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NOTRE DAME

2002-03 Men's Basketball Game Notes

2002-03 Notre Dame Schedule/Results (9-1, 0-0)

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

2	Mon.	MARQUETTE (13/10)	W, 92-71
7	Sat.	vs. Maryland (9/8)!	W, 79-67
8	Sun.	vs. Texas (2/2)!	W, 98-92
14	Sat.	(10/15) DEPAUL	W, 102-71
22	Sun.	CANISIUS	1:00 p.m.
30	Mon.	VANDERBILT	7:30 p.m.

JANUARY

4	Sat.	vs. Valparaiso#	1:00 p.m.
6	Mon.	at Pittsburgh*	7:00 p.m.
12	Sun.	SETON HALL*	12:00 p.m.
14	Tue.	RUTGERS*	7:30 p.m.
18	Sat.	at Kentucky	2:00 p.m.
21	Tue.	at Providence*	7:30 p.m.
25	Sat.	at Boston College*	2:00 p.m.
29	Wed.	WEST VIRGINIA*	7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

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

All times local to site.

Game No. 11 CANISIUS Golden Griffins (5-3) at (9/11) NOTRE DAME Fighting Irish (9-1)

Date: Sunday, December 22, 2002

Place: Joyce Center (11,418)

Times: 1:00 p.m. (EST)

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

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SCOUTING THE IRISH —

Notre Dame (9-1) carries its highest ranking since the 1980-81 campaign into this afternoon's contest with Canisius (5-3). The Irish, ranked ninth in the Associated Press and 11th in the ESPN/USA Today polls, haven't been ranked as high since the '80-'81 campaign when that Notre Dame team spent a majority of the season ranked in the top 10 and climbed to as high as fourth in the country.

Notre Dame's 9-1 start equals that of last season. A year ago, Notre Dame's start was its best since the 1985-86 campaign.

Notre Dame looks for its sixth straight victory in today's matchup with the Golden Griffins. The Irish have not played since their 102-71 victory over DePaul eight days ago on December 14. Prior to that game, the Irish defeated No. 10 Marquette (92-71), No. 8 Maryland (79-67) and No. 2 Texas (98-91) in a six-day stretch, marking the first time in school history that a Notre Dame team had defeated three straight top 10 opponents in consecutive outings.

Prior to the victory over the Golden Eagles, Notre Dame had not beaten a top 10 team since Mike Brey's first season when that Irish squad defeated Boston College (10th in AP and 9th in ESPN/USA Today polls). The win over the Longhorns was Notre Dame's last win over a top five opponent since January 5, 2000 versus No. 2 Connecticut (75-70) at the Harford Civic Center.

Today's game is the 23rd meeting between the two schools and third straight year that the two teams have played each other. Notre Dame owns an 18-4 advantage in the series, including last year's 84-73 victory in Buffalo. Two years ago, Notre Dame posted a 99-71 victory over Canisius at the Joyce Center. The Irish have won all six previous meetings at the Joyce Center.

Canisius enters the contest with a 5-3 record and is coming off of a 69-57 loss on Thursday night to St. Bonaventure.

Notre Dame is averaging 84.9 points per game and allowing its opponents just 62.1. The Irish offense has been dominant of late as it has scored 90-plus points in four of the last five games. Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 461-356 and is averaging 92.2 points per game.

The 98 points scored by the Irish against Texas were the most scored by an Irish team over a ranked

LAST IRISH OUTING

Notre Dame 102, DePaul 71 December 14, 2002

Joyce Center Notre Dame, IN

DePaul (71)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Holland	26	4	11	0	0	3	2	3	8
Greer	17	5	9	1	1	1	3	5	12
Hoskin	24	5	14	7	9	10	0	4	18
Tulley	17	1	3	0	0	3	1	2	3
Diener	34	2	6	0	0	1	1	4	5
London	15	0	2	0	0	1	3	1	0
Brooks	10	0	3	1	2	1	2	3	1
Seals	20	2	4	2	2	2	1	3	6
Brown	31	5	15	5	8	12	0	2	15
Exilius	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Brumfield	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Team						1			
Totals	200	25	69	16	22	35	13	28	71

Notre Dame (102)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Miller	34	3	7	6	8	9	4	1	12
Francis	26	3	6	4	4	7	3	3	10
Timmermans	11	3	3	3	3	1	0	4	9
Thomas	33	6	11	9	9	4	10	1	22
Carroll	32	10	14	12	13	3	0	2	33
Quinn	17	1	2	3	4	1	3	0	6
Cornett	5	1	2	2	2	1	0	2	4
Cornette	20	1	1	0	0	4	2	4	2
Macura	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jones	16	2	3	0	0	1	0	2	4
Lustig	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Markwood	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team						6			
Totals	200	30	50	39	43	32	22	19	102

DePaul	36	35	--	71
Notre Dame	48	54	--	102

FG Pct: Notre Dame 60.0, DePaul 36.2. **3-FG Pct:** Notre Dame 21.4, DePaul 29.4. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 90.7, DePaul 72.7. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 3, DePaul 5. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 8, DePaul 8. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 8, DePaul 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 7, Texas 4. **Attendance:** 13,209

2002-03 Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Week #6 —Dec. 9-15)

	LW
1. Arizona	1
2. Alabama	2
3. Duke	3
4. Pittsburgh	4
5. Oregon	5
6. Indiana	7
7. Oklahoma	6
8. Connecticut	9
9. NOTRE DAME	10
10. Texas	8
11. Missouri	11
12. Illinois	15
13. Florida	14
14. Marquette	16
15. Michigan State	21
16. Mississippi State	24
17. Stanford	19
18. Kentucky	12
19. Kansas	20
20. Creighton	23
21. Xavier	13
22. Tulsa	17
23. North Carolina	22
24. Maryland	18
25. Minnesota	NR

ESPN/USA TODAY (Week #6 —Dec. 16-22)

	LW
1. Arizona	1
2. Duke	2
3. Pittsburgh	3
4. Alabama	4
5. Oregon	5
6. Indiana	6
7. Oklahoma	8
8. Connecticut	9
9. Texas	7
10. Missouri	10
11. NOTRE DAME	15
12. Illinois	14
13. Florida	17
14. Marquette	13
15. Michigan State	21
16. Kentucky	12
17. Mississippi State	22
18. Kansas	19
19. Creighton	24
20. Xavier	11
21. Stanford	20
22. Tulsa	18
23. Maryland	16
24. North Carolina	22
25. North Carolina State	NR

bold indicates 2002-03 opponent

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

Notre Dame's win against Texas marked the fourth time in the program's history that an Irish team faced three consecutive top 10 opponents. The most wins for a Notre Dame opponent versus top 10 teams in a single-season is four; that was accomplished during the 1977-78 campaign.

Today's game is the second in a three-game homestand for the Irish who, following today's contest, will have just one game remaining in the month of December (Dec. 30 at home versus Vanderbilt).

Three of Notre Dame's five starters are averaging better than 16 points per game. **Matt Carroll (Horsham, Pa)** leads the team with a 19.2 average. He is coming off of a career-high 33-point effort against DePaul. **Chris Thomas (Indianapolis, Ind.)** is the team's second-leading scorer at 18.2 points per game. He also leads the team in assists (7.5) and steals (2.0). **Dan Miller (Mt. Holly, N.J.)** is third on the Irish scoring list with a 16.8 average and is the team's second-leading scorer at 7.6 rebounds per game. **Torin Francis (Roslindale, Mass.)** is averaging 11.6 points and a team-leading 9.8 rebounds. In addition, he leads the team with five double doubles.

Notre Dame opened up the season by playing six games in the month of November, marking the second straight year the Irish played that many contests in the first month of the season. Last year, Brey's squad finished with a perfect 6-0 slate during the month of November. Notre Dame is 14-1 under Brey during the month of November.

Carroll has scored 20-plus points in three games this season — versus IUPUI (26), Creighton (20), Texas (20) and DePaul (33). Carroll has been the only Irish player to score in double figures in all 10 games this season; he was held to a season-low 13 points in the win against Bucknell. Carroll closed out the 2001-02 campaign by scoring 20 points in Notre Dame's final four outings, and with his 33-point outing against the Blue Demons, he has now scored 20-plus points in eight of his last 14 games in an Irish uniform dating back to last season.

