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# NOTRE DAME

## W O M E N ' S B A S K E T B A L L

### 2000-01 Schedule/Results (22-0, 11-0)

#### November

5	Sun.	Ohio All-Stars (exh.)	W, 91-56
14	Tues.	Finnish Select (exh.)	W, 98-53
17	Fri.	at Valparaiso	W, 71-46
20	Mon.	Arizona	W, 95-65
22	Wed.	at #19 Wisconsin #	W, 83-56
24	Fri.	vs. #6 Georgia # (ESPN)	W, 75-73
27	Mon.	Fordham	W, 89-44

#### December

3	Sun.	vs. North Caro. % (ESPN2)	W, 78-55
6	Wed.	Villanova *	W, 64-33
9	Sat.	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61
18	Mon.	Western Michigan	W, 84-54
21	Thurs.	at Marquette	W, 75-56
28	Thurs.	at USC	W, 70-61
31	Sun.	Rice	W, 80-40

#### January

3	Wed.	at Virginia Tech *	W, 75-64
6	Sat.	#9 Rutgers * (BETV)	W, 67-46
9	Tues.	at St. John's *	W, 84-49
13	Sat.	Virginia Tech * (BETV)	W, 75-55
15	Mon.	#1 Connecticut * (ESPN)	W, 92-76
21	Sun.	at Seton Hall *	W, 72-47
24	Wed.	at West Virginia *	W, 87-64
31	Wed.	Providence *	W, 64-44

#### February

3	Sat.	at Boston Coll. * (BETV)	W, 81-65
7	Wed.	Pittsburgh *	W, 72-58
14	Wed.	at Syracuse *	7:00 p.m.
17	Sat.	at Rutgers *	7:30 p.m.
20	Tues.	Miami *	7:00 p.m.
24	Sat.	Georgetown *	1:00 p.m.
27	Tues.	at Pittsburgh *	7:00 p.m.

#### March

3-	Sat.-	at BIG EAST Championships
6	Tues.	(Storrs, Conn.)
16-	Fri.-	NCAA First and Second Rounds
19	Mon.	(campus sites)
24-	Sat.-	NCAA Regionals (Pittsburgh,
26	Mon.	Birmingham, Denver, Spokane)
30-	Fri.-	NCAA Final Four
1	Sun.	(St. Louis, Mo.)

\* indicates BIG EAST Conference game.

# Coaches Vs. Cancer Challenge, Madison, Wis., championship game televised by ESPN

% Honda Elite Classic, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

BETV - BIG EAST Television

**Bold** indicates home game.

All times are local.

Game No. **23**

(#1 AP/#1 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (22-0, 11-0)**  
vs. **Syracuse Orangewomen (10-11, 4-6)**

**The Date and Time:** Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. EST.

**The Site:** Manley Field House (9,500) in Syracuse, N.Y.

**Radio:** All Notre Dame games are broadcast on WHLY-AM (1620 in South Bend) with Sean Stires (play by play). This live broadcast also is available through the Notre Dame athletic department web site at www.und.com.

**Websites:** Notre Dame (www.und.com), Syracuse (www.suathletics.com).

#### TONIGHT'S GAME

The top-ranked Notre Dame women's basketball team returns to action after an off weekend when it travels to Syracuse for a 7:00 p.m. game at Manley Field House. The Irish enter the game with a 22-0 record and 11-0 mark in the BIG EAST and have won a school-record 11 consecutive road games. After holding its previous highest-ever ranking of third for six consecutive weeks, Notre Dame climbed to the top rankings on Jan. 22, as the last remaining unbeaten team in the country following wins over Connecticut and Seton Hall that week. The Irish enter the Syracuse game ranked No. 1 for the fourth consecutive week with a 22-0 record -- their first 22-0 start in the history of the program, far surpassing the previous best start of 6-0 from the 1998-99 team. The 22-game winning streak currently stands as the longest active in the country and in school history.

Tonight's game will mark the 13th meeting between the teams in a series that Notre Dame leads 11-1 and that began in 1988. Notre Dame has won all eight meetings since the Irish joined the BIG EAST in 1995-96. Tonight's game marks the 100th regular-season BIG EAST game for the Irish, now in their sixth year in the conference. Notre Dame has an 85-14 (.859) record in its 99 BIG EAST regular-season games.

Four of Notre Dame's five starters average double-figure scoring, and the Irish are led by three of the best players in the country at their respective positions. Senior All-America center and national player-of-the-year candidate **Ruth Riley** (18.7) leads the BIG EAST in scoring and was the only player in the top 20 of the NCAA statistical rankings for blocks (3rd at 3.1) and field-goal percentage (4th at .651) according to the most recent NCAA statistics. All-America candidate and fifth-year point guard **Niele Ivey** (13.0) stands 10th in the country in assists (7.18) and has scored or assisted on 42 percent of Notre Dame's 621 field goals. Sophomore shooting guard **Alicia Ratay** (13.5) leads the nation in three-point shooting (49-88, .557).

A large part of Notre Dame's success this season also is due to the play of its other two starters, junior **Ericka Haney** and senior **Kelley Siemon**, who returned to the lineup against Boston College after missing the three previous games. Haney (11.7) has scored 17 points in three of the last eight games (Va. Tech, Seton Hall and Providence). Siemon (9.9) stands sec-

#### LAST IRISH GAME

**Notre Dame 72, Pittsburgh 58**  
February 7, 2001  
Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

#### Pittsburgh (58)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Love	30	4-12	0-1	1-2	4	0	3	9
Barkley	22	1-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	3	2
Wittenmyer	28	2-10	0-0	5-6	4	1	3	9
Stewart	40	5-13	3-9	0-0	2	1	0	13
Selwyn	36	7-11	4-6	5-7	2	1	4	23
Ryndycz	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Campbell	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0
Ford	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	0	1	0
Stufflet	16	0-4	0-0	2-2	3	2	4	2
Team					11			
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>19-59</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>13-17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>58</b>

#### Notre Dame (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	28	3-7	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	7
Siemon	33	2-4	0-0	3-4	12	4	1	7
Riley	33	11-15	0-0	7-8	12	0	4	29
Ratay	32	3-7	1-3	4-4	7	2	2	11
Ivey	38	3-10	1-4	4-7	5	8	3	11
Severe	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Joyce	24	3-10	1-4	0-0	2	1	0	7
Hernandez	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Barksdale	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dunbar	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Leahy	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team					1			
<b>Team</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-53</b>	<b>3-11</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>72</b>

<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>72</b>

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 47.2, Pittsburgh 32.2. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 27.3, Pittsburgh 43.8. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 76.0, Pittsburgh 76.5. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 18, Pittsburgh 15. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9 (Riley 7), Pittsburgh 8. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11 (Ivey 4), Pittsburgh 10. **Attendance:** 7,025

# NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES



### ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

(Feb. 12)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Wk.
1.	NOTRE DAME (39)	22-0	1
2.	Tennessee (1)	25-1	2
3.	Connecticut *	20-2	3
4.	Duke	21-2	4
5.	Georgia *	20-4	7
6.	Iowa State	20-2	9
7.	Purdue *	22-4	5
8.	Louisiana Tech	21-4	8
9.	Florida	20-3	6
10.	Oklahoma	19-4	10
11.	Rutgers *	17-5	12
12.	Xavier	21-2	13
13.	LSU	17-6	14
14.	Texas Tech	18-4	11
15.	SW Missouri State	18-4	15
16.	Utah	20-2	17
17.	Penn State	17-6	16
18.	Texas	18-7	21
19.	Colorado	17-5	19
20.	Vanderbilt	16-7	18
21.	North Carolina State	15-8	24
22.	Wisconsin *	15-8	20
23.	Washington	15-6	NR
24.	Arizona State	16-7	23
25.	Iowa	14-8	NR

### ESPN/USA TODAY POLL

(Feb. 12)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Wk.
1.	NOTRE DAME (39)	22-0	1
2.	Tennessee (1)	25-1	2
3.	Connecticut *	20-2	3
4.	Duke	21-2	4
5.	Georgia *	20-4	6
6.	Iowa State	20-2	7
7.	Purdue *	22-4	5
8.	Louisiana Tech	21-4	8
9.	Florida	20-3	9
10.	Oklahoma	19-4	11
11.	Texas Tech	18-4	10
12.	LSU	17-6	12
13.	SW Missouri State	18-4	14
14.	Rutgers *	17-5	13
15.	Xavier	21-2	15
16.	Penn State	17-6	16
17.	Utah	20-2	17
18.	Texas	18-7	20
19.	Vanderbilt	16-7	18
20.	North Carolina State	15-8	21
21.	Colorado	17-5	24
22.	Clemson	16-8	22
23.	Arizona *	16-7	19
24.	Virginia	16-10	24
25.	Villanova *	17-6	NR

\* indicates 2000-01 Notre Dame opponents

ond on the team in rebounding (6.9) and sixth in the BIG EAST in defensive rebounds. Playing with a broken left hand, Siemon scored 15 points and had eight rebounds vs. Connecticut.

With the top field-goal percentage defense (.338) and the fifth-best shooting team in the country (.498), Notre Dame has won its 22 games by an average of 22.4 points -- second best in the country -- and has outscored its opponents by an average of 16 points in the first half. The Irish have shot better than 50 percent from the field in 11 of 22 games, better than 46 percent in 18 of 22 games and better than 40 percent in all but one game. Notre Dame's defense has held its opponents to under 40 percent in 18 of 22 games -- including 14 games under 35 percent.

The hot shooting of **Ratay**, strong point guard play of **Ivey** (158 assists, 62 steals) and dominating defensive presence and shooting touch of **Riley** (69 blocks, 151-232 FG, .651) have led the Irish to big early leads. Forwards **Siemon** and **Haney** have given the Irish timely contributions. Notre Dame stands as the only team ranked among the top five NCAA leaders in both field-goal percentage and field-goal percentage defense according to the latest NCAA statistics.

