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Women's Basketball 2005-06

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2005-06 ND Women's Basketball: Game 4

#13/15 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (3-0 / 0-0 BIG EAST) vs.
#24/21 USC Women of Troy (2-1 / 0-0 Pac-10)

◆ **DATE:** November 27, 2005
◆ **TIME:** 2:00 p.m. ET
◆ **AT:** Notre Dame, Ind.
Joyce Center (11,418)
◆ **SERIES:** Notre Dame leads 6-1
◆ **1ST MTG:** 1/2/85 (USC 69-53)
◆ **LAST MTG:** 11/26/04 (ND 60-56)

◆ **RADIO:** ESPN Radio 1580 AM
WNDV 1490 AM
Sean Stires, p-b-p
Comcast Local (live)
(Cable Ch. 3 in South Bend)
◆ **TV:** Ben Holden, p-b-p
Paula Sanders, color



2005-06 Schedule

3-0 / 0-0 BIG EAST

N1	Indianapolis (exhibition)	W, 84-59
N10	Ferris State (exhibition)	W, 96-45
N18	(15/16) Michigan	W, 55-45
N20	(15/16)@ Western Michigan ^{CL}	W, 71-68
N23	(13/15)@ Indiana	W, 74-61
N27	(13/15) USC^{CL} (24/21)	2:00 ET
N29	Iona	7:00 ET
D4	@ Wisconsin	1:30 CT
D7	@ Purdue	7:00 ET
D17	vs. Arkansas State ¹	2:30 PT
D18	vs. N.C. State/Utah ¹	Noon/2:30 PT
D28	Valparaiso	2:00 ET
D31	Tennessee ^{CSTV}	2:00 ET
J4	• @ St. John's	7:00 ET
J7	• Seton Hall	1:00 ET
J10	• Marquette	7:00 ET
J14	• @ Louisville	1:00 ET
J17	• DePaul ^{CSTV}	7:30 ET
J21	• @ Georgetown	4:00 ET
J24	• @ Rutgers ^{CSTV}	7:30 ET
J28	• South Florida	Noon ET
J31	• @ Syracuse	7:30 ET
F4	• Providence	1:00 ET
F7	• Villanova ^{ESPNU}	6:00 ET
F12	• @ DePaul ^{ESPNU}	4:00 CT
F19	• Connecticut ^{ESPNU}	7:00 ET
F22	• @ West Virginia	7:00 ET
F25	• @ Cincinnati ^{BETV}	2:00 ET
F28	• Pittsburgh	7:00 ET
M4	BIG EAST First Round ²	TBD
M5	BIG EAST Quarterfinals ²	TBD
M6	BIG EAST Semifinals ²	6/8:00 ET
M7	BIG EAST Championship ²	7:30 ET
M18	NCAA First Round ³	TBD
M19		
M20	NCAA Second Round ³	TBD
M21		
M25	NCAA Regional Semifinals ⁴	TBD
M26		
M27	NCAA Regional Finals ⁴	TBD
M28		
A2	NCAA National Semifinals ⁵	7/9:30 ET
A4	NCAA Championship Game ⁵	8:30 ET

Storylines

- ◆ Notre Dame takes on its first ranked opponent of the 2005-06 season when No. 24/21 USC comes to town for a Sunday matinee at the Joyce Center (2 p.m. ET tipoff).
- ◆ The Irish also will be looking to venture into uncharted territory in the program's history. Notre Dame has never posted 4-0 starts in consecutive seasons during its 29-year history (the Irish went 7-0 to start last year).

No. 13/15 Notre Dame will put its 3-0 record and national ranking to the test when it welcomes No. 24/21 USC (2-1) to the Joyce Center Sunday for a 2 p.m. (ET) inter-sectional matchup. It's the opener of a brief two-game homestand for the Irish, who will then be away from the Joyce Center for most of the month of December.

Notre Dame earned its third consecutive victory to start this season by downing Indiana, 74-61 on Wednesday in Bloomington. The Irish led dodged foul trouble throughout the game, and used a 19-6 game-ending run to battle past the pesky Hoosiers. Senior guard **Megan Duffy** scored a career-high 26 points, including 13 in the final eight minutes, for Notre Dame.

Rankings

- ◆ Notre Dame is 13th in the latest Associated Press poll and 15th in the latest ESPN/USA Today poll.
- ◆ USC is 24th in the latest Associated Press poll and 21st in the latest ESPN/USA Today poll.

Web Sites

- ◆ Notre Dame: <http://www.und.com>
- ◆ USC: <http://www.usctrojans.com>
- ◆ BIG EAST: <http://www.bigeast.org>
- ◆ Pac-10: <http://www.pac-10.org>

Setting The Standard

Under the guidance of 19th-year head coach **Muffet McGraw**, Notre Dame has evolved into one of the country's leading women's basketball powers. The Irish have appeared in 12 NCAA Tournaments and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 six times in the past nine years. Notre Dame also has reached the NCAA Women's Final Four twice, winning college basketball's ultimate prize with the 2001 national championship.

In its history, Notre Dame has developed eight All-Americans, eight WNBA players (including five draft picks in the past five years) and four USA Basketball veterans (eight medals won). Now in their 29th season in 2005-06, the Irish own an all-time record of **578-254 (.695)**.

Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw

Saint Joseph's '77
◆ 19th season at Notre Dame
• 414-155 (.728) at Notre Dame.
• 502-196 (.719) in 24 years as head coach.

NOTES

- ◆ 27th NCAA Division I coach with 500 wins
- ◆ 2001 consensus National Coach of the Year
- ◆ Four-time Naismith Coach of the Year finalist
- ◆ Four-time conference Coach of the Year
 - BIG EAST Conference (2001)
 - Midwestern Collegiate Conference (1991)
 - North Star Conference (1988)
 - East Coast Conference (@ Lehigh) (1983)

Notre Dame's Probable Starting Lineup

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
34	Crystal Erwin	F	6-2	Jr.	5.3	4.0	1.0 apg	• Perfect shooting at IU (3-3 FG, 3-3 FT)
33	Melissa D'Amico	C	6-5	So.	6.3	4.0	3.0 bpg	• 12.5 min. last two games (foul trouble)
1	Tulyah Gaines	G	5-7	So.	4.0	3.3	1.0 spg	• Doubtful vs. USC (injured ankle at IU)
13	Megan Duffy (C)	G	5-7	Sr.	16.0	4.0	5.0 apg	• Also pinching 3.3 steals per game
24	Lindsay Schrader	G	6-0	Fr.	9.3	7.7	1.7 apg	• Named BE Freshman of Week on Mon.
2	Charel Allen	G	5-11	So.	10.3	4.7	1.7 apg	• Leads team with .481 field goal pct.
11	Amanda Tsipis	G	5-9	So.	—	—	—	• Solid perimeter threat (4.0 ppg. in exhib)
14	Brittney Bolden	G	5-7	Fr.	—	—	—	• Walk-on added to roster in preseason
21	Chandrica Smith	F	6-1	Fr.	0.0	0.0	0.0	• Made college debut at IU (3 min.)
22	Christine Trezza	F	6-0	Fr.	—	—	—	• Preseason walk-on; 1 pt. vs. Ferris St.
32	Breona Gray	G	5-9	Jr.	8.7	1.7	1.0 spg	• Erupted for 14 pts. at IU (10 in 1st half)
41	Courtney LaVere (C)	F	6-3	Sr.	6.7	6.7	1.3 bpg	• Half of 20 rebounds are offensive

Off the Bench For the Irish

(n) rank in Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls; figure before opponent is ND rank, after is opponent's rank

- = BIG EAST Conference game
- 1 = Duel in the Desert (Las Vegas, Nev.)
- 2 = To be played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center
- 3 = Hosted at pre-determined sites
- 4 = Regional sites are: Albuquerque, Bridgeport, Cleveland and San Antonio
- 5 = NCAA Women's Final Four (Boston, Mass.)

ESPNU/ESPNU = Game to be televised on ESPNU/ESPNU
CSTV = Game to be televised on College Sports Television
CL = Game to be televised on Comcast Local
BETV = Game to be televised on BIG EAST TV package

All times local to site and subject to change





A Quick Look At The Fighting Irish

Balance and chemistry will be the two main ingredients as Notre Dame looks to build upon last year's successful 27-6 season that saw the Irish win the Preseason WNIT, rise to No. 3 in the national polls and advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

With the graduation of 2004-05 BIG EAST Player of the Year and All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast, as well as rugged and dependable center Teresa Borton, Notre Dame will have a large infusion of youth on its roster, as eight of its 12 players are underclassmen (four freshmen, four sophomores). However, the team is in more than capable hands, as senior point guard and two-time captain **Megan Duffy** returns to run the Irish offense. Duffy spent the summer as a co-captain on the USA World University Games Team that won a gold medal and went unbeaten in Izmir, Turkey, and she hopes to use the lessons she learned on the international stage to help her take the Irish to grand heights in 2005-06.

After being ranked anywhere from 15th to 22nd in preseason polls released by various media outlets, Notre Dame has risen to No. 13 in this week's Associated Press poll, and was 15th in the current ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.

The balance the Irish have sought this season has been evident at times during the team's first three victories this season vs. Michigan (55-45), Western Michigan (71-68) and Indiana (74-61). Notre Dame has had three double-figure scorers in each game and six of the nine players who have seen action have scored in double digits in

at least one of the three outings thus far. What's more, eight players are averaging at least 16 minutes of action per night.

Duffy has been a strong all-around contributor for Notre Dame during its first two games. The veteran floor general is averaging a team-best 16.0 points, 5.0 assists and 3.3 steals per game, while tying for fourth on the squad with 4.0 rebounds per contest. Although she was held to three points in the season opener vs. Michigan, Duffy found other ways to help her team win, coming up with eight assists, four steals and four rebounds in 39 minutes. She has regained her scoring touch in the past two games, averaging 22.5 ppg. in those two wins, including a career-high 26 points Wednesday at Indiana (13 of those coming in the final eight minutes).

Freshman guard **Lindsay Schrader** also has shown tremendous promise during the first week of the season. The former McDonald's All-American was tapped as the BIG EAST Freshman of the Week on Monday, after averaging 10.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game in her first two college games, both starts. She turned in an impressive 10-point, 14-rebound effort in her debut outing against Michigan, becoming just the second player in school history (first since 1979) to record a double-double in her first game. Schrader leads the team in rebounding (7.7 rpg.) and is third in scoring (9.3 ppg.).

Sophomore guard **Charel Allen**, who is still working her way back to full strength after surgery to repair a torn ACL suffered in last spring's NCAA Tournament, showed little sign of her injury against Michigan, coming off the bench to drop in a game-high 16 points, including 12 in the second half. She is second on the team in scoring (10.3 ppg.) and third in rebounding (4.7 rpg). Meanwhile, junior guard Breona Gray (8.7 ppg.), also recovering from off-season knee surgery, played a pivotal role in Wednesday's win at Indiana with 14 points.

Potent Notables About The Fighting Irish

- Notre Dame's No. 13 ranking in the latest Associated Press poll represents the 21st consecutive appearance for the Irish in that survey, dating back to the start of the 2004-05 season. All told, Notre Dame has appeared in 130 Associated Press polls since the balloting debuted 30 years ago, with their first AP ranking (No. 25) coming on Dec. 31, 1990.
- The Irish have won 55 of their last 58 non-conference home games, dating back to the 1994-95 season. All three of the losses in that span have come against Big Ten Conference opponents (Wisconsin in 1996, Purdue in 2003, Michigan State in 2004).
- The Irish defense continues to be its calling card. In each of the past six seasons, Notre Dame has held its opponents to an average of less than 62 points per game, including a 56.8 ppg. mark last year,

Covering the Irish

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Media Services

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

Official Notre Dame athletics web site:

• <http://www.und.com>

In-Season Interview Policy

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

Media members also may speak to Irish team personnel before or after practice sessions. While most practices are open to the media, some may be closed at the coaching staff's discretion — contact **Chris Masters** for the latest practice schedule and availability.

On game days, no interviews will be granted with any Notre Dame player or coach prior to competition.

