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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2002-03 Irish Schedule/Results (9-3, 1-0 BIG EAST)

November

4 (10/12) *Houston Jaguars ... W, 87-50*
19 (9/12) *OGBM Legends W, 70-60*
26 (10/10) *Cleveland State W, 107-65*
29 (10/10) at USC W, 69-57

December

4 (9/9) at Valparaiso W, 74-68
7 # (9/9) at Arizona State (FSN) .. W, 81-52
11 at (8/8) DePaul (WHME) L, 59-75
14 (8/8) *Temple W, 84-61*
21 (12/11) *IPFW W, 82-54*
23 (12/11) *Colorado State W, 46-45*
28 \$ (12/12) vs. Tennessee (5/5) .. L, 61-77
31 (13/13) at Marquette W, 75-68

January

4 (13/13) *Purdue (7/6) (CBS) L, 54-71*
8 * (16/17) at West Virginia W, 66-59
11 * *Miami (BETV) 12:05 p.m.*
14 * at St. John's 7:30 p.m.
18 * *Rutgers 2 p.m.*
20 * *Connecticut (ESPN2) 2 p.m.*
25 * at Villanova (BETV) Noon
29 * at Boston College 7 p.m.

February

1 * *West Virginia 5 p.m.*
5 * *Georgetown 7 p.m.*
9 * at Virginia Tech (BETV) 2 p.m.
12 * *St. John's 7 p.m.*
16 * at Providence 2 p.m.
23 * at Connecticut 2 p.m.
26 * *Pittsburgh 7 p.m.*

March

1 * *Seton Hall 4 p.m.*
4 * at Syracuse 7 p.m.
8-11 ^ BIG EAST Championship
22-25 NCAA First & Second Rounds
29-Apr. 1 NCAA Regionals

April

6-8 NCAA Final Four (*Atlanta, Ga.*)

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

Italics indicates exhibition game

Boldface indicates home game played at Joyce Center (11,418)

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

\$ Game played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

^ BIG EAST Conference Championship (Piscataway, N.J.)

(FSN) Game televised on Fox Sports Net

(WHME) Game televised on WHME-TV (Ch. 46) in South Bend

(CBS) Game televised on CBS

(ESPN2) Game to be televised on ESPN2

(BETV) Game to be televised on BIG EAST TV package

Numbers before opponent name indicate Notre Dame's ranking in AP and ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff; numbers after opponent name indicate its ranking.

All times local to site // Dates and times subject to change

Game No.

13

(#16 AP/#17 ESPN/USA Today) *Notre Dame Fighting Irish (9-3, 1-0)*
vs. *Miami Hurricanes (10-3, 2-0)*

The Date and Time: Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at 12:05 p.m. EST.

The Site: Joyce Center (11,418) in Notre Dame, Ind.

The TV Plans: BIG EAST TV broadcast with **Beth Mowins** (play-by-play), **Margo Plotzke** (analysis), **Bob Borts** (producer) and **Tom Clark** (director). The game will be shown live on Fox Sports Florida, Fox Sports New England and the Madison Square Garden Network.

The Radio Plans: All Notre Dame games are broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620) and/or WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend with **Sean Stires** handling the play-by-play. These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics website at www.und.com.

Real-Time Statistics: Live in-game statistics are available for the Miami game via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Miami (www.hurricanesports.com) athletics websites.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Miami (www.hurricanesports.com).

NO. 16 NOTRE DAME WELCOMES MIAMI FOR BIG EAST HOME OPENER

After a stirring come-from-behind victory in its BIG EAST Conference opener Wednesday night, No. 16 Notre Dame returns home to face Miami Saturday in a game that will be shown live as part of the BIG EAST television package. For the Irish, it also is the second contest in a rugged seven-game conference stretch that features six opponents which are ranked or receiving votes in the latest national polls.

Notre Dame tipped off BIG EAST play Wednesday night with a 66-59 win at West Virginia. In that game, the Irish trailed by 14 points with just under 19 minutes to play before rallying for the victory. It was the largest comeback for Notre Dame since its 16-point recovery against Connecticut in the 2001 NCAA Final Four.

Junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** sparked Wednesday's rally with a career-high 21 points, including four free throws in the final half-minute to seal the victory. Severe also added six rebounds, five assists and five steals for the Irish. Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** poured in 14 points and became the sixth player in school history to amass 1,500 career points.

Miami (10-3, 2-0 BIG EAST) extended its current winning streak to seven games, the longest in 10 seasons, with an 85-68 victory Wednesday night at Syracuse. Freshman guard/forward **Tamara James** collected her fifth double-double with 30 points and 10 rebounds, while junior forward **Shaquana Wilkins** pitched in with 14 points.

James leads the BIG EAST in scoring (24.6 ppg.) and is third in rebounding (9.5 rpg.), while Wilkins is second on the team in both areas (10.4 ppg., 6.5 rpg.).

Head coach **Ferne Labati** has a record of 260-162 (.616) in her 15th season at UM, with an overall record of 396-284 (.582) in 24 years. She is 1-10 all-time against Notre Dame.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 66, West Virginia 59
January 8, 2003
WVU Coliseum (Morgantown, W.Va.)

Notre Dame (66)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	5-15	0-1	2-4	9	1	2	12
LaVere	19	3-7	0-0	0-0	6	0	4	6
Borton	27	2-4	0-0	2-4	6	0	2	6
Severe	39	6-9	1-1	8-9	6	5	1	21
Ratay	39	5-11	2-3	2-2	6	4	0	14
Krause	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Duffy	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Wicks	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Flechy	25	3-4	1-1	0-0	5	1	2	7
Team					2			
Totals	200	24-51	4-7	14-19	43	12	11	66

West Virginia (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
White	28	2-4	0-0	1-2	4	0	4	5
Carter	19	3-3	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	6
Paige	40	4-14	0-1	0-0	4	9	1	8
Sowho	35	1-8	0-4	0-0	2	0	3	2
Bulger	38	8-22	6-10	0-0	5	1	3	22
Williams	8	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	1
Holbrook	25	7-12	1-3	0-3	3	0	0	15
Dunlap	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	25-63	7-18	2-7	28	11	15	59

Notre Dame 22 44 -- 66
West Virginia 33 26 -- 59

FG Pct: Notre Dame 47.1, West Virginia 39.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 57.1, West Virginia 38.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 73.7, West Virginia 28.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 20, West Virginia 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 1, West Virginia 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 7 (Severe 5), West Virginia 8 (White 4). **Attendance:** 2,001.

NOTRE DAME VS. MIAMI



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

(Jan. 6)

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

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL

(Jan. 7)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last
1.	Duke (36)	13-0	1
2.	Connecticut (4)	12-0	2
3.	LSU	12-0	3
4.	Kansas State	13-1	4
5.	(tie) Tennessee	9-3	5
	(tie) Stanford	10-1	7
7.	Purdue	11-2	6
8.	Texas Tech	11-1	9
9.	North Carolina	12-1	12
10.	Arkansas	12-2	8
11.	Minnesota	12-1	10
12.	South Carolina	12-1	16
13.	Louisiana Tech	8-2	15
14.	Vanderbilt	10-3	11
15.	Mississippi State	11-2	17
16.	Penn State	11-3	14
17.	NOTRE DAME	8-3	13
18.	Arizona	9-3	20
19.	Wisconsin-Green Bay	11-2	21
20.	Texas	7-4	18
21.	UC Santa Barbara	7-2	23
22.	Oklahoma	9-4	19
23.	Colorado	10-1	25
24.	Boston College	8-3	22
25.	DePaul	11-3	24

Boldface indicates 2002-03 Notre Dame opponents

SCOUTING THE IRISH

Notre Dame's latest ascension to college basketball's summit already is underway, thanks in large part to the nine returning monogram winners and three starters back from last season's 20-10 club. Of the nine veterans back in the fold, only two are seniors, providing head coach **Muffet McGraw** with a rich blend of stability and experience upon which to build her next title contender.

McGraw now is in her 16th season at Notre Dame with a 351-130 (.730) record (439-171, .720 in 21 years overall) that includes 13 20-win seasons, nine postseason appearances, seven NCAA Tournament bids, four trips to the Sweet Sixteen, two Final Four berths and the 2001 national championship. Along the way, she has groomed seven All-Americans, 17 all-conference selections (including 10 first-team picks), seven players who have gone on to play professional basketball in the United States, and three USA Basketball National Team players (who have won a total of six medals). In addition, 15 of her former players and/or assistants currently are coaching at the high school or college level, including five collegiate head coaches. She also has been a master recruiter, attracting seven consecutive top 20 classes, including this year's freshman class, which was ranked eighth in the nation by *Blue Star Basketball*. McGraw recently coached the 600th game of her career on Nov. 29, a 69-57 win at USC, and she earned her 350th victory at Notre Dame on New Year's Eve at Marquette, joining Digger Phelps as the only Irish basketball coaches (men's or women's) to win 350 games at Notre Dame.

Two of Notre Dame's three returning starters received numerous preseason accolades. Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** (10.7 ppg., 3.3 rpg., .452 3FG%, .905 FT%) is a two-time *Associated Press* All-American and she is a preseason first-team all-BIG EAST Conference selection this year. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native has seen her name sprinkled liberally throughout the Notre Dame record book, including marks for scoring (6th, 1,503 points), three-point field goal percentage (1st, .478) and free throw percentage (1st, .872). In the latter two categories, Ratay's shooting numbers would be good enough to place her among the top 10 in NCAA history, and her three-point ratio would be the best in NCAA history. She has led the Irish in scoring four times this season, including a game-high 20-point effort (6-8 FG, season-high 5-6 3FG) vs. IPFW. Ratay also tallied the 1,500th point of her career on Jan. 8 at West Virginia, becoming the sixth player in school history to reach that milestone.

In addition, Ratay joined sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (team-high 15.5 ppg., team-high 7.8 rpg., 2.3 apg., 1.1 bpg., three double-doubles) on the list of 30 candidates for the 2002-03 Naismith Award, given annually to the nation's outstanding player. Batteast is the reigning United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year and was a unanimous choice as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year after turning in one of the finest rookie seasons in school history. Like Ratay, she also was a preseason first-team all-conference choice this year. Batteast has scored in double figures in 11 games this season, including two 20-point efforts. She also nearly posted a triple-double in Notre Dame's season-opening win over Cleveland State, finishing with 19 points, eight rebounds and a career-high seven assists. She did notch her first double-double of the season with 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds at USC. Batteast also contributed a season-best 24 points (10-15 FG) at Arizona State and added her second double-double (18 points, game-high 10 rebounds) vs. Colorado State. She tacked on her third double-double at Marquette, posting a game-high 23 points (career-best 11-17 FG) and 11 rebounds.

Joining Ratay in the Irish backcourt is junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** (11.3 ppg., 3.8 rpg., team-high 3.8 apg., 2.3 spg., .532 FG%), who quickly has developed into one of the top point guards in the BIG EAST. Last season, the speedy Severe capably filled the large shoes left by the graduation of All-American Niele Ivey, setting career highs

LAST IRISH GAME VS. MIAMI

Notre Dame 69, Miami 65

Jan. 2, 2002

Knight Sports Complex (Coral Gables, Fla.)

Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	15	2-5	0-0	0-1	2	2	2	4
Batteast	39	5-16	2-7	0-1	13	6	3	12
Barksdale	18	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	4
Severe	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Ratay	39	8-13	7-9	0-0	6	3	3	23
Joyce	27	2-5	2-5	3-5	4	4	1	9
Borton	21	2-2	0-0	3-4	4	0	1	7
Wicks	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Flecky	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	2
Bustamante	15	3-4	2-3	0-0	2	2	1	8
Team					5			
Totals	200	25-48	13-24	6-11	42	19	15	69

Miami (65)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Wilkins	12	2-6	0-0	0-1	4	0	1	4
Fowler	38	0-2	0-0	0-0	9	6	3	0
Hartlaub	32	5-7	0-0	0-0	4	2	4	10
James, S.	40	6-16	3-12	2-4	5	1	1	17
Saake	40	5-16	0-7	0-0	4	7	1	10
Knight	3	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	2
Bodley	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Broussard	32	8-19	1-2	5-11	7	0	4	22
Team					1			
Totals	200	27-69	4-22	7-16	35	16	15	65

Notre Dame	35	34	--	69
Miami	36	29	--	65

FG Pct: Notre Dame 52.1, Miami 39.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 54.2, Miami 18.2. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 54.5, Miami 43.8. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Miami 9. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4, Miami 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 7 (Ratay 3), Miami 17 (James, Saake 6). **Attendance:** 1,094.

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Batteast	F	6-2	So.	15.5	7.8	2.3 apg	2nd on team (14th in BIG EAST) in steals (1.8 spg)
41	Courtney LaVere	F	6-3	Fr.	11.8	6.5	1.2 bpg	13.9 ppg., 7.4 rpg., in last 8 (23p, 10r vs. Purdue)
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	So.	7.6	5.6	1.4 bpg	Team-high .569 FG%; 4th in BIG EAST in blocks
4	Le'Tania Severe (C)	G	5-8	Jr.	11.3	3.8	3.8 apg	15.5 ppg., 5.5 apg., .607 FG% in last 4 (21 pts. vs. WVU)
22	Alicia Ratay (C)	G	6-0	Sr.	10.7	3.3	1.3 apg	6th player in ND history with 1500 pts. (14 vs. WVU)

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	Jr.	—	—	—	Sidelined indefinitely while rehabilitating injuries
10	Jill Krause	G	5-8	So.	0.6	0.4	0.3 spg	Has seen action in eight games this season
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Sr.	1.5	0.2	0.3 spg	Made one of two FT late in game vs. Purdue
13	Megan Duffy	G	5-7	Fr.	2.2	1.6	2.3 apg	Steady reserve PG has 1.00 assist/turnover ratio
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	So.	2.8	2.5	1.1 apg	Second-best free throw percentage on team (.818)
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	So.	9.3	4.7	1.8 apg	Notched 7 pts. (3-4 FG), 5 rebs. off bench at WVU
44	Anne Weese	G	5-10	Jr.	—	—	—	Walk-on added prior to BIG EAST opener at WVU

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

in virtually every statistical category. Severe has evolved into a scoring threat for the Irish this year, scoring in double figures in eight games this season after cracking double digits only seven times in her first two years at Notre Dame. She canned all three of her three-point attempts vs. Cleveland State and scored 15 points at Valparaiso, knocking down a career-best 11-14 FT. Severe chalked up 20 points (5-5 FG, 10-11 FT) and a season-high six assists at Marquette, before adding 10 points, seven rebounds and six assists vs. Purdue. However, her best all-around performance may have come in her most recent outing, when she tallied a career-high 21 points (6-9 FG, 8-9 FT) along with six rebounds, five assists and five steals Wednesday night at West Virginia. Severe is logging 15.5 points, 5.5 assists and 5.3 rebounds with a .607 field goal percentage in her last four games. She is backstopped by freshman **Megan Duffy** (2.2 ppg., 2.3 apg.), a crafty lefthander with a commanding floor presence and a smooth outside jumper. Duffy dished out a game-high seven assists at Arizona State, the most by an Irish rookie since Ratay's seven handouts against Butler on Dec. 1, 1999. She also scored a season-high six points at Marquette, hitting the first two three-pointers of her career.

