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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2003-04 Irish Schedule/Results (0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)

November

14 # (15/16) vs. Auburn (22/25) 6:00 MT
 15 # Colorado/Old Dominion 6/8:15 MT
 21 **Valparaiso** 7:00 ET
 26 at Michigan State 7:00 ET
 30 at Tennessee 3:00 ET

December

4 Wisconsin 7:00 ET
 7 at Washington (FSN) 1:00 PT
 13 **Dayton** 1:00 ET
 22 **USC** 1:00 ET
 29 at Colorado State 7:00 MT

January

1 **Marquette** 2:00 ET
 4 \$ at Purdue (ESPN2) 3:00 ET
 7 * at Georgetown 7:00 ET
 10 * **Virginia Tech (BETV)** Noon ET
 13 * **Connecticut** 7:00 ET
 17 * at West Virginia 4:00 ET
 21 * at Syracuse 7:00 ET
 24 * **Villanova (BETV)** Noon ET
 28 * at Miami 7:00 ET
 31 * **Boston College (BETV)** Noon ET

February

4 * **Georgetown** 7:00 ET
 8 * at Seton Hall 2:00 ET
 14 * **Providence** 7:00 ET
 17 * at St. John's 7:00 ET
 21 * at Pittsburgh 2:00 ET
 25 * **Miami (CSTV)** 8:00 ET
 28 * at Rutgers (BETV) Noon ET

March

2 * **Syracuse** 7:00 ET
 6-9 ^ BIG EAST Championship
 21 + **NCAA First Round (ESPN/ESPN2)**
 23 + **NCAA Second Round (ESPN/ESPN2)**
 27-30 NCAA Regionals

April

4-6 NCAA Final Four (New Orleans, La.)

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

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

WBCA Classic (Boulder, Colo.)

\$ BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (West Lafayette, Ind.)

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

+ hosted by University of Notre Dame

(FSN) Game televised on Fox Sports Net

(BETV) Game televised on BIG EAST TV package

(CSTV) Game to be televised on College Sports Television

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.

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

Game No. **1**

2003 WBCA CLASSIC (presented by Basketball Travelers, Inc.)

(#15 AP/#16 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (0-0)**

vs. (#22 AP/#25 ESPN/USA Today) **Auburn Tigers (0-0)**

The Date and Time: Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at 6 p.m. MT (8 p.m. ET in South Bend).

The Site: Coors Events Center (11,064) in Boulder, Colo.

The Radio Plans: All Notre Dame games are broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620) and/or WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend with **Sean Stires** (play-by-play) and **Shawn Lewallen** (analysis). These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com.

Web Site: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Auburn (www.auburntigers.com).

NO. 15 IRISH TO MEET 22ND-RANKED AUBURN AT WBCA CLASSIC

The 27th season of Notre Dame women's basketball will tip off Friday at 6 p.m. (MT) when the 15th-ranked Irish take on No. 22 Auburn in the first round of the WBCA Classic at the Coors Events Center in Boulder, Colo. Notre Dame has been very successful in season openers over the years, posting an 18-8 record with an active seven-game winning streak on the line this weekend. The Irish also will be opening up with a ranked opponent for just the sixth time in school history and the first time since the 1998-99 season, when they defeated No. 6 UCLA, 99-82.

Notre Dame completed its exhibition season in fine fashion on Sunday with a 78-45 thumping of Team Concept at the Joyce Center. Junior forward **Katy Flecky** led four players in double figures with a game-high 21 points (9-11 FG), and junior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** chalked up her second consecutive double-double with 11 points and a game-high 11 rebounds to lead the Irish cause. Sophomore forward **Courtney LaVere** almost matched Batteast's performance, finishing with 14 points and nine rebounds, while sophomore guard **Megan Duffy** was quietly efficient with 12 points and six assists.

The Notre Dame defense was the story in this contest, as the Irish held Team Concept to a .283 field goal percentage and forced 29 turnovers on the day. Notre Dame also held a sizeable 52-36 edge on the boards, including 21 at the offensive end.

Auburn has all five starters and 10 letterwinners back from last year's WNIT championship team. The Tigers played just one exhibition game this year, a 100-68 drubbing of Premier Players on Nov. 7. Junior guard **Natasha Brackett** led all scorers with 20 points, while senior forward **Le'Coee Willingham** contributed 18 points and nine rebounds.

Friday's game will mark the first-ever meeting between Notre Dame and Auburn. The Irish will look to continue their success against first-time opponents, having won 18 of the last 19 times they have played a brand-new foe.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 78, Team Concept 45
Exhibition Game #2
November 9, 2003
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Team Concept (45)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Heller	28	0-8	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	0
Ruzickova	33	5-8	0-0	0-0	9	0	4	10
Lichernova	25	5-9	0-0	3-5	7	1	5	13
Darida	29	1-9	0-4	2-2	4	2	3	4
Zsovar	33	2-7	0-0	7-7	3	0	1	11
Szentkiralyi	19	0-6	0-2	1-2	1	3	3	1
Major	11	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	2
Rose	22	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	4
Team					6			
Totals	200	15-53	0-7	15-18	36	8	22	45

Notre Dame (78)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	29	4-14	0-0	3-7	11	0	4	11
Flecky	19	9-11	3-3	0-0	7	0	4	21
LaVere	29	5-19	0-0	4-8	9	3	2	14
Severe	22	3-6	0-1	3-5	2	6	3	9
Duffy	28	4-5	1-2	3-4	3	6	1	12
Powers	30	1-3	0-1	0-0	4	2	0	2
Gray	19	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0
Erwin	21	4-11	0-0	1-2	10	0	2	9
Weese	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					3			
Totals	200	30-69	4-7	14-26	52	17	18	78

Team Concept 21 24 -- 45
Notre Dame 40 38 -- 78

FG Pct: Team Concept 28.3, Notre Dame 43.5. **3-PT FG Pct:** Team Concept 0.0, Notre Dame 57.1. **FT Pct:** Team Concept 83.3, Notre Dame 53.8. **Turnovers:** Team Concept 29, Notre Dame 20. **Blocked Shots:** Team Concept 4 (Ruzickova, Rose 2), Notre Dame 0. **Steals:** Team Concept 9 (Heller 3), Notre Dame 18 (Batteast 4). **Attendance:** 5,639.



**ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Preseason)**

Rk.	Team	'02-03 Record	Last
1.	Connecticut (47)	37-1	1
2.	Duke	35-2	2
3.	Texas	29-6	5
4.	Tennessee	33-5	4
5.	Kansas State	29-5	8
6.	Stanford	27-5	9
7.	Purdue	29-6	10
8.	Penn State	26-9	15
9.	LSU	30-4	3
10.	Texas Tech	29-6	7
11.	Georgia	21-10	19
12.	Louisiana Tech	31-3	6
13.	Minnesota	25-6	17
14.	North Carolina	28-6	12
15.	NOTRE DAME	21-11	NR
16.	Rutgers	21-8	23
17.	Ohio State	21-10	20
18.	UC Santa Barbara	27-5	18
19.	Utah	24-7	NR
20.	Colorado	24-8	NR
21.	Oklahoma	19-13	NR
22.	Auburn	23-11	NR
23.	Arizona	22-9	22
24.	TCU	20-14	NR
25.	Virginia	17-14	NR

**ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Preseason)**

Rk.	Team	'02-03 Record	Last
1.	Connecticut (40)	37-1	1
2.	Duke	35-2	4
3.	Texas	29-6	3
4.	Tennessee	33-5	2
5.	Kansas State	29-5	10
6.	Texas Tech	29-6	6
7.	Stanford	27-5	14
8.	Penn State	26-9	12
9.	Purdue	29-6	7
10.	LSU	30-4	5
11.	Georgia	21-10	11
12.	Louisiana Tech	31-3	9
13.	Minnesota	25-6	13
14.	North Carolina	28-6	15
15.	Ohio State	21-10	NR
16.	NOTRE DAME	21-11	21
17.	Rutgers	21-8	NR
18.	UC Santa Barbara	27-5	22
19.	Utah	24-7	NR
20.	Colorado	24-8	19
21.	Oklahoma	19-13	NR
22.	Arizona	22-9	NR
23.	TCU	20-14	NR
24.	Virginia	17-14	NR
25.	Auburn	23-11	NR

Boldface indicates 2003-04 Notre Dame opponents

A QUICK LOOK AT THE FIGHTING IRISH

With eight monogram winners and four starters back in the fold this season, Notre Dame has many of the pieces in place to be a major contender on the national scene. The Irish posted a 21-11 record last season and made their fifth NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance in the past seven years, a feat only seven other schools in the country can match. However, although the majority of the 12-player Notre Dame roster has plenty of experience in pressure situations, the key this season will be to use that knowledge and bring the team one step closer to its ultimate goal — the national championship.