Miller has reached the 20-point mark on four occasions this season, including four of the last seven contests. He registered back-to-back 20-point outings for the first time in his career against Albany (a career-high 22 points), followed by a 20-point outing against Marquette. Miller also scored 20 points in both the Furman and Texas contests.

Francis had a career-high 21-point outing against Texas as he registered his fifth double double of the season with 10 rebounds in the contest. Francis grabbed 20 rebounds in Notre Dame's win over Bucknell — the most rebounds ever by an Irish rookie.

Chris Quinn (Dublin, Ohio) has gotten significant playing minutes in Notre Dame's last six games as he has averaged 22.3 minutes. He scored a career-high 23 points in the win over Marquette. Quinn has made 19 field goals this season with 14 coming from three-point range. He is averaging 5.8 points and 2.3 assists.

Tom Timmermans (Driehuis, Netherlands) has started the last four games, making his first career start against Marquette in the victory over Golden Eagles as he played a career-high 23 minutes. He had a personal best nine points in the DePaul game. Timmermans is averaging 4.0 points and 2.9 rebounds.

Jordan Cornette (Cincinnati, Ohio) started the first five games of the season. He has had a real impact for the Irish on the defensive end of the floor. Cornette is averaging 2.5 points and 4.3 rebounds, in addition to 3.0 blocked shots. In the Belmont game, Cornette registered his first career double double with an unlikely combination of 13 rebounds and a Notre Dame and Joyce Center record 11 blocked shots. Against IUPUI, he continued his blocked-shot assault with eight. His 30 blocked shots this season already surpasses the 17 he had all of last year.

No Notre Dame player has been as important off the bench than junior swingman **Torrian Jones (Fairless Hills, Pa.)**. He scored a season-high 13 points on six-for-eight shooting from the field against Bucknell and is averaging 5.3 points and 2.3 rebounds. Jones netted eight points against Texas and grabbed a season-high six rebounds in the Maryland game. He has played a season-high 21 minutes three times and is averaging 17.4 minutes.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS —

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

2002-03 BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

East Division

	Pts.
1. Connecticut (9)	85
2. Boston College (2)	71
3. Villanova (2)	67
4. St. John's (1)	66
5. Miami	46
6. Providence	31
7. Virginia Tech	19

West Division

	Pts.
1. Pittsburgh (12)	90
2. Georgetown	72
3. Syracuse (2)	68
4. NOTRE DAME	59
5. Rutgers	41
6. Seton Hall	36
7. West Virginia	19

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year:

Brandin Knight — Pittsburgh

BIG EAST Preseason Rookie of the Year:

Carmelo Anthony — Syracuse

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team:

Troy Bell — Boston College
 Marcus Hatten — St. John's
 Brandin Knight — Pittsburgh
 Emeka Okafor — Connecticut
 Darius Rice — Miami
 Michael Sweetney — Georgetown

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team:

Andre Barrett — Seton Hall
 Gary Buchanan — Villanova
 Jerome Coleman — Rutgers
 James Jones — Miami
Chris Thomas — Notre Dame
 Ricky Wright — Villanova

NOTRE DAME STARTING LINEUP:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2002-03 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
21	Dan Miller	SF	6-8	220	Sr.	16.8	7.6	2 double doubles	Has scored in double figures in 9 of 10 games
34	Torin Francis	PF	6-10	240	Fr.	11.6	9.8	53.8 FG Pct.	Leads team with five double doubles
50	Tom Timmermans	C	6-11	253	Jr.	4.0	2.9	14.3 minutes per game	Career-high nine points versus DePaul
1	Chris Thomas	PG	6-1	182	So.	18.2	2.7	9 games in double figures	Has scored 20-plus points in 5 of last 8 games
13	Matt Carroll	SG	6-6	212	Sr.	19.2	5.4	10 games in double figures	Career-high 33 points versus DePaul on 10-14 shooting from the field

NOTRE DAME OFF THE BENCH:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2002-03 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
2	Chris Quinn	G	6-2	178	Fr.	5.8	1.6	22.3 mpg. in last 6 games	Career-high 12 points and 26 minutes vs. Marquette
4	Omari Peterkin	F/C	6-8	260	Fr.	--	--	--	Member of US Virgin Island Junior National Team
11	Rick Cornett	F	6-8	244	Fr.	3.3	1.8	Played in 6 games	Career-high six points and two rebounds vs. Albany
12	Jordan Cornette	F	6-9	235	So.	2.5	4.3	30 blocked shots	ND and Joyce Center record 11 blocked shots vs. Belmont
15	Jere Macura	F	6-9	230	Sr.	0.7	0.7	12 minutes vs. Belmont	Has played in six of 10 games
20	Torrian Jones	G	6-4	195	Jr.	5.3	2.3	58.33 FG Pct.	Netted season-high 13 points against Bucknell
24	Dan Lustig	G	6-5	195	Sr.	0.8	0.0	Played in four games	First year walk-on

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

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

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

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

With the win over the Terrapins, Notre Dame snapped an 11-game losing streak to the ACC and it was head coach Mike Brey's first win in seven tries against a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference. Before Saturday's win, the last time an Irish team defeated an ACC foe was on January 11, 1992 at Madison Square Garden as Notre Dame upended North Carolina 88-76.

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

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

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

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

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

BB&T CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM HONORS —

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

GUARDIANS CLASSIC RECAP (Kansas City, Mo.) —

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

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

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

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

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

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

2002-03 Mike Brey Teleconferences

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

Wednesday, November 13, 2002
(Guardians Classic)**Wednesday, November 20, 2002**
(Bucknell/Guardians Classic)**Friday, November 29, 2002**
(Albany/Marquette)**Wednesday, December 4, 2002**
(BB&T Classic)**Wednesday, December 11, 2002**
(DePaul)**Wednesday, December 18, 2002**
(Canisius)**Friday, December 27, 2002**
(Vanderbilt)**Thursday, January 2, 2003**
(Valparaiso/Pittsburgh)**Thursday, January 9, 2003**
(Seton Hall/Rutgers)**Thursday, January 16, 2003**
(Kentucky/Providence)**Thursday, January 23, 2003**
(Boston College/Villanova)**Thursday, January 30, 2003**
(West Virginia/Georgetown)**Thursday, February 6, 2003**
(Pittsburgh)**Wednesday, February 12, 2003**
(Syracuse/West Virginia)**Thursday, February 20, 2003**
(Virginia Tech/Connecticut)**Wednesday, February 26**
(Rutgers/Syracuse)**Thursday, March 6**
(Georgetown)**Monday, March 10**
(BIG EAST Tournament)

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(*teleconference dates subject to change)

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

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

GUARDIANS CLASSIC RECAP (NOTRE DAME REGIONAL) —

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEAD COACH MIKE BREY —

Mike Brey is in his third year as the Notre Dame head coach and eighth in the collegiate ranks. He

was named the 17th head coach in the program's history on July 14, 2000, following five seasons (1995-2000) as head coach at the University of Delaware, where he led the Blue Hens to an overall record of 99-52. Brey owns a 51-22 mark (.697) with the Irish and earned his 50th at Notre Dame with the win over Texas in the championship game of the BB&T Classic. He is the first coach in Notre Dame history to lead his teams to consecutive 20-win campaigns and NCAA tournament appearances in his first two seasons. Last year, he led his team to a 22-11 record and 10-6 mark in BIG EAST play after guiding the 2000-01 Irish to the 2000-01 BIG EAST West Division crown with an 11-5 record and finishing with a 20-10 overall record. Five of his eight teams have advanced to postseason competition (four NCAA and one NIT appearances). Since his arrival, he has led Notre Dame to a 21-11 mark in BIG EAST play during the regular season for a .656 winning percentage. In the two-year period from 2000-02, the Irish's BIG EAST wins are matched only by Boston College and Connecticut. His 21 wins after only two seasons rank as the third-best total in conference history. Only four other BIG EAST coaches, including St. John's mentor Mike Jarvis, have ever posted a better winning percentage in their first two seasons in the league. Among active BIG EAST coaches, Brey's 22-13 record (including regular season and championship contests) for a .629 winning percentage ranks him fourth behind Jarvis, Jim Boeheim and Jim Calhoun and sixth all-time. Brey has an overall record of 150-74 (.669) as a head coach. His 150th career win came on December 14, 2002 with Notre Dame's 102-71 victory over DePaul.

