 8.8 rebounds, in addition to leading the team with seven double doubles. He posted his most recent double double of the season against Valparaiso on January 4 as he finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Francis has started all 20 games and has reached double figures in 12 contests and grabbed 10-plus rebounds in seven games. He averaged 14.0

Notre Dame-Georgetown — 2002 The Final Numbers

The four overtime game between Notre Dame and Georgetown on February 9, 2002 produced some staggering numbers as the contest took nearly three hours to complete. The 116-111 Irish victory immediately became an ESPN Classic and was replayed for the first time on Friday, Feb. 15 at 9:00 p.m.

✳ Sorting it all out...

- First four overtime victory in BIG EAST Conference history
- Longest game in Notre Dame basketball history
- Most combined points (217) in a BIG EAST game
- Most points scored by Notre Dame in a BIG EAST game and most points allowed by the Irish in a conference game
- Notre Dame's 64 rebounds tied a BIG EAST record
- Georgetown's 96 field goal attempts are the most ever in a BIG EAST contest

✳ The Individuals: A record four Irish players post double doubles...

- **Chris Thomas** plays entire 60 minutes and finishes with 22 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds. Gave the Irish the lead for good on a two-point basket with 1:56 to play in the game
 - **Matt Carroll** finishes with a career-high 30 points, scoring Notre Dame's final seven in the fourth overtime session. Also grabbed 10 rebounds to register his second career double double while playing 55 minutes
 - **Ryan Humphrey** scored 23 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and blocked four shots
 - **Harold Swanagan** scores 11 points and grabs 10 rebounds
- ✳ **Another note...**
- Georgetown's Michael Sweetney records the first 30/20 game in conference history as he scores 35 points and grabs 20 rebounds

NOTRE DAME STARTING LINEUP:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2002-03 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
12	Jordan Cornette	F	6-9	235	So.	3.0	4.6	52 blocked shots	11 rebounds vs. Boston College
21	Dan Miller	SF	6-8	220	Sr.	14.2	6.0	5 games with 20-plus points	BIG EAST career best 16 points vs. Boston College
34	Torin Francis	PF	6-10	240	Fr.	10.5	8.8	1.9 blocks per game	Leads team with seven double doubles
1	Chris Thomas	PG	6-1	182	So.	17.8	3.2	7.1 assists per game	Has scored 20-plus points in three of last five games
13	Matt Carroll	SG	6-6	212	Sr.	20.4	5.2	20-plus points in 9 games	26 straight games in double figures scoring

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2002-03 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
2	Chris Quinn	G	6-2	178	Fr.	4.5	1.6	16.4 mpg, off the bench	10 points in first half versus Boston College
4	Omari Peterkin	F/C	6-8	260	Fr.	--	--	--	Member of US Virgin Island Junior National Team
11	Rick Cornett	F	6-8	244	Fr.	2.8	1.3	10 games played	Career-high six points against Albany and Canisius
15	Jere Macura	F	6-9	230	Sr.	0.8	0.8	13 minutes vs. Canisius	Has played in eight games
20	Torrian Jones	G	6-4	195	Jr.	5.3	3.0	55.6 FG Pct.	Three-game with 10-plus points
24	Dan Lustig	G	6-5	195	Sr.	1.0	0.0	Played in six games	First year walk-on
50	Tom Timmermans	C	6-11	253	Jr.	3.2	2.6	Starter in eight games	9 points and 8 rebounds vs. West Virginia

points and 8.0 rebounds in his homecoming to the New England area in wins at Providence and Boston College.

Jordan Cornette (Cincinnati, Ohio), who started the first six games of the season, has been in the Notre Dame starting lineup for each of the last six games. He played a career-high 33 minutes in the win over Rutgers (January 14), scoring eight points, grabbing seven rebounds and blocking eight shots. Cornette has had a real impact for the Irish on the defensive end of the floor. He is averaging 3.0 points and 4.6 rebounds, in addition to 2.6 blocked shots. In the Belmont game, Cornette registered his first career double double with an unlikely combination of 13 rebounds and a Notre Dame and Joyce Center record 11 blocked shots. His 52 blocked shots this season are 35 more than he blocked all of last season. Cornette grabbed 11 rebounds against Boston College last, his second double figure rebounding effort of the season.

No Notre Dame player has been as important off the bench than junior swingman **Torrian Jones (Fairless Hills, Pa.)**. He scored a season-high 13 points on six-for-eight shooting from the field against Bucknell and is averaging 5.3 points and 3.0 rebounds. Jones had one of his best all-around efforts in an Irish uniform against Vanderbilt on December 30 as he scored 12 points, grabbed seven rebounds, dished off two assists and had a block and a steal in playing a career-high 29 minutes. Jones, who is averaging a career-best 19.1 minutes off the bench, has scored in double figures in three games. He has played 20-plus minutes in five consecutive games and in 10 contests overall.

Chris Quinn (Dublin, Ohio) is averaging significant minutes off the bench at 16.4 minutes per game and has played 20-plus minutes in eight contests. He scored a career-high 12 points versus Marquette and is averaging 4.5 points and 1.6 rebounds. Quinn, along with Francis, is the only rookie who has played in all 20 games. He has connected on 30 field goals with 21 coming from three-point range. He was a key in the first half against Boston College on January 25 as he scored 10 points in 12 minutes of action.

Tom Timmermans (Driehuis, Netherlands) had started eight straight games before the Seton Hall game on January 12. He made his first career start in the victory over Marquette on December 1 and is averaging 12.6 minutes of playing time. Timmermans equalled his personal best of nine points against West Virginia on Wednesday night, in addition to grabbing a career-high eight boards. He is averaging 3.2 points and 2.6 rebounds.

HEAD COACH MIKE BREY —

Mike Brey is in his third year as the Notre Dame head coach and eighth in the collegiate ranks. He was named the 17th head coach in the program's history on July 14, 2000, following five seasons (1995-2000) as head coach at the University of Delaware, where he led the Blue Hens to an overall record of 99-52. **Brey owns a 59-24 mark (.711) with the Irish and earned his 50th victory at Notre Dame with the win over Texas in the championship game of the BB&T Classic.** He is the first coach in Notre Dame history to lead his teams to consecutive 20-win campaigns and NCAA tournament appearances in his first two seasons. Last year, he led his team to a 22-11 record and 10-6 mark in BIG EAST play after guiding the 2000-01 Irish to the 2000-01 BIG EAST West Division crown with an 11-5 record and finishing with a 20-10 overall record. Five of his eight teams have advanced to postseason competition (four NCAA and one NIT appearances).

2002-03 Mike Brey Teleconferences

(All Teleconferences will begin at 10:00 a.m. EST)

Wednesday, November 13, 2002
(Guardians Classic)

Wednesday, November 20, 2002
(Bucknell/Guardians Classic)

Friday, November 29, 2002
(Albany/Marquette)

Wednesday, December 4, 2002
(BB&T Classic)

Wednesday, December 11, 2002
(DePaul)

Wednesday, December 18, 2002
(Canisius)

Friday, December 27, 2002
(Vanderbilt)

Thursday, January 2, 2003
(Valparaiso/Pittsburgh)

Thursday, January 9, 2003
(Seton Hall/Rutgers)

Thursday, January 16, 2003
(Kentucky/Providence)

Thursday, January 23, 2003
(Boston College/West Virginia)

Thursday, January 30, 2003
(Georgetown/Seton Hall)

Thursday, February 6, 2003
(Pittsburgh)

Wednesday, February 12, 2003
(Syracuse/West Virginia)

Thursday, February 20, 2003
(Virginia Tech/Connecticut)

Wednesday, February 26
(Rutgers/Syracuse)

Thursday, March 6
(Georgetown)

Monday, March 10
(BIG EAST Tournament)

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(*teleconference dates subject to change)

LAST MEETING vs. GEORGETOWN

Notre Dame 116, Georgetown 111 (40T)

February 9, 2002
MCI Center
Washington, DC

Notre Dame (116)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Thomas	60	7	20	7	8	8	12	3	22
Humphrey	54	8	23	7	12	14	3	4	23
Carroll	55	9	18	7	9	10	1	3	30
Jones	17	3	5	1	3	1	0	2	7
Swanagan	27	5	7	1	2	10	1	5	11
Cornette	15	1	1	1	2	4	1	2	3
Graves	49	6	15	2	2	7	7	2	15
Timmermans	23	2	5	1	1	5	1	5	5
Team						5			
Totals	300	41	94	27	39	64	26	26	116

Georgetown (111)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Braswell	53	5	19	2	2	6	10	5	12
Bethel	45	1	6	6	7	3	5	4	8
Riley	20	2	9	3	4	2	1	5	8
Sweetney	49	11	25	13	15	20	6	5	35
Wilson	39	12	21	2	3	7	0	5	26
Freeman	21	4	8	0	0	3	2	1	8
Faulkner	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hall	46	3	5	1	1	8	3	2	10
Hillier	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	22	2	3	0	1	1	1	1	4
Team						4			
Totals	300	40	96	27	33	54	28	28	111

Notre Dame 48 36 4 9 5 14 -- 116
Georgetown 43 41 4 9 5 9 -- 111

FG Pct: Georgetown 41.7, Notre Dame 43.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Georgetown 26.7, Notre Dame 30.4. **FT Pct:** Georgetown 81.8, Notre Dame 69.2. **3-PT FG:** Georgetown 4, Notre Dame 7. **Turnovers:** Georgetown 13, Notre Dame 13. **Blocked Shots:** Georgetown 13, Notre Dame 6. **Steals:** Georgetown 6, Notre Dame 8. **Attendance:** 14,698.

WEB SITE —

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Since his arrival, he has led Notre Dame to a 26-12 mark in BIG EAST play during the regular season for a .684 winning percentage. In the two-year period from 2000-02, the Irish's BIG EAST wins are matched only by Boston College and Connecticut. His 21 wins after two seasons ranked as the third-best total in conference history. Only four other BIG EAST coaches, including St. John's mentor Mike Jarvis, have ever posted a better winning percentage in their first two seasons in the league. Among active BIG EAST coaches, Brey's 27-14 record (including regular season and championship contests) for a .659 winning percentage ranks him fourth behind Jarvis, Jim Boeheim and Jim Calhoun, and sixth all-time. Brey has an overall record of 158-76 (.675) as a head coach. His 150th career win came on December 14, 2002 with Notre Dame's 102-71 victory over DePaul (the 224th game of his coaching career).

BREY VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS —

As a head coach at both Notre Dame and Delaware, Mike Brey has coached in 27 games against ranked opponents. The Irish were 3-6 and 4-3 during the 2001-02 and 2000-01 campaigns, respectively. This year, Brey is 3-2 versus ranked foes. Overall, in his seven-plus seasons as a head coach, he owns an 10-17 record all-time against ranked opponents.

BREY HAS THE FORMULA FOR BIG EAST SUCCESS AT NOTRE DAME —

Since his arrival to Notre Dame, Mike Brey has led Notre Dame to a 26-12 record in BIG EAST regular-season games for a 68.4 winning percentage and 1-2 mark in tournament play for an overall record of 27-14 (.659) against league foes. The Irish won the BIG EAST West Division title in 2001 by fashioning an 11-5 record (the most conference wins in its six-year tenure in the league). Under Brey, Notre Dame is the only BIG EAST school to win 10-plus league games each of the past two seasons and the only school who has earned a first round bye in the BIG EAST tournament. Prior to Brey's arrival at Notre Dame, Irish teams had a 35-53 (39.8 percent) regular-season record in its conference games since 1995-96.

IRISH IN BIG EAST OPENERS —

Notre Dame's BIG EAST opener on the road at Pittsburgh on January 6 marked the seventh time in eight seasons (since joining the league in 1995-96) that the Irish opened up league play on the road. Notre Dame owns a 3-5 mark in conference openers. The only time an Irish team opened up BIG EAST play at the Joyce Center was last season as they dropped a 74-72 decision to Villanova. Irish teams have posted a 3-4 mark in its seven league openers on the road.

BREY AND THE IRISH IN OVERTIME GAMES —

Notre Dame is 2-0 in overtime games (both on the road) under head coach Mike Brey during his tenure. The Irish did not play an overtime game in Brey's first season. The first overtime game played by Notre Dame under Brey was last season's four-overtime epic matchup against Georgetown in which the Irish defeated the Hoyas 116-111 at the MCI Center. The Irish's other extra session win was Saturday's 101-96 victory at Boston College.