Head coach **Muffet McGraw** is in her 14th year at Notre Dame with a 310-115 (.729) record and in her 19th as a collegiate coach with a 398-156 (.718) mark. She has led the Irish to the No. 1 ranking for the first time ever, to eight consecutive 20-win seasons and to five straight NCAA tournament appearances and seven overall. McGraw was named a finalist for the Naismith Women's Basketball and AP coach-of-the-year awards last year.

### PITTSBURGH REVIEW

Senior All-America center **Ruth Riley** posted her third consecutive double-double, matching a season-high 29 points with 12 rebounds, as the top-ranked Irish defeated Pittsburgh 72-58 on Feb. 7, in front of the 7,025 fans at the Joyce Center -- the fifth largest crowd in Notre Dame history and third largest this season. After four early lead changes, the Irish built a 12-point lead with two minutes before halftime and went into the intermission with a 30-20 lead. The Panthers pulled within five points just 3:40 into the second half before Notre Dame built its advantage to 12 points once again. Pittsburgh fought back one last time and trailed just 47-41 with 9:30 left in the game. The Irish finished the game on a 25-17 run for the 72-58 final. **Niele Ivey** and **Alicia Ratay** each added 11 points for Notre Dame, which shot 47.2 percent from the field and held Pittsburgh to 19 FGs on 32.3 percent shooting.

### JOYCE CENTER SOLD OUT FOR SECOND TIME

Notre Dame's game vs. Georgetown on Sat., Feb. 24 at the Joyce Center has sold out. The Georgetown sellout marks the second this season and second all-time for a women's basketball game at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center. Notre Dame defeated top-ranked Connecticut in front of its first sellout crowd on Jan. 15, 2001. The Irish have drawn 59,534 fans to their 11 home games, an average of 5,412 that stands 12th best in the country. The Georgetown game is senior day as the final regular-season home game for the top-ranked Irish.

### IRISH SET SCHOOL WINNING STREAKS

Notre Dame's victory over Boston College marked its 21 straight win, breaking the school record for consecutive wins. The win over Providence on Jan. 31, matched the school-record 20-game winning streak set just last year -- after the previous 15-game mark stood for nine years. The 1999-2000 Irish won 20 consecutive games from Dec. 11-Feb. 26.

- The Boston College victory also marked Notre Dame's 11th consecutive road win, breaking the previous school record of 10 straight wins away from the Joyce Center set during the 1993-94 season.
- The Providence win marked Notre Dame's third

### LAST IRISH GAME VS. SYRACUSE

Notre Dame 71, Syracuse 56  
January 15, 2000  
Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

#### Syracuse (56)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Record	33	4-8	2-2	3-6	3	1	4	13
Aziz	18	2-4	0-0	0-2	1	0	3	4
Perry	25	4-6	0-0	3-4	8	3	3	11
Ervin	37	5-11	1-1	1-2	4	5	3	12
James	32	2-10	2-4	1-2	3	2	1	7
Grosman	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
McPhee	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Wright	28	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2
Trammell	21	2-5	0-0	1-2	1	0	1	5
					5			
Team	200	21-47	5-7	9-18	29	12	17	56

#### Notre Dame (71)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Henderson	21	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	3	3	2
Riley	23	6-9	0-0	3-4	6	1	4	15
Green	29	3-7	0-0	8-8	6	2	2	14
Ratay	36	3-9	1-5	2-2	6	4	1	9
Ivey	36	8-14	6-11	0-0	2	8	2	22
Haney	12	3-6	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	6
Swanson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Barksdale	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Dunbar	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Leahy	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Siemon	21	1-6	0-0	1-2	6	2	2	3
					3			
Team	200	25-55	7-16	14-17	34	21	17	71

Syracuse 27 47 -- 71  
Notre Dame 33 48 -- 81

FG Pct: Notre Dame 45.5, Syracuse 44.7. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.8, Syracuse 71.4. FT Pct: Notre Dame 82.4, Syracuse 50.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 19, Syracuse 24. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 2, Syracuse 3. Steals: Notre Dame 11, Syracuse 9. Attendance: 2,814

# NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

## NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
50	Kelley Siemon	F	6-2	Sr.	9.9	6.9	53.6 FG%	Returned to starting lineup vs. BC after missing 3 games
3	Ericka Haney	G/F	6-1	Jr.	11.7	5.0	47.7 FG%	One rebound short of double-double vs. PC (17 pts.)
00	Ruth Riley	C	6-5	Sr.	18.7	7.8	65.1 FG%	Recorded third consecutive double-double vs. Pitt
22	Alicia Ratay	SG	5-11	So.	13.5	4.9	55.7 3PT%	Has made 49 of 88 three-pointers to lead nation in %
33	Niele Ivey	PG	5-8	Sr.	13.0	4.6	50.0 3PT%	Among the nation's top point guards with 7.18 APG

## NOTRE DAME OFF THE BENCH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-9	Fr.	1.7	2.1	12 GP	Effective off bench vs. PC in season-high 26 minutes
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	Fr.	5.2	1.5	14 3PT FG	Matched season-high with 11 pts. in 22 min. vs. BC
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-7	So.	1.0	0.5	70 minutes	Walk-on has played in 15 of 22 games
23	Monique Hernandez	G	5-9	So.	2.8	1.2	10 assists	Provided spark vs. SHU with career-high 10 pts. (5-6)
31	Amanda Barksdale	F	6-3	So.	1.0	1.3	35 blocks	Second in BIG EAST, 16th in NCAA in blocks/gm (1.67)
41	Imani Dunbar	G	5-7	Sr.	1.2	0.8	20 assists	Has provided solid backup minutes (7.8) at point guard
44	Meaghan Leahy	F	6-4	Sr.	4.0	3.2	12 steals	Has started four games this season in place of Siemon

consecutive January (1999, 2000, 2001) without a loss -- a streak that currently stands at 25 and dates back to Jan. 31, 1998.

• **Notre Dame has become the first team since both Stanford and Connecticut (1995-96 and 1996-97) and just the seventh in NCAA history to string together consecutive seasons with a pair of winning streaks of at least 20 games.**

### ESPN EXPERTS PICK RUTH RILEY, NIELE IVEY FOR HONORS

ESPN's Nancy Lieberman-Cline has picked **Ruth Riley** as the national player of the year. A first-team Associated Press All-America pick last year, Riley leads the BIG EAST in scoring in all games (18.7) and conference games (22.0) and is fourth in country in field-goal percentage (.651) and third in blocks (3.1). ESPN.com's Mechelle Voepel predicts Riley and **Niele Ivey** will be named to the Associated Press All-America first team. In addition the leadership she provides the team, Ivey ranks 10th in the country in assists (7.2), is shooting .500 from three-point range and also stands 15th in the BIG EAST in scoring (13.0).

### RILEY NAMED NAISMITH FINALIST

One of 30 preseason candidates listed for the 2000-01 Atlanta Tipoff Club Naismith College Basketball Player-of-the-Year Award, senior All-American **Ruth Riley** has been named one of 15 finalists for the award. The Naismith Board of Selectors, which includes some of the country's leading basketball coaches, journalists, administrators, began the selection process in the fall. The winners of the Naismith Awards, the most prestigious honor in college basketball, will be honored on April 7, in Atlanta.

- With junior All-American Troy Murphy one of 15 men's finalists, Notre Dame was one of two schools (Duke) to have both a female and male finalist.
- Riley was joined on the final ballot by two other BIG EAST players — Connecticut's Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph.

### IVEY FINALIST FOR LIEBERMAN-CLINE AWARD

Irish fifth-year point guard **Niele Ivey** has been named one of 10 finalists for the Conesco Nancy Lieberman-Cline Step Up Award, which honors the nation's top collegiate point guard in NCAA Division I women's basketball. The award is a national project of the Rotary Club of Detroit and is presented to the player whose floor leadership, play-making and ball handling skills best personified Lieberman-Cline during her career. Associated Press sportswriters from across the country nominated the 10 finalists and will choose the eventual winner, who will be honored at a noon on April 7, in a luncheon at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center.

- Ivey was joined on the list by two other BIG EAST players — Connecticut's Sue Bird, the inaugural winner last year, and Rutgers' Tasha Pointer.

