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B A S K E T B A L L

2001-02 Notre Dame Schedule/Results (20-9, 10-6)

NOVEMBER

1	Thur.	SPORT.COM ALL-STARS (Ex.)	W, 108-75
8	Thur.	EA SPORTS ALL-STARS (Ex.)	W, 95-70
16	Fri.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	W, 95-53
19	Mon.	CORNELL	W, 78-48
23	Fri.	at Hawaii Pacific#	W, 98-58
24	Sat.	vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga#	W, 97-84
25	Sun.	vs. Monmouth#	W, 85-48
28	Wed.	ARMY	W, 86-49

DECEMBER

1	Sat.	vs. DePaul!	W, 82-55
4	Tue.	at Indiana	L, 75-76
8	Sat.	at Miami of Ohio	W, 70-69
22	Sat.	at Canisius	W, 84-73
27	Thur.	vs. (21/21) Alabama@	L, 76-79
30	Sun.	COLGATE	W, 92-61

JANUARY

6	Sun.	VILLANOVA*	L, 72-74
9	Wed.	at West Virginia*	W, 67-64
12	Sat.	at (23/25) Pittsburgh*	W, 56-53
14	Mon.	at (8/7) Syracuse*	L, 51-56
19	Sat.	(12/12) KENTUCKY	L, 65-72
21	Mon.	GEORGETOWN*	L, 73-83
26	Sat.	SETON HALL*	W, 60-51
30	Wed.	(21/21) PITTSBURGH*	W, 89-76

FEBRUARY

3	Sun.	at Seton Hall*	W, 63-61
6	Wed.	RUTGERS*	W, 89-72
9	Sat.	at Georgetown*	W, 116-111 (4OT)
14	Thur.	at Rutgers*	L, 62-65
17	Sun.	(NR/21) SYRACUSE*	L, 65-68
20	Wed.	WEST VIRGINIA*	W, 89-76
23	Sat.	(13/17) at Miami	W, 90-77
27	Wed.	at St. John's*	L, 81-84

MARCH

2	Sat.	PROVIDENCE*	W, 76-68
7	Thur.	vs. St. John's/Seton Hall winner	9:00 p.m.
(2002 ConAgra BIG EAST Men's Basketball Championship)			
14-	Thur.	NCAA First & Second Rounds	
17	Sun.		
21-	Thur.	NCAA Regionals	
24	Sun.		
30 &	Sat.		

APRIL

1	Mon.	NCAA Final Four (Georgia Dome — Atlanta, Ga.)	
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*BIG EAST Conference game
 #Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic
 (Honolulu, Hawaii)
 !Dell Classic For Kids (United Center — Chicago, Ill.)
 @Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic (New Orleans Arena —
 New Orleans, La.)

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

All times are local to site

2002 ConAgra Foods BIG EAST Men's Basketball Championship March 6-9 — Madison Square Garden (New York, N.Y.)

IRISH ITEMS FOR THE BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP —

The Notre Dame men's basketball team has earned a first-round bye in the 2002 ConAgra Foods BIG EAST Men's Basketball Championship for the second year as the Irish finished second in the BIG EAST West Division. Coach Mike Brey's team heads into this year's tournament with an overall record of 20-9 and completed the conference season with a 10-6 league mark. It marked the second straight year the Irish won 10 or more league games.

Notre Dame will face the winner of the St. John's (#3 East)/Seton Hall (#6 West) contest in quarterfinal action. The Irish faced both of these teams during the regular season. Brey's squad lost to the Red Storm 84-81 at Madison Square Garden on February 28 and swept the two-game regular-season series with the Pirates (60-51 at the Joyce Center and 63-61 at the Continental Airlines Arena).

The Irish head into this year's championship having won eight of its last 11 games. Notre Dame registered an 8-4 record in West Divisional games this season, which included three series sweeps over West Virginia, Pittsburgh and Seton Hall. The three regular-season sweeps are the most ever in a single season by an Irish squad since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96.

Notre Dame's 20 victories this season marks the third consecutive year the Irish have reached the 20-win plateau and the first time since the 1986-87 (24-8), 1987-88 (20-9) and 1988-89 (21-9) campaigns. The Irish finished 20-10 a year ago and 22-15 in 1999-2000. The last time Notre Dame won 20 or more games during the regular season was in 1988-89 when that Irish team headed into the NCAA tournament with a 20-8 mark before finishing with a final 21-9 record.

Since the BIG EAST instituted divisional play with the start of the 2000-01 campaign and a 12-team tournament format last year, the Irish are the only league team to earn a first-round bye both this year and last. Notre Dame also is the only league team to register 10-plus wins in each of the last two seasons. Brey's squad has combined for a 21-11 mark over the past two years for a .656 winning percentage. Notre Dame claimed the BIG EAST West Division crown last year with an 11-5 conference mark.

Notre Dame is just 1-6 in BIG EAST tournament games. Their lone win came in the first round of the 2000 championship as the Irish defeated Rutgers 74-62. Prior to that win, Notre Dame was 0-3 in first round games.

Notre Dame has been stellar on the road this season with an overall 8-4 road mark playing opponents on their home floor. The Irish are 3-1 in neutral site contests, giving them an overall 11-5 mark in games played away from the friendly confines of the Joyce Center. Brey's squad was 5-3 overall in BIG EAST road games during the regular season, with its three losses coming at Syracuse (56-51), Rutgers (65-62) and St. John's (84-81).

The nine losses the Irish have suffered this season are by a combined 37 points for an average margin of defeat of 4.11 points per game. The 83-73 setback against Georgetown was the largest loss of the season. Prior to that loss, Notre Dame's five other defeats had been by a combined total of 18 points.

In its 16 BIG EAST contests during the regular season, Notre Dame averaged 74.9 points, while giving up 71.2 points per game. Brey's squad has held six league foes to 65 points and under and three of those teams (Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Seton Hall) to under 60 points.

Notre Dame enjoyed a strong defensive presence at the Joyce Center this season as the Irish have allowed an average of 65.46 points per game. Coach Mike Brey's squad held its 13 home opponents to 53 points and under on four occasions. The 83 points scored by Georgetown were the second-most given up by the Irish at the Joyce Center this season.

Four Notre Dame players are averaging double figures with senior Ryan Humphrey leading the team in both scoring and rebounding as he is averaging a double double — 18.9 points and 10.6 rebounds. Humphrey heads into Thursday night's quarterfinal contest having recorded a double double in Notre Dame's last seven games, which currently ranks as the longest streak nationally according to STATS Inc. He has had 12 double doubles in the last 14 games and in 18 contests overall this season. His six consecutive double doubles is his longest streak of the season. Humphrey's most recent double double was against Providence as he scored 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. He has scored 20-plus points in 10 games and has grabbed 10-plus boards in 19 games. Humphrey had his streak of 21 consecutive games in double figures snapped against Rutgers on Feb. 6 as he finished with eight points and 14 rebounds.



