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Women's Basketball 2008-09

2001 NCAA Champions • 1997 NCAA Final Four
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2009 NCAA Trenton Region — First Round

#23/20 [#7 seed] Notre Dame Fighting Irish (22-8 / 10-6 BIG EAST) vs. #10 seed] Minnesota Golden Gophers (19-11 / 11-7 Big Ten)

◆ DATE: March 22, 2009	◆ TV: ESPN (live)
◆ TIME: 2:30 p.m. ET	Eric Collins, p-b-p
◆ AT: Notre Dame, Ind.	Stephanie White, color
Joyce Center (11,418)	◆ RADIO: Pulse FM (96.9/92.1)
◆ SERIES: UM leads 1-0	Bob Nagle, p-b-p
◆ NCAA: UM leads 1-0	◆ LIVE STATS: UND.com/ncaa.com
◆ LAST MTG: 3/16/94 (UM 81-76)	◆ TICKETS: (574) 631-7356



2008-09 Schedule

22-8 / 10-6 BIG EAST

N5	Gannon (exhibition)	W, 96-30
N16	(16/14) @ LSU (24/22) ^{1-ESPN2}	W, 62-53
N19	(15/15) Evansville	W, 96-61
N23	(15/15) @ Boston College	W, 102-54
N25	(14/10) Georgia Southern	W, 85-36
N29	(14/10) Michigan State (24/rv)	W, 78-72
D2	(11/8) @ Eastern Michigan	W, 83-63
D7	(11/8) Purdue (17/20)	W, 62-51
D10	(8/8) @ Michigan ^{BTN}	L, 59-63 ^{OT}
D13	(8/8) @ Valparaiso ^{ESPN360/FC}	W, 63-55
D20	(13/7) Loyola-Chicago	W, 89-45
D28	(12/6) @ Charlotte ^{ESPN2}	W, 68-61
D30	(12/6) @ Vanderbilt (20/19)	W, 59-57
J3	(12/6) • @ Seton Hall	W, 66-60
J6	(12/4) • @ DePaul ^{CBS CS}	W, 86-62
J10	(12/4) • Georgetown	W, 84-63
J13	(10/4) • @ Marquette ^{CBS CS}	L, 65-75
J17	(10/4) • St. John's	W, 70-67
J24	(13/9) • @ Villanova	L, 48-55
J27	(17/13) • Rutgers ^{CBS CS}	L, 68-78
J31	(17/13) • Cincinnati	W, 66-50
F3	(19/16) • @ Pittsburgh (22/24)	L, 70-82
F8	(19/16) • DePaul (25/25) ^{ESPN2}	W, 62-59
F11	(22/22) • Louisville (10/12)	L, 66-71
F17	(24/24) • @ South Florida	W, 86-79
F22	(24/24) • @ Connecticut (1/1) ^{2-ESPN2}	L, 66-76
F24	(23/22) • Syracuse	W, 90-79
F28	(23/22) • @ Providence	W, 65-56
M2	(20/22) • West Virginia	W, 72-66
M7	(20/17) vs. St. John's ^{3-BETV}	W, 62-45
M8	(20/17) vs. Villanova ^{3-ESPN2}	L, 47-58
M22	vs. Minnesota^{4-ESPN2}	2:30 ET
M24	NCAA 2nd Round ^{4-ESPN2}	7:00 ET
M29	NCAA Regional Semifinal ^{5-ESPN2}	TBA
M31	NCAA Regional Final ^{5-ESPN2}	TBA
A5	NCAA National Semifinals ^{6-ESPN2}	TBA
A7	NCAA Championship Game ^{6-ESPN2}	TBA

Storylines

- ◆ Notre Dame is making its 14th consecutive NCAA Championship appearance, and 16th overall, having compiled a 25-14 (.641) record in the event.
- ◆ The Irish are playing host to NCAA tournament first- and second-round games for the fifth time, having gone 6-1 at the Joyce Center in their first four hosting opportunities.

The tradition continues for No. 23/20 Notre Dame, as the seventh-seeded Irish prepare to make their 14th consecutive trip to the NCAA Championship (and 16th overall), beginning Sunday with a 2:30 p.m. (ET) first-round game against No. 10 seed Minnesota at the Joyce Center. The game will be televised live to a national cable audience by ESPN, which will feature its whiparound coverage to other tournament games at the same time, but will protect the home markets of both schools so they will see the game in its entirety.

Notre Dame (22-8) will be playing for the first time in two weeks after a 58-47 loss to Villanova in the quarterfinals of the BIG EAST Championship in Hartford, Conn. The Irish led by 10 points in the first half, but lost their shooting eye in the second half, while the Wildcats came alive to eliminate Notre Dame. Junior guards **Ashley Barlow** and **Melissa Lechitner** scored a team-high 10 points to pace the Irish.

Rankings

- ◆ Notre Dame was ranked 23rd in the final Associated Press poll and is 20th in the latest ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.
- ◆ Minnesota is not ranked.

Web Sites

- ◆ Notre Dame: <http://www.UND.com>
- ◆ Minnesota: <http://www.gophersports.com>
- ◆ BIG EAST: <http://www.bigeast.org>
- ◆ Big Ten: <http://www.bigten.org>

Setting The Standard

Under the guidance of 22nd-year head coach **Muffet McGraw**, Notre Dame has evolved into one of the country's leading women's basketball powers. The Irish have appeared in 16 NCAA Tournaments (including a current streak of 14 in a row) and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 seven times in the past 12 years. Notre Dame also has reached the NCAA Women's Final Four twice, winning college basketball's ultimate prize with the 2001 national championship.

In its history, Notre Dame has developed nine All-Americans, 10 WNBA players (including seven draft picks in the past eight years) and four USA Basketball veterans (eight medals won). Now in their 32nd season in 2008-09, the Irish own an all-time record of **660-295 (.691)**.

Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw

Saint Joseph's '77

- ◆ 22nd season at Notre Dame
 - 496-196 (.717) at Notre Dame.
 - 584-237 (.711) in 27 years as head coach.
- ◆ 2001 consensus National Coach of the Year
- ◆ Four-time Naismith Coach of the Year finalist
- ◆ Four-time conference Coach of the Year
 - BIG EAST Conference (2001)
 - Midwestern Collegiate Conference (1991)
 - North Star Conference (1988)
 - East Coast Conference (@ Lehigh) (1983)
- ◆ 2009 WBCA Carol Eckman Award recipient

Notre Dame's Probable Starting Lineup (c = captain)

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
32	Becca Bruszewski	F	6-1	So.	10.7	5.0	1.6 apg	• Double-figure scorer in 8 of past 11 gms
52	Erica Williamson	C	6-4	Jr.	5.7	4.3	1.0 bpg	• Season-high 11 rebs in 2 of past 5
20	◆ Ashley Barlow (C)	G	5-9	Jr.	12.4	4.9	2.5 spg	• Career-high 69 steals this season
23	Melissa Lechitner (C)	G	5-7	Jr.	10.5	2.7	3.4 apg	• Team-high 1.43 A/TO ratio (9th BIG EAST)
24	◆ Lindsay Schrader (C)	G	6-0	Sr.	12.9	7.5	2.2 apg	• Career-best 7 dbl-dbls (4 in past 7 gms)

Off the Bench For the Irish

1	✓ Erica Solomon	F	6-2	Fr.	6.0	4.5	1.3 bpg	• Top rookie shot-blocker in league (38)
10	Kellie Watson	F	6-2	Fr.	3.9	2.4	1.0 apg	• 2nd on team with 27 three-pointers
12	Fraderica Miller	G	5-10	Fr.	0.8	0.6	0.7 spg	• Sparked rally vs. LOU with 2 stls, 2 rebs
14	Devereaux Peters	F	6-2	So.	7.3	4.3	2.0 bpg	• Out for season (torn ACL left knee @ BC)
21	✓ Natalie Novosel	G	5-11	Fr.	7.0	2.8	1.5 spg	• 15 pts (6-7 FG) in BE 2nd rd vs. STJ
22	Brittany Mallory	G	5-10	So.	8.1	3.3	2.9 apg	• Out for season (torn ACL left knee @ UM)
44	Alena Christiansen	G	5-7	Jr.	0.5	0.2	0.3 spg	• Walk-on joined team Dec. 19; 6 GP

Pronunciations: Alena (uh-LAY-nuh); Bruszewski (broo-SHEFF-skee); Fraderica (fruh-DARE-uh-kuh); Lechitner (LECK-light-ner); Novosel (KNOW-vuh-sell)
◆ = All-BIG EAST Conference selection (Schrader - first team; Barlow - second team) // ✓ = BIG EAST All-Freshman Team selection

(x) = numbers before opponent name indicate ND rank in AP/ESPN-USA Today polls; numbers after are opponent rank.

- = BIG EAST Conference game
- 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)
- 2 = Game played at XL Center (Hartford, Conn.)
- 3 = BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn.)
- 4 = NCAA Trenton Region First/Second Rounds (Notre Dame, Ind.)
- 5 = NCAA Trenton Regional (Trenton, N.J.)
- 6 = NCAA Women's Final Four (St. Louis, Mo.)

ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN = Game to be televised on ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN
ESPN360/FC = Game televised on ESPN360.com/ESPN Full Court
CBS CS = Game televised on CBS College Sports
BETV = Game televised on BIG EAST TV package
BTN = Game televised on Big Ten Network

NOTE: All regular-season home games not scheduled for commercial TV broadcast aired live on UND.com.

All games will be broadcast live on South Bend's Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) and worldwide on the Internet at UND.com.

All times local to site and subject to change





A Quick Look At The Fighting Irish

After battling the injury bug and the challenge of an extremely young bench, Notre Dame has come away with its 14th consecutive NCAA Championship bid and its 15th 20-win season in the past 16 years. The Irish (22-8, 10-6), who were ranked 23rd in the final Associated Press poll and 20th in the current ESPN/USA Today poll, are seeded seventh in the Trenton Region and will bring NCAA postseason play back to the Joyce Center for the first time since 2004.

Despite losing two key players (sophomores **Devereaux Peters** and **Brittany Mallory**) to season-ending knee injuries earlier in the year, Notre Dame consistently has ranked among the top 40 teams in the nation in scoring offense (28th at 71.5 ppg.) and field goal percentage (37th at .434).

The Irish also feature a balanced offense that sees four players presently scoring in double figures. In addition, nine different players have led the team in scoring at least once during the year, while 10 of the 12 players have scored in double figures at least once to date.

First-team all-BIG EAST senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** has posted career-high averages almost across the board this season, leading the squad in scoring (12.9 ppg.) and rebounding (7.5 rpg.). She also has a team-high seven double-doubles this year, and is averaging 17.6 points and 9.5 rebounds in her last seven games.

Second-team all-BIG EAST junior guard **Ashley Barlow** is second on the team in both scoring (12.4 ppg.) and third in rebounding (4.9 rpg.). She also is among the BIG EAST leaders in steals (2.46 spg.) and has knocked down a

team-high 38 three-pointers (including a career-high four treys at top-ranked Connecticut).

The Irish also are paced by two of the BIG EAST's most improved players in sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski** and junior point guard **Melissa Lechlitner**. In her first year as a starter, Bruszewski has doubled her scoring (10.7 ppg.) and rebounding (5.0 rpg.) averages, along with a team-high .494 field goal percentage that is 11th-best in the BIG EAST. What's more, she is in the midst of the most successful run of her young career, averaging 14.1 points and 6.3 rebounds in her last 11 games, including a career-high 20 points twice (USF, Syracuse).

Also a first-year starter, Lechlitner is fourth on the team in scoring (10.5 ppg.) while setting the pace with 3.43 assists per game and a 1.43 assist/turnover ratio (all well above her previous career highs). She also has scored in double figures 16 times after reaching that mark 16 times in her first two years combined.

Potent Notables About The Irish

- Notre Dame is among the nation's winningest programs during the past 12 seasons (1996-97 to present), ranking seventh with 314 victories.
- Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance each of the past eight seasons. This year, the program ranks ninth with an average of 7,228 fans for its 12 home games. The Irish also have drawn 5,000-or-more fans to 123 of their last 125 home games, including six Joyce Center sellouts of 11,418 (most recently on Dec. 7, 2008 vs. Purdue).
- The Irish have become a regular fixture in the WNBA Draft in recent years, as seven Notre Dame players have been selected in the past eight seasons. **Charel Allen** was the most recent Irish player to be chosen, going to the Sacramento Monarchs in the third round (43rd overall pick) of the 2008 WNBA Draft. **Allen**, **Megan Duffy** (New York) and **Ruth Riley** (San Antonio) all were active in the league during the '08 season, with all three teams making the playoffs (San Antonio made the WNBA Finals, while New York was the Eastern Conference runner-up). Three of Notre Dame's eight WNBA alums have won a total of four league championships — Riley won a pair of crowns with the Detroit Shock (2003 Finals MVP, 2006), **Coquese Washington** toiled for the 2000 Houston Comets, while **Jacqueline Batteast** was Riley's teammate on the '06 title-winning squad in Detroit.
- For the third year in a row, the Irish posted a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), according to figures released by the NCAA in October 2008. Notre Dame also was one of only four teams with a perfect '07 GSR to advance to the 2008 NCAA Sweet 16 (joining Oklahoma State, Tennessee and Vanderbilt). Furthermore, since **Muffet**

Winningest Teams (1996-97 to present)

429	Connecticut
410	Tennessee
371	Duke
337	Louisiana Tech
331	Old Dominion
327	Purdue
◆314	NOTRE DAME
<small>NOTE: through games of March 17.</small>	

Covering the Irish

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Media Services

The official Notre Dame athletics web site contains schedules, rosters, updated statistics and some historical information from previous seasons. High-resolution color headshots and action photos of Notre Dame players, coaches and staff are available upon request.

Official Notre Dame athletics web site:

- <http://www.UND.com>

Game Notes

Notre Dame's game notes package is completed and made available on-line through the official Irish athletics web site during the season, usually at least one day prior to tipoff. Notre Dame's game notes are in Adobe PDF format and will be distributed via *electronic means only* (e-mail or web). Fax distribution is by request only.

Please contact **Chris Masters** if you wish to be added to the e-mail distribution list for Notre Dame's regular women's basketball releases.

Pre-Championship Media Availability

During the week leading up to the NCAA Championship first- and second-round games in South Bend, Notre Dame players and coaches will be made available for interviews upon request on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

All media inquiries for Notre Dame player, coach or staff members must be made through **Chris Masters** and 24 hours' notice is appreciated. Please be aware that the student-athletes' academic obligations always take precedence before any media requests are fulfilled.

Under no circumstances are team personnel to be contacted without prior authorization from Masters. Violation of this policy is grounds for credential revocation and dismissal from the competition site.

NCAA Championship Media Policies

During NCAA Championship competition, the NCAA interview and press conference policies will be strictly followed. Notre Dame is scheduled to hold its pre-tournament press conference in the Monogram Room at the Joyce Center (located off the concourse on the second floor of the arena, access via Gate 1) on Saturday, March 21, from 1:20-1:50 p.m. (ET). Head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players will attend this press briefing, while the Irish locker room will remain open for those media members who wish to speak with players or staff not in attendance at the media session.

Should Notre Dame advance to play a second-round game, the Irish will hold another press conference on Monday, March 23 from 4:20-4:50 p.m. (ET), also in the Monogram Room at the Joyce Center.

Following each NCAA game, the winning coach and selected players will appear first in the post-game press conference after the standard cooling-off period. The losing coach and players will follow upon the completion of the first media session. During the post-game press conferences, the locker rooms will be open to media members who wish to speak with team personnel not in attendance at the main briefing.

For more information or clarification on these media policies, please see Notre Dame assistant SID **Chris Masters**, Notre Dame site media coordinator **Sean Carroll** or a member of the Notre Dame sports information staff.

NCAA Championship Practices

In accordance with NCAA Championship policy, Notre Dame will practice at the Joyce Center on Saturday, March 21 from 2:10-3:10 p.m. (ET). This session is open to the public, although visiting media members are kindly asked to refrain from interviewing Irish players, coaches or staff during the practice session unless specifically authorized by Notre Dame assistant SID **Chris Masters**.

Should Notre Dame advance to play a second-round game, the Irish will conduct a closed practice at the Joyce Center Monday, March 23 from 2:40-4:10 p.m. (ET). Only members of the ESPN broadcast crew and production staff will be allowed to attend this practice session.

LAST IRISH GAME

Villanova 58, #20/17 Notre Dame 47
BIG EAST Championship — Quarterfinal
March 8, 2009
XL Center (Hartford, Conn.)

Notre Dame (47)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	35	4-6	0-0	1-2	7	0	2	9
Williamson	9	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Barlow	32	4-9	1-3	1-1	5	1	2	10
Lechlitner	37	5-15	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	10
Schrader	32	4-13	0-0	1-2	7	0	2	9
Solomon	12	0-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Watson	18	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	2
Miller	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Novosel	23	1-2	0-0	3-4	3	0	2	5
Team					4			
Totals	200	20-55	1-5	6-9	33	3	12	47

Villanova (58)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Kurz	37	8-14	1-2	4-5	11	1	0	21
Karcic	36	3-9	3-7	2-2	6	2	1	11
Elliott	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Getty	32	2-6	1-5	2-2	2	1	1	7
Dougherty	9	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	2
O'Connor	35	3-7	3-6	0-0	3	1	1	9
Jones	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Grant	14	0-3	0-2	2-2	0	0	0	2
Swiezynski	15	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	0
Scanlon	17	2-2	2-2	0-0	3	0	2	6
Team					3			
Totals	200	19-46	10-25	10-11	30	8	6	58

Notre Dame	25	22	—	47
Villanova	21	37	—	58

FG Pct: Notre Dame 36.4, Villanova 41.3. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 20.0, Villanova 40.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, Villanova 90.9. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Villanova 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 0, Villanova 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 6 (Barlow, Schrader 2), Villanova 5 (Kurz 2). **Attendance:** 9,270.





2008-09 Standings (through March 17)

Table with columns: BIG EAST, Overall, W, L, W, L. Lists teams like Connecticut, Louisville, Pittsburgh, Villanova, etc.

(n) Ranking in Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls

Postseason Awards

Player of the Year..... Maya Moore, Connecticut
Freshman of the Year..... Da'Shena Stevens, St. John's
Co-Coaches of the Year.... Geno Auriemma, Connecticut

All-BIG EAST First Team

Candycy Bingham, Sr., F..... Louisville
*Tina Charles, Jr., C..... Connecticut
Shantia Grace, Sr., G..... South Florida

All-BIG EAST Second Team

Ashley Barlow, Jr., G..... Notre Dame
Takisha Granberry, Sr., G..... West Virginia
Monique McLean, Sr., G..... St. John's

All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention

Krystal Ellis, Sr., G..... Marquette
Karee Houlette, Sr., G..... Georgetown
Nicole Michael, Jr., G..... Syracuse

BIG EAST All-Freshman Team

Kandice Green, Fr., F..... Seton Hall
Keisha Hampton, Fr., F..... DePaul
Tiffany Hayes, Fr., G..... Connecticut

* - unanimous selection

Around the BIG EAST

McGraw became the Irish head coach in 1987, every Notre Dame women's basketball player that has completed her athletic and academic eligibility at the University has graduated (a 57-for-57 success rate).

A Quick Look At Minnesota

For the seventh time in eight years, Minnesota is headed to the NCAA Championship, after posting a 19-11 record and tying for fifth place in the Big Ten Conference with an 11-7 mark.

Minnesota comes into Sunday's game at Notre Dame having dropped five of its last seven games, including a 79-64 loss to Iowa in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten tournament in Indianapolis.

Fox, a second-team all-Big Ten selection, leads UM in scoring (12.8 ppg.) and is tied for top honors with 64 steals. Ellis-Milan copped third-team all-league honors after averaging 11.9 points and a team-best 7.3 rebounds per game.

Head coach Pam Borton is in her seventh season at Minnesota with a 150-72 (.676) record at the school. Adding in her four years at the helm of the Vermont women's program (1993-94 to 1996-97), Borton has an 11-year career record of 220-118 (.651), while Sunday will mark her first-ever matchup against Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame-Minnesota Series

Sunday will mark just the second meeting between Notre Dame and Minnesota. The Irish and Golden Gophers faced off in the opening round of the 1994 NCAA East Region at the Joyce Center, with UM claiming an 81-76 win.

The Last Time ND And Minnesota Met

Freshman forward Beth Morgan scored a game-high 26 points, but it would not be enough as 10th-seeded Minnesota slipped past No. 7 seed Notre Dame, 81-76 on March 16, 1994, in an NCAA East Region first-round game at the Joyce Center.

Morgan, who would go on to become the program's all-time leading scorer and a two-time honorable mention All-American, connected on 10 of 21 shots in 39 minutes. Carey Poor came off the bench to add 11 points and Kara Leary scored 10 points for the Irish, while Letitia Bowen grabbed a game-high eight rebounds.

Notre Dame trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half, but closed the period on a 12-2 run to pull within 31-30 at the intermission. The Irish then regained the lead at 42-40 on Poor's basket with 14 minutes to play, but the Gophers answered with nine consecutive points and never let Notre Dame get closer than the five-point final margin.

The Irish committed 28 fouls in the contest, as Minnesota made 24 of 34 free throws. Notre Dame outrebounded the Gophers, 44-29, but

LAST IRISH GAME vs. MINNESOTA

Minnesota 81, Notre Dame 76
NCAA East Region - First Round
March 16, 1994
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Minnesota (81)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Lists players like Pearson, Flint, Shudlick, etc.

Notre Dame (76)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Lists players like Morgan, Bowen, Jones, etc.

Summary table for Minnesota and Notre Dame stats.

FG Pct: Minnesota 51.0, Notre Dame 43.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Minnesota 45.5, Notre Dame 25.0. FT Pct: Minnesota 70.6, Notre Dame 78.9. Turnovers: Minnesota 20, Notre Dame 21. Blocked Shots: Minnesota 5 (C. Shudlick 3), Notre Dame 3. Steals: Minnesota 14 (Klotzbecher 3), Notre Dame 13 (Bowen, Orlosky 3). Attendance: 2,296.

the Irish turned the ball over 21 times. Minnesota also shot 51 percent from the field (26-51), including 65 percent in the second half.

Carol Ann Shudlick, who earned the 1994 WBCA Wade Trophy as the national player of the year, led five Gophers in double figures with 19 points, while Nikki Coates added 14 points and Nancy Alexander had 13 points on a perfect shooting day (5-5 FG, 2-2 3FG, 1-1 FT).

Other ND-Minnesota Series Tidbits

- Notre Dame and Minnesota have played four common opponents this year - Boston College, Michigan State, Purdue and Michigan. The Irish went 3-1 against this quartet (losing at Michigan in OT), while the Gophers were 5-2 against these common foes (lost twice to Purdue).
Although Notre Dame never has played Minnesota outside of the Joyce Center, the Irish previously visited the Twin Cities in 1982, playing in the Saint Catherine tournament (lost to Creighton and Marquette).
While Minnesota head coach Pam Borton has not faced the Irish as a head coach, she saw them for five seasons as an assistant and associate head coach at Boston College from 1997-98 through 2001-02. In that time, the Irish went 4-2 against BC.
Minnesota director of athletics Joel Maturi is a 1967 graduate of Notre Dame (B.A. in government) and was on the support staff for legendary Irish football coach Ara Parseghian's first national championship squad in 1966.





- Notre Dame junior guard **Melissa Lechlitrer** and Minnesota redshirt freshman forward **Kristen Dockery** were teammates for three seasons (2003-04 to 2005-06) at South Bend's St. Joseph's High School, located across the street from the southwest corner of the Notre Dame campus. During their time together, Lechlitrer and Dockery comprised two-fifths of the Indians' starting lineup that featured four Division I players (along with Valparaiso's **Aimee Litka** and Tennessee's **Sydney Smallbone**) and helped St. Joe to a Class 3A state title in 2005.
- Lechlitrer and Dockery also played AAU ball together for Indiana Elite (based at Midwest Basketball Academy in Mishawaka, Ind., located just east of the Notre Dame campus). For two years, the pair were AAU teammates with Irish sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski**.
- In 1997-98, Notre Dame assistant coach **Angie (Potthoff) Barber** was a teammate of former Minnesota All-American **Carol Ann (Shudlick) Smith** with the Columbus (Ohio) Quest of the now-defunct American Basketball League, helping the Quest win their second consecutive league title.
- Notre Dame has suited up four Minnesota natives in the program's 32-year history. The most recent state resident to play for the Irish was Edina product **Kelley Siemon** (1997-2001), who was a starting forward on Notre Dame's 2001 national championship squad and was named the BIG EAST Most Improved Player that season.

Notre Dame vs. The Big Ten Conference

Notre Dame is 38-47 (.447) all-time against the Big Ten Conference, including a 22-16 (.579) record at the Joyce Center. The Irish also are 31-33 (.484) against the Big Ten in the **Muffet McGraw** era (1987-88 to present), with a 17-11 (.607) home slate.

What's more, Notre Dame has won 11 of its last 16 games against Big Ten schools and four in a row at home, dating back three seasons since a 54-51 loss to Indiana on Dec. 3, 2006.

This season, the Irish have added a pair of victories over Big Ten foes at the Joyce Center — 78-72 over 24th-ranked Michigan State on Nov. 29, and a 62-51 victory over No. 17/20 Purdue on Dec. 7. The Irish also dropped a 63-59 overtime game at Michigan on Dec. 10.

Notre Dame is 3-4 against Big Ten teams in the NCAA Championship, most recently falling to Penn State, 55-49 in the 2004 East Regional semifinals in Hartford, Conn. Four of those games have come against in-state rival Purdue, with the most notable being the 2001 NCAA national championship game won by Notre Dame, 68-66, at the Savvis Center (now Scottrade Center) in St. Louis.

When playing at the Joyce Center in the

Notre Dame In the Polls

Associated Press Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			08-09	All Time
Nov. 1, 2008 (Pre)	374	16	1	160
Nov. 17, 2008	459	15	2	161
Nov. 24, 2008	579	14	3	162
Dec. 1, 2008	669	11	4	163
Dec. 8, 2008	784	8	5	164
Dec. 15, 2008	598	13	6	165
Dec. 22, 2008	609	12	7	166
Dec. 29, 2008	607	12	8	167
Jan. 5, 2009	644	12	9	168
Jan. 12, 2009	758	10	10	169
Jan. 19, 2009	601	13	11	170
Jan. 26, 2009	443	17	12	171
Feb. 2, 2009	261	19	13	172
Feb. 9, 2009	205	22	14	173
Feb. 16, 2009	130	24	15	174
Feb. 23, 2009	174	23	16	175
March 2, 2009	291	20	17	176
March 9, 2009	161	24	18	177
March 16, 2009 (Final)	170	23	19	178
SEASON HIGHS	784	8		

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			08-09	All Time
Nov. 5, 2008 (Pre)	294	14	1	152
Nov. 18, 2008	367	15	2	153
Nov. 25, 2008	464	10	3	154
Dec. 2, 2008	539	8	4	155
Dec. 9, 2008	559	8	5	156
Dec. 16, 2008	550	tie-7	6	157
Dec. 23, 2008	581	6	7	158
Dec. 30, 2008	588	6	8	159
Jan. 6, 2009	648	4	9	160
Jan. 13, 2009	656	4	10	161
Jan. 20, 2009	546	9	11	162
Jan. 27, 2009	399	13	12	163
Feb. 3, 2009	294	16	13	164
Feb. 10, 2009	194	22	14	165
Feb. 17, 2009	105	24	15	166
Feb. 24, 2009	130	22	16	167
March 3, 2009	232	17	17	168
March 10, 2009	186	20	18	169
March 16, 2009	180	20	19	170
SEASON HIGHS	656	4		

NCAA Championship, the Irish are 1-1 against the Big Ten, losing to Minnesota (81-76) in 1994 and defeating Michigan (88-54) in 2001.

Irish In The NCAA Championship

Notre Dame is set to make its 16th appearance in the NCAA Championship, and 14th in a row, when it takes the Joyce Center court Sunday afternoon against Minnesota. The Irish have a .641 winning percentage (25-14) in NCAA tournament play, which ranks 11th all-time (minimum of 20 games played).

In addition, Notre Dame's current streak of 14 consecutive NCAA Championship appearances ranks seventh in the record books.

Here are some other facts about the Irish in the "Big Dance" (see page 6 sidebar for Notre Dame's year-by-year NCAA Championship results and check pp. 170-186 in this year's Irish media guide for box scores and records):

- Each of Notre Dame's 16 NCAA tournament appearances have come during the tenure of 22nd-year head coach **Muffet McGraw**.
- The Irish have won their NCAA tournament opener in 12 of the past 13 seasons, corresponding exactly with both their current

National Polls

Associated Press Poll

• March 16, 2009: Poll #19 (Final)

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ♦Connecticut (45)	33-0	1,125	1
2 Stanford	29-4	1,062	2
3 Maryland	28-4	1,039	4
4 Oklahoma	28-4	934	3
5 Baylor	27-5	928	7
6 Duke	26-5	891	6
7 ♦Louisville	29-4	846	5
8 Auburn	29-3	827	8
9 Texas A&M	25-7	766	10
10 Ohio State	27-5	739	9
11 North Carolina	27-6	698	11
12 Florida State	25-7	592	13
13 California	25-6	541	12
14 ♦Vanderbilt	24-8	522	15
15 ♦Pittsburgh	23-7	492	14
16 South Dakota State	31-2	386	17
17 Iowa State	24-8	370	18
18 Tennessee	22-10	322	19
19 Arizona State	23-8	275	16
20 Xavier	25-6	243	20
21 Kansas State	24-7	227	22
22 Florida	23-7	191	21
23 NOTRE DAME	22-8	170	23
24 Virginia	23-9	163	25
25 Texas	21-11	113	23

Others Receiving Votes: Middle Tennessee 41, Wisconsin-Green Bay 30, ♦Purdue 22, Marist 22, ♦LSU 17, ♦DePaul 13, USC 4, Utah 4, Gonzaga 3, Montana 3, ♦Villanova 1, Ball State 1, Bowling Green 1, Florida Gulf Coast 1.

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

• March 16, 2009: Poll #19

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ♦Connecticut (31)	33-0	775	1
2 Stanford	29-4	735	2
3 Maryland	28-4	713	4
4 Oklahoma	28-4	644	3
5 Baylor	27-5	639	7
6 Auburn	29-3	587	6
7 ♦Louisville	29-4	584	5
8 Duke	26-5	569	8
9 Texas A&M	25-7	554	9
10 Ohio State	27-5	496	10
11 North Carolina	27-6	450	11
12 Florida State	25-7	399	13
13 ♦Vanderbilt	24-8	374	15
14 California	25-6	365	12
15 South Dakota State	31-2	343	14
16 ♦Pittsburgh	23-7	276	17
17 Kansas State	24-7	268	16
18 Xavier	25-6	240	18
19 Iowa State	24-8	234	19
20 NOTRE DAME	22-8	180	20
21 Florida	23-7	146	22
22 Virginia	23-9	121	23
23 Tennessee	22-10	102	24
24 Texas	21-11	98	21
25 Middle Tennessee	28-5	66	—

Others Receiving Votes: Marist 28, Arizona State 26, Wisconsin-Green Bay 26, ♦DePaul 13, ♦Villanova 9, Bowling Green 4, Gonzaga 3, Liberty 3, ♦Boston College 2, North Carolina A&T 2, Mississippi State 1.

LW = last week

♦ = 2008-09 Notre Dame opponent



**Minnesota Leads Series 1-0**

Date	Site	Result	Score
3/16/94	Notre Dame ¹	L	76-81

¹ = NCAA Championship (East Region first-round game)

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	76	76.0
Minnesota	81	81.0

Current Win Streak: Minnesota - 1 game

Muffet McGraw vs. Minnesota: 0-1

Pam Borton vs. Notre Dame: First meeting

McGraw vs. Borton: First meeting

ND Biggest Win: None

UM Biggest Win: 5 (81-76 on 3/16/94)

ND Longest Win Streak: None

UM Longest Win Streak: 1 (1994)

Minnesota Series

NCAA Championship appearance streak and their membership in the BIG EAST Conference (1995-96 to present).

- Notre Dame is playing an NCAA tournament game on March 22 for the second time. The first contest occurred in the 1997 East Regional semifinals in Columbia, S.C., when the sixth-seeded Irish toppled No. 2 seed Alabama, 87-71, behind a career-high 36 points from All-America forward **Beth Morgan** (the most points ever scored by an Notre Dame women's basketball cager in NCAA postseason play).

- Notre Dame is one of 10 schools in the country to have advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 seven times in the past 12 years (1997-2008). The others can be found in the chart at right.

- Notre Dame is one of 11 schools to make multiple trips to the NCAA Women's Final Four and come away with at least one national championship, going to the semifinals in 1997 and winning it all in 2001. The others in this elite club are shown in the accompanying list at right.
- Notre Dame is 6-1 (.857) all-time in NCAA tournament play at the Joyce Center. Since their 1994 first-round loss to Minnesota, the Irish have won six consecutive NCAA tournament games at home, advancing to the Sweet 16 from the Joyce Center in 2000, 2001 and 2004.

7 Sweet 16 Trips From 1997-2008

Connecticut	12
Tennessee	12
Duke	11
LSU	9
North Carolina	9
Georgia	8
◆NOTRE DAME	7
Louisiana Tech	7
Purdue	7
Rutgers	7

Multiple Final Fours With An NCAA Title

	F4/Titles
Connecticut	9/5
Louisiana Tech	10/2
Maryland	3/1
North Carolina	3/1
◆NOTRE DAME	2/1
Old Dominion	3/1
Purdue	3/1
USC (Southern Cal)	3/2
Stanford	7/2
Tennessee	18/8
Texas	3/1

Sowing The Seeds

Notre Dame has been seeded seventh for the third time in its 16 NCAA Championship appearances, compiling a 1-2 record in its previous two stints at the No. 7 position.

In 1994, the Irish faced this very same Minnesota squad (seeded 10th, just like this year) at the Joyce Center in Notre Dame's first-ever home NCAA tournament game. However, the Golden Gophers spoiled the party with an 81-76 victory.

In 2002, Notre Dame won its first-round game as a seventh seed, ousting No. 10 seed New Mexico, 58-44, in Knoxville, Tenn., and holding the Lobos to just 11 second-half points, tying an NCAA Midwest Region preliminary round record (and just one off the overall preliminary round standard). The Irish then lost their second-round game that year to the host school (and second-seeded), Tennessee, 89-50.

Notre Dame also has been awarded a top-eight seed for the 10th time in its 16 NCAA Championship visits. The Irish are 14-3 (.824) all-time as the higher seed in NCAA tournament play.

Notre Dame Against The NCAA Field

Notre Dame has played nearly half (14) of its 30 games this season against teams that were invited to the 2009 NCAA Championship, registering an 8-6 (.571) record vs. the rest of this year's NCAA tournament field (5-4 against teams seeded equal to or higher than the seventh-seeded Irish).

Here's a rundown of Notre Dame's performance against the teams that advanced to the 2009 NCAA Championship:

Team (Seed)	Region	Record
Charlotte (11)	Oklahoma City	1-0
Connecticut (1)	Trenton	0-1
DePaul (7)	Berkeley	2-0
Evansville (15)	Trenton	1-0
LSU (6)	Raleigh	1-0
Louisville (3)	Raleigh	0-1
Michigan State (9)	Berkeley	1-0
Pittsburgh (4)	Oklahoma City	0-1
Purdue (6)	Oklahoma City	1-0
Rutgers (7)	Oklahoma City	0-1
Vanderbilt (4)	Raleigh	1-0
Villanova (8)	Raleigh	0-2
TOTALS		8-6 (.571)

It Hinges On Defense

Notre Dame's success in the NCAA Championship can be directly traced to its performance at the defensive end of the floor. In its first 15 NCAA tournament trips (39 games), the Irish are 14-2 (.875) when holding their opponent to 60 points or fewer. The two losses both came at the hands of top-seeded clubs — Penn State (55-49) in the 2004 East Regional semifinals, and North Carolina (60-51) in the second round of the 2007 Dallas Region.

Re-Stoking The Offensive Fires

Prior to last year's NCAA Championship, Notre Dame had gone 13 consecutive games without scoring more than 61 points in a regulation NCAA tournament contest, dating back to its 2001 national championship game win over Purdue (68-66 in St. Louis).

However, last year saw the Irish offense roar to life, as Notre Dame topped the 70-point mark in its first two NCAA tourney games (75-62 over SMU and 79-75 in overtime over Oklahoma) before a hard-fought 74-64 loss to Tennessee at the regional semifinals in Oklahoma City.

The back-to-back 70-point outings were the first for the Irish in the NCAA Championship since their Midwest Regional final and Final Four games in 2001, as they downed Vanderbilt (72-64) and Connecticut (90-75), respectively.

Bonus Basketball

Notre Dame is 2-0 all-time when going to overtime in the NCAA tournament, following last year's 79-75 second-round win over Oklahoma. The Irish also defeated Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State), 69-65, in extra time in their 2004 NCAA opener.

Notre Dame is 16-15 (.516) all-time when going to overtime, and have won four of its last six OT games, dating back to the 2005-06 season — the only losses in that stretch were an 87-78 setback at South Florida on Jan. 13, 2007, and a 63-59 defeat at Michigan earlier this season (Dec. 10).

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	UM
Overall/conference record	22-8	19-11
Conference record	10-6	11-7
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	23/20	—

SCORING

Points scored per game	71.5	62.4
Points allowed per game	61.7	58.9
Field goal percentage	.434	.397
Three-point percentage	.333	.337
Free throw percentage	.700	.719

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	39.9	34.2
Opponent rebs. per game	37.1	34.8
Rebounding margin	+2.8	(-0.6)

OTHER

Assists per game	14.8	12.9
Turnovers per game	15.8	15.5
Assist/turnover ratio	0.94	0.83
Blocked shots per game	4.0	1.9
Steals per game	9.9	9.0





At the Joyce Center, the Irish hold a 7-5 (.583) record in overtime contests, with their most recent extra-time home game coming on Nov. 13, 2007 (an 85-81 win over Bowling Green).

2008 NCAA Championship Rewind

Notre Dame went 2-1 in last year's NCAA Championship, advancing to the Sweet 16 for the seventh time in program history (all in the past 12 seasons). The fifth-seeded Irish downed No. 12 SMU, 75-62 in the opening round, before toppling No. 4 seed Oklahoma, 79-75 in a classic second-round overtime thriller. Notre Dame then pushed top-seeded Tennessee to the limit in their Oklahoma City regional semifinal, leading the Lady Vols at the half (a first for the Irish in the 20-game series) before UT rallied for a 74-64 win. Here's a brief recap of each game:

Notre Dame 75, SMU 62 (first round)

Ashley Barlow had 20 points, a career-high 12 rebounds, four steals and three assists, leading Notre Dame past SMU 75-62 in their NCAA tournament opener at West Lafayette, Ind.

The surprise wasn't that the Irish won. It was how they did it.

They overcame 40.6 percent shooting from the floor with a 49-26 advantage on the glass, pulling down nearly as many offensive rebounds (24) as defensive. Barlow had five offensive rebounds. Teammates **Lindsay Schrader** and **Charel Allen** each had six.

SMU (24-9), the Conference USA tournament champs, rallied several times but eventually wore down inside. **Janielle Dodds** and **Jillian Samuels** each had 15 points to lead the 12th-seeded Mustangs, but it wasn't enough to extend their first NCAA tournament appearance since 2000 to a second game.

If the Mustangs needed an explanation for what went wrong, it was clear - the rebounding differential. And it was never more obvious than in the game's decisive flurry. With Notre Dame leading 61-57 with 2:29 to go, Allen scored on a putback, drew a foul, then missed the free throw. Barlow grabbed the rebound, drew another foul and made the free throw to complete the five-point play. That made it 66-57, and the Mustangs never challenged again.

Notre Dame 79, Oklahoma 75 (OT) (second round)

Charel Allen scored a career-high 35 points, had six rebounds and made all the big plays late to help Notre Dame rally from a five-point overtime deficit and beat fourth-seeded Oklahoma 79-75 in overtime.

