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# NOTRE DAME

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### 2004-05 Irish Schedule/Results (10-1, 0-0 BIG EAST)

#### November

12	#	(10/11) Illinois State	.....	W, 92-73
14	#	(10/11) Nebraska	.....	W, 73-57
17	#	(11/10) Duke (6/6)	.....	W, 76-65
20	#	(11/10) Ohio State (10/9)	....	W, 66-62
22		(6/6) Colorado State	.....	W, 69-47
26		(6/6) at USC	.....	W, 60-56
30		(3/3) at Valparaiso	.....	W, 69-59

#### December

2		(3/3) Michigan St. (15/15)	....	L, 73-82 (ot)
9		(7/5) at Dayton	.....	W, 65-39
11		(7/5) Washington	.....	W, 72-58
19		(7/5) at Marquette	.....	W, 50-47
30		at Northern Illinois	.....	7:05 CT

#### January

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

#### February

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

#### March

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

#### April

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

# Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (contested at campus sites)

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

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

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

(CSTV) Game to be televised on College Sports Television

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

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

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

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

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

## GAME 12

(#6 AP/#4 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (10-1)**  
vs. **Northern Illinois Huskies (2-7)**

**The Date and Time:** Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at 7:05 p.m. CT (8:05 p.m. ET in South Bend).

**The Site:** Convocation Center (9,100) in DeKalb, Ill.

**The Tickets:** Still available through the Notre Dame athletics ticket office (574-631-7356) or at the door on game day.

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

**Web Sites:** Notre Dame ([www.und.com](http://www.und.com)), Northern Illinois ([www.niuhuskies.com](http://www.niuhuskies.com)).

### #6/4 IRISH RETURN FROM EXTENDED BREAK WITH VISIT TO NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Following its longest regular-season hiatus in seven years, No. 6/4 Notre Dame gets back into action Thursday night with a 7:05 p.m. (CT) game at Northern Illinois. The Irish and Huskies will renew acquaintances for the first time since both were members of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (now the Horizon League) back in the 1994-95 season. Thursday's game also will serve as a homecoming for Notre Dame associate coach **Carol Owens**, who is a 1990 NIU graduate and one of the legendary women's basketball figures in that school's history.

The Irish (10-1) have not taken the court since Dec. 19, when they registered a thrilling last-second 50-47 victory at Marquette. Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was the hero for Notre Dame, drilling a three-pointer from the right wing at the buzzer to pull out the win in a game where neither side led by more than six points all day. The Irish defense also came big again, holding the Golden Eagles to an opponent season-low .286 field goal percentage while forcing 19 turnovers (12 coming on steals).

Batteast paced Notre Dame with game highs of 27 points and 10 rebounds, picking up her third double-double of the season and second in as many games. In addition, she cracked the 1,500-point milestone for her career early in the first half, becoming only the seventh player in school history to eclipse that scoring mark.

Northern Illinois (2-7) also is coming off a long break for the Christmas holidays. The Huskies last played on Dec. 21, when they dropped a 63-48 decision at home to UTEP. Sophomore guard Stephanie Raymond scored 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the Huskies, who shot .292 from the field in the loss.

Raymond has been NIU's leader in every sense of the word this season, leading the team in all major categories, including scoring (18.1 ppg.) and rebounding (6.4 rpg.).

NIU head coach Carol Hammerle is in her seventh year with the Huskies, sporting a 75-106 (.414) record. She is 1-1 all-time against Notre Dame.

### LAST IRISH GAME

#7/5 Notre Dame 50, Marquette 47  
December 19, 2004  
Al McGuire Center (Milwaukee, Wis.)

#### Notre Dame (50)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	40	9-16	1-3	8-8	10	3	2	27
Erwin	26	1-5	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	2
Borton	22	1-1	0-0	1-2	2	1	4	3
Duffy	39	1-7	0-2	3-4	2	3	0	5
Gray	22	2-5	0-0	1-2	3	2	1	5
Gaines	12	0-2	0-0	2-2	2	0	1	2
Allen	15	1-5	0-0	2-2	2	0	3	4
Powers	17	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	2
D'Amico	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	0
Team					5			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>16-46</b>	<b>1-6</b>	<b>17-20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>

#### Marquette (47)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Osagie	26	0-2	0-0	0-2	7	0	2	0
McCullough	29	1-4	0-1	0-0	3	1	3	2
Quaye	29	6-20	1-3	7-11	8	2	4	20
Kieger	40	2-9	1-3	2-2	4	6	1	7
Kamm	26	3-6	1-3	0-0	2	0	4	7
Shirley	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Kovalenko	19	2-8	0-0	2-4	6	1	1	6
Juedes	25	2-7	1-5	0-0	6	3	1	5
Team					10			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>16-56</b>	<b>4-15</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>47</b>

Notre Dame 23 27 -- 50

Marquette 24 23 -- 47

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 34.8, Marquette 28.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 16.7, Marquette 26.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 85.0, Marquette 57.9.

**Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Marquette 19. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 6 (Borton 3), Marquette 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11 (Duffy 7), Marquette 5 (Osagie 3). **Attendance:** 2,573.



### ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL (Dec. 27)

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous
1.	LSU (45)	11-0	1
2.	<i>Duke</i>	<i>11-1</i>	3
3.	Baylor	9-1	5
4.	Texas	6-2	4
5.	Stanford	8-1	2
6.	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>10-1</b>	<b>7</b>
7.	North Carolina	9-1	6
8.	Tennessee	8-2	9
9.	<i>Ohio State</i>	<i>11-1</i>	<i>10</i>
10.	<i>Michigan State</i>	<i>10-1</i>	<i>11</i>
11.	<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>5-2</i>	8
12.	Minnesota	9-2	13
13.	Texas Tech	7-2	12
14.	<i>Boston College</i>	<i>8-1</i>	<i>14</i>
15.	Vanderbilt	9-1	16
16.	Georgia	9-3	15
17.	Maryland	8-1	17
18.	Iowa	10-0	18
19.	DePaul	8-2	19
20.	<i>Purdue</i>	<i>6-3</i>	<i>21</i>
21.	Arizona State	8-2	NR
22.	Kansas State	6-2	23
23.	UCLA	6-3	20
24.	<i>Rutgers</i>	<i>6-2</i>	<i>24</i>
25.	New Mexico	8-1	NR

### ESPN/USA TODAY POLL (Dec. 28)

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous
1.	LSU (40)	11-0	1
2.	<i>Duke</i>	<i>11-1</i>	3
3.	Texas	6-2	4
4.	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>10-1</b>	<b>5</b>
5.	North Carolina	9-1	6
6.	Stanford	9-1	2
7.	<i>Ohio State</i>	<i>11-1</i>	7
8.	Tennessee	8-2	10
9.	Baylor	9-1	9
10.	<i>Michigan State</i>	<i>10-1</i>	<i>11</i>
11.	<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>6-2</i>	8
12.	Minnesota	9-2	12
13.	Vanderbilt	9-1	13
14.	Texas Tech	7-2	14
15.	Georgia	9-3	15
16.	<i>Boston College</i>	<i>8-1</i>	<i>16</i>
17.	Maryland	8-1	17
18.	DePaul	8-2	18
19.	Iowa	10-0	20
20.	<i>Purdue</i>	<i>6-3</i>	<i>19</i>
21.	Kansas State	6-2	21
22.	Houston	9-2	22
23.	Arizona State	9-2	NR
24.	UCLA	6-3	23
25.	Arizona	9-2	25

*Italics indicates 2004-05 Notre Dame opponents*

#### A QUICK LOOK AT THE FIGHTING IRISH

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

Tested early and often by both a rugged schedule (eight games in the first 20 days of the season) and demanding opposition (No. 6 Duke, No. 10 Ohio State and No. 15 Michigan State), the Irish have been up to the challenge, opening with seven consecutive victories and claiming the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT championship. The pollsters have apparently taken notice of Notre Dame's success, as the Irish have been a regular in the top 10 of both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls this season, checking in at No. 6 and No. 4, respectively in this week's polls.

Despite the added focus shown to her by opposing teams, senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** has been a major catalyst in the non-conference charge for the Irish, averaging 19.1 points (27th in the nation as of Dec. 20), 7.3 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game. She was named the Pre-season WNIT Most Valuable Player and BIG EAST Player of the Week on Nov. 22 after logging a career-high 32 points in the WNIT championship game against Ohio State. She has scored in double digits in nine Irish games this season and has been Notre Dame's leading scorer six times. In addition, she has three double-doubles this year, most recently piling up game highs of 27 points and 10 rebounds, while hitting the game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer to beat Marquette. For her efforts, she was named the conference Player of the Week for the second time this season.

Junior guard **Megan Duffy** also has stepped up her play this season, registering 12.2 points and a team-high 4.8 assists and 3.0 steals per game. Duffy also leads Notre Dame and is tied for 11th in the nation with a .923 free throw percentage (48-for-52) this season, sparking the Irish to a league-leading .770 free throw ratio (12th in the NCAA as of Dec. 20).

Injuries also have not been enough to slow Notre Dame so far this season. When junior forward **Courtney LaVerre** was sidelined in late November with minor knee surgery, sophomore forward **Crystal Erwin** stepped into the breach and has filled the role nicely. In five starts, Erwin is averaging 10.0 points per game, including a career-high 24 points (on 9-for-9 shooting) against Washington on Dec. 11. Prior to this season, Erwin had scored in double figures only once in her career, but she has done so four times this year, including three times in the past seven games alone.

#### SOME POTENT NOTABLES ABOUT THE FIGHTING IRISH

- Notre Dame is off to a 10-1 start for only the second time in the program's history. The 2000-01 squad opened with a 23-game win streak en route to school's first national championship. The Irish reached the double-digit win mark Dec. 19 at Marquette, getting their 10th win faster than any team in school history (the '00-01 team did it two days later on Dec. 21, 2000).
- The Irish are 4-0 on the road this year, after losing their first four road games and six of their first seven to begin last season. Notre Dame has won its first four road games of the season just three times in school history (1982-83, 1998-99 and 2000-01), but won five in a row on the road only once (10 in a row to open 2000-01).
- Notre Dame has been a fixture near the top of all major RPI charts this season. Through Dec. 28, the Irish are third in the *CollegeRPI.com* rankings, with the nation's sixth-toughest schedule.
- With this week's No. 6 ranking in the Associated Press poll, Notre Dame has appeared in the top 10 of the AP balloting seven times in the first eight polls of the year. On three other times in school history have the Irish spent longer in the AP top 10 — 1998-99 (16 weeks), 1999-2000 (15 weeks) and 2000-01 (18 weeks). All told, Notre Dame has spent 53 weeks in the AP top 10 and has a 96-16 (.857) all-time record when it's ranked in the top 10.
- The Irish have posted 32 wins over Top 25 opponents in the past seven seasons (1998-99 to present), including two in its first four games this year (76-65 vs. No. 6 Duke and 66-62 vs. No. 10 Ohio State).
- The Irish have defeated 20 top-10 opponents in their history, adding to that total with their victories over sixth-ranked Duke and 10th-ranked Ohio State in the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT.
- Head coach **Muffet McGraw** has a 394-150 (.724) record in 18 seasons with the Irish, which puts her just six victories shy of the 400-win mark for her Notre Dame career.