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(Week #17 — Feb. 25-Mar. 3)

	LW
1. Kansas	1
2. Maryland	2
3. Duke	3
4. Cincinnati	4
5. Oklahoma	6
6. Alabama	5
7. Gonzaga	7
8. Florida	8
9. Marquette	9
10. Pittsburgh	11
11. Kentucky	12
12. Oklahoma State	10
13. Oregon	15
14. Arizona	14
15. Illinois	16
16. Georgia	18
17. Stanford	10
18. Ohio State	19
19. USC	20
20. Western Kentucky	24
21. California	NR
22. Miami (Fla.)	17
23. Connecticut	NR
24. Wake Forest	20
25. Indiana	23

ESPN/USA TODAY

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19. Stanford	11
20. USC	22
21. Indiana	17
22. USC	25
23. Indiana	24
24. Xavier	24
25. California	NR

bold indicates 2001-02 opponent

Freshman point guard **Chris Thomas** has dished off 10 or more assists in seven games this season. He has reached double figures in the assist column in five of the last eight contests, which include three of Notre Dame's last four outings against West Virginia, Syracuse and St. John's. He had 10 assists against St. John's in the matchup on Feb. 28 and has averaged 9.34 assists in the last eight games. Thomas has five double doubles, which includes one triple double this season. He stands second in the scoring column with a 16.0 scoring average and leads the team in assists (7.48), steals (2.17) and minutes played (37.8). Thomas has dished off six or more assists in 21 games this season.

David Graves has been back in the starting lineup in Notre Dame's last three outings against West Virginia, Miami, St. John's and Providence. He was in the starting lineup for the first 18 games of the season, but following the Georgetown game, did not start the previous seven contests prior to the matchup with the Mountaineers. He is averaging a career-high 14.6 points per game and 5.0 rebounds, both third best on the team. Graves has scored 20-plus points in seven games this season. He also ranks second in both the assists (84) and steals (49) columns. **Graves averaged 14.8 points and 5.4 rebounds in the seven games coming off the bench.**

Matt Carroll returned to the lineup against St. John's after missing the Miami game (the first time in 93 career games he did not play) with a sprained foot. He came off the bench against St. John's which marked the first time in 65 games that he did not start. Prior to his injury against the Hurricanes, he had made 64 starting appearances. Carroll scored 19 points against the Red Storm on Wednesday night. He is the fourth Irish player averaging double figures scoring with a 13.2 average, in addition to 4.5 rebounds per contest. Carroll tallied a career-high 30 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the second double double of his career and had 18 points and six rebounds against Syracuse.

Harold Swanagan is averaging career bests of 7.9 points and 6.7 rebounds. He has grabbed eight or more rebounds in 10 games this season and has had 10-plus rebounds in four contests.

Freshman **Jordan Cornette** has been in the starting lineup in six games this season and is averaging 3.0 points and 3.6 rebounds. He had eight points and matched his career best with 10 rebounds in the victory over West Virginia which marked the second 10-plus rebounding effort for the rookie this season.

Torrian Jones has earned nine starts this season in the 29 games he has played. Jones had his best outing in an Irish uniform against Miami, Fla. as he played a career best 29 minutes and finished with a personal best 17 points. He is averaging 3.7 points and 2.1 rebounds.

Tom Timmermans has given the Irish significant minutes off the bench in Notre Dame's last 11 games and is averaging 2.1 points and 2.3 rebounds.

HEAD COACH MIKE BREY —

Mike Brey is in his second year as the Notre Dame head coach and seventh 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. In his first season with the Irish, he guided Notre Dame to a 20-10 record and 11-5 BIG EAST mark in claiming the league's West divisional championship, the first conference title in school history. In addition, he helped Notre Dame earn an NCAA tournament berth for the first time in 11 seasons as the Irish advanced to the second round for the first time since 1989. Notre Dame's 19 wins during the regular season under Brey a year ago represented the most wins by an Irish coach in his first season. He also became just the second coach in school history to take his team to the NCAA Tournament in his first year as a head coach and the only first-year coach to lead his team to a first-round victory. John Dee also made the tournament in his first season in 1964-65, but lost in the first round to finish 15-12. Brey has an overall record of 139-71 (.662) as a head coach and is 40-19 (.678) at Notre Dame. **He coached in his 200th career game against Seton Hall on Saturday, Jan. 26. The 9-1 start by the Irish to begin the season marked the second time one of Brey's teams has begun a campaign by winning nine of its first 10 games.** He earned his first victory as Irish head coach on Nov. 18 with a 104-58 triumph over Sacred Heart, which also marked the 100th of his coaching career and came in the 152nd game as a head coach. While at Delaware, Brey guided the Blue Hens to berths in three postseason tournaments. Under Brey, Delaware appeared in two NCAA tournaments ('98 and '99) and played in the National Invitation Tournament in his final season (2000). Prior to his arrival in Newark, Del., he spent eight seasons (1987-95) on the Duke sidelines alongside Blue Devil head coach Mike Krzyzewski, and before that stint was an assistant coach at DeMatha High School under legendary coach Morgan Wootten from 1982-87.

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

Since his arrival to Notre Dame, second-year Irish mentor Mike Brey has led Notre Dame to a 21-11 record in BIG EAST regular-season games for a 65.6 winning percentage. The Irish won the BIG EAST West Division title a year ago by fashioning an 11-5 record (the most conference wins in its six-year tenure in the league). A win today over the Friars, would give the Irish 10-plus wins for the second straight year. Prior to his arrival at Notre Dame, Irish teams had a 35-53 (39.8 percent) regular-season record in its conference games since 1995-96.

BREY LOOKS TO MAKE NOTRE DAME HISTORY —

Mike Brey guided the Irish to its 20th win of the season on Saturday in Notre Dame's win

2002 ConAgra FOODS BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTRE DAME STARTING LINE:

2001-02 Statistics									
No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes:
4	Ryan Humphrey	PF	6-8	235	Sr.	18.9	10.6	18 double doubles	Seven consecutive double doubles
34	David Graves	F	6-6	209	Sr.	14.6	5.0	70 three-pointers	Owens school record for career games played (126)
42	Harold Swanagan	F	6-7	247	Sr.	7.9	6.7	58.3 FG %	11 games with nine or more rebounds
1	Chris Thomas	PG	6-1	175	Fr.	16.0	3.2	2.58 asst-to-to ratio	Owens single-season assist mark (217)
13	Matt Carroll	SG	6-6	212	Jr.	13.2	4.5	61 three-pointers	Missed first game of career against Miami (Fla.) with a sprained foot

2001-02 Statistics									
No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes:
5	Charles Thomas	G	6-0	164	Sr.	1.1	0.3	Fourth-year walk-on	Earned scholarship for final semester
10	Danny White	G	6-3	190	Sr.	1.0	0.3	Transfer from Towson	Played in first game in Irish uniform vs. Colgate
12	Jordan Cornette	F	6-9	221	Fr.	3.0	3.6	6 starts in 27 games played	Matched season-high with 10 rebounds vs. WVU
20	Torrian Jones	G	6-4	197	So.	3.7	2.1	9 starts in 29 games	Career-highs of 17 points and 29 minutes vs. Miami Fla.)
15	Jere Macura	F	6-9	230	Jr.	4.2	3.0	16 games played	Did not dress for WVU — plantar fasciitis
50	Tom Timmermans	C	6-11	263	So.	2.1	2.3	15 games played	10.8 mpg. in last 10 outings
51	Chris Markwood	G	6-4	198	So.	0.4	0.4	14 min. vs. Monmouth	Has played in 17 games this season

over Providence and became the first head coach in the program's history to lead his teams to back-to-back 20-win campaigns in his first two seasons. Brey's squad fashioned a 20-10 record in 2000-01. In his last three seasons at Delaware (where he spent five seasons), Brey guided the Blue Hens to the 20-win plateau during the 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 campaigns. In seven years as a head coach, five of his seven teams have won 20 or more games. His squads have reached the 20-win mark in each of the last five years.

