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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2001-02 Irish Schedule/Results (10-6, 4-1 BIG EAST)

November

6	Tues.	OGBM Legends (exh.)	W, 76-62
13	Tues.	Christian Bros. (exh.)	W, 87-39
18	Sun.	Valparaiso	W, 42-35
21	Wed.	at (20/22) Colorado State	L, 66-72
24	Sat.	at Arizona	L, 70-72
26	Mon.	Army	W, 89-57

December

2	Sun.	vs. (16/17) Michigan ^	L, 63-78
6	Thurs.	at (7/8) Purdue	L, 57-70
9	Sun.	USC	W, 62-49
12	Wed.	Western Michigan	W, 71-48
22	Sat.	Marquette	W, 60-33
28	Fri.	at Rice	L, 61-72
31	Mon.	DePaul	W, 79-50

January

2	Wed.	at Miami*	W, 69-65
5	Sat.	Providence*	W, 72-66
9	Wed.	Seton Hall*	W, 79-45
12	Sat.	at Villanova*	L, 59-60
19	Sat.	at Providence*	W, 69-41
21	Mon.	at Connecticut* # (ESPN)	3 p.m.
26	Sat.	Virginia Tech* (BETV)	6 p.m.
29	Tues.	Syracuse*	7 p.m.

February

2	Sat.	at Seton Hall* (CN8)	2 p.m.
5	Tues.	at Pittsburgh*	7 p.m.
10	Sun.	Boston College*	1 p.m.
13	Wed.	St. John's*	7 p.m.
16	Sat.	at Rutgers* (BETV)	8 p.m.
19	Wed.	West Virginia*	7 p.m.
23	Sat.	at Georgetown	4 p.m.
26	Tues.	Villanova*	7 p.m.

March

2-	Sat.-	at BIG EAST Championship
5	Tues.	(Piscataway, N.J.)
15-	Fri.-	NCAA First and Second Rounds
18	Mon.	(campus sites)
23-	Sat.-	NCAA Regionals (Raleigh;
25	Mon.	Milwaukee; Ames, Iowa; Boise)
29-	Fri.-	NCAA Final Four
31	Sun.	(San Antonio, Texas)

Boldface indicates home game

Italics indicates exhibition game

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(x/y) indicates rankings in AP & ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff

^ Women's College Basketball Showcase, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Game to be played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

(ESPN) Game to be televised by ESPN

(CN8) Game to be televised by CN8, The Comcast Network

(BETV) Game to be televised as part of BIG EAST TV package

All times are local to site and subject to change

Game No. **17**

Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (10-6, 4-1)

VS. (#1 AP/#1 ESPN/USA Today) *Connecticut Huskies* (20-0, 6-0)

The Date and Time: Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at 3 p.m. EST.

The Site: Hartford Civic Center (16,294) in Hartford, Conn.

The TV Plans: ESPN live broadcast with **Michele Tafoya** (play-by-play), **Doris Burke** (analysis) and **Carol Langley** (producer).

The Radio Plans: All Notre Dame games are broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620 in South Bend) with **Sean Stires** handling the play-by-play. These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics website at www.und.com.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Connecticut (www.uconnhuskies.com).

NOTRE DAME WRAPS UP ROAD TRIP AGAINST TOP-RANKED CONNECTICUT

One of the nation's budding rivalries will continue Monday afternoon when Notre Dame travels to the Hartford Civic Center for a matchup with No. 1 Connecticut at 3 p.m. (EST). The Irish took two of three meetings with the Huskies last season, including a 90-75 victory in the NCAA national semifinals, paving the way for Notre Dame's first national championship.

However, as these two teams prepare to renew acquaintances, they are headed down decidedly different paths. Notre Dame is in the midst of a transition season, with half of its 12-player roster comprised of freshmen which were part of the nation's third-ranked recruiting class last year. Meanwhile, Connecticut returns four starters from its 2001 Final Four squad and has its sights set on returning to college basketball's biggest stage and a second NCAA title in three years.

Notre Dame (10-6, 4-1 BIG EAST) has begun to find its stride in the last six weeks, winning eight of its last 10 games, including four of its first five conference games. The Irish come to town on the heels of a 69-41 victory at Providence on Saturday, a game which not only featured another stellar performance by the Notre Dame freshman (48 points) but also displayed superb bench strength from the Irish (47 points).

Connecticut (20-0, 6-0) has been the nation's No. 1 team all season long and has done nothing to dispute that lofty ranking. The Huskies has defeated five ranked teams this season, including four top-10 foes and have not won by less than 14 points in any game this year. In its last contest, UConn downed Villanova, 93-60, on Saturday in Philadelphia.

All five Husky starters are averaging in double figures and shooting better than 50 percent from the field, led by **Swin Cash** (16.3 ppg., .568) and **Diana Taurasi** (14.3 ppg., .510). National player-of-the-year candidate **Sue Bird** averages 6.7 assists per game for head coach **Geno Auriemma**, who is 445-98 (.820) in his 17th season at UConn.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 69, Providence 41

Jan. 19, 2002

Alumni Hall (Providence, R.I.)

Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Batteast	22	3-10	0-0	8-10	3	1	4	14
Barksdale	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Joyce	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0
Ralay	32	2-7	0-2	2-2	4	0	3	6
Severe	25	3-5	0-0	7-9	4	3	1	13
Krause	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Borton	28	4-7	0-0	3-4	10	4	1	11
Wicks	14	3-4	3-4	0-0	4	1	1	9
Flechy	12	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	2
Bustamante	31	4-9	1-3	3-5	5	0	1	12
Team					4			
Totals	200	21-51	4-9	23-30	37	10	18	69

Providence (41)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Simmonds	28	3-11	0-1	0-4	8	0	3	6
Freeburg	25	1-8	0-5	2-3	3	4	3	4
Trippany	35	2-7	0-2	4-4	10	0	4	8
Blackwell	26	1-7	0-4	0-0	1	3	5	2
Epstein	35	5-13	1-5	4-6	6	1	4	15
Vozab	10	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Quinn	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0
Horvath	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kilgore	10	0-5	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Shoop	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Keefe	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hawley-Stewart	8	0-1	0-0	2-2	2	0	1	2
Wheeler	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Copeland	5	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	2
Team					8			
Totals	200	14-60	1-20	12-20	44	8	25	41

Notre Dame

Providence

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.2, Providence 23.3. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 44.4, Providence 5.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 76.7, Providence 60.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 15, Providence 19. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 10 (Batteast 3), Providence 4. **Steals:** Notre Dame 10 (Severe 3), Providence 6 (Freeburg 3). **Attendance:** 1,750.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Jan. 14)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (43)	18-0	1
2.	Tennessee	14-1	2
3.	Oklahoma	14-1	3
4.	Stanford	16-1	4
5.	Wisconsin	15-1	5
6.	Duke	14-3	7
7.	Vanderbilt	16-3	8
8.	South Carolina	16-1	9
9.	Kansas State	16-1	14
10.	Louisiana Tech	11-3	11
11.	Purdue	13-3	13
12.	Texas	12-2	16
13.	Baylor	13-2	12
14.	Iowa State	13-3	6
15.	Texas Tech	9-5	10
16.	Georgia	12-3	15
17.	North Carolina	14-3	17
18.	Florida	12-5	18
19.	Auburn	13-3	19
20.	Colorado State	13-3	23
21.	Virginia Tech	13-2	—
22.	Colorado	11-6	21
23.	Arizona State	14-4	—
24.	Old Dominion	9-5	25
25.	Boston College	12-3	24

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Jan. 14)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (40)	18-0	1
2.	Oklahoma	14-1	2
3.	Tennessee	14-1	3
4.	Stanford	16-1	4
5.	Vanderbilt	16-3	6
6.	Duke	14-3	7
7.	Wisconsin	15-1	9
8.	South Carolina	16-1	10
9.	Iowa State	13-3	5
10.	Louisiana Tech	11-3	13
11.	Baylor	13-2	11
12.	Texas	12-2	17
13.	Purdue	13-3	14
14.	Georgia	12-3	8
15.	Kansas State	16-1	18
16.	Texas Tech	9-5	12
17.	North Carolina	14-3	16
18.	Florida	12-5	15
19.	Colorado	11-6	19
20.	Virginia Tech	13-2	24
21.	Colorado State	13-3	23
22.	Auburn	13-3	22
23.	(tie) Michigan	11-6	20
23.	(tie) Tulane	14-4	21
25.	LSU	8-6	—

Boldface indicates 2001-02 Notre Dame opponents

SCOUTING THE IRISH

Notre Dame looks to write a new chapter in its rapidly-developing history as the Irish defend their first NCAA championship in 2001-02. Seven monogram winners, including two starters, return from last season's title-winning squad, giving head coach **Muffet McGraw** a broad foundation from which to build this year. In addition, the Irish welcome six talented freshmen to the fold, a group heralded as perhaps the finest recruiting class in school history and ranked as high as third by several national publications.

McGraw is in her 20th season as a college coach (15th at Notre Dame) with a 420-163 (.720) overall record and 332-123 (.730) mark while under the shadow of the Golden Dome. She has led the Irish to six straight NCAA Tournament appearances and eight overall — Notre Dame has advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen four times, the Final Four twice and won the 2001 NCAA title, all in the last five seasons under McGraw's guidance. She was a near-unanimous choice as national coach of the year in 2000-01, winning top honors from the Atlanta Tipoff Club (Naismith Award), Associated Press, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), and Sports Illustrated for Women. She also was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year, marking the third different conference to recognize McGraw as its top skipper since she took the reins at Notre Dame in 1987.

Both of Notre Dame's returning starters were honored by the BIG EAST coaches in their preseason balloting. Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** (5.4 ppg., 4.8 rpg.) was a second team preseason all-conference pick and brings explosive quickness and versatility to the Irish lineup, along with veteran leadership. As Notre Dame's only captain, she is being called upon to assume a greater mantle of responsibility in '01-02. After starting the first six games for the Irish, she moved into a reserve role for the next four games, picking up her first double-double of the year with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan. She returned to the starting lineup beginning with the DePaul game and is shooting 54.5 percent in conference play. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** (13.5 ppg., 5.3 rpg., .433 3FG%) was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST choice and is one of 30 finalists for the Naismith Award after setting an NCAA record for three-point percentage (.547) by a sophomore last season. On Dec. 6 at Purdue, she became the 19th player in school history to score 1,000 career points. She ranks eighth in the BIG EAST in scoring for all games, and third in conference games at 15.0 ppg.

Joining Ratay in the backcourt is sophomore **Le'Tania Severe** (7.1 ppg., 3.7 rpg., 4.8 apg.), who was hampered by injuries last season, appearing in just 22 games. However, she has confidently taken a larger role in the Irish offense this season, scoring a career-high 17 points against USC and matching her career best with eight assists against Western Michigan. She also ranks eighth in the BIG EAST Conference in assists. Severe moved to a reserve role in three of the last four games, posting a 2.29 assist-to-turnover ratio in that time and scoring 13 points at Providence. Also spending time at the point has been sophomore **Jeneka Joyce** (4.1 ppg., 1.8 rpg.), who has started seven times for the Irish this season. Joyce has made 13 three-point field goals, one of four Notre Dame players to have at least 10 treys this year. Junior **Karen Swanson** (1.0 ppg., 0.4 rpg.) and **Jill Krause** (0.3 ppg., 0.4 rpg.) provide McGraw with additional flexibility in her point guard rotation. Freshmen **Allison Bustamante** (4.8 ppg., 2.2 rpg.) and **Kelsey Wicks** (4.7 ppg., 3.1 rpg.) provide the Irish with solid ballhandling and perimeter shooting depth. Bustamante scored a career-high 12 points and grabbed five rebounds at Providence, while Wicks is shooting a team-high .636 three-point percentage in BIG EAST games and tied her career best with nine points at Providence.

A pair of freshmen (and former Parade All-Americans) are making an immediate impact on the Notre Dame front line, as forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (14.9 ppg., 8.3 rpg.) and center **Teresa Borton** (7.1 ppg., 5.1 rpg.) started the first six games for the Irish. Batteast was named the 2001-02 preseason BIG EAST

LAST IRISH GAME VS. CONNECTICUT

Notre Dame 90, Connecticut 75
NCAA National Semifinal
March 30, 2001
Saavis Center (St. Louis, Mo.)

Connecticut (75)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Taurasi	31	1-15	0-11	2-3	3	5	5	4
Cash	25	2-4	0-0	4-8	10	2	2	8
Schumacher	31	5-13	0-1	2-3	17	4	3	12
Bird	38	7-21	4-11	0-0	4	4	4	18
Jones	18	1-2	0-0	5-8	5	2	5	7
Conlon	9	3-6	1-3	1-1	2	0	3	8
Valley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	21	2-9	1-4	3-3	2	1	4	8
Williams	26	5-7	0-0	0-0	6	0	2	10
Team					2			
Totals	200	26-77	6-30	17-26	51	18	28	75

Notre Dame (90)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	36	4-12	0-0	7-9	10	1	3	15
Siemon	35	5-12	0-0	1-2	4	6	4	11
Riley	32	6-13	0-0	6-10	7	0	4	18
Ratay	38	6-10	4-5	4-4	8	5	1	20
Ivey	33	5-9	3-5	8-8	4	3	3	21
Joyce	17	1-1	1-1	2-3	1	1	1	5
Hernandez	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Barksdale	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team					8			
Totals	200	27-58	8-11	28-36	43	16	17	90

Connecticut	49	26	--	75
Notre Dame	37	53	--	90

FG Pct: Notre Dame 46.6, Connecticut 33.8. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 72.7, Connecticut 20.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 77.8, Connecticut 65.4. Turnovers: Notre Dame 13, Connecticut 16. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 5, Connecticut 3. Steals: Notre Dame 10, Connecticut 8. Attendance: 20,551.

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
3	Ericka Haney (C)	G/F	6-0	Sr.	5.4	4.8	0.8 apg	15 pts., 10 rebs. in '01 Final Four win over UConn
21	Jacqueline Batteast	F	6-1	Fr.	14.9	8.3	2.2 apg	Also averaging 1.63 blocks per game (three at PC)
31	Amanda Barksdale	C	6-3	Jr.	4.4	2.9	3.2 bpg	Leads BIG EAST in blocks (130 career rejections)
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	So.	4.1	1.8	1.4 apg	Has started three of last four games at point guard
22	Alicia Ratay	G	6-0	Jr.	13.5	5.3	2.1 apg	5.5 FTA/game in last four (.854 FT% this season)

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-8	So.	7.1	3.7	4.8 apg	Came off bench to score 13 points at Providence
10	Jill Krause	G	5-8	Fr.	0.3	0.4	0.1 apg	Scored first collegiate points (2) against Seton Hall
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Jr.	1.0	0.4	0.4 apg	2 pts., 2 asst. in season-high 9 min. vs. Seton Hall
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	Fr.	7.1	5.1	1.1 apg	First career double-double (11p, 10r) at Providence
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	Fr.	4.7	3.1	0.4 apg	Team-best .636 three-point pct. in BIG EAST play
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	Fr.	3.8	2.9	0.8 apg	Third on team with .731 free throw percentage
44	Allison Bustamante	G	6-0	Fr.	4.8	2.2	0.5 apg	Tallied career-high 12 pts., 5 rebs. at Providence

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

Rookie of the Year and her combination of speed, athleticism and perimeter shooting ability already make her a valuable weapon in the Irish arsenal. Already a four-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week, Batteast is one of only two players to rank in the top five in the BIG EAST in scoring (5th), rebounding (2nd), blocks (4th, 1.63) and double-doubles (2nd, 7), and she has claimed game-high scoring or rebounding honors seven times each. Meanwhile, at 6-3, Borton is a smooth and versatile post player with excellent mobility and a solid defensive presence. She has provided strong production off the bench in her last six games, averaging 10.5 ppg. while shooting 77.1 percent (27-35) from the field, including .793 (23-29) in conference games. She chalked up her first career double-double with 11 points and a career-high 10 rebounds Saturday at Providence.