#### A QUICK LOOK AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS

It's been a difficult start to this season for Northern Illinois (2-7). Thanks to the graduation of their top three scorers and top two rebounders, the Huskies have had to search elsewhere for production while spending much of their non-conference schedule away from home. In fact, when NIU takes the court against Notre Dame Thursday night, it will be only its fourth game of the season inside the comfortable

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### NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Batteast*	F	6-2	Sr.	<b>19.1</b>	<b>7.3</b>	3.6 apg	22.0 ppg., 10.0 rpg., .552 FG% in last two games
34	Crystal Erwin	F	6-1	So.	7.6	3.7	0.8 apg	Averaging 10.0 ppg. as starter (24 vs. Washington)
12	Teresa Borton*	C	6-3	Sr.	7.5	5.7	<b>1.9 bpg</b>	Ranks third in BIG EAST in blocked shots
13	Megan Duffy*	G	5-7	Jr.	12.2	3.2	<b>4.8 apg</b>	Leads BIG EAST in FT% (.923) and steals (3.0 spg.)
32	Breona Gray	G	5-7	So.	6.3	3.7	2.2 apg	Has tripled scoring avg. this year (11 pts. vs. UW)

### OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
1	Tulyah Gaines	G	5-6	Fr.	1.6	0.9	1.1 apg	Dealt season-high four assists vs. Washington
2	Charel Allen	G	5-11	Fr.	7.5	4.6	1.8 apg	Had team-high 14 points in 16 minutes at Dayton
3	Susie Powers	G	5-10	So.	0.8	1.7	1.1 apg	Has 10 assists, three turnovers this season
11	Amanda Tsipis	G	5-10	Fr.	0.5	0.0	0.3 apg	Walk-on frosh has played in four games this year
33	Melissa D'Amico	F/C	6-5	Fr.	2.9	2.2	0.6 bpg	Scored season-best 12 points (6-8 FG) at Dayton
41	Courtney LaVere	F	6-3	Jr.	9.0	5.2	1.5 apg	Out 4-6 weeks (arthroscopic knee surgery - 11/30)

**Boldface** indicates statistical leaders // \* - indicates team captains

surroundings of the three-year-old Convocation Center.

Northern Illinois has not played since Dec. 21, when the Huskies dropped a 63-48 decision at home to Texas-El Paso (UTEP). Sophomore guard Stephanie Raymond posted team highs of 17 points and nine rebounds and classmate Mary Basic added 12 points and seven rebounds for NIU, which had an off-night shooting (.292, 14-for-48) that included misfiring on all 10 three-point tries. The Huskies did shoot well from the foul line (.833), but turned the ball over 23 times in the loss.

Despite standing just 5-foot-6, Raymond has come up big for Northern Illinois this season, leading the team in virtually every statistical category, including scoring (18.1 ppg.), rebounding (6.4 rpg.), assists (3.0 apg.) and steals (4.7 spg.). She also has been the Huskies' leading scorer in six of their first nine games this season. Sophomore center Kristin Wiener is the only other NIU player scoring in double figures, averaging 10.0 points per night, along with 5.4 rebounds and 1.0 blocks per game, as well as a team-best .467 field goal percentage.

Northern Illinois is piloted by veteran head coach Carol Hammerle, who has a 75-106 (.414) record in seven seasons with the Huskies. She is in her 32nd season overall, having previously spent 25 years at Wisconsin-Green Bay and compiling a career coaching record of 531-332 (.615). She is 1-1 all-time against Notre Dame, with both games coming while she was at UWGB.

#### THE NOTRE DAME-NORTHERN ILLINOIS SERIES

Notre Dame and Northern Illinois will be playing one another for the 13th time, with the Irish holding a 7-5 advantage in the series. However, when the scene shifts to DeKalb (site of Thursday night's game), the teams have split their previous six contests. NIU also has won three of the past four games in the series, although the teams have not met since the 1995 Midwestern Collegiate Conference Tournament (an 87-64 win for the Huskies).

The Notre Dame-Northern Illinois series dates back to the first varsity season of Irish women's basketball in 1977-78, with the Huskies registering a 65-58 win at the Joyce Center. The teams would meet six more times from 1979-87, with Notre Dame winning five times in that span. Prior to the 1987-88 season, NIU joined the Irish in the North Star Conference and the teams split their two league games that year (each winning at home).

The next season, Notre Dame left to join the MCC, but the teams would meet again at the 1991 National Women's Invitation Tournament (NWIT) in Amarillo, Texas, where the Huskies earned an 84-82 win. The schools would be reunited under a common conference banner for one more season (1994-95) when NIU joined the MCC, while the Irish were in their final season in that league. Again, the two sides split their two conference matchups, with Notre Dame winning in the regular season (58-51 in DeKalb) and NIU claiming the postseason tournament victory (87-64, also in DeKalb).

### THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	NIU
Overall record	10-1	2-7
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	6/4	NR
<b>SCORING</b>		
Points scored per game	69.5	56.4
Points allowed per game	58.6	64.2
Field goal percentage	.436	.374
Three-point percentage	.343	.288
Free throw percentage	.770	.711
<b>REBOUNDING</b>		
Rebounds per game	39.1	37.1
Opponent rebs. per game	37.0	35.9
Rebounding margin	+2.1	+1.2
<b>OTHER</b>		
Assists per game	17.0	11.0
Turnovers per game	16.1	20.7
Assist/turnover ratio	1.06	0.53
Blocked shots per game	5.5	3.1
Steals per game	10.1	10.4

### THE KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

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



THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS SERIES

Series: Notre Dame leads 7-5. Games Played at Northern Illinois: Series tied 3-3 (first meeting at Convocation Center).

Date	Site	Result	Score
2/11/78	Notre Dame, Ind.	L	58-65
1/12/79	DeKalb, Ill. *	W	62-60
12/12/81	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	67-52
12/12/84	DeKalb, Ill.	W	71-60
12/15/85	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	88-65
1/13/87	DeKalb, Ill.	L	71-81
2/24/87	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	82-66
1/14/88	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	89-66
3/9/88	DeKalb, Ill.	L	74-95
3/23/91	Amarillo, Texas #	L	82-84
2/23/95	DeKalb, Ill.	W	58-51
3/10/95	DeKalb, Ill. %	L	64-87

\* - Northern Illinois Tournament  
 # - NWIT  
 % - Midwest Collegiate Conference (MCC) Tournament

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	866	72.2
Northern Illinois	832	69.3

Current Win Streak: Northern Illinois - 1 game  
 Muffet McGraw vs. Northern Illinois: 2-3  
 Carol Hammerle vs. Notre Dame: 1-1  
 McGraw vs. Hammerle: Series tied 1-1  
 ND Biggest Win: 23 (MR: 89-66 on 1/14/88)  
 NIU Biggest Win: 23 (87-64 on 3/10/95)  
 ND Longest Win Streak: 4 (1979-85)  
 NIU Longest Win Streak: 2 (1988-91)

WHEN THE GAME IS ON THE LINE ...

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

Charel Allen	8-8 (1.000)
Tulyah Gaines	2-2 (1.000)
Megan Duffy	24-28 (.857)
Jacqueline Batteast	6-7 (.857)
Courtney LaVere	4-5 (.800)
Crystal Erwin	1-2 (.500)
Breona Gray	1-2 (.500)
Teresa Borton	1-3 (.333)
Melissa D'Amico	1-3 (.333)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48-60 (.800)</b>

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS MET

The Northern Illinois starters combined for 83 points as the fourth-seeded Huskies upset top-seed Notre Dame, 87-64 in the semifinals of the Midwest Collegiate Conference Tournament on March 10, 1995 at Chick Evans Field House in DeKalb, Ill. The loss quashed Irish hopes for the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Angela Lockett scored 29 points on 13-of-18 shooting and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds for the Huskies. Charmonique Stallworth added 21 points, Kelly Robbins had 17 points and Leslie Pottinger contributed 16 points, eight rebounds and eight assists as NIU shot 47.9 percent from the floor and owned a 40-29 edge on the boards.

Still recovering from a minor knee injury, Beth Morgan came off the bench to lead three Notre Dame players in double figures with 21 points. Katryna Gaither had 14 points and Letitia Bowen chipped in with 11 points, but the Irish were done in by 27 turnovers, with 17 of those coming via Husky steals (five by Robbins).

Northern Illinois took control of the game right from the outset, using a 15-2 run over a four-minute stretch to grab a 23-10 lead with 11:22 to go in the first half. Stallworth was dominating in the spree, scoring 10 points for the Huskies, including a pair of fastbreak layups.

Notre Dame came back behind some sharp perimeter shooting, as Morgan canned a pair of three-pointers and Mollie Peirick added another trey as the Irish pulled within 29-28 with a little less than six minutes left before halftime. However, Notre Dame never could take the lead, as NIU ended the period on a 12-4 run to take a 41-32 lead at the intermission.

The Huskies put the game away in the opening moments of the second half behind an 11-2 charge that pushed the gap back into double figures. The Irish briefly got as close as 73-64 on Morgan's fifth triple of the night with 3:23 remaining, but NIU scored the game's final 14 points to ice the victory.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-NORTHERN ILLINOIS SERIES NOTES

- The two schools played one another twice before Notre Dame's program achieved varsity status in time for the 1977-78 season. Northern Illinois picked up a 52-26 win on Feb. 14, 1976 in DeKalb, while the Irish collected a 55-43 victory on Feb. 5, 1977 in South Bend. Neither of those games (as well as any games played prior to varsity status) are reflected in the Notre Dame record book.
- After five of the first eight games in the series were played at the Joyce Center, Thursday's game will mark the fifth consecutive meeting to be played away from South Bend (fourth in DeKalb with one neutral-site game in Amarillo, Texas).
- In the first eight series meetings, Notre Dame held Northern Illinois under 70 points seven times. However, the Huskies have scored at least 80 points in three of their last four matchups with the Irish (all NIU wins).
- Northern Illinois head coach Carol Hammerle has coached against Notre Dame twice before, although both contests occurred while she was the skipper at Wisconsin-Green Bay. Hammerle's UWGB squad claimed a 69-65 home victory in 1987 at the Phoenix Classic before the Irish returned the favor in 1995 with a 67-56 win, also in Green Bay.

OWENS RETURNS TO ALMA MATER THURSDAY NIGHT

- Notre Dame associate coach Carol Owens is one of the legendary figures in Northern Illinois women's basketball history. During her career at NIU from 1985-90 (she received a medical redshirt as a sophomore), Owens was a two-time Kodak/WBCA District IV All-America selection and two-time

LAST IRISH GAME VS. NO. ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois 87, Notre Dame 64  
 Midwest Collegiate Conference Tournament - Semifinal  
 March 10, 1995  
 Chick Evans Field House (DeKalb, Ill.)