Credentials / Parking

Season credentials will be issued to all media covering the Irish on a regular basis. Please note — any Notre Dame men's basketball season credentials also offer access to all Irish women's basketball games.

For single-game credentials, contact **Chris Masters** no less than 24 hours before tipoff. Credential requests must be submitted via fax on official letterhead. Passes are left at the media will call entrance (Gate 1) of the Joyce Center.

Parking is free for all Irish women's basketball games.

Credentials remain the property of the University of Notre Dame and may be revoked at any time.

Game Notes

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

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

Gameday Services

Gameday packages containing game notes, flipcards and other information will be available on press row prior to all home contests. A pre-game meal also is served in the arena level media room (exit court via Gate 8 ramp behind visitors' bench, make first right, enter first door on right) beginning 75 minutes before tipoff.

A bank of statistics monitors is located on press row for the media's convenience. Final statistics books include an official NCAA box score and play-by-play. Telephone, copier and fax services are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Joyce Center also offers wireless Internet capability — check with **Chris Masters** for access.

Post-Game Press Conferences

Following each Notre Dame home game, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw and selected players, followed by the visiting head coach and selected players, will be available to speak with the media. Post-game press conferences are held in the Joyce Center auditorium, located adjacent to Gate 1 on the first floor of the arena.

Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to **Chris Masters** at the final media timeout of the second half.

LAST IRISH GAME

#13/15 Notre Dame 74, Indiana 61
November 23, 2005
Assembly Hall (Bloomington, Ind.)

Notre Dame (74)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Erwin	21	3-3	0-0	3-3	4	1	4	9
D'Amico	9	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	4	1
Gaines	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Duffy	40	8-15	3-6	7-8	1	5	2	26
Schrader	33	3-7	0-0	1-4	4	3	1	7
Allen	29	5-8	1-2	0-1	4	4	2	11
Smith	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Gray	33	6-11	2-5	0-0	2	1	1	14
LaVere	30	3-4	0-0	0-0	8	1	3	6
Team					2			
Totals	200	28-51	6-13	12-18	27	15	18	74

Indiana (74)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Thomas	29	4-16	0-0	6-8	12	1	1	14
DeMuth	35	7-13	0-1	6-10	11	2	2	20
Hawkins	10	1-4	0-0	0-0	3	0	4	2
Valentin	26	3-8	0-3	0-0	1	3	3	6
Smith, N.	19	0-2	0-2	0-0	2	1	1	0
Boyd	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kullberg	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Enterline	26	2-4	1-1	0-1	3	1	0	5
McKay	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Roberson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Smith, C.	27	5-6	0-0	4-4	2	0	3	14
Branson	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	22-55	1-7	16-23	40	10	19	61

Notre Dame 36 38 -- 74
Indiana 32 29 -- 61

FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.9, Indiana 40.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 46.2, Indiana 14.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, Indiana 69.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Indiana 19. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 7 (D'Amico 3), Indiana 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 8 (Duffy 4), Indiana 4. **Attendance:** 976.

ND Opponent PPG Since 1999-2000

2004-05	56.8
2003-04	58.5
2002-03	61.2
2001-02	57.8
2000-01	55.8*
1999-00	61.9
6-year avg.	58.6 ppg.
* = McGraw-era record	





Current Standings

	Overall		BIG EAST	
	W	L	W	L
(8/9) Connecticut	4	0	0	0
◆(13/15) NOTRE DAME	3	0	0	0
(17/17) DePaul	3	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	0
St. John's	3	0	0	0
South Florida	3	0	0	0
Villanova	3	0	0	0
Cincinnati	2	0	0	0
Georgetown	2	0	0	0
Louisville	2	0	0	0
(6/7) Rutgers	1	0	0	0
Marquette	2	1	0	0
Seton Hall	2	1	0	0
Syracuse	2	1	0	0
West Virginia	1	1	0	0
Providence	1	2	0	0

Through games of Nov. 25

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

Player of the Week

Nov. 21 Mel Thomas, Connecticut

Freshman of the Week

Nov. 21 Lindsay Schrader, Notre Dame

Upcoming BIG EAST Games

Nov. 26

Georgetown vs. N. Dakota St. (@Muncie, Ind.)	1:00p
Towson at Pittsburgh	1:00p
Providence at St. Peter's	2:00p
Villanova at Rhode Island	2:00p
Louisville vs. Ga. Southern (@Murfreesboro, Tenn.)	4:00p
Md.-Baltimore County at South Florida	4:00p
Seton Hall at Florida International	4:00p
Detroit at Cincinnati	5:00p
Marquette vs. Montana St. (@Bozeman, Mont.)	6:00p
Fordham at West Virginia	7:00p
DePaul vs. Texas A&M (@Honolulu)	7:50p
Rutgers vs. N.C. State (@Gr. Bahama Island)	8:30p

Nov. 27

Missouri at Pittsburgh	Noon
Georgetown vs. TBD (@Muncie, Ind.)	Noon/2:00p
TBD at South Florida	Noon/2:00p
Sacred Heart at Syracuse	1:00p
USC at Notre Dame	2:00p
Niagara at St. John's	2:00p
Connecticut at Cleveland State	5:30p
DePaul vs. TBD (@Honolulu)	TBD

Nov. 29

Iona at Notre Dame	7:00p
Colgate at Syracuse	7:00p
Quinnipiac at Providence	7:00p
Bethune-Cookman at Rutgers	7:30p
Louisville at Western Kentucky	8:00p

Nov. 30

Cincinnati at Xavier	7:00p
Fairleigh Dickinson at St. John's	7:00p
Georgetown at Fordham	7:00p
Seton Hall at Saint Joseph's	7:00p
Duquesne at Pittsburgh	7:00p
Robert Morris at West Virginia	7:00p
DePaul at Wisconsin-Milwaukee	8:00p

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Around the BIG EAST

which ranked as the third-lowest opponent scoring average in school history and second-best of the Muffet McGraw era (55.8 ppg. in 2000-01). Thus far in 2005-06, the Irish are allowing opponents to score just 58.0 ppg.

- The Irish have posted 37 wins over top 25 opponents in the past seven seasons (1998-99 to present), an average of more than five per year. In each of the past two years, Notre Dame has set a school record with seven regular-season wins over ranked opponents. Last year, the Irish were 7-5 against teams appearing in one of the two major national polls, including a 5-2 mark at the Joyce Center.
- Following last week's season opener vs. Michigan, the Irish have welcomed crowds of 5,000 or more fans to 66 of their last 68 home games. The only two blemishes on that mark came in the semifinals and finals of last year's Preseason WNIT, because tickets for those games could not be included in the Notre Dame season ticket package and had to be purchased separately.
- Senior guard **Megan Duffy** was named a preseason All-American by three sources, has been cited on the preseason watch lists for both the State Farm/WBCA Wade Trophy and the John R. Wooden Women's Award, and most recently was tabbed as one of the top five point guards in the nation by ESPN.com. Duffy also was a preseason all-BIG EAST Conference selection, following up her first-team all-league citation last year.
- With a 55-45 victory over Michigan on Nov. 18, Irish head coach **Muffet McGraw** became the 27th coach in NCAA Division I women's basketball history to reach the 500-win mark. She also is the 10th Division I coach to earn her 500th victory prior to age 50.

A Quick Look At USC

After entering last season with a new head coach and unknown potential, USC certainly won't be sneaking up on anyone this time around. The Women of Troy went 20-11 last year, their first 20-win campaign since 1996-97, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, where they dropped a last-second two-point loss to eventual national runner-up Michigan State.

The core of that groundbreaking team returns for USC this season, with 10 letterwinners and three starters back in the fold. Thus, it's no wonder the Women of Troy were ranked in nearly every national preseason poll (as high as 10th by *Sports Illustrated*), and why they're currently appearing in both the Associated Press (24th) and ESPN/USA Today (21st) rankings.

USC (2-1) opened its season by winning the Waikiki Beach Marriott Classic in Honolulu with wins over Hawaii (80-71) and Eastern Illinois (68-53). However, the Women of Troy come into South Bend with a bit of a chip on their shoulders, having been upset at Long Beach State, 51-46 on Wednesday night. Sunday's game at Notre Dame is the last of a season-open-

ing four-game road trip that covers three time zones and eight days. Following the matchup with the Irish, USC returns home for seven of its next eight contests, highlighted by a battle with fourth-ranked Ohio State on Dec. 11.

Junior guard **Eshaya (Shay) Murphy** has paced the Women of Troy in scoring so far this season, averaging 15.3 points per game, including a season-high 17 points in the win over Eastern Illinois. She also is second on the team in rebounding (7.0 rpg.) and steals (3.3 spg.), part of a USC defense that is forcing 23.3 turnovers per night with 15.3 of those coming on Trojan steals.

Speedy sophomore guard **Camille LeNoir** is second on the USC roster in scoring (13.0 ppg.) and tops in assists (4.3 apg.) and three-point percentage (.571, 4-7). Junior center **Chloe Kerr**, a Midwest native originally from Bolingbrook, Ill., is chipping in with nearly a double-double thus far (11.3 ppg., 9.3 rpg.).

One player currently missing from the Women of Troy stat sheet is sophomore guard **Brynn Cameron**. The sharpshooter who set a school record with 72 three-pointers last season and was ranked 25th nationally with a .409 three-point ratio, had off-season hip surgery and her road to recovery has been slow. She is not expected to play against Notre Dame.

Mark Trakh is in his second season as the head coach at USC, following a successful 11-year run at Pepperdine and a 13-year tenure at Brea (Calif.) Olinda High School. He has a college coaching record of 221-135 (.621), including a 22-12 (.647) mark at USC, and his teams have reached the postseason the past seven seasons (four NCAA, three WNIT).

Trakh is 0-1 all-time against Notre Dame, following last year's 60-56 Irish win in Los Angeles. Sunday will be the first time he has brought one of his teams to the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame-USC Series

This weekend's game between Notre Dame and USC represents the eighth meeting in the series, with the Irish holding a 6-1 edge (3-0 at the Joyce Center). It's also the seventh consecutive season that Notre Dame has faced the Women of Troy, with the home-and-home series starting in 1999-2000.

The teams actually met for the first time back on Jan. 2, 1985 in Fullerton, Calif., with USC coming away on top, 69-53. However, although the schools are regular rivals in football, they wouldn't tangle on the hardwood for another 14 years.

Once the series resumed in 1999 (a 74-59 Notre Dame win in South Bend), the Irish have held the upper hand, winning in each of the past six seasons, although every game was closely-contested. Their most recent encounter on Nov. 26, 2004, in Los Angeles, was the closest since the series picked up again, with Notre Dame shading the Women of Troy, 60-56.

The Last Time Notre Dame And USC Met

Jacqueline Batteast scored a game-high 18 points as Notre Dame overcame a sluggish performance to down USC, 60-56 on Nov. 26, 2004 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. **Megan Duffy** added 12 points for the Irish, while **Crystal**





Erwin, a native of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., enjoyed a solid homecoming with nine points on 4-of-5 shooting.

USC had three players in double figures, led by **Jamie Funn's** 13 points. **Kim Gipson** chipped in with 12 points, as did **Eshaya (Shay) Murphy** off the bench.

Notre Dame's defense was the story in the first half, as the Irish held the Women of Troy to 29 percent shooting and opened up a 29-20 lead. However, that edge quickly evaporated in the early moments of the second half, as USC used an 18-5 run to take a four-point lead with 13:22 to play.

The Women of Troy nudged their advantage to 45-40 at the 8:04 mark before Notre Dame came back with a 10-0 run, with Batteast contributing two layups to help put her team back in front. USC got back within 54-51 on a layup by Funn with 36 seconds remaining, but Duffy and **Charel Allen** combined to go 6-for-6 at the free throw line in the final half minute to preserve the win. The final margin turned out to be slightly closer, thanks to USC's **Camille LeNoir**, who threw in a shot from mid-court at the horn.

The Last Time Notre Dame And USC Met At The Joyce Center

Jacqueline Batteast had a double-double with 20 points and 13 rebounds and Notre Dame used a sturdy defensive effort in the first half to post a 73-62 victory over USC on Dec. 22, 2003 at the Joyce Center.