Allen's outburst wasn't exactly by design. After spending the first half of Notre Dame's first-round win over SMU in foul trouble, Allen responded with the biggest performance of her life. She hit 10 of 21 shots, all three three-pointers and all 12 free throws and when the Irish needed her late, she did it all: force turnovers, score, draw fouls, even block shots. It was just the kind of effort the Irish needed to get back to the regional semis for the first time since 2004.

Oddly enough, Notre Dame's biggest advantage against SMU — inside play — was its biggest weakness against the Sooners.

The Irish struggled against OU All-American

Courtney Paris, who finished with 24 points — but just four in the final 16 minutes and none in overtime — and 16 rebounds. **Amanda Thompson** had 19 points, and **Jenna Plumley** finished with 18, all on threes.

But even Paris' dominance inside, and the ability of her helpful teammates to hit critical shots, wasn't enough to thwart Allen, who almost single-handedly erased a seven-point deficit with a little more than eight minutes to go in regulation. She scored 10 points in the crucial 16-4 run, which gave Notre Dame a 65-60 lead with 2:02 left in regulation, but the Sooners tied it on Paris' post-up basket with 13.7 seconds to go.

In overtime, Allen again brought the Irish back after Oklahoma scored the first five points. This time, Allen hit a three, stole the ball and made the outlet pass that led to **Ashley Barlow's** layup to tie it at 70.

The Irish finally regained the lead when Barlow and **Tulyah Gaines** combined to make 3 of 4 shots, and Barlow and Allen sealed it by making their last four free throws. Barlow finished with 16 points.

Tennessee 74, Notre Dame 64 (Sweet 16)

Candace Parker matched her career best with 34 points and hauled in 12 rebounds, pushing the top-seeded Lady Vols to a 74-64 win over Notre Dame on an Oklahoma City regional semifinal.

The 6-foot-3 All-American put back **Nicky Anosike's** miss and then converted a three-point play off a transition jumper to send Tennessee into the lead with a 14-0 run early in the second half, and the Lady Vols never looked back.

Shannon Bobbitt added a pair of three-pointers as Tennessee built its lead to 60-44 before Notre Dame made a late rally.

For a while, Notre Dame (25-9) was able to stay in front of the Lady Vols even with Parker on a tear.

Parker scored Tennessee's first eight points while her teammates combined to miss their first eight shots. She had 19 by halftime, but the rest of the Lady Vols combined for only 12 in the first half, and Notre Dame led 33-31 at intermission. It was only the third time all season the Lady Vols trailed at halftime, and they'd come back to win both times against Mississippi State and Georgia. It was no different this time.

Becca Bruszewski scored 16 to match her (then) career-high she had in the first round against SMU and **Charel Allen** also had 16 for the Irish. **Lindsay Schrader** added 13 points and **Ashley Barlow** scored 11.

Bobbitt finished with 11 and **Anosike** had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Vols.

Notre Dame led 37-33 after **Tulyah Gaines** drove the lane for a layup in the opening minutes of the second half, but Parker then started getting some backup on the game-changing run.

A BIG EAST Bonanza

Notre Dame is one of seven BIG EAST Conference schools that earned invitations to the 2009 NCAA Championship, joining a club that also includes five-time national champion Connecticut, 2007 NCAA runner-up Rutgers, 2008 NCAA

NCAA Tournament History

1992 — Midwest Region (First Round)

at (5) UCLA 93, (12) Notre Dame 72

1994 — East Region (First Round)

(10) Minnesota 81, at (7) Notre Dame 76

1996 — Midwest Region (Second Round)

(12) Notre Dame 73, (5) Purdue 60
at (4) Texas Tech 82, (12) Notre Dame 67

1997 — FINAL FOUR/East Regional Champion

(6) Notre Dame 93, (11) Memphis 82
(6) Notre Dame 86, at (3) Texas 83
(6) Notre Dame 87, (2) Alabama 71
(6) Notre Dame 62, (5) George Washington 52
(3) Tennessee 80, (6) Notre Dame 66 (*Final Four*)

1998 — Midwest Regional (Semifinal)

(9) Notre Dame 78, (8) Southwest Missouri State 64
(9) Notre Dame 74, at (1) Texas Tech 59
(4) Purdue 70, (9) Notre Dame 65

1999 — West Region (Second Round)

(5) Notre Dame 61, (12) Saint Mary's (Calif.) 57
at (4) LSU 74, (5) Notre Dame 64

2000 — Midwest Regional (Semifinal)

at (2) Notre Dame 87, (15) San Diego 61
at (2) Notre Dame 95, (7) George Washington 60
(3) Texas Tech 69, (2) Notre Dame 65

2001 — NCAA CHAMPION/Midwest Regional Champion

at (1) Notre Dame 98, (16) Alcorn State 49
at (1) Notre Dame 88, (8) Michigan 54
(1) Notre Dame 69, (5) Utah 54
(1) Notre Dame 72, (3) Vanderbilt 64
(1) Notre Dame 90, (1) Connecticut 75 (*Final Four*)
(1) Notre Dame 68, (3) Purdue 66 (*Championship*)

2002 — Midwest Region (Second Round)

(7) Notre Dame 58, (10) New Mexico 44
at (2) Tennessee 89, (7) Notre Dame 50

2003 — East Regional (Semifinal)

(11) Notre Dame 59, (6) Arizona 47
(11) Notre Dame 59, at (3) Kansas State 53
(2) Purdue 66, (11) Notre Dame 47

2004 — East Regional (Semifinal)

at (5) Notre Dame 69, (12) Southwest Missouri State 65 (OT)
at (5) Notre Dame 59, (13) Middle Tennessee 46
(1) Penn State 55, (5) Notre Dame 49

2005 — Tempe Region (Second Round)

(4) Notre Dame 61, (13) UC Santa Barbara 51
(5) Arizona State 70, (4) Notre Dame 61

2006 — Albuquerque Region (First Round)

(8) Boston College 78, (9) Notre Dame 61

2007 — Dallas Region (Second Round)

(9) Notre Dame 62, (8) California 59
(1) North Carolina 60, (9) Notre Dame 51

2008 — Oklahoma City Region (Semifinal)

(5) Notre Dame 75, (12) SMU 62
(5) Notre Dame 79, (4) Oklahoma 75 (OT)
(1) Tennessee 74, (5) Notre Dame 64

NCAA National Championships (1)

2001

NCAA Final Four Appearances (2)

1997, 2001

NCAA Sweet 16 Appearances (7)

1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008

NCAA Championship Appearances (16)

1992, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Overall Records

NCAA Championship: 25-14 (.641)
As higher seed: 14-3 (.824)
As lower seed: 10-11 (.476)
As same seed: 1-0 (1.000)
Home: 6-1 (.857)
Away: 3-4 (.429)
Neutral: 16-9 (.640)





Quick Facts

Notre Dame Quick Facts

Official Name: University of Notre Dame
Location: Notre Dame, Ind.
Enrollment: 8,371 (undergraduate) / 11,733 (overall)
Founded: 1842
Colors: Gold and Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish
School Fight Song: Notre Dame Victory March
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena: Joyce Center (cap. 11,418)
President: Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
Provost: Thomas G. Burish
Executive Vice President: John Affleck-Graves
NCAA Faculty Representative: Don Pope-Davis
Director of Athletics: Jack Swarbrick
Senior Woman Administrator: Missy Conboy
Associate Athletics Director (WBB): Mike Karwoski

Head Coach: Muffet McGraw (Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77)
Record: 584-237 (.711) - 27th season
At Notre Dame: 496-196 (.717) - 22nd season
In the NCAA Championship: 25-14 (.641)
At the Joyce Center: 246-50 (.831)

Associate Head Coach:
 Jonathan Tsipis (North Carolina '96) - 6th season

Assistant Coaches:
 Angie (Potthoff) Barber (Penn State '97) - 4th season
 Niele Ivey (Notre Dame '00) - 2nd season

Coordinator of Basketball Operations:
 Stephanie Menio (Pittsburgh '04) - 4th season

Administrative Assistant: Tinia Scott

Athletic Trainer: Anne Marquez

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Craig Cheek

Academic Counselor: Chad Grotegutt

Equipment Manager: Kathy Speybroeck

Student Managers:
 Brad Lenoir (Sr., Wilmington, Del.)
 Caitlin Madden (Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio)
 Tom Bascik (Jr., Colonia, N.J.)
 Bryant Welters (Jr., McLean, Va.)

Women's Basketball History

32nd Season:
 1st game, Dec. 3, 1977 vs. Valparaiso (W, 48-41)

All-Time Record: 660-295 (.691)

Record At The Joyce Center:
 32nd season, 323-84 (.796)

Record In The BIG EAST:
 14th season, 176-56 (.759)

Conference/Membership Affiliations:
 AIAW D-III independent (1977-78 through 1979-80)
 AIAW D-I independent (1980-81)
 NCAA D-I independent (1981-82 through 1982-83)
 North Star (1983-84 through 1987-88)
 *Midwestern Collegiate (1988-89 through 1994-95)
 BIG EAST (1995-96 to present)

Regular-Season Conference Championships (8):
 North Star - 1985, 1986
 *Midwestern Collegiate - 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995
 BIG EAST - 2001

Conference Tournament Championships (5):
 North Star - N/A
 *Midwestern Collegiate - 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994
 BIG EAST - None

NCAA Championship History: see page 6 sidebar
NIT Appearances (4):
 1986 (3rd place), 1989 (7th place), 1991 (8th place),
 1995 (3rd place)

Consecutive Postseason Appearances:
 16 (1994-2009); 15 NCAAs, 1 NIT

* - now known as the Horizon League

Sweet 16 qualifiers Louisville and Pittsburgh, as well as DePaul and Villanova.

This year's seven selections are one off the conference (and NCAA Championship) record for the highest number of teams from one league invited to a single NCAA tournament. The BIG EAST (2004, 2008) and SEC (1999, 2002) have hit that mark twice, while the Big 12 reached that total for the first time last season.

The BIG EAST also had five teams — South Florida, Marquette, Georgetown, Syracuse and St. John's — selected for this year's Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT), meaning a conference-record 13 schools have advanced to postseason play. That's one more than the previous BIG EAST high-water mark, set just last year.

Collectively, the BIG EAST (81.3%, 13 of 16) is second only to the SEC (83.3%, 10 of 12) in terms of conferences with the highest percentage of its membership participating in postseason action. A full breakdown of the leagues and their postseason qualifying percentages can be found in the chart at right.

NCAA D-I Conferences	
Postseason Qualifying Pct.	
SEC	83.3% (10/12)
◆BIG EAST	81.3% (13/16)
Big 12	75.0% (9/12)
ACC	66.7% (8/12)
Big Ten	63.6% (7/11)

Don't Mess With Tradition

The Notre Dame women's basketball program has developed some postseason traditions that should be quite evident during this weekend's NCAA tournament games at the Joyce Center.

- **Green nails** — each of the Irish players and female coaches wear green nail polish throughout the NCAA Championship. This tradition started during the 1997 tourney, when the Irish added the green polish to their fingers prior to their second-round St. Patrick's Day game at Texas, which Notre Dame won 86-83. The Irish ended up going to their first NCAA Final Four that season and the green nail polish was here to stay. As a show of solidarity, the male members of the travel party usually paint their left pinky green, and some (including associate head coach **Jonathan Tsipis**) have even gone so far as to shave their heads for the duration of the tournament.
- **Green uniforms** — though not limited exclusively to NCAA tournament play, Notre Dame's distinctive kelly green road uniforms have become a staple of the postseason in keeping with the St. Patrick's Day holiday, which often falls during the early rounds of the tournament (or in this year's case, during the week leading up to the preliminary rounds). The Irish wore the alternate road threads in their second-round and regional semifinal games last year, splitting games with Oklahoma (W, 79-75 OT) and Tennessee (L, 64-74) — Notre Dame is 6-7 (.462) all-time in the NCAA tournament, including a 3-0 record at home, when featuring the "wearing o' the green." The Irish also broke out their alternate home whites with green trim for last year's first-round win over SMU, the first time those uniforms have been worn in NCAA tournament play.

- **Irish jig** — this unique pre-game ritual has become one of the widely-recognized traditions of Notre Dame women's basketball. Just prior to the introduction of the starting line-ups, the Irish players will circle up in the lane with a basketball at their feet. As the Notre Dame pep band plays, the team will perform the Irish Jig (a popular step with Notre Dame fans, especially the student body) with the ball bouncing around in the midst of their dance. This tradition is believed to have started during the 1999-2000 season, but picked up steam during Notre Dame's 2000-01 national championship run and has been part of the Irish pre-game ritual ever since.

Hitting The Books

Notre Dame is one of 14 schools in this year's NCAA Championship field to post a perfect 100-percent graduation rate, according to a study released this week by **Richard Lapchick**, head of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport. The study looked at student-athletes in freshman classes from 1998-2002, allowing six years for graduation.

The other 2009 NCAA tournament participants with spotless graduation rates named in this survey were: Connecticut, DePaul, Evansville, Florida, Lehigh, Marist, Ohio State, Sacred Heart, Stanford, Tennessee, Texas, Vanderbilt and Villanova.

The BIG EAST led all conferences in this report with four teams, while the SEC was next with three. No other league had more than one school named in the study.

Twenty Questions

Notre Dame reached the 20-win mark for the 15th time in the past 16 seasons with a 65-56 victory at Providence on Feb. 28. The Irish now have registered 20-or-more wins 19 times in the 22-year **Muffet McGraw** era and 23 times in the program's 32-year history.

Un-Four-Gettable, Part I

Notre Dame posted a 10-6 record in BIG EAST Conference play this year, tying for fourth place in the final league standings. It marks the 11th time in the program's 14-year BIG EAST membership that it has recorded a top-four conference finish.

Un-Four-Gettable, Part II

Junior guard **Ashley Barlow** has registered not one, but two four-point plays this season, and ironically, both of them came in the same building — the XL Center in Hartford, Conn.

The Indianapolis native and second-team all-BIG EAST pick collected her first three-and-one on Feb. 22 against top-ranked Connecticut at the 11:10 mark of the first half, becoming the first Irish player to notch the rare four-pointer since Feb. 16, 2003, when **Alicia Ratay** did so in a win at Providence.

As if that weren't enough, Barlow picked up another quad on March 8 in the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinals vs. Villanova, burying a top-side triple and tacking on the free throw with 1:34 to play.





Serving Notice

Notre Dame is 5-3 against Associated Press Top 25 opponents this season, with four of those victories coming against non-conference opponents. That marks the first time in school history the Irish have registered four non-conference Top 25 victories in the regular season. The four ranked wins also currently represent nearly half of the BIG EAST's nine Top 25 wins during the 2008-09 non-conference schedule (no other league school has more than two Top 25 non-conference victories this season).

Two of Notre Dame's three losses to ranked opponents have come against AP top-10 foes by an average of 7.5 points. The Irish dropped a 71-66 decision at home to No. 10/12 Louisville on Feb. 11, and lost at top-ranked Connecticut, 76-66, on Feb. 22 (after holding a 43-41 second-half lead, the closest any team has come to taking down the Huskies and the only time UConn has trailed after halftime this season).

Road Warriors

Notre Dame is 20-9 (.690) in true road games during the past two seasons. In addition, the past seven road losses for the Irish have been decided by an average of 8.4 points per game (all by 12 points or fewer), including all five road setbacks this season (average margin of 8.6 ppg.).

The Feb. 28 win at Providence was the 10th road victory of the season for Notre Dame, marking the second consecutive season the Irish have posted a double-digit road win total. The only other time Notre Dame logged back-to-back 10-win seasons on the road was nearly two decades ago (1989-90 and 1990-91).

From Dec. 28-Jan. 6, the Irish embarked on a four-game road swing, their longest regular-season trip since early in the 2002-03 season, sweeping games at Charlotte (68-61), No. 20/19 Vanderbilt (59-57), Seton Hall (66-60) and DePaul (86-62).

It was the first time Notre Dame won four consecutive games, all on the road (opponent's home floor) since Jan. 7-19, 1991, when the Irish won at Butler (80-64), DePaul (81-66), Loyola-Chicago (66-55) and Marquette (91-73) in succession during Notre Dame's first full week as a ranked team in program history.

Closer Than You Think

Notre Dame's eight losses this season have come by an average of 8.6 points per game (all by 12 points or fewer), and in seven of them, the Irish either led in the second half, or had a chance to take the lead down the stretch.

On **Dec. 10 at Michigan**, Notre Dame led by two with 13 seconds left in regulation, but a turnover allowed the Wolverines to send the game to OT. In the extra session, the Irish had two chances to tie or take the lead in the final 20 seconds, but came up short, falling 63-59.

On **Jan. 13 at Marquette**, Notre Dame led by as many as eight points in the second half, and trailed by only two with 4:30 to play before the Golden Eagles pulled away for a 75-65 win.

On **Jan. 24 at Villanova**, the Irish never led, but also rallied from a 14-point first-half deficit to get within one point three times in the second half. Notre Dame had four second-half posses-

sions with a chance to tie or take the lead, but could never quite manage to break through, as the Wildcats gamely hung on for a 55-48 win.

On **Feb. 3 at No. 22/24 Pittsburgh**, Notre Dame nearly erased a 13-point first-half deficit, trimming the margin to one point twice, and even had a chance to tie, but missed one of two free throws 4:45 into the second half before the Panthers finally drew clear down the stretch.

On **Feb. 11 vs. No. 10/12 Louisville**, the Irish used a 12-2 second-half run to virtually wipe out a 14-point Cardinal lead, getting within 63-61 with 1:49 left before Louisville earned a three-shot foul with one second on the shot clock on the ensuing possession (and hit all three free throws). Notre Dame got back within three twice more in the final minute, but the Cardinals made a basket and three free throws to keep the Irish at bay.

On **Feb. 22 at No. 1 Connecticut**, Notre Dame took a 43-41 lead with 16:11 to play, becoming the first team to own a second-half lead on the Huskies this season. However, Connecticut responded with a 22-1 run during the next 6:39 to wrest control away from the Irish, who rallied back within eight points twice in the final 1:13.

On **March 8 vs. Villanova (BIG EAST quarterfinals)**, Notre Dame led by 10 points in the first half and took a 25-21 lead at the half. The Irish held that margin for the first three minutes of the second half before VU went on a 13-2 run to take the lead for good. Notre Dame got as close as four points midway through the period, but could never overtake the Wildcats.

Super Schrader

Senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** has played a key role in Notre Dame's surge during the final three weeks of the season, with the Irish winning five of seven in that span.

During that seven-game run, the Bartlett, Ill., native averaged 17.6 points and 9.6 rebounds per game with a .486 field goal percentage (54-of-111) and four double-doubles. She also was named to the BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll twice in that time and went on to be chosen as a first-team all-BIG EAST selection.

Schrader's run began Feb. 17 with a season-high 26 points and 11 rebounds at South Florida, the first 25-point, 10-rebound effort by an Irish player since Feb. 11, 2007 (**Charel Allen** vs. DePaul). She came back with 17 points and 11 rebounds at Connecticut, as the Irish battled the Huskies closer than any team this season.

Schrader followed by flirted with double-doubles against Syracuse and Providence while turning in sharp shooting efforts in the process. Against Syracuse, she chalked up 23 points (on 10-of-13 shooting) and grabbed eight rebounds before fouling out late in the game. Four days later at Providence, she collected 18 points (on 9-of-14 shooting) and eight rebounds, earning team-high scoring honors for the third time in four games.

Schrader came back with another double-double in the regular-season finale against West Virginia with 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. She then added her seventh double-dip of the year in Notre Dame's BIG EAST Championship second-round win over

2008-09 Trends

Day of the Week

Sunday	5-2
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	6-3
Wednesday	1-2
Thursday	0-0
Friday	0-0
Saturday	9-1

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m. local time)	15-3
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	7-5

Location

Home games	11-2
Road games	10-5
Neutral site games	1-1

Halftime score

Leading at the half	17-3
Tied at the half	2-0
Trailing at the half	3-5

Individual scoring

Two or fewer double-figure scorers	1-4
Three double-figure scorers	9-3
Four double-figure scorers	8-1
Five or more double-figure scorers	4-0

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	14-2
Grab same number of rebounds	1-1
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	7-5

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	17-1
Lower pct. than opponent	4-7
Same pct. as opponent	1-0
Shoot 45% or better	11-1
Shoot less than 45%	11-7
Hold opponent under 40%	15-2

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	17-1
Make same number of free throws	0-1
Make fewer free throws	5-6

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	14-5
Commit same number of turnovers	1-2
Commit more turnovers	7-1

Miscellaneous

Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	5-3
On commercial television	6-5
In white jerseys	9-0
In alternate white jerseys (green trim)	1-1
In alternate white jerseys (pink trim)	2-1
In blue jerseys	10-6
In green jerseys	0-0

Margin of Victory

1-5 points	3-2
6-10 points	8-4
11-15 points	2-2
16-20 points	3-0
21+ points	6-0
In overtime games	0-1

Conference Affiliation

Atlantic Coast	1-0
Atlantic 10	1-0
BIG EAST	11-7
Big Ten	2-1
Horizon League	2-0
Mid-American	1-0
Missouri Valley	1-0
Southeastern	2-0
Southern	1-0

Month

November	5-0
December	6-1
January	5-3
February	4-3
March	2-1



**G Ashley Barlow**

Second-Team All-BIG EAST
BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 24)
Naismith Trophy Watch List

Head Coach Muffet McGraw

WBCA Carol Eckman Award

G Natalie Novosel

BIG EAST All-Freshman Team
BIG EAST Freshman of the Week (Dec. 29, Jan. 12)

G Lindsay Schrader

First-Team All-BIG EAST
BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 23, March 2)
Preseason Honorable Mention All-BIG EAST

F Erica Solomon

BIG EAST All-Freshman Team

F Kellie Watson

BIG EAST Freshman of the Week (Dec. 1, Dec. 8)

C Erica Williamson

BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Jan. 12)

2008-09 Awards

St. John's with game highs of 16 points and 11 rebounds, setting a new single-season school record for double-doubles by a guard (previous mark was 6 by **Danielle Green** in 1998-99). Schrader also has tied current assistant coach **Niele Ivey** (1996-2001) for the career record in that category.

This season, Schrader leads the Irish in scoring (12.9 ppg.) and rebounding (7.5 rpg.), while also ranking among the top 20 in the BIG EAST in scoring (19th), rebounding (10th) and field goal percentage (13th, .468). Like her double-double total, each of those averages is a career high.

One Killer B

Sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski** is making the most of her first season as a starter for the Irish, ranking third on the team in scoring (10.7 ppg.), second in rebounding (5.0 rpg.) and first in field goal percentage (.494, 11th in the BIG EAST Conference). The Valparaiso, Ind., native has doubled last year's scoring (5.0 ppg.) and rebounding (2.5 rpg.) averages, while adding a reliable three-point shot to her arsenal (.380, 19-of-50) after making 1-of-2 from beyond the arc last season.

Bruszewski has been especially sharp in the past 11 games, averaging 14.1 points and 6.3 rebounds per game with a .407 three-point percentage (11-of-27). She has scored in double figures in eight of those 11 games, with her first career double-double (14 points, career-high 12 rebounds) on Feb. 8 in a win over No. 25 DePaul. She also has either tied or set a new career scoring high three times during her recent surge, including a pair of career-best 20-point outings a week apart at South Florida (Feb. 17) and at home vs. Syracuse (Feb. 24).

**Becca Bruszewski
Season Improvement**

	'07-08	'08-09
PPG	5.0	10.7
10p gms	6	16
20p gms	0	2
Dbl-dbl	0	1
3-pt FG	1	19
RPG	2.5	5.0
APG	0.4	1.6
BPG	0.3	0.5
SPG	0.5	1.1

A Real Smart AI-Lech

Junior point guard and tri-captain **Melissa Lechitner** had started only once in her first two seasons at Notre Dame, but the Mishawaka, Ind., native seems to be making up for lost time this year, while emerging as one of the most improved players in the BIG EAST Conference.

Lechitner has nearly doubled her scoring average from last year to 10.5 points per game, with 16 double-figure scoring nights (after 16 in her first two seasons combined). She also tossed in a career-high 19 points on Dec. 7 in a victory over No. 17/20 Purdue at the Joyce Center.

In addition, Lechitner ranks among the conference pacesetters in assists (12th, 3.43 app.) and assist/turnover ratio (ninth, 1.43). Her numbers were even better since BIG EAST play

**Melissa Lechitner
Season Improvement**

	'07-08	'08-09
PPG	5.5	10.5
FG%	.353	.385
3FG%	.216	.333
FT%	.766	.815
RPG	2.0	2.7
APG	2.6	3.4
A/TO	1.28	1.43
SPG	1.1	1.2

2008-09 Notre Dame Top Bench Scorers

Player	Points	Opponent/Date
Brittany Mallory	19	Georgia Southern, 11/25/08
Natalie Novosel	19	Rutgers, 1/27/09
Kellie Watson	18	Michigan State, 11/29/08
Natalie Novosel	18	at Eastern Michigan, 12/2/08
Natalie Novosel	18	at DePaul, 1/6/09
Natalie Novosel	17	Louisville, 2/11/09
Erica Solomon	15	at Boston College, 11/23/08
Natalie Novosel	15	vs. St. John's, 3/7/09
Brittany Mallory	14	at Boston College, 11/23/08
Ashley Barlow	14	at Michigan, 12/10/08
Erica Solomon	14	at Pittsburgh, 2/3/09
Kellie Watson	13	Purdue, 12/7/08
Natalie Novosel	13	Loyola-Chicago, 12/20/08
Erica Solomon	13	at Seton Hall, 1/3/09
Devereaux Peters	12	at LSU, 11/16/08
Erica Solomon	12	Georgia Southern, 11/25/08
Erica Solomon	12	Michigan State, 11/29/08
Erica Solomon	12	at Eastern Michigan, 12/2/08
Natalie Novosel	12	at Charlotte, 12/28/08
Natalie Novosel	12	Georgetown, 1/10/09

began, ranking seventh in assists (4.13 app.) and eighth in assist/turnover ratio (1.61). Across the board, these averages are career highs, in some cases even doubling her previous bests.

Off the court, Lechitner was a prime candidate for *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District* status, having been nominated for the honor after compiling a 3.357 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) through the fall 2008 semester as she works towards her degree in psychology.

Make Mine A Grand(e)

With 16 points against No. 10/12 Louisville on Feb. 11, junior guard and tri-captain **Ashley Barlow** became the 24th player in Notre Dame women's basketball history to score 1,000 career points. Barlow hit the milestone on the nose by making two free throws with 37 seconds left.

Now ranking 21st on the Irish all-time scoring list (1,087), Barlow is the first Notre Dame player to score her 1,000th career point since **Charel Allen** reached the mark on Feb. 26, 2007, at DePaul.

On Feb. 28, Barlow was joined in the Irish 1,000-Point Club by senior guard and fellow captain **Lindsay Schrader**, who scored her milestone point at Providence and now ranks 23rd all-time at Notre Dame with 1,051 career points.

The four-game span between Barlow and Schrader's 1,000th career points is the second-shortest in school history. In 2005-06, **Megan Duffy** and **Courtney LaVere** reached the millennium mark three games apart to set the new school standard.

Using Her Charge Card

Junior center **Erica Williamson** has developed an uncanny knack for drawing charges despite her 6-foot-4 frame. The Charlotte, N.C., product has taken a team-high 12 charges this season, nearly half of Notre Dame's team total of 27 to date.

Top Joyce Center Crowds

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
T1.	12/31/05	#1 Tennessee	L, 51-62	11,418*
T1.	1/5/08	#3 Tennessee	L, 63-87	11,418*
T1.	1/27/08	#1 Connecticut	L, 64-81	11,418*
T1.	12/7/08	#17 Purdue	W, 62-51	11,418*
7.	12/2/07	Michigan	W, 77-46	10,825
8.	1/27/09	Rutgers	L, 68-78	10,082
9.	2/8/09	#25 DePaul	W, 62-59	10,011
10.	2/10/02	#16 Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676
11.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
12.	12/3/06	Indiana	L, 51-54	9,494
13.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
14.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
15.	2/10/08	#15 Pittsburgh	W, 81-66	8,831
16.	2/14/04	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
17.	1/13/04	#4 Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574
18.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
19.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
20.	1/20/03	#3 Connecticut	L, 53-72	8,265

* = indicates capacity crowd // rankings from AP poll

boldface indicates game played this season





This is the first season the Irish have tracked charges taken (which are an unofficial statistic and not recognized by the NCAA), although it is believed Williamson drew at least a dozen offensive fouls last year.

Taking Rock To Block

Freshman forward **Erica Solomon** (nicknamed "Rock") has registered a team-high 38 blocked shots this season and leads all BIG EAST freshmen with 1.27 blocks per game (good for seventh in the conference).

Solomon has turned away at least two shots on 12 occasions this year, including a season-high four blocks on Dec. 2 in her homecoming game at Eastern Michigan. The Oak Park, Mich., native currently is fifth on the Irish single-season blocks list for freshmen.

Solomon also is on pace to become the third freshman in as many seasons to lead Notre Dame in blocks — **Erica Williamson** did the honors in 2006-07 (39), before **Devereaux Peters** led the way last year (45).

The Five-Finger Discount

After forcing an opponent-record 737 turnovers (21.7 per game) last season, Notre Dame is on a similar pace again this year, causing 578 turnovers (19.3 per game) through 30 games.

More than half of those opponent turnovers have come via Irish steals, with Notre Dame registering 298 thefts (9.9 per game, third in the BIG EAST) after leading the conference in that category each of the past two seasons — the first time the Irish won their league's steal title since 1990-91, when they took top honors in the old Midwestern Collegiate Conference (now known as the Horizon League) with a school-record 397 steals (12.4 spg.), while their 237 steals (14.8 spg.) in conference play remain a Horizon League standard to this day.

Individually, Notre Dame has five players with at least 30 steals this season, led by junior guard **Ashley Barlow's** career-high 69 thefts. It's the third consecutive year Barlow has recorded at least 60 steals, a feat only three other Irish players can match — **Mary Gavin** (1985-86 to 1987-88), **Coquese Washington** (1989-90 to 1992-93) and current assistant coach **Niele Ivey** (1997-98 to 2000-01).

Born To Run

Notre Dame has used some impressive scoring streaks to take command in several games this season.

In fact, the Irish have fashioned 11 game-changing runs during which they have outscored their opponent by at least 12 points.

ND Significant Scoring Runs

Georgia Southern	27-0 (15:24-8:05, 2nd)
Loyola-Chicago	31-6 (16:25-5:05, 1st)
@ Vanderbilt	22-0 (15:44-7:04, 2nd)
Georgia Southern	24-5 (13:52-4:25, 1st)
Syracuse	24-6 (18:58-13:00, 1st)
@ Marquette	20-2 (7:11-1:22, 1st)
Loyola-Chicago	20-3 (20:00-13:02, 2nd)
@ Valparaiso	16-0 (11:14-2:55, 1st)
@ Boston Coll.	17-2 (4:13, 1st-19:13, 2nd)
vs. St. John's*	16-2 (11:16-7:14, 2nd)
Evansville	15-3 (15:27-12:33, 1st)

* - BIG EAST Championship second round

Furthermore, Notre Dame has manufactured

three streaks of at least 16 consecutive points this season, including a 27-0 blitz in the second half of its win over Georgia Southern on Nov. 25. That was the second-longest run of unanswered points in school history, topped only by a 31-0 run in the first half of a win over Pittsburgh on Jan. 18, 1997, at the Joyce Center.

New Kids On The Block

It may not be exactly the way Irish head coach **Muffet McGraw** envisioned it prior to the season, but Notre Dame's freshman class has been getting some valuable on-the-job training this year.

With season-ending knee injuries to sophomores **Devereaux Peters** and **Brittany Mallory**, the Irish bench now basically consists of the four-player freshman class — forward **Erica Solomon** and **Kellie Watson** and guards **Natalie Novosel** and **Fraderica Miller**.

Yet, despite their relative lack of experience at the college level, all four players have made solid contributions to Notre Dame's 22-8 record. Three of the four have scored in double figures at least three times (Novosel-9, Solomon-7, Watson-3), with both Novosel and Solomon going to be named to the BIG EAST All-Freshman Team, while Watson and Novosel also twice were named the BIG EAST Freshman of the Week (Watson - Dec. 1 & 8; Novosel - Dec. 29 & Jan. 12).

What's more, those three aforementioned players each are averaging at least 14 minutes per night, while the speedy Miller has emerged as Notre Dame's go-to defensive stopper, averaging close to one steal per game in her 22 appearances this season.

Notre Dame's knack for quick player development should come as no surprise — with the selections of Novosel and Solomon this year, the Irish now have developed seven BIG EAST All-Freshman Team picks in the past three seasons alone (including Peters and Mallory last year), the most of any team in the conference — Connecticut is second with five honorees.

Spreading The Wealth

Notre Dame has seen nine different players lead the team in scoring this season, with six of the Irish leading scorers also registering a career-scoring high at some point this year — **Brittany Mallory** vs. Georgia Southern (19), **Kellie Watson** vs. Michigan State (18), **Melissa Lechlitner** vs. Purdue (19), **Erica Williamson** vs. Georgetown (21), **Natalie Novosel** vs. Rutgers (19) and **Becca Bruszewski** at South Florida vs. Syracuse (20). The other team-leading scorers this season have been junior guard **Ashley Barlow** and senior guard **Lindsay Schrader**, both of whom have posted nine team-high scoring games, and freshman forward **Erica Solomon**, who tossed in a team-high 14 points on Feb. 3 at No. 22/24 Pittsburgh.

The only three players on the Irish roster who have not taken a turn leading the team in scoring thus far are injured sophomore forward **Devereaux Peters** (out for season with torn ACL in her left knee), freshman guard **Fraderica Miller** and walk-on junior guard **Alena Christiansen**, who was added to the Irish roster on Dec. 19.

For the season, 10 of the 12 players on Notre

Superlatives (BIG EAST era)

Notre Dame Superlatives In The BIG EAST Era (1995-96 to present)

Longest winning streak: 23 games (Nov. 17, 2000-Feb. 14, 2001)
Longest BIG EAST winning streak: 11 games (Jan. 3-Feb. 14, 2001)
Longest losing streak: 3 games, four times (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007)
Longest BIG EAST losing streak: 3 games, twice (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007)
Most points scored in a game: 111 vs. West Virginia, Jan. 7, 1999
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Fewest points scored in a game: 38 vs. Villanova, Jan. 24, 2004
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Most points allowed in a game: 106 by Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1998
Most points allowed in a BIG EAST game: 106 by Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1998
Fewest points allowed in a game: 31 by St. John's, Feb. 13, 2002
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Largest margin of victory: 56, twice (most recently: 89-33 vs. Georgetown, March 4, 2001)
Largest margin of victory in BIG EAST game: 56 vs. Seton Hall (91-35), Jan. 31, 1998
Largest margin of victory in home game: 56 vs. Seton Hall (91-35), Jan. 31, 1998
Largest margin of victory in road game: 53 at Central Michigan (94-41), Nov. 29, 2007
Largest losing margin: 39 at Tennessee (89-50), March 17, 2002
Most points allowed in a win: 93 by Illinois (101-93), Nov. 24, 1998
Most points scored in a loss: 84 vs. Texas A&M (88-84, ot), Dec. 3, 1995
Fewest points scored in a win: 38 vs. Villanova (38-36), Jan. 24, 2004
Fewest points allowed in a loss: 45 vs. Villanova (48-45), Feb. 26, 2002
Largest deficit overcome to win a game: 18 at Vanderbilt (59-57), Dec. 30, 2008
Largest deficit overcome to win a home game: 15 vs. Pittsburgh (72-65), Feb. 28, 2006
Largest lead given up in a loss: 17 vs. Texas Tech (69-65), March 25, 2000
Most consecutive points scored: 31 vs. Pittsburgh, Jan. 18, 1997
Most consecutive points scored (start of game): 26 vs. Dayton, Dec. 13, 2003
Highest field goal percentage: .680 (34-50) vs. Boston College, Feb. 12, 1997
Lowest field goal percentage: .220 (13-59) at Seton Hall, March 1, 2005
Highest three-point percentage: 1.000 (5-5) vs. Duke, Nov. 17, 2004
Highest free throw percentage: 1.000 (18-18) at Valparaiso, Nov. 30, 2004
Most three-point field goals made: 13, twice (most recently: at Miami (Fla.), Jan. 2, 2002)
Most free throws made: 33, twice (most recently: vs. West Virginia, Feb. 4, 2007)
Most assists: 32 vs. Michigan State, Dec. 11, 1999
Most blocked shots: 16 vs. Boston College, Feb. 10, 2002
Most steals: 23 vs. Providence, Jan. 30, 2008
Fewest turnovers: 3 at Maryland, Nov. 16, 2007



Record Book Update

INDIVIDUAL — CAREER

Most Total Points

19. Courtney LaVere (2002-06)	1,150
20. Danielle Green (1995-2000).....	1,106
21. ♦Ashley Barlow (2006-pres.).....	1,087
22. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	1,060
23. ♦Lindsay Schrader (2005-pres.).....	1,051

Most Three-Point Field Goals Made

6. Mollie Peirick (1994-98).....	129
7. Lisa Kuhns (1985-90)	102
8. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04).....	92
9. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94).....	85
10. ♦Ashley Barlow (2006-pres.).....	84

Most Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

4. Niele Ivey (1996-2001).....	469
5. Megan Duffy (2002-06).....	441
6. Mollie Peirick (1994-98).....	342
7. Lisa Kuhns (1985-90).....	262
8. ♦Ashley Barlow (2006-pres.).....	252

Most Free Throws Made

7. Karen Robinson (1987-91).....	307
8. Letitia Bowen (1991-95).....	305
9. Charel Allen (2004-08).....	298
10. Niele Ivey (1996-2001).....	286
— ♦Ashley Barlow (2006-pres.).....	271

Most Free Throws Attempted

7. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85).....	421
8. Letitia Bowen (1991-95).....	396
9. Danielle Green (1995-2000).....	395
10. Karen Robinson (1987-91).....	385
— ♦Ashley Barlow (2006-pres.).....	337

Highest Free Throw Percentage

5. Sheila McMillen (1995-99).....	.808
6. ♦Ashley Barlow (2006-pres.)... ..	.804 (271-337)
7. Charel Allen (2004-08).....	.799
8. Karen Robinson (1987-91).....	.797
9. ♦Melissa Lechlitrner (2006-pres.)....	.782 (136-174)

Most Blocked Shots

5. Courtney LaVere (2002-06).....	146
6. Katryna Gaither (1993-97).....	141
7. Shari Matvey (1979-83).....	133
8. Trena Keys (1982-86).....	124
9. ♦Erica Williamson (2006-pres.).....	106

Blocked Shots Per Game

6. Courtney LaVere (2002-06).....	1.20
7. Teresa Borton (2001-05).....	1.18
8. Heidi Bunek (1985-89).....	1.120
9. Trena Keys (1982-86).....	1.117
10. ♦Erica Williamson (2006-pres.).....	1.116

Most Steals

6. Megan Duffy (2002-06).....	220
7. Katryna Gaither (1993-97).....	207
8. Charel Allen (2004-08).....	206
9. Jeannine Augustin (1993-97).....	201
10. ♦Ashley Barlow (2006-pres.).....	200

Most Steals Per Game

1. Coquese Washington (1989-93).....	2.7
2. Niele Ivey (1996-2001).....	2.6
3. Mary Gavin (1984-88).....	2.5
4. ♦Ashley Barlow (2006-pres.).....	2.1
5. Michelle Marciniak (1991-92).....	2.0

Most Double-Doubles (Guard)

1. ♦Lindsay Schrader (2005-pres.).....	11
Niele Ivey (1996-2001).....	11

Dame roster have scored in double figures at least once, with Miller and Christiansen aiming to join that club.

More On The Balance Beam

Notre Dame was ranked among the top 50 in seven NCAA team statistical categories (as of March 15), led by a No. 28 ranking in scoring offense (71.5 ppg.).

At the same time, not one single Irish player is appearing in the top 50 of the 10 NCAA individual statistical rankings — junior guard **Ashley Barlow** is the closest, ranking 51st in the nation in steals (2.46 spg.).

Polling Station

Notre Dame was ranked 23rd in the final Associated Press poll released on March 16. It is the 38th consecutive AP poll appearance for the Irish, who moved into the Top 10 for the ninth time in the past 13 seasons (1996-97 through 2008-09) with their No. 8 ranking on Dec. 8.