BREY IN OVERTIME GAMES —

Notre Dame's epic quadruple-overtime battle with Georgetown marked the seventh time in Mike Brey's six-plus seasons that he had coached an overtime game. It was the first four overtime game he had been involved in as a head coach. After starting out his career 0-2 in overtime games, Brey has now won five straight overtime contests for an overall 5-2 mark.

INSTANT CLASSIC —

Shortly following the Irish's four-overtime victory between Notre Dame and Georgetown, many were calling it one of the best games thus far of the 2001-02 season. Some even have mentioned it as one of the greatest college games of all-time. Certainly, ESPN agreed as the contest was replayed on ESPN Classic just six days later.

IRISH THRIVING ON THE ROAD —

Notre Dame played just 13 home games this season, but the Irish have found life on the road to be rather friendly. The Irish are 8-4 in contests played on an opponent's home floor and are 3-1 in neutral site contests for an overall mark of 11-5 away from the Joyce Center. A year ago, Notre Dame was 6-4 on the road in Mike Brey's first season and 2-2 in neutral site games for an overall 8-6 record. In two seasons under Brey, Notre Dame has a 14-8 (.636) road mark and 5-3 (.625) record in neutral site contests. Over the past two seasons, Notre Dame is 19-11 (.633) playing away from home.

SERIES RECORD VS. ST. JOHN'S —

Notre Dame leads the series 14-12 and owns a 4-3 record against St. John's in the last seven contests played between the two teams. Since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, the Irish are 5-4 versus the Red Storm. Prior to last Wednesday night's (February 28th) matchup between the two teams at Madison Square Garden, the three previous games had been played at the Joyce Center. Before last week's contest, the last time the two schools had played each other at MSG was on January 31, 1998, a 73-65 Irish victory.

SERIES RECORD VS. SETON HALL —

A quarterfinal matchup between the two teams in the BIG EAST tournament would mark the third meeting this season. Notre Dame swept the Pirates during the regular-season. The Irish hold an 8-6 advantage in the series. Seton Hall was victorious in both regular-season contests played between the two schools during the 2000-01 campaign.

OVER THE CENTURY MARK —

Notre Dame's 116 points in the win against Georgetown represented the most by an Irish team in BIG EAST play and the most since the 117 scored against Davidson in a 117-74 victory on Feb. 7, 1976. It was the first time Notre Dame had reached the century mark under Mike Brey since opening the 2000-01 campaign by scoring 100-plus points in its first two games. The Irish have scored 100 or more points three times under Mike Brey.

SIXTY SOMETHING —

Notre Dame shot a season-high 66.7 percent against Pittsburgh on Jan. 30 in its 89-76 victory as the Irish connected on 34 of their 51 shot attempts. Notre Dame shot 67.7 percent in the first half and 65.0 percent in the final 20 minutes of the contest. It was the best shooting performance by the Irish since the second game of the 2000-01 campaign when they shot 64.3 percent against Loyola (Chicago). **It was the best field goal shooting percentage by any**

Irish All-Time vs. 2001-02 Opponents

Team	Record
Akron	2-0
Alabama	1-1
Army	6-0
Canisius	18-4
Colgate	3-0
Cornell	7-1
DePaul	48-41
Georgetown	6-8
Hawaii Pacific	1-0
Indiana	19-46
Kentucky	17-39
Miami of Ohio	4-4
Miami (Fla.)	8-6
Monmouth	3-0
New Hampshire	2-0
Pittsburgh	24-20
Providence	6-8
Rutgers	9-8
St. John's	14-12
Seton Hall	8-6
Syracuse	14-15
Tennessee-Chattanooga	1-0
Villanova	10-13
West Virginia	17-7
Total	248-239 (.509)



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Irish Record

By Day	
On Sundays:	3-2
On Mondays:	1-2
On Tuesdays:	0-1
On Wednesdays:	5-0
On Thursdays:	0-3
On Fridays:	2-0
On Saturdays:	9-1
By Time	
Night Games:	12-6
Day Games:	8-3
By Location	
Home Games:	9-4
Road Games:	8-4
Neutral Games:	3-1
By Halftime Score	
Lead at halftime:	15-3
Trail at halftime:	5-6
Tied at halftime:	0-0
By Rebound Margin	
Outrebounding opponents:	14-2
Outrebounded by opponents:	5-4
Same number of rebounds	1-3
By Field Goal Shooting	
Shoot better from field:	19-3
Shoot worse from field:	1-6
Shoot same from field:	0-0
Shoot 50% or better:	8-0
Shoot less than 50%:	12-9
Keep opponents under 50%:	20-7
Keep opponents under 40%:	10-2
By Free Throw Margin	
Hit more free throws:	13-6
Hit fewer free throws:	4-3
Same number of free throws:	3-0
By Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers:	9-4
Commit more turnovers:	8-5
Commit same number of turnovers:	3-0
By Margin	
One-point games:	1-1
Two-point games:	1-1
Three-point games:	2-4
Four-point games:	0-0
5-10 point games:	3-3
11-20 point games:	6-0
21-30 point games:	2-0
31+point games:	5-0
By Conference	
America East	1-0
BIG EAST	10-6
Big Ten	0-1
Conference USA	1-0
Ivy League	1-0
Metro Atlantic Athletic	1-0
Mid-American	1-0
Northeast	1-0
Pacific West	1-0
Patriot League	2-0
Southeastern	0-2
Southern Conference	1-0
By Month	
In November	6-0
In December	4-2
In January	4-4
In February	5-3
In March	1-0

BIG EAST team in a league contest since St. John's shot 68.6 percent in a victory over Connecticut on Jan. 2, 1990.

OFF TO A QUICK START —

Notre Dame's 7-0 start was its first since the 1979-80 campaign when the Irish were undefeated in their first seven games to achieve a No. 3 ranking before losing 86-80 on the road against second-ranked Kentucky and then dropping a 67-59 decision to San Francisco. That '79-'80 squad finished the season with a 22-6 mark. Notre Dame was 9-1 for the first time since the 1985-86 campaign.

7-0 START IS THIRD BEST IN SCHOOL HISTORY —

Notre Dame's 7-0 start equaled the third best in school history. The Irish also were 7-0 in 1976-77 and 1979-80. The two best starts by Notre Dame teams were in 1945-46 (13-0) and 1973-74 (12-0). Those Irish squads finished 17-4 and 26-3, respectively.

A PERFECT NOVEMBER —

With its win against Army on Nov. 28, Notre Dame finished the first month of the season with a perfect 6-0 slate. It's the most wins ever by an Irish team in the month of November and the second time in the program's history that Notre Dame has played six games during that month. The Irish 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.

STRANGERS AT THE JOYCE —

It seems hard to believe, but Notre Dame played just 13 games at the Joyce Center this season. The 13 home games were the fewest played by an Irish squad since the 1995-96 season. Notre Dame began the 2001-02 season by playing three of its first six games at home, but went more than a month without a home contest as the Irish only enjoyed one home date throughout the entire month of December (Dec. 30 vs. Colgate) after playing five consecutive road outings beginning on Dec. 1.

THOMAS NABS SIXTH BIG EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK HONOR —

Chris Thomas earned his sixth BIG EAST rookie-of-the-week honor after leading the Irish to two victories over West Virginia (89-76) and Miami (90-77). He registered double doubles in both contests as he averaged 29.0 points, 12.0 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 2.0 steals. He scored 26 points and dished off 12 assists, grabbed three rebounds and made two steals in the win at home against the Mountaineers, and then matched his career-high with 32 points on the road against the Hurricanes. He also had 12 assists, six rebounds and two steals in the contest. Against Miami, he shot eight-for-16 from the field and was six-of-12 from three-point range. In addition to his six BIG EAST rookie-of-the-week honors, he was named *Sports Illustrated's* Player of the Week three weeks ago.