OVER THE CENTURY MARK —

Notre Dame's 101-96 overtime victory against Boston College last Saturday marked the second this season the Irish went over the century mark. The Irish also reached the century mark in their 102-71 victory over DePaul on January 14. Notre Dame has scored 100 points or more points five times during Mike Brey's tenure with the Irish.

THOMAS TABBED AS BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK —

Chris Thomas was named the BIG EAST Co-Player of the Week along with Darius Rice of Miami this past week. The sophomore point guard earns the honor for the first time in his career after being named the league's rookie-of-the week six times during the 2001-02 campaign. Thomas averaged 25.5 points, 6.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds in Notre Dame's two wins last week over Providence and Boston College. He is the fourth Irish player to earn one of the league's two top weekly honors this season; the other honorees have been Matt Carroll, Torin Francis and Dan Miller.

SERIES RECORD VS. GEORGETOWN —

Georgetown holds an 8-6 advantage in the series and is 4-2 against the Irish at the Joyce Center. There has been no home court advantage in this series of late as each team has been victorious on the others home floor each of the last six games. The teams have split the regular-season series matchups in each of the last two seasons — Georgetown won the first meeting last year at the Joyce Center (83-73), while Notre Dame returned the favor with its 116-111 four-overtime victory in the longest game in BIG EAST Conference history.

REMEMBER NOVEMBER —

For the second straight year, Notre Dame played six games during the month of November and finished up the first month of the season with a 5-1 record. Last year, the Irish completed the first month of the season with a perfect 6-0 slate. It marked the most wins ever by a Notre Dame team in the month of November and the third time in the program's history that the Irish played six games during that month. Notre Dame also played six games in the month of November during both the 1999-2000 and 1998-99 campaigns and finished with 4-2 and 2-4 marks, respectively. Under Irish head coach Mike Brey, Notre Dame owns a 14-1 mark in November.

A PERFECT DECEMBER —

With its win over Vanderbilt on December 30, Notre Dame finished the month of December with an unblemished 6-0 mark. The last time an Irish team went undefeated during December was during the 1980-81 campaign as that Notre Dame squad also posted a perfect 6-0 mark.

A JANUARY JUMP —

Notre Dame finished the month of January with a 6-2 record in the eight games it played during the past month. Two years ago, Notre Dame compiled a 5-3 record in eight games during the first month of

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11:00 a.m. Jay Wright, Villanova
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11:32 a.m. Mike Jarvis, St. John's
11:40 a.m. Ben Howland, Pittsburgh
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12:20 p.m. Gary Waters, Rutgers
12:28 p.m. Tim Welsh, Providence
12:36 p.m. Craig Esherick, Georgetown
12:44 p.m. Ricky Stokes, Virginia Tech

**Irish All-Time vs.
2002-03 Opponents**

Team	Record
Albany	1-0
Belmont	1-0
Boston College	10-9
Bucknell	2-0
Canisius	19-4
Connecticut	3-7
Creighton	19-18
DePaul	49-41
Furman	1-0
Georgetown	8-6
George Washington	0-0
IUPUI	1-0
Kentucky	17-40
Marquette	75-29
Maryland	9-8
Pittsburgh	24-21
Providence	7-8
Rutgers	10-8
Seton Hall	9-6
Syracuse	15-14
Texas	1-1
Valparaiso	37-3
Vanderbilt	4-4
Virginia Tech	1-1
West Virginia	18-7
Total	341-235 (.592)

the New Year. Last season, Notre Dame was 4-4 in its eight January contests. Overall, the Irish are 15-9 (.625) under Brey during the month of January.

ON A ROLL —

Notre Dame has won 13 of its last 15 games. The Irish had their eight-game win streak snapped when they lost to Pittsburgh (72-55) on January 6. That marked the longest win streak for a Notre Dame team since 2000-01 campaign (Brey's first season), when that Irish squad put together eight consecutive victories midway through the season.

HOME SWEET HOME —

Since the inaugural season (1968-69) playing in the Joyce Center, Notre Dame owns a 417-122 record all-time for a .774 winning percentage. The Irish are 32-8 (.800) at the Joyce Center during Mike Brey's two-plus seasons, and since the 1996-97 campaign, they own a 82-27 mark for a .752 winning percentage.

THE IRISH ALL-TIME —

The 2002-03 campaign marks the 98th season of men's basketball at Notre Dame. Irish teams have posted 1522-831 record all-time for a .647 winning percentage.

NOTRE DAME ALL-TIME IN THE BIG EAST —

In seven-plus seasons as a member of the BIG EAST Conference, Notre Dame owns a 61-65 record all-time in conference regular-season play for a 48.4 winning percentage. In its first five years, Irish teams were 35-53 (.398), but since **Mike Brey** took over the program, the Irish have compiled a 26-12 (.684) mark in regular-season play.

THE HOME ADVANTAGE —

Notre Dame has an unblemished 11-0 record at home this season and has won 132 straight at the Joyce Center dating back to last season when the Irish won their final two home games of the regular season. The last loss at the Joyce Center for Notre Dame was against Syracuse (68-65) on February 17, 2002. The current 13-game win streak is the longest since 1985-86 season when that Irish squad finished with a perfect 15-0 mark at home.

IRISH FIND SUCCESS AT THE MCI CENTER —

Notre Dame is 5-1 all-time in games played at the MCI Center following wins against Maryland and Texas in early December. Since dropping a 76-56 decision the first time a Notre Dame squad took the floor of the MCI Center against Georgetown on February 7, 1998, Irish teams have won five straight with three wins coming against the Hoyas. Certainly one of the most memorable was the epic four-overtime contest as the Irish prevailed 60 minutes later with a 116-111 victory.

HISTORY MADE —

Wins over No. 10 Marquette, No. 8 Maryland and No. 2 Texas in consecutive outings proved historic as the 2002-03 Irish squad became the first team in school history to beat three consecutive top 10 foes. The victory against the Longhorns marked just the third time a Notre Dame team has beaten three top 10 teams in the same season. It also marked the fourth time in the history of the program that an Irish team has faced three consecutive top 10 opponents. The most top 10 wins in a single season is four set in 1977-78 when Notre Dame defeated No. 5 UCLA (69-66) on December 10, 1977, No. 3 UCLA (75-73) on January 22, 1978, No. 1 Marquette (65-59) on February 26, 1978 and No. 3 DePaul (84-64) on March 19, 1978.

A HISTORIC LEAP —

Notre Dame's rise from being unranked to No. 10 in the Associated Press Poll on December 9th marked the third highest jump since the ranking began including 25 teams. Kansas went from unranked to 4th on November 27 1989, while Arizona made its debut at No. 8 on November 20, 2001.

HOT SHOTS —

Notre Dame connected on a combined 58.2 percent of its shots from the field in back-to-back wins against DePaul and Canisius. The Irish shot 60.0 percent from the field against the Blue Demons as they made 30-50 shots. It marked the best shooting performance by an Irish team since November 22, 2000 when Notre Dame converted 36-56 field goals (64.3 percent) against Loyola (Chicago). It also was the second time a Brey-coached team shot 60 percent or better in a game. The Irish were 34-60 (.567) from the field against Canisius. Overall, Notre Dame is shooting 45.2 percent from the field this season and has shot 50.0 percent or better on five occasions.

'CARROLL'-ING INTO THE RECORD BOOKS —

Senior guard **Matt Carroll** is within reach of three Irish milestones. He needs just five three-point field goals to become the school's career leader in that category. Currently, he ranks second on the career list with 255. Carroll is looking to eclipse the mark of 259 established by former teammate David Graves (1998-2002) last season. In 119 career games played, Carroll has averaged 2.18 three-pointers per game. With 111 career starts to his credit, he is six games away from breaking the mark for career games started (116) held by former Irish point guard David Rivers (1984-88). Carroll also is on pace to break Graves' career mark of 130 games played.

WHERE CHARITY BEGINS —

Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 355-215 from the free throw line this season and has attempted 140 more free throws (464-324). The Irish have made 76.5 percent of their free throw attempts, while their opponents are converting on just 66.4 percent. In 17 games, Notre Dame has made more free throws than its opponents and hit on better than 75.0 percent on 13 occasions. In the last six games, the Irish are a combined 143-174 (.822) from the line compared to 71-98 (.724) for their opponents.

HOME STRIPE —

Notre Dame has been particularly successful from the charity stripe in home games as the Irish are 203-261 (.778) compared to 109-162 (.673) for their opponents. In the last home games, Notre Dame is 160-190

NOTRE DAME'S NAME GAME —

A quick glance at the Notre Dame roster can be confusing with two players whose first names begin with Chris; two players whose last name sounds the same, but is spelled differently; and two other players whose first names are nearly identical.

First off, two of Notre Dame's guards are named Chris — Chris Thomas (a sophomore) and Chris Quinn (a freshman). Both point guards, Thomas and Quinn wear jersey numbers 1 and 2, respectively.

Then, there's the frontline duo of sophomore Jordan Cornette and freshman Rick Cornett. Jordan wears No. 12 and Rick's jersey number is 11.

Very little separates the first names of junior Torrian (pronounced tour-REE-in) Jones and freshman Torin (tur-rin) Francis.

In addition, there are two players named Dan — senior forward Dan Miller and senior guard Dan Lustig, who joined the team this season as a walk-on.

Next year's roster could be even more confusing with two Omaris — current rookie Omari Peterkin and incoming freshman Omari Isreal.

Poll Watching

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
1 (Preseason)	NR	NR
2	NR	NR
3	NR	NR
4	NR	NR
5	10	15
6	9	11
7	8	8
8	6	6
9	5	6
10	10	9
11	16	12
12	11	10

Irish Double Doubles in 2002-03

Matt Carroll (1)	.. vs. Creighton (20 pts., 10 rebs.)
Jordan Cornette (1)	vs. Belmont (13 rebs., 11 blks.)
Torin Francis (7)	..... vs. IUPUI (16 pts., 11 rebs.) vs. Bucknell (11 pts., 20 rebs.) vs. Albany (15 pts., 15 rebs.) vs. Marquette (11 pts., 13 rebs.) vs. Texas (21 pts., 11 rebs.) vs. Vanderbilt (11 pts., 11 rebs.) vs. Valparaiso (12 pts., 10 rebs.)
Dan Miller (2)	..... vs. Belmont (19 pts., 10 rebs.) vs. IUPUI (17 pts., 11 rebs.)
Chris Thomas (3)	.. vs. Marquette (32 pts., 10 asts.) vs. DePaul (22 pts., 10 asts.) vs. Canisius (17 pts., 13 asts.)

(.842) from the line as the Irish have made an average of 22.9 free throws on 27.1 attempts and have averaged just 4.3 misses per game. Coach Mike Brey's squad shot a season best 95.7 percent from the line against Rutgers as the Irish were converted 22 of its 23 attempts.

SECOND HALF BLUES —

In seven of the last nine games, Notre Dame has somewhat struggled offensively during the second half, averaging 35.9 points and shooting just 34.4 percent (88-259) from the field. Here's a breakdown of the Irish's last nine games in both the first and second halves.

	<u>1st Half</u>	<u>Second Half (including overtime)</u>
Vanderbilt	17-30 (.567) — 45 pts.	8-29 (.276) — 31 pts.
Valparaiso	14-25 (.560) — 36 pts.	6-21 (.286) — 19 pts.
Pittsburgh	13-32 (.406) — 30 pts.	7-31 (.226) — 25 pts.
Seton Hall	14-26 (.538) — 46 pts.	9-29 (.310) — 28 pts.
Rutgers	11-23 (.478) — 35 pts.	8-20 (.400) — 33 pts.
Kentucky	11-33 (.333) — 30 pts.	11-31 (.355) — 43 pts.
Providence	12-31 (.387) — 33 pts.	11-23 (.478) — 38 pts.
Boston College	15-29 (.517) — 47 pts.	15-43 (.349) — 54 pts.
West Virginia	15-40 (.375) — 36 pts.	13-29 (.448) — 52 pts.
Totals	122-269 (.453) — 338 pts. (37.6 pts.)	88-256 (.344) — 323 pts. (35.9 pts.)

CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARDS —

Heading into Wednesday night's game against West Virginia, the Irish had been outrebounded in six straight games, and in 12 games overall. Notre Dame reversed that fortune versus the Mountaineers as the Irish owned a decisive 51-27 advantage on the boards — the most rebounds in a game this season as well as the largest rebounding margin. The 51 rebounds were the most by the Irish since last year's Georgetown game at the MCI Center when they totalled 64. It also was the largest rebounding margin ever by Notre Dame in Mike Brey's two-plus seasons.

RECORDS FALL AGAINST BELMONT —

Notre Dame's win over Belmont in the season opener, produced several new Irish records.

- The 19 blocked shots the Irish had as a team set the school and Joyce Center mark, eclipsing the old mark of 12. The team total ties for third all-time on the NCAA blocked shots list with Seton Hall (November of 2000).
- **Jordan Cornette's** 11 blocked shots broke the school record of eight set by LaPhonso Ellis in 1992 in an NIT game versus Kansas State. He also established a new Joyce Center record, breaking the record of 10 set by UCLA's Bill Walton on January 27, 1973.

IRISH SPELL SUCCESS — D-E-F-E-N-S-E —

Notre Dame's strong defensive showing in its 20 games has resulted in 17 wins as the Irish have held opponents to 66.2 points per game and a combined shooting percentage of 38.2. Notre Dame's defense has held six of its opponents to 55 points and under.

DEFENDING THE SHOT —

Irish opponents are shooting 38.7 percent from the field overall and 32.2 percent from three-point range. On 13 occasions this season, Notre Dame has limited teams to 40 percent and under. In seven of the the last 11 games, the Irish have held their opponents to 40 percent and under and limited them to just 41.0 percent shooting from the field (292-713). Only three teams have shot better than 50.0 percent against the Irish this season — Kentucky (52.3), Pittsburgh (52.7) and Creighton (62.0).

KEEPING IT CLOSE —

Notre Dame's 17-point loss (72-55) to Pittsburgh on January 6 marked the worst loss for an Irish team under head coach **Mike Brey** (spanning 83 games total). Prior to the contest, Notre Dame's worst loss was a 16-point setback to Connecticut during Brey's first season, the 2000-01 campaign. The Irish's 11 losses last season were by a combined total of 49 points for an average margin of defeat of 4.45 points. Only one loss (versus Georgetown - 83-73) was by double figures, while eight of those setbacks were by five points or less. In the 24 losses the Irish have suffered under Brey over the course of the last two-plus seasons, only six have been by a double-digit margin. In his first season (2001-01), Brey's squad lost 10 games by a combined 85 points with its biggest loss coming against Connecticut.

IRISH HAVE FACED DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 31 TIMES —

The Irish's matchup against Maryland on December 7 marked the 31st time an Irish team had played a team that had won the national title the previous year. With its win over the Terrapins, Notre Dame now owns an 8-23 mark, but has been victorious three of the last four times it has gone up against a team which had won the national championship the previous season. Notre Dame's 1999-00 squad beat Connecticut twice — 75-70 at the Harford Civic Center and 68-66 at the Joyce Center — the season after the Huskies claimed the '99 NCAA title.

THOMAS NAMED TO WOODEN AND NAISMITH LISTS —

Sophomore point guard **Chris Thomas** is one of 50 preseason candidates for the 2003 John R. Wooden Award, which is annually presented to the nation's top men's basketball player. He also was named as a preseason candidate (one of 30) for the 2002-03 Naismith College College Basketball Player of the Year Award, which is presented annually by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. Thomas is among five sophomores chosen to the Wooden Award list and is one of five BIG EAST players selected to the Naismith List.

HE'S IRISH NOW —

Notre Dame forward **Dan Miller** played his first three seasons at Maryland before transferring in June of 2001. He faced his former team in the first round of the BB&T Classic on December 7 and had 17 points and seven rebounds in 38 minutes of action. Prior to that contest, the last time the Irish and

Irish Record

By Day

On Sundays:	4-0
On Mondays:	4-1
On Tuesdays:	1-1
On Wednesdays:	1-0
On Thursdays:	0-0
On Fridays:	1-0
On Saturdays:	5-1

By Time

Night Games:	8-2
Day Games:	9-1

By Location

Home Games:	11-0
Road Games:	2-2
Neutral Games:	4-1

By Halftime Score

Lead at halftime:	16-0
Trail at halftime:	2-2
Tied at halftime:	0-1

By Rebound Margin

Outrebounding opponents:	7-0
Outrebounded by opponents:	9-3
Same number of rebounds:	1-0

By Field Goal Shooting

Shoot better from field:	15-0
Shoot worse from field:	2-3
Shoot same from field:	0-0
Shoot 50% or better:	5-0
Shoot less than 50%:	12-3
Keep opponents under 50%:	17-0
Keep opponents under 40%:	11-0

By Free Throw Margin

Hit more free throws:	13-2
Hit fewer free throws:	3-1
Same number of free throws:	0-0

By Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers:	9-2
Commit more turnovers:	4-1
Commit same number of turnovers:	4-0

By Margin

One-point games:	0-0
Two-point games:	1-0
Three-point games:	0-0
Four-point games:	0-0
5-10 point games:	4-1
11-20 point games:	5-2
21-30 point games:	3-0
31+point games:	4-0

By Conference

America East	1-0
Atlantic Coast	1-0
Atlantic Sun	1-0
BIG EAST	5-1
Big 12	1-0
Conference USA	2-0
Metro Atlantic Athletic	1-0
Mid-Continent	2-0
Missouri Valley	0-1
Patriot League	1-0
Southeastern Conference	1-1
Southern Conference	1-0

By Month

In November	5-1
In December	6-0
In January	6-2
In February	0-0
In March	0-0

Terrapins played each other in the consolation of the Preseason NIT, Miller was wearing a Terrapin uniform. Miller started the game and played 32 minutes, while finishing with 12 points and four rebounds. Current Irish players **Matt Carroll** and **Jere Macura** played in the game. Maryland won the game 72-67 to claim third-place in the tournament.

THERE'S NO SLOWING HIM DOWN —

Matt Carroll ended the 2001-02 campaign by scoring 20 points in Notre Dame's two BIG EAST and two NCAA tournament games. Carroll has continued that streak by scoring 20-plus points in nine of the 20 contests of the season. He has netted 20-plus points in four of the last seven games. Carroll had a BIG EAST career best 31-point outing against Pittsburgh, his second 30-point performance of the season and third of his career. Carroll scored a career-high 33 points against DePaul on December 14. His other 20-plus point outings include: IUPUI (26 pts.), Creighton (20 pts.), Texas (20 pts.), Canisius (25 pts.), Rutgers (25 pts.), Kentucky (29 pts.) and Providence (21 pts.). Carroll has recorded 13 20-point efforts in his last 24 games in an Irish uniform and owns 19 20-plus point games during his career. He is the only Notre Dame player who has scored in double figures in all 20 games this season and has netted double figures in 26 straight contests.

MILLER TIME —

After sitting out the 2001-02 campaign following his transfer to Notre Dame in the summer of 2001, **Dan Miller** is averaging 14.2 points (third best scoring total on the team) and 6.0 rebounds. He recorded double doubles in the first two games of the season against Belmont and IUPUI and has scored in double figures in all but five contests (Creighton, Pittsburgh, Seton Hall, Rutgers and Providence). Miller also has registered 20-point outings in five games — 20 points versus Furman, Marquette and Texas; 22 points versus Albany; and a career-high 23 points in the win over Canisius in which he made a personal best six three-pointers. Against Belmont, he had 19 points and 10 rebounds and came back against IUPUI the following night to score 17 points and grab 11 rebounds. In his three seasons with the Terrapins (104 career games), he did not record a double double and never grabbed more than seven rebounds in a game; he also had scored in double figures just 19 times and had only finished with 20 or more points on one occasion.

REGAINING HIS FORM —

After scoring in double figures in eight consecutive games prior to the start the beginning of BIG EAST play, **Dan Miller** struggled somewhat in his first four league games, scoring just 29 points (7.3) and grabbing 17 rebounds (4.3). He shot a combined 11-33 (.333) from the field and 3-15 (.200) from three-point range. However, against Boston College on last Saturday and in the win versus West Virginia, Miller appears to have regained his early-season form. Against Boston College, he netted 16 points and grabbed five rebounds as he shot 5-10 from the field and 3-3 from the charity stripe. In Wednesday night's game, he finished with 15 points and nine rebounds. In the last nine games overall, he has shot 34-94 (.362) overall and 8-34 (.235) from three-point range.

FANTASTIC FRANCIS —

Rookie **Torin Francis** is averaging 10.5 points and a team-leading 8.8 rebounds through Notre Dame's first 20 games, in addition to registering a team-high seven double doubles — versus IUPUI, Bucknell, Albany, Marquette, Texas, Vanderbilt and Valparaiso. He has had two 20-point outings this season which came in back-to-back outings against Maryland (20 points) and Texas (career-high 21 points) at the BB&T Classic. Francis has been in double figures in 12 of 20 games (and in 10 of the last 15 contests) and has posted a double double in five of those games. In addition to his 21 points against the Longhorns, he grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked a career best eight shots. In the win over Maryland, he scored 20 points as he connected on all eight of his shot attempts. Against Marquette, he scored 11 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, which was preceded by a 15-point and 15-rebound outing against Albany. He registered his first career double double against IUPUI and had 11 points and 20 rebounds against the Bison. Francis produced back-to-back double doubles in Notre Dame's win wins over Vanderbilt (11 points and 11 rebounds) and Valparaiso (12 points and 10 rebounds). The 20 rebounds he had against Bucknell were the most ever by an Irish freshman and the most since former Irish All-American Troy Murphy grabbed 20 rebounds against Seton Hall on January 8, 2001.

BREY SHOWS IRISH THE WAY ON THE ROAD —

Notre Dame played just 13 homes games during the 2001-02 campaign, but found life on the road to be rather friendly. The Irish were 8-4 in contests played on the opponent's home floor and were 5-3 in neutral site contests for an overall record of 13-7 away from the Joyce Center. In Brey's first year, Notre Dame was 6-4 on the road and 2-2 in neutral site games for an overall record of 8-6. In two-plus seasons under Brey, Notre Dame has a 16-10 (.615) road mark and 11-6 (.647) mark in neutral site contests. Over the past two-plus seasons, Irish teams have compiled a 27-16 (.628) record playing away from home.

IRONMAN —

Matt Carroll played in his 100th career game in Notre Dame's win over Belmont and has seen action in 119 career games in an Irish uniform. He has started all but eight of those games and has missed just one contest throughout his career (Miami-Fla. on the road last season because of an ankle injury) in 120 contests overall.

133 AND COUNTING —

Heading into today's contest against Georgetown, Notre Dame has hit at least one three-pointer in 133 straight games, which dates back to the 1998-99 campaign. The last time the Irish did not make a three-pointer was in a 101-70 loss to Connecticut in the Hartford Civic Center (Jan. 12, 1999) as Notre Dame finished 0-7 in the contest from three-point range. The Pittsburgh game on Jan. 26, 2002, marked the 100th consecutive game in which the Irish hit a three-pointer. Notre Dame has made 10 or more three-pointers in five contests this season, including a season-high 13 in both the Albany and Texas contests.