BREY VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS —

As a head coach at both Notre Dame and Delaware, Mike Brey has coached in 25 games against ranked opponents. The Irish were 3-6 and 4-3 during the 2001-02 and 2000-01 campaigns, respectively. This year, Brey is 3-0 versus ranked foes. Overall, in his seven-plus seasons as a head coach, he owns an 10-15 record all-time against ranked opponents.

2002-03 BIG EAST Coaches Teleconference

Media wishing to participate should phone: (913) 981-5520

Dates:

Thurs., December 12 Thurs., January 16
Thurs., January 30 Thurs., February 13
Thurs., February 27 Mon., March 10

The schedule of coaches is (all times Eastern):

11:00 a.m. Jay Wright, Villanova
11:08 a.m. Mike Brey, Notre Dame
11:16 a.m. Al Skinner, Boston College
11:24 a.m. Jim Calhoun, Connecticut
11:32 a.m. Mike Jarvis, St. John's
11:40 a.m. Ben Howland, Pittsburgh
11:48 a.m. Jim Boeheim, Syracuse
11:56 a.m. Perry Clark, Miami
12:04 p.m. John Beilein, West Virginia
12:20 p.m. Gary Waters, Rutgers
12:28 p.m. Tim Welsh, Providence
12:36 p.m. Craig Esherick, Georgetown
12:44 p.m. Ricky Stokes, Virginia Tech

Irish All-Time vs. 2002-03 Opponents

Team	Record
Albany	1-0
Belmont	1-0
Boston College	9-9
Bucknell	2-0
Canisius	18-4
Connecticut	3-7
Creighton	19-18
DePaul	49-41
Furman	1-0
Georgetown	8-6
George Washington	0-0
IUPUI	1-0
Kentucky	17-39
Marquette	75-29
Maryland	9-8
Pittsburgh	24-20
Providence	6-8
Rutgers	9-8
Seton Hall	8-6
Syracuse	15-14
Texas	1-1
Valparaiso	36-3
Vanderbilt	3-4
Virginia Tech	1-1
West Virginia	17-7
Total	333-233 (.588)

LAST MEETING vs. CANISIUS

Notre Dame 84, Canisius 73
December 22, 2001
HSBC Arena
Buffalo, NY

Notre Dame (84)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Humphrey	38	6	11	2	4	11	1	3	14
Graves	40	5	8	8	10	5	3	2	20
Swanagan	31	3	4	9	12	5	1	3	15
Thomas, Chris	32	5	9	5	6	5	6	4	17
Carroll	32	3	11	11	12	4	2	1	18
Cornette	11	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Jones	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Markwood	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Team						6			
Totals	200	22	44	35	44	40	14	15	84

Canisius (73)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Mallory	21	1	9	0	2	4	2	5	3
Foster	34	3	9	2	4	6	0	3	9
Bush	26	6	14	1	2	3	3	2	13
Doss	26	5	9	0	0	0	0	4	12
Dux	35	6	9	4	6	2	7	5	17
Hampton	14	3	3	0	0	4	1	5	6
Jones	15	3	6	0	0	1	1	1	9
Ravello	15	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	3
Ferris	14	0	3	1	2	2	0	3	1
Team						5			
Totals	200	28	65	8	16	27	16	29	73

Notre Dame **33** **51** -- **84**
Canisius **35** **38** -- **73**

FG Pct: Canisius 43.1, Notre Dame 50.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Canisius 33.3, Notre Dame 31.3. **FT Pct:** Canisius 50.0, Notre Dame 79.5. **3-PT FG:** Canisius 9, Notre Dame 5. **Turnovers:** Canisius 9, Notre Dame 14. **Blocked Shots:** Canisius 0, Notre Dame 3. **Steals:** Canisius 9, Notre Dame 4. **Attendance:** 7,351.

THE CAPTAINS —

Matt Carroll, Jere Macura and **Dan Miller** are serving as captains for the 2002-03 campaign. It marks the second straight year that the Irish will have had tri-captains. Carroll, a three-year starter owns a 12.0 career scoring average in 99 games played. As a junior, he finished with a 14.0 career scoring average and ended the 2001-02 campaign by registering four straight 20-point outings in BIG EAST and NCAA tournament competition. Macura has played in 76 career games and owns a 3.7 scoring average. This is Miller's first season of competition with the Irish.

SERIES RECORD VS. CANISIUS —

Today's game marks the 23rd meeting between the two schools with Notre Dame owning an 18-4 advantage in the series. Irish teams have won five straight, including last year's 84-73 victory in Buffalo, N.Y. This will mark the third consecutive matchup between Notre Dame and Canisius. Canisius' last win in the series was on February 4, 1961 in Buffalo as the Golden Griffins produced a 79-72 victory. Notre Dame is 6-0 against Canisius at the Joyce Center.

IRISH IN SEASON OPENERS —

With its win over Belmont, Notre Dame is 80-18 (.816) all-time in season openers and has won four straight. The last time an Irish team lost a season opener was prior to the start of the 1998-99 campaign as the Irish dropped a 76-65 decision to Miami of Ohio at home. Notre Dame is 3-0 in season openers under Mike Brey.

REMEMBER NOVEMBER —

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

HOME SWEET HOME —

Since the inaugural season (1968-69) playing in the Joyce Center, Notre Dame owns a 412-122 record all-time for a .772 winning percentage. The Irish are 27-8 (.771) at the Joyce Center during Mike Brey's two seasons, and since the 1996-97 campaign, own a 77-27 mark for a 74.0 winning percentage.

THE IRISH ALL-TIME —

The 2002-03 campaign marks the 98th season of men's basketball at Notre Dame. Irish teams have posted 1514-829 record all-time for a .646 winning percentage.

IRISH FIND SUCCESS AT THE MCI CENTER —

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

HISTORY MADE —

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

A HISTORIC LEAP —

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

HOT SHOTS —

Notre Dame shot sizzling 60.0 percent from the field against DePaul in its last outing as the Irish connected on 30-50 shots from the field. It marked the best shooting performance by an Irish team since November 22, 2000 when Notre Dame converted 36-56 field goals (64.3 percent) against Loyola (Chicago). Last Saturday's shooting performance also marked the second time a Brey-coached team shot 60 percent or better in a game.

RECORDS FALL AGAINST BELMONT —

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

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

IRISH SPELL SUCCESS — D-E-F-E-N-S-E —

Notre Dame's strong defensive showing in its first 10 games has resulted in nine wins as the Irish have held opponents to just 62.1 points per game. In the first four games of the season, the Irish held Belmont, IUPUI, Bucknell and Furman to 50 points and under, while Albany scored just 55. Notre Dame opponents are shooting just 35.9 percent from the field and 34.4 percent from three-point range. Notre Dame held its first three opponents — Belmont, IUPUI and Bucknell — to just 45.0 point per game and a 24.6 field goal

NOTRE DAME'S NAME GAME —

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

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

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

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

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

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

Poll Watching

<i>Week</i>	<i>..... AP</i>	<i>..... ESPN/USA Today</i>
1 (Preseason)	..... NR	..... NR
2	..... NR	..... NR
3	..... NR	..... NR
4	..... NR	..... NR
5	..... 10	..... 15
6	..... 9	..... 11

percentage accuracy after making a combined 48 of 195 field goal attempts. The Irish held those three opponents to a three-game point total of 135 — that's the fewest points allowed by an Irish team to start the season since the 1946-47 campaign when Notre Dame's first three opponents (Franklin, Ball State and Indiana) were held to a combined 129 points. The last time an Irish team held three opponents in consecutive outings to under 50 points was during the 1983-84 season when Notre Dame lost to Northwestern (40-36) and then defeated Lehigh (68-46) and Cornell (55-48). Also, the last time a Notre Dame team began the season by holding three straight opponents to under 50 points was the 1944-45 campaign.