Junior **Amanda Barksdale** (4.4 ppg., 2.9 rpg., 3.2 bpg.) was one of the nation's top shot blockers last season and has recovered nicely after missing Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg. She notched seven blocks against USC and tied a school record with eight blocks against Marquette — both outings are tops in the BIG EAST this season and the Marquette performance ties for the fifth-best showing in the nation this season. She leads the conference in blocks for all games, and her 2.0 bpg. ratio in BIG EAST play is good for second in the league. In addition, she will rank in the top five nationally when the new NCAA statistical rankings come out on Tuesday. Meanwhile, freshman **Katy Flecky** (3.8 ppg., 2.9 rpg.) was a two-time Miss Colorado Basketball and offers the Irish an physical presence in the post. She scored seven points in the win over Seton Hall on Jan. 9.

RECAPPING PROVIDENCE

Notre Dame came to town leading a swarm of killer bees, and for the second time in two weeks, Providence ended up getting stung.

The Irish freshmen class combined for 48 points and Notre Dame picked up 47 points from its bench to post a 69-41 BIG EAST Conference win over Providence Saturday afternoon before 1,750 fans at Alumni Hall. The victory was the 10th in as many lifetime meetings for the Irish against the Friars, and Notre Dame improved to 5-0 all-time at Alumni Hall, the only school to be undefeated at the Providence arena with a minimum of three games played.

A trio of young bees put the sting on the Friars to bolster the Notre Dame attack. Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** scored a team-high 14 points, while freshman guard **Allison Bustamante** tallied a career-best 12 points and freshman center **Teresa Borton** registered her first career double-double with 11 points and a career-high 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** highlighted a superb effort by the Irish reserves, scoring 13 points, while freshman guard **Kelsey Wicks** nailed three of her four three-point attempts and matched her career high with nine points.

Providence (8-10, 2-4 BIG EAST) got a game-high 15 points from Michal Epstein and a game-best 10

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	UC
Overall/BIG EAST record	10-6/4-1	20-0/6-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today ranking	arv/arv	1/1

SCORING

Points scored per game	66.8	90.2
Points allowed per game	57.1	51.6
Field goal percentage	.440	.522
Three-point percentage	.409	.418
Free throw percentage	.654	.721

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	42.4	48.5
Opponent rebs. per game	35.1	30.9
Rebounding margin	+7.3	+17.6

OTHER

Assists per game	14.8	22.4
Turnovers per game	18.0	14.9
Assist/turnover ratio	0.82	1.50
Blocked shots per game	6.1	5.4
Steals per game	7.3	10.1

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** began Sept. 9 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 10-10:30 p.m. Central time for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.



THE CONNECTICUT SERIES

Series: UC leads 12-2. Games Played at Connecticut: UC leads 7-0 (1-0 at Hartford).

Date	Site	Result	Score
1/18/96	Notre Dame, IN	L	64-87
2/24/96	Storrs, CT	L	79-86
3/5/96	Storrs, CT*	L	54-71
2/9/97	Storrs, CT	L	49-72
3/4/97	Storrs, CT*	L	77-86
12/6/97	Notre Dame, IN	L	59-78
2/21/98	Storrs, CT	L	61-73
3/2/98	Piscataway, NJ*	L	53-73
12/8/98	Notre Dame, IN	L	81-106
3/2/99	Piscataway, NJ*	L	75-96
2/26/00	Hartford, CT	L	59-77
1/15/01	Notre Dame, IN	W	92-76
3/6/01	Storrs, CT*	L	76-78
3/30/01	St. Louis, MO#	W	90-75

* - BIG EAST Tournament
- NCAA Tournament (national semifinal)

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	969	69.2
Connecticut	1134	81.0

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame, 1 game
 McGraw vs. Connecticut: 2-12
 ND Biggest Win: 16 (92-76 on 1/15/01)
 UC Biggest Win: 25 (106-81 on 12/8/98)
 ND Longest Win Streak: 1 (2001)
 UC Longest Win Streak: 11 (from 1996-2000)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2001-02 season (arv - also receiving votes):

	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	15	14
Nov. 12	15	no poll
Nov. 19	15	15
Nov. 26	23	23
Dec. 3	arv	arv
Dec. 10	arv	arv
Dec. 17	arv	arv
Dec. 24	arv	arv
Dec. 31	arv	arv
Jan. 7	arv	arv
Jan. 14	arv	arv

rebounds from Dani Trippany. However, the Friars struggled mightily from the field in the contest, shooting just 23.3 percent (14-60) and making an opponent season-low five percent from the three-point line (1-20) on the day.

Early on, it didn't appear PC would have many worries, as the Friars bolted out to a pair of eight-point leads, the second coming on a fast-break layup by Epstein with 14 minutes left in the first half, forcing Notre Dame to burn its second timeout of the period. However, the role reversal began moments after the stoppage, as Bustamante canned a three-point field goal to kick-start a 19-2 Irish run which gave the visitors a nine-point lead, its largest of the opening stanza, with 7:12 remaining in the half.

The Friars briefly stemmed the tide, putting together a 11-1 run of their own to retake a 25-24 lead at the 3:17 mark. But, Notre Dame closed the first half on an 8-2 charge to seize a 32-27 edge heading into the locker room. The Irish also gave a preview of things to come late in the period, holding Providence to just three field goals over the final 14 minutes after the Friars had made six of their first 13 shots in their early spurt.

Notre Dame (10-6, 4-1) nudged its lead into double figures three times in the opening seven minutes of the second half, but Providence got back within eight points each time, the last coming on a bucket by Quiana Copeland with 13:21 to go. Leading 42-34, the Irish then put the game on ice with a 20-2 run over the next nine minutes, holding the Friars to just a single field goal during that span. In fact, Providence made just five baskets in the entire second half, including two in the last 13:21 of the contest.

THE NOTRE DAME-CONNECTICUT SERIES

Connecticut leads Notre Dame, 12-2, in an all-time series which was decidedly one-sided prior to last season when the Irish won two of three meetings with the BIG EAST Conference rivals. Still, Notre Dame is 0-7 on the Huskies' home court, including an 0-1 mark at the Hartford Civic Center.

The last time they met, the Irish claimed the rubber match in a stirring trilogy, defeating UConn 90-75 in an NCAA national semifinal at the Savvis Center in St. Louis. Notre Dame set a Final Four record by rallying from 16 points down to dethrone the defending champions and book a spot in its first-ever NCAA championship game. All five Irish starters scored in double figures, led by Niele Ivey's 21 points and 20 points (including 4-of-5 three-pointers) from Alicia Ratay. Notre Dame also limited the Huskies to a .338 field goal percentage and a .200 mark from beyond the three-point arc.

Not to be overlooked is the last Notre Dame-Connecticut matchup in the Nutmeg State, won by the Huskies, 78-76 in the BIG EAST Tournament championship game. UConn guard Sue Bird proved to be the hero, hitting a 45-foot shot at the end of the first half and then going the length of the floor to hit a running jumper at the buzzer and give the Huskies the victory. Ruth Riley had 23 points and nine rebounds and the Irish shot 50.9 percent from the field in a losing effort. The game, which was televised live nationally by ESPN, also was the first women's basketball game ever dubbed an "Instant Classic" by ESPN Classic, which replayed the contest five days later.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-CONNECTICUT SERIES TIDBITS

- Connecticut is one of only two BIG EAST Conference opponents to hold a series edge over Notre Dame, leading the series with the Irish, 12-2. The other series leader is Rutgers (8-7).
- The first meeting between Notre Dame and Connecticut last season (a 92-76 Irish win on Jan. 15, 2001) was the scene of the first-ever sellout in Irish women's basketball history, as 11,418 fans packed the Joyce Center to witness the historic victory.
- Notre Dame is 2-8 all-time against the No. 1 team in the nation, with both victories coming last season at Connecticut's expense.
- The Irish and Huskies have won the last two NCAA championships, making the BIG EAST the first conference to have two different teams win the national title in consecutive seasons. Both squads also laid claim to the No. 1 ranking at various times last season, with UConn placing first in the final AP poll and Notre Dame earning the top spot in the final ESPN/USA Today coaches' balloting.
- At least one of the combatants has been ranked in all 14 previous matchups between Notre Dame and Connecticut, with both teams appearing in the polls in 10 prior meetings. Monday's game will mark the first time the Irish have been unranked entering the UConn game since the 1997-98 season, when Notre Dame was not ranked in any of its three contests with the Huskies.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame would register its first victory over a ranked opponent since downing No. 9/8 Purdue, 68-66, in the 2001 NCAA championship game at the Savvis Center in St. Louis.
- The Irish would pick up their ninth win in the last 11 games since opening the season at 2-4.



- Notre Dame would claim its third win in the last four games against Connecticut after losing its first 11 games with the Huskies.
- The Irish would earn the third victory over a top-ranked team in school history, with all three wins coming over Connecticut.
- Notre Dame would garner its first win in eight career visits to the Huskies' home court (1-1 at Hartford Civic Center, 0-7 at Storrs).
- The Irish would move to 50-6 (.893) vs. BIG EAST opponents over the last three-plus seasons.
- Notre Dame would jump to 43-16 (.754) on the road against BIG EAST foes.
- The Irish would improve their overall record to 98-18 (.845) since the start of the '98-99 season.

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Jan. 20)

Notre Dame has no major injuries to report.

NOTRE DAME TRAVEL PLANS

While in Hartford, Notre Dame is staying at the Hartford Hilton (860-728-5151). After Monday's game with Connecticut, the Irish will return home later that evening on a chartered airplane, arriving back in South Bend at approximately 12:45 a.m. Tuesday.

REMINDER — VIRGINIA TECH GAME TIME HAS CHANGED

Following its two-game sojourn to New England this weekend, Notre Dame returns home Jan. 26 to face No. 20/21 Virginia Tech at 6 p.m. (EST) at the Joyce Center. Some early schedules and tickets incorrectly listed the tipoff time one hour later. The game also will be televised as part of the BIG EAST Conference television package, airing live on Fox Sports Chicago and the Madison Square Garden Network.

ESPN TO HAVE SPECIAL IRISH FLAIR ON MONDAY

Notre Dame will be prominently featured on ESPN on Monday with both of its basketball teams appearing on the network. The Irish women's squad will battle top-ranked Connecticut at 3 p.m. (EST) at the Hartford Civic Center, followed by SportsCenter. Then, the Notre Dame men will take on Georgetown at 7 p.m. from the Joyce Center, also airing live on "The Worldwide Leader in Sports."

THE BEASTS OF THE BIG EAST

Notre Dame is 93-16 (.853) in regular-season competition against the rest of BIG EAST Conference, owning the best conference winning percentage of any current member of the BIG EAST since joining the circuit for the 1995-96 campaign. The Irish also have won 49 of their last 55 regular-season conference games, and claimed a share of their first-ever BIG EAST regular-season championship in 2001. When including postseason competition (BIG EAST and NCAA tournaments), Notre Dame is 105-22 (.827) against league opponents — when factoring in these 18 postseason tilts, the Irish are 51-3 (.944) at home, 42-16 (.724) on the road and 12-6 (.667) at neutral sites all-time against BIG EAST foes.

ROOKIE RAMPAGE

Notre Dame fans have gotten a preview of things to come over the next four seasons in the last four games. The Irish freshman class has averaged 42 points and 17.8 rebounds, and is shooting 51.7 percent (60-116) from the field while leading their team to three wins in those four outings.

The latest surge began on Jan. 5 in Notre Dame's 72-66 win over Providence. The Irish freshman class, namely forward **Jacqueline Batteast**, center **Teresa Borton** and guard **Kelsey Wicks**, combined for 55 points in the victory, with all three posting career-high point totals — Batteast had 26 points, while Borton tossed in 20 markers and Wicks added nine points. The trio also scored 44 of Notre Dame's first 46 points (including 41 in a row at one stretch), and single-handedly sparked a 22-2 run over a 7:36 span which gave the Irish a 42-23 lead late in the first half.

The run continued Jan. 9 in a 79-45 win over Seton Hall, as all six Irish rookies cracked the scoring column for the first time this season. The sextet teamed up for 46 points and shot 60.7 percent (17-28) from the floor in the victory. Borton and guard **Allison Bustamante** led the way for the Notre Dame newcomers — Borton tied a BIG EAST Conference rookie record by going 7-7 from the field and scoring 15 points, while Bustamante scored a career-high 11 points and made all four of her field goal attempts (2-2 from three-point land) in just 11 minutes of action.

Batteast, Borton and Bustamante were the culprits in Saturday's win at Providence. Batteast finished with 14 points, while Bustamante logged career highs of 12 points and five rebounds, and Borton charted her first career double-double with 11 points and a career-high 10 rebounds against the Friars.

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

MUFFET MCGRAW INTERVIEWS

The best time for interviews with Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is Monday morning or by special appointment. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office at 574-631-7516 to make specific arrangements.

THE MUFFET MCGRAW SHOW

Muffet McGraw's half-hour, weekly television show is produced by LeSea Broadcasting and hosted by **Bob Nagle**. The show, now in its fifth season, is carried by WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and will air at 6:30 p.m. EST on Saturdays through the end of the season.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

- Irish practice sessions are generally open to the media, although the coaching staff may choose to close certain practices. Contact **Chris Masters** in the Notre Dame SID office for exact practice times and availability.
- All player interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame SID office by contacting Masters. All player and coach interviews must be scheduled in advance — no interviews will be conducted on game days.
- Following games, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players will speak with the media in the football auditorium at the Joyce Center. The visiting coach and selected players may appear in the auditorium after the Notre Dame press conference. Media members should submit interview requests to Notre Dame SID staffers no later than four minutes before the end of the game. The Irish locker room is closed after every game, home and away.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame women's basketball game notes and press releases via email should send requests to Assistant Sports Information Director **Chris Masters** at masters.5@nd.edu.

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletic department web site can be found at www.und.com, with the extensive offerings including live audio and real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home women's basketball games.



BIG EAST STANDINGS
(as of Jan. 21)

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	Connecticut	6-0	20-0
	Virginia Tech	6-0	15-2
3.	Boston College	5-1	14-3
4.	NOTRE DAME	4-1	10-6
5.	Villanova	4-2	10-6
6.	Syracuse	3-2	10-6
7.	Miami	4-3	11-6
8.	West Virginia	3-3	10-6
9.	Rutgers	2-4	5-11
10.	Providence	2-5	8-10
11.	Georgetown	1-5	9-8
	Seton Hall	1-5	9-8
	Pittsburgh	1-5	6-11
14.	St. John's	0-6	3-14

**BIG EAST
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 19	Swin Cash, Connecticut Trish Juhline, Villanova
Nov. 26	Julie McBride, Syracuse Sarah Hicks, Virginia Tech
Dec. 3	Diana Taurasi, Connecticut Kate Bulger, West Virginia
Dec. 10	Chanivia Broussard, Miami
Dec. 17	Meghan Saake, Miami Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech
Dec. 24	Mandy Wittenmyer, Pittsburgh
Dec. 31	Swin Cash, Connecticut Kate Bulger, West Virginia
Jan. 7	Diana Taurasi, Connecticut Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech
Jan. 14	Swin Cash, Connecticut Jaime James, Syracuse

**BIG EAST
ROOKIES OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 19	Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
Nov. 26	Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
Dec. 3	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Dec. 10	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Dec. 17	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame Mary Lisicky, Georgetown
Dec. 24	Clare Drosch, Boston College
Dec. 31	Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
Jan. 7	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Jan. 14	Erin Gibson, Virginia Tech

BIG EAST = BIG NUMBERS

Notre Dame has stormed from the gate in BIG EAST Conference play, racing to a 4-1 start behind some gaudy numbers. The Irish are averaging 69.6 points per game (nearly three points better than their 66.8 ppg. season average) and have scored at least 69 points in four of their five league games after reaching that mark just four times in 11 non-conference tilts. Notre Dame also is shooting 49.4 percent (121-245) from the field and 46.8 percent (29-62) in BIG EAST games, exceeding its season averages in those categories as well.