Notre Dame has been ranked in the AP poll for 178 weeks during the program's 32-year history, with every one of those appearances coming in the **Muffet McGraw** era (since 1987-88). McGraw ranks 12th among all active NCAA Division I head coaches for weeks in the AP poll, and also is 23rd all-time in that category.

In addition, the Irish earned their 38th consecutive ranking in the *ESPN/USA Today/WBCA* coaches' poll when the final regular-season balloting was released on March 16, checking in at No. 20. Notre Dame's season-high poll position of fourth on Jan. 6 and 13 was its highest ranking in the coaches poll since the week of Jan. 5, 2005, when the Irish rose to No. 3. Notre Dame has appeared in the coaches' poll for 170 weeks during its history (all coming during McGraw's tenure).

More Polling Data

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is one of 24 people in NCAA Division I women's basketball history who have both played for and coached a team that has appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Besides her 178 AP poll appearances while coaching at Notre Dame, McGraw was the starting point guard at Saint Joseph's (Pa.) as a senior in 1977, helping the Hawks rise to No. 3 in the nation. Of the 24 people on

this list, 12 currently are NCAA Division I head coaches (see accompanying chart).

A Start We Can Believe In

Notre Dame's 14-1 start was the second-best 15-game debut in school history. The only time an Irish squad started better than this year's club was 2000-01, when Notre Dame opened the season with a school-record 23 consecutive wins en route to the program's first No. 1 ranking and eventually, its first national championship.

Best 15-Game Records	
15-0	2000-01
♦14-1	2008-09
13-2	five times (most recently: 2007-08)

Nostradamus In High Heels

With the Irish trailing at No. 20/19 Vanderbilt, 36-24, at halftime on Dec. 30, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** calmly walked into the locker room and assured her team that they were about to pull off one of the greatest comebacks in school history. As it turned out, she was right on the money.

After the Commodores expanded their lead to 18 points on two occasions (the last at 46-28 with 15:56 to play), Notre Dame went to work, blitzing Vanderbilt with a 22-0 run over the next 8:40 to take the lead. VU tied the game at 50-50, but the Irish then went on top for good on a layup by sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski** with 4:06 left, capping the improbable rally.

The previous school-record comeback had been 16 points, which took place on March 30, 2001, at the NCAA Women's Final Four in St. Louis, when Notre Dame erased a 47-31 deficit late in the first half and charged past Connecticut, 90-75 on the way to the program's first national championship.

Game #30 Recap: Villanova

Laura Kurz had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Villanova beat No. 20/17 Notre Dame 58-47 on March 8 in the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinals in Hartford, Conn.

Lisa Karcic added 11 points for the Wildcats (19-12), while **Melissa Lechlitrner** and **Ashley Barlow** each had 10 for Notre Dame (22-8).

Villanova hit just two of its first 14 shots and trailed by four at halftime, but opened the second half with an 18-8 run.

Consecutive three-pointers from **Heather Scanlon** gave Villanova a 39-33 lead with 13 minutes left, and Kurz's first three put her team up 50-41 with just over three minutes left.

The Wildcats were 10 of 25 from three-point range. Notre Dame attempted just five three-pointers and made one.

The Irish jumped out to an 15-5 lead, but the Wildcats kept in close by going inside to Kurz, who had eight first-half points. Her kickout to **Siobhan O'Connor** for a three-pointer cut the lead to 23-21 with 16 seconds left in the first half. But Lechlitrner hit an 18-foot jump shot at the halftime buzzer to give the Irish a 25-21 lead.

Noting The Villanova Game

- Notre Dame has its four-game winning streak snapped.

AP Poll Appearances

Active D-I Coaches

1. Summitt (Tenn)	561
2. Landers (UGa)	431
3. Stringer (RU)	387
10. Chancellor (LSU)	242
11. Blair (TAMU)	209
12. ♦McGraw (ND)	178

All-Time D-I Coaches

1. Summitt (Tenn)	561
2. Landers (UGa)	431
3. Conradt (Texas)	395
21. Blair (TAMU)	209
22. Sanderford (WKU)	182
23. ♦McGraw (ND)	178

NOTE: through March 16 AP poll

AP Poll Appearances

As Player & Coach (active coaches only)

*Amanda Butler (Florida)
*June Daugherty (Wash. St.)
*Nell Fortner (Auburn)
*MaChelle Joseph (Ga. Tech)
Wendy Larry (ODU)
*Joanne McCallie (Duke)
Kathy McConnell-Miller (Colo.)
♦*Muffet McGraw (ND)
*Kim Mulkey (Baylor)
Kathy Olivier (UNLV)
Dawn Staley (S. Carolina)
*Charli Turner Thorne (Ariz. St.)

NOTES: Current teams listed ... all coaches shown have made AP poll with current teams except Daugherty (did so at Boise State and Washington), Olivier (UCLA) and Staley (Temple) ... Butler, Larry and Olivier are coaching at their alma maters ... NCAA qualifiers listed with asterisks.





- This was the first time the Irish lost after holding a double-digit lead (15-5, 9:18 of first half) since last year's BIG EAST quarterfinals, when Pittsburgh rallied from a 12-point first-half deficit to down Notre Dame, 64-53.
- The Irish fall to 15-10 all-time against Villanova, with the Wildcats winning both matchups this year (the third time VU has posted back-to-back wins over Notre Dame).
- The series also is tied 2-2 in the BIG EAST Championship, with all four games coming in the quarterfinal round (Villanova has won the past two conference tournament meetings in 2003 and 2009).
- Notre Dame falls to 13-2 this season when outrebounding its opponent, with both losses coming to Villanova, and the Irish are 10-2 when holding their opponents to fewer than 60 points (also both losses to VU).
- Notre Dame was held to a season-low 47 points, one fewer than its output in the regular-season matchup at Villanova (a 55-48 Wildcat win).
- The Irish were credited with a season-low three assists, four fewer than their previous low set twice before (most recently at Villanova on Jan. 24).
- Notre Dame continues to protect the ball well, committing 15 turnovers or fewer for the seventh consecutive game.
- Barlow moved into 10th place on the Irish career steals list with exactly 200 thefts, passing **Letitia Bowen** (199 from 1991-95) and closing to one behind **Jeannine Augustin** (1993-97) for ninth place.
- Barlow also now has 84 career three-pointers, putting her one back of **Sherri Orlosky** (1990-94) for ninth place on Notre Dame's all-time list.
- Barlow converted her second four-point play of the season with 1:34 left in the game; the Irish had gone six years without one prior to Barlow's four-pointer on Feb. 22 at Connecticut, a game also played at Hartford's XL Center.

Peters, Mallory Out For Season

Sophomores **Devereaux Peters** and **Brittany Mallory** will miss the remainder of the 2008-09 season after each player suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her left knee. Peters' injury occurred in the first half of Notre Dame's win at Boston College on Nov. 23. Meanwhile, Mallory went down in the opening minute of overtime on Dec. 10 at Michigan. Mallory underwent successful corrective surgery on Jan. 6, while Peters did the same on Feb. 6, with both players now beginning their respective rehabilitation programs.

Peters had played in only three games at the time of her injury, while Mallory had seen action in seven games. Thus, both players appear to meet the guidelines for the NCAA's hardship waiver (Rule 14.2.4; sometimes informally referred to as a "medical redshirt") that stipulates a petitioning student-athlete may not have played in more than 30 percent of a team's scheduled number of regular-season games (Notre Dame wound up playing 28 regular-season games in 2008-09).

Both players are expected to petition for the

NCAA hardship waiver. If granted, both Peters and Mallory will maintain three years of athletic eligibility beginning with the 2009-10 season.

Christiansen Joins Irish Roster

With the injuries to **Devereaux Peters** and **Brittany Mallory**, Notre Dame added junior walk-on guard **Alena Christiansen** to its roster on Dec. 19. The Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native has appeared in six games, averaging 0.5 points and 0.3 steals in 1.5 minutes per contest.

A supplemental biographical sketch on Christiansen can be found in the players' section of these game notes.

Half And Half

During the past nine seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 163-17 (.906) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead, including wins in 91 of their last 102 such contests.

This season, Notre Dame is 17-3 when it is ahead at the break, losing 63-59 in overtime at Michigan on Dec. 10, 75-65 at Marquette on Jan. 13 and 58-47 to Villanova on March 8 in the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinals.

The Best Offense Is A Good Defense...

During the past 14 seasons (1995-96 to present), Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 195-14 (.933) record when they hold their opponents below 60 points in a game.

Notre Dame is 11-2 in such games this season, with wins over LSU, Boston College, Georgia Southern, Purdue, Valparaiso, Loyola-Chicago, Vanderbilt, Cincinnati, DePaul (second game), Providence and St. John's (second game).

As is often the case, both of this year's losses in this category came against Villanova and its methodical style of play — 55-48 in the regular season (Jan. 24 at VU) and 58-47 in the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinal round (March 8 in Hartford, Conn.).

...But Sometimes You Have To Score If You Want To Win

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. During the past 14 seasons (since 1995-96), the Irish are 123-4 (.969) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995, a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998, and an 81-80 loss to DePaul in 2008.

Notre Dame has scored at least 80 points in nine games this year, winning each time. Last season, the Irish won 14 of 15 games when reaching the 80-point mark.

Now That's A Home Court Advantage

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success

2009 WBCA Pink Zone

Notre Dame is proud to be a participant in the second annual Pink Zone initiative, created by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) in order to heighten breast cancer awareness and raise money for research towards finding a cure for the disease.



Throughout the 2008-09 season, the Irish have taken part in several activities centered around the Pink Zone initiative, including:

- **Open Practice/Tip-Off Luncheon** - On Oct. 19, the Irish open the doors to one of their preseason practice sessions and allowed approximately 600 season ticket holders to watch the team prepare for the upcoming season. A luncheon with the team followed and a total of \$3,311 was raised.
- **Three-Point Pledge** - Fans can pledge an amount to donate for every three-pointer the Irish make this season. Pledge cards are available at the Joyce Center Gate 10 marketing table prior to each home game.
- **Beanie Bears/Calendars** - The Irish are collecting \$5 donations for every special-edition Notre Dame women's basketball beanie bear and team calendar sold during the season.
- **T-Shirt Sales** - Specially-commissioned "Irish Believe" pink t-shirts are on sale in the Hammes Bookstore and Varsity Shop on the Notre Dame campus. Proceeds from the sales of the t-shirt go to breast cancer awareness and research.
- **Brittany and Becca's Class** - During the fall semester, sophomores **Brittany Mallory** and **Becca Bruszewski** took a management class in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business taught by **Chuck Lennon**, an Irish women's basketball season ticket holder, as well as Associate Vice President for University Relations and Executive Director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. This class focused on ways to help promote and enhance the Pink Zone initiative on the Notre Dame campus and rolled out their ideas at the Dec. 7 Purdue game.
- **Pink Zone Challenge** - The Irish women's basketball program challenged some of the other top-drawing teams in the country to a friendly fund-raising competition to see which school can raise the most money for breast cancer awareness and research during the WBCA's designated Pink Zone games (Feb. 13-22, 2009). A total of 15 schools from among the top 20 in last year's final NCAA attendance rankings committed for this inaugural challenge — Baylor, Connecticut, Duke, LSU, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri State, New Mexico, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Penn State, Purdue, Tennessee, Texas Tech and Vanderbilt. The school raising the most money during their specific Pink Zone game will earn the first-ever Pink Zone Challenge Trophy, to be commissioned by Notre Dame and awarded during the WBCA National Convention, to be held April 3-7, 2009, at the NCAA Women's Final Four in St. Louis.
- **Game Day (Feb. 8 vs. DePaul)** - The 62-59 win over DePaul on Feb. 8 was designated as Notre Dame's Pink Zone game, presented by Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. The Irish sported white, pink and navy uniforms, specially-designed by the school's official athletics apparel provider, adidas, while the first 2,000 fans in attendance received a free pink Irish t-shirt, compliments of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. In addition, breast cancer survivors were recognized on the court during a special halftime ceremony. What's more, as a show of thanks for the near-capacity crowd of 10,011 fans in attendance, the Irish women's basketball program donated \$5,000 to the Pink Zone initiative. Proceeds from all of Notre Dame's Pink Zone events this season (which currently have topped \$45,000, with more to come) will go to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, as well as the St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Women's Task Force (Young Survivors Group and Secret Sisters Society). For more information on the Pink Zone initiative, log on to the WBCA's official web site at www.wbca.org.





2008-09 Signees

University of Notre Dame head women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw has announced that **Skyлар Diggins**, a 5-9 guard from South Bend, Ind., and a student-athlete at Washington High School, and **Kaila Turner**, a 5-8 guard from Joliet, Ill., and a student-athlete at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, Ill., both officially signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Notre Dame during the early signing period, which ended Nov. 19.

A smooth, high-scoring southpaw who already is one of the top 20 all-time scorers in the storied history of Indiana high school basketball, Diggins is considered by all major recruiting services to be the top guard in this year's high school senior class and is rated as high as No. 2 in the nation (*Blue Star Basketball*). In addition, *All-Star Girls Report*, *Dan Olson Collegiate Girls Basketball Report* and ESPN Hoopgurlz each rank Diggins third in the country, with Hoopgurlz awarding her that outlet's highest marks ever for a point guard.

Meanwhile, Turner is a speedy, athletic player who can fill either guard position. She is ranked among the top 20 players at her position by all major recruiting services and is among the top 100 players in the nation overall, peaking a No. 82 by both *Blue Star Basketball* and *All-Star Girls Report*.

The combination of Diggins and Turner has given Notre Dame a Top 25 recruiting class for the 13th consecutive year. *All-Star Girls Report* rates the incoming Irish duo as the No. 7 class in the country, while *Dan Olson Collegiate Girls Basketball Report* has the Notre Dame pair rated 13th, ESPN Hoopgurlz positions them at No. 15, and *Blue Star Basketball* ranks the Irish tandem at No. 18. Only two other schools in the country (Connecticut and Tennessee) came into the 2008-09 early signing period with a 12-year streak like the Irish.

A capsule look at the newest additions to the Notre Dame women's basketball program follows (additional info on Diggins in separate note on page 14 of this package):

SKYLAR DIGGINS, 5-9, G (South Bend, Ind./Washington)

Statistics/Records: Entering fourth year as starter at Washington High School (combined record of 76-6, .927) in South Bend, Ind., where she has played for coaches Marilyn Coddens and Maurice Scott ... started 81 of 82 games she played in during in her first three seasons ... helped team reach Indiana Class 4A state championship game each year (won title in her sophomore season of 2006-07) ... career averages (entering senior season) of 24.8 points, 5.6 rebounds, 5.4 assists, 4.1 steals and 1.3 blocks per game ... holds school records for career points (2,036, 19th in state history), single-season points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks ... career single-game highs of 43 points, 17 rebounds (Indiana Class 4A state championship game record), 11 assists and nine blocks ... enjoyed extensive AAU career playing for South Bend Soldiers and The Family.

USA Basketball: Two-time USA Basketball gold medalist ... started all five games at 2008 FIBA U18 Americas Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina, leading United States to perfect 5-0 record and gold medal; averaged 10.8 ppg. (second on team), 3.2 rpg., 3.6 apg. (first on team) and 2.0 spg. (tied-first on team).

Awards/Honors: Two-time high school All-American by *Parade Magazine* (first team 2008; third team 2007) and EA Sports (first team 2008; second team 2007) ... *USA Today* All-USA Team (2008) ... *USA Today* All-Underclass Team (2006) ... 2008 Gatorade State Player of the Year ... MaxPreps Indiana Player of the Year/first-team All-American (2008) ... three-time Associated Press all-state selection (first team in 2007, 2008; third team in 2006) and coaches' all-state choice (first team 2007, 2008; second team 2006) ... three-time *South Bend Tribune* Metro All-Area selection (2006, 2007, 2008).

KAILA TURNER, 5-8, G (Joliet, Ill./Marian Catholic)

Statistics/Records: Three-year starter at Marian Catholic High School (combined record of 75-20, .789) in Chicago Heights, Ill., where she is coached by Annie Basic ... career averages of 10.0 ppg., 3.2 apg., 2.5 rpg., with .343 3FG% (81-236) ... played AAU ball for Illinois Wolverines 16U Black, where she was coached by Ron Newquist.

Awards/Honors: Second-team Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) all-state (2008) ... *Times of Northwest Indiana* Illinois Player of the Year (2008) ... two-time first-team all-area selection by *Times of Northwest Indiana*, *Illinois Times* and *Daily Southtown* (2007, 2008).

Notre Dame Incoming Class of 2009

Skyлар Diggins 5-9, G, South Bend, Ind. (Washington HS)
Kaila Turner 5-8, G, Joliet, Ill. (Marian Catholic HS)

IN MEMORIAM — Forrest Miller (1930-2009)

On Feb. 28, 2009, the Notre Dame women's basketball program and the South Bend community lost a true friend when longtime *South Bend Tribune* reporter and women's basketball beat writer **Forrest Miller** passed away at the age of 78. For more than a quarter century, "Woody," as he was affectionately known, covered the Fighting Irish on a daily basis, both home and away, sometimes at his own expense. He also was a dedicated voter in the Associated Press women's basketball Top 25 poll for many years and was universally respected by his colleagues, both at home in South Bend and around the country.

We all feel blessed to have known Woody for these many years and our lives are now richer because he was a part of them. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Miller family, including his wife, Judy, their six children and 11 grandchildren.



has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 173 of their last 196 games (.883) at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center, including winning streaks of 51 and 25 games in that span. Notre Dame also has a 99-17 (.853) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game league winning streak at home before it ended with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the '02 home finale.

The Irish have been particularly strong when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 76 of their last 82 non-BIG EAST contests (.927) at the Joyce Center, dating back to the 1994-95 season. Four of the losses in that span came at the hands of Big Ten Conference opponents — Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69), Purdue in 2003 (71-54), Michigan State in 2004 (82-73 OT) and Indiana in 2006 (54-51) — with the other two defeats coming to Tennessee in 2005 (62-51) and 2008 (87-63). The Purdue loss also snapped a 33-game non-conference home winning streak which began after the UW setback.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, posting a 323-84 (.794) record at the venerable facility. Three times (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Irish went a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season.

Crowded House

The Dec. 7 home game vs. No. 17/20 Purdue was sold out, representing the sixth women's basketball sellout (11,418 capacity) in school history and the third in the past two seasons. It also was the first time in the 22-game series between the Irish and Boilermakers that an on-campus game sold out.

On Jan. 27, Notre Dame drew 10,082 fans for its game against Rutgers, marking the largest week-night crowd in school history and the eighth-largest overall audience in the program's 32-year annals.

The Feb. 8 WBCA Pink Zone game vs. No. 25 DePaul attracted 10,011 fans, making it the ninth-largest crowd in school history and a record-tying third gathering of 10,000 fans or more this season (matching last year's record).

A full rundown of the top crowds in Joyce

Center history can be found in the sidebar on page 9 of this notes package.

Notre Dame Wins NCAA/BIG EAST "Pack The House" Challenge

Notre Dame is one of 32 winners in the 2009 NCAA Division I "Pack the House" Challenge, it was announced March 16. "Pack the House" is a national effort in which conferences and institutions compete to build attendance.

NCAA Division I women's basketball marketing staffs selected a home game and designated that date as a "Pack the House" game with the goal of setting an attendance record. One winner from each of the 31 conferences and one from a group of independent institutions were named. Selections were based on marketing plan creativity and attendance criteria. The NCAA will award prizes and donate \$500 to the nonprofit organization of each winning institution's choice.

Notre Dame registered the sixth sellout in the program's history, welcoming 11,418 fans to its Dec. 7 game against Purdue at the Joyce Center, marking the first on-campus capacity crowd in the 22-game series between the in-state rivals.

McGraw Selected To Receive 2009 WBCA Carol Eckman Award

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** has been selected as the 2009 recipient of the Carol Eckman Award by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), it was announced March 5 at the WBCA offices in Atlanta.

McGraw will be formally recognized at the WBCA Awards Luncheon on April 7 at noon (CT) in the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Grand Ballroom. The WBCA Awards Luncheon is part of the WBCA National Convention held in conjunction with the 2009 NCAA Women's Final Four in St. Louis, Mo.

The Carol Eckman Award is presented annually to an active WBCA coach who exemplifies Eckman's spirit, integrity and character through sportsmanship, commitment to the student-athlete, honesty, ethical behavior, courage and dedication to purpose. The award is named in honor of the late **Carol Eckman**, the former West Chester (Pa.) State College coach who is considered the "Mother of the Women's





Collegiate Basketball Championship." Eckman organized the first women's basketball championship at West Chester in 1969 and continued to garner recognition and support for the women's game until her death from cancer in 1985.

McGraw, herself a native of West Chester, Pa., is the second BIG EAST Conference coach in as many years to receive the Carol Eckman Award, following the selection of DePaul's **Doug Bruno** in 2008. McGraw and Bruno have served together on the WBCA's Board of Directors in recent years, with Bruno completing his two-year term (2005-06 to 2007-08) as the association's president, while McGraw has been the Board's NCAA Division I Legislative Chair since June 2005, when Bruno appointed her to the post.

Now in its 24th year, the WBCA's Carol Eckman Award has honored some of the greats in women's college basketball. In addition to Bruno, the list of recipients includes: Theresa Greutz, University of Illinois (2007); Gail Goestenkers, Duke University (2006); Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech University (2003); Ceal Barry, University of Colorado (1995); the late Sue Gunter, Louisiana State University (1994); C. Vivian Stringer, University of Iowa (1993); the late Kay Yow, North Carolina State University (1988) and Jody Conradt, University of Texas (1987).

Diggins Named Naismith and Gatorade National High School Player Of The Year

Notre Dame incoming freshman guard **Skylar Diggins** (South Bend, Ind./Washington HS) has been selected as both the Naismith and Gatorade Girls Basketball National High School Player of the Year, it was announced recently.

Diggins, who is rated as the consensus No. 1 guard in the country and one of the top three players overall, will be honored with the Naismith Trophy by the Atlanta Tipoff Club on March 23 during the Naismith Awards banquet at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta. She already was presented the Gatorade honor during a special assembly at Washington High School on March 18, and she now is a finalist for the Gatorade National High School Athlete of the Year, to be presented in July at a special afternoon ceremony prior to the ESPY Awards.

These are only the latest in a series of high-profile honors for Diggins, who also has been selected to participate in the McDonald's and Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) High School All-America games next month. Diggins will be the fifth future Notre Dame women's basketball player to compete in the McDonald's game since its inception in 2002, joining the likes of **Courtney LaVere** (2002), **Crystal Erwin** (2003), and future Irish teammates **Lindsay Schrader** (2005) and **Devereaux Peters** (2007). The soon-to-be Irish guard will suit up for the East squad in this year's McDonald's High School All-America Game, which will be played April 1 at 5:30 p.m. (ET) and will be televised live nationally by ESPNU from the BankUnited Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

Meanwhile, Diggins will be the sixth Irish women's basketball signee to take part in the WBCA High School All-America Game, following the footsteps of **Alicia Ratay** (1999), **Katy Flecky** (2001), LaVere (2002), Schrader (2005) and another future Notre Dame teammate,

Ashley Barlow (2006). The 18th annual WBCA contest is slated for April 4 at 4:30 p.m. (CT) from the Washington University Athletics Complex in St. Louis, which also is the host city for this year's NCAA Women's Final Four and WBCA National Convention.

Diggins recently completed one of the most storied careers in Indiana high school girls basketball history by leading Washington High School to its fourth consecutive Indiana Class 4A state championship game appearances, one of only four schools ever to pull off that feat. In her four years on South Bend's "West Side," the Panthers posted a staggering 102-7 (.936) record, winning the 2007 4A state title (the first girls' crown by a South Bend public school).

While helping WHS to a 26-1 record and a No. 1 national ranking (by *ESPN Rise* magazine) for much of this season, Diggins led the state in scoring at 29.0 points per game, while adding 6.3 rebounds, 6.2 assists, 5.4 steals and 2.2 blocks per game (ranking sixth in the state in steals and eighth in assists). What's more, she was an exceptional shooter, connecting at a .616 clip (207-of-336) from the field, including a .406 mark (56-of-138) from three-point range. All told, she piled up 14 30-point games this season, with three coming in the state tournament, including a season-high 38 points in a semi-state victory over Pendleton Heights. She also tallied two double-doubles and one triple-double (nearly a quadruple-double) this year, amassing 28 points, 12 assists, 12 steals and nine rebounds in the season opener vs. LaPorte on Nov. 15.

Diggins finished her prep career with 2,790 points, good for third in Indiana high school history behind only **Shanna Zolman** and **Stephanie White**. Overall, she averaged 25.8 points, 5.8 rebounds, 5.6 assists, 4.4 steals and 1.5 blocks per game, holding Washington High School records in just about every meaningful category, including career and single-season points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks. In addition, she owns 4A state championship game records with 17 rebounds (vs. Columbus East in 2007) and four three-pointers made (vs. Castle in 2006), as well as three of the top six scoring performances in the history of the Class 4A title game, including a 29-point effort in this year's 71-69 last-second loss to co-national No. 1 squad, Ben Davis High School, before more than 13,000 fans at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis in a game many have called the greatest in state history.

Awards have been plentiful for Diggins throughout her career, with the possibility for more to come, as the balance of this year's state and national honors — including the announcement of the 2009 Indiana Miss Basketball — expected in the coming days. For more information on her exploits, see the sidebar on page 13 of this notes package.

Irish Have New Home On The Dial

On Aug. 27, 2008, the Notre Dame athletics department announced it had partnered with the LeSEA Broadcasting Network, making Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) the new radio home of Notre Dame women's basketball in the South Bend market.

LeSEA now originates all Notre Dame

NCAA Pinnacle of Fitness

The NCAA announced the details for the 2009 Pinnacle of Fitness challenge program which will energize middle school age children in nine cities across the United States and allow them to compete for a chance to win the national title in St. Louis during the week of the 2009 NCAA Women's Final Four.

The Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame is one of the nine sites for the competition and will host its first Middle School Challenge at halftime of the first-round game of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship that will be played on March 22. An additional Middle School Challenge will take place on March 24 during halftime of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship second-round game at the Joyce Center. For tickets call (574) 631-7356 or go online to www.UND.com.

The Pinnacle of Fitness challenge is an NCAA Division I women's basketball initiative of healthy living and education that will challenge and improve individuals and their communities. The 2009 Pinnacle of Fitness challenge is expected to involve 100 middle schools in nine selected cities, with 74,000 middle school students participating.

The cornerstone of the program is the Middle School Challenge, which will educate and challenge students to improve their level of physical fitness through leading active lives, goal setting and developing life skills. The program will reward youth for improving their health and wellness and will be conducted at sites that will host a first- and second-round or regional round of competition during the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

The Middle School Challenge will begin with each of the competing middle schools conducting in-school physical fitness assessment and testing. The top-10 students from the competing middle schools will compete in progressive on-court competitions at the sites during the regular season and again during the championship.

Competing middle schools and individual students will be recognized through school rewards that include fitness support funding for equipment, special events and awards. The winning middle school from each region will be awarded the opportunity to compete in the NCAA National Pinnacle of Fitness challenge on center court at NCAA Hoop City Refreshed by Coca-Cola® during the 2009 Women's Final Four. There, one middle school will be named the 2009 Pinnacle of Fitness challenge champion.

For more information in regard to the Pinnacle of Fitness challenge, go online to www.ncaa.com/champ/wbasket-div1-champ.html or contact **Denee Barracato** at (317) 917-6643 (dbarracato@ncaa.org).

Shootaround With Beth & Debbie

For the second consecutive year, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) is featuring a weekly national women's basketball podcast entitled "Shootaround With Beth & Debbie". The 30-minute show, which is available for download each Wednesday during the basketball season through the WBCA web site (www.wbca.org), is hosted by national women's basketball television broadcasters **Beth Mowins** and **Debbie Antonelli**. It features in-depth analysis of all the latest happenings in the world of women's college basketball, as well as interviews with some of the game's top coaches — in fact, Notre Dame's **Muffet McGraw** was a guest on one of the first podcasts broadcast early last season.





Academics

Notre Dame Student-Athletes Rank Among Nation's Best

Whether measured by the federal government in its Department of Education report (the 18th edition came out this fall) or by the NCAA through its newer Graduation Success Rate (GSR) numbers, graduation rates for Notre Dame student-athletes rank among the national leaders in all major categories among all major football-playing colleges and universities.

Notre Dame led the nation in the GSR ratings for all student-athletes (at 98, tied with the United States Naval Academy), while also ranking first in both the GSR and federal standings for female student-athletes (100 GSR, 93 federal) — as well as first in the federal listing for black student-athletes (84). Both the federal graduation-rate figures and the GSR numbers for Notre Dame student-athletes found the Irish ranked fourth or better nationally in five major categories among the 119 football-playing institutions in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A).

Listing all student-athletes in all sports, Notre Dame tied for first among the Bowl Subdivision football schools in the GSR figures, initiated in 2005 by the NCAA. The University's 98 percent GSR for all its student-athletes matched that for the U.S. Naval Academy. Using the federal formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 89 percent of its student-athletes, second-best in the nation.

Notre Dame graduated 93 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank first among its peer institutions (tied with Northwestern) based on the federal calculations. Among men, Notre Dame's 87 percent federal rate was second, while the school also graduated 84 percent of its black student-athletes, ranking first based on the federal rate.

In the GSR standings, in addition to its number-one ranking for all student-athletes, Notre Dame tied for first among female student-athletes at 100 (Vanderbilt and the U.S. Naval Academy also finished at 100), second among male student-athletes at 97 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 98), and second among black student-athletes at 96 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 98).

The NCAA also calculated graduation rates over a 10-year period (student-athletes who entered from 1992-93 through 2001-02). During those 10 years, Notre Dame had 627 student-athletes who exhausted their eligibility — and 100 percent of them graduated within the allotted six-year period, a figure only Northwestern can match.

Academic All-Americans

Entering the 2008-09 academic year, Notre Dame ranks second in the nation with 201 Academic All-America® selections, including 32 in the past three years alone. The Academic All-America® Program is administered by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), whose membership votes on the award winners, and the program is sponsored by *ESPN The Magazine*.

The Notre Dame women's basketball program has produced five Academic All-America® honorees in its 32-year history, with those five players winning a total of seven citations. In addition, two-time first-team Academic All-America® pick **Ruth Riley** was tapped as the 2001 Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Member of the Year, as well as the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year. Riley also is one of only 10 student-athletes in Notre Dame history to earn All-American and Academic All-America® honors twice in her career.

Megan Duffy was the latest honoree in 2006, when she was named a first-team Academic All-America® selection, becoming the second Irish player ever to attain that distinction. Duffy graduated in May 2006 with a 3.576 grade-point average (GPA) and a degree in psychology and computer applications from Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters. She also garnered dean's list honors in four of her final five semesters (spring 2004, fall 2004, spring 2005, fall 2005).

ND Women's Basketball Academic All-Americans

Megan Duffy	2006 (First Team)
Maggie Lally	1980, 1981 (Second Team)
Shari Matvey	1981 (Second Team)
Ruth Riley	2000, 2001* (First Team)
Mary Beth Schueth	1983 (Second Team)

* = also Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Member of the Year and Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year

women's basketball games, with those events carried on Pulse FM (96.9/92.1), marking the first time since the 1998-99 season that the Irish are heard on an FM station. Combined, these two stations blanket the nation's No. 89 media market (South Bend-Elkhart), covering a 21-county area in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan that contains more than 1.35 million listeners (better than 800,000 in the greater South Bend area alone). All told, Notre Dame's new women's basketball network stretches from Kalamazoo, Mich., to the north, North Judson, Ind., to the west, Macy, Ind., (home of former Irish All-America center **Ruth Riley**) to the south, and LaGrange, Ind., to the east.

Women's basketball game broadcasts also continue to be streamed live and free of charge on Notre Dame's official athletics Web site (*UND.com*) through the Fighting Irish All-Access multimedia package.

Bob Nagle, the voice of Notre Dame women's basketball from 1996-97 through 1998-99 (including the program's first NCAA Final Four berth in 1997), returns as the play-by-play voice of the Irish this season.

Notre Dame On The Small Screen

Notre Dame will have at least 23 games televised during the 2008-09 season. Highlighting this year's broadcast schedule are 10 nationally-televised Irish women's basketball contests, including at least seven games on the ESPN family of networks and three others on CBS College Sports.

Every one of Notre Dame's games in the 2009 NCAA Championship will be broadcast on either ESPN (first round vs. Minnesota) or ESPN2, with ESPN360.com and ESPN Full Court also airing every tournament game in their entirety.

In addition, Notre Dame continues to expand its broadcast reach globally on the Internet. All 11 Irish regular-season home games not selected for commercial TV coverage aired live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site, *UND.com*, via the site's free multimedia package, Fighting Irish All-Access.

This year's TV slate continues a recent trend that has seen the Irish become a regular fixture on television. Beginning with the NCAA championship season of 2000-01 and continuing through this year (not counting Sunday's NCAA opener vs. Minnesota), Notre Dame has played in 137 televised games, including 86 that were broadcast nationally.

Oh Captain, My Captain

Senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** and junior guards **Ashley Barlow** and **Melissa Lechlitrer** are team captains for the 2008-09 season. All three players are serving as captains for the first time in their careers, and each received the captain's honor following a vote of their teammates prior to the season.

Joyce Center Arena Renovation Underway

On Sept. 13, 2008, groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Purcell Pavilion, including the Joyce Center arena addition and renovation, were held

to kick off the first phase of the two-year project to upgrade the home for Notre Dame basketball and volleyball.

The first phase of the project, that began in September 2008, involves construction of a new three-story structure at the south end of the arena. That structure will include a new three-story lobby, the Notre Dame ticket operations (approximately 4,500 square feet) and a varsity shop to sell apparel and souvenirs (approximately 3,000 square feet), in addition to a new club seating and hospitality area.

Replacement of the existing Joyce Center arena seating, including installation of chair-back seating throughout the arena, is expected to take place after the University's Commencement Exercises in May 2009. The entire project is scheduled for completion in January 2010. The arena is expected to re-open by mid-October 2009, in time for the start of the basketball season and the end of the volleyball season.

The University announced in October 2007 that this \$26.3 million project had received a \$12.5 million leadership gift from Notre Dame alumnus and Trustee **Philip J. Purcell III**, the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley.

For more information on the new Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center, see the inside back cover of the 2008-09 Notre Dame women's basketball media guide, or go on-line for a virtual tour at *www.UND.com/purcell*.

Next Game: NCAA Second Round

Should Notre Dame win its NCAA Championship first-round game against Minnesota on Sunday, the Irish would advance to a second-round game in the Trenton Region on Tuesday at 7 p.m. (ET) inside the Joyce Center. The second-round game, which would pit Notre Dame against the winner of Sunday's other first-round game in South Bend between No. 2 seed Texas A&M and 15th-seeded Evansville — is slated to be televised live on ESPN2, ESPN360.com and ESPN Full Court.

Notre Dame has faced Texas A&M only once before, dropping an 88-84 decision in overtime on Dec. 3, 1995, at the Kona Women's Basketball Classic in Kona, Hawaii.

The Irish are quite familiar with Evansville, having played the Purple Aces 20 times in their history, with Notre Dame owning a 19-1 series lead (10-0 at the Joyce Center). The teams met earlier this season on Nov. 19, with the Irish winning their home opener over UE, 96-61, behind a season-high 19 points from junior guard **Ashley Barlow** and a (then) career-high 18 points from sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski**.





