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NOTRE DAME

2002-03 Men's Basketball Game Notes

2002-03 Notre Dame Schedule/Results (22-9, 10-6)

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.	(9/11) CANISIUS	W, 93-75
30	Mon.	(6/6) VANDERBILT	W, 76-63

JANUARY

4	Sat.	(6/6) vs. Valparaiso#	W, 55-53
6	Mon.	(5/6) at Pittsburgh (6/5)*	L, 55-72
12	Sun.	(5/6) SETON HALL*	W, 74-64
14	Tue.	(10/9) RUTGERS*	W, 68-57
18	Sat.	(10/9) at Kentucky (16/16)	L, 73-88
21	Tue.	(16/12) at Providence*	W, 71-65
25	Sat.	(16/12) at Boston College* W,	101-96 (OT)
29	Wed.	(11/10) WEST VIRGINIA*	W, 88-69

FEBRUARY

1	Sat.	(11/10) GEORGETOWN* W,	93-92 (2OT)
5	Wed.	(10/10) at Seton Hall*	L, 72-78
9	Sun.	(10/10) PITTSBURGH (4/4)*	W, 66-64
15	Sat.	(10/9) at Syracuse (17/18)*	L, 80-82
18	Tue.	(12/10) at West Virginia*	W, 56-55
22	Sat.	(12/10) VIRGINIA TECH*	W, 98-76
24	Mon.	(9/10) CONNECTICUT (NR/24)*	L, 79-87

MARCH

1	Sat.	(9/10) at Rutgers*	L, 82-95
4	Tue.	(16/16) SYRACUSE (12/T12)*	L, 88-92
8	Sat.	(16/16) at Georgetown*	W, 86-80
12	Wed.	(17/19) vs. St. John's%	L, 80-83
20	Thur.	vs. Wisconsin Milwaukee**	
22	Sat.	NCAA Second Round	
27&	Thur.	& NCAA Regionals	
28	Sun.	(Arrowhead Pond of Anaheim - Anaheim, Calif.)	

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.)

% — BIG EAST Championship (First Round - Madison Square Garden)

2003 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship West Region — First and Second Rounds RCA Dome — Indianapolis, Ind. Thursday, March 20 & Saturday, March 22



BACK IN THE NCAAS —

Notre Dame (22-9) returns to the NCAA tournament for the third consecutive year as the No. 5 seed in the West region. It the highest seed earned by an Irish team since the 1987 NCAA Championship when that squad was a No. 5 seed in the East region.

The last time Notre Dame teams made three straight NCAA tournament appearances was from 1988-90. This is the 27th appearance overall for the Irish men's basketball program in the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame owns a 27-30 (.474) record and has advanced to the second round each of the last two seasons. The Irish were a No. 6 seed in the Midwest Region in 2001 and a No. 8 seed in the South Region in 2002.

FIRST ROUND MATCHUP —

Notre Dame will face No. 12 seed Wisconsin-Milwaukee (24-7). The Panthers won the Horizon League championship and are making their first-ever appearance in the 65-team field. Wisconsin-Milwaukee defeated Butler 69-52 in the tournament finale and has won 11 of its last 13 games. Notre Dame will play either Illinois (24-6) or Western Kentucky (24-8) should it advance past the first round.

SCOUTING THE IRISH —

This is the fourth straight 20-win season for the Irish and third under head coach Mike Brey. The last time Notre Dame teams registered four straight 20-win campaigns was from 1985-89 — 1985-86 (23-6), 1986-87 (24-8), 1987-88 (20-9) and 1988-89 (21-9). Brey is the only coach in Notre Dame history to have his teams post 20-win seasons in each of his first three seasons.

The Irish's 22 victories during the regular season are the most since the 1986-87 campaign when that Irish squad finished with a 22-7 mark during the regular season before posting a 2-1 record in NCAA tournament competition.

Notre Dame finished the BIG EAST regular season tied for third with Seton Hall as the Irish registered a 10-6 mark in the West Division. Brey's squad earned the fourth seed in the BIG EAST championship and dropped an 83-80 decision to St. John's in first round action.

The Irish head into the tournament having lost four of its last five games. Notre Dame lost three of its final four regular-season contests, but ended the regular season with an 86-80 victory at Georgetown. The win over the Hoyas snapped the Irish's longest losing streak of the season (three games).

IRISH EARN HIGHEST SEED SINCE 1987 —

Notre Dame's fifth seed in this year's NCAA tournament marks the highest for the Irish since they were the No. 5 seed in the East Region in the 1987 NCAA Championship. It also marks the third straight year the Irish have earned a top-eight seed, with Notre Dame eighth in the South region in 2002 and sixth in the Midwest in 2001.

GO WEST FOR A CHANGE —

This year marks the first time in 27 NCAA tournament appearances that Notre Dame is in the West region. The Irish were placed in either the Midwest (nine

NOTRE DAME HEADQUARTERS

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John Heisler (Associate Athletic Director/Sports Information Director) and Bernadette Cafarelli (Associate Sports Information Director, Men's Basketball Contact) will accompany the team. Please direct all inquiries for interviews with head coach Mike Brey, coaching staff and players to either Cafarelli or Heisler.

2002-03 Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Week #18 — Mar. 10-16)

	<u>LW</u>
1. Arizona	1
2. Kentucky	2
3. Texas	4
4. Kansas	6
5. Pittsburgh	7
6. Oklahoma	5
7. Florida	3
8. Marquette	8
9. Wake Forest	9
10. Xavier	11
11. Syracuse	12
12. Duke	10
13. Illinois	14
14. Maryland	13
15. Stanford	17
16. Memphis	18
17. NOTRE DAME	16
18. Wisconsin	24
19. Creighton	19
20. Louisville	15
21. Georgia	25
22. Dayton	21
23. Oklahoma State	20
24. California	22
25. St. Joseph's	NR

ESPN/USA TODAY (Week #18 — Mar. 10-16)

	<u>LW</u>
1. Arizona	1
2. Kentucky	2
3. Texas	4
4. Kansas	6
5. Pittsburgh	7
6. Oklahoma	5
7. Florida	3
8. Marquette	8
9. Wake Forest	10
10. Xavier	11
11. Syracuse	12
12. Duke	9
13. Illinois	14
14. Stanford	17
15. Maryland	12
16. Louisville	15
17. Creighton	19
18. Wisconsin	24
19. NOTRE DAME	16
20. Oklahoma State	18
21. Dayton	22
22. Georgia	25
23. California	20
24. Memphis	NR
25. Mississippi State	21

bold indicates 2002-03 opponent

times), East (seven), or Mideast (seven) regions in 23 of their previous 26 trips to the NCAA Championship. This is the second straight year Notre Dame is playing in a region for the first time as the '02 Irish were the first to play in the South region.

HOME-STATE ADVANTAGE —

This year marks the sixth year that Notre Dame is playing an NCAA tournament game in the state of Indiana and the first since 1985. Previously, the Irish are 5-2 in previous NCAA games in their home state. The Joyce Center played host to NCAA action in '85, with Notre Dame defeating Oregon State in the first round before losing to North Carolina. In their only previous NCAA trip to Indianapolis, the Irish beat Toledo in the 1979 regional semifinals before losing to Michigan State. Notre Dame won first-round games in Fort Wayne in 1953 and '54 and in Terre Haute in 1974.

PLAYER TIDBITS —

- **Matt Carroll (Horsham, Pa.)** heads into the NCAA tournament having scored in double figures in 37 straight games dating back to last season. He is the only Irish player who has netted double figures in all 31 contests this season. Carroll will set the Notre Dame career games played record (131) in today's game. He leads the team in scoring with a with a career-high 20.6 scoring average overall. In 16 BIG EAST games during the regular season, he averaged a career best 21.9 points per game.

Carroll scored 28 points in Notre Dame's loss to Syracuse on March 4 in the regular season home finale. Carroll tied a Notre Dame single-game record with eight three pointers in the contest. His 93 three pointers this season are a Notre Dame single-season record. In addition, Carroll is also the holder two school records — career three-point field goals made (295) and career starts (122).

He had a career-high 36-point outing against Georgetown in a 93-92 double overtime victory on February 1. He has topped the 30-point mark on three occasions this season and four times during his career. Carroll has scored 20-plus points in nine of the last 18 contests and in 14 contests overall.

- **Chris Thomas (Indianapolis, Ind.)** has averaged 20.0 points and 7.9 assists in Notre Dame's last seven games. He owns an 18.5 scoring average overall and averaged 19.7 points in BIG EAST play. He leads the team in assists (7.2) and steals (1.8). Thomas registered his fourth double double of the season with his 21 points and 13 assists against Virginia Tech on Feb. 22. He has dished off 10-plus assists in five games and topped the 20-point mark 14 times this season. Thomas has 223 assists this season and is the only player in Notre Dame basketball history to dish off 200-plus assists in consecutive seasons. He has 475 career assists for a 7.4 career average.

- **Dan Miller (Mt. Holly, N.J.)** is Notre Dame's third-leading scorer, averaging 13.8 points per game and stands second in the scoring column with a 5.7 rebounding average. He netted a BIG EAST career-best 22 points against Virginia Tech on February 22 and scored the game-winning basket with 15 seconds remaining in the previous outing in a win at West Virginia on February 18. Miller has scored in double figures in 22 games and has scored 20 or more points on seven occasions. He scored 18 points, grabbed nine rebounds and dished off six assists against St. John's.