At the other guard position, sophomore **Kelsey Wicks** (2.8 ppg., 2.5 rpg.) offers a unique mix of outside shooting ability and toughness in the paint. The 6-2 native of Gillette, Wyo., connected at a 33-percent clip from the three-point line as a freshman, and she showed no fear in playing some of the nation's elite teams, scoring in double figures on the road at Connecticut and Tennessee. She scored a season-high 12 points against Temple, her third career double-digit game and best-ever outing at home.

Senior walk-on **Karen Swanson** (1.5 ppg., 0.3 spg.), junior **Jeneka Joyce** and sophomore **Jill Krause** (0.6 ppg., 0.4 rpg.) also will be counted on for support at the guard positions. Swanson tied her career high with five points vs. Cleveland State, while Krause has seen action in eight games, grabbing a career-high three rebounds vs. IPFW and canning her first career three-pointer vs. Tennessee. Meanwhile, Joyce is out indefinitely while recovering from a myriad leg injuries suffered during her career.

Sophomore center **Teresa Borton** (7.6 ppg., 5.6 rpg., team-high .569 FG%) and sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** (9.3 ppg., 4.7 rpg., .500 FG%) have teamed up with Batteast to produce a formidable front line for Notre Dame this season. The 6-3 Borton turned in a solid performance in Notre Dame's season opener, hitting her first six shots and finishing with 18 points. She also set new career highs with 11 rebounds and four assists vs. IPFW, and later added 14 points and a career-best four blocked shots against Tennessee. At the same time, Flecky is widely considered to be the most improved player on the Notre Dame roster, after logging 10 points per game during her team's tour of Europe last May. She already has displayed her improvement this season, tallying a career-high 22 points and game-best eight rebounds vs. Cleveland State. Her five double-figure games this season already have topped her total (three) from all of last year. She missed the Marquette game with a lower back injury, but returned

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	UM
Overall/BIG EAST record	9-3/1-0	10-3/2-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	16/17	--/rv
SCORING		
Points scored per game	71.5	80.7
Points allowed per game	62.7	63.2
Field goal percentage	.472	.478
Three-point percentage	.312	.352
Free throw percentage	.739	.659
REBOUNDING		
Rebounds per game	39.4	44.1
Opponent rebs. per game	33.3	38.8
Rebounding margin	+6.1	+5.3
OTHER		
Assists per game	14.5	19.9
Turnovers per game	19.3	23.2
Assist/turnover ratio	0.75	0.86
Blocked shots per game	5.3	5.3
Steals per game	9.9	17.9

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** airs on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). In its third season, "The Kevin White Show" can be heard in 35 states Thursdays at 9 p.m. Central time. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.



THE MIAMI SERIES

Series: ND leads 12-2. Games Played at Joyce Center: ND leads 5-1.

Date	Site	Result	Score
1/5/86	Coral Gables, FL*	W	59-53
2/7/87	Notre Dame, IN	L	61-62
1/7/88	Coral Gables, FL	W	83-68
1/27/96	Coral Gables, FL	W	67-50
2/20/96	Notre Dame, IN	W	86-70
1/29/97	Coral Gables, FL	W	72-71
1/8/98	Notre Dame, IN	W	75-47
2/3/98	Coral Gables, FL	L	76-77
2/23/99	Notre Dame, IN	W	89-62
1/22/00	Coral Gables, FL	W	76-54
2/22/00	Notre Dame, IN	W	83-68
3/5/00	Storrs, CT #	W	67-52
2/20/01	Notre Dame, IN	W	81-43
1/2/02	Coral Gables, FL	W	69-65

* - Burger King Classic
- BIG EAST Championship

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	1044	74.6
Miami	842	60.1

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame, 6 games
McGraw vs. UM: 11-1
ND Biggest Win: 38 (81-43 on 2/20/01)
UM Biggest Win: 1 (62-61 on 2/7/87, 77-76 on 2/3/98)
ND Longest Win Streak: 6 (1999-present)
UM Longest Win Streak: 1 (1987, 1998)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2002-03 season:

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	10	12
Nov. 18	9	12
Nov. 25	10	10
Dec. 2	9	9
Dec. 9	8	8
Dec. 16	12	11
Dec. 23	12	12
Dec. 30	13	13
Jan. 6	16	17

to action in reserve roles vs. Purdue and West Virginia, carding seven points and five rebounds in the latter game.

Freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** (11.8 ppg., 6.5 rpg., .515 FG%) also is seeing significant playing time on the blocks for the Irish this season. LaVere was a consensus prep All-American as a senior at Buena High School in Ventura, Calif., averaging 26.5 points, 11.4 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game, all while shooting 57 percent from the field. The potential the 6-3 LaVere brings to the table was noticed by one national media outlet prior to the season, as the website *Women's College Hoops.com* named the Irish rookie one of its "Top 21 Freshmen of Impact." LaVere wasted little time in living up to that billing, coming off the bench to card 18 points, seven rebounds and five assists vs. Cleveland State. It was the highest scoring output by a Notre Dame freshman in her debut since Ratay's 18-point night vs. Toledo in 1999. LaVere has been playing extremely well of late, averaging 13.9 ppg. and 7.4 rpg. in her last eight games, including 20 points vs. IPFW and the first three double-doubles of her career vs. Tennessee (game highs of 17 points and 11 rebounds), Marquette (16 points, game-high 12 rebounds) and Purdue (game highs of 23 points and 10 rebounds). She also has started the last three games for the Irish, the first starts of her young career.

SERIES HISTORY VS. MIAMI

Notre Dame holds an 12-2 edge in the all-time series with Miami, including a 5-1 lead in games played at the Joyce Center. The teams met three times (twice in Coral Gables) prior to Notre Dame's admission into the BIG EAST in 1995. Since then, they have played 11 times, with the Irish holding a 10-1 record against the Hurricanes. Notre Dame also has won the last six contests in the series, their longest winning streak against UM. In fact, Miami's only two wins over Notre Dame both came by a single point — 62-61 on Feb. 7, 1987, and 77-76 on Feb. 3, 1998.

Last year, the two teams met just once, with Notre Dame registering a narrow 69-65 win on Jan. 2, 2002 in Coral Gables. **Alicia Ratay** scored 23 points and tied her career high with seven three-point field goals to spark a record-setting night for Notre Dame. As a team, the Irish knocked down a school-record 13 three-pointers on 24 attempts, breaking the previous mark of 12 set against St. John's on Feb. 28, 1998. Forward **Jacqueline Batteast** notched her seventh double-double of the season, and fifth in as many games with 12 points and 13 rebounds, to go along with a career-high six assists.

Chanivia Broussard scored a team-high 22 points for Miami, while **Sheila James** added 17 points and six steals for the Hurricanes. Miami amassed an opponent season-high 17 steals, but struggled from the three-point line, hitting just four of 22 attempts (.182) from long range.

The last time the Irish and Hurricanes met at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame claimed an 81-43 victory on Feb. 20, 2001. **Ruth Riley** scored 20 points and **Jeneka Joyce** came off the bench to add 13 points in 23 minutes as the Irish notched their largest margin of victory (38 points) in the series with Miami. It also was a landmark win for Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw**, who picked up the 400th victory of her storied career.

SCOUTING MIAMI

About the only thing hotter than the temperatures in south Florida these days is the Miami women's basketball team. The Hurricanes are off to a 10-3 start (2-0 in the BIG EAST) and have won seven consecutive games, their longest winning streak in 10 seasons. Saturday's game at Notre Dame is the finale in a long three-game road trip for Miami that also included stops at Georgetown and Syracuse.

The Hurricanes kept up their winning ways Wednesday night with an 85-68 win over Syracuse at Manley Field House. Freshman guard/forward **Tamara James** chalked up her fifth double-double of the season with 30 points and 10 rebounds, hitting 12-of-21 shots in the victory. Junior forward **Shaquana Wilkins** added 14 points and sophomore guard **Yalonda McCormick** chipped in with 10 points, nine assists and eight steals.

As a team, Miami forced 30 Orangewomen turnovers, with 21 of those coming on Hurricane steals. UM held a comfortable double-digit lead for much of the night, shooting .479 from the field and holding a 43-29 rebounding edge to keep Syracuse at bay.

Although just a freshman, James has played with the poise of a grizzled veteran, leading the BIG EAST Conference in scoring (24.6 ppg.) and field goal percentage (.597), and ranking third in the league in both rebounding (9.5 rpg.) and double-doubles (5). She has led the Hurricanes in scoring in 12 of their 13 games this season, cracking the 20-point barrier 11 times and posting three 30-point games.

Wilkins is the only other Miami player scoring in double figures this season, logging 10.4 points per game. She also is second on the team and 13th in the conference with 6.5 rebounds per game, and her



.621 field goal percentage is tops on the squad. Senior guard **Meghan Saake**, the 2002 BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year, is up to her old tricks again, leading the league with 4.38 steals per game, to go along with 9.5 points per contest. McCormick is second in the conference in steals (3.69 spg.), fourth in assists (6.23 app.) and 10th in assist/turnover ratio (1.62).

Led by James and Wilkins, Miami is averaging 80.7 ppg., while shooting 47.8 percent from the field. The Hurricanes also have been stout on defense, allowing just 63.2 ppg., while rolling up 17.9 steals per game, tops in the nation this season. UM's main weakness may lie in its ball control, as the Hurricanes are averaging more than 23 turnovers per contest.

Ferne Labati is in her 15th season as the head coach at Miami, with a 260-162 (.616) record in Coral Gables. Prior to leading the Hurricanes, Labati also coached at Trenton State and Fairleigh Dickinson, amassing a career record of 396-284 (.582) in 24 seasons on the job. Labati is 1-10 in her coaching career against Notre Dame, including an 0-5 mark at the Joyce Center.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-MIAMI SERIES TIDBITS

- This marks the third consecutive season Notre Dame and Miami will play each other just once. The Irish and Hurricanes faced off nine times in Notre Dame's first five years in the BIG EAST (1996-2000).
- Of the 14 games in the series, only five have been decided by single-digit margins, with Notre Dame winning three of those close affairs.
- Miami has scored more than 70 points against Notre Dame three times in their 14-game series. Conversely, the Irish have topped the 70-point mark nine times in their history with the Hurricanes.
- Notre Dame has one Florida native on this year's roster. Junior guard **Le'Tania Severe**, a resident of Pembroke Pines (outside of Fort Lauderdale), earned third-team all-state honors in 2000 as a senior at Fort Lauderdale High School.
- Both head coaches are products of the vaunted "Cradle of Coaches" in Philadelphia. Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw**, a native of Pottsville, Pa., graduated from Saint Joseph's, served as an assistant at SJU under current Ohio State skipper **Jim Foster**, and later became head coach at Lehigh before moving on to lead the Irish. Meanwhile, Miami head coach **Ferne Labati** hails from Camden, N.J., and graduated from East Stroudsburg University. She began her coaching career as an assistant at legendary Immaculata College before taking over as the head coach at Trenton State and Fairleigh Dickinson prior to her current post with the Hurricanes. Some of the other coaching legends to come out of the Philadelphia area include Connecticut's **Geno Auriemma**, Illinois' **Theresa Grentz** (McGraw's coach during her playing days at SJU), Villanova's **Harry Perretta**, Penn State's **Rene Portland** and former Old Dominion mentor **Marianne Stanley** (currently guiding the WNBA's Washington Mystics).

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will start BIG EAST play with a 2-0 record for the fourth consecutive year and the sixth time in its eight-year affiliation with the league.
- The Irish will win their BIG EAST Conference home opener for the fourth consecutive season and the sixth time in their eight-year affiliation with the league.
- Notre Dame will extend its current winning streak over Miami to a series-long seven games, improving to 13-2 all-time against the Hurricanes (6-1 at the Joyce Center).
- The Irish will raise their all-time regular-season BIG EAST record to 104-18 (.852), the best mark in conference history.
- Notre Dame will collect its 56th home victory in its last 58 games at the Joyce Center and its 81st triumph in the last 85 home games.
- The Irish will jump to 57-4 (.934) all-time against BIG EAST opponents at home.
- Notre Dame will move to 72-5 (.935) in their history when it takes the Joyce Center floor as a ranked team (the Irish are 16th in the AP poll and 17th in the coaches' poll this week).
- The Irish will claim their 17th win in 19 career games against Florida schools (7-1 at home).
- Head coach **Muffet McGraw** will see her record at Notre Dame rise to 352-130 (.730) in 16 seasons, and her overall ledger will jump to 440-171 (.720) in 21 years. McGraw also will step up to 12-1 against Miami in her coaching career.
- The Irish will raise their all-time record to 516-229 (.693) in 26 seasons of varsity competition.

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Jan. 10)

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

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

CONTACT INFORMATION

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MUFFET MCGRAW INTERVIEWS

The best time for interviews with Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is Tuesday afternoon or by special appointment. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office to make specific arrangements.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

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

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

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

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

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



**BIG EAST STANDINGS
(through games of Jan. 10)**

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	Villanova	2-0	11-1
	Miami	2-0	10-3
	Boston College	2-0	9-3
	Connecticut	1-0	13-0
	NOTRE DAME	1-0	9-3
	Seton Hall	1-0	7-4
7.	Georgetown	1-1	9-2
	Virginia Tech	1-1	10-3
9.	West Virginia	0-1	10-1
	Pittsburgh	0-1	8-4
	Rutgers	0-1	6-4
12.	St. John's	0-2	6-7
	Providence	0-2	5-7
	Syracuse	0-2	5-8

**BIG EAST
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

- Nov. 25 Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown
- Dec. 2 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
Trish Juhline, Villanova
- Dec. 9 Shannon Perry, Syracuse
- Dec. 16 Laine Selwyn, Pittsburgh
- Dec. 23 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
- Dec. 30 Laine Selwyn, Pittsburgh
- Jan. 6 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College

**BIG EAST
ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

- Nov. 25 Tamara James, Miami
- Dec. 2 Tamara James, Miami
- Dec. 9 Carrie Mason, Virginia Tech
- Dec. 16 Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
- Dec. 23 Tamara James, Miami
- Dec. 30 Barbara Turner, Connecticut
- Jan. 6 Tamara James, Miami

GETTING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT AT HOME

Notre Dame is 5-2 (.714) in BIG EAST Conference home openers since it joined the league in time for the 1995-96 season. The Irish also have won their last three BIG EAST lidlifters at the Joyce Center, including last season's 72-66 victory over Providence on Jan. 5.