KEEPING IT CLOSE —

Under Irish head coach Mike Brey (spanning 73 games), Notre Dame teams have never suffered a loss greater than 16 points. The Irish's 11 losses last season were by a combined total of 49 points for an average margin of defeat of 4.45 points. Only one loss (versus Georgetown - 83-73) was by double figures, while eight of those setbacks were by five points or less. In the 22 losses the Irish have suffered under head coach Mike Brey over the course of the last two-plus seasons, only four have been by a double-digit margin. In his first season (2001-01), Brey's squad lost 10 games by a combined 85 points with its biggest loss coming against Connecticut (16 points) in a 75-59 setback.

IRISH HAVE FACED DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 31 TIMES —

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

THOMAS NAMED TO WOODEN AND NAISMITH LISTS —

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

CARROLL CLAIMS BIG EAST AWARD —

For the second straight, Notre Dame claimed one of the BIG EAST's weekly award when **Matt Carroll** was named the conference's co-player of the week, sharing the honor with Troy Bell of Boston College. Carroll earned the award for the second time in his career after scoring a career-high 33 points against DePaul as he connected 10-14 shots from the field and 12-13 free throws. The previous week (December 9), Notre Dame swept the BIG EAST Conference weekly awards, with senior **Dan Miller** earning player-of-the-week honors and freshman **Torin Francis** sharing the co-rookie of the week award after helping the Irish to a 3-0 record last week. It marked the second time since joining the league that Notre Dame players won both awards in the same week.

HE'S IRISH NOW —

Notre Dame forward Dan Miller played his first three seasons at Maryland before transferring in June of 2001. He faced his former team in the first round of the BB&T Classic and had 17 points and seven rebounds in 38 minutes of action. Prior to that contest, the last time the Irish and Terrapins played each other in the consolation of the Preseason NIT, **Dan Miller** was wearing a Terrapin uniform. Miller started the game and played 32 minutes, while finishing with 12 points and four rebounds. Current Irish players **Matt Carroll** and **Jere Macura** played in the game. Maryland won the game 72-67 to claim third-place in the tournament.

THERE'S NO SLOWING HIM DOWN —

Matt Carroll ended the 2001-02 campaign by scoring 20 points in Notre Dame's two BIG EAST and two NCAA tournament games. Carroll has continued that streak by scoring 20-plus points in four of the first 10 contests of the season. He had a 26-point outing against IUPUI, scored 20 points in the Irish's loss to Creighton and victory over Texas in the championship game of the BB&T Classic. His most recent outing was a career-high 33-point performance in the win over DePaul. With that effort, he has now recorded eight 20-point efforts in his last 14 games in an Irish uniform. Carroll has scored 20-plus points 14 times during his career. He is the only Notre Dame player who has scored in double figures in all 10 games this season.

MILLER TIME —

After sitting out the 2001-02 campaign following his transfer to Notre Dame in the summer of 2001, **Dan Miller** has made the most of first nine games in an Irish uniform. He has recorded double doubles in the Belmont and IUPUI contests and has scored in double figures in all but one contest (Creighton). Miller also has registered 20-point outings in four of the last seven games — 20 points versus Furman, Marquette and Texas and a career-high 22 points versus Albany. Against Belmont, he had 19 points and 10 rebounds and came back against the Jaguars to score 17 points and grab 11 rebounds. In his three seasons with the Terrapins (104 career games), he did not record a double double and never grabbed more than seven rebounds in a game; he also had scored in double figures just 19 times and had only finished with 20 or more points on one occasion.

CARROLL CLOSING IN ON IRISH THREE-POINT RECORD —

Former Notre Dame standout David Graves (1998-2002) set the Irish three-point mark last season with 259, but it is likely that **Matt Carroll** will break that record at some point during the 2002-03 campaign. Carroll is third on the all-time list with 225, needing just 35 to break the record. Ryan Hoover (1992-96) currently is second with 248. In 109 career games played, Carroll has averaged 2.06 three-pointers per game.

Irish Record

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

Irish Double Doubles in 2002-03

Matt Carroll (1)	vs. Creighton (20 pts., 10 rebs.)
Jordan Cornette (1)	vs. Belmont (13 rebs., 11 blks.)
Torin Francis (5)	vs. IUPUI (16 pts., 11 rebs.)
	vs. Bucknell (11 pts., 20 rebs.)
	vs. Albany (15 pts., 15 rebs.)
	vs. Marquette (11 pts., 13 rebs.)
	vs. Texas (21 pts., 11 rebs.)
Dan Miller (2)	vs. Belmont (19 pts., 10 rebs.)
	vs. IUPUI (17 pts., 11 rebs.)
Chris Thomas (1)	vs. Marquette (32 pts., 10 asts.)
	vs. DePaul (22 pts., 10 asts.)

FANTASTIC FRANCIS —

Rookie **Torin Francis** is averaging 11.6 points and a team-leading 9.4 rebounds through Notre Dame's first 10 games and has registered a team-high five doubles — versus IUPUI, Bucknell, Albany, Marquette and Texas. He has scored 20-plus points in two of Notre Dame's last three outings and has been in double figures in five straight games. Additionally, he has posted a double double in three of the last five contests. Against the Longhorns, he netted a career-high 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while also blocking eight shots. In the win over Maryland, he scored 20 points as he made all eight of his shot attempts. Against Marquette, he scored 11 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, which was preceded by a 15-point and 15-rebound outing against Albany. He registered his first career double double against IUPUI and had 11 points and 20 rebounds against the Bison. The 20 rebounds were the most ever by an Irish freshman and the most since former Irish All-American Troy Murphy grabbed 20 rebounds against Seton Hall on January 8, 2001.

BREY SHOWS IRISH THE WAY ON THE ROAD —

Notre Dame played just 13 homes games during the 2001-02 campaign, but found life on the road to be rather friendly. The Irish were 8-4 in contests played on the opponent's home floor and were 5-3 in neutral site contests for an overall record of 13-7 away from the Joyce Center. In Brey's first season, Notre Dame was 6-4 on the road and 2-2 in neutral site games for an overall record of 8-6. In two-plus seasons under Brey, Notre Dame has a 14-8 (.636) road mark and 10-6 (.625) mark in neutral site contests. Over the past two-plus seasons, Irish teams have compiled a 24-14 (.632) record playing away from home.

IRONMAN —

Matt Carroll played in his 100th career game in Notre Dame's win over Belmont and has seen action in 109 career games in an Irish uniform. He has started all but eight of those games and has missed just one contest (Miami (Fla.) on the road last season (because of an ankle injury) in 110 career games overall. It is likely that he will break David Graves' (1998-02) games played career mark of 130.

123 AND COUNTING —

Heading into today's game against Canisius, Notre Dame has hit at least one three-pointer in 123 straight games, which dates back to the 1998-99 campaign. The last time the Irish did not make a three-pointer was in a 101-70 loss to Connecticut in the Hartford Civic Center (Jan. 12, 1999) as Notre Dame finished 0-7 in the contest from three-point range. The Pittsburgh game on Jan. 26, 2002, marked the 100th consecutive game in which the Irish hit a three-pointer. Notre Dame made a season-high 14 against Rutgers on Feb. 6, 2002.

ONE OF JUST 12 —

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

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION —

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

THE NATIONAL LINEUP

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

TAKING CARE OF THE BALL —

During the 2000-01 and 2001-02 campaigns (63 games), Notre Dame averaged 18.3 assists and just 13.7 turnovers for a 1.34 assist-to-turnover ratio. The Irish ranked third last season with a 1.45 assist-to-turnover ratio and ninth in '01-'02 with a 1.23 ratio. Notre Dame's 629 assists last season were second-most in school history — the 1999-2000 team had 643 assists in 37 games for a 17.4 assist per game average. Against Bucknell and Furman this year, Notre Dame had more turnovers than assists, which marked just the third and fourth time that has happened in the last 40 contests. During the 2001-02 season, only twice did the Irish have more turnovers than assists. The Irish own a 1.50 assist-to-turnover ratio and 0.61 assist-to-basket ratio. In the DePaul game, Irish players dished off 22 assists on 30 field goals and committed just eight turnovers (just one in the second half).