The Irish forced the Women of Troy into 15 turnovers during the first 20 minutes and ended the period on a 15-2 run to open up a 36-18 halftime lead. USC came back in the second half and trimmed the deficit to 11 points by the final horn, shooting an even 50 percent in the frame.

Notre Dame wound up outscoring the Women of Troy in the paint by a 52-28 count and also tallied 30 points off USC turnovers. **Meghan Gnekow** led the visitors with a career-high 20 points, including 15 in the second half.

Other Notre Dame-USC Series Tidbits

- Notre Dame has two California residents — senior forward **Courtney LaVere** (Ventura, Calif./Buena HS) and junior forward **Crystal Erwin** (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif./St. Paul HS) — on its roster. LaVere and Erwin are only the fourth and fifth Notre Dame players ever to come from California, joining Christy Grady (Lodi, Calif.), Kristin Knapp (Santa Barbara, Calif.) and Mickey Skieresz (Westlake Village, Calif.). Grady actually spent much of her tenure at Notre Dame as a student manager, but was pressed into service late in the 1996-97 season when injuries decimated the Irish roster.
- Although Notre Dame sophomore guard **Tulyah Gaines** graduated from Cheyenne High School in North Las Vegas, Nev., she spent much of her formative years in southern California, spending her first three prep seasons at John Burroughs High School in Burbank.
- USC junior center **Chloe Kerr** has family ties to the South Bend area. Her father, Lloyd,

Notre Dame In the Polls

Associated Press Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			05-06	All Time
Nov. 8, 2005	408	15	1	129
Nov. 21, 2005	516	13	2	130
SEASON HIGHS	516	13		

ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			05-06	All Time
Nov. 1, 2005	288	15	1	120
Nov. 15, 2005	294	16	2	121
Nov. 22, 2005	292	15	3	122
SEASON HIGHS	294	15		

and her uncle, Floyd, both grew up in the city and attended Washington High School, where they were standout basketball players.

The Kerr twins went on to play collegiately at Colorado State (1967-69), and Floyd is now the athletics director at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La.

- Longtime Notre Dame women's volleyball head coach **Debbie (Landreth) Brown** was twice named the national player of the year while helping USC win the 1976 and '77 national championships in women's volleyball. She is winding down her 14th season with the Irish, piloting them to a 28-3 record, a No. 7 national ranking, and their ninth BIG EAST Conference Tournament title in 11 years. Her team will make its 14th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance next week. Brown also is a five-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year (1995, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005) and she received the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award in January 2003.
- Notre Dame is 19-13 (.594) all-time against California schools, including an 8-3 (.727) record at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame vs. The Pac-10 Conference

The Irish are 16-15 (.516) all-time against Pac-10 Conference teams, although their record is a bit better at home (8-3, .727). Notre Dame also has won 13 of its last 16 games against Pac-10 schools since a 93-72 loss to UCLA in the opening round of the 1992 NCAA Tournament.

Last season, Notre Dame went 2-1 against the Pac-10, defeating both of its regular-season opponents (USC 60-56; Washington 72-58).

ND vs. State of Calif.

	Overall	Home
Pacific	1-0	0-0
SMC	1-0	0-0
San Diego	1-0	1-0
SDSU	0-1	0-0
USF	2-0	1-0
Santa Clara	0-1	0-0
Stanford	0-2	0-1
UCI	1-0	0-0
UCLA	4-8	3-2
UCSB	2-0	0-0
◆USC	6-1	3-0
U.S. Int'l.	1-0	0-0
TOTAL	19-13	8-3
	(.594)	(.727)

ND vs. Pac-10

	Overall	Home
ARIZ	3-1	1-0
ASU	1-2	0-0
CAL	0-0	0-0
ORE	0-0	0-0
OSU	0-0	0-0
STAN	0-2	0-1
UCLA	4-8	3-2
◆USC	6-1	3-0
WASH	2-1	1-0
WSU	0-0	0-0
TOTAL	16-15	8-3
	(.516)	(.727)

National Polls

Associated Press Poll

• November 21, 2005: Poll #2

Team	Rec	Pts	LW
1 Duke (23)	2-0	1,101	1
2 ◆Tennessee (18)	1-0	1,082	2
3 LSU (3)	1-0	1,023	3
4 Ohio State	0-0	956	4
5 Baylor (1)	3-0	937	6
6 ◆Rutgers	0-0	900	5
7 North Carolina	1-0	860	7
8 ◆Connecticut	4-0	837	9
9 Michigan State	2-0	746	10
10 Maryland	2-0	653	14
11 Georgia	1-1	630	8
12 Minnesota	2-0	586	16
13 NOTRE DAME	2-0	516	15
14 Texas Tech	1-1	509	13
15 Stanford	1-1	500	11
16 Arizona State	3-0	398	20
17 ◆DePaul	2-0	386	18
18 Texas	0-1	370	12
19 ◆Purdue	1-0	323	19
20 Vanderbilt	2-1	256	17
21 Temple	3-0	250	21
22 Oklahoma	3-1	193	25
23 ◆Utah	1-0	190	22
24 ◆USC	2-0	151	24
25 New Mexico	3-1	95	—

Others Receiving Votes: UCLA 59, ◆North Carolina State 34, ◆Louisville 27, Boston College 13, Virginia Tech 10, Wake Forest 7, Arizona 6, Virginia 6, TCU 4, Florida State 3, Saint Joseph's 3, Western Kentucky 2, Bowling Green 1, Kansas 1.

ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll

• November 22, 2005: Poll #3

Team	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ◆Tennessee (25)	2-0	767	1
2 Duke (4)	2-0	745	2
3 LSU (1)	1-0	693	3
4 Ohio State (1)	1-0	667	4
5 Baylor	3-0	641	5
6 ◆Connecticut	4-0	623	7
7 ◆Rutgers	0-0	593	6
8 North Carolina	2-0	560	8
9 Michigan State	2-0	488	11
10 Maryland	2-0	433	14
11 Georgia	2-1	422	10
12 Minnesota	2-0	386	17
13 Stanford	1-1	380	9
14 Arizona State	3-0	376	15
15 NOTRE DAME	2-0	292	16
16 Texas Tech	1-2	274	13
17 ◆DePaul	2-0	272	18
18 Texas	1-1	263	12
19 Temple	3-0	247	19
20 ◆Utah	1-0	181	20
21 ◆USC	2-0	162	23
22 Vanderbilt	2-1	160	20
23 Oklahoma	3-1	137	22
24 ◆Purdue	1-0	126	24
25 New Mexico	3-1	68	—

Others Receiving Votes: UCLA 35, ◆North Carolina State 25, ◆Louisville 18, Boston College 6, Western Kentucky 6, ◆Villanova 5, Florida State 4, Kansas State 3, Rice 3, Kansas 2, Kent State 2, Kentucky 2, Oregon 2, ◆South Florida 2, ◆Arkansas State 1, Mississippi 1, Southern 1, TCU 1.

LW = last week

◆ = 2005-06 Notre Dame opponent





USC Series

Notre Dame Leads Series, 6-1

Date	Site	Result	Score
1/2/85	Fullerton	L	53-69
12/27/99	Notre Dame	W	74-59
12/28/00	Los Angeles	W	70-61
12/9/01	Notre Dame	W	62-49
11/29/02	Los Angeles	W	69-57
12/22/03	Notre Dame	W	73-62
11/26/04	Los Angeles	W	60-56

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	461	65.9
USC	413	59.0

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame - 6 games
Muffet McGraw vs. USC: 6-0
Mark Trakh vs. Notre Dame: 0-1
McGraw vs. Trakh: McGraw leads 1-0
ND Biggest Win: 15 (74-59 on 12/27/99)
USC Biggest Win: 16 (69-53 on 1/2/85)
ND Longest Win Streak: 6 (1999-present)
USC Longest Win Streak: 1 (1985)

However, the Irish saw their season come to an abrupt end when Arizona State pulled a 70-61 upset in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at the Save Mart Center in Fresno, Calif.

Give Her Five (Hundred)

With Notre Dame's 55-45 victory over Michigan on Nov. 18, head coach **Muffet McGraw** became the 27th women's basketball coach in NCAA Division I history to reach the 500-win mark. McGraw now has a career record of 502-196 (.719) in 24 years of coaching, including 19 seasons at Notre Dame (414-155, .728).

Here's a closer look at how that milestone victory breaks down for McGraw:

- She is the 10th NCAA Division I women's basketball coach to register her 500th victory before turning 50 (her birthday is Dec. 5).
- McGraw is the fourth active coach in the BIG EAST Conference to reach the career 500-win mark, joining Rutgers' C. Vivian Stringer, Connecticut's Geno Auriemma and Villanova's Harry Perretta.
- She is the third BIG EAST coach in as many seasons to celebrate her 500th win. Auriemma hit the milestone late in the 2002-03 campaign, while Perretta joined the club with his landmark victory midway through last season.

Division I Coaches With 500 Wins Before Age 50	
41	Pat Summitt, Tenn.
44	Rene Portland, PSU
45	C. Vivian Stringer, RU
45	Sylvia Hatchell, UNC
45	Theresa Grentz, Ill.
46	Jody Conradt, Texas
47	Tara VanDerveer, Stan.
49	Geno Auriemma, UC
49	Harry Perretta, 'Nova
49	◆Muffet McGraw, ND

Lindsay Schrader Named BIG EAST Freshman Of The Week

Freshman guard **Lindsay Schrader** (Bartlett, Ill./Bartlett HS) was selected as the BIG EAST Conference Freshman of the Week, the league office announced Monday. Schrader is the 10th different Irish women's basketball player to earn the award since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST for the 1995-96 season, and she is the first Notre Dame rookie honoree since current sophomore guard **Charel Allen** (Monessen, Pa./Monessen HS) was chosen on Feb. 7, 2005.

Schrader tipped off her college career in grand fashion this past weekend, averaging 10.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game while starting twice as the Irish defeated Michigan (55-45) and Western Michigan (71-68). In the season opener against the Wolverines, the former McDonald's All-American collected 10 points and 14 rebounds, becoming just the second player in school history to register a double-double in her collegiate debut (and the first to do so since the program elevated to Division I status in 1980). Shari Matvey is the only other Irish cager to pull off that feat, amassing 21 points and 14 rebounds in a win over Marion College on Nov. 30, 1979 in the Taylor Invitational at Upland, Ind. Schrader's 14 rebounds vs. Michigan also were the most by a Notre Dame player in nearly three years, dating back to Jacqueline Batteast's 18-rebound day at Connecticut on Feb. 23, 2003.

LAST IRISH GAME VS. USC

#6/6 Notre Dame 60, USC 56
 November 26, 2004
 Los Angeles Sports Arena (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Notre Dame (60)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	39	7-20	0-0	4-4	5	4	2	18
LaVere	19	1-5	0-0	0-1	5	0	3	2
Borton	21	1-3	0-0	0-2	5	1	4	2
Duffy	33	2-6	0-3	8-8	4	2	2	12
Gray	21	1-5	0-0	2-2	2	2	2	4
Gaines	14	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	2
Allen	23	2-3	0-0	2-4	4	1	3	6
Powers	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	7	2-2	0-0	1-1	3	0	1	5
Erwin	19	4-5	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	9
Team					4			
Totals	200	21-51	0-3	18-24	36	12	20	60

USC (56)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Woodward	31	4-12	0-1	0-0	3	1	2	8
Funn	25	6-9	0-0	1-5	7	0	2	13
Gipson	26	4-8	0-0	4-5	9	0	3	12
Hagiya	19	0-4	0-3	0-0	2	0	2	0
Gnekow	32	1-10	0-5	0-0	7	2	2	2
LeNoir	23	2-8	1-3	0-1	3	2	3	5
Cameron	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Murphy	20	5-12	2-6	0-1	4	0	2	12
Jaskowiak	6	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Kerr	16	1-1	0-0	2-5	2	0	5	4
Team					4			
Totals	200	23-66	3-19	7-17	42	6	21	56

Notre Dame	29	31	--	60
USC	20	36	--	56

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.2, USC 34.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 0.0, USC 15.8. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 75.0, USC 41.2. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, USC 25. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5, USC 0. **Steals:** Notre Dame 10 (Batteast 3), USC 10. **Attendance:** 3,085.