MERRY "CHRIS"-MAS —

Chris Thomas' 217 assists ranks as the most ever by an Irish player in a single season. Since 1973-74, Thomas is just the fourth Irish freshman to lead the team in assists. He eclipsed the former single-season mark of 214 assists held by Jimmy Dillon (1999-2000) and Jackie Meehan (1970-71). Since '73-'74, only three players — Rich Branning, David Rivers and Doug Gottlieb — have led their respective Irish teams in the assist column as freshmen. Branning had 138 during his rookie season in 1976-77, while Rivers dished off 127 in the 1984-85 campaign and Gottlieb 154 in 1995-96. Branning and Rivers went on to lead their teams in that statistical category all four years, while Gottlieb only played one year before transferring to Oklahoma State. In the last three games, Thomas has dished off 35 assists and committed just nine turnovers for a 3.89 assist-to-turnover ratio.

GRAVES RECOVERS IN TIME TO PLAY — AND THE STREAK CONTINUES

Back spasms forced senior **David Graves** to spend the night in the campus infirmary on the eve of Notre Dame's matchup with Rutgers on Feb. 6. After treatment throughout the night before the game and on the day of the contest, Graves made his first appearance less than six minutes into the game. The Irish forward played 28 minutes total in the game as he turned in one of his best performances of the season, scoring 18 points, grabbing eight rebounds and making three steals. He was six-for-11 shooting the ball from the field and nailed four of his seven three-point attempts. Graves has played in a Notre Dame-record 126 games during his Irish career.

GETTING MORE AGGRESSIVE ON THE BOARDS —

Notre Dame enjoyed its second-largest rebounding advantage of the season against Rutgers in the first game played between the two teams as the Irish owned a 46-32 advantage. In their second matchup, the Irish outrebounded the Scarlet Knights 50-40. Coach Mike Brey's squad has outrebounded its opponents 40.7 to 37.5. In the first Notre Dame-Georgetown game on Jan. 21, the Hoyas owned the largest advantage on the boards of any opponent this season as they outrebounded the Irish 54-41. The Irish had a season-low 22 rebounds against Indiana and a season-high 64 against Georgetown on Feb. 9 — a mark which tied the BIG EAST single-game rebounding mark. Notre Dame has been outrebounded in nine games this season, but has outrebounded seven of its last 10 opponents, including a decisive 44-31 advantage versus Miami.

GETTING DEFENSIVE IN THE BIG EAST —

Notre Dame turned in solid defensive performances in its 16 BIG EAST games. The Irish held three of their opponents to 56 points and under. **In its 60-51 win over Seton Hall on Jan. 26, the 51 points scored by the Pirates were the fewest allowed by the Irish in a BIG EAST game.** The 53 points scored by Pittsburgh in the 56-53 Irish victory on Jan. 12 were the third fewest allowed in a league contest. Prior to the Seton Hall game, the fewest points allowed by the Irish in league play was 52 in a 69-52 victory over Syracuse on Jan. 2, 1997, at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame has held three of its BIG EAST opponents to 56 points and under and five teams to 64 points and under. **The 111 points scored by Georgetown were the most ever allowed by the Irish under Mike Brey and in BIG EAST play.** In the first meeting between the two teams, the 84 points allowed by Notre Dame at the time, represented the most ever scored upon the Irish in league play during Brey's tenure.

WINNING BIG —

Notre Dame's margin of victory through 29 games this season has been by an average of 11.0 points per game. Notre Dame's victories have included a 42-point victory over New Hampshire, a 40-point win over Hawaii Pacific and 37-point margins against Monmouth and Army. Notre Dame has beaten seven teams by 27-plus points and 12 of its 20- victories have been by 10-plus points. Its closest margin of victory was a one-point win (70-69) over Miami-Ohio in Oxford, Ohio, on Dec. 8.

CARROLL REACHES 1,000-POINT MILESTONE —

Junior **Matt Carroll** became the 42nd player in Notre Dame basketball history to score 1,000 points against Rutgers on Feb. 6. He has played in 95 career games and scored 1,106 points for a career scoring average of 11.6 points. Carroll missed his first-ever game at Notre Dame against Miami on Feb. 23 (after 93 consecutive games played), following a sprained right foot in the previous outing against West Virginia. He has earned starts in 87 of the 95 games he has played. Before the St. John's matchup on February 27, he had made 64 consecutive starting appearances.

THE FRIENDLY CONFINES OF THE JOYCE CENTER —

Notre Dame is 8-4 at the Joyce Center this season with an average margin of victory of 9.7 points per game. Coach Mike Brey's squad has outscored its opponents 953-837. Irish teams own an all-time record of 405-122 (.769) at the Joyce Center in 33-plus seasons. Notre Dame is 36-12 (.750) in its last 48 home contests.

DEJA VU —

Notre Dame recorded a three-point win (67-64) at West Virginia as the Irish fought back from a double-digit first-half deficit for the second consecutive year. Against the Mountaineers in Morgantown on Feb. 11, 2001, Coach Mike Brey's squad trailed 39-31 at the half, but outscored West Virginia 38-27 in the second half to earn a 69-66 victory. Notre Dame trailed by 18 at the half on Jan. 9, against the Mountaineers, but nearly doubled its point total in the second half by outscoring the home team 46-28 and holding West Virginia to just 22.7 percent shooting in the second half.

THREE IS A COMMON THEME —

Six of Notre Dame's 29 games have been decided by three points with the Irish owning a 2-4 mark in those contests. Notre Dame defeated West Virginia (67-64) and Pittsburgh (56-53) on the road and lost to Alabama (79-76) in New Orleans, La., at Rutgers (65-62), at home against Syracuse (68-65) and on the road versus St. John's (84-81).

IRISH RECORD BIGGEST COMEBACK IN BIG EAST PLAY —

Notre Dame's win over West Virginia marked a first for the Irish in BIG EAST play as they recorded their biggest comeback in seven-plus seasons as a league member. Coach Mike Brey's squad erased a 15-point halftime deficit and outscored the Moutaineers 46-28 in the second half. Notre Dame's largest halftime deficit ever in a BIG EAST game was against Miami at the Joyce Center on Feb. 29, 1996, as the Irish trailed 41-17 (24 points) at the break in an eventual 71-59 loss. Prior to the West Virginia game, the biggest second-half turnaround by an Irish team in a BIG EAST contest was against Pittsburgh on Jan. 5, 1999, at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame trailed 36-34 at the break in that contest, but outscored the Panthers 53-28 in the second half in the eventual 87-64 victory.