The primary strength for the Irish lies in the post, where all three frontline starters return. Junior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is a two-time all-BIG EAST Conference selection and an All-America candidate this season after averaging 13.9 points, 8.3 rebounds and 1.56 blocks per game last season. She is one of only five players in school history to score more than 800 points in her first two seasons at Notre Dame. Sophomore forward **Courtney LaVere** turned in an impressive rookie season, collecting 12.4 points and 5.6 rebounds per game last year on the way to a spot on the BIG EAST All-Rookie Team and Freshman All-America honors from *Women'sCollegeHoops.com*. Junior center **Teresa Borton** has been a mainstay in the paint the past two seasons, averaging 8.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game last season with a team-high .574 field goal percentage. Junior forward **Katy Flecky** has played all three post positions during her Irish career, while also stepping outside to stretch the defense from the three-point line. Flecky logged 7.0 points and 4.1 rebounds in just over 23 minutes per game last season.

If there's one area that will be closely scrutinized for Notre Dame this season, it is the backcourt. Senior **Le'Tania Severe** spent the past two years running the point for head coach **Muffet McGraw**, but she slides over to the shooting guard position this year in place of the departed Alicia Ratay. While it will be next to impossible to fill the shoes of the best three-point shooter in NCAA history, Severe has shown an ability to knock down long-range shots with strong accuracy, hitting at a .429 clip for her career from beyond the arc. Last season, Severe averaged 7.3 points and 3.8 assists per game, and her playmaking abilities will likely be called upon at times this year. Sophomore **Megan Duffy** takes over the everyday point guard responsibilities after earning her stripes in the 2003 NCAA Tournament, averaging 6.7 points in helping the Irish reach the Sweet Sixteen. A strong ballhandler with a smooth left-handed shot, Duffy spent much of this past offseason working on her perimeter shooting, hoping to improve on last year's .242 field goal percentage (.200 from the three-point line).

One thing working in Notre Dame's favor this season will be its depth. Up front, freshman Crystal Erwin will push for playing time immediately after a stellar prep career that saw her pick up All-America honors from virtually every media outlet as a senior. She averaged 22.3 points, 13.4 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game in high school and was chosen as the 2003-04 BIG EAST Co-Freshman of the Year. In the backcourt, a trio of seasoned veterans and a pair of eager rookies will give the Irish added support. Seniors **Jeneka Joyce** and **Monique Hernandez** were members of Notre Dame's 2001 NCAA title-winning squad and bring with them the intangible qualities of leadership and a championship attitude. Joyce missed all of last season with various leg injuries, while Hernandez is back after sitting out the last season and a half for personal reasons. Fellow senior **Anne Weese** joined the Irish as a walk-on midway through last season and also has championship experience, having won a junior college title at Seward County (Kan.) Community College in 2001-02. Entering the fray this year are freshmen guards **Breona Gray** and **Susie Powers**. Gray is a speedy, aggressive defender who averaged 16.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per game during her high school career. Meanwhile, Powers was a playmaking guard at one of the nation's top prep programs (Highlands Ranch HS in Colorado), averaging 13.6 points and 6.8 assists per game on the way to twice earning honorable mention All-America recognition. She also is a perimeter scoring threat, hitting at a 42 percent rate from behind the ring in high school.

A QUICK LOOK AT AUBURN

All five starters and 10 letterwinners are back from last year's Auburn squad that went 23-11 and won the school's first WNIT championship. The Tigers struggled down the stretch last season, losing five of their last six regular-season games, but recovered nicely in the postseason and rolled through the WNIT, capping the run with a last-second 64-63 victory in the title game at Baylor.

Among the top returning players for Auburn is junior guard **Natasha Brackett**. The Charlotte native averaged 16.4 points per game last season and was the MVP of the WNIT after scoring more points than any sophomore in Auburn history. Senior forward **Le'Coe Willingham** also is a force for the Tigers with career averages of 10.7 points and 7.1 rebounds per game, not to mention a strong .489 field goal percentage. She was the hero for AU in the WNIT championship game, scoring a team-high 14 points, including the game-winning shot in the final seconds.

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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	Jr.	13.9	8.3	1.6 bpg	Averaged 15.5 ppg., 10.5 rpg. in exhibition play
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	Jr.	7.0	4.1	1.5 apg	Shot .667 (12-18), averaged 16.5 ppg. in exhib.
41	Courtney LaVere	F	6-3	So.	12.4	5.6	0.8 bpg	Scored team-high 21 pts. (10-14 FG) vs. NW Sports
4	Le'Tania Severe (C)	G	5-8	Sr.	7.3	3.7	3.8 apg	Beginning her third season as backcourt starter
13	Megan Duffy	G	5-7	So.	3.0	1.9	2.3 apg	12.0 ppg., 9.5 apg., 3.17 A/TO ratio in preseason

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG*	RPG*	Other*	Notes
3	Susie Powers	G	5-11	Fr.	—	—	—	Averaged 13.6 ppg., 6.8 apg. in high school
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	Sr.	—	—	—	Expected to begin practicing next week (leg injury)
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	Jr.	8.0	5.0	1.3 bpg	Questionable for WBCA Classic (heel surgery)
23	Monique Hernandez	G	5-9	Sr.	—	—	—	Probable for Auburn; DNP vs. Team Concept (foot)
32	Breona Gray	G	5-9	Fr.	—	—	—	Four-time all-state in HS; first Nevadan to play for ND
34	Crystal Erwin	F	6-2	Fr.	—	—	—	Had near double-double vs. Team Concept (9p, 10r)
44	Anne Weese	G	5-8	Sr.	0.1	0.4	0.0 apg	Walk-on who appeared in eight games last season

Boldface indicates 2002-03 team statistical leaders // (C) indicates team captain // * final statistics from 2002-03 season for returning players only

Auburn played just one exhibition game this season, flattening Premier Players, 100-68 back on Nov. 7. Brackett scored a game-high 20 points and Willingham chipped in with 18 points and nine rebounds to lead the Tiger attack. As a team, Auburn shot 63 percent from the floor in the second half and outscored Premier Players by a 58-29 count.

Joe Ciampi is beginning his 25th season at Auburn with a career record of 546-194 (.738) at the school. He is in his 27th year as a collegiate head coach with an overall mark of 585-204 (.741).

THE NOTRE DAME-AUBURN SERIES

Friday's game will be the first meeting between Notre Dame and Auburn.

NOTRE DAME AGAINST THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

The Irish are 5-25 (.167) all-time against the Southeastern Conference, although they have split their last four meetings vs. SEC schools. Most recently, Notre Dame defeated both Georgia and Vanderbilt during the 2000-01 season, before falling to Tennessee twice (in the second round of the 2002 NCAA Tournament and last season in Indianapolis). In fact, Tennessee has been responsible for 15 of those 25 SEC losses by the Irish over the years.

Besides the Lady Vols, Notre Dame has faced five other Southeastern Conference teams — Alabama (1-3), Georgia (1-2), LSU (1-2), South Carolina (0-2) and Vanderbilt (2-1). Friday's opponent, Auburn, will be the seventh different SEC school the Irish have played in their history. Notre Dame still has yet to match up with Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi or Mississippi State.

A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

When Notre Dame takes on Auburn Friday night, the Tigers will be the 168th different opponent the Irish have faced in their 27-year history. Notre Dame holds a record of 101-66 (.605) when playing a brand-new opponent, including 18 wins in its last 19 games vs. first-time foes. The only setback in that span (which dates back to Jan. 1997) was a 72-66 loss at Colorado State on Nov. 21, 2001. The last time the Irish met a first-time opponent on the hardwood was March 25, 2003 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, when Notre Dame won at No. 8 Kansas State, 59-53.