Two days later at Western Michigan, Schrader logged 11 points and five rebounds as the Irish won their road opener for the seventh time in the past eight seasons. She also played a key role in her team's second half effort, scoring seven points in the final 20 minutes.

Game #3 Recap: Indiana

Notre Dame senior guard **Megan Duffy** had seen enough.

After watching the Irish struggle for nearly 30 minutes, Duffy decided to put away unranked Indiana by herself.

She scored 12 of her career-high 26 points in the final 10 minutes and teamed with sophomore guard **Charel Allen** during a decisive five-minute stretch midway through the second half to lead No. 13 Notre Dame to a 74-61 victory Wednesday night at Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind.

Notre Dame (3-0) won its third game in six days and its third straight in the series between the in-state rivals, who had not met since Dec. 11, 1996.

Foul trouble made it tough for the Irish right from the start. Sophomore center **Melissa D'Amico** played only nine minutes Wednesday, while junior forward **Crystal Erwin** managed only 21 minutes.

The Irish also lost sophomore guard **Tulyah Gaines** with a sprained right ankle 2:15 into the contest. Gaines did not return and coach **Muffet McGraw** said it was doubtful Gaines would play Sunday against USC.





So Duffy had to do more than usual. Besides setting up teammates **Breona Gray** and **Allen** for open shots, Duffy hit 8-of-15 shots including 3-of-6 from 3-point range and rallied the Irish from a 51-47 deficit with 10:42 left.

Gray, who replaced **Gaines**, finished with 14 points while **Allen** added 11, and the Irish shot 66.7 percent from the field in the second half to pull away.

Despite playing most of the first half without starters **Cyndi Valentin** and **Angela Hawkins**, Indiana (0-2) still was in position late to upset a ranked opponent for the first time since Jan. 12, 2003.

Jenny DeMuth, who has torn the ACL in her left knee twice in the last 13 months, finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds and kept Indiana close. Freshman **Whitney Thomas** added 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Notre Dame used a 15-4 run midway through the first half to build a 32-23 lead, but **DeMuth** led Indiana back.

The Hoosiers closed to 36-32 at the half, then went on a 15-4 spurt early in the second half to take a 51-47 lead.

Allen responded with a driving layup, set up by a nifty pass from **Duffy**, then pumped her fist. **Allen's** teammates took the cue, scoring two more baskets to reclaim the lead.

Then **Duffy** got started. She hit back-to-back three-pointers to break a 55-55 tie, and her solid shooting and decision-making never allowed Indiana to challenge again.

Noting The Indiana Win

- Notre Dame starts the season 3-0 for the second consecutive season and third time in the past four seasons.
- The Irish move to 6-3 all-time against Indiana, including a 3-1 record in Bloomington.
- Notre Dame has won its last three games at Assembly Hall and has a series-long three-game winning streak.
- The 13-point margin of victory represents the first time in the nine-game series between the Irish and Hoosiers that a game was decided by double figures.
- Notre Dame registers its second win in as many games against a Big Ten Conference opponent this season (also the second year in a row the Irish have earned two Big Ten wins); it's also the first win for Notre Dame on the campus of a Big Ten school since Nov. 22 and 24, 2001, when the Irish downed #19 Wisconsin (83-56) and #6 Georgia (75-73) at UW's Kohl Center to win the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge.
- Notre Dame now is 9-5 (.643) all-time in its final game before Thanksgiving, including a 7-3 (.700) record since 1996, when the Irish regularly began opening their season prior to the holiday.
- Notre Dame's .549 field goal percentage is its best since Feb. 26, 2005, when the Irish connected at a .582 clip (32-of-55) in a Senior Day victory over West Virginia at the Joyce Center.
- Senior All-America guard **Megan Duffy** pumped in a career-high 26 points, one more than her previous best of 25, which she set in an 82-64 win over Wisconsin on Dec. 4,

2003 at the Joyce Center; it's also the most points for an Irish player since **Jacqueline Batteast** had 27 points at Marquette on Dec. 19, 2004.

- Almost lost in the shuffle, **Duffy** have five assists and no turnovers while playing all 40 minutes, her first turnover-free complete game since Jan. 9, 2005 at Villanova, when she had seven assists and no giveaways in a 59-54 upset loss to the Wildcats.
- With her five assists, **Duffy** eased past **Jeannine Augustin** into sixth place on Notre Dame's career assist list with 391 (**Augustin** had 387 from 1994-97).
- Junior guard **Breona Gray** came off the bench to score 14 points, her eighth career double-figure scoring game and highest point production since a career-best 17 points against Syracuse on Jan. 5, 2005 at the Joyce Center.
- Senior forward **Courtney LaVere** reached two personal milestones — her first basket (a jumper with 8:16 left in the first half) pushed her over the 900-point mark for her career (now at 905); **LaVere** also had two blocked shots, giving her an even 100 blocks for her career and making her the eighth player in school history to reach that landmark.

A Double Cheeseburger For Schrader

A 2005 McDonald's All-America selection who played in that elite all-star game back in March on her new home floor at the Joyce Center, freshman guard **Lindsay Schrader** felt right at home from the first moment she stepped into the historic venue, scoring nine points in that contest.

As if there was any doubt about her abilities, **Schrader** put them all to rest in Friday's season-opening win vs. Michigan, rolling up a double-double (10 points, 14 rebounds) in her first college game, which she started. **Schrader** is just the second Notre Dame player ever to record a double-double in her debut contest, and the first Irish player to do so since the program elevated to Division I status in 1980-81 (ND was a Division III program for its first three seasons). The only other career-opening double-double by a Notre Dame freshman came from **Shari Matvey**, who had 21 points and 14 rebounds in a 68-60 conquest of Marion on Nov. 30, 1979 at the Taylor Invitational in Upland, Ind.

Duffy Rakes In Preseason Honors

Senior guard **Megan Duffy** (Dayton, Ohio) already has found her name on preseason candidate lists for two of the top national player-of-the-year trophies this season. The 5-foot-7 floor general is among 25 early candidates for the State Farm/WBCA Wade Trophy, and she is on the 30-player watch list for the John R. Wooden Women's Award. It's the first time in **Duffy's** career she has been placed under consideration for either award, and it marks the third consecutive season a Notre Dame player has made both preseason candidate list (**Jacqueline Batteast** was chosen prior to the 2003-04 and 2004-05 campaigns).

Besides the Wade Trophy and Wooden Women's Award, **Duffy** is a prime candidate for

2005-06 Honorees

G Megan Duffy

preseason	State Farm/WBCA Wade Trophy Watch List
preseason	All-American (Wooden Women's Award)
preseason	first-team All-American (WBB News Service)
preseason	third-team All-American (<i>Lindy's Annual</i>)
preseason	"Terrific 10" (<i>Street & Smith's</i>)
preseason	top five point guards in nation (ESPN.com)
preseason	all-BIG EAST Conference

G Lindsay Schrader

Nov. 21	BIG EAST Freshman of the Week
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Top Joyce Center Crowds

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	2/10/02	#16 Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676
4.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
5.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
6.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
7.	2/14/04	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
8.	1/13/04	#4 Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574
9.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
10.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
11.	1/20/03	#3 Connecticut	L, 53-72	8,265
12.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
13.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
14.	2/26/05	West Virginia	W, 82-57	7,935
15.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
16.	2/26/02	Villanova	L, 45-48	7,785
17.	2/19/02	West Virginia	W, 72-63	7,709
18.	1/18/03	Rutgers	L, 61-64	7,697
19.	2/13/02	St. John's	W, 66-31	7,677
20.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595

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





Academics

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top three Division I-A institutions in five major student-athlete graduation rate categories — overall, football, men, women and African-American — according to statistics released in October 2004 by the NCAA.

The federally-mandated '04 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th-such survey issued by the Association, covers students who enrolled between '94 and '97 at Division I institutions, including 117 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Among student-athletes who completed all four years of academic eligibility at Notre Dame, 99 percent earned their degrees. The national average was 84 percent.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 87 percent of its student-athletes, second only to Duke University at 90 percent, and tied with Stanford and Northwestern Universities. The national average for Division I-A schools was 61 percent.

In August 2003, the NCAA presented an Academic Achievement Award to Notre Dame for its best-in-the-nation one-year graduation rate of 92 percent for all student-athletes who enrolled in 1996.

Notre Dame graduated 94 percent of its female student-athletes, which ranks third nationally behind only Northwestern and Duke.

All Student-Athletes

1. Duke	90%
2. (tie) Notre Dame	87
Northwestern	87
Stanford	87

Male Student-Athletes

1. Duke	88%
2. Stanford	84
3. Notre Dame	82

Female Student-Athletes

1. Northwestern	96%
2. Duke	95
3. Notre Dame	94

Academic All-Americans

Entering the 2005-06 academic year, Notre Dame ranks second in the nation with 158 Academic All-America® selections, including six last year. The Academic All-America® Program is administered by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), whose membership votes on the award winners, and the program is sponsored this year by ESPN The Magazine.

The Notre Dame women's basketball program has produced four Academic All-America® honorees in its 29-year history, with those four players winning a total of six citations. In addition, two-time first-team Academic All-America® pick Ruth Riley was tapped as the 2001 Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Member of the Year, as well as the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year. The latter award encompasses all sports and placed Riley ahead of such notables as Shane Battier (Duke). Riley also is one of only 10 student-athletes in Notre Dame history to earn All-American and Academic All-America® honors twice in her career.

Current senior guard Megan Duffy is poised to become the latest Irish women's basketball player to earn Academic All-America® recognition. Duffy was a second-team Academic All-District V selection in 2004-05 and currently holds a 3.508 grade-point average (GPA) as a double major in psychology and computer applications in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters. She also has garnered Dean's List honors the past three semesters (spring 2004, fall 2004, spring 2005), the most recent coming after she finished with a 3.917 GPA for the term.

ND Women's Basketball Academic All-Americans

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

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

the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award, which goes the country's top senior player who stands 5-foot-8 or under, and the Nancy Lieberman Award, which is presented to the nation's top point guard.

In addition, Duffy has been tapped as a preseason All-American by three national media outlets — Women's Basketball News Service (first team), Street & Smith's ("Terrific 10") and Lindy's College Basketball Annual (third team) — and has been chosen as one of the top five point guards in the country in the ESPN.com 2005-06 season preview.

Duffy also was one of 12 players selected to the 2005-06 Preseason all-BIG EAST Conference Team, as voted on by the league's coaches. Duffy is one of three returning first-team all-BIG EAST picks from a year ago, joining West Virginia's Meg Bulger and this year's Preseason Player of the Year, Cappie Pondexter of Rutgers. Duffy is tops among all returnees in assists (5.39 avg. in 2004-05, second in the BIG EAST), steals (2.73 spg., first) and free throw percentage (.895, first), setting a school record and ranking fourth nationally in the latter category. She also ranks fourth among BIG EAST returnees in assist/turnover ratio (1.73) and is seventh among veterans in three-point field goals per game (1.52).

Last season, Duffy was an honorable mention All-America choice by the Associated Press and was a finalist for the Kodak/WBCA All-America Team. She also earned a spot on the all-tournament teams for the Preseason WNIT and the BIG EAST Championship.

Notre Dame Ranked Third In Preseason BIG EAST Poll

According to a preseason survey of the BIG EAST Conference coaches, Notre Dame is expected to finish third in the conference this season. Those were the results released at the league's annual Media Day Oct. 27 at the ESPN Zone in New York's Times Square. The Irish earned 191 points, which placed them behind the defending BIG EAST regular-season champion Rutgers (221 points, 11 first-place votes) and the reigning BIG EAST Championship victor, Connecticut (215 points, five first-place votes). Conference newcomer DePaul was fourth, followed by Villanova, Louisville,

West Virginia, St. John's, South Florida and Marquette. All 10 of those schools qualified for postseason play last season, with Notre Dame, Rutgers, Connecticut, DePaul and Louisville all advancing to the NCAA Tournament.

Notre Dame is beginning its 11th season as a member of the BIG EAST Conference in 2005-06. The Irish have gone 137-31 (.815) all-time in regular-season conference games, posting the best winning percentage in league history. Connecticut is second with a .779 success rate. Notre Dame also has finished among the top three in the final BIG EAST regular-season standings nine times in its first 10 seasons in the conference, including a share of the BIG EAST title in 2000-01.