## IRISH UNDER McGRAW

Yr.	Record	Pct.	Honors
'87-88	20-8	.714	No. Star Coach of the Yr.
'88-89	21-11	.656	MCC Champions, NWIT
'89-90	23-6	.793	MCC Champions
'90-91	23-9	.719	MCC Champions
'91-92	14-17	.451	NCAAs, MCC Champions
'92-93	15-12	.555	
'93-94	22-7	.786	NCAAs, MCC Champions
'94-95	21-10	.677	NWIT
'95-96	23-8	.742	NCAA Second Round
'96-97	31-7	.816	NCAA Final Four
'97-98	22-10	.688	NCAA Regional Semis
'98-99	26-5	.839	NCAA Second Round
'99-00	27-5	.844	NCAA Regional Semis
'00-01	22-0	1.000	Coaches Vs. Cancer Champions
<b>Total</b>	<b>310-115</b>	<b>.729</b>	<b>7 NCAA Appearances</b>

BIG EAST Conference (five-plus seasons, '96-'00)  
85-14 (.859)

Midwestern College Conference (six seasons, '89-95)  
87-15 (.853)

## KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW



A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 11:00-11:30 p.m. for 30 consecutive Sundays on

ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members. **Niele Ivey and Ruth Riley were guests on the Sun., Jan. 14 show -- the first Irish student-athletes invited to serve as guests.**



### IRISH CAREER RECORDS

#### Scoring

1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	2,322
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	2,126
3. <b>Ruth Riley (1997-)</b>	<b>1,812</b>
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
7. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439
8. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	1,373
9. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	1,298
10. <b>Niele Ivey (1996-)</b>	<b>1,282</b>

#### Field-Goal Percentage *Min. 400 attempts*

1. <b>Ruth Riley (1997-)</b>	<b>.638 (683-1071)</b>
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	.610
3. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	.604
4. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	.588
5. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	.579
6. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	.553
7. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	.533
8. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	.527
9. Rosanne Bohman (1993-97)	.525
10. Sara Liebscher (1987-91)	.521

#### Three-Point Field Goals

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	249
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	231
3. <b>Niele Ivey (1996-)</b>	<b>174</b>
4. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	128
5. <b>Alicia Ratay (1999-)</b>	<b>122</b>
6. Lisa Kuhns (1985-86, 1987-90)	102
7. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	85
8. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	82
9. Kari Hutchinson (1994-98)	36
10. Sherisha Hills (1998-99)	31

#### Three-Point Field Goals Att.

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	650
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	628
3. <b>Niele Ivey (1996-)</b>	<b>422</b>
4. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	342
5. Lisa Kuhns (1985-86, 1987-90)	262
6. <b>Alicia Ratay (1999-)</b>	<b>240</b>
7. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	231
8. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	216
9. Sherisha Hills (1998-99)	114
10. Kari Hutchinson (1994-98)	85

#### Three-Point Field-Goal Pct. *Min. 50 attempts*

1. <b>Alicia Ratay (1999-)</b>	<b>.508 (122-240)</b>
2. Kari Hutchinson (1994-98)	.424
3. <b>Niele Ivey (1996-)</b>	<b>.412 (174-422)</b>
4. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	.394
5. Lisa Kuhns (1985-86, 1987-90)	.389
6. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	.383
7. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.377
8. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.368
Sara Liebscher (1987-91)	.368
10. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	.355

### IVEY SETS STEALS RECORD

Fifth-year point guard and All-America candidate **Niele Ivey** had four steals against Providence to bring her career total to 309, breaking current Irish assistant coach **Coquese Washington's** Notre Dame career steals record of 307. She enters the Syracuse game with 316 career steals. Ivey (630) recently moved ahead of Washington (554) for fourth place on the Irish career assist list and moved into third place with seven assists vs. Rutgers.

### NOTRE DAME-SYRACUSE SERIES

Tonight's game marks the 12th meeting between the teams with the Irish 11-1 edge in the series, including 10 consecutive wins and all eight during BIG EAST play. The teams met four times between 1988-91 with Notre Dame winning twice at home and the teams splitting a pair of games at Syracuse. The Irish have a 4-1 record in games played at Syracuse.

### NOTRE DAME AT NO. 1

The 92-76 Irish win over previously top-ranked and undefeated Connecticut on Jan. 15, left Notre Dame as the only unbeaten team in the country -- positioning the Irish for their ascension to the No. 1 ranking in the Jan. 22 polls for the first time in the 24-year history of Notre Dame women's basketball. The Irish had been ranked third for six consecutive weeks, the highest-ever ranking for Notre Dame before taking over the top spot.

- Notre Dame becomes the 19th school to hold the No. 1 ranking in the 25-year history of the AP poll. Connecticut fell one spot to second, marking the first time in seven seasons one conference held the top two spots.
- The Irish women's basketball team becomes the second Notre Dame team to hold the No. 1 ranking in 2000-01. The Irish women's soccer squad took over the No. 1 ranking on Sept. 18, and held the top spot for 11 weeks, finishing the regular season unbeaten and ranked first with a 20-0-1 record.
- The BIG EAST Conference became just the third conference -- joining the Atlantic Coast and South-eastern Conferences -- to boast a pair of No. 1 teams in the same season. Two top-ranked conference teams in the same year had happened in just four previous seasons with Auburn and Tennessee in both '87-88 and '88-89, Maryland and Virginia in '91-92 and Tennessee and Vanderbilt in '92-93. Tennessee and Vanderbilt were ranked first and second, respectively, on Nov. 16, 1993, the last time two conference teams were one-two in the AP poll.
- In addition to the Irish and Huskies holding the top two spots in women's basketball, Georgetown and St. John's were the first BIG EAST men's basketball teams to be ranked first and second. Fifteen years ago both were ranked first during the season and spent a large part of the 1984-85 season holding the top two spots in the polls.
- As has been tradition at Notre Dame since 1974, an eight-foot lighted numeral #1 sign -- designed to be lit anytime an Irish team is ranked first -- has been illuminated atop Grace Hall, a former men's residence hall.
- While the "#1" on the roof of Grace Hall represents an established tradition at Notre Dame, a new one started at the Joyce Center on Jan. 24. A five-by-seven-foot blue flag with a gold number sign and numeral one went up the far south flagpole in front of the Joyce Center at noon on Jan. 24 -- Notre Dame first game as the No. 1 women's basketball team. It flies just below a similar blue flag with the interlocking gold ND on it. The "#1" flag will be flown any time a Notre Dame varsity athletic team is ranked number one in the country.

### THE RUTH IS ON FIRE...

Senior All-America center **Ruth Riley** matched her season-high performance of 29 points vs. Connecticut when she also scored 29 points vs. Pittsburgh -- the eighth 20-point performance in the last 12 games. She also had 24 points vs. Boston College, 28 points vs. West Virginia, 23 points vs. St. John's, 22 points vs. Rutgers and 27 points at Virginia Tech (Jan. 3). The BIG EAST's leading scorer has averaged 23 points in Notre Dame's last 10 games and was selected as the BIG EAST player of the week for the fourth time this season on Feb. 12. **Riley ranks among the BIG EAST top four in both conference scoring (first at 18.7) and rebounding (fourth at 7.6).**

### ...WITH IVEY PROVIDING THE SPARK

All-America candidate and fifth-year point guard **Niele Ivey** has had a hand in nearly half of Notre Dame's 621 field goals this season. She stands tied for second on the team with 102 field goals and has assisted on 158 field goals (eighth in the NCAA at 7.18 assists/game) to account for 260 of the



621 Irish FGs (42 percent) this season. Of Ivey's 102 FGs, 41 have been three-point FGs (41-82 for 50.0 percent). Also, the school recordholder for career steal, Ivey moved into Notre Dame's top-10 career scoring list during the Seton Hall game and currently has 1,282 points. **Ivey is the only Notre Dame player ever to score over 1,200 points and record over 600 assists. Ivey also has more than 300 steals and 400 rebounds in her Irish career.**

### IRISH FACE RARE DEFICIT

When Providence build a seven-point lead in the first half and were winning for 16:34 of the first half, Notre Dame found itself trailing for more than five minutes in a game for just the fifth time this season and facing its largest opponent lead. The Irish had been behind in games for just a total of 22:59 entering the Providence contest, an average of just 1:13 per game. **Overall in its 22 games this season, Notre Dame has led for 812 of 880 minutes (92 percent), has been behind for 42 minutes (5 percent) and has been tied for 26 minutes (3 percent).**

### 34 AND COUNTING

The Irish extended their home winning streak to a school-record 34 straight wins at the Joyce Center with the victory over Pittsburgh. The streak currently is the second longest active streak in the country, behind Kent (41). The Irish have not lost at home in over two years since a loss to top-ranked Connecticut on Dec. 8, 1998. Notre Dame also has a 47-3 (.940) record in BIG EAST games at the Joyce Center, with Connecticut being the only BIG EAST team to beat the Irish at home.

### 20-WIN SEASONS

Notre Dame's win over Providence on Jan. 31, brought its record to 20-0 -- marking the eighth consecutive year the Irish have had a 20-win season and the 12th in 14 seasons under head coach **Muffet McGraw**. The 2000-01 Irish have been the quickest to 20 wins in terms of both the number of games needed to reach 20 wins and the calendar date.

### IRISH LEAD NCAA WITH RECORD-SETTING DEFENSIVE PACE

While Notre Dame has boasted one of the country's most potent offensive attacks over the past few seasons, the Irish defense remains on pace to break modern school records for fewest points allowed per game and the lowest opponent field-goal and three-point field-goal percentages. Notre Dame's defense has limited its opponents to 55.1 points per game on 33.8 FG percentage (tops in the country) and 26.9 3PT FG percentage, all currently better than the modern school records of 55.1 points per game in 1981-82, 35.5 FG percentage in 1999-2000 and 28.4 3PT FG percentage in 1996-97. Only four opponents have shot better than 40.0 percentage vs. the Irish in 22 games -- Georgia (42.0), Purdue (46.2), Virginia Tech in the first meeting (41.0) and Boston College (44.6).

### THE RILEY REPORT

National player-of-the-year candidate **Ruth Riley** has been at her dominating best this season -- making her presence felt on both ends of the court as the only player ranked among the top 20 NCAA leaders in both field-goal percentage and blocked shots. In addition to her offensive efficiency (151-232 FG, 65.1 percentage first in BIG EAST, third in NCAA), Riley leads the BIG EAST and is fourth in the country with 69 blocked shots (3.14/game), while committing just 57 personal fouls (2.59/game). The two-time BIG EAST defensive player of the year is averaging one blocked shot every nine minutes she plays and just one foul every 11 minutes of action. **Riley had five blocks vs. St. John's to become just the 19th player in NCAA Division I history to break the 300 blocked-shot milestone. She enters the Syracuse game with 326 blocked shots -- currently tied for 12th best in NCAA history and four behind Virginia's DeMya Walker for 11th.**

### RILEY, RATAY ON RECORD FREE THROW PACE

Senior All-America center **Ruth Riley** looks to break the Notre Dame career free throw record tonight, while sophomore guard **Alicia Ratay** remains on pace to break another Notre Dame free throw record. Riley has made 446 free throws in her career on 589 attempts, just one short of matching the school record 447 free throws made by Beth Morgan from 1993-97 on 549 attempts. Ratay currently sports an 88.2 free-throw percentage (45-51), just slightly better than the single-season record 87.1 free-throw percentage set by Sheila McMillen in 1998-99.