JONES PROVIDES THE SPARK —

Torrian Jones has been a spark for Notre Dame off the bench this season, and it's been his play at both the offensive and defensive end of the floor that has ignited the Irish. In the Bucknell game, it was his offensive play that helped produce the win as he scored 13 points (on 6-8 shooting from the field) while playing a season-high 21 minutes. Against Furman, he also played 21 minutes and scored nine points, while making a career-high four steals. He averaged 6.0 points and 8.0 rebounds in the BB&T Classic as he finished with four points and a season-high six rebounds versus Maryland and eight points and two boards against Texas. Jones is averaging 5.3 points and 2.3 rebounds.

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING —

Chris Thomas' unselfish play continues to be one of the reasons why the Irish have been so successful over the past two seasons in compiling a 31-12 (.721) mark over the last 43 games. As a freshman, he ranked fifth nationally with a 7.64 assist average. Already this season, Thomas is averaging 7.5 assists in

**2002-03 BIG EAST STANDINGS
(through games of Dec. 18)**

<u>East Division</u>	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Connecticut	6-0	0-0
St. John's	5-0	0-0
Boston College	5-2	0-0
Villanova	5-3	0-0
Providence	3-2	0-0
Miami	4-3	0-0
Virginia Tech	5-4	0-0

<u>West Division</u>	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Pittsburgh	7-0	0-0
Georgetown	6-0	0-0
NOTRE DAME	9-1	0-0
West Virginia	6-1	0-0
Syracuse	5-1	0-0
Rutgers	5-2	0-0
Seton Hall	3-2	0-0

2002-03 BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

Player of the Week:

- Nov. 25 Terry Taylor (VT)
- Dec. 2 Emeka Okafor (UC)
- Dec. 9 **Dan Miller (ND)**
- Dec. 16 Troy Bell (BC)
- Matt Carroll (ND)**

Rookie of the Week:

- Nov. 25 Carmelo Anthony (SU)
- Dec. 2 Kevin Pittsnogle (WVU)
- Dec. 9 **Torin Francis (ND)**
- Craig Smith (BC)
- Craig Smith (BC)
- Dec. 16 Carmelo Anthony (SU)

Irish in the National Statistics

Jordan Cornette

Blocked Shots 10th

Chris Thomas

Assists 6th

Torin Francis

Rebounding 25th

Blocked Shots 25th

Team

Scoring Offense 4th

Three-Point FG Pct. 26th

the first 10 Irish games, good for sixth nationally. He has dished off 10-plus assists in three games — IUPUI (11), Marquette (10) and DePaul (10). Thomas has dished off 10 or more assists 12 times during his career.

TWENTY SOMETHING —

Chris Thomas has scored 20-plus points in five of Notre Dame's last eight games. He matched his personal best with 32 points against Marquette on December 2 and recorded his second double double, and ninth of his career, against DePaul as he finished with 22 points and 10 assists. Thomas had three straight 20-point outings for the first time in his career against Bucknell, Furman and Creighton, scoring 20 points against the Bison and Paladins and then tossing in 22 in the loss to the Blue Jays in the championship game of the Guardians Classic. Last season, he began his career by registering 24 and 22 points in the first two games of the season versus New Hampshire and Cornell. He also had back-to-back 20-plus point outings against Rutgers (32) and Georgetown (22) and West Virginia (26) and Miami (32). Thomas has scored 20-plus points in 14 of his 43 career games. His 32 points against the Golden Eagles this season marked the third time in his career that he has scored 30-plus points.

MAKING THE "QUINN"-ESSENTIAL POINT —

Freshman **Chris Quinn** has played in all 10 games for the Irish. In the last six games, he has averaged 22.3 minutes off the bench and has averaged 7.3 points and 2.5 assists. Quinn had his best outing of the season against Marquette, scoring a personal best 12 points (hit 5-8 shots from the field) while playing 26 minutes. He played a career-best 28 minutes in Notre Dame's win over Maryland. He is averaging 5.8 points and 2.3 assists and has played 20-plus minutes in five games.

TOM TERRIFIC —

A lower back problem forced **Tom Timmermans** to miss three games, but the Irish center has started four games. Timmermans had a career-high nine points against DePaul as he connected on all three of his field goal and free throw attempts. He earned his first career start in the win over Marquette on Dec. 2. After missing the first two contests against Belmont and IUPUI, Timmermans played nine minutes against Bucknell and finished with two rebounds. He did not see action against Furman, but played 21 minutes in the loss to Creighton and had six points and six rebounds.

DECISIVE FIRST-HALF RUNS —

In seven of Notre Dame's 10 games this season, it's been runs in the final eight minutes of the first half that have been decisive for the rest of the game in leading the Irish to victory.

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

BROTHERLY LOVE —

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

LUSTIG ADDED TO IRISH ROSTER —

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

MARKWOOD TRANSFERS TO MAINE —

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

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW —

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White airs on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). In its third season, "The Kevin White Show" can be heard in 35 states Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. Central time. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED RANKS NOTRE DAME 15TH —

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

The Concept of Team Basketball

Mike Brey's Notre Dame teams have relied on teamwork and unselfish player to be successful. There has always been a great balance between the number of assists to the number of baskets made. The 2000-01 Irish team owned a 0.65 assist-to-basket ratio, while last year's squad had a 0.67 ratio. This season's quad has displayed that same unselfish attitude with a 0.60 assist-to-basket ratio (180 assists to 301 baskets made).

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

Game	.....	FGM	...	Assists	...	Ratio
Belmont	.....	25	.....	18	.....	0.72
IUPUI	.....	34	.....	25	.....	0.74
Bucknell	.....	28	.....	13	.....	0.46
Furman	.....	26	.....	9	.....	0.35
Creighton	...	29	.....	13	.....	0.44
Albany	.....	35	.....	23	.....	0.45
Marquette	..	33	.....	18	.....	0.54
Maryland	...	28	.....	20	.....	0.71
Texas	.....	33	.....	19	.....	0.58
DePaul	.....	30	.....	22	.....	0.73

USA TODAY/NCAA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD —

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

IRISH INK TWO IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD —

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

BASKETBALL LUNCHEON SET FOR JANUARY 28, 2003 —

The second of two Notre Dame basketball luncheons will be held on Tues., January 28 at noon. Mike Brey and several Irish players will be featured at the event. Tickets are \$16.00 each and can be ordered by writing to the Notre Dame Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, Ind., 46556. Checks may be made payable to the University of Notre Dame. Reservation forms are also available at the Joyce Center ticket windows. Telephone reservations are not accepted. For information call 574-631-5031.

TOUGH TICKET AT THE JOYCE CENTER —

Notre Dame's first official sellout of the season was against Bucknell. Before the start of the 2002-03 campaign, it was announced that six of Irish's 16 home games had already sold out. The Marquette and DePaul contests also were sold out. The six sellouts announced before the start of the season had already equalled the total number at the Joyce Center during the entire 2001-02 campaign. All 3,160 student ticket packages available were sold in 36 hours. The last time Notre Dame has seven or more sellouts in a season was during the 1994-95 season when nine games drew a capacity crowd of 11,418 at the Joyce Center. The remaining games which are already already sold out are: Georgetown (Feb. 1), Pittsburgh (Feb. 9), Virginia Tech (Feb. 22) and Connecticut (Feb. 24). There are a limited number of bleacher seats remaining for the Syracuse contest on March 4.

