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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2004-05 Irish Schedule/Results (5-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)

November

12	#	(10/11) Illinois State	W, 92-73
14	#	(10/11) Nebraska	W, 73-57
17	#	(11/10) Duke (6/6)	W, 76-65
20	#	(11/10) Ohio State (10/9) (ITV)	W, 66-62
22		(6/6) Colorado State	W, 69-47
26		(6/6) at USC (COM)	7:00 PT
30		at Valparaiso	7:05 CT

December

2		Michigan State (CSTV)	7:00 ET
9		at Dayton	7:00 ET
11		Washington (COM)	Noon ET
19		at Marquette	4:00 CT
30		at Northern Illinois	7:00 CT

January

2	*	Seton Hall	2:00 ET
5	*	Syracuse	7:00 ET
9	*	at Villanova (BETV)	2:00 ET
12	*	Connecticut (CSTV)	8:00 ET
16	\$	Purdue (ESPN2)	5:00 ET
19	*	at Syracuse	7:00 ET
23	*	Rutgers (BETV)	2:00 ET
26	*	St. John's (COM)	7:00 ET
30	*	at Connecticut (ESPN2)	7:00 ET

February

2	*	Boston College	7:00 ET
5	*	at Pittsburgh	2:00 ET
9	*	at Providence	7:30 ET
12	*	Georgetown (COM)	2:00 ET
15	*	at Boston College (CSTV)	7:00 ET
19	*	at Rutgers	Noon ET
26	*	West Virginia (COM)	2:00 ET

March

1	*	at Seton Hall	7:00 ET
5-8	%	BIG EAST Championship	
19-22		NCAA First/Second Rounds (ESPN)	
26-29		NCAA Regionals (ESPN)	

April

3-5		NCAA Final Four (Indianapolis, Ind.)	
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* BIG EAST Conference game

Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (contested at campus sites)

\$ BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

% To be played at Hartford Civic Center (Hartford, Conn.)

(ITV) Game televised on Internet at www.sportsview.tv

(COM) Game to be televised on Comcast Local (Detroit)

(CSTV) Game to be televised on College Sports Television

(ESPN/ESPN2) Game to be televised on ESPN or ESPN2

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

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

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

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

GAME 6

(#6 AP/#6 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (5-0)**
vs. **USC Women of Troy (1-1)**

The Date and Time: Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at 7 p.m. PT (10 p.m. ET in South Bend).

The Site: Los Angeles Sports Arena (15,509) in Los Angeles, Calif.

The Tickets: Still available through the Notre Dame athletics ticket office (574-631-7356) or the USC athletics ticket office (213-740-4672).

The TV Plans: Comcast Local (Detroit)/Comcast SportsNet West regional broadcast with **Tracy Warren** (play-by-play), **Tammy Blackburn** (analysis) and **Dennis Kirkpatrick** (producer). The game can be seen live in South Bend on Comcast Cable channel 99, as well as via DirecTV (channel 656) or DISH network (channel 409).

The Radio Plans: Friday's game will be broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend with **Sean Stires** (play-by-play) calling the action. These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com.

Real-Time Statistics: Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, are available for the USC game, via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and USC (www.usctrojans.com) athletics web sites.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), USC (www.usctrojans.com).

#6 IRISH HEAD WEST TO BATTLE USC FRIDAY

After opening with five consecutive home victories and the Preseason WNIT championship, No. 6 Notre Dame will test its skills on the road for the first time this season when it pays a visit to USC Friday for a 7 p.m. (PT) game at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

Notre Dame (5-0) remained unbeaten on the young season with a workmanlike 69-47 victory over Colorado State on Monday night at the Joyce Center. The Irish used a 20-4 run that crossed over half-time to move clear of the Rams and then applied steady defensive pressure (highlighted by 20 steals) to keep CSU off balance the remainder of the evening.

Junior guard **Megan Duffy** led a trio of Notre Dame players in double figures with 15 points and a career-high seven steals, while senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** had a balanced night with 14 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

USC (1-1) last played on Nov. 20, when the Women of Troy dropped a 99-77 decision at No. 20 DePaul in the title game of the Moran Realty Classic. Jamie Hagiya led USC with 14 points and six steals.

Freshman guard Camille LeNoir and senior forward Rachel Woodward are averaging a team-high 10.0 ppg., while junior guard Meghan Gnekow is registering a team-best 7.0 rpg.

Head coach Mark Trakh is in his first season at USC, with a 200-124 (.617) career record in 12 years.

LAST IRISH GAME

#6/6 Notre Dame 69, Colorado State 47
November 22, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Colorado State (47)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Dennett	23	0-3	0-0	1-2	5	0	1	1
Thomas	25	6-11	0-0	0-0	10	1	2	12
Hunter	28	3-10	1-4	0-0	2	2	2	7
Espinoza	28	3-9	0-2	2-2	2	3	3	8
Walseth	23	1-5	1-5	0-0	3	4	1	3
Kramer	16	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Nohr	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
O'Dwyer	22	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	4	2
Tor-Agbidye	14	4-4	0-0	0-0	6	1	2	8
Moulton	15	0-2	0-0	6-8	6	0	3	6
Team					1			
Totals	200	18-49	2-13	9-12	36	12	19	47

Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	30	4-12	0-0	6-9	9	7	0	14
LaVere	20	3-8	0-1	1-2	6	1	2	7
Borton	19	3-6	0-0	3-3	5	0	4	9
Duffy	36	4-9	1-4	6-6	1	5	1	15
Gray	21	1-4	1-1	0-0	2	0	2	3
Allen	31	2-7	0-1	2-2	4	1	0	6
Powers	12	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	0
Tsipis	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	8	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	3
Erwin	20	6-9	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	12
Team					5			
Totals	200	24-58	2-8	19-26	36	18	13	69

Colorado State	23	24	--	47
Notre Dame	31	38	--	69

FG Pct: Colorado State 36.7, Notre Dame 41.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Colorado State 15.4, Notre Dame 25.0. **FT Pct:** Colorado State 75.0, Notre Dame 73.1. **Turnovers:** Colorado State 29, Notre Dame 16. **Blocked Shots:** Colorado State 2, Notre Dame 8. **Steals:** Colorado State 9, Notre Dame 20 (Duffy 7). **Attendance:** 5,115.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL (Nov. 22)

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous
1.	Tennessee (32)	2-0	1
2.	LSU (13)	3-0	3
3.	Georgia	2-0	5
4.	Texas	1-1	2
5.	North Carolina	2-0	9
6.	NOTRE DAME	4-0	11
7.	Stanford	2-0	7
8.	<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>4</i>
9.	Baylor	1-1	8
10.	<i>Duke</i>	<i>3-1</i>	<i>6</i>
11.	<i>Ohio State</i>	<i>3-1</i>	<i>10</i>
12.	Texas Tech	0-0	12
13.	<i>Michigan State</i>	<i>2-0</i>	<i>15</i>
14.	Vanderbilt	1-0	13
15.	<i>Purdue</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>16</i>
16.	Kansas State	2-0	19
17.	<i>Rutgers</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>17</i>
18.	Minnesota	3-1	14
19.	DePaul	2-0	20
20.	<i>Boston College</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>18</i>
21.	Oklahoma	2-0	21
22.	Maryland	2-0	24
23.	Louisiana Tech	0-0	25
24.	<i>Villanova</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>NR</i>
25.	Arizona	2-1	22

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL (Nov. 23)

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous
1.	Tennessee (28)	2-0	1
2.	LSU (11)	3-0	2
3.	Georgia	2-0	5
4.	Texas	1-1	3
5.	Stanford	2-0	7
6.	NOTRE DAME	4-0	10
7.	North Carolina (1)	2-0	12
8.	<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>4</i>
9.	<i>Duke</i>	<i>3-1</i>	<i>6</i>
10.	<i>Ohio State</i>	<i>3-1</i>	<i>9</i>
11.	Texas Tech	0-0	11
12.	Baylor	1-1	8
13.	<i>Purdue</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>14</i>
14.	<i>Michigan State</i>	<i>2-0</i>	<i>15</i>
15.	Vanderbilt	1-0	13
16.	Kansas State	2-0	19
17.	Minnesota	3-1	16
18.	<i>Rutgers</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>18</i>
19.	DePaul	2-0	20
20.	<i>Boston College</i>	<i>1-1</i>	<i>17</i>
21.	Louisiana Tech	0-0	22
22.	Maryland	2-0	24
23.	Oklahoma	2-0	25
24.	Arizona	2-1	21
25.	<i>Villanova</i>	<i>1-0</i>	<i>NR</i>

Italics indicates 2004-05 Notre Dame opponents

A QUICK LOOK AT THE FIGHTING IRISH

With four starters and seven monogram winners back in the fold, Notre Dame would appear to have all the pieces in place for a magical 2004-05 season.

Despite playing five games in the first 11 days of the season, the Irish (5-0) could not have gotten off to a better start, winning the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT after back-to-back victories over top-10 opponents Duke (76-65) and Ohio State (66-62). As a result, Notre Dame has risen to sixth in this week's Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** has been a major catalyst in the early-season charge for the Irish, averaging 20.0 points per game with a .481 field goal percentage. She was named the Preseason WNIT Most Valuable Player and BIG EAST Player of the Week after logging a career-high 32 points in the championship game against Ohio State. She also has been a strong passer and ball handler thus far, averaging 4.8 assists per game with a 3.43 assist/turnover ratio (seven turnovers).

Batteast is one of three Notre Dame players currently scoring in double figures this season. Junior guard **Megan Duffy** is registering 13.4 points and a team-high 6.0 assists per game, serving as the focal point on an Irish offense that has raised its scoring average by 11 ppg. from last year. Duffy also leads Notre Dame with a .526 three-point percentage (10-19) this season. Junior forward **Courtney LaVere** rounds out the double-digit trio at 10.4 points per game, along with 5.2 rebounds per night.

Off the bench, freshman guard **Charel Allen** has been a major contributor early on, averaging 8.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. Her play was critical in the Preseason WNIT semifinal win over Duke, as she scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half to help the Irish come back from an eight-point deficit and eliminate the Blue Devils.

SOME POTENT NOTABLES ABOUT THE FIGHTING IRISH

- Notre Dame is 5-0 for the fourth time in school history, and the third time in the past seven seasons. The other three hot starts came in 1977-78 (the program's first year, when the Irish opened 5-0), 1998-99 (won six in a row to start) and 2000-01 (opened with 23-game win streak en route to school's first national championship).
- The Irish have risen to their highest ranking (No. 6) since the end of the 2000-01 season. That year, Notre Dame was second in the final Associated Press poll (taken before the NCAA Tournament) and first in the year-end ESPN/USA Today poll.
- Including Friday night's game, Notre Dame has been ranked in the top 10 in each of its three visits to USC. In 2000-01, the Irish were third and claimed a 70-61 win, and in 2002-03, Notre Dame was 10th and earned a 69-57 victory.
- The offensive production has returned for Notre Dame, as the Irish are averaging 75.2 points per game through the first five games of the season. That's an 11-point increase over last year's average (64.2 ppg.), which was the team's lowest since 1980-81 (first year at the Division I level).
- Notre Dame currently owns a 25-game homecourt winning streak following Monday's win over Colorado State. That's the second-longest home winning streak in school history (51 games from 1998-2002) and it's the fifth-longest active run in the nation.
- Notre Dame has won 52 of its last 54 non-conference home games, dating back to 1994-95.
- The Irish have posted 32 wins over Top 25 opponents in the past seven seasons (1998-99 to present), including two in its first four games this year (76-65 vs. No. 6 Duke and 66-62 vs. No. 10 Ohio State).
- The Irish have defeated 20 top-10 opponents in their history, adding to that total with their victories over sixth-ranked Duke and 10th-ranked Ohio State in the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT.
- Head coach **Muffet McGraw** needs five victories to pass Digger Phelps for the most wins ever by a Notre Dame basketball coach (men's or women's). In 17-plus seasons with the Irish, McGraw has a 389-149 (.723) record, which also puts her just 11 victories shy of the 400-win mark for her Notre Dame career.