Three freshmen have stepped forward to ignite the Irish attack during conference play — center **Teresa Borton** and guards **Allison Bustamante** and **Kelsey Wicks**. Borton is averaging 11.0 ppg. and shooting 79.3 percent (23-29) in league action, while Bustamante is logging 6.2 ppg., shooting 64.7 percent (11-17) from the field and 62.5 percent (5-8) from beyond the three-point arc against BIG EAST opponents. Additionally, Wicks is averaging 5.8 points and shooting a team-high .636 (7-11) from three-point land in conference play.

The Irish rookie trio also has reached some early career landmarks during the BIG EAST season. Borton set a conference rookie record by going 7-for-7 from the floor on Jan. 9 against Seton Hall and rang up her first career double-double with 11 points and a career-high 10 rebounds Saturday at Providence. Bustamante established new career scoring highs twice in the last three games, including 12 points and a career-best five rebounds at Providence. Wicks drained a career-high three three-point field goals and tied her top scoring output for the third time this season with nine points at Providence.

THE 45-PERCENT SOLUTION

The Irish appear to have found their shooting eye of late, connecting at a 49.8 percent rate from the field (152-305) over their last six games. In its first 10 games, Notre Dame had shot better than 45 percent just once and owned a .409 field goal percentage. However, in their last six contests, the Irish have topped the 45-percent mark five times, including a season-high .580 field goal percentage (29-50) Jan. 9 against Seton Hall. Notre Dame is 5-1 when it shoots over 45 percent from the field and 10-4 when it owns a higher field goal percentage than its opponent.

IRISH BREAK OUT LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY AT MIAMI

Notre Dame put together a record-setting performance from the three-point line in its Jan. 2 win at Miami. The Irish connected on 13-of-24 (.542) three-point attempts in the game, setting a school record for the most triples in one game. The old mark was 12 against St. John's on Feb. 28, 1998 in the first round of the BIG EAST Conference Championship at Piscataway, N.J.

A TALE OF TWO SEASONS

Location, location, location — that's the mantra many real estate agents use, but it's also a phrase which could easily be applied to Notre Dame this season. Here's a look at the stark contrast which has developed between Irish fortunes at home and away from the cozy confines of the Joyce Center:

	<u>Joyce Center</u>	<u>Road/Neutral Sites</u>
Record	8-0	2-6
Points per game	69.2	64.3
Opponent points per game	47.9	66.3
Scoring margin	+21.3	(-2.0)
Field goal percentage	.457	.418
Opponent field goal percentage	.295	.385
Rebounds per game	46.8	38.0
Opponent rebounds per game	33.5	36.6
Rebound margin	+13.3	+1.4

TAKING A DEFENSIVE STANCE

One of the trademarks of Notre Dame's success this season has been its suffocating defense. In fact, over the course of three consecutive home games in December, the Irish put together three dominating defensive performances which rank among the best in recent memory.

Against Western Michigan, Notre Dame held the Broncos to a season-low 12 points, the fewest first-half markers by an Irish opponent since Georgetown scored 10 points in the 2001 BIG EAST Conference Championship quarterfinals. Then, against Marquette, the Irish held the Golden Eagles to a season-low 33 points and 18.5 percent shooting from the field (10-of-54), marking Notre Dame's best defensive field



goal percentage since it held Butler to a school-record .149 ratio (9-of-61) on Jan. 30, 1984. Finally, against DePaul, the Irish limited the Blue Demons to 3-of-26 (.115) shooting and just 17 points in the first half. Additionally, in both the Marquette and DePaul games, Notre Dame held its Conference USA opponent without a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the contest.

IT'S BATTEAST, TO SAY THE LEAST

Although her college career is only 16 games old, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** already is showing much of the potential which led the BIG EAST Conference coaches to vote her as the league's preseason Rookie of the Year. The South Bend, Ind., resident is a four-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week selection and is one of only two players to rank in the top five in the conference in scoring (5th, 14.9 ppg.), rebounding (2nd, 8.3 rpg.), blocked shots (4th, 1.63 bpg.) and double-doubles (2nd, 7th). She also has registered game-high scoring or game-high rebounding honors seven times each.

HOW ABOUT THEM APPLES?

The state of Washington is famous for its apples. But in the eyes of Irish fans, the Evergreen State is becoming known for another export — freshman center **Teresa Borton**.

The Yakima, Wash., native has been a force in the last six games, coming off the bench to average 10.5 points per game and an .771 field goal percentage (27-35) while sparking Notre Dame to a 5-1 record and four BIG EAST Conference triumphs. In fact, BIG EAST play certainly has agreed with Borton, who ranks third on the team with 11.0 ppg. in league games and is shooting a staggering 79.3 percent (23-29) from the field.

During her current power surge, Borton put together some of the finest games of her young career. She scored a career-high 20 points (9-11 FG) on Jan. 5 against Providence, then tied a BIG EAST rookie record by going 7-of-7 from the field and scoring 15 points four days later against Seton Hall. Then, she carded her first career double-double with 11 points and a career-high 10 rebounds, not to mention a career-best four assists in Saturday's win at Providence.

And, in a interesting twist, Borton's recent run of success has coincided exactly with her 19th birthday, which she celebrated six games ago on Dec. 31 against DePaul!

FOR ALL LONG DISTANCE CALLS, DIAL "22"

On Jan. 2 at Miami, junior guard **Alicia Ratay** showed why she is still one of the nation's premier sharpshooters and has earned the nickname "Dead Eye Ratay." The Lake Zurich, Ill., native canned seven of nine three-point field goal attempts (a sharp .778 percentage) and finished with a season-high 23 points to lead the Irish to a victory in their BIG EAST Conference opener. The seven treys tied Ratay's career high — she went seven for seven from beyond the arc on Feb. 19, 2000 at Rutgers, a memorable game in which she nailed two threes in the final 25 seconds of regulation to force overtime, where Notre Dame prevailed, 78-74.

Ratay leads the Irish with a .433 three-point percentage (29-67), a mark which would rank second in the BIG EAST and 22nd in the nation, but she has not made enough three-point goals to qualify. Her current ratio does puts her within striking distance of the NCAA record for three-point efficiency by a junior — **Cara Frey** of Harvard currently holds that mark with a .515 percentage in 1993. All of this comes on the heels of Ratay's effort last season, when she nailed 54.7 percent of her three-point tries, breaking the NCAA record for long-range efficiency by a sophomore.

In her career, Ratay is making approximately half of her long-distance attempts, hitting at a 49.9 percent clip (183-367) in her 84-game college career — that's good enough to set a new NCAA record for career three-point percentage, passing the current standard of .467 held by **Erin Maher** of Harvard. She already ranks fourth in Notre Dame's career three-point field goals made and attempted lists, and her career percentage is 75 points higher than her nearest challenger (**Kari Hutchinson**, .424, 1994-98).

BARKSDALE'S BLOCK PARTY

Junior center **Amanda Barksdale** has forced opponents to deal with rejection quite often this season. Although she missed Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her leg, she still leads the Irish and the BIG EAST Conference with 3.2 blocks per game (38 rejections). In fact, she will place in the top five nationally in that category when the new NCAA statistical rankings come out on Tuesday.

She was at her best last month, when she rang up a school-record eight blocks against Marquette on Dec. 22 and added seven rejections against USC on Dec. 9. Those single-game performances rank first and second in the BIG EAST and the Marquette outing is tied for the fifth-best total in the nation this season.

IRISH TRENDS IN '01-02

Day of the Week

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

Time of Game

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

Location

Home games	8-0
Road games	2-5
Neutral site games	0-1

Halftime score

Leading at the half	9-1
Trailing at the half	1-4
Tied at the half	0-1

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	8-3
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	2-3
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	10-4
Lower pct. than opponent	0-2
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	5-1
Shoot less than 45%	5-4
Hold opponent under 40%	9-3

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	5-1
Make fewer free throws	4-4
Make same number of free throws	1-1

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	5-1
Commit more turnovers	4-5
Commit same number of turnovers	1-0

Final Margin

1-5 points	1-2
6-10 points	2-1
11-15 points	1-3
16-20 points	0-0
21+ points	6-0

Conference Affiliation

BIG EAST	4-1
Big Ten	0-2
Conference USA	2-0
Mid-American	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Mountain West	0-1
Pacific-10	1-1
Patriot League	1-0
Western Athletic Conference	0-1

Month

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



'01-02 IRISH HONORS

Jacqueline Batteast (Fr., South Bend, Ind.)

Preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year
 Freshman All-America (WBB News Service)
 Top 21 New Players of Impact (Women's College Hoops.com)
 BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 2001; Jan. 7, 2002)

Ericka Haney (Sr., Toledo, Ohio)

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Alicia Ratay (Jr., Lake Zurich, Ill.)

Naismith Award Watch List
 Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

NOTRE DAME VS.
 2001-02 OPPONENTS

NON-CONFERENCE

Army	1-0
Arizona	2-1
Colorado State	0-1
DePaul	9-13
Marquette	23-4
Michigan	6-6
Purdue	4-10
Rice	1-1
USC	3-1
Valparaiso	15-0
Western Michigan	7-0
Total	71-37 (.657)

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Boston College	6-3
Connecticut	2-12
Georgetown	15-1
Miami	12-2
Pittsburgh	10-0
Providence	10-0
Rutgers	7-8
St. John's	10-0
Seton Hall	10-2
Syracuse	12-1
Villanova	11-4
Virginia Tech	3-0
West Virginia	8-0
Total	116-33 (.779)
TOTAL VS. '01-02 OPPONENTS	187-70 (.728)

In her career, Barksdale has 130 career blocks, making her only the fifth player in school history to reach the century mark in career rejections. She now needs just three blocks to catch **Shari Matvey** (133) for third place on Notre Dame's career blocks list. In addition, she is averaging 1.73 blocks per game in her 75-game career, which is second in Irish history behind only 2001 consensus national player of the year, **Ruth Riley**, who averaged 2.82 swats per game from 1997-2001.

A SEVERE DEVELOPMENT

Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** has quickly adapted to her new role as a primary point guard for the Irish, filling the large shoes of All-American **Niele Ivey**. Through 16 games this season, Severe is third on the team with 7.1 points per game and leads the squad with 4.8 assists per game, ranking eighth in the BIG EAST Conference in the latter category. Entering the 2001-02 campaign, her career highs were seven points and two assists and she had played in just 22 games due to injury.

Severe has been adept at distributing the ball to her teammates, leading the team in assists in 11 games and dealing at least five assists eight times, including a career-high eight handouts against Purdue and Western Michigan. She also has proven to be a scoring threat when necessary, pouring in a career-high 17 points against USC and reaching double figures six times this season, including Saturday's 13-point outing at Providence.

NOTRE DAME AMONG NATIONAL ATTENDANCE LEADERS

Notre Dame is ranked seventh in the nation, according to the latest unofficial attendance figures released Monday by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Department. The Irish have averaged 7,407 fans for their eight home games, more than 1,000 ahead of last season's figures, when Notre Dame was ranked ninth in the country in attendance with an average of 6,376 fans per game.

A LITTLE COMPARISON SHOPPING

Prior to the 2001-02 season, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** compared her team to the 1997-98 Irish squad. Through 16 games this season, that comparison seems to be holding true in several ways. Here's a look at some of the similarities between this year's club and the '97-98 unit:

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Previous season result (record)	NCAA Final Four (31-7)	NCAA Champion (34-2)
Starters/monogram winners lost	4/5	3/5
Freshmen on roster	4	6
Seniors on roster	2	1
Freshmen starters	2	2
16-game record (Top 25 opponents)	11-5 (3)	10-6 (3)
Final season result (record)	NCAA Sweet Sixteen (22-10)	?

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

With six freshmen making up half of this year's roster, Notre Dame is certainly going through some growing pains. However, the Irish rookies are getting a great deal of college experience this season, as evidenced by their production through 16 games of the 2001-02 campaign. Notre Dame's freshmen have accounted for 49.2 percent of the points (525 of 1068), 47.9 percent of the rebounds (325 of 678) and 40.5 percent of the minutes (1295 of 3200) recorded by the Irish this season. Additionally, Notre Dame started two freshmen (**Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton**) in its first six games this year, and five of the six Irish rookies are averaging at least 10 minutes per contest.

CRASHING THE BOARDS

Despite losing its top two rebounders from last year (**Ruth Riley** and **Kelley Siemon**), Notre Dame doesn't appear to have broken stride in the rebounding department this season. The Irish have averaged 42.4 rebounds per game through 16 games in 2001-02, owning a +7.3 edge on the glass, which ranks third in the BIG EAST Conference and 18th in the nation this week.

Leading the charge on the boards for Notre Dame have been a pair of freshmen — forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is setting the pace at 8.3 rebounds per game (ranking second in the BIG EAST), while center **Teresa Borton** is third with 5.1 caroms per contest. Additionally, the Irish have been potent on the offensive glass, collecting 13.7 offensive rebounds per game. Batteast and Borton also are setting the pace in that category — Batteast has 43 offensive boards (2.69 orgp.), ranking seventh in the BIG EAST, while Borton has corralled 39 offensive caroms (2.44), placing 13th in the conference.



THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last five-plus seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 95-1 (.990) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. Curiously, the only time that notion didn't come to pass was last season, when Rutgers handed Notre Dame a 54-53 loss, one of only two setbacks the Irish suffered en route to the 2001 national championship.

The Irish already have added to this total eight times during the 2001-02 season — Valparaiso (35 points), Army (57), USC (49), Western Michigan (48), Marquette (33), DePaul (50), Seton Hall (45) and Providence (41).

... BUT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SCORE IF YOU WANT TO WIN

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the last five-plus seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 80-3 (.964) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame contributed another win to that growing record when it rang up 89 points in a win over Army on Nov. 26.

NOTRE DAME MAKING A LIVING BEYOND THE ARC

The season-opening win over Valparaiso produced an offensive anomaly for Notre Dame. The Irish were held without a three-point field goal, breaking a streak of 50 consecutive games in which they had made at least one trey. Prior to that game, the last time Notre Dame had gone dry from beyond the arc was Jan. 26, 2000, at St. John's.

Notre Dame didn't waste time in starting up a new three-point streak, canning 88 triples in their last 15 games (5.9 per game), including a school-record 13 treys at Miami on Jan. 2. The Irish have now made at least one three-pointer in 161 of their last 163 games, a streak dating back more than four seasons.

FRESH FACES IN THE IRISH LINEUP

Notre Dame had a decidedly youthful look in its starting lineup when it opened the season Nov. 18 against Valparaiso, as freshmen **Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton** got the nod at forward and center, respectively. In doing so, the pair were first rookie tandem in 20 years to start a season opener for the Irish — **Ruth Kaiser** and **Mary Beth Schueth** cracked the starting five in a 78-44 win over St. Joseph's (Ind.) on Dec. 2, 1981. Borton paced the Irish with 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso, while Batteast scored two points and grabbed five boards against the Crusaders.

McGRAW REACHES COACHING MILESTONE AGAINST DEPAUL

Muffet McGraw coached her 450th game at Notre Dame on New Year's Eve against DePaul. She owns a 331-123 (.729) record in her 15th season with the Irish, making her the winningest coach in school history and fourth on the BIG EAST Conference career wins list behind Connecticut's **Geno Auriemma** (445), Rutgers' **Theresa Grentz** (434) and Villanova's **Harry Perretta** (427).

In addition, McGraw is the sixth coach to work 450 games at a BIG EAST Conference school. Three of those coaches are still active in the league — Perretta (678), Auriemma (543) and Seton Hall's **Phyllis Mangina** (474). Grentz (584) and Virginia Tech's **Carol Alfano** (540) are the other BIG EAST mentors who reached that milestone.

THE END OF ONE STREAK ...

For the first time since the end of the 1997-98 season, Notre Dame was not ranked in either of the major national polls on Dec. 3. The exclusion snapped a 60-week run in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and a 56-week stretch in the AP rankings. This week, the Irish earned four points in both the Associated Press poll and the ESPN/USA Today poll.