SUNSHINE STATE SUCCESS

Notre Dame is 16-2 (.889) in its history against Florida schools. Besides their 12-2 mark against Miami, the Irish are 2-0 against South Florida and 1-0 against Central Florida and Florida International. Notre Dame is 6-1 (.857) at home against teams from the Sunshine State, with only a 62-61 loss to Miami in 1987 marring that record.

RETURN OF THE RALLY MONKEY

The Irish posted their largest comeback in more than a year when they rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit to knock off previously unbeaten West Virginia, 66-59, on Jan. 8 in Morgantown. Notre Dame trailed 33-22 at the half and fell into a deeper hole when Mountaineer guard Kate Bulger nailed a three-point field goal on her team's first possession of the second half. However, the Irish answered with a 16-2 run over the next 3:43 to tie the game and eventually take the victory.

The WVU win was the biggest comeback for Notre Dame since it set a NCAA Final Four record by erasing a 16-point deficit in a 90-75 win over Connecticut on March 30, 2001 in St. Louis. The victory over the Mountaineers also marked the fourth time in the last three years the Irish have won after trailing by double digits. In addition to the UConn game, Notre Dame rallied from 12 points down to defeat Purdue in the 2001 NCAA championship game, and the Irish also came back from a pair of 10-point deficits to win at Seton Hall on Feb. 2, 2002.

THE BEASTS OF THE BIG EAST

Notre Dame is 103-18 (.851) 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 59 of their last 67 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 115-25 (.821) against league opponents — when factoring in these 19 postseason tilts, the Irish are 56-4 (.933) at home, 47-17 (.734) on the road and 12-7 (.632) at neutral sites all-time against BIG EAST foes.

DIGGER AND ME

With a 75-68 Irish win at Marquette on New Year's Eve, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** joined **Digger Phelps** as the only Irish basketball coaches (men's or women's) to collect 350 victories at the school. McGraw is 351-130 (.730) in 16 seasons at Notre Dame, while Phelps posted a 393-197 (.666) mark in 20 years at the helm of the Irish men's basketball program.

In addition, McGraw has the third-highest winning percentage of any basketball coach at Notre Dame (men's or women's) with at least five years of service, and her .730 ratio is the best by any coach in the last 60 years. Only men's coaches **Bertram G. Maris** (.794 from 1907-12) and **George Keogan** (.771 from 1923-43) have had more success at Notre Dame over an extended period than McGraw.

CLOSE SHAVES

The Irish pulled out a narrow 46-45 victory over Colorado State on Dec. 23, but a close game shouldn't come as any surprise to Notre Dame fans. Over the last three seasons, the Irish have played 12 games that were decided by five points or less, splitting those dozen contests. However, the Colorado State nail-biter was the first one-point win for Notre Dame since a 63-62 squeaker over Villanova on Dec. 12, 1998 at the Joyce Center.

During the 16-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**, the Irish have posted a 32-38 (.457) record in games decided by five points or less, including a 14-12 (.538) mark since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96.

IRISH OFF TO A FAST START

With its win over Marquette on Dec. 31, Notre Dame improved to 8-2 this season, matching the third-best 10-game start in school history. The Irish went 10-0 to open the 2000-01 campaign, and started off 9-1 in 1998-99. This year's 8-2 debut also marked the fourth time in the last five seasons the Irish have



**SECOND BIG EAST
TELECONFERENCE
SLATED FOR FEB. 3**

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2002-03 season, the second of which is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 3. The other will be held March 6 prior to the BIG EAST tournament. Each of the 14 league head coaches will be available for eight minutes in a pre-arranged format.

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

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

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

won eight of their first 10 games. Here's a look at the best 10-game starts in school history, and how Notre Dame finished after these strong openings:

<u>Season</u>	<u>10-game record</u>	<u>Season record (postseason)</u>
2000-01	10-0	34-2 (NCAA champion)
1998-99	9-1	26-5 (NCAA second round)
2002-03	8-2	??
1999-2000	8-2	27-5 (NCAA Sweet Sixteen)
1982-83	8-2	20-7 (none)
1978-79*	8-2	16-6 (Indiana AIAW District Champion)
1977-78*	8-2	13-4 (Indiana AIAW District Champion)

* Notre Dame was an AIAW Division III member at this time

THE BATTEAST 500

Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** scored the 500th point of her career on Dec. 31 at Marquette. She now has 544 points in only 38 career games, making her the fourth-fastest player to reach the 500-point mark in school history. A total of 13 players have scored their 500th point in less than two seasons at Notre Dame, although only five have done so in less than 40 career games (including Batteast and senior guard **Alicia Ratay**, who did it in 35 games). Here's a list of those Irish players with 500 points in two years (shown in order of when they scored their 500th point):

<u>Player</u>	<u>Time to 500 points (Season)</u>	<u>Career Point Total</u>
Shari Matvey*	29 games (1979-80)	1,373
Beth Morgan*	29 games (1993-94)	2,322
Alicia Ratay	35 games (2000-01)	1,503 (active)
Jacqueline Batteast	36 games (2002-03)	544 (active)
Mary Beth Schueth	39 games (1982-83)	1,233
Ruth Riley	42 games (1998-99)	2,072
Heidi Bunek	44 games (1986-87)	1,202
Karen Robinson	45 games (1988-89)	1,590
Sandy Botham	47 games (1985-86)	1,460
Katryna Gaither	48 games (1994-95)	2,126
Letitia Bowen	51 games (1992-93)	1,205
Trena Keys	52 games (1983-84)	1,589
Sheila McMillen	67 games (1996-97)	1,439

* Matvey and Morgan are the only players to score 500 points in their freshman season at Notre Dame.

ROAD WARRIORS

Last season, Notre Dame struggled early on to find the winning formula on the road, dropping its first five games away from the Joyce Center before defeating Miami on Jan. 2. It took the Irish a lot less time to earn a road win this season, as Notre Dame claimed its road opener, 69-57 at USC. The Irish have since added four more road wins this year — Notre Dame didn't pick up its fifth road win last season until the 12th contest away from home on Feb. 16, 2002 at Rutgers.

The Irish have won 11 of their last 15 regular-season games outside the Joyce Center, including nine of their last 11. Of those last 11 games in hostile territory, the only blemishes on that record came earlier this season with losses to two nationally-ranked teams — DePaul and Tennessee (neutral site).

A WELL-BALANCED DIET

Notre Dame has raced out to a 9-3 start thanks to its well-balanced offense which has seen at least three players score in double figures in 11 of 12 games (and eight of nine wins). In addition, the Irish have had four players reach double digits in five games this season (Cleveland State, USC, Valparaiso, Arizona State, Temple) and had five double-figure scorers on three occasions (Cleveland State, USC, Temple). The last time Notre Dame had five double-figure scorers three times in the same year was the 2000-01 season, when the Irish turned the trick against Connecticut (twice) and Alcorn State.

As you might expect, Notre Dame has four players averaging in double figures for the season as well. Sophomore forward and Naismith Award candidate **Jacqueline Batteast** has been the pacesetter at 15.5 ppg., followed by freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** at 11.8 ppg. Junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** has come on of late and move up to third at 11.3 ppg, just ahead of last year's leading scorer, senior guard **Alicia Ratay** at 10.7 ppg. Sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** is lurking not far out of double figures at 9.3 ppg. (nearly double last year's scoring average of 4.9 ppg.).



2002-03 IRISH HONORS

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

Naismith Award Watch List
Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

Courtney LaVere (Fr., Ventura, Calif.)

Top 21 Freshmen of Impact (*Women's College Hoops.com*)

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

Naismith Award Watch List
Senior CLASS Award "Player To Watch"
Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

TOP JOYCE CENTER CROWDS

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	2/10/02	#16 Boston Coll.	W, 60-44	9,676
4.	3/19/01	Michigan (<i>NCAA</i>)	W, 88-54	9,597
5.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
6.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
7.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
8.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (<i>NCAA</i>)	W, 98-49	8,553
9.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
10.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
11.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
12.	2/26/02	Villanova	L, 45-48	7,785
13.	2/19/02	West Virginia	W, 72-63	7,709
14.	2/13/02	St. John's	W, 66-31	7,677
15.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
16.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
17.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
18.	11/26/01	Army	W, 89-57	7,323
19.	12/12/01	Western Michigan	W, 71-48	7,310
20.	12/31/01	DePaul	W, 79-50	7,154

* indicates capacity crowd // rankings are from AP poll
Boldface indicates game played this season

CATCH HER IF YOU CAN

Junior guard **LeTania Severe** has evolved into a major contributor at both ends of the floor for Notre Dame this season. The Pembroke Pines, Fla., product leads the Irish and ranks 13th in the BIG EAST Conference in assists (3.83 apg.) and ninth in steals (2.25 spg.). However, she also has displayed a nose for the basket, ranking third on the team with 11.3 points per game, more than double her career scoring average of 4.6 ppg. entering this season. In addition, Severe has scored in double figures eight times this year, after reaching double digits seven times in her first two seasons at Notre Dame.

Severe has been especially sharp in her last four games, averaging 15.5 points, 5.5 assists and 5.3 rebounds per contest, along with a superb .607 field goal percentage. She scored 20 points (5-5 FG, 10-11 FT) and dealt out a season-high six assists at Marquette on New Year's Eve. She then added a season-best seven rebounds and another six-assist effort four days later against Purdue. In her last outing at West Virginia, Severe carded a career-high 21 points (6-9 FG, 8-9 FT) and tacked on six rebounds, five assists and five steals to lead the Irish to a comeback victory.

WISH THEY ALL COULD BE CALIFORNIA GIRLS

Despite having to adjust to the faster college game, not to mention the unfamiliar winter weather of South Bend, freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** has made a significant impact in her first two months at Notre Dame. The Ventura, Calif., native ranks second on the team in scoring (11.8 ppg.) and rebounding (6.5 rpg.), and third in field goal percentage (.515). She also stands seventh in the BIG EAST Conference in blocked shots (1.17 bpg.) and 13th in rebounding. In addition, she has three double-doubles to her credit, with two of her double-dips coming against top-10 opponents (No. 5 Tennessee and No. 7 Purdue).

LaVere began the season in fine fashion, coming off the bench to score 18 points in Notre Dame's 107-65 rout of Cleveland State. That was the highest-scoring debut for an Irish freshman since current senior guard **Alicia Ratay** tallied 18 points at Toledo in 1999. As it turned out, that would be just the beginning for LaVere, who has scored in double figures seven times and earned game-high scoring honors three times this season.

The last eight games have seen LaVere at her best. She is averaging 13.9 points, 7.4 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game over that time. Among her top performances over the last month have been a 20-point day vs. IPFW (Dec. 21), a 17-point/11-rebound effort against Tennessee (Dec. 28), a 16-point/12-rebound afternoon at Marquette (Dec. 31), and a 23-point/10-rebound outing vs. Purdue (Jan. 4).

COOL AS ICE

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** added another chapter to her ever-growing legend at Notre Dame on Dec. 23 when she buried two free throws with 9.3 seconds left to defeat Colorado State, 46-45. It wasn't the first time the Lake Zurich, Ill., product had stepped up in the clutch. Playing as a freshman at No. 8 Rutgers in 2000, Ratay set a BIG EAST Conference record by going 7-for-7 from three-point range, including two treys in the final 16 seconds of the contest with the Irish trailing by six. She went on to finish with 26 points and 10 rebounds as Notre Dame pulled out a 78-74 overtime win.

Last season, Ratay nearly topped herself in the BIG EAST Tournament quarterfinals vs. Syracuse. With the Irish trailing by 16 points and only 3:52 left, Ratay scored 17 of the next 19 Notre Dame points, including nine in a span of 18 seconds, to single-handedly spark a 19-5 run that pulled her team within 81-79 with 18 seconds remaining. However, Syracuse finally forced a Ratay miss and hit three free throws to save the victory.

START ME UP

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** reached a milestone at Valparaiso, becoming the 10th player in school history to start 100 career games. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native now has started 109 of 110 games for Notre Dame, yielding her starting spot to **Imani Dunbar** for Senior Night in 2001 (vs. Georgetown). With her start vs. Tennessee, Ratay moved past **Mary Gavin** (1984-88) into sixth place on Notre Dame's career games started list. Ratay is now 15 starts away from the school record of 124, currently held by **Ruth Riley**. At her current pace, Ratay would break Riley's mark by the time the BIG EAST Championship rolls around in early March.

RATAY'S MILESTONE WATCH

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** is on the threshold of several other career milestones in 2002-03. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native reached her first landmark at Valparaiso, becoming the fifth player in school history to amass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 assists in her career. She also is the second Irish player in



three seasons to attain that feat, following **Kelley Siemon**, who completed the hat trick when she scored her 1,000th point in Notre Dame's NCAA championship game win over Purdue in 2001. The others in this elite group are **Beth Morgan** (1993-97), current Irish assistant coach **Letitia Bowen** (1991-95) and **Trena Keys** (1982-86). Ratay currently has 1,503 points, 549 rebounds and 213 assists, becoming the sixth Irish player to score 1,500 points with 14 points at West Virginia Jan. 8.

Ratay also is 23 three-point field goals away from tying the Notre Dame career record of 249, currently held by **Sheila McMillen** (1995-99). Ratay averaged more than 70 treys per season during her first three years at Notre Dame.

Two other milestones also are within Ratay's reach. She ranks sixth on the Irish all-time scoring list with 1,503 points, but she needs only 86 counters to move into the top five on that chart, catching Keys (1,589 from 1982-86). **Karen Robinson** (1987-91) is fourth on that list at 1,590 points. In addition, Ratay has been one of the most durable players in school history, appearing in all 110 Irish games in her career and starting all but one (2001 Senior Night vs. Georgetown). She can break the Notre Dame career records for starts and games played with another 15 starts and 22 games played this season.