DRAFT ANALYSIS —

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

2002-03 Box Scores

Notre Dame 92, Marquette 71 December 2, 2002 Joyce Center Notre Dame, IN

Marquette (71)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Townsend	29	2	4	1	2	0	4	5	7
Merritt	31	6	11	0	0	2	0	2	12
Jackson	29	5	8	2	2	8	0	4	12
Wade	35	7	19	5	7	7	4	3	19
Diener	39	6	15	2	8	2	3	3	18
Bradley	8	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Novak	11	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	3
Chapman	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Grimm	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanders	11	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Team						1			
Totals	200	27	63	12	15	30	12	24	71

Notre Dame (92)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Miller	37	7	13	2	2	7	3	2	20
Francis	33	3	6	5	7	13	1	2	11
Timmermans	7	1	2	0	0	2	0	4	2
Thomas	39	12	18	3	4	5	10	4	32
Carroll	39	5	18	3	6	7	1	3	14
Quinn	26	5	8	0	0	3	2	2	12
Cornette	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Jones	13	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	1
Team						3			
Totals	200	33	36	14	23	44	18	18	92

Marquette 30 41 -- 71
Notre Dame 42 50 -- 92

FG Pct: Notre Dame 50.0, Marquette 42.9. **3-FG Pct:** Notre Dame 40.0, Marquette 29.4. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 60.9, Marquette 80.0. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 12, Marquette 5. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 12, Marquette 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 2, Marquette 5. **Steals:** Notre Dame 8, Marquette 5. **Attendance:** 11,418.

Notre Dame 79, Maryland 67 December 7, 2002 MCI Center Washington, DC BB&T Classic — First Round

Notre Dame (79)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Miller	38	5	11	3	5	7	1	2	17
Francis	29	8	8	4	7	8	0	3	20
Timmermans	23	1	4	2	2	4	1	4	4
Thomas	33	3	14	4	4	3	9	3	10
Carroll	26	8	15	0	0	2	2	3	19
Quinn	28	1	6	3	4	4	4	2	5
Cornette	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	21	2	5	0	0	6	3	2	4
Team						3			
Totals	200	28	63	16	21	37	20	19	79

Maryland (67)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Caner-Medley	22	4	6	0	0	7	1	3	8
Randle	30	3	13	0	0	10	1	2	6
Holden	26	6	12	1	3	8	1	1	13
Nicholas	30	2	8	7	8	5	1	4	11
Blake	33	5	17	1	2	2	4	1	15
Smith	5	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	4
Collins	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garrison	20	1	7	2	2	3	1	2	4
McCall	12	1	2	0	0	3	1	1	2
Gilchrist	14	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	4
McCray	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Team						6			
Totals	200	26	70	11	15	47	10	18	67

Notre Dame 35 44 -- 79
Maryland 25 42 -- 67

FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.4, Maryland 37.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 30.4, Maryland 23.5. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 76.2, Maryland 73.3. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 7, Maryland 3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 10, Maryland 14. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4, Maryland 6. **Steals:** Notre Dame 8, Marquette 8. **Attendance:** 15,778.

Notre Dame 98, Texas 92 December 8, 2002 MCI Center Washington, DC BB&T Classic — Championship Game

Notre Dame (98)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Miller	39	6	14	4	5	8	4	2	20
Francis	35	7	12	7	8	10	1	2	21
Timmermans	11	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	2
Thomas	35	6	18	3	3	6	8	4	19
Carroll	31	8	17	1	2	6	2	3	20
Quinn	25	2	5	0	0	3	1	0	6
Cornette	11	1	2	0	0	3	2	2	2
Jones	13	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	8
Team						6			
Totals	200	33	72	19	23	45	19	14	98

Texas (92)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Mouton	21	3	11	0	0	3	2	2	7
Erskin	24	4	8	0	0	3	2	2	8
Thomas	26	1	6	4	4	8	1	4	6
Ford, T.J.	35	8	17	3	5	3	12	4	21
Ivey	23	2	7	2	2	2	8	3	7
Paulino	5	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Harris	22	9	11	1	2	0	2	4	25
Buckman	14	1	7	0	0	9	0	0	2
Ross	14	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	2
Boddicker	16	5	9	0	0	4	0	4	14
Team						6			
Totals	200	34	82	10	13	46	21	24	92

Notre Dame 51 47 -- 98
Texas 44 48 -- 92

FG Pct: Notre Dame 45.8, Texas 41.5. **3-FG Pct:** Notre Dame 48.1, Texas 56.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 82.6, Texas 76.9. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 13, Texas 14. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 9, Texas 9. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 10, Texas 5. **Steals:** Notre Dame 5, Texas 4. **Attendance:** 13,209

2002-03 Player Bio Updates

1

CHRIS THOMAS

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

Second-leading scorer on the team with an 18.2 points per game average...leads the team in assists (7.5) and steals (2.0)...coming off his second double double of the season and ninth of his career in Notre Dame's win over DePaul as he scored 22 points and dished off 10 assists...matched his career best with 32 points in win over Marquette...also finished with 10 assists for his eighth career double double and first of the season...has scored in double figures in eight straight games...has scored 20-plus points in five games this season...netted 20-plus points in consecutive games versus Bucknell, Furman and Creighton, marking the first time in his career that he scored 20-plus points in three straight contests...had 19 points, a season-high six rebounds and eight assists in win over No. 2 Texas...his three-pointer with 2:06 remaining against the Longhorns gave the Irish the lead for good...scored 10 points and dished off nine assists versus Maryland...tied Dan Miller for game-high scoring honors versus Furman as he finished with 20 points, three assists and four steals...had team-high 22 points against Creighton, in addition to four assists and five steals...leading scorer against Bucknell as he finished with 20 points, which marked the 10th 20-plus outing of his career...finished with 14 points (all in the second half), seven assists and three steals against Albany...scored 15 points and dished off eight assists versus Belmont...finished with eight points and 11 assists in win over IUPUI...has scored in double figures in 33 of 44 career games and has dished off 10-plus assists in 12 career contests...has registered 20-plus points in 14 career games...**named to the Guardians Classic All-Tournament Team.**

2

CHRIS QUINN

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

Averaging 5.8 points in 10 games off the bench...played a career-high 28 minutes against Maryland and played 20-plus minutes in four of the last six games...came off the bench and played 26 minutes against Marquette... finished with a personal best 12 points against Marquette as he connected on five-of-eight shots from the field for the first 10-plus point outing of his career...had six points in win over Texas and scored five points and grabbed four rebounds versus Maryland in the BB&T Classic...netted nine points off the bench in 20 minutes of action against Creighton...shot three-of-four from the field against the Blue Jays — all from three-point range...scored six points and registered career-bests of five assists and five steals against Albany in 18 minutes off the bench...scored eight points, dished off three assists and made four steals in collegiate debut versus Belmont...played 17 minutes, scored six points and dished off three assists against DePaul...added six points against IUPUI as he connected on both of his three-point attempts...also dished off three assists in the game...also played 20 minutes in the season opener versus Belmont.

4

OMARI PETERKIN

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

Has not seen action this season.

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RICK CORNETT

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

Played in Notre Dame's first four games, but did not see action in the Marquette, Maryland and Texas contests...has seen action in six of 10 contests off the bench...averaging 3.3 points and 1.8 rebounds...scored a career-high six points in win over Albany and grabbed two rebounds in eight minutes of action...played 11 minutes and scored four points in win over Belmont...also finished with four points in IUPUI game...scored four points in five minutes off the bench against DePaul...had two blocked shots against Furman.

12

JORDAN CORNETTE

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

Averaging 2.5 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots in 10 games...started the first six games of the season...registered first career double double with career-highs of 13 rebounds and 11 blocked shots versus Belmont...the 11 blocked shots broke the school record of eight set by LaPhonso Ellis in 1992 and the Joyce Center mark of 10 established by UCLA's Bill Walton in 1973...played 30 minutes against the Bruins and also dished off four assists...blocked eight shots in 23 minutes of action versus IUPUI and grabbed six rebounds, scored four points and made three steals...scored four points in win over Bucknell...had a season-high seven points in 31 minutes of action against Creighton...had four points and six rebounds against Furman...came up with three blocked shots in 13 minutes versus Albany...played 20 minutes off the bench against DePaul and had four rebounds and four blocked shots, in addition to two steals.