START ME UP

Notre Dame will try to continue its recent success in season openers Friday against Auburn. The Irish have won their last seven season lidlifters and 13 of 16 openers under head coach **Muffet McGraw**. Notre Dame is 18-8 (.692) all-time in season openers and has not lost the first game of the season since its final season in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, when the Irish dropped a 65-60 overtime loss

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	AU
Overall record	0-0	0-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	15/16	22/25
SCORING*		
Points scored per game	65.4	67.0
Points allowed per game	61.2	56.8
Field goal percentage	.425	.410
Three-point percentage	.327	.309
Free throw percentage	.742	.717
REBOUNDING*		
Rebounds per game	38.5	42.4
Opponent rebs. per game	35.5	36.4
Rebounding margin	+3.0	+6.0
OTHER*		
Assists per game	13.4	14.2
Turnovers per game	18.3	14.7
Assist/turnover ratio	0.74	0.97
Blocked shots per game	5.0	3.9
Steals per game	8.9	9.2

* - final statistics from 2002-03 season

THE KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly radio show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** airs at 7:00 p.m. (Central time) each Thursday on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). Now in its fourth 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 show is co-hosted by **Dave Wills**, who also hosts the Chicago White Sox pre- and post-game shows on ESPN Radio 1000.



THE AUBURN SERIES

Series: First meeting. Games Played at Neutral Sites: First meeting.

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame have been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2003-04 season:

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	15	16

IRISH CLUTCH AT THE FREE THROW LINE

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

Jill Krause	2-2 (1.000)
Megan Duffy	20-23 (.870)
Le'Tania Severe	30-36 (.833)
Alicia Ratay	23-28 (.821)
Teresa Borton	13-17 (.765)
Courtney LaVere	20-30 (.667)
Kelsey Wicks	4-6 (.667)
Katy Flecky	8-13 (.615)
Jacqueline Batteast	7-14 (.500)
Karen Swanson	2-4 (.500)
Anne Weese	1-4 (.250)
TOTAL	127-171 (.743)

to future BIG EAST Conference sister (and 25th-ranked) Seton Hall on Nov. 26, 1994. Last season, Notre Dame opened with a 107-65 win over Cleveland State on Nov. 26 at the Joyce Center.

A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER

Notre Dame has been extremely successful in the month of November over the last eight seasons. Since the start of the 1995-96 campaign, the Irish are 27-5 (.844) in November games, including wins in nine of their last 11 games in the month. Last season, Notre Dame won its only two games in November, defeating Cleveland State and USC.

GETTING A JUMP ON THINGS

Friday's game with Auburn matches the second-earliest starting date ever for Notre Dame. Back in 1978-79 when the program was still competing in the AIAW small college division (the equivalent of the modern-day NCAA Division III), the Irish tipped off on Nov. 1 with an 81-51 win at home over Clark College. Two decades later, Notre Dame opened the 1998-99 campaign on Nov. 14 with a stirring 99-82 victory over sixth-ranked UCLA at the Joyce Center.

RANKING FILE

Notre Dame is wasting little time in squaring off with ranked competition as the Irish take on No. 22 Auburn Friday night. It marks the sixth time in school history that Notre Dame will open the season against a ranked opponent, and the first time since Nov. 14, 1998, when the 17th-ranked Irish toppled No. 6 UCLA, 99-82 at the Joyce Center.

Over the years, Notre Dame has had most of its success against ranked opponents when it is ranked itself — the Irish are 158-36 (.814) all-time when they takes the floor as a Top 25 team. Notre Dame stands 15th in the Associated Press poll and 16th in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll entering Friday's game with No. 22 Auburn. See pages 170-172 in the Notre Dame women's basketball media guide for more information on the Irish against ranked opponents.

NEUTRAL LIKE SWITZERLAND

Notre Dame has been quite successful at neutral sites over the years. The Irish hold an all-time record of 74-45 (.622) in neutral territory, including a 49-25 (.662) mark in the **Muffet McGraw** era (1987-present), and a 30-14 (.682) ledger since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96.

RARE TRIP TO THE ROCKIES

Coming into this weekend's appearance in the WBCA Classic, Notre Dame has played just three games in the state of Colorado in its history. On March 24 and 26, 2001, the Irish defeated Utah (69-54) and Vanderbilt (72-64) at Denver's Pepsi Center to win the NCAA Midwest Regional and set the stage for their first national championship a week later in St. Louis. Notre Dame returned to the Centennial State on Nov. 21, 2001 to meet Colorado State in Fort Collins — the Rams came away with a 72-66 win. The Irish will get a chance to avenge that loss this season when they make a return visit to CSU on Dec. 29.

LINES, LINES, EVERYWHERE THERE ARE LINES

As was the case during the exhibition season, this weekend's WBCA Classic is being played with the experimental court markings that feature the international trapezoid-shaped free throw lane and the international three-point line (which is nine inches farther from the basket than the current distance of 19-9). The NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee is trying out the new court markings in an effort to acclimate teams to the possibility that the international free throw lane and three-point line will be used beginning with the 2004-05 season. The experimental rules are being used in all exhibition games and all certified tournaments (including the WBCA Classic) played prior to Jan. 1, 2004.

COLORADO CONNECTIONS

Notre Dame has two Colorado natives on its 2003-04 roster — junior forward **Katy Flecky** (Lone Tree) and freshman guard **Susie Powers** (Centennial). In addition to being high school teammates at national prep power Highlands Ranch High School, the pair were teammates on the Colorado Hoopsters, one of the country's premier AAU programs. While with the Hoopsters, Flecky and Powers played alongside Colorado sophomore guard **Whitney Law** and helped their team win the 2001 AAU national championship. Another CU player, freshman guard **Emily Waner** also played for the Hoopsters and regularly squared off with Powers during the past two seasons while playing for archrival ThunderRidge High School. Meanwhile, during her high school and AAU days, Flecky often faced yet another CU



player, sophomore forward **Amber Metoyer**, when the latter was playing at Fairview High School in Boulder.

TOURNAMENT TRIVIA

Notre Dame has a record of 31-24 (.564) when playing in a regular-season, multi-game tournament. However, more than half of those losses (14) came before head coach **Muffet McGraw** arrived on the scene in South Bend 17 seasons ago. In fact, the Irish are 19-10 (.655) in such tournament games in the McGraw era, including an 8-3 (.727) mark since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96. What's more, Notre Dame has won its last five in-season tournament games, claiming titles at the 1996 Comfort Inn Downtown Classic, and the 2001 Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge.

SOME SERIOUS COACHING MUSCLE

Four of the nation's premier women's basketball coaches will converge on Boulder this weekend for the WBCA Classic. Between them, Notre Dame's **Muffet McGraw**, Auburn's **Joe Ciampi**, Colorado's **Ceal Barry** and Old Dominion's **Wendy Larry** have 85 years and 2,740 games worth of head coaching experience, with all four having spent at least 16 years at their current school and 19 seasons as a collegiate head coach. Their collective resume is mind-boggling — the quartet has a combined record of 1,943-797 (.709), good for an average of better than 22 wins per season. They also have led their teams to 51 NCAA Tournament appearances, 27 Sweet Sixteen berths, six Final Fours and one national championship (McGraw's crown at Notre Dame in 2001).

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will pick up its eighth consecutive season-opening win and improve to 19-8 (.704) all-time in season ldlifters.
- The Irish will open the season with a win over a ranked opponent for the second time in school history, following a 99-82 win over No. 6 UCLA to begin the 1998-99 campaign.
- Notre Dame will defeat a first-time opponent for the 19th time in its last 20 opportunities and raise its overall record against new opposition to 102-66 (.607).
- The Irish will earn their sixth career victory over a Southeastern Conference opponent and their first since a 72-64 win over Vanderbilt on March 26, 2001 in the NCAA Midwest Regional Final at the Pepsi Center in Denver.
- Notre Dame will register its sixth consecutive victory when playing in a regular-season, multi-game tournament (a streak that dates back to the 1996 preseason WNIT).
- Head coach **Muffet McGraw** will see her record at Notre Dame rise to 364-138 (.725) in 17 seasons under the Golden Dome. She also will watch her career ledger improve to 452-179 (.716) in 22 years at the college level.
- The Irish will raise their all-time record to 528-237 (.690) in 27 seasons of varsity competition.