Changes On The Sideline

There are three changes to the Notre Dame staff for the 2005-06 season. Coquese Washington, who is in her seventh season on the Irish bench, has been promoted to associate head coach. Washington, who also played for head coach Muffet McGraw from 1989-93, has been part of the Notre Dame women's basketball program for 11 of the 19 seasons of the McGraw era.

Angie Potthoff has been hired as an assistant coach, replacing longtime aide Carol Owens, who resigned in March to become head coach at her alma mater, Northern Illinois. Potthoff, a 1997 graduate of Penn State where she was a two-time All-American and three-time first-team all-Big Ten selection, focuses her efforts primarily on working with the Irish posts.

Stephanie Menio (pronounced MANY-o) is Notre Dame's new coordinator of basketball operations, assuming the marketing and promotional responsibilities for the program. She replaces Heather Maxwell, who departed in August to pursue doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota.

Late Additions To Irish Roster

Notre Dame has added two walk-on players to its roster for the 2005-06 season, with both joining the squad through preseason tryouts after the media guide went to press.

Brittney Bolden (5-7, Fr., G, South Bend, Ind./Adams HS) averaged 13.3 points and 6.1 rebounds per game last season while helping Adams to one of its best seasons of late in the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC). She is the fourth South Bend native ever to play for the Irish, with the most recent being former South Bend Washington High School standout Jacqueline Batteast (2001-05). Ironically, Bolden graduated from John Adams High School, making Adams the fourth different South Bend school to send a player to Notre Dame — the others are St. Joseph's (Molly Mahoney in 1986-87) and Clay (Mary Borkowski, 1983-84).

Bolden was a three-sport letterwinner at Adams, participating in basketball, soccer and track & field. She was a two-time all-Northern Indiana Conference selection in basketball and a two-time first-team all-conference pick in soccer, as well as a four-time state finalist on the track as a sprinter. In addition, she was an excellent student, graduating with a 3.7 grade-point average and academic honors. She comes

2005-06 Preseason All-BIG EAST Team

- Matee Ajavon, Rutgers
- Meg Bulger, West Virginia
- Jazz Covington, Louisville
- Jessica Dickson, USF
- ◆Megan Duffy, Notre Dame
- Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
- Khara Smith, DePaul
- *Ann Strother, Connecticut
- Liad Suez, Villanova
- Barbara Turner, Connecticut
- Mercedes Walker, Pitt
- Kia Wright, St. John's
- * - unanimous selection

2005-06 BIG EAST Preseason Poll

Team (1st-place)	Points
Rutgers (11)	221
Connecticut (5)	215
◆NOTRE DAME	191
DePaul	183
Villanova	167
Louisville	155
West Virginia	128
St. John's	118
South Florida	113
Marquette	98
Georgetown	78
Seton Hall	73
Pittsburgh	60
Syracuse	57
Cincinnati	48
Providence	15





from a family with a rich athletic heritage — two of her cousins are Shannon Bolden (currently a senior guard/forward at Minnesota) and Stephanie Bolden (a former standout at South Dakota State, where she helped the Jackrabbits to the NCAA Division II title in 2002-03).

Christine Trezza (6-0, Fr., F, Staten Island, N.Y./Notre Dame Academy HS) averaged 10.4 points and 12.0 rebounds per game during her high school career, earning second-team all-borough honors from the New York Daily News and all-conference laurels as a senior. Last year, she helped Notre Dame Academy to a regional title (had career highs of 25 points and 15 rebounds in one playoff game) and averaged 14.8 points and 13.0 rebounds per game along the way. Also, she was a three-time captain of the nationally-ranked Staten Island Rebels AAU squad that finished second at the USA Junior Nationals in 2003. Like Bolden, Trezza was a multi-sport athlete in high school, garnering four letters in volleyball and one in cross country.

Trezza was a member of the National Honor Society, in addition to serving as student government president, class valedictorian and captain of the math team. She is from the same borough as Irish men's basketball freshman Kyle McAlarney (Moore Catholic HS) and joins Notre Dame sophomore center **Melissa D'Amico** (Manorville, N.Y./William Floyd HS) as the New York natives on this year's Irish roster.

Half And Half

During the past six seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 100-8 (.926) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead, including wins in 29 of their last 31 such contests. Notre Dame has opened this season by winning all three of its games after it led at the break.

The Best Offense Is A Good Defense...

During the past 11 seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 151-9 (.944) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. Notre Dame added another tally to this ongoing defensive trend with a 55-45 conquest of Michigan on opening night at the Joyce Center.

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

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. During the past decade (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 91-3 (.968) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame tacked on three more wins to that tally in 2004-05.

Sweet Success

Notre Dame is one of only nine schools in the country to have appeared in the NCAA Sweet 16 six times in the past nine seasons (1997-2005). The others are Connecticut and Tennessee (nine times), Duke (eight times), Louisiana Tech (seven times), and Georgia, LSU, North Carolina and Texas Tech (six times).

The Gold Standard

The Irish are one of six teams nationwide to have an active streak of 12 consecutive 20-win seasons. The others in this club are Tennessee (29), Texas Tech (16), Louisiana Tech (14), Old Dominion (14) and Connecticut (12).

Now That's A Home Court Advantage

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 128 of their last 139 games (.921) at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center, including winning streaks of 51 and 25 games in that span. Notre Dame also has a 76-8 (.905) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game league winning streak at home before it ended with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the '02 home finale.

The Irish have been particularly strong when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 55 of their last 58 non-BIG EAST contests (.948) at the Joyce Center, dating back to the 1994-95 season. The only three losses in that span all came at the hands of Big Ten Conference opponents — Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69), Purdue in 2003 (71-54) and Michigan State in 2004 (82-73 OT). The Purdue loss snapped a 33-game non-conference home winning streak which began after the UW setback.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, posting a 278-72 (.794) record at the venerable facility. In three of the previous six seasons (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Irish were a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season.

Jammin' The Joyce

Beginning with its national championship season of 2000-01, Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance each of the past five years, including a No. 16 rating in 2004-05 (5,830 fans per game). Notre Dame opened this season with a crowd of 6,134 fans on hand to witness a 55-45 season-opening win over Michigan on Nov. 18.

What's more, each of the top 20 women's basketball crowds in Joyce Center history have occurred during the 19-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw** (1987-present), with 19 of those 20 occurring in the past six seasons (2000-01 to present). Lastly, the Irish have attracted at least 5,000 fans to 66 of their last 68 home games, including 12 contests with at least 8,000 fans and the first two sellouts in the program's history (both in 2001).

Fall Signings

Notre Dame head women's basketball coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 9 that four of the nation's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their academic and athletic careers with the Irish, signing national letters of intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2006. **Ashley Barlow**, a 5-9 guard from Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike High School), **Danielle Ben-Tsvulun**, a 6-3 forward from Fort Wayne, Ind. (Harding High School), **Melissa Lechlitter**, a 5-7 guard from Mishawaka, Ind. (South Bend St. Joseph's High School) and **Erica Williamson**, a 6-4 center from Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg High School) all made their official commitments to the Irish during the early signing period, which last from Nov. 9-16.

"We're very excited about the potential of this group," McGraw said. "It's an exceptionally-balanced class and addresses many of our needs for the future. Each of these individuals will be tremendous complements to the players already in our program. Without question, this new class is a highly-skilled group, but each player also brings with her several intangibles, including excellent leadership, a strong work ethic and a desire to get better every day. They all have experienced success at the high school and AAU level and we think they will be outstanding fits at Notre Dame when they get on campus next year."

The three Indiana players in one class are the most Notre Dame has ever had in a single incoming group. Some of the other notable Indiana natives to play for the Irish include All-Americans Beth Morgan (Bloomington; 1993-97), Ruth Riley (Macy; 1997-01) and Jacqueline Batteast (South Bend; 2001-05), as well as the school's leader in career three-pointers, Sheila McMillen (Rochester; 1995-99). Ironically, three of those players (Riley, Batteast and McMillen) and two of the newest Irish signees (Barlow and Lechlitter) grew up along the U.S. Route 31 corridor that runs from South Bend to Indianapolis.

A capsule look at the four newest additions to the Irish women's basketball team follows, with complete bios available on-line at the following web address: <http://und.collegesports.com/sports/w-baskbl/spec-rel/110905aad.html>

ASHLEY BARLOW, 5-9, G (Indianapolis/Pike)

16.9 ppg., 3.9 rpg., 3.2 apg. in her three-year prep career ... 23.7 ppg., 5.3 rpg., 3.9 spg. last season, ranking as top scorer (all classes) in metro Indianapolis ... ranked 24th in nation by Full Court Press ... ranked 55th in nation (10th among shooting guards) by All-Star Girls Report (ASGR) ... Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American (2006) ... all-state selection (2005) ... preseason candidate for 2006 Indiana Miss Basketball honors.

DANIELLE BEN-TSVULUN (BEN-suh-VOO-lun) 6-3, F (Fort Wayne/Harding)

12.1 ppg., 9.3 rpg., 3.2 bpg. last season, leading the Summit Athletic Conference in rebounding and blocked shots ... ranked 11th in conference in scoring ... all-state selection (2005) ... all-city and all-conference choice (2005).

MELISSA LECHLITNER (LEK-light-ner), 5-7, G (Mishawaka, Ind./South Bend St. Joseph's)

14.8 ppg., 4.1 rpg., 5.8 apg., 3.3 spg. with a .359 three-point percentage in her three-year prep career ... 16.3 ppg., 6.3 apg., 3.3 spg. with a .437 three-point percentage last season, leading South Bend St. Joseph's to a 25-1 record and Class 3A state title (first girls' basketball state championship in South Bend history) ... team ranked 23rd in nation in 2005-06 USA Today Super 25 preseason poll ... ranked 27th in nation (eighth among point guards) by All-Star Girls Report (ASGR) ... Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American (2006) ... adidas Top Ten Camp All-Star (Upperclass - 2005; Underclass - 2004) ... three-time all-state selection (2003, 2004, 2005) ... preseason candidate for 2006 Indiana Miss Basketball honors.

ERICA WILLIAMSON, 6-4, C (Charlotte/So. Mecklenburg)

10.0 ppg., 12.5 rpg., 5.3 bpg. last season at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School in Rochester, N.Y. ... helped lead team to a 24-2 record, Class A state championship and runner-up finish in New York Federation Tournament of Champions (all classes) ... transferred to South Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte prior to her senior season (father took new job) — team ranked 12th in national preseason poll by Street & Smith's and ninth in South Region in USA Today Super 25 preseason poll ... all-state selection (2005) ... all-area pick (2005).



**Day of the Week**

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

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m. local time)	1-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	2-0

Location

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

Halftime score

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

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	2-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	1-0
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

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

Free throw margin

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

Turnovers

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

Miscellaneous

Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	0-0
On television	1-0
In white jerseys	1-0
In blue jerseys	2-0
In green jerseys	0-0
In overtime games	0-0

Margin of Victory

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

Conference Affiliation

BIG EAST	0-0
Big Ten	2-0
Mid-American	1-0

Month

November	3-0
December	0-0
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

A third sellout could be on the horizon for Notre Dame, as there are less than 1,500 tickets remaining for the Dec. 31 game vs. Tennessee, the Lady Vols' first visit to the Joyce Center since 1994.

Oh Captain, My Captain

Notre Dame's two seniors — guard **Megan Duffy** and forward **Courtney LaVere** — will serve as team captains for the 2005-06 season. Duffy is in her second year as a captain (making her the 16th two-time captain in school history, and 12th in the Muffet McGraw era), while LaVere is a first-time captain. Both players received the captain's honor following a vote of their teammates prior to the season.

Notre Dame On The Small Screen

Notre Dame will have nine of its regular-season games televised during the 2005-06 season. Highlighting this year's television docket are six nationally-televised Irish women's basketball contests, including three consecutive games on the ESPN family of networks during a 12-day span in mid-February.

This year's TV slate continues a recent trend that has seen the Irish become a regular fixture on television. Beginning with the NCAA championship season of 2000-01, Notre Dame has played in 60 televised games, including 37 that were broadcast nationally. Last year, the Irish had 17 games televised, with 10 being national broadcasts.