HUMPHREY STATES HIS CASE —

Ryan Humphrey is clearly enjoying his best season on the basketball court as the Irish tri-captain is averaging team and personal bests of 18.9 points, 10.6 rebounds and 2.56 blocked shots per game. Against Syracuse on Jan. 14, Humphrey scored 54.9 percent of Notre Dame's 51 points as he finished with 28 points and 11 rebounds. The 28 points marked the first 20-plus point performance for Humphrey in a BIG EAST game. He had 18 points and a career-high 19 boards against Rutgers on February 14. Humphrey had a BIG EAST personal best 29 points against St. John's. He has scored in double figures in 26 of 27 contests and grabbed 10-plus boards 19 times. **Humphrey has registered a double double 18 times, which includes a current streak of seven consecutive outings. In addition, he has registered a double double in 12 of the last 14 contests.**

A RARE FRESHMAN FEAT —

Chris Thomas' 32 points and 11 assists against Rutgers on Feb. 6 marked the first time in Notre Dame basketball history that an Irish freshman scored 30-plus points and dished off

**All-Time BIG EAST
Tournament Results (1-6)**

- 1996**
#4 Syracuse 76, #13 Notre Dame 55 (FR)
- 1997**
#8 Syracuse 84, #9 Notre Dame 66 (FR)
- 1998**
#8 Providence 72, #9 Notre Dame 55 (FR)
- 1999**
#9 Seton Hall 79, #8 Notre Dame 69 (FR)
- 2000**
#7 Notre Dame 74, #10 Rutgers 62 (FR)
#2 Miami (Fla.) 61, #7 Notre Dame 58 (QR)
- 2001**
#5W Pittsburgh 66, #1W Notre Dame 54



**Notre Dame-Georgetown
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 is already an ESPN Classic and was replayed for the first time on Fri., 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

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2001-02 BIG EAST STANDINGS (through games of Mar. 3)

East Division

	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Connecticut	21-6	13-3
Miami	23-9	10-6
St. John's	19-10	9-7
Boston College	19-10	8-8
Villanova	16-11	7-9
Providence	15-15	6-10
Virginia Tech	10-18	4-12

West Division

	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Pittsburgh	25-4	13-3
NOTRE DAME	20-9	10-6
Georgetown	18-10	9-7
Syracuse	20-10	9-7
Rutgers	20-10	8-8
Seton Hall	12-17	5-11
West Virginia	8-20	1-15

2001-02 BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

Player of the Week:

Nov. 19	Preston Shumpert (SU)
Nov. 26	Ryan Humphrey (ND) DeShuan Williams (SU)
Dec. 3	Ryan Sidney (BC)
Dec. 10	Troy Bell (BC)
Dec. 17	Troy Bell (BC)
Dec. 23	John Salmons (UM) Marcus Hatten (St. John's)
Dec. 30	John Salmons (UM)
Jan. 7	Caron Butler (UC) Brandin Knight (UP)
Jan. 14	Preston Shumpert (SU)
Jan. 21	Marcus Hatten (SJU)
Jan. 28	Darius Rice (Miami) John Linehan (PC)
Feb. 4	Mike Sweetney (GU) Jerome Coleman (RU)
Feb. 11	Matt Carroll (ND) Michael Sweetney (GU)
Feb. 18	Brandin Knight (UP) Rashod Kent (RU)
Feb. 25	Caron Butler (UC)
Mar. 3	Caron Butler (UC) Kevin Braswell (GU)

Rookie of the Week:

Nov. 19	Chris Thomas (ND)
Nov. 26	Jonathan Hargett (WVU)
Dec. 3	Ben Gordon (UC)
Dec. 10	Ricky Shields (RU)
Dec. 17	John Allen (SH)
Dec. 23	Emeka Okafor (UC)
Dec. 30	Chris Thomas (ND) Ryan Gomes (PC)
Jan. 7	Herve Lamizana (RU) Eric King (SJU)
Jan. 14	Chris Thomas (ND) Emeka Okafor (UC)
Jan. 21	Ryan Gomes (PC)
Jan. 28	Emeka Okafor (UC)
Feb. 4	Chris Thomas (ND) Ricky Shields (RU)
Feb. 11	Chris Thomas (ND)
Feb. 18	Ricky Shields (RU)
Feb. 25	Chris Thomas (ND)
Mar. 3	

10-plus assists in a game. The 32 points marked a career-high, while the 11 assists matched his career best. It was his first career double double, although he did record a triple double in his first collegiate game versus New Hampshire. Thomas recorded his second consecutive double double against Georgetown (Feb. 9) with 22 points and 12 assists. He also had a double double in Notre Dame's win over West Virginia as he scored 26 points and dished off 12 assists. In the win at Miami, he notched his fifth double double with 32 points (matching his career-high) and 12 assists.

HUMPHREY GRABS 500TH REBOUND IN IRISH UNIFORM —

Ryan Humphrey grabbed his 500th rebound in an Irish uniform one week ago against West Virginia. In just 56 career games at Notre Dame, Humphrey has 545 rebounds for an average of 9.73 per game. In his first two seasons at Oklahoma, his rebounds totalled 443. **His career rebounding total currently stands at 988 in 119 games for an average of 8.3 per contest.**

IRISH DOUBLE THE PLEASURE FOUR TIMES AGAINST HOYAS —

In the four-overtime win against the Hoyas, a record four Irish players recorded double doubles in the game — **Chris Thomas** (22 pts./8 asts.), **Ryan Humphrey** (23 pts./14 rebs.), **Harold Swanagan** (11 pts./10 rebs) and **Matt Carroll** (30 pts./10 rebs.). They accounted for 74.1 percent of the scoring and 65.6 percent of the rebounding.

TAKING CARE OF THE BALL —

Notre Dame is averaging 18.79 assists and 12.93 turnovers for a 1.45 assist-to-turnover ratio. Conversely, Irish opponents are averaging 14.03 assists per game and 13.90 turnovers for a 1.01 assist-to-turnover ratio. Notre Dame has had fewer than 10 turnovers in six games this season and committed just 11 turnovers or fewer in 10 of 29 contests. Notre Dame had a season-low six turnovers (two in the second half) against Georgetown on Jan. 21, and committed just seven turnovers in games at Miami-Ohio and Pittsburgh. **The seven turnovers in that contest were the fewest by an Irish team since a Jan. 29, 1995 contest at the Joyce Center against Boston College when that Notre Dame team had just seven in a 74-68 victory. Including that game and the Miami-Ohio tilt, it covered 199 contests. Against Canisius on Dec. 22, Notre Dame had 10 first-half turnovers, but only committed four in the second half to finish the game with 14. In the Alabama game, the Irish turned the ball over 10 times in the first half and only three times in the final 20 minutes of the contest. In its last 15 games, Notre Dame has dished off 287 assists for an 19.13 average, while committing 203 turnovers for an average of 13.53 per game. There have been only two games this season where the Irish had more turnovers than assists — vs. Villanova (15-16) and vs. Seton Hall (13-17). Notre Dame committed a season-high 20 turnovers against Pittsburgh in its matchup at the Joyce Center.**

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS —

Notre Dame's Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic title marked the fourth time the Irish have captured the championship of an in-season tournament and the first in 10 years. Previously Notre Dame won the title of the Sugar Bowl Tournament in 1954, 1955 and 1992.

109 AND COUNTING —

Heading into its BIG EAST Championship quarterfinal game, Notre Dame has hit at least one three-pointer in 109 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 marked the 100th consecutive game in which the Irish hit a three-pointer. Notre Dame made a season-high 14 against Rutgers on Feb. 6.

CONFERENCE CALL —

Notre Dame's 13-game non-conference schedule featured teams from 11 different conferences — America East, Big Ten, Conference USA, Ivy League, Metro Atlantic Athletic, Mid-American, Northeast, Pacific West, Patriot League, Southeastern and Southern. The Irish have played teams from two of those conferences twice — the Patriot League (Army and Colgate) and SEC (Alabama and Kentucky). Notre Dame finished 10-3 in non-conference play this season.

BOMBS AWAY —

Matt Carroll was six-of-six from three-point range against Tennessee-Chattanooga, matching the school record for three-point field goal percentage. Previously David Rivers and Martin Ingelsby each went five-for-five from three-point range. Carroll is the first Irish player to hit all six of his attempts in a game from downtown.