A QUICK LOOK AT USC

This season has an air of renewal to it for USC, as the Women of Troy begin a new era under first-year head coach Mark Trakh. Formerly the skipper at Pepperdine, Trakh takes over a USC program that has a long tradition of success, but is looking to break back into the national elite after hovering around the .500 mark for the past five years.

The Women of Troy (1-1) opened their season last weekend at the DePaul Moran Realty Classic in Chicago, splitting a pair of contests. USC began the year with a 54-49 win over Massachusetts, riding its trademark defensive pressure that created 31 turnovers, including 18 steals. However, fortunes

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Batteast*	F	6-2	Sr.	20.0	5.8	4.8 apg	Has career-high 7 asst. in three of last four games
41	Courtney LaVere	F	6-3	Jr.	10.4	5.2	1.8 apg	Picked up first dbl-dbl of year vs. Duke (13p, 11r)
12	Teresa Borton*	C	6-3	Sr.	8.8	6.2	1.8 bpg	Logged 100th career block in win over Ohio State
13	Megan Duffy*	G	5-7	Jr.	13.4	2.6	5.8 apg	Pinched career-high seven steals vs. Colorado St.
32	Breona Gray	G	5-7	So.	5.8	4.6	1.8 apg	Grabbed six-plus rebs. in three of first five games

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
1	Tulyah Gaines	G	5-6	Fr.	0.0	0.0	0.0 apg	Injured in first half vs. ISU; missed last four games
2	Charel Allen	G	5-11	Fr.	8.8	5.2	2.4 spg	Second on team with 12 steals (five vs. Colo. St.)
3	Susie Powers	G	5-10	So.	1.0	2.0	2.0 apg	Has six assists, one turnover in three games
11	Amanda Tsipis	G	5-10	Fr.	0.7	0.0	0.0 apg	Walk-on frosh nailed late basket in win over ISU
33	Melissa D'Amico	F/C	6-5	Fr.	2.5	3.0	0.8 bpg	Had five rebounds each vs. Illinois St. and Nebraska
34	Crystal Erwin	F	6-1	So.	5.0	3.0	1.0 apg	Scored 12 points (6-9 FG) against Colorado State

*Boldface indicates statistical leaders // * - indicates team captain*

changed for the Women of Troy one day later, as No. 20 DePaul handed USC a 99-77 loss in the tournament's title game. The Women of Troy were in contention at the half, trailing by only six points, but the host Blue Demons pulled away over the final 20 minutes. Nevertheless, USC had five players score in double figures and caused 21 turnovers (15 on steals).

Freshman guard Camille LeNoir and senior forward Rachel Woodward, who had a career-high 22 points on Notre Dame's last visit to Los Angeles in 2002, share the early scoring lead for USC this season, averaging 10.0 points per game. Junior guard Meghan Gnekow, who scored a career-high 20 points at Notre Dame last year, is averaging 7.0 points and a team-high 7.5 rebounds per game. As a team, the Women of Troy are averaging 65.5 ppg. with a .358 field goal percentage.

Trakh came to USC during the off season after a sterling 11-year run at Pepperdine that included six postseason appearances (three NCAA berths). He has a career record of 200-124 (.617), with Friday's game marking his first against Notre Dame.

THE USC SERIES

Contrary to the long-standing rivalry Notre Dame and USC have had on the football field (they will meet for the 76th time Saturday night), the two schools have a very short history on the hardwood. The Irish hold a 5-1 edge in the all-time series with the Women of Troy, including a 2-0 mark in Los Angeles. Notre Dame has won its last five games against USC, all since the series resumed on an annual basis in 1999, including a 73-62 victory in their most recent encounter last season at the Joyce Center (Dec. 22, 2003).

In their last meeting at the Los Angeles Sports Arena on Nov. 29, 2002, the Irish shot 55.3 percent from the field to rally from an early nine-point deficit and post a 69-57 victory. Notre Dame was bitten by the turnover bug (29), but countered that with five players who scored in double figures. Alicia Ratay led the Irish double-digit quintet with 17 points, while **Jacqueline Batteast** notched the first double-double of her sophomore season with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

USC earned its only win over Notre Dame on Jan. 2, 1985, downing the Irish, 69-53 in a game played at Cal State Fullerton. **Laura Dougherty** scored 20 points and **Trena Keys** added 12 points for Notre Dame in a losing effort.

Batteast has been very successful against USC during her career, averaging 17.7 points and 10.3 rebounds with a .465 field goal percentage in three games against the Women of Troy. In fact, she has double-doubles in her last two games in the USC series, and narrowly missed one in her freshman season, ending up with 19 points and seven rebounds.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND USC MET

Jacqueline Batteast had a double-double with 20 points and 13 rebounds and Notre Dame used a

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	USC
Overall record	5-0	1-1
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	6/6	NR
SCORING		
Points scored per game	75.2	65.5
Points allowed per game	60.8	74.0
Field goal percentage	.447	.358
Three-point percentage	.444	.275
Free throw percentage	.757	.681
REBOUNDING		
Rebounds per game	40.6	33.5
Opponent rebs. per game	34.8	46.0
Rebounding margin	+6.8	(-12.5)
OTHER		
Assists per game	19.8	9.5
Turnovers per game	15.8	20.0
Assist/turnover ratio	1.25	0.48
Blocked shots per game	6.2	2.0
Steals per game	11.4	16.5

THE KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly radio show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** airs at 7 p.m. (Central time) each Thursday on ESPN Radio 1000 in Chicago (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). Now in its fifth season, "The Kevin White Show" can be heard in 35 states. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.



THE USC SERIES

Series: Notre Dame leads 5-1. Games Played in Los Angeles: Notre Dame leads 2-0.

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

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	401	66.8
USC	357	59.5

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame - 5 games
Muffet McGraw vs. USC: 5-0
Mark Trakh vs. Notre Dame: First meeting
McGraw vs. Trakh: First meeting
ND Biggest Win: 15 (74-59 on 12/27/99)
USC Biggest Win: 16 (69-53 on 1/2/85)
ND Longest Win Streak: 5 (1999-2003)
USC Longest Win Streak: 1 (1985)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

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

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	10	11
Nov. 15	11	10
Nov. 22	6	6

WHEN THE GAME IS ON THE LINE ...

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

Charel Allen	4-4 (1.000)
Megan Duffy	7-8 (.875)
Jacqueline Batteast	4-5 (.800)
Courtney LaVere	4-5 (.800)
Melissa D'Amico	1-2 (.500)
Breona Gray	1-2 (.500)
TOTAL	21-26 (.808)

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.

NOTRE DAME-USC CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame has two California residents — junior forward **Courtney LaVere** (Ventura, Calif./Buena HS) and sophomore forward **Cristal 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 freshman 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.
- 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 13th season with the Irish, piloting them to their ninth BIG EAST Conference title in 10 years. Her team, which will make its 13th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance next month, is in southern California this weekend, competing in a tournament at Long Beach State. Brown also is a four-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year (1995, 2000, 2001, 2003) and she received the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award in January 2003.

NOTRE DAME VS. THE PAC-10 CONFERENCE

The Irish have a limited history against the Pacific-10 Conference, posting a 14-14 (.500) record against the league all-time (4-9 on the road). However, their recent history with the Pac-10 has been much better, as the Irish have won 11 of their last 13 games against that conference, dating back to a 93-72 loss at UCLA on March 18, 1992, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Notre Dame has played six of the 10 Pac-10 member schools, holding .500 or better series records against Arizona (3-1), Arizona State (1-1), USC (5-1) and Washington (1-1). The Irish have never faced California, Oregon, Oregon State or Washington State on the hardwood.

Notre Dame split its two matchups with Pac-10 schools last year, losing at Washington (85-74), but rebounding to defeat USC (73-62) at the Joyce Center. Besides the UW loss, the only other Pac-10 setback for the Irish in the past 12 years was a last-second 72-70 loss at Arizona on Nov. 24, 2001.

Friday's game is the first of two for Notre Dame against the Pac-10 this season. The Irish will get an opportunity to avenge last year's loss at Washington when the Huskies come to South Bend Dec. 11.

BATTEAST NAMED BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was selected as the BIG EAST Conference Player of the Week, the league office announced Monday. It's the second time in her career that Batteast has

LAST IRISH GAME VS. USC

Notre Dame 73, USC 62
 December 22, 2003
 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

USC (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Hoffman	33	5-8	2-3	2-3	16	0	4	14
Gipson	18	1-3	0-0	1-2	4	0	1	3
Craig	28	4-13	2-6	0-0	3	5	4	10
Gnekow	30	8-11	1-3	3-4	1	0	3	20
Hicks	16	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	1	0
Hagiya	21	1-5	0-2	0-0	2	3	0	2
Cheeks	22	4-8	2-2	1-1	4	4	0	11
Murphy	16	0-7	0-5	2-2	0	2	3	2
Woodward	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Funn	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kerr	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	23-58	7-22	9-12	38	16	18	62

Notre Dame (73)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	37	8-17	1-1	3-4	13	4	3	20
LaVere	33	4-12	0-1	1-2	5	2	2	9
Borton	29	4-7	0-0	0-0	6	1	3	8
Severe	18	5-9	0-0	2-2	0	2	4	12
Duffy	38	4-12	1-2	3-4	4	7	0	12
Powers	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Joyce	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	17	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2
Gray	15	2-3	0-1	1-4	4	0	0	5
Erwin	10	2-4	0-0	1-2	1	1	4	5
Weese	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					7			
Totals	200	30-67	2-5	11-18	40	18	17	73

USC	18	44	--	62
Notre Dame	36	37	--	73

FG Pct: USC 39.7, Notre Dame 44.8. 3-PT FG Pct: USC 31.8, Notre Dame 40.0. FT Pct: USC 75.0, Notre Dame 61.1. Turnovers: USC 24, Notre Dame 15. Blocked Shots: USC 4, Notre Dame 5 (Borton 4). Steals: USC 8, Notre Dame 13 (LaVere 4). Attendance: 6,571.



earned the BIG EAST's top weekly honor, having also won the award on Dec. 29, 2003. Ironically, both times she has been selected as Player of the Week, it has come just hours before a game with Colorado State.

Batteast averaged 21.5 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game with a .507 field goal percentage as Notre Dame swept four games in eight days to win the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT. Along the way, she scored a game-high 17 points in a semifinal victory over No. 6 Duke and a career-high 32 points in the championship game win over No. 10/9 Ohio State. In both contests, she went on personal 10-point runs and helped the Irish overcome eight-point second-half deficits. Against OSU, she scored seven points in Notre Dame's game-ending 12-0 run and blocked a potential game-tying three-point field goal by the Buckeyes' Caitly Matter with two seconds remaining. For her efforts, Batteast was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

CLIMBING THE LADDER

The Irish moved up to sixth in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls this week after winning the championship of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT and defeating two top-10 teams (No. 6 Duke and No. 10 Ohio State) along the way. Notre Dame's No. 6 ranking is its highest in either major national poll since the end of the 2000-01 season, when the Irish were second in the AP poll and first in the ESPN/USA Today balloting after winning the program's first national championship (the final AP poll was taken before the NCAA Tournament).

POLLING PLACE

Notre Dame is 166-40 (.806) all-time when it is ranked in the Associated Press poll at tipoff (the Irish are sixth entering Friday night's game at USC). When playing at home, Notre Dame has been especially strong, going 78-8 (.907) as a ranked host after opening this season with five consecutive victories at the Joyce Center. Conversely, the Irish are 64-24 (.727) all-time when they play on the road as a ranked team.