Sunday's game, being broadcast on a regional basis by Comcast Local, is the second of two Irish women's basketball broadcasts for the Detroit-based network, following last Sunday's airing of Notre Dame's 71-68 victory at Western Michigan.

Six of the remaining seven televised games on the '05-06 Notre Dame schedule all are slated for national broadcasts. The first of three Irish appearances on College Sports Television (CSTV) comes on Dec. 31, when Notre Dame plays host to Tennessee at 2 p.m. (EST). Notre Dame returns to the CSTV airwaves for a pair of January contests that will be part of the BIG EAST/CSTV Tuesday Game of the Week package. The Irish will welcome DePaul to the Joyce Center on Jan. 17, before visiting Rutgers on Jan. 24, and both games will tip off at 7:30 p.m. (ET). CSTV has aired eight Notre Dame women's basketball games during the past three seasons, with the first being that network's inaugural broadcast of any sport (a Feb. 2003 game at Connecticut).

The Irish then make three consecutive appearances on the ESPN family of networks, beginning with a Feb. 7 home game against Villanova that will be broadcast live on ESPNU. That game now will tip off at 6 p.m. (ET), one hour earlier than previously listed on some schedules. The following Sunday (Feb. 12), Notre Dame will travel to DePaul for a 4 p.m. CST (5 p.m. ET) game that will air on ESPN2 as part of that network's "February Frenzy" split-national coverage designed to preview a similar coverage pattern for the NCAA Tournament. The Irish are back on ESPN2 on Feb. 19, when they play host to Connecticut in a 7 p.m. (ET)

prime-time BIG EAST showdown at the Joyce Center. During the past five seasons, Notre Dame has appeared on the ESPN family of networks 24 times, averaging nearly five telecasts per year on "The Worldwide Leader in Sports".

Notre Dame will make its final regular-season television appearance on Feb. 25, when it travels to new conference member Cincinnati for a 2 p.m. (ET) game that will air as part of the BIG EAST-Regional Sports Network (RSN) package. Among the outlets scheduled to televise the game live are WHME-TV (Channel 46 in South Bend), Comcast Chicago, Comcast Local, Comcast Philadelphia and Madison Square Garden Network.

Notre Dame On The Airwaves

Once again this season, every Irish women's basketball game (home and away) will air on the flagship stations of the Artistic Media Partners (AMP) Network — WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend. Veteran broadcaster and AMP sports director **Sean Stires** is now in his sixth season handling the play-by-play for Notre Dame. The Irish also can be heard on the Internet at Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.und.com) by subscribing to Fighting Irish All-Access, which gives listeners full multimedia access to a variety of Irish athletics events for only \$6.95 per month.

Promotional Corner

Here's a rundown of some upcoming promotions and giveaways at future Notre Dame women's basketball games this season. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Irish athletics ticket office (second floor of the Joyce Center through Gate 1; 574-631-7356) or on game day at the Gate 10 ticket windows of the Joyce Center. Please note — additional promotions and giveaways may be added at a later date, so consult the Notre Dame promotions web site (www.notredamepromotions.com) for the latest information:

- **Nov. 27 vs. USC** — Family Day (four tickets, four hot dogs, four sodas for \$25) ... Notre Dame women's basketball mouse pads to first 1,000 fans (courtesy of Chili's and Papa Vinos) ... post-game autograph session with selected Irish players.

Next Game: Iona

Notre Dame will play its final home game for nearly a month on Tuesday when it welcomes Iona to the Joyce Center for a 7 p.m. (ET) contest. After facing the Gaels, the Irish go on a four-game road swing before their next home contest (Dec. 28 vs. Valparaiso).

Iona (2-0) has opened its 2005-06 season with wins over Bucknell and Wichita State. The latter contest on Saturday was a 73-71 Gaels win that was only sealed when the Shockers missed the first of two free throws with no time remaining.

Notre Dame is 1-0 all-time against Iona, but hasn't played the Gaels since Dec. 1980.





2005-06 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 3-0 (Home: 1-0, Away: 2-0, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 18	15/16		MICHIGAN	W 55-45	W1	1-0		Allen-16	Schrader-14	Duffy-8	6,134
Nov. 20	15/16		at Western Michigan ^{CL}	W 71-63	W2	2-0		Duffy-19	Duffy-7	two with 2	2,116
Nov. 23	13/15		at Indiana	W 74-61	W3	3-0		Duffy-26	LaVere-8	Duffy-5	976
Nov. 27			USC ^{CL}	2 p.m. ET							
Nov. 29			IONA	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 4			at Wisconsin	1:30 p.m. CT							
Dec. 7			at Purdue	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 17			vs. Arkansas State ¹	2:30 p.m. PT							
Dec. 18			vs. N.C. State/Utah ¹	Noon/2:30 p.m. PT							
Dec. 28			VALPARAISO	2 p.m. ET							
Dec. 31			TENNESSEE ^{CSTV}	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 4			• at St. John's	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 7			• SETON HALL	1 p.m. ET							
Jan. 10			• MARQUETTE	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 14			• at Louisville	1 p.m. ET							
Jan. 17			• DePAUL ^{CSTV}	7:30 p.m. ET							
Jan. 21			• at Georgetown	4 p.m. ET							
Jan. 24			• at Rutgers ^{CSTV}	7:30 p.m. ET							
Jan. 28			• SOUTH FLORIDA	Noon ET							
Jan. 31			• at Syracuse	7:30 p.m. ET							
Feb. 4			• PROVIDENCE	1 p.m. ET							
Feb. 7			• VILLANOVA ^{ESPN}	6 p.m. ET							
Feb. 12			• at DePaul ^{ESPN2}	4 p.m. CT							
Feb. 19			• CONNECTICUT ^{ESPN2}	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 22			• at West Virginia	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 25			• at Cincinnati ^{BETV}	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 28			• PITTSBURGH	7 p.m. ET							

BIG EAST Championship – Hartford, Conn. (Hartford Civic Center)

March 4	First Round	TBD
March 5	Quarterfinals ^{CSTV}	TBD
March 6	Semifinals ^{ESPN}	6/8 p.m. ET
March 7	Championship ^{ESPN2}	7:30 p.m. ET

NCAA Tournament – First & Second Rounds (Sites: Chicago, Denver, Nashville, Norfolk, Trenton, Tucson, University Park, West Lafayette)

March 18-19	First Round ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBD
March 20-21	Second Round ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBD

NCAA Tournament – Regionals (Sites: Albuquerque, Bridgeport, Cleveland, San Antonio)

March 25-26	Regional Semifinals ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBD
March 27-28	Regional Finals ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBD

NCAA Women's Final Four – Boston, Mass. (TD Banknorth Garden)

April 2	National Semifinals ^{ESPN}	7/9:30 p.m. ET
April 4	National Championship ^{ESPN}	8:30 p.m. ET

• = indicates BIG EAST Conference game

1 = Duel in the Desert (Cox Pavilion – Las Vegas, Nev.)

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

CSTV = Game to be televised live on College Sports Television (CSTV)

CL = Game to be televised live on Comcast Local

BETV = Game to be televised live as part of BIG EAST regional package (check local listings)

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

All times shown are local to the site // Dates and times are subject to change

2005-06 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	9,226	3,075	6,134 (UM - 11/18)
Home:	6,134	6,134	6,134 (UM - 11/18)
Away:	3,092	1,546	2,116 (WMU - 11/20)
Neutral:	0	0	0

**2005-06 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games****Overall Record: 3-0 (Home: 1-0, Away: 2-0, Neutral: 0-0)**

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Duffy, Megan	3-3	118-39.3	13-30	.433	4-10	.400	18-20	.900	1	11	12	4.0	4-0	15	6	0	10	48	16.0
Allen, Charel	3-0	75-25.0	13-27	.481	1-3	.333	4-7	.571	5	9	14	4.7	5-0	5	8	1	4	31	10.3
Schrader, Lindsay	3-3	94-31.3	12-27	.444	0-0	.000	4-12	.333	4	19	23	7.7	6-0	5	3	2	2	28	9.3
Gray, Breona	3-0	77-25.7	10-25	.400	2-10	.200	4-4	1.000	1	4	5	1.7	3-0	2	2	0	3	26	8.7
LaVere, Courtney	3-0	69-23.0	9-24	.375	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	10	10	20	6.7	8-0	1	8	4	3	20	6.7
D'Amico, Melissa	3-3	50-16.7	8-17	.471	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	4	8	12	4.0	11-0	1	2	6	0	19	6.3
Erwin, Crystal	3-3	66-22.0	5-15	.333	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	5	7	12	4.0	8-0	3	9	1	1	16	5.3
Gaines, Tulyah	3-3	48-16.0	3-9	.333	0-0	.000	6-9	.667	3	7	10	3.3	4-0	1	4	0	3	12	4.0
Smith, Chandrica	1-0	3-3.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team									8	4	12	4.0			2				
Notre Dame	3	600	73-175	.417	7-23	.304	47-67	.701	41	79	120	40.0	50-0	33	44	14	26	200	66.7
Opponents	3	600	65-171	.380	15-42	.357	29-42	.690	37	73	110	36.7	60-0	39	58	7	17	174	58.0

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 8, Opponents 3

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	100	100	-- 200
Opponents	82	92	-- 174

Current Notre Dame Players — Career Statistics vs. USC

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Duffy, Megan	3-2	91-30.3	7-20	.350	1-6	.167	11-12	.917	0	9	9	3.0	4-0	10	10	0	5	26	8.7
Erwin, Crystal	2-0	29-14.5	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3	1	4	2.0	6-0	1	3	0	1	14	7.0
Allen, Charel	1-0	23-23.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	0	4	4	4.0	3-0	1	3	0	0	6	6.0
D'Amico, Melissa	1-0	7-7.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	0	3	3	3.0	1-0	0	0	1	0	5	5.0
Gray, Breona	2-1	36-18.0	3-8	.375	0-1	.000	3-6	.500	3	3	6	3.0	2-0	2	3	0	2	9	4.5
LaVere, Courtney	3-2	59-19.7	6-19	.316	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	2	10	12	4.0	5-0	2	5	2	5	13	4.3
Gaines, Tulyah	1-0	14-14.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	1-0	2	3	0	2	2	2.0



2005-06 Single Game Highs & Lows

Team Superlatives

NOTRE DAME HIGH	NOTRE DAME LOW	CATEGORY	OPPONENT HIGH	OPPONENT LOW
74 at Indiana (11/23/05)	55 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	Points/Game	68 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	45 by Michigan (11/18/05)
38, twice (MR: (2nd) at Indiana (11/23/05)	26 (1st) vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	Points/Half	38 (2nd) by W. Michigan (11/20/05)	20 (1st) by Michigan (11/18/05)
28 at Indiana (11/23/05)	18 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	Field Goals Made	25 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	18 by Michigan (11/18/05)
65 at Western Michigan (11/20/05)	51 at Indiana (11/23/05)	Field Goal Attempts	60 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	55 by Indiana (11/23/05)
.549 at Indiana (11/23/05)	.305 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	FG Percentage	.417 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	.321 by Michigan (11/18/05)
6 at Indiana (11/23/05)	0 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	3-Point FG Made	8 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	1 by Indiana (11/23/05)
13 at Indiana (11/23/05)	4 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	3-Point FG Attempts	19 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	7 by Indiana (11/23/05)
.462 at Indiana (11/23/05)	.000 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	3-Point FG Percentage	.421 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	.143 by Indiana (11/23/05)
19 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	12 at Indiana (11/23/05)	Free Throws Made	16 by Indiana (11/23/05)	3 by Michigan (11/18/05)
29 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	18 at Indiana (11/23/05)	Free Throw Attempts	23 by Indiana (11/23/05)	6 by Michigan (11/18/05)
.800 at Western Michigan (11/20/05)	.655 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	FT Percentage	.769 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	.500 by Michigan (11/18/05)
54 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	27 at Indiana (11/23/05)	Rebounds	40 by Indiana (11/23/05)	33 by Michigan (11/18/05)
15 at Indiana (11/23/05)	7 at Western Michigan (11/20/05)	Assists	15 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)	10 by Indiana (11/23/05)
12 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	6 at Western Michigan (11/20/05)	Steals	8 by Michigan (11/18/05)	4 by Indiana (11/23/05)
7 at Indiana (11/23/05)	2 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	Blocked Shots	4 by Michigan (11/18/05)	1 by Indiana (11/23/05)
19 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	12 at Western Michigan (11/20/05)	Turnovers	21 by Michigan (11/18/05)	18 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)
18 at Indiana (11/23/05)	16, twice (MR: at WMU, 11/20/05)	Fouls	23 by Michigan (11/18/05)	18 by Western Michigan (11/20/05)