2002-03 BIG EAST STANDINGS (through games of Jan. 29)

<u>East Division</u>		
	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Villanova	12-6	5-1
Connecticut	13-3	4-1
St. John's	10-6	3-3
Boston College	9-8	2-4
Miami	9-8	2-4
Providence	9-8	2-4
Virginia Tech	8-10	1-4
<u>West Division</u>		
	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Pittsburgh	15-1	5-0
NOTRE DAME	17-3	5-1
Syracuse	13-2	4-2
Seton Hall	8-9	3-4
Georgetown	10-6	2-4
West Virginia	11-7	2-4
Rutgers	9-9	1-5

2002-03 BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

Player of the Week:

Nov. 25	Terry Taylor (VT)
Dec. 2	Emeka Okafor (UC)
Dec. 9	Dan Miller (ND)
Dec. 16	Troy Bell (BC)
	Matt Carroll (ND)
Dec. 23	Ryan Gomes (PC)
	Brandin Knight (UP)
Dec. 30	Ben Gordon (UC)
Jan. 5	Marcus Hatten (SJU)
Jan. 12	Ontario Lett (UP)
	Mike Sweetney (GU)
Jan. 19	Marcus Hatten (SJU)
Jan. 27	Darius Rice (UM)
	Chris Thomas (ND)

Rookie of the Week:

Nov. 25	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Dec. 2	Kevin Pittsnogle (WVU)
Dec. 9	Torin Francis (ND)
	Craig Smith (BC)
Dec. 16	Craig Smith (BC)
	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Dec. 23	Gerry McNamara (SU)
Dec. 30	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Jan. 5	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Jan. 12	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
	Randy Foye (VU)
Jan. 19	Craig Smith (BC)
Jan. 27	Kevin Pittsnogle (WVU)

Irish in the National Statistics

Chris Thomas

Assists 8th

Jordan Cornette

Blocked Shots 20th

Team

Free Throw Percentage 8th
 Winning Percentage 10th
 Scoring Margin 12th
 Scoring Offense 18th

ONE OF JUST 12 —

Getting back into the NCAA tournament last season put Notre Dame in rather elite company as the Irish were one of just 12 schools to win at least one NCAA game in both 2001 and 2002. The list also includes: Arizona, Cincinnati, Duke, Illinois, Kansas, Kent State, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Stanford and UCLA.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION —

Head coach Mike Brey and the Irish once again will receive tremendous exposure with 10 nationally-televised games on CBS, ABC, ESPN and ESPN2. Notre Dame was featured on national television 16 times in the regular season during the past two seasons.

THE NATIONAL LINEUP

Mon., Dec. 2 vs. Marquette (7:00 p.m.) — ESPN2
Mon., Jan. 6 at Pittsburgh (7:00 p.m.) — ESPN
Sat., Jan. 18 at Kentucky (2:00 p.m.) — CBS
Sat., Jan. 25 at Boston College (2:00 p.m.) — ESPN
Sun., Feb. 9 vs. Pittsburgh (3:30 p.m.) — ABC
Sat., Feb. 15 at Syracuse (1:00 p.m.) — ESPN
Mon., Feb. 24 vs. Connecticut (7:00 p.m.) — ESPN
Sat., Mar. 1 at Rutgers (4:00 p.m.) — ESPN2
Tue., Mar. 4 vs. Syracuse (7:00 p.m.) — ESPN2

TAKING CARE OF THE BALL —

During the 2000-01 and 2001-02 campaigns (63 games), Notre Dame averaged 18.3 assists and just 13.7 turnovers for a 1.34 assist-to-turnover ratio. The Irish ranked third last season with a 1.45 assist-to-turnover ratio and ninth in '01-'02 with a 1.23 ratio. Notre Dame's 629 assists last season were second-most in school history — the 1999-2000 team had 643 assists in 37 games for a 17.4 assist per game average. Notre Dame has had more turnovers than assists in just five games this season — Bucknell, Furman, Vanderbilt, Seton Hall and Kentucky. During the 2001-02 season, only twice did Notre Dame have more turnovers than assists. The Irish own a 1.31 assist-to-turnover ratio and 0.61 assist-to-basket ratio this season.

JONES PROVIDES THE SPARK —

Torrian Jones has been a spark for Notre Dame off the bench this season, and it's been his play at both the offensive and defensive end of the floor that has ignited the Irish. Jones had one of his best all-around performances in an Irish uniform against Vanderbilt on December 30 as he scored 12 points and grabbed a season-high seven rebounds. In the Bucknell game, it was his offensive play that helped produce the win as he scored 13 points (on 6-8 shooting from the field) while playing a season-high 21 minutes. He had his third double figure outing of the season in the loss at Kentucky as finished with 10 points and six rebounds. Against Furman, he also played 21 minutes and scored nine points, while making a career-high four steals. He averaged 6.0 points and 8.0 rebounds in the BB&T Classic as he finished with four points and a season-high six rebounds versus Maryland and eight points and two boards against Texas. Jones is averaging 5.3 points and 3.0 rebounds.

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING —

Chris Thomas' unselfish play continues to be one of the reasons why the Irish have been so successful the past two seasons in compiling a 39-14 (.736) mark over the last 53 games. As a freshman, he ranked fifth nationally with a 7.64 assist average. This season, Thomas is averaging 7.1 assists, good for seventh nationally. He has dished off 10-plus assists in four games — IUPUI (11), Marquette (10), DePaul (10) and Canisius (13). His 13 assists in the Canisius game matched his career best. Thomas has dished off 10 or more assists 14 times during his career.

TWENTY SOMETHING —

Chris Thomas has scored 20-plus points in eight of Notre Dame's games this season. His most recent 20-point outing was against Boston College last Saturday as he finished with a team-high 28 points. That performance followed his game-high 23 points at Providence four days earlier. Thomas has scored 20-plus points in three of the last six games and in eight games overall this season. Against Seton Hall, he scored 22 points in Notre Dame's win over the Pirates, which was the start of his current success over the past six contests. He matched his personal best with 32 points against Marquette on December 2 and recorded his third double double, and 10th of his career, against Canisius as he finished with 17 points and 13 assists in just 23 minutes. Thomas had three straight 20-point outings for the first time in his career against Bucknell, Furman and Creighton, scoring 20 points against the Bison and Paladins and then tossing in 22 in the loss to the Blue Jays in the championship game of the Guardians Classic. Last season, he began his career by registering 24 and 22 points in the first two games of the season versus New Hampshire and Cornell. He also had back-to-back 20-plus point outings against Rutgers (32) and Georgetown (22) and then against West Virginia (26) and Miami (32). Thomas has scored 20-plus points 17 times during his career (53 games). His 32 points against the Golden Eagles this season marked the third time in his career that he has scored 30-plus points. He has failed to score in double figures just 12 times during his career.

FORTY-MINUTE MAN —

For the first time this season in the win over Rutgers on January 14, **Chris Thomas** played all 40 minutes of the contest. He played 42 minutes in Saturday's overtime win at Boston College. As a freshman last season, he played the entire game in 11 of 18 BIG EAST games (regular season and two tournament contests) and averaged 40.2 minutes in league contests and 38.0 minutes overall. Thomas also played all 60 minutes in Notre Dame's epic four-overtime win (116-111) at Georgetown last February. In addition, he played the entire game on 14 occasions.

MAKING THE "QUINN"-ESSENTIAL POINT —

Freshman **Chris Quinn** has played in all 20 games for the Irish and is averaging 16.4 minutes per game and 4.5 points per game. Quinn had his best outing of the season against Marquette, scoring a personal best 12 points (hit 5-8 shots from the field) while playing 26 minutes. He played a career-best 28 minutes in Notre

The Concept of Team Basketball

Mike Brey's Notre Dame teams have relied on teamwork and unselfish player to be successful. There has always been a great balance between the number of assists to the number of baskets made. The 2000-01 Irish team owned a 0.65 assist-to-basket ratio, while last year's squad had a 0.67 ratio. This season's squad has displayed that same unselfish attitude with a 0.61 assist-to-basket ratio (332 assists to 545 baskets made).

Here's a look at the game-by-game breakdown:

Game	FGM ...	Assists	Ratio
Belmont	25	18	0.72
IUPUI	34	25	0.74
Bucknell	28	13	0.46
Furman	26	9	0.35
Creighton	29	13	0.44
Albany	35	23	0.45
Marquette	33	18	0.54
Maryland	28	20	0.71
Texas	33	19	0.58
DePaul	30	22	0.73
Canisius	34	26	0.76
Vanderbilt	25	16	0.64
Valparaiso	20	16	0.80
Pittsburgh	20	14	0.70
Seton Hall	23	8	0.35
Rutgers	19	14	0.74
Kentucky	22	11	0.50
Providence	23	12	0.52
Boston College	30	18	0.60
West Virginia	28	17	0.61

Dame's win over Maryland and had a career-high six rebounds versus Valparaiso. In the Boston College game, he scored 10 points in the first half in 12 minutes off the bench. Quinn has played 20-plus minutes in eight games.

TOM TERRIFIC —

A lower back problem forced **Tom Timmermans** to miss three games, but the Irish center started eight straight games prior to Notre Dame's last five outings. Timmermans tied a personal best with nine points in 14 minutes off the bench against West Virginia and also finished with a career-high eight rebounds. He played a career best 25 minutes against Vanderbilt and finished with four points, three rebounds and a career-high three assists. Timmermans had a career-high nine points against DePaul as he connected on all three of his field goals and free throw attempts and grabbed a personal best seven rebounds versus Canisius. He earned his first career start in the win over Marquette on Dec. 2. After missing the first two contests against Belmont and IUPUI, Timmermans played nine minutes against Bucknell and finished with two rebounds. He did not see action against Furman, but played 21 minutes in the loss to Creighton and had six points and six rebounds.

BLOCK PARTY —

Notre Dame set the single-season team record for blocked shots in 2000-01 campaign with 178 in 30 games for an average of 5.93 blocks per game. Last season, the Irish finished with 163 blocks for an average of 4.94 per game. Notre Dame is on pace to break that single-season mark as the Irish are averaging 6.35 per game this season (127 blocks). **Jordan Cornette** and **Torin Francis** lead the way with 52 and 38, respectively.

DECISIVE FIRST-HALF RUNS —

In eight of Notre Dame's 20 games this season, it's been runs in the final eight minutes of the first half that have been decisive for the rest of the game in leading the Irish to victory.

- Against Belmont, Notre Dame led 26-21 with 2:57 remaining and closed out the half with a 14-5 run for a 40-21 halftime advantage.
- In the IUPUI game, Notre Dame trailed 23-22 with 6:34 left before the game, but used a 18-5 run to gain a 40-28 halftime lead.
- Leading by seven (23-16) with 4:41 remaining in the first half, Notre Dame outscored Bucknell 17-5 for a 40-21 halftime lead.
- Notre Dame leads Furman 23-17 with 7:49 remaining in the half before a 16-6 run breaks it open as the Irish grab a 16-point (39-23) halftime advantage.
- Leading by five (24-19) with 5:54 to play, Notre Dame finished the half by outscoring Marquette 18-11 for a 42-30 halftime lead.
- Trailing 20-19 with 7:18 remaining in the first half of the Maryland game, Notre Dame ended the half with a 16-5 run to take a 35-25 lead into the locker room.
- Led 35-34 with 3:20 left to play in the first half and outscored DePaul 13-2 to take a 12-point lead (48-36) into the locker room.
- Trailing 29-28 with 7:25 remaining in the first half against Seton Hall before using an 18-7 run to take a 46-36 lead at the intermission.

BROTHERLY LOVE —

Three members of the Notre Dame squad have brothers playing at other Division I schools. **Matt Carroll's** brother Pat is a sophomore at St. Joseph's (Pa.); **Jordan Cornette's** brother Joel is a senior at Butler; and **Jere Macura** has a brother Petar who is a freshman at IUPUI. Jere and Petar both saw action on the floor at the same time in Monday night's matchup.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS —

By beating Maryland and Texas to win the BB&T Classic at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., Notre Dame won a regular-season tournament title for the second straight year. The Irish advanced to the championship game of the Guardians Classic earlier this season, but fell to Creighton in the championship game. Last season, Notre Dame won the Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic in November which marked the first regular-season tournament championship for an Irish team since the 1992-93 season when that squad claimed the title at the Sugar Bowl Tournament.

vs. Maryland (first round): Notre Dame beat the defending national champion Terrapins 79-67 as four of the five starters netted double figures. Notre Dame closed the first half with a 16-5 run as the Irish grabbed a 35-25 halftime advantage.

Maryland scored the first five points of the second half to close the lead to 35-30, but the Irish then outscored the Terrapins 18-7 over a seven-minute stretch as they built a 16-point lead (53-37). Maryland was never able to get closer than eight points as the Irish maintained a double-digit lead for the final 8:13 of the contest. Notre Dame led by as many 18 points in the second half.

Torin Francis led the Irish with 20 points and eight rebounds as he made all eight of his shots from the field, while **Matt Carroll** finished with 19 points. **Dan Miller** had 17 points and seven rebounds against his former teammates. **Chris Thomas** chipped in 10 points and dished off a game-high nine assists, just one fewer than the whole Maryland team.

Notre Dame held Maryland to 37.1 percent shooting in the game, but was outrebounded 47-37. The Irish turned the ball over just 10 times in the contest and had 20 assists on the 28 baskets they made.