PICKING UP THE HAWAIIAN HARDWARE —

Ryan Humphrey was named the Most Valuable Player of the Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic. He averaged 24.0 points and 6.3 rebounds, while shooting 73.7 percent from the field in helping the Irish to three wins and the tournament title. Humphrey registered a career-high 31 points against Hawaii Pacific in his first game of the season. Also earning all-tournament honors for the Irish were **David Graves**, **Matt Carroll** and **Chris Thomas**. Graves averaged 15.0 points per game, including nine three-point goals, and registered his fourth career double double against Tennessee-Chattanooga (13 points, 10 rebounds). Carroll averaged 16.7 points and hit 12 three-pointers, including a six-for-six performance

against the Mocs. Carroll set a career-high and became the first Irish player in school history to hit six three-point goals in a game without a miss. Thomas averaged 10.3 points and 8.0 assists, including a career-high 13 assists in the Hawaii Pacific game.

FROM DOWNTOWN —

The Irish are 211-of-567 (.372) from three-point range this season for an average of 7.26 three-point goals per game. The school record for three-pointers in a season is 287, set in 1999-2000, an average of 7.8 per game.

ON THE OFFENSIVE —

Chris Thomas certainly has had an impact on the Irish offense this season. The rookie point guard has figured in on **44.1 percent** of Notre Dame's offensive firepower this season — of the 816 field goals scored, he has 143 field goals and dished off 217 assists.

THOMAS IN CONTROL —

Notre Dame's 1.45 assist-to-turnover ratio, can be attributed to the play of freshman point guard **Chris Thomas** who has already dished off a school record 217 assists (7.48 per game) this season, while committing just 84 turnovers for a 2.90 assist-to-turnover mark. He is averaging a turnover every 13.05 minutes played. Thomas went two consecutive games (Cornell and Hawaii Pacific) without turning the ball over, while finishing with a total of 19 assists. He dished off a personal best 13 assists against the Sea Warriors, the second 10-plus assist performance of his career after dishing off 11 in his collegiate debut against New Hampshire. He played the entire 60 minutes against Georgetown in the quadruple overtime game and committed just five turnovers, including one in the final 40 minutes. In Notre Dame's win at Seton Hall, Thomas played all 40 minutes and turned the ball over just once. **In the last four games, he has 37 assists and just 11 turnovers.**

MINUTEMAN —

Heading into this season, **Harold Swanagan** had averaged just 18.3 minutes per game in the 97 career contests he had played in during his first three seasons. This season, Swanagan is playing an average of 25.3 minutes (a career best) — 7.0 more minutes than the average of his first three campaigns. Against Indiana, he tied his career-high by playing 38 minutes of the contest.

GOING THE DISTANCE —

Chris Thomas has played the entire game in nine of Notre Dame's 16 BIG EAST games, including 60 minutes against Georgetown. He has played the entire game in 11 games overall this season. He went the distance in his first BIG EAST game versus Villanova and has also played the entire 40 minutes against Pittsburgh (both games), Syracuse (both games), Georgetown, Seton Hall (second game) and Miami. Thomas also played 40 minutes in back-to-back games against Indiana and Miami-Ohio. He leads the team in minutes played (1,097) for an average of 37.8 minutes per game. He has played 30-plus minutes in 28 of 29 games this season. Thomas played a season-low 26 minutes against Monmouth on Nov. 25.

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE —

Ryan Humphrey registered his 18th double double of the season and the 38th of his career against St. Johns as he scored 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. He ranks eighth nationally (according to SPORTS Inc.) in that category and first among all BIG EAST players. Humphrey has registered a double double in 12 of the last 14 games and in 15 of his last 20 contests. Here is is breakdown of double doubles this season: vs. Hawaii-Pacific (31 pts./10 rebs.); vs. DePaul (18 pts./16 rebs.); at Indiana (23 pts./12 rebs.); at Canisius (14 pts./11 rebs.); vs. COLGATE (21 pts./10 rebs.); vs. VILLANOVA (18 pts./10 rebs.); at Syracuse (29 pts., 11 rebs.); vs. KENTUCKY (14 pts./12 rebs.); vs. GEORGETOWN (19 pts./11 rebs.); vs. SETON HALL (16 pts./12 rebs.); at Seton Hall (11 pts./10 rebs.); at Georgetown (23 pts./14 rebs.); at Rutgers (18 pts./19 rebs.); vs. SYRACUSE (15 pts./13 rebs.); vs. WEST VIRGINIA (19 pts./13 rebs.); at Miami (15 pts./10 rebs.); at St. John's (29 pts./11 rebs) and vs. PROVIDENCE (21 pts./13 rebs).

THE HUMPHREY HYPE —

Ryan Humphrey's streak of seven consecutive games with a double double is the longest since LaPhonso Ellis' senior season, the 1991-92 campaign, when he put together a string of nine straight games with a double double. Humphrey's 18 double doubles are the third most by an Irish player in a single season since that same season when he registered double figures in both scoring and rebounding in 23 games. Troy Murphy had 20 double doubles during the 1999-2000 campaign, his sophomore season. He had a string of five straight double double efforts on two occasions during that year.

TERRIFIC TORRIAN —

Sophomore **Torrian Jones** certainly ranks as Notre Dame's most improved player and has proven to be a real spark for the Irish in the lineup. Jones has started in place of Matt Carroll in each of the last two games and has made nine starting appearances overall in the 28 games he has played this season. Against Miami (Fla.) one week ago, he scored a career-high 17 points while playing a personal best 29 minutes. Jones earned his first career start against Seton Hall on Jan. 26 and responded with four points and three rebounds. Following that game, he started in each of Notre Dame's next six outings. The second-year player currently is averaging 3.8 points and 2.1 rebounds. In outings against Monmouth and Army, he grabbed 16 rebounds in 36 minutes for an average of 2.3 rebounds per minute. In the Monmouth

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. Kelly Tripucka (1977-81)	1,719
8. David Graves (1998-present)	1,695
9. Bob Arnzen (1966-69)	1,665
10. Bob Whitmore (1966-69)	1,580
11. LaPhonso Ellis (1988-92)	1,505

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. Daimon Sweet (1988-92)	601
13. David Graves (1998-present)	585

Three-Point Field Goals Made

1. David Graves (1998-present)	249
2. Ryan Hoover (1992-96)	248
3. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	190

Three-Point Field Goal Percentage

1. Joe Frederick (1987-90)	490
2. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01)	424
3. David Graves (1998-present)	413
4. David Rivers (1985-88)	406
5. Keith Friel (1996-98)	397
6. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	380

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. Admore White (1993-97)	390
8. Jimmy Dillon (1996-00)	387
9. David Graves (1998-present)	328
12. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	250

Blocked Shots

1. LaPhonso Ellis (1988-92)	200
2. Ryan Humphrey (2000-present)	148

Blocked Shot Average

1. Ryan Humphrey (2000-present) ...	2.64
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Steals

1. David Rivers (1984-88)	201
2. David Graves (1998-present)	194

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Charting the Irish

Rebounding Average

1. Walter Sahn (1962-65)	16.85
2. Tom Hawkins (1956-59)	16.68
3. Ron Reed (1962-65)	14.29
4. Michael Graney (1957-60)	13.33
5. Bob Whitmore (1966-69)	12.42
6. John Shumate (1972-74)	11.61
7. Bob Arnzen (1966-69)	11.51
8. LaPhonso Ellis (1988-92)	11.08
9. Collis Jones (1968-71)	10.40
10. Troy Murphy (1998-01)	9.83
11. Adrian Dantley (1973-76)	9.80
12. Ryan Humphrey (2000-present)	9.73

Games Played

1. David Graves (1998-present)	126
2. Elmer Bennett (1988-92)	124
3. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01)	123
Harold Swanagan (1998-present) ..	123

Games Started

1. David Rivers (1984-88)	116
2. Pat Garrity (1994-98)	111
3. David Graves (1998-present)	103

Irish in the National Statistics

Ryan Humphrey

Rebounds 13th

Chris Thomas

Assists 5th

Team

Scoring Margin 21st

game, Jones tied his career-high (established against Hawaii-Pacific) with seven points and a career-best 10 rebounds. He also had seven points in the win at Georgetown. Jones played 22 minutes versus Miami and had six points and two rebounds in addition to an assist, steal and a block. Jones had the game-winning block on a three-point shot attempt by Miami-Ohio with four seconds to play in the game. In the loss to Villanova, he was a defensive spark off the bench and had six points and three steals in 14 minutes of action. In the win at West Virginia, he played six minutes and had a key basket late in the game.