... BUT THE CONTINUATION OF ANOTHER

Thanks to Kent State's loss at home to Rhode Island on Dec. 1, Notre Dame now owns the longest active home winning streak in the nation at 46 games. The Irish have not lost a game at the Joyce Center since Dec. 8, 1998, when Connecticut logged a 106-81 victory. Notre Dame's home winning streak next will be put to the test Jan. 26 when the Irish play host to No. 20/21 Virginia Tech in a 6 p.m. (EST) contest at the Joyce Center.

RATAY JOINS IRISH 1,000-POINT CLUB

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** is the newest member of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club, joining that elite sorority with 12 points on Dec. 6 at Purdue. In addition to being the 19th Irish player to hit that milestone, Ratay is the eighth player to do so in less than three seasons, and the 15th student-athlete to turn the trick while spending part of her career under current head coach **Muffet McGraw**. Here's a look at the members of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club and where Ratay stands on that list:

Player, Years	Points
1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	2,322
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	2,126
3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	2,072
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
7. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439
8. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	1,430
9. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	1,373
10. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	1,298
11. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	1,233
12. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	1,205
13. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	1,202
14. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	1,194
15. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	1,129
16. Danielle Green (1995-2000)	1,106
17. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	1,060
18. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	1,034
19. Kelley Siemon (1997-2001)	1,006
— Ericka Haney (1998-present)	883

TOP JOYCE CENTER CROWDS

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
4.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
5.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
6.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
7.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
8.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
9.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
10.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
11.	11/26/01	Army	W, 89-57	7,323
12.	12/12/01	W. Michigan	W, 71-48	7,310
13.	12/31/01	DePaul	W, 79-50	7,154
14.	12/22/01	Marquette	W, 60-33	7,132
15.	2/7/01	Pittsburgh	W, 72-58	7,025
16.	1/9/02	Seton Hall	W, 79-45	6,975
17.	1/7/94	#1 Tennessee	L, 70-105	6,886
18.	2/20/01	Miami	W, 81-43	6,533
19.	1/18/96	#3 Connecticut	L, 64-87	6,501
20.	1/23/99	St. John's	W, 99-60	6,384

* denotes capacity crowd
Bold denotes game played in 2001-02



**NEXT BIG EAST
TELECONFERENCE
SLATED FOR FEB. 4**

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2001-02 season, the second of which is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 4. Each of the 14 league head coaches will be available for eight minutes in a pre-arranged format.

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact Notre Dame assistant sports information director **Chris Masters** for the phone number.

Here is a complete listing of the times when each BIG EAST coach will be available (all times EST and subject to change):

- 11:00 a.m. - Ferné Labati, Miami
- 11:08 a.m. - TBA, St. John's
- 11:16 a.m. - Cathy Inglese, Boston College
- 11:24 a.m. - Mike Carey, West Virginia
- 11:32 a.m. - Bonnie Henrickson, Virginia Tech
- 11:40 a.m. - Jim Jabir, Providence
- 11:48 a.m. - Patrick Knapp, Georgetown
- 11:56 a.m. - Phyllis Mangina, Seton Hall
- 12:04 p.m. - Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame**
- 12:12 p.m. - Traci Waites, Pittsburgh
- 12:20 p.m. - C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers
- 12:28 p.m. - Harry Perretta, Villanova
- 12:36 p.m. - Marianna Freeman, Syracuse
- 12:44 p.m. - Geno Auriemma, Connecticut

RATAY NAMED NAISMITH CANDIDATE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Notre Dame junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has been selected as a preseason candidate for the 2001-02 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award. It marks the second time in as many seasons that Ratay has been named to the 30-player preseason Naismith watch list.

Ratay averaged 12.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game last season, and set an NCAA record for three-point percentage (54.7 percent) by a sophomore on the way to third-team all-BIG EAST Conference honors — she was the only sophomore to make any of the three all-league squads. Ratay also is a former BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and was named an honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press in 2000. She will be looking to follow in the footsteps of her former teammate, **Ruth Riley**, who won the 2000-01 Naismith Award, becoming the first Notre Dame women's basketball player to be so recognized.

The Naismith Awards, in their 34th year, are given in honor of the inventor of the game of basketball — Dr. James Naismith. The awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball. The Awards, including Men's and Women's College Player of the Year, Men's and Women's Coach of the Year, Male and Female Prep Player of the Year and Men's and Women's Official of the Year, are determined by a vote of the Naismith Board of Selectors. In addition, the Board of Selectors, comprised of a select group of leading basketball coaches, journalists and administrators, honors a Men's and Women's Outstanding Contributor to Basketball. The 2001-02 Naismith Award will be presented April 5, 2002 in Atlanta.

NOTRE DAME PICKED SECOND IN BIG EAST PRESEASON BALLOTING

Fresh off a share of their first-ever BIG EAST championship last season, the Irish have been picked to finish second in 2001-02 according to a preseason poll of the league's coaches which was released at BIG EAST Media Day on Oct. 25. Notre Dame claimed two first-place votes and 155 points overall, trailing only Connecticut (11 first-place votes, 167 points). Rutgers, Boston College and Villanova round out the top five, with VU picking up the remaining first-place vote.

Individually, junior guard **Alicia Ratay** was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST selection after earning third-team honors last year. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native set an NCAA record for three-point percentage by a sophomore last season (.547) and is the top returning scorer for the Irish in 2001-02 after charting 12.9 points per game a year ago.

Senior guard/forward **Erica Haney** also was recognized by the conference coaches, earning second team preseason all-BIG EAST laurels. She joins Ratay as one of two starters back from last year's NCAA championship squad and averaged 11 ppg. and 5.7 rpg. during the '00-01 campaign.

In addition, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was chosen as the preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. It was one in a series of early-season honors for the South Bend, Ind., product, who also was named a first team freshman All-American by the *Women's Basketball News Service* and was tabbed as one of the Top 21 "New Players of Impact" by *Women's College Hoops.com*.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

This season, for only the fourth time in school history, Notre Dame has just one captain — senior guard/forward **Erica Haney**. She is the first solo captain for the Irish since **Sheila McMillen** in 1998-99 and the second in head coach **Muffet McGraw's** 15-year tenure.

IRISH HAIL FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

The 13 players on this season's Notre Dame roster hail from 10 different states, including two each from Florida, Illinois and Ohio. Other states represented on the Irish roster include Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame women's basketball roster features players from 34 different states, including 23 during the **Muffet McGraw** era. Ironically, the most common home state on the Irish all-time roster — Michigan (14) — is not represented on this season's roster.

FUN WITH NUMBERS

This season, Notre Dame fans are seeing a pair of jersey numbers on the floor that haven't made an appearance in quite some time. Freshman guard **Kelsey Wicks** has chosen to wear No. 24, becoming the first Irish player since **Andrea Alexander** (1990-94) to sport those digits. In addition, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is wearing No. 21 this season, a number which has not been modeled by an Irish player since All-American **Beth Morgan** wore the same jersey from 1993-97. Prior to Morgan, the last



BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

- 1. Connecticut (11) 167
- 2. **NOTRE DAME (2) 155**
- 3. Rutgers 143
- 4. Boston College 125
- 5. Villanova (1) 112
- 6. Virginia Tech 111
- 7. Georgetown 102
- 8. Miami 86
- 9. Seton Hall 75
- 10. Syracuse 59
- 11. Providence 56
- 12. Pittsburgh 41
- 13. St. John's 23
- 14. West Virginia 19

2001-02 Preseason Player of the Year

Sue Bird, Sr., G, 5-9, Connecticut

2001-02 Preseason Rookie of the Year

Jacqueline Batteast, Fr., F, 6-1, Notre Dame

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

*Sue Bird, Connecticut, G, Sr.
 Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown, F, So.
 Swin Cash, Connecticut, F, Sr.
 Becky Gottstein, Boston College, F, Sr.
 Trish Juhline, Villanova, G, Jr.
Alicia Ratay, Notre Dame, G, Jr.

* - unanimous selection

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Chanivia Broussard, Miami, F, So.
 Davalyn Cunningham, Rutgers, F, Sr.
Ericka Haney, Notre Dame, G/F, Sr.
 Asjha Jones, Connecticut, F, Sr.
 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut, G, So.

Notre Dame player to wear No. 21 was current Irish assistant coach **Coquese Washington**, who had the number from 1989-93.

IRISH CLOSING IN ON 500TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

Notre Dame is on the verge of becoming the 50th team in NCAA history, and the fourth BIG EAST Conference school to post 500 career wins. The Irish currently have an all-time record of 496-222 (.691), putting them just five victories away from the magic mark. However, Notre Dame is in a dogfight with several other schools to see who will be the next to reach the 500-win plateau. Here's a look at the standings in the race to 500 wins (through games of Jan. 19):

School	Career Wins	Next Game
Missouri	497	1/22 at Texas
NOTRE DAME	496	1/21 at Connecticut
Maine	495	1/27 vs. New Hampshire
Florida International	492	1/24 at South Alabama
Illinois State	492	1/20 at Southern Illinois
Middle Tennessee	492	1/24 at Arkansas State

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 150 games in the last five-plus seasons, which ties for the fourth-most wins of any school in the country during that time. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since the start of the 1996-97 campaign (through games of Jan. 19):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-01	'01-'02	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	20	184
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	15	178
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	11	165
4. NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	10	150
Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	9	150

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Notre Dame is looking to continue some impressive streaks in 2001-02. The Irish have won a school-record 46 consecutive games at home, which became the longest active streak in the nation when Kent State's 43-game run came to an end Dec. 1 with a loss to Rhode Island. The Irish have not lost at home in more than three years, dating back to a defeat at the hands of top-ranked Connecticut on Dec. 8, 1998. Notre Dame also has a 51-3 (.944) record in BIG EAST games at the Joyce Center, with Connecticut the only league team to solve the Irish at home.

In addition, Notre Dame sports a five-year, 29-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center — a streak that includes victories over a trio of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke in 1998-99 and Purdue in 2000-01), as well as 25th-ranked Illinois in '98-99. Notre Dame's last non-conference loss at the Joyce Center came way back on Dec. 9, 1996, when 19th-ranked Wisconsin toppled the Irish, 81-69. Overall, the Irish are 70-2 (.972) at the Joyce Center in their last 72 home games, with the only losses coming to Connecticut.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, sporting a 234-65 (.783) mark at the venerable facility. Last season, the Irish were a perfect 15-0 for the second year in a row. The 15 victories are a school record for home wins in a season and the first time Notre Dame teams have been undefeated at home during the regular season. Also, since joining the BIG EAST Conference in time for the 1995-96 season, **Muffet McGraw's** squad is 84-4 (.955) at the Joyce Center.

SEASON TICKET SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH FOR IRISH

Attendance at Notre Dame women's basketball games in 2000-01 increased nearly 88 percent compared to the previous season — and indications suggest another significant jump is underway for the 2001-02 campaign. Coming off the 2001 NCAA championship, there have been more than 6,700 season tickets sold to the general public and University faculty and staff for the '01-'02 women's basketball season. That's compared to 2,700 a year ago and 940 in 1999-2000 — a jump of nearly 150 percent over last season, and a whopping 700 percent rise in just two years.

The sale of season tickets for the '01-'02 campaign actually began midway through Notre Dame's 2001 championship season. All seats are reserved for Irish women's games for the first time this season — all seating in previous years had been general admission.



MCGRAW DEVELOPING EXTENSIVE COACHING "FAMILY TREE"

Much has been made of the coaching roots which develop throughout the women's basketball world. Several long-time head coaches such as Virginia's **Debbie Ryan**, Tennessee's **Pat Summitt** and Vanderbilt's **Jim Foster** have helped produce a new generation of talented young coaches. In fact, back when he was the skipper at St. Joseph's (Pa.) in 1982, Foster was the mentor for an eager assistant coach named **Muffet McGraw**.

Now 20 years later, McGraw has created her own "family tree" of bright and energetic coaching minds through her tenures at Lehigh (1982-87) and Notre Dame (1987-present). No less than 15 of her former players and/or assistants currently hold coaching positions either at the high school or college level.

Here's a look at the roster of former McGraw players/assistants and where they now are coaching:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current position</u>
Sandy Botham [^]	Head coach, Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Heidi Bunek [*]	Head coach, Milwaukee HS system
Liz Feeley ^{+^}	Head coach, Smith College
Bill Fennelly [^]	Head coach, Iowa State
Dave Glass [^]	Head coach, Virginia Commonwealth
Sandy Hume ⁺	Head coach, New Jersey HS system
Kari Hutchinson [*]	Asst. coach, Baltimore HS system
Kristin Knapp [*]	Assistant coach, Ball State
Sara Liebscher [*]	Asst. coach, Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Colleen Matsuhara [^]	Assistant coach, USC
Sheila McMillen [*]	Assistant coach, Northwestern
Beth Morgan [*]	Asst. coach, Virginia Commonwealth
Mollie Peirick [*]	Asst. coach, Nashville HS system
Kathleen Weber [^]	Head coach, UNC-Asheville
Coquese Washington [*]	Assistant coach, Notre Dame

^{*} - former Notre Dame player
[^] - former Notre Dame assistant
⁺ - former Lehigh player

The Irish ranked ninth nationally in attendance last year at 6,376 fans per game, compared to 3,392 in 1999-2000. Notre Dame also recorded the first two women's basketball sellouts in school history, as 11,418 fans packed the Joyce Center for victories over top-ranked Connecticut and Georgetown.

All seven of Notre Dame's home games in 2001-02 have attracted more than 6,900 fans, placing them among the top 20 crowds in school history (see chart on page 9). In fact, all of the top 20 crowds in the Notre Dame record book have occurred during the 15-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**.

NOTRE DAME FACES TOUGH SCHEDULE IN 2001-02

Notre Dame is slated to play 10 teams which reached the postseason as part of a rugged schedule this year. On the docket are seven NCAA Tournament squads, including four (Connecticut - 1/1, Purdue - 1/13, Colorado State - 20/21 and Virginia Tech - 21/20) which are ranked in the Top 25 in the latest Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches' polls. Two other Notre Dame foes are ranked in one of the polls — Boston College stands 25th in the latest AP survey, while Michigan is tied for 23rd in the most recent coaches' rankings. Furthermore, four other Irish opponents (Arizona, DePaul, Marquette and USC) are receiving votes in one or both of the major polls this week.

IRISH ON THE SMALL SCREEN

Notre Dame is getting a good deal of face time in 2001-02, playing on television at least eight times, including a pair of nationally-televised contests — Nov. 21 at Arizona (Fox Sports Net) and Jan. 21 at Connecticut (ESPN). The Irish also will make two regional television appearances this season — Jan. 2 at Miami (Fox Sports Florida) and Feb. 2 at Seton Hall (CN8, The Comcast Network).

In addition, Notre Dame will appear three times as part of the BIG EAST regular-season television package, playing host to Virginia Tech (Jan. 26) and traveling to Villanova (Jan. 12) and Rutgers (Feb. 16). All three of those games will be telecast live on Fox Sports Chicago as part of the league's TV deal. The BIG EAST Championship semifinals on March 4 also will be aired on the BIG EAST TV package, while the conference title game on March 5 will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

Additionally, the Dec. 6 rematch of the 2001 NCAA championship game between Notre Dame and Purdue was televised live statewide by LeSea Broadcasting, which includes WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and WHMB-TV (Channel 40) in Indianapolis.

NOTRE DAME RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM PAIR OF TOP 25 PROSPECTS

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 15 that two of the nation's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing national letters of intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2002. **Megan Duffy** (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne HS) and **Courtney LaVere** (Ventura, CA/Buena HS) both committed to the Irish during the early signing period.

Duffy, a 5-7 guard, averaged 17 points per game last season for Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio. She was a 2001 first-team Division I all-state selection and earned honorable mention All-America accolades from *Street & Smith's*. Additionally, *Student Sports* tabbed her as a junior All-America selection. She was rated as high as No. 24 in the country by the All-Star Girls Report (ASGR) and No. 29 by *School Sports*.