13

MATT CARROLL

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

Leading scorer on the Irish team with a 19.2 scoring average...also averaging 5.4 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 1.8 steals...only Irish player who has scored in double figures in all 10 games this season...netted a career-high 33 points (the second 30-point outing of his career in win over DePaul) as he shot 10-14 from the field and 12-13 from the free throw line...his 10 field made were a career best as were his 12 free throws and 13 free throws attempted...has registered eight 20-point outings in his last 14 games (dating back to the end of last year when he scored 20 points in the final four games of the season)...scored 20 points in championship game of BB&T Classic versus Texas and also finished with six assists...had 19 points the previous day over defending national champion Maryland...netted 26 points on 8-14 shooting from the field and 4-8 accuracy from three-point range against IUPUI...also finished with five rebounds, six assists and two steals in 32 minutes of action...scored 20 points in loss to Creighton...registered his first double double of the season in the contest (and third of his career) as he also grabbed 10 rebounds...scored 15 points, grabbed five rebounds and made four steals in 24 minutes in season opener versus Belmont...scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds in win over Bucknell...scored 15 points, grabbed six rebounds, and made three steals against Furman...finished with 17 points and five rebounds in win over Albany as he connected on 5-10 three-point attempts versus the Great Danes...finished with 14 points and seven rebounds in win over Marquette...has scored in double figures in 71 of 107 career games...**earned BIG EAST player-of-the-week honors for the second time in his career when he was named the league co-player of the week following his performance against the Blue Demons (week of December 16)...along with teammate Chris Thomas, was selected to the Guardians Classic All-Tournament Team...named MVP of Guardians Classic Notre Dame Regional.**

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JERE MACURA

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

Has played in six of 10 contests...did not see action versus Creighton and Marquette...scored two points, grabbed one rebound and blocked a shot in four minutes of action in win over IUPUI...had two points off the bench against Albany.

2002-03 Player Bio Updates

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TORRIAN JONES

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

Has come off the bench to average 17.4 minutes in Notre Dame's first 10 games...averaging 5.3 points and 2.3 rebounds...has played a season-high 21 minutes on three occasions this season...finished with eight points against Texas in final of BB&T Classic and scored four points and grabbed a season-best six rebounds versus Maryland...played 21 minutes in the win over Furman and finished with nine points on 3-4 shooting and made a career-high four steals...scored a season-high 13 points on 6-8 shooting against Bucknell...in the season opener against Belmont, finished with six points and two assists in 16 minutes and followed that with six points, five rebounds and two steals against IUPUI...had four points and two steals in 16 minutes off the bench against DePaul...dished off a season-high three assists versus Albany and Maryland.

21

DAN MILLER

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

Third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder with averages of 16.8 and 7.6, respectively...**named to the BB&T Classic All-Tournament team after averaging 18.5 points and 7.5 rebounds in leading the Irish to the tournament title**...played 38 minutes versus Maryland in the first game of the tournament and had 17 points and seven rebounds...finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and four assists in championship game versus Texas...finished with four three-pointers in both games...sat out all of the 2001-02 campaign after transferring to Notre Dame from Maryland...scored 19 points of his career-high 22 points versus Albany in the first half...connected on 9-14 shots from the field and was three-of-six from three-point range...also grabbed seven rebounds versus the Great Danes...scored 12 points, grabbed nine rebounds and dished off four assists in 34 minutes versus DePaul...registered his first 20-point effort of the season when he tied his previous personal best with a 20-point effort against Furman as he connected on 7-14 shots from the field and 5-6 from the free throw line in playing a season-high 37 minutes...it marked the fourth straight game in double figures...finished with his third 20-point outing in last four games against Marquette as he scored 20 points...in addition, he grabbed seven rebounds and dished off three assists...had four-game double-figure scoring streak snapped as he was held to nine points against Creighton, but finished with a season-best five assists...registered two double double efforts in the first two games of the season...prior to those two contests, had not had a double double in 104 career games...finished with 17 points and a career-high 11 rebounds against Belmont in 34 minutes and had 19 points and 10 boards in win over IUPUI...connected on 7-10 shots from the field versus the Bruins...scored 12 and grabbed eight rebounds in win over Bucknell...has netted double figures in nine of 10 outings and 28 times during his career...**BIG EAST Player of the Week for the Week of December 9.**

24

DAN LUSTIG

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

Has played in four games this season — Belmont, IUPUI, Albany and DePaul...did not play in the Bucknell game because of injury...scored the first point of his career when he nailed a three-pointer against Albany.

34

TORIN FRANCIS

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

A starter in each of Notre Dame's first 10 games and is averaging 11.6 points and a team-leading 9.8 rebounds...in addition, he is averaging 26.7 minutes per game...**an all-tournament team selection at the BB&T Classic**...played 35 minutes in win over Texas and registered his fifth double double with a career-best 21

points and 10 rebounds...in addition, he finished with a personal best eight blocked shots...had 20 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots against Maryland as he made all eight of his field goal attempts...connected on seven of eight foul shots against the Longhorns...became the first Irish freshman to grab 20 rebounds in a game in win over Bucknell...leads Notre Dame with five double doubles...his most recent double double outing came in win over Marquette as he finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds playing a career-high 33 minutes...it marked the second straight double double outing as he also finished with his 15 points and 15 rebounds in previous outing versus Albany...has scored in double figures in five straight games and in seven of 10 contests...registered his second double double of the season with 11 points and 20 rebounds versus Bucknell...in collegiate debut, played 25 minutes and scored seven points, grabbed four rebounds and blocked four shots in win over Belmont...registered the first double double of his career with 16 points and 10 rebounds in 28 minutes versus IUPUI...scored 10 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished off a career-high three assists versus DePaul in 26 minutes...had five points and nine rebounds in win over Furman...**BIG EAST Conference Co-Rookie of the Week for the week of December 9.**

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TOM TIMMERMANS

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

Has started each of the last four games...earned first career start against Marquette...missed three games this season with a lower back strain...scored a career-high nine points hitting 3-3 from the field and 3-3 from the free throw line...came off the bench and played 21 minutes against Creighton (tying a career best)...finished with six points and six rebounds in the contest, in addition to a career-high two steals...played nine minutes, scored three points and grabbed two rebounds versus Bucknell in his first action of the season...sidelined for the first two games due to a lower back strain and did not appear in the Furman game...played 18 minutes in win over Albany and finished with five points and four rebounds...played a career-high 23 minutes against Maryland and finished with four points and four rebounds.

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CHRIS MARKWOOD

Guard, Jr., 6-4, 202, South Portland, ME (South Portland)

Came off the bench in Notre Dame's first four games, and had played in five games overall...grabbed a rebound against IUPUI.

2002-03 Career/Season Highs

#1 Chris Thomas

	Career	Season
Points:	32 vs. Rutgers (2-6-02) vs. Miami (2-23-02) vs. Marquette (12-2-02)	32 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field Goals:	12 vs. Marquette (12-2-02)	12 vs. Marquette (12-2-02)
Field Goals Attempted:	20 vs. Georgetown (2-9-02)	20 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Field-Goal Pct:	.714 (10-14) vs. Rutgers (2-6-02)	.571 (8-14) vs. Bucknell (12-08)
Three-Point Field Goals:	7 vs. Rutgers (2-6-02)	5 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	11 vs. Villanova (1-6-02) vs. Kentucky (1-19-02)	8 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	.857 (6-7) vs. UT-Chattanooga (11-24-01)	.750 (3-4) vs. Belmont (11-17)
Free Throws:	12 vs. UT-Chattanooga (11-24-01)	9 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	12 vs. UT-Chattanooga (11-24-01)	9 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 18 occasions	1.000 on six occasions
Rebounds:	9 vs. Duke (3-16-02)	7 vs. Marquette (12-2) vs. Creighton (11-26)
Assists:	13 vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01)	11 vs. IUPUI (11-18)
Blocked Shots:	2 vs. Seton Hall (1-26-02)	1 on five occasions
Steals:	11 vs. New Hampshire (11-16-01)	5 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Minutes:	60 vs. Georgetown (2-9-02)	39 vs. Furman (11-25) vs. Marquette (12-2)