DOUBLE DOUBLE DOUBLE —

Harold Swanagan registered his fourth double double of the season and seventh of his career when he scored 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds against Georgetown in the four-overtime game. That followed a 12-point and 11-rebound performance against Rutgers in the previous outing. Swanagan's first double-double of the of the season was against UT-Chattanooga in the second game of the Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic as he netted 19 points and grabbed 10 boards. His second double of the season in the DePaul game when he scored 16 points and hauled in 11 rebounds. **David Graves** also has a double double to his credit as he had 13 points and 10 rebounds versus UT-Chattanooga.

MOUNTING THE COMEBACK —

The Irish have trailed at the half in 11 games this season. In Notre Dame's first seven games of the season, the combined time the Irish had trailed in those contests was under seven minutes. Heading into its eighth game of the season at Indiana, Coach Mike Brey's squad had never trailed at the half. Here's a look at the noteworthy comebacks this season:

at Indiana — Notre Dame found itself trailing by 10 at the break after falling behind by as many as 14 in the first half. The Irish never led in the contest, but were able to pull within one with 21 seconds to play before the final one-point outcome.

at Miami-Ohio — Notre Dame briefly held a one-point lead against Miami-Ohio early in the contest, but did fall behind by as many as 13 in the first half. The Irish trailed by six at the intermission and gained the lead, which it never relinquished, with 6:19 left in the contest.

at Canisius — Notre Dame trailed by two at the half against Canisius, but outscored the Golden Griffins 51-38 in the second half.

vs. Alabama — Notre Dame fell behind by 20 in the first half against Alabama and trailed by 18 before beginning the second half with a 22-7 run. The Irish led by one twice in the second half (with 6:23 remaining and with 3:28 left in the contest), but fell short in its comeback attempt.

Villanova — Notre Dame trailed by four at the half against Villanova and then fell behind by 14 with 8:18 to play. The Irish then used a 22-8 run to take a one-point lead with 45 seconds remaining, before falling two points short in the game.

at West Virginia — Notre Dame mounted one of its biggest comebacks in recent memory against West Virginia as the Irish trailed by as many as 18 in the first half and 15 at the break. The Irish outscored the Mountaineers 46-28 in the second half and held West Virginia to just three field goals in the final 11 minutes of the contest.

MAKING THE EARLY COMPARISONS —

While it is early in his Irish career, **Chris Thomas** already has a couple of noteworthy accomplishments to his credit. With his 24-point effort against New Hampshire and 22-point performance in the Cornell game, he became the first Irish freshman to score 20-plus points in each of his first two games. He is also just the second Notre Dame player to record two consecutive 20-point outings in the first two games of his career. Only Austin Carr, who finished his career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,560 career points, recorded back-to-back 20-point games in the first two games of his career. As a sophomore in his first season (1968-69), Carr opened up his career with point totals of 20 vs. Kings College, 26 vs. UCLA, 22 vs. Wisconsin and 30 vs. St. Louis in his first four games.

TRIPLE THE PLEASURE —

It only took one game for freshman point guard **Chris Thomas** to do what no other Irish player had done previously in the program's 96-plus year history — a triple double. Thomas scored 24 points, dished off 11 assists and made a school and Joyce Center record 11 steals against New Hampshire. The Irish rookie shot nine-of-18 from the field and five-of-nine from three-point range in 34 minutes of action.

GRAVES IN THE GROOVE —

With classmates **Ryan Humphrey** and **Harold Swanagan** not in the game against New Hampshire, tri-captain **David Graves** had one of the top performances of his career as he tossed in a game-high 26 points (third highest point total of his career), grabbed five rebounds and made a career-high seven steals all in just 27 minutes of action on the court. He hit 10-of-16 shots from the field and was three-of-six from three-point range.

MACURA FINDS HIS MATCH —

Irish head coach Mike Brey made the decision at the start of the preseason to have forward **Jere Macura** become more of an inside player, which has seemed to benefit the junior's play as he registered back-to-back career-high outings in his first two games. Macura made the most of his two starts in the first two games of the season. Against New Hampshire, he had a then career-high 14 points, while also grabbing six rebounds in 26 minutes of action as he connected on six-of-nine shots from the field in the contest. Macura then followed

Charting the Irish

Assists (Single Season)

1. Chris Thomas (2001-02) 217

Assist Average (Single Season)

1. Jackie Meehan (1970-71) 7.64
2. Chris Thomas (2001-02) 7.48

Blocked Shots (Single Season)

1. LaPhonso Ellis (1991-92) 86
2. Ryan Humphrey (2000-01) 79
3. Ryan Humphrey (2001-02) 69

Blocked Shot Average (Single Season)

1. Ryan Humphrey (2000-01) 2.72
2. Ryan Humphrey (2001-02) 2.56

Steals (Single Season)

1. Jimmy Dillon (1999-00) 66
2. Chris Thomas (2001-02) 63

Steal Average (Single Season)

1. Chris Thomas (2001-02) 2.17

that up with a career-high 16-point outing against Cornell. In addition, he also grabbed eight rebounds in the contest. Last season, Macura had just one double-figure game (10 points at Rutgers in Piscataway, N.J.) after scoring in double figures five times as a freshman. Currently, he is averaging 4.2 points and 3.0 rebounds and has played in 16 games. He did not dress for Notre Dame's home contest against West Virginia game because of plantar fasciitis and did not play in the win at Miami or in the loss to St. John's.

STEALING THE SHOW —

Notre Dame had a school record and Joyce Center record 26 steals against New Hampshire, bettering the old mark of 22 set against Vermont on Dec. 21, 1976. **Chris Thomas** led the Irish with 11 (a school record), while **David Graves** had a career-high seven steals which would have tied the old mark set by Ray Martin in 1974.

JORDAN JUMPS INTO THE ACT —

While freshman **Chris Thomas** certainly made his mark this season, Notre Dame's other rookie, **Jordan Cornette**, also has played well and earned starts in recent outings against Georgetown, Seton Hall and Pittsburgh. He is averaging 3.0 points and 3.6 rebounds this season. The 6-9 forward earned his sixth start of the season in place of Harold Swanagan against the Panthers on Jan. 30 and was in the starting lineup in the win over Seton Hall at the Joyce Center when he played a career best 32 minutes, tallying six points and grabbing a personal best 10 rebounds. He matched that rebounding total against West Virginia at home on February 20. Against Georgetown on Jan. 21, he had a career-high 11 points (on five-for-eight shooting from the field) and played 31 minutes. He logged 29 minutes against New Hampshire in the season opener and had eight points, six rebounds and three assists. His playing time increased when **Harold Swanagan** went out of the game with a knee injury, which left the Irish with just two frontline players — **Macura** and **Cornette**. Against Cornell, he started in place of Swanagan and played 29 minutes while scoring three points and grabbing six rebounds. Cornette has played in 27 contests (did not see action in the Indiana and Syracuse contests) and is averaging 15.1 minutes per game. He scored six points and grabbed two rebounds in the loss to Alabama as he played 17 minutes, logging 12 in the second half. He started in place of Swanagan in contests against Colgate and Villanova. In his first BIG EAST contest versus the Wildcats, Cornette played 25 minutes.