LaVere, a 6-3 forward, tallied 13.8 points and eight rebounds per game last season for Buena High School in Ventura, Calif. She also shot 54 percent from the field and 73 percent from the free throw line for BHS, which was ranked in the top 10 nationally throughout the 2000-01 season by *USA Today*. In addition, LaVere was an All-America honoree by both *USA Today* and *Street & Smith's* last year, and she already has been selected as a preseason third-team All-American for the '01-02 campaign by *School Sports*. Like Duffy, LaVere also was a first-team all-state selection last season. She is a consensus top-15 player according to all of the major recruiting services — No. 10 by the Blue Star Index, No. 13 by *School Sports* and No. 15 by ASGR.

The additions of Duffy and LaVere have given Notre Dame one of this year's top 10 recruiting classes, according to at least two major recruiting outlets. The *Women's Basketball Journal*, in conjunction with ASGR, has pegged the Irish Class of 2006 at No. 5 in the nation. Meanwhile, the Blue Star Index ranked the latest group of Irish signees eighth in the nation, marking the sixth consecutive year in which Blue Star has placed Notre Dame's recruiting class among the Top 20 in the country.

KRAUSE FEATURED IN "CONFESSIONS OF A FRESHMAN"

Freshman guard **Jill Krause** is giving fans an inside look at the 2001-02 Irish women's basketball team through regular diary entries on the Notre Dame athletic website, www.und.com. Entitled "Confessions of a Freshman," the Glenview, Ill., native is detailing her journey as a first-year player on the defending

NCAA championship squad. Her diary entries may be accessed either from the front page or the women's basketball page on the Notre Dame website.

HANEY SHINES ON BIG EAST ALL-STAR TEAM

For the second time in as many years, Notre Dame sent a player with the BIG EAST Women's Basketball All-Star Team, as guard/forward **Ericka Haney** joined the squad for its six-game swing of Germany last summer. Haney followed in the footsteps of **Niele Ivey**, who helped lead the BIG EAST All-Stars to a 5-1 record during a junket through Canada in the summer of 2000.

Haney paced the BIG EAST squad, which was led by Syracuse head coach **Marianna Freeman**, to an unbeaten 6-0 record during its tour, scoring a team-high 18 points in a 103-57 win over Ludwigsburg/Malmsheim in the final game of the trip.

Haney finished with a team-high 13.0 points per game and collected 4.5 rebounds per game during her European vacation. She also scored in double figures in five of the All-Stars' six wins.

RILEY RECEIVES NCAA TODAY'S TOP VIII AWARD

Former Notre Dame All-American and Academic All-American **Ruth Riley**, the consensus national player of the year in women's basketball in 2001 and already winner of a NCAA postgraduate scholarship, was named a recipient of the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award on Dec. 13. The Today's Top VIII Award winners are a group of distinguished student-athletes from the 2001 calendar year who were recognized for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership at the 37th annual NCAA Honors Dinner Jan. 13 in Indianapolis.

In addition to their athletics accomplishments, the NCAA Today's Top VIII recipients earned numerous academic honors, volunteered countless hours to community projects and served as role models for their academic institutions and to their peers.

A two-time *Associated Press* first team All-American, Riley was selected as the 2001 BIG EAST Player of the Year and the AP and Naismith Women's College Player of the Year after helping lead Notre Dame to its first national title last spring. Off the court, Riley was selected as the Verizon Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year after being named first team Academic All-American for two consecutive years.

Riley averaged 19 points and eight rebounds a game, leading Notre Dame to a 34-2 record. The former Irish center is the only player in Notre Dame history to score more than 2,000 points and grab more than 1,000 rebounds.

An eight-time Dean's List selection at Notre Dame, Riley graduated in May 2001 with a 3.64 grade-point average in psychology and sociology. She was also selected as the BIG EAST women's basketball scholar-athlete of the year and the BIG EAST women's scholar-athlete of the year for all sports. Riley received the university's highest scholar-athlete honor when she was awarded the Byron V. Kanaley Award at the 2001 Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet.

Last April, she was chosen in the first round of the 2001 WNBA Draft, going fifth overall to the Miami Sol. In her inaugural professional season in south Florida, Riley averaged 6.8 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.44 blocks per game (ninth in the league) while helping Miami, a second-year expansion franchise, qualify for the WNBA playoffs.

REMINDER — SOUTH BEND AREA CODE CHANGE

The area code for north central Indiana, including South Bend, Elkhart and Mishawaka, has changed from 219 to 574, effective Jan. 15. Please be aware that all Notre Dame athletic department phones also have switched over to this new area code. The 219 area code still will be active through June 15, although callers will be reminded of the change to the new 574 area code.



NOTRE DAME AMONG BEST IN ATHLETE GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top NCAA Division I-A institutions in five major graduation rate categories — all student-athletes, football players, male student-athletes, female student-athletes and African-American student-athletes — according to statistics released this fall by the NCAA.

The 2001 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 11th-such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1991 and 1994 at Division I institutions, including 114 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 85 percent of its student-athletes, fourth behind Northwestern (92 percent), Duke (91) and Stanford (88).

Among student-athletes who complete all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, not considering those who leave or transfer, 99 percent earn their degrees. The national average for Division I-A schools is 58 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 90 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank fifth in that category behind leader Northwestern at 98 percent. Among men, Notre Dame's 82 percent rate is fourth behind Duke at 90 percent, Northwestern at 88 percent and Stanford at 85 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 73 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking behind only Duke, Vanderbilt, Stanford, Northwestern and Rice.

Here are the top institutions in some of the major categories:

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Northwestern 92%
- 2. Duke 91%
- 3. Stanford 88%
- 4. **NOTRE DAME 85%**

FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Northwestern 98%
- 2. Stanford 93%
- 3. Duke 92%
- 4. Vanderbilt 91%
- 5. **NOTRE DAME 90%**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Duke 84%
- 2. Vanderbilt 82%
- 3. Stanford 81%
- 4. Northwestern 80%
- 5. Rice 78%
- 6. **NOTRE DAME 73%**



IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Scoring Average

1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	18.6
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	16.6
3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	15.8
4. Heidi Bunek (1985- 89)	14.5
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	14.3
6. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	13.4
7. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	13.1

Three-Point Field Goals Made

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	249
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	231
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	190
4. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	183
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	128

Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	650
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	628
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	469
4. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	367
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	342
6. Lisa Kuhns (1985-86, 87-90)	262
7. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	231
8. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	216
9. Sherisha Hills (1998-99)	114
10. Jeneka Joyce (2000-present)	113

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

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.499
2. Kari Hutchinson (1994-98)	.424
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	.405
4. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	.394
5. Lisa Kuhns (1986, '88-90)	.389
6. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	.383
7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-present)	.381
8. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.377

Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.856
2. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
3. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

Blocked Shots

1. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	370
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	141
3. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	133
4. Amanda Barksdale (1999-pres.)	130
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	124

Blocked Shot Average

1. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	2.82
2. Amanda Barksdale (1999-pres.)	1.73
3. Shari Matvey (1980-83)	1.22
4. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	1.12
Trena Keys (1982-86)	1.12

Boldface indicates current players

NCAA AND BIG EAST STATISTICAL LEADERS

Here's where the Irish players and team stand in the most recent NCAA statistics report (through games of Jan. 13) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report for all games and conference games (through games of Jan. 18):

Team Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring Offense		8th at 66.6	3rd at 69.8
Scoring Defense	22nd at 58.1	5th at 58.1	4th at 59.0
Scoring Margin		4th at +8.5	4th at +10.8
FT Percentage		12th at .642	12th at .675
FG Percentage		5th at .442	2nd at .515
FG Percentage Defense	11th at .349	2nd at .349	4th at .389
3-Point FG Percentage	8th at .408	3rd at .408	1st at .472
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	2nd at .277	9th at .317
Rebounding		2nd at 42.7	5th at 37.5
Rebounding Defense	not kept	5th at 34.5	2nd at 29.5
Rebounding Margin	18th at +8.3	3rd at +8.3	2nd at +8.0
Blocked Shots	not kept	1st at 5.8	4th at 5.25
Assists	not kept	7th at 15.13	2nd at 16.25
Steals	not kept	13th at 7.07	13th at 5.5
Turnover Margin	not kept	14th at (-3.87)	14th at (-6.0)
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	8th at 0.83	5th at 0.93

Individual Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring		Batteast, 5th at 15.0	Ratay, 3rd at 17.3
		Ratay, 8th at 14.0	Batteast, 11th at 13.8
Rebounding		Batteast, 2nd at 8.6	Batteast, 6th at 7.8
FG Percentage		Batteast, 12th at .433	Ratay, 5th at .500
Assists		Severe, 8th at 4.87	Severe, t-9th at 4.0
			Batteast, 15th at 3.5
FT Percentage		Ratay, 2nd at .848	Batteast, t-7th at .800
			Ratay, t-7th at .800
3-Point FG Percentage			Ratay, 1st at .529
3-Point FG Made		Ratay, t-9th at 1.93	Ratay, 5th at 2.25
Blocks		Batteast, 4th at 1.53	Barksdale, 2nd at 2.0
			Batteast, 11th at 1.25
Assist/Turnover Ratio			Batteast, 15th at 1.27
Offensive Rebounds		Batteast, 6th at 2.87	
		Borton, 13th at 2.27	
Defensive Rebounds		Batteast, 1st at 5.73	Batteast, 4th at 5.25
Double-Doubles		Batteast, 2nd at 7	
		Haney, t-20th at 1	

2001-02 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 10-6 (Home: 8-0, Away: 2-5, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 4-1

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	ND Result	W-L	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 18	15/14		VALPARAISO	W 42-35	W1	1-0		Borton-14	two with 9	Severe-4	7,960
Nov. 21	15/15	20/22	at Colorado State	L 66-72	L1	1-1		Ratay-16	Batteast-11	Severe-5	6,749
Nov. 24	15/15		at Arizona	L 70-72	L2	1-2		Ratay-19	Haney-9	Severe-6	3,335
Nov. 26	23/23		ARMY	W 89-57	W1	2-2		Batteast-18	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,323
Dec. 2	23/23	16/17	(1) vs. Michigan	L 63-78	L1	2-3		Ratay-19	Batteast-9	Severe-6	6,482
Dec. 6		7/8	at Purdue	L 57-70	L2	2-4		Ratay-12	Severe-8	Severe-8	8,786
Dec. 9			USC	W 62-49	W1	3-4		Batteast-19	two with 7	Severe-4	7,595
Dec. 12			WESTERN MICHIGAN	W 71-48	W2	4-4		Batteast-20	two with 10	Severe-8	7,310
Dec. 22			MARQUETTE	W 60-33	W3	5-4		Batteast-11	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,132
Dec. 28			at Rice	L 61-72	L1	5-5		Batteast-23	Batteast-10	Severe-5	1,602
Dec. 31			DEPAUL	W 79-50	W1	6-5		Batteast-25	Batteast-14	two with 4	7,154
Jan. 2			at Miami*	W 69-65	W2	7-5	1-0	Ratay-23	Batteast-13	Batteast-6	1,094
Jan. 5			PROVIDENCE*	W 72-66	W3	8-5	2-0	Batteast-26	Batteast-9	Severe-6	7,804
Jan. 9			SETON HALL*	W 79-45	W4	9-5	3-0	Ratay-18	Wicks-10	Severe-7	6,975
Jan. 12			at Villanova*	L 59-60	L1	9-6	3-1	Ratay-22	two with 7	Ratay-4	2,259
Jan. 19			at Providence*	W 69-41	W1	10-6	4-1	Batteast-14	Borton-10	Borton-4	1,750
Jan. 21			(2) at Connecticut*								
Jan. 26			VIRGINIA TECH*								
Jan. 29			SYRACUSE*								
Feb. 2			at Seton Hall*								
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*								
Feb. 10			BOSTON COLLEGE*								
Feb. 13			ST. JOHN'S*								
Feb. 16			at Rutgers*								
Feb. 19			WEST VIRGINIA*								
Feb. 23			at Georgetown*								
Feb. 26			VILLANOVA*								

BIG EAST Championship (Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway, N.J.)

March 2	First Round
March 3	Quarterfinals
March 4	Semifinals
March 5	Championship

NCAA First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)

March 15 & 16	First Round
March 17 & 18	Second Round

NCAA Regionals (East - Raleigh, N.C.; Mideast - Milwaukee, Wis.; Midwest - Ames, Iowa; West - Boise, Idaho)

March 23	Semifinals
March 25	Finals

NCAA Final Four (Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas)

March 29	Semifinals
March 31	Championship

CAPS denotes home game

* BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Women's College Basketball Showcase (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

(2) Game played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

NR - Indicates Notre Dame and opponent national rankings in the Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls at tipoff

NOTRE DAME AT CONNECTICUT

2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

Overall Record: 10-6 (Home: 8-0, Away: 2-5, Neutral: 0-1)

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Jacqueline Batteast	16-16	455-28.4	91-213	.427	20-56	.357	37-50	.740	43	89	132	8.3	40-1	35	42	26	23	239	14.9
Alicia Ratay	16-16	545-34.1	73-160	.456	29-67	.433	41-48	.854	25	60	85	5.3	22-0	34	33	3	15	216	13.5
Le'Tania Severe	16-13	445-27.8	32-79	.405	4-10	.400	46-71	.648	11	48	59	3.7	34-0	76	69	10	27	114	7.1
Teresa Borton	16-6	338-21.1	48-90	.533	0-0	.000	17-36	.472	39	42	81	5.1	32-0	17	17	4	7	113	7.1
Ericka Haney	16-12	318-19.9	38-94	.404	0-0	.000	10-19	.526	28	48	76	4.8	25-0	12	33	7	12	86	5.4
Allison Bustamante	10-0	107-10.7	17-33	.515	9-15	.600	5-10	.500	1	21	22	2.2	12-0	5	7	3	3	48	4.8
Kelsey Wicks	15-0	189-13.3	24-54	.444	13-29	.448	9-13	.692	16	31	47	3.1	24-0	6	15	0	8	70	4.7
Amanda Barksdale	12-10	193-16.1	23-43	.535	0-0	.000	7-13	.538	11	24	35	2.9	27-1	7	12	38	3	53	4.4
Jeneka Joyce	16-7	291-18.2	22-50	.440	13-34	.382	8-17	.471	5	24	29	1.8	11-0	23	22	0	5	65	4.1
Katy Flecky	14-0	173-12.4	17-45	.378	0-0	.000	19-26	.731	14	26	40	2.9	24-0	11	20	6	8	53	3.8
Karen Swanson	7-0	36-5.1	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	3-4	.750	0	3	3	0.4	4-0	3	3	0	0	7	1.0
Jill Krause	7-0	24-3.4	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	1-0	1	4	0	0	2	0.3
Monique Hernandez	11-0	76-6.9	1-12	.083	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	3	2	5	0.5	9-0	7	5	0	5	2	0.2
Team									23	38	61	3.8							
Notre Dame	16	3200	389-884	.440	88-215	.409	202-309	.654	219	459	678	42.4	265-2	237	288	97	116	1068	66.8
Opponents	16	3200	319-935	.341	70-269	.260	205-318	.645	218	343	561	35.1	278-4	200	234	53	148	913	57.1

2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Conference Only

BIG EAST Conference Record: 4-1 (Home: 2-0, Away: 2-1)

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Alicia Ratay	5-5	173-34.6	24-51	.471	9-19	.474	18-22	.818	7	20	27	5.4	8-0	11	12	2	5	75	15.0
Jacqueline Batteast	5-5	138-27.6	22-61	.361	5-16	.313	20-25	.800	10	24	34	6.8	14-1	15	12	8	6	69	13.8
Teresa Borton	5-0	112-22.4	23-29	.793	0-0	.000	9-14	.643	9	13	22	4.4	6-0	6	6	2	1	55	11.0
Allison Bustamante	5-0	67-13.4	11-17	.647	5-8	.625	4-7	.571	0	12	12	2.4	6-0	3	4	2	3	31	6.2
Kelsey Wicks	5-0	70-14.0	10-16	.625	7-11	.636	2-3	.667	2	15	17	3.4	6-0	2	4	0	5	29	5.8
Ericka Haney	5-5	98-19.6	12-24	.500	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	6	12	18	3.6	3-0	4	12	2	2	25	5.0
Le'Tania Severe	5-2	115-23.0	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	14-23	.609	1	12	13	2.6	10-0	19	16	3	6	20	4.0
Amanda Barksdale	5-5	70-14.0	8-12	.667	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	7	10	2.0	10-0	2	3	10	0	17	3.4
Katy Flecky	4-0	53-13.3	4-14	.286	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	3	4	7	1.8	9-0	2	5	2	2	11	2.8
Jeneka Joyce	5-3	82-16.4	3-10	.300	3-8	.375	3-5	.600	1	7	8	1.6	2-0	9	5	0	2	12	2.4
Karen Swanson	2-0	14-7.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	2	1	0	0	2	1.0
Jill Krause	2-0	8-4.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1-0	0	3	0	0	2	1.0
Team									6	12	18	3.6							
Notre Dame	5	1000	121-245	.494	29-62	.468	77-110	.700	48	139	187	37.4	76-1	75	85	31	32	348	69.6
Opponents	5	1000	103-289	.356	21-83	.253	50-86	.581	65	97	162	32.4	99-3	63	65	16	54	277	55.4