Individual Superlatives

	NOTRE DAME	OPPONENT
Points Scored	26 by Megan Duffy at Indiana (11/23/05)	29 by Casey Rost of Western Michigan (11/20/05)
Field Goals Made	8 by Megan Duffy at Indiana (11/23/05)	10 by Casey Rost of Western Michigan (11/20/05)
Field Goal Attempts	15 by Megan Duffy at Indiana (11/23/05)	19 by Casey Rost of Western Michigan (11/20/05)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	.625 (5-8) by Charel Allen at Indiana (11/23/05)	.833 (5-6) by Carrie Smith of Indiana (11/23/05)
3-Point Field Goals Made	3 by Megan Duffy at Indiana (11/23/05)	7* by Casey Rost of Western Michigan (11/20/05)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	6 by Megan Duffy at Indiana (11/23/05)	10 by Casey Rost of Western Michigan (11/20/05)
3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)	.500 (3-6) by Megan Duffy at Indiana (11/23/05)	1.000 (2-2) by Ta'Shia Walker of Michigan (11/18/05)
Free Throws Made	8 by Megan Duffy at Western Michigan (11/20/05)	6 by Jenny DeMuth/Whitney Thomas of Indiana (11/23/05)
Free Throw Attempts	8, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy at Indiana, 11/23/05)	10 by Jenny DeMuth of Indiana (11/23/05)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)	1.000 (8-8) by Megan Duffy at Western Michigan (11/20/05)	1.000 (4-4) by Carrie Smith of Indiana (11/23/05)
Rebounds	14 by Lindsay Schrader vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	12 by Whitney Thomas of Indiana (11/23/05)
Assists	8 by Megan Duffy vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	7 by Tiera DeLaHoussaye of Western Michigan (11/20/05)
Steals	4, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy at Indiana, 11/23/05)	3 by Casey Rost of Western Michigan (11/20/05)
Blocked Shots	3 by Melissa D'Amico at Indiana (11/23/05)	2, twice (MR: by Amanda Parker of W. Michigan, 11/20/05)
Turnovers	5 by Crystal Erwin vs. Michigan (11/18/05)	4, four times (MR: by Carrie Smith of Indiana, 11/23/05)
Minutes Played	40 by Megan Duffy at Indiana (11/23/05)	40 by three players

* = tied Notre Dame opponent record



2005-06 Notre Dame Game-By-Game Team Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs.		PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.			Off-Def-Tot							
NOTRE DAME (6,134)	18-59	.305	0-4	.000	19-29	.655	22-32-54	16-0	11	19	2	12	55	
vs. Michigan	18-56	.321	6-16	.375	3-6	.500	9-24-33	23-0	14	21	4	8	45	
NOTRE DAME	27-65	.415	1-6	.167	16-20	.800	14-25-39	16-0	7	12	5	6	71	
at Western Michigan (2,116)	25-60	.417	8-19	.421	10-13	.769	11-26-37	18-0	15	18	2	5	68	
NOTRE DAME	28-51	.549	6-13	.462	12-18	.667	5-22-27	18-0	15	13	7	8	74	
at Indiana (976)	22-55	.400	1-7	.143	16-23	.696	17-23-40	19-0	10	19	1	4	61	

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

**2005-06 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists**

Opponent	Gaines	Allen	Tsipis	Duffy	Bolden	Smith	Trezza	Schrader	Gray	D'Amico	Erwin	LaVere
MICHIGAN	6-4-0	16-5-0	DNP	3-4-8	DNP	DNP	DNP	10-14-2	6-2-1	10-7-0	0-3-0	4-7-0
@ Western Michigan	6-5-1	4-5-1	DNP	19-7-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	11-5-0	6-1-0	8-4-1	7-5-2	10-5-0
@ Indiana	0-1-0	11-4-4	DNP	26-1-5	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	7-4-3	14-2-1	1-1-0	9-4-1	6-8-1

Home games in ALL CAPS
DNP = did not play



2005-06 Miscellaneous Statistics

	ALL GAMES	vs. BIG EAST OPPONENTS
Most First Half Points Scored	38 at Western Michigan (11/20)	
Most First Half Points Allowed	32 by Indiana (11/23)	
Most Second Half Points Scored	38 at Indiana (11/23)	
Most Second Half Points Allowed	38 by Western Michigan (11/20)	
Fewest First Half Points Scored	26 vs. Michigan (11/18)	
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	20 by Michigan (11/18)	
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	29 vs. Michigan (11/18)	
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	25 by Michigan (11/18)	

Largest Leads

Notre Dame: 15 — 74-59 (1:33, 2nd) at Indiana (ND 74-61), 11/23

Opponent: 6 — 38-32 (10:54, 2nd) by Michigan (ND 55-45), 11/18

Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 6 — 38-32 (10:54, 2nd) by Michigan (ND 55-45), 11/18

Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: None

Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Halftime Leads: ND: 3 (ND Record — 3-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Rebound Advantage: ND: 2 (ND Record — 2-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

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

Notre Dame Margin: +22 points, +7.3 ppg. (ND — 77 pts., 25.7 ppg.; Opponents — 55 pts., 18.3 ppg.)

Point Differential	3	10	13
Notre Dame Wins	1	1	1
Notre Dame Losses	0	0	0

Starting Lineups (F-C-G-G-G) & W-L Marks ALL GAMES vs. BIG EAST OPPONENTS

Erwin, D'Amico, Duffy, Gaines, Schrader.....3-0

Complete Games Played: 1 // Opponents: 3

Most Minutes: 40 (Megan Duffy at Indiana, 11/23)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 9 (Allen 2, Duffy 2, Schrader 2, D'Amico 1, Gray 1, LaVere 1) // Opponents: 7

20-29-Point Games: 1 (Duffy 1) // Opponents: 2

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

Game-High Honors*: 2 (Allen 1, Duffy 1)

Team-High Honors*: 3 (Duffy 2, Allen 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 1 (Schrader 1) // Opponents: 2

Game-High Honors*: 1 (Schrader 1)

Team-High Honors*: 3 (Duffy 1, LaVere 1, Schrader 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 2 (Duffy 2)

Team-High Honors*: 4 (Duffy 3, Erwin 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 1 (Schrader 1 - UM) // Opponents: 2

* = totals may not add up to games played due to ties





The Last Time It Happened...

Notre Dame recorded a

30-point win was on 2/25/04 — ND 93, Miami 58 (35 points)*
40-point win was on 11/26/02 — ND 107, Cleveland State 65 (42 points)*
50-point win was on 3/4/01 — ND 89, Georgetown 33 (56 points) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
30-point loss was on 3/17/02 — Tennessee 89, ND 50 (39 points) (*NCAA Midwest Region Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 12/11/04 — 60.4% (29-48) vs. Washington (ND 72-58)*
65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
90% on FTs was on 11/30/04 — 100.0% (18-18) at Valparaiso (ND 69-59) (**school record**)

Notre Dame

won 10 games in a row was from 1/16/05 thru 2/15/05 — 10 straight
won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (across two seasons)
• lost 5 games in a row (one season) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight
scored 100 points was on 11/26/02 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)*
• scored 100 points on the road never
• scored 100 points at a neutral site was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.)
• scored 100 points & lost never
allowed 100 points was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)*
scored less than 50 points was on 3/1/05 (ND 41, Seton Hall 35)
allowed less than 50 points was on 11/18/05 (ND 55, Michigan 45)*
played an overtime game was on 12/2/04 (Michigan State 82, ND 73 - ot)*
• played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
rallied from a double-digit deficit to win was on 2/15/05 — 15 points (11-26, 1:57, 1st) at Boston College (ND 54-47)
won on a "last second" shot was on 12/19/04 (ND 50, Marquette 47 — Jacqueline Batteast three-pointer at 0:00)
lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
had five double-figure scorers was on 11/12/04 (ND 92, Illinois State 73) — Courtney LaVere 18, Megan Duffy 15, Charel Allen 14, Jacqueline Batteast 13, Teresa Borton 11, Crystal Erwin 10* (*Preseason WNIT First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
had six double-figure scorers was on 11/12/04 (ND 92, Illinois State 73) — Courtney LaVere 18, Megan Duffy 15, Charel Allen 14, Jacqueline Batteast 13, Teresa Borton 11, Crystal Erwin 10* (*Preseason WNIT First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
had seven double-figure scorers was on 2/6/97 (ND 90, Syracuse 73) — Rosanne Bohman 16, Mollie Peirick 15, Katryna Gaither 14, Kari Hutchinson 11, Sheila McMillen 11, Beth Morgan 11, Jeannine Augustin 10
had no double-figure scorers was on 2/8/04 (Seton Hall 51, ND 45)
had two double-figure rebounders was on 1/26/05 (ND 72, St. John's 65) — Jacqueline Batteast 10, Crystal Erwin 10*
had two players with "double-doubles" was on 1/26/05 (ND 72, St. John's 65) — Crystal Erwin (14 pts., 10 reb.), Megan Duffy (14 pts., 10 asst.) & Jacqueline Batteast (10 pts., 10 reb.)*
had three players with "double-doubles" was on 1/26/05 (ND 72, St. John's 65) — Crystal Erwin (14 pts., 10 reb.), Megan Duffy (14 pts., 10 asst.) & Jacqueline Batteast (10 pts., 10 reb.)*
had two 20-point scorers was on 3/21/05 (Arizona State 70, ND 61) — Megan Duffy 24, Jacqueline Batteast 20 (*NCAA Tempe Region Second Round at Fresno, Calif.*)
had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*
made 10 three-point field goals was on 3/3/02 (Syracuse 84, ND 79) — 10-26 (38.5%) on threes (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)
committed 10 turnovers or less was on 2/15/05 (ND 54, Boston College 47) — 10 turnovers
committed 25 turnovers or more was on 1/28/04 (ND 59, Miami 50) — 26 turnovers
forced 25 turnovers or more was on 12/9/04 (ND 65, Dayton 39) — 26 turnovers

An Irish player had

25 points was on 11/23/05 — Megan Duffy (26) at Indiana (ND 74-61)
30 points was on 11/20/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (32) vs. Ohio State (ND 66-62)* (*Preseason WNIT Championship Game at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
35 points was on 2/22/00 — Ruth Riley (36) vs. Miami (ND 83-68)*
40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)
15 rebounds was on 2/23/03 — Jacqueline Batteast (18) at Connecticut (UC 77-59)
20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)
10 assists was on 2/26/05 — Megan Duffy (10) vs. West Virginia (ND 82-57)*
5 blocks was on 2/26/05 — Teresa Borton (5) vs. West Virginia (ND 82-57)*
5 steals was on 3/1/05 — Megan Duffy (5) at Seton Hall (ND 41-35)
a "double-double" was on 11/18/05 — Lindsay Schrader (10 pts., 14 reb.) vs. Michigan (ND 55-45)*
a "triple-double" was on 2/15/90 — Sara Liebscher (17 pts., 12 reb., 10 asst.) vs. Detroit (ND 99-58)*
20 pts & 10 rebs was on 2/9/05 — Jacqueline Batteast (23 pts., 10 reb.) at Providence (ND 75-57)
20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25 pts., 20 reb.) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