## IRISH CAREER RECORDS

### Free Throws

1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	447
2. <b>Ruth Riley (1997-)</b>	<b>446</b>
3. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	328
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	307
5. Danielle Green (1995-00)	283
6. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	282
7. Carey Poor (1992-96)	273
8. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	272
9. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	270
10. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	259

### Rebounds

1. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	999
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	986
3. <b>Ruth Riley (1997-)</b>	<b>898</b>
4. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	853
5. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	824
6. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	774
7. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	742
8. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	730
9. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	644
10. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	622

### Assists

1. Mary Gavin (1984-88)	778
2. Mollie Peirick (1994-97)	651
3. <b>Niele Ivey (1996-)</b>	<b>638</b>
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	579
5. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	554
6. Jeannine Augustin (1994-97)	387
7. Laura Dougherty (1981-85)	326
8. Sara Liebscher (1987-91)	312
9. Kara Leary (1990-94)	311
10. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	284

### Blocked Shots

1. <b>Ruth Riley (1997-)</b>	<b>326</b>
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	141
3. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	133
4. Trena Keys (1982-86)	124
5. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	93
6. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	83
7. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	76
8. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	68
9. Mollie Peirick (1994-97)	65
10. Diana Braendly (1995-99)	54

### Steals

1. <b>Niele Ivey (1996-)</b>	<b>316</b>
2. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	307
3. Mary Gavin (1984-88)	281
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	229
5. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	226
6. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	207
7. Jeannine Augustin (1994-97)	201
8. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	198
9. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	189
10. Ruth Kaiser (1981-85)	187



**BIG EAST STANDINGS  
(FEB. 12)**

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>11-0</b>	<b>22-0</b>
2.	Connecticut	10-1	20-2
3.	Rutgers	9-2	17-5
	Seton Hall	9-2	16-6
5.	Villanova	8-4	17-6
6.	Virginia Tech	7-4	16-6
7.	Georgetown	5-6	13-9
8.	Miami	4-7	11-11
9.	Syracuse	4-7	10-11
10.	Pittsburgh	3-9	9-14
11.	Boston College	2-9	8-14
	Providence	2-9	8-13
	St. John's	2-9	7-15
	West Virginia	2-9	4-18

**WEEKLY RANKINGS**

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in the weekly polls during the 2000-01 season:

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	6	5
Nov. 13	6	--
Nov. 20	5	5
Nov. 27	4	4
Dec. 4	4	4
Dec. 11	3	3
Dec. 18	3	3
Dec. 25	3	3
Jan. 1	3	3
Jan. 8	3	3
Jan. 15	3	3
Jan. 22	1	1
Jan. 29	1	1
Feb. 5	1	1
Feb. 12	1	1

**CONFERENCE CALL**

Notre Dame raced through its first 12 games, beating opponents from seven major conferences. The Irish have posted wins vs. the ACC (North Carolina), Atlantic 10 (Fordham), Big 10 (Purdue, Wisconsin), Conference USA (Marquette), Pacific-10 (Arizona, USC), SEC (Ga.) and Western Athletic (Rice).

**NON-CONFERENCE SUCCESS**

Life outside of the BIG EAST Conference has been good to Notre Dame over the past four years. The Irish sport a 45-9 (.833) overall record vs. non-conference teams in the last four-plus seasons and a 36-5 (.878) record in the regular season. The Irish finished the non-conference portion of their 2000-01 schedule with an 11-0 record -- their second unbeaten record vs. their non-conference regular-season opponents in the last three years after an 8-0 mark vs. non-BIG EAST teams during the 1998-99 regular season.

Notre Dame also has a four-year old, 21-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center -- a streak that includes wins over Purdue in 1997 and 2000 and a pair of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke) and 25th-ranked Illinois in 1998-99. Notre Dame's last non-conference loss at the Joyce Center came over four years ago when 19th-ranked Wisconsin beat the Irish on Dec. 9, 1996.

**RECORD-SETTING DAY**

Notre Dame's win over top-ranked Connecticut on Jan. 15, marked a number milestones for the Irish:

- The Irish posted their first win over Connecticut in 12 meetings.
- Notre Dame defeated a top-ranked team for the first time in 10 games, including its first in four games at the Joyce Center.
- The crowd of 11,418 marked the first Joyce Center sellout for a women's basketball game and the largest crowd in school history, surpassing the 8,134 fans at the 1992 Tennessee game.
- **Ruth Riley** went 13-13 from the free throw line for the best single-game performance in Irish history and the sixth-best in the country this season.
- The 46 free throws Notre Dame attempted tied the school record, while Connecticut's 33 three-point attempts stand as the most ever by an Irish opponent.

**McGRAW WINS 300TH AT NOTRE DAME**

Notre Dame's win over Rice on Dec. 31, marked **Muffet McGraw's** 300th win at Notre Dame in her 14th season as head coach of the Irish. She has a 309-115 (.729) record at Notre Dame and a 397-156 (.718). Her 309 wins at Notre Dame equal more than 65 percent of the total wins in the 23-plus seasons of varsity Irish women's basketball. McGraw also needs just three victories to reach the 400-win plateau in her 19-plus seasons as a head coach -- and to become the fourth BIG EAST coach and the third this season to reach 400 victories.

**SEEING DOUBLE**

All-America center **Ruth Riley** (29 points, 12 rebounds) paced the Irish in the win over Pittsburgh by matching her season high for points to record her third consecutive and seventh double-double of the season. Notre Dame has totalled 16 double-doubles in 22 games by six different players. Other double-double performances for the Irish this season include **Ruth Riley** (vs. Villanova, Marquette, St. John's, Connecticut, Providence, Boston College), **Niele Ivey** (vs. Valparaiso, Arizona, Villanova and Connecticut), **Alicia Ratay** (vs. Va. Tech) **Ericka Haney** (vs. North Carolina and Rice), **Kelley Siemon** (vs. Georgia) and **Meaghan Leahy** (vs. Fordham).

**DOUBLE-DOUBLE FOR DOUBLE "3"**

Fifth-year point guard and All-America candidate **Niele Ivey** entered the season with seven career double-doubles (four in '99-'00 and three in '98-'99) and has four in '00-01. She had a pair of double-doubles in the first two games of the season and a third vs. Villanova. Ivey scored 12 points and had 10 assists and five steals vs. Valparaiso in the season opener and then recorded 11 assists against just one turnover to go along with 14 points against Arizona. She had 11 points, 10 assists, six steals and six rebounds vs. just four turnovers vs. Villanova. Ivey scored 14 points and had her fifth double-figure assist game vs. Connecticut against just five turnovers.

**RATAY TOPS NCAA THREE-POINT SHOOTERS**

Sophomore **Alicia Ratay** has established herself as the best three-point shooter in the country with her 55.7 three-point shooting percentage -- the highest percentage in the country. **Niele Ivey** had



**2000-01 BIG EAST  
WEEKLY AWARDS**

**Player of the Week**

Nov. 20 ..... Rachel Byars, Boston College  
..... Beth Record, Syracuse

Nov. 27 ..... **Niele Ivey, Notre Dame**

Dec. 4 ..... LaTasha Thompson, St. John's  
..... Tere Williams, Virginia Tech

Dec. 11 ..... Arminda Moreno, Seton Hall  
..... Tasha Pointer, Rutgers

Dec. 18 ..... Brandi Barnes, Villanova

Dec. 25 ..... Bettina Love, Pittsburgh

Jan. 1 ..... **Ruth Riley, Notre Dame**

Jan. 8 ..... **Ruth Riley, Notre Dame**  
..... Brandi Barnes, Villanova

Jan. 15 ..... Dalia Clarke, Miami  
..... Tasha Pointer, Rutgers

Jan. 22 ..... **Ruth Riley, Notre Dame**

Jan. 29 ..... Tere Williams, Virginia Tech

Feb. 5 ..... Arminda Moreno, Seton Hall

Feb. 12 ..... **Ruth Riley, Notre Dame**

**Rookie of the Week**

Nov. 20 ..... Jenese Wilcox, Providence

Nov. 27 ..... Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown

Dec. 4 ..... Jenese Wilcox, Providence

Dec. 11 ..... Janelle McManus, Boston College

Dec. 18 ..... Amber Jacobs, Boston College

Dec. 25 ..... Kristin Quinn, Providence

Jan. 1 ..... Courtney Mix, Villanova

Jan. 8 ..... Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown

Jan. 15 ..... Chanivia Broussard, Miami

Jan. 22 ..... Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown

Jan. 29 ..... Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown

Feb. 5 ..... Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown  
..... Charelne Thomas, Seton Hall

Feb. 12 ..... Diana Taurasi, Connecticut  
..... Kristin Quinn, Providence

stood second in the country behind Ratay earlier in the season but does not meet the minimum requirements (2.0/game) to be included in the NCAA rankings. Ratay has connected on 49 of her 88 attempts and her 55.7 percentage is higher than Irish opponents are hitting from the field (33.8) and from three-point range (26.9). Ratay had 11 three pointers in the first two games on just 15 attempts, a percentage of .733. In the season opener vs. Valparaiso, Ratay scored 20 points on 7-12 shooting (6-9 3PT) and nailed four three-pointers in a span of 3:47 late in the first half. She was a perfect 4-4 (3-3 3PT) in the first half of the Arizona game before finishing 8-10 FG, 5-6 3PT and 5-5 FT for 26 points. Ratay was 2-3 vs. Georgia, 3-3 vs. Fordham, 2-4 vs. North Carolina, 1-1 vs. Villanova, 5-8 vs. Purdue, 3-3 vs. Western Mich., 2-3 vs. Marquette, 1-1 vs. USC, 1-3 vs. Va. Tech, 2-3 vs. Rutgers, 3-7 vs. St. John's, 3-4 vs. Va. Tech, 2-4 vs. Conn., 3-6 vs. Seton Hall, 2-4 vs. West Va., 1-4 vs. Providence and Boston College and 1-3 vs. Pittsburgh.