With the win over the Terrapins, Notre Dame snapped an 11-game losing streak to the ACC and it was head coach Mike Brey's first win in seven tries against a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Before that win, the last time an Irish team defeated an ACC

Charting the Irish

Career Scoring

1. Austin Carr (1968-71)	2,560
2. Adrian Dantley (1973-76)	2,223
3. Pat Garrity (1994-98)	2,085
4. David Rivers (1984-88)	2,058
5. Troy Murphy (1998-01)	2,011
6. Tom Hawkins (1956-59)	1,820
7. David Graves (1998-02)	1,746
8. Kelly Tripucka (1977-81)	1,719
9. Bob Arnzen (1966-69)	1,665
10. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	1,593

Career Field Goals Made

1. Austin Carr (1968-71)	1,017
2. Adrian Dantley (1973-76)	804
3. Pat Garrity (1994-98)	748
4. Tom Hawkins (1956-59)	710
5. Troy Murphy (1998-01)	680
6. David Rivers (1984-88)	666
Bob Arnzen (1966-69)	666
8. Kelly Tripucka (1977-81)	629
9. Bob Whitmore (1966-69)	609
10. David Graves (1998-02)	603
17. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	543

Career Three-Point Field Goals Made

1. David Graves (1998-02)	259
2. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	255
3. Ryan Hoover (1992-96)	248
4. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01)	167
5. Pat Garrity (1994-98)	100
6. Chris Thomas (2001-present)	112

Career Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

1. Ryan Hoover (1992-96)	680
2. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	657
3. David Graves (1998-02)	630
4. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01)	394
5. Antoni Wyche (1995-99)	333
6. Chris Thomas (2001-present)	321

Career Three-Point Field Goal Percentage

1. Joe Frederick (1987-90) .....	.490
2. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01) .....	.424
3. David Graves (1998-02) .....	.411
4. David Rivers (1985-88) .....	.406
5. Keith Friel (1996-98) .....	.397
6. Matt Carroll (1999-present) .....	.389
7. Jamere Jackson (1986-90) .....	.380
8. Kevin Ellery (1988-91) .....	.372
9. Carl Cozen (1991-94) .....	.370
10. Chris Thomas (2001-present) .....	.369

Career Assists

1. David Rivers (1984-88)	586
2. Tim Singleton (1987-91)	549
3. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01)	526
4. Elmer Bennett (1988-92)	516
5. Rich Branning (1976-80)	454
6. John Paxson (1979-83)	411
7. Jackie Meehan (1969-71)	395
8. Admore White (1993-97)	390
9. Chris Thomas (2001-present)	394
10. Jimmy Dillon (1996-00)	387
11. David Graves (1998-02)	340
12. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	292

Career Assist Average

1. Chris Thomas (2001-present)	7.4
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foe was on January 11, 1992 at Madison Square Garden as Notre Dame upended North Carolina 88-76.

vs. Texas (championship game): **Torin Francis** scored a career-high 21 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked eight shots in helping Notre Dame to the 98-92 victory over the second-ranked Longhorns. **Dan Miller** finished with 20 points and eight rebounds, while counterpart **Matt Carroll** also scored 20 points and grabbed six boards. **Chris Thomas** chipped in 19 points and dished off eight assists.

The Irish scored a season-high 51 points in the first half in grabbing a second-point (51-44) halftime advantage. Notre Dame led by as many as nine in the first half on several occasions.

Following the intermission, the Irish built a 13-point lead (59-46) with 17:40 left in the game, but the Longhorns used a 30-11 run over an 11-minute stretch to go up by six (76-70) with 8:47 to play. **Jordan Cornette** cut the lead to one (77-76) with a layup with 6:37 remaining, but the Longhorns extended the lead to five with 4:02 to play.

Torrian Jones' layup with 2:11 to play cut the deficit to 83-82 before a three-pointer by Thomas gave the Irish the lead for good with 2:06 remaining. Francis hit five of six foul shots in the final 1:44 of the game.

Notre Dame shot 45.8 percent from the field (33-72) and turned the ball over just nine times in the game, while Irish players combined for 19 assists.

BB&T CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM HONORS —

Dan Miller and **Torin Francis** were named to the BB&T Classic All-Tournament Team after leading the Irish to the tournament title. Miller averaged 18.5 points and 7.5 rebounds in the two games in the 38.5 minutes he played. Francis averaging 20.5 points, 9.0 rebounds and 5.5 blocked shots in 32.0 minutes per game. He shot 75.5 percent from the field and 73.3 percent from the free throw line.

GUARDIANS CLASSIC RECAP (Kansas City, Mo.) —

vs. Furman (semifinal): **Chris Thomas** and **Dan Miller** scored 20 points each to lead the Irish into the championship game with a 75-50 victory over Furman in the semifinals. Notre Dame held its fourth straight opponent to 50 points and under as the Paladins shot 40.0 percent from the field and 11.1 percent from three-point range.

The Irish connected on 26-60 from the field (43.3 percent) and shot 66.7 percent (8-12) from three-point range. **Matt Carroll**, who finished with 15 points and six rebounds, was three-of-six from beyond the arc. **Torin Francis** grabbed a game-high nine rebounds.

Notre Dame held an 18-14 advantage with 9:44 remaining in the first half, but used a 21-9 run to close out the half for a 39-23 halftime advantage.

Furman outscored the Irish 8-0 to begin the second half to close the lead to eight (39-31) with 17:20 remaining, but Notre Dame countered with a 12-2 run of its own to break open the game. The final 25-point outcome was the largest point differential of the contest.

vs. Creighton (championship): The Irish fell to the Blue Jays 80-75 in the championship game. **Chris Thomas** and **Matt Carroll**, both named to the Guardians Classic All-Tournament Team, scored 22 points and 20 points, respectively, as the only two Irish players in double figures.

Creighton shot a blistering 62.0 percent from the field (31-50) and 58.8 percent (10-17) from three-point range. Its the best that any team has ever shot against a Mike Brey-coached Irish team. In addition, the Blue Jays owned a 36-29 advantage on the boards.

Creighton led for most of the first half before the Irish used a 21-10 run to grab a seven-point lead (35-28) with 3:02 remaining before halftime. The Blue Jays, however, outscored the Irish 10-0 to close out the first half and grab a three-point halftime advantage (38-35).

The Blue Jays led by as many as 10 in the second half (54-44) with 14:01 remaining. Notre Dame grabbed its first lead of the second half (75-74) with 1:35 remaining on Thomas' three-pointer, but the Irish were held scoreless in the final minute of the game. Creighton tied the game at 75-75 with 24 seconds remaining and then nailed a three-pointer and a free throw which sealed the victory.

GUARDIANS CLASSIC RECAP (NOTRE DAME REGIONAL) —

vs. Belmont: **Dan Miller** recorded the first double double of his career in his debut in an Irish uniform as he scored a game-high 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while **Jordan Cornette** blocked a school and Joyce Center record 11 blocked shots. In addition, he grabbed a career-best 13 rebounds.

Cornette broke the school record of eight blocked (set by LaPhonso Ellis in 1992) and Joyce Center mark of 10 (set by Bill Walton of UCLA in 1973). Several of his blocked shots came in a decisive 30-5 run. Notre Dame was leading 26-21 with 2:57 remaining before halftime and closed out the first half with a 14-0 run that gave the Irish a 40-21 halftime lead.

Notre Dame held Belmont to just eight points in the first 12:30 of the contest in building a 37-point advantage (66-29). The Irish held the Bruins to just 28.1 shooting accuracy from the field and forced 17 turnovers.

Matt Carroll and **Chris Thomas** each finished with 15 points each. Thomas also had eight assists in the game.

Notre Dame's 19 blocked shots also established new school and Joyce Center records.

vs. IUPUI: **Matt Carroll** scored 26 points as he hit four-of-eight three-point attempts, while **Dan Miller** registered his second straight double double as he netted 17- points and grabbed 11 rebounds in leading the Irish to an 89-45 victory over IUPUI. **Torin Francis** registered his first career double double as he tossed in 16 points and grabbed 10 boards. **Chris Thomas** finished with 11 assists and eight points.

Notre Dame used a late first-half run to finish off the Jaguars. The Irish ended the first half with an 18-5 run and then opened the second half with a 20-6 run to the put the game out of reach.

The Jaguars shot 24.3 percent for the game and made just seven baskets (on 36 attempts), while shooting 19.4 percent in the second half. Notre Dame forced 17 turnovers and blocked 13 shots in the game.

Notre Dame finished the game by shooting 54.6 percent from the field and 50.0 percent from three-

Charting the Irish

Career Blocked Shots

1. LaPhonso Ellis (1998-92)	200
2. Ryan Humphrey (2000-02)	166
3. Troy Murphy (1998-01)	126
4. Matt Gotsch (1993-97)	97
5. Phil Hickey (1995-99)	84
6. Orlando Woolridge (1977-81)	80
7. Jordan Cornette (2001-present)	69

Career Free-Throw Percentage

1. Chris Thomas (2001-present) .....	.883
2. Ryan Hoover (1992-96) .....	.846
3. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01) .....	.817
4. Matt Carroll (1999-present) .....	.816

Career Games Started

1. David Rivers (1984-88)	116
2. Pat Garrity (1994-98)	111
Matt Carroll (1999-present)	111

Sporting News Recognition

• Notre Dame's backcourt tandem of **Matt Carroll** and **Chris Thomas** was ranked the top guard combination by their impact thus far during the 2002-03 season. Said Kyle Veltrop of *The Sporting News*, "Carroll now is an elite scorer, not just a sharpshooter. Thomas may be the nation's best combined scorer and distributor. Indiana's Tom Coverdale and Bracey Wright were ranked second, followed by Brandin Knight and Julius Page of Pittsburgh; Taliek Brown and Ben Gordon of Connecticut; and Jason Parker and Dante Swanson of Tulsa, rounding out the top five.

• In *The Sporting News'* Midseason College Basketball Report, **Matt Carroll** earned a spot on the publication's Midseason All-American squad. He was one of five players who were called "Half-All-Americans by the magazine. Listed along with Carroll were point guard Jameer Nelson of St. Joseph's; center Nick Collison of Kansas; power forward Brian Cook of Illinois; and strong forward Jarvis Hayes of Georgia.

point range.

LUSTIG ADDED TO IRISH ROSTER —

Senior **Dan Lustig** has joined the Irish as a walk-on for the 2002-03 campaign. The 6-5, 195-pound guard hails from Alexandria, Ind., and attended Alexandria Monroe High School. He led his high school prep team to the 1998 Indiana Class II-A state championship and an appearance in the semifinals in 1999. A member of the Irish Guard, he is the sixth family member of nine children to attend Notre Dame. He will wear No. 24 this season.

MARKWOOD TRANSFERS TO MAINE —

Junior guard **Chris Markwood** has left the team and will transfer to the University of Maine. The 6-4, 202-pound guard played in 24 games for the Irish during his career. He missed the entire 2000-01 campaign after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery in September of 2000.

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 9:00 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.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED RANKS NOTRE DAME 15TH —

In the October 7, 2002 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, Notre Dame was ranked the 15th best Sports College among Division I schools for the 2001-02 school year. Texas and Stanford finished first and second, respectively. SI combined a variety of factors in arriving at its 2002 rankings, which included performance during the school year in five sports (baseball, football, hockey and men's and women's basketball); position in the '01-'02 Sears Cup NCAA all-sports standings; number of varsity, club and intramural sports; range of recreational facilities; and whether or not spirit-boosting events like Midnight Madness were held.

USA TODAY/NCAA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD —

Notre Dame received a 2002 *USA Today*/NCAA Academic Achievement Award for graduating 90 percent of its freshmen student-athletes who enrolled in 1995. Now in its second year, the awards were presented in late September of 2002 to 10 institutions with the highest overall graduation rates for scholarship student-athletes who began college in the 1995-96 academic year. Rice University finished with a rate of 91 percent, one percentage point higher than Notre Dame, Stanford and Duke.

IRISH INK TWO IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD —

Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey signed two players to national letters of intent during the early signing period — **Colin Falls**, a 6-4, 200-pound shooting guard out of Park Ridge, Ill., and **Omari Isreal**, a 6-8, 210-pound forward from Rockville, Md. Falls averaged 24.0 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists during his junior season at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill. In addition, he captured first-team all-Chicago Catholic League honors for the second consecutive year, while also earning second-team all-state accolades. Isreal averaged 18.5 points, 9.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots in his junior season at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wheaton, Md. An all-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC) second-team selection each of the last two years, he earned first team all-county honors from both the *Montgomery County Journal* and *Montgomery County Gazette*.