Notre Dame (64)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bowen	34	5-11	0-1	1-2	5	4	5	11
Poor	22	2-7	0-0	2-2	2	2	0	6
Gaither	34	6-11	0-0	2-2	7	1	4	14
Peirick	34	3-4	1-2	0-0	3	2	3	7
Fields	18	1-3	0-1	0-0	3	0	2	2
Morgan	34	8-14	5-8	0-0	4	0	4	21
Gossard	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Bohman	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0
Hutchinson	20	1-2	1-2	0-0	2	4	1	3
Team					3			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>26-52</b>	<b>7-14</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>64</b>

Northern Illinois (87)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Stallworth	37	8-16	0-1	5-6	6	1	1	21
Lau	30	0-5	0-0	1-2	4	1	4	1
Lockett	34	13-18	0-0	3-4	12	1	0	29
Robbins	38	6-12	3-7	2-2	4	5	1	17
Pottinger	40	6-14	1-3	3-6	8	8	1	16
Heitter	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Sullivan	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Miller	16	1-5	0-1	1-1	1	1	3	3
Team					4			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>34-71</b>	<b>4-13</b>	<b>15-21</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>87</b>

Notre Dame	41	46	--	87
Northern Illinois	32	32	--	64

FG Pct: Notre Dame 50.0, Northern Illinois 47.9. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 50.0, Northern Illinois 30.8. FT Pct: Notre Dame 83.3, Northern Illinois 71.4. Turnovers: Notre Dame 27, Northern Illinois 17. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 4 (Bowen 3), Northern Illinois 2. Steals: Notre Dame 7 (Bowen 3), Northern Illinois 17 (Robbins 5). Attendance: 1,379.



first-team all-North Star Conference pick. She remains the only NIU women's basketball player ever to record 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career, finishing with 2,102 points and 1,028 rebounds. To this day, Owens still owns or shares 21 single-game, single-season or career records at Northern Illinois, including the marks for points in a game (41), career field goal percentage (.537) and career blocks (244). In addition, she recorded one of only two triple-doubles in the NIU program's history (23 points, 10 rebounds, 11 steals vs. Western Illinois on Dec. 1, 1988).

- During Owens' final two seasons, the Huskies sported a combined 49-12 record. The 1989-90 Northern Illinois squad (Owens' senior season) went 26-5 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament while earning a No. 17 ranking in the final Associated Press poll. That team is generally considered the best in NIU women's basketball history and featured five people who are currently serving as either head coaches or assistants at prominent Division I programs:
  - Senior center Carol Owens (now associate coach at Notre Dame)
  - Junior guard Denise Dove (now assistant coach at Wisconsin)
  - Head coach Jane Albright (now head coach at Wichita State)
  - Assistant coach Deb Patterson (now head coach at Kansas State)
  - Assistant coach Kamie Ethridge (now associate head coach at Kansas State)
- Owens earned her bachelor of arts degree in communications from NIU in 1990. She was selected by the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to serve as Commencement Marshal of her graduating class. She also was named Northern Illinois' Outstanding Woman and received the Student Leadership Award that year. On Oct. 6, 1995, her alma mater bestowed its highest athletic honor upon Owens, inducting her into the NIU Athletics Hall of Fame. In April 2001, she added another prestigious award to her resume, earning a place in the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame.
- Owens faced Notre Dame three times while playing at Northern Illinois, with the Irish winning twice. In those matchups, Owens averaged 14.3 points and 7.3 rebounds per game, including a double-double (24 points, 11 rebounds) in NIU's 95-74 win on March 9, 1988 in DeKalb.
- One additional note — prior to the 2004-05 season, no other Northern Illinois player had ever worn Owens' No. 31 jersey. However, NIU freshman guard Tara Michels has returned that number to the Huskies' active roster this season, although she is currently sidelined with an injury.

#### **OTHER NOTRE DAME-NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONNECTION**

- Northern Illinois athletics director **Jim Phillips** is in his first year at the school after spending the previous four years (2000-04) on the senior administrative staff at Notre Dame. Prior to his departure in August 2004, Phillips was Notre Dame's senior associate athletics director for external affairs, playing an integral role in launching the Rockne Heritage Fund, which has helped the Irish athletics program to reach its goal of funding the maximum number of scholarships in all 26 of its varsity sports.

#### **NOTRE DAME AGAINST THE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

Despite its close proximity to many current Mid-American Conference schools, Notre Dame has not played a great deal of games against MAC opponents in its history. The Irish are 25-14 (.641) all-time against that conference, but they are just 8-6 (.571) in true road games. However, in the 18-year Muffet McGraw era, Notre Dame is 10-5 (.667) against the MAC, including a current seven-game winning streak that dates back to 1995.

Nearly one-third of Notre Dame's career MAC games have come against Thursday night's opponent, Northern Illinois, which joined the Irish in both the North Star (1987-88) and Midwestern Collegiate (1994-95) conferences before Notre Dame moved to the BIG EAST in 1995-96. In fact, NIU is the last current member of the MAC to defeat the Irish, posting an 87-64 upset on March 10, 1995 in the semifinals of the MCC Tournament.

The Irish have faced 10 of the 13 current Mid-American Conference schools, owning winning records against seven of them — Bowling Green (2-0), Eastern Michigan (2-0), Kent State (1-0), Northern Illinois (7-5), Ohio (1-0), Toledo (3-2) and Western Michigan (7-0).

The Irish have not played a MAC opponent since Dec. 12, 2001, when they defeated Western Michigan, 71-48 at the Joyce Center. Current Irish seniors **Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton** both saw action in that contest, with Batteast logging a double-double (20 points, 10 rebounds) and Borton collecting four points and seven rebounds. Notre Dame held WMU to a .274 field goal percentage and only 12 first-half points en route to the victory.

### **IRISH MEDIA POLICIES**

#### **MEDIA CONTACT**

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

#### **IN-SEASON INTERVIEW POLICY**

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

#### **POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES**

Following each Irish home game, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players, followed by the visiting head coach and selected players, will be available to speak with the media. Press conferences will be held in the Joyce Center auditorium, located adjacent to Gate 1 on the first floor of the arena. Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to **Chris Masters** no later than the four-minute mark of the second half.

#### **MEDIA SERVICES**

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



**BIG EAST STANDINGS  
(through games of Dec. 28)**

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	St. John's	0-0	10-0
	West Virginia	0-0	9-0
3.	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>10-1</b>
4.	Boston College	0-0	8-1
5.	Connecticut	0-0	6-2
	Rutgers	0-0	6-2
7.	Pittsburgh	0-0	7-3
	Syracuse	0-0	7-3
9.	Seton Hall	0-0	6-3
10.	Villanova	0-0	6-4
11.	Georgetown	0-0	4-5
12.	Providence	0-0	0-10

**BIG EAST  
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Nov. 22... Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame**  
 Nov. 29 ..... Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College  
                                          Yolanda Paige, West Virginia  
 Dec. 6 ..... Meg Bulger, West Virginia  
 Dec. 13 ..... Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College  
                                          Sherell Sowho, West Virginia  
**Dec. 20 .. Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame**  
 Dec. 27 ..... Monique Blake, Seton Hall  
                                          Meg Bulger, West Virginia

**BIG EAST  
FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 22 ..... Sara Antolick, Syracuse  
 Nov. 29 ..... Andrea Peterson, St. John's  
 Dec. 6 ..... Charde Houston, Connecticut  
 Dec. 13 ..... Shamika Jackson, Boston College  
 Dec. 20 ..... Matee Ajavon, Rutgers  
 Dec. 27 ..... Kieraah Marlow, Georgetown

**FOLLOWING THE NORTH STAR**

Northern Illinois is one of 10 former North Star Conference schools Notre Dame has played since it left the NSC to join the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (now known as the Horizon League) in 1988. The Irish have a 110-23 (.827) record in the past 15 seasons against former North Star members, including a 3-0 mark this year with road wins at Valparaiso, Dayton and Marquette.

Much of that post-NSC record was compiled when several North Star teams resurfaced alongside the Irish in the MCC. In fact, eight of Notre Dame's 10 former North Star foes also squared off with the Irish in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, including Thursday night's opponent, Northern Illinois.

The Irish also have won 22 of their last 23 games against former North Star members, a streak which pre-dates Notre Dame's current membership in the BIG EAST Conference. The only NSC alum to defeat the Irish in that time is DePaul, which won by a 75-59 count on Dec. 11, 2002, in Chicago.

**POLLING PLACE**

Notre Dame is 171-41 (.807) all-time when it is ranked in the Associated Press poll at tipoff (the Irish are sixth entering Thursday's game at Northern Illinois). When playing at home, Notre Dame has been especially strong, going 79-9 (.898) as a ranked host after opening this season with a 6-1 record at the Joyce Center. Conversely, the Irish are 68-24 (.739) all-time when they play on the road as a ranked team.

Upon closer inspection, Notre Dame has been very sharp when it's ranked in the top 10 of the AP poll. The Irish are 96-16 (.857) as a top-10 squad, including a 46-3 (.939) record at home. In fact, prior to its Dec. 2 overtime loss to then-No. 15 Michigan State, Notre Dame had a 41-game home winning streak when it was ranked in the AP top 10, dating back to December of 1998.

**GIMME A BREAK**

Notre Dame will enter Thursday's game at Northern Illinois following an 11-day break for the Christmas holiday. That's the longest regular-season hiatus for the Irish since a 15-day break from Dec. 13-28, 1997. However, the school record for longest such rest period since the program moved to the Division I level in 1980-81 is 20 days (Dec. 7-27, 1994). When the program played as an AIAW Division III squad from 1977-80, there were three breaks of 30 days or more, including a 43-day siesta during the first season of Irish basketball from Dec. 6, 1977-Jan. 6, 1978.

**ROAD WARRIORS**

The Irish are off to a 4-0 start on the road this season, marking only the fourth time in school history Notre Dame has won its first four true road games of the year (also 1982-83, 1998-99 and 2000-01). Only the 2000-01 team managed to win more than four road games to open the season, going on a 10-game road winning streak before losing at Rutgers, 54-53.

Accenting Notre Dame's play on the road has been its defensive prowess. The Irish are holding opponents to 50.3 ppg. and a .335 field goal percentage (77-for-230) away from home and have not allowed more than 59 points in a road game this year.

**BEAT THE CLOCK**

At Marquette on Dec. 19, senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** did something that no other Irish player had done in nearly a decade — hit a game-winning shot at the buzzer. Batteast buried a three-pointer from the right wing as time expired to give Notre Dame a 50-47 victory over the Golden Eagles. Prior to Batteast's heroics, the last time an Irish player won a game at the horn was Jan. 14, 1995, when Letitia Bowen hit a putback as time ran out to give Notre Dame a 67-65 triumph at Detroit.