- **Torin Francis (Roslindale, Mass.)** registered his team-leading eighth double double of the season in Notre Dame's March 4 matchup against Syracuse as he scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. He is averaging 10.5 points points and a team-leading 7.9 rebounds. Francis had the game-winning layup with six-tenths of a second remaining in the Pittsburgh game on February 9. He has started all 31 games and has reached double figures in 17 contests and grabbed 10-plus rebounds in nine games.

- **Torrian Jones (Fairless Hills, Pa.)** earned his first start of the season (and 10th of his career) in Notre Dame's win at Georgetown in the regular-season finale and also was in the starting lineup against St. John's. The junior swingman has been the Irish's most impressive player off the bench. He had his best all-around effort in an Irish uniform against Virginia Tech, playing a career-high 31 minutes and finishing with 12 points, a season-high nine rebounds, five assists (tying a personal best) and three blocked shots. Jones hit the game-winning free

throw with four seconds to play in Notre Dame's 93-92 double overtime victory over Georgetown. He is averaging 5.2 points, 3.4 rebounds and a career-high 19.3 minutes of playing time. In addition, Jones has scored in double figures in four games and has played 20-plus minutes in 10 of the last 16 games and in 15 contests overall.

- **Jordan Cornette (Cincinnati, Ohio)** has been in the starting lineup in 21 games this season. He started the first six games, before being replaced by Tom Timmermans in the next eight contests. Cornette regained his starting job for the 15 games prior to the March 8 matchup against Georgetown. He played a career-high 33 minutes in the win over Rutgers (January 14), scoring eight points, grabbing seven rebounds and blocking

Only Notre Dame and Kentucky have more wins (four) over teams that were ranked in the top ten of either the AP or ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll at the time of the game. Arizona and Stanford have posted three wins against top 10 opponents, while North Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma State, LSU and Colorado have two wins each.

• Four Wins vs. Top 10 (AP/ESPN)

Notre Dame def. (2/2) Texas
Notre Dame def. (9/8) Maryland
Notre Dame def. (13/10) Marquette
Notre Dame def. (4/4) Pittsburgh

Kentucky def. (6/6) Indiana
Kentucky def. (10/9) Notre Dame
Kentucky def. (1/1) Florida
Kentucky def. (3/3) Florida

IRISH ONE OF BIG EAST'S BEST DURING LAST THREE SEASONS

Since the divisional format of the BIG EAST Conference with the start of the 2000-01 campaign, Notre Dame owns one of the best three-year regular-season records in the BIG EAST.

Record

Pittsburgh	33-15 (.688)
Syracuse	32-16 (.667)
Boston College	31-17 (.646)
Connecticut	31-17 (.646)
NOTRE DAME	31-17 (.646)
Georgetown	25-23 (.521)
Providence	25-23 (.521)
St. John's	24-24 (.500)
Villanova	23-25 (.479)
Miami	22-26 (.458)
Seton Hall	20-28 (.412)
West Virginia	14-34 (.291)
Rutgers	15-33 (.312)
Virginia Tech	10-38 (.203)

NOTRE DAME STARTING LINEUP:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2002-03 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
20	Torrian Jones	G	6-4	195	Jr.	5.2	3.4	53.6 FG Pct.	Earned first start of the season in the win at Georgetown
21	Dan Miller	SF	6-8	220	Sr.	13.8	5.7	7 games with 20-plus points	Tied career-high with 22 points vs. Va. Tech
34	Torin Francis	PF	6-10	240	Fr.	10.5	7.9	8 double doubles	Hit game-winning layup with 0.6 seconds versus Pittsburgh
1	Chris Thomas	PG	6-1	182	So.	18.5	3.9	7.2 assists per game	Has scored 20-plus points in eight of last 17 games
13	Matt Carroll	SG	6-6	212	Sr.	20.6	5.2	20-plus points in 14 games	Has scored 20-plus points in four of last eight games

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2002-03 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
2	Chris Quinn	G	6-2	178	Fr.	3.9	1.5	15.3 mpg, off the bench	Played a career-high 29 minutes versus Georgetown
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.	2.7	1.2	11 games played	Career-high six points against Albany and Canisius
12	Jordan Cornette	F	6-9	235	So.	3.1	4.1	68 blocked shots	Has been in the starting lineup in 21 games
15	Jere Macura	F	6-9	230	Sr.	0.8	0.8	13 minutes vs. Canisius	Has played in eight games
24	Dan Lustig	G	6-5	195	Sr.	1.3	0.0	Played in seven games	First year walk-on
50	Tom Timmermans	C	6-11	253	Jr.	3.5	2.9	Starter in eight games	Seen limited playing time in last two games because of turf toe

Brey Subject of New Book Released On College Basketball



The Men of March: A Season Inside the Lives of College Basketball Coaches chronicles the lives of four of the nation's top coaches both on and off the court: **Mike Brey**, Steve Alford, Steve Lavin and Bill Self. Author Brian Curtis takes an insider's view into what it means to be a coach in the new millennium. Curtis spent the 2001-02 campaign going inside the locker rooms, practices, team meetings, offices and homes of these four individuals and their teams. The book provides a look into the major issues facing coaches in college basketball today.

eight shots. Cornette has had a real impact for the Irish on the defensive end of the floor. He is averaging 3.1 points and 4.1 rebounds, in addition to 2.2 blocked shots. In the season opener against Belmont, 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. His 68 blocked shots this season are 51 more than he blocked all of last season.

• **Chris Quinn (Dublin, Ohio)** is averaging significant minutes off the bench at 15.3 minutes per game and has played 20-plus minutes in 10 contests. He played a career-high 29 minutes against Georgetown and finished with eight points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals. Quinn scored a career-high 12 points versus Marquette in the seventh game of the season and is averaging 3.9 points and 1.5 rebounds. He, along with Francis, is the only rookie who has played in all 31 games. He has connected on 40 field goals with 26 coming from three-point range. He was a key in the first half against Boston College on January 25 as he scored 10 points in 12 minutes of action.

• **Tom Timmermans (Driehuis, Netherlands)** has started eight games for the Irish this season. He made his first career start in the victory over Marquette on December 1 and

is averaging 13.0 minutes of playing time. Timmermans equalled his personal best of nine points against West Virginia on January 29, in addition to grabbing a career-high eight boards. He is averaging 3.5 points and 2.9 rebounds.

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 64-30 mark (.681) with the Irish and earned his 50th victory at Notre Dame with the win over Texas in the championship game of the BB&T Classic.** He is the only coach in Notre Dame history to lead his teams to three straight 20-win campaigns and consecutive NCAA tournament appearances in his first three seasons. In 2001-02, Brey led his team to a 22-11 record and 10-6 mark in BIG EAST play after guiding the 2000-01 Irish to the BIG EAST West Division crown with an 11-5 record and finishing with a 20-10 overall record. Six of his nine teams have advanced to postseason competition (five NCAA and one NIT appearances). **Since his arrival, he has led Notre Dame to a 31-17 mark in BIG EAST play during the regular season for a .646 winning percentage and a 32-20 overall (including regular season and championship contests). Brey has an overall record of 163-82 (.665) as a head coach.** His 150th career win came on December 14, 2002 with Notre Dame's 102-71 victory over DePaul (the 224th game of his coaching career).

BREY NO STRANGER TO NCAA TOURNAMENT SUCCESS —

Mike Brey is no stranger to the NCAA tournament. He has a 2-4 record in the NCAA tournament and will be coaching in his 43rd NCAA tournament game when Notre Dame faces Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In 10 coaching appearances (as either a head coach or assistant coach) he is 33-9 (.786) with six final four appearances and two national titles as an assistant coach. Brey reached the NCAA tournament seven times as an assistant at Duke from 1988-95. In that span, Mike Krzyzewski and the Blue Devils posted a 31-5 mark which included final four berths 1988, '89, '90, '91, '92 and '94. From 1988-92, Duke reached the the final four in five consecutive

2002-03 BIG EAST AWARDS

BIG EAST Player of the Year:

Troy Bell — Boston College

BIG EAST Coach of the Year:

Louis Orr — Seton Hall

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year:

Carmelo Anthony — Syracuse*

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year:

Emeka Okafor — Connecticut

BIG EAST Most Improved Player:

Hakim Warrick — Syracuse

Sportsmanship Award:

Kueth Duany — Syracuse

BIG EAST/Aeropostale Scholar-Athlete of the Year:

Emeka Okafor — Connecticut

ALL-BIG EAST First Team

Troy Bell - Boston College*
Emeka Okafor - Connecticut
Mike Sweetney - Georgetown*
Matt Carroll - Notre Dame
Marcus Hatten - St. John's
Carmelo Anthony - Syracuse

ALL-BIG EAST Second Team

Craig Smith - Boston College
Ben Gordon - Connecticut
Chris Thomas - Notre Dame
Brandin Knight - Pittsburgh
Ryan Gomes - Providence
Andre Barrett - Seton Hall

ALL-BIG EAST Third Team

Darius Rice - Miami
Julius Page - Pittsburgh
Chevon Troutman - Pittsburgh
Hakim Warrick — Syracuse
Drew Schifino - West Virginia

ALL-BIG EAST Honorable Mention Team

James Jones - Miami
Ontario Lett - Pittsburgh
Gary Buchanan - Villanova
Ricky Wright - Villanova
Bryant Matthews - Virginia Tech
Terry Taylor - Virginia Tech

ALL-BIG EAST Rookie Team

Craig Smith - Boston College
Torin Francis - Notre Dame
Donnie McGrath - Providence
Carmelo Anthony - Syracuse*
Gerry McNamara - Syracuse*
Kevin Pittsnogle - West Virginia

*unanimous selection

seasons and compiled a 25-3 record, including back-to-back national titles in 1991 and '92. As the head coach at Delaware, he guided the Blue Hens to NCAA tournament berths in 1998 and '99.