Ratay already holds the Irish career marks for free throw (.872) and three-point field goal (.478) percentages, records which would rank among the top 10 in NCAA history. In addition, if her career ended today, Ratay's three-point percentage would stand as the best in NCAA history, and her free throw ratio would be sixth in NCAA annals. For a complete rundown of Ratay's place in the Notre Dame record books, please see the charts on page 9 of these notes.

POLL POSITION

Notre Dame is ranked 16th in the latest *Associated Press* poll, marking the ninth consecutive week the Irish have appeared in the AP poll this season. Notre Dame was among the top 10 for the first five weeks of the season, and the Irish have spent 56 weeks in the top 10 in the 26-year history of the program (two weeks in 1996-97, 16 in 1998-99, 15 in 1999-2000, 18 in 2000-01 and five in 2002-03).

Notre Dame has been extremely successful at home when playing as a ranked team. The Irish are 71-5 (.934) all-time at the Joyce Center when they appear in the AP poll at tipoff, including 45 wins in their last 48 games and a 4-1 mark this season.

The Irish are ranked 17th in the most recent ESPN/USA Today coaches poll, marking their ninth consecutive week in that survey. Notre Dame spent two weeks in the top 10 of the ESPN/USA Today poll earlier this season, marking its first foray into the top 10 since finishing No. 1 after winning the 2001 NCAA championship. That top ranking also capped a string of 52 consecutive weeks in the coaches' top 10 for the Irish, who were in the poll's upper division continuously from Nov. 22, 1998-April 2, 2001.

Notre Dame is slated to face three other teams that are currently ranked in both major polls (No. 3/2 Connecticut, No. 5/5 Tennessee and No. 7/7 Purdue). In addition, Villanova is 22nd in the most recent AP poll, while Boston College is 24th and DePaul is 25th in the latest ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll. Five other Notre Dame opponents presently are receiving votes in one or both of the major polls — Colorado State, Miami, Rutgers, Virginia Tech and West Virginia.

NOTRE DAME HAS REASON TO BE THANKFUL AFTER FALL SEASONS

Irish teams have turned in exceptional performances during the 2002 fall sports season. All six of Notre Dame's fall sports (football, volleyball, men's/women's soccer, men's/women's cross country) qualified for postseason play, headlined by a third-place finish for the women's cross country squad at the NCAA Championships, an NCAA quarterfinal finish for the women's soccer team, and a Gator Bowl berth and No. 9 BCS ranking for the football team. In fact, Notre Dame was the only school in the nation to have all six of those fall sports qualify for the postseason.

Thanks to its successful finishes in the fall, Notre Dame has moved into third place in the latest NACDA Directors' Cup standings (see note on page 11).

RATAY, BATTEAST NAMED TO 2002-03 NAISMITH PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** (Lake Zurich, Ill.) and sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind.) have been named preseason candidates for the 2002-03 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Awards which are presented annually by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

The Naismith Awards program, now in its 35th year, honors the outstanding male and female college basketball players in the United States. The awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball.

The candidates were selected by a vote of the Board of Selectors comprised of leading basketball coaches, journalists and basketball analysts.

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Total Points

4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	1,503
7. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
8. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439

Scoring Average

3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	15.8
4. Heidi Bunek (1985- 89)	14.5
5. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	14.3
Trena Keys (1982-86)	14.3
7. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	13.7
8. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	13.1

Three-Point Field Goals Made

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	249
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	231
3. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	226
4. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	190
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	128

Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	650
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	628
3. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	473
4. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	469
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	342

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

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.478 (226-473)*
2. Kari Hutchinson (1994-98)	.424
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	.405

*current NCAA career record is .467 (Erin Maher, Harvard)

Free Throws Made

1. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	518
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	447
3. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	328
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	307
5. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	299
6. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	286

Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.872 (299-343)*
2. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
3. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

*Sixth in NCAA history (.915, Brooke Lassiter, Louisiana Tech)

Most Games Started

1. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	124
2. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	118
3. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	116
4. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	114
Beth Morgan (1993-97)	114
6. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	109
7. Mary Gavin (1984-88)	105

Boldface indicates current players



'02-03 IRISH TRENDS

Day of the Week

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

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	5-2
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	4-1

Location

Home games	4-1
Road games	5-1
Neutral site games	0-1

Halftime score

Leading at the half	7-0
Trailing at the half	2-3
Tied at the half	0-0

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	9-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	0-3
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	8-1
Lower pct. than opponent	1-2
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	7-1
Shoot less than 45%	2-2
Hold opponent under 40%	7-2

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	7-1
Make fewer free throws	1-2
Make same number of free throws	1-0

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	4-0
Commit more turnovers	5-3
Commit same number of turnovers	0-0

Margin of Victory

1-5 points	1-0
6-10 points	3-0
11-15 points	1-0
16-20 points	0-3
21+ points	4-0

Conference Affiliation

BIG EAST	1-0
Atlantic 10	1-0
Big Ten	0-1
Conference USA	1-1
Horizon League	1-0
Independent	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Mountain West	1-0
Pacific-10	2-0
Southeastern	0-1

Month

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

For Ratay, this year's selection to the Naismith Preseason Watch List is her third in as many seasons. The senior guard is a two-time *Associated Press* honorable mention All-American and ranks sixth on Notre Dame's career scoring list with 1,503 points. She also ranks among the top 10 in NCAA history in career three-point (.478) and free throw percentage (.872), and she is on the verge of breaking the school record for career three-point field goals made, needing just 23 treys to match **Sheila McMillen's** total of 249 from 1995-99.

Last season, Ratay was a first-team all-BIG EAST Conference selection after finishing third in the conference in scoring at 15.4 points per game. She also averaged a career-high 5.5 rebounds per game and ranked 15th in the nation in free throw percentage, hitting a school-record 88.2 percent of her charities. Ratay started every game for the Irish last season and has played in every Notre Dame game in her career, starting 109 of a possible 110 contests to date.

Batteast was named the 2002 United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year and a WBCA/Kodak honorable mention All-America pick after averaging 13.8 points and 7.8 rebounds per game in her rookie season at Notre Dame. The sophomore forward ranked second in the BIG EAST in rebounding and double-doubles (11) and fifth in blocked shots (1.38 bpg.), earning second-team all-conference honors along the way. She also was a unanimous choice as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and was a six-time conference Rookie of the Week in 2001-02. Batteast is one of only four sophomores to be named to the 2002-03 Naismith Preseason Watch List.

Notre Dame is one of only five schools to have more than one women's basketball player named to the Naismith Preseason Watch List, joining Duke, Kansas State, LSU and Tennessee in that select group.

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 169 games over the last seven seasons, which stands as the sixth-most wins of any school in the country during that time. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since the start of the 1996-97 campaign (totals through games of Jan. 9):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-01	'01-'02	'02-03	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	39	13	216
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	30	10	203
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	25	9	187
4. Duke	19	24	29	28	30	31	14	175
Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	28	4	173
6. NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	20	9	169
7. UC Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	22	26	9	164

HALF AND HALF

Over the last three seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 54-1 (.982) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead. In that span, the only time Notre Dame didn't win with a halftime lead was Jan. 12, 2002 at Villanova, when the Irish took a 31-25 advantage at the intermission, only to see the Wildcats claim a last-second 60-59 victory.

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last seven seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 107-2 (.982) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. The only times that notion didn't come to pass were on Feb. 17, 2001 (Rutgers 54-53), and Feb. 26, 2002 (Villanova 48-45). Notre Dame has added five wins to that count this season with victories over USC, Arizona State, IPFW, Colorado State and West Virginia.

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

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the last seven seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 85-3 (.966) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame has added four wins to that total this year with its victories over Cleveland State, Arizona State, Temple and IPFW.



**NACDA DIRECTORS' CUP
FALL UPDATE**

The University of Notre Dame stands third in the third set of fall sports standings released in the 2002-03 Division I NACDA Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

This marks the highest ranking for Notre Dame since the Irish were third in the '96-'97 final fall standings (Notre Dame ended up 14th overall that year).

Fall NCAA competition so far has earned the Irish 279 points based on their third-place finish in women's cross country (85 points, highest total ever in that sport for the Irish), their 22nd-place finish in men's cross country (30 points), their third-round appearance in women's soccer (64 points) and their second-round appearances in men's soccer and volleyball (50 points each).

Yet to come are fall points for Notre Dame's 2002 involvement in football (the Irish finished the regular season 12th in the USA Today/ESPN poll and presumably will remain somewhere in the top 25 after their appearance in the Gator Bowl).

Notre Dame is the only school in the country to make postseason appearances in all six of those sports during the fall 2002 season.

The final fall standings will be available Jan. 9.

Stanford (443 points) leads the competition thanks to its NCAA championship in men's cross country and its second-place finishes in volleyball, women's cross country and men's soccer. Second is Penn State, followed by Notre Dame, Wake Forest and Michigan State.

The latest standings include results from NCAA competition in volleyball, field hockey, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's soccer.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01 and 13th in 2001-02.

Here are the current standings:

1. Stanford 443
2. Penn State 319
3. **Notre Dame** **279**
4. Wake Forest 277
5. Michigan State 240
6. UCLA 237
7. Michigan 234
8. North Carolina 229
9. Villanova 228
10. Wisconsin 226
11. Maryland 193
12. (tie) California 189
- (tie) William & Mary 189
14. Connecticut 171
15. BYU 167

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

Notre Dame has two captains this season — senior guard **Alicia Ratay** (Lake Zurich, Ill.) and junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** (Pembroke Pines, Fla.). They are the 34th and 35th different players to serve as captains for the Irish in the 26-year history of the program (not including the 1986-87 season, when captains were chosen on a game-by-game basis).

IRISH HAIL FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

The 12 players on this year's Notre Dame roster hail from nine different states, including two each from Illinois, Kansas and Ohio. Other states represented on the Irish roster include California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Washington and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame roster features players from 34 different states, including 23 during the **Muffet McGraw** era. Ironically, the most common home state on the Irish all-time roster — Michigan (14) — is not represented for the second year in a row, although assistant coaches (and former Notre Dame players) **Coquese Washington** and **Letitia Bowen** both are Michigan natives.

FUN WITH NUMBERS

This season, Notre Dame fans are seeing a pair of jersey numbers on the floor that are a bit uncommon in Irish colors. Freshman guard **Megan Duffy** has chosen to wear No. 13, becoming only the second Notre Dame player since 1986 to wear those digits. **Danielle Green** was the last to sport No. 13, doing so during her freshman season (1995-96). Prior to Green, no Irish player had worn that number since **Trena Keys** (1982-86). Not one to bow to superstition, Duffy chose the No. 13 because she was born on Friday the 13th.

In addition, freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** is wearing No. 41 this season, a number which has been modeled just once before by an Irish player. **Imani Dunbar** had that jersey number throughout her Notre Dame career from 1997-2001.

NOTRE DAME PICKED FOR SHARE OF BIG EAST TITLE IN PRESEASON POLL

For the first time in its eight-year affiliation with the BIG EAST Conference, Notre Dame was picked to finish first in the league's preseason coaches poll that was released Oct. 24 at BIG EAST Media Day. The Irish shared top billing with defending national champion Connecticut, with each team earning seven first-place votes and 161 total points in the balloting. Boston College (143 points), Villanova (128 points) and Virginia Tech (110 points) round out the top five.

Individually, Notre Dame was the only school to place two players on the preseason all-BIG EAST first team. Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** earned *Associated Press* honorable mention All-America honors for the second time in her career last season, and was a first-team all-conference selection. She is the top returning scorer for the Irish, averaging 15.4 points and 5.5 rebounds per game in '01-02. She also led the BIG EAST and ranked 15th in the nation in free throw percentage, hitting a school-record .882 from the charity stripe. Ratay also was named one of 30 preseason candidates for the Naismith Player of the Year award, her third selection in as many seasons.

Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** also was recognized by the conference coaches after being named the 2002 United States Basketball Writers Association National Freshman of the Year. The South Bend native averaged 13.8 points and 7.8 rebounds per game last season, and was a unanimous selection as the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. She also registered 11 double-doubles (second in the conference) and was a second-team all-league selection, the only freshman to make an all-BIG EAST squad in '01-02. In addition, Batteast was a WBCA/Kodak honorable mention All-America selection last year and like Ratay, she was chosen as one of 30 preseason candidates for the Naismith Player of the Year award.

RATAY NAMED CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR C.L.A.S.S. AWARD

Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** was selected as one of 30 candidates for the second annual Senior CLASS Award, which is presented annually to the nation's senior Player of the Year by the Senior CLASS Organizing Committee. Ratay is one of three BIG EAST Conference student-athletes on the list of Senior CLASS Award "Players to Watch," joining Villanova's Trish Juhline and Brienne Stepherson of Boston College. Connecticut guard Sue Bird received the inaugural award last year.

Ratay is a two-time *Associated Press* honorable mention All-American and was a first-team all-BIG EAST selection last season. She ranks sixth in school history with 1,503 points and is among the top perimeter shooters in the country, connecting at a school-record .478 clip from behind the three-point



GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame has received a 2002 *USA Today*/NCAA Academic Achievement Award for graduating 90 percent of its freshmen student-athletes who enrolled in 1995.

Now in their second year, the awards were presented in September to the 10 institutions with the highest overall graduation rates for scholarship student-athletes who began college in the 1995-96 academic year. Rice University was first at 91 percent, one point better than Notre Dame, Stanford and Duke.

The awards were announced in conjunction with the release of the 2002 NCAA Graduation Rate Report. The 12th such survey issued by the NCAA, the report covers student-athletes who enrolled between 1992 and 1995 at Division I institutions, including 115 in Division I-A.

The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates. In addition to one-year rates, the NCAA provides a four-year average to better measure graduation rates over time at each institution.

As it has since the NCAA survey began, Notre Dame ranked among the top 10 in five major student-athlete graduation rate areas -- overall, football, men, women and African-Americans.

All Student-Athletes

- 1. Northwestern 90%
- 2. Duke 89
- Stanford 89
- 4. **Notre Dame** **85**

Female Student-Athletes

- 1. Northwestern 99%
- 2. Stanford 94
- 3. Vanderbilt 93
- 4. **Notre Dame** **92**

Male Student-Athletes

- 1. Duke 87%
- 2. Stanford 86
- 3. Northwestern 84
- 4. **Notre Dame** **82**
- Rice 82

Football Student-Athletes

- 1. Northwestern 85%
- 2. Duke 84
- 3. Rice 83
- 10. **Notre Dame** **74**

African-American Student-Athletes

- 1. Rice 83%
- Stanford 83
- Vanderbilt 83
- 4. Northwestern 82
- 5. Duke 81
- 6. **Notre Dame** **73**

line in her career. She also has made a school-record 87.2 percent of her free throws at Notre Dame, and both her free throw and three-point percentages would rank among the top 10 in NCAA history.