Upon closer inspection, Notre Dame has been very sharp when it's ranked in the top 10 of the AP poll. The Irish are 91-15 (.858) as a top-10 squad, including a 45-2 (.957) record at home. In fact, Notre Dame currently has a 41-game home winning streak when it is ranked in the AP top 10, ever since the No. 6 Irish lost to top-ranked Connecticut, 106-81 on Dec. 8, 1998.

IRISH PLAYING EARLY AND OFTEN

Monday's game with Colorado State capped off a rugged early-season stretch for Notre Dame that saw the Irish play five times in the first 11 days of the campaign. The last time Notre Dame had such a compressed start to the season was 2000-01, when the Irish played their first five games in a 10-day span. They wound up winning all five contests, highlighted by victories over No. 19 Wisconsin and No. 6 Georgia at the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge.

Actually, Notre Dame isn't quite off the hook as far as quick turnarounds are concerned. By the time the Irish leave the floor after facing Michigan State on Dec. 2, they will have played eight games in 20 days, with just one break of more than three days in that time frame (between the USC game on Friday and the Valparaiso contest on Nov. 30).

The schedule finally becomes a bit kinder to Notre Dame after the MSU game. The Irish will play just four times during the ensuing 30 days, with the trickiest stretch coming with games at Dayton (Dec. 9) and home against Washington (Dec. 11).

THE SEASON FOR SHARING

One of the key elements in Notre Dame's early success has been its penchant for distributing the ball well. In fact, the Irish have averaged 19.8 assists in their first five games, including a Preseason WNIT-record 29 handouts in the season opener vs. Illinois State. Junior guard **Megan Duffy** leads the way, averaging 5.8 assists per game with at least five dimes in four of her first five outings.

PROTECTING THE PILL

The Irish have done a solid job of limiting their turnovers through this initial stretch of the season. Notre Dame is giving the ball up less than 16 times per game, notably registering only 11 turnovers against Nebraska on Nov. 14. Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** has only seven turnovers this season (1.4 per game), with nearly half of those coming on offensive fouls. In fact, Batteast is sporting a 3.43 assist/turnover ratio through her first five games (24 assists, seven turnovers). Junior guard **Megan Duffy** also has handled the ball well with a 1.81 assist/turnover ratio (29 assists, 16 turnovers).

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

MEDIA CONTACT

Notre Dame assistant sports information director **Chris Masters** is the primary media contact for Irish women's basketball. He may be reached in his office at (574) 631-8032, via cell phone at (574) 532-4166 or e-mail at masters.5@nd.edu.

IN-SEASON INTERVIEW POLICY

All requests for Notre Dame player or coach interviews must be made through **Chris Masters** and 24 hours' notice should be allowed when scheduling interviews. Media members also may speak to Irish team personnel following practice sessions. While most practices are open to the media, some may be closed at the staff's discretion — contact **Chris Masters** for the latest practice schedule. On game days, no interviews will be granted prior to competition.

POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES

Following each Irish home game, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players, followed by the visiting head coach and selected players, will be available to speak with the media. Press conferences will be 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** no later than the four-minute mark of the second half.

MEDIA SERVICES

- Credentials for all Notre Dame women's basketball games must be submitted to **Chris Masters** at least 24 hours prior to each game. Media passes will be left at the Joyce Center Media Will Call table, located inside Gate 1.
- Media should park in the lots located immediately south of the Joyce Center (no charge).
- Media members wishing to receive Notre Dame women's basketball game notes and press releases in PDF form via e-mail should send requests to **Chris Masters** at masters.5@nd.edu.
- Notre Dame's official athletics department web site can be found at www.und.com, with extensive offerings including live audio for all Irish women's basketball games (home and away), as well as real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home games.



BIG EAST STANDINGS
(through games of Nov. 23)

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	NOTRE DAME	0-0	5-0
	St. John's	0-0	2-0
	Syracuse	0-0	2-0
	Villanova	0-0	2-0
	West Virginia	0-0	2-0
	Pittsburgh	0-0	1-0
	Rutgers	0-0	1-0
8.	Boston College	0-0	1-1
	Connecticut	0-0	1-1
	Seton Hall	0-0	1-1
11.	Georgetown	0-0	0-2
	Providence	0-0	0-2

**BIG EAST
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 22... **Jacqueline Batteast**, Notre Dame

**BIG EAST
FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 22 Sara Antolick, Syracuse

LOTS OF FREE STUFF

When given the opportunity, Notre Dame has taken advantage of its trips to the free throw line this season. The Irish are shooting 75.7 percent from the charity stripe, led by junior guard **Megan Duffy** (.958, 23-24) and freshman guard **Charel Allen** (.909, 10-11). What's most impressive is the fact Notre Dame is connecting on almost 81 percent of its foul shots (21-26) in the final five minutes of regulation, often times with the game in the balance (see chart on page 4).

One side note about Duffy's free throw prowess — the Irish junior struggled at the line early in her freshman season, shooting just 59.3 percent (16-27) during her first 15 collegiate games. However, in the 54 games since then (Jan. 20, 2003 to present), Duffy is connecting at an .857 clip (138-161) on her foul shots. She also has made 31 of her last 33 free throws (.939) in the past 11 Irish games, dating back to Feb. 28, 2004.

A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER

Notre Dame has been very successful in the month of November over the past decade. Since the start of the 1995-96 campaign, the Irish are 34-8 (.810) in November games, including wins in 16 of their last 21 games in the month.

IRISH DEFEAT OHIO STATE IN PROGRAM'S 800TH ALL-TIME GAME

The Notre Dame women's basketball program achieved an important milestone last Saturday, playing its 800th game as the Irish downed No. 10/9 Ohio State, 66-62 in the championship game of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT. Notre Dame has an overall record 552-248 (.690) in 28 seasons of varsity competition, starting with the 1977-78 campaign

SPORTSVIEW.TV PRESEASON WNIT REWIND

Punctuated by emotional second-half rallies in the semifinal and final, Notre Dame won four consecutive games to claim the 2004 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT championship. The Irish capped off their season-opening charge with a 66-62 victory over No. 10/9 Ohio State in the title game, scoring the final 12 points of the contest to erase an eight-point Buckeye lead with a little more than five minutes remaining. That win came on the heels of a 76-65 semifinal conquest of No. 6 Duke, a victory that also saw Notre Dame come back from an eight-point deficit late in the second half.

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was named the tournament Most Valuable Player after averaging 21.5 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.3 assists with a .507 field goal percentage in the four-game series. Batteast was at her best in the final two games, scoring a game-high 17 points vs. Duke (including a personal 10-0 run that put the Irish ahead for good) and then rolling up a career-best 32 points in the championship game against Ohio State. In that latter contest, she had another 10-point run in the first half and later scored seven of her team's last 12 points, including the go-ahead jumper with 2:45 to play. However, her biggest contribution came with two seconds remaining, when she raced from the top of the key all the way to the corner, blocking OSU's potential game-tying three-pointer to cement Notre Dame's title.

Not to be overlooked, junior guard **Megan Duffy** earned a place on the Preseason WNIT all-tournament team after recording 15.0 points and 6.0 assists per game with a .500 field goal percentage (.600 from beyond the arc). She was the catalyst for an Irish offense that averaged nearly 77 points per game and dished out better than 20 assists per night in the tournament, including a Preseason WNIT-record 29 assists in the first round vs. Illinois State.

THE COLORADO STATE RECAP

Junior guard **Megan Duffy** scored 15 points and senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** added 14 points, nine rebounds and seven assists to lead No. 6 Notre Dame to a 69-47 victory over Colorado State on Monday night at the Joyce Center.

After beating top-10 opponents Duke and Ohio State last week to win the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT, the Irish (5-0) had little trouble with the Rams (1-1). Notre Dame took control with a 20-4 run that started with five minutes remaining in the first half and extended into the second half, moving ahead 41-25 when Batteast hit a free throw with 15:33 left.

Playing their fifth game in 11 days, the Irish were a little ragged at times, turning the ball over 16 times. But they dominated inside, outscoring the Rams 38-20 in the paint. Notre Dame also had a season-high 20 steals, outscoring Colorado State 38-13 off of turnovers.

Sophomore forward **Crystal Erwin** added 12 points for the Irish on 6-of-9 shooting. Lindsay Tho-



mas led the Rams with 12 points and 10 rebounds. No one else scored in double figures for the Rams, who shot 37 percent.

CSU led 15-11 when Msur Tor-Agbidye hit a jumper in the lane midway through the first half. But the Irish responded with a 9-0 run for a 20-15 lead on a layup by Batteast with seven minutes left. The Rams tied it at 21 before a 10-0 run by the Irish put the host team ahead to stay. Notre Dame dominated in the second half, moving ahead by as many as 25 points (61-36) when Erwin scored inside with 6:49 remaining.

NOTING THE COLORADO STATE VICTORY

- Notre Dame was playing its fifth game in 11 days, the most compressed early-season schedule for the Irish since 2000-01, when Notre Dame also went 5-0.
- The Irish improve to 3-1 all-time against Colorado State, winning their third in a row against the Rams since losing the initial matchup in Fort Collins, Colo., in November 2001.
- For the fourth time in five games, Notre Dame had at least three players scoring in double figures.
- Also for the fourth time this season, the Irish finished on the plus side of the assist/turnover ratio.
- The Irish forced 29 turnovers, their best defensive production since they caused 37 Miami turnovers on Feb. 25, 2004 at the Joyce Center.
- Notre Dame came up with 20 steals against Colorado State, the most thefts the Irish have recorded in a single game since Nov. 26, 2002, when they also had 20 steals in a victory over Cleveland State at the Joyce Center.
- Notre Dame held CSU to an opponent season-low 47 points, including just 23 in the first half.
- Junior guard **Megan Duffy** swiped a career-high seven steals, while freshman guard **Charel Allen** added five thefts.
- For the third time in the past four games, senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** tied her career high with seven assists.
- Sophomore forward **Crystal Erwin** had her second double-figure scoring game of the year after having only one all of last season. She also set new career highs with six field goals made and nine field goal attempts.

BATTEAST RAKES IN PRESEASON HONORS

Senior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind.) has been squarely in the national spotlight during the past three months as the 2004-05 campaign gets underway. In fact, no less than seven different outlets have placed the 6-foot-2 wing among the nation's elite women's college basketball players heading into this season (see chart on page 8 for complete rundown of honors).

The run began in August, when Batteast was selected to the John R. Wooden Women's Award Preseason All-American Team, also putting her on a list of the top 30 candidates for the Wooden Women's Award that is presented to the nation's top women's college basketball player. This marks the second consecutive year in which Batteast has been accorded preseason honors from the Wooden Women's Award.

Shortly thereafter, Batteast's name was placed on the 31-player watch list for the State Farm/Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Wade Trophy, that also goes to the country's top female collegiate cager. Like the Wooden Award, this is Batteast's second consecutive appearance on the Wade Trophy Watch List.

In early September, two national publications came out with their preseason All-America teams and Batteast was a top selection by both outlets. *Lindy's College Basketball Annual* touted Batteast as a preseason first-team All-America selection, while *Street & Smith's* put the South Bend native on its preseason "Terrific 10" list, highlighting what it believes to be the 10 best players in the country.

The web-based publication *Gballmag.com* also chimed in on Batteast's abilities, making her a pre-season second-team All-America selection in October.

Earlier this week, two more honors came Batteast's way. The Associated Press named her to its exclusive five-player preseason All-America team, while the Naismith Trophy placed her on its 50-player preseason watch list for the award, which goes to the nation's top player.

However, Batteast's highest honor to date came in late October, when *Basketball News* chose her as its 2004-05 Preseason National Player of the Year. The magazine also made her a preseason first-team All-America choice. All three preseason publications (*Lindy's*, *Street & Smith's* and *Basketball News*) are currently available at newsstands across the country.