Notre Dame on the BIG EAST Conference and NCAA statistical leaderboards

Individual Statistics

Category	BIG EAST - All Games		NCAA Division I		BIG EAST - Conference Games Only	
	Rank	Leader	Rank	Leader	Rank	Leader
Scoring (Top 30 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Lindsay Schrader	12.9	19	23.5, Angel McCoughtry, LOU	—	27.3, Alysha Clark, Middle Tenn.	12.8, t-21 26.6, Angel McCoughtry, LOU
Ashley Barlow	12.4	t-22		—		12.9, 20
Becca Bruszewski	10.9	—		—		11.8, 27
Rebounding (Top 20 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Lindsay Schrader	7.5	10	10.6, Noteisha Womack, SHU	—	14.3, Judie Lomax, Columbia	8.0, 6 10.0, Angel McCoughtry, LOU
Assists (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Melissa Lechlitner	3.4	12	5.3, Ashley Powell, WVU	—	8.1, Whitney Boddie, Auburn	4.1, 7 5.1, Renee Montgomery, UCONN
Assist/Turnover Ratio (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Melissa Lechlitner	1.4	9	2.1, Renee Montgomery, UCONN	90	2.57, Kristi Cirone, Illinois State	1.6, 8 1.8, Moore, UCONN/Prince, RU
Field Goal Percentage (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Becca Bruszewski	.494	11	.616, Natasha Williams, DPU	—	.695, Carolyn Swords, Boston College	.462, — .594, Jaleesa Butler, GU
Lindsay Schrader	.468	13		86		.440, —
Free Throw Percentage (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Ashley Barlow	.778	9	.857, Jill Stephens, CIN	—	.936, Lauren Prochaska, BG	.750, — .870, Jill Stephens, CIN
Melissa Lechlitner	.815	—		—		.826, 7
Three-Point Percentage (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Ashley Barlow	.362	14	.413, Tia Grant, VU	—	.470, Melissa Liebschwager, Furman	.391, 7 .475, Erin Monfre, MU
Steals (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Ashley Barlow	2.5	4	4.4, Angel McCoughtry, LOU	51	4.4, Angel McCoughtry, Louisville	2.4, t-2 4.9, Angel McCoughtry, LOU
Blocked Shots (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)						
Erica Solomon	1.3	t-7	2.7, Brittany Denson, USF	—	5.7, Brittany Pittman, Morehead St.	1.3, 10 2.8, Brittany Denson, USF
Erica Williamson	1.0	—		—		1.1, 13
Defensive Rebounds (Top 15 BIG EAST)						
Lindsay Schrader	5.5	5	6.9, Angel McCoughtry, LOU	not kept		5.8, 5 7.8, Angel McCoughtry, LOU
Becca Bruszewski	3.9	—				4.4, t-13
Minutes Played (Top 10 BIG EAST)						
Melissa Lechlitner	33.2	—	38.5, Kahla Roudebush, CIN	not kept		34.4, 10 39.4, Kahla Roudebush, CIN

Conference stats through March 17 // NCAA stats through March 15

328 Division I teams

bold = BIG EAST leader OR NCAA Top 25

Team Statistics

Category	BIG EAST - All Games		NCAA Division I		BIG EAST - Conference Games Only	
	Rank	Leader	Rank	Leader	Rank	Leader
Scoring Offense	71.5	5	83.8, Connecticut	28	83.8, Connecticut	70.6, 3 80.9, Connecticut
Scoring Defense	61.7	10	52.3, Connecticut	139	50.2, Wisconsin-Green Bay	67.4, 11 52.4, Connecticut
Scoring Margin	+9.8	5	+31.5, Connecticut	40	+31.5, Connecticut	+3.2, 6 +28.5, Connecticut
FT Percentage	.700 (415-593)	9	.788, Villanova	126	.824, Murray State	.714 (237-332), 10 .814, Villanova
FG Percentage	.434 (808-1863)	3	.508, Connecticut	37	.508, Connecticut	.421 (418-994), 3 .475, Connecticut
FG Pct. Defense	.383 (676-1764)	6	.328, Connecticut	104	.328, Xavier	.404 (387-959), 10 .324, Connecticut
3-Point FG Pct.	.333 (114-342)	t-6	.365, Connecticut	—	.412, Maryland	.306 (57-186), 13 .382, Connecticut
3-Point FG Pct. Def.	.308 (143-464)	8	.272, Louisville	118	.236, Delaware	.346 (91-263), 12 .262, Villanova
3-Point FG Made	3.8	15	7.9, Villanova	265	9.5, Fresno State	3.6, 16 7.9, Villanova
Rebounding	39.9	6	43.9, Pittsburgh	not kept		39.2, 5 42.1, USF/Connecticut
Opponent Rebounding	37.1	11	31.1, Rutgers	not kept		38.6, 11 32.1, Rutgers
Rebounding Margin	+2.8	7	+10.6, Connecticut	91	+13.3, Liberty	+0.7, 5 +7.8, Connecticut
Offensive Rebounds	13.8	11	17.8, Pittsburgh	not kept		13.8, 6 17.4, Pittsburgh
Defensive Rebounds	26.1	t-3	28.8, Connecticut	not kept		25.4, 4 28.5, Connecticut
Blocked Shots	4.0	7	5.8, South Florida	80	7.1, Saint Mary's (Calif.)	3.7, 7 6.3, South Florida
Assists	14.8	4	19.9, Connecticut	41	19.9, Connecticut	15.1, 2 17.8, Connecticut
Steals	9.9	3	11.2, Louisville	54	14.0, Georgia Tech	9.4, t-3 11.3, Louisville
Turnover Margin	+3.5	4	+5.3, South Florida	41	+7.16, Wisconsin-Green Bay	+2.6, 3 +4.6, Louisville
Turnover Average	15.8	not kept		57	12.1, Samford	not kept
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.9	5	1.4, Connecticut	29	1.43, Connecticut	1.0, 3 1.2, Connecticut
Personal Fouls	16.3	not kept		108	12.5, La Salle	not kept
Won-Loss Percentage	.733	not kept		46	1.000, Connecticut	not kept

Conference stats through March 17 // NCAA stats through March 15

328 Division I teams

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**2008-09 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results****Overall Record: 22-8 (Home: 11-2, Away: 10-5, Neutral: 1-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 10-6 (tie-4th)**

----- Notre Dame Highs -----

Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 16	16/14	24/22	at LSU ^{1-ESPN2}	W 62-53	W1	1-0		Barlow-19	two with 6	Lechlitner-5	7,954
Nov. 19	15/15		EVANSVILLE	W 96-61	W2	2-0		Barlow-19	Schrader-7	Mallory-6	5,696
Nov. 23	15/15		at Boston College	W 102-54	W3	3-0		Bruszewski-18	Williamson-7	Barlow-6	1,567
Nov. 25	14/10		GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W 85-36	W4	4-0		Mallory-19	Barlow-8	two with 4	6,192
Nov. 29	14/10	24/rv	MICHIGAN STATE	W 78-72	W5	5-0		Watson-18	Watson-6	Barlow-6	6,710
Dec. 2	11/8		at Eastern Michigan	W 83-63	W6	6-0		Novosel-18	Schrader-10	Novosel-4	649
Dec. 7	11/8	17/20	PURDUE	W 62-51	W7	7-0		Lechlitner-19	Schrader-10	two with 4	11,418 (c)
Dec. 10	8/8		at Michigan ^{BTN}	L 59-63 (ot)	L1	7-1		Barlow-14	two with 5	three with 3	1,377
Dec. 13	8/8		at Valparaiso ^{ESPN360/FC}	W 63-55	W1	8-1		Lechlitner-18	Solomon-7	two with 2	2,046
Dec. 20	13/7		LOYOLA-CHICAGO	W 89-45	W2	9-1		three with 13	two with 8	Schrader-5	6,323
Dec. 28	12/6		at Charlotte ^{ESPN2}	W 68-61	W3	10-1		Schrader-19	Schrader-9	Barlow-4	1,587
Dec. 30	12/6	20/19	at Vanderbilt	W 59-57	W4	11-1		two with 12	Barlow-9	Barlow-4	4,374
Jan. 3	12/6		• at Seton Hall	W 66-60	W5	12-1	1-0	Barlow-14	Schrader-6	six with 2	775
Jan. 6	12/4		• at DePaul ^{CBS CS}	W 86-62	W6	13-1	2-0	Williamson-20	Williamson-9	Lechlitner-5	2,452
Jan. 10	12/4		• GEORGETOWN	W 84-63	W7	14-1	3-0	Williamson-21	Williamson-10	Barlow-6	6,561
Jan. 13	10/4		• at Marquette ^{CBS CS}	L 65-75	L1	14-2	3-1	two with 15	Schrader-11	two with 4	1,850
Jan. 17	10/4		• ST. JOHN'S	W 70-67	W1	15-2	4-1	Lechlitner-15	Solomon-8	Lechlitner-6	6,027
Jan. 24	13/9		• at Villanova	L 48-55	L1	15-3	4-2	Barlow-11	Solomon-10	two with 2	2,111
Jan. 27	17/13		• RUTGERS ^{CBS CS}	L 68-78	L2	15-4	4-3	Novosel-19	two with 6	Barlow-4	10,082
Jan. 31	17/13		• CINCINNATI	W 66-50	W1	16-4	5-3	Schrader-19	Schrader-15	Lechlitner-7	6,902
Feb. 3	19/16	22/24	• at Pittsburgh	L 70-82	L1	16-5	5-4	two with 14	Solomon-8	two with 4	3,813
Feb. 8	19/16	25/25	• DEPAUL ^{ESPN2}	W 62-59	W1	17-5	6-4	Barlow-19	Bruszewski-12	two with 3	10,011
Feb. 11	22/22	10/12	• LOUISVILLE	L 66-71	L1	17-6	6-5	Bruszewski-18	Barlow-8	Lechlitner-5	6,706
Feb. 17	24/24		• at South Florida	W 86-79	W1	18-6	7-5	Schrader-26	Schrader-11	Lechlitner-5	1,316
Feb. 22	24/24	1/1	• at Connecticut ^{2-ESPN2}	L 66-76	L1	18-7	7-6	Barlow-18	Schrader-11	Lechlitner-5	14,533
Feb. 24	23/22		• SYRACUSE	W 90-79	W1	19-7	8-6	Schrader-23	Williamson-11	Barlow-6	5,640
Feb. 28	23/22		• at Providence	W 65-56	W2	20-7	9-6	Schrader-18	Schrader-8	two with 3	372
March 2	20/22		• WEST VIRGINIA	W 72-66	W3	21-7	10-6	Schrader-14	Schrader-11	Lechlitner-6	5,692

BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn. — XL Center)

March 7	20/17		vs. St. John's ^{BIG EAST TV}	W 62-45	W4	22-7		Schrader-16	Schrader-11	Schrader-5	8,980
March 8	20/17		vs. Villanova ^{ESPN2}	L 47-58	L1	22-8		two with 10	two with 7	three with 1	9,270

NCAA Trenton Region — First & Second Rounds (Notre Dame, Ind. — Joyce Center)

March 22			vs. Minnesota ^{ESPN}	2:30 p.m. ET							
March 24			Second Round ^{ESPN2}	7 p.m. ET							

NCAA Trenton Regional (Trenton, N.J. — Sovereign Bank Arena)

March 29			Regional Semifinals ^{ESPN}	TBA							
March 31			Regional Finals ^{ESPN}	TBA							

NCAA Women's Final Four (St. Louis, Mo. — Scottrade Center)

April 5			National Semifinals ^{ESPN}	TBA							
April 7			National Championship ^{ESPN}	TBA							

• = indicates BIG EAST Conference game

1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

2 = Game played at XL Center (Hartford, Conn.)

(c) = indicates capacity crowd

NR = national ranking (listed as Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today)

ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN3 = Game to be televised live on ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN3

ESPN360/FC = Game televised live on ESPN360.com/ESPN Full Court

CBS CS = Game televised live on CBS College Sports

BIG EAST TV = Game televised live as part of BIG EAST-Regional Sports Networks package

BTN = Game televised live on the Big Ten Network

NOTE: All home games not scheduled for commercial TV broadcast aired live on UND.com

Home games listed in ALL CAPS and played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418)

2008-09 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	159,018	5,301	14,533 (2/22 - UCONN)
Home:	93,960	7,228	11,418 (12/7 - PUR)
Away:	46,776	3,118	14,533 (2/22 - UCONN)
Neutral:	18,250	9,125	9,270 (3/8 - VILL)



2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

Overall Record: 22-8 (Home: 11-2, Away: 10-5, Neutral: 1-1)

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
24	SCHRADER, Lindsay	30-30	946	31.5	163-348	.468	1-3	.333	59-89	.663	62	164	226	7.5	43	1	67	72	14	42	386	12.9
20	BARLOW, Ashley	28-27	920	32.9	120-301	.399	38-105	.362	70-90	.778	48	90	138	4.9	47	0	78	75	3	69	348	12.4
32	BRUSZEWSKI, Becca	30-30	808	26.9	129-261	.494	19-50	.380	45-65	.692	31	118	149	5.0	86	2	48	53	15	32	322	10.7
23	LECHLITNER, Meliss	30-30	997	33.2	120-312	.385	21-63	.333	53-65	.815	17	63	80	2.7	52	0	103	72	2	37	314	10.5
22	MALLORY, Brittany	7-3	154	22.0	21-45	.467	7-20	.350	8-13	.615	5	18	23	3.3	15	0	20	9	1	11	57	8.1
14	PETERS, Devereaux	3-1	61	20.3	11-16	.688	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	3	10	13	4.3	6	0	5	4	6	5	22	7.3
21	NOVOSEL, Natalie	30-0	611	20.4	73-146	.500	1-10	.100	64-87	.736	41	43	84	2.8	53	0	47	57	3	44	211	7.0
01	SOLOMON, Erica	30-0	496	16.5	65-150	.433	0-0	.000	49-82	.598	67	68	135	4.5	73	0	20	43	38	17	179	6.0
52	WILLIAMSON, Erica	30-29	489	16.3	62-135	.459	0-0	.000	46-62	.742	46	83	129	4.3	54	0	20	33	29	14	170	5.7
10	WATSON, Kellie	30-0	442	14.7	36-136	.265	27-90	.300	17-26	.654	17	55	72	2.4	36	1	29	41	10	10	116	3.9
12	MILLER, Fraderica	22-0	92	4.2	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	6	7	13	0.6	23	0	8	5	0	15	17	0.8
44	CHRISTIANSEN, Alen	6-0	9	1.5	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	3-6	.500	1	0	1	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0.5
Team											71	64	135				9					
Total.....		30	6025		808-1863	.434	114-342	.333	415-593	.700	415	783	1198	39.9	489	4	445	473	121	298	2145	71.5
Opponents.....		30	6025		676-1764	.383	143-464	.308	357-486	.735	374	739	1113	37.1	519	11	391	578	105	233	1852	61.7

2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — BIG EAST Games

Overall Record: 10-6 (Home: 6-2, Away: 4-4, Neutral: 0-0)

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
20	BARLOW, Ashley	16-16	533	33.3	67-172	.390	25-64	.391	48-64	.750	30	45	75	4.7	29	0	44	43	1	39	207	12.9
24	SCHRADER, Lindsay	16-16	508	31.8	85-193	.440	0-2	.000	34-52	.654	35	93	128	8.0	23	1	31	40	8	20	204	12.8
32	BRUSZEWSKI, Becca	16-16	458	28.6	73-158	.462	12-34	.353	30-40	.750	17	70	87	5.4	46	0	24	20	9	15	188	11.8
23	LECHLITNER, Meliss	16-16	551	34.4	58-168	.345	10-39	.256	38-46	.826	8	43	51	3.2	32	0	66	41	0	21	164	10.3
21	NOVOSEL, Natalie	16-0	341	21.3	42-85	.494	0-1	.000	34-48	.708	22	22	44	2.8	34	0	28	30	2	29	118	7.4
52	WILLIAMSON, Erica	16-16	289	18.1	45-77	.584	0-0	.000	27-37	.730	24	44	68	4.3	30	0	15	18	17	9	117	7.3
01	SOLOMON, Erica	16-0	260	16.3	33-73	.452	0-0	.000	18-35	.514	39	33	72	4.5	50	0	10	26	20	8	84	5.3
10	WATSON, Kellie	16-0	214	13.4	13-65	.200	10-46	.217	6-8	.750	7	27	34	2.1	19	0	19	18	2	3	42	2.6
44	CHRISTIANSEN, Alen	4-0	3	0.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
12	MILLER, Fraderica	13-0	43	3.3	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	0.5	10	0	5	2	0	7	4	0.3
Team											37	26	63				3					
Total.....		16	3200		418-994	.421	57-186	.306	237-332	.714	221	407	628	39.2	273	1	242	241	59	151	1130	70.6
Opponents.....		16	3200		387-959	.404	91-263	.346	213-296	.720	209	408	617	38.6	283	4	232	283	58	122	1078	67.4

**2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Home Games****Overall Record: 11-2 (Non-Conference: 5-0, BIG EAST: 6-2)**

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
20	BARLOW, Ashley	12-12	378	31.5	52-140	.371	20-57	.351	35-45	.778	25	34	59	4.9	18	0	39	28	1	32	159	13.3
24	SCHRADER, Lindsay	13-13	388	29.8	64-132	.485	0-0	.000	30-47	.638	24	71	95	7.3	24	1	37	37	6	18	158	12.2
23	LECHLITNER, Meliss	13-13	427	32.8	54-129	.419	11-36	.306	27-31	.871	7	31	38	2.9	17	0	53	25	1	19	146	11.2
32	BRUSZEWSKI, Becca	13-13	334	25.7	56-109	.514	13-28	.464	20-29	.690	17	50	67	5.2	33	1	22	26	7	14	145	11.2
22	MALLORY, Brittany	4-1	90	22.5	13-29	.448	3-12	.250	6-9	.667	3	8	11	2.8	10	0	13	4	0	8	35	8.8
52	WILLIAMSON, Erica	13-12	237	18.2	33-66	.500	0-0	.000	31-38	.816	24	45	69	5.3	23	0	9	15	17	5	97	7.5
21	NOVOSEL, Natalie	13-0	247	19.0	32-71	.451	0-7	.000	25-33	.758	17	17	34	2.6	19	0	25	22	1	18	89	6.8
14	PETERS, Devereaux	1-1	17	17.0	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	3	0	1	1	1	0	6	6.0
10	WATSON, Kellie	13-0	209	16.1	24-80	.300	20-55	.364	8-12	.667	11	30	41	3.2	17	0	13	19	3	8	76	5.8
01	SOLOMON, Erica	13-0	207	15.9	21-54	.389	0-0	.000	19-33	.576	25	32	57	4.4	34	0	8	16	19	8	61	4.7
12	MILLER, Fraderica	10-0	59	5.9	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	5	6	11	1.1	13	0	6	4	0	10	13	1.3
44	CHRISTIANSEN, Alen	4-0	7	1.8	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	3-6	.500	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.8
Team											24	18	42				3					
Total.....		13	2600		358-824	.434	67-196	.342	205-288	.712	184	345	529	40.7	212	2	226	200	56	141	988	76.0
Opponents.....		13	2600		290-771	.376	59-195	.303	159-221	.719	170	332	502	38.6	252	6	172	273	36	109	798	61.4

2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Road Games**Overall Record: 11-6 (Away: 10-5, Neutral: 1-1 / Non-Conference: 7-2, BIG EAST: 4-4)**

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
24	SCHRADER, Lindsay	17-17	558	32.8	99-216	.458	1-3	.333	29-42	.690	38	93	131	7.7	19	0	30	35	8	24	228	13.4
20	BARLOW, Ashley	16-15	542	33.9	68-161	.422	18-48	.375	35-45	.778	23	56	79	4.9	29	0	39	47	2	37	189	11.8
32	BRUSZEWSKI, Becca	17-17	474	27.9	73-152	.480	6-22	.273	25-36	.694	14	68	82	4.8	53	1	26	27	8	18	177	10.4
23	LECHLITNER, Meliss	17-17	570	33.5	66-183	.361	10-27	.370	26-34	.765	10	32	42	2.5	35	0	50	47	1	18	168	9.9
14	PETERS, Devereaux	2-0	44	22.0	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	2	7	9	4.5	3	0	4	3	5	5	16	8.0
22	MALLORY, Brittany	3-2	64	21.3	8-16	.500	4-8	.500	2-4	.500	2	10	12	4.0	5	0	7	5	1	3	22	7.3
21	NOVOSEL, Natalie	17-0	364	21.4	41-75	.547	1-3	.333	39-54	.722	24	26	50	2.9	34	0	22	35	2	26	122	7.2
01	SOLOMON, Erica	17-0	289	17.0	44-96	.458	0-0	.000	30-49	.612	42	36	78	4.6	39	0	12	27	19	9	118	6.9
52	WILLIAMSON, Erica	17-17	252	14.8	29-69	.420	0-0	.000	15-24	.625	22	38	60	3.5	31	0	11	18	12	9	73	4.3
10	WATSON, Kellie	17-0	233	13.7	12-56	.214	7-35	.200	9-14	.643	6	25	31	1.8	19	1	16	22	7	2	40	2.4
12	MILLER, Fraderica	12-0	33	2.8	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.2	10	0	2	1	0	5	4	0.3
44	CHRISTIANSEN, Alen	2-0	2	1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
Team											47	46	93				6					
Total.....		17	3425		450-1039	.433	47-146	.322	210-305	.689	231	438	669	39.4	277	2	219	273	65	157	1157	68.1
Opponents.....		17	3425		386-993	.389	84-269	.312	198-265	.747	204	407	611	35.9	267	5	219	305	69	124	1054	62.0



2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Past 5 Games

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

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
24	SCHRADER, Lindsay	5-5	168	33.6	35-68	.515	0-0	.000	10-15	.667	11	34	45	9.0	8	1	10	7	1	9	80	16.0
32	BRUSZEWSKI, Becca	5-5	161	32.2	22-46	.478	4-10	.400	17-25	.680	4	25	29	5.8	11	0	10	8	1	8	65	13.0
20	BARLOW, Ashley	5-5	161	32.2	19-49	.388	7-17	.412	8-11	.727	7	17	24	4.8	8	0	13	11	1	10	53	10.6
23	LECHLITNER, Meliss	5-5	172	34.4	18-52	.346	2-11	.182	9-10	.900	2	10	12	2.4	8	0	14	12	0	2	47	9.4
52	WILLIAMSON, Erica	5-5	100	20.0	16-35	.457	0-0	.000	7-11	.636	12	17	29	5.8	9	0	3	4	9	2	39	7.8
21	NOVOSEL, Natalie	5-0	111	22.2	9-20	.450	0-0	.000	11-13	.846	3	9	12	2.4	10	0	6	7	0	9	29	5.8
01	SOLOMON, Erica	5-0	53	10.6	6-23	.261	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	8	11	19	3.8	11	0	2	6	4	2	17	3.4
10	WATSON, Kellie	5-0	64	12.8	2-11	.182	1-7	.143	1-2	.500	3	5	8	1.6	5	0	8	8	0	0	6	1.2
44	CHRISTIANSEN, Alen	2-0	1	0.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
12	MILLER, Fraderica	5-0	9	1.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											8	7	15				1					
Total.....		5	1000		127-305	.416	14-45	.311	68-95	.716	59	136	195	39.0	72	1	67	64	16	43	336	67.2
Opponents.....		5	1000		113-287	.394	29-84	.345	49-68	.721	50	131	181	36.2	81	0	58	87	15	30	304	60.8

2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Ranked Opponents

Overall Record: 5-3 (Home: 3-1, Away: 2-2, Neutral: 0-0)

#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fga	pct	off	def	tot	avg								
20	BARLOW, Ashley	7-7	240	34.3	32-86	.372	12-35	.343	22-29	.759	18	20	38	5.4	14	0	18	20	0	10	98	14.0
14	PETERS, Devereaux	1-0	28	28.0	6-7	.857	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	2	4	6	6.0	2	0	2	2	3	3	12	12.0
24	SCHRADER, Lindsay	8-8	248	31.0	37-101	.366	0-0	.000	18-27	.667	18	36	54	6.8	12	0	15	24	2	10	92	11.5
32	BRUSZEWSKI, Becca	8-8	226	28.3	35-71	.493	6-14	.429	8-12	.667	9	38	47	5.9	28	1	13	14	6	5	84	10.5
23	LECHLITNER, Meliss	8-8	282	35.2	29-81	.358	4-17	.235	12-18	.667	3	20	23	2.9	11	0	30	21	0	9	74	9.3
01	SOLOMON, Erica	8-0	140	17.5	20-46	.435	0-0	.000	8-17	.471	24	17	41	5.1	22	0	7	10	10	4	48	6.0
10	WATSON, Kellie	8-0	111	13.9	15-37	.405	13-28	.464	2-2	1.000	6	16	22	2.8	3	0	6	4	3	2	45	5.6
21	NOVOSEL, Natalie	8-0	128	16.0	13-34	.382	0-3	.000	10-13	.769	11	4	15	1.9	7	0	9	17	0	9	36	4.5
52	WILLIAMSON, Erica	8-8	136	17.0	10-30	.333	0-0	.000	11-13	.846	11	16	27	3.4	24	0	7	11	7	3	31	3.9
22	MALLORY, Brittany	2-1	46	23.0	1-9	.111	0-4	.000	3-4	.750	2	5	7	3.5	4	0	4	1	0	4	5	2.5
12	MILLER, Fraderica	5-0	15	3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	0.8	4	0	1	1	0	3	0	0.0
Team											22	18	40				5					
Total.....		8	1600		198-502	.394	35-101	.347	94-138	.681	127	197	324	40.5	131	1	112	130	31	62	525	65.6
Opponents.....		8	1600		199-485	.410	28-93	.301	95-131	.725	110	205	315	39.4	126	3	121	133	30	72	521	65.1



2008-09 Single Game Highs & Lows

Team Superlatives

NOTRE DAME HIGH	NOTRE DAME LOW	CATEGORY	OPPONENT HIGH	OPPONENT LOW
102 at Boston College (11/23/08)	47 vs. Villanova (3/8/09)	Points/Game	82 by Pittsburgh (2/3/09)	36 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
53 (2nd) at Boston College (11/23/08)	20, three times (MR: 1st vs. St. John's, 3/7/09)	Points/Half	52 (1st) by South Florida (2/17/09)	17 (1st) by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
42 at Boston College (11/23/08)	16 at Villanova (1/24/09)	Field Goals Made	30 by Pittsburgh (2/3/09)	12 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
79 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	46 at Seton Hall (1/3/09)	Field Goal Attempts	69 by Syracuse (2/24/09)	46 by Villanova (3/8/09)
.646 at Boston College (11/23/08)	.327 at Villanova (1/24/09)	FG Percentage	.475 by Connecticut (2/22/09)	.214 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
9 vs. Michigan State (11/29/08)	0 at Seton Hall (1/3/09)	3-Point FG Made	10, twice (MR: by Villanova, 3/8/09)	0 by LSU (11/16/08)
25 vs. Michigan State (11/29/08)	4 at LSU (11/16/08)	3-Point FG Attempts	27, twice (MR: by USF, 2/17/09)	4 by LSU (11/16/08)
.875 at Boston College (11/23/08)	.000 at Seton Hall (1/3/09)	3-Point FG Percentage	.583 by Pittsburgh (2/3/09)	.000 by LSU (11/16/08)
30 at South Florida (2/17/09)	3 at Vanderbilt (12/30/08)	Free Throws Made	22 by Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	2 by Boston College (11/23/08)
40 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	6, twice (MR: at Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)	Free Throw Attempts	32 by South Florida (2/17/09)	3 by Boston College (11/23/08)
.917 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	.333 vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)	FT Percentage	.909 by Villanova (3/8/09)	.455 by Vanderbilt (12/30/08)
60 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	26 at Seton Hall (1/3/09)	Rebounds	48, three times (MR: by Pitt, 2/3/09)	22 by Boston College (11/23/08)
23, twice (MR: at Boston Coll., 11/23/08)	3 vs. Villanova (3/8/09)	Assists	21 by Marquette (1/13/09)	7, twice (MR: by St. John's, 3/7/09)
21 vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)	2 at Vanderbilt (12/30/08)	Steals	14 by St. John's (1/17/09)	1 by Pittsburgh (2/3/09)
8, three times (MR: vs. Syracuse, 2/24/09)	0 vs. Villanova (3/8/09)	Blocked Shots	7, twice (MR: by Connecticut, 2/22/09)	0 by Syracuse (2/24/09)
23, twice (MR: vs. Georgetown, 1/10/09)	8 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	Turnovers	31, twice (MR: by Loyola, 12/20/08)	9 by Connecticut (2/22/09)
24 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	11 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)	Fouls	31 by Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	6 by Villanova (3/8/09)

Individual Superlatives

	NOTRE DAME	OPPONENT
Points Scored	26 by Lindsay Schrader at South Florida (2/17/09)	34 by Aisha Jefferson of Michigan State (11/29/08)
Field Goals Made	11 by Lindsay Schrader at South Florida (2/17/09)	14 by Aisha Jefferson of Michigan State (11/29/08)
Field Goal Attempts	22 by Lindsay Schrader at South Florida (2/17/09)	28 by Aisha Jefferson of Michigan State (11/29/08)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	1.000 (6-6) by Melissa Lechlitner vs. Loyola (12/20/08)	.909 (10-11) by Stephany Skrba of Michigan (12/10/08)
3-Point Field Goals Made	6* by Kellie Watson vs. Michigan State (11/29/08)	5, twice (MR: by Takisha Granberry of West Virginia, 3/2/09)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	9, twice (MR: by Ashley Barlow vs. Rutgers, 1/27/09)	14 by Janae Stokes of South Florida (2/17/09)
3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)	1.000 (3-3) by Brittany Mallory at Boston College (11/23/08)	1.000 (2-2) by Morgan Williams of Georgetown (1/10/09)
Free Throws Made	8 by Becca Bruszewski at South Florida (2/17/09)	12 by Epiphanny Prince of Rutgers (1/27/09)
Free Throw Attempts	12 by Becca Bruszewski vs. Syracuse (2/24/09)	14 by Cassie Schrock of Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)	1.000 (8-8) by Becca Bruszewski at South Florida (2/17/09)	1.000 (12-12)** by Epiphanny Prince of Rutgers (1/27/09)
Rebounds	15 by Lindsay Schrader vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)	18 by Shayla Scott of Pittsburgh (2/3/09)
Assists	7 by Melissa Lechlitner vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)	9 by Traci Ray of Charlotte (12/28/08)
Steals	8 by Ashley Barlow vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)	8*** by Angel McCoughtry of Louisville (2/11/09)
Blocked Shots	5 by Erica Williamson vs. Syracuse (2/24/09)	4, twice (MR: by Tina Charles of Connecticut, 2/22/09)
Turnovers	5, 12 times (MR: by Melissa Lechlitner at Connecticut, 2/22/09)	9 by Sarah Miles of West Virginia (3/2/09)
Minutes Played	40, twice (MR: by Melissa Lechlitner vs. St. John's, 1/17/09)	45 by Jessica Minnfield of Michigan (12/10/08)

* - tied ND Joyce Center record // ** - Joyce Center opponent record // *** - tied Joyce Center opponent record



2008-09 Notre Dame Game-By-Game Team Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs. Off-Def-Tot	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.									
(1) NOTRE DAME	21-47	.447	2-4	.500	18-27	.667	10-28-38	17-0	9	21	4	12	62
at LSU (7,954)	18-53	.340	0-4	.000	17-21	.810	9-23-32	19-1	10	18	2	11	53
NOTRE DAME (5,696)	39-79	.494	7-19	.368	11-12	.917	14-22-36	17-0	23	8	7	17	96
vs. Evansville	20-54	.370	6-18	.333	15-19	.789	15-27-42	15-0	9	31	2	6	61
NOTRE DAME	42-65	.646	7-8	.875	11-16	.688	12-24-36	12-0	23	18	6	17	102
at Boston College (1,567)	25-59	.424	2-6	.333	2-3	.667	9-13-22	18-0	12	28	3	5	54
NOTRE DAME (6,192)	32-57	.561	6-13	.462	15-22	.682	8-33-41	15-0	16	14	6	9	85
vs. Georgia Southern	12-56	.214	2-14	.143	10-15	.667	14-19-33	17-0	7	24	2	8	36
NOTRE DAME (6,710)	28-66	.424	9-25	.360	13-19	.684	14-18-32	19-0	21	15	6	9	78
vs. Michigan State	28-66	.424	2-13	.154	14-17	.824	22-26-48	19-0	16	24	6	9	72
NOTRE DAME	28-72	.389	2-7	.286	25-40	.625	22-38-60	24-1	16	18	8	10	83
at Eastern Michigan (649)	18-68	.265	5-20	.250	22-28	.786	13-31-44	31-3	12	16	6	9	63
NOTRE DAME (11,418)	21-61	.344	5-12	.417	15-21	.714	17-30-47	14-1	14	18	2	7	62
vs. Purdue	20-56	.357	2-7	.286	9-12	.750	8-27-35	19-1	16	18	4	10	51
Notre Dame	26-57	.456	3-6	.500	4-6	.667	10-21-31	17-1	11	23	3	12	59
at MICHIGAN (1,377)	24-54	.444	4-19	.211	11-13	.846	11-23-34	10-0	11	23	6	9	63
NOTRE DAME	26-59	.441	1-9	.111	10-14	.714	13-26-39	11-0	7	19	8	9	63
at Valparaiso (2,046)	21-63	.333	5-22	.227	8-11	.727	16-23-39	12-0	11	18	2	8	55
NOTRE DAME (6,323)	30-65	.462	4-13	.308	25-37	.676	21-27-48	14-0	19	14	2	17	89
vs. Loyola-Chicago	17-50	.340	3-12	.250	8-12	.667	10-21-31	27-2	10	31	3	7	45
NOTRE DAME	27-59	.458	3-12	.250	11-18	.611	12-22-34	15-0	12	20	3	12	68
at Charlotte (1,587)	24-57	.421	5-14	.357	8-9	.889	10-25-35	14-0	17	24	1	8	61
NOTRE DAME	26-61	.426	4-15	.267	3-6	.500	18-27-45	17-0	14	19	4	2	59
at Vanderbilt (4,374)	24-62	.387	4-17	.235	5-11	.455	15-19-34	12-0	13	11	1	11	57
• NOTRE DAME	25-46	.543	0-7	.000	16-24	.667	5-21-26	20-0	14	18	3	6	66
at Seton Hall (775)	19-55	.345	4-11	.364	18-23	.783	17-21-38	20-0	9	23	3	5	60
• NOTRE DAME	34-70	.486	3-8	.375	15-20	.750	19-31-50	15-0	17	13	2	6	86
at DePaul (2,452)	22-62	.355	5-21	.238	13-17	.765	11-18-29	19-0	11	15	7	10	62
• NOTRE DAME (6,561)	28-52	.538	4-12	.333	24-29	.828	10-30-40	22-0	22	23	7	12	84
vs. Georgetown	20-63	.317	5-15	.333	18-27	.667	16-17-33	27-2	12	18	1	10	63
• Notre Dame	26-67	.388	5-15	.333	8-14	.571	12-23-35	21-0	15	17	3	14	65
at MARQUETTE (1,850)	27-59	.458	4-11	.364	17-22	.773	12-30-42	14-0	21	20	4	9	75
• NOTRE DAME (6,027)	25-55	.455	6-13	.462	14-17	.824	8-27-35	13-0	18	18	3	7	70
vs. St. John's	26-63	.413	7-19	.368	8-11	.727	12-24-36	18-0	13	16	1	14	67
• Notre Dame	16-49	.327	2-6	.333	14-22	.636	10-25-35	15-0	7	14	1	7	48
at VILLANOVA (2,111)	18-47	.383	10-27	.370	9-11	.818	5-26-31	12-0	12	15	4	5	55
• Notre Dame (10,082)	24-63	.381	4-22	.182	16-22	.727	13-25-38	19-0	13	13	6	9	68
vs. RUTGERS	26-67	.388	7-14	.500	19-21	.905	17-31-48	22-0	18	14	4	5	78
• NOTRE DAME (6,902)	28-73	.384	6-18	.333	4-12	.333	20-28-48	15-0	19	17	2	21	66
vs. Cincinnati	19-48	.396	4-17	.235	8-13	.615	4-30-34	12-0	12	26	6	6	50
• Notre Dame	29-78	.372	2-10	.200	10-15	.667	21-21-42	18-0	19	9	6	7	70
at PITTSBURGH (3,813)	30-66	.455	7-12	.583	15-19	.789	18-30-48	14-0	19	18	6	1	82
• NOTRE DAME (10,011)	22-61	.361	3-11	.273	15-21	.714	15-28-43	16-0	10	17	1	7	62
vs. DePaul	21-56	.375	4-20	.200	13-19	.684	9-29-38	17-1	14	16	3	9	59
• Notre Dame (6,706)	25-66	.379	5-12	.417	11-17	.647	20-21-41	14-0	14	18	3	12	66
vs. LOUISVILLE	29-65	.446	2-7	.286	11-16	.688	18-26-44	16-0	14	19	1	12	71
• NOTRE DAME	27-68	.397	2-8	.250	30-35	.857	20-27-47	21-0	14	12	4	8	86
at South Florida (1,316)	26-67	.388	8-27	.296	19-32	.594	22-24-46	24-1	15	16	5	7	79
(2) • Notre Dame	26-62	.419	5-12	.417	9-12	.750	12-24-36	16-0	11	13	5	6	66
at CONNECTICUT (14,533)	29-61	.475	7-13	.538	11-16	.688	11-25-36	10-0	19	9	7	9	76
• NOTRE DAME (5,640)	30-62	.484	2-11	.182	28-35	.800	9-31-40	22-1	19	15	8	7	90
vs. Syracuse	28-69	.406	7-20	.350	16-23	.696	13-28-41	25-0	19	20	0	8	79
• NOTRE DAME	27-58	.466	2-6	.333	9-13	.692	12-20-32	14-0	12	14	2	15	65
at Providence (372)	23-53	.434	2-10	.200	8-10	.800	12-22-34	15-0	12	22	3	7	56
• NOTRE DAME (5,692)	26-64	.406	6-15	.400	14-24	.583	15-25-40	12-0	18	10	3	7	72
vs. West Virginia	24-58	.414	8-19	.421	10-16	.625	12-27-39	18-0	12	16	3	5	66
(3) NOTRE DAME (8,980)	24-66	.364	3-8	.375	11-14	.786	15-35-50	12-0	15	12	3	8	62
vs. St. John's	19-61	.311	2-10	.200	5-8	.625	10-27-37	17-0	7	16	8	5	45
(3) Notre Dame	20-55	.364	1-5	.200	6-9	.667	8-25-33	12-0	3	13	0	6	47
vs. VILLANOVA (9,270)	19-46	.413	10-25	.400	10-11	.909	3-27-30	6-0	8	13	1	5	58

Winners listed in ALL CAPS // Attendance listed next to home team (where applicable)

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**2008-09 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists**

Opponent	Solomon	Watson	Miller	Peters*	Barlow	Novosel	Mallory*	Lechlitner	Schrader	Bruszewski	Christiansen^	Williamson
(1) at LSU	6-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	12-6-2	19-5-0	2-2-0	DNP	2-5-5	13-6-1	6-3-0		2-4-1
EVANSVILLE	4-3-2	3-2-2	2-0-0	6-4-1	19-6-0	6-3-4	11-2-6	11-2-4	12-7-4	18-4-0		4-1-0
at Boston College	15-1-1	3-3-0	0-0-0	4-3-2	10-2-6	7-2-2	14-4-2	8-3-4	13-4-2	18-2-4		10-7-0
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	12-5-0	7-2-1	2-0-0		13-8-2	7-4-1	19-2-3	7-0-4	8-6-4	6-5-1		4-6-0
MICHIGAN STATE	12-4-2	18-6-2	DNP		14-5-6	0-0-0	2-2-2	6-1-3	15-2-1	5-4-4		6-4-1
at Eastern Michigan	12-9-2	5-3-0	2-0-0		DNP	18-8-4	3-3-2	15-3-3	17-10-3	5-6-2		6-5-0
PURDUE	0-8-0	13-6-0	DNP		DNP	4-1-1	3-5-2	19-3-4	13-10-4	6-6-2		4-7-1
at Michigan	8-2-0	3-1-0	DNP		14-5-3	2-1-0	5-5-3	9-2-1	8-4-3	10-3-1		0-2-0
at Valparaiso	5-7-0	1-2-0	DNP		15-3-1	0-2-1		18-3-2	14-6-1	8-6-2		2-2-0
LOYOLA-CHICAGO	6-5-0	9-5-0	7-5-2		8-5-4	13-3-3		13-0-1	13-8-5	10-1-4	1-1-0	9-8-0
at Charlotte	0-2-1	4-2-2	DNP		6-5-4	12-5-2		13-3-2	19-9-0	12-5-0	DNP	2-1-1
at Vanderbilt	8-7-2	6-4-2	0-0-0		6-9-4	2-3-0		11-0-1	12-8-3	12-7-2	DNP	2-2-0
• at Seton Hall	13-3-1	4-4-2	0-0-0		14-4-2	8-2-2		9-1-2	11-6-2	6-3-1	DNP	1-1-2
• at DePaul	4-8-1	2-2-1	2-0-1		12-3-3	18-7-1		9-4-5	11-6-1	8-4-2	0-0-0	20-9-2
• GEORGETOWN	7-3-0	9-3-3	0-1-0		6-2-6	12-4-3		11-2-5	10-8-4	6-4-1	2-0-0	21-10-0
• at Marquette	2-1-0	3-3-3	0-0-0		15-6-2	10-4-0		15-3-4	7-11-4	12-5-1	DNP	1-0-1
• ST. JOHN'S	9-8-0	0-0-0	2-0-1		13-5-3	0-2-0		15-4-6	13-4-5	13-6-2	DNP	5-5-1
• at Villanova	5-10-2	2-0-0	DNP		11-6-0	4-1-1		8-2-2	9-6-1	3-5-1	DNP	6-2-0
• RUTGERS	2-4-1	0-5-0	0-1-2		18-4-4	19-4-3		17-2-2	4-6-0	3-1-0	DNP	5-6-1
• CINCINNATI	0-2-0	10-5-1	DNP		7-4-4	6-2-2		7-8-7	19-15-3	15-7-1	0-0-0	2-2-1
• at Pittsburgh	14-8-1	5-3-2	DNP		6-3-4	8-4-3		9-2-4	8-7-2	14-6-3	DNP	6-1-0
• DePAUL	2-3-1	0-1-0	0-2-0		19-4-0	2-2-0		13-5-3	8-5-3	14-12-1	DNP	4-1-2
• LOUISVILLE	0-6-0	3-1-0	0-2-1		16-8-2	17-3-4		4-5-5	6-5-0	18-4-1	DNP	2-5-1
• at South Florida	10-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0		16-8-3	4-3-3		8-3-5	26-11-0	20-6-2	DNP	2-6-1
(2) • at Connecticut	6-3-1	0-1-0	0-0-0		18-4-2	1-0-1		10-2-5	17-11-1	9-5-0	DNP	5-3-1
• SYRACUSE	2-3-1	0-2-1	0-0-0		13-2-6	2-4-2		12-1-3	23-8-3	20-6-2	0-0-0	18-11-1
• at Providence	3-5-0	0-1-3	0-0-0		10-6-1	6-0-1		6-2-2	18-8-1	16-6-3	DNP	6-3-1
• WEST VIRGINIA	5-3-1	4-3-3	0-0-0		13-6-2	1-2-2		11-5-6	14-11-1	11-7-3	DNP	13-3-0
(3) vs. St. John's	7-6-0	0-0-0	0-1-1		7-5-3	15-3-1		8-3-2	16-11-5	9-3-2	0-0-0	0-11-1
(3) vs. Villanova	0-2-0	2-2-1	0-1-0		10-5-1	5-3-0		10-1-1	9-7-0	9-7-0	DNP	2-1-0

Home games in ALL CAPS // Games started in **boldface**

DNP = did not play // * - out for season (knee injury) // ^ - added to roster Dec. 19

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2008-09 Miscellaneous Statistics

	ALL GAMES	vs. BIG EAST OPPONENTS
Most First Half Points Scored	49, twice (MR: at Boston College, 11/23)	44, twice (MR: at South Florida, 2/17)
Most First Half Points Allowed	52 by South Florida (2/17)	52 by South Florida (2/17)
Most Second Half Points Scored	53 at Boston College (11/23)	52, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 2/24)
Most Second Half Points Allowed	47 by Rutgers (1/27)	47 by Rutgers (1/27)
Fewest First Half Points Scored	20, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 3/7)	20, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 3/7)
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	17 by Georgia Southern (11/25)	22 by St. John's (3/7)
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	20 at Michigan (12/10)	22 vs. Villanova (3/8)
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	19 by Georgia Southern (11/25)	22 by Providence (2/28)

Largest Leads

Notre Dame: 55 — 78-23 (8:05, 2nd) vs. Georgia Southern (ND 85-36), 11/25

Opponent: 19, four times — 63-44 (6:50, 2nd), 73-54 (1:51, 2nd) and 76-57 (1:16, 2nd) by Rutgers (RU 78-68), 1/27; 63-44 (9:32, 2nd) at Connecticut (UCONN 76-66), 2/22

Largest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 18, twice — 44-26 (17:41, 2nd) and 46-28 (15:56, 2nd) at Vanderbilt (ND 59-57), 12/30 (**school record**)

Largest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 12 — 36-24 at Vanderbilt (ND 59-57), 12/30

Largest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 10 — 15-5 (9:18, 1st) vs. Villanova (VU 58-47), 3/8

Largest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 4, twice — 34-30 at Marquette (MU 75-65), 1/13; 25-21 vs. Villanova (VU 58-47), 3/8

Halftime Leads: ND: 20 (ND Record — 17-3; 8-2 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 8 (ND Record — 3-5; 2-5 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 2 (ND Record — 2-0; 1-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Rebound Advantage: ND: 16 (ND Record — 14-2; 7-2 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 12 (ND Record — 7-5; 4-4 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 2 (ND Record — 1-1; 0-1 vs. BIG EAST)

Bench Scoring Advantage: ND: 18 (ND Record — 13-5; 4-4 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 9 (ND Record — 7-2; 5-2 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 3 (ND Record — 2-1; 2-1 vs. BIG EAST)

Notre Dame Margin: +169 points, +5.6 ppg. (ND — 606 pts., 20.2 ppg.; Opponents — 437 pts., 14.6 ppg.)