2001-02 Single Game Highs & Lows

NOTRE DAME HIGHS

Points (Game)	89 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Points (Half)	47 vs. Army (1st half), 11/26/01
Field Goals Made	33 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Attempts	77 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Percentage (min. 25 attempts)	58.0 (29-50) vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	13* at Miami, 1/2/02
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	28* vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	60.0 (6-10) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Free Throws Made	24 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Free Throw Attempts	34 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	81.8 (9-11) at Villanova, 1/12/02
Rebounds	60 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Personal Fouls	26 at Rice, 12/28/01
Assists	20, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Turnovers	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	13 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Steals	13 vs. USC, 12/9/01

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points (Game)	78, Michigan, 12/2/01
Points (Half)	45, Michigan (1st half), 12/2/01
Field Goals Made	29, Michigan, 12/2/01
Field Goal Attempts	69, Miami, 1/2/02
Field Goal Percentage (min. 25 attempts)	50.0 (29-58), Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	8, twice (MR: Villanova, 1/12/02)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	28, DePaul, 12/31/01
Three-Point Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	70.0 (7-10), Providence, 1/5/02
Free Throws Made	26, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Attempts	40, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	100.0* (20-20), Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	44, Providence, 1/19/02
Personal Fouls	26, Providence, 1/5/02
Assists	23, Michigan, 12/2/01
Turnovers	27, USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	8, Colorado State, 11/21/01
Steals	17, Miami, 1/2/02

* denotes school record

NOTRE DAME LOWS

Points (Game)	42 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Points (Half)	18 vs. Valparaiso (2nd half), 11/18/01
Field Goals Made	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Attempts	43 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage	32.6 (14-43) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	0 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Percentage	00.0 (0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws Made	6, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Free Throw Attempts	10 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throw Percentage	42.9 (6-14) vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Rebounds	28, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 1/5/02)
Personal Fouls	9, twice (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)
Assists	8 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Turnovers	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Blocked Shots	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Steals	3 at Villanova, 1/12/02

OPPONENT LOWS

Points (Game)	33, Marquette, 12/22/01
Points (Half)	12, Western Michigan (1st half), 12/12/01
Field Goals Made	10, Marquette, 12/22/01
Field Goal Attempts	47, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage	18.5 (10-54), Marquette, 12/22/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	1, four times (MR: Providence, 1/19/02)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	7, Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Percentage	5.0 (1-20), Providence, 1/19/02
Free Throws Made	4, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throw Attempts	11, three times (MR: Villanova, 1/12/02)
Free Throw Percentage	33.3 (4-12), Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	20, Villanova, 1/12/02
Personal Fouls	10, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	5, DePaul, 12/31/01
Turnovers	8, Villanova, 1/12/02
Blocked Shots	1, twice (MR: DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	6, three times (MR: Providence, 1/19/02)

2001-02 Miscellaneous Statistics

Starting Combos (F-F-C-G-G) & W-L Marks All Games vs. BIG EAST teams

Batteast, Haney, Borton, Ratay, Severe	2-4	0-0
Batteast, Joyce (G), Barksdale, Ratay, Severe	3-1	0-0
Batteast, Haney, Barksdale, Ratay, Joyce	3-0	3-0
Batteast, Haney, Barksdale, Ratay, Severe	2-1	1-1

Complete Games Played: 1 (Ratay) // Opponents: 3
Most Minutes: 40 (Alicia Ratay vs. Valparaiso, 11/18)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 42 (Batteast 14, Ratay 13, Severe 6, Borton 4, Bustamante 2, Barksdale 1, Haney 1, Joyce 1) // Opponents: 40
20-29-Point Games: 7 (Batteast 4, Ratay 2, Borton 1) // Opponents: 4
Game-High Scoring Honors*: 12 (Batteast 7, Ratay 4, Borton 1)
Team-High Scoring Honors*: 16 (Batteast 8, Ratay 7, Borton 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 10 (Batteast 7, Borton 1, Haney 1, Wicks 1) // Opponents: 4
Game-High Rebounding Honors*: 15 (Batteast 7, Haney 3, Borton 2, Ratay 2, Wicks 1)
Team-High Rebounding Honors*: 21 (Batteast 11, Haney 3, Borton 2, Ratay 2, Severe 2, Wicks 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0
Game-High Assist Honors*: 13 (Severe 11, Borton 1, Ratay 1)
Team-High Assist Honors*: 16 (Severe 12, Ratay 2, Batteast 1, Borton 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 9 (Batteast 7 - CSU, ARMY, WMU, MARQ, RICE, DEP, MIA; Borton 1 - PC (2); Haney 1 - WMU) // Opponents: 3
Points/Assists: 0 // Opponents: 0

Largest Lead

ND: 35, twice — 71-36 (4:34, 2nd) and 73-38 (3:31, 2nd) vs. Seton Hall (ND 79-45), 1/9
Opp: 20, twice — 68-48 (1:56, 2nd) and 70-50 (1:27, 2nd) at Purdue (PUR 70-57), 12/6

Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 8, twice — 10-2 (15:57, 1st) & 12-4 (14:00, 1st) at Providence (ND 69-41), 1/19

Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 1 (36-35) at Miami (ND 69-65), 1/2

Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 11, twice — 38-27 (17:18, 2nd) and 42-31 (14:56, 2nd) at Villanova (VU 60-59), 1/12

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 6 (31-25) at Villanova (VU 60-59), 1/12

* totals may not equal games played due to ties

NOTRE DAME AT CONNECTICUT

The Last Time It Happened ...

Notre Dame recorded a

30-point win was on 1/9/02 — ND 79, Seton Hall 45 (34 points)*
40-point win was on 3/17/01 — ND 98, Alcorn State 49 (49 points)* (*NCAA Tournament First Round*)
50-point win was on 3/4/01 — ND 89, Georgetown 33 (56 points) (*BIG EAST Tournament Quarterfinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
30-point loss was on 1/7/94 — Tennessee 105, ND 70 (35 points)*

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 2/27/01 — 63.5% (33-52) at Pittsburgh (ND 82-63)
65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
90% on FTs was on 1/9/97 — 91.7% (11-12) vs. West Virginia (ND 103-58)*

Notre Dame

won 10 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (*across two seasons*)
 • lost 5 games in a row (*one season*) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight
scored 100 points was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90)*
 • scored 100 points on the road never
 • scored 100 points at a neutral site was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (*Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.*)
 • scored 100 points & lost never
allowed 100 points was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)*
scored less than 50 points was on 11/18/01 (ND 42, Valparaiso 35)*
allowed less than 50 points was on 1/19/02 (ND 69, Providence 41)
played an overtime game was on 3/6/00 (Rutgers 81, ND 72) (*BIG EAST Tournament Semifinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 • played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
won on a "last second" shot was on 1/14/95 (ND 67, Detroit 65 — Letitia Bowen putback at 0:01)
lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
had six double-figure scorers was on 1/23/99 (ND 99, St. John's 60) — Danielle Green 20, Sheila McMillen 20, Ericka Haney 16, Sherisha Hills 13, Ruth Riley 13, Niele Ivey 12*
had seven double-figure scorers was on 2/6/97 (ND 90, Syracuse 73) — Rosanne Bohman 16, Mollie Peirick 15, Katryna Gaither 14, Kari Hutchinson 11, Sheila McMillen 11, Beth Morgan 11, Jeannine Augustin 10
had two double-figure rebounders was on 12/12/01 (ND 71, Western Michigan 48) — Jacqueline Batteast 10, Ericka Haney 10*
had two 20-point scorers was on 1/5/02 (ND 72, Providence 66) — Jacqueline Batteast 26, Teresa Borton 20*
had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*
made 10 three-point field goals was on 1/2/02 (ND 69, Miami 65) — 13-24 (54.2%) on threes (**tied school record**)
committed less than 10 turnovers was on 2/2/01 (ND 81, Boston College 65) — 9 turnovers*
committed 25 turnovers was on 12/9/01 (ND 62, USC 49) — 26 turnovers*
forced 25 turnovers was on 12/9/01 (ND 62, USC 49) — 27 turnovers*

An Irish player had

25 points was on 1/5/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (26) vs. Providence (ND 72-66)*
30 points was on 3/26/01 — Ruth Riley (32) vs. Vanderbilt (ND 72-64) (*NCAA Midwest Regional Final at Denver, Colo.*)
35 points was on 2/22/00 — Ruth Riley (36) vs. Miami (ND 83-68)*
40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)
15 rebounds was on 2/17/01 — Kelley Siemon (15) at Rutgers (RU 54-53)
20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DU 80-77)
10 assists was on 1/15/01 — Niele Ivey (10) vs. Connecticut (ND 92-76)*
5 blocks was on 1/5/02 — Amanda Barksdale (5) vs. Providence (ND 72-66)*
5 steals was on 12/9/01 — Jacqueline Batteast & Le'Tania Severe (5) vs. USC (ND 62-49)*
a "double-double" was on 1/19/02 — Teresa Borton (11 pts., 10 reb.) at Providence (ND 69-41)
a "triple-double" was on 2/15/90 — Sara Liebscher (17 pts., 12 reb., 10 asst.) vs. Detroit (ND 99-58)*
20 pts & 10 rebs was on 12/31/01 — Jacqueline Batteast (25 pts., 14 reb.) vs. DePaul (ND 79-50)*
20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25 pts., 20 reb.) at DePaul (DU 80-77)

An opposing player had

25 points was on 11/24/01 — Elizabeth Pickney (27), Arizona (UA 72-70)
30 points was on 1/28/98 — Jen Beisel (30), Villanova (VU 70-54)*
35 points was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)
10 rebounds was on 1/19/02 — Dani Trippany (10), Providence (ND 69-41)
15 rebounds was on 3/30/01 — Kelly Schumacher (17), Connecticut (ND 90-75) (*NCAA National Semifinal at St. Louis, Mo.*)
20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)
10 assists was on 2/17/01 — Tasha Pointer (10), Rutgers (RU 54-53)
5 blocks was on 2/7/01 — Bettina Love (6), Pittsburgh (ND 72-58)*
5 steals was on 1/9/02 — Cecilia Lindqvist (5), Seton Hall (ND 79-45)
a "double-double" was on 12/28/01 — Johnetta Hayes (18 pts., 12 reb.), Rice (RU 72-61)
a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DU 83-62)
20 pts & 10 rebs was on 12/6/01 — Mary Jo Noon (21 pts., 13 reb.), Purdue (PU 70-57)

* denotes Notre Dame home game

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31 Amanda Barksdale Center, Junior, 6-3, Friendswood, TX (Clear Brook)

Has played in 12 games (10 starts) this season, averaging 16.1 minutes per game ... charting 4.4 points, 2.9 rebounds and 3.2 blocks per game ... missed first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg ... leads BIG EAST Conference in blocks for all games and ranks second in BIG EAST with 2.0 bpg. in league games ... has notched at least four blocks in six games ... nearly posted triple-double against Marquette, finishing with 10 points (tying her career high), eight rebounds and a career-high eight blocks (tying the school record) ... made first career start against USC, playing a career-high 26 minutes and tallying seven blocks (five in first half) ... also recorded 100th career block against USC, becoming fifth player in school history to reach century mark ... outings against Marquette and USC stand first and second among single-game performances in BIG EAST this season ... Marquette outing also ties for fifth-best in nation in 2001-02 ... went 4-4 from the field and scored nine points at Villanova ... ranks second in school history with 1.73 blocks per game and fourth with 130 career blocks (needs three to catch Shari Matvey for third place).

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	10 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	10, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Field Goals	5 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Free Throws	2, twice (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	4, twice (MR: vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01)
Rebounds	8 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	11 vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01
Assists	2, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)	2, four times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	1, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	2, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 2/12/00)
Blocks	8* vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Minutes	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

* denotes school record

21 Jacqueline Batteast Forward, Freshman, 6-1, South Bend, IN (Washington)

Preseason BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Year ... Four-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10, 17 & Jan. 7) ... has started all 16 games for the Irish as a true freshman, averaging 28.4 minutes per game ... leads team in scoring (14.9 ppg.) and rebounding (8.3 rpg.) — only BIG EAST freshman to do so — and ranks second on team with 1.63 blocks per game ... ranks fifth in BIG EAST in scoring, second in rebounding, fourth in blocked shots, and second in double-doubles (7) — one of only two BIG EAST players to appear in top five in all four categories ... has scored in double figures in 14 games ... earned game-high scoring and game-high rebounding honors seven times each ... paired with Teresa Borton as the first rookie tandem to start a season opener in 20 years ... picked up her first career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds at Colorado State ... notched double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds against Army ... carded double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... despite missing most of first half with foul trouble, still logged her fourth double-double of year with 11 points and 12 rebounds against Marquette ... registered fifth double-double with 23 points (10-16 FG) and 10 rebounds at Rice ... recorded sixth double-double with 25 points and career-high 14 rebounds vs. DePaul ... compiled seventh double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds in BIG EAST opener at Miami ... scored career-high 26 points and bagged nine rebounds vs. Providence ... notched 14 points and three blocks at both Villanova and Providence.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	26 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Field Goals	10, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	11 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Rebounds	14 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Assists	6 at Miami, 1/2/02
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocks	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Minutes	39 at Miami, 1/2/02

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

Has played in all 16 games for the Irish, starting six as a true freshman and averaging 21.1 minutes per outing ... carding 7.1 points and 5.1 rebounds per game, ranking third on team in both categories ... averaging 11.0 ppg. and shooting .793 vs. league opposition — would rank first in BIG EAST in latter category, but has not made enough field goals to qualify ... joined Jacqueline Batteast as the first freshman duo to start a season opener for Notre Dame in 20 years ... nearly posted a double-double in her first college game, finishing with game highs of 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso ... almost had double-double at Colorado State, tallying nine points and eight rebounds .. matched season high with nine rebounds vs. Army ... hauled in seven rebounds against Western Michigan ... came off bench to score eight points against DePaul ... added seven points and four rebounds at Miami ... made first seven shots from field and finished with career-high 20 points (9-11 FG) against Providence ... tied BIG EAST rookie record by going 7-of-7 from the field (15 points) vs. Seton Hall ... collected first career double-double with 11 points and career-high 10 rebounds, along with career-best four assists at Providence ... averaging 10.5 ppg. and shooting 77.1 percent (27-35) from floor in last six games, a streak which began on her 19th birthday (Dec. 31) against DePaul.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	20 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Field Goals	9 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Free Throws	4 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	10 at Providence, 1/19/02
Assists	4 at Providence, 1/19/02
Steals	1, six times (MR: vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02)
Blocks	1, four times (MR: vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02)
Minutes	34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

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44 Allison Bustamante Guard, Freshman, 6-0, Miami, FL (Our Lady of Lourdes)