Ratay also is an exemplary student, owning a 3.46 cumulative grade-point average while pursuing a double major in psychology and education. She has been named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team each of the last three years, and she has garnered Dean's List honors three times.

The Senior CLASS Award — the acronym stands for **Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School** — is based on a number of factors, the most important being that the recipient must have exhausted their four years of eligibility and have fulfilled their commitment to their respective university. In addition, the recipient must be working toward their degree, be in good academic standing and be of sound moral character. The award was developed last season in response to the recent trend of college basketball players leaving early to turn professional.

The performances of the 30 "Players to Watch" will be tracked during the season, and from that pool of players, a group of 10 finalists will be selected by a national committee of sportscasters and sports-writers that cover Division I college basketball. The finalists then will appear on the official ballot which will be voted upon in March by the national media committee and Division I college basketball coaches. The winner will be announced during the Women's Final Four April 6-8 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

LaVERE NAMED ONE OF NATION'S "TOP 21 FRESHMEN OF IMPACT"

Courtney LaVere was a consensus All-America selection and one of the top 25 prep players in the country following her senior season at Buena High School in Ventura, Calif. One media outlet believes LaVere will continue that success in her initial campaign at Notre Dame. *Women's College Hoops.com* chose the 6-3 freshman forward as one its "Top 21 Freshmen of Impact" for the 2002-03 season.

LaVere joins the Irish after averaging 26.5 points, 11.4 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game during her senior season. She finished her high school career with 1,897 points (second in school history), 1,029 rebounds (third in school history) and 303 blocks (first in school history). She also holds school single-game records for points (45) and blocks (9), as well as BHS single-season marks for points (741), scoring average (26.5) and blocks (99). LaVere was named the 1999 California Freshman of the Year by *Cal-Hi Sports*, and she helped lead Buena to the top spot in the *USA Today* Super 25 national rankings for much of the 2000-01 season.

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 80 of their last 84 games at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center, including a school-record 51-game winning streak (10th-longest in NCAA history) from 1998-2002. Notre Dame also has a 56-4 (.933) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game winning streak at home before it was snapped with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the 2002 home finale. Besides the Wildcats, Connecticut (three times) is the only other BIG EAST school to successfully conquer the Irish on their home floor.

Notre Dame also owned a 33-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center (dating back more than six years) before it was snapped on Jan. 4 with a loss to No. 7 Purdue. This streak included victories over a trio of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke in 1998-99 and Purdue in 2000-01), as well as No. 19 Illinois in '98-99. Prior to the Purdue loss, Notre Dame's last non-conference defeat at home came way back on Dec. 9, 1996, when 19th-ranked Wisconsin toppled the Irish, 81-69.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center. The Irish own a 243-67 (.784) record at the venerable facility. In both the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 seasons, the Irish were a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season. Also, since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, Notre Dame is 93-6 (.939) at the Joyce Center.

JAMMIN' THE JOYCE

For the third consecutive season, Notre Dame is ranked among the top 10 in the nation in attendance, according to the latest unofficial rankings compiled by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Office. The Irish have averaged 7,043 fans for five home games this season, placing them sixth in the country (through games of Jan. 5). Notre Dame drew the fifth-largest crowd in school history on Jan. 4 for its nationally-televised game with Purdue, attracting 9,483 fans to the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame averaged a school-record 7,825 fans for their 14 home games last season, good for eighth in the final NCAA attendance rankings. The 2001-02 season also saw Notre Dame register 13 of the top 20 crowds in school history, including a gathering of 9,676 fans, the third-largest in school annals, for a 60-44 win over 16th-ranked Boston College.



Furthermore, all of the top 20 crowds in the Irish record book have occurred during the 16-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw** (1987-present). And, as more evidence of Notre Dame's rapid elevation to "hot ticket" status in South Bend, 19 of the top 20 crowds in school history have been recorded in the last four seasons.

NOTRE DAME FACING ONE TOUGH SLATE

Historically, Notre Dame has always played a difficult schedule and 2002-03 is no exception. The Irish will play no less than 14 teams that qualified for postseason play last year, including nine NCAA Tournament teams (highlighted by defending national champion Connecticut and Final Four participant Tennessee). In addition, six opponents (Arizona State, Connecticut, Purdue, Temple, Tennessee and Valparaiso) won the regular-season or tournament title in their respective conference. Furthermore, 17 of the 24 Irish opponents finished with records of .500 or better last season, including 10 squads that posted 20-win campaigns.

IRISH ON THE SMALL SCREEN

Notre Dame is getting a good deal of face time in 2002-03, playing on television at least seven times, including nationally-televised contests against Arizona State (Dec. 7 on Fox Sports Net), Purdue (Jan. 4 on CBS) and Connecticut (Jan. 20 on ESPN2). In addition, Notre Dame appears three times as part of the BIG EAST regular-season television package, playing host to Miami (Jan. 11, noon ET) and traveling to Villanova (Jan. 25, noon ET) and Virginia Tech (Feb. 9, 2 p.m. ET). All three of those games may be telecast in South Bend on WHME-TV on a tape-delayed basis as part of the league's TV deal. WHME-TV also broadcast the Irish game at DePaul (Dec. 11) live from Chicago.

Besides the regular-season conference television deal, the BIG EAST tournament semifinals on March 10 also will be aired on BIG EAST TV, while the conference championship game on March 11 will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

The Irish are 1-2 on television this season, defeating Arizona State and falling to DePaul and Purdue.

NOTRE DAME ON THE AIRWAVES

Once again this season, every Irish women's basketball game will air on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend. Veteran broadcaster and WDND sports director **Sean Stires** is now in his third season handling the play-by-play for Notre Dame. The Irish also can be heard on the Internet at Notre Dame's official athletics website (www.und.com) by subscribing to Fighting Irish Pass, which gives listeners full access to a wide variety of Irish events on radio for only \$6.95 per month.

THE MUFFET MCGRAW SHOW

Muffet McGraw's half-hour, weekly television show is produced by LeSea Broadcasting and hosted by **Bob Nagle**. The show, now in its fifth season, is carried by WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and will air at 6:30 p.m. (EST) on Saturdays through the completion of the 2002-03 season. The show also is available via satellite (Galaxy 6, Transponder 15) each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. (EST), and may be seen on LeSea Broadcasting stations in Denver, Honolulu, Indianapolis, New Orleans and Tulsa (check local listings).

ANNE WEESE ADDED TO NOTRE DAME ROSTER

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Jan. 7 the addition of 5-10 junior non-scholarship guard **Anne Weese** (*first name pronounced Annie*) to the 2002-03 Irish roster.

Weese spent the last two seasons at Seward County (Kan.) Community College, helping the Saints to a combined record of 71-1 and the 2002 NJCAA national championship. She averaged 4.3 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game during her two-year junior college career. Weese also was a starter on the Saints' 38-0 national championship squad. Her complete biography can be found on page 23 of this release.

NOTRE DAME INKS PAIR OF TOP 20 PREP STANDOUTS IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD

University of Notre Dame women's basketball coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 14 that two of the nation's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing national letters of intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2003. **Crystal Erwin**, a 6-2 forward from St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif., and **Susie Powers**, a 5-11 guard from Highlands Ranch High School in Denver, Colo., will join the Irish for the 2003-04 campaign.

2002-03 IRISH INSIGHTS

- Senior guard **Alicia Ratay** was a member of the 1998 U.S. Under-17 Junior National Team that won a bronze medal at the Junior Olympics in Moscow, Russia that summer.

- As part of a class project last year, senior guard **Karen Swanson** helped design and sell a calendar that featured casual photos of her teammates (Swanson shot most of the photos herself). The calendar was hugely popular among Irish fans and raised nearly \$7,000 for the World Trade Center Public School Relief Fund.

- Junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** caused something of a stir during Notre Dame's tour of Italy this past summer. It seems Severe bears a striking resemblance to a famous European track star named Fiona May, and several locals came up to Severe during the trip, asking for her autograph.

- Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is only the third South Bend native to play for the Irish, and the first since Molly Mahoney in 1987.

- Sophomore center **Teresa Borton** grew up on an apple orchard in Yakima, Wash., and her family owns Borton Fruit Company. In addition, she is one of two Bortons currently playing Division I basketball — cousin, Katie, is a senior at Colorado State.

- One of Teresa Borton's teammates on West Valley High School's 2001 state championship team was **Annie Schefter**, who was the starting point guard. As it turns out, Schefter also is a pretty talented soccer player, good enough to earn a scholarship to follow Borton to Notre Dame. Schefter went on to earn high school All-America honors in 2001 and find a spot on the U.S. under-19 World Cup team, but a knee injury during summer workouts forced her to miss not only the under-19 World Cup, but also her entire freshman season with the Irish.



2002-03 IRISH INSIGHTS

- Sophomore guard **Kelsey Wicks** fell in love with the University of Notre Dame after watching the Irish play in the 1997 NCAA Final Four. However, she was not initially recruited by Notre Dame. So, she sent the Irish coaching staff a videotape of her games, and Notre Dame quickly began pursuing her. Wicks often refers to her journey to Notre Dame as "a tape and a dream".
- Wicks was a three-sport star at Campbell County High School in Gillette, Wyo. In addition to her basketball prowess, Wicks was a four-time state champion in the high jump, and earned all-state honors in golf while leading the Camels to their first state championship.
- Freshman guard **Megan Duffy** won three AAU national championships with the Dayton Lady HoopStars in 1996, 1998 and 2000. One of Duffy's teammates early in her AAU career was former Connecticut standout Tamika Williams, who now plays for the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx.
- Duffy also earned all-city honors and was a two-time captain of the boys' golf team at Dayton's Chaminade-Julienne High School.
- Not one to be superstitious, Duffy chose the No. 13 because she was born on Friday the 13th.
- Freshman forward **Courtney LaVere** is called "Malibu" by her teammates. The nickname was coined by fellow freshman Megan Duffy because of LaVere's California roots and her self-described likeness to "a typical California girl." LaVere also alluded to the moniker in her pre-season media guide questionnaire with the title she chose for her autobiography — "A Day in the Life of a Malibu Barbie".

Erwin has averaged 22.6 points and 14.5 rebounds per game during her three-year prep career at St. Paul. She holds the school records for career points (2,084) and rebounds (1,324), as well as single-season points (869) with one year still to play for the Swordsmen. Ranked as high as third in the nation by All-Star Girls Report, Erwin was named to the 2002-03 *USA Today* Preseason Super 25 Team, and she is a two-time *Street & Smith's* All-America pick, earning third-team honors last season. She also has been named to all-star teams at the adidas Top Ten Camp each of the last two years and she was a member of the USA Basketball Youth Development Festival West Team this past summer. Erwin is the second California native in as many seasons to commit to the Irish, following current Notre Dame freshman **Courtney LaVere**.

Powers averaged 11.5 points and 6.8 assists per game last season for perennial national power Highlands Ranch High School, which won its third consecutive Colorado Class 5A title last season and was ranked No. 1 in the nation for much of the campaign according to the *USA Today* Super 25 poll. Powers was ranked as high as 12th in the nation by the *Greg Swaim Basketball Report*, and she is a two-time *Street & Smith's* honorable mention All-America selection. She also was Erwin's teammate on the USA Basketball Youth Development Festival West Team in the summer of 2002. In addition to Erwin, Powers will have some familiarity with another Irish player -- she played with sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** at Highlands Ranch in 2000, helping lead the Falcons to the first of their three straight state championships.

With the addition of Erwin and Powers, Notre Dame has its seventh consecutive top 20 recruiting class, according to *Blue Star Basketball*, which rated the newest Irish signees 16th in the nation.

McGRAW INDUCTED INTO SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

University of Notre Dame women's basketball coach **Muffet McGraw** was one of seven people inducted into the Saint Joseph's (Pa.) University Athletics Hall of Fame Nov. 16 in Philadelphia. McGraw was a standout point guard for Saint Joseph's during its first four years of varsity competition, serving as team captain during her final two seasons (1975-76 and 1976-77). She helped lead the Hawks to an 18-3 record as a junior and a third-place finish in the AIAW Eastern Regional Tournament. A year later, she guided SJU to a 23-5 record, a sixth-place finish at the AIAW National Tournament, and a No. 3 national ranking in the *Associated Press* poll, the highest year-end poll finish in school history. She also set the Saint Joseph's single-season record for steals with 102 during the 1976-77 campaign.

McGraw graduated from SJU in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. She played one season for the California Dreams in the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) before beginning her college coaching career as an assistant coach at her alma mater from 1980-82. Following five successful seasons at Lehigh (1983-87), McGraw was named the head coach at Notre Dame, a position she has held ever since.

Now in her 16th year with the Irish, McGraw has posted a stellar 351-130 (.730) record (439-171, .720 overall in 21 years), guiding Notre Dame to 13 20-win seasons, nine postseason appearances, seven NCAA Tournament berths, four Sweet Sixteen visits, two Final Fours and the 2001 NCAA title. The 2001 Naismith and AP National Coach of the Year, McGraw also is a member of the SJU Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the Philadelphia Big Five Hall of Fame.

IRISH ASSISTANT COACH FEATURED ON WNBA.COM

When she's not diligently working with the Notre Dame women's basketball team, assistant coach **Coquese Washington** spends the offseason playing in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). A six-year veteran point guard, Washington guided the Indiana Fever to their first-ever playoff berth this past summer, following her midseason trade from the Houston Comets.

During the course of the 2002-03 college basketball season, *WNBA.com* will feature regular interviews and chat sessions with Washington. Readers will get an inside look at how she successfully handles the challenges of being a collegiate assistant, while also remaining prepared for the next professional basketball season.

IRISH ENJOY SUCCESSFUL SUMMER TRIP TO EUROPE

Last May, the Irish embarked on a 12-day tour of Italy and France, going 3-1 in a four-game series against Italian professional teams. Among the Notre Dame victories was an 82-76 conquest of 14-time Italian First Division champion Pool Comense 1872, which had won its latest league title only two weeks prior to playing the Irish.