TOUGH TICKET AT THE JOYCE CENTER —

Five of Notre Dame's 11 games at the Joyce Center this season have been sell outs — Bucknell, Marquette, DePaul, Vanderbilt and West Virginia. The remaining five games on the Irish home slate are already sold out to date. Before the start of the season, six games were sell outs, which equalled the total number at the Joyce Center during the entire 2001-02 campaign. All 3,160 student ticket packages available this year sold out in 36 hours. With the five sell outs already and the expected five left for the remainder of the home season, that would give the Irish a total of 10 — the most since the 1985-86 season when 14 of the team's 17 games drew a capacity crowd at the Joyce Center.

DRAFT ANALYSIS —

Former Irish standout Ryan Humphrey was chosen as the 19th overall pick in the 2002 NBA Draft, marking the second straight year Notre Dame has had a player chosen in the first round. In 2001, former two-time consensus All-American Troy Murphy was tabbed as the 14th pick overall. Humphrey became the 12th Irish player in the program's history to be chosen in the first round. Notre Dame is one of just four schools (the others include Duke, Indiana and Stanford) to have had at least one player chosen in the first round of each of the last two NBA drafts.

WORKING FOR A CAUSE

Irish head coach Mike Brey and his wife have always given their time and effort to the fight against cancer. While at the University of Delaware, the couple was actively involved in the Coaches vs. Cancer program as they helped make it one of the top fundraising schools in the country through that program.

With the support of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities, Mike and Tish hosted the first annual Notre Dame Basketball Coaches vs. Cancer Golf Classic in August of 2002 and the "Night of the Stars" at their home in Granger, Ind., that same month. More than 90,000 was raised from both events for cancer research in the local community and the Coaches vs. Cancer program. The "Night of the Stars" evening honored cancer survivors in the South Bend area as well as paid tribute to members of the community at-large who have given countless hours of their time and effort in the fight against the disease.

Coaches vs. Cancer Top 10 Schools (2001-02)

1. Syracuse	391,092.87
2. Philly Six Schools (Temple, LaSalle, St. Joseph's, Villanova and Drexel)	127,000.00
3. Louisville	123,675.15
4. Illinois	110,935.61
5. Kansas	76,454.50
6. NOTRE DAME	48,922.00
7. Southside High School	41,000.00
8. Florida	39,267.50
9. Delaware	32,322.50
10. Oklahoma	31,330.29

MIKE BREY RADIO SHOW

The "Mike Brey Radio Show" featuring Irish basketball coach Mike Brey and Jack Nolan, color analyst on the Notre Dame Basketball Network, airs every Sunday live on WDND stations 1620 AM and 1490 AM. The one-hour radio show originates from Logan's Roadhouse (4225 North Main Street in Mishawaka, Ind.) and will air thru March 16. The show also can be heard on www.und.com, the official website of the Notre Dame Athletic Department.

The weekly call-in show features special guests along with current Fighting Irish players. Brey and Nolan recap games from the past week and preview upcoming contests. In addition, patrons at the restaurant have the opportunity to ask questions.

2002-03 Box Scores

Notre Dame 101, Boston College 96 (OT)
January 25, 2003
Silvio O Conte Forum
Chestnut Hill, MA

Notre Dame (101)

<i>Player</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>fg</i>	<i>fga</i>	<i>ft</i>	<i>fta</i>	<i>reb</i>	<i>ast</i>	<i>pf</i>	<i>tp</i>
Cornette	34	2	10	1	4	11	2	4	5
Francis	35	5	10	5	7	8	2	2	15
Miller	36	5	10	5	5	5	3	0	16
Thomas	42	8	18	9	13	8	7	3	28
Carroll	42	4	15	7	9	2	3	2	18
Quinn	12	3	4	2	2	1	0	1	12
Jones	20	3	4	0	0	3	1	3	7
Timmermans	4	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	2
Team						2			
Totals	200	30	72	31	42	44	18	15	101

Boston College (96)

<i>Player</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>fg</i>	<i>fga</i>	<i>ft</i>	<i>fta</i>	<i>reb</i>	<i>ast</i>	<i>pf</i>	<i>tp</i>
Smith	44	11	22	1	5	15	2	3	24
Sidney	35	8	16	0	0	8	3	4	16
Doornekamp	26	0	2	0	0	4	3	5	0
Bell	43	9	21	11	12	7	5	4	31
Hinnant	39	4	4	0	0	4	4	4	9
Watson	20	1	5	1	2	2	2	3	3
Bryant	18	5	8	0	0	1	1	5	13
Team						7			
Totals	200	38	78	13	19	48	20	28	96

Notre Dame 47 35 19 -- 71
Boston College 37 45 14 -- 96

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.7, Boston College 48.7. **3-FG Pct:** Notre Dame 52.6, Boston College 41.2. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 73.8, Boston College 68.4. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 10, Boston College 7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 10, Boston College 15. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 6, Boston College 6. **Steals:** Notre Dame 8, Boston College 4. **Attendance:** 8,606.

2002-03 Player Bio Updates

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CHRIS THOMAS

Guard, So., 6-1, 182, Indianapolis, IN (Pike)

Second-leading scorer on the team with a 17.8 points per game average...leads the team in assists (7.1) and steals (1.9)...scored 20-plus points for the third time in four games against Boston College as he finished with 28 points (25 in the second half)...also added a season-high eight rebounds and dished off seven assists versus the Eagles in overtime win as he played 42 of a possible 45 minutes...registered third double double of the season and 10th of his career in Notre Dame's win over Canisius as he scored 17 points and dished off 13 assists, which matched his career-high...played 23 minutes in the game (the fewest ever in the first 44 games of his career)...also had a double double against DePaul as he scored 22 points and dished off 10 assists...matched his career best with 32 points in win over Marquette...also finished with 10 assists for his eighth career double double and first of the season...scored in double figures in 10 straight games before being held to just eight points in win over Valparaiso...has scored 20-plus points in seven games this season and has scored in double figures in all but three games...netted a game-high 23 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished off six assists in 38 minutes of action in win over Providence...scored 22 points in win over Seton Hall...netted 20-plus points in consecutive games versus Bucknell, Furman and Creighton, marking the first time in his career that he scored 20-plus points in three straight contests...had 19 points, a season-high six rebounds and eight assists in win over No. 2 Texas...his three-pointer with 2:06 remaining against the Longhorns gave the Irish the lead for good...netted 19 points, dished off five assists and made three steals against Vanderbilt...scored 10 points and dished off nine assists versus Maryland...tied Dan Miller for game-high scoring honors versus Furman as he finished with 20 points, three assists and four steals...had team-high 22 points against Creighton, in addition to four assists and five steals...leading scorer against Bucknell as he finished with 20 points, which marked the 10th 20-plus outing of his career...scored 18 points, dished off seven assists, grabbed six rebounds and made three steals in win over West Virginia in matchup at the Joyce Center...finished with 14 points (all in the second half), seven assists and three steals against Albany...netted 14 points and dished off six assists against Kentucky...scored 15 points and dished off eight assists versus Belmont...finished with eight points and 11 assists in win over IUPUI...has scored in double figures in 40 of 52 career games and has dished off 10-plus assists in 13 career contests...has registered 20-plus points in 16 career games...held to eight points against both IUPUI and Valparaiso...netted a season-low five points against Pittsburgh and ...**named to the Guardians Classic All-Tournament Team...earned BIG EAST Co-Player of the Week honors for the first time in his career for the week of January 27 after averaging 25.5 points, 6.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds in road wins at Providence and Boston College.**

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CHRIS QUINN

Guard, Fr., 6-2, 178, Dublin, OH (Dublin Coffman)

Averaging 4.5 points in 20 games off the bench and in 16.4 minutes per game...scored 10 points in 12 minutes of action (all in the first half) in Notre Dame's overtime win at Boston College...played a career-high 28 minutes against Maryland and played 20-plus minutes in eight games...came off the bench and played 26 minutes against Marquette... finished with a personal best 12 points against Marquette as he connected on five-of-eight shots from the field for the first 10-plus point outing of his career...grabbed a personal best six rebounds in 24 minutes against Valparaiso...had six points in win over Texas and scored five points and grabbed four rebounds versus Maryland in the BB&T Classic...also had six points, hitting two three-pointers against Seton Hall...netted nine points off the bench in 20 minutes of action against Creighton...shot three-of-four from the field against the Blue Jays — all from three-point range...scored six points and registered career-bests of five assists and five steals against Albany in 18 minutes off the bench...finished with three points and four rebounds against Pittsburgh in 21 minutes of action...scored eight points, dished off three assists

and made four steals in collegiate debut versus Belmont...played 17 minutes, scored six points and dished off three assists against DePaul...added six points against IUPUI as he connected on both of his three-point attempts...also dished off three assists in the game...played 20 minutes in the season opener versus Belmont.

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OMARI PETERKIN

Forward/Center, Fr., 6-8, 260, St. Thomas, VI (Antilles School)

Has not seen action this season.

11

RICK CORNETT

Forward, Fr., 6-8, 244, Country Club Hills, IL (Homewood Christian Academy)

Played in Notre Dame's first four games and has seen action in 10 games...averaging 2.8 points and 1.3 rebounds...played a personal best 12 minutes versus Canisius and equalled his personal best with six points...scored a career-high six points in win over Albany and grabbed two rebounds in eight minutes of action...played 11 minutes and scored four points in win over Belmont...also finished with four points in IUPUI game...scored four points in five minutes off the bench against DePaul...had two blocked shots against Furman.

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JORDAN CORNETTE

Forward, So., 6-9, 235, Cincinnati, OH (St. Xavier)

Averaging 3.0 points, 4.6 rebounds and 2.6 blocked shots...started the first six games of the season and then has earned starts in Notre Dame's last six games ...turned in one of his best all-around performances in win over West Virginia as he scored seven points, grabbed six rebounds, dished off three assists, made three steals and blocked two shots...scored five points, grabbed 11 rebounds (the second 10-plus rebounding outing of the season) and blocked three shots in playing a career-high 34 minutes against Boston College...played 33 minutes in win over the Scarlet Knights and finished with eight points, six rebounds and eight blocked shots...played 28 minutes in win over Providence and finished with four points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots...registered first career double double with career-highs of 13 rebounds and 11 blocked shots versus Belmont...the 11 blocked shots broke the school record of eight set by LaPhonso Ellis in 1992 and the Joyce Center mark of 10 established by UCLA's Bill Walton in 1973...played 30 minutes against the Bruins and also dished off four assists...blocked eight shots in 23 minutes of action versus IUPUI and grabbed six rebounds, scored four points and made three steals...scored four points in win over Bucknell...scored seven points in 31 minutes of action against Creighton...had four points and six rebounds against Furman...came up with three blocked shots in 13 minutes versus Albany...played 20 minutes off the bench against DePaul and had four rebounds and four blocked shots, in addition to two steals...scored four points and blocked four shots against Canisius...made his first three-pointer of the season against Vanderbilt...grabbed four rebounds in the Pittsburgh and Seton Hall games.