RECAPPING THE TEAM CONCEPT GAME

Junior forward **Katy Flecky** scored a game-high 21 points and junior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** contributed her second consecutive double-double with 11 points and a game-best 11 rebounds as No. 15 Notre Dame downed Team Concept, 78-45 in exhibition play Sunday at the Joyce Center.

Flecky dodged foul trouble throughout the afternoon to connect on nine of 11 shots, including all three of her three-point attempts. Sophomore forward **Courtney LaVere** nearly joined Batteast in the double-double column, chalking up 14 points and nine rebounds, seven of them at the offensive end. Sophomore guard **Megan Duffy** also chimed in with another efficient floor performance, scoring 12 points on four of five shooting and adding six assists with just one turnover. In two exhibition games this season, Duffy averaged 9.5 assists per game and had an assist-to-turnover ratio of 3.17.

Notre Dame turned in another solid outing on the boards, pulling down 52 rebounds, including 21 on the offensive glass. The Irish also forced 29 turnovers, coming up with 18 steals in the contest. In addition, the hosts connected on 57.1 percent of their three-point tries and shot a respectable 43.5 percent (30 of 69) from the field.

Less than a minute into the game, it appeared Notre Dame was ready to sweep Team Concept out of the building, as Duffy and Flecky canned consecutive three-pointers in the first 39 seconds. The visitors bounced back and tied the game at 6-6 at the 17:11 mark, before the Irish erupted on a 30-7 run over the next 13 minutes to put the game on ice.

Leading by 19 at the half, Notre Dame stretched its lead to 51-25 on a baseline jumper by Duffy at the 14:18 mark. Team Concept then tried to rally by pressing the Irish and got as close as 59-41 when

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

MEDIA CONTACT

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MUFFET McGRAW INTERVIEWS

The best time for interviews with Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is Tuesday afternoon or by special appointment. Please contact **Chris Masters** in the Notre Dame SID office at (574) 631-8032 to make specific arrangements.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

- Irish practice sessions are generally open to the media, although the coaching staff may choose to close certain practices. Contact **Chris Masters** in the Notre Dame SID office for exact practice times and availability.
- All player interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame SID office. All player and coach interviews must be scheduled in advance — no interviews will be conducted on game days prior to competition.
- Following games, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players will speak with the media in the football auditorium at the Joyce Center. The visiting coach and selected players may appear in the auditorium after the Notre Dame press conference. Media members should submit interview requests to Notre Dame SID staffers no later than four minutes before the end of the game. The Irish locker room is closed after every game, home and away.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA E-MAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame women's basketball game notes and press releases in PDF form via e-mail should send requests to Assistant Sports Information Director **Chris Masters** at masters.5@nd.edu.

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletic department web site can be found at www.und.com, with the 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. 13)

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
	Boston College	0-0	0-0
	Connecticut	0-0	0-0
	Georgetown	0-0	0-0
	Miami	0-0	0-0
	NOTRE DAME	0-0	0-0
	Pittsburgh	0-0	0-0
	Providence	0-0	0-0
	Rutgers	0-0	0-0
	St. John's	0-0	0-0
	Seton Hall	0-0	0-0
	Syracuse	0-0	0-0
	Villanova	0-0	0-0
	Virginia Tech	0-0	0-0
	West Virginia	0-0	0-0

**BIG EAST
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Player of the week selections begin Nov. 24

**BIG EAST
ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Rookie of the week selections begin Nov. 24

Jana Lichernova hit the one of two free throws with 6:19 remaining. Following a Notre Dame timeout, Flecky knocked down her third trey of the afternoon to spark a 19-4 game-ending run that she punctuated with a baseline floater just before the final horn.

LENDING A HELPING HAND

Sophomore guard **Megan Duffy** was dealing more than a Las Vegas card shark in Notre Dame's two exhibition wins. The Dayton, Ohio, native dished out 19 assists in two games (9.5 per game), including 13 vs. Northwest Sports which would have tied for the second-highest total in school (and Joyce Center) history had it been a regular season contest. The last time an Irish player had that many assists in a game was Dec. 4, 1999, when **Niele Ivey** registered 13 handouts in a win over North Carolina. The school (and Joyce Center) record for assists in one game is 17 by **Mary Gavin** vs. Marquette on Jan. 31, 1987. Duffy also finished with only six turnovers in the preseason, which works out to a sparkling 3.17 assist-to-turnover ratio.

The diminutive Irish point guard also showed a keen scoring eye in both games, scoring 12 points on each occasion while shooting a team-best .727 (8-11) from the floor. The 12 points would have tied Duffy's career high (set vs. Pittsburgh on Feb. 26, 2003) and her 12-point, 13-assist night vs. Northwest Sports would have marked Duffy's first career double-double. Incidentally, the last time a Notre Dame point guard had a double-double was Jan. 15, 2001, when Ivey collected 14 points and 10 assists in a memorable 92-76 win over top-ranked Connecticut at the Joyce Center.

IRISH RANKED IN BOTH MAJOR PRESEASON POLLS

Capitalizing on its strong finish last season, Notre Dame has been ranked in both major national preseason polls. The Irish are 15th in the first Associated Press poll of the year, marking the seventh time in eight years that Notre Dame has begun the season by appearing in that poll. They were 20th in 1996-97, 17th in 1998-99, seventh in 1999-2000, sixth in 2000-01, 15th in 2001-02 and 10th in 2002-03.

The Irish also were tabbed 16th in the preseason ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll. Like the AP survey, this is the seventh time in the past eight seasons that Notre Dame has appeared in the preseason coaches' poll — the Irish were 25th in 1996-97, 19th in 1998-99, ninth in 1999-2000, fifth in 2000-01, 14th in 2001-02 and 12th in 2002-03.

PRESEASON PUBLICATIONS HAVE NOTRE DAME AMONG NATION'S BEST

Notre Dame has a full stable back in the fold this season, with four starters and eight monogram winners returning from last year's club that advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen for the fifth time in seven seasons. Numerous media outlets have taken notice of these facts and have pegged the Irish high in their preseason rankings. Seven of those publications have ranked Notre Dame in the Top 20 in the country to begin this season — *Athlon Sports* (13th), *Basketball Times* (13th), *Women's Basketball Magazine* (16th), *Street & Smith's* (17th), *Women's Basketball News Service* (17th), *Full Court Press* (18th) and *Lindy's Annual* (18th). In addition, *Women'sCollegeHoops.com* had the Irish ranked 14th in its "Early Bird Top 50 for 2003-04."

NOTRE DAME SLOTTED THIRD IN PRESEASON BIG EAST POLL

According to a preseason survey of the BIG EAST Conference coaches, Notre Dame will finish third in the conference this season. Those were the results released at the league's annual Media Day Oct. 30 in Newark, N.J. The Irish earned 139 points, placing them behind two-time defending national champion Connecticut (169 points, 13 first-place votes) and Rutgers (156 points, one first-place vote) in the preseason poll. Virginia Tech was fourth, followed by Boston College, Miami and Villanova. All seven of those schools qualified for the NCAA Tournament last season, with Notre Dame, Connecticut, Boston College and Villanova all advancing to the Sweet Sixteen.

Notre Dame is beginning its ninth season as a member of the BIG EAST Conference in 2003-04. The Irish have gone 112-24 (.824) all-time in regular-season conference games, posting the best winning percentage in league history. Connecticut is second with a .773 success rate. Notre Dame also has finished either first or second in the final BIG EAST regular-season standings six times, including a share of the BIG EAST title in 2000-01.

BATTEAST NAMED JOHN R. WOODEN WOMEN'S AWARD PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN

Junior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind.) is one of 30 players who were named to the 2003-04 John R. Wooden Women's Award Preseason All-America Team on Aug. 13. Based on a vote of the Wooden Women's Award National Advisory Board, these 30 players are considered the top



BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

1.	Connecticut (13)	169
2.	Rutgers (1)	156
3.	NOTRE DAME	139
4.	Virginia Tech	124
5.	Boston College	120
6.	Miami	115
7.	Villanova	103
8.	West Virginia	80
9.	Georgetown	66
10.	Seton Hall	65
11.	Syracuse	61
12.	Pittsburgh	30
13.	St. John's	28
14.	Providence	18

2003-04 Preseason Player of the Year

Diana Taurasi, Sr., G/F, 6-0, Connecticut

2003-04 Preseason Co-Freshmen of the Year

Crystal Erwin, Fr., F, 6-2, Notre Dame
Liz Sherwood, Fr., C, 6-4, Connecticut

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame, F, Jr.

*Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown, F, Sr.

Tamara James, Miami, G/F, So.

*Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech, F/C, Sr.

*Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers, G, Jr.

*Diana Taurasi, Connecticut, G, Sr.

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College, G, Jr.

Julie McBride, Syracuse, G, Jr.

Courtney Mix, Villanova, F, Sr.

Ann Strother, Connecticut, F, So.

Barbara Turner, Connecticut, F, So.

* - unanimous selection

candidates for the inaugural Wooden Women's Award, which will be presented to the most outstanding female collegiate basketball player at the conclusion of the '03-04 season.

Batteast is a two-time all-BIG EAST Conference selection who started every game for the Irish last season, leading the team in scoring (13.9 ppg.), rebounding (8.3 rpg.) and blocked shots (1.56 bpg.). She also ranked among the top 15 in the BIG EAST in those categories, as well as steals (1.97 spg.) and double-doubles (8). In addition, the 6-2 wing scored in double figures 26 times, topped the 20-point mark five times, and earned game-high rebounding honors of 14 occasions. She ranks among Notre Dame's career leaders in scoring average (6th - 13.8 ppg.) and rebounding average (tie-2nd - 8.1 rpg.), and she is one of only five players in school history to amass at least 800 points in her first two seasons under the Golden Dome.

Batteast is one of five BIG EAST players named to the Wooden Preseason All-America Team, joining Rebekkah Brunson of Georgetown, Cappie Pondexter of Rutgers, and the Connecticut duo of Ann Strother and Diana Taurasi.

In mid-January, the Wooden Women's Award Committee will release its Midseason Top 20 List, followed in March by the official voting ballot which will consist of the top 10-15 players who have proven their success in the classroom (minimum 2.0 grade-point average) as well as on the court. More than 250 voters, comprised of sports media members and women's college basketball experts around the country, will then cast their votes for the five-member Wooden All-America Team and the Wooden Award winner.

Although the 2003-04 season marks the debut of the Wooden Women's Award, the honor initially was created in 1976 to recognize the top male collegiate basketball player in the nation. Past winners include Larry Bird ('79), Michael Jordan ('84) and Tim Duncan ('97).

BATTEAST CHOSEN FOR STATE FARM/WBCA WADE TROPHY PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Junior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is one of 35 players who were selected to the 2003-04 State Farm Wade Trophy Preseason Watch List on Aug. 20 by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). Based on a vote of committee members which include leading coaches, journalists and basketball administrators, these 35 players are considered the top candidates for the State Farm Wade Trophy, which will be presented to the most outstanding female collegiate basketball player at the conclusion of the '03-04 season.

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The State Farm Wade Trophy, now in its 27th year, is named after Margaret Wade, the late Delta State University coach who won three national championships in the mid-1970s. The Wade Trophy is considered the one of the most prestigious individual awards in women's college basketball and is organized by the WBCA, in conjunction with the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport (NAGWS).

STREET & SMITH'S TAPS BATTEAST AS PRESEASON HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICAN

Adding to her armload of preseason hardware, junior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind.) was named a preseason honorable mention All-American by *Street & Smith's* in the magazine's annual basketball preview issue. It's the third preseason honor for the talented 6-2 wing, who is a two-time all-BIG EAST Conference selection. She also was the 2001-02 United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year and a WBCA/Kodak honorable mention All-American that season, as well as the unanimous choice for BIG EAST Rookie of the Year.

BATTEAST, ERWIN EARN PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

Junior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind.) and freshman forward **Crystal Erwin** (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) both received preseason recognition in a vote of the BIG EAST Conference coaches



2003-04 IRISH HONORS

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

- John R. Wooden Women's Award Preseason All-America Team
- State Farm/WBCA Wade Trophy Preseason Watch List
- Naismith Award Preseason Watch List
- Preseason honorable mention All-American (*Street & Smith's*)
- Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

Crystal Erwin (Fr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)

- Preseason BIG EAST Co-Freshman of the Year

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.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
8.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
9.	1/20/03	#3 Connecticut	L, 53-72	8,265
10.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
11.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
12.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
13.	2/26/02	Villanova	L, 45-48	7,785
14.	2/19/02	West Virginia	W, 72-63	7,709
15.	1/18/03	Rutgers	L, 61-64	7,697
16.	2/13/02	St. John's	W, 66-31	7,677
17.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
18.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
19.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
20.	3/1/03	Seton Hall	W, 62-60	7,328

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

that was released at the league's annual Media Day on Oct. 30 at the Newark (N.J.) Liberty Airport Hilton. Batteast was a preseason first-team all-BIG EAST selection, while Erwin was named the Pre-season BIG EAST Co-Freshman of the Year, sharing the honor with Connecticut's Liz Sherwood.

Batteast led the Irish in scoring (13.9 ppg.), rebounding (8.3 rpg.), blocked shots (1.56 bpg.) and double-doubles (8), ranking among the BIG EAST leaders in all four categories. She is a two-time second-team all-conference selection and is one of only five players in school history to score 800 points in her first two seasons at Notre Dame.

As a senior last year at St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif., Erwin earned All-America honors from *Parade*, *Street & Smith's* and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), and also was selected to play in the McDonald's All-America Game in Atlanta. She averaged 22.3 points, 13.4 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game during her storied prep career, averaging double-doubles during both her junior (24.9 ppg., 14.9 rpg.) and senior seasons (21.2 ppg., 10.2 rpg.). She holds career records at St. Paul for points (2,720), rebounds (1,630) and blocks (380), as well as the school single-season scoring mark (869 in 2001-02). She follows Batteast as the second Irish rookie in three years to be chosen the BIG EAST Preseason Freshman of the Year.

BATTEAST PICKED FOR NAISMITH AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Junior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is among 30 preseason candidates named to the watch list for 2003-04 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Awards which are presented annually by the Atlanta Tip-Off Club. The Naismith Awards program, now in its 36th year, honors the outstanding male and female college basketball players in the United States. The awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball. The candidates were selected by a vote of the Board of Selectors comprised of leading basketball coaches, journalists and basketball analysts.

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The Naismith Award is the latest in a series of preseason honors for the Batteast. She was named a preseason All-American by both the John R. Wooden Women's Award and *Street & Smith's* magazine, and she also was selected to the State Farm/WBCA Wade Trophy Preseason Watch List. In addition, she was chosen as a first-team all-BIG EAST choice, according to a vote of the league's head coaches.

HALF AND HALF

Over the last four seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 62-4 (.939) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead..

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last nine seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 114-4 (.966) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game.

... 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 last nine seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 85-3 (.966) 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.

SWEET SUCCESS

Notre Dame is one of only eight schools in the country to have appeared in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen five times in the past seven seasons (1997-2003). The others are Connecticut (seven times), Tennessee



(seven times), Duke (six times), Louisiana Tech (six times), North Carolina (five times), Old Dominion (five times) and Texas Tech (five times).

THE GOLD STANDARD

The Irish are one of just six teams nationwide to have an active streak of 10 consecutive 20-win seasons. The others in these elite club are Tennessee (27), Texas Tech (14), Louisiana Tech (12), Old Dominion (12) and Connecticut (10).

CHECK OUT THE THREADS

For the first time since the 1998-99 season, the Irish will be wearing white uniforms at home this season, eschewing the golden togs they sported for the past four seasons. Notre Dame has worn white uniforms on numerous occasions on the past, dating as far back as the school's first varsity women's basketball squad, which took the floor in 1977-78. Blue will continue to be the primary color for the Irish road uniforms.

WHO'S THE NEW GUY?

The newest addition to the Notre Dame coaching staff is **Jonathan Tsipis**, who was hired on May 13, 2003. Tsipis (*pronounced SIP-iss*) comes to Notre Dame following one season as the director of men's basketball operations at UNC Greensboro, working under former Irish assistant coach **Fran McCaffery**.