Sophomore forward **Jacqueline Batteast** and sophomore guard **Kelsey Wicks** shared team-high scoring honors on the tour, averaging 14.8 points per game during the series. Batteast, the reigning



McGRAW PART OF U.S. TITLE IX COMMISSION

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** has been serving as a member of the Commission on Opportunity in Athletics, after being selected for the position last summer by United States Secretary of Education Rod Paige. McGraw is one of 15 sports professionals and educators on the blue-ribbon panel, which is co-chaired by former Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) star **Cynthia Cooper** and **Ted Leland**, director of athletics at Stanford University.

The Commission was founded to study the effects of Title IX, the 30-year-old anti-discrimination law, and examine ways of strengthening enforcement and expanding opportunities to ensure fairness for all college student-athletes. The members of the panel held public hearings and spoke with coaches, student-athletes, parents, college officials, educators and other experts to gather information and prepare recommendations that will be submitted to Paige later this year.

"I'm very honored to have been chosen for this very important Commission," McGraw said. "I think Title IX has been great for female student-athletes and I hope we will find ways to make it even better."

McGraw, who is now in her 16th season at Notre Dame, is the only women's basketball coach on the Commission. Among the other featured members on the panel are: **Julie Foudy**, president of the Women's Sports Foundation and captain of the U.S. National Women's Soccer Team, and **Donna DeVarona**, co-founder of the Women's Sports Foundation and a two-time Olympic gold medalist in swimming.

"Without a doubt, Title IX has opened the doors of opportunity for generations of women and girls to compete, to achieve, and to pursue their American dreams," Paige said. "I am confident that, with the help of this Commission, we will learn how we can do a better job of enforcing a law that represents hope to so many Americans."

United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year, also registered two double-doubles and carded 11.3 rebounds per game while in Europe.

Sophomore center **Teresa Borton** collected team-high rebounding laurels, averaging 12.3 boards per contest. She also posted double-figure rebounding totals in three of four games, finishing with nine caroms in her other outing. Like Batteast, she averaged a double-double, adding 10 points per night.

All told, five Irish players scored in double figures while in Europe — the aforementioned trio, along with junior guard **Le'Tania Severe** (13.5 ppg.) and sophomore forward **Katy Flecky** (10.0 ppg.). As a team, Notre Dame averaged 79.5 points and 51.3 rebounds per game during the trip.

UP NEXT: ST. JOHN'S

The Irish will head back out on the road for a quick one-game trip to St. John's Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (EST). The Red Storm have been revitalized this season under first-year head coach **Kim Barnes-Arico**, posting a 6-7 record (0-2 in the BIG EAST) and doubling last season's win total. Senior guard **Danielle Rainey** has been the top threat for SJU this year, ranking 10th in the conference in scoring (15.9 ppg.). The Red Storm will play host to Seton Hall Saturday before welcoming the Irish to town.

Notre Dame is 11-0 all-time against St. John's, including a 66-31 win in their only meeting last season at the Joyce Center. The Irish are 5-0 at SJU's Alumni Hall, with an 84-49 win in their last visit on Jan. 9, 2001.

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. 6) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report (through games of Jan. 10):

Team Rankings NCAA BIG EAST (all games)

Scoring Offense	6th at 71.5
Scoring Defense	8th at 62.7
Scoring Margin	8th at +8.8
FT Percentage	4th at .739
FG Percentage	20th at .472
FG Percentage Defense	4th at .472
FG Percentage Defense	5th at .374
3-Point FG Percentage	14th at .312
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept
Rebounding	10th at .333
Rebounding	6th at 39.4
Rebounding Defense	not kept
Rebounding Defense	5th at 33.3
Rebounding Margin	4th at +6.1
Blocked Shots	9th at 5.73
Blocked Shots	2nd at 5.33
Assists	10th at 14.5
Steals	6th at 9.92
Turnover Margin	not kept
Turnover Margin	12th at (-1.25)
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept
Assist/Turnover Ratio	11th at 0.75

Individual Rankings NCAA BIG EAST (all games)

Scoring	Batteast, 14th at 15.5
Rebounding	Batteast, 6th at 7.8
Rebounding	LaVere, 13th at 6.5
FG Percentage	Batteast, 10th at .475
Assists	Severe, 13th at 3.83
FT Percentage	Ratay, 23rd at .900
FT Percentage	Ratay, 2nd at .905
FT Percentage	Severe, 5th at .817
Steals	Severe, 9th at 2.25
Blocked Shots	Borton, 4th at 1.42
Blocked Shots	LaVere, 7th at 1.17
Blocked Shots	Batteast, 10th at 1.08
Assist/Turnover Ratio	Severe, 14th at 1.05
Offensive Rebounds	Batteast, 8th at 2.67
Offensive Rebounds	Borton, 11th at 2.5
Offensive Rebounds	LaVere, 13th at 2.42
Defensive Rebounds	Batteast, 8th at 5.17
Defensive Rebounds	LaVere, 14th at 4.08

NOTRE DAME VS. MIAMI

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

Overall Record: 9-3 (Home: 4-1, Away: 5-1, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 1-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 26	10/10		CLEVELAND STATE	W 107-65	W1	1-0		Flecky-22	two with 8	Batteast-7	6,402
Nov. 29	10/10		at USC	W 69-57	W2	2-0		Ratay-17	Batteast-11	Flecky-3	1,317
Dec. 4	9/9		at Valparaiso	W 74-68	W3	3-0		Ratay-21	Borton-8	Severe-5	1,561
Dec. 7	9/9		(1) at Arizona State (FSN)	W 81-52	W4	4-0		Batteast-24	Borton-9	Duffy-7	7,274
Dec. 11	8/8		at DePaul (WHME)	L 59-75	L1	4-1		Batteast-17	Batteast-9	two with 2	2,522
Dec. 14	8/8		TEMPLE	W 84-61	W1	5-1		Ratay-17	LaVere-9	Severe-4	6,324
Dec. 21	12/11		IPFW	W 82-54	W2	6-1		two with 20	Borton-11	five with 4	6,372
Dec. 23	12/11		COLORADO STATE	W 46-45	W3	7-1		Batteast-18	Batteast-10	Batteast-3	6,632
Dec. 28	12/12	5/5	(2) vs. Tennessee	L 61-77	L1	7-2		LaVere-17	LaVere-11	Severe-5	8,223
Dec. 31	13/13		at Marquette	W 75-68	W1	8-2		Batteast-23	LaVere-12	Severe-6	3,686
Jan. 4	13/13	7/6	PURDUE (CBS)	L 54-71	L1	8-3		LaVere-23	LaVere-10	Severe-6	9,483
Jan. 8	16/17		at West Virginia*	W 66-59	W1	9-3	1-0	Severe-21	Batteast-9	Severe-5	2,001
Jan. 11			MIAMI* (BETV)	12:05 p.m. EST							
Jan. 14			at St. John's*	7:30 p.m. EST							
Jan. 18			RUTGERS*	2 p.m. EST							
Jan. 20			CONNECTICUT* (ESPN2)	2 p.m. EST							
Jan. 25			at Villanova* (BETV)	Noon EST							
Jan. 29			at Boston College*	7 p.m. EST							
Feb. 1			WEST VIRGINIA*	5 p.m. EST							
Feb. 5			GEORGETOWN*	7 p.m. EST							
Feb. 9			at Virginia Tech* (BETV)	2 p.m. EST							
Feb. 12			ST. JOHN'S*	7 p.m. EST							
Feb. 16			at Providence*	2 p.m. EST							
Feb. 23			at Connecticut*	2 p.m. EST							
Feb. 26			PITTSBURGH*	7 p.m. EST							
March 1			SETON HALL*	4 p.m. EST							
March 4			at Syracuse*	7 p.m. EST							
<u>BIG EAST Championship (Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway, N.J.)</u>											
March 8			First Round								
March 9			Quarterfinals								
March 10			Semifinals								
March 11			Championship								
<u>NCAA First & Second Rounds (Predetermined campus sites)</u>											
March 22 & 23			First Round								
March 24 & 25			Second Round								
<u>NCAA Regionals (East - Dayton, Ohio; Mideast - Knoxville, Tenn.; Midwest - Albuquerque, N.M.; West - Stanford, Calif.)</u>											
March 29 & 30			Semifinals								
March 31 & April 1			Finals								
<u>NCAA Final Four (Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.)</u>											
April 6			Semifinals								
April 8			Championship								

*BIG EAST Conference game

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

(2) Game played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

(FSN) Game televised live on Fox Sports Net

(WHME) Game televised live on WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend

(CBS) Game televised live on CBS

(ESPN2) Game to be televised live on ESPN2

(BETV) Game to be televised live on BIG EAST Conference television package

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

CAPS indicates home game played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418) // Dates and times are subject to change

2002-03 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	61,797	5,150	9,483 (PUR-1/4)
Home:	35,213	7,043	9,483 (PUR-1/4)
Away:	18,361	3,060	7,274 (ASU-12/7)
Neutral:	8,223	8,223	8,223 (UT-12/28)

2002-03 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics

Overall Record: 9-3 (Home: 4-1, Away: 5-1, 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>
Batteast, Jacqueline	12-12	367-30.6	77-162	.475	4-22	.182	28-39	.718	32	62	94	7.8	28-1	27	39	13	22	186	15.5
LaVere, Courtney	12-3	246-20.5	53-103	.515	0-1	.000	36-57	.632	29	49	78	6.5	30-0	11	28	14	8	142	11.8
Severe, Le'Tania	12-12	368-30.7	41-77	.532	4-6	.667	49-60	.817	10	36	46	3.8	34-0	46	44	3	27	135	11.3
Ratay, Alicia	12-12	367-30.6	38-87	.437	14-31	.452	38-42	.905	9	31	40	3.3	8-0	15	17	5	9	128	10.7
Flecky, Katy	11-8	262-23.8	35-70	.500	4-7	.571	28-41	.683	15	37	52	4.7	31-1	20	32	8	16	102	9.3
Borton, Teresa	12-12	287-23.9	41-72	.569	0-0	.000	9-15	.600	30	37	67	5.6	26-1	14	19	17	12	91	7.6
Wicks, Kelsey	12-1	183-15.3	11-39	.282	3-22	.136	9-11	.818	11	19	30	2.5	10-0	13	14	3	8	34	2.8
Duffy, Megan	12-0	254-21.2	6-27	.222	2-13	.154	12-18	.667	2	17	19	1.6	24-0	27	27	1	13	26	2.2
Swanson, Karen	6-0	35-5.8	3-7	.429	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0	1	1	0.2	1-0	1	3	0	2	9	1.5
Krause, Jill	8-0	31-3.9	1-4	.250	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	0.4	3-0	0	2	0	2	5	0.6
Team									23	20	43	3.6							7
Notre Dame	12	2400	306-648	.472	34-109	.312	212-287	.739	161	312	473	39.4	195-3	174	232	64	119	858	71.5
Opponents	12	2400	271-725	.374	69-208	.332	141-194	.727	173	227	400	33.3	239-2	155	217	25	110	752	62.7

2002-03 Single Game Highs & Lows

NOTRE DAME HIGHS

Points (Game)	107 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Points (Half)	61* (1st half) vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Field Goals Made	42 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Field Goal Attempts	70 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	60.0 (42-70) vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	8 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	19 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	42.1 (8-19) vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Free Throws Made	30 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Free Throw Attempts	40 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	84.2 (16-19) at USC, 11/29/02
Rebounds	50 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Personal Fouls	24 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02
Assists	26 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Turnovers	29 at USC, 11/29/02
Blocked Shots	10 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02
Steals	20 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points (Game)	77, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Points (Half)	44 (2nd half), Purdue, 1/4/03
Field Goals Made	27, Purdue, 1/4/03
Field Goal Attempts	73, Purdue, 1/4/03
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	47.2 (25-53), DePaul, 12/11/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	9, twice (MR: Marquette, 12/31/02)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	22, IPFW, 12/21/02
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	42.9, twice (MR: Marquette, 12/31/02)
Free Throws Made	23, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Free Throw Attempts	35, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	89.5 (17-19), Colorado State, 12/23/02
Rebounds	53, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Personal Fouls	27, Valparaiso, 12/4/02
Assists	19, Tennessee, 12/28/02
Turnovers	31, Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Blocked Shots	7, Arizona State, 12/7/02
Steals	16, Purdue, 1/4/03

* indicates school record

NOTRE DAME LOWS

Points (Game)	46 vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
Points (Half)	20 (1st half) vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goals Made	14 vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goal Attempts	40 vs. Purdue, 1/4/03
Field Goal Percentage	29.8 (14-47) vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	1, four times (MR: vs. Purdue, 1/4/03)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	3 vs. Purdue, 1/4/03
Three-Point Percentage	12.5 (1-8), twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)
Free Throws Made	8 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Free Throw Attempts	12 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Free Throw Percentage	60.9 (14-23) vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Rebounds	33, twice (MR: vs. Purdue, 1/4/03)
Personal Fouls	11 at West Virginia, 1/8/03
Assists	6, twice (MR: vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02)
Turnovers	12 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Blocked Shots	0 vs. Temple, 12/14/02
Steals	5 at Marquette, 12/31/02

OPPONENT LOWS

Points (Game)	45, Colorado State, 12/23/02
Points (Half)	12 (1st half), Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goals Made	13, Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goal Attempts	42, Colorado State, 12/23/02
Field Goal Percentage	28.4 (19-67), Arizona State, 12/7/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	2, Colorado State, 12/23/02
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	14, twice (MR: Tennessee, 12/28/02)
Three-Point Percentage	13.3 (2-15), Colorado State, 12/23/02
Free Throws Made	2, West Virginia, 1/8/03
Free Throw Attempts	6, USC, 11/29/02
Free Throw Percentage	28.6 (2-7), West Virginia, 1/8/03
Rebounds	24, Marquette, 12/31/02
Personal Fouls	14, Marquette, 12/31/02
Assists	9, twice (MR: Colorado State, 12/23/02)
Turnovers	9, Purdue, 1/4/03
Blocked Shots	0, IPFW, 12/21/02
Steals	5, Colorado State, 12/23/02