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MATT CARROLL

Guard, Sr., 6-6, 212, Horsham, PA (Hatboro-Horsham)

Leading scorer on the Irish team with a 20.4 scoring average...also averaging 5.2 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.3 steals...only Irish player who has scored in double figures in all 20 games this season...has scored 20-plus points in four of the last seven games...tossed in 21 points against Providence (14 in the second half) and grabbed six rebounds...finished with 25-plus points for the third time in four games against Kentucky as he scored 29 points on 8-16 shooting from the field, 3-6 from three-point range and 10-10 from the free throw line...scored 25 against Rutgers as he was 7-15 from the field, 5-9 from three-point range and 6-6 from

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the line...netted a career-high 33 points (the second 30-point outing of his career in win over DePaul) as he shot 10-14 from the field and 12-13 from the free throw line...his 10 field goals made were a career best as were his 12 free throws and 13 free throws attempted...scored 31 points (personal best in a BIG EAST game) in 39 minutes against Pittsburgh as he was 9-19 from the field, 5-10 from three-point range and 8-12 from the line...was the only Irish player in double figures in the contest...also grabbed five rebounds, dished off two assists and made three steals in the game...scored 19 points in win over Seton Hall, in addition to grabbing eight rebounds...finished with 18 points and seven rebounds in win over West Virginia... registered his third straight 20-plus point outing as he finished with 25 points against Canisius...converted on 10 of 12 field goal attempts and 4-5 from three-point range...also grabbed five rebounds...has scored 20-plus points in nine contests...**has registered 13 20-point outings in his last 24 games (dating back to the end of last year when he scored 20 points in the final four games of the season)**...scored 20 points in championship game of BB&T Classic versus Texas and also finished with six assists...had 19 points the previous day over defending national champion Maryland...netted 26 points on 8-14 shooting from the field and 4-8 accuracy from three-point range against IUPUI...also finished with five rebounds, six assists and two steals in 32 minutes of action...scored 20 points in loss to Creighton...registered his first double double of the season in the contest (and third of his career) as he also grabbed 10 rebounds...scored 15 points, grabbed five rebounds and made four steals in 24 minutes in season opener versus Belmont...scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds in win over Bucknell...scored 15 points, grabbed six rebounds, and made three steals against Furman...finished with 17 points and five rebounds in win over Albany as he connected on 5-10 three-point attempts versus the Great Danes...finished with 14 points and seven rebounds in win over Marquette...scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds versus Vanderbilt...leading scorer for Notre Dame against Valparaiso with 14 points...netted 18 points and grabbed six rebounds in overtime win at Boston College...has scored in double figures in 83 of 119 career games...has a string of 25 consecutive games in double figures...**earned BIG EAST player-of-the-week honors for the second time in his career when he was named the league co-player of the week following his performance against the Blue Demons (week of December 16)**...along with teammate Chris Thomas, was selected to the Guardians Classic All-Tournament Team...named MVP of Guardians Classic Notre Dame Regional.

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JERE MACURA

Forward, Sr., 6-9, 225, Split, Croatia

Has played in eight of 19 contests...did not see action versus Creighton and Marquette...scored two points, grabbed one rebound and blocked a shot in four minutes of action in win over IUPUI...had two points off the bench against Albany...had two points and two rebounds against Canisius.

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TORRIAN JONES

Guard, Jr., 6-4, 195, Fairless Hills, PA (Pennsbury)

Has come off the bench to average 19.1 minutes in Notre Dame's 20 games...averaging 5.3 points and 3.0 rebounds...played 29 minutes (tying a career high against Vanderbilt) and finished the game with 12 points (on 5-7 shooting from the field) and a season-high seven rebounds...scored in double figures for the third time this season as he scored 10 points and six rebounds in 20 minutes off the bench against Kentucky...has played 20-plus minutes in 20 games this season...netted seven points and grabbed four rebounds against West Virginia in 20 minutes of action...finished with eight points against Texas in final of BB&T Classic and scored four points and grabbed a then season-best six rebounds versus Maryland...played 21 minutes in the win over Furman and finished with nine points on 3-4 shooting and made a career-high four steals...scored a season-high 13 points on 6-8 shooting against Bucknell...in the season opener against Belmont, finished with six points and two assists in 16 minutes and followed that with six points, five rebounds and two steals against IUPUI...had four points and two steals in 16 minutes off the bench against DePaul...dished off a season-

high three assists versus Albany and Maryland...grabbed four rebounds in win over Canisius...blocked a season-high three shots against Pittsburgh...had four points and four rebounds against Seton Hall...played 23 minutes against Rutgers and finished with four points and three rebounds...played 20 minutes and had seven points and three rebounds against Boston College.

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DAN MILLER

Forward/Guard, Sr., 6-8, 220, Mt. Holly, NJ (Rancocas Valley)

Sat out all of the 2001-02 campaign after transferring to Notre Dame from Maryland...third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder with averages of 14.2 and 6.0, respectively...scored a career-high 23 points versus Canisius as he converted on 8-12 shots from the field and a career-high six three-pointers (on nine attempts)...**named to the BB&T Classic All-Tournament team after averaging 18.5 points and 7.5 rebounds in leading the Irish to the tournament title**...played 38 minutes versus Maryland in the first game of the tournament and had 17 points and seven rebounds...finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and four assists in championship game versus Texas...finished with four three-pointers in both games...scored 19 points of his then career-high 22 points versus Albany in the first half...connected on 9-14 shots from the field and was 3-6 from three-point range...also grabbed seven rebounds versus the Great Danes...had a BIG EAST career-best 16 points versus Boston College in overtime victory...grabbed five rebounds and dished off three assists in the contest...followed that performance with a 15-point and nine-rebound effort in 34 minutes against West Virginia...scored 12 points, grabbed nine rebounds and dished off four assists in 34 minutes versus DePaul...registered his first 20-point effort of the season when he tied his previous personal best with a 20-point effort against Furman as he connected on 7-14 shots from the field and 5-6 from the free throw line in playing a season-high 37 minutes...it marked the fourth straight game in double figures...finished with his third 20-point outing in four games against Marquette as he scored 20 points...in addition, he grabbed seven rebounds and dished off three assists...had four-game double-figure scoring streak snapped as he was held to nine points against Creighton, but finished with a season-best five assists...registered two double double efforts in the first two games of the season...prior to those two contests, had not had a double double in 104 career games...finished with 17 points and a career-high 11 rebounds against Belmont in 34 minutes and had 19 points and 10 boards in win over IUPUI...connected on 7-10 shots from the field versus the Bruins...scored 12 and grabbed eight rebounds in win over Bucknell...scored 10 points and made three steals against Vanderbilt...also had 10 points against Kentucky...scored 12 points and grabbed four rebounds against Valparaiso...had seven points and six rebounds against Seton Hall...has netted double figures in 15 of 20 outings (Creighton, Pittsburgh, Seton Hall, Rutgers and Providence are the only games he has failed to score in double figures this season) and 34 times during his career...has scored 20-plus points in five games this season...held to a season-low six points against Pittsburgh...**BIG EAST Player of the Week for the Week of December 9.**

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DAN LUSTIG

Guard, Sr., 6-5, 195, Alexandria, IN (Alexandria Monroe)

Has played in six games this season — Belmont, IUPUI, Albany, DePaul, Canisius and West Virginia...did not play in the Bucknell game because of injury...scored the first points of his career when he nailed a three-pointer against Albany...also had a three-pointer in the West Virginia game

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TORIN FRANCIS

Forward, Fr., 6-10, 240, Roslindale, MA (Tabor Academy)

A starter in each of Notre Dame's 20 games and is averaging 10.5 points and a team-leading 8.8 rebounds...in addition, he is averaging 27.0 minutes per

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game...**an all-tournament team selection at the BB&T Classic**...leads the team with seven double doubles...his most recent came in win over Valparaiso as he scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds...finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds in win over Vanderbilt...has scored in double figures in 12 games and grabbed 10-plus rebounds in seven contests...registered 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds in 30 minutes against Providence...scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds against Boston College...played 35 minutes in win over Texas and registered his fifth double double with a career-best 21 points and 10 rebounds...in addition, he finished with a personal best eight blocked shots...had 20 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots against Maryland as he made all eight of his field goal attempts...connected on seven of eight foul shots against the Longhorns...became the first Irish freshman to grab 20 rebounds in a game in win over Bucknell...in win over Marquette, he finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds playing a career-high 33 minutes...it marked the second straight double double outing as he also finished with his 15 points and 15 rebounds in previous outing versus Albany...registered his second double double of the season with 11 points and 20 rebounds versus Bucknell...in collegiate debut, played 25 minutes and scored seven points, grabbed four rebounds and blocked four shots in win over Belmont...registered the first double double of his career with 16 points and 10 rebounds in 28 minutes versus IUPUI...scored 10 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished off a career-high three assists versus DePaul in 26 minutes...scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds in 31 minutes in BIG EAST debut against Pittsburgh...finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and a career-high three steals against Seton Hall...finished with eight points and seven rebounds...had five points and nine rebounds in win over Furman...scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds against Kentucky...has scored in double figures in 10 of the last 15 games and has played 30-plus minutes in five games this season...**BIG EAST Conference Co-Rookie of the Week for the week of December 9.**

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TOM TIMMERMANS

Center, Jr., 6-11, 253, Driehuis, Netherlands (Blue Ridge School-Va.)

Starter in eight games...made eight consecutive starting appearances prior to the Seton Hall game...earned first career start against Marquette...averaging 3.2 points and 2.6 rebounds...missed three games this season with a lower back strain...tied his career best with nine points and a personal best eight rebounds against West Virginia in 14 minutes of action off the bench in Notre Dame's win over West Virginia...connected on 3-5 shots from the field and was 3-3 from the free throw line...played a personal best 25 minutes against Vanderbilt and finished with four points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals...has played 20-plus minutes in three of the nine games he has played...scored a career-high nine points hitting 3-3 from the field and 3-3 from the free throw line...grabbed a personal best seven rebounds against Canisius...came off the bench and played 21 minutes against Creighton (tying a career best)...finished with six points and six rebounds in the contest, in addition to a career-high two steals...played nine minutes, scored three points and grabbed two rebounds versus Bucknell in his first action of the season...sidelined for the first two games due to a lower back strain and did not appear in the Furman game...played 18 minutes in win over Albany and finished with five points and four rebounds...played a career-high 23 minutes against Maryland and finished with four points and four rebounds...scored four points and grabbed three rebounds against Seton Hall.

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#1 Chris Thomas

	Career	Season
Points:	32 vs. Rutgers (2-6-02) vs. Miami (2-23-02) vs. Marquette (12-2-02)	32 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field Goals:	12 vs. Marquette (12-2-02)	12 vs. Marquette (12-2-02)
Field Goals Attempted:	20 vs. Georgetown (2-9-02) vs. Creighton (11-26-02)	20 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Field-Goal Pct:	.714 (10-14) vs. Rutgers (2-6-02)	.571 (8-14) vs. Bucknell (12-08)
Three-Point Field Goals:	7 vs. Rutgers (2-6-02)	5 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	11 vs. Villanova (1-6-02) vs. Kentucky (1-19-02)	8 on three occasions
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	.857 (6-7) vs. UT-Chattanooga (11-24-01)	.750 (3-4) vs. Belmont (11-17)
Free Throws:	12 vs. UT-Chattanooga (11-24-01)	10 vs. Rutgers (1-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	13 vs. Boston College (1-25-03)	13 vs. Boston College (1-25)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 22 occasions	1.000 on 10 occasions
Rebounds:	9 vs. Duke (3-16-02)	8 vs. Boston College (1-25)
Assists:	13 vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01) vs. Canisius (12-22-02)	13 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Blocked Shots:	2 vs. Seton Hall (1-26-02)	1 on six occasions
Steals:	11 vs. New Hampshire (11-16-01)	5 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Minutes:	60 vs. Georgetown (2-9-02)	42 vs. Boston College (1-25)

#2 Chris Quinn

	Career/Season
Points:	12 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field Goals:	5 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field Goals Attempted:	8 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field-Goal Pct:	.750 (3-4) vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Creighton (11-26) vs. Boston College (1-25)
Three-Point Field Goals:	3 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	6 vs. Pittsburgh (1-6)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on four occasions
Free Throws:	3 vs. Maryland (12-7) vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	4 vs. Maryland (12-7) vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 (2-2) vs. Boston College (1-25)
Rebounds:	6 vs. Valparaiso (1-4)
Assists:	5 vs. Albany (11-30)
Blocked Shots:	1 vs. Marquette (12-2) vs. Pittsburgh (1-6)
Steals:	5 vs. Albany (11-30)
Minutes:	28 vs. Maryland (12-7)

#11 Rick Cornett

	Career/Season
Points:	6 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. Canisius (12-22)
Field Goals:	3 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals Attempted:	4 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field-Goal Pct:	.750 (3-4) vs. Albany (11-30)
Three-Point Field Goals:	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	—
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	—
Free Throws:	2 on four occasions
Free Throws Attempted:	2 on five occasions
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 vs. on four occasions
Rebounds:	2 on five occasions
Assists:	1 on two occasions
Blocked Shots:	2 vs. Furman (11-25)
Steals:	—
Minutes:	12 vs. Canisius (12-22)