BREY, CARROLL AND THOMAS HONORED BY NABC —

Mike Brey was honored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) as its District 10 Coach of the Year, while Irish players **Matt Carroll** and **Chris Thomas** were first-team selections to the District 10 team. Notre Dame's backcourt duo of Carroll and Thomas also were named to the United States Basketball Writers Associated (United States Basketball Writers

BREY VERSUS RANKED OPPONENTS —

As a head coach at both Notre Dame and Delaware, **Mike Brey** has coached in 31 games against ranked opponents. The Irish were 3-6 and 4-3 during the 2001-02 and 2000-01 campaigns, respectively. This season, Brey is 4-5 versus ranked foes. Overall, in his seven-plus seasons as a head coach, he owns an 11-20 record all-time against ranked opponents.

BREY NAMED ONE OF 25 FINALISTS FOR NAISMITH AWARDS —

Mike Brey is one of 25 finalists for the Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year Award, presented by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. He is one of four BIG EAST coaches named to the list. The others include Jim Boeheim of Syracuse, Jim Calhoun of Connecticut and Ben Howland of Pittsburgh.

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

Since his arrival to Notre Dame, **Mike Brey** has led Notre Dame to a 31-17 record in BIG EAST regular-season games for a 64.6 winning percentage and 1-3 mark in tournament play for an overall record of 32-20 (.615) against league foes. The Irish won the BIG EAST West Division title in 2001 by fashioning an 11-5 record (the most conference wins in its six-year tenure in the league). Under Brey, Notre Dame is the only BIG EAST school to win 10-plus league games each of the last three seasons. Prior to Brey's arrival at Notre Dame, Irish teams had a 35-53 (39.8 percent) regular-season record in its conference games since 1995-96.

BREY AND THE IRISH IN OVERTIME GAMES —

Notre Dame is 3-0 in overtime games (two on the road and one at home) under head coach Mike Brey during his tenure. The Irish did not play an overtime game in Brey's first season. The first overtime game played by Notre Dame under Brey was last season's four-overtime epic matchup against Georgetown in which the Irish defeated the Hoyas 116-111 at the MCI Center. The Irish have played two overtime contests this season — at Boston College (101-96) and at home against Georgetown (93-92 in double overtime).

OVER THE CENTURY MARK —

Notre Dame's 101-96 overtime victory against Boston College on January 25 marked the second time this season the Irish went over the century mark. The Irish also reached the century mark in their 102-71 victory over DePaul on January 14. Notre Dame has scored 100 points or more points five times during Mike Brey's tenure with the Irish.

SERIES RECORD VS. WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE —

This will be the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

COMMON OPPONENTS —

Notre Dame and Wisconsin-Milwaukee have played one common opponent this season — Valparaiso. The Irish defeated the Crusaders 55-53 at the United Center in Chicago on January 2, 2003, while Wisconsin-Milwaukee registered a 75-61 victory at home on December 11, 2002.

IRISH VERSUS HORIZON LEAGUE —

Notre Dame is 139-44 all-time versus teams from the Horizon League. The last Horizon League opponent the Irish faced was Loyola (Chicago) and earned a 107-68 victory on November 22, 2000.

CROSSING OVER —

Since the inception of divisional play in the BIG EAST Conference in 2000-01, Notre Dame owns an 9-3 record against the league's East Division foes. During the first year, the Irish were 3-1 against those teams with their only loss coming against Connecticut. Last season, Notre Dame registered a 2-2 mark with wins over Miami on the road (90-77) and Providence at home (76-68) and losses to Villanova at the Joyce Center (74-72) and to St. John's (84-81) at Madison Square Garden. Notre Dame is already 3-1 this season against teams from the East Division with wins over Providence, Boston College and Virginia Tech and its only loss coming at the hands of Connecticut.

Seeding History...Since 1979		
1979	..... No.1	..... Midwest
1980	..... No.4	..... Midwest
1981	..... No.2	..... East
1985	..... No. 7	..... Southeast
1986	..... No. 3	..... Midwest
1987	..... No. 5	..... East
1988	..... No. 10	..... East
1989	..... No. 9	..... East
1990	..... No.10	..... Southeast
2001	..... No. 6	..... Midwest
2002	..... No. 8	..... South
2003	..... No. 5	..... West

BIG EAST BONANZA —

Senior **Matt Carroll** headlined three Notre Dame players named to the 2002-03 BIG EAST All-Conference teams, earning first team all-conference honors, while sophomore **Chris Thomas** was on the second team and **Torin Francis** was named to the league's all-rookie team. Carroll's selection to the first team marked the fourth straight year — and sixth time in the last seven seasons — Notre Dame had a player earn a spot on that team. The Irish have had more first-teamers over the last seven years than any other school in the league. Carroll is the fourth different player to earn first-team honors, joining Ryan Humphrey (2001-02), Troy Murphy (1999-2000

**Irish All-Time vs.
2002-03 Opponents**

Team	Record
Albany	1-0
Belmont	1-0
Boston College	10-9
Bucknell	2-0
Canisius	19-4
Connecticut	3-8
Creighton	19-18
DePaul	49-41
Furman	1-0
Georgetown	8-8
IUPUI	1-0
Kentucky	17-40
Marquette	75-29
Maryland	9-8
Pittsburgh	25-21
Providence	7-8
Rutgers	10-9
Seton Hall	9-7
St. John's	15-13
Syracuse	15-16
Texas	1-1
Valparaiso	37-3
Vanderbilt	4-4
Virginia Tech	2-1
West Virginia	19-7
Total	359-255 (.585)

Poll Watching

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
1 (Preseason)	NR	NR
2	NR	NR
3	NR	NR
4	NR	NR
5	10	15
6	9	11
7	8	8
8	6	6
9	5	6
10	10	9
11	16	12
12	11	10
13	10	10
14	10	9
15	12	10
16	9	10
17	16	16
18	17	19

& 2000-01), and Pat Garrity (1996-97 & 1997-98). Thomas, who was a third-team selection a year ago, is the second Irish player (also Murphy in 1998-99) to be named to the second team, while Francis joined Thomas, Murphy and Martin Ingelsby as the only Irish players to earn all-rookie honors.

THE 20-WIN MARK —

Notre Dame's 22 wins this season marks the 30th time in the program's 98-year history that an Irish team has reached the 20-win plateau. This is Notre Dame's fourth straight 20-win season and the first time since 1985-89 that Irish teams posted four consecutive 20-win seasons.

FOR THE FIRST TIME: Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be the fifth opponent on this year's schedule playing against Notre Dame for the first time ever. The Irish defeated Belmont, IUPUI, Furman, and Albany in November by an average of 33 points in the first meeting in each all-time series. Overall, Notre Dame has won eight straight contests (by an average of nearly 31 points) in which the schools have never previously played. This will be the second straight year that Notre Dame's first-round NCAA foe had never previously played the Irish. In the 2002 tournament, Notre Dame beat Charlotte 82-63 in the first meeting between the teams. The last time a team beat the Irish on its first-ever try was in the 2000 NIT Championship game, when Wake Forest registered a 71-61 win over Notre Dame.

LATE MARCH MADNESS: A win for Notre Dame over Wisconsin-Milwaukee would be the latest Irish victory (by calendar date) since Notre Dame had wins on March 20, 22, and 28 in advancing to the final of the 2000 NIT tournament. This would mark just the sixth season in school history in which the Irish registered a victory on March 20 or later. Each of the previous occasions were in NIT action (1968, '73, '84, '92, and '00).

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.

A PERFECT DECEMBER —

With its win over Vanderbilt on December 30, Notre Dame finished the month of December with an unblemished 6-0 mark. The last time an Irish team went undefeated during December was during the 1980-81 campaign as that Notre Dame squad also posted a perfect 6-0 mark.

A JANUARY JUMP —

Notre Dame finished the month of January with a 6-2 record in the eight games it played during the past month. Two years ago, Notre Dame compiled a 5-3 record in eight games during the first month of the New Year. Last season, Notre Dame was 4-4 in its eight January contests. Overall, the Irish are 15-9 (.625) under Brey during the month of January.

HOME SWEET HOME —

Since the inaugural season (1968-69) playing in the Joyce Center, Notre Dame owns a 420-124 record all-time for a .772 winning percentage. The Irish are 35-10 (.778) at the Joyce Center during Mike Brey's two-plus seasons, and since the 1996-97 campaign, they own a 85-29 mark for a .746 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 a 1527-837 record all-time for a .646 winning percentage.

NOTRE DAME ALL-TIME IN THE BIG EAST —

In seven-plus seasons as a member of the BIG EAST Conference, Notre Dame owns a 66-70 record all-time in conference regular-season play for a .485 winning percentage. In its first five years, Irish teams were 35-53 (.398), but since **Mike Brey** took over the program, the Irish have compiled a 31-17 (.646) mark in regular-season play.