Point Differential	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	16	17	20	21	24	35	44	48	49
Notre Dame Wins	1	2	0	0	3	2	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Notre Dame Losses	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Starting Lineups (F-C-G-G-G) & W-L Marks

	ALL GAMES	vs. BIG EAST OPPONENTS
Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader	19-7	11-7
Bruszewski, Williamson, Lechlitner, Mallory, Schrader	2-1	
Bruszewski, Peters (F), Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader	1-0	

Complete Games Played: 2 (Lechlitner 2) // Opponents: 5

Most Minutes: 40, twice (Melissa Lechlitner at Valparaiso, 12/13; Lechlitner vs. St. John's, 1/17)

Charges Taken: 27 (Williamson 12, Solomon 5, Barlow 3, Watson 3, Bruszewski 2, Novosel 1, Schrader 1) // Opponents: 24

Most Charges Taken (Individual - Game): 2 by Erica Solomon at South Florida, 2/17

Most Charges Taken (Team - Game): 3 at Pittsburgh, 2/3

Shot Clock Violations Forced: 18 // Opponents: 9

Most Shot Clock Violations Forced (Game): 3 at Michigan, 12/10

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 102 (Barlow 21, Schrader 21, Bruszewski 16, Lechlitner 16, Novosel 9, Solomon 7, Williamson 5, Mallory 3, Watson 3, Peters 1) // Opponents: 68

20-29-Point Games: 6 (Bruszewski 2, Schrader 2, Williamson 2) // Opponents: 12

30-39-Point Games: 0 // Opponents: 1

Game-High Honors*: 18 (Schrader 7, Lechlitner 3, Barlow 2, Novosel 2, Williamson 2, Bruszewski 1, Mallory 1)

Team-High Honors*: 36 (Barlow 9, Schrader 9, Lechlitner 6, Bruszewski 4, Novosel 3, Williamson 2, Mallory 1, Solomon 1, Watson 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 13 (Schrader 8, Williamson 3, Bruszewski 1, Solomon 1) // Opponents: 13

Game-High Honors*: 20 (Schrader 9, Williamson 6, Barlow 2, Solomon 2, Bruszewski 1)

Team-High Honors*: 36 (Schrader 16, Williamson 7, Barlow 4, Solomon 4, Bruszewski 2, Mallory 1, Peters 1, Watson 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 13 (Lechlitner 6, Schrader 3, Barlow 2, Mallory 1, Novosel 1)

Team-High Honors*: 47 (Lechlitner 17, Barlow 11, Schrader 8, Watson 3, Bruszewski 2, Mallory 2, Novosel 2, Solomon 1, Williamson 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 10 (Schrader 7 - EMU, PUR, CIN, USF, UCONN, WVU, STJ**; Williamson 2 - GU, SU; Bruszewski 1 - DPU**) // Opponents: 12

* = totals may not add up to games played due to ties // ** = indicates second game vs. opponent



The Last Time It Happened...

Notre Dame recorded a...

30-point win was on 12/20/08 — ND 89, Loyola-Chicago 45 (44 points)*

40-point win was on 12/20/08 — ND 89, Loyola-Chicago 45 (44 points)*

50-point win was on 11/20/07 — ND 94, Central Michigan 41 (53 points)

30-point loss was on 3/17/02 — Tennessee 89, ND 50 (39 points) (*NCAA Mideast Region Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot...

60% on FGs was on 11/23/08 — 64.6% (42-65) at Boston College (ND 102-54)

65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*

90% on FTs was on 11/19/08 — 91.7% (11-12) vs. Evansville (ND 96-61)*

Notre Dame...

won 10 games in a row was from 11/20/07 thru 1/2/08 — 10 straight

won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight

won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight

lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (across two seasons)

- lost 5 games in a row (one season) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight

scored 100 points was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54)

- scored 100 points at home was on 11/26/02 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)*

- scored 100 points at a neutral site was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (*Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.*)

- scored 100 points & lost never

allowed 100 points was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)*

scored less than 50 points was on 3/8/09 (Villanova 58, ND 47) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Hartford, Conn.*)

allowed less than 50 points was on 3/7/09 (ND 62, St. John's 45) (*BIG EAST Championship Second Round at Hartford, Conn.*)

played an overtime game was on 12/10/08 (Michigan 63, ND 59 - ot)

- played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)

rallied from a double-digit deficit to win was on 2/17/09 — 14 points (33-19, 8:55, 1st) at South Florida (ND 86-79)

gave up a double-digit deficit and lost was on 3/8/09 — 10 points (15-5, 9:18, 1st) vs. Villanova (VU 58-47) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Hartford, Conn.*)

won on a "last second" shot was on 12/5/07 (ND 86, Bowling Green 84 - ot — Charel Allen jumper at 0:00.8 in overtime)

lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)

had five double-figure scorers was on 3/2/09 (ND 72, West Virginia 66) — Lindsay Schrader 14, Ashley Barlow 13, Erica Williamson 13, Becca Bruszewski 11, Melissa Lechlitner 11*

had six double-figure scorers was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — Becca Bruszewski 18, Erica Solomon 15, Brittany Mallory 14, Lindsay Schrader 13, Ashley Barlow

10, Erica Williamson 10

had seven double-figure scorers was on 1/19/08 (ND 104, Georgetown 86) — Ashley Barlow 21, Brittany Mallory 15, Charel Allen 14, Melissa Lechlitner 13, Lindsay Schrader

12, Becca Bruszewski 10, Erica Williamson 10

had no double-figure scorers was on 2/8/04 (Seton Hall 51, ND 45)

had two double-figure rebounders was on 3/7/09 (ND 62, St. John's 45) — Lindsay Schrader 11, Erica Williamson 11 (*BIG EAST Championship Second Round at Hartford, Conn.*)

had two players with "double-doubles" was on 3/23/08 (ND 75, SMU 62) — Ashley Barlow (20p, 12r) & Charel Allen (14p, 11r) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region First Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)

had three players with "double-doubles" was on 1/26/05 (ND 72, St. John's 65) — Crystal Erwin (14p, 10r), Megan Duffy (14p, 10a) & Jacqueline Batteast (10p, 10r)*

had two 20-point scorers was on 2/24/09 (ND 90, Syracuse 79) — Lindsay Schrader 23, Becca Bruszewski 20*

had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*

had a "point-a-minute" scorer (min. 10 minutes) was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — Erica Solomon 15p/14m

made 10 three-point field goals was on 3/3/02 (Syracuse 84, ND 79) — 10-26 (38.5%) on threes (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)

committed 10 turnovers or less was on 3/2/09 (ND 72, West Virginia 66) — 10 turnovers*

committed 25 turnovers was on 12/30/06 (Tennessee 78, ND 54) — 29 turnovers

forced 25 turnovers was on 1/31/09 (ND 66, Cincinnati 50) — 26 turnovers*

An Irish player had...

25 points was on 2/17/09 — Lindsay Schrader (26) at South Florida (ND 86-79)

30 points was on 3/25/08 — Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)

35 points was on 3/25/08 — Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)

40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)

15 rebounds was on 1/31/09 — Lindsay Schrader (15) vs. Cincinnati (ND 66-50)*

20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

10 assists was on 2/26/05 — Megan Duffy (10) vs. West Virginia (ND 82-57)*

5 blocks was on 2/24/09 — Erica Williamson (5) vs. Syracuse (ND 90-79)*

5 steals was on 2/28/09 — Natalie Novosel (5) at Providence (ND 65-56)

a "double-double" was on 3/7/09 — Lindsay Schrader (16p, 11r) vs. St. John's (ND 62-45) (*BIG EAST Championship Second Round at Hartford, Conn.*)

a "triple-double" was on 2/15/90 — Sara Liebscher (17p, 12r, 10a) vs. Detroit (ND 99-58)* (**only triple-double in school history**)

20 pts & 10 rebs was on 2/17/09 — Lindsay Schrader (26p, 11r) at South Florida (ND 86-79)

20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25p, 20r) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

a 4-point play was on 3/8/09 — Ashley Barlow (1:34, 2nd) vs. Villanova (VU 58-47) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Hartford, Conn.*)

a halfcourt shot was on 1/2/07 — Breona Gray (0:00, 1st) at Seton Hall (ND 64-61)

An opposing player had...

25 points was on 2/3/09 — Shavonte Zellous (29), Pittsburgh (PITT 82-70)

30 points was on 11/29/08 — Aisha Jefferson (34), Michigan State (ND 78-72)*

35 points was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)

10 rebounds was on 3/8/09 — Laura Kurz (11), Villanova (VU 58-47) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Hartford, Conn.*)

15 rebounds was on 2/3/09 — Shayla Scott (18), Pittsburgh (PITT 82-70)

20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)

10 assists was on 1/27/08 — Ketia Swanier (11), Connecticut (UCONN 81-64)*

5 blocks was on 3/25/08 — Courtney Paris (5), Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)

5 steals was on 2/22/09 — Renee Montgomery (5), Connecticut (UCONN 76-66)

a "double-double" was on 3/8/09 — Laura Kurz (21p, 11r), Villanova (VU 58-47) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Hartford, Conn.*)

a "triple-double" was on 2/7/06 — Liad Suez-Karni (14p, 10r, 10a), Villanova (VU 69-65 - ot)*

* = indicates Notre Dame home game



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GAME 1 #16/14 Notre Dame 62, #24/22 LSU 53
State Farm Tip-Off Classic
November 16, 2008
Maravich Assembly Ctr. (Baton Rouge, La.)

Notre Dame (62)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bruszewski	19 1-3 0-0 4-4 3 0 4 6
Williamson	19 0-3 0-0 2-3 4 1 3 2
Barlow	35 7-13 2-4 3-4 5 0 2 19
Lechlitner	36 1-6 0-0 0-0 5 5 0 2
Schrader	33 5-12 0-0 3-5 6 1 2 13
Solomon	11 1-3 0-0 4-6 2 0 3 6
Watson	1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Miller	1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Peters	28 6-7 0-0 0-3 6 2 2 12
Novosel	17 0-0 0-0 2-2 2 0 1 2
Team	
Totals	200 21-47 2-4 18-27 38 9 17 62

LSU (53)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Morris	14 1-4 0-0 0-0 1 0 3 2
Barrett	23 1-6 0-0 4-6 4 0 1 6
Graham	29 0-5 0-1 0-0 9 2 5 0
Hughes	16 0-1 0-1 0-0 2 1 3 0
Hightower	30 3-12 0-1 0-0 1 3 3 6
Eason	24 2-5 0-0 0-0 1 2 0 4
Riley	1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Kelly	16 2-3 0-0 6-6 1 0 0 10
Jones	17 4-9 0-1 0-0 2 1 1 8
Dunning	3 0-0 0-0 2-2 0 0 1 2
Black	7 2-2 0-0 3-5 3 0 1 7
Turnbow	20 3-6 0-0 2-2 3 1 1 8
Team	
Totals	200 18-53 0-4 17-21 32 10 19 53

Notre Dame 24 38 - 62
LSU 24 29 - 53

FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.7, LSU 34.0. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 50.0, LSU 0.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 66.7, LSU 81.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 21, LSU 18. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 4 (Peters 3), LSU 2. Steals: Notre Dame 12 (Schrader, Peters 3), LSU 11 (Hightower 4). Attendance: 7,954.

NOTES: Notre Dame squares its all-time series with LSU at 2-2, while all four games have been decided by 10 points or less ... the Irish earn their first-ever win over LSU in Baton Rouge, and avenge their 1999 NCAA Tournament second-round loss to the Lady Tigers (74-64) at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center ... Notre Dame registers its first-ever win over a Southeastern Conference (SEC) opponent on its home floor, and its first victory inside an SEC arena since March 24, 1997, when the Irish downed Georgia Washington, 62-52, in the NCAA East Regional final at South Carolina's former home, the Frank McGuire Center, in Columbia, S.C. ... Notre Dame collects its first victory over an SEC opponent since Nov. 14, 2003, when the Irish opened that season with a 77-64 win over No. 22/25 Auburn at the WBCA Classic in Boulder, Colo. ... that Auburn victory also marked the last time Notre Dame opened with a ranked opponent - the Irish have won the past three times they have tipped off the season against a Top 25 foe, having also downed No. 6 UCLA, 99-82, at the Joyce Center to begin the 1998-99 campaign ... overall, Notre Dame is 24-8 (.750) in season openers and now has won 14 consecutive season lidlifters, going a combined 19-3 (.864) in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present) ... the Irish continue to sparkle in regular-season tournament play, improving to 22-5 (.815) in their last 27 regular-season tourney games, starting with the 1996-97 season ... Notre Dame became the fourth non-conference school to defeat LSU at home in the past 13-plus seasons (1995-96 to present) - the others were Purdue and Michigan (in 2OT) in 2001-02 and Connecticut twice (2006-07 and 2007-08) ... what's more, the Irish handed the Lady Tigers their first loss in a home opener since Nov. 23, 1981, when McNeese State shaded LSU, 75-74 ... Notre Dame picks up its first win in the state of Louisiana since the first round of the 1999 NCAA Tournament, when it downed Saint Mary's (Calif), 61-57 ... the 53 points allowed by Notre Dame were the fewest they have given up to a ranked opponent since Feb. 15, 2005, when they earned a 54-47 win at No. 25/22 Boston College ... LSU went 0-for-4 from beyond the arc, a first for Notre Dame opponent since Dec. 2, 2007, when IUPUI was 0-for-10 ... Peters enjoyed a successful return to action, a little more than nine months after suffering a torn ACL in her left knee ... Bruszewski made her first career start on Sunday ... Lechlitner made her second career start and first as the primary point guard.

GAME 2 #15 Notre Dame 96, Evansville 61
November 19, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Evansville (61)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Jennings	29 2-8 1-2 2-2 1 1 1 7
Novosel, S.	22 2-6 0-2 3-4 5 1 3 7
Austin	24 4-9 1-2 1-2 3 1 2 10
Barrett	22 4-10 2-6 0-1 5 0 2 10
Gallagher	31 3-8 0-2 2-2 5 3 1 8
Sickles	13 3-5 1-1 3-4 7 0 2 10
Falkenstein	3 0-0 0-0 0-0 2 0 0 0
Batey	9 0-1 0-0 0-0 2 0 0 0
Sperka	5 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 1 1 0
Nakane	3 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Singleton	4 0-1 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 0
Bamberger	27 2-5 1-3 2-2 4 2 2 7
Benson	8 0-1 0-0 2-2 4 0 1 2
Team	
Totals	200 20-54 6-18 15-19 42 9 15 61

Notre Dame (96)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Peters	17 3-5 0-0 0-0 4 1 3 6
Bruszewski	19 7-9 2-2 2-2 4 0 2 18
Barlow	31 7-18 3-5 2-2 6 0 1 19
Lechlitner	26 5-9 1-2 0-0 2 4 1 11
Schrader	26 5-8 0-0 2-2 7 4 1 12
Solomon	15 2-3 0-0 0-0 3 2 3 4
Watson	13 1-8 1-4 0-0 2 2 1 3
Miller	4 1-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 2
Novosel, N.	21 3-7 0-2 0-0 3 4 1 6
Mallory	20 5-10 0-4 1-2 2 6 3 11
Williamson	8 0-1 0-0 4-4 1 0 1 4
Team	
Totals	200 39-79 7-19 11-12 36 23 17 96

Evansville 31 30 - 61
Notre Dame 49 47 - 96

FG Pct: Evansville 37.0, Notre Dame 49.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Evansville 33.3, Notre Dame 36.8. FT Pct: Evansville 78.9, Notre Dame 91.7. Turnovers: Evansville 31, Notre Dame 8. Blocked Shots: Evansville 2 (S. Novosel 2), Notre Dame 7 (Watson 2). Steals: Evansville 6 (Gallagher 3), Notre Dame 17 (Bruszewski, Barlow 4). Attendance: 5,696.

NOTES: Notre Dame wins its home opener for the 14th consecutive year (coinciding exactly with its membership in the BIG EAST Conference) and improves to 24-8 (.750) all-time in Joyce Center lidlifters ... the Irish move to 25-2 (.926) against the current Missouri Valley Conference alignment, including a 12-1 (.923) record at home; the Irish also are 16-1 against current MVC schools in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present) ... Notre Dame stretches its series lead over Evansville to 19-1 (10-0 at home) in its first game against the Purple Aces since Feb. 12, 1994 (an 89-62 Irish win in Evansville) ... Notre Dame's 96 points also were a series high-water mark, three more than in its 93-48 victory on Jan. 20, 1994, at the Joyce Center ... the Irish added to their ongoing totals when leading at halftime (147-14, .913, since the start of the 2000-01 season) and scoring at least 80 points (115-4, .966, beginning with the 1995-96 campaign) ... Notre Dame now has won 72 of its last 78 non-conference home games (.923) ... the Irish also move to 112-32 (.778) all-time against other in-state opponents, including a 54-11 (.831) record at home; what's more, Notre Dame has won 12 of its last 15 games against Indiana schools ... the Irish connected on 7-of-19 three-point attempts, their highest number of treys made and attempted in a game since Jan. 16, 2007 (7-of-22 against St. John's at the Joyce Center) ... in just her second career start, Bruszewski tossed in a career-high 18 points (7-9 FG), including a pair of first-half three-pointers after going 1-for-2 from distance her entire freshman year ... Mallory dished out a career-high six assists without a turnover in 20 minutes ... the Irish had five double-figure scorers for the first time this season; they were 9-0 in such games last year ... in the sisterly battle between Irish freshman guard Natalie Novosel and UE senior center Shannon Novosel, "big sis" narrowly edged out a lead in the scoring (7-6) and rebounding (5-3) columns, while Natalie held the upper hand in assists (4-1); Shannon played 22 minutes, while Natalie saw 21 minutes of action.

GAME 3 #15 Notre Dame 102, Boston College 54
November 23, 2008
Conte Forum (Chestnut Hill, Mass.)

Notre Dame (102)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bruszewski	26 9-13 0-1 0-0 2 4 1 18
Williamson	19 4-8 0-0 2-2 7 0 2 10
Barlow	26 4-5 2-2 0-0 2 6 1 10
Lechlitner	23 3-9 2-2 0-0 3 4 1 8
Schrader	26 6-10 0-0 1-1 4 2 1 13
Solomon	14 5-5 0-0 5-7 1 1 0 15
Watson	12 1-2 0-0 1-2 3 0 1 3
Miller	4 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 2 0
Peters	16 2-4 0-0 0-0 3 2 1 4
Novosel	17 3-4 0-0 1-2 2 2 1 7
Mallory	15 5-5 3-3 1-2 4 2 1 14
Team	
Totals	200 42-65 7-8 11-16 36 23 12 102

Boston College (54)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Rusin	23 5-9 1-2 0-0 1 4 3 11
Murphy	18 1-5 0-0 0-0 3 1 3 2
Swords	28 8-14 0-0 0-0 7 1 3 16
Jones	16 2-4 0-0 0-0 2 1 2 4
Picco	33 5-9 1-3 1-1 2 0 1 12
Brown	14 1-4 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 2
Thoman	15 0-2 0-1 0-0 2 2 2 0
Pratt	5 0-1 0-0 0-0 1 0 1 0
Johnson	15 0-3 0-0 0-0 0 1 0 0
Gill	8 0-4 0-0 1-2 0 0 0 1
Nickson	5 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 1
Whitehurst	17 2-3 0-0 0-0 2 2 1 4
Wilson	3 1-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 2
Team	
Totals	200 25-59 2-6 2-3 22 12 18 54

Notre Dame 49 53 - 102
Boston College 25 29 - 54

FG Pct: Notre Dame 64.6, Boston College 42.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 87.5, Boston College 33.3. FT Pct: Notre Dame 68.8, Boston College 66.7. Turnovers: Notre Dame 18, Boston College 28. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 6 (Peters 2), Boston College 3. Steals: Notre Dame 17 (Barlow 7), Boston College 5. Attendance: 1,567.

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to a 3-0 start for the first time since the 2005-06 season ... after going 30 seasons without scoring in triple digits on an opponent's home floor, the Irish have now done it in consecutive seasons, also winning at Georgetown, 104-86, on Jan. 19, 2008 ... Notre Dame's 48-point margin of victory is its largest since a 53-point win (94-41) at Central Michigan on Nov. 20, 2007; it's also the third-largest winning margin ever on an opponent's home floor (second-largest of the 22-year Muffet McGraw era) behind the CMU game and an 84-27 win at Valparaiso on Jan. 21, 1982 ... the Irish posted consecutive 95-point games for the first time in school history and back-to-back 90-point games for the first time since Jan. 23, 26 & 30, 1999, when they reeled off a school-record three in a row (99-60 vs. St. John's, 94-61 at Syracuse, 97-59 at Providence); it's also the eighth time in school history Notre Dame has posted consecutive 90-point outings, all in the McGraw era ... the combined 198 points in the past two games are the most for the Irish since Jan. 2 & 7, 1999, when they chalked up 204 points in wins at Georgetown (93-61) and home vs. West Virginia (111-90) ... Notre Dame hands Boston College its largest margin of defeat ever at home, eclipsing a 43-point loss to Central Connecticut State on Feb. 26, 1976 (a game played at BC's original home, the Roberts Center); BC's previous largest loss at its current home, Silvio O. Conte Forum (which opened in 1988), had come on Dec. 12, 1992, a 104-65 loss to Ohio State ... Notre Dame registers the second-highest point total ever by a visitor at Conte Forum, topped only by OSU's 104 points in that 1992 victory ... the six double-figure scorers are the most for the Irish since Jan. 19, 2008, when they had seven reach double digits in that 104-86 win at Georgetown ... the Irish earn their first victory in an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) arena since Nov. 30, 1996, when they logged a 76-69 win at Georgia Tech in the title game of the Comfort Inn Downtown Classic ... Notre Dame improves to 12-6 all-time against Boston College and earns back-to-back wins at Conte Forum for the first time in series history ... since the teams split the first six games in the series, Notre Dame has won nine of the past 12 ... the 102 points and 48-point victory margin both were series highs ... Bruszewski tied her career high with 18 points, while Barlow set career bests with seven steals and six assists (tied).



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GAME 4 #14/10 Notre Dame 85, Georgia Southern 36
November 25, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Georgia Southern (36) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Ogburn 25 4-8 0-0 0-0 4 0 3 8
Geiger 31 0-7 0-1 2-2 3 0 0 2
Whitney 27 1-7 1-3 3-4 2 4 2 6
Rivens 25 4-7 0-1 0-0 3 1 1 8
Melson 24 2-12 1-4 3-4 4 0 1 8
Navarro 14 0-4 0-1 0-0 3 1 1 0
Nelson 16 0-5 0-3 0-0 3 1 3 0
Tate 19 0-2 0-0 2-3 3 0 3 2
Ivy 3 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Youngblood 2 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Green 1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Williams 10 0-1 0-1 0-0 2 0 2 0
McKenzie 3 1-2 0-0 0-2 3 0 1 2
Team 3
Totals 200 12-56 2-14 10-15 33 7 17 36

Notre Dame (85) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bruszewski 18 3-4 0-0 0-0 5 1 0 6
Williamson 13 2-5 0-0 0-2 6 0 1 4
Barlow 25 5-9 1-3 2-2 8 2 0 13
Lechlitner 25 3-7 1-2 0-0 0 4 2 7
Schrader 25 4-7 0-0 0-0 6 4 0 8
Solomon 19 3-4 0-0 6-9 5 0 2 12
Watson 20 3-7 1-2 0-0 2 1 2 7
Miller 10 1-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 3 2
Novosel 21 1-3 0-2 5-6 4 1 2 7
Mallory 24 7-10 3-4 2-3 2 3 3 19
Team 4
Totals 200 32-57 6-13 15-22 41 16 15 85

Georgia Southern 17 19 - 36
Notre Dame 37 48 - 85

FG Pct: Georgia Southern 21.4, Notre Dame 56.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Georgia Southern 14.3, Notre Dame 46.2. FT Pct: Georgia Southern 66.7, Notre Dame 68.2. Turnovers: Georgia Southern 24, Notre Dame 14. Blocked Shots: Georgia Southern 2 (Ogburn 2), Notre Dame 6 (Schrader, Solomon 2). Steals: Georgia Southern 8 (Melson 3), Notre Dame 9 (Mallory 2). Attendance: 6,192.

NOTES: The Irish improve to 38-5 (.884) against first-time opponents since 1995-96, and stretch their current winning streak against new foes to 13 in a row, dating back to the 2001-02 season ... Notre Dame posts back-to-back wins by at least 48 points for the first time in school history ... the Irish also notch their third consecutive 35-point win, which likewise, is a first in the 32-year history of the program ... the 49-point margin of victory is the largest for Notre Dame in a home game since March 17, 2001, when the Irish defeated Alcorn State at home, 98-49 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament (an event they eventually won to secure the program's first national championship) ... Notre Dame's defense allowed just 36 points, the fewest given up by the Irish in a game since March 1, 2005, when Notre Dame earned a 41-35 win at Seton Hall; it's the fewest opponent points at the Joyce Center since Jan. 2, 2005, when the Irish downed SHU, 54-33 ... Notre Dame went on a staggering 27-0 run midway through the second half, the second-longest run of consecutive points in school history - on Jan. 18, 1997 against Pittsburgh at the Joyce Center, the Irish went on a 31-0 run in the first half en route to a 65-49 win ... Notre Dame held Georgia Southern to a .214 field goal percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Dec. 22, 2001, when Marquette shot just .185 (10-of-54) in a 60-33 Irish win at the Joyce Center ... Georgia Southern did not have a single player score in double figures, the first time the Notre Dame defense has managed that feat since Nov. 20, 2007, when Central Michigan's leading scorer had eight points in a 94-41 Irish win at Mount Pleasant, Mich. ... for the second time in four games this season, every Notre Dame player in uniform got into the scoring column (also vs. Evansville on Nov. 19) ... Mallory scored a career-high 19 points, topping her old high-water mark of 15 set on Jan. 19, 2008, at Georgetown; she had narrowly missed her career-high point total two days earlier at Boston College, finishing with 14 points ... Barlow extended her streak of double-digit scoring games to nine, dating back to last year; she also plucked a season-high eight rebounds against Georgia Southern ... Solomon scored in double figures for the second time in as many games, while adding a season-best five rebounds to her 12 points.

GAME 5 #14/10 Notre Dame 78, #24/rv Michigan State 72
November 29, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Michigan State (72) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Jefferson 34 14-28 1-5 5-7 11 1 2 34
Keane 30 4-9 0-4 2-2 2 4 4 10
DeHaan 27 2-10 0-0 0-0 9 2 2 4
Thomas 37 2-2 0-0 2-3 4 4 3 6
Johnson, M. 16 1-7 1-3 0-0 4 2 0 3
Piechowski 3 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Washington 22 0-3 0-1 0-0 4 3 1 0
Schiffauer 6 1-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 2
Johnson, L. 12 2-2 0-0 3-3 6 0 1 7
Aitch 13 2-4 0-0 2-2 3 0 4 6
Team 5 1
Totals 200 28-66 2-13 14-17 48 16 19 72

Notre Dame (78) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bruszewski 24 2-4 1-1 0-0 4 4 3 5
Williamson 21 2-4 0-0 2-2 4 1 2 6
Barlow 38 4-16 2-10 4-5 5 6 3 14
Lechlitner 31 1-6 0-3 4-6 1 3 0 6
Schrader 28 7-14 0-0 1-2 2 1 4 15
Solomon 19 5-8 0-0 2-4 4 2 3 12
Watson 20 6-10 6-9 0-0 6 2 1 18
Novosel 3 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Mallory 16 1-4 0-2 0-0 2 2 3 2
Team 4
Totals 200 28-66 9-25 13-19 32 21 19 78

Michigan State 34 38 - 72
Notre Dame 39 39 - 78

FG Pct: Michigan State 42.4, Notre Dame 42.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Michigan State 15.4, Notre Dame 36.0. FT Pct: Michigan State 82.4, Notre Dame 68.4. Turnovers: Michigan State 24, Notre Dame 15. Blocked Shots: Michigan State 6 (DeHaan 3), Notre Dame 6 (Bruszewski, Williamson, Solomon 2). Steals: Michigan State 9 (Keane 4), Notre Dame 9 (Barlow 3). Technical Fouls: MSU bench, Keane (MSU). Attendance: 6,710.

NOTES: Notre Dame picks up its second win over a ranked opponent in five games this season ... the Irish are off to a 5-0 start for the first time since 2005-06, when they opened with a 6-0 record ... Notre Dame earns its first win over Michigan State since Dec. 11, 1999, when the Irish downed the Spartans, 84-54 at the Joyce Center ... MSU still leads the all-time series 8-5, although the margin is just 4-3 in South Bend ... seven of the 13 games in the series have been decided by single digits ... Notre Dame collects its 10th win in its last 14 games against Big Ten Conference opponents, moving to 37-46 (.446) all-time against that conference and 16-11 (.593) at home ... the Irish also chalk up their eighth consecutive win over a Michigan school, rising to 51-19 (.729) all-time and 21-13 (.618) at home against the Great Lakes State ... Notre Dame jumps to 19-13 (.594) all-time in its first game after Thanksgiving with an 8-3 (.727) mark at home ... the Irish have made a combined 29 three-pointers in their last four games, the most in a four-game stretch for Notre Dame since Nov. 21-Dec. 2, 2001, when they canned 32 treys in games at Colorado State (7), at Arizona (7), home vs. Army (10) and vs. Michigan at Grand Rapids, Mich. (8) ... Notre Dame's nine three-pointers and 25 three-point attempts against Michigan State are the most for the Irish in a single game since March 3, 2002, when they went 10-for-26 from beyond the arc in an 84-79 loss to Syracuse in the quarterfinals of the BIG EAST Championship at Piscataway, N.J. ... Watson tied the Notre Dame Joyce Center record for three-pointers in a game, which had been set six times before by four different players (most recently on Dec. 4, 2003, by Megan Duffy on 10 attempts in an 82-64 win over Wisconsin); Duffy's six triples vs. UW also marked the last time a Notre Dame player hit that many shots from distance in any game ... Watson is the fourth different player to lead the Irish in scoring in as many games; only Barlow has finished with team-high scoring honors more than once this year ... Barlow tied her career high with six assists, a mark she last set less than a week ago on Nov. 23 at Boston College ... Barlow also extended her streak of double-digit scoring games to 10 in a row, dating back to last year ... Solomon scored in double figures for the third consecutive game, averaging 13.0 points with a .765 field goal percentage (13-of-17) in that span ... Notre Dame has had at least three double-figure scorers in all five games this season, with four or more for the third time ... Bruszewski tied her career highs with four assists (last set in last weekend's Boston College game) and two blocks (last set on March 3, 2008 at St. John's).

GAME 6 #11/8 Notre Dame 83, Eastern Michigan 63
December 2, 2008
Convocation Center (Ypsilanti, Mich.)

Notre Dame (83) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bruszewski 27 1-10 0-1 3-4 6 2 4 5
Williamson 17 2-5 0-0 2-4 5 0 2 6
Mallory 15 1-6 0-3 1-2 3 2 2 3
Lechlitner 36 6-13 0-1 3-3 3 3 4 15
Schrader 35 7-17 0-0 3-6 10 3 1 17
Solomon 23 3-9 0-0 6-10 9 2 2 12
Watson 10 1-1 1-1 2-4 3 0 5 5
Miller 4 1-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 2
Novosel 33 6-10 1-1 5-7 8 4 3 18
Team 13
Totals 200 28-72 2-7 25-40 60 16 24 83

Eastern Michigan (63) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Johnson 22 0-6 0-0 2-2 4 0 3 2
Lawson 27 5-13 4-12 0-0 1 2 5 14
McKinney 11 3-6 0-0 0-0 3 0 5 6
Schrock 38 3-11 0-0 10-14 14 3 2 16
James 28 3-13 1-6 2-2 2 2 0 9
Land 10 0-2 0-0 2-3 3 0 2 2
Simmons 2 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Huntley-Rogers 19 1-7 0-1 4-5 0 3 4 6
Wills 14 2-5 0-1 0-0 2 2 1 4
Davis 16 0-2 0-0 0-0 6 0 2 0
Redditt 10 1-2 0-0 2-2 2 0 5 4
Vantil 2 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 1 0
Gibson 1 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 0 1 0
Team 6
Totals 200 18-68 5-20 22-28 44 12 31 63

Notre Dame 37 46 - 83
Eastern Michigan 25 38 - 63

FG Pct: Notre Dame 38.9, Eastern Michigan 26.5. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 28.6, Eastern Michigan 25.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 62.5, Eastern Michigan 78.6. Turnovers: Notre Dame 18, Eastern Michigan 16. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 8 (Solomon 4), Eastern Michigan 6 (McKinney 4). Steals: Notre Dame 10 (Williamson, Schrader, Novosel 2), Eastern Michigan 9 (Schrock 4). Attendance: 649.

NOTES: Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan were playing one another for the first time in more than 24 years (Nov. 30, 1984 - a 70-59 Irish win in Ypsilanti) ... the Irish lead the all-time series with EMU, 3-0, with two of those victories coming on the road ... Notre Dame is off to its best start since a similar 6-0 debut in 2005-06 ... the Irish pick up their 17th consecutive win against current Mid-American Conference schools and are 34-14 (.708) all-time against the present MAC alignment (19-5, .792, in the 22-year Muffet McGraw era) ... Notre Dame also collects its ninth consecutive win over a Michigan school, rising to 52-19 (.732) all-time against the Great Lakes State and 32-7 (.821) in the McGraw era ... Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan combined for a Convocation Center-record 104 rebounds in the contest ... the Irish pulled down 60 rebounds in the victory, their highest total on the glass since Nov. 26, 2001, when they also grabbed 60 boards in an 89-57 win over Army at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame's 40 free throw attempts were the most for the Irish in one game since Dec. 4, 2002, when they went 30-for-40 from the stripe in a 74-68 win at Valparaiso ... Notre Dame's +16 rebounding margin was an exact 180-degree turn from its last game against 24th-ranked Michigan State (32-48) ... Novosel became the fifth different high scorer in six games for the Irish this season; she also was the second Notre Dame rookie in as many games to toss in a game-high 18 points (Watson vs. Michigan State on Nov. 29) ... in addition, Novosel became the 10th different Irish player to score in double figures at least once this year, with Miller still aiming to reach that mark ... Schrader notched her fifth career double-double and first of the year, with season highs of 17 points and 10 rebounds; it was her first double-double since Feb. 27, 2008, when she piled up 17 points and 13 rebounds in a win over South Florida at the Joyce Center ... Lechlitner added a season-best 15 points, her best offensive day since late in her freshman season (16 points at Providence on Feb. 17, 2007) ... playing in front of a numerous family members and supporters less than one hour from her hometown of Oak Park, Mich., Solomon narrowly missed her first career double-double, "setting" for 12 points and season highs of nine rebounds and four blocked shots ... collectively, the four Irish freshmen accounted for 37 points at Eastern Michigan ... Mallory drew her first career starting assignment, becoming the second Irish player to earn her first career start this year (Bruszewski).





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GAME 7

#11/8 Notre Dame 62, #17/20 Purdue 51
 December 7, 2008
 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Purdue (51)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Freeman	33	5-12	0-0	2-2	3	2	0	12
Wisdom-Hylton	35	8-19	0-0	2-4	10	3	1	18
Campbell	21	0-4	0-0	3-4	5	1	4	3
Howell	28	2-3	2-3	0-0	2	2	2	6
Mioton	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Bogdanova	16	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	3	4
Rayburn	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2
Malone	34	1-7	0-2	2-2	3	6	5	4
Guyton	7	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2
Poston	6	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0
Team					3			
Totals	200	20-56	2-7	9-12	35	16	19	51

Notre Dame (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	26	3-7	0-1	0-1	6	2	5	6
Williamson	15	1-4	0-0	2-2	7	1	4	4
Mallory	30	0-5	0-2	3-4	5	2	1	3
Lechlitner	38	7-13	2-3	3-4	3	4	2	19
Schrader	36	5-14	0-0	3-6	10	4	0	13
Solomon	19	0-7	0-0	0-0	8	0	2	0
Watson	24	4-6	3-4	2-2	6	0	0	13
Novosel	12	1-5	0-2	2-2	1	1	0	4
Team					1			
Totals	200	21-61	5-12	15-21	47	14	14	62

Purdue 22 29 - 51
 Notre Dame 23 39 - 62

FG Pct: Purdue 35.7, Notre Dame 34.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Purdue 28.6, Notre Dame 41.7. **FT Pct:** Purdue 75.0, Notre Dame 71.4. **Turnovers:** Purdue 18, Notre Dame 18. **Blocked Shots:** Purdue 4 (Wisdom-Hylton 2), Notre Dame 2. **Steals:** Purdue 10 (Malone 4), Notre Dame 7 (Mallory, Novosel 2). **Attendance:** 11,418 (capacity).

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to its best start since the 2004-05 season (also 7-0) ... the Irish pick up their third win over a Top 25 team in their first seven games this season, the first time they have done that since 1998-99 ... Notre Dame extends its winning streak over Purdue to a series-long three games and has won four of its last five meetings with the Boilermakers ... in the past three matchups, the Irish have held Purdue to its three lowest point totals in the series ... the Boilermakers still lead the overall series, 14-8, although Notre Dame has taken a 5-4 lead in games played at the Joyce Center ... the sellout crowd of 11,418 was not only the sixth in school history (third in the past two seasons), but also the first in 18 on-campus games between Notre Dame and Purdue (the 2001 NCAA title game in St. Louis also was sold out) ... the Irish have won 11 of their last 15 games against Big Ten Conference opponents, including both matchups this season (also Michigan State on Nov. 29) ... Notre Dame has led at the half in its last six games, while the season-opening win at LSU was tied at halftime ... the Irish knocked down at least five three-pointers for the fifth time in the past six games ... Notre Dame has posted a plus-28 rebound margin in its last two games, following a minus-16 spread against Michigan State ... Schrader notched her second consecutive double-double, becoming the first Irish player to do that in back-to-back games since Dec. 11 & 19, 2004, when Jacqueline Baatteast pulled off that feat at home against Washington and at Marquette ... Lechlitner scored a career-high 19 points and became the sixth different player to lead Notre Dame in scoring this season (all in the past six games) ... Mallory earned her second consecutive start and the first of her career at home.