2004-05 BIG EAST PRESEASON POLL

1.	Connecticut (10)	120
2.	NOTRE DAME (2)	105
3.	Boston College	97
4.	Rutgers	96
5.	Villanova	86
6.	West Virginia	68
7.	Seton Hall	58
8.	St. John's	43
9.	Syracuse	42
10.	Georgetown	39
11.	Pittsburgh	27
12.	Providence	11

(first place votes are listed in parentheses)

2004-05 Preseason Player of the Year
Jacqueline Batteast, Sr., F, 6-2, Notre Dame

2004-05 Preseason Freshman of the Year
 Charde Houston, Fr., G/F, 6-1, Connecticut

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team^

- ***Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame, Sr., F**
- Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College, Sr., G
- Yolanda Paige, West Virginia, Sr., G
- Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers, Sr., G
- Ann Strother, Connecticut, Jr., G
- Liad Suez, Villanova, Jr., F
- *Barbara Turner, Connecticut, Jr., G/F

* - unanimous selection

^ - due to tie in voting, seven players are on first team

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

- Meg Bulger, West Virginia, So., G
- Angela Clark, St. John's, So., F
- Megan Duffy, Notre Dame, Jr., G**
- Jessica Moore, Connecticut, Sr., F/C
- Kathrin Ress, Boston College, So., F



2004-05 IRISH HONORS

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

Basketball News Preseason Player of the Year
State Farm/WBCA Wade Trophy Watch List
Naismith Trophy Watch List

John R. Wooden Women's Award Watch List
Preseason All-American:

- first team (Associated Press)
- first team (Lindy's Annual)
- first team (Basketball News)
- second team (Gballmag.com)
- "Terrific 10" (Street & Smith's)
- John R. Wooden Women's Award (top 30)

ESPN.com top five wings in country
BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year
Preseason first-team all-BIG EAST (unanimous)
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT MVP
BIG EAST Player of the Week (Nov. 22)

Megan Duffy (Jr., Dayton, Ohio)

Preseason second-team all-BIG EAST
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT All-Tournament Team

TOP JOYCE CENTER
CROWDS

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	2/10/02	#16 Boston Coll.	W, 60-44	9,676
4.	3/19/01	Michigan (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.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
15.	2/26/02	Villanova	L, 45-48	7,785
16.	2/19/02	West Virginia	W, 72-63	7,709
17.	1/18/03	Rutgers	L, 61-64	7,697
18.	2/13/02	St. John's	W, 66-31	7,677
19.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
20.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530

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

BATTEAST, DUFFY EARN PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

Notre Dame senior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind./Washington HS) was chosen as the 2004-05 BIG EAST Conference Preseason Player of the Year, according to a vote of the league's head coaches. In addition, Batteast was a unanimous preseason first-team all-conference selection, while Irish junior guard **Megan Duffy** (Dayton, Ohio/Chaminade-Julienne HS) was named a preseason second-team all-BIG EAST honoree. The preseason all-conference teams were announced Oct. 28 at BIG EAST Women's Basketball Media Day, which was held at the Liberty Airport Hilton in Newark, N.J.

Batteast, a fifth-team All-America pick by *Basketball Times* and honorable mention All-America choice by the Associated Press last season, is the first player from a school other than Connecticut to be chosen as the BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year since Miami's Vicki Plowden in 1992. Plowden went on to earn first-team all-conference honors and was the Most Outstanding Player of the 1993 BIG EAST Championship, which Miami won.

Batteast is coming off the finest campaign of her Notre Dame career, averaging personal bests of 16.0 points and 8.6 rebounds per game while garnering first-team all-BIG EAST Conference honors, her third consecutive all-league selection. In addition, Batteast was dominating in the 2004 NCAA Tournament, averaging 22.0 points and 11.7 rebounds per game with a .483 field goal percentage and three double-doubles as the Irish advanced to the Sweet Sixteen and came within a minute of ousting top-seeded Penn State in the regional semifinals before falling, 55-49. Her performances against Top 25 opponents last season also were sharp, as she registered 16.3 points, 9.0 rebounds and 1.5 blocks with five double-doubles and three near double-doubles in 11 games.

Duffy was chosen as the 2004 BIG EAST Most Improved Player and was an honorable mention all-conference selection last season after averaging 9.9 points and 3.9 assists per game. She posted a nearly 100 percent improvement in both her field goal (.403) and three-point (.404) percentages while more than tripling her scoring average from her freshman season. She also was a steady influence at the point guard position, ranking seventh in the BIG EAST in assist/turnover ratio (1.36) and free throw percentage (.819). She is set to begin her second full season as a starter for the Irish next month.

NOTRE DAME DEBUTS 10TH IN AP POLL, 11TH IN ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES' POLL

For the eighth time in the past nine seasons, Notre Dame was ranked in both the preseason Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls. The Irish were tabbed 10th in this year's first AP poll and 11th in the initial coaches' poll, marking the sixth consecutive year that Notre Dame was ranked 16th or higher by both polls to start the season. The Irish achieved their highest preseason ranking in 2000-01, when they debuted at No. 5 in the coaches' poll and No. 6 in the Associated Press poll.

In addition to its placement in the two major national polls, Notre Dame also was ranked high in the polls by several preseason media outlets (see chart at right).

PRESEASON POLLS

Sports Illustrated	10th
SLAM	10th
Gballmag.com	10th
Basketball News	11th
Street & Smith's	11th
Lindy's College Basketball Annual	14th
Athlon Sports	15th
Women's Basketball News Service	17th

NOTRE DAME RANKED SECOND IN PRESEASON BIG EAST POLL

According to a preseason survey of the BIG EAST Conference coaches, Notre Dame is expected to finish second in the conference this season. Those were the results released at the league's annual Media Day Oct. 28 in Newark, N.J. The Irish earned 105 points, including two first-place votes, which placed them behind only three-time defending national champion Connecticut (120 points, 10 first-place votes). Boston College was third, followed by Rutgers, Villanova and West Virginia. All six of those schools qualified for the NCAA Tournament last season, with Notre Dame, Connecticut and Boston College all advancing to the Sweet Sixteen.

Notre Dame is beginning its 10th season as a member of the BIG EAST Conference in 2004-05. The Irish have gone 124-28 (.816) all-time in regular-season conference games, posting the best winning percentage in league history. Connecticut is second with a .778 success rate. Notre Dame also has finished either first or second in the final BIG EAST regular-season standings eight times in its first nine seasons in the conference, including a share of the BIG EAST title in 2000-01.

HALF AND HALF

Over the past four seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 81-7 (.920) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room



with the lead. Notre Dame has added four wins to that count this season (Illinois State, Nebraska, Ohio State and Colorado State).

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

During the past decade, 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 131-6 (.956) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. That count includes this season's wins over Nebraska and Colorado State.

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

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the past decade (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 89-3 (.967) 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 another win to that ledger with its opening-night 92-73 win over Illinois State.

SWEET SUCCESS

Notre Dame is one of only five schools in the country to have appeared in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen six times in the past eight seasons (1997-2004). The others are Connecticut (eight times), Tennessee (eight times), Duke (seven times) and Louisiana Tech (seven times).

THE GOLD STANDARD

The Irish are one of just six teams nationwide to have an active streak of 11 consecutive 20-win seasons. The others in these elite club are Tennessee (28), Texas Tech (15), Louisiana Tech (13), Old Dominion (13) and Connecticut (11).

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 207 games over the past nine seasons, which stands as the eighth-most wins of any school in the country during that time. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since the start of the 1996-97 campaign (totals through games of Nov. 23):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-01	'01-'02	'02-03	'03-04	'04-05	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	39	37	31	1	272
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	30	33	31	2	259
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	25	31	29	0	238
4. Duke	19	24	29	28	30	31	35	30	3	229
5. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	28	21	25	0	215
6. Purdue	17	23	34	23	31	24	29	29	1	212
7. UC Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	22	26	27	27	1	210
8. NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	20	21	21	5	207
9. Texas Tech	20	26	30	28	25	20	29	25	1	204

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 118 of their last 127 games (.929) at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center, including a current 25-game winning streak, the second-longest in school history and the fifth-longest active run in the nation (through games of Nov. 23). Notre Dame also has a 69-7 (.908) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game league winning streak at home before it was snapped with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the 2002 home finale.

The Irish have been particularly strong when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 52 of their last 54 non-BIG EAST contests (.963) at the Joyce Center, dating back to the 1994-95 season. The only two losses in that span came to Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69) and Purdue in

LONGEST ACTIVE HOME WIN STREAKS

1. Texas 37
2. Arizona 29
3. (tie) Louisiana Tech 28
(tie) Western Illinois 28
5. **NOTRE DAME** **24**
6. Delaware State 22
7. Southwest Missouri State 21
8. Old Dominion 17
9. Sacred Heart 14

2004-05 IRISH TRENDS

Day of the Week	
Sunday	1-0
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	1-0
Thursday	0-0
Friday	1-0
Saturday	1-0
Time of Game	
Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	0-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	5-0
Location	
Home games	5-0
Road games	0-0
Neutral site games	0-0
Halftime score	
Leading at the half	4-0
Trailing at the half	1-0
Tied at the half	0-0
Rebounding margin	
Grab more rebounds than opponents	4-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	0-0
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	1-0
Field goal shooting	
Higher pct. than opponent	4-0
Lower pct. than opponent	1-0
Shoot 45% or better	1-0
Shoot less than 45%	4-0
Hold opponent under 40%	3-0
Free throw margin	
Make more free throws	4-0
Make fewer free throws	1-0
Make same number of free throws	0-0
Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers	3-0
Commit more turnovers	2-0
Miscellaneous	
Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	2-0
On television	1-0
In white jerseys	5-0
In blue jerseys	0-0
In green jerseys	0-0
In overtime games	0-0
Margin of Victory	
1-5 points	1-0
6-10 points	0-0
11-15 points	1-0
16-20 points	2-0
21+ points	1-0
Conference Affiliation	
BIG EAST	0-0
Atlantic Coast	1-0
Atlantic 10	0-0
Big Ten	1-0
Big 12	1-0
Conference USA	0-0
Mid-American	0-0
Mid-Continent	0-0
Missouri Valley	1-0
Mountain West	1-0
Pacific-10	0-0
Month	
November	5-0
December	0-0
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0



2004-05 IRISH INSIGHTS

- Several members of the Irish women's basketball team have attached a tiny medallion to their shoestrings with an engraving of the Guardian Angel on one side, while the other features an etching of St. Michael (a saint believed to protect warriors and guide them to victory in battle). The medallion was presented to them by a campus priest just before the start of the season.
- For the first time in the 28-year history of the Notre Dame women's basketball program, a player will wear jersey No. 1 (**Tulyah Gaines**) and No. 2 (**Charel Allen**) this season. The only remaining NCAA-approved jersey numbers an Irish player has never worn are No. 51, No. 53 and No. 54.
- Junior guard **Megan Duffy** does most things in her life right-handed, including eating, writing and swinging a golf club (she was a four-time all-city selection in high school). About the only thing she does left-handed? Shoot a basketball, which she's done quite well for the Irish for the past two seasons.
- Two Irish players — senior **Jacqueline Batteast** and junior **Courtney LaVere** — have designs on entering the broadcasting industry when their playing days are over. In fact, LaVere spent this past summer as an intern in the sports department at WNDU-TV, the NBC affiliate in South Bend.
- A close look at the shoes of sophomore guard **Breona Gray** reveals the words "Big Granny." Gray has dedicated this season to the memory of her late grandmother, Viola Johnson, whom she and her family affectionately knew as "Big Granny."
- Senior center **Teresa Borton** has developed into an accomplished amateur photographer during her stay at Notre Dame. In fact, on more than one occasion, Borton has been spotted among the crowd of shutterbugs on the baseline at Irish men's basketball games.