* indicates school record

NOTRE DAME VS. MIAMI

2002-03 Notre Dame Game-by-Game Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs. Off-Def-Tot	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.									
Cleveland State	22-56	.393	5-15	.333	16-19	.842	11-22-33	26	12	31	1	7	65
at NOTRE DAME (6,402)	42-70	.600	4-9	.444	19-30	.633	11-26-37	17	25	12	6	20	107
at USC (1,317)	24-63	.381	3-14	.214	6-6	1.000	12-15-27	16	18	24	1	7	57
NOTRE DAME	26-47	.553	1-4	.250	16-19	.842	8-26-34	12	7	29	7	12	69
at Valparaiso (1,561)	25-63	.397	5-18	.278	13-18	.722	16-15-31	27	10	12	2	6	68
NOTRE DAME	21-42	.500	2-7	.286	30-40	.750	11-25-36	16	11	14	5	9	74
(1) at Arizona State (7,274)	19-67	.284	4-18	.222	10-13	.769	15-14-29	16	13	14	7	12	52
NOTRE DAME	35-63	.556	3-10	.300	8-12	.667	16-34-50	18	22	22	5	7	81
at DEPAUL (2,522)	25-53	.472	7-17	.412	18-22	.818	12-24-36	21	12	13	1	7	75
Notre Dame	20-53	.377	2-10	.200	17-22	.773	14-19-33	19	6	15	4	8	59
Temple	24-59	.407	6-21	.286	7-11	.636	14-20-34	23	14	24	1	7	61
at NOTRE DAME (4,689)	28-63	.444	3-12	.250	25-32	.781	20-24-44	15	19	13	0	17	84
IPFW	18-57	.316	9-22	.409	9-16	.563	12-21-33	19	9	28	0	12	54
at NOTRE DAME (6,372)	30-60	.500	8-19	.421	14-23	.609	16-30-46	17	26	27	8	15	82
Colorado State	13-42	.310	2-15	.133	17-19	.895	7-24-31	21	9	20	3	5	45
at NOTRE DAME (6,632)	14-47	.298	1-8	.125	17-23	.739	11-23-34	17	6	17	4	6	46
(2) TENNESSEE	24-68	.353	6-14	.429	23-35	.657	23-30-53	23	19	18	6	13	77
vs. Notre Dame (8,223)	19-62	.306	1-8	.125	22-27	.815	16-28-44	24	13	19	10	6	61
at Marquette (3,686)	25-61	.410	9-21	.429	9-11	.818	12-12-24	14	14	11	1	10	68
NOTRE DAME	27-50	.540	4-12	.333	17-21	.810	14-25-39	12	14	19	7	5	75
PURDUE	27-73	.370	6-15	.400	11-17	.647	26-15-41	18	14	9	1	16	71
at Notre Dame (9,483)	20-40	.500	1-3	.333	13-19	.684	9-24-33	17	13	25	7	7	54
*NOTRE DAME	24-51	.471	4-7	.571	14-19	.737	15-28-43	11	12	20	1	7	66
at West Virginia (2,001)	25-63	.397	7-18	.389	2-7	.286	13-15-28	15	11	13	1	8	59

Winners listed in CAPITAL LETTERS // * indicates BIG EAST Conference game

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

(2) Game played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

2002-03 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Severe	Joyce	Krause	Swanson	Borton	Duffy	Batteast	Ratay	Wicks	Flecky	LaVere	Weese
CLEVELAND STATE	13-1-4	DNP	0-0-0	5-0-1	18-3-1	0-1-4	19-8-7	4-3-1	8-4-0	22-8-2	18-7-5	
at USC	11-6-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	10-2-1	2-1-1	14-11-1	17-3-0	0-0-0	13-4-3	2-2-0	
at Valparaiso	15-3-5	DNP	DNP	DNP	9-8-1	1-1-2	13-5-0	21-6-2	0-2-0	13-3-1	2-4-0	
(1) at Arizona State	11-4-6	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	14-9-1	2-5-7	24-8-0	8-5-1	3-3-3	10-6-3	9-6-1	
at DePaul	5-5-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	7-3-0	3-0-2	17-9-2	10-3-1	2-6-0	4-1-0	11-4-1	
TEMPLE	7-1-4	DNP	0-0-0	0-1-0	2-6-1	5-4-3	14-6-3	17-3-2	12-1-2	11-7-3	16-9-1	
IPFW	3-2-3	DNP	2-3-0	3-0-0	5-11-4	2-3-4	16-6-4	20-3-2	5-4-4	6-5-4	20-6-1	
COLORADO STATE	8-3-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-3-0	3-1-1	18-10-3	8-5-0	0-2-0	5-4-1	2-1-0	
(2) vs. Tennessee	11-6-5	DNP	3-0-0	0-0-0	14-6-3	2-1-0	2-6-2	5-1-0	0-2-2	7-5-1	17-11-0	
at Marquette	20-2-6	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-7-1	6-0-1	23-11-1	4-1-2	4-4-1	DNP	16-12-2	
PURDUE	10-7-6	DNP	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-3-1	0-0-1	14-5-3	0-1-0	0-1-1	4-4-1	23-10-0	
* at West Virginia	21-6-5	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	6-6-0	0-2-1	12-9-1	14-6-4	0-1-0	7-5-1	6-6-0	DNP

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

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

(2) Game played at Conseco Fieldhouse (Indianapolis, Ind.)

2002-03 Miscellaneous Statistics

	<u>All Games</u>	<u>vs. BIG EAST Teams</u>
Most First Half Points Scored	61 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26	22 at West Virginia, 1/8
Most First Half Points Allowed	42 by DePaul, 12/11	33 at West Virginia, 1/8
Most Second Half Points Scored	49 vs. Temple, 12/14	44 at West Virginia, 1/8
Most Second Half Points Allowed	42 by Purdue, 1/4	26 at West Virginia, 1/8
Fewest First Half Points Scored	20 vs. Colorado State, 12/23	22 at West Virginia, 1/8
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	12 by Colorado State, 12/23	33 at West Virginia, 1/8
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	26, twice (MR: vs. Colorado State, 12/23)	44 at West Virginia, 1/8
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	20 by USC, 11/29	26 at West Virginia, 1/8

Largest Leads

ND: 43 — 97-54 (5:51, 2nd) vs. Cleveland State (ND 107-65), 11/26
 Opponent: 25 — 63-38 (5:57, 2nd) vs. Purdue (PUR 71-54), 1/4

Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 14 — 36-22 (18:53, 2nd) at West Virginia (ND 66-59), 1/8

Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 11 (33-22) at West Virginia (ND 66-59), 1/8

Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 5 — 22-17 (6:14, 1st) vs. Purdue (PUR 71-54), 1/4

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Halftime Leads: ND: 7 (ND Record — 7-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 5 (ND Record — 2-3; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0

Rebound Advantage: ND: 9 (ND Record — 9-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 3 (ND Record — 0-3; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0

Bench Scoring Advantage: ND: 6 (ND Record — 5-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Opponents: 6 (ND Record — 4-2; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST teams) // Ties: 0

ND Margin: (-29) points, (-2.4) ppg. (ND — 195 pts., 16.3 ppg.; Opponents — 224 pts., 18.7 ppg.)

<u>Point Differential</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>42</u>
ND Wins	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
ND Losses	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0

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

	<u>All Games</u>	<u>vs. BIG EAST teams</u>
Batteast, Flecky, Borton, Ratay, Severe	6-2	0-0
Batteast, LaVere, Borton, Ratay, Severe	2-1	1-0
Batteast, Wicks, Borton, Ratay, Severe	1-0	0-0

Complete Games Played: 0 // Opponents: 1

Most Minutes: 39 (Alicia Ratay at Valparaiso, 12/4; Ratay & Le'Tania Severe at West Virginia, 1/8)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 42 (Batteast 11, Severe 8, LaVere 7, Ratay 6, Flecky 5, Borton 4, Wicks 1) // Opponents: 31

20-29-Point Games: 9 (Batteast 2, LaVere 2, Ratay 2, Severe 2, Flecky 1) // Opponents: 4

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

Game-High Honors*: 8 (LaVere 3, Ratay 3, Batteast 2)

Team-High Honors*: 13 (Batteast 4, Ratay 4, LaVere 3, Flecky 1, Severe 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 7 (Batteast 3, LaVere 3, Borton 1) // Opponents: 1

Game-High Honors*: 13 (Batteast 5, LaVere 4, Borton 3, Flecky 1)

Team-High Honors*: 13 (Batteast 5, LaVere 4, Borton 3, Flecky 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 12 (Severe 4, Batteast 3, Duffy 2, Borton 1, Flecky 1, Wicks 1)

Team-High Honors*: 16 (Severe 6, Batteast 4, Duffy 3, Flecky 2, Borton 1, Wicks 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 6 (Batteast 3 - USC, COLOST, MARQ; LaVere 3 - UT, MARQ, PUR) // Opponents: 1

* totals may not add up to games played due to ties // figures in italics indicate school records

IRISH DOWN THE STRETCH

Here's a look at Notre Dame's performance at the free throw line in the final five minutes of regulation and overtime this season:

Alicia Ratay	6-6 (1.000)
Jill Krause	2-2 (1.000)
Le'Tania Severe	16-20 (.800)
Teresa Borton	6-8 (.750)
Courtney LaVere	13-21 (.619)
Jacqueline Batteast	3-6 (.500)
Katy Flecky	2-4 (.500)
Kelsey Wicks	2-4 (.500)
Karen Swanson	1-2 (.500)
Megan Duffy	1-3 (.333)
TOTAL	52-76 (.684)

The Last Time It Happened ...

Notre Dame recorded a

30-point win was on 11/26/01 — ND 107, Cleveland State 65 (42 points)*
 40-point win was on 11/26/01 — ND 107, Cleveland State 65 (42 points)*
 50-point win was on 3/4/01 — ND 89, Georgetown 33 (56 points) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 30-point loss was on 3/17/02 — Tennessee 89, ND 50 (39 points) (*NCAA Tournament Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 11/26/01 — 60.0% (42-70) vs. Cleveland State (ND 107-65)*
 65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
 90% on FTs was on 1/9/97 — 91.7% (11-12) vs. West Virginia (ND 103-58)*

Notre Dame

won 10 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (*across two seasons*)
 • lost 5 games in a row (*one season*) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight
 scored 100 points was on 11/26/01 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)*
 • scored 100 points on the road never
 • scored 100 points at a neutral site was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (*Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.*)
 • scored 100 points & lost never
 allowed 100 points was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)*
 scored less than 50 points was on 12/23/02 (ND 46, Colorado State 45)*
 allowed less than 50 points was on 12/23/02 (ND 46, Colorado State 45)*
 played an overtime game was on 3/6/00 (Rutgers 81, ND 72) (*BIG EAST Championship Semifinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 • played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
 rallied from a double-digit deficit to win was on 1/8/03 — 14 points (22-36) at West Virginia (ND 66-59)
 won on a "last second" shot was on 1/14/95 (ND 67, Detroit 65 — Letitia Bowen putback at 0:01)
 lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
 had five double-figure scorers was on 12/14/01 (ND 84, Temple 61) — Alicia Ratay 17, Courtney LaVere 16, Jacqueline Batteast 14, Kelsey Wicks 12, Katy Flecky 11*
 had six double-figure scorers was on 1/23/99 (ND 99, St. John's 60) — Danielle Green 20, Sheila McMillen 20, Ericka Haney 16, Sherisha Hills 13, Ruth Riley 13, Niele Ivey 12*
 had seven double-figure scorers was on 2/6/97 (ND 90, Syracuse 73) — Rosanne Bohman 16, Mollie Peirick 15, Katryna Gaither 14, Kari Hutchinson 11, Sheila McMillen 11,
 Beth Morgan 11, Jeannine Augustin 10
 had two double-figure rebounders was on 12/31/02 (ND 75, Marquette 68) — Courtney LaVere 12, Jacqueline Batteast 11
 had two players with "double-doubles" was on 12/31/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (23 pts., 11 reb.) & Courtney LaVere (16 pts., 12 reb.) at Marquette (ND 75-68)
 had three players with "double-doubles" was on 12/21/95 — Beth Morgan (28 pts., 11 reb.), Katryna Gaither (27 pts., 14 reb.) & Carey Poor (10 pts., 10 reb.) at Michigan St. (MSU 87-83, ot)
 had two 20-point scorers was on 12/31/02 (ND 75, Marquette 68) — Jacqueline Batteast 23, Le'Tania Severe 20
 had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*
 made 10 three-point field goals was on 3/3/02 (Syracuse 84, ND 79) — 10-26 (38.5%) on threes (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 committed less than 10 turnovers was on 1/26/02 (ND 64, Virginia Tech 57) — 7 turnovers* (**school record**)
 committed 25 turnovers was on 1/4/03 (Purdue 71, ND 54) — 25 turnovers*
 forced 25 turnovers was on 12/21/02 (ND 82, IPFW 54) — 28 turnovers*

An Irish player had

25 points was on 3/3/02 — Alicia Ratay (29) vs. Syracuse (SU 84-79) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 30 points was on 2/19/02 — Alicia Ratay (31) vs. West Virginia (ND 72-63)*
 35 points was on 2/22/00 — Ruth Riley (36) vs. Miami (ND 83-68)*
 40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)
 15 rebounds was on 1/29/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (15) vs. Syracuse (ND 71-46)*
 20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)
 10 assists was on 1/15/01 — Niele Ivey (10) vs. Connecticut (ND 92-76)*
 5 blocks was on 12/31/02 — Courtney LaVere (5) at Marquette (ND 75-68)
 5 steals was on 1/8/03 — Le'Tania Severe (5) at West Virginia (ND 66-59)
 a "double-double" was on 1/4/03 — Courtney LaVere (23 pts., 10 reb.) vs. Purdue (PUR 71-54)*
 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 1/4/03 — Courtney LaVere (23 pts., 10 reb.) vs. Purdue (PUR 71-54)*
 20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25 pts., 20 reb.) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

An opposing player had

25 points was on 2/16/02 — Mauri Horton (25), Rutgers (ND 57-52)
 30 points was on 1/28/98 — Jen Beisel (30), Villanova (VU 70-54)*
 35 points was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)
 10 rebounds was on 12/28/02 — Shyra Ely (10), Tennessee (UT 77-61) (*at Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.*)
 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 1/4/03 — Erika Valek (6), Purdue (PUR 71-54)*
 a "double-double" was on 12/28/02 — Shyra Ely (14 pts., 10 reb.), Tennessee (UT 77-61) (*at Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.*)
 a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DPU 83-62)

* indicates Notre Dame home game

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21 Jacqueline Batteast Forward, Sophomore, 6-2, South Bend, IN (Washington)