An opposing player had

25 points was on 11/20/05 — Casey Rost (29), Western Michigan (ND 71-68)
30 points was on 1/28/98 — Jen Beisel (30), Villanova (VU 70-54)*
35 points was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)
10 rebounds was on 11/23/05 — Whitney Thomas (12) & Jenny DeMuth (11), Indiana (ND 74-61)
15 rebounds was on 12/22/03 — Ebony Hoffman (16), USC (ND 73-62)*
20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)
10 assists was on 12/4/03 — Stephanie Rich (12), Wisconsin (ND 82-64)*
5 blocks was on 3/1/05 — Monique Blake (5), Seton Hall (ND 41-35)
5 steals was on 3/21/05 — Carrie Buckner (5), Arizona State (ASU 70-61) (*NCAA Tempe Region Second Round at Fresno, Calif.*)
a "double-double" was on 11/23/05 — Jenny DeMuth (20 pts., 11 reb.) & Whitney Thomas (14 pts., 12 reb.), Indiana (ND 74-61)
a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DPU 83-62)

* = indicates Notre Dame home game



2005-06 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 1

#15/16 Notre Dame 55, Michigan 45
November 18, 2005
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Michigan (45)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Jones	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Dierdorf	22	3-8	0-0	0-1	2	1	1	6
Skriba	18	1-2	0-0	0-1	8	0	1	2
Helvey	31	0-6	0-1	0-0	1	3	4	0
Minnfield	28	2-9	1-3	0-0	0	5	2	5
Starling	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	3	0
Benson	14	2-6	1-3	0-0	1	1	3	5
Clement	17	2-7	2-6	0-0	4	1	3	6
Cooper	19	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0
Walker	26	6-10	2-2	2-3	9	1	2	16
Queen	11	2-4	0-0	1-1	2	0	1	5
Team					6			
Totals	200	18-56	6-16	3-6	33	14	23	45

Notre Dame (55)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Erwin	17	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	0
D'Amico	25	4-9	0-0	2-4	7	0	3	10
Gaines	22	1-5	0-0	4-7	4	0	2	6
Duffy	39	0-5	0-0	3-4	4	8	1	3
Schrader	33	4-9	0-0	2-6	14	2	3	10
Allen	28	6-14	0-1	4-4	5	0	3	16
Gray	21	1-7	0-3	4-4	2	1	0	6
LaVere	15	2-7	0-0	0-0	7	0	2	4
Team					8			
Totals	200	18-59	0-4	19-29	54	11	16	55

Michigan	20	25	--	45
Notre Dame	26	29	--	55

FG Pct: Michigan 32.1, Notre Dame 30.5. **3-PT FG Pct:** Michigan 37.5, Notre Dame 0.0. **FT Pct:** Michigan 50.0, Notre Dame 65.5. **Turnovers:** Michigan 21, Notre Dame 19. **Blocked Shots:** Michigan 4 (Skriba 2), Notre Dame 2. **Steals:** Michigan 8 (Skriba 2), Notre Dame 12 (Duffy 4). **Attendance:** 6,134.

NOTES: Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw earned her 500th career win, becoming the 27th NCAA Division I coach to reach that milestone, and the 10th to do so before the age of 50 ... the Irish now are 21-8 (.724) all-time in season openers, including a 16-3 (.842) record in the McGraw era, and they have won their last 11 lidlifters, coinciding exactly with the program's membership in the BIG EAST Conference ... Notre Dame takes over the series lead against Michigan, 7-6, and has won six of its seven all-time matchups with the Wolverines at the Joyce Center ... Friday's game also marked the 350th Irish women's basketball game to be played at the Joyce Center (278-72, .794) ... Notre Dame's 54 rebounds were the most for the Irish in a single game since Dec. 12, 2001, when they plucked 56 boards in a win over Western Michigan ... the +21 rebound margin was the largest for Notre Dame since a similar spread (47-26) at Syracuse on Jan. 19, 2005 ... freshman guard Lindsay Schrader became the first Notre Dame rookie to start a season opener since Jacqueline Batteast and Teresa Borton did so against Valparaiso on Nov. 18, 2001 ... Schrader's 14 rebounds are the most for an Irish player since Batteast collected a career-high 18 boards at Connecticut on Feb. 23, 2003 ... Schrader's double-double also is only the second ever for a Notre Dame freshman in her college debut and first since the Irish program elevated to Division I status in 1980-81 (Shari Matvey had 21 points and 14 rebounds vs. Marion on Nov. 30, 1979) ... sophomore guard Charel Allen's 16 points were the most she has scored since she tossed in a career-high 17 points at Syracuse on Jan. 19, 2005 ... sophomore center Melissa D'Amico made her first collegiate start against Michigan and responded with 10 points and a career-high seven rebounds ... sophomore guard Tulyah Gaines also got her first college starting assignment vs. the Wolverines ... senior guard Megan Duffy hit three free throws late to avoid her first scoreless outing since March 27, 2004 vs. Penn State (NCAA Sweet 16 game at Hartford, Conn.); still Duffy dished out a game-high eight assists (her 37th career outing with at least five dimes) and ended up with a game-best four steals, just missing her sixth career five-theft performance.



GAME 2

#15/16 Notre Dame 71, Western Michigan 68
November 20, 2005
University Arena (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

Notre Dame (71)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Erwin	28	2-9	0-0	3-4	5	2	2	7
D'Amico	16	4-7	0-0	0-0	4	1	4	8
Gaines	24	2-3	0-0	2-2	5	1	2	6
Duffy	39	5-10	1-4	8-8	7	2	1	19
Schrader	28	5-11	0-0	1-2	5	0	2	11
Allen	18	2-5	0-0	0-2	5	1	0	4
Gray	23	3-7	0-2	0-0	1	0	2	6
LaVere	24	4-13	0-0	2-2	5	0	3	10
Team					2			
Totals	200	27-65	1-6	16-20	39	7	16	71

Western Michigan (68)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Brown	30	7-11	0-0	2-2	6	1	4	16
Parker	37	1-7	0-2	2-4	9	0	4	4
DeLaHoussaye	40	4-8	1-3	2-2	3	7	3	11
Rost	40	10-19	7-10	2-2	6	1	2	29
Moore	40	2-12	0-4	0-1	3	5	3	4
Watkins	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Owens	12	1-3	0-0	2-2	3	1	2	4
Team					7			
Totals	200	25-60	8-19	10-13	37	15	18	68

Notre Dame	38	33	--	71
W. Michigan	30	38	--	68

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.5, Western Michigan 41.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 16.7, Western Michigan 42.1. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 80.0, Western Michigan 76.9. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 12, Western Michigan 18. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5 (D'Amico, LaVere 2), Western Michigan 2 (Parker 2). **Steals:** Notre Dame 6 (Duffy 2), Western Michigan 5 (Rost 3). **Attendance:** 2,116.

NOTES: Leading for all but the first 1:26 of the contest, Notre Dame won its road opener for the fourth consecutive season and seventh time in the past eight years ... ND started the season 2-0 for the third time in four years and 10th time in the 19-year Muffet McGraw era ... the Irish improve to 8-0 all-time against Western Michigan, including a 3-0 record in Kalamazoo ... the three-point margin was the closest in the eight-game series, topping a 68-62 Notre Dame victory spread on Dec. 8, 1982, also in Kalamazoo ... the Irish have scored 70 points in seven of their eight all-time matchups with the Broncos ... WMU tallied its highest point total ever against Notre Dame, exceeding the 65-point mark it had in a 94-65 loss to the Irish on Dec. 2, 1985, the clubs' most recent contest at University Arena prior to this year; in fact all three of the Broncos' 60-point games vs. Notre Dame have come in Kalamazoo ... the Irish have won 10 consecutive games against Mid-American Conference opponents, a streak that dates back to 1995 ... Notre Dame is 99-8 (.925) during the past six years when leading at halftime, having won 28 of its last 30 such games (2-0 this year) ... Western Michigan guard Casey Rost tied a Notre Dame opponent record by canning seven three-pointers, with Connecticut's Ann Strother the most recent foe to reach that total, doing so on nine attempts in a 65-59 Irish win on Jan. 30, 2005 in Storrs, Conn. ... with two assists at WMU, senior guard Megan Duffy moved past former teammate Le Tania Severe (2000-04) into seventh place on Notre Dame's career assist chart with 386 handouts ... with her next point, senior forward Courtney LaVere will reach the 900-point mark for her career ... LaVere also had two blocked shots against the Broncos and is two away from becoming the eighth player in school history to record 100 career blocks.

GAME 3

#13/15 Notre Dame 74, Indiana 61
November 23, 2005
Assembly Hall (Bloomington, Ind.)

Notre Dame (74)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Erwin	21	3-3	0-0	3-3	4	1	4	9
D'Amico	9	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	4	1
Gaines	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Duffy	40	8-15	3-6	7-8	1	5	2	26
Schrader	33	3-7	0-0	1-4	4	3	1	7
Allen	29	5-8	1-2	0-1	4	4	2	11
Smith	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Gray	33	6-11	2-5	0-0	2	1	1	14
LaVere	30	3-4	0-0	0-0	8	1	3	6
Team					2			
Totals	200	28-51	6-13	12-18	27	15	18	74

Indiana (61)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Thomas	29	4-16	0-0	6-8	12	1	1	14
DeMuth	35	7-13	0-1	6-10	11	2	2	20
Hawkins	10	1-4	0-0	0-0	3	0	4	2
Valentin	26	3-8	0-3	0-0	1	3	3	6
Smith, N.	19	0-2	0-2	0-0	2	1	1	0
Boyd	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kullberg	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Enterline	26	2-4	1-1	0-1	3	1	0	5
McKay	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Roberson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Smith, C.	27	5-6	0-0	4-4	2	0	3	14
Branson	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	22-55	1-7	16-23	40	10	19	61

Notre Dame	36	38	--	74
Indiana	32	29	--	61

FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.9, Indiana 40.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 46.2, Indiana 14.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, Indiana 69.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Indiana 19. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 7 (D'Amico 3), Indiana 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 8 (Duffy 4), Indiana 4. **Attendance:** 976.

NOTES: Notre Dame starts the season 3-0 for the second consecutive season and third time in the past four seasons ... the Irish move to 6-3 all-time against Indiana, including a 3-1 record in Bloomington ... Notre Dame has won its last three games at Assembly Hall and has a series-long three-game winning streak ... the 13-point margin of victory represents the first time in the nine-game series between the Irish and Hoosiers that a game was decided by double figures ... Notre Dame registers its second win in as many games against a Big Ten Conference opponent this season (also the second year in a row the Irish have earned two Big Ten wins) ... It's also the first win for Notre Dame on the campus of a Big Ten school since Nov. 22 and 24, 2001, when the Irish downed #19 Wisconsin (83-56) and #6 Georgia (75-73) at UW's Kohl Center to win the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge ... Notre Dame now is 9-5 (.643) all-time in its final game before Thanksgiving, including a 7-3 (.700) record since 1996, when the Irish regularly began opening their season prior to the holiday ... the Irish have won 29 of their last 31 games when leading at the half and are 100-8 (.926) in such contests during the past six seasons ... Notre Dame's .549 field goal percentage is its best since Feb. 26, 2005, when the Irish connected at a .582 clip (32-of-55) in a Senior Day victory over West Virginia at the Joyce Center ... senior All-America guard Megan Duffy pumped in a career-high 26 points, one more than her previous best of 25, which she set in an 82-64 win over Wisconsin on Dec. 4, 2003 at the Joyce Center ... it's also the most points for an Irish player since Jacqueline Batteast had 27 points at Marquette on Dec. 19, 2004 ... almost lost in the shuffle, Duffy have five assists and no turnovers while playing all 40 minutes, her first turnover-free complete game since Jan. 9, 2005 at Villanova, when she had seven assists and no giveaways in a 59-54 upset loss to the Wildcats ... with her five assists, Duffy eased past Jeannine Augustin into sixth place on Notre Dame's career assist list with 391 (Augustin had 387 from 1994-97) ... junior guard Breona Gray came off the bench to score 14 points, her eighth career double-figure scoring game and highest point production since a career-best 17 points against Syracuse on Jan. 5, 2005 at the Joyce Center ... senior forward Courtney LaVere reached two milestones — her first basket (a jumper with 8:16 left in the first half) pushed her over the 900-point mark for her career (now at 905) ... LaVere also had two blocked shots, giving her an even 100 blocks for her career and making her the eighth player in school history to reach that landmark ... freshman forward Chandra Smith made her college debut at Indiana, playing three minutes.