Has appeared in 10 games, averaging 9.7 minutes per outing ... notching 4.8 points and 2.2 rebounds per game ... owns top three-point percentage (.600) on team ... tallied six points and four rebounds in 14 minutes against Army ... also drilled first career three-point field goal against Army ... missed next four games (Dec. 2-12) after suffering high right ankle sprain in practice Nov. 28 ... made impressive comeback from injury with six points (2-of-3 from three-point line) and four rebounds against Marquette ... had successful outing in return to her hometown of Miami, scoring eight points and hitting two clutch three-pointers against the Hurricanes ... notched 11 points vs. Seton Hall ... set new career highs with 12 points, five rebounds and 31 minutes played at Providence ... shooting .647 from field (.625 from three-point line) and averaging 6.2 ppg. in league games.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	12 at Providence, 1/19/02
Field Goals	4, twice (MR: at Providence, 1/19/02)
3-pt Field Goals	2, three times (MR: vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02)
Free Throws	3 at Providence, 1/19/02
Rebounds	5 at Providence, 1/19/02
Assists	2 at Miami, 1/2/02
Steals	2 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Blocks	2 at Providence, 1/19/02
Minutes	31 at Providence, 1/19/02

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

Has appeared in 14 games for Notre Dame, averaging 12.4 minutes per game ... tallying 3.8 points and 2.9 rebounds per game ... had solid return to home state with six points and eight rebounds at Colorado State ... carded career-high nine points and six rebounds in season-best 28 minutes at Arizona ... chalked up seven points (3-5 FG) and six rebounds in win over Marquette ... matched career best with nine points and led team with career-high four assists vs. DePaul ... scored seven points against Seton Hall.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Field Goals	3, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Free Throws	5 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	8 at Colorado State, 11/21/01
Assists	4 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Steals	2, twice (MR: at Providence, 1/19/02)
Blocks	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Minutes	28 at Arizona, 11/24/01

3 Ericka Haney Guard/Forward, Senior, 6-0, Toledo, OH (Central Catholic)

Preseason second-team all-BIG EAST pick ... has appeared in all 16 games this season, starting 12 times and averaging 19.9 minutes per game ... logging 5.4 points and 4.8 rebounds per contest ... only captain for Notre Dame in 2001-02, just the second solo captain for the Irish in the Muffet McGraw era ... charted six points and five rebounds in season-opening win over Valparaiso ... corralled game-high nine rebounds at Arizona ... had seven points and six rebounds against Army ... rang up season-high eight points at Purdue ... came off bench to card six points, six rebounds and season-high two blocks against USC ... picked up first double-double of season (and sixth of career) with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... collected seven rebounds (four offensive) and season-high three assists at Rice ... returned to starting lineup against DePaul and grabbed six rebounds ... added eight points (4-5 FG) and six boards against Seton Hall ... compiled nine points and seven rebounds at Villanova ... shooting .500 (12-24) in five league games this season.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	12 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	21 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Field Goals	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	10 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Free Throws	3 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	7 vs. Connecticut, 3/30/01
Rebounds	10 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	14 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Assists	3 at Rice, 12/28/01	5 vs. Georgia, 11/24/00
Steals	2, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	4 vs. St. John's, 1/23/99
Blocks	2 vs. USC, 12/9/01	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/22/00)
Minutes	33, twice (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)	39 vs. Rutgers, 2/17/01

5 Jeneka Joyce Guard, Sophomore, 5-9, Topeka, KS (Washburn Rural)

Has played in all 16 games (seven starts) for Notre Dame, averaging 18.2 minutes per outing ... logging 4.1 points and 1.8 rebounds per game ... has made 13 three-point field goals, one of four Irish players with at least 10 treys this season ... tallied seven points and three assists in win over Army ... poured in season-high 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting (including three three-point field goals) against Michigan ... tossed down nine points and three more treys at Purdue ... made first career start against USC, hitting all three of her shots and finishing with seven points in a career-high 33 minutes ... grabbed career-high four rebounds vs. Marquette ... notched nine points and added season highs of four rebounds and four assists in BIG EAST opener at Miami.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	14 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Field Goals	4 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3, twice (MR: at Purdue, 12/6/01)	4 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Free Throws	3 at Miami, 1/2/02	3, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Rebounds	4, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)	Same
Assists	4 at Miami, 1/2/02	5 vs. Georgetown, 3/4/01
Steals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, three times
Blocks	None	1, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
Minutes	33 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

10 Jill Krause Guard, Freshman, 5-8, Glenview, IL (Regina Dominican)

Has played in seven games for the Irish this season, averaging 0.3 points and 0.4 rebounds per game ... made first collegiate appearance against Army, grabbing two rebounds ... dished out first career assist vs. DePaul .. scored first career points on first career basket against Seton Hall.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	2 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Field Goals	1 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
3-pt Field Goals	None
Free Throws	None
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Assists	1 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	6 vs. Army, 11/26/01

22 Alicia Ratay
Guard, Junior, 6-0, Lake Zurich, IL (Lake Zurich)

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST selection ... has started all 16 games for Notre Dame, averaging a team-high 34.1 minutes per game ... leads team with .433 three-point percentage, and second in scoring (13.5 ppg.) and rebounds (5.3 rpg.), and third in assists (2.1 apg.) ... also has made a team-high 29 three-point field goals ... ranks eighth in BIG EAST in scoring and is tied for ninth in three-point field goals made (1.81 per game) — would rank second in conference and 22nd nationally in three-point percentage, but has not made enough three-point field goals to qualify ... sparkled in BIG EAST play, ranking third in scoring (15.0 ppg.), first in three-point percentage (.474) and fifth in three-point field goals made (1.8 per game) ... has scored in double figures in 13 games this season and 43 of her last 52 games ... also has reached double digits in scoring 63 times in her 84-game college career ... nearly came up with a double-double in the season opener against Valparaiso, finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds while playing all 40 minutes ... rang up a game-high 16 points (6-7 FT) at Colorado State ... connected for team-best 19 points (3-5 from three-point range) and added seven rebounds at Arizona ... canned 4-of-6 three-point attempts and scored 12 points in victory over Army ... matched season-high with 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds against Michigan ... became 19th Notre Dame player to score 1,000 career points with her 12-point night at Purdue (now ranks 15th on ND career list with 1,123 points)... posted 16 points and tied for team lead with season-high four assists against DePaul ... erupted for season-best 23 points and tied career high with seven three-point field goals (on nine attempts) at Miami — seven treys also equals most by BIG EAST player this season ... registered 22 points and tied her career high by making all seven free throw attempts at Villanova.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	23 at Miami, 1/2/02	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	8, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	7 at Miami, 1/2/02	7, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Free Throws	7 at Villanova, 1/12/02	7, three times (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)
Rebounds	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	12 vs. St. John's, 2/12/00
Assists	4, three times (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	3 at Miami, 1/2/02	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1, twice (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)	2, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/3/01)
Minutes	40 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	44 at Rutgers, 2/19/00

4 Le'Tania Severe
Guard, Sophomore, 5-8, Pembroke Pines, FL (Ft. Lauderdale)

Has appeared in all 16 games (13 starts) at point guard, playing 27.8 minutes per night ... ranks third on team with 7.1 points per game and leads squad with 4.8 assists per outing, ranking eighth in BIG EAST in latter category ... has scored in double figures six times, the first double-digit outings of her career ... handed out five-or-more assists in eight games ... made first career start in season opener vs. Valparaiso, tallying seven points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocks ... cracked double figures for first time with 15 points on 6-of-12 shooting (including trio of three-point field goals) at Colorado State ... added 12 points (8-10 FT) and six assists at Arizona ... chipped in with 13 points vs. Army ... dished out six assists against Michigan ... broke personal records with eight rebounds, eight assists and 37 minutes played at Purdue ... notched new career highs with 17 points and five steals against USC ... matched career best with eight assists against Western Michigan ... scored 10 points (6-6 FT) at Rice ... came off bench for first time this season against Providence, responding with five points and six assists ... added seven assists in reserve role vs. Seton Hall ... scored 13 points as substitute at Providence ... has come off the bench in three of last four games for Irish, averaging 6.7 ppg. and 5.3 apg. with a 2.29 assist/turnover ratio (16:7) as a reserve.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	17 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same
Field Goals	6, twice (MR: vs. USC, 12/9/01)	Same
3-pt Field Goals	3 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	Same
Free Throws	8 at Arizona, 11/24/01	Same
Rebounds	8 at Purdue, 12/6/01	Same
Assists	8, twice (MR: vs. W. Michigan, 12/12/01)	Same
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same
Blocks	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)	Same
Minutes	37 at Purdue, 12/6/01	Same

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

Has played in seven games this season, averaging 1.0 ppg. and 0.4 rpg. ... made first appearance of year against Army, matching her career high with five points in seven minutes ... played six minutes against DePaul ... logged two points and career-high two assists in season-high nine minutes against Seton Hall.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	5 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Field Goals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
3-pt Field Goals	None	1, three times (MR: at West Va., 1/24/01)
Free Throws	2 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/20/01)
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00
Assists	2 vs Seton Hall, 1/9/02	Same
Steals	None	2, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 2/1/01)
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	9 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02	11 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00

24 Kelsey Wicks
Guard, Freshman, 6-2, Gillette, WY (Campbell County)

Has played in 15 games for the Irish this season, averaging 13.3 minutes per contest ... tallying 4.7 points and 3.1 rebounds per game while shooting 44.8 percent from three-point range ... carded season-high nine points and sank first career three-point field goal at Arizona ... notched seven points in victory over Army ... grabbed six rebounds against Western Michigan ... tallied eight points, including two three-point field goals, and pulled down four rebounds against DePaul ... matched career high with nine points against Providence ... charted eight points and career-best 10 rebounds in career-high 27 minutes vs. Seton Hall ... made career-high three three-point field goals and tied career standard with nine points at Providence ... since starting season 2-of-9 from three-point arc, she has made 11 of her last 20 three-point attempts (55 percent).

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9, three times (MR: at Providence, 1/19/02)
Field Goals	3, four times (MR: at Providence, 1/19/02)
3-pt Field Goals	3 at Providence, 1/19/02
Free Throws	4 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	10 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Assists	1, five times (MR: at Providence, 1/19/02)
Steals	2 at Providence, 1/19/02
Blocks	None
Minutes	27 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02

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**Notre Dame 42, Valparaiso 35
Nov. 18, 2001
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)**

Valparaiso (35)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Schober	38	3-6	1-3	3-6	9	1	2	10
Nieuwveen	25	2-6	0-0	0-2	6	1	5	4
Knoester	25	2-4	2-3	0-0	0	1	4	6
Hammel	19	1-7	1-6	0-0	1	2	3	3
Gray	40	2-13	0-1	0-2	9	1	3	4
Boone	30	2-5	1-4	1-2	9	3	2	6
McIntosh	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Springer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Frede	18	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Team					1			
Totals	200	13-47	5-18	4-12	35	9	22	35

Notre Dame (42)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	33	2-6	0-0	2-5	5	1	3	6
Batteast	32	1-8	0-1	0-0	5	1	2	2
Borton	34	5-9	0-0	4-7	9	0	3	14
Severe	34	2-6	0-1	3-7	6	4	1	7
Ratay	40	3-10	0-0	5-5	9	1	0	11
Joyce	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	0
Hernandez	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wicks	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	2
Flecky	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	14-43	0-2	14-25	41	8	9	42

Valparaiso 20 15 -- 35
Notre Dame 24 18 -- 42

FG Pct: Notre Dame 32.6, Valparaiso 27.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 00.0, Valparaiso 27.8. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 56.0, Valparaiso 33.3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 19, Valparaiso 19. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3 (Severe 2), Valparaiso 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 9, Valparaiso 9 (Gray 4). **Attendance:** 7,960.

**Arizona 72, Notre Dame 70
Nov. 24, 2001
McKale Center (Tucson, Ariz.)**

Notre Dame (70)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	21	1-5	0-0	1-2	9	1	3	3
Batteast	25	5-13	2-5	0-0	4	1	4	12
Borton	30	1-4	0-0	1-3	4	3	4	3
Severe	31	2-4	0-0	8-10	2	6	2	12
Ratay	38	8-13	3-5	0-0	7	3	1	19
Joyce	9	1-4	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	3
Hernandez	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wicks	15	2-3	1-1	4-4	2	1	1	9
Flecky	28	2-4	0-0	5-5	6	0	2	9
Team					5			
Totals	200	22-51	7-13	19-24	41	15	18	70

Arizona (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Warren	34	3-6	0-0	0-0	7	2	2	6
Pickney	35	8-13	0-0	11-11	8	1	1	27
Taylor	21	0-4	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	2
Grzyb	14	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	2
Brase	33	3-11	3-7	0-0	2	5	4	9
Allen	28	3-11	2-5	0-0	4	3	4	8
Wheeler	33	4-14	3-10	7-7	4	2	3	18
Roberson	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					3			
Totals	200	22-65	8-26	20-20	30	16	21	72

Notre Dame 35 35 -- 70
Arizona 35 37 -- 72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.1, Arizona 33.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 53.8, Arizona 30.8. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 79.2, Arizona 100.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 21, Arizona 12. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Arizona 3 (Pickney 2). **Steals:** Notre Dame 4 (Severe 2), Arizona 9 (Wheeler 4). **Technical Fouls:** Notre Dame bench. **Attendance:** 3,335.

**Michigan 78, Notre Dame 63
Dec. 2, 2001
Women's College Basketball Showcase
Van Andel Arena (Grand Rapids, Mich.)**

Notre Dame (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	22	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	4
Batteast	32	5-17	3-8	4-4	9	1	1	17
Borton	20	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	2
Severe	30	2-6	0-1	1-2	1	6	3	5
Ratay	37	6-11	2-7	5-5	7	2	2	19
Joyce	23	4-8	3-7	0-0	2	1	0	11
Hernandez	15	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0
Wicks	12	1-4	0-1	0-2	2	1	1	2
Barksdale	9	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	3	3
Team					2			
Totals	200	22-59	8-25	11-15	28	13	19	63

Michigan (78)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Pool	33	6-12	0-2	1-1	1	1	1	13
Smith	33	6-9	0-0	0-0	6	3	2	12
Bies	22	4-9	0-0	10-11	12	4	4	18
Jara	18	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	2
Ingram	39	8-15	3-5	3-5	2	3	2	22
Hauser-Price	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Oesterle	10	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	2	1
Gandy	27	1-5	0-0	2-3	9	4	1	4
Mason	16	3-5	0-0	0-0	3	1	3	6
McPhilly	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	29-58	3-7	17-22	40	23	15	78

Notre Dame 27 36 -- 63
Michigan 45 33 -- 78

FG Pct: Notre Dame 37.3, Michigan 50.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 32.0, Michigan 42.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 73.3, Michigan 77.3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 11, Michigan 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Michigan 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 6, Michigan 6 (Ingram 4). **Attendance:** 6,482.

**Colorado State 72, Notre Dame 66
Nov. 21, 2001
Moby Arena (Fort Collins, Colo.)**

Notre Dame (66)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	24	2-8	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	4
Batteast	22	5-10	2-3	1-2	11	1	4	13
Borton	24	4-12	0-0	1-2	8	1	3	9
Severe	36	6-12	3-5	0-3	2	5	4	15
Ratay	39	4-15	2-9	6-7	4	3	1	16
Joyce	11	0-0	0-0	2-3	1	2	1	2
Hernandez	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Wicks	17	0-4	0-2	1-2	4	0	2	1
Flecky	16	2-4	0-0	2-2	8	1	2	6
Bustamante	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					6			
Totals	200	23-65	7-19	13-21	46	13	21	66

Colorado State (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Augsburger	29	4-13	0-5	2-3	6	2	3	10
English	35	4-12	4-8	1-3	3	6	1	13
Gorton	35	6-11	0-0	2-3	7	2	3	14
Borton	23	2-5	2-4	2-2	5	0	0	8
Narkiewicz	29	4-6	0-1	4-6	7	1	3	12
Ferrucho	11	2-3	0-0	2-3	1	1	2	6
Campbell	20	2-5	1-2	0-1	1	0	0	5
Jenkins	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0
Strecker	14	2-4	0-1	0-0	6	0	3	4
Team					3			
Totals	200	26-59	7-21	13-21	39	12	18	72

Notre Dame 33 33 -- 66
Colorado State 39 33 -- 72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 35.4, Colorado State 44.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.8, Colorado State 33.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 61.9, Colorado State 61.9. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Colorado State 11. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 1, Colorado State 8 (Augsburger 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 4, Colorado State 4. **Attendance:** 6,749.