2003 (71-54). 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 268-70 (.793) record at the venerable facility. In three of the past five 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 in the top 15 in the nation in attendance each of the past four years. The Irish extended that streak in 2003-04, ranking 12th with an average of 6,650 fans per game.

All of the top 20 crowds in the Irish record book have occurred during the 18-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw** (1987-present). And, as more evidence of Notre Dame's rapid elevation to "hot ticket" status in South Bend, 19 of the top 20 crowds in school history have been recorded in the past six seasons (1999-2000 to present), including 12 audiences of 8,000 or more fans, and 54 of the past 56 games with at least 5,000 fans in the house.

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

The Irish are scheduled to make at least eight appearances on regional or national television during the 2004-05 season (additional broadcasts may be announced at a later date).

Notre Dame made its TV debut this season on Nov. 20 when it defeated No. 10/9 Ohio State, 66-62 in the championship game of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT. That contest was shown globally via broadband Internet connection at www.sportsview.tv, as well either live or delayed on several Comcast SportsNet outlets nationwide. The American Forces Network, which broadcasts to more than one million U.S. service men and women in 176 countries, also aired the game.

The Irish return to the airwaves on Dec. 2 when it plays host to Michigan State on College Sports Television (CSTV). That's the first of three Notre Dame games that will air nationally on the fledgling cable network, which has signed an agreement with the BIG EAST Conference to carry a national women's basketball Game of the Week eight times in 2004-05. The Irish also will face Connecticut on Jan. 12 at the Joyce Center and visit Boston College on Feb. 15 in front of the CSTV cameras.

In addition, Notre Dame is scheduled to play twice on ESPN2 this season. On Jan. 16, the Irish will battle Purdue in the second annual BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge at the Joyce Center. Two weeks later on Jan. 30, Notre Dame travels to Storrs, Conn., to meet Connecticut at Gampel Pavilion.

The BIG EAST also has added two Irish games to its regional television package this season. Notre Dame will visit Villanova on Jan. 9 and will play host to Rutgers on Jan. 23, both on BIG EAST Television. Among those affiliates carrying the BETV package are Comcast SportsNet outlets in Chicago, Philadelphia and the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as Fox Sports Net outlets in New York, New England and Pittsburgh. Exact clearances will be made available closer to game time.

NOTRE DAME ON THE AIRWAVES

Once again this season, every Irish women's basketball game (home and away) airs 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 fifth 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 College Sports Pass, which gives listeners full multimedia access to a variety of Irish athletics events for only \$6.95 per month.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

For the fourth time in school history (all during the **Muffet McGraw** era), Notre Dame will have three players sharing the captain's duties this year. Senior forward **Jacqueline Batteast**, senior center **Teresa Borton** and junior guard **Megan Duffy** all were accorded the honor based upon a vote of their teammates prior to the season. All three are serving as captains for the first time in their respective careers.

IRISH ADD TWO PLAYERS DURING EARLY SIGNING PERIOD

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** has announced that **Lindsay Schrader**, a 6-0 guard from Bartlett, Ill., and **Chandrica Smith**, a 6-1 forward from Stone Mountain, Ga., have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing National Letters of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2005.



GRADUATION RATES

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

The federally mandated 2004 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1994 and 1997 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 athletic 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 Northwestern and Stanford Universities. The national average for Division I-A schools is 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 also graduated 71 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally, and Irish football players graduated at a 77 percent rate, to rank eighth.

All Student-Athletes

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

Female Student-Athletes

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

Male Student-Athletes

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

With the additions of Schrader and Smith, Notre Dame's newest recruiting class is ranked 16th in the nation by *Blue Star Index*. That marks the ninth consecutive year the Irish have had a top-20 class, according to that publication, which makes Notre Dame one of only three schools in the nation that can claim that distinction (Connecticut and Tennessee are the others).

Schrader has been widely regarded as one of the top all-around players in the state of Illinois while attending Bartlett High School the past three seasons. She is a three-time all-state selection, a two-time Illinois Miss Basketball finalist, and a two-time *Street & Smith's* All-America selection who has averaged 20.1 points, 9.8 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 1.8 blocks per game in her prep career. Her finest all-around season came as a junior in 2003-04, when she averaged 20.8 ppg., 10.8 rpg. and 2.0 bpg. while earning first-team all-state honors from the Associated Press, *Chicago Tribune* and *Champaign News-Gazette*. She also was a sixth-team All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and was a finalist for Illinois Miss Basketball honors, an award she will likely contend for once again this season.

On the summer camp circuit, Schrader was an Underclass All-Star at the 2002 adidas Top Ten Camp, before attending the Nike All-America Camp in both 2003 and 2004. She is ranked among the top 30 high school seniors in the nation by three separate recruiting services — *Blue Star Index* (14th), *All-Game Sports* (21st) and *All-Star Girls Report* (26th overall — eighth among shooting guards).

In addition, Schrader made a significant impact at the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs. Playing for the North Team that won the silver medal, she ranked third at the Festival in scoring (14.8 ppg.) and rebounding (8.6 rpg.), as well as second in field goal percentage (.542). All three figures were team highs, as were her 2.2 steals per game. For her efforts, Schrader was invited to attend the 2004 USA Women's Junior World Championship Qualifying Team Trials, where she was one of 17 finalists for the 12-player team that won the gold medal this past August.

Smith currently attends Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., where she transferred prior to her senior season. Previously, she was a standout at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga., where she averaged 12.5 points, 8.1 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2.4 blocks per game with a .620 field goal percentage. She also was a key component in the Jaguars' run to a 32-1 record and the Georgia 5A state championship last year. In fact, during her first three prep seasons, her teams posted a combined 89-7 (.927) record with three trips to the Georgia state championship and one state title.

Smith herself has received numerous accolades during her high school career. She is a two-time honorable mention All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and was a *Student Sports* All-American in 2004. In addition, she attended the adidas Top Ten Camp three consecutive years and was named to its prestigious all-star team all three years (Underclass All-Star in 2002 & 2003; Upperclass All-Star in 2004). Last season, she was an honorable mention 5A all-state selection and a first-team all-county choice. She is ranked as high as 29th in the nation among high school seniors by *All-Star Girls Report*.

Like Schrader, Smith also attended the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs. Playing for the South Team, she averaged 5.4 points and 2.6 rebounds per game, scoring a personal-best 13 points in the bronze-medal game victory over the East squad.

MUFFET MCGRAW SIGNS CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH 2010-11 SEASON

On Nov. 6, Notre Dame announced that **Muffet McGraw** has signed a two-year extension to continue as head coach of the Notre Dame women's basketball program through the 2010-11 season.

McGraw, who is now in her 18th season with the Irish, most recently signed a four-year contract extension in July 2002 that took her through the 2008-09 season. Her first 17 seasons at Notre Dame have been highlighted by 15 20-win campaigns (including a current string of 11 straight), 11 NCAA tournament appearances (including a current streak of nine straight) and the 2001 NCAA title. Entering the 2004-05 season, she had a 384-149 (.720) record at Notre Dame.

In 2003-04, McGraw skillfully guided her team to a 21-11 record and a second consecutive berth in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen (the fourth for the Irish in five years). McGraw's charges placed second in the BIG EAST Conference, their eighth top-two finish since joining the league nine years ago. In addition, the Irish went 15-0 at home, their third perfect record at the Joyce Center in the past five seasons, and extended their overall home win streak to 20 games, the second-longest in school history and eighth-longest active string in the nation heading into the 2004-05 campaign.

McGraw has continued to enhance her reputation as one of the nation's outstanding big-game coaches and tacticians, piloting Notre Dame to a school-record seven wins over top 25 teams during the 2003-04 regular season. During her 17-year tenure with the Irish, McGraw has compiled 40 victories over nationally-ranked opponents, including 30 in the past six seasons (an average of five per year).



IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Total Points

7. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
8. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439
9. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	1,430
10. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	1,415

Scoring Average

3. Ruth Riley (1997-01)	15.8
4. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	14.9
5. Heidi Bunek (1985- 89)	14.5

Three-Point Field Goals Made

7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	92
8. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	85
9. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	82
10. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	63

Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	241
8. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	231
9. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	216
10. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	168

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

6. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	.383
7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	.382
8. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.377
9. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	.375 (63-168)

Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-2003)	.872
2. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	.819 (154-188)
Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
4. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

Rebounds

4. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	853
5. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	826
6. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	776

Rebounding Average (min. 6.5 per game)

1. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	8.8
2. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	8.2
3. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	8.1
4. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	7.8

Blocked Shots

4. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	133
5. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	131
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	124
7. Teresa Borton (2001-present)	102

Double-Doubles

1. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	40
2. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	36
3. (tie) Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	32
(tie) Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	32

Boldface indicates current players

Under McGraw's guidance, the past nine years have been the most successful in Notre Dame's history as the Irish have compiled an impressive 225-69 (.765) record, including a sparkling 124-28 (.816) regular-season mark in BIG EAST play, the best winning percentage in league history. Notre Dame also has averaged 25 victories per campaign during that span, with two 30-win seasons to its credit. The Irish have won at least one NCAA tournament game every season over that time, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen six times (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004) and the Final Four twice (1997 and 2001).

BIG EAST CONFERENCE APPROVES BASKETBALL STRUCTURE FOR 2005-06

The Presidents of the BIG EAST Conference institutions have approved all recommendations by the league's athletic directors relating to the structure of men's and women's basketball beginning in the 2005-06 academic year. The approvals were made at the Presidents' annual meeting held in Philadelphia on Nov. 9.

The recommendations include maintaining a 12-team postseason conference championship tournament and a one-division regular season structure. The men's and women's teams will continue to play 16-game regular season league schedules.

In 2005-06, the BIG EAST will include 16 schools. The new members will be: University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, University of Louisville, Marquette University and University of South Florida. While the tournament format will be the same for the men and women, the formula for regular season scheduling will be different. The men's teams will play 13 opponents with three repeat matchups to reach 16 league games. The women's teams will meet each opponent once and have one repeat opponent.

For regular season scheduling, the conference office will determine prior to each season which matchups will be repeated. The factors in making the repeat games will be television, rivalries and geography.

BIG EAST men's teams have captured the last two NCAA crowns and three of the last six. BIG EAST women's teams have won the last five NCAA titles. The BIG EAST conducts its men's championship at Madison Square Garden in New York. The women's championship is played at the Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, Conn.

PROMOTIONAL CORNER

Here's a rundown of some upcoming promotions and giveaways at future Notre Dame women's basketball games this season (additional promotions and giveaways may be added at a later date):

- Dec. 2 vs. Michigan State — Notre Dame women's basketball rally towels (first 1,500 fans)
- Dec. 11 vs. Washington — Notre Dame women's basketball glow balls (first 2,000 fans)
- Jan. 2 vs. Seton Hall — Adidas bracelets (first 5,000 fans)

NEXT GAME: VALPARAISO

Following a 2,100-mile trip to the West Coast for the USC game, Notre Dame's second road contest of the year will feature a considerably shorter journey. The Irish will venture just 60 miles west to take on Valparaiso next Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 7:05 p.m. (CT). Notre Dame is 17-0 all-time against the Crusaders, including a 7-0 mark at Valparaiso's Athletics-Recreation Center. Last season, the Irish picked up a 74-57 victory at the Joyce Center.

The Crusaders (0-2) stumbled out of the gate last weekend, losing twice at the Subway Classic, hosted by nationally-ranked Minnesota. Valparaiso fell to former BIG EAST Conference member Virginia Tech, 64-57 in its opener before losing to a hot-shooting Arkansas State club, 82-61 in the consolation game of the tournament. Senior forward Jenna Stangler averaged a team-high 19.0 points per game during the two-day event.