THE HOME ADVANTAGE —

Notre Dame suffered back-to-back home losses in the final two regular season contests, but still finished the season with a 14-2 record at the Joyce Center. Its first home loss of the year on February 24 against Connecticut. Heading into a February 24 matchup with Connecticut, Notre Dame owned a 16-game home win streak dating back to the 2001-02 season when the Irish won their final two home games of the regular season. It marked the second-longest win streak at the Joyce Center since the building opened in 1968-69. Prior to the loss to the Huskies, Notre Dame had not been beaten at home since February 17, 2002 when the Irish dropped a 68-65 decision to Syracuse. The only other time Notre Dame won 16 straight at the Joyce Center was from December 9, 1982-November 26, 1983.

**All-Time Joyce Center
Win Streaks**
23 games — Jan. 26, 1977-Feb. 4, 1978
and Feb. 3, 1973-Dec. 9, 1974
16 games — Dec. 9, 1982-Nov. 26, 1983
and Feb. 20, 2002-Feb., 24, 2003

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.

Irish Double Doubles in 2002-03

- Matt Carroll (2) vs. Creighton (20 pts., 10 rebs.)
vs. West Virginia (16 pts., 10 rebs.)
- Jordan Cornette (1) vs. Belmont (13 rebs., 11 blks.)
- Torin Francis (8) 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.)
vs. Vanderbilt (11 pts., 11 rebs.)
vs. Valparaiso (12 pts., 10 rebs.)
vs. Syracuse (19 pts., 11.0 rebs.)
- Dan Miller (2) vs. Belmont (19 pts., 10 rebs.)
vs. IUPUI (17 pts., 11 rebs.)
- Chris Thomas (4) vs. Marquette (32 pts., 10 asts.)
vs. DePaul (22 pts., 10 asts.)
vs. Canisius (17 pts., 13 asts.)
vs. Virginia Tech (21 pts., 13 asts.)

BIG EAST 10 —

Since the inception of the BIG EAST East and BIG EAST West divisional formats, Notre Dame is the only league team to win 10-plus conference games during of the last three regular seasons. The Irish finished 11-5 in 2000-01 and produced 10-6 marks in both 2001-02 and 2002-03. Notre Dame owns a 31-17 ledger in BIG EAST regular-season play in the last three seasons.

PRIDE OF THE BIG EAST —

The BIG EAST have four teams in this year's NCAA tournament field. In addition to the Irish, Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Connecticut are also representing the conference. **Notre Dame is the only BIG EAST team to make the NCAA tournament each of the last three seasons.**

IRISH FIND SUCCESS AT THE MCI CENTER —

Notre Dame has found the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. to be its home away from home as the Irish own a 6-1 mark in the building. The victory over Georgetown on Saturday was its sixth straight at the MCI Center. In 2002-03, the Irish produced a 3-0 record in the building, registering the win over the Hoyas, in addition to the two wins over Maryland and Texas in December to win the BB&T Classic. 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 in February of 2002.

BREY SHOWS IRISH THE WAY ON THE ROAD —

Notre Dame played just 13 home 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 year, Notre Dame was 6-4 on the road and 2-2 in neutral site games for an overall record of 8-6. In three seasons under Brey, Notre Dame has a 18-13 (.581) road mark and 11-6 (.647) mark in neutral site contests. Over the past two-plus seasons, Irish teams have compiled a 29-19 (.604) record playing away from home.

FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS FOR ONE IRISH PLAYER —

This will be the first time playing in the RCA Dome for all but one member of Notre Dame's team. Sophomore point guard **Chris Thomas**, an Indianapolis native, helped his Pike High School team capture the 1998 Indiana state championship. He and his teammates won the title, in Thomas' freshman year, at the RCA Dome. Three years later, as a senior in 2001, Thomas led his team to the state crown at Conseco Fieldhouse.

Irish at the RCA Dome

Notre Dame has played at the RCA Dome on four occasions in the Big Four Classic (an event which was held from 1987-90)

Dec. 5, 1987	vs. Louisville	W	69-54 (43,601) !
Dec. 3, 1988	vs. Kentucky	W	81-65 (45,214) @
Dec. 2, 1989	vs. Louisville (13/15)	L	73-84 (40,128) #
Dec. 1, 1990	vs. Kentucky	L	90-98 (38,043)

! - 6th largest crowd (paid attendance) in NCAA history for a regular season game
 @ - 5th largest crowd (paid attendance) in NCAA history for a regular season game
 # - 8th largest crowd (paid attendance) in NCAA history for a regular season game

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. The 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.

HISTORY MADE II —

Notre Dame's 66-64 victory over No. 4 Pittsburgh marked the fourth win for the Irish over a top 10 opponent this season. The only other time that has occurred was in 1977-78. That Irish team, which advanced to the Final Four, defeated No. 5 UCLA (69-66) and then a No. 3 UCLA squad (75-73), No. 1 Marquette (65-59) and No. 3 DePaul (84-64).

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.

A LITTLE MORE HISTORY —

- Notre Dame concluded the season with 14-2 record at home, winning 10-plus games for the sixth time in seven years. The Irish won their first 14 home games before losing their final two homes to Connecticut and Syracuse (92-88). Heading into the contest with the Huskies on February 24, the Irish owned a 16-game home win streak. That streak (dating back to the final two home games of the 2001-02 campaign), was the second longest ever at the Joyce Center and longest since the mid-80's when Notre Dame won 16 straight at home from December 9, 1982-November 26, 1983. The Irish have averaged just over 12 wins per season since the 1996-97 campaign.

- Notre Dame finished with a 4-5 record in the nine games its played on its opponent's home floor and were 4-1 in neutral site contests.

- The Irish have played nine ranked opponents this season and have faced four of those teams at home. Brey's team was 2-2 in those contests, with victories over Marquette (92-71) and Pittsburgh (66-64) and a loss to Connecticut and the Orangemen. The last time Notre Dame played four ranked opponents at home was the 1993-94 campaign when the Irish faced Missouri (t25th AP), UCLA (4/t2nd),

Irish Record

By Day

On Sundays:	5-0
On Mondays:	4-2
On Tuesdays:	3-2
On Wednesdays:	1-2
On Thursdays:	0-0
On Fridays:	1-0
On Saturdays:	8-3

By Time

Night Games:	9-5
Day Games:	13-4

By Location

Home Games:	14-2
Road Games:	4-5
Neutral Games:	4-2

By Halftime Score

Lead at halftime:	18-1
Trail at halftime:	3-7
Tied at halftime:	1-1

By Rebound Margin

Outrebounding opponents:	9-1
Outrebounded by opponents:	12-8
Same number of rebounds:	1-0

By Field Goal Shooting

Shoot better from field:	18-2
Shoot worse from field:	4-7
Shoot same from field:	0-0
Shoot 50% or better:	8-1
Shoot less than 50%:	14-8
Keep opponents under 50%:	22-3
Keep opponents under 40%:	12-0

By Free Throw Margin

Hit more free throws:	17-5
Hit fewer free throws:	5-4
Same number of free throws:	0-0

By Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers:	10-5
Commit more turnovers:	8-4
Commit same number of turnovers:	4-0

By Margin

One-point games:	1-1
Two-point games:	2-0
Three-point games:	0-1
Four-point games:	0-1
5-10 point games:	5-3
11-20 point games:	5-3
21-30 point games:	4-0
31+point games:	4-0

By Conference

America East	1-0
Atlantic Coast	1-0
Atlantic Sun	1-0
BIG EAST	10-7
Big 12	1-0
Conference USA	2-0
Metro Atlantic Athletic	1-0
Mid-Continent	2-0
Missouri Valley	0-1
Patriot League	1-0
Southeastern Conference	1-1
Southern Conference	1-0

By Month

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

North Carolina (4/4) and Louisville (13/10). Notre Dame went 2-2 in those contests after winning the first two games. Overall in '02-'03, the Irish are 4-5 against ranked teams.

- Notre Dame has played five top 10 opponents and owns four wins over those teams — No. 10 Marquette (92-71), No. 8 Maryland (79-67), No. 2 Texas (98-91) and No. 4 Pittsburgh (66-64). The Irish earned the victories over the Golden Eagles, Terrapins and Longhorns in consecutive outings over a six-day stretch (Dec. 2-8). It marked the first time that an Irish team had beaten three straight top 10 opponents in the program's history. Prior to the victory over the Golden Eagles on December 2, Notre Dame had not beaten a top 10 team since 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 first win over a top five opponent since January 5, 2000 versus No. 2 Connecticut (75-70) at the Hartford Civic Center.

- Notre Dame's 66-64 last-second victory over Pittsburgh on February 9 at the Joyce Center marked just the second time in school history that an Irish team had beaten four top 10 opponents in the same season. The only other team in Notre Dame history to post four wins over top 10 teams was the 1977-78 squad which advanced to the Final Four. That Irish team defeated No. 5 UCLA (69-66) and then a No. 3 UCLA squad (75-73), No. 1 Marquette (65-59) and No. 3 DePaul (84-64).

- The Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game also was the first victory for an Irish team at the Joyce Center against a top five opponent (Pittsburgh was ranked fourth at the time of the game), since Notre Dame defeated UCLA 79-63 on February 5, 1994 (the Bruins were ranked fourth in the AP poll and were tied for second the Coaches's poll). The Notre Dame-Pittsburgh matchup also marked the first contest between two top 10 teams at the Joyce Center since December 9, 1980 when No. 9 Notre Dame defeated No. 7 Indiana 68-64.