**Notre Dame 89, Army 57
Nov. 26, 2001
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)**

Army (57)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
McKinnon	21	2-4	0-0	5-7	1	2	2	9
Macfarlane	31	6-14	0-0	1-1	8	1	4	13
McPhatter	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Canelli	32	3-12	2-4	2-2	3	1	1	10
Saal	25	3-9	1-4	1-1	2	1	2	8
Gassman	10	1-7	0-2	0-1	1	0	0	2
Edwards	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	1
Brent	11	2-2	0-0	3-3	3	1	0	7
Soeung	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Holden	10	1-4	0-0	1-4	1	0	1	3
Arnold	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Helu	35	1-6	0-1	0-0	5	4	1	2
Buchholz	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Pagano	5	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	2
Team					6			
Totals	200	20-60	3-11	14-21	31	14	14	57

Notre Dame (89)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	15	3-7	0-0	1-1	6	0	2	7
Batteast	28	7-18	2-8	2-4	12	2	2	18
Borton	21	3-6	0-0	1-2	9	2	2	7
Severe	26	4-7	1-2	4-4	4	4	3	13
Ratay	23	4-7	4-6	0-0	4	2	1	12
Joyce	14	3-6	1-4	0-0	2	3	1	7
Krause	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Swanson	7	2-4	0-2	1-1	2	1	2	5
Hernandez	17	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	2
Wicks	10	2-7	1-4					

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Notre Dame 62, USC 49 Dec. 9, 2001 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

USC (49)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Krause	24	0-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	4	0
Hoffman	28	3-8	1-3	3-6	6	1	4	10
Elmore	32	5-11	0-0	1-1	7	3	3	11
Hollans	28	5-13	0-3	0-0	8	2	1	10
Alexander	13	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	0
Cheeks	29	2-7	0-2	2-2	1	3	2	6
Smith-Hams	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Woodward	28	3-10	0-3	2-3	6	1	3	8
Mitchell	11	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2
Gipson	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Team					5			
Totals	200	20-61	1-12	8-12	39	14	20	49

Notre Dame (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	7-14	0-0	5-7	7	2	1	19
Barksdale	26	1-4	0-0	1-2	4	0	2	3
Severe	32	6-12	0-0	5-8	7	4	1	17
Joyce	33	3-3	0-0	1-2	2	0	1	7
Ratay	39	2-10	1-4	5-5	6	1	3	10
Haney	12	3-5	0-0	0-0	6	1	0	6
Krause	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borton	13	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	0
Hernandez	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Flecky	6	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	22-54	1-4	17-25	41	9	10	62

USC	22	27	--	49
Notre Dame	33	29	--	62

FG Pct: Notre Dame 40.7, USC 32.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 25.0, USC 8.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 68.0, USC 66.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 26, USC 27. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 10 (Barksdale 7), USC 4 (Mitchell 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 13 (Batteast, Severe 5), USC 13 (Hoffman, Elmore 3). **Attendance:** 7,595.

Notre Dame 71, Western Michigan 48 Dec. 12, 2001 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Western Michigan (48)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Deurloo	28	2-8	0-0	1-2	5	2	0	5
Koetsier	33	2-12	0-1	2-3	5	2	1	6
Jilian	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Gallert, Bri.	36	2-5	2-4	1-2	1	2	1	7
Rost	29	3-17	2-13	2-2	1	1	2	10
Koerber	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Harris	19	5-12	2-5	0-0	3	0	1	12
Gallert, Bro.	14	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	1	1	3
Samuelson	10	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Hillstrom	1	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Crisman	16	1-1	0-0	1-2	4	0	1	3
Team					5			
Totals	200	17-62	7-25	7-11	29	10	10	48

Notre Dame (71)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	29	9-17	2-4	0-0	10	3	1	20
Barksdale	16	2-4	0-0	2-2	4	0	1	6
Severe	26	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	8	1	4
Joyce	22	2-4	1-2	1-3	3	2	0	6
Ratay	24	4-7	2-2	0-0	6	3	1	10
Haney	25	6-12	0-0	0-0	10	0	2	12
Krause	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Borton	12	2-4	0-0	0-2	7	0	1	4
Hernandez	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
Wicks	21	2-6	1-2	0-0	6	1	4	5
Flecky	11	0-3	0-0	4-4	2	0	1	4
Team					5			
Totals	200	29-63	6-10	7-11	56	19	13	71

W. Michigan	12	36	--	48
Notre Dame	32	39	--	71

FG Pct: Notre Dame 46.0, Western Michigan 27.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 60.0, Western Michigan 28.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 63.6, Western Michigan 63.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 20, Western Michigan 12. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 7 (Barksdale 4), Western Michigan 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 8 (Batteast 3), Western Michigan 7 (Gallert, Bri. 3). **Attendance:** 7,310.

Notre Dame 60, Marquette 33 Dec. 22, 2001 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Marquette (33)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Klug	23	0-8	0-0	0-2	6	0	1	0
Weaver	15	0-2	0-0	2-4	2	2	2	2
Seffern	20	1-2	0-0	3-4	4	0	1	5
Johnson	22	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0
Alsdurf	27	1-14	1-4	0-0	6	0	1	3
Gales	14	1-7	0-2	1-2	0	1	1	3
O'Grady	14	1-5	0-2	3-4	2	1	0	5
Juedes	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Stieber	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Schwerman	19	3-5	1-2	1-2	0	1	1	8
Bogott	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2
Zawodny	14	1-5	0-0	1-2	2	0	3	3
Team					6			
Totals	200	10-54	2-12	11-20	33	6	13	33

Notre Dame (60)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	16	5-12	0-2	1-2	12	1	2	11
Barksdale	20	5-7	0-0	0-0	8	2	1	10
Severe	29	2-5	0-1	0-0	4	4	0	4
Joyce	21	1-4	1-4	0-0	4	2	0	3
Ratay	27	1-5	0-1	0-0	3	1	0	2
Haney	15	2-3	0-0	3-4	2	2	1	7
Krause	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	4	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borton	13	2-4	0-0	1-4	6	3	2	5
Hernandez	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Wicks	18	2-3	1-2	0-0	3	0	0	5
Flecky	13	3-5	0-0	1-4	6	1	2	7
Bustamante	11	2-5	2-3	0-0	4	0	1	6
Team					2			
Totals	200	25-57	4-14	6-14	54	16	10	60

Marquette	13	20	--	33
Notre Dame	37	23	--	60

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.9, Marquette 18.5. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 28.6, Marquette 16.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 42.9, Marquette 55.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Marquette 20. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 13 (Barksdale 8), Marquette 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11, Marquette 13 (Gales 3). **Attendance:** 7,132.

Rice 72, Notre Dame 61 Dec. 28, 2001 Atriy Court (Houston, Texas)

Notre Dame (61)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	35	10-16	2-4	1-2	10	3	4	23
Barksdale	25	2-6	0-0	2-4	5	1	3	6
Severe	29	2-7	0-0	6-6	6	5	4	10
Joyce	22	1-2	0-1	0-2	2	0	3	2
Ratay	39	6-12	2-5	0-0	5	1	1	14
Haney	25	1-6	0-0	0-2	7	3	2	2
Borton	15	2-5	0-0	0-1	3	1	2	4
Hernandez	4	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	2	0
Wicks	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Flecky	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Bustamante	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	24-56	4-11	9-19	40	14	26	61

Rice (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
James	20	2-11	1-3	2-2	1	1	1	7
Hayes	28	8-13	0-0	2-3	12	1	4	18
McIntosh	36	2-4	0-0	6-13	8	3	0	10
Lawson	31	0-3	0-1	5-8	3	3	4	5
Liggett	23	2-8	0-2	4-4	2	2	1	8
Rigg	18	1-4	1-2	3-6	4	1	0	6
Maynard	19	2-9	2-4	4-4	3	2	1	10
Brown	9	2-3	2-2	0-0	1	1	1	6
Inman	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	2
Team					6			
Totals	200	20-57	6-14	26-40	42	15	13	72

Notre Dame	26	35	--	61
Rice	35	37	--	72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.9, Rice 35.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.4, Rice 42.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 47.4, Rice 65.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 20, Rice 12. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9 (Barksdale 4), Rice 6 (Hayes 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 7, Rice 10. **Attendance:** 1,602.

Notre Dame 79, DePaul 50 Dec. 31, 2001 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

DePaul (50)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Kustok	26	0-3	0-2	2-2	4	1	4	2
Williams	31	6-27	3-16	2-4	5	2	2	17
Smith, J.	38	0-5	0-0	0-0	9	1	1	0
Sobieszczyk	32	2-5	2-4	0-0	6	0	2	6
Lewis	23	0-2	0-0	1-3	4	0	4	1
Forsberg	16	1-5	1-5	2-2	0	0	1	5
Towers	9	1-2	0-0	2-4	4	0	2	4
Dant	25	4-10	0-1	7-9	3	1	3	15
Smith, K.	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	14-59	6-28	16-24	39	5	20	50

Notre Dame (79)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	6	0	2	2
Batteast	27	10-19	2-4	3-4	14	1	2	25
Barksdale	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2
Severe	19	0-1	0-0	1-2	4	3	3	1
Ratay	30	6-9	3-5	1-3	5	4	1	16
Joyce	21	1-4	0-2	1-1	0	2	0	3
Krause	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Swanson	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Borton	22	4-6	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	8
Hernandez	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wicks	15	3-6	2-4	0-0	4	1	4	8
Flecky	18	3-6	0-0	3-5	5	4	3	9
Bustamante	11	2-3	1-1	0-1	2	1	2	5
Team					3			

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Notre Dame 72, Providence 66 Jan. 5, 2002 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Providence (66)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Simmonds	25	1-6	0-0	1-2	8	2	3	3
Trippany	24	1-5	0-0	2-2	5	0	3	4
Vozab	14	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	2	1	3
Freeburg	11	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	2	3
Epstein	37	5-10	1-2	2-3	6	2	3	13
Quinn	5	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	3
Blackwell	20	3-5	1-2	0-0	2	2	5	7
Kilgore	28	7-16	1-1	4-4	5	1	5	19
Shoop	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hawley-Stewart	21	4-9	1-2	0-0	6	2	3	9
Wheeler	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	2
Team					3			
Totals	200	25-59	7-10	9-11	37	13	26	66

Notre Dame (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	22	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	4
Batteast	36	7-16	1-3	11-12	9	4	2	26
Barksdale	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	4	2
Joyce	19	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	0	0
Ratay	36	1-8	0-4	4-6	4	4	1	6
Severe	26	0-1	0-0	5-10	3	6	3	5
Borton	26	9-11	0-0	2-4	2	0	2	20
Wicks	15	3-5	1-3	2-2	1	0	0	9
Bustamante	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	23-47	2-11	24-34	28	15	13	72

Providence 29 37 -- 66
Notre Dame 42 30 -- 72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 48.9, Providence 42.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 18.2, Providence 70.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 70.6, Providence 81.8. Turnovers: Notre Dame 15, Providence 17. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 7 (Barksdale 5), Providence 2. Steals: Notre Dame 6, Providence 8. Attendance: 7,804.

Notre Dame 79, Seton Hall 45 Jan. 9, 2002 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Seton Hall (45)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Lindqvist	29	3-9	0-2	2-6	3	4	1	8
Thomas	25	4-12	0-0	5-9	3	0	4	13
Murray	36	5-8	0-0	2-4	5	0	3	12
Langelier	31	0-6	0-3	1-2	4	2	4	1
Burgess	20	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0
Dueland	7	1-3	0-2	4-4	2	1	0	6
Carroll	19	1-6	1-3	0-3	2	1	2	3
Phillip	12	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	0
Smith	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Bush	15	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	15-52	1-10	14-28	26	11	18	45

Notre Dame (79)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	23	4-5	0-0	0-1	6	2	0	8
Batteast	21	1-6	0-3	1-2	4	3	0	3
Barksdale	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	3	0
Joyce	8	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	3
Ratay	27	6-10	1-2	5-7	6	0	0	18
Severe	24	0-2	0-0	2-4	3	7	4	2
Krause	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2
Swanson	9	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	0	0
Borton	19	7-7	0-0	1-2	4	2	2	15
Wicks	27	3-5	2-3	0-0	10	1	4	8
Flecky	18	2-6	0-0	3-4	3	0	4	7
Bustamante	11	4-4	2-2	1-2	2	1	3	11
Team					5			
Totals	200	29-50	6-11	15-24	46	19	21	79

Seton Hall 18 27 -- 45
Notre Dame 39 40 -- 79

FG Pct: Notre Dame 58.0, Seton Hall 28.8. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.5, Seton Hall 10.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 62.5, Seton Hall 50.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 18, Seton Hall 12. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3, Seton Hall 2. Steals: Notre Dame 6, Seton Hall 13 (Lindqvist 5). Attendance: 6,975.

Villanova 60, Notre Dame 59 Jan. 12, 2002 The Pavilion (Villanova, Pa.)

Notre Dame (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	33	4-10	0-0	1-1	7	0	1	9
Batteast	20	6-13	2-3	0-0	5	1	5	14
Barksdale	19	4-4	0-0	1-2	4	1	0	9
Severe	26	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	1	1	0
Ratay	39	7-13	1-2	7-7	7	4	1	22
Joyce	16	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	3	0	0
Borton	18	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Wicks	11	1-2	1-1	0-1	2	0	1	3
Flecky	14	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0
Bustamante	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	23-49	4-7	9-11	34	12	9	59

Villanova (60)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Mix	32	4-11	0-1	3-3	7	4	2	11
Druckemiller	13	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	1	0	0
Baker	32	2-4	0-1	2-2	3	0	2	6
Riley	38	6-9	0-0	0-2	2	5	3	12
Davis	34	4-6	4-6	0-0	1	2	3	12
Harris	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Juhline	31	6-14	4-9	3-4	4	3	3	19
Rediger	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hilgenberg	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Nash	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	22-49	8-21	8-11	20	15	15	60

Notre Dame 31 28 -- 59
Villanova 25 35 -- 60

FG Pct: Notre Dame 46.9, Villanova 44.9. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 57.1, Villanova 38.1. FT Pct: Notre Dame 81.8, Villanova 72.7. Turnovers: Notre Dame 14, Villanova 8. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 7 (Batteast 3), Villanova 6. Steals: Notre Dame 3, Villanova 10 (Juhline 4). Technical Foul: Villanova bench. Attendance: 2,259.

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Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Batteast	22	3-10	0-0	8-10	3	1	4	14
Barksdale	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Joyce	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0
Ratay	32	2-7	0-2	2-2	4	0	3	6
Severe	25	3-5	0-0	7-9	4	3	1	13
Krause	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Borton	28	4-7	0-0	3-4	10	4	1	11
Wicks	14	3-4	3-4	0-0	4	1	1	9
Flecky	12	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	2
Bustamante	31	4-9	1-3	3-5	5	0	1	12
Team					4			
Totals	200	21-51	4-9	23-30	37	10	18	69

Providence (41)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Simmonds	28	3-11	0-1	0-4	8	0	3	6
Freeburg	25	1-8	0-5	2-3	3	4	3	4
Trippany	35	2-7	0-2	4-4	10	0	4	8
Blackwell	26	1-7	0-4	0-0	1	3	5	2
Epstein	35	5-13	1-5	4-6	6	1	4	15
Vozab	10	1-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Quinn	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0
Horvath	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kilgore	10	0-5	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Shoop	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Keefe	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hawley-Stewart	8	0-1	0-0	2-2	2	0	1	2
Wheeler	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Copeland	5	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	2
Team					8			
Totals	200	14-60	1-20	12-20	44	8	25	41

Notre Dame 32 37 -- 69
Providence 27 14 -- 41

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.2, Providence 23.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.4, Providence 5.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 76.7, Providence 60.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 15, Providence 19. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 10 (Batteast 3), Providence 4. Steals: Notre Dame 10 (Severe 3), Providence 6 (Freeburg 3). Attendance: 1,750.