Prior to facing Notre Dame, Valparaiso will take on NAIA power St. Xavier Sunday afternoon as part of the Valparaiso State Farm Classic, to be held at the Genesis Center in Gary, Ind.

2004-05 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 5-0 (Home: 5-0, Away: 0-0, 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. 12	10/11		(1) ILLINOIS STATE	W 92-73	W1	1-0		LaVere-18	three with 6	Duffy-8	6,190
Nov. 14	10/11		(1) NEBRASKA	W 73-57	W2	2-0		Batteast-24	Borton-11	Batteast-7	5,370
Nov. 17	11/10	6/6	(1) DUKE	W 76-65	W3	3-0		Batteast-17	LaVere-11	two with 7	3,094
Nov. 20	11/10	10/9	(1) OHIO STATE (ITV)	W 66-62	W4	4-0		Batteast-32	Gray-6	Duffy-6	3,925
Nov. 22	6/6		COLORADO STATE	W 69-47	W5	5-0		Duffy-15	Batteast-9	Batteast-7	5,115
Nov. 26			at USC (COM)	7 p.m. PT							
Nov. 30			at Valparaiso	7:05 p.m. CT							
Dec. 2			MICHIGAN STATE (CSTV)	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 9			at Dayton	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 11			WASHINGTON (COM)	Noon ET							
Dec. 19			at Marquette	4 p.m. CT							
Dec. 30			at Northern Illinois	7 p.m. CT							
Jan. 2			SETON HALL*	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 5			SYRACUSE*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 9			at Villanova* (BETV)	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 12			CONNECTICUT* (CSTV)	8 p.m. ET							
Jan. 16			(2) PURDUE (ESPN2)	5 p.m. ET							
Jan. 19			at Syracuse*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 23			RUTGERS* (BETV)	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 26			ST. JOHN'S* (COM)	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 30			at Connecticut* (ESPN2)	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 2			BOSTON COLLEGE*	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 9			at Providence*	7:30 p.m. ET							
Feb. 12			GEORGETOWN* (COM)	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 15			at Boston College* (CSTV)	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 19			at Rutgers*	Noon ET							
Feb. 26			WEST VIRGINIA* (COM)	2 p.m. ET							
March 1			at Seton Hall*	7 p.m. ET							
<u>BIG EAST Championship (Hartford Civic Center - Hartford, Conn.)</u>											
March 5			First Round	TBA							
March 6			Quarterfinals (CSTV)	TBA							
March 7			Semifinals (CSTV)	6/8 p.m. ET							
March 8			Championship (ESPN)	7 p.m. ET							
<u>NCAA Tournament - First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)</u>											
March 19-20			First Round (ESPN/ESPN2)								
March 21-22			Second Round (ESPN/ESPN2)								
<u>NCAA Regionals (East - Philadelphia, Pa.; Mideast - Chattanooga, Tenn.; Midwest - Kansas City, Mo.; West - Tempe, Ariz.)</u>											
March 26-27			Semifinals (ESPN)								
March 28-29			Finals (ESPN)								
<u>NCAA Final Four (RCA Dome - Indianapolis, Ind.)</u>											
April 3			National Semifinals (ESPN)								
April 5			National Championship Game (ESPN)								

* BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (held at campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(ITV) Game televised live on Internet at www.sportsview.tv

(COM) Game to be televised live on Comcast Local (Detroit)

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

(ESPN/ESPN2) Game to be televised live on ESPN or ESPN2

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

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

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

2004-05 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	23,694	4,739	6,190 (ISU - 11/12)
Home:	23,694	4,739	6,190 (ISU - 11/12)
Away:	0	0	0
Neutral:	0	0	0

NOTRE DAME VS. USC

2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

Overall Record: 5-0 (Home: 5-0, Away: 0-0, 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.
Batteast, Jacqueline	5-5	149-29.8	38-79	.481	2-5	.400	22-28	.786	10	19	29	5.8	10-0	24	7	7	9	100	20.0
Duffy, Megan	5-5	186-37.2	17-35	.486	10-19	.526	23-24	.958	0	13	13	2.6	6-0	29	16	0	14	67	13.4
LaVere, Courtney	5-5	111-22.2	20-43	.465	0-1	.000	12-20	.600	6	20	26	5.2	10-0	9	11	6	6	52	10.4
Borton, Teresa	5-5	111-22.2	17-34	.500	0-0	.000	10-12	.833	18	13	31	6.2	15-0	5	5	9	1	44	8.8
Allen, Charel	5-0	140-28.0	16-38	.421	2-4	.500	10-11	.909	12	14	26	5.2	7-0	11	8	5	12	44	8.8
Gray, Breona	5-5	131-26.2	12-31	.387	1-2	.500	4-6	.667	8	15	23	4.6	9-0	9	15	0	9	29	5.8
Erwin, Crystal	5-0	80-16.0	12-27	.444	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	5	10	15	3.0	13-1	5	10	1	3	25	5.0
D'Amico, Melissa	4-0	37-9.3	4-13	.308	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	8	4	12	3.0	6-0	1	4	3	2	10	2.5
Powers, Susie	3-0	41-13.7	1-8	.125	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1	5	6	2.0	2-0	6	1	0	1	3	1.0
Tsipis, Amanda	3-0	9-3.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
Gaines, Tulyah	1-0	5-5.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team									13	9	22	4.4			2				
Notre Dame	5	1000	138-309	.447	16-36	.444	84-111	.757	81	122	203	40.6	79-1	99	79	31	57	376	75.2
Opponents	5	1000	112-290	.386	21-76	.276	59-85	.694	66	108	174	34.8	97-2	72	100	18	37	304	60.8

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 9, Opponents 16

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	169	207	-- 376
Opponents	134	170	-- 304

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.
Batteast, Jacqueline	3-3	107-35.7	20-43	.465	1-3	.333	12-16	.750	9	22	31	10.3	7-0	7	13	3	11	53	17.7
Duffy, Megan	2-1	58-29.0	5-14	.357	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	0	5	5	2.5	2-0	8	5	0	3	14	7.0
Borton, Teresa	3-2	73-24.3	8-14	.571	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	5	5	10	3.3	6-0	2	3	5	4	18	6.0
LaVere, Courtney	2-1	40-20.0	5-14	.357	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	6	7	3.5	2-0	2	4	1	4	11	5.5
Erwin, Crystal	1-0	10-10.0	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	0	1	1.0	4-0	1	1	0	1	5	5.0
Gray, Breona	1-0	15-15.0	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	1-4	.250	2	2	4	4.0	0-0	0	1	0	1	5	5.0
Powers, Susie	1-0	0+-0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

2004-05 Single Game Highs & Lows

Team Superlatives

Notre Dame High	Notre Dame Low	Category	Opponent High	Opponent Low
92 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	66 vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	Points/Game	73 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	47 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
50 (2nd) vs. Duke (11/17/04)	26 (1st) vs. Duke (11/17/04)	Points/Half	41 (2nd) by Illinois State (11/12/04)	23 (1st) by Colo. State (11/22/04)
37 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	23 vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	Field Goals Made	25, twice (MR: by Duke, 11/17/04)	18 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
70 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	53 vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	Field Goal Attempts	68 by Duke (11/17/04)	49 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
.529 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	.413 vs. Duke (11/17/04)	FG Percentage	.446 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	.323 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
5, twice (MR: vs. Duke, 11/17/04)	1 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	3-Point FG Made	7 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	2, twice (MR: by Colo. State, 11/22/04)
10 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	6 vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	3-Point FG Attempts	19 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	12 by Ohio State (11/20/04)
1.000 vs. Duke (11/17/04)	.143 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	3-Point FG Percentage	.368 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	.154 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
19, twice (MR: vs. Colo. St., 11/22/04)	13 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	Free Throws Made	19 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	8 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
22 vs. Duke (11/17/04)	21, three times (MR: vs. Ohio State, 11/20/04)	Free Throw Attempts	29 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	12, twice (MR: by Colo. State, 11/22/04)
.864 vs. Duke (11/17/04)	.619 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	FT Percentage	.824 by Ohio State (11/20/04)	.533 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
49 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	36, twice (MR: vs. Colo. State, 11/22/04)	Rebounds	39 by Duke (11/17/04)	28 by Ohio State (11/20/04)
29* vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	12 vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	Assists	18 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	12, twice (MR: by Colo. State, 11/22/04)
20 vs. Colorado State (11/22/04)	5 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	Steals	13 by Ohio State (11/20/04)	3 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
8, twice (MR: vs. Colo. State, 11/22/04)	4 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	Blocked Shots	11** by Duke (11/17/04)	0 by Illinois State (11/12/04)
18, twice (MR: vs. Ohio State, 11/20/04)	11 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	Turnovers	29 by Colorado State (11/22/04)	9 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
23 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	13, twice (MR: vs. Colo. State, 11/22/04)	Fouls	21 by Duke (11/17/04)	17 by Nebraska (11/14/04)

* - Preseason WNIT record // ** - Joyce Center opponent record

Individual Superlatives

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Points Scored	32 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	25 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Field Goals Made	11 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	8 by Holly Hallstrom of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Field Goal Attempts	23 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	19 by Monique Currie of Duke (11/17/04)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	.727 (8-11) by Courtney LaVere vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	.700 (7-10) by Jessica Davenport of Ohio State (11/20/04)
3-Point Field Goals Made	3, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy vs. Ohio State, 11/20/04)	3 by Jessica Gerhart of Nebraska (11/14/04)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	5 by Megan Duffy vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	7 by Kiera Hardy of Nebraska (11/14/04)
3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)	1.000 (2-2) by Charel Allen/Megan Duffy vs. Duke (11/17/04)	1.000 (2-2) by Chelsea Aubry of Nebraska (11/14/04)
Free Throws Made	10 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	10 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Free Throw Attempts	12 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	15 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)	1.000 (6-6) by Megan Duffy vs. Colorado State (11/22/04)	1.000 (9-9) by Jessica Davenport of Ohio State (11/20/04)
Rebounds	11, twice (MR: by Courtney LaVere vs. Duke, 11/17/04)	11 by Monique Currie of Duke (11/17/04)
Assists	8 by Megan Duffy vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	6, twice (MR: by Kim Wilburn of Ohio State, 11/20/04)
Steals	7 by Megan Duffy vs. Colorado State (11/22/04)	4, twice (MR: by Monique Currie of Duke, 11/17/04)
Blocked Shots	3, three times (MR: by Batteast/LaVere vs. Ohio State, 11/20/04)	7* by Alison Bales of Duke (11/17/04)
Turnovers	9 by Megan Duffy vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	7 by Jaci McCormack of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Minutes Played	40, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy vs. Ohio State, 11/20/04)	40 by Monique Currie of Duke (11/17/04)

* - tied opponent record

NOTRE DAME VS. USC

2004-05 Notre Dame Game-by-Game Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs.		PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.			Off-Def-Tot							
(1) NOTRE DAME (6,190) vs. Illinois State	37-70 25-56	.529 .446	5-10 4-15	.500 .267	13-21 19-29	.619 .655	20-20-40 15-19-34	23 20	29 18	18 25	4 0	15 7	92 73	
(1) NOTRE DAME (5,370) vs. Nebraska	28-65 21-65	.431 .323	1-7 7-19	.143 .368	16-21 8-15	.762 .533	16-33-49 14-23-37	14 17	19 12	11 9	5 1	5 3	73 57	
(1) NOTRE DAME (3,094) vs. Duke	26-63 25-68	.413 .368	5-5 6-17	1.000 .353	19-22 9-12	.864 .750	17-25-42 18-21-39	13 21	21 15	16 21	6 11	9 5	76 65	
(1) NOTRE DAME (3,925) vs. Ohio State	23-53 23-52	.434 .442	3-6 2-12	.500 .167	17-21 14-17	.810 .824	14-22-36 9-19-28	16 20	12 15	18 16	8 4	8 13	66 62	
NOTRE DAME (5,115) vs. Colorado State	24-58 18-49	.414 .367	2-8 2-13	.250 .154	19-26 9-12	.731 .750	14-22-36 10-26-36	13 19	18 12	16 29	8 2	20 9	69 47	