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

CARROLL ONE OF 10 FINALISTS FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD —

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In addition to Carroll, the finalists include Nick Collison (Kansas), Brian Cook (Illinois), Kirk Hinrich (Kansas), Reece Gaines (Louisville), Jason Gardner (Arizona), Josh Howard (Wake Forest), Kyle Korver (Creighton), Hollis Price (Oklahoma) and David West (Xavier).

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THOMAS NAMED FINALISTS FOR THREE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS —

Sophomore point guard **Chris Thomas** is among the finalists for three national player-of-the-year honors — the John R. Wooden, the Naismith Award and the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA)/Oscar Robertson awards.

THREE PLAYERS REACH 20-POINT MARK —

Matt Carroll, **Dan Miller** and **Chris Thomas** combined for 68 points in Notre Dame's 98-76 win over Virginia Tech on February 22 as all three players topped the 20-point mark. It marked the first time this season that the Irish had three players score 20-plus points. Carroll finished with 25 points, followed by Miller's and Thomas' 22 and 21 points, respectively.

HOT SHOTS —

Notre Dame connected on a combined 58.2 percent of its shots from the field in back-to-back wins against DePaul and Canisius. The Irish shot 60.0 percent from the field against the Blue Demons as they made 30-50 shots. 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). It also was the second time a Brey-coached team shot 60 percent or better in a game. The Irish were 34-60 (.567) from the field against Canisius. Overall, Notre Dame is shooting 44.6 percent from the field this season and has shot 50.0 percent or better on seven occasions.

'CARROLL'-ING INTO THE RECORD BOOKS —

Senior guard **Matt Carroll** etched his name into the Notre Dame record books on February 1 when he became the school's career three-point shooting leader. His six three-pointers (equalling his personal best) against Georgetown moved him ahead of David Graves' (1998-2002) record of 259. In 130 career games played, Carroll has 295 three-point fields for an average of 2.27. With 122 career starts to his credit, he owns the Notre Dame career mark for that record as well, surpassing the one established by David Rivers' (1984-88) who made 116 starts during his career. With his appearance in tonight's game against

2002-03 BIG EAST STANDINGS (through games of Mar. 9)

<u>East Division</u>		
	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Boston College	18-11	10-6
Connecticut	21-9	10-6
Providence	16-13	8-8
Villanova	15-15	8-8
St. John's	16-13	7-9
Miami	11-17	4-12
Virginia Tech	11-18	4-12
<u>West Division</u>		
	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Syracuse	24-5	13-3
Pittsburgh	26-4	13-3
Seton Hall	17-12	10-6
NOTRE DAME	22-9	10-6
Georgetown	15-14	6-10
West Virginia	14-15	5-10
Rutgers	12-16	4-12

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)
Dec. 23	Ryan Gomes (PC)
	Brandin Knight (UP)
Dec. 30	Ben Gordon (UC)
Jan. 5	Marcus Hatten (SJU)
Jan. 12	Ontario Lett (UP)
	Mike Sweetney (GU)
Jan. 19	Marcus Hatten (SJU)
Jan. 27	Darius Rice (UM)
	Chris Thomas (ND)
Feb. 3	Troy Bell (BC)
	Matt Carroll (ND)
Feb. 10	Andre Barrett (WVU)
	Herve Lamizana (RU)
Feb. 17	Troy Bell (BC)
Feb. 24	Troy Bell (BC)
Mar. 3	Troy Bell (BC)
	Michael Sweetney (GU)
Mar. 9	Marcus Hatten (SJU)

Rookie of the Week:

Nov. 25	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Dec. 2	Kevin Pittsnogle (WVU)
Dec. 9	Torin Francis (ND)
	Craig Smith (BC)
Dec. 16	Craig Smith (BC)
	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Dec. 23	Gerry McNamara (SU)
Dec. 30	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Jan. 5	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Jan. 12	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
	Randy Foye (VU)
Jan. 19	Craig Smith (BC)
Jan. 27	Kevin Pittsnogle (WVU)
Feb. 3	Craig Smith (BC)
Feb. 10	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Feb. 17	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Feb. 24	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
	Craig Smith (BC)
Mar. 3	Carmelo Anthony (SU)
Mar. 9	Carmelo Anthony (SU)

Wisconsin-Milwaukee, he will set the all-time Notre Dame mark for career games played (131). In addition to these three records, he also tied this season the Irish single-game three-point mark with his eight three-pointers against the Orangemen at the Joyce Center.

THOMAS REACHES 1,000-POINT MARK —

Chris Thomas’ became the 42nd player in Notre Dame basketball history to score 1,000 career points this season. In 64 career games, he has scored 1,089 points for an average of 17.0 points per game. Only six former Irish players reached the mark during their second season in a Notre Dame uniform — Austin Carr (1968-71), Adrian Dantley (1973-76), Troy Murphy (1998-2001), Tom Hawkins (1955-59), Bob Arnzen (1966-69) and John Shumate (1972-74).

MILLER REACHES 1,000 CAREER POINTS —

Dan Miller reached the 1,000-point mark in his career against Syracuse. He has scored 1,035 points in 135 career games for a 7.7 scoring average. Miller has scored 427 points in an Irish uniform this season. In the three seasons he played at Maryland, Miller scored 608 points.

WHERE CHARITY BEGINS —

Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 538-354 from the free throw line this season and has attempted 189 more free throws (708-519). The Irish have made 76.0 percent of their free throw attempts, while their opponents are hitting on just 68.2 percent. In 23 games, Notre Dame has made more free throws than its opponents and hit on better than 75.0 percent on 19 occasions. In the last 14 games, the Irish are a combined 326-418 (.780) from the line compared to 210-303 (.693) for their opponents.

HOME STRIPE —

Notre Dame was particularly successful from the charity stripe in home games as the Irish were 286-373 (.767) compared to 177-257 (.689) for their opponents. In the last 11 home games, Notre Dame finished 224-279 (.803) from the line as the Irish made an average of 20.4 free throws on 25.4 attempts and averaged just 5.0 misses per game. Coach Mike Brey’s squad shot a season best 95.7 percent from the line against Rutgers as the Irish converted 22 of its 23 attempts.

FIRST-HALF DEFENSIVE LAPSES —

In four of the last five games, Notre Dame has given up more than 45 first-half points. Against St. John’s the Irish surrendered 47 points and trailed 46-26 at the intermission. In the loss to Syracuse on March 4, Notre Dame allowed the most points ever in the first half in Mike Brey’s tenure at they trailed 49-38 at the intermission. Against Rutgers (March 1), the Scarlets Knights led 47-35 at the break, while Connecticut owned a 46-31 advantage at halftime in the previous outing on February 24. Prior to these four games, the only time Notre Dame gave up more than 45 points in a half was in its January 8, 2001 contest against Seton Hall on the road as the Irish trailed 46-38.

CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARDS —

Heading into the West Virginia game January 18, the Irish had been outrebounded in six straight games, and in 12 games overall. Notre Dame reversed that fortune versus the Mountaineers as the Irish owned a decisive 51-27 advantage on the boards — the most rebounds in a game this season as well as the largest rebounding margin. The 51 rebounds also were the most by the Irish since last year’s Georgetown game at the MCI Center when they totalled 64. It also was the largest rebounding margin ever by Notre Dame in Mike Brey’s two-plus seasons. In the Pittsburgh game on February 9, the Irish were outrebounded 24-10 in the first half, but owned a 16-9 advantage in the second half. In back-to-back games against West Virginia and Virginia Tech, Notre Dame outrebounded its opponents by 13 (42-29) and 15 (43-28), respectively. The Irish have been outrebounded in 20 of its 31 games this season.

KEEPING IT CLOSE —

Notre Dame’s 17-point loss (72-55) to Pittsburgh on January 6 marked the worst loss for an Irish team under head coach **Mike Brey** (spanning 90 games total). Prior to the contest, Notre Dame’s worst loss was a 16-point setback to Connecticut during Brey’s first season, the 2000-01 campaign. 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 30 losses the Irish have suffered under Brey over the course of the last three seasons, only seven 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.

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 those teams, but 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.

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 on December 7 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 game of the Preseason NIT, 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.

The Concept of Team Basketball

Mike Brey’s Notre Dame teams have relied on teamwork and unselfish play 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 squad has displayed that same unselfish attitude with a 0.62 assist-to-basket ratio (524 assists to 844 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
Canisius	34	26	0.76
Vanderbilt	25	16	0.64
Valparaiso	20	16	0.80
Pittsburgh	20	14	0.70
Seton Hall	23	8	0.35
Rutgers	19	14	0.74
Kentucky	22	11	0.50
Providence	23	12	0.52
Boston College	30	18	0.60
West Virginia	28	17	0.61
Georgetown	25	18	0.72
Seton Hall	27	14	0.52
Pittsburgh	27	20	0.74
Syracuse	25	16	0.64
West Virginia	23	13	0.57
Virginia Tech	36	26	0.72
Connecticut	28	15	0.54
Rutgers	23	11	0.48
Syracuse	31	25	0.81
Georgetown	26	15	0.58
St. John’s	28	19	0.68

Irish in the National Statistics

Chris Thomas
Assists 4th

Jordan Cornette
Blocked Shots 27th

Matt Carroll
Scoring 31st

Team
Blocked Shots Per Game 13th
Free Throw Percentage 14th
Scoring Offense 20th
Scoring Margin 27th
Assists Per Game 28th
Turnovers 26th

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 14 of the 31 contests of the season. He has netted 20-plus points in nine of the last 17 games. Carroll has had three 30-point outings this season, which include a career-high 36-point performance against Georgetown and a 31-point effort at Pittsburgh. He has notched four 30-point outings during his career. Carroll has recorded 18 20-point efforts in his last 35 games in an Irish uniform and owns 24 20-plus point games during his career. He is the only Notre Dame player who has scored in double figures in all 31 games this season and has netted double figures in 37 straight contests.