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST ... has started all 12 games for the Irish, averaging 30.6 minutes per game ... leads team and ranks among top 15 in BIG EAST in scoring (14th - 15.5 ppg.) and rebounding (6th - 7.8 rpg.) ... also among BIG EAST leaders in FG% (10th - .475) and blocked shots (10th - 1.08 bpg.) ... scored in double figures in 11 games ... has three double-doubles ... earned game-high rebounding honors five times ... nearly posted Notre Dame's first triple-double in 12 years vs. Cleveland State in season opener, finishing with 19 points, a game-high eight rebounds and a career-best seven assists (with no turnovers) ... notched her first double-double of the season at USC, tallying 14 points and a game-high 11 rebounds ... dodged foul trouble to post 13 points at Valparaiso ... piled up season-high 24 points (10-15 FG) and eight rebounds at Arizona State ... tallied 17 points and game-high nine rebounds at DePaul ... collected 14 points and tied career high with five steals vs. Temple ... posted 16 points (7-10 FG), six rebounds and four assists vs. IPFW ... chalked up second double-double of season with 18 points and game-high 10 rebounds vs. Colorado State ... collected third double-double with game-high 23 points (on career-high 11-17 FG) and season-best 11 rebounds at Marquette ... contributed 14 points (5-8 FG) vs. Purdue ... nearly picked up another double-double with 12 points and nine rebounds at West Virginia.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	24 at Arizona State, 12/7/02	26, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02)
Field Goals	11 at Marquette, 12/31/02	Same
3-pt Field Goals	1, four times (MR: vs. Purdue, 1/4/03)	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	5 at DePaul, 12/11/02	11 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Rebounds	11, twice (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)	15 vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02
Assists	7 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
Steals	5 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	5, twice (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)
Blocks	2, five times (MR: vs. Purdue, 1/4/03)	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Minutes	37, twice (MR: vs. Purdue, 1/4/03)	39, twice (MR: at Pittsburgh, 2/5/02)

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

Has started all 12 games for the Irish, averaging 23.9 minutes per outing ... carding 7.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, ranking sixth on team in scoring and third in rebounding ... also leads team with a .569 field goal percentage (41-72) and stands fourth in BIG EAST Conference with 1.42 blocks per game ... has scored in double figures four times ... earned game-high rebounding honors three times ... made first six shots of season and finished 9-13 from field with 18 points in opening-night win over Cleveland State (field goals made tied career high) ... made 4-5 FG and scored 10 points at USC — also added career-high three steals ... pulled down game-high eight rebounds at Valparaiso ... scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds at Arizona State ... collected career-high 11 rebounds, dished out career-best four assists and had season-high three blocks vs. IPFW ... notched 14 points (7-10 FG), six rebounds and career-best four blocks vs. Tennessee.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	18 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	20 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Field Goals	9 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	9, twice (MR: vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02)
Free Throws	3 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	4 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	11 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	Same
Assists	4 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	4, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)
Steals	3 at USC, 11/29/02	Same
Blocks	4 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	4, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)
Minutes	33 at USC, 11/29/02	34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

13 Megan Duffy Guard, Freshman, 5-7, Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)

Has appeared in all 12 games for the Irish, averaging 21.2 minutes per outing ... carding 2.2 points and 2.3 assists per game ... dished out four assists without a turnover in college debut vs. Cleveland State ... scored first college basket at USC ... grabbed five rebounds and distributed game-high seven assists at Arizona State (most by Irish freshman since Ratay vs. Butler in '99) ... carded three points at DePaul ... notched five points, including season-best 3-4 FT vs. Temple ... had game-high four assists and season-high four steals vs. IPFW ... canned three free throws in four tries vs. Colorado State ... buried first two three-point field goals of career and scored season-high six points at Marquette ... owns second-best assist/turnover ratio on team (1.00).

	Season/Career Highs
Points	6 at Marquette, 12/31/02
Field Goals	2 at Marquette, 12/31/02
3-pt Field Goals	2 at Marquette, 12/31/02
Free Throws	3, twice (MR: vs. Colorado State, 12/23/02)
Rebounds	5 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Assists	7 at Arizona State, 12/7/02
Steals	4 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Blocks	1 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02
Minutes	27, three times (MR: at Marquette, 12/31/02)

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

Has appeared in 11 games for the Irish, starting eight times, averaging 23.8 minutes per game ... third on team in steals (1.45 spg.), fourth in rebounding (4.7 rpg.) and field goal percentage (.500), and fifth in scoring (9.3 ppg.) ... has also honed her perimeter shooting (4-7 on three-point field goal attempts) ... scored in double figures in five games (three double-figure games last season) ... earned game-high rebounding honors once ... opened season with a bang, tallying 22 points (8-14 FG, 6-10 FT), a game-high eight rebounds and three steals in 30 minutes vs. Cleveland State — all stats were career highs except rebounds ... came off the bench to score 13 points, block a career-best two shots and deal team-high three assists at USC ... added 13 points and nailed her first career three-point field goal at Valparaiso ... notched 10 points (5-6 FG) and six rebounds at Arizona State ... collected 11 points and seven rebounds vs. Temple ... tied career high with four assists vs. IPFW ... tied career standard with three steals vs. Tennessee ... did not play at Marquette (lower back injury) ... returned to score four points vs. Purdue ... chipped in with seven points (3-4 FG) and five rebounds at West Virginia.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	22 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
Field Goals	8 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
3-pt Field Goals	1, four times (MR: at West Virginia, 1/8/03)	Same
Free Throws	6 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	6, twice (MR: vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02)
Rebounds	8 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	10 vs. St. John's, 2/13/02
Assists	4 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	4, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)
Steals	3, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)	Same
Blocks	2 at USC, 11/29/02	2, twice (MR: at USC, 11/29/02)
Minutes	30 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same

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

Has not played during 2002-03 season ... continues to rehabilitate numerous leg injuries suffered during her career.

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

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

Has appeared in eight games for the Irish, averaging 0.6 points and 0.4 rebounds per game ... tallied first two points of season (2-2 FT) and set career highs with three rebounds and eight minutes played vs. IPFW ... pumped in her first career three-point field goal vs. Tennessee.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	3 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	Same
Field Goals	1 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	1, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)
3-pt Field Goals	1 vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02	Same
Free Throws	2 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	2, three times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)
Rebounds	3 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	Same
Assists	None	1, four times (MR: at Georgetown, 2/23/02)
Steals	1, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)	Same
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	8 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	Same

41 Courtney LaVere Forward, Freshman, 6-3, Ventura, CA (Buena)

Women's College Hoops.com "Top 21 Freshmen of Impact" ... has appeared in all 12 games for the Irish, starting three times, and averaging 20.5 minutes per outing ... ranks second on team in scoring (11.8 ppg.) and rebounding (6.5 rpg.), and third in field goal percentage (.515) ... ranks seventh in BIG EAST in blocked shots (1.17 bpg.) and 13th in rebounding ... piled up 18 points (5-8 FG, 8-12 FT), seven rebounds and five assists in college debut vs. Cleveland State (most points by ND rookie in first game since Alicia Ratay's 18 vs. Toledo in '99) ... collected four rebounds at Valparaiso ... notched nine points and six rebounds at Arizona State ... registered 11 points and four rebounds at DePaul ... carded 16 points and nine rebounds vs. Temple ... scored game-high 20 points and snatched six rebounds vs. IPFW ... logged first career double-double with game highs of 17 points (6-11 FG) and 11 rebounds vs. Tennessee ... made first career start at Marquette, collecting second straight double-double (16 points, game-high 12 rebounds) and adding season-high five blocks ... notched third double-double in as many games

with game highs of 23 points (8-11 FG) and 10 rebounds vs. Purdue (points were also season high) ... averaging 13.9 points, 7.4 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game in last eight contests.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	23 vs. Purdue, 1/4/03
Field Goals	9 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02
Free Throws	8 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Rebounds	12 at Marquette, 12/31/02
Assists	5 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Steals	3 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02
Blocks	5 at Marquette, 12/31/02
Minutes	36 at Marquette, 12/31/02

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

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST selection ... Senior C.L.A.S.S. Award candidate ... team captain ... has started all 12 games for the Irish, averaging 30.6 minutes per game ... ranks fourth on team in scoring (10.7 ppg.) and three-point percentage (.452) ... stands second in BIG EAST with .905 free throw percentage (38-42) ... scored in double figures six times, giving her 80 career double-digit games (fifth in school history) ... chalked up team-high 17 points (6-9 FG) at USC ... added game-high 21 points (6-9 FG, 8-10 FT) at Valparaiso ... contributed game-high 17 points vs. Temple ... unloaded game-high 20 points (6-8 FG, 5-6 3FG) vs. IPFW ... hit game-winning free throws with 9.3 seconds left in one-point win over Colorado State ... pumped in 14 points (12 in second half) to help Irish rally past West Virginia -- also scored her 1,500th point vs. WVU, becoming sixth ND player to reach that milestone ... ranks sixth in school history with 1,503 points ... holds school records for career three-point percentage (.478, 226-473) and free throw percentage (.872, 299-343) — both would rank in top 10 in NCAA history and three-point mark would be an NCAA record ... one of five Irish players to amass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 assists in her career (1,503 points, 549 rebounds, 213 assists).

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	21 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	6, three times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	5 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	7, three times (MR: vs. Syracuse, 3/3/02)
Free Throws	6, twice (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)	11 vs. West Virginia, 2/19/02
Rebounds	6, twice (MR: at West Virginia, 1/8/03)	12 vs. St. John's, 2/12/00
Assists	4 at West Virginia, 1/8/03	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	2 at DePaul, 12/11/02	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1, five times (MR: vs. Tennessee, 12/28/02)	2, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/3/01)
Minutes	39, twice (MR: at West Virginia, 1/8/03)	44 at Rutgers, 2/19/00

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

Team captain ... has started all 12 games for the Irish, averaging a team-high 30.7 minutes per game ... leads team in assists (3.83 apg.), steals (2.25 spg.) and three-point percentage (.667), ranks second in field goal percentage (.532) and third in scoring (11.3 ppg.) ... among BIG EAST leaders in assists (13th), steals (9th), free throw percentage (5th, .817) and assist/turnover ratio (14th, 1.05) ... scored in double figures in eight games (had seven double-figure games in career prior to this season) ... knocked down 5-7 FG (including a career-high-tying three

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three-point field goals), scored 13 points and added four assists and four steals in win over Cleveland State ... chipped in 11 points and six rebounds at USC ... tallied 15 points and five steals, and sank a career-high 11-of-14 free throws at Valparaiso — 14 FTA ties for fifth-highest total in school history ... collected 11 points and season-best six assists at Arizona State ... tied career high with five steals vs. Temple ... tallied 11 points, season-high six rebounds and five assists vs. Tennessee ... scored 20 points (5-5 FG, 10-11 FT) and dished out season-high six assists at Marquette — her FT accuracy in that game (.909) is tied for sixth-best in the nation this year ... added 10 points and season bests of seven rebounds and six assists vs. Purdue ... continued hot play with career-high 21 points (6-9 FG, 8-9 FT), six rebounds and five steals at West Virginia ... averaging 15.5 points, 5.5 assists and 5.3 rebounds per game with .607 field goal percentage (17-28) in last four outings.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	21 at West Virginia, 1/8/03	Same
Field Goals	6 at West Virginia, 1/8/03	6, three times (MR: at West Virginia, 1/8/03)
3-pt Field Goals	3 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	3, twice (MR: vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02)
Free Throws	11 at Valparaiso, 12/4/02	Same
Rebounds	7 vs. Purdue, 1/4/03	9 vs. West Virginia, 2/19/02
Assists	6, three times (MR: vs. Purdue, 1/4/03)	9, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 3/3/02)
Steals	5, twice (MR: at West Virginia, 1/8/03)	5, four times (MR: at West Virginia, 1/8/03)
Blocks	1, three times (MR: vs. Purdue, 1/4/03)	2, three times (MR: vs. WVU, 2/19/02)
Minutes	39 at West Virginia, 1/8/03	Same

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

Has appeared in six games for the Irish, averaging 1.5 points and 0.2 rebounds per game ... made both of her shots, including a three-point field goal, and tied her career high with five points and 11 minutes played in season-opening win vs. Cleveland State ... saw action for seven minutes at Arizona State ... knocked down a three-pointer in 10 minutes vs. IPFW ... made one of two free throws vs. Purdue.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	5 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	5, three times (MR: vs. Cleveland St., 11/26/01)
Field Goals	2 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	2, three times (MR: vs. Cleveland St., 11/26/01)
3-pt Field Goals	1, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	1, six times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)
Free Throws	1 vs. Purdue, 1/4/03	3, three times (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)
Rebounds	1 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	3 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00
Assists	1 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	2 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Steals	1, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	2, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 2/1/01)
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	11 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	11, twice (MR: vs. Cleveland St., 11/26/02)

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

Has appeared in all 12 games for the Irish, starting once, and averaging 15.3 minutes per game ... averaging 2.8 ppg., 2.5 rpg., and 1.1 app. ... scored eight points and set new career highs with three steals and two blocked shots in season opener vs. Cleveland State ... earned second career start at USC ... grabbed season-high six rebounds at DePaul ... scored season-high 12 points, including career-high 5-5 FT vs. Temple ... handed out career-best four assists vs. IPFW ... tallied four points and four rebounds at Marquette.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	12 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	16 at Connecticut, 1/21/02
Field Goals	3, twice (MR: vs. Temple, 12/14/02)	7 at Connecticut, 1/21/02
3-pt Field Goals	1, three times (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/21/02)	3 at Providence, 1/19/02
Free Throws	5 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	Same
Rebounds	6 at DePaul, 12/11/02	10 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Assists	4 vs. IPFW, 12/21/02	Same
Steals	3 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
Blocks	2 vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02	Same
Minutes	25 vs. Temple, 12/14/02	27, twice (MR: at Connecticut, 1/21/02)

44 Anne Weese Guard, Junior, 5-10, Salina, KS (Sacred Heart)

Walk-on player who made team in preseason tryouts and was added to roster prior to BIG EAST opener at West Virginia ... has yet to appear in a game this season ... spent the last two seasons at Seward County (Kan.) Community College, helping the Saints to a combined record of 71-1 and the 2002 NJCAA national championship ... averaged 4.3 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game during her two-year junior college career ... also was a starter on the Saints' 38-0 national championship squad ... was a four-year starter at Sacred Heart High School in Salina, graduating as the school's recordholder for points in a game (42), season (577) and career (1,724) ... was a two-time all-state pick and was named the Salina County Female Athlete of the Year after her junior and senior years ... was one of the *Salina Journals*' "Top Five Female Basketball Players of the Decade" in January 2000.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	None
Field Goals	None
3-pt Field Goals	None
Free Throws	None
Rebounds	None
Assists	None
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	None