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

* - BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(3) BIG EAST Conference Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

2004-05 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Gaines	Allen	Powers	Tsipis	Borton	Duffy	Batteast	Gray	D'Amico	Erwin	LaVere
(1) ILLINOIS STATE	0-0-0	14-6-3	3-2-4	2-0-0	11-5-2	15-1-8	13-5-3	4-6-2	2-5-0	10-6-2	18-2-5
(1) NEBRASKA	DNP	2-8-3	0-2-0	0-0-0	13-11-1	7-5-3	24-6-7	12-7-2	3-5-0	1-2-1	11-2-2
(1) DUKE	DNP	16-3-3	DNP	DNP	7-6-1	15-3-7	17-5-7	6-2-2	DNP	2-4-1	13-11-0
(1) OHIO STATE	DNP	6-5-1	DNP	DNP	4-4-1	15-3-6	32-4-0	4-6-3	2-2-0	0-1-0	3-5-1
COLORADO STATE	DNP	6-4-1	0-2-2	0-0-0	9-5-0	15-1-5	14-9-7	3-2-0	3-0-1	12-2-1	7-6-1

Home games in ALL CAPS

* - BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(3) BIG EAST Conference Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

2004-05 Miscellaneous Statistics

	<u>All Games</u>
Most First Half Points Scored	48 vs. Illinois State (11/12)
Most First Half Points Allowed	32 by Illinois State (11/12)
Most Second Half Points Scored	50 vs. Duke (11/17)
Most Second Half Points Allowed	41 by Illinois State (11/12)
Fewest First Half Points Scored	26 vs. Duke (11/17)
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	23 by Colorado State (11/22)
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	37 vs. Ohio State (11/20)
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	24 by Colorado State (11/22)

Largest Leads

ND: 29, twice — 86-57 (5:19, 2nd) and 88-59 (4:35, 2nd) vs. Illinois State (ND 92-73), 11/12
 Opponent: 8, twice — 41-33 (15:30, 2nd) by Duke (ND 76-65), 11/17; 62-54 (5:18, 2nd) by Ohio State (ND 66-62), 11/20

Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 8, twice — 41-33 (15:30, 2nd) vs. Duke (ND 76-65), 11/17; 62-54 (5:18, 2nd) vs. Ohio State (ND 66-62), 11/20

Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 2 — 28-26 by Duke (ND 76-65), 11/17

Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Halftime Leads: ND: 4 (ND Record — 4-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Rebound Advantage: ND: 4 (ND Record — 4-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

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

ND Margin: +20 points, +4.0 ppg. (ND — 84 pts., 16.8 ppg.; Opponents — 64 pts., 12.8 ppg.)

<u>Point Differential</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>
ND Wins	1	1	1	1	1
ND Losses	0	0	0	0	0

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

Batteast, LaVere, Borton, Duffy, Gray 5-0

Complete Games Played: 2 // Opponents: 1

Most Minutes: 40, twice (Megan Duffy vs. Duke, 11/17; Duffy vs. Ohio State, 11/20)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 19 (Batteast 5, Duffy 4, LaVere 3, Allen 2, Borton 2, Erwin 2, Gray 1) // Opponents: 11

20-29-Point Games: 1 (Batteast 1) // Opponents: 3

30-39-Point Games: 1 (Batteast 1) // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 4 (Batteast 3, Duffy 1)

Team-High Honors*: 5 (Batteast 3, Duffy 1, LaVere 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 2 (Borton 1, LaVere 1) // Opponents: 2

Game-High Honors*: 2 (Borton 1, LaVere 1)

Team-High Honors*: 7 (Gray 2, Allen 1, Batteast 1, Borton 1, Erwin 1, LaVere 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 6 (Batteast 3, Duffy 3)

Team-High Honors*: 6 (Batteast 3, Duffy 3)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 2 (Borton 1 - NEB; LaVere 1 - DUKE) // 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 Mid-east Region Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 11/26/02 — 60.0% (42-70) vs. Cleveland State (ND 107-65)*
 65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
 90% on FTs was on 1/1/04 — 90.0% (27-30) vs. Marquette (ND 72-64)*

Notre Dame

won 10 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (*across two seasons*)
 • lost 5 games in a row (*one season*) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight
 scored 100 points was on 11/26/02 (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 3/27/04 (Penn State 55, ND 49) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Hartford, Conn.*)
 allowed less than 50 points was on 11/22/04 (ND 69, Colorado State 47)*
 played an overtime game was on 3/21/04 (ND 69, SMS 65 - ot)* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
 • 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 3/1/03 — 12 points (5-17, 8:56, 1st; 7-19, 6:44, 1st) vs. Seton Hall (ND 62-60)*
 won on a "last second" shot was on 1/14/95 (ND 67, Detroit 65 — Letitia Bowen putback at 0:01)
 lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
 had five double-figure scorers was on 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*
 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*
 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 3/21/04 (ND 69, SMS 65 - ot) — Courtney LaVere 13, Jacqueline Batteast 11* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)

had two players with "double-doubles" was on 3/21/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (17 pts., 11 reb.) & Courtney LaVere (11 pts., 13 reb.) vs. SMS (ND 69-65 - ot)* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)

had three players with "double-doubles" was on 12/21/95 — Beth Morgan (28 pts., 11 reb.), Katryna Gaither (27 pts., 14 reb.) & Carey Poor (10 pts., 10 reb.) at Michigan State (MSU 87-83 - ot)

had two 20-point scorers was on 12/4/03 (ND 82, Wisconsin 64) — Megan Duffy 25, Courtney LaVere 22*

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 3/27/04 (Penn State 55, ND 49) — 10 turnovers (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Hartford, Conn.*)

committed 25 turnovers or more was on 1/28/04 (ND 59, Miami 50) — 26 turnovers

forced 25 turnovers or more was on 11/22/04 (ND 69, Colorado State 47) — 29 turnovers*

An Irish player had

25 points was on 11/20/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (32) vs. Ohio State (ND 66-62)*

30 points was on 11/20/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (32) vs. Ohio State (ND 66-62)*

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 1/15/01 — Niele Ivey (10) vs. Connecticut (ND 92-76)*

5 blocks was on 3/30/03 — Teresa Borton (5) vs. Purdue (PUR 66-47) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Dayton, Ohio*)

5 steals was on 11/22/04 — Megan Duffy (7) vs. Colorado State (ND 69-47)*

a "double-double" was on 11/17/04 — Courtney LaVere (13 pts., 11 reb.) vs. Duke (ND 76-65)*

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 3/27/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (22 pts., 12 reb.) vs. Penn State (PSU 55-49) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Hartford, Conn.*)

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 11/12/04 — Katie Donovan (25), Illinois State (ND 92-73)*

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 11/22/04 — Lindsay Thomas (10), Colorado State (ND 69-47)*

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 11/17/04 — Alison Bales (7), Duke (ND 76-65)*

5 steals was on 3/23/04 — Keisha McClinic (6), Middle Tennessee (ND 59-46)* (*NCAA East Region Second Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)

a "double-double" was on 11/22/04 — Lindsay Thomas (12 pts., 10 reb.), Colorado State (ND 69-47)*

a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DPU 83-62)

* - Notre Dame home game

2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 1

#10/11 Notre Dame 92, Illinois State 73
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT — First Round
November 12, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Illinois State (73)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Harakas	19	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Donovan	37	7-14	1-5	10-15	6	6	4	25
Hallstrom	24	8-13	0-0	7-10	8	0	4	23
Sandstead	29	4-6	1-1	2-4	4	2	4	11
McCormack	33	2-7	1-5	0-0	1	2	4	5
Tirtiaux	12	0-2	0-1	0-0	4	2	0	0
Hudson	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	1	0
Shelton	18	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	4	1	4
Ward	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Stevenson	13	1-2	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	3
Johnson	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	25-56	4-15	19-29	34	18	20	73

Notre Dame (92)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	17	6-11	1-2	0-0	5	3	3	13
LaVere	28	8-11	0-0	2-5	2	5	1	18
Borton	16	4-7	0-0	3-4	5	2	2	11
Duffy	36	5-8	3-4	2-2	1	8	1	15
Gray	23	2-5	0-0	0-1	6	2	4	4
Gaines	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Allen	27	4-9	0-1	6-7	6	3	3	14
Powers	19	1-5	1-3	0-0	2	4	1	3
Tsipis	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
D'Amico	8	1-6	0-0	0-2	5	0	2	2
Erwin	17	5-7	0-0	0-0	6	2	5	10
Team					2			
Totals	200	37-70	5-10	13-21	40	29	23	92

Illinois State	32	41	--	73
Notre Dame	48	44	--	92

FG Pct: Illinois State 44.6, Notre Dame 52.9. **3-PT FG Pct:** Illinois State 26.7, Notre Dame 50.0. **FT Pct:** Illinois State 65.5, Notre Dame 61.9. **Turnovers:** Illinois State 25, Notre Dame 18. **Blocked Shots:** Illinois State 0, Notre Dame 4. **Steals:** Illinois State 7 (Sandstead 4), Notre Dame 15 (Gray, Erwin 3). **Attendance:** 6,190.

NOTES: Notre Dame had six players score in double figures for the first time since Jan. 23, 1999 (a 99-60 win vs. St. John's at the Joyce Center) ... the Irish set a new Preseason WNIT record with 29 assists, breaking the old mark of 28 set by both Connecticut and Vanderbilt on Nov. 9, 2001 ... Notre Dame scored 48 points in the first half, its highest output in the opening 20 minutes of a game since Nov. 26, 2002, when the Irish rang up a school-record 61 points to tip off a 107-65 win over Cleveland State ... junior guard Megan Duffy's eight assists were one shy of her career, set last season on Dec. 7 at Washington ... junior forward Courtney LaVere's five assists tied her career high, previously set in that 2002 win over Cleveland State ... sophomore forward Crystal Erwin picked up her second career double-figure scoring game, complementing the career-high 13-point effort she had last season on Dec. 13 vs. Dayton; she also had a career-high six rebounds, one more than her previous best that she set four times last year ... freshman guard Charel Allen's 14 points are the most by an Irish freshman in her debut game since LaVere had 18 against Cleveland State in 2002 ... sophomore guard Breona Gray made her first career start and tied her career high with six rebounds (vs. Marquette on Jan. 1, 2004) ... the Irish won their ninth consecutive season opener and are 15-3 in season openers during the 18-year Muffet McGraw era ... Notre Dame has now won 10 consecutive games over current Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) teams and is 24-2 all-time against that league (11-1 at home).