Prior to arriving at UNC Greensboro, Tsipis spent two seasons as an assistant men's coach at Elon (N.C.) University. While there, he worked primarily with the Phoenix's perimeter players and also helped coordinate the team's scouting and recruiting efforts. In addition, he was responsible for organizing the team's travel plans and off-season workout programs.

Tsipis came to Elon after one year as the top assistant men's coach at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. He also spent three seasons on the men's basketball staff at Cornell University (one as a full-time assistant, two as a volunteer aide), and one year as a student assistant men's basketball coach at Duke University. In the latter role, he served under legendary Blue Devils head coach **Mike Krzyzewski** and worked alongside current University of Missouri head men's basketball coach **Quin Snyder**.

In addition to his coaching duties, Tsipis also serves as the President of the Future Hoopsters Basketball Camp which he founded in 1991. The four-week camp, which focus on specialized individual instruction, originated with 13 campers and now brings in over 100 each summer. He also worked at the Basketball Camp USA in Letahoria, Greece, in July of 2001. There, Tsipis worked clinics for top-ranked junior players from Greece and Macedonia, focusing on perimeter and ball handling skills.

A Cleveland, Ohio, native, Tsipis graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in Pharmacy. He and his wife, Leigh, reside in South Bend.

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 181 games over the last seven seasons, which stands as the seventh-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 entering the 2003-04 season):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	39	37	0	240
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	30	33	0	226
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	25	31	0	209
4. Duke	19	24	29	28	30	31	35	0	196
5. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	28	21	0	190
6. UC Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	22	26	27	0	182
7. NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	20	21	0	181

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 85 of their last 92 games at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center, including a school-record 51-game winning streak from 1998-2002 (at the time, it was the 10th-longest string in NCAA history).

Notre Dame also has a 61-7 (.897) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game winning streak at home before it was snapped with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the 2002 home finale.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, posting a 248-70 (.780) record at the venerable facility. In both the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 seasons,

'02-03 IRISH TRENDS

Day of the Week

Sunday	2-4
Monday	1-1
Tuesday	5-0
Wednesday	5-2
Thursday	0-0
Friday	1-0
Saturday	7-4

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	9-8
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	12-3

Location

Home games	9-4
Road games	10-4
Neutral site games	2-3

Halftime score

Leading at the half	15-3
Trailing at the half	6-6
Tied at the half	0-2

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	16-4
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	5-7
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	18-4
Lower pct. than opponent	2-7
Same pct. as opponent	1-0
Shoot 45% or better	10-3
Shoot less than 45%	11-8
Hold opponent under 40%	17-5

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	17-4
Make fewer free throws	1-7
Make same number of free throws	3-0

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	12-1
Commit more turnovers	9-10
Commit same number of turnovers	0-0

Margin of Victory

1-5 points	4-2
6-10 points	8-1
11-15 points	2-1
16-20 points	0-6
21+ points	7-1

Conference Affiliation

BIG EAST	11-7
Atlantic 10	1-0
Big Ten	0-2
Big 12	1-0
Conference USA	1-1
Horizon League	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Mountain West	1-0
Pacific-10	3-0
Southeastern	0-1

Month

November	2-0
December	6-2
January	3-5
February	5-2
March	5-2



2003-04 IRISH INSIGHTS

- First-year Notre Dame assistant coach **Jonathan Tsipis** earned his bachelor's degree in pharmacy from North Carolina in 1996. He and his wife, Leigh, both are licensed pharmacists in the state of North Carolina, where they lived before moving to South Bend this past summer.
- Fifth-year Irish assistant coach **Coquese Washington** is a "double Domer," having earned both her undergraduate degree and graduate diploma from Notre Dame. She received her bachelor's degree in history in 1992, one year earlier than her scheduled graduation, and earned her Juris Doctorate degree in 1997.
- Sophomore guard **Megan Duffy** also is an accomplished golfer, having garnered all-city honors four times while at Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio. Although she has not played regularly since coming to Notre Dame, she still found time to pick up the clubs this summer and nearly beat her own coach (**Muffet McGraw** is a 16-handicap).
- Freshman guard **Breona Gray** is the first Las Vegas native ever to play for Notre Dame. She also has a tie to one of that city's main industries — her mother, Dedra Edmond, is a blackjack dealer at the Aladdin Casino in Las Vegas.
- Sophomore center **Teresa Borton** grew up on an apple orchard in Yakima, Wash., and her family owns Borton Fruit Company. The Irish women's basketball office still receives regular shipments of Borton apples about every 4-6 weeks, and yes, Teresa still loves them after all these years!
- Senior guard **Monique Hernandez** has two unique claims to fame on this year's squad. First, she is the only foreign-born player on the roster, having been born in Heidelberg, Germany. Second, she is the only married Irish player — she tied the knot with longtime beau Fred Martin on July 5, 2003 in Chicago.

the Irish were a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season. Also, since joining the BIG EAST prior to the 1995-96 season, Notre Dame is 98-9 (.916) at the Joyce Center.

JAMMIN' THE JOYCE

For the third consecutive season, Notre Dame finished among the Top 10 in the nation in attendance for 2002-03. The Irish averaged 7,132 fans for their 13 home games last season, good for eighth in the final NCAA attendance rankings. Last season also saw Notre Dame register two of the top 10 crowds in school history, including a season-high gathering of 9,483 fans, the fifth-largest in school history for the nationally-televised matchup with Purdue on Jan. 4.

All of the top 20 crowds in the Irish record book have occurred during the 16-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 last four seasons.

NOTRE DAME FACING ONE TOUGH SLATE

Historically, Notre Dame has always played a difficult schedule and 2003-04 is more evidence of that fact. The Irish will play no less than 17 teams that qualified for postseason play last year, including 12 NCAA Tournament squads and six that advanced to the Sweet Sixteen (highlighted by two-time defending national champion Connecticut and NCAA runner-up Tennessee). In addition, six opponents (Connecticut, Old Dominion, Purdue, Tennessee, Valparaiso and Villanova) won the regular-season or tournament title in their respective conference. Furthermore, 19 of the 26 possible Irish opponents finished with records of .500 or better last season, including 12 squads that posted 20-win campaigns. All told, Notre Dame opponents had a combined winning percentage of .610 last season (490-313).

With all of this in mind, Notre Dame's 2003-04 schedule has been ranked 22nd in the nation, according to the preseason Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA)/Summerville RPI.

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

Based on its success in recent years, Notre Dame continues to be a favorable television draw and the 2003-04 season will be no exception. The Irish are slated to play on the small screen no less than seven times in the coming campaign, including three appearances on national television.

Notre Dame will make its '03-04 television debut Dec. 7 at Washington in a matchup that will be shown to a national cable audience on Fox Sports Net. The Irish are back on coast-to-coast television Jan. 4 when they visit Purdue for the inaugural BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge. That contest will be shown live on ESPN2.

In addition, Notre Dame has been selected to appear on the BIG EAST Conference television package four times this season, including three home games. The Irish will take on Virginia Tech (Jan. 10), Villanova (Jan. 24) and Boston College (Jan. 31) at home and travel to Rutgers (Feb. 28) for games in front of the BIG EAST TV cameras. Those games may be seen on a regional basis in several major East Coast markets, including New York, Boston, Miami, Philadelphia and Washington, as well as South Bend, where WHME-TV will show the games on a delayed basis.

It also was recently announced that Notre Dame will make a third national TV appearance during the 2003-04 regular season. The Feb. 25 game between the Irish and Miami at the Joyce Center will be broadcast live by College Sports Television (CSTV) and will tip off at 8 p.m. (ET) — some early schedules initially had this game listed one hour earlier.

The semifinals of this year's BIG EAST Championship presented by State Farm also will be broadcast on the BIG EAST television package Monday, March 8 at 6 and 8 p.m. (ET) from the Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center. WHME-TV in South Bend will carry those games live. The championship game will air live on ESPN2 on Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. (EST).

NOTRE DAME TO PLAY HOST TO NCAA TOURNAMENT ACTION IN 2004

After a two-year absence, the Joyce Center once again will be home to NCAA Tournament competition as Notre Dame was selected to be one of 16 sites for first- and second-round games in the 2004 NCAA Tournament. Action at the South Bend subregional will take place Sunday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 23, with exact tipoff times and potential television broadcasts to be determined by the NCAA during the week leading up to the competition.