**IRISH VS. TOP 10**

Following the victory over top-ranked Connecticut, the Irish improved to 4-0 this season vs. top-10 opponents. Notre Dame has a 9-5 record vs. all top 10 teams (including 5-0 vs. non-conference opponents) since the start of the 1998-99 season. The Irish have won six straight games vs. top-10 non-conference opponents (#6 Purdue on Dec. 9, #6 Georgia on Nov. 24, #9 North Carolina in '99-'00, #6 UCLA and #6 Duke in '98-99, #6 Texas Tech in '97-98) and nine of their last 11 (also beating #8 Alabama, #8 North Carolina State and #6 Iowa in '96-97 and falling to Tennessee twice (ranked second and 10th in '96-97).

**IRISH VS. UNRANKED OPPONENTS**

In addition to its success vs. top-10 teams, Notre Dame has won 56 consecutive games vs. unranked opponents, including a 24-0 mark last year. The last unranked team to defeat the Irish was Boston College on Dec. 30, 1998 (Notre Dame beat a ranked Eagle team later that season).

**SIEMON STARTS STRONG**

Playing with a broken left hand suffered two days earlier vs. Virginia Tech, senior **Kelley Siemon** sparked the Irish in their win over Connecticut by scoring 15 points and grabbing eight rebounds -- her third-highest point total of the season. She had a season-high 21 points vs. Wisconsin -- including 15 in the second half. She continued her strong play with a double-double in the championship game vs. Georgia (13 points and a game-high 11 rebounds). Siemon had her fourth consecutive double-figure scoring vs. Fordham with 14 points. She also had 10 rebounds to go along with seven points vs. Purdue and 16 points against Western Michigan. She sat out the Marquette game -- the first game in her career in which she did not play -- with a knee injury before returning to the starting lineup vs. USC. She currently is averaging 10.1 points and 6.6 rebounds per game -- the 11th-highest rebounding average in the BIG EAST -- but missed the Seton Hall, West Virginia and Providence games due to her injured left hand. She returned to the starting lineup against Boston College.

**HANEY HELPING OUT**

While Notre Dame has been led by its three All-America caliber players in **Ruth Riley**, **Niele Ivey** and **Alicia Ratay**, junior forward **Ericka Haney** has proven to play a large role in Notre Dame's successful start to the season. Among the team's most athletic and best defensive players, she enters tonight's game averaging 11.7 points -- markedly higher than her 6.8 average as a sophomore and 6.0 as a freshman. With Notre Dame's other starting forward **Kelley Siemon** out of the Marquette game lineup with an injury, Haney turned in the best offensive performance of her career. She made her first 10 field goals before missing her final two and made one of two free throws to finish with a career-high and game-high 21 points. Against Seton Hall with Siemon out of the lineup again, Haney scored 15 first-half points on her way to a game-high 17 points. Other strong offensive performances for Haney this season include double-doubles vs. Rice (18 points, 12 rebounds) and North Carolina (14 points, 13 rebounds) game-high 17 points vs. Virginia Tech, 17 points vs. Providence, 16 points vs. sixth-ranked Purdue and 13 points and seven rebounds vs. Connecticut. She has scored in double figures in 14 of the last 19 games.

**IVEY NAMED COACHES VS. CANCER MVP, BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Fifth-year point guard **Niele Ivey** was named the MVP of the Coaches Vs. Cancer Challenge as she helped the Irish win the event with her strong play. She totaled 41 points on 14-21 shooting (7-9 3PT, 6-6 FT) in 71 minutes of action along with 13 rebounds, 11 assists and eight steals vs. just 10 assists.



**BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL**

1.	Connecticut (13)	169
2.	Rutgers (1)	152
<b>3.</b>	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>150</b>
4.	Boston College	129
T5.	Georgetown	100
T5.	Virginia Tech	100
7.	Villanova	94
8.	Pittsburgh	92
9.	Miami	88
10.	Syracuse	53
11.	St. John's	49
12.	Providence	44
13.	Seton Hall	39
14.	West Virginia	15

**2000-01 Preseason Player of the Year**

Shea Ralph, Sr., G/F, 6-0, Connecticut

**2000-01 Preseason Rookie of the Year**

Diana Taurasi, Fr., G, 5-11, Connecticut

**Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team**

\*Svetlana Abrosimova, Connecticut, G/F, Sr.

Sue Bird, Connecticut, G, Jr.

Tasha Pointer, Rutgers, G, Sr.

\*Shea Ralph, Connecticut, G, Sr.

**\*Ruth Riley, Notre Dame, C, Sr.**

**Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team**

Becky Gottstein, Boston College, F, Jr.

**Niele Ivey, Notre Dame, G, Sr.**

**Alicia Ratay, Notre Dame, G, So.**

Katie Smrcka-Duffy, Georgetown, G, Sr.

Tammy Sutton-Brown, Rutgers, C, Sr.

\* - unanimous selection

Ivey recorded game-high scoring vs. both Wisconsin (22) and Georgia (19). She was named BIG EAST player of the week (Nov. 27) for her efforts for the fourth time in her career.

**HEAD COACH MCGRAW INKS FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT**

**Muffet McGraw** is in her 14th season with the Irish and 19th as a collegiate coach. She recently signed a five-year contract to continue as coach of the Fighting Irish women's basketball program through the 2004-05 season. McGraw has guided Notre Dame to five consecutive NCAA tournament appearances and seven of the last nine. The last four years have comprised the most successful period in the history of the program, thanks to a combined 106-26 record. The Irish followed up their 1997 NCAA Final Four appearance and 31-7 record with an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in '98. Then came 26-5 and 27-5 marks the last two years that represent the top two seasons ever at Notre Dame in terms of winning percentage. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, she spent five seasons at Lehigh where she compiled an 88-41 record for a .683 winning percentage. McGraw has been named a finalist for the Naismith Women's Basketball coach-of-the-year award the last two seasons.

**COACHES VS. CANCER RECAP**

Seniors **Ruth Riley** and **Niele Ivey** both scored a game-high 19 points and were named to the all-tournament team to the Irish to a 75-73 win over sixth-ranked Georgia in the championship game of the Coaches Vs. Cancer Challenge on Nov. 24. The Bulldogs erased an early 11-point deficit before taking their first lead four minutes into the second half. Georgia built a six-point lead with 9:29 before Ivey ignited a 11-0 run in a span of 2:21 for a 68-65 Irish lead. The Bulldogs scored six straight to lead 71-70 before **Alicia Ratay** gave Notre Dame a 72-70 lead. After a pair of Ivey free throws and a Georgia basket, **Kelley Siemon** made one of two free throws for the 75-73 final after the Bulldogs missed a desperation three pointer as time expired.

In the first game of the event vs. host Wisconsin, **Ratay** and **Riley** both were held to single-digit scoring in the same game for the first time, and **Ivey** and **Siemon** poured in a combined 43 points. Junior **Erica Haney** added 14 points to lead fifth-ranked Notre Dame to an 83-56 win. The Irish built a 41-26 halftime lead on the strength of 17 first-half points from Ivey and pulled away from the Badgers with the help of 15 second-half points from Siemon.

**EVERYBODY'S ALL-AMERICAN**

Senior center **Ruth Riley** became Notre Dame's first AP first-team All-American in 2000 and is a preseason favorite to win All-America honors for the third time in her career (she also was second-team AP pick in 1999). She has been named to the preseason All-America teams in a variety of national publications. Here is a list of some of Riley's preseason honors:

- Sports Illustrated For Women* ..... First Team
- Women's Basketball Journal* ..... First Team
- Lindy's All-American* ..... First Team
- Athlon Sports* ..... Second Team
- ESPN Magazine* ..... Preseason "PTPer"
- Street & Smith* ..... High Honorable Mention
- Beth Mowins, ESPN.com ..... Among Top Five Centers In Country

**OTHER IRISH HONORS**

In addition to Riley's accolades, senior point guard **Niele Ivey** has been named by Beth Mowins of ESPN.com one of the top five point guards in the country, while Mowins also has rated the Irish backcourt as one of best in the country. Sophomore guard **Alicia Ratay** has been named preseason All-America by *Women's Basketball Journal* as a sixth-team pick. She is one of only three sophomores on the six-team, 30-player list. Freshman **Jeneka Joyce** has been listed as one of the top freshmen according to *Athlon Sports*.

**IVEY REACHES 1,000-POINT PLATEAU**

Fifth-year PG **Niele Ivey** scored five points in the first four minutes against Valparaiso to surpass the 1,000-point milestone in her career. She joined the list of 16 other Irish players (including **Ruth Riley**) who have scored at least 1,000 points. Ivey scored 15 points in five games as a freshman in 1996-97 before a knee injury ended her season. She then scored 254 points in '97-98, 369 in '98-99 and 358 in '99-00 to reach 996 points entering the season.



# NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES



### TOP JOYCE CENTER CROWDS

<i>Rk.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Atten.</i>
1.	1/15/01	<b>#1 Connecticut</b>	<b>W, 92-76</b>	<b>11,418</b>
2.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
3.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
4.	12/9/00	<b>#6 Purdue</b>	<b>W, 72-61</b>	<b>7,330</b>
5.	2/7/01	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>W, 72-58</b>	<b>7,025</b>
6.	1/7/94	#1 Tennessee	L, 70-105	6,886
7.	1/18/96	#3 Connecticut	L, 64-87	6,501
8.	1/23/99	St. John's	W, 99-60	6,384
9.	1/31/01	<b>Providence</b>	<b>W, 64-44</b>	<b>6,131</b>
10.	1/13/01	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>W, 75-55</b>	<b>5,873</b>
11.	3/19/00	G. Wash. (NCAA)	W, 95-60	5,521
12.	2/6/99	Seton Hall	W, 77-49	5,231
13.	1/6/01	<b>#9 Rutgers</b>	<b>W 67-46</b>	<b>5,227</b>
14.	3/17/00	San Diego (NCAA)	W, 87-61	5,195
15.	12/8/98	#1 Connecticut	L, 81-106	5,102
16.	1/24/98	Providence	W, 109-60	5,056

**Bold** indicates games played this season.

### NCAA AND BIG EAST LEADERS

Here's where Irish players and the team stand in the latest NCAA national statistics (as of Jan. 30) and BIG EAST statistics in BIG EAST games and all games (as of Feb. 12).

Team Rankings	NCAA	Conference Games	All Games
Scoring Offense	21st at 77.8	2nd at 75.7	2nd at 77.5
Scoring Defense	3rd at 55.0	1st at 54.6	1st at 55.1
Scoring Margin	2nd at +22.8	2nd at +21.1	2nd at +22.4
Free Throw Percentage		10th at .652	8th at .669
Field Goal Percentage	5th at .500	1st at .493	2nd at .498
Field Goal Percentage Defense	1st at .339	2nd at .335	1st at .338
Three-Point FG Percentage	1st at .502	1st at .430	1st at .491
Three-Point FG Defense	not kept	3rd at .274	3rd at .269
Rebounding		2nd at 41.2	5th at 40.4
Rebounding Defense	not kept	5th at 34.8	6th at 35.1
Rebounding Margin		4th at +6.4	3rd at +5.2
Blocked Shots	not kept	1st at 7.00	1st at 6.59
Assists	not kept	2nd at 18.09	2nd at 18.18
Steals	not kept	7th at 8.18	5th at 9.45
Turnover Margin	not kept	3rd at 1.64	5th at +2.23
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	3rd at 1.20	3rd at 1.11
Won-Lost Percentage	1st at 1.000		

### Individual Rankings

	NCAA	Conference Games	All Games
Scoring	Riley, 48th at 18.2	Riley, 1st at 22.0	Riley, 1st at 18.7
		Ratay, T15th at 12.2	Ratay, 12th at 13.5
		Ivey, T15th at 12.2	Ivey, 15th at 13.0
Rebounding		Riley, 3rd at 9.1	Riley, 4th at 7.8
		Ratay, 17th at 6.0	Siemon, 6th at 6.9
Field Goal Percentage	Riley, 4th at .645	Riley, 1st at .674	Riley, 1st at .651
Assists	Ivey, 10th at 7.1	Ivey, 2nd at 7.36	Ivey, 2nd at 7.18
Assist/Turnover		Ivey, 1st at 2.89	Ivey, 4th at 2.14
Steals		Ivey, T2nd at 2.45	Ivey, 2nd at 2.82
Free-Throw Percentage		Riley, 7th at .782	Riley, 6th at .791
Three-Point FG Percentage	Ratay, 1st at .565		Ratay, 1st at .557
Three-Point FG Made		Ratay, T7th at 1.82	Ratay, 2nd at 2.23
		Ivey, T11th at 1.64	Ivey, T8th at 1.86
Blocks	Riley, 3rd at 3.0	Riley, 1st at 3.64	Riley, 1st at 3.14
	Barksdale, 26th at 1.8	Barksdale, 11th at 1.10	Barksdale, 3rd at 1.75
Defensive Rebounds	not kept	Riley, 3rd at 6.00	Riley, 3rd at 5.27
		Ratay, 6th at 5.27	Siemon, 6th at 5.00
			Ratay, 12th at 4.14

In overall games, **Ruth Riley's** 29 points vs. Connecticut and Pittsburgh stand as the third-highest point total in overall and BIG EAST games, while her 11 field goals vs. both Virginia Tech and St. John's are tied for fourth in overall and BIG EAST games. Riley's 13-13 free-throw performance vs. Connecticut is tops in overall and BIG EAST games. **Alicia Ratay's** six three pointers vs. Valparaiso in the season opener are tied for the most by a BIG EAST player in a single game this season. Ratay also has the second best three-point shooting game by a BIG EAST player with her 5-6 (.833) vs.



**IRISH TACKLE  
TOUGH SCHEDULE**

An ESPN nationally-televised home game against defending NCAA and BIG EAST champion Connecticut and nine games against teams from the 2000 NCAA women's basketball championship highlighted the 2000-01 Irish schedule. The 27-game slate features 13 home games and appearances in two national tournaments. In addition to the Jan. 15, contest against Connecticut, the Irish welcomed 2000 Final Four participant Rutgers, 1999 NCAA champion Purdue and Pacific-10 power Arizona to the Joyce Center. Notre Dame traveled to Wisconsin on Nov. 22 and 24, for the Coaches Vs. Cancer Challenge, defeating the host Badgers in the opening round and NCAA tournament team Georgia in the championship game (televised by ESPN). The Irish played on ESPN2 when they traveled to Orlando to take on North Carolina at Honda Elite Classic.

The 16-game BIG EAST schedule features two games against conference newcomer Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh and Rutgers and one each with Villanova, St. John's, Connecticut, Seton Hall, West Virginia, Providence, Boston College, Syracuse, Miami and Georgetown. First-ever meetings with Fordham and Rice, the first game against USC in 15 years and a trip to Marquette rounded out the schedule against the non-conference opponents -- against whom the Irish finished 12-0.

Arizona. **Meaghan Leahy's** 12 free throws vs. Fordham are tied for second most in the league. **Niele Ivey's** six steals vs. both North Carolina and Villanova are tied for third most in a single game. **Riley's** seven blocks vs. Pittsburgh are the most in overall and BIG EAST games, while **Amanda Barksdale's** six blocks vs. Fordham and **Riley's** six vs. Virginia Tech are the second best blocks games.

As a team, the Irish also shot 62.3 percent (38-61) vs. Arizona for the best shooting game of the season by a BIG EAST team. Their 38 field goals in that game are tied for third most of the season. The Irish shot .750 (6-8) from three-point range vs. Marquette for the best three-point shooting percentage in a game. Notre Dame's 31 assists vs. Arizona are second most in a single game by a BIG EAST team, and its 13 blocks vs. St. John's are the most in a game.

**NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS**

Notre Dame has won 106 games in its last four seasons, the sixth most wins of any school in the country. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins over the last four seasons:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>'96-'97</u>	<u>'97-'98</u>	<u>'98-'99</u>	<u>'99-'00</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tennessee	29	39	31	30	129
2. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	134
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	30	122
4. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	120
5. UC Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	107
<b>6. Notre Dame</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>106</b>

**POLL POSITION**

The week of Dec. 3 began with the University of Notre Dame as the only Division I-A institution ranked among the top 10 teams in Associated Press standings in the sports of football, men's basketball and women's basketball. Notre Dame stood 10th in the final regular-season football poll (9-2 record), the first time since 1995 the Irish have finished the regular season ranked in the top 10. The Irish men's basketball team also broke into the top 10 that week for the first time since 1986. The Irish women's basketball team had its highest-ever ranking at fourth in the AP before moving up to third following the win over Purdue. It marked the first time in Irish athletic history all three of those Notre Dame teams have been ranked in the top 10 in the same week.

**EXCITEMENT, SEASON-TICKET SALES AT ALL-TIME HIGH**

Season-ticket sales for the 2000-01 Irish home season have more than doubled from a year ago, going from 940 in 1999-2000 to more than 2,700 for the season. Notre Dame's average home attendance has jumped from a per-game figure of 1,747 in 1996-97 (the year the Irish played in the NCAA Final Four in Cincinnati) to 1,914 in 1997-98, then 2,996 in 1998-99 and finally to a 3,392 total in 1999-2000 to rank 26th nationally. Notre Dame is averaging 5,412 fans through its 11 home games this season -- 12th best nationally. Irish women's basketball tickets remain on sale for the Miami game (Feb. 20) and while tickets for potential NCAA first- and second-round games can be purchased beginning Feb. 19 by contacting the Notre Dame ticket office at (219) 631-7356. Fans are encouraged to purchase single-game tickets in advance to avoid waiting in line on gameday.

**NOTRE DAME IN OPENERS**

Notre Dame improved to 16-8 in its 24 season-opening games and have won their last six openers after the Valparaiso victory. Notre Dame has an 11-3 record under Muffet McGraw in its first games of the season with the only losses coming to third-ranked Penn State in 1991, at Marquette in 1992 and the SHU loss in 1994.

**IVEY AMONG BIG EAST ALL-STARS**

**Niele Ivey** spent part of her summer with the BIG EAST Women's Basketball All-Stars, averaging 11.8 points and 3.7 rebounds on the six-game competitive tour of Vancouver and Victoria, B.C. in June. The All-Stars, led by West Virginia head coach Alexis Basil, went 5-1 on the tour with wins over Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria. Ivey scored in double figures in four of the six contests and registered a personal tour-high 17 points in the squad's first meeting with Simon Fraser. She scored a team-high 16 points in the All-Stars' final game.