**EXTENDING THE DEFENSE**

In the past eight games, Notre Dame has limited its opponents to a .190 three-point percentage (24-for-126), after Irish foes were shooting .333 from beyond the arc (17-for-51) in the first three games of the season. On Dec. 9, Notre Dame held Dayton to an opponent season-low .071 three-point percentage (1-for-14), with the Flyers missing their final 13 three-point attempts.

**IRISH IN THE POLLS**

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2004-05 season:

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason .....	10	11
Nov. 15 .....	11	10
Nov. 22 .....	6	6
Nov. 29 .....	3	3
Dec. 6 .....	7	5
Dec. 13 .....	7	5
Dec. 20 .....	7	5
Dec. 27 .....	6	4



For the season, Notre Dame leads the BIG EAST in three-point percentage defense, holding opponents to a .232 mark (41-for-177) from long range.

**CHARGING FROM THE GATE**

Notre Dame is off to a 10-1 start for only the second time in school history. In 2000-01, the Irish won their first 23 games of the season and ascended to the No. 1 ranking before falling at Rutgers, 54-53.

Notre Dame's 7-0 start this season also marks the second time ever that the Irish have opened with seven consecutive victories. Here's a peek at the best starts in Notre Dame women's basketball history:

<u>Season</u>	<u>Opening record</u>	<u>Final record (result)</u>
2000-01	23-0	34-2 (NCAA champion)
<b>2004-05</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>??</b>
1998-99	6-0	26-5 (NCAA second round)
1977-78	5-0	13-4 (IAIAW Tournament)
2002-03	4-0	21-11 (NCAA Sweet Sixteen)
1993-94	4-0	22-7 (NCAA first round)

**WINNING TEN-DENCIES**

With its 50-47 win at Marquette on Dec. 19, Notre Dame recorded its 10th victory of the season, marking the earliest calendar date ever that the Irish have reached double-digit victories. The 2000-01 squad previously held that distinction, getting its 10th win on Dec. 21, 2000, ironically also at Marquette (75-56).

**THE SEASON FOR SHARING**

One of the key elements in Notre Dame's early success has been its penchant for distributing the ball well. In fact, the Irish have 187 assists (17.0 app.; fourth in the BIG EAST) on 280 field goals made (25.5 per game) in their first 11 outings, including a Preseason WNIT-record 29 handouts in the season opener vs. Illinois State. Junior guard **Megan Duffy** leads the way at 4.8 assists per game (also fourth in the BIG EAST), with at least five dimes in six contests this season, including a career-high 10 assists vs. Washington on Dec. 11.

**LOTS OF FREE STUFF**

When given the opportunity, Notre Dame has taken advantage of its trips to the free throw line this season. The Irish lead the BIG EAST Conference and are 12th nationally (as of Dec. 20), shooting 77.0 percent from the charity stripe. In fact, they set a school record by going a perfect 18-for-18 at Valparaiso, which also matches the best mark by any team in the country this season.

Notre Dame has been led at the gift line by junior guard **Megan Duffy** (.923, 48-52), freshman guard **Charel Allen** (.852, 23-27) and senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (.842, 48-57). Duffy currently leads the BIG EAST and is tied for 11th in the nation in free throw percentage, while Batteast has shown the greatest improvement among all Irish players this season with better than a 21-percent jump from last year's career low .627 mark.

One side note about Duffy's free throw prowess — the Irish junior struggled at the line early in her freshman season, shooting just 59.3 percent (16-27) during her first 15 collegiate games. However, in the 60 games since then (Jan. 20, 2003 to present), Duffy is connecting at an .862 clip (163-189) on her foul shots. She also has made 56 of her last 61 free throws (.918) in the past 17 Irish games, dating back to Feb. 28, 2004.

**McGRAW'S MILESTONES**

Entering this season, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** had the opportunity to reach three career coaching milestones. Here's a look at her progress toward each landmark:

- Winningest basketball coach at Notre Dame — picked up 394th victory with the Irish on Dec. 19 at Marquette, passing longtime men's coach Digger Phelps (393 wins from 1971-91).
- 400th victory at Notre Dame — needs six wins
- 500th victory overall — needs 18 wins

**THE MARQUETTE RECAP**

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** hit a three-pointer as time expired gave No. 7 Notre Dame a 50-47 victory over Marquette on Dec. 19 at the Al McGuire Center in Milwaukee. It was the Golden Eagles' first loss in 13 games at their new arena, which opened midway through last season.

**NOTRE DAME SECOND IN USSA DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS**

Notre Dame stands second in the second set of fall sports standings released in the 2004-05 United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

This marks the highest ranking for Notre Dame since the Irish were third in both the 1996-97 and 2002-03 final fall standings (Notre Dame ended up 14th and 13th, respectively, in those years).

Fall NCAA competition so far has earned the Irish 287 points based on their NCAA title in women's soccer (100 points), their fourth-place finish in women's cross country (80 points), their 11th-place finish in men's cross country (57 points) and their second-round appearance in men's soccer (50 points). Yet to come are fall points for Notre Dame's 2004 NCAA involvement in volleyball (the Irish advanced to the second round).

The third set of fall standings will be released Dec. 30 and the final fall standings will be available Jan. 11.

Duke (327 points) leads the competition, thanks to its NCAA runner-up finishes in women's cross country and women's field hockey, plus a third-place finish in men's soccer. Third is Colorado, followed by Stanford, Maryland and Michigan.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in field hockey, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's soccer.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01, 13th in 2001-02, tied for 13th in 2002-03 and 19th in 2003-04.

Here are the current standings:

1.	Duke	327
2.	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>287</b>
3.	Colorado	250
4.	Stanford	232
5.	Maryland	230
6.	Michigan	229
7.	Wake Forest	225
8.	UCLA	224
9.	North Carolina	209
10.	Michigan State	174



2004-05 IRISH HONORS

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

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

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

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

ESPN.com top five wings in country  
 BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year  
 Preseason first-team all-BIG EAST (*unanimous*)  
 Bayer Advantage® Senior CLASS Award nominee  
 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT MVP  
 BIG EAST Player of the Week (Nov. 22, Dec. 20)

**Megan Duffy (Jr., Dayton, Ohio)**

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

TOP JOYCE CENTER  
 CROWDS

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	2/10/02	#16 Boston Coll.	W, 60-44	9,676
4.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
5.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
6.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
7.	2/14/04	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
8.	1/13/04	#4 Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574
9.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
10.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
11.	1/20/03	#3 Connecticut	L, 53-72	8,265
12.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
13.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
14.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
15.	2/26/02	Villanova	L, 45-48	7,785
16.	2/19/02	West Virginia	W, 72-63	7,709
17.	1/18/03	Rutgers	L, 61-64	7,697
18.	2/13/02	St. John's	W, 66-31	7,677
19.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
20.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530

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

Batteast's trey was Notre Dame's only three-point field goal of the game, which was highlighted by each team's star post players — Batteast and Marquette's Christina Quaye. Batteast had game highs of 27 points and 10 rebounds to pick up her third double-double of the season, while Quaye led Marquette with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Neither team shot well as defense was the order of the day. Marquette shot an Irish opponent season-low 28.6-percent (16-of-56) while Notre Dame shot 34.8-percent (16-of-46), making rebounding, turnovers and foul shooting the key stats in the game. Marquette won the battle of the boards 47-31, handing Notre Dame its largest rebounding deficit of the season. However, the Irish forced 19 turnovers, including 11 steals (seven by junior guard **Megan Duffy**), and shot 17-of-20 from the free throw line while Marquette was 11-of-19.

The game stayed close early in the second half as the lead changed hands seven times in the first 10 minutes of the half. Notre Dame slowly pulled away thereafter, extending its lead to five, 38-33, at the 7:29 mark on freshman guard **Charel Allen's** lay-in.

Both teams found their shooting touch late in game as the teams began to trade baskets. Marquette tied the score at 40 when Danielle Kamm hit a falling 17-footer as the shot clock expired with 3:23 remaining. But sophomore guard **Breona Gray** quieted the home crowd of 2,573 with a jumper that gave the Irish a 45-44 lead with 1:32 remaining.

The score stayed that way until Kamm fouled Duffy with 16 seconds remaining. Duffy made both free throws, giving the Irish a three-point advantage and the Golden Eagles the ball. Coming out of a timeout, Kamm hit a three-pointer from the deep right corner with 6.7 seconds left to tie the game. However, Notre Dame hurried down the floor, with Batteast taking a pass from Duffy and hitting the three as the buzzer sounded to claim the win.

Both teams were coming off extended breaks for final exams and each had trouble finding energy early on, as the teams combined for 1-for-20 shooting in the first 8:18 of the game. Marquette made its first field goal at the 10:53 mark on a lay-in by Svetlana Kovaleno after missing its first 11 shots. Notre Dame struck first at the 19:30 mark on Batteast's lay-in, but then went 9:18 before scoring another field goal.

Marquette took its first lead of the game at the 3:31 mark of the first half when Quaye's three-pointer made the score 22-19. The Golden Eagles wound up taking a narrow one-point lead (24-23) with them into the locker room at halftime.

**NOTING THE MARQUETTE VICTORY**

- The Irish are now 4-0 on the road, marking just the fourth time in school history they have won their first four true road games in a season (also 1982-83, 1998-99 and 2000-01).
- Notre Dame jumps to 26-4 all-time against Marquette, the most victories against one opponent in school history. The Irish also have won 25 of their last 26 matchups with the Golden Eagles, although the past three encounters have been decided by an average of only 6.0 ppg..
- Notre Dame is 110-23 (.827) all-time against former members of the North Star Conference (which included ND from 1983-88), including wins in 22 of their last 23 such matchups.
- Notre Dame has won 12 of its last 13 games against Conference USA squads and is 49-21 (.700) all-time against that league, although the majority of those games came vs. Marquette, which will join the BIG EAST next season.
- The Irish have held six of their last seven opponents to less than 60 points, including three games of under 50 points.
- The last-second three-pointer by senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was unusual for Notre Dame, which had not had a buzzer-beating victory since Jan. 14, 1995, when Letitia Bowen hit a putback at the horn to win at Detroit, 67-65.
- Batteast moved into fifth place on Notre Dame's career rebounding list with 827 caroms, one more than Margaret Nowlin (826 from 1988-92). Batteast also scored her 1,500th career point on a layup 30 seconds into the game, becoming only the seventh player in school history to eclipse that milestone.
- Junior guard **Megan Duffy** tied her career high with seven steals, part of 11 thefts by Notre Dame.