TIMMERMANS STANDS TALL —

After missing the first nine games of the season with a sprained right knee, sophomore **Tom Timmermans** has had an impact in recent outings coming off the bench. He is averaging 2.1 points and 2.3 rebounds in playing 9.7 minutes per game. Against Georgetown in the four-overtime victory, Timmermans played a personal best 23 minutes while scoring five points and grabbing a then career-high five rebounds. He logged 18 minutes against Colgate on Dec. 30 and finished with a career-high six points and four rebounds. Timmermans had a career-high six boards in nine minutes against Rutgers on the road. He played 21 minutes against Syracuse at the Joyce Center and tied his career rebounding high as he finished with six boards.

TRIFECTA —

The perimeter shooting combination of **David Graves**, **Matt Carroll** and **Chris Thomas** have combined for 93.1 percent of Notre Dame's three-pointers this season. The Irish trio has made 189 of the team's 203 shots from beyond the arc and has taken 89.4 percent (489 of 547) of its three-point attempts. Graves leads the team with 69 three-pointers, followed by Thomas (63) and Carroll (57).

IRONMEN —

David Graves has played in all 126 games of his Irish career, while **Harold Swanagan** has missed just three games (all this season against Colgate, Georgetown and Seton Hall). Prior to the Colgate contest, Swanagan had played in 108 consecutive contests. Graves and Swanagan played in all 30 games during their freshman and junior seasons and saw action in all 37 in their sophomore season. Graves has earned 103 starting appearances during his three seasons, while Swanagan has made 74 starts.

BLOCK PARTY —

Notre Dame set the single-season team record for blocked shots last season with 178 in 30 games for an average of 5.93 blocks per game. The previous mark of 145 was set by the 1991-92 Irish team. Notre Dame had 110 blocks during the 1999-2000 campaign. **Ryan Humphrey** led the Irish with 79 blocks, the second-highest individual single-season mark in school history and ranked 18th in the nationally with 2.7 blocks per game. Humphrey has 67 blocks this season for an average of 2.56 blocks per game this season. As a team, Notre Dame has blocked 143 shots (4.93 per game).

THE DEFENSE NEVER RESTS —

Notre Dame's field goal percentage defense has been impressive this season as the Irish have held 10 of their 29 opponents to 37 percent and under shooting from the field. Notre Dame has held five opponents to under 32 percent — New Hampshire (31.5), Monmouth (31.7), Army (29.5), DePaul (29.6) and Seton Hall (29.0). **Alabama shot 50.8 percent from the field, marking the first time in 36 contests (dating back to last season) that an Irish opponent had shot better than 50.0 percent from the field. Villanova became the second team in 38 games above 50.0 percent from the field as the Wildcats connected on 56.0 percent.**

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MR. INDIANA

Freshman point guard **Chris Thomas** is the first Mr. Basketball from Indiana to attend Notre Dame. He played in the McDonald's All-American game and was a fourth team *Parade* All-American honoree. He led his Pike high school team to the Class 4-A state championship as a senior after averaging 23.3 points, 5.7 assists and 3.7 steals. Thomas is the 12th McDonald's All-American to attend Notre Dame.

MILLER TIME

Dan Miller, a 6-8, 223-pound guard/forward from Mt. Holly, N.J., has transferred to Notre Dame from the University of Maryland following three seasons. He has one year of eligibility remaining with the 2002-03 campaign. Miller was a former McDonald's and *Parade* All-American at Rancocas Valley High School.

JERSEY #1 TO BE WORN FOR FIRST TIME AT NOTRE DAME

Freshman point guard **Chris Thomas** becomes the first player in the 96-year history of the Notre Dame men's basketball program to wear jersey #1.

DANNY WHITE ADDED TO IRISH ROSTER —

Head coach Mike Brey has added guard **Danny White** to the Irish roster for the 2001-02 season. White, the son of director of athletics Kevin White, played for Towson University, before transferring to Notre Dame in January of 2001.

IRISH INK THREE IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD —

Notre Dame signed three players to national letters of intent on Nov. 14 — 6-3, 230-pound forward **Rick Cornett (Country Club Hills, Ill./Homewood Academy)**, 6-10, 220-pound forward **Torin Francis (Roslindale, Mass./Tabor Academy)** and 6-1, 175-pound guard **Chris Quinn (Dublin, Ohio/Coffman)**. Cornett averaged 17.9 points, 12.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocks per game in 2000-01 while leading his prep team to the Illinois Christian School state title for the second consecutive year. In addition, he was a member of the Illinois Warriors AAU team which captured the 17-and-under national crown in 2001. A two-year starter at Tabor Academy, Francis averaged 20.0 points, 10.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots last season as his squad captured its second straight New England Prep school championship. A member of the BABC AAU squad, he helped that team to a runner-up finish at the Nike Showcase in Orlando, Fla. Quinn averaged 18.5 points, 6.0 assists and 3.8 rebounds during his junior year. He set the single-season school assist record with 155 in 26 games while committing just 29 turnovers and was named the Ohio Capital Conference Central Division Player of the Year. All three have participated in the Nike All-America camps.

DEFENSE, DEFENSE —

Notre Dame's defense has limited its opponents to just 67.7 points per game with only 11 opponents scoring more than 61 points. The Irish are outscoring their opponents by 11.0 points per game. The Irish played their first two games of the 2001-02 campaign at home and came away with convincing victories over New Hampshire (95-53) and Cornell (78-48). The 103-point opponent total in the two games is the lowest by an Irish team to start the season since the 1985-96 campaign when Notre Dame allowed 105 points in wins over St. Joseph's of Indiana (79-49) and Butler (87-56).

BROTHERLY LOVE —

Junior **Matt Carroll** and freshman **Jordan Cornette** both have brothers who are playing their collegiate ball at Division I schools. Matt's brother Pat is a freshman at St. Joseph's, while Jordan's brother Joel is a junior member on the Butler team.

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW —

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

SOLD-OUT —

Notre Dame had six sellouts (11,418) in 13 home games this season. That's the most sellouts in a single season since the 1994-95 when nine of the 15 home contests were sold-out. The six sellouts in 2001-02 were: New Hampshire, Colgate, Kentucky, Seton Hall, Syracuse and Providence.

FIRST SEMESTER SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM —

Notre Dame enjoyed tremendous success in the classroom this semester as the Irish combined for a 3.002 grade point average during the 2001 fall semester. Seven of the 13 players earned a 3.00 or higher. **Harold Swanagan** registered the highest grade index of any player on the team. In addition to Swanagan, the other six players above a 3.00 were: **Matt Carroll, Jordan Cornette, Torrian Jones, Dan Miller, Charles Thomas and Chris Thomas**.

MEN'S BASKETBALL BANQUET —

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Notre Dame Men's Basketball Banquet which will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at the Joyce Center. Tickets are \$35 each for the men's banquet and all proceeds from the event benefit the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made payable to the University of Notre Dame and mailed to the Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556.