# Notre Dame Women's Basketball Biography Updates

## 31 Amanda Barksdale Center, Sophomore, 6-3, Friendswood, TX (Clearbrook)

Scored four points and blocked four shots in 20 minutes against Arizona ... had a career-high 6 blocks against Fordham to go along with four points ... four blocks in 13 minutes of action vs. St. John's ... second on team, third in the BIG EAST and 16th in the country in blocks with 35 on the season ... saw action in every game except one (Purdue).

**Season Highs**

4 points vs. Fordham, Arizona, St. John's  
5 rebounds vs. West Virginia, 1-24-01  
6 blocks vs. Fordham, 11/27/00

**Career Highs**

8 vs. Georgetown, 1/29/00  
8 rebounds vs. Georgetown, 1/29/00  
7 blocks vs. Providence, 2/1/00

## 41 Imani Dunbar Guard, Senior, 5-7, San Angelo, TX (San Angelo Central)

Played key minutes in second half of win against Purdue game when Niele Ivey went down with cramps ... started her first game of the season vs. Providence ... recorded season highs in playing time (17 minutes) and assists (4) against Fordham ... shot a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line against Rice ... scored career-high six points in 15 minutes against Arizona ... scored first career three-pointer at buzzer vs. Connecticut.

**Season Highs**

6 points vs. Arizona, 11/20/00  
4 rebounds vs. Western Michigan, 12/18/00  
4 assists vs. Fordham, 11/27/00

**Career Highs**

6 points vs. Arizona, 11/20/00  
5 rebounds vs. USC, 12/27/99 and West Va., 1/5/00  
8 assists vs. USC, 12/27/99

## 3 Ericka Haney Guard/Forward, Junior, 6-1, Toledo, OH (Central Catholic)

Became the fourth Irish player this season to record a double-double in the game against North Carolina, scoring 14 points and hauling in 13 rebounds ... dished off career-high five assists vs. Georgia coupled with eight points and six rebounds ... scored the first three-pointer of her career less than two minutes into the game against Purdue ... netted 16 points in that contest ... led the Irish in scoring vs. Marquette with a career-high 21 points after making her first 10 field goals and then finishing 10-12 ... scored 16 of her 18 points against Rice in the first half on her way to her second double-double of the season (12 rebounds) ... scored game-high 17 points vs. Virginia Tech, Seton Hall and Providence ... has finished in double figures in points in 14 of last 20 games ... has started all 22 games.

**Season Highs**

21 points vs. Marquette, 12/21/00  
13 rebounds vs. North Carolina, 12/3/00  
5 assists vs. Georgia, 11/24/00

**Career Highs**

21 points vs. Marquette, 12/21/00  
14 rebounds vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99  
5 assists vs. Georgia, 11/24/00

## 23 Monique Hernandez Guard, Sophomore, 5-9, Rio Rancho, NM (Cibola)

Played season-high 25 minutes vs. Seton Hall and scored career-high 10 points ... grabbed a career high five rebounds in BIG EAST opener against Villanova ... sparked Irish in 70-61 win at USC with career-high eight points ... played in every game except Fordham and first Virginia Tech game ... played in 15 minutes in back-to-back games vs. St. John's and Virginia Tech.

**Season Highs**

10 points vs. Seton Hall, 1/21/00  
5 rebounds vs. Villanova, 12/6/00  
3 assists vs. Western Michigan, 12/18/00

**Career Highs**

10 points vs. Seton Hall, 1/21/00  
5 rebounds vs. Villanova, 12/6/00  
3 assists vs. Western Michigan, 12/18/00

## 33 Niele Ivey Guard, Fifth-Year, 5-8, St. Louis, MO (Cor Jesu)

Became 17th Irish player to score 1,000 career points vs. Valparaiso ... broke current Irish assistant coach Coquese Washington's school record for steals with four vs. Providence to bring her career total to 309 ... started off season by recording consecutive double-doubles with 12 points and 10 assists vs. Valparaiso and 14 points and a season-high 11 assists vs. Arizona ... was one rebound short of third consecutive double-double against Wisconsin ... led the Irish in scoring vs. Wisconsin with 22 points, shooting 4-4 from three-point range and 4-4 from the free throw line on her way to winning MVP of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic ... third double-double of the season came against Villanova with 11 points and 10 assists to go along with 6 steals ... notched her fourth double-double vs. Connecticut with 14 points and 10 assists ... scored 14 points to complement eight assists and four steals against Fordham ... named BIG EAST player of the week for the fourth time in her career on Nov. 27 ... went 6-6 in the first half against North Carolina ... scored eight points and dished off 10 assists in win vs. Western Michigan ... moved into fourth place on the Irish career assists list with assists vs. Marquette ... had eight assists vs. no turnovers vs. Virginia Tech ... has scored in double figures in all but four games this season (Purdue, Western Michigan, USC, St. John's) ... has dished off 10 or more assists five times this season ... recorded at least seven assists in 15 of 22 games ... has started all 22 games.

**Season Highs**

22 points vs. Wisconsin, 11/22/00  
9 rebounds vs. Rice, 12/31/00  
11 assists vs. Arizona, 11/20/00

**Career Highs**

25 points vs. UCLA, 11/14/98  
9 rebounds vs. Rice, 12/31/00 and Bost. Coll., 2/5/00  
13 assists vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99

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

Started off her career with 11 points in 19 minutes against Valparaiso ... matched season high with 11 points at Boston College on 4-8 shooting (3-5 3PT) ... played 57 minutes in first four games of season without a turnover ... missed 10 games before playing five minutes vs. St. John's ... then did not play vs. Virginia Tech in next game ... returned to action to play key role in win over Connecticut with eight points in 16 minutes ... played season-high 24 minutes vs. Pittsburgh.

**Season and Career Highs**

11 points vs. Valparaiso, 11/17/00 and Boston College, 2/3/01  
3 rebounds vs. Seton Hall, 1/21/01  
4 assists vs. Arizona, 11/20/00

## 44 Meaghan Leahy Forward, Senior, 6-4, Wilbraham, MA (Suffield (CT) Acad.)

Had her first career double-double against Fordham, posting career highs of 16 points and 14 rebounds ... shot 12-14 from the charity stripe in that contest ... earned first start of the season against Western Michigan (Dec. 18), scoring 6 points and grabbing 5 rebounds ... started in place of injured Kelley Siemon vs. Marquette, Seton Hall and West Virginia.

**Season Highs**

16 points vs. Fordham, 11/27/00  
14 rebounds vs. Fordham, 11/27/00  
2 assists vs. Marq., 12/21/00 and West. Mich., 12/18/00

**Career Highs**

16 points vs. Fordham, 11/27/00  
14 rebounds vs. Fordham, 11/27/00  
4 assists vs. Michigan State, 12/11/99

# NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

## 22 Alicia Ratay Guard, Sophomore, 5-11, Lake Zurich, IL (Lake Zurich)

Leads the nation in three-point shooting percentage (55.7%) ... made a season-high six three-point field goals season opener (Valparaiso) while leading the Irish in scoring with 20 points ... led scoring attack vs. Arizona with 26 points after shooting 80% from the field and 100% from the free throw line ... went 4-4 from three-point range against Arizona in the first half ... scored with 1:39 left in the game vs. Georgia to put the Irish up for good, followed by a key steal with 1:18 left that sealed the game ... perfect from behind the three-point arch in two games this season (Western Michigan and Fordham) ... led the Irish in scoring against Purdue with 19 points ... last two three-pointers in that game sparked a 14-5 run that put the Irish up by 11 at the end of the game ... spending more time on the court than any teammate, averaging 32.5 minutes per game ... had first double-double of season with game-highs of 17 points and 10 rebounds vs. Virginia Tech (Jan. 13) ... poured in 24 points vs. West Virginia, second-highest point total of season ... leads team with 88.2 free-throw shooting percentage ... led the team in scoring in five of first 10 games ... has started all 22 games.

### Season Highs

26 points vs. Arizona, 11/20/00  
10 rebounds vs. Virginia Tech, 1/13/01  
5 assists vs. three teams

### Career Highs

32 points vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99  
12 rebounds vs. St. John's, 2/12/00  
7 assists vs. Butler, 12/1/99

## 00 Ruth Riley Center, Senior, 6-5, Macy, IN (North Miami)

Named BIG EAST Player of the Week on Jan. 8 for the second consecutive week after averaging 24.5 points and 6.0 rebounds per game as the Irish went 2-0 on the week ... won weekly honor again on Jan. 21 for third time in four weeks after 29-point, 12-rebound performance vs. Connecticut ... earned fourth BIG EAST player-of-the-week honor on Feb. 12 after matching season-high with 29 points, 12 rebounds and season-high seven blocks vs. Pittsburgh ... opened the season with 13 points, seven rebounds and five blocks against Valparaiso ... recorded first double-double of the season in BIG EAST opener against Villanova, scoring 14 points and hauling in 10 rebounds in addition to four assists ... scored nine of those points in 11 minutes to open the second half ... scored 15 points, grabbed seven rebounds and blocked five shots in win over sixth-ranked Purdue ... grabbed 10 rebounds and scored 18 points to record her second double-double of the season against Marquette ... perfect from the free throw line against Georgia (7-7), Marquette (6-6), Virginia Tech (5-5) and Rice (4-4) and Connecticut (13-13) ... scored 27 points in 37 minutes against Virginia Tech in first of three straight 20-point games (22 vs. Rutgers, 23 vs. St. John's) ... paced Irish to win over Connecticut with season-highs of 29 points and 12 rebounds for fourth double-double of season ... recorded school-record free-throw performance vs. Huskies by making all 13 attempts ... scored game-high 28 points vs. West Virginia on 11-14 shooting ... notched fifth double-double with 19 points (17 in second half) and season-high 14 rebounds vs. Providence ... had second consecutive double-double and sixth of season vs. Boston College (24 points, 13 rebounds) ... notched third straight and seven double-double of season vs. Pittsburgh (29 points, 12 rebounds) ... scored in double figures in all but two games this season (Wisconsin and Fordham) ... has started all 22 games.