GAME 8

Michigan 63, #8 Notre Dame 59 (OT)
 December 10, 2008
 Crisler Arena (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

Notre Dame (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	23	4-5	0-0	2-4	3	1	5	10
Williamson	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Mallory	34	2-5	1-2	0-0	5	3	2	5
Lechlitner	32	4-11	1-1	0-0	2	1	3	9
Schrader	38	4-7	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	8
Solomon	14	4-9	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	8
Watson	18	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	3
Barlow	37	7-13	0-1	0-0	5	3	3	14
Novosel	19	0-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	2
Team					6			
Totals	225	26-57	3-6	4-6	31	11	17	59

Michigan (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Skrba	31	10-11	0-0	0-0	3	1	1	20
Benson	34	3-6	1-4	1-2	8	1	0	8
Queen	37	0-5	0-2	1-2	3	1	3	1
Hicks	34	3-10	0-4	2-2	3	2	2	8
Minnfield	45	4-13	1-5	7-7	6	5	2	16
Boylan	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Phillips	14	1-5	0-1	0-0	4	1	1	2
Reynolds	18	2-3	2-3	0-0	1	0	1	6
Team					6			
Totals	225	24-54	4-19	11-13	34	11	10	63

Notre Dame 36 20 3 - 59
 Michigan 35 21 7 - 63

FG Pct: Notre Dame 45.6, Michigan 44.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, Michigan 21.1. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, Michigan 84.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Michigan 23. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Michigan 6 (Skrba, Hicks 2). **Steals:** Notre Dame 12 (Barlow 4), Michigan 9 (Skrba, Hicks 3). **Attendance:** 1,377.

NOTES: Notre Dame played its first overtime game since March 25, 2008, when the Irish downed No. 14/13 Oklahoma, 79-75 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at West Lafayette, Ind. ... the loss at Michigan is the first for the Irish in OT since Jan. 13, 2007, when they dropped an 87-78 decision at South Florida ... Notre Dame sees its season-opening seven-game winning streak snapped after matching the second-best start in school history ... the Irish fall to 9-7 all-time against Michigan and also had their three-game series win streak come to an end, with the Wolverines earning their first victory over Notre Dame since Dec. 2, 2001 (78-63 at the Women's College Basketball Showcase in Grand Rapids, Mich.) ... UM has historically had the upper hand over the Irish in Ann Arbor, improving to 5-2 all-time against Notre Dame at Crisler Arena ... the verdict bucked a series trend that had seen the Irish go 8-0 when holding the Wolverines to fewer than 65 points ... it was the second overtime game in the series, along with a 66-60 UM win on Dec. 8, 1979, in South Bend ... the loss also marked just the third time in the past 31 opportunities that Notre Dame has lost after leading at halftime ... the Irish committed a season-high 23 turnovers ... Notre Dame's four free throws were its fewest from the foul line since Nov. 16, 2007, when the Irish also made four foul shots at Maryland ... Notre Dame's six free throw attempts were its fewest in its BIG EAST Conference era (1995-96 to present) ... the last time the Irish visited the free throw line so infrequently was March 10, 1995, when they went 5-of-6 in an 87-64 loss at Northern Illinois in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Tournament semifinals ... Barlow returned to action and scored a team-high 14 points, extending her streak of double-figure scoring games to 11 in a row, going back to last season ... Bruszewski posted her third double-digit scoring night of the year.

GAME 9

#8 Notre Dame 63, Valparaiso 55
 December 13, 2008
 Athletics-Recreation Ctr. (Valparaiso, Ind.)

Notre Dame (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	29	4-8	0-1	0-2	6	2	2	8
Williamson	8	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Barlow	38	6-11	1-3	2-3	3	1	0	15
Lechlitner	40	7-16	0-2	4-4	3	2	2	18
Schrader	36	6-8	0-0	2-2	6	1	2	14
Solomon	23	2-8	0-0	1-1	7	0	2	5
Watson	19	0-5	0-3	1-2	2	0	2	1
Novosel	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0
Team					8			
Totals	200	26-59	1-9	10-14	39	7	11	63

Valparaiso (55)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Kenney	31	4-9	0-0	3-4	15	4	1	11
Litka	32	3-15	2-10	0-0	4	0	3	8
Zabielewicz	16	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	6
Kulaga	39	4-13	2-6	2-2	5	3	1	12
Hochstetler, La.	38	3-10	1-5	1-2	5	2	2	8
Adams	4	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Farris	23	1-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	2	3
Emig	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Varnier	12	3-4	0-0	1-1	1	0	0	7
Team					5			
Totals	200	21-63	5-22	8-11	39	11	12	55

Notre Dame 32 31 - 63
 Valparaiso 24 31 - 55

FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.1, Valparaiso 33.3. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 11.1, Valparaiso 22.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 71.4, Valparaiso 72.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 19, Valparaiso 18. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 8 (Solomon 3), Valparaiso 2 (Kenney 2). **Steals:** Notre Dame 9 (Lechlitner, Solomon 3), Valparaiso 8 (Kulaga 4). **Attendance:** 2,046.

NOTES: Notre Dame remains unbeaten in 22 series games against Valparaiso, the most wins against one opponent without a loss in school history ... the Irish also improve to 10-0 all-time at the Athletics-Recreation Center, with this being the fourth consecutive series game at the ARC that was decided by 10 points or fewer (and six of the past eight series games overall) ... Notre Dame has held Valparaiso to 60 points or fewer in 20 of 22 series games, while the Irish have scored at least 60 points in 15 of 22 games (including 13 of the past 15) ... Notre Dame's 22 wins over the Crusaders are the most against an Indiana opponent in school history ... the Irish move to 102-14 (.879) all-time against current Horizon League members, including a 44-9 (.830) record on the road ... Notre Dame's three-point defense continues to be stout this season, with the Irish holding Valparaiso to a .227 mark (5-of-22) and limiting all nine opponents this season to a combined .228 three-point percentage (28-of-123); specifically, the Irish held the Horizon League's top three-point shooter, Valparaiso's Aimee Litka, to 2-of-10 from beyond the arc ... Notre Dame had at least three double-figure scorers for the eighth time in nine games this season, going 8-0 in those contests ... the Irish held their sixth opponent this year to less than 40 percent shooting, moving to 6-0 in those games ... the Irish have led at the half in their last eight games, going 7-1 in that time ... Lechlitner scored in double figures for the third time in four games, finishing one point off her career high (Dec. 7 vs. No. 17/20 Purdue) ... Barlow scored in double digits for the 12th consecutive game, dating back to last year ... Schrader posted her seventh double-figure scoring game in nine outings this year, and is shooting .667 (10-of-15) from the floor in her last two games ... Solomon registered a season-high three steals and tied her season best with 23 minutes played, while winding up one block off her personal high (set at Eastern Michigan on Dec. 2); Solomon also has been a force on the glass of late, averaging 6.0 rebounds in her last four games ... Irish head coach Muffet McGraw coached the 800th game of her career, improving to 570-230 (.713) in 27 seasons, the past 22 at Notre Dame.



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GAME 10 #13/7 Notre Dame 89, Loyola-Chi. 45 December 20, 2008 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Table for Game 10: Loyola (45) vs Notre Dame (89). Columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Includes team totals and Loyola/Notre Dame sub-totals.

Table for Game 10: Notre Dame (89) box score. Columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Includes team totals.

Summary table for Game 10: Loyola 21, Notre Dame 47; FG Pct, FT Pct, 3-PT FG Pct, Turnovers, Blocked Shots, Steals, Attendance.

FG Pct: Loyola 34.0, Notre Dame 46.2. 3-PT FG Pct: Loyola 25.0, Notre Dame 30.8. FT Pct: Loyola 66.7, Notre Dame 67.6. Turnovers: Loyola 31, Notre Dame 14. Blocked Shots: Loyola 3 (VanBogaert 3), Notre Dame 2 (Williamson 2). Steals: Loyola 7 (Samplawski 2), Notre Dame 17 (Miller, Novosel 3). Attendance: 6,323.

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to a 9-1 start for the fourth time in the past five seasons and the sixth time in school history (others were 1998-99, 2000-01, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2007-08) ... the Irish also now have won 10 consecutive home games ... Notre Dame is 76-6 (.927) in its last 82 non-conference home games, dating back to the 1994-95 season ... Notre Dame posts its fourth win by 35+ points this season, extending its own school record ... Notre Dame's 26-point halftime lead was its largest this season ... the Irish win their 13th consecutive game heading into the Christmas break and are 23-9 (.719) all-time in their final pre-Yuletide contest ... Notre Dame also has won 21 consecutive games coming off the final exam break (no games held between exams and Christmas in 1994 and 1997), with the last loss coming on Dec. 21, 1985 (73-67 vs. UCLA at home) ... Notre Dame improves to 21-3 all-time against Loyola and picks up its 14th consecutive win over the Ramblers, as well as its 20th in the past 21 series meetings; the 21 series victories tie for the sixth-most against one opponent in Notre Dame women's basketball history ... the 44-point margin of victory and Loyola's 45 points were series highs/lows ... Notre Dame moves to 103-14 (.880) all-time against the current Horizon League membership and has won 28 consecutive games against that league's present alignment (13 in a row at the Joyce Center) ... Schrader became the seventh different Irish player to own at least a share of the team scoring lead this season ... Lechlitner's perfect 6-for-6 shooting day was the best by a Notre Dame player since Schrader went 6-for-6 at Wisconsin on Dec. 4, 2005; it's also the best by an Irish player at the Joyce Center since Dec. 11, 2004 against Washington, when Crystal Erwin went 9-for-9 en route to a career-high 24 points ... Williamson pulled down a season-high eight rebounds, while Miller had season bests of seven points, five rebounds, three steals and two assists in 17 minutes ... Barlow had her 12-game double-figure scoring streak snapped with eight points vs. Loyola in a season-low 23 minutes; it was her first single-digit scoring game since March 1, 2008, against Seton Hall at the Joyce Center (six points) ... junior walk-on guard Alena Christiansen made her collegiate debut, logging one point, one rebound and one steal in five minutes; Christiansen was added to the Irish roster Dec. 19.

GAME 11 #12/6 Notre Dame 68, Charlotte 61 December 28, 2008 Halton Arena (Charlotte, N.C.)

Table for Game 11: Notre Dame (68) vs Charlotte (61). Columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Includes team totals.

Table for Game 11: Charlotte (61) box score. Columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Includes team totals.

Summary table for Game 11: Notre Dame 31, Charlotte 29; FG Pct, FT Pct, 3-PT FG Pct, Turnovers, Blocked Shots, Steals, Attendance.

FG Pct: Notre Dame 45.8, Charlotte 42.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 25.0, Charlotte 35.7. FT Pct: Notre Dame 61.1, Charlotte 88.9. Turnovers: Notre Dame 20, Charlotte 24. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3 (Solomon 2), Charlotte 1. Steals: Notre Dame 12 (Novosel 4), Charlotte 8 (McCallum 4). Attendance: 1,587.

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to a 10-1 start or better for the fourth time in school history and the second consecutive season (also 2000-01 when the Irish started 23-0, 2004-05 when they opened 13-1, and last year when they began 12-1) ... this was the first-ever meeting between Notre Dame and Charlotte ... the Irish improve to 39-5 (.886) against first-time opponents since joining the BIG EAST Conference (1995-96 to present), including wins in 19 of 20 games this decade and 14 in a row ... Notre Dame moves to 11-2 (.846) all-time against teams from the state of North Carolina, including a 3-1 record on the road; the Irish were playing their first game in the Tar Heel State since Nov. 22, 1997 (an 80-62 loss at 19th-ranked Duke) ... Notre Dame rises to 65-18 (.783) all-time against the current Atlantic 10 Conference alignment, including a 29-10 (.744) record on the road and a current 12-game overall winning streak against the A-10 ... the Irish lift their record in the first game after Christmas to 21-11 (.656), with a 9-5 (.643) record on the road and 15-7 (.682) mark in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present) ... Notre Dame now has led at halftime in its last 10 games, going 9-1 in that stretch ... for the 10th time in 11 games this season, the Irish held their opponent to 63 points or fewer (lone exception was 78-72 win over #24 Michigan State on Nov. 29 at the Joyce Center) ... Notre Dame had at least four players score in double figures for the sixth time this season (6-0 record) with four other games in which the Irish had three double-digit scorers (4-0 record); however, no Notre Dame player has scored more than 19 points in a game this season ... Schrader scored a season-high 19 points and added a season-high-tying three steals, while narrowly missing her third double-double of the season (although she did knock down her first three-pointer on her first attempt of the year) ... Novosel posted her second consecutive double-figure scoring game with 12 points, while adding a season-high four steals ... Lechlitner notched her fifth double-digit scoring game in the past six outings (and sixth of the season), while Bruszewski collected her third double-figure game in the past four contests (and fifth of the season).

GAME 12 #12/6 Notre Dame 59, #20/19 Vanderbilt 57 December 30, 2008 Memorial Gymnasium (Nashville, Tenn.)

Table for Game 12: Notre Dame (59) vs Vanderbilt (57). Columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Includes team totals.

Table for Game 12: Vanderbilt (57) box score. Columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Includes team totals.

Summary table for Game 12: Notre Dame 24, Vanderbilt 36; FG Pct, FT Pct, 3-PT FG Pct, Turnovers, Blocked Shots, Steals, Attendance.

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.6, Vanderbilt 38.7. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 26.7, Vanderbilt 23.5. FT Pct: Notre Dame 50.0, Vanderbilt 45.5. Turnovers: Notre Dame 19, Vanderbilt 11. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 4, Vanderbilt 1. Steals: Notre Dame 2, Vanderbilt 11 (Wirth 4). Attendance: 4,374.

NOTES: Notre Dame set a school record by rallying from 18 points down in the second half to win (trailed 44-26 and 46-28, the latter with 15:56 remaining) ... in their previous school-record comeback over Connecticut in the 2001 NCAA Final Four semifinals (March 30, 2001 in St. Louis), the Irish trailed the Huskies, 47-31 with two minutes left in the first half, before outscoring UConn, 59-28 the rest of the way ... Notre Dame used a 22-0 second-half run to highlight its rally at Vanderbilt, but it wasn't even its longest string of unanswered points this season -- on Nov. 25, Notre Dame reeled off 27 consecutive points in the second half of an 85-36 win over Georgia Southern at the Joyce Center ... the Irish improve to 4-0 against AP Top 25 opponents this season, accounting for half of the BIG EAST's eight wins over ranked teams this season (no other conference team has more than one) ... prior to this season, Notre Dame had never defeated an SEC opponent on its home floor -- the Irish now have two victories at SEC schools in the past six weeks, having also downed #24/22 LSU, 62-53 in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 16 ... this marks the second time in school history Notre Dame has defeated multiple SEC opponents in the same season, having also done in 2000-01 (d. Georgia, 75-73, in Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge final at Madison, Wis.; d. Vanderbilt, 72-64, in NCAA Midwest Regional final at Denver) ... the Irish move to 3-1 all-time against Vanderbilt, picking up their first-ever win over the Commodores in Nashville ... Notre Dame trailed at the half for the first time all season, and was held to its second-lowest first-half point total of the season (23 vs. Purdue on Dec. 7) ... Notre Dame has held 11 of 12 opponents to 63 points or fewer, including three of four Top 25 opponents to 57 points or fewer (only exception in both cases was a 78-72 win over #24 Michigan State on Nov. 29) ... the Irish limited Vanderbilt to a .387 field goal percentage after the Commodores came into the game ranked fifth in the nation in that category with a .477 percentage at tipoff (they were at .482 in the last NCAA rankings on Dec. 22) ... Bruszewski tied her career high with seven rebounds (twice before, most recently on Jan. 5, 2008, vs. Tennessee) ... Barlow collected a season-high nine rebounds (previous was eight on Nov. 25 vs. Georgia Southern) ... Solomon posted her second perfect shooting night of the season, having gone 5-for-5 on the way to a season-high 15 points on Nov. 23 at Boston College ... Notre Dame had at least three double-figure scorers for the 11th time in 12 games this season, going 11-0 in those games.





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GAME 16

Marquette 75, #10/4 Notre Dame 65
January 13, 2009
Al McGuire Center (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Notre Dame (65)

Table with 10 columns (Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp) for Notre Dame players: Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitter, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Miller, Novosel, Team.

Marquette (75)

Table with 10 columns (Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp) for Marquette players: Pachko, Jones, Robinson, Ellis, McMorris, Monfre, Harris, Thomas-Johnson, Fiedorowicz, Thrower, Team.

Notre Dame 34 31 - 65
Marquette 30 45 - 75

FG Pct: Notre Dame 38.8, Marquette 45.8. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 33.3, Marquette 36.4. FT Pct: Notre Dame 57.1, Marquette 77.3. Turnovers: Notre Dame 17, Marquette 20. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3, Marquette 4. Steals: Notre Dame 14 (Barlow 6), Marquette 9 (McMorris, Thrower 2). Attendance: 1,850.

NOTES: Notre Dame lost for just the sixth time in the past 24 road games, and only the second time in 10 outings this season ... the Irish still lead the all-time series with Marquette, 28-6, although the Golden Eagles have won two of the past three games after Notre Dame had won 26 of 27 from 1982-2006 ... five of MU's six series wins over Notre Dame have come in Milwaukee ... the Irish drop to 10-2 all-time in conference play against Marquette, covering three leagues (4-0 in North Star, 4-0 in Midwestern Collegiate and 2-2 in BIG EAST) ... the Golden Eagles scored at least 70 points against Notre Dame for the fifth time in series history, but the third consecutive game ... MU's 75 points were one off its series high, set in last year's 99-76 Notre Dame win at the Joyce Center ... prior to the game, Notre Dame had allowed more than 63 points in a game only once this season (Nov. 29 in a 78-72 win over #24 Michigan State at the Joyce Center) or more than 38 points in a single half (three times, most recently in the second half of an 84-63 win over Georgetown on Jan. 10) ... the Irish also posted their second-lowest field goal percentage of the season, behind only a .344 mark on Dec. 7 in a 62-51 win over #17/20 Purdue, also at the Joyce Center ... conversely, Marquette's .458 field goal percentage was the best by a Notre Dame opponent this season, topping the old mark of .444 by Michigan on Dec. 10 (the only other loss on the Notre Dame resume this season, 63-59 in overtime) ... the Irish forced at least 20 opponent turnovers for the ninth time this season ... Notre Dame also chalked up double-digit steals for the ninth time, registering a season-high 17 thefts on Nov. 19 and 23 vs. Evansville and at Boston College, respectively ... Notre Dame lost when leading at the half for the second time in 14 games this season ... the Irish lost for the first time this season when fielding four or more double-digit scorers (now 8-1) ... Schrader grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds, also the most by any Notre Dame player in a game this year (three others had 10 boards, most recently Williamson vs. Georgetown) ... Barlow's six steals were one off her career high set back on Nov. 23 at Boston College; Barlow also dropped in a career-high-tying three three-pointers, matching a mark she last reached on Nov. 19 vs. Evansville ... Novosel tied her season (and career) high with four steals, matching her production on Dec. 28 at Charlotte; Novosel also posted her sixth double-figure scoring night of the year, and fifth in seven games ... the starting lineup of Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitter and Schrader had been 11-0 this season (3-0 in the BIG EAST) prior to the loss at Marquette.

GAME 17

#10/4 Notre Dame 70, St. John's 67
January 17, 2009
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

St. John's (67)

Table with 10 columns (Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp) for St. John's players: Stevens, Hart, Lindsay, Murphy, McLean, McManmon, McCorvey, Mitchell, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame (70)

Table with 10 columns (Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp) for Notre Dame players: Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitter, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Miller, Novosel, Team, Totals.

St. John's 27 40 - 67
Notre Dame 34 36 - 70

FG Pct: St. John's 41.3, Notre Dame 45.5. 3-PT FG Pct: St. John's 36.8, Notre Dame 46.2. FT Pct: St. John's 72.7, Notre Dame 82.4. Turnovers: St. John's 16, Notre Dame 18. Blocked Shots: St. John's 1, Notre Dame 3 (Solomon 2). Steals: St. John's 14 (six with 2), Notre Dame 7 (Lechlitter 3). Attendance: 6,027.

NOTES: Notre Dame improves to 17-2 all-time against St. John's, including 9-0 at the Joyce Center ... four of the past five series games have been decided by 10 points or fewer, with the teams splitting those four nailbiters ... Notre Dame has scored at least 66 points in 17 of 19 series games vs. St. John's, winning all 17 times ... the Red Storm scored a series-high 67 points, one more than they totaled in a 66-63 win over the Irish on Jan. 4, 2006, in Queens ... Notre Dame rises 43-4 (.915) all-time against New York schools, including 23-0 at home, although this was just the third single-digit margin in those 23 victories ... the Irish extend their current Joyce Center winning streak to 12 games ... Notre Dame ledged four double-figure scorers for the fourth consecutive game and the 10th time this season (9-1 record) ... for some reason, the Irish also love playing during the afternoon, when they are 10-0 this season ... Notre Dame's six three-pointers were the most the Irish have knocked down in a game since Nov. 29, when they canned a season-high nine treys in a 78-72 win over #24 Michigan State ... the seven three-pointers by St. John's were a Notre Dame opponent season high, one more than Evansville made on Nov. 19 ... the Red Storm's .368 three-point percentage also was an Irish opponent season high, edging out the .364 ratio achieved twice before (most recently on Jan. 13 by Marquette) ... St. John's had an opponent season-high 14 steals, three more than the totals posted by LSU (Nov. 16) and Vanderbilt (Dec. 30) ... Lechlitter tallied a season-high six assists and is averaging 5.0 assists in her last four games (with a 1.82 assist/turnover ratio) ... Lechlitter also logged her second career complete game, going all 40 minutes to match her ironman performance on Dec. 13 at Valparaiso ... Schrader tied her season high with five assists and is averaging 4.3 assists over her last three contests ... for the 10th time in her career (and second time in as many games), Barlow tied her personal best with three three-pointers.

GAME 18

Villanova 55, #13/9 Notre Dame 48
January 24, 2009
The Pavilion (Villanova, Pa.)

Notre Dame (48)

Table with 10 columns (Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp) for Notre Dame players: Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitter, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Novosel, Team, Totals.

Villanova (55)

Table with 10 columns (Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp) for Villanova players: Kurz, Karcic, Elliott, Getty, Dougherty, Weiss, O'Connor, Jones, Grant, Swiezynski, Scanlon, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame 20 28 - 48
Villanova 30 25 - 55

FG Pct: Notre Dame 32.7, Villanova 38.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 33.3, Villanova 37.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 63.6, Villanova 81.8. Turnovers: Notre Dame 14, Villanova 15. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 1, Villanova 4 (Karcic 2). Steals: Notre Dame 7 (Novosel 3), Villanova 5 (Getty 2). Attendance: 2,111.

NOTES: Notre Dame sees its two-game series winning streak against Villanova snapped, but still holds a 15-9 lead all-time over the Wildcats ... exactly half of the 24 games in the series have been decided by eight points or fewer (teams have split those 12 close games), including seven of the past nine contests (VU has won five of those seven) ... Notre Dame now has forced 59 Villanova turnovers in the past three series games, an average of 19.7 per game (VU was averaging 12.8 turnovers per game coming into this year's contest) ... all three Irish losses this season have come on the road by 10 points or fewer ... Notre Dame falls to 7-1 this season (191-13 in its 14-year BIG EAST membership) when holding its opponent to fewer than 60 points ... the Irish were held to season lows for points in a game (previous was 59 on two occasions), points in a half (tied the second-half total at Michigan on Dec. 10), field goal percentage (previously was .344 vs. #17/20 Purdue on Dec. 7) and assists (tied the total at Valparaiso on Dec. 13) ... Notre Dame's 48 points were the fewest it has scored in a game since Jan. 27, 2007, in a 64-47 loss at Connecticut ... for the first time all season, Notre Dame did not have multiple double-digit point scorers, something the Irish had not done since Jan. 13, 2008, in a 56-50 loss at West Virginia ... Villanova's 10 three-pointers were the most by an Irish opponent since Jan. 5, 2008, when Tennessee made 11 treys in an 87-63 win at the Joyce Center ... Solomon collected a season-high 10 rebounds, one more than her previous best that she set on Dec. 2 at Eastern Michigan.



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GAME 22

#19/16 Notre Dame 62, #25 DePaul 59
February 8, 2009
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

DePaul (59) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Williams 38 8-11 0-0 4-6 10 2 2 20
Hampton 13 2-5 1-3 0-0 1 1 2 5
Chestler 25 0-3 0-0 4-4 2 2 5 4
Quigley 38 3-11 0-4 2-2 6 5 2 8
Naughton 35 2-11 0-3 2-5 9 3 1 6
Cattell 15 1-2 0-1 0-0 1 0 0 2
Threatt 26 4-10 2-6 1-2 4 1 4 11
Medley 2 0-0 0-0 0-0 2 0 1 0
Ortiz 4 1-3 1-3 0-0 0 0 0 3
Havel 4 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Team 3
Totals 200 21-56 4-20 13-19 38 14 17 59

Notre Dame (62) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bruszewski 35 6-14 1-3 1-2 12 1 3 14
Williamson 24 2-5 0-0 0-0 1 2 3 4
Barlow 35 6-10 2-3 5-7 4 0 0 19
Lechlitner 37 5-13 0-3 3-4 5 3 2 13
Schrader 32 1-7 0-0 6-8 5 3 3 8
Solomon 16 1-5 0-0 0-0 3 1 3 2
Watson 7 0-3 0-2 0-0 1 0 0 0
Miller 3 0-0 0-0 0-0 2 0 0 0
Novosel 11 1-4 0-0 0-0 2 0 2 2
Team 8
Totals 200 22-61 3-11 15-21 43 10 16 62

DePaul 31 28 - 59
Notre Dame 32 30 - 62

FG Pct: DePaul 37.5, Notre Dame 36.1. 3-PT FG Pct: DePaul 20.0, Notre Dame 27.3. FT Pct: DePaul 68.4, Notre Dame 71.4. Turnovers: DePaul 16, Notre Dame 17. Blocked Shots: DePaul 3 (Williams 2), Notre Dame 1. Steals: DePaul 9 (Chestler, Quigley 3), Notre Dame 7 (Lechlitner 3). Attendance: 10,011.

NOTES: Notre Dame improves to 5-1 this season against ranked opponents (3-0 at home) ... the Irish sweep the season series from DePaul, winning twice in the same season over the Blue Demons for the first time since the 1985-86 season, when Notre Dame took both North Star Conference meetings with DePaul (55-53 on Jan. 26, 1986, at the Joyce Center; 73-58 on Feb. 23, 1986, in Chicago) ... the Blue Demons still lead the all-time series with Notre Dame, 18-14, although the Irish posted their third consecutive win over DePaul, matching their longest streak in the 32-game series (ND also won the second matchup in 1984-85 before the 1985-86 season sweep) ... the Irish move to 8-6 all-time against the Blue Demons at the Joyce Center and 5-3 in BIG EAST regular-season play ... this marked just the second time in the past 13 series games that neither team reached the 70-point mark - last year's 66-64 Irish win in Chicago was the other low-scoring contest during this span (which dates back to the 1992-93 season) ... Notre Dame held DePaul to 59 points, its lowest total in the series since Dec. 31, 2001, when the Irish registered a 79-50 win at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame's 62 points were the fewest it has scored in the series since Feb. 12, 2006 (a 79-50 DePaul win in Chicago) ... the Irish continue their run of success in the month of February, improving to 45-4 (.918) at home in the second month since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96 ... Notre Dame is 78-21 (.788) in February games during its BIG EAST membership and 126-36 (.778) in the 22-year McGraw era, including a 67-10 (.870) home record ... Notre Dame held DePaul to a .200 three-point percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Nov. 29, when #24 Michigan State shot 15.4 percent (2-of-13) from distance in a 78-72 Notre Dame win at the Joyce Center ... Bruszewski collected her first career double-double with 14 points and a career-high 12 rebounds (previous high was seven rebounds on four occasions, most recently on Jan. 31 vs. Cincinnati at the Joyce Center) ... Barlow tied her season high with 19 points after reaching that mark in the season's first two games (at #24/22 LSU, home vs. Evansville) ... the Irish drew a crowd of 10,011, the ninth-largest crowd in school history and the third attendance of 10,000 fans or more this season (tying the program record set last year); in fact, Notre Dame has had at least 10,000 fans in the stands for six of its last 22 home games (better than one out of every four) ... the contest also was designated as Notre Dame's WBCA Pink Zone game, with the Irish wearing their special white and pink uniforms to help support the national initiative calling attention to breast cancer and the search for a cure.

GAME 23

#10/12 Louisville 71, #22 Notre Dame 66
February 11, 2009
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Louisville (71) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Rucker 8 0-2 0-0 1-2 0 0 0 1
Bingham 38 10-17 0-0 1-2 12 3 2 21
Reid 8 0-1 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 0
McCoughtry 35 8-21 0-2 4-5 11 4 4 20
Byrd 35 4-8 1-1 3-4 3 2 1 12
Burke 32 2-5 1-4 2-2 4 2 3 7
Stephen 5 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 2 0
Jackson 6 1-2 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 2
Terry 9 2-3 0-0 0-0 2 1 0 4
Hines 24 2-5 0-0 0-1 2 2 4 4
Team 8
Totals 200 29-65 2-7 11-16 44 14 16 71

Notre Dame (66) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bruszewski 34 7-13 2-3 2-2 4 1 3 18
Williamson 14 1-3 0-0 0-0 5 1 1 2
Barlow 35 5-18 2-7 4-6 8 2 2 16
Lechlitner 37 2-9 0-1 0-0 5 5 2 4
Schrader 25 2-8 0-0 2-2 5 0 1 6
Solomon 16 0-2 0-0 0-2 6 0 2 0
Watson 7 1-2 1-1 0-0 1 0 1 3
Miller 6 0-0 0-0 0-0 2 1 2 0
Novosel 26 7-11 0-0 3-5 3 4 0 17
Team 2
Totals 200 25-66 5-12 11-17 41 14 14 66

Louisville 38 33 - 71
Notre Dame 28 38 - 66

FG Pct: Louisville 44.6, Notre Dame 37.9. 3-PT FG Pct: Louisville 28.6, Notre Dame 41.7. FT Pct: Louisville 68.8, Notre Dame 64.7. Turnovers: Louisville 19, Notre Dame 18. Blocked Shots: Louisville 1, Notre Dame 3 (Williamson 2). Steals: Louisville 12 (McCoughtry 8), Notre Dame 12 (Novosel 4). Attendance: 6,706.

NOTES: Notre Dame was playing its third consecutive Associated Press Top 25 opponent, the first time the Irish have faced such a challenging stretch in the regular season since the 1996 Preseason WNIT (Nov. 17-20), when Notre Dame took on #6 Iowa (W, 61-50), #3 Tennessee (L, 72-59) and #8 North Carolina State (W, 64-53) ... the Irish are 5-2 against ranked opponents this season (3-1 at home) ... the last three times Notre Dame has played an AP Top 10 opponent, it has lost by 10 points or fewer (57-51 at #5 Rutgers on Feb. 19, 2008; 74-64 vs. #3 Tennessee in NCAA Oklahoma City Regional Semifinal on March 30, 2008) ... Louisville regains a 4-3 series lead on Notre Dame (2-1 at the Joyce Center), while the road team continues to hold the upper hand, winning four of the six on-campus games in the series to date ... the seven-game aggregate point total in the series is virtually even, with the Irish edging the Cardinals, 460-459 ... six of the seven series games have been decided by 11 points or fewer, including all four since Louisville joined the BIG EAST in 2005-06 (series tied 2-2 in BIG EAST play) ... each of Notre Dame's six losses this season has been decided by 12 points or fewer, with five of them seeing the Irish either leading, or with a possession to tie or take the lead in the second half or overtime ... Barlow became the 24th player in school history to score 1,000 career points, reaching the milestone exactly with her final two points of the evening (a pair of free throws with 37 seconds remaining that pulled the Irish within 66-63) ... Bruszewski tied her career high with 18 points, matching the total she had earlier this season against Evansville (Nov. 19 at the Joyce Center) and at Boston College (Nov. 23) ... Bruszewski has scored in double figures in four consecutive games and six times in the past eight contests, after posting six double-digit point games all of last season ... for the third time this season, Novosel tied her season highs with four steals (last: at Marquette on Jan. 13) and four assists (last: at Eastern Michigan on Dec. 2), while matching her 7-of-11 shooting performance vs. Rutgers on Jan. 27 ... Novosel also scored at least 17 points for the fourth time this season while logging her eighth double-figure scoring night of the year ... Williamson had two blocked shots and moves into sole possession of 10th place on the Notre Dame career blocks chart with 95, passing Heidi Bunek (93 from 1985-89) and pulling within two blocks of former teammate Melissa D'Amico (97 from 2004-08) for ninth place ... McCoughtry tied the Joyce Center opponent record for steals in a game previously set by Detroit's Amira Danforth on Jan. 29, 1994 ... for the first time this season, Notre Dame took the floor in their alternate home white uniforms with green trim.

GAME 24

#24 Notre Dame 86, South Florida 79
February 17, 2009
Sun Dome (Tampa, Fla.)

Notre Dame (86) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bruszewski 32 5-13 2-5 8-8 6 2 2 20
Williamson 14 1-2 0-0 0-0 6 1 3 2
Barlow 36 5-13 0-2 6-9 8 3 4 16
Lechlitner 28 1-7 0-0 6-6 3 5 3 8
Schrader 33 11-22 0-0 4-6 11 0 1 26
Solomon 24 4-6 0-0 2-2 2 0 3 10
Watson 5 0-2 0-1 0-0 0 0 0 0
Miller 5 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 2
Novosel 23 0-2 0-0 4-4 3 3 3 4
Team 8
Totals 200 27-68 2-8 30-35 47 14 21 86

South Florida (79) Player min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Lawson 24 3-9 0-0 6-8 9 0 3 12
Denson 17 1-3 0-0 0-0 7 1 5 2
Grace 37 4-9 0-1 3-7 2 7 4 11
Sepulveda 37 4-14 3-10 4-6 2 3 3 15
Stokes 29 5-15 5-14 1-2 5 2 1 16
Wynne 17 3-7 0-1 1-2 2 1 2 7
Grant 30 5-9 0-1 4-7 12 0 4 14
Speed 1 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 1 0 0
Sanders 3 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Dalembert 5 1-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 2
Team 6
Totals 200 26-67 8-27 19-32 46 15 24 79

Notre Dame 44 42 - 86
South Florida 52 27 - 79

FG Pct: Notre Dame 39.7, South Florida 38.8. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 25.0, South Florida 29.6. FT Pct: Notre Dame 85.7, South Florida 59.4. Turnovers: Notre Dame 12, South Florida 16. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 4, South Florida 5 (Denson 3). Steals: Notre Dame 8 (Barlow, Lechlitner, Novosel 2), South Florida 7 (Grace 5). Technical Foul: Grant (USF). Attendance: 1,316.

NOTES: For the second time in less than two months, Notre Dame comes back from a deficit of 14 points or more to claim victory, having staged a school-record 18-point rally for a 59-57 win at #20/19 Vanderbilt on Dec. 30 ... Notre Dame improves to 5-2 all-time against South Florida (2-1 in Tampa) ... since the Bulls joined the BIG EAST in 2005-06, four of the five series games with the Irish have been decided either in overtime (twice, both won by NSF) or by seven points or fewer (twice, both won by ND) ... Notre Dame has scored at least 70 points in six of the seven series games with NSF, while the Bulls reached that mark for the second time against the Irish this season ... Notre Dame moves to 14-3 (.824) all-time when playing in the state of Florida ... the Irish are 21-5 (.808) all-time against Florida schools (11-2 on the road) ... Notre Dame now is 19-8 (.704) in true road games during the past two seasons, including a 9-4 record this year ... Notre Dame wins for the second time in six games this season when trailing at halftime (the Irish were down at Vanderbilt, 36-24, on Dec. 30) ... Notre Dame's 86 points were the most it has scored since Jan. 6 in an 86-62 win at DePaul ... the Irish rise to 122-4 (.968) in their 14-year BIG EAST membership when scoring at least 80 points, including a 9-0 record this year ... Notre Dame's 30 free throws were the most the Irish have made in a single game since Feb. 4, 2007, when they knocked down a school-record-tying 33 foul shots (on 39 attempts) in a 77-67 win over West Virginia at the Joyce Center ... the Irish had two players score at least 20 points in the same game for the first time since Dec. 6, 2006, when Breonna Gray (22) and Tulyah Gaines (20) both hit the mark in a 67-58 win over #10/9 Purdue at the Joyce Center ... Schrader's 26 points were not only a season high, but the most by an Irish player since Charel Allen's 35-point outing against #14/13 Oklahoma in the second round of the 2008 NCAA Tournament ... it also was Schrader's highest scoring night since a career-best 29 points (12-23 FG) vs. Boston College in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Tournament ... Schrader is the first Notre Dame player to post a 25-point, 10-rebound game since Feb. 11, 2007, when Allen chalked up 25 points and 13 rebounds in a 78-70 win over DePaul at the Joyce Center ... Schrader picked up her fourth double-double of the season and eighth of her career ... Bruszewski posted a career-high 20 points, two more than her previous high set three times this season (most recently six days earlier vs. #10/12 Louisville at the Joyce Center) ... Bruszewski also set a new career high by going 8-for-8 at the foul line, the best free throw shooting night by any Irish player this season ... Solomon posted her seventh double-digit scoring game of the year and also tied her personal best with 24 minutes played (a mark she previously hit at Seton Hall on Jan. 2).





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GAME 28

#20/22 Notre Dame 72, West Virginia 66 March 2, 2009 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

West Virginia (66)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Burton, Miles, Repella, Sanabria, Granberry, Dixon, Fullard, Team, and Totals.

Notre Dame (72)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Miller, Novosel, Team, and Totals.

Summary table comparing West Virginia and Notre Dame stats.

FG Pct: West Virginia 41.4, Notre Dame 40.6. 3-PT FG Pct: West Virginia 42.1, Notre Dame 40.0. FT Pct: West Virginia 62.5, Notre Dame 58.3. Turnovers: West Virginia 16, Notre Dame 10. Blocked Shots: West Virginia 3, Notre Dame 3 (Solomon 2). Steals: West Virginia 5 (Miles 2), Notre Dame 7 (Barlow, Novosel 2). Attendance: 5,692.

NOTES: Notre Dame closes the regular season with three consecutive wins, its longest string since a season-high-tying seven-game winning streak from Dec. 13-Jan. 10 ... the victory, coupled with a Villanova loss later in the evening, lifted Notre Dame into a tie for fourth place in the final BIG EAST standings, the program's 11th top-four finish in its 14-year BIG EAST membership ... the Irish move to 26-6 (.813) all-time on Senior Day, including a 19-3 (.864) record in the 22-year Muffet McGraw era, with wins in 19 of their last 21 regular-season home finales ... this year's Senior Day game was unique in that the Irish have no departing senior players on their roster (guard Lindsay Schrader will petition for a fifth year of eligibility after missing the 2006-07 season with a torn ACL in her right knee); Notre Dame did recognize two senior student managers — Brad Lenoir and Caitlin Madden — in a pre-game ceremony ... Notre Dame also held a moment of silence prior to the game in memory of longtime South Bend Tribune reporter/women's basketball beat writer Forrest "Woody" Miller, who passed away on Feb. 28 in South Bend ... the Irish improve to 16-2 all-time against West Virginia, with a 9-0 record against the Mountaineers at the Joyce Center ... nine of the past 10 series games have been decided by 13 points or fewer ... the Irish have scored at least 70 points in 14 of the 18 series games against WVU, including five of the past six ... Notre Dame had five double-figure scorers for the third time this season and second time in three games ... Notre Dame's six three-pointers were the most for the Irish since Jan. 31, when they dropped six treys in a win over Cincinnati ... Schrader posted her sixth double-double of the season (third in five games), tying the single-season school record for double-doubles by a guard (Danielle Green set the mark in 1998-99) ... it also was Schrader's 10th career double-double, putting her one shy of the Notre Dame career record for guards, held by current Irish assistant coach Niele Ivey (11 from 1996-2001) ... Barlow moved up to 21st on Notre Dame's career scoring list with 1,070 points, passing Carrie Bates (1,060 points from 1981-85) ... Barlow also made moves on two other Irish career charts — tied for 10th (with Coquese Washington, 1989-93) with 82 three-pointers and eighth in three-point attempts (246, passing Jeneka Joyce's 241 from 2000-04) ... Lechlitner dished out at least five assists for the ninth time this season (18th career) and the fourth time in six games ... for the fourth time this season (and second consecutive game), Watson tied her personal best with three assists.