Should Notre Dame qualify for the NCAA Tournament for the 11th time in school history (and the ninth consecutive season), the Irish are guaranteed to play at home. Notre Dame has played five NCAA



NEW FACILITIES APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame approved at its fall meeting last week construction of two new buildings and resumption of construction of a third.

Ground will be broken later this month on the Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Family Athletics Center and Jordan Hall of Science, and work will resume early next year on a new facility for the Notre Dame Security/Police Department and campus post office.

The \$21.25-million Don F. and Flora Guglielmino Family Athletics Center will adjoin the west side of the Loftus Center. A 95,840-square-foot facility, it will house the football locker rooms, offices and meeting rooms, as well as provide Notre Dame's 800 student-athletes with enhanced space for training and sports medicine, strength and conditioning programs, and equipment. The designer/builder on the project is McShane Construction of Chicago and construction will be completed in the fall of 2005.

The center has been underwritten with a gift from the late Don F. Guglielmino and his wife, Flora. A longtime supporter of Notre Dame, Guglielmino attended the University in the 1939-40 academic year and previously made gifts to the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles scholarship fund, the University's Institute for Church Life, and the football program. He was recognized as an honorary alumnus in 1996 and was inducted into the Notre Dame National Monogram Club after his death May 31, 2001. He is survived by Flora and their three children.

The Jordan Hall of Science will be underwritten with a leadership gift from John W. "Jay" Jordan II, a 1969 Notre Dame graduate and a member of the University's Board of Trustees since 1993. He is founder of The Jordan Company (TJC), a private investment firm that acquires, manages and builds companies for the TJC partnership account, and is chairman and CEO of the Chicago-based holding company Jordan Industries Inc. He previously funded construction of the Jordan Auditorium in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business and currently chairs the Board of Trustees' investment committee, which oversees the University endowment.

The science hall will be a 201,783-square-foot building that will cost \$70 million. It will include 40 undergraduate laboratories for biology, chemistry and physics; two 250-seat lecture halls; a 150-seat multimedia lecture hall; two classrooms; 22 faculty offices; offices for preprofessional (pre-med) studies; and a greenhouse, herbarium and observatory. To be built on Juniper Road in front of the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center, the center was designed by S/L/J/M Collaborative of Glastonbury, Conn., and will be completed in 2006. It will be constructed by Geupel Demars Hagerman of Indianapolis.

The third project to receive approval, the 40,000-square-foot, \$10.97-million building for security/police and the post office, is located next to the Stepan Center. Work on the project began in 2002 but was put on hold due to the sluggish economy. The Moake-Park Group of Fort Wayne, Ind., is the architect and Ziolkowski Construction of South Bend is the construction manager.

tourney games at the Joyce Center in its history, going 4-1 and advancing to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in 2000 and 2001 (the Irish went on to win the national championship in the latter season).

Tickets for NCAA Tournament games at the Joyce Center currently are available only to Notre Dame season ticket holders, who have a priority option to purchase seats for the event. Tickets for the Sunday and Tuesday sessions will go on sale to the general public Monday, Dec. 1. Single-game tickets will not be made available until after the field of 64 is announced on March 14. For more information on how to purchase tickets for the 2004 NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center, contact the Notre Dame ticket office at (574) 631-7356.

NOTRE DAME ON THE AIRWAVES

Once again this season, every Irish women's basketball game (home and away) will air on the flagship stations of the Artistic Media Partners (AMP) Network — WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend. Veteran broadcaster and AMP program director **Sean Stires** is now in his fourth season handling the play-by-play for Notre Dame, while AMP producer and sports personality **Shawn Lewallen** begins his second season providing analysis. The Irish also can be heard on the Internet at Notre Dame's official athletics website (www.und.com) by subscribing to Fighting Irish Pass, which gives listeners full access to a variety of Irish athletics events on radio for only \$6.95 per month.

NEW BOOK BY McGRAW ON SALE NOW

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** tried her hand at writing during the past year and has co-authored a book with Bradley University professor **Paul Gullifor** entitled "Courting Success: Muffet McGraw's Formula For Winning In Sports And In Life." The book, which currently is in bookstores nationwide and may be purchased through on-line booksellers such as *Amazon.com*, touches on how, in the shadows of the nation's most storied football program, McGraw has quietly built the women's basketball program into a national power.

Women's basketball has been one of the University's most consistently successful varsity sport during the past 16 years, qualifying for the postseason 13 times, including 10 trips to the NCAA Tournament, five NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearances and two Final Fours berths. The team's rise to national prominence was then cemented with a national championship in 2001. In short, the Notre Dame women's basketball program has been steadily built into a perennial national championship contender, and its architect for those 16 years has been McGraw. As the Irish head coach, the Pottsville, Pa., native has won 363 games at Notre Dame, has a stellar .725 winning percentage and was the consensus 2001 national Coach of the Year.

Personal accolades aside, McGraw has always been more concerned with off-court success than the progress of her teams. Accordingly, this book is a motivational and inspirational book in which she shares her ingredients for success — on and off the court. It provides lessons for those aspiring toward success in basketball, and in life, while illustrating why Muffet McGraw is one of college basketball's most accomplished coaches.

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. 4 vs. Wisconsin — Notre Dame player trading cards to the first 2,500 fans
- Dec. 22 vs. USC — Holiday Celebration
- Jan. 10 vs. Virginia Tech — Hawaiian Luau Day
- Jan. 13 vs. Connecticut — Irish Celebration (blinking shamrocks to first 5,000 fans)
- Jan. 24 vs. Villanova — Fiesta Day (Notre Dame sombreros to the first 2,000 fans)

NEXT GAME: COLORADO/OLD DOMINION (WBCA CLASSIC)

Depending on the outcome of Friday's game, Notre Dame will play either host Colorado or Old Dominion Saturday in the consolation (6 p.m. MT) or championship game (8:15 p.m. MT) of the WBCA Classic. Colorado, which is ranked 20th in both major preseason polls, went 24-8 last season and like Notre Dame, the Buffaloes advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen before falling to Villanova. CU has three starters back from that team, including center **Tera Bjorklund**, a national honors candidate. Meanwhile, Old Dominion has three starters back from its 2002-03 club that logged a 21-11 record and qualified for the NCAA Tournament before losing to Boston College in the first round.

NOTRE DAME VS. AUBURN • WBCA CLASSIC

2003-04 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

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

Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	----- Notre Dame Highs -----			Attendance
								Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	
Nov. 14			(1) vs. Auburn	6 p.m. MT							
Nov. 15			(1) Colorado/Old Dominion	6/8:15 p.m. MT							
Nov. 21			VALPARAISO	7 p.m. ET							
Nov. 26			at Michigan State	7 p.m. ET							
Nov. 30			at Tennessee	3 p.m. ET							
Dec. 4			WISCONSIN	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 7			at Washington (FSN)	1 p.m. PT							
Dec. 13			DAYTON	1 p.m. ET							
Dec. 22			USC	1 p.m. ET							
Dec. 29			at Colorado State	7 p.m. MT							
Jan. 1			MARQUETTE	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 4			(2) at Purdue (ESPN2)	3 p.m. ET							
Jan. 7			at Georgetown*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 10			VIRGINIA TECH* (BETV)	Noon ET							
Jan. 13			CONNECTICUT*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 17			at West Virginia*	4 p.m. ET							
Jan. 21			at Syracuse*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 24			VILLANOVA* (BETV)	Noon ET							
Jan. 28			at Miami*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 31			BOSTON COLLEGE* (BETV)	Noon ET							
Feb. 4			GEORGETOWN*	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 8			at Seton Hall*	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 14			PROVIDENCE*	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 17			at St. John's*	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 21			at Pittsburgh*	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 25			MIAMI* (CSTV)	8 p.m. ET							
Feb. 28			at Rutgers* (BETV)	Noon ET							
March 2			SYRACUSE*	7 p.m. ET							
<u>BIG EAST Championship (Louis Brown Athletic Center - Piscataway, N.J.)</u>											
March 6			First Round	TBA							
March 7			Quarterfinals	TBA							
March 8			Semifinals (BETV)	6/8 p.m. ET							
March 9			Championship (ESPN2)	7 p.m. ET							
<u>NCAA Tournament - First & Second Rounds (Joyce Center - Notre Dame, Ind.)</u>											
March 21			First Round (ESPN/ESPN2)	TBA							
March 23			Second Round (ESPN/ESPN2)	TBA							
<u>NCAA Regionals (East - Hartford, Conn.; Mideast - Norfolk, Va.; Midwest - Norman, Okla.; West - Seattle, Wash.)</u>											
March 27-28			Semifinals								
March 29-30			Finals								
<u>NCAA Final Four (New Orleans Arena - New Orleans, La.)</u>											
April 4			National Semifinals								
April 6			National Championship Game								

* BIG EAST Conference game

(1) WBCA Classic (Boulder, Colo. — University of Colorado, host)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (West Lafayette, Ind.)