GAME 2

#10/11 Notre Dame 73, Nebraska 57
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT — Quarterfinal
November 14, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Nebraska (57)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Diaz	12	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Gerhart	25	5-13	3-5	0-0	6	1	2	13
Aubry	30	5-13	2-2	4-6	4	2	1	16
Johansen	36	1-3	0-0	2-2	7	5	1	4
Hardy	28	2-16	0-7	0-0	3	2	5	4
Spiric	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	3	2
Samardziska	6	1-4	0-0	1-4	2	0	1	3
White	12	2-3	1-2	1-2	1	0	0	6
Kephart	10	1-3	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	3
Drmanac	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Page	23	3-5	0-0	0-1	5	0	2	6
Team					3			
Totals	200	21-65	7-19	8-15	37	12	17	57

Notre Dame (73)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	10-18	0-0	4-5	6	7	1	24
LaVere	12	3-4	0-0	5-7	2	2	4	11
Borton	24	6-10	0-0	1-1	11	1	3	13
Duffy	34	1-8	1-5	4-4	5	3	1	7
Gray	31	6-13	0-1	0-0	7	2	2	12
Allen	28	1-6	0-0	0-0	8	3	0	2
Powers	10	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0
Tsipis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	12	1-3	0-0	1-2	5	0	0	3
Erwin	11	0-1	0-0	1-2	2	1	2	1
Team					1			
Totals	200	28-65	1-7	16-21	49	19	14	73

Nebraska	26	31	--	57
Notre Dame	35	38	--	73

FG Pct: Nebraska 32.3, Notre Dame 43.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Nebraska 36.8, Notre Dame 14.3. **FT Pct:** Nebraska 53.3, Notre Dame 76.2. **Turnovers:** Nebraska 9, Notre Dame 11. **Blocked Shots:** Nebraska 1, Notre Dame 5 (Batteast, Borton 2). **Steals:** Nebraska 3, Notre Dame 5 (Duffy 3). **Attendance:** 5,370.

NOTES: For the second consecutive game, four of Notre Dame's five starters scored in double figures ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast's 24 points marked the 22nd time in her career she has scored 20 or more points in a game ... she now has 1,352 career points, putting her just 22 points away from passing Shari Matvey for 10th place on the Irish career scoring list ... Batteast's seven assists tied her career high (Cleveland State on Nov. 26, 2002) ... senior center Teresa Borton's double-double was the third of her career and first since Feb. 5, 2002 at Pittsburgh (10 points, 10 rebounds) ... Borton's 11 rebounds also tied her career high, set twice before (last time was at St. John's on Feb. 17, 2004) ... sophomore guard Breona Gray's 12 points and seven rebounds both were career highs — she had 11 points on March 2, 2004 vs. Syracuse, and twice had six rebounds in a game, most recently two nights earlier vs. Illinois State ... Notre Dame improves to 6-9 all-time against the present Big 12 Conference alignment, including a 2-1 mark at home ... with the victory, the Irish advanced to the Preseason WNIT semifinals for the second time in as many appearances in the tournament (they finished third in 1996) ... the Notre Dame victory also assures the BIG EAST Conference of having a representative in the Preseason WNIT semifinals for the seventh time in the 11-year history of the event.

GAME 3

#11/10 Notre Dame 76, #6/6 Duke 65
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT — Semifinal
November 17, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Duke (65)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Williams	34	5-14	0-0	0-0	8	4	4	10
Currie	40	6-19	1-4	1-2	11	3	3	14
Bales	27	4-7	0-0	3-3	2	1	0	11
Smith	37	4-10	0-1	0-0	2	2	4	8
Foley	24	3-8	2-6	0-0	3	3	5	8
Kurz	8	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	1	1	3
Whitley	15	0-1	0-0	3-4	7	1	3	3
Howe	15	2-7	2-5	2-3	0	0	1	8
Team					5			
Totals	200	25-68	6-17	9-12	39	15	21	65

Notre Dame (76)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	28	7-15	1-1	2-2	5	7	3	17
LaVere	29	5-13	0-0	3-4	11	0	0	13
Borton	29	3-7	0-0	1-2	6	1	3	7
Duffy	40	2-3	2-2	9-10	3	7	1	15
Gray	23	2-7	0-0	2-2	2	2	1	6
Allen	32	6-13	2-2	2-2	3	3	2	16
Erwin	19	1-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	3	2
Team					8			
Totals	200	26-63	5-5	19-22	42	21	13	76

Duke	28	37	--	65
Notre Dame	26	50	--	76

FG Pct: Duke 36.8, Notre Dame 41.3. **3-PT FG Pct:** Duke 35.3, Notre Dame 100.0. **FT Pct:** Duke 75.0, Notre Dame 86.4. **Turnovers:** Duke 21, Notre Dame 16. **Blocked Shots:** Duke 11 (Bales 7), Notre Dame 6 (Borton 3). **Steals:** Duke 5 (Currie 4), Notre Dame 9 (Allen 3). **Technical Foul:** Erwin (ND). **Attendance:** 3,094.

NOTES: The Irish are now 4-1 all-time against Duke, including a 2-0 mark at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame is now 9-4 (.692) all-time when it is ranked and hosting another ranked team at the Joyce Center ... Duke represents the 19th top-10 opponent Notre Dame has defeated in its history and the first since the Irish downed fourth-ranked Connecticut, 66-51 on Jan. 13, 2004, also at the Joyce Center ... in the past five-plus seasons (1998-99 to present), Notre Dame has defeated 31 ranked opponents ... for the third time in as many games, the Irish had at least four players score in double figures ... junior forward Courtney LaVere chalked up her seventh career double-double (first this season) with 13 points and 11 rebounds ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast tied her career high with seven assists for the second consecutive game ... the Irish set a school and arena record by making all five of their three-point attempts, breaking the old mark of .857 (6 of 7) set against Illinois-Chicago on Nov. 27, 1993 at the Joyce Center (the record requires a minimum of four shots made) ... Notre Dame scored 50 points in the second half, its highest scoring output in one period since Feb. 5, 2003, when the Irish scored 52 points in the second half of a 74-49 win over Georgetown at the Joyce Center ... the 76 points scored by Notre Dame are the most it has posted against a top-10 opponent since March 30, 2001, when the Irish defeated Connecticut, 90-75 in the NCAA Final Four at the Savvis Center in St. Louis ... with the victory, the Irish make their first trip to the Preseason WNIT finals (they lost in the semifinals, but won the now-defunct third-place game in 1996) ... the Notre Dame victory also assures the BIG EAST Conference of having a representative in the Preseason WNIT championship game for the third time in four years.

2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 4

#11/10 Notre Dame 66, #10/9 Ohio State 62
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT — Championship
November 20, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Ohio State (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Munoz	21	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	6
Davenport	34	7-10	0-0	9-9	7	2	4	23
Hoskins	25	3-6	0-1	0-0	5	3	2	6
Wilburn	32	3-6	1-2	0-1	5	6	2	7
Matter	35	5-15	0-6	3-3	1	2	0	13
Howe	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Battle	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Packer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dark	2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Allen	13	2-5	1-2	0-0	0	1	2	5
Blanton	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0
Riley	16	0-3	0-0	2-2	4	0	4	2
Team					2			
Totals	200	23-52	2-12	14-17	28	15	20	62

Notre Dame (66)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	38	11-23	0-2	10-12	4	0	3	32
LaVere	22	1-7	0-0	1-2	5	1	3	3
Borton	23	1-4	0-0	2-2	4	1	3	4
Duffy	40	5-7	3-4	2-2	3	6	2	15
Gray	33	1-2	0-0	2-3	6	3	0	4
Allen	22	3-3	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	6
D'Amico	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	3	2
Erwin	13	0-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					6			
Totals	200	23-53	3-6	17-21	36	12	16	66

Ohio State	25	37	--	66
Notre Dame	29	37	--	62

FG Pct: Ohio State 44.2, Notre Dame 43.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Ohio State 16.7, Notre Dame 50.0. **FT Pct:** Ohio State 82.4, Notre Dame 81.0. **Turnovers:** Ohio State 16, Notre Dame 18. **Blocked Shots:** Ohio State 4 (Davenport 4), Notre Dame 8 (Batteast, LaVere 3). **Steals:** Ohio State 13 (Wilburn, Matter 3), Notre Dame 8. **Attendance:** 3,925.

NOTES: With the victory, Notre Dame wins its first regular-season tournament title since the 2001 Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge ... Notre Dame also earns the third Preseason WNIT title for a BIG EAST Conference team in the event's 11-year history, joining Connecticut's crowns in 1997 and 2001 ... the Irish have won 10 of their last 11 in-season tournament games, only losing at 20th-ranked Colorado, 67-63 in the title game of the 2003 WBCA Classic ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast was named the Most Valuable Player of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT, while junior guard Megan Duffy earned a spot on the all-tournament team ... the Irish have now played back-to-back top-10 opponents twice in their history and have won all four games in that scenario (vs. #1 Connecticut and #9 Purdue at the 2001 NCAA Final Four; vs. #6 Duke and #10 Ohio State in the 2004 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT) ... Notre Dame recorded its third victory over a top-10 opponent in its last 23 games, after also besting #4 Connecticut, 66-51 last January at the Joyce Center ... The Ohio State contest also marked the 800th game in Notre Dame women's basketball history, and the win improved the program's all-time record to 552-248 (.690) in less than 28 seasons of varsity action ... Batteast's 32 points were not only a career high, but the most by an Irish player since March 26, 2001, when Ruth Riley had 32 points vs. Vanderbilt in the NCAA Midwest Regional final ... Batteast also moved into 10th place on Notre Dame's career scoring list with 1,401 points, passing Shari Matvey (1,373 from 1979-83) ... Duffy had six assists, giving her six-or-more assists in three of her first four games ... Teresa Borton recorded her 100th career block, becoming the seventh player in school history to reach that milestone.

GAME 5

#6/6 Notre Dame 69, Colorado State 47
November 22, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Colorado State (47)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Dennett	23	0-3	0-0	1-2	5	0	1	1
Thomas	25	6-11	0-0	0-0	10	1	2	12
Hunter	28	3-10	1-4	0-0	2	2	2	7
Espinoza	28	3-9	0-2	2-2	2	3	3	8
Walseth	23	1-5	1-5	0-0	3	4	1	3
Kramer	16	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Nohr	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
O'Dwyer	22	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	4	2
Tor-Agbidye	14	4-4	0-0	0-0	6	1	2	8
Moulton	15	0-2	0-0	6-8	6	0	3	6
Team					1			
Totals	200	18-49	2-13	9-12	36	12	19	47

Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	30	4-12	0-0	6-9	9	7	0	14
LaVere	20	3-8	0-1	1-2	6	1	2	7
Borton	19	3-6	0-0	3-3	5	0	4	9
Duffy	36	4-9	1-4	6-6	1	5	1	15
Gray	21	1-4	1-1	0-0	2	0	2	3
Allen	31	2-7	0-1	2-2	4	1	0	6
Powers	12	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	0
Tsipis	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	8	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	3
Erwin	20	6-9	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	12
Team					5			
Totals	200	24-58	2-8	19-26	36	18	13	69

Colorado State	23	24	--	47
Notre Dame	31	38	--	69

FG Pct: Colorado State 36.7, Notre Dame 41.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Colorado State 15.4, Notre Dame 25.0. **FT Pct:** Colorado State 75.0, Notre Dame 73.1. **Turnovers:** Colorado State 29, Notre Dame 16. **Blocked Shots:** Colorado State 2, Notre Dame 8. **Steals:** Colorado State 9, Notre Dame 20 (Duffy 7). **Attendance:** 5,115.

NOTES: Notre Dame was playing its fifth game in 11 days, the most compressed early-season schedule for the Irish since 2000-01, when Notre Dame also went 5-0 ... the Irish improve to 3-1 all-time against Colorado State, winning their third in a row against the Rams since losing the initial matchup in November 2001 ... for the fourth time in five games, Notre Dame had at least three players scoring in double figures ... also for the fourth time this season, the Irish finished on the plus side of the assist/turnover ratio ... the Irish forced 29 turnovers, their best defensive production since they caused 37 Miami turnovers on Feb. 25, 2004 at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame came up with 20 steals against Colorado State, the most thefts the Irish have recorded in a single game since Nov. 26, 2002, when they also had 20 steals in a victory over Cleveland State at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame held CSU to an opponent season-low 47 points ... junior guard Megan Duffy swiped a career-high seven steals, while freshman guard Charel Allen added five thefts ... for the third time in four games, senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast tied her career high with seven assists ... sophomore forward Crystal Erwin had her second double-figure scoring game of the year after having only one all of last season; she also set new career highs with six field goals made and nine attempts.