**SPORTSVIEW.TV PRESEASON WNIT REWIND**

Punctuated by emotional second-half rallies in the semifinal and final, Notre Dame won four consecutive games to claim the 2004 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT championship. The Irish capped off their season-opening charge with a 66-62 victory over No. 10/9 Ohio State in the title game, scoring the final





2004-05 IRISH TRENDS

<b>Day of the Week</b>	
Sunday .....	2-0
Monday .....	1-0
Tuesday .....	1-0
Wednesday .....	1-0
Thursday .....	1-1
Friday .....	2-0
Saturday .....	2-0
<b>Time of Game</b>	
Day games (before 6 p.m local time) .....	2-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time) .....	8-1
<b>Location</b>	
Home games .....	6-1
Road games .....	4-0
Neutral site games .....	0-0
<b>Halftime score</b>	
Leading at the half .....	8-0
Trailing at the half .....	2-1
Tied at the half .....	0-0
<b>Rebounding margin</b>	
Grab more rebounds than opponents .....	7-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents .....	2-1
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents .....	1-0
<b>Field goal shooting</b>	
Higher pct. than opponent .....	9-0
Lower pct. than opponent .....	1-1
Shoot 45% or better .....	3-0
Shoot less than 45% .....	7-1
Hold opponent under 40% .....	7-1
<b>Free throw margin</b>	
Make more free throws .....	9-0
Make fewer free throws .....	1-1
Make same number of free throws .....	0-0
<b>Turnovers</b>	
Commit fewer turnovers .....	6-1
Commit more turnovers .....	4-0
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls) .....	2-1
On television .....	2-1
In white jerseys .....	6-1
In blue jerseys .....	4-0
In green jerseys .....	0-0
In overtime games .....	0-1
<b>Margin of Victory</b>	
1-5 points .....	3-0
6-10 points .....	1-1
11-15 points .....	2-0
16-20 points .....	2-0
21+ points .....	2-0
<b>Conference Affiliation</b>	
BIG EAST .....	0-0
Atlantic Coast .....	1-0
Atlantic 10 .....	1-0
Big Ten .....	1-1
Big 12 .....	1-0
Conference USA .....	1-0
Mid-American .....	0-0
Mid-Continent .....	1-0
Missouri Valley .....	1-0
Mountain West .....	1-0
Pac-10 .....	2-0
<b>Month</b>	
November .....	7-0
December .....	3-1
January .....	0-0
February .....	0-0
March .....	0-0

12 points of the contest to erase an eight-point Buckeye lead with a little more than five minutes remaining. That win came on the heels of a 76-65 semifinal conquest of No. 6 Duke, a victory that also saw Notre Dame come back from an eight-point deficit late in the second half.

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

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

**HALF AND HALF**

Over the past five seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 85-7 (.924) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead. Notre Dame has added eight wins to that count this season (Illinois State, Nebraska, Ohio State, Colorado State, USC, Valparaiso, Dayton and Washington).

**THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...**

During the past decade, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 136-6 (.958) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. That count includes this season's wins over Nebraska, Colorado State, USC, Valparaiso, Dayton, Washington and Marquette.

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

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the past decade (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 89-3 (.967) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame tacked another win to that ledger with its opening-night 92-73 win over Illinois State.

**NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS**

Notre Dame has won 212 games over the past nine seasons, which is tied for 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 through games of Dec. 28):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	39	37	31	6	277
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	30	33	31	8	265
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	25	31	29	4	242
4. Duke	19	24	29	28	30	31	35	30	11	237
5. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	28	21	25	4	219
6. Purdue	17	23	34	23	31	24	29	29	7	218
7. (tie) NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	20	21	21	10	212
(tie) Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	22	26	27	27	3	212
9. Texas Tech	20	26	30	28	25	20	29	25	8	211

**SWEET SUCCESS**

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



2004-05 IRISH INSIGHTS

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

**THE GOLD STANDARD**

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

**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 119 of their last 129 games (.922) at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center. Notre Dame also has a 69-7 (.908) home record in BIG EAST Conference play.

The Irish have been particularly strong when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 53 of their last 56 non-BIG EAST contests (.946) at the Joyce Center, dating back to the 1994-95 season. The only three losses in that span all came against Big Ten Conference teams — Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69), Purdue in 2003 (71-54) and Michigan State in 2004 (82-73 in OT).

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, posting a 269-71 (.791) record at the venerable facility. In three of the past five seasons (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Irish were a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season.

**JAMMIN' THE JOYCE**

Beginning with its national championship season of 2000-01, Notre Dame has ranked in the top 15 in the nation in attendance each of the past four years, and early returns indicate this season will be no different. According to the Dec. 27 unofficial national attendance rankings (as compiled by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Office), Notre Dame is 15th in the nation with an average of 4,949 fans per game.

All of the top 20 crowds in the Irish record book have occurred during the 18-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw** (1987-present). And, as more evidence of Notre Dame's rapid elevation to "hot ticket" status in South Bend, 19 of the top 20 crowds in school history have been recorded in the past six seasons (1999-2000 to present), including 12 audiences of 8,000 or more fans, and 56 of the past 58 home games with at least 5,000 fans filing into the Joyce Center.

**NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN**

The Irish are scheduled to make at least 13 appearances on regional or national television during the 2004-05 season (additional broadcasts may be announced at a later date).

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

The Irish returned to the airwaves Dec. 2 when they dropped an 82-73 overtime decision to No. 15 Michigan State on College Sports Television (CSTV). That was the first of three Notre Dame games that will air nationally on the fledgling cable network, which has signed an agreement with the BIG EAST Conference to carry a national women's basketball Game of the Week eight times in 2004-05. The Irish also will face Connecticut on Jan. 12 at the Joyce Center and visit Boston College on Feb. 15 in front of the CSTV cameras.

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

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

Comcast Local (based in Detroit) is the latest television outlet to select Notre Dame women's basketball games for broadcast. The newly-formed network will air five Irish games this season — at USC (Nov. 26), and home games vs. Washington (Dec. 11), St. John's (Jan. 26), Georgetown (Feb. 12) and West Virginia (Feb. 26). Comcast Local can be seen in South Bend on Comcast Cable channel 3.



**GRADUATION RATES**

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

The federally mandated 2004 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1994 and 1997 at Division I institutions, including 117 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

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

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

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

Notre Dame also graduated 71 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally, and Irish football players graduated at a 77 percent rate, to rank eighth.

**All Student-Athletes**

1.	Duke	90%
2.	<b>(tie) Notre Dame</b>	<b>87</b>
	(tie) Northwestern	87
	(tie) Stanford	87

**Female Student-Athletes**

1.	Northwestern	96%
2.	Duke	95
3.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>94</b>

**Male Student-Athletes**

1.	Duke	88%
2.	Stanford	84
3.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>82</b>

**NOTRE DAME ON THE AIRWAVES**

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

**OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN**

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

**IRISH ADD TWO PLAYERS DURING EARLY SIGNING PERIOD**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**IRISH CAREER RECORDS**

**Total Points**

4. Alicia Ratay (1999-2003)	1,763
5. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
7. <b>Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)</b>	<b>1,525</b>

**Scoring Average**

3. Ruth Riley (1997-01)	15.8
4. <b>Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)</b>	<b>15.1</b>
5. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	14.5

**Three-Point Field Goals Made**

7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	92
8. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	85
9. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	82
10. <b>Megan Duffy (2002-present)</b>	<b>69</b>

**Three-Point Field Goals Attempted**

7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	241
8. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	231
9. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	216
10. <b>Megan Duffy (2002-present)</b>	<b>189</b>

**Field Goal Percentage (min. 400 att.)**

5. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	.579
6. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	.553
7. <b>Teresa Borton (2001-pres.)</b>	<b>.535 (290-542)</b>
8. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	.533

**Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)**

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-2003)	.872
2. <b>Megan Duffy (2002-present)</b>	<b>.829 (179-216)</b>
3. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
4. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

**Rebounds**

3. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	986
4. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	853
6. <b>Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)</b>	<b>827</b>

**Rebounding Average (min. 6.5 per game)**

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

**Blocked Shots**

3. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	141
4. <b>Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)</b>	<b>137</b>
5. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	133
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	124
7. <b>Teresa Borton (2001-present)</b>	<b>114</b>

**Double-Doubles**

1. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	40
2. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	36
3. <b>Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)</b>	<b>35</b>
4. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	32

*Boldface indicates current players*

**MUFFET MCGRAW SIGNS CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH 2010-11 SEASON**

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

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

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

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

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

**BIG EAST CONFERENCE APPROVES BASKETBALL STRUCTURE FOR 2005-06**

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

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

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

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

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

**PROMOTIONAL CORNER**

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

- Jan. 2 vs. Seton Hall — Adidas bracelets (first 5,000 fans); Red Panda acrobat will perform
- Jan. 5 vs. Syracuse — Notre Dame women's basketball license plates (first 2,000 fans)
- Jan. 12 vs. Connecticut — Glowing t-shirts (first 2,000 fans); Project Playground will perform



**NEXT GAME: SETON HALL**

Notre Dame will return home Sunday to ring in the new year and tip off BIG EAST Conference play with a 2 p.m. (ET) matchup against Seton Hall at the Joyce Center. The Irish are 6-3 in conference openers since joining the BIG EAST a decade ago, although they dropped a 76-73 decision at Georgetown in their first league contest last season.

Seton Hall (6-3) will come directly to South Bend from Columbia, S.C., after participating in the South Carolina Tournament Wednesday and Thursday. The Pirates were scheduled to face Campbell in the opening round, with the second-day opponent slated to be either South Carolina or Coastal Carolina. SHU entered that tournament on a four-game winning streak, most recently dispatching San Francisco, 69-59 at home on Dec. 20.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Seton Hall, 12-3, including a 6-1 mark at the Joyce Center. However, the Pirates won last year's only matchup between the teams, 51-45 in South Orange, N.J., as the Irish did not have a single player score in double figures for only the second time in school history.

**NCAA AND BIG EAST STATISTICAL LEADERS**

Here's where the Irish players and team stand in the most recent NCAA statistics report (through games of December 20) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report (through games of December 27) — **bold** indicates league/national leaders:

Team Rankings	NCAA	BIG EAST
Scoring Offense		7th at 69.5
Scoring Defense		8th at 58.6
Scoring Margin		6th at +10.9
FT Percentage	12th at .770	<b>1st at .770</b>
FG Percentage		6th at .436
FG Percentage Defense		5th at .361
3-Point FG Percentage		7th at .343
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	<b>1st at .232</b>
Rebounding		8th at 39.1
Rebounding Defense	not kept	9th at 37.0
Rebounding Margin		8th at +2.1
Blocked Shots	22nd at 5.5	3rd at 5.45
Assists		4th at 17.00
Steals		2nd at 10.09
Turnover Margin	not kept	3rd at +3.09
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	4th at 1.06

Individual Rankings	NCAA	BIG EAST
Scoring	Batteast, 27th at 19.1	Batteast, 2nd at 19.1 Duffy, 20th at 12.2
Rebounding		Batteast, 9th at 7.3
FG Percentage		Batteast, 10th at .449
Assists		Duffy, 4th at 4.82 Batteast, 9th at 3.62
FT Percentage	Duffy, 11th at .923	<b>Duffy, 1st at .923</b> Batteast, 4th at .842
Steals		<b>Duffy, 1st at 3.00</b>
3-Point FG Per Game		Duffy, 13th at 1.45
Blocked Shots		Borton, 3rd at 1.91 Batteast, 10th at 1.18
Assist/Turnover Ratio		Batteast, 9th at 2.00 Duffy, 10th at 1.66

**FIRST BIG EAST COACHES TELECONFERENCE SLATED FOR JAN. 10**

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2004-05 season, the first of which is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 10. The others will be held Feb. 7 and March 3 (prior to the BIG EAST Championship). Each of the 12 league head coaches will be available for 5-10 minutes in a pre-arranged format.