GAME 29

#20/17 Notre Dame 62, St. John's 45 BIG EAST Championship — Second Round March 7, 2009 XL Center (Hartford, Conn.)

St. John's (45)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Stevens, McCorvey, Ledbetter, Lindsay, McManmon, Moore, Murphy, Hodges, Hart, Mitchell, Team, and Totals.

Notre Dame (62)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Miller, Novosel, Christiansen, Team, and Totals.

Summary table comparing St. John's and Notre Dame stats.

FG Pct: St. John's 31.1, Notre Dame 36.4. 3-PT FG Pct: St. John's 20.0, Notre Dame 37.5. FT Pct: St. John's 62.5, Notre Dame 78.6. Turnovers: St. John's 16, Notre Dame 12. Blocked Shots: St. John's 8 (Stevens 3), Notre Dame 3 (Williamson 2). Steals: St. John's 5 (Lindsay 2), Notre Dame 8 (Schrader, Novosel 2). Attendance: 8,980.

NOTES: Notre Dame picks up its fourth consecutive win and fifth in six games ... the Irish earn their first victory at the BIG EAST Championship since 2006, when they logged a 73-66 win over South Florida in a first-round contest, also at Hartford's XL Center ... the 45 points allowed by Notre Dame were the third-fewest for the Irish defense in a BIG EAST Championship game and fewest since the 2001 quarterfinals, when Notre Dame rolled over Georgetown, 89-33 at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn. ... Notre Dame is 4-1 all-time in BIG EAST Championship first/second round games and 15-13 overall in the league's postseason tournament ... the Irish earn their third win in 13 career games at the XL Center and first since that 2006 win over USF ... Notre Dame improves to 18-2 all-time against St. John's, including a 2-0 record in the BIG EAST Championship ... the Irish held the Red Storm to their lowest point total in the series since Jan. 14, 2003, when Notre Dame earned a 71-42 victory at Carnesecca Arena (then Alumni Hall) in Queens, N.Y. ... the Irish are 45-4 all-time against New York-based schools, including a 21-4 record away from home (road/neutral sites) ... Notre Dame posts its third win in eight games this season when trailing at halftime ... St. John's 22 first-half points were the fewest the Irish have allowed to a BIG EAST opponent this season ... Schrader registered her seventh double-double of the season, setting a new school record for double-doubles by a guard in one year (previous was six by Danielle Green in 1998-99) ... Schrader also tied Niele Ivey's career record for double-doubles by an Irish guard, a mark the current Notre Dame assistant coach set from 1996-2001 ... Schrader is the first Notre Dame player to notch a double-double in the BIG EAST Championship since March 8, 2003, when Jacqueline Batteast chalked up 15 points and 10 rebounds in a first-round win over Pittsburgh ... Novosel posted her ninth double-figure scoring game of the season ... for the second time in four games, Williamson grabbed a season-high 11 rebounds, having also done so on Feb. 24 against Syracuse ... Schrader and Williamson are the first pair of double-figure rebounders for the Irish in the same game since March 23, 2008, when Barlow had 12 boards and Charel Allen snared 11 caroms in an NCAA Tournament first-round win over SMU in West Lafayette, Ind. ... the tandem's 11 rebounds are the most for a Notre Dame player in a BIG EAST Championship game since March 5, 2000, when Ruth Riley grabbed 14 rebounds (tying Katryna Gaither's BIG EAST tourney record by an Irish player) in a quarterfinal win over Miami (Fla.) at Storrs, Conn. ... for the first time since joining the conference 14 seasons ago, Notre Dame had multiple double-figure rebounders in a BIG EAST tournament game.

GAME 30

Villanova 58, #20/17 Notre Dame 47 BIG EAST Championship — Quarterfinal March 8, 2009 XL Center (Hartford, Conn.)

Notre Dame (47)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Miller, Novosel, Team, and Totals.

Villanova (58)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Kurz, Karcic, Elliott, Getty, Dougherty, O'Connor, Jones, Grant, Swiezynski, Scanlon, Team, and Totals.

Summary table comparing Notre Dame and Villanova stats.

FG Pct: Notre Dame 36.4, Villanova 41.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 20.0, Villanova 40.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 66.7, Villanova 90.9. Turnovers: Notre Dame 13, Villanova 13. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 0, Villanova 1. Steals: Notre Dame 6 (Barlow, Schrader 2), Villanova 5 (Kurz 2). Attendance: 9,270.

NOTES: Notre Dame has its four-game winning streak snapped ... all eight Irish losses this season have been by 12 points or fewer, with Notre Dame holding the lead or a possession to tie/take the lead in the second half of seven of those defeats ... this marked the first time the Irish lost after holding a double-digit lead (15-5, 9:18 of first half) since last year's BIG EAST quarterfinals, when Pittsburgh rallied from a 12-point first-half deficit to down Notre Dame, 64-53 ... the Irish fall to 15-10 all-time against Villanova, with the Wildcats winning both matchups this year (the third time VU has posted back-to-back series wins over Notre Dame) ... the series also is tied 2-2 in the BIG EAST Championship, with all four games coming in the quarterfinal round (Villanova has won the past two conference tournament meetings in 2003 and 2009) ... for just the third time in 20 games this season, the Irish lose when leading at the half (also Dec. 10 at Michigan and Jan. 13 at Marquette) ... Notre Dame falls to 13-2 this season when outrebounding its opponent, with both losses coming to Villanova, and the Irish are 10-2 when holding their opponents to fewer than 60 points (also both losses to VU) ... Notre Dame was held to a season-low 47 points, one fewer than its output in the regular-season matchup at Villanova (a 55-48 Wildcat win) ... the Irish were credited with a season-low three assists, four fewer than their previous low set twice before (most recently at Villanova on Jan. 24) ... Notre Dame continues to protect the ball well, committing 15 turnovers or fewer for the seventh consecutive game ... Barlow moved into 10th place on the Irish career steals list with exactly 200 thefts, passing Letitia Bowen (199 from 1991-95) and closing to one behind Jeannine Augustin (1993-97) for ninth place ... Barlow also now has 84 career three-pointers, putting her one back of Sherri Orlosky (1990-94) for ninth place on Notre Dame's all-time list ... Barlow converted her second four-point play of the season with 1:34 left in the game; the Irish had gone six years without one prior to Barlow's four-pointer on Feb. 22 at Connecticut, a game also played at Hartford's XL Center.



#1 Erica Solomon

Forward • 6-2 • Fr.-HS • Oak Park, Mich. (Detroit Country Day School)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ BIG EAST All-Freshman Team

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is "Rock" after her middle name (Raquel).
- ◆ Graduated from same high school that produced NBA standouts Chris Webber and Shane Battier, as well as former Irish All-America women's soccer player/current U.S. National Team member Kate (Sobrero) Markgraf, among others.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a successful high jumper, setting school record in the event (5 ft., 6 in.).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all 30 games this season, averaging 6.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game ... leads team and is seventh in BIG EAST (tops among freshmen) in blocked shots (1.27 bpg.) ... also ranked 10th in blocks during league play (1.25 bpg.) ... leads team with 67 offensive rebounds.
- ◆ Made college debut in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at #24/22 LSU, chalking up six points in 11 minutes.
- ◆ Turned in "point-a-minute" performance in third collegiate game at Boston College, finishing with season-high 15 points (5-5 FG, 5-7 FT) in just 14 minutes.
- ◆ Played 19 minutes vs. Georgia Southern (12 points, season-high 6-9 FT) and five rebounds.
- ◆ Tossed in 12 points (5-8 FG) in 19 minutes against #24 Michigan State.
- ◆ Extended double-digit scoring streak to four games with 12 points (6-10 FT) at Eastern Michigan, adding nine rebounds and season-high four blocks.
- ◆ Grabbed eight rebounds against #17/20 Purdue.
- ◆ Collected five points, seven rebounds, three blocks and season-high three steals at Valparaiso; had layup, two blocks and key steal in final five minutes to help preserve win.
- ◆ Picked up six points and five rebounds in win over Loyola-Chicago.
- ◆ Played key role in win at #20/19 Vanderbilt with eight points (4-4 FG) and seven rebounds in 21 minutes off the bench; also blocked potential game-tying shot with 49 seconds left and came up with rebound, allowing Irish to come down and hit important insurance bucket.
- ◆ Scored 13 points (5-6 FG) in season-high 24 minutes of BIG EAST debut at Seton Hall.
- ◆ Corralled eight rebounds (five offensive) in 13 minutes at DePaul.
- ◆ Chalked up seven points and two blocks against Georgetown.
- ◆ Made major contributions down the stretch in win over St. John's, putting Irish ahead to stay on layup with 1:25 to play before adding two rebounds (one at each end) and an insurance free throw with 26 seconds left; finished with nine points and eight rebounds.
- ◆ Pulled down season-high 10 rebounds and added five points at Villanova.
- ◆ Piled up 14 points (season-best 6-11 FG) and eight rebounds at #22/24 Pittsburgh.
- ◆ Collected six rebounds (five offensive) against #10/12 Louisville.
- ◆ Came off bench to score 10 points (4-6 FG) in season-high-tying 24 minutes at USF.
- ◆ Scored six points and grabbed three rebounds at #1 Connecticut.
- ◆ Had five rebounds in six foul-plagued minutes at Providence.
- ◆ Nabbed seven points and six rebounds in BIG EAST second-round win over St. John's.

Solomon In The Notre Dame Record Book

- ◆ 4th in blocks per game by freshman (1.27) ... next up is Devereaux Peters (2.04 in 2007-08).
- ◆ 5th in total blocks by freshman (38) ... next up is Erica Williamson (39 in 2006-07).

Solomon's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	30-0	496-16.5	65-150	.433	0-0	.000	49-82	.598	67	68	135	4.5	73-0	20	43	38	17	179	6.0
TOTALS	30-0	496-16.5	65-150	.433	0-0	.000	49-82	.598	67	68	135	4.5	73-0	20	43	38	17	179	6.0



Career Highs

Points

Career.... 15 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 10 at Villanova (1/24/09)

Assists

Career.... 2, five times (MR: at Villanova, 1/24/09)

Field Goals

Career..... 6 at Pittsburgh (2/3/09)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 11 at Pittsburgh (2/3/09)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... None

Free Throws

Career.... 6, twice (MR: at EMU, 12/2/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.... 10 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Steals

Career..... 3 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.... 4 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 24, twice (MR: at USF, 2/17/09)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 7/7
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 1/1
 5-block games 0/0
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

#10 Kellie Watson

Forward • 6-2 • Fr.-HS • Ionia, Mich. (Ionia HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ BIG EAST Freshman of the Week (Dec. 1, Dec. 8)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Reigning Michigan Miss Basketball, the first to ever attend Notre Dame — although the Irish had 14 Michigan natives on their all-time roster prior to this season, the highest any of them had ever finished in the Miss Basketball balloting (1981-2007) was third by Kathy Barron (1983) and Jeannine Augustin (1992); ironically, Watson's fellow Irish freshman, Erica Solomon finished second in last year's Michigan Miss Basketball voting.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was two-time all-state softball player who set school single-season records for doubles (86) and triples (27), while leading team to a regional title.
- ◆ Is an accomplished juggler, having been known to perform with items as large as bowling pins on occasion; in fact, she received a juggling kit as a Christmas gift this year.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all 30 games this season, averaging 3.9 points and 2.4 rebounds per game ... also second on team with 27 three-pointers.
- ◆ Saw action in first college game, playing final minute of State Farm Tip-Off Classic victory at #24/22 LSU.
- ◆ Collected three points and season highs of two assists, two blocks and two steals in home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Scored seven points against Georgia Southern.
- ◆ Exploded for season-high 18 points (6-9 3FG) in 20 minutes vs. #24 Michigan State, canning first five three-pointers of game (last three in span of 1:32); six three-pointers tied the Notre Dame Joyce Center record (most by an Irish player in five years) and were two off the school record ... also grabbed season-high six rebounds against MSU.
- ◆ Registered 13 points (4-6 FG, 3-4 3FG) and season-high-tying six rebounds against #17/20 Purdue ... keyed first-half surge with three triples in 4:17 span to close period.
- ◆ Hit three-pointer with 3:24 left in overtime to give Irish lead at Michigan.
- ◆ Tallied nine points and five rebounds in season-high 27 minutes vs. Loyola-Chicago.
- ◆ Ignited 22-0 second-half run in comeback win at #20/19 Vanderbilt with pair of three-pointers (her only two baskets of the game).
- ◆ Canned 3-of-6 three-pointers against Georgetown, finishing with nine points and season-high three assists.
- ◆ Tied personal best with three assists at Marquette.
- ◆ Returned to double figures with 10 points (3-7 3FG) while adding five rebounds vs. Cincinnati; buried back-to-back three-pointers 40 seconds apart in the final three minutes to salt away the victory.
- ◆ Notched five points and three rebounds at #22/24 Pittsburgh.
- ◆ Tied season high with three assists at Providence.
- ◆ Collected four points (1-1 3FG) and season-high-tying three assists vs. West Virginia.



Career Highs

Points

Career.....18 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)

Rebounds

Career.....6, twice (MR: vs. Purdue, 12/7/08)

Assists

Career.....3, four times (MR: vs. West Virginia, 3/2/09)

Field Goals

Career.....6 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....12 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....6 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)
(tied ND Joyce Center record)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....9 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)

Free Throws

Career.....4 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....6 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Steals

Career.....2, twice (MR: vs. Loyola-Chi., 12/20/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....2 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Minutes Played

Career.....27 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 3/3
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Watson's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	30-0	442-14.7	36-136	.265	27-90	.300	17-26	.654	17	55	72	2.4	36-1	29	41	10	10	116	3.9
TOTALS	30-0	442-14.7	36-136	.265	27-90	.300	17-26	.654	17	55	72	2.4	36-1	29	41	10	10	116	3.9

#12 Fraderica Miller

Guard • 5-10 • Fr.-HS • Ellenwood, Ga. (The Marist School)

Did You Know?

- ◆ First name is pronounced “fruh-DARE-uh-kuh” ... nickname is “Fred”.
- ◆ Was a rare spring signee, the first for Notre Dame since Breona Gray committed to the Irish in the spring of 2003 out of Las Vegas’ Bishop Gorman High School.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school – ran track & field, competing primarily in sprints (100m/200m/400m).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in 22 games this season, averaging 0.8 points, 0.6 rebounds and 0.7 steals per game.
- ◆ Saw limited action in first two road games at #24/22 LSU and Boston College, notching a steal at BC.
- ◆ Scored first career points on breakaway layup and added a steal vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Played 10 minutes vs. Georgia Southern, chalking up two points and picking up a steal for third consecutive game.
- ◆ Had steal and score in win at Eastern Michigan.
- ◆ Turned in best effort of season to date against Loyola-Chicago with personal bests of seven points (3-5 FG), five rebounds, three steals and two assists in 17 minutes.
- ◆ Gave Irish spark off the bench at #20/19 Vanderbilt with steal late in first half.
- ◆ Notched two points and two steals in four minutes at DePaul.
- ◆ Had two points and assist during nine minutes of action in victory over St. John’s.
- ◆ Tied season high with two assists and added two steals in three minutes vs. Rutgers.
- ◆ **Did not play vs. Cincinnati and #22/24 Pittsburgh (sprained right foot).**
- ◆ Returned to action vs. #25 DePaul, playing three minutes and grabbing two rebounds.
- ◆ Aggressive defense produced two steals and two rebounds in six minutes vs. #10/12 Louisville, sparking team’s second-half comeback.
- ◆ Collected a rebound in each of BIG EAST Championship appearances vs. St. John’s and Villanova, adding assist against STJ.



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 7 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 5 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Assists

Career....2, twice (MR: vs. Rutgers, 1/27/09)

Field Goals

Career..... 3 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 5 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....None

Free Throws

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 5 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Steals

Career..... 3 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....None

Minutes Played

Career.... 17 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 0/0
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure assist games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Miller’s Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	22-0	92-4.2	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	6	7	13	0.6	23-0	8	5	0	15	17	0.8
TOTALS	22-0	92-4.2	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	6	7	13	0.6	23-0	8	5	0	15	17	0.8

#14 Devereaux Peters

Forward • 6-2 • So.-1V • Chicago, Ill. (Fenwick HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ First name is pronounced “DEV-er-OH” ... nickname is “Dev”.
- ◆ Has a 77-inch (6-foot-5) wingspan which, if turned vertically, would be taller than any player on Irish roster (junior center Erica Williamson is 6-foot-4); in fact, only one BIG EAST Conference player is taller than Peters’ wingspan — Pittsburgh freshman center Shawnice “Pepper” Wilson stands 6-foot-6.
- ◆ Peters’ alma mater, Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., holds a special place in Notre Dame athletics history, having produced numerous Irish greats in several sports — the most notable is 1953 Heisman Trophy John Lattner.
- ◆ One of two Irish players who had an uncle play professional football — Peters’ uncle, Tom Seabron, played linebacker at Michigan and was a fifth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 1979; Ashley Barlow’s uncle, Ron, was a fullback at Kansas State and was selected by the New York Jets in the 1965 American Football League redshirt draft.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ **Out for season (torn ACL - left knee) ... underwent successful surgery Feb. 6 and is beginning rehabilitation protocol.**
- ◆ Appeared in three games (one start) this season, averaging 7.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game with .688 field goal percentage and six blocks (2.0 per game).
- ◆ Made successful return from April 2008 knee surgery (torn ACL) in season opener at #24/22 LSU, coming off bench to play 28 minutes, notching 12 points (6-7 FG), team-high six rebounds, three blocks and three steals.
- ◆ Earned starting nod for home opener vs. Evansville, registering six points and four rebounds in 17 minutes.
- ◆ Collected four points, three rebounds, two blocks and two steals in only 16 minutes at Boston College ...injured left knee at 13:04 of first half (four minutes after entering), but feeling little discomfort, returned to play 12 minutes later in game.
- ◆ Upon returning to South Bend, underwent MRI which discovered a torn ACL in her left knee, an injury that will sideline her for the remainder of the 2008-09 season ... she is expected to petition for an NCAA hardship waiver (having played less than 30 percent of her team’s regular-season games), and if granted, she would retain three years of eligibility.



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 15 vs. Villanova (1/16/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 12 vs. Connecticut (1/27/08)

Assists

Career.... 4 vs. Saint Francis-Pa. (12/29/07)

Field Goals

Career.... 6, three times (MR: at LSU, 11/16/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 15 at Maryland (11/16/07)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....None

Free Throws

Career..... 8 at Richmond (1/2/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 10 at Richmond (1/2/08)

Steals

Career..... 7 vs. Villanova (1/16/08)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 5 vs. Miami-Ohio (11/9/07)

Minutes Played

Career..... 34 at Maryland (11/16/07)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/1
 Double-figure scoring games..... 1/15
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/1
 5-block games 0/1
 5-steal games..... 0/1
(noted in season/career format)

Peters’ Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	23-2	468-20.3	82-157	.522	0-0	.000	42-56	.750	57	72	129	5.6	78-5	23	40	45	39	206	9.0
2008-09	3-1	61-20.3	11-16	.688	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	3	10	13	4.3	6-0	5	4	6	5	22	7.3
TOTALS	26-3	529-20.3	93-173	.538	0-0	.000	42-59	.712	60	82	142	5.5	84-5	28	44	51	44	228	8.8

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Devereaux Peters

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU ¹	28	6-7	0-0	0-3	2	4	6	2	2	2	3	3	12
N19	Evansville [^]	17	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	1	1	1	0	6
N23	@ Boston College	16	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	1	2	2	4
N25	Georgia Southern	Did not play (injured)												
N29	#24/rv Michigan State	Did not play (injured)												
D2	@ Eastern Michigan	Did not play (injured)												
D7	#17/20 Purdue	Did not play (injured)												
D10	@ Michigan	Did not play (injured)												
D13	@ Valparaiso	Did not play (injured)												
D20	Loyola-Chicago	Did not play (injured)												
D28	@ Charlotte	Did not play (injured)												
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt	Did not play (injured)												
J3	• @ Seton Hall	Did not play (injured)												
J6	• @ DePaul	Did not play (injured)												
J10	• Georgetown	Did not play (injured)												
J13	• @ Marquette	Did not play (injured)												
J17	• St. John's	Did not play (injured)												
J24	• @ Villanova	Did not play (injured)												
J27	• Rutgers	Did not play (injured)												
J31	• Cincinnati	Did not play (injured)												
F3	• @ #22/24 Pittsburgh	Did not play (injured)												
F8	• #25/25 DePaul	Did not play (injured)												
F11	• #10/12 Louisville	Did not play (injured)												
F17	• @ South Florida	Did not play (injured)												
F22	• @ #1/1 Connecticut	Did not play (injured)												
F24	• Syracuse	Did not play (injured)												
F28	• @ Providence	Did not play (injured)												
M2	• West Virginia	Did not play (injured)												
M6	vs. St. John's ²	Did not play (injured)												
M7	vs. Villanova ²	Did not play (injured)												

* = indicates BIG EAST Conference game // ^ = indicates game started

1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

2 = BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

Peters in the NCAA Championship

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08			Did not play (injured)																
2008-09			Will not play (injured)																
TOTALS			Has not played																

#20 Ashley Barlow

Guard • 5-9 • Jr.-2V • Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ Second-team all-BIG EAST
- ◆ Naismith Trophy Watch List
- ◆ BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 24)

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in 28 games (27 starts), leading team in steals (2.46 spg.), ranking second in scoring (12.4 ppg.) and third in rebounding (4.9 rpg.) ... ranks 22nd in BIG EAST in scoring, fourth in steals, ninth in free throw percentage (.778) and 14th in three-point percentage (.362) ... in conference play, ranked 20th in scoring (12.9 ppg.), second in steals (2.44 spg.) and seventh in three-point percentage (.391).
- ◆ Scored game-high 19 points (7-13 FG, 2-4 3FG) in State Farm Tip-Off Classic win at #24/22 LSU, including 10 in 14-4 Irish run early in second half.
- ◆ Ended up with game-high 19 points (3-5 3FG), six rebounds and four steals vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Posted balanced effort at Boston College with 10 points, seven steals and career-high six assists.
- ◆ Contributed 13 points and game-high eight rebounds in win over Georgia Southern.
- ◆ Stuffed stat sheet against #24 Michigan State to the tune of 14 points, career-high-tying six assists, five rebounds and three steals ... came out in final minute after knocking heads in pile-up.
- ◆ Returned to action in a reserve role at Michigan, coming off bench to register team highs of 14 points (7-13 FG), five rebounds and four steals.
- ◆ Back in starting lineup at Valparaiso, tallying 15 points (6-11 FG); put Irish ahead to stay on jumper in lane with 5:18 left and rattled home three-pointer at 4:31 mark as part of game-ending 13-5 run.
- ◆ Collected season-high nine rebounds at #20/19 Vanderbilt.
- ◆ Scored team-high 14 points in BIG EAST opener at Seton Hall, including key foul-line jumper with 1:36 left and two free throws with 22.5 seconds left, both with ND up two.
- ◆ Got Irish rolling at DePaul with pair of first-half three-pointers, finishing with 12 points.
- ◆ Matched career high with six assists, while adding three steals in win over Georgetown.
- ◆ Had team-high 15 points (3 3FG), six steals and six rebounds at Marquette.
- ◆ Had 13 points (3 3FG), five rebounds and three assists in win over St. John's.
- ◆ Scored team-high 11 points with six rebounds in career-high 39 minutes at Villanova.
- ◆ Notched 18 points (3 3FG), and team-high four assists vs. Rutgers.
- ◆ Recorded career-high eight steals (tied for second in school/arena history) in win over Cincinnati.
- ◆ Poured in season-high-tying 19 points (6-10 FG, 2-3 3FG) to spark victory over #25 DePaul.
- ◆ Tallied 16 points and team-high eight rebounds vs. #10/12 Louisville; scored 1,000th career point on free throw with 37 seconds to play, pulling Irish within three points.
- ◆ Chalked up 16 points and eight rebounds in win at South Florida.
- ◆ Collected team-high 18 points (5-9 FG, career-high 4-6 3FG) at #1 Connecticut; also converted four-point play at 11:10 mark of first half (first by ND player since Feb. 16, 2003 - Ratay at PC).
- ◆ Matched career high with six assists and added 13 points in win over Syracuse.
- ◆ Scored eight of 10 points at Providence in second-half 10-0 run, hitting pair of three-pointers.
- ◆ Tossed in 13 points and added six rebounds in regular-season finale vs. West Virginia.
- ◆ Carded 10 points (including another four-point play) in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Villanova.

Barlow In The Notre Dame Record Book

- ◆ 21st in career points (1,087) ... next up is Danielle Green (1,106 from 1995-2000).
- ◆ 4th in career steals per game (2.13) ...next up is Mary Gavin (2.51 from 1984-88).
- ◆ 6th in career free throw percentage (.804) ...next up is Sheila McMillen (.808 from 1995-99).
- ◆ 8th in career three-point attempts (252) ...next up is Lisa Kuhns (262 from 1985-90).
- ◆ 10th in career three-point field goals (84) ...next up is Sherri Orlosky (85 from 1990-94).
- ◆ 10th in career steals (200) ...next up is Jeannine Augustin (201 from 1993-97).
- ◆ One of four players in program history with at least 60 steals in three consecutive seasons; others were Mary Gavin (1985-88), Coquese Washington (1989-93) and Niele Ivey (1997-01).
- ◆ Needs 30 rebounds to join Charel Allen (2004-08) as only players in program history with 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 assists and 200 steals in their careers.

Barlow In The NCAA Championship

- ◆ Averaging 10.6 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.4 steals in five games (three starts).
- ◆ Has posted double-digit rebounding totals in both NCAA tourney first-round games she has played in (10 vs. California in 2007; career-high 12 vs. SMU in 2008).
- ◆ Tallied double-double in '08 first-round win over SMU with 20 points and 12 rebounds.
- ◆ Had 16 points, including two game-clinching FT with 1.8 seconds left in OT of '08 second-round win over No. 14/13 Oklahoma.

Barlow's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	32-3	810-25.3	110-254	.433	19-58	.328	90-109	.826	79	94	173	5.4	80-3	61	70	3	63	329	10.3
2007-08	34-32	898-26.4	136-290	.469	27-89	.303	111-138	.804	64	95	159	4.7	86-2	64	60	2	68	410	12.1
2008-09	28-27	920-32.9	120-301	.399	38-105	.362	70-90	.778	48	90	138	4.9	47-0	78	75	3	69	348	12.4
TOTALS	94-62	2628-28.0	366-845	.433	84-252	.333	271-337	.804	191	279	470	5.0	213-5	203	205	8	200	1087	11.6



Career Highs

Points

Career.....23 vs. DePaul (1/22/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 12 vs. SMU (3/23/08)

Assists

Career.... 6, six times (MR: vs. Syracuse, 2/24/09)

Field Goals

Career....8, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 1/22/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 18, twice (MR: vs. Louisville, 2/11/09)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... 4 at Connecticut (2/22/09)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career....10 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)

Free Throws

Career.... 13 vs. Prairie View (12/28/06)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.... 13 vs. Prairie View (12/28/06)

Steals

Career.....8 vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)

Blocked Shots

Career.... 1, seven times (MR: vs. Rutgers, 1/27/09)

Minutes Played

Career..... 39 at Villanova (1/24/09)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/4
 Double-figure scoring games..... 21/57
 20-point games..... 0/6
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/5
 5-assist games 4/6
 5-steal games..... 3/8
(noted in season/career format)

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Ashley Barlow

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	35	7-13	2-4	3-4	0	5	5	2	0	4	0	2	19
N19	Evansville [^]	31	7-18	3-5	2-2	2	4	6	1	0	1	0	4	19
N23	@ Boston College [^]	26	4-5	2-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	2	0	7	10
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	25	5-9	1-3	2-2	2	6	8	0	2	1	0	1	13
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	38	4-16	2-10	4-5	3	2	5	3	6	2	0	3	14
D2	@ Eastern Michigan	Did not play (injured)												
D7	#17/20 Purdue	Did not play (injured)												
D10	@ Michigan	37	7-13	0-1	0-0	3	2	5	3	3	2	1	4	14
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	38	6-11	1-3	2-3	1	2	3	0	1	4	0	2	15
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	23	2-6	0-0	4-4	2	3	5	1	4	2	0	2	8
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	34	2-7	0-3	2-2	0	5	5	3	4	4	0	2	6
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	35	2-11	0-4	2-2	3	6	9	2	4	5	0	0	6
J3	• @ Seton Hall [^]	35	5-9	0-1	4-4	0	4	4	2	2	3	0	1	14
J6	• @ DePaul [^]	29	3-14	2-3	4-4	1	2	3	0	3	3	0	1	12
J10	• Georgetown [^]	22	3-7	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	3	6	2	0	3	6
J13	• @ Marquette [^]	36	5-11	3-7	2-2	1	5	6	2	2	5	0	6	15
J17	• St. John's [^]	36	4-11	3-6	2-2	0	5	5	1	3	2	0	2	13
J24	• @ Villanova [^]	39	3-8	0-2	5-8	2	4	6	0	0	3	0	2	11
J27	• Rutgers [^]	38	6-16	3-9	3-4	2	2	4	2	4	1	1	2	18
J31	• Cincinnati [^]	34	2-8	1-4	2-4	3	1	4	2	4	5	0	8	7
F3	• @ #22/24 Pittsburgh [^]	32	3-9	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	2	4	0	0	1	6
F8	• #25/25 DePaul [^]	35	6-10	2-3	5-7	4	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	19
F11	• #10/12 Louisville [^]	35	5-18	2-7	4-6	5	3	8	2	2	3	0	3	16
F17	• @ South Florida [^]	36	5-13	0-2	6-9	3	5	8	4	3	4	0	2	16
F22	• @ #1/1 Connecticut [^]	30	5-9	4-6	4-5	1	3	4	3	2	1	0	1	18
F24	• Syracuse [^]	25	3-7	1-2	6-6	0	2	2	3	6	2	0	2	13
F28	• @ Providence [^]	35	4-8	2-3	0-0	4	2	6	3	1	2	0	3	10
M2	• West Virginia [^]	36	5-14	2-6	1-3	2	4	6	0	2	2	0	2	13
M6	vs. St. John's ^{2^}	33	3-11	1-3	0-1	0	5	5	0	3	3	1	1	7
M7	vs. Villanova ^{2^}	32	4-9	1-3	1-1	1	4	5	2	1	2	0	2	10

* = indicates BIG EAST Conference game // ^ = indicates game started

1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

2 = BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

Did You Know?

- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Lindsay Schrader and Melissa Lechlitner); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Worked diligently during the summer to sharpen her perimeter shooting skills (more range and quicker release), spending early part of offseason in hometown of Indianapolis ... worked out with several elite-level players from the area including 2008 first-round NBA draft pick George Hill of the San Antonio Spurs (who played his college ball at IUPUI).
- ◆ Pictured on Midwest regional cover of *Sports Illustrated's* 2008-09 College Basketball Preview issue, along with Irish men's basketball sharpshooting senior guard Kyle McAlarney; Notre Dame was one of six schools to have both its teams featured on the regional covers, along with Connecticut, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Arizona State.

Barlow in the NCAA Championship

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	2-0	45-22.5	3-11	.273	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	5	8	13	6.5	5-0	5	2	0	5	6	3.0
2007-08	3-3	103-34.3	17-34	.500	1-7	.143	12-15	.800	7	13	20	6.7	4-0	4	6	0	7	47	15.7
TOTALS	5-3	148-29.6	20-45	.444	1-10	.100	12-16	.750	12	21	33	6.6	9-0	9	8	0	12	53	10.6

#21 Natalie Novosel

Guard • 5-11 • Fr.-HS • Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ BIG EAST All-Freshman Team
- ◆ BIG EAST Freshman of the Week (Dec. 29, Jan. 12)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Last name is pronounced “NO-vuh-sell” ... nickname is “Nasty”, coined during her high school career, both for her determination and gritty demeanor on the court and her ability to make extraordinary (aka “nasty”) plays look routine.
- ◆ She is the first Irish women’s basketball player ever to come from the state of Kentucky ... she shares the same prep alma mater as former Notre Dame men’s basketball player David Graves (1999-2002).
- ◆ Has two siblings who also are currently playing college basketball — older sister, Shannon, is a senior all-conference center at the University of Evansville (whom the Irish defeated on Nov. 19; the Purple Aces won the Missouri Valley Conference title and also are headed to the NCAA Championship), while twin brother, Nathan, is a freshman forward at the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all 30 games this season, averaging 7.0 points and 2.8 rebounds per game ... second on team with 44 steals (1.47 spg.) ... in BIG EAST play, ranked 10th in league with 1.81 steals per game.
- ◆ Made college debut in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at #24/22 LSU, playing 17 minutes and notching two points and two rebounds.
- ◆ Tallied six points and season-high four assists in season-best 21 minutes of home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Tossed in seven points (3-4 FG) at Boston College.
- ◆ Added seven points (5-6 FT) and four rebounds against Georgia Southern.
- ◆ Led the way to victory at Eastern Michigan with game-high 18 points (6-10 FG), eight rebounds and four assists in 33 minutes.
- ◆ Shared game-high scoring honors against Loyola-Chicago with 13 points (5-8 FG), while adding three assists and three steals.
- ◆ Posted second consecutive double-figure scoring game at Charlotte, coming off bench to notch 12 points (4-8 FG) and four steals.
- ◆ Registered first perfect shooting game of her career in BIG EAST debut at Seton Hall, dodging foul trouble to score eight points (3-3 FG, 2-2 FT) in 17 minutes.
- ◆ Chalked up 18 points (6-10 FG, 6-8 FT) and seven rebounds in 22 minutes at DePaul.
- ◆ Collected 12 points (4-5 FG) against Georgetown.
- ◆ Credited with 10 points, four rebounds and four steals at Marquette.
- ◆ Paced Irish against Rutgers with season-best 19 points (7-11 FG).
- ◆ Tallied eight points and four rebounds at #22/24 Pittsburgh.
- ◆ Sparkled off the bench against #10/12 Louisville with 17 points (7-11 FG), season-high-tying four assists and four steals; scored nine points during 12-2 second-half run that put Irish in position to win down the stretch.
- ◆ Notched six points and season-high five steals at Providence.
- ◆ Had nearly perfect shooting day in BIG EAST Championship debut vs. St. John’s, scoring 15 points (6-7 FG, 3-3 FT) in second-round win.



Career Highs

Points

Career.....19 vs. Rutgers (1/27/09)

Rebounds

Career....8 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Assists

Career.....4, three times (MR: vs. Louisville, 2/11/09)

Field Goals

Career....7, twice (MR: vs. Louisville, 2/11/09)

Field Goal Attempts

Career....11, twice (MR: vs. Louisville, 2/11/09)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career....1 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career....2, three times (MR: vs. Purdue, 12/7/08)

Free Throws

Career.....6 at DePaul (1/6/09)

Free Throw Attempts

Career....8, twice (MR: at DePaul, 1/6/09)

Steals

Career.....5 at Providence (2/28/09)

Blocked Shots

Career....1, three times (MR: at USF, 2/17/09)

Minutes Played

Career....33 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 9/9
 20-point games 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games 1/1
(noted in season/career format)

Novosel’s Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	30-0	611-20.4	73-146	.500	1-10	.100	64-87	.736	41	43	84	2.8	53-0	47	57	3	44	211	7.0
TOTALS	30-0	611-20.4	73-146	.500	1-10	.100	64-87	.736	41	43	84	2.8	53-0	47	57	3	44	211	7.0

#22 Brittany Mallory

Guard • 5-10 • So.-1V • Baltimore, Md. (McDonogh School)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is “Chip”, which she gained during summer school prior to her freshman year — its origin is a bit fuzzy and depends on which of her teammates you’re talking to.
- ◆ Earned certificate of merit for participation in Notre Dame’s Rosenthal Leadership Institute during the 2007-08 academic year.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a two-time honorable mention All-America lacrosse midfielder and was named to the 2006 high school All-Tewaaraton Team; in fact, she was actively recruited by several Division I schools to play lacrosse, but chose to focus solely on basketball at Notre Dame.
- ◆ Received unique get-well gifts from her teammates following her Jan. 6 knee surgery — teammates, coaches and staff had visited Dave & Buster’s restaurant in Chicago the night before and pooled all the tickets (more than 15,000) they earned in the restaurant’s fabled game room, winning two enormous stuffed animals (each close to three feet high) for their recovering teammate.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ **Out for season (torn ACL - left knee) ... underwent successful surgery Jan. 6 and currently undergoing rehabilitation protocol.**
- ◆ Appeared in seven games (three starts, first of her career) this season, averaging 8.1 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game ... also had 2.22 assist/turnover ratio.
- ◆ Delivered 11 points (5-10 FG) and career-high six assists in 20 minutes during home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Had nearly perfect shooting day at Boston College (5-5 FG, 3-3 3FG, 1-2 FT), finishing with 14 points in 15 minutes.
- ◆ Poured in career-high 19 points (7-10 FG, 3-4 3FG) against Georgia Southern while also posting her third consecutive double-figure scoring game (longest streak of her young career).
- ◆ Made first career start at Eastern Michigan, finishing with three points in 15 minutes.
- ◆ Started against #17/20 Purdue and played (then) career-high 30 minutes, chalking up three points and five rebounds.
- ◆ Remained in starting lineup at Michigan, logging five points and five rebounds in career-best 34 minutes ... suffered left knee injury 56 seconds into overtime and did not return.
- ◆ Upon returning to South Bend, underwent MRI which discovered a torn ACL in her left knee, an injury that will sideline her for the remainder of the 2008-09 season ... she is expected to petition for an NCAA hardship waiver (having played less than 30 percent of her team’s regular-season games), and if granted, she would retain three years of eligibility.

Mallory In The NCAA Championship

- ◆ Gathered six rebounds in NCAA first-round win over SMU last season.