MILLER TIME —

After sitting out the 2001-02 campaign following his transfer to Notre Dame in the summer of 2001, **Dan Miller** is averaging 13.8 points (third best scoring total on the team) and 5.7 rebounds (second highest scoring average). He recorded double doubles in the first two games of the season against Belmont and IUPUI and has scored in double figures in all but nine contests. Miller also has registered 20-point outings in six games — 20 points versus Furman, Marquette and Texas; 22 points versus Albany and Virginia Tech; a career-high 23 points in the win over Canisius in which he made a personal best six three-pointers; and 21 points in the loss at Seton Hall. Against Belmont, he had 19 points and 10 rebounds and came back against IUPUI the following night to score 17 points and grab 11 rebounds (career-high). 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. Miller had equalled his career best with 11 boards against Georgetown — the third time this season with 10-plus rebounds.

FANTASTIC FRANCIS —

Rookie **Torin Francis** was Notre Dame's hero after putting in the game-winning layup against Pittsburgh in the 66-64 victory on February 9. He is averaging 10.5 points and a team-leading 7.9 rebounds, in addition to registering a team-best eight double doubles — versus IUPUI, Bucknell, Albany, Marquette, Texas, Vanderbilt, Valparaiso and Syracuse. He has had two 20-point outings this season which came in back-to-back outings against Maryland (20 points) and Texas (career-high 21 points) at the BB&T Classic. Francis has been in double figures in 17 of 31 games and has grabbed 10-plus rebounds in nine contests. In addition to his 21 points against the Longhorns, he grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked a career best eight shots. In the win over Maryland, he connected on all eight of his shot attempts. Francis had 20 rebounds in the third game of the season versus Bucknell, the most since former Irish All-American Troy Murphy grabbed 20 rebounds against Seton Hall on January 8, 2001 and the most ever by an Irish freshman.

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING —

Chris Thomas' unselfish play continues to be one of the reasons why the Irish have been so successful the past two seasons in compiling a 44-20 (.688) mark over the last 64 games. As a freshman, he ranked fifth nationally with a 7.64 assist average. This season, Thomas is averaging 7.2 assists, good for fourth nationally. He has dished off 10-plus assists in five games — IUPUI (11), Marquette (10), DePaul (10), Canisius (13) and Virginia Tech (13). His 13 assists in the Canisius and Virginia Tech contests matched his career high. Thomas has dished off 10 or more assists 15 times during his career.

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. Notre Dame has had more turnovers than assists in just five games this season — Bucknell, Furman, Vanderbilt, Seton Hall and Kentucky. During the 2001-02 season, only twice did Notre Dame have more turnovers than assists. The Irish own a 1.32 assist-to-turnover ratio and 0.62 assist-to-basket ratio this season and are averaging 16.9 assists and 12.8 turnovers.

JONES PROVIDES THE SPARK —

Torrian Jones has been a spark for Notre Dame off the bench all season long, but the junior swingman's play of late earned him his first two starts of the season (the 10th and 11th of his career) against Georgetown and St. John's. Against the Hoyas on February 1, he notched the game-winning free throw with four seconds remaining in double overtime to lift Notre Dame to the one-point win. Jones' performance against Virginia Tech on February 24 marked his best overall all-around effort in an Irish uniform as he played a career-high 31 minutes and finished with 12 points, nine rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots. He has scored in double figures in four games this season and is averaging 5.2 points and 3.4 rebounds in playing a personal best 19.0 minutes.

TWENTY SOMETHING —

Chris Thomas has scored 20-plus points in 13 games this season, including eight of the last 16 contests. He finished with 21 points and 13 assists in a recent outing versus Virginia Tech in recording his fifth double double of the season and 12th of his career. Thomas scored 29

Charting the Irish

Career Scoring

1. Austin Carr (1968-71)	2,560
2. Adrian Dantley (1973-76)	2,223
3. Pat Garrity (1994-98)	2,085
4. David Rivers (1984-88)	2,058
5. Troy Murphy (1998-01)	2,011
6. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	1,826
7. Tom Hawkins (1956-59)	1,820

Career Field Goals Made

1. Austin Carr (1968-71)	1,017
2. Adrian Dantley (1973-76)	804
3. Pat Garrity (1994-98)	748
4. Tom Hawkins (1956-59)	710
5. Troy Murphy (1998-01)	680
6. David Rivers (1984-88)	666
Bob Arnzen (1966-69)	666
8. Kelly Tripucka (1977-81)	629
9. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	619

Career Three-Point Field Goals Made

1. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	295
2. David Graves (1998-02)	259
3. Ryan Hoover (1992-96)	248
4. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01)	167
5. Chris Thomas (2001-present)	149

Career Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

1. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	747
2. Ryan Hoover (1992-96)	680
3. David Graves (1998-02)	630
4. Chris Thomas (2001-present)	400
5. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01)	394

Career Three-Point Field Goal Percentage

1. Joe Frederick (1987-90) .....	.490
2. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01) .....	.424
3. David Graves (1998-02) .....	.411
4. David Rivers (1985-88) .....	.406
5. Keith Friel (1996-98) .....	.397
6. Matt Carroll (1999-present) .....	.395
7. Jamere Jackson (1986-90) .....	.380
8. Chris Thomas (2001-present) .....	.373
9. Kevin Ellery (1988-91) .....	.372

Career Assists

1. David Rivers (1984-88)	586
2. Tim Singleton (1987-91)	549
3. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01)	526
4. Elmer Bennett (1988-92)	516
5. Chris Thomas (2001-present)	475
6. Rich Branning (1976-80)	454
7. John Paxson (1979-83)	411
8. Jackie Meehan (1969-71)	395
9. Admore White (1993-97)	390
10. Jimmy Dillon (1996-00)	387
11. David Graves (1998-02)	340
12. Matt Carroll (1999-present)	307

Career Assist Average

1. Chris Thomas (2001-present)	7.4
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Career Blocked Shots

1. LaPhonso Ellis (1998-92)	200
2. Ryan Humphrey (2000-02)	166
3. Troy Murphy (1998-01)	126
4. Matt Gotsch (1993-97)	97
5. Jordan Cornette (2001-present)	85
6. Phil Hickey (1995-99)	84
7. Orlando Woolridge (1977-81)	80

Career Free-Throw Percentage

1. Chris Thomas (2001-present) .....	.880
2. Ryan Hoover (1992-96) .....	.846
3. Matt Carroll (1999-present) .....	.828
4. Martin Ingelsby (1997-01) .....	.817

points in the win at Georgetown. He had 24 points against both Pittsburgh and Georgetown and 28 points versus Boston College (25 in the second half). He matched his personal best with 32 points against Marquette on December 2. 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 then against West Virginia (26) and Miami (32). Thomas has scored 20-plus points 22 times during his career (64 games). His 32 points against the Golden Eagles this season marked the third time in his career that he has scored 30-plus points. He has failed to score in double figures just 12 times during his career.

IRONMAN —

Matt Carroll played in his 100th career game in Notre Dame's win over Belmont and has seen action in 130 career games in an Irish uniform. He has started all but eight of those games and has missed just one contest throughout his career (Miami-Fla. on the road last season because of an ankle injury) in 131 contests overall.

FORTY-MINUTE MAN —

Chris Thomas has played the entire game in four contests this season — Rutgers (both games), Pittsburgh and Georgetown (second meeting between the two teams). He played 42 minutes in the January 25th overtime win at Boston College and 45 versus Georgetown in the double overtime victory before fouling out of the game for the first time in his career. As a freshman last season, he played the entire game in 11 of 18 BIG EAST games (regular season and two tournament contests) and averaged 40.2 minutes in league contests and 38.0 minutes overall. Thomas also played all 60 minutes in Notre Dame's epic four-overtime win (116-111) at Georgetown last February. In addition, he played the entire game on 15 occasions.

MAKING THE "QUINN"-ESSENTIAL POINT —

Freshman **Chris Quinn** has played in all 31 games for the Irish and is averaging 15.3 minutes per game and 3.9 points per game. 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-high 29 minutes against Georgetown and finished with eight points, five rebounds, six assists and three steals. In the Boston College game, Quinn scored 10 points in the first half in 12 minutes off the bench. He played the final 3:55 of double overtime against the Hoyas when **Chris Thomas** fouled out of the game and has played 20-plus minutes in eight games.

TOM TERRIFIC —

A lower back problem forced **Tom Timmermans** to miss three games, but the Irish center started eight straight games this season. Overall, he is averaging 3.5 points and 2.9 rebounds. He tied a personal best with nine points in 14 minutes off the bench against West Virginia and also finished with a career-high eight rebounds. Timmermans has played 20-plus minutes in six games. He earned his first career start in the win over Marquette on Dec. 2.

HAPPY HOMECOMING —

In his homecoming back to the New England area in mid-January, **Torin Francis** guided the Irish to two wins against Providence and Boston College. In the two games, he averaged 14.0 points and 8.0 rebounds. He scored 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds versus the Friars and netted 15 points and eight boards in 35 minutes versus Boston College.