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact Notre Dame assistant SID **Chris Masters** (574-631-8032) or BIG EAST director of communications/women's basketball contact **Rachel Margolis** (401-453-0660) for the teleconference phone number.

Here is a complete listing of the times when each BIG EAST coach will be available (all times Eastern and subject to change):

- 11:00 a.m. - Mike Carey, West Virginia
- 11:07 a.m. - Phyllis Mangina, Seton Hall
- 11:14 a.m. - Cathy Inglese, Boston College
- 11:21 a.m. - Susan Yow, Providence
- 11:28 a.m. - Terri Williams-Fournoy, Georgetown
- 11:35 a.m. - Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame**
- 11:42 a.m. - Agnus Berenato, Pittsburgh
- 11:49 a.m. - Harry Perretta, Villanova
- 11:56 a.m. - Kim Barnes-Arico, St. John's
- 12:03 p.m. - Keith Cieplicki, Syracuse
- 12:10 p.m. - Geno Auriemma, Connecticut
- 12:20 p.m. - C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers

# NOTRE DAME VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

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

**Overall Record: 10-1 (Home: 6-1, Away: 4-0, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0**

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 12	10/11		(1) ILLINOIS STATE	W 92-73	W1	1-0		LaVere-18	three with 6	Duffy-8	6,190
Nov. 14	10/11		(1) NEBRASKA	W 73-57	W2	2-0		Batteast-24	Borton-11	Batteast-7	5,370
Nov. 17	11/10	6/6	(1) DUKE	W 76-65	W3	3-0		Batteast-17	LaVere-11	two with 7	3,094
Nov. 20	11/10	10/9	(1) OHIO STATE (ITV)	W 66-62	W4	4-0		Batteast-32	Gray-6	Duffy-6	3,925
Nov. 22	6/6		COLORADO STATE	W 69-47	W5	5-0		Duffy-15	Batteast-9	Batteast-7	5,115
Nov. 26	6/6		at USC (COM)	W 60-56	W6	6-0		Batteast-18	three with 5	Batteast-4	3,085
Nov. 30	3/3		at Valparaiso	W 69-59	W7	7-0		Batteast-25	Batteast-10	Duffy-4	2,214
Dec. 2	3/3	15/15	MICHIGAN STATE (CSTV)	L (ot) 73-82	L1	7-1		Erwin-20	two with 9	two with 4	5,544
Dec. 9	7/5		at Dayton	W 65-39	W1	8-1		Allen-14	Batteast-7	Duffy-5	2,517
Dec. 11	7/5		WASHINGTON (COM)	W 72-58	W2	9-1		Erwin-24	Batteast-10	Duffy-10	5,407
Dec. 19	7/5		at Marquette	W 50-47	W3	10-1		Batteast-27	Batteast-10	two with 3	2,573
Dec. 30			at Northern Illinois	7:05 p.m. CT							
Jan. 2			SETON HALL*	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 5			SYRACUSE*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 9			at Villanova* (BETV)	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 12			CONNECTICUT* (CSTV)	8 p.m. ET							
Jan. 16			(2) PURDUE (ESPN2)	5 p.m. ET							
Jan. 19			at Syracuse*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 23			RUTGERS* (BETV)	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 26			ST. JOHN'S* (COM)	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 30			at Connecticut* (ESPN2)	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 2			BOSTON COLLEGE*	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 9			at Providence*	7:30 p.m. ET							
Feb. 12			GEORGETOWN* (COM)	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 15			at Boston College* (CSTV)	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 19			at Rutgers*	Noon ET							
Feb. 26			WEST VIRGINIA* (COM)	2 p.m. ET							
March 1			at Seton Hall*	7 p.m. ET							
<b><u>BIG EAST Championship (Hartford Civic Center - Hartford, Conn.)</u></b>											
March 5			First Round	TBA							
March 6			Quarterfinals (CSTV)	TBA							
March 7			Semifinals (CSTV)	6/8 p.m. ET							
March 8			Championship (ESPN)	7 p.m. ET							
<b><u>NCAA Tournament - First &amp; Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)</u></b>											
March 19-20			First Round (ESPN/ESPN2)								
March 21-22			Second Round (ESPN/ESPN2)								
<b><u>NCAA Regionals (East - Philadelphia, Pa.; Mideast - Chattanooga, Tenn.; Midwest - Kansas City, Mo.; West - Tempe, Ariz.)</u></b>											
March 26-27			Semifinals (ESPN)								
March 28-29			Finals (ESPN)								
<b><u>NCAA Final Four (RCA Dome - Indianapolis, Ind.)</u></b>											
April 3			National Semifinals (ESPN)								
April 5			National Championship Game (ESPN)								

\* BIG EAST Conference game

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 2004-05 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
<b>All Games:</b>	45,034	4,094	6,190 (ISU - 11/12)
<b>Home:</b>	34,645	4,949	6,190 (ISU - 11/12)
<b>Away:</b>	10,389	2,597	3,085 (USC - 11/26)
<b>Neutral:</b>	0	0	0

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

Overall Record: 10-1 (Home: 6-1, Away: 4-0, Neutral: 0-0)

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Batteast, Jacqueline	11-11	372-33.8	79-176	.449	4-13	.308	48-57	.842	23	57	80	7.3	24-0	40	20	13	15	210	19.1
Duffy, Megan	11-11	414-37.6	35-85	.412	16-40	.400	48-52	.923	3	32	35	3.2	16-0	53	32	0	33	134	12.2
LaVere, Courtney	6-6	130-21.7	21-48	.438	0-1	.000	12-21	.571	7	24	31	5.2	13-0	9	12	7	7	54	9.0
Erwin, Crystal	11-5	221-20.1	37-70	.529	0-0	.000	10-20	.500	18	23	41	3.7	32-2	9	16	5	8	84	7.6
Allen, Charel	11-0	265-24.1	29-68	.426	2-6	.333	23-27	.852	20	31	51	4.6	27-1	20	24	6	15	83	7.5
Borton, Teresa	11-11	256-23.3	32-61	.525	0-0	.000	18-26	.692	30	33	63	5.7	35-0	12	17	21	6	82	7.5
Gray, Breona	11-11	285-25.9	28-70	.400	1-2	.500	12-16	.750	11	30	41	3.7	15-0	24	26	1	15	69	6.3
D'Amico, Melissa	10-0	90-9.0	13-31	.419	0-0	.000	3-8	.375	10	12	22	2.2	18-0	1	6	6	3	29	2.9
Gaines, Tulyah	7-0	84-12.0	2-14	.143	0-0	.000	7-8	.875	5	1	6	0.9	8-0	8	18	0	5	11	1.6
Powers, Susie	9-0	95-10.6	3-18	.167	1-8	.125	0-0	.000	4	11	15	1.7	3-0	10	3	1	4	7	0.8
Tsipis, Amanda	4-0	13-3.3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	0.5
Team									21	24	45	4.1					3		
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2225</b>	<b>280-642</b>	<b>.436</b>	<b>24-70</b>	<b>.343</b>	<b>181-235</b>	<b>.770</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>191-3</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>69.5</b>
Opponents	11	2225	234-649	.361	41-177	.232	136-193	.705	164	243	407	37.0	199-4	146	211	33	86	645	58.6

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 21, Opponents 30

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	343	419	3	-- 765
Opponents	282	351	12	-- 645

# NOTRE DAME VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

## 2004-05 Single Game Highs & Lows

### Team Superlatives

Notre Dame High	Notre Dame Low	Category	Opponent High	Opponent Low
92 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	50 at Marquette (12/19/04)	<b>Points/Game</b>	82 by Michigan State (12/2/04)	39 by Dayton (12/9/04)
50 (2nd) vs. Duke (11/17/04)	22 (1st) at Dayton (12/9/04)	<b>Points/Half</b>	41, twice (MR: 1st by Michigan State, 12/2/04)	14 (1st) by Dayton (12/9/04)
37 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	16 at Marquette (12/19/04)	<b>Field Goals Made</b>	25, twice (MR: by Duke, 11/17/04)	15 by Dayton (12/9/04)
72 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	46 at Marquette (12/19/04)	<b>Field Goal Attempts</b>	68 by Duke (11/17/04)	49 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
.604 vs. Washington (12/11/04)	.347 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	<b>FG Percentage</b>	.446 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	.286 by Marquette (12/19/04)
5, twice (MR: vs. Duke, 11/17/04)	0, twice (MR: vs. Washington, 12/11/04)	<b>3-Point FG Made</b>	7 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	1 by Dayton (12/9/04)
10 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	3, twice (MR: vs. Washington, 12/11/04)	<b>3-Point FG Attempts</b>	20 by Washington (12/11/04)	12 by Ohio State (11/20/04)
1.000 vs. Duke (11/17/04)	.000, twice (MR: vs. Washington, 12/11/04)	<b>3-Point FG Percentage</b>	.368 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	.071 by Dayton (12/9/04)
20 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	10 at Dayton (12/9/04)	<b>Free Throws Made</b>	29 by Michigan State (12/2/04)	7 by USC (11/26/04)
27 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	15 at Dayton (12/9/04)	<b>Free Throw Attempts</b>	33 by Michigan State (12/2/04)	10 by Dayton (12/9/04)
1.000* at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	.619 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	<b>FT Percentage</b>	.879 by Michigan State (12/2/04)	.412 by USC (11/26/04)
49 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	31 at Marquette (12/19/04)	<b>Rebounds</b>	54*** by Michigan State (12/2/04)	27 by Valparaiso (11/30/04)
29** vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	11, twice (MR: at Marquette, 12/19/04)	<b>Assists</b>	18 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	6 by USC (11/26/04)
20 vs. Colorado State (11/22/04)	5 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	<b>Steals</b>	13 by Ohio State (11/20/04)	3 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
12 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	1 vs. Washington (12/11/04)	<b>Blocked Shots</b>	11*** by Duke (11/17/04)	0, twice (MR: by USC, 11/26/04)
23 at USC (11/26/04)	10 at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	<b>Turnovers</b>	29 by Colorado State (11/22/04)	7 by Valparaiso (11/30/04)
23 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	13, twice (MR: vs. Colo. State, 11/22/04)	<b>Fouls</b>	21, three times (MR: by Michigan State, 12/2/04)	12 by Dayton (12/9/04)