### Season Highs

29 points vs. Connecticut, 1/15/01, Pitt, 2/7/01  
14 rebounds vs. Providence, 1/31/01  
4 assists three times  
7 blocks vs. Pittsburgh, 2/7/01

### Career Highs

41 points vs. Providence, 1/30/98  
18 rebounds vs. Duke, 11/21/98  
5 assists vs. Pittsburgh, 1/18/00  
8 blocks vs. Duke, 11/21/98

## 4 Le'Tania Severe Guard, Freshman, 5-9, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Ft. Lauderdale)

Started the season on the bench after surgery to repair a stress fracture in her right leg ... made her Irish debut against Western Michigan, scoring 2 points and grabbing 3 rebounds in 13 minutes of action ... played in seven games after her return before missing Virginia Tech (Jan. 13) with sprained left knee ... scored season-high seven points in 16 minutes vs. Rice ... saw season-high 26 minutes of playing time against Providence ... pulled down season-high seven rebounds vs. Friars.

### Season and Career Highs

7 points vs. Rice, 12/31/00  
7 rebounds vs. Providence, 1/31/01  
2 assists vs. Providence, 1/31/01

## 50 Kelley Siemon Forward, Senior, 6-2, Edina, MN (Edina)

Scored all six of her points vs. Valparaiso in a span of 53 seconds ... was second in scoring vs. Wisconsin with 21 points on 7-8 shooting from the field and 7-8 from the free throw line ... had a double-double against Georgia in the Coaches Against Cancer Classic (13 points, 11 rebounds) championship game ... made one of two free throws with 6.1 seconds remaining vs. Georgia to seal the victory ... sat out first game of her 104-game career on Dec. 21 at Marquette due to a sprained knee ... neared her second double-double of the season by one rebound vs. Rutgers (11 points, 9 rebounds) ... played despite broken hand vs. Connecticut and scored 15 points and had eight rebounds and season-high five assists ... sat out Seton Hall, West Virginia and Providence games nursing her injured left hand ... returned to starting lineup vs. Boston College ... had season-high 12 rebounds vs. Pittsburgh ... started 16 of 17 games.

### Season Highs

21 points vs. Wisconsin, 11/22/00  
12 rebounds vs. Pittsburgh, 2/7/01  
5 assists three times

### Career Highs

23 points vs. Providence, 2/1/00  
14 rebounds vs. BC, 2/5/00, G. Wash., 3/19/00  
6 assists vs. West Virginia, 2/20/99

## 11 Karen Swanson Guard, Sophomore, 5-7, Westlake, OH (Westlake)

Played a career-high 11 minutes against Fordham ... scored four points in that game coupled with a career-high three rebounds ... has seen action in 15 of 20 games.

### Season Highs

5 points vs. Rice, 12/31/00  
3 rebounds vs. Fordham, 11/27/00  
1 assist vs. Villanova, 12/6/00

### Career Highs

5 points vs. Rice, 12/31/00  
3 rebounds vs. Fordham, 11/27/00  
1 assist vs. Villanova, 12/6/00







# NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

**Notre Dame 87, West Virginia 64**  
**January 24, 2001**  
 WVU Coliseum, Morgantown, WV

**Notre Dame (87)**

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	20	3-6	1-1	1-2	2	1	0	8
Leahy	23	2-6	0-0	0-0	5	0	0	4
Riley	31	11-14	0-0	6-8	6	2	3	28
Ratay	32	8-13	2-4	6-6	8	4	1	24
Ivey	29	4-11	2-6	0-0	6	9	2	10
Joyce	22	1-8	1-6	3-4	3	1	0	6
Dunbar	11	0-1	0-0	1-2	2	0	2	1
Severe	10	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	0
Barksdale	9	1-4	0-0	1-2	5	0	0	3
Hernandez	8	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	0
Swanson	5	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	3
Team					7	1		
<b>Team</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>31-69</b>	<b>7-18</b>	<b>18-24</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>87</b>

**West Virginia (64)**

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Thomas	21	2-4	0-0	1-6	3	0	3	5
Batch	17	2-6	0-0	0-0	2	1	3	4
Horvath	29	1-5	0-1	0-0	9	1	1	2
Kudryavtseva	40	6-12	3-7	6-7	3	8	4	21
Bulger	39	7-19	1-6	3-5	5	2	1	18
Clark	24	5-11	2-5	0-0	1	1	2	12
Carson	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	2
Katanich	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	4	0
Whitehead	8	0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	0
Team					6			
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>24-62</b>	<b>6-19</b>	<b>10-18</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>64</b>

**Notre Dame 44 43 -- 87**  
**West Virginia 23 41 -- 64**

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 44.9, West Virginia 38.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 38.9, West Virginia 31.6. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 75.0, West Virginia 55.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 15, West Virginia 21. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 6, West Virginia 4. **Steals:** Notre Dame 13, West Virginia 11. **Attendance:** 364

**Notre Dame 64, Providence 44**  
**January 31, 2001**  
 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

**Providence (44)**

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Gomboltz	33	3-13	1-6	1-2	7	2	2	8
Wilcox	32	5-21	0-0	2-2	8	1	4	12
Roberts	16	1-4	1-1	2-2	3	1	3	5
Vozab	32	0-6	0-3	0-0	5	2	3	0
Quinn	31	2-7	1-2	0-0	0	2	4	5
Charbonneau	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Horvath	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Freeburg	24	1-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	3
Trippany	29	5-9	0-0	1-3	7	3	5	11
Team					12			
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>17-66</b>	<b>3-13</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>44</b>

**Notre Dame (64)**

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	37	6-14	0-0	5-10	9	2	2	17
Riley	28	6-15	0-0	7-9	14	3	4	19
Ratay	32	3-8	1-4	0-0	8	1	1	7
Ivey	38	4-12	1-3	3-6	6	4	1	12
Dunbar	6	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	3
Severe	26	1-4	0-0	1-2	7	2	0	3
Joyce	15	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0
Swanson	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Barksdale	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Leahy	6	1-1	0-0	1-1	4	1	2	3
Team					4			
<b>Team</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-60</b>	<b>2-8</b>	<b>18-30</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>

**Providence 20 24 -- 44**  
**Notre Dame 26 38 -- 64**

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.7, Providence 25.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 25.0, Providence 23.1. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 60.0, Providence 63.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 16, Providence 16. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 8 (Riley 5), Providence 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 7 (Ivey 4), Providence 11. **Attendance:** 6,131

**Notre Dame 81, Boston College 65**  
**February 3, 2001**  
 Conte Forum, Chestnut Hill, MA

**Notre Dame (81)**

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Ratay	32	4-8	1-4	2-2	5	2	3	11
Siemon	26	2-3	0-0	0-3	2	2	2	4
Riley	37	7-13	0-0	10-12	13	4	3	24
Haney	23	4-6	0-0	1-2	5	1	1	9
Ivey	39	4-14	3-7	5-6	6	7	3	16
Severe	6	1-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	2	4
Joyce	22	4-8	3-5	0-0	2	0	0	11
Hernandez	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Barksdale	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dunbar	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Leahy	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	2
Team					2			
<b>Team</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-57</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>20-27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>81</b>

**Boston College (65)**

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Conway	40	7-13	0-0	2-2	8	2	3	16
Gottstein	40	5-12	0-0	6-7	9	2	3	16
Courmoyer	25	3-7	0-0	0-1	2	2	5	6
Jacobs	38	4-13	3-6	0-0	1	3	1	11
Shields	15	1-3	0-1	0-0	1	3	0	2
McManus	27	4-6	0-1	4-7	3	2	0	12
Leahy	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	5	0
Byars	7	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2
Spears	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Team					3			
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-56</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>12-17</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>65</b>

**Notre Dame 39 42 -- 81**  
**Boston College 30 35 -- 65**

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 47.4, Boston College 44.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 43.8, Boston College 37.5. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 74.1, Boston College 70.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 9, Boston College 14. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5, Boston College 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 6 (Ivey 3), Boston College 4. **Attendance:** 5,429

**Notre Dame 72, Pittsburgh 58**  
**February 7, 2001**  
 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

**Pittsburgh (58)**

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Love	30	4-12	0-1	1-2	4	0	3	9
Barkley	22	1-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	3	2
Wittenmyer	28	2-10	0-0	5-6	4	1	3	9
Stewart	40	5-13	3-9	0-0	2	1	0	13
Selwyn	36	7-11	4-6	5-7	2	1	4	23
Ryndycz	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Campbell	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0
Ford	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	4	0	1	0
Stufflet	16	0-4	0-0	2-2	3	2	4	2
Team					11			
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>19-59</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>13-17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>58</b>

**Notre Dame (72)**

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	28	3-7	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	7
Siemon	33	2-4	0-0	3-4	12	4	1	7
Riley	33	11-15	0-0	7-8	12	0	4	29
Ratay	32	3-7	1-3	4-4	7	2	2	11
Ivey	38	3-10	1-4	4-7	5	8	3	11
Severe	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Joyce	24	3-10	1-4	0-0	2	1	0	7
Hernandez	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Barksdale	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dunbar	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Leahy	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team					1			
<b>Team</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-53</b>	<b>3-11</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>72</b>

**Pittsburgh 20 38 -- 58**  
**Notre Dame 30 42 -- 72**

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 47.2, Pittsburgh 32.2. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 27.3, Pittsburgh 43.8. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 76.0, Pittsburgh 76.5. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 18, Pittsburgh 15. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9 (Riley 7), Pittsburgh 8. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11 (Ivey 4), Pittsburgh 10. **Attendance:** 7,025