#12 Jordan Cornette

	Career	Season
Points:	11 vs. Georgetown (1-21-02)	8 vs. Rutgers (1-14)
Field Goals:	5 vs. Georgetown (1-21-02)	3 on three occasions
Field Goals Attempted:	10 vs. Boston College (1-25-03)	10 vs. Boston College (1-25)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on 11 occasions	1.000 on three occasions
Three-Point Field Goals:	2 vs. West Virginia (2-20-01)	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	4 vs. West Virginia (2-20-01)	—
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 vs. Providence (3-2-02)	—
Free Throws:	3 vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01)	2 vs. Canisius (12-22) vs. Rutgers (1-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	4 vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01) vs. Boston College (1-25-03)	4 vs. Boston College (1-25)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on four occasions	1.000 on three occasions
Rebounds:	13 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	13 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Assists:	3 vs. Seton Hall (1-26-02)	3 vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Blocked Shots:	11 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	11 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Steals:	4 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	4 vs. Belmont (1-17)
Minutes:	34 vs. Boston College (1-25-03)	34 vs. Boston College (1-25)

#13 Matt Carroll

	Career	Season
Points:	33 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	33 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Field Goals:	10 vs. DePaul (12-14-02) vs. Canisius (12-22-02)	10 vs. DePaul (12-14) vs. Canisius (12-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	19 vs. Pittsburgh (1-6-03)	19 vs. Pittsburgh (1-6)
Field-Goal Pct:	.833 (10-12) vs. Canisius (12-22-02)	.833 (10-12) vs. Canisius (12-22)
Three-Point Field Goals:	6 vs. UT-Chattanooga (11-24-01)	5 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. Rutgers (1-14)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	11 vs. Providence (2-23-00) vs. Marquette (12-2-02)	11 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on three occasions	.800 (4-5) vs. Canisius (12-22)
Free Throws:	12 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	12 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	13 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	13 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 23 occasions	1.000 on six occasions
Rebounds:	12 vs. Duke (3-16-02)	10 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Assists:	9 on two occasions	6 vs. IUPUI (11-18)
Blocked Shots:	1 on 19 occasions	1 on three occasions
Steals:	4 vs. Long Island (12-29-00) vs. Belmont (1-17-02)	4 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Minutes:	55 vs. Georgetown (2-9-02)	42 vs. Boston College (1-25)

#15 Jere Macura

	Career	Season
Points:	16 vs. Cornell (11-19-01)	2 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals:	7 vs. Cornell (11-19-01)	1 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals Attempted:	9 vs. New Hampshire (1-26-01) vs. Cornell (11-19-01)	1 on three occasions
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on three occasions	1.000 vs. IUPUI (11-18)
Three-Point Field Goals:	3 on two occasions	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	6 vs. Pittsburgh (1-22-00)	—
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on three occasions	—
Free Throws:	5 vs. Indiana (11-30-99)	—
Free Throws Attempted:	7 vs. Villanova (2-8-00)	2 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on four occasions	1.000 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Rebounds:	8 vs. Indiana (11-30-99)	2 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Assists:	2 on seven occasions	1 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Blocked Shots:	4 vs. Loyola Marymount (1-2-00)	1 on three occasions
Steals:	2 vs. St. Peter's (12-31-99)	1 vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Furman (11-25)
Minutes:	33 vs. Indiana (11-30-99)	13 vs. Canisius (12-22)

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#20 Torrian Jones

	Career	Season
Points:	17 vs. Miami(2-23-02)	13 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Field Goals:	6 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	6 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	9 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	8 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on four occasions	1.000 (2-2) vs. Rutgers (1-14)
Three-Point Field Goals:	2 vs. Loyola (11-22-00)	1 vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Furman (11-25) vs. Boston College (1-25)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	3 vs. Cornell (11-19-01) vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01)	2 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on three occasions	1.000 (1-1) vs. Furman (11-25) vs. Boston College (1-25)
Free Throws:	5 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	4 vs. Texas (12-08)
Free Throws Attempted:	8 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	5 vs. Texas (12-08)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on eight occasions	1.000 on four occasions
Rebounds:	10 vs. Monmouth (11-25-01)	7 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)
Assists:	5 vs. Long Island (12-29-00)	3 vs. Albany (11-30) 3 vs. Maryland (12-7)
Blocked Shots:	4 vs. Loyola Marymount (1-2-00)	3 vs. Pittsburgh (1-6)
Steals:	4 vs. Furman (11-25-02)	4 vs. Furman (11-25)
Minutes:	29 vs. Miami (2-23-02) vs. Vanderbilt (12-30-02)	29 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)

#21 Dan Miller

	Career	Season
Points:	23 vs. Canisius (12-22-02)	23 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Field Goals:	9 vs. Virginia (3-4-00) vs. Albany (11-30-02)	9 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals Attempted:	14 on four occasions	14 on four occasions
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on two occasions	.700 (7-10) vs. IUPUI (1-18)
Three-Point Field Goals:	6 vs. Canisius (12-22-02)	6 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	13 vs. Clemson (1-22-00)	9 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on two occasions	1.000 (1-1) vs. Furman (11-25)
Free Throws:	7 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	7 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Free Throws Attempted:	9 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	9 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 20 occasions	1.000 on five occasions
Rebounds:	11 vs. IUPUI (11-18-02)	11 vs. IUPUI (11-18-02)
Assists:	8 vs. Fairleigh Dickinson(11-22-99)	6 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Blocked Shots:	2 on three occasions	2 vs. Valparasio (1-4)
Steals:	4 vs. San Francisco (11-7-99)	3 vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)
Minutes:	40 vs. Virginia (3-4-00)	39 vs. Texas (12-8)

#24 Dan Lustig

	Career/Season
Points:	3 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Field Goals:	1 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Field Goals Attempted:	2 on three occasions
Field-Goal Pct:	.500 (1-2) vs. Albany (11-30) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Three-Point Field Goals:	1 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	2 on three occasions
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	.500 (1-2) vs. Albany (11-30) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Free Throws:	—
Free Throws Attempted:	—
Free-Throw Percentage:	—
Rebounds:	—
Assists:	—
Blocked Shots:	—
Steals:	—
Minutes:	3 vs. Canisius (12-22)

#34 Torin Francis

	Career/Season
Points:	21 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Texas (12-8)
Field Goals:	8 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Maryland (12-7)
Field Goals Attempted:	13 vs. IUPUI (11-30)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 (8-8) vs. Maryland (12-7)
Three-Point Field Goals:	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	—
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	—
Free Throws:	7 vs. Texas (12-8) vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)
Free Throws Attempted:	10 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on three occasions
Rebounds:	20 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Assists:	3 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Blocked Shots:	8 vs. Texas (12-8)
Steals:	3 vs. Seton Hall (1-12)
Minutes:	35 vs. Texas (12-8) vs. Boston College (1-25)

#50 Tom Timmermans

	Career	Season
Points:	9 vs. DePaul (12-14-02) vs. West Virginia (1-29-03)	9 vs. DePaul (12-14) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Field Goals:	3 vs. DePaul (12-14-02) vs. West Virginia (1-29-03)	3 vs. DePaul (12-14) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Field Goals Attempted:	5 on four occasions	5 vs. Creighton (11-26) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on nine occasions	1.000 on five occasions
Three-Point Field Goals:	—	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	2 on two occasions	2 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	—	—
Free Throws:	3 on four occasions	3 vs. DePaul (12-14) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Free Throws Attempted:	4 vs. Vermont (12-21-00)	3 vs. DePaul (12-14) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 10 occasions	1.000 on six occasions
Rebounds:	8 vs. West Virginia (1-29-03)	8 vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Assists:	3 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30-02)	3 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)
Blocked Shots:	1 on six occasions	1 on three occasions
Steals:	2 on three occasions	2 on three occasions
Minutes:	25 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30-02)	25 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)

BIG EAST Career Statistics

Omari Peterkin's Career Stats vs. The BIG EAST

Opponent	G-GS Min.	FG- FGA	3Pt.		FT- FTA	Reb.	Ast	PF	BS	ST	Pts.
			FGA	FGA							
Boston College	—										
Connecticut	—										
Georgetown	—										
Miami	—										
Pittsburgh	—										
Providence	—										
Rutgers	—										
St. John's	—										
Seton Hall	—										
Syracuse	—										
Villanova	—										
Virginia Tech	—										
West Virginia	—										

Chris Quinn's Career Stats vs. The BIG EAST

Opponent	G-GS Min.	FG- FGA	3Pt.		FT- FTA	Reb.	Ast	PF	BS	ST	Pts.
			FGA	FGA							
Boston College	1-0	12/12.0	3-4	2-2	2-2	1/1.0	0	1	0	1	10/10.0
Connecticut	—										
Georgetown	—										
Miami	—										
Pittsburgh	1-0	21/21.0	1-6	1-6	0-0	4/4.0	1	3	1	1	3/3.0
Providence	1-0	6/6.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0.0	0	0	0	0	0/0.0
Rutgers	1-0	4/4.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1/1.0	0	0	0	0	0/0.0
St. John's	—										
Seton Hall	1-0	19/19.0	2-2	2-2	0-0	0/0.0	1	0	0	0	6/6.0
Syracuse	—										
Villanova	—										
Virginia Tech	—										
West Virginia	1-0	18/18.0	1-4	1-3	0-0	1/1.0	3	0	0	0	3/3.0

Chris Thomas' Career Stats vs. The BIG EAST

Opponent	G-GS Min.	FG- FGA	3Pt.		FT- FTA	Reb.	Ast	PF	BS	ST	Pts.
			FGA	FGA							
Boston College	1-1	42/42.0	8-18	3-5	9-13	8/8.0	7	3	0	2	28/28.0
Connecticut	1-1	40/40.0	7-14	6-9	4-4	3/3.0	10	3	0	0	24/24.0
Georgetown	2-2	100/50.0	12-33	1-11	10-13	12/6.0	20	5	2	4	35/17.5
Miami	1-1	40/40.0	8-16	6-12	10-10	6/6.0	12	1	1	2	32/32.0
Pittsburgh	3-3	115/38.0	11-34	3-12	6-7	7/2.3	17	8	0	5	31/10.3
Providence	2-2	77/38.5	12-29	3-13	9-9	7/3.5	9	4	0	2	36/18.0
Rutgers	3-3	117/39.0	14-37	8-22	21-22	10/3.3	27	8	0	4	38/19.0
St. John's	2-2	79/39.5	7-27	4-13	5-5	10/5.0	21	3	0	6	23/11.5
Seton Hall	3-3	114/38.0	14-33	3-11	12-16	11/3.7	15	4	2	7	43/14.3
Syracuse	2-2	80/40.0	6-24	3-13	1-2	5/2.5	15	4	0	4	16/8.0
Villanova	1-1	40/40.0	5-18	3-11	5-6	1/1.0	7	2	0	4	18/18.0
Virginia Tech	—										
West Virginia	3-3	102/34.0	15-38	8-26	21-23	13/4.3	27	5	1	8	59/19.6

Tom Timmermans' Career Stats vs. The BIG EAST

Opponent	G-GS Min.	FG- FGA	3Pt.		FT- FTA	Reb.	Ast	PF	BS	ST	Pts.
			FGA	FGA							
Boston College	1-0	4/4.0	0-1	0-0	2-2	0/0.0	0	0	0	0	2/2.0
Connecticut	2-0	2/1.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0.0	0	2	0	0	0/0.0
Georgetown	1-0	23/23.0	2-5	0-0	1-1	5/5.0	1	5	1	0	5/5.0
Miami	1-0	7/7.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0.0	0	2	0	0	0/0.0
Pittsburgh	4-1	24/6.0	3-7	0-0	0-2	2/0.5	3	5	0	0	6/1.5
Providence	2-0	5/2.5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1/0.5	1	2	0	0	0/0.0
Rutgers	4-0	30/7.5	1-6	0-0	3-7	8/2.0	1	7	0	0	5/1.3
St. John's	3-0	9/4.5	1-1	0-0	0-0	0/0.0	0	2	0	0	2/0.7
Seton Hall	3-0	31/10.3	4-10	0-0	2-3	10/3.3	0	5	1	0	10/3.3
Syracuse	2-0	22/11.0	1-5	0-1	0-2	6/3.0	0	2	0	0	2/1.0
Villanova	1-0	2/2.0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0/0.0	0	0	0	0	0/0.0
Virginia Tech	1-0	4/4.0	1-3	0-2	0-0	1/1.0	0	1	0	0	2/2.0
West Virginia	3-0	27/9.0	5-9	0-0	3-3	12/4.0	0	7	0	2	13/4.3