#2 Chris Quinn

	Career/Season
Points:	12 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field Goals:	5 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field Goals Attempted:	8 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field-Goal Pct:	.750 (3-4) vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Creighton (11-26)
Three-Point Field Goals:	3 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	5 vs. Maryland (12-7)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 (2-2) vs. IUPUI (11-18)
Free Throws:	3 vs. Maryland (12-7) vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	4 vs. Maryland (12-7) vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free-Throw Percentage:	.750 (3-4) vs. Maryland (12-7) vs. DePaul (12-14)
Rebounds:	4 vs. Maryland (12-7)
Assists:	5 vs. Albany (11-30)
Blocked Shots:	1 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Steals:	5 vs. Albany (11-30)
Minutes:	28 vs. Maryland (12-7)

#11 Rick Cornett

	Career/Season
Points:	6 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals:	3 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals Attempted:	4 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field-Goal Pct:	.750 (3-4) vs. Albany (11-30)
Three-Point Field Goals:	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	—
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	—
Free Throws:	2 on three occasions
Free Throws Attempted:	2 on four occasions
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 vs. on three occasions
Rebounds:	2 on five occasions
Assists:	1 vs. Albany (11-30)
Blocked Shots:	2 vs. Furman (11-25)
Steals:	—
Minutes:	11 vs. Belmont (11-18)

#12 Jordan Cornette

	Career	Season
Points:	11 vs. Georgetown (1-21-02)	7 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Field Goals:	5 vs. Georgetown (1-21-02)	3 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Field Goals Attempted:	9 vs. New Hampshire (11-16-01)	4 on three occasions
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on 11 occasions	1.000 on three occasions
Three-Point Field Goals:	2 vs. West Virginia (2-20-01)	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	4 vs. West Virginia (2-20-01)	—
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 vs. Providence (3-2-02)	—
Free Throws:	3 vs. Hawaii Pacific(11-23-01)	1 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Free Throws Attempted:	4 vs. Hawaii Pacific(11-23-01)	3 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 (1-1) vs. Cornell (11-19-01) 1.000 (2-2) vs. Rutgers (2-14-02)	.333 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Rebounds:	13 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	13 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Assists:	3 vs. Seton Hall	2 on three occasions
Blocked Shots:	11 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	11 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Steals:	4 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	4 vs. Belmont (1-17)
Minutes:	32 vs. Seton Hall (1-26-02)	31 vs. Creighton (11-26)

#13 Matt Carroll

	Career	Season
Points:	33 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	33 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Field Goals:	10 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	10 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Field Goals Attempted:	18 on three occasions	18 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field-Goal Pct:	.818 (9-11) vs. Mississippi (3-16-01)	.571 (8-14) vs. IUPUI (11-18)
Three-Point Field Goals:	6 vs. UT-Chattanooga (11-24-01)	5 vs. Albany (11-30)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	11 vs. Providence (2-23-00) vs. Marquette (12-2-02)	11 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on three occasions	.500 (5-10) vs. Albany (11-30)
Free Throws:	12 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	12 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	13 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	13 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 19 occasions	1.000 (6-6) vs. IUPUI (11-18)
Rebounds:	12 vs. Duke (3-16-02)	10 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Assists:	9 on two occasions	6 vs. IUPUI (11-18)
Blocked Shots:	1 on 19 occasions	1 on three occasions
Steals:	4 vs. Long Island (12-29-00) vs. Belmont (1-17-02)	4 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Minutes:	55 vs. Georgetown (2-9-02)	39 vs. Marquette (12-2)

#15 Jere Macura

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

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#20 Torrian Jones

	Career	Season
Points:	17 vs. Miami(2-23-02)	13 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Field Goals:	6 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	6 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	9 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	8 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on three occasions	.750 (6-8) vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Three-Point Field Goals:	2 vs. Loyola (11-22-00)	1 vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Furman (11-25)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	3 vs. Cornell (11-19-01) vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01)	2 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on three occasions	1.000 (1-1) vs. Furman (11-25)
Free Throws:	5 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	4 vs. Texas (12-08)
Free Throws Attempted:	8 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	5 vs. Texas (12-08)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on six occasions	1.000 (2-2) vs. Furman (11-25)
Rebounds:	10 vs. Monmouth (11-25-01)	6 vs. Maryland (12-8)
Assists:	5 vs. Long Island (12-29-00)	3 vs. Albany (11-30) 3 vs. Maryland (12-7)
Blocked Shots:	4 vs. Loyola Marymount (1-2-00)	1 vs. Belmont (1-17) 1 vs. Texas (12-8)
Steals:	4 vs. Furman (11-25-02)	4 vs. Furman (11-25)
Minutes:	29 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	21 on three occasions

#21 Dan Miller

	Career	Season
Points:	22 vs. Albany (11-30-02)	22 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals:	9 vs. Virginia (3-4-00) vs. Albany (11-30-02)	9 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals Attempted:	14 on three occasions	14 on three occasions
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on two occasions	.700 (7-10) vs. IUPUI (1-18)
Three-Point Field Goals:	4 on four occasions	4 on three occasions
Three Field Goals Attempted:	13 vs. Clemson (1-22-00)	8 vs. Texas (12-8)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on two occasions	1.000 (1-1) vs. Furman (11-25)
Free Throws:	7 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	7 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Free Throws Attempted:	9 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	9 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 17 occasions	1.000 on two occasions
Rebounds:	11 vs. IUPUI (11-18-02)	11 vs. IUPUI (11-18-02)
Assists:	8 vs. Fairleigh Dickinson(11-22-99)	5 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Blocked Shots:	2 vs. UMBC (12-13-00) vs. Duke (2-9-00)	1 on five occasions
Steals:	4 vs. San Francisco (11-7-99) 4 vs. Winthrop (12-7-99)	3 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Minutes:	40 vs. Virginia (3-4-00)	39 vs. Texas (12-8)

#24 Dan Lustig

	Career/Season
Points:	3 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals:	1 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field Goals Attempted:	2 vs. Albany (11-30)
Field-Goal Pct:	.500 (1-2) vs. Albany (11-30)
Three-Point Field Goals:	1 vs. Albany (11-30)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	2 vs. Albany (11-30)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	.500 (1-2) vs. Albany (11-30)
Free Throws:	—
Free Throws Attempted:	—
Free-Throw Percentage:	—
Rebounds:	—
Assists:	—
Blocked Shots:	—
Steals:	—
Minutes:	2 vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Albany (11-30)

#34 Torin Francis

	Career/Season
Points:	21 vs. IUPUI (11-18) 21 vs. Texas (12-8)
Field Goals:	8 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Maryland (12-7)
Field Goals Attempted:	13 vs. IUPUI (11-30)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 (8-8) vs. Maryland (12-7)
Three-Point Field Goals:	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	—
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	—
Free Throws:	7 vs. Texas (12-8)
Free Throws Attempted:	8 vs. Texas (12-8)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 (4-4) vs. DePaul (12-14)
Rebounds:	20 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Assists:	3 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Blocked Shots:	8 vs. Texas (12-8)
Steals:	2 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. DePaul (12-14)
Minutes:	35 vs. Texas (12-8)

#50 Tom Timmermans

	Career	Season
Points:	9 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	9 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)
Field Goals:	3 vs. DePaul (12-14-02)	3 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Field Goals Attempted:	5 on three occasions	5 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on five occasions	1.000 (3-3) vs. DePaul (12-14)
Three-Point Field Goals:	—	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	2 on two occasions	2 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	—	—
Free Throws:	3 on three occasions	3 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	4 vs. Vermont (12-21-00)	3 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on seven occasions	1.000 on three occasions
Rebounds:	6 on three occasions	6 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Assists:	2 vs. Albany (11-30-02)	2 vs. Albany (11-30-02)
Blocked Shots:	1 on five occasions	1 vs. Bucknell (11-22) vs. Albany (11-30)
Steals:	2 vs. Creighton (11-26-02) 2 vs. Maryland (12-7)	2 vs. Creighton (11-26) 2 vs. Maryland (12-7)
Minutes:	23 vs. Maryland (12-7)	23 vs. Maryland (12-7)