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 19 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Rebounds

Career.....7, twice (MR: vs. USF, 2/27/08)

Assists

Career..... 6 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Field Goals

Career.....7 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....12 vs. Canisius (11/27/07)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... 4 vs. South Florida (2/27/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 8 at St. John’s (3/3/08)

Free Throws

Career.....6 vs. Valparaiso (12/12/07)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....6, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 1/30/08)

Steals

Career.....4 vs. Valparaiso (12/12/07)

Blocked Shots

Career.... 1, three times (MR: at BC, 11/23/08)

Minutes Played

Career.....34 at Michigan (12/10/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 3/9
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 1/1
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Mallory’s Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	33-0	533-16.2	64-187	.342	34-122	.279	46-57	.807	26	46	72	2.2	52-0	29	36	3	42	208	6.3
2008-09	7-3	154-22.0	21-45	.467	7-20	.350	8-13	.615	5	18	23	3.3	15-0	20	9	1	11	57	8.1
TOTALS	40-3	687-17.2	85-232	.366	41-142	.289	54-70	.771	31	64	95	2.4	67-0	49	45	4	53	265	6.6

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Brittany Mallory

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU ¹	Did not play												
N19	Evansville	20	5-10	0-4	1-2	1	1	2	3	6	0	0	2	11
N23	@ Boston College	15	5-5	3-3	1-2	1	3	4	1	2	0	1	0	14
N25	Georgia Southern	24	7-10	3-4	2-3	0	2	2	3	3	3	0	2	19
N29	#24/rv Michigan State	16	1-4	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	2
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	15	1-6	0-3	1-2	0	3	3	2	2	3	0	1	3
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	30	0-5	0-2	3-4	1	4	5	1	2	1	0	2	3
D10	@ Michigan [^]	34	2-5	1-2	0-0	1	4	5	2	3	2	0	2	5
D13	@ Valparaiso	Did not play (injured)												
D20	Loyola-Chicago	Did not play (injured)												
D28	@ Charlotte	Did not play (injured)												
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt	Did not play (injured)												
J3	• @ Seton Hall	Did not play (injured)												
J6	• @ DePaul	Did not play (injured)												
J10	• Georgetown	Did not play (injured)												
J13	• @ Marquette	Did not play (injured)												
J17	• St. John's	Did not play (injured)												
J24	• @ Villanova	Did not play (injured)												
J27	• Rutgers	Did not play (injured)												
J31	• Cincinnati	Did not play (injured)												
F3	• @ #22/24 Pittsburgh	Did not play (injured)												
F8	• #25/25 DePaul	Did not play (injured)												
F11	• #10/12 Louisville	Did not play (injured)												
F17	• @ South Florida	Did not play (injured)												
F22	• @ #1/1 Connecticut	Did not play (injured)												
F24	• Syracuse	Did not play (injured)												
F28	• @ Providence	Did not play (injured)												
M2	• West Virginia	Did not play (injured)												
M6	vs. St. John's ²	Did not play (injured)												
M7	vs. Villanova ²	Did not play (injured)												

* = indicates BIG EAST Conference game // ^ = indicates game started

1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

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Mallory in the NCAA Championship

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	3-0	40-13.3	3-12	.250	1-7	.143	4-6	.667	4	8	12	4.0	4-0	1	4	1	2	11	3.7
2008-09	Will not play (injured)																		
TOTALS	3-0	40-13.3	3-12	.250	1-7	.143	4-6	.667	4	8	12	4.0	4-0	1	4	1	2	11	3.7

#23 Melissa Lechlitner

Guard • 5-7 • Jr.-2V • Mishawaka, Ind. (South Bend St. Joseph's HS)

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ First-year starter at point guard who ranks among the most improved players in the BIG EAST Conference ... has nearly doubled last year's scoring total and has elevated her averages in every other statistical category from last year's marks.
- ◆ Has started all 30 games this season, averaging 10.5 points and team-high 3.43 assists per game with 1.43 assist/turnover ratio ... ranks ninth in BIG EAST in assist/turnover ratio and 12th in assists ... in BIG EAST play, ranked seventh in assists (4.13 avg.) and free throw percentage (.826), and eighth in assist/turnover ratio (1.61).
- ◆ Made first career start (second overall) in season opener at #24/22 LSU, notching five assists and five rebounds.
- ◆ Tallied 11 points (5-9 FG) with four assists in home opener vs Evansville.
- ◆ Collected 15 points (6-13 FG) at Eastern Michigan.
- ◆ Led the way to victory over #17/20 Purdue with career-high 19 points (7-13 FG, 2-3 3FG) and four assists ... scored seven consecutive points in final 4:18 to keep Boilermakers at arm's length.
- ◆ Tossed in game-high 18 points at Valparaiso, including 12 in the second half, sparked by three consecutive jumpers in span of 1:20 midway through period; also played career-high 40 minutes, her first career complete game.
- ◆ Got some hard-earned rest against Loyola-Chicago, playing season-low 21 minutes, but still sharing game-high scoring honors with 13 points (6-6 FG), all in first half; perfect shooting day was best by Irish player since 12/4/05 (Schrader 6-6 FG at Wisconsin) and best at Joyce Center by ND player since 12/11/04 (Erwin 9-9 FG vs. Washington).
- ◆ Had 13 points, one turnover in 36 minutes at Charlotte (TO on charge in opening 3:00).
- ◆ Put up 11 points (seven in second half) at #20/19 Vanderbilt, hitting critical insurance jumper with 1:53 remaining and Irish up by two.
- ◆ Scored nine points in BIG EAST opener at Seton Hall, including pivotal shot with 46.2 seconds left and Irish leading by one.
- ◆ Registered nine points and five assists at DePaul.
- ◆ Tied for team-high scoring honors at Marquette with 15 points, while adding four assists (no turnovers) in 37 minutes.
- ◆ Posted team-high 15 points (6-10 FG, 2-3 3FG) and six assists vs. St. John's while logging second career 40-minute game.
- ◆ Collected 17 points and three steals against Rutgers.
- ◆ Chalked up seven points, career-high eight rebounds and season-best seven assists (two turnovers) in victory over Cincinnati.
- ◆ Credited with 13 points and three steals in win over #25 DePaul; connected on two crucial baskets in final four minutes (one gave ND the lead, the other tied game back up) before assisting on Becca Bruszewski's jumper with 50 seconds left that put Irish up for good.
- ◆ Fueled game-ending 11-4 run in final three minutes at South Florida, hitting four free throws and short jumper, while dishing out team-high five assists for the game.
- ◆ Tallied 10 points and team-best five assists at #1 Connecticut.
- ◆ Notched 12 points in win over Syracuse.
- ◆ Shared team-high scoring honors with 10 points in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Villanova.

Lechlitner In The Notre Dame Record Book

- ◆ 9th in career free throw percentage (.782) ... next up is Karen Robinson (.797 from 1987-91).

Lechlitner In The NCAA Championship

- ◆ Averaging 3.8 points in five career tournament games.
- ◆ Scored 12 points in 2007 first-round win over eighth-seeded California, including two key free throws with five-tenths of a second left to help clinch win.

Lechlitner's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	31-0	744-24.0	68-198	.343	12-61	.197	47-62	.758	14	49	63	2.0	41-1	83	61	1	40	195	6.3
2007-08	34-1	753-22.1	71-201	.353	8-37	.216	36-47	.766	14	53	67	2.0	40-0	87	68	3	36	186	5.5
2008-09	30-30	997-33.2	120-312	.385	21-63	.333	53-65	.815	17	63	80	2.7	52-0	103	72	2	37	314	10.5
TOTALS	95-31	2494-26.3	259-711	.364	41-161	.255	136-174	.782	45	165	210	2.2	133-1	273	201	6	113	695	7.3



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 19 vs. Purdue (12/7/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 8 vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)

Assists

Career..... 9 vs. St. John's (1/16/07)

Field Goals

Career..... 7, three times (MR: at Valparaiso, 12/13/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 19 at Marquette (1/13/09)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.... 3, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/20/07)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 7 vs. St. John's (1/16/07)

Free Throws

Career..... 8 at Providence (2/17/07)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 9 at Providence (2/17/07)

Steals

Career.... 4, twice (MR: vs. WKU, 11/13/07)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 2 vs. Marquette (2/13/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 40, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 1/17/09)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 16/32
 20-point games 0/0
 Double-figure assist games 0/0
 5-assist games 9/18
 5-steal games 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Melissa Lechlitner

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	36	1-6	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	0	5	4	0	1	2
N19	Evansville [^]	26	5-9	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	1	0	1	11
N23	@ Boston College [^]	23	3-9	2-2	0-0	2	1	3	1	4	2	0	3	8
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	25	3-7	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	1	7
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	31	1-6	0-3	4-6	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	1	6
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	36	6-13	0-1	3-3	1	2	3	4	3	3	1	1	15
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	38	7-13	2-3	3-4	1	2	3	2	4	3	0	1	19
D10	@ Michigan [^]	32	4-11	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	3	1	4	0	0	9
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	40	7-16	0-2	4-4	2	1	3	2	2	5	0	3	18
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	21	6-6	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	13
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	36	6-13	1-3	0-1	0	3	3	2	2	1	0	2	13
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	35	5-10	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	11
J3	• @ Seton Hall [^]	26	3-6	0-1	3-6	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	0	9
J6	• @ DePaul [^]	35	3-8	1-2	2-2	0	4	4	2	5	4	0	1	9
J10	• Georgetown [^]	34	2-5	1-2	6-6	1	1	2	1	5	4	0	2	11
J13	• @ Marquette [^]	37	6-19	1-3	2-2	1	2	3	3	4	0	0	0	15
J17	• St. John's [^]	40	6-10	2-3	1-1	0	4	4	0	6	3	0	3	15
J24	• @ Villanova [^]	36	3-9	1-1	1-2	0	2	2	4	2	3	0	0	8
J27	• Rutgers [^]	33	6-14	1-4	4-4	0	2	2	2	2	2	0	3	17
J31	• Cincinnati [^]	35	3-17	1-5	0-0	3	5	8	0	7	2	0	3	7
F3	• @ #22/24 Pittsburgh [^]	31	3-11	1-3	2-4	1	1	2	3	4	2	0	2	9
F8	• #25/25 DePaul [^]	37	5-13	0-3	3-4	0	5	5	2	3	2	0	3	13
F11	• #10/12 Louisville [^]	37	2-9	0-1	0-0	0	5	5	2	5	2	0	0	4
F17	• @ South Florida [^]	28	1-7	0-0	6-6	1	2	3	3	5	3	0	2	8
F22	• @ #1/1 Connecticut [^]	37	5-13	0-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	5	5	0	1	10
F24	• Syracuse [^]	36	4-11	0-4	4-4	0	1	1	3	3	2	0	0	12
F28	• @ Providence [^]	35	2-7	0-2	2-3	0	2	2	1	2	4	0	1	6
M2	• West Virginia [^]	34	4-9	1-3	2-2	1	4	5	2	6	1	0	0	11
M6	vs. St. John's ^{2^}	30	3-10	1-1	1-1	1	2	3	2	2	2	0	0	8
M7	vs. Villanova ^{2^}	37	5-15	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	10

* = indicates BIG EAST Conference game // ^ = indicates game started
 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)
 2 = BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Last name is pronounced "LECK-light-ner" ... nickname is "Lech".
- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Lindsay Schrader and Ashley Barlow); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Selected to participate in Notre Dame's elite Academic Honors for Student-Athletes program, which pairs qualified student-athletes with faculty mentors in their chosen field of study (Lechlitner maintains a 3.357 cumulative GPA as a psychology major in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters).
- ◆ Verbally committed to attend Notre Dame midway through her sophomore season of high school (January 2004), a full 22 months before she actually signed her National Letter of Intent and 30 months before she crossed Indiana SR-933 from St. Joseph's High School (located across the southwest corner of the Notre Dame campus) to officially enroll in summer school at the University.

Lechlitner in the NCAA Championship

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	2-0	38-19.0	4-14	.286	1-6	.167	5-7	.714	1	2	3	1.5	4-0	1	1	0	1	14	7.0
2007-08	3-0	52-17.3	2-8	.250	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	5	7	2.3	4-0	3	9	0	3	5	1.7
TOTALS	5-0	90-18.0	6-22	.273	1-6	.167	6-9	.667	3	7	10	2.0	8-0	4	10	0	4	19	3.8

#24 Lindsay Schrader

Guard • 6-0 • Sr.-2V • Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ First-team all-BIG EAST
- ◆ BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 23, March 2)

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has started all 30 games this year, leading team in scoring (12.9 ppg.) and rebounding (7.5 rpg.) ... ranks 19th in BIG EAST in scoring, 10th in rebounding and 13th in field goal percentage (.468) ... in league play, ranked 21st in scoring (12.8 ppg.) and sixth in rebounding (8.0 rpg.) ... seven double-doubles this year.
- ◆ **Averaging 17.6 points and 9.6 rebounds with four double-doubles in past seven games.**
- ◆ Gathered 13 points, team-high six rebounds and three steals in season-opening win at #24/22 LSU in State Farm Tip-Off Classic.
- ◆ Chalked up 12 points (5-8 FG), game-high seven rebounds and four steals vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Scored 15 points (7-14 FG) against #24 Michigan State, including eight in the final eight minutes to preserve victory.
- ◆ Had first double-double of year at Eastern Michigan with 17 points and 10 rebounds.
- ◆ Posted second consecutive double-double in win over #17/20 Purdue with 13 points and 10 rebounds ... first ND player with back-to-back double-doubles since Dec. 11 & 19, 2004 (Jacqueline Batteast vs. Washington and at Marquette).
- ◆ Tallied 14 points (6-8 FG) and six rebounds in win at Valparaiso.
- ◆ Enjoyed significant rest vs. Loyola-Chicago with season-low 23 minutes, but still found time to log game highs of 13 points, eight rebounds and five assists.
- ◆ Scored game-high (and season-high) 19 points and added nine rebounds at Charlotte, including crucial offensive rebound tip-out in final 20 seconds to help preserve win.
- ◆ Logged team-high 12 points (6-10 FG) and eight rebounds at #20/19 Vanderbilt; also converted acrobatic baseline layup with 17.3 seconds left and Irish up by two.
- ◆ Made first five shots from field in BIG EAST opener at Seton Hall, finishing with 11 points and team-high six rebounds; also had key free throw and offensive rebound off her own missed foul shot in final 15 seconds to preserve win.
- ◆ Notched 11 points and six rebounds in homecoming game at DePaul.
- ◆ Turned in balanced night vs. Georgetown with 10 points, eight rebounds, four assists, three steals and two blocks.
- ◆ Snared 11 rebounds at Marquette.
- ◆ Tallied 13 points (5-6 FG) and season-high-tying five assists against St. John's, converting old-fashioned three-point play and layup in final three minutes to help Irish regain lead; also partially blocked game-tying 3FG try with less than one second to play to seal win.
- ◆ Posted double-double vs. Cincinnati with season-high-tying 19 points and career-best 15 rebounds; first ND player to go 15-15 since 2/17/01 (Kelley Siemon at Rutgers).
- ◆ Sank both ends of one-and-one FT with 9.8 seconds left to help Irish down #25 DePaul.
- ◆ Powered Irish to win at South Florida with another double-double, rolling up season-high 26 points (11-22 FG) and 11 rebounds.
- ◆ Picked up second consecutive double-double with 17 points and game-high 11 rebounds at #1 Connecticut.
- ◆ Piled up game-high 23 points (10-13 FG) and added eight rebounds in win over Syracuse.
- ◆ Led the way at Providence with 18 points (9-14 FG) and eight rebounds; became 25th player in school history to score 1,000 career points on layup with 7:03 left in first half.
- ◆ Carded double-double vs. West Virginia with 14 points and game-high 11 rebounds.
- ◆ Registered seventh double-double of year in BIG EAST second-round win over St. John's with 16 points, 11 rebounds and five assists; first double-double by ND player in BIG EAST tourney since 3/8/03 (Jacqueline Batteast vs. Pittsburgh in first-round game).

Schrader In The Notre Dame Record Book

- ◆ 23rd in career points (1,051) ... next up is Carrie Bates (1,060 from 1981-85).
- ◆ Set new ND single-season record for double-doubles by a guard (6 - Danielle Green in 1998-99).
- ◆ Has tied ND career record for double-doubles by a guard (11 - Niele Ivey from 1996-2001).

Schrader In The NCAA Championship

- ◆ Averaging 14.0 points and 6.8 rebounds in four career tournament games (all starts).
- ◆ Exploded for career-high 29 points (12-23 FG) in 2006 first-round game vs. Boston College.
- ◆ Came one rebound shy of double-double in two of three games last year — first round vs. SMU (12 points, nine rebounds) and Sweet 16 vs. Tennessee (13 points, nine rebounds).

Schrader's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2005-06	30-27	858-28.6	127-287	.443	4-7	.571	58-111	.523	36	126	162	5.4	55-1	52	57	11	33	316	10.5
2006-07	Did not play (injured)																		
2007-08	34-33	955-28.1	148-322	.460	1-2	.500	52-80	.650	71	139	210	6.2	44-1	73	63	4	54	349	10.3
2008-09	30-30	946-31.5	163-348	.468	1-3	.333	59-89	.663	62	164	226	7.5	43-1	67	72	14	42	386	12.9
TOTALS	94-90	2759-29.4	438-957	.458	6-12	.500	169-280	.604	169	429	598	6.4	142-3	192	192	29	129	1051	11.2



Career Highs

Points

Career....29 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Rebounds

Career.....15 vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)

Assists

Career.....6 vs. Connecticut (1/27/08)

Field Goals

Career....12 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Field Goal Attempts

Career....23 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career....1, six times (MR: at Charlotte, 12/28/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....2 at Rutgers (1/24/06)

Free Throws

Career....6, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 2/8/09)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....10 at Syracuse (1/31/06)

Steals

Career.....4 vs. Marquette (2/13/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....3 vs. Connecticut (3/5/06)

Minutes Played

Career....40, twice (MR: at Bowling Green, 12/5/07)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles7/11
 Double-figure scoring games..... 21/56
 20-point games..... 2/6
 Double-figure rebound games..... 8/15
 5-assist games 3/7
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Lindsay Schrader

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	33	5-12	0-0	3-5	2	4	6	2	1	5	0	3	13
N19	Evansville [^]	26	5-8	0-0	2-2	0	7	7	1	4	2	1	2	12
N23	@ Boston College [^]	26	6-10	0-0	1-1	1	3	4	1	2	3	1	2	13
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	25	4-7	0-0	0-0	0	6	6	0	4	2	2	1	8
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	28	7-14	0-0	1-2	2	0	2	4	1	3	0	1	15
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	35	7-17	0-0	3-6	3	7	10	1	3	2	0	2	17
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	36	5-14	0-0	3-6	4	6	10	0	4	4	0	1	13
D10	@ Michigan [^]	38	4-7	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	1	3	3	0	1	8
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	36	6-8	0-0	2-2	2	4	6	2	1	2	1	0	14
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	23	5-8	0-0	3-5	3	5	8	1	5	3	0	2	13
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	32	7-14	1-1	4-4	4	5	9	3	0	1	0	3	19
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	32	6-10	0-0	0-0	3	5	8	2	3	2	1	0	12
J3	• @ Seton Hall [^]	35	5-8	0-0	1-2	1	5	6	2	2	1	1	1	11
J6	• @ DePaul [^]	30	5-11	0-1	1-2	2	4	6	0	1	2	1	0	11
J10	• Georgetown [^]	31	4-9	0-0	2-2	1	7	8	2	4	3	2	3	10
J13	• @ Marquette [^]	33	3-10	0-0	1-2	4	7	11	1	4	3	0	2	7
J17	• St. John's [^]	33	5-6	0-0	3-3	0	4	4	1	5	1	1	0	13
J24	• @ Villanova [^]	33	3-11	0-1	3-4	1	5	6	1	1	4	0	1	9
J27	• Rutgers [^]	26	2-5	0-0	0-2	1	5	6	3	0	5	0	0	4
J31	• Cincinnati [^]	35	9-18	0-0	1-4	5	10	15	2	3	2	0	3	19
F3	• @ #22/24 Pittsburgh [^]	28	3-15	0-0	2-3	4	3	7	0	2	1	0	1	8
F8	• #25/25 DePaul [^]	32	1-7	0-0	6-8	1	4	5	3	3	3	0	1	8
F11	• #10/12 Louisville [^]	25	2-8	0-0	2-2	1	4	5	1	0	5	0	1	6
F17	• @ South Florida [^]	33	11-22	0-0	4-6	5	6	11	1	0	2	1	0	26
F22	• @ #1/1 Connecticut [^]	34	8-21	0-0	1-1	1	10	11	0	1	1	1	2	17
F24	• Syracuse [^]	34	10-13	0-0	3-3	1	7	8	5	3	3	0	2	23
F28	• @ Providence [^]	32	9-14	0-0	0-0	2	6	8	0	1	3	1	2	18
M2	• West Virginia [^]	34	5-15	0-0	4-8	5	6	11	1	1	1	0	1	14
M6	vs. St. John's ^{2^}	36	7-13	0-0	2-2	3	8	11	0	5	0	0	2	16
M7	vs. Villanova ^{2^}	32	4-13	0-0	1-2	0	7	7	2	0	0	0	2	9

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2 = BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

Did You Know?

- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitrer); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Only senior on this year's roster, but missed 2006-07 season with torn ACL in right knee (suffered on fourth day of preseason practice); intends to petition for an NCAA hardship waiver, and if granted, she would have a fifth year of eligibility.
- ◆ Future career plans include either becoming a college athletic director or opening a restaurant with her sister, Kristina.

Schrader in the NCAA Championship

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2005-06	1-1	37-37.0	12-23	.522	1-1	1.000	4-7	.571	2	2	4	4.0	4-0	0	1	1	2	29	29.0
2006-07	Did not play (injured)																		
2007-08	3-3	103-34.3	11-29	.379	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	10	13	23	7.7	8-0	5	9	1	6	27	9.0
TOTALS	4-4	140-35.0	23-52	.442	1-1	1.000	9-14	.643	12	15	27	6.8	12-0	5	10	2	8	56	14.0

#32 Becca Bruszewski

Forward • 6-1 • So.-1V • Valparaiso, Ind. (Wheeler HS)

Did You Know?

- Last name is pronounced "broo-SHEFF-skee" ... nickname is "Bruiser", due to her fearless, physical style of play and her penchant for leaving teammates and opponents black and blue after a practice or game.
- One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a three-time all-state volleyball middle blocker, who still holds school records for career kills (2,042) and blocks (452), as well as single-season kills (657) and blocks (139).

2008-09 Highlights

- Easily one of the BIG EAST's most improved players ... first-year starter who has doubled her scoring, rebounding, assist and steal averages from her freshman season.
- Has started all 30 games this season, ranking third on team in scoring (10.7 ppg.) and second in both rebounding (5.0 rpg.) and field goal percentage (.494, 11th in BIG EAST) ... in BIG EAST play, ranked 27th in conference in scoring (11.8 ppg.) ... one double-double.
- Made first career start in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at #24/22 LSU and had six points.
- Scored 18 points (7-9 FG, 2-2 3FG) and added career-best four steals vs. Evansville.
- Tallied another 18 points (9-13 FG) at Boston College, while also notching career-best four assists.
- Dished out career-high four assists and added two blocks against #24 Michigan State.
- Collected six rebounds at Eastern Michigan.
- Snared six more rebounds despite foul trouble in win over #17/20 Purdue.
- Returned to double figures at Michigan with 10 points (4-5 FG) and three steals.
- Had eight points (4-8 FG) and six rebounds in homecoming win at Valparaiso.
- Tossed in 10 points (4-8 FG, 2-4 3FG) and added career-high-tying four assists against Loyola-Chicago.
- Tallied 12 points (6-10 FG) and five rebounds at Charlotte; hit critical baseline jumper with 55 seconds remaining (three on shot clock) and Irish protecting five-point lead.
- Registered 12 points (10 in second half) and seven rebounds and 29 minutes at #20/19 Vanderbilt ... gave Irish lead for good on layup with 4:06 to play, followed by huge three-pointer 37 seconds later that helped complete ND's comeback win ... also played pivotal role on defense, teaming with Lindsay Schrader to hold VU's Christina Wirth (unanimous first-team all-SEC forward and Wade Trophy candidate) scoreless in second half.
- Chalked up 12 points (6-11 FG), five rebounds and two steals at Marquette.
- Collected 13 points and six rebounds in win over St. John's; also delivered assist on Erica Solomon's layup with 1:25 left that put Irish ahead for good.
- Notched 15 points (7-11 FG) and seven rebounds in win over Cincinnati.
- Shared team-high scoring honors at #22/24 Pittsburgh with 14 points (7-13 FG), while ringing up career-high three blocks.
- Recorded first career double-double in win over #25 DePaul, finishing with 14 points and career-high 12 rebounds; also put Irish ahead to stay on baseline jumper with 50 seconds remaining and added insurance free throw with 3.7 ticks left.
- Tossed in 18 points (7-13 FG, 2-3 3FG) against #10/12 Louisville.
- Posted fifth consecutive double-figure scoring game with career-high 20 points at USF, hitting four free throws in 37-second span as part of game-ending 11-4 run (and career-best 8-of-8 performance at the charity stripe).
- Tied or set new career scoring high for third time in four games (sixth time this year) with 20 points (6-10 FG) in win over Syracuse.
- Rang up 16 points and six rebounds to help fuel victory at Providence.
- Carded 11 points and seven rebounds in regular-season finale vs. West Virginia.
- Tallied nine points and seven rebounds in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Villanova.

Bruszewski In The NCAA Championship

- Averaging 11.3 points in three career tournament games.
- Was breakout star of 2008 tournament for the Irish, scoring (then) career-high 16 points in first-round win over SMU and Sweet 16 game vs. Tennessee.
- Teamed with Erica Williamson to hold Oklahoma All-America forward Courtney Paris to four points over the final 16 minutes, including no points in overtime of 2008 second-round win.



Career Highs

Points

Career....20, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 2/24/09)

Rebounds

Career.....12 vs. DePaul (2/8/09)

Assists

Career....4, three times (MR: vs. Loyola, 12/20/08)

Field Goals

Career....9 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....15 vs. Tennessee (3/30/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career....2, five times (MR: vs. West Virginia, 3/2/09)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career....5, twice (MR: vs. West Virginia, 3/2/09)

Free Throws

Career.....8 at South Florida (2/17/09)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....12 vs. Syracuse (2/24/09)

Steals

Career.....4 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....3 at Pittsburgh (2/3/09)

Minutes Played

Career.....37 at Providence (2/28/09)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 1/1
 Double-figure scoring games..... 16/22
 20-point games..... 2/2
 Double-figure rebound games..... 1/1
 5-block games 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Bruszewski's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	32-0	423-13.2	58-104	.558	1-2	.500	42-54	.778	37	43	80	2.5	58-0	13	31	10	16	159	5.0
2008-09	30-30	808-26.9	129-261	.494	19-50	.380	45-65	.692	31	118	149	5.0	86-2	48	53	15	32	322	10.7
TOTALS	62-30	1231-19.9	187-365	.512	20-52	.385	87-119	.731	68	161	229	3.7	144-2	61	84	25	48	481	7.8

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Becca Bruszewski

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	19	1-3	0-0	4-4	0	3	3	4	0	0	0	2	6
N19	Evansville [^]	19	7-9	2-2	2-2	2	2	4	2	0	2	1	4	18
N23	@ Boston College [^]	28	9-13	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	18
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	18	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	0	1	3	1	1	6
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	24	2-4	1-1	0-0	1	3	4	3	4	2	2	0	5
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	27	1-10	0-1	3-4	2	4	6	4	2	3	1	1	5
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	26	3-7	0-1	0-1	2	4	6	5	2	4	0	0	6
D10	@ Michigan [^]	23	4-5	0-0	2-4	1	2	3	5	1	4	0	3	10
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	29	4-8	0-1	0-2	1	5	6	2	2	2	1	1	8
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	23	4-8	2-4	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	2	10
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	25	6-10	0-0	0-1	1	4	5	4	0	4	0	1	12
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	29	5-9	1-2	1-3	1	6	7	4	2	3	0	1	12
J3	• @ Seton Hall [^]	30	3-9	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	3	1	2	0	2	6
J6	• @ DePaul [^]	29	4-8	0-1	0-0	2	2	4	3	2	0	1	1	8
J10	• Georgetown [^]	23	3-8	0-2	0-0	1	3	4	4	1	1	0	0	6
J13	• @ Marquette [^]	25	6-11	0-1	0-1	1	4	5	4	1	1	1	2	12
J17	• St. John's [^]	22	4-9	1-3	4-5	2	4	6	4	2	2	0	0	13
J24	• @ Villanova [^]	22	1-6	1-1	0-0	0	5	5	4	1	2	0	0	3
J27	• Rutgers [^]	16	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	3
J31	• Cincinnati [^]	30	7-11	1-2	0-0	2	5	7	2	1	1	1	1	15
F3	• @ #22/24 Pittsburgh [^]	30	7-13	0-1	0-0	0	6	6	3	3	0	3	0	14
F8	• #25/25 DePaul [^]	35	6-14	1-3	1-2	2	10	12	3	1	2	0	1	14
F11	• #10/12 Louisville [^]	34	7-13	2-3	2-2	1	3	4	3	1	3	0	1	18
F17	• @ South Florida [^]	32	5-13	2-5	8-8	1	5	6	2	2	1	0	0	20
F22	• @ #1/1 Connecticut [^]	29	4-8	1-3	0-0	2	3	5	3	0	0	1	0	9
F24	• Syracuse [^]	36	6-10	1-2	7-12	0	6	6	2	2	2	1	3	20
F28	• @ Providence [^]	37	6-13	0-0	4-5	1	5	6	2	3	0	0	3	16
M2	• West Virginia [^]	28	3-10	2-5	3-4	2	5	7	2	3	2	0	1	11
M6	vs. St. John's ^{2^}	25	3-7	1-3	2-2	0	3	3	3	2	1	0	0	9
M7	vs. Villanova ^{2^}	35	4-6	0-0	1-2	1	6	7	2	0	3	0	1	9

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Bruszewski in the NCAA Championship

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	3-0	71-23.7	12-25	.480	0-0	.000	8-9	.889	4	6	10	3.3	8-0	2	5	2	4	32	11.3
TOTALS	3-0	71-23.7	12-25	.480	0-0	.000	8-9	.889	4	6	10	3.3	8-0	2	5	2	4	32	11.3

#44 Alena Christiansen

Guard • 5-7 • Jr.-SQ • Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons HS)

Overview

Officially added to roster as a walk-on player on Dec. 19 ... talented perimeter scorer who has kept her game sharp while playing in Notre Dame's renowned Bookstore Basketball tournament the past two years ... led team (named "Supreme Court") to semifinal round in 2007 and finals in 2008, where they fell to eventual champion Anthony Travel, whose lineup included current Irish assistant coach Angie (Potthoff) Barber and Sara Liebscher, a former Notre Dame women's basketball player from 1987-91 and currently the University's director of athletics advancement ... Christiansen also earned the Sportsmanship Award following the '08 tournament.

High School

Four-year starter and two-year captain at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from 2002-06 ... two-time all-state selection (first team in 2005, second team in 2006) ... three-time all-Broward County honoree (2004-06) ... named one of top 20 players in state by *School Sports* in 2005 ... averaged 15.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game as a senior in 2005-06, leading the Redskins to the Florida Class 3A regional semifinal ... also took Broward County Athletic Association (BCAA) three-point shooting title in 2006 ... BCAA and Big 8 All-Star Team selection ... averaged 16.0 points and 3.0 steals per game as a junior, pacing CGHS to 3A regional final ... ranked among top 15 scorers in Broward County each of final two seasons ... lead team in scoring each of final three seasons ... one of handful of players in school history to score at least 1,000 career points ... received Division I scholarship offer to play basketball at Colgate University, but elected to accept admission to Notre Dame (which has been her "dream school" since eighth grade) ... National Honor Society.

Personal Data

Born Jan. 14, 1988, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ... youngest of three children ... first name pronounced uh-LAY-nuh ... daughter of Lynne and Mike Christiansen ... family has long lineage at Notre Dame and/or Saint Mary's, with nine different relatives having graduated from one of the two schools ... brother, Eric, is a 2006 ND graduate, while mother, Lynne, matriculated from SMC in 1972 ... grandfather Frank Mastriana was a 1939 ND graduate ... uncle Ron Mastriana (ND '70), aunts Ruth Mastriana (SMC '81) and Denise DeBartolo York (SMC '72), great-uncle Edward J. DeBartolo Sr. (ND '37), and cousins Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. (ND '68 - also her godfather) and Jed York (ND '03) also graduated from the universities ... the DeBartolo family and the DeBartolo Corporation have been generous contributors to Notre Dame for many years, including funding for several buildings on campus (DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, DeBartolo Hall and DeBartolo Quad) ... the DeBartolo family also owned the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins when they won Stanley Cup titles in 1991 and 1992, and have owned the NFL's San Francisco 49ers since 1977, helping the franchise to a league-record five Super Bowl titles (Denise DeBartolo York and her husband, John, a 1971 ND graduate, are the franchise's co-chairs, while Jed York is team president) ... eighth Florida resident to join the Irish and the first since Le'Tania Severe (Pembroke Pines/Fort Lauderdale HS) graduated in 2004 ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business, where she is a marketing major ... some other Notre Dame players who wore No. 44 include Heidi Bunek, Tootie Jones and Meaghan Leahy.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in six games, averaging 0.5 points, 0.2 rebounds and 0.3 steals per game.
- ◆ Suited up for first time on Dec. 20 vs. Loyola-Chicago (less than 24 hours after being added to the roster) and instantly became fan favorite ... played final five minutes, posting first career statistics (one point on 1-4 FT, one rebound, one steal).
- ◆ Made BIG EAST debut at DePaul, playing final 1:07.
- ◆ Scored two points vs. Georgetown, knocking down both of her free throw attempts in final minute.
- ◆ Came on for final 1:13 of win over Cincinnati and last 13 seconds against Syracuse.
- ◆ Made BIG EAST Championship debut in second-round win over St. John's, coming on in final minute and recording a steal and shot attempt.

Christiansen's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	6-0	9-1.5	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	3-6	.500	1	0	1	0.2	1-0	0	0	0	2	3	0.5
TOTALS	6-0	9-1.5	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	3-6	.500	1	0	1	0.2	1-0	0	0	0	2	3	0.5



Career Highs

Points

Career.....2 vs. Georgetown (1/10/09)

Rebounds

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Assists

Career.....None

Field Goals

Career.....None

Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 1, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 3/6/09)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Free Throws

Career.....2 vs. Georgetown (1/10/09)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 4 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Steals

Career.... 1, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 3/6/09)

Blocked Shots

Career.....None

Minutes Played

Career..... 5 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles	0/0
Double-figure scoring games.....	0/0
20-point games.....	0/0
Double-figure rebound games.....	0/0
5-assist games	0/0
5-steal games.....	0/0

(noted in season/career format)

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Alena Christiansen

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
D20	Loyola-Chicago	5	0-1	0-1	1-4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
D28	@ Charlotte		Did not play											
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt		Did not play											
J3	• @ Seton Hall		Did not play											
J6	• @ DePaul	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J10	• Georgetown	1	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
J13	• @ Marquette		Did not play											
J17	• St. John's		Did not play											
J24	• @ Villanova		Did not play											
J27	• Rutgers		Did not play											
J31	• Cincinnati	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F3	• @ #22/24 Pittsburgh		Did not play											
F8	• #25/25 DePaul		Did not play											
F11	• #10/12 Louisville		Did not play											
F17	• @ South Florida		Did not play											
F22	• @ #1/1 Connecticut		Did not play											
F24	• Syracuse	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F28	• @ Providence		Did not play											
M2	• West Virginia		Did not play											
M6	vs. St. John's ²	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
M7	vs. Villanova ²		Did not play											

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Christiansen in the NCAA Championship

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09																			
TOTALS																			

First appearance

First appearance

#52 Erica Williamson

Center • 6-4 • Jr.-2V • Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Jan. 12)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is "E".
- ◆ Hosts monthly video magazine show called "E-TV" on Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.UND.com) that gives behind-the-scenes look at Irish women's basketball program.
- ◆ Team representative on Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school (or in Williamson's case, two other sports) — was a goalkeeper in soccer and played first base on softball team at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School in Rochester, N.Y. (family moved to Charlotte prior to senior year when father took job with Bank of America).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all 30 games this season (starting 29), averaging 5.7 points and 4.3 rebounds per game ... two double-doubles ... in BIG EAST play, ranked 13th with 1.07 blocks per game.
- ◆ Posted 10 points (4-8 FG) and seven rebounds at Boston College.
- ◆ Grabbed six rebounds in win over Georgia Southern.
- ◆ Had six points and four rebounds against #24 Michigan State, and sank two critical free throws with 1:08 remaining after MSU cut the Irish lead to five points.
- ◆ Notched six points and five rebounds at Eastern Michigan.
- ◆ Snagged seven rebounds in victory over #17/20 Purdue.
- ◆ Flirted with double-double vs. Loyola-Chicago, finishing with nine points and eight rebounds.
- ◆ Erupted for (then) career-high 20 points (9-11 FG) at DePaul (13 in the second half on 6-6 FG), while adding nine rebounds.
- ◆ Registered third career double-double with career-high 21 points (7-9 FG, 7-7 FT) and season-best 10 rebounds with three blocks.
- ◆ Chalked up five points and five rebounds in victory over St. John's.
- ◆ Tallied six points at Villanova.
- ◆ Had five points, six rebounds and two blocks against Rutgers.
- ◆ Limited by foul trouble at #22/24 Pittsburgh, but still collected six points.
- ◆ Picked up five rebounds and two blocks vs. #10/12 Louisville.
- ◆ Collected six rebounds in only 14 minutes at South Florida.
- ◆ Notched five points and three rebounds at #1 Connecticut.
- ◆ Rang up second double-double of season with 18 points, game-high 11 rebounds and career-high-tying five blocks in season-best 29 minutes vs. Syracuse.
- ◆ Tossed in 13 points (6-8 FG) in regular-season finale vs. West Virginia.
- ◆ Nabbed game-high 11 rebounds in BIG EAST Championship second-round win vs. St. John's.

Williamson In The Notre Dame Record Book

- ◆ 9th in career blocks per game (1.116) ... next up is Trena Keys (1.117 from 1982-86).
- ◆ 9th in career blocks (106) ... next up is Trena Keys (124 from 1982-86).

Williamson In The NCAA Championship

- ◆ Averaging 4.6 points with .571 field goal percentage in five career games (three starts).
- ◆ Chalked up eight points and four rebounds in 2008 second-round win over No. 14/13 Oklahoma; also teamed with Becca Bruszewski to hold Sooner All-America forward Courtney Paris to four points over the final 16 minutes, including no points in overtime.



Career Highs

Points

Career.....21 vs. Georgetown (1/10/09)

Rebounds

Career.....18 at South Florida (1/13/07)

Assists

Career.....3 vs. South Florida (2/27/08)

Field Goals

Career.....9 at DePaul (1/6/09)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....12 at Rutgers (2/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....None

Free Throws

Career.....8 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....12 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Steals

Career.....3 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Blocked Shots

Career....5, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 2/24/09)

Minutes Played

Career.....36 vs. Oklahoma (3/25/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 2/4
 Double-figure scoring games..... 5/18
 20-point games..... 2/2
 Double-figure rebound games..... 3/6
 5-block games 1/2
(noted in season/career format)

Williamson's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	31-0	516-16.6	64-137	.467	0-0	.000	61-95	.642	59	104	163	5.3	79-1	12	40	39	18	189	6.1
2007-08	34-21	569-16.7	74-158	.468	0-0	.000	71-104	.683	75	75	150	4.4	65-0	20	34	38	13	219	6.4
2008-09	30-29	489-16.3	62-135	.459	0-0	.000	46-62	.742	46	83	129	4.3	54-0	20	33	29	14	170	5.7
TOTALS	95-50	1574-16.6	200-430	.465	0-0	.000	178-261	.682	180	262	442	4.7	198-1	52	107	106	45	578	6.1

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Erica Williamson

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	19	0-3	0-0	2-3	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	2
N19	Evansville	8	0-1	0-0	4-4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
N23	@ Boston College [^]	19	4-8	0-0	2-2	3	4	7	2	0	4	1	0	10
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	13	2-5	0-0	0-2	1	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	4
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	21	2-4	0-0	2-2	1	3	4	2	1	1	2	0	6
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	17	2-5	0-0	2-4	2	3	5	2	0	0	1	2	6
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	15	1-4	0-0	2-2	2	5	7	4	1	2	0	0	4
D10	@ Michigan [^]	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	0
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	8	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	18	2-8	0-0	5-6	3	5	8	1	0	0	2	1	9
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	11	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	2
J3	• @ Seton Hall [^]	13	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1
J6	• @ DePaul [^]	28	9-11	0-0	2-4	3	6	9	0	2	0	0	0	20
J10	• Georgetown [^]	23	7-9	0-0	7-7	3	7	10	2	0	0	3	1	21
J13	• @ Marquette [^]	8	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1
J17	• St. John's [^]	16	2-5	0-0	1-1	0	5	5	1	1	4	0	0	5
J24	• @ Villanova [^]	11	3-7	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
J27	• Rutgers [^]	20	1-1	0-0	3-4	2	4	6	1	1	2	2	1	5
J31	• Cincinnati [^]	14	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	1	2	0	1	2
F3	• @ #22/24 Pittsburgh [^]	10	2-4	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	4	0	1	1	1	6
F8	• #25/25 DePaul [^]	24	2-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	2	1	0	1	4
F11	• #10/12 Louisville [^]	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	2
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F22	• @ #1/1 Connecticut [^]	22	1-2	0-0	3-4	2	1	3	4	1	3	1	1	5
F24	• Syracuse [^]	29	6-11	0-0	6-8	5	6	11	2	1	1	5	0	18
F28	• @ Providence [^]	21	3-6	0-0	0-1	0	3	3	2	1	0	1	1	6
M2	• West Virginia [^]	22	6-8	0-0	1-2	3	0	3	1	0	2	1	0	13
M6	vs. St. John's ^{2^}	19	0-6	0-0	0-0	4	7	11	4	1	1	2	1	0
M7	vs. Villanova ^{2^}	9	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2

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2006-07	2-0	38-19.0	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	2	1	3	1.5	6-0	0	1	2	0	11	5.5
2007-08	3-3	55-18.3	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	3	4	7	2.3	11-0	0	3	1	1	12	4.0
TOTALS	5-3	93-18.6	8-14	.571	0-0	.000	7-9	.778	5	5	10	2.0	17-0	0	4	3	1	23	4.6