(FSN) Game to be televised live on Fox Sports Net

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

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

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

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)

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

2003-04 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	0	0	0
Home:	0	0	0
Away:	0	0	0
Neutral:	0	0	0

2003-04 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Exhibitions

Overall Record: 2-0 (Home: 2-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0)

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
LaVere, Courtney	2-2	57-28.5	15-33	.455	0-0	.000	5-10	.500	8	8	16	8.0	5-0	5	2	1	4	35	17.5
Flecky, Katy	2-2	46-23.0	12-18	.667	3-3	1.000	6-8	.750	6	8	14	7.0	7-0	6	4	0	4	33	16.5
Batteast, Jacqueline	2-2	64-32.0	11-29	.379	1-2	.500	8-16	.500	7	14	21	10.5	5-0	3	8	0	6	31	15.5
Duffy, Megan	2-2	62-31.0	8-11	.727	2-4	.500	6-8	.750	0	7	7	3.5	4-0	19	6	0	4	24	12.0
Severe, Le'Tania	2-2	42-21.0	5-11	.455	0-2	.000	8-10	.800	0	5	5	2.5	5-0	7	8	0	5	18	9.0
Erwin, Crystal	2-0	33-16.5	7-15	.467	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	6	7	13	6.5	7-1	1	8	1	2	15	7.5
Hernandez, Monique	1-0	19-19.0	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	3	6	6.0	1-0	0	2	0	0	3	3.0
Gray, Breona	2-0	28-14.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.0	5-0	0	3	0	1	2	1.0
Powers, Susie	2-0	44-22.0	1-6	.167	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	6	7	3.5	2-0	3	2	0	2	2	1.0
Weese, Anne	2-0	5-2.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team									3	4	7	3.5					0		
Notre Dame	2	400	61-128	.477	6-13	.462	35-56	.625	34	66	100	50.0	41-1	44	43	2	28	163	81.5
Opponents	2	400	39-121	.322	3-22	.136	29-40	.725	25	48	73	36.5	48-1	21	50	8	23	110	55.0

2002-03 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

Overall Record: 21-11 (Home: 9-4, Away: 10-4, Neutral: 2-3)

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Batteast, Jacqueline	32-32	1022-31.9	179-461	.388	9-46	.196	78-116	.672	95	172	267	8.3	78-4	81	99	50	63	445	13.9
LaVere, Courtney	32-10	723-22.6	151-311	.486	1-3	.333	95-136	.699	81	99	180	5.6	88-5	21	80	27	19	398	12.4
Ratay, Alicia	32-32	1070-33.4	106-266	.398	50-108	.463	126-143	.881	30	126	156	4.9	26-0	41	46	9	30	388	12.1
Borton, Teresa	32-32	778-24.3	108-188	.574	0-0	.000	41-59	.695	66	94	160	5.0	69-2	28	41	42	24	257	8.0
Severe, Le'Tania	32-32	980-30.6	71-162	.438	5-10	.500	88-109	.807	21	98	119	3.7	79-0	121	119	6	69	235	7.3
Flecky, Katy	30-15	700-23.3	76-172	.442	7-26	.269	52-80	.650	36	88	124	4.1	74-1	45	77	21	41	211	7.0
Duffy, Megan	32-5	748-23.4	22-91	.242	7-35	.200	45-59	.763	9	51	60	1.9	59-1	73	78	1	26	96	3.0
Wicks, Kelsey	16-1	238-14.9	13-49	.265	5-30	.167	13-17	.765	13	29	42	2.6	18-0	15	19	4	9	44	2.8
Swanson, Karen	19-1	61-3.2	3-8	.375	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	2	2	4	0.2	4-0	2	9	0	2	10	0.5
Krause, Jill	20-0	69-3.5	2-9	.222	1-3	.333	2-5	.400	0	4	4	0.2	6-0	3	8	0	3	7	0.4
Weese, Anne	8-0	11-1.4	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	1	2	3	0.4	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Team									53	61	114	3.6					9		
Notre Dame	32	6400	731-1718	.425	87-266	.327	543-732	.742	407	826	1233	38.5	501-13	430	585	160	286	2092	65.4
Opponents	32	6400	695-1896	.367	179-588	.304	389-523	.744	447	688	1135	35.5	624-11	422	540	90	294	1958	61.2

The Last Time It Happened ...

Notre Dame recorded a

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

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 11/26/01 — 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 1/14/03 — 95.0% (19-20) at St. John's (ND 71-42)

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 11/26/01 (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 3/30/03 (Purdue 66, ND 47) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Dayton, Ohio*)
 allowed less than 50 points was on 3/23/03 (ND 59, Arizona 47) (*NCAA East Regional First Round at Manhattan, Kan.*)
 played an overtime game was on 3/6/00 (Rutgers 81, ND 72) (*BIG EAST Championship Semifinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 • 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 2/26/03 (ND 77, Pittsburgh 69) — Courtney LaVere 14, Teresa Borton 13, Megan Duffy 12, Alicia Ratay 12, Jacqueline Batteast 10*
 had six double-figure scorers was on 1/23/99 (ND 99, St. John's 60) — Danielle Green 20, Sheila McMillen 20, Ericka Haney 16, Sherisha Hills 13, Ruth Riley 13, Niele Ivey 12*
 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 two double-figure rebounders was on 3/30/03 (Purdue 66, ND 47) — Jacqueline Batteast 12, Teresa Borton 10 (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Dayton, Ohio*)
 had two players with "double-doubles" was on 1/14/03 — Jacqueline Batteast (24 pts., 11 reb.) & Courtney LaVere (19 pts., 10 reb.) at St. John's (ND 71-42)
 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 3/1/03 (ND 62, Seton Hall 60) — Alicia Ratay 20, Courtney LaVere 20*
 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 1/26/02 (ND 64, Virginia Tech 57) — 7 turnovers* (**school record**)
 committed 25 turnovers was on 3/8/03 (ND 73, Pittsburgh 65) — 25 turnovers (*BIG EAST Championship First Round at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 forced 25 turnovers was on 2/5/03 (ND 74, Georgetown 49) — 28 turnovers*

An Irish player had

25 points was on 2/16/03 — Alicia Ratay (30) at Providence (ND 67-61)
 30 points was on 2/16/03 — Alicia Ratay (30) at Providence (ND 67-61)
 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 2/5/03 — Le'Tania Severe (8) vs. Georgetown (ND 74-49)*
 a "double-double" was on 3/8/03 — Jacqueline Batteast (15 pts., 10 reb.) vs. Pittsburgh (ND 73-65) (*BIG EAST Championship First Round at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 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 1/25/03 — Courtney LaVere (20 pts., 12 reb.) at Villanova (ND 58-56)
 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 1/20/03 — Barbara Turner (25), Connecticut (UC 72-53)*
 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 3/30/03 — Shereka Wright (10), Purdue (PUR 66-47) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Dayton, Ohio*)
 15 rebounds was on 3/23/03 — Shawntinice Polk (16), Arizona (ND 59-47) (*NCAA East Regional First Round at Manhattan, Kan.*)
 20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)
 10 assists was on 2/17/01 — Tasha Pointer (10), Rutgers (RU 54-53)
 5 blocks was on 2/16/03 — Quiana Copeland (5), Providence (ND 67-61)
 5 steals was on 3/23/03 — Shawntinice Polk (6), Arizona (ND 59-47) (*NCAA East Regional First Round at Manhattan, Kan.*)
 a "double-double" was on 3/30/03 — Shereka Wright (12 pts., 10 reb.), Purdue (PUR 66-47) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Dayton, Ohio*)
 a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DPU 83-62)

* - Notre Dame home game