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

### Individual Superlatives

	Notre Dame	Opponent
<b>Points Scored</b>	32 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	25 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
<b>Field Goals Made</b>	11 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	8, twice (MR: by Cara Wright of Dayton, 12/9/04)
<b>Field Goal Attempts</b>	25 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	20 by Christina Quaye of Marquette (12/19/04)
<b>Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)</b>	1.000 (9-9*) by Crystal Erwin vs. Washington (12/11/04)	.700 (7-10) by Jessica Davenport of Ohio State (11/20/04)
<b>3-Point Field Goals Made</b>	3, three times (MR: by Megan Duffy vs. Michigan State, 12/2/04)	3, twice (MR: by Kayla Burt of Washington, 12/11/04)
<b>3-Point Field Goal Attempts</b>	6, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy vs. Michigan State, 12/2/04)	8 by Jamie Gutowski of Valparaiso (11/30/04)
<b>3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)</b>	1.000 (2-2) by Charel Allen/Megan Duffy vs. Duke (11/17/04)	1.000 (2-2), twice (MR: by Kristin Haynie of MSU, 12/2/04)
<b>Free Throws Made</b>	10 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	10, twice (MR: by Lindsay Bowen of Michigan St., 12/2/04)
<b>Free Throw Attempts</b>	12 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	15 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
<b>Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)</b>	1.000 (8-8), twice (MR: by Jacqueline Batteast at Marquette, 12/19/04)	1.000 (9-9) by Jessica Davenport of Ohio State (11/20/04)
<b>Rebounds</b>	11, twice (MR: by Courtney LaVere vs. Duke, 11/17/04)	13 by Liz Shimek of Michigan State (12/2/04)
<b>Assists</b>	10 by Megan Duffy vs. Washington (12/11/04)	7 by Katie Boone of Valparaiso (11/30/04)
<b>Steals</b>	7, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy at Marquette, 12/19/04)	4, five times (MR: by Kayla Burt of Washington, 12/11/04)
<b>Blocked Shots</b>	6 by Teresa Borton vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	7** by Alison Bales of Duke (11/17/04)
<b>Turnovers</b>	9 by Megan Duffy vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	7, twice (MR: by Camille LeNoir of USC, 11/26/04)
<b>Minutes Played</b>	45 by Megan Duffy vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	45 by Lindsay Bowen of Michigan State (12/2/04)

\* - Joyce Center record // \*\* - opponent record



## 2004-05 Notre Dame Game-by-Game Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs.		PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.			Off-Def-Tot							
(1) NOTRE DAME (6,190)	37-70	.529	5-10	.500	13-21	.619	20-20-40	23	29	18	4	15	92	
vs. Illinois State	25-56	.446	4-15	.267	19-29	.655	15-19-34	20	18	25	0	7	73	
(1) NOTRE DAME (5,370)	28-65	.431	1-7	.143	16-21	.762	16-33-49	14	19	11	5	5	73	
vs. Nebraska	21-65	.323	7-19	.368	8-15	.533	14-23-37	17	12	9	1	3	57	
(1) NOTRE DAME (3,094)	26-63	.413	5-5	1.000	19-22	.864	17-25-42	13	21	16	6	9	76	
vs. Duke	25-68	.368	6-17	.353	9-12	.750	18-21-39	21	15	21	11	5	65	
(1) NOTRE DAME (3,925)	23-53	.434	3-6	.500	17-21	.810	14-22-36	16	12	18	8	8	66	
vs. Ohio State	23-52	.442	2-12	.167	14-17	.824	9-19-28	20	15	16	4	13	62	
NOTRE DAME (5,115)	24-58	.414	2-8	.250	19-26	.731	14-22-36	13	18	16	8	20	69	
vs. Colorado State	18-49	.367	2-13	.154	9-12	.750	10-26-36	19	12	29	2	9	47	
NOTRE DAME	21-51	.412	0-3	.000	18-24	.750	7-29-36	20	12	23	5	10	60	
at USC (3,085)	23-66	.348	3-19	.158	7-17	.412	18-24-42	21	6	25	0	10	56	
NOTRE DAME	24-58	.414	3-8	.375	18-18	1.000	18-25-43	16	11	10	3	6	69	
at Valparaiso (2,214)	23-56	.411	2-16	.125	11-15	.733	11-16-27	15	12	7	2	7	59	
Notre Dame (5,544)	25-72	.347	3-8	.375	20-27	.741	18-25-43	22	15	16	12	9	73	
vs. MICHIGAN STATE	24-67	.358	5-17	.294	29-33	.879	20-34-54	21	14	20	2	12	82	
NOTRE DAME	27-58	.466	1-6	.167	10-15	.667	11-25-36	15	14	16	2	8	65	
at Dayton (2,517)	15-52	.288	1-14	.071	8-10	.800	13-22-35	12	12	26	5	5	39	
NOTRE DAME (5,407)	29-48	.604	0-3	.000	14-20	.700	11-27-38	19	25	20	1	10	72	
vs. Washington	21-62	.339	5-20	.250	11-14	.786	16-12-28	16	17	14	3	10	58	
NOTRE DAME	16-46	.348	1-6	.167	17-20	.850	6-25-31	20	11	13	6	11	50	
at Marquette (2,573)	16-56	.286	4-15	.267	11-19	.579	20-27-47	17	13	19	3	5	47	

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

\* - BIG EAST Conference game

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

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

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

**NOTRE DAME VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS****2004-05 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists**

<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Gaines</b>	<b>Allen</b>	<b>Powers</b>	<b>Tsipis</b>	<b>Borton</b>	<b>Duffy</b>	<b>Batteast</b>	<b>Gray</b>	<b>D'Amico</b>	<b>Erwin</b>	<b>LaVere</b>
(1) ILLINOIS STATE	0-0-0	14-6-3	3-2-4	2-0-0	11-5-2	15-1-8	13-5-3	4-6-2	2-5-0	10-6-2	18-2-5
(1) NEBRASKA	DNP	2-8-3	0-2-0	0-0-0	13-11-1	7-5-3	24-6-7	12-7-2	3-5-0	1-2-1	11-2-2
(1) DUKE	DNP	16-3-3	DNP	DNP	7-6-1	15-3-7	17-5-7	6-2-2	DNP	2-4-1	13-11-0
(1) OHIO STATE	DNP	6-5-1	DNP	DNP	4-4-1	15-3-6	32-4-0	4-6-3	2-2-0	0-1-0	3-5-1
COLORADO STATE	DNP	6-4-1	0-2-2	0-0-0	9-5-0	15-1-5	14-9-7	3-2-0	3-0-1	12-2-1	7-6-1
at USC	2-1-2	6-4-1	0-0-0	DNP	2-5-1	12-4-2	18-5-4	4-2-2	5-3-0	9-3-0	2-5-0
at Valparaiso	0-2-0	6-9-2	0-1-0	DNP	6-9-1	20-5-4	25-10-1	6-3-3	2-0-0	4-2-0	DNP
MICHIGAN STATE	0-0-2	7-5-3	0-0-0	DNP	9-9-2	19-5-0	16-9-4	2-4-4	0-2-0	20-5-0	DNP
at Dayton	5-1-0	14-2-2	2-6-3	0-0-1	8-4-0	5-2-5	7-7-0	12-1-2	12-4-0	0-6-1	DNP
WASHINGTON	2-0-4	2-3-1	0-0-0	DNP	10-3-2	6-4-10	17-10-4	11-5-2	0-1-0	24-7-2	DNP
at Marquette	2-2-0	4-2-0	2-2-1	DNP	3-2-1	5-2-3	27-10-3	5-3-2	0-0-0	2-3-1	DNP

Home games in ALL CAPS

\* - BIG EAST Conference game

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

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

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

## 2004-05 Miscellaneous Statistics

	<u>All Games</u>
<b>Most First Half Points Scored</b>	48 vs. Illinois State (11/12)
<b>Most First Half Points Allowed</b>	41 by Michigan State (12/2)
<b>Most Second Half Points Scored</b>	50 vs. Duke (11/17)
<b>Most Second Half Points Allowed</b>	41 by Illinois State (11/12)
<b>Fewest First Half Points Scored</b>	22 at Dayton (12/9)
<b>Fewest First Half Points Allowed</b>	14 by Dayton (12/9)
<b>Fewest Second Half Points Scored</b>	27 at Marquette (12/19)
<b>Fewest Second Half Points Allowed</b>	23 by Marquette (12/19)

### Largest Leads

ND: 29, twice — 86-57 (5:19, 2nd) and 88-59 (4:35, 2nd) vs. Illinois State (ND 92-73), 11/12  
 Opponent: 13 — 43-30 (19:34, 2nd) by Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot), 12/2

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

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

**Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss:** 6 — 67-61 (0:32, 2nd) vs. Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot), 12/2

**Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss:** None

**Halftime Leads:** ND: 8 (ND Record — 8-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 3 (ND Record — 2-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

**Rebound Advantage:** ND: 7 (ND Record — 7-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 3 (ND Record — 2-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

**Bench Scoring Advantage:** ND: 7 (ND Record — 7-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 4 (ND Record — 3-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

ND Margin: +32 points, +2.9 ppg. (ND — 166 pts., 15.1 ppg.; Opponents — 134 pts., 12.2 ppg.)