BLOCK PARTY —

Notre Dame is closing in on the single-season team record for blocked shots. The Irish set the single-season team record for blocked shots in 2000-01 campaign with 178 in 30 games for an average of 5.93 blocks per game. Last season, the Irish finished with 163 blocks for an average of 4.94 per game. Notre Dame already has 175 (5.64 per game), needing just four to break the mark. **Jordan Cornette** and **Torin Francis** lead the way with 68 and 55, respectively.

144 AND COUNTING —

Heading into tonight's contest against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Notre Dame has hit at least one three-pointer in 144 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 has made 10 or more three-pointers in nine contests this season, including a season-high 13 in both the Albany and Texas contests.

ONE OF JUST 12 —

Getting back into the NCAA tournament last season 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.

NCAA SIBLING RIVARLY —

Three member of the Irish teams — **Matt Carroll**, **Jere Macura** and **Jordan Cornette** — all have brothers playing in this year's NCAA tournament. **Matt's** brother, **Pat**, is a sophomore at St. Joseph's (Pa.). He and the Hawks earned the seventh seed in the East region and will face Auburn in Tampa, Fla. **Petar**

Charting the Irish

Career Games Started

1. **Matt Carroll (1999-present)** 122

Career Games Played

1. **David Graves (1998-02)** 130
- Matt Carroll (1999-present)** 130

Sporting News Recognition

• Notre Dame's backcourt tandem of **Matt Carroll** and **Chris Thomas** was ranked the top guard combination by their impact thus far during the 2002-03 season. Said **Kyle Veltrop** of *The Sporting News*, "Carroll now is an elite scorer, not just a sharpshooter. Thomas may be the nation's best combined scorer and distributor. Indiana's **Tom Coverdale** and **Bracey Wright** were ranked second, followed by **Brandin Knight** and **Julius Page** of Pittsburgh; **Taliek Brown** and **Ben Gordon** of Connecticut; and **Jason Parker** and **Dante Swanson** of Tulsa, rounding out the top five.

• In *The Sporting News'* Midseason College Basketball Report, **Matt Carroll** earned a spot on the publication's Midseason All-American squad. He was one of five players who were called "Half-All-Americans" by the magazine. Listed along with Carroll were point guard **Jameer Nelson** of St. Joseph's; center **Nick Collison** of Kansas; power forward **Brian Cook** of Illinois; and strong forward **Jarvis Hayes** of Georgia.

WORKING FOR A CAUSE

Irish head coach **Mike Brey** and his wife have always given their time and effort to the fight against cancer. While at the University of Delaware, the couple was actively involved in the Coaches vs. Cancer program as they helped make it one of the top fundraising schools in the country through that program.

With the support of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities, **Mike** and **Tish** hosted the first annual Notre Dame Basketball Coaches vs. Cancer Golf Classic in August of 2002 and the "Night of the Stars" at their home in Granger, Ind., that same month. More than 90,000 was raised from both events for cancer research in the local community and the Coaches vs. Cancer program. The "Night of the Stars" evening honored cancer survivors in the South Bend area as well as paid tribute to members of the community at-large who have given countless hours of their time and effort in the fight against the disease.

Coaches vs. Cancer Top 10 Schools (2001-02)

1. Syracuse	391,092.87
2. Philly Six Schools (Temple, LaSalle, St. Joseph's, Villanova and Drexel)	127,000.00
3. Louisville	123,675.15
4. Illinois	110,935.61
5. Kansas	76,454.50
6. NOTRE DAME	48,922.00
7. Southside High School	41,000.00
8. Florida	39,267.50
9. Delaware	32,322.50
10. Oklahoma	31,330.29

Macura and IUPUI won the Mid-Continent Conference tournament to earn the school's first-ever NCAA appearance in the Jaguars' fifth season at the Division I level. IUPUI, seeded 16th, will face the Midwest region's top seed, Kentucky, in the first round in Nashville, Tenn. Butler and Joel Cornette are the 12th seed in the East region and are set to face Mississippi State in Birmingham, Ala.

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.

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.

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 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 that 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 seven-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.

Notre Dame All-Time vs. 2003 NCAA Tournament Field

School	W	L	Last	NCAA Tournament
Alabama	1	1	L, 76-79 (2001)	—
Arizona	1	3	L, 60-76 (1999)	—
Austin Peay	1	0	W, 108-66 (1974)	1-0
Brigham Young	4	3	W, 64-52 (2000)	0-1
Butler	71	30	L, 60-76 (1995)	—
California	0	1	L, 63-69 (1967)	—
Central Michigan	2	0	W, 83-56 (1998)	—
Cincinnati	3	1	W, 69-51 (2000)	1-1
Connecticut	3	8	L, 79-87 (2003)	—
Creighton	19	18	L, 75-80 (2002)	—
Dayton	28	12	L, 63-73 (1995)	—
Duke	2	19	L, 77-84 (2002)	0-2
Holy Cross	10	2	W, 96-61 (1985)	—
Illinois	12	26	L, 84-87 (1973)	—
Indiana	19	45	L, 75-76 (2001)	2-1
Kansas	9	3	W, 80-76 (1988)	1-0
Kentucky	17	40	L, 73-88 (2003)	0-2
LSU	0	1	L, 64-87 (1990)	—
Louisville	7	12	L, 72-80 (1995)	—
Manhattan	9	3	L, 44-65 (1996)	—
Marquette	75	29	W, 92-71 (2002)	—
Maryland	9	8	W, 79-67 (2002)	0-1
Michigan State	59	35	L, 68-80 (1979)	0-2
Missouri	2	6	L, 56-64 (1995)	0-1
North Carolina State	4	2	W, 43-42 (1983)	—
Oregon	2	1	L, 69-73 (1994)	—
Penn	20	2	W, 60-55 (1989)	1-0
Pittsburgh	25	21	W, 66-64 (2003)	1-0
Purdue	19	20	L, 92-109 (1966)	—
St. Joseph's (Pa.)	1	0	W, 68-65 (1992)	—
Sam Houston State	1	0	W, 88-69 (1997)	—
San Diego	2	1	W, 90-63 (1995)	—
Stanford	3	0	W, 67-61 (1993)	—
Syracuse	14	17	L, 88-92 (2003)	—
Texas	1	1	W, 98-92 (2002)	—
Utah	5	0	W, 58-55 (1995)	1-0
Utah State	2	0	W, 108-82 (1969)	—
Vermont	3	0	W, 96-86 (2000)	—
Wake Forest	0	1	L, 61-71 (2000)	—
Western Kentucky	0	1	L, 63-80 (1986)	—
Wisconsin	16	11	W, 57-56 (1968)	—
Xavier	15	3	W, 83-71 (2001)	1-0

bold indicates 2002-03 opponents

WEB SITE —

Notre Dame's publicity materials on basketball, including updated game notes, rosters, schedules and player information are available through www.und.com. In addition, real-time statistics and live audio broadcasts are available for both home and away games. Contact the Notre Dame sports information office at 574-631-7516 for details.

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.

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 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.

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.

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 point 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*.

TOUGH TICKET AT THE JOYCE CENTER —

Notre Dame concluded the regular season with 10 sell outs at the Joyce Center, including three contests — Pittsburgh, Virginia Tech and Syracuse — which produced the largest crowds ever to witness a Notre Dame basketball game (11,450). The 10 sellouts marked the most since the 1985-86 campaign when when 14 of the team's 17 home games drew a record capacity crowd at the Joyce Center. At the start of the season, all 3,160 student ticket packages available year sold out in 36 hours.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DANCE CARDS

These 22 schools have both their men's and women teams competing in the NCAA championship...

Arizona
Austin Peay
BYU
Cincinnati*
Colorado*
Connecticut
Duke
Holy Cross
Illinois
LSU*
Manhattan
Michigan State
Mississippi State
NOTRE DAME*
Oklahoma*
Purdue*
Stanford
Texas*
Utah
Weber State
Western Kentucky
Xavier

*also played in a 2002 football bowl game

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.

Irish Players in the NCAA Tournament

	G-S	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	PCT.	3-Point		FT-FTA	PCT.	Rebounds				AST.	STL	BLK	PF-D	PTS/AVG
					FG-FGA	PCT.			O	D	TOT	AVG.					
Carroll	4-4	144/36.0	24-43	.558	4-16	.250	10-13	.769	5	25	30	7.5	6	3	1	7-0	64/16.0
Macura	1-0	2/2.0	1-1	1.00	1-1	1.00	0-0	----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	3/3.0
Jones	4-0	22/5.5	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	----	2	3	5	1.2	2	0	0	3-0	4/1.0
Timmermans	2-0	6/3.0	2-2	1.00	0-0	----	3-3	1.00	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	2-0	4/2.0
Cornette	2-0	15/7.5	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	----	1	1	2	1.0	0	1	1	6-0	2/1.0
Thomas	2-2	79/39.5	5-23	.391	2-12	.166	0-1	.000	0	11	11	5.5	14	2	0	4-0	12/6.0
Miller	9-1	191/21.2	17-37	.459	1-10	.100	12-15	.800	9	13	22	2.4	17	11	1	15-0	47/5.2

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:	21 vs. Pittsburgh (2-9-03) vs. Connecticut (2-24-03)	21 vs. Pittsburgh (2-9) vs. Connecticut (2-24)
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 on three occasions	8 on three occasions
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	.857 (6-7) vs. UT-Chattanooga (11-24-01)	.750 (3-4) vs. Belmont (11-17)
Free Throws:	14 vs. Georgetown (2-1-03)	14 vs. Georgetown (2-1)
Free Throws Attempted:	16 vs. Georgetown (2-1-03)	16 vs. Georgetown (2-1)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 24 occasions	1.000 on 13 occasions
Rebounds:	9 vs. Duke (3-16-02) vs. Rutgers (3-1-03)	8 vs. Boston College (1-25)
Assists:	13 vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01) vs. Canisius (12-22-02) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22-03)	13 vs. Canisius (12-22) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Blocked Shots:	2 vs. Seton Hall (1-26-02)	1 on seven occasions
Steals:	11 vs. New Hampshire (11-16-01)	5 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Minutes:	60 vs. Georgetown (2-9-02)	45 vs. Georgetown (2-1)

#2 Chris Quinn

	Career/Season
Points:	12 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field Goals:	5 vs. Marquette (12-2)
Field Goals Attempted:	8 on three occasions
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 (2-2) vs. St. John's (3-12)
Three-Point Field Goals:	3 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	6 vs. Pittsburgh (1-6)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on five occasions
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:	1.000 on two occasions
Rebounds:	6 vs. Valparaiso (1-4)
Assists:	6 vs. Georgetown (3-8)
Blocked Shots:	1 on three occasions
Steals:	5 vs. Albany (11-30)
Minutes:	29 vs. Georgetown (3-8)

#11 Rick Cornett

	Career/Season
Points:	6 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. Canisius (12-22)
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 five occasions
Free Throws Attempted:	4 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 vs. on four occasions
Rebounds:	2 on five occasions
Assists:	1 on two occasions
Blocked Shots:	2 vs. Furman (11-25)
Steals:	—
Minutes:	12 vs. Canisius (12-22)

#12 Jordan Cornette

	Career	Season
Points:	11 vs. Georgetown (1-21-02)	8 vs. Rutgers (1-14)
Field Goals:	5 vs. Georgetown (1-21-02)	3 on five occasions
Field Goals Attempted:	10 vs. Boston College (1-25-03)	10 vs. Boston College (1-25)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on 11 occasions	1.000 on three occasions
Three-Point Field Goals:	2 vs. West Virginia (2-20-01)	4 on four occasions
Three Field Goals Attempted:	4 vs. West Virginia (2-20-01)	2 vs. Connecticut (2-24)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on two occasions	1.000 vs. Georgetown (3-8)
Free Throws:	3 vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01)	2 vs. Canisius (12-22) vs. Rutgers (1-14)
Free Throws Attempted:	4 on three occasions	4 vs. Boston College (1-25) vs. Rutgers (3-1)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on four occasions	1.000 on three occasions
Rebounds:	13 vs. Belmont (11-17-02)	13 vs. Belmont (11-17)
Assists:	3 vs. Seton Hall (1-26-02)	3 vs. West Virginia (1-29)
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:	34 vs. Boston College (1-25-03)	34 vs. Boston College (1-25)

#13 Matt Carroll

	Career	Season
Points:	36 vs. Georgetown (2-1-03)	36 vs. Georgetown (2-1)
Field Goals:	11 vs. Georgetown (2-1-03)	11 vs. Georgetown (2-1)
Field Goals Attempted:	20 on three occasions	20 on three occasions
Field-Goal Pct:	.833 (10-12) vs. Canisius (12-22-02)	.833 (10-12) vs. Canisius (12-22)
Three-Point Field Goals:	8 vs. Syracuse (3-4-03)	8 vs. Syracuse (3-4-03)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	16 vs. Syracuse (3-4-03)	16 vs. Syracuse (3-4-03)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on three occasions	.800 (4-5) vs. Canisius (12-22)
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 29 occasions	1.000 on 12 occasions
Rebounds:	12 vs. Duke (3-16-02)	10 vs. Creighton (11-26) vs. West Virginia (2-18)
Assists:	9 on two occasions	6 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Pittsburgh (2-9-03)
Blocked Shots:	1 on 24 occasions	1 on five 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)	42 vs. Boston College (1-25)

#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)	2 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Assists:	2 on seven occasions	1 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Blocked Shots:	4 vs. Loyola Marymount (1-2-00)	1 on three occasions
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)	13 vs. Canisius (12-22)

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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) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22-03)	6 vs. Bucknell (11-22) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	9 vs. Miami (2-23-02)	8 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on five occasions	1.000 on two occasions
Three-Point Field Goals:	2 vs. Loyola (11-22-00)	1 on five occasions
Three Field Goals Attempted:	3 vs. Cornell (11-19-01) vs. Hawaii Pacific (11-23-01)	2 vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Georgetown (3-8)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 on three occasions	1.000 (1-1) vs. Furman (11-25) vs. Boston College (1-25)
Free Throws:	7 vs. Rutgers (3-1-03)	7 vs. Rutgers (3-1)
Free Throws Attempted:	8 vs. Miami (2-23-02) vs. Rutgers (3-1-03)	8 vs. Rutgers (3-1)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on eight occasions	1.000 on four occasions
Rebounds:	10 vs. Monmouth (11-25-01)	9 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Assists:	5 vs. Long Island (12-29-00) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22-03)	5 vs. Virginia Tech (2-23)
Blocked Shots:	4 vs. Loyola Marymount (1-2-00)	3 vs. Pittsburgh (1-6) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Steals:	4 vs. Furman (11-25-02)	4 vs. Furman (11-25)
Minutes:	31 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22-03)	31 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)

#21 Dan Miller

	Career	Season
Points:	23 vs. Canisius (12-22-02)	23 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Field Goals:	9 vs. Virginia (3-4-00) vs. Albany (11-30-02) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22-03)	9 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	16 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22-03)	16 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22-03)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on two occasions	.700 (7-10) vs. IUPUI (1-18)
Three-Point Field Goals:	6 vs. Canisius (12-22-02)	6 vs. Canisius (12-22)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	13 vs. Clemson (1-22-00)	10 vs. Seton Hall (2-5)
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:	10 vs. Rutgers (3-1-03)	10 vs. Rutgers (3-1-03)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 22 occasions	1.000 on 10 occasions
Rebounds:	11 vs. IUPUI (11-18-02) vs. Georgetown (2-1-03)	11 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Georgetown (2-1)
Assists:	8 vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (11-22-99)	6 vs. Canisius (12-22) vs. St. John's (3-12)
Blocked Shots:	2 on three occasions	2 vs. Valparasio (1-4)
Steals:	4 vs. San Francisco (11-7-99) 4 vs. Winthrop (12-7-99)	3 vs. Belmont (11-17) vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)
Minutes:	46 vs. Georgetown (2-1-03)	46 vs. Georgetown (2-1)

#24 Dan Lustig

	Career/Season
Points:	3 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. West Virginia (1-29) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Field Goals:	1 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. West Virginia (1-29) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	2 on three occasions
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 (1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Three-Point Field Goals:	1 vs. Albany (11-30) vs. West Virginia (1-29) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Three Field Goals Attempted:	2 on three occasions
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	1.000 (1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Free Throws:	—
Free Throws Attempted:	—
Free-Throw Percentage:	—
Rebounds:	—
Assists:	—
Blocked Shots:	—
Steals:	1 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Minutes:	3 vs. Canisius (12-22) vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)

#34 Torin Francis

	Career/Season
Points:	21 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Texas (12-8)
Field Goals:	8 vs. IUPUI (11-18) vs. Maryland (12-7)
Field Goals Attempted:	13 vs. IUPUI (11-30) vs. St. John's (3-12)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on two occasions
Three-Point Field Goals:	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	—
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	—
Free Throws:	11 vs. Syracuse (2-15)
Free Throws Attempted:	17 vs. Syracuse (2-15)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on three occasions
Rebounds:	20 vs. Bucknell (11-22)
Assists:	3 vs. DePaul (12-14)
Blocked Shots:	8 vs. Texas (12-8)
Steals:	3 vs. Seton Hall (1-12)
Minutes:	37 vs. St. John's (3-12)

#50 Tom Timmermans

	Career	Season
Points:	9 vs. DePaul (12-14-02) vs. West Virginia (1-29-03)	9 vs. DePaul (12-14) vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Field Goals:	4 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)	4 vs. Virginia Tech (2-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	7 vs. Pittsburgh (2-9-03)	7 vs. Pittsburgh (2-9)
Field-Goal Pct:	1.000 on 11 occasions	1.000 on seven occasions
Three-Point Field Goals:	—	—
Three Field Goals Attempted:	2 on two occasions	2 vs. Creighton (11-26)
Three-Point Field Goal Pct.:	—	—
Free Throws:	4 vs. Georgetown (2-1-03)	4 vs. Georgetown (2-1)
Free Throws Attempted:	8 vs. Georgetown (2-1-03)	8 vs. Georgetown (2-1)
Free-Throw Percentage:	1.000 on 12 occasions	1.000 on nine occasions
Rebounds:	8 vs. West Virginia (1-29-03)	8 vs. West Virginia (1-29)
Assists:	3 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30-02)	3 vs. Vanderbilt (12-30)
Blocked Shots:	1 on seven occasions	1 on four occasions
Steals:	2 on three occasions	2 on three occasions
Minutes:	25 on three occasions	25 on three occasions