<u>Point Differential</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>
ND Wins	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ND Losses	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

	<u>All Games</u>
Batteast, LaVere, Borton, Duffy, Gray .....	6-0
Batteast, Erwin, Borton, Duffy, Gray .....	4-1

**Complete Games Played:** 4 // Opponents: 4

Most Minutes (overtime): 45 (Megan Duffy vs. Michigan State, 12/2)

Most Minutes (regulation): 40, three times (Megan Duffy vs. Duke, 11/17; Duffy vs. Ohio State, 11/20; Jacqueline Batteast at Marquette, 12/19)

### Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 34 (Batteast 9, Duffy 7, Erwin 4, Allen 3, Borton 3, Gray 3, LaVere 3, D'Amico 1) // Opponents: 23

20-29-Point Games: 6 (Batteast 3, Erwin 2, Duffy 1) // Opponents: 5

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

Game-High Honors\*: 8 (Batteast 6, Duffy 1, Erwin 1)

Team-High Honors\*: 11 (Batteast 6, Erwin 2, Allen 1, Duffy 1, LaVere 1)

### Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 5 (Batteast 3, Borton 1, LaVere 1) // Opponents: 4

Game-High Honors\*: 6 (Batteast 4, Borton 1, LaVere 1)

Team-High Honors\*: 16 (Batteast 7, Borton 3, Gray 2, LaVere 2, Allen 1, Erwin 1)

### Assists

Double-Figure Games: 1 (Duffy 1) // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors\*: 9 (Duffy 5, Batteast 4)

Team-High Honors\*: 14 (Duffy 7, Batteast 6, Gray 1)

### Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 5 (Batteast 3 - VALPO, UW, MARQ; Borton 1 - NEB; LaVere 1 - DUKE) // Opponents: 3

\* - totals may not add up to games played due to ties

## The Last Time It Happened ...

### Notre Dame recorded a .....

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

### Notre Dame shot .....

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

### Notre Dame .....

won 10 games in a row ..... was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight  
 won 15 games in a row ..... was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight  
 won 20 games in a row ..... was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight  
 lost 5 games in a row ..... was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (*across two seasons*)  
     • lost 5 games in a row (*one season*) ..... was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight  
 scored 100 points ..... was on 11/26/02 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)\*  
     • scored 100 points on the road ..... never  
     • scored 100 points at a neutral site ..... was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (*Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.*)  
     • scored 100 points & lost ..... never  
 allowed 100 points ..... was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)\*  
 scored less than 50 points ..... was on 3/27/04 (Penn State 55, ND 49) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Hartford, Conn.*)  
 allowed less than 50 points ..... was on 12/19/04 (ND 50, Marquette 47)  
 played an overtime game ..... was on 12/2/04 (Michigan State 82, ND 73 - ot)\*  
     • played a multiple-overtime game ..... was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)  
 rallied from a double-digit deficit to win ..... was on 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 12/19/04 (ND 50, Marquette 47 — Jacqueline Batteast three-pointer at 0:00)  
 lost on a "last second" shot ..... was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)  
 had five double-figure scorers ..... was on 11/12/04 (ND 92, Illinois State 73) — Courtney LaVere 18, Megan Duffy 15, Charel Allen 14, Jacqueline Batteast 13, Teresa Borton 11, Crystal Erwin 10\*  
 had six double-figure scorers ..... was on 11/12/04 (ND 92, Illinois State 73) — Courtney LaVere 18, Megan Duffy 15, Charel Allen 14, Jacqueline Batteast 13, Teresa Borton 11, Crystal Erwin 10\*  
 had seven double-figure scorers ..... was on 2/6/97 (ND 90, Syracuse 73) — Rosanne Bohman 16, Mollie Peirick 15, Katryna Gaither 14, Kari Hutchinson 11, Sheila McMillen 11, Beth Morgan 11, Jeannine Augustin 10

had no double-figure scorers ..... was on 2/8/04 (Seton Hall 51, ND 45)

had two double-figure rebounders ..... was on 3/21/04 (ND 69, SMS 65 - ot) — Courtney LaVere 13, Jacqueline Batteast 11\* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)

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

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

had two 20-point scorers ..... was on 11/30/04 (ND 69, Valparaiso 59) — Jacqueline Batteast 25, Megan Duffy 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 11/30/04 (ND 69, Valparaiso 59) — 10 turnovers

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

forced 25 turnovers or more ..... was on 12/9/04 (ND 65, Dayton 39) — 26 turnovers

### An Irish player had .....

25 points ..... was on 12/19/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (27) at Marquette (ND 50-47)

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

35 points ..... was on 2/22/00 — Ruth Riley (36) vs. Miami (ND 83-68)\*

40 points ..... was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)

15 rebounds ..... was on 2/23/03 — Jacqueline Batteast (18) at Connecticut (UC 77-59)

20 rebounds ..... was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

10 assists ..... was on 12/11/04 — Megan Duffy (10) vs. Washington (ND 72-58)\*

5 blocks ..... was on 12/2/04 — Teresa Borton (6) vs. Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot)\*

5 steals ..... was on 12/19/04 — Megan Duffy (7) at Marquette (ND 50-47)

a "double-double" ..... was on 12/19/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (27 pts., 10 reb.) at Marquette (ND 50-47)

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 12/19/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (27 pts., 10 reb.) at Marquette (ND 50-47)

20 pts & 20 rebs ..... was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25 pts., 20 reb.) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

### An opposing player had .....

25 points ..... was on 11/12/04 — Katie Donovan (25), Illinois State (ND 92-73)\*

30 points ..... was on 1/28/98 — Jen Beisel (30), Villanova (VU 70-54)\*

35 points ..... was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)

10 rebounds ..... was on 12/2/04 — Liz Shimek (13) and Kristin Haynie (10), Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot)\*

15 rebounds ..... was on 12/22/03 — Ebony Hoffman (16), USC (ND 73-62)\*

20 rebounds ..... was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)

10 assists ..... was on 12/4/03 — Stephanie Rich (12), Wisconsin (ND 82-64)\*

5 blocks ..... was on 11/17/04 — Alison Bales (7), Duke (ND 76-65)\*

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

a "double-double" ..... was on 12/2/04 — Kristin Haynie (17 pts., 10 reb.), Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot)\*

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

\* - Notre Dame home game

# 2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

## GAME 1

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

### Illinois State (73)

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

### Notre Dame (92)

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

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

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

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

## GAME 2

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

### Nebraska (57)

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

### Notre Dame (73)

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

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

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

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

## GAME 3

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

### Duke (65)

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

### Notre Dame (76)

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

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

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

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

NOTRE DAME VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 4

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

Ohio State (62)

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

Notre Dame (66)

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

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

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

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

GAME 5

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

Colorado State (47)

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

Notre Dame (69)

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

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

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

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

GAME 6

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

Notre Dame (60)

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

USC (56)

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

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

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

**NOTES:** Notre Dame improves to 6-0 for the third time in school history (6-0 in 1998-99; 23-0 in 2000-01) ... last season, the Irish did not win their first true road game until Dec. 29 at Colorado State (their fifth such game of the season) ... Notre Dame is now 6-1 all-time vs. USC, winning its last six games against the Trojans (3-0 in Los Angeles) ... for the third time in the past four meetings, the Irish held the Women of Troy to less than 60 points ... after yielding 73 points to Illinois State in the season opener, Notre Dame has held its last five opponents to 65 points or less (including three with less than 60 points) ... the last three Irish opponents all have been held to less than 20 percent on three-point shooting (.158, 3-of-19 by USC, counting a half-court shot by the Trojans at the final horn) ... the Irish have won 12 of their last 14 games against Pac-10 Conference opponents ... the USC game was the sixth in the first 14 days of the season for Notre Dame ... Notre Dame forced 25 or more turnovers for the third time this season and the Irish have 54 takeaways in their last two games (30 steals) ... the Irish are 5-0 this season when their bench outscorers the opposition's reserves (22-21 vs. USC) ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast moved into ninth place on the school's career scoring list with 1,433 points, passing Niele Ivey (1,430 from 1996-2001); next up is Sheila McMillen, who scored 1,439 points from 1995-99 ... Batteast also had two blocks, tying her with Shari Matvey for fourth place on the Irish career blocks list with 133 rejections ... junior guard Megan Duffy continues to be nearly automatic at the free throw line this season, making 31 of 32 charities (.969); she also has converted 39 of her last 41 free throws (.951) in the past 12 Irish games, dating back to Feb. 28, 2004 at Rutgers ... senior center Teresa Borton appeared in her 100th game at Notre Dame, the most of any active Irish player.

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## GAME 7

#3/3 Notre Dame 69, Valparaiso 59  
November 30, 2004  
Athletics-Recreation Center (Valparaiso, Ind.)

### Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	9-19	1-2	6-6	10	1	2	25
Erwin	13	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	4
Borton	23	2-4	0-0	2-2	9	1	4	6
Duffy	39	6-13	2-6	6-6	5	4	2	20
Gray	26	3-8	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	6
Gaines	12	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Allen	31	1-4	0-0	4-4	9	2	3	6
Powers	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
D'Amico	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	2
Team					2			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>24-58</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>18-18</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>69</b>

### Valparaiso (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Stangler	40	6-10	0-0	2-2	5	1	3	14
Braun	36	4-7	0-0	3-4	5	0	2	11
Rietema	27	6-12	0-1	4-6	3	1	3	16
Gutowski	39	2-11	1-8	2-2	5	2	2	7
Boone	39	3-10	1-5	0-0	2	7	4	7
Bechtold	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Myers	13	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	2
Baugher	4	1-3	0-0	0-1	3	0	0	2
Team					4			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23-56</b>	<b>2-16</b>	<b>11-15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>59</b>

Notre Dame	34	35	--	69
Valparaiso	24	35	--	59

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 41.4, Valparaiso 41.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 37.5, Valparaiso 12.5. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 100.0, Valparaiso 73.3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 10, Valparaiso 7. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Valparaiso 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 6, Valparaiso 7. **Attendance:** 2,214.

**NOTES:** Notre Dame is now off to the second-best start in school history (7-0), surpassing the 6-0 debut the Irish made in 1998-99; the school record remains the 23-0 start by the 2000-01 national championship squad ... the Irish are 18-0 all-time against Valparaiso, including an 8-0 mark on the road (5-0 at the Athletics-Recreation Center) ... Notre Dame also is 21-0 all-time against the current Mid-Continent Conference membership ... the Irish are 101-31 (.765) in their history against other Indiana schools ... the Irish set a new school record for free throw percentage (min. 15 attempts), going a perfect 18-for-18 at the free throw line; the old record was .960 (24-for-25) against Marquette on Dec. 1, 1993 ... the Irish committed a season-low 10 turnovers, their fewest giveaways since a 10-turnover day vs. No. 5 Penn State in last year's NCAA East Regional Semifinal in Hartford, Conn. ... Notre Dame has held its last six opponents to 65 points or less, and its last three foes have not cracked 60 points ... the Valparaiso game was the seventh in the first 18 days of the season for Notre Dame (averaging one game every 2.6 days) ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast recorded her first double-double of the year and the 33rd of her career; she breaks a tie with Mary Beth Schueth for third place on Notre Dame's career double-doubles list (Ruth Riley is next with 36, while Katryna Gaither had a school-record 40 from 1993-97) ... Batteast also moved into eighth place on the Irish career scoring list with 1,458 points, passing Sheila McMillen (1,439 from 1995-99); up next is Sandy Botham, who had 1,460 points from 1984-88 ... Batteast's 25 points give her 24 career 20-point games, pushing her into sixth place on the school's all-time chart ahead of both Shari Matvey (1979-83) and Heidi Bunek (1985-89), who each had 23; Alicia Ratay is next on the list with 26 from 1999-2003 ... Batteast's double-digit scoring outing was the 79th of her career, lifting her into sixth place in that category at Notre Dame, ahead of Trena Keys (78 from 1982-86); up ahead is Karen Robinson's mark of 82 from 1987-91 ... junior guard Megan Duffy scored a season-high 20 points, the third 20-point game of her career (first since a 22-point night at Georgetown on Jan. 7, 2004) ... Notre Dame had two 20-point scorers for the first time since Dec. 4, 2003, when Duffy had a career-high 25 points and Courtney LaVere added 22 points in an 82-64 win over Wisconsin at the Joyce Center.

## GAME 8

#15/15 Michigan St. 82, #3/3 Notre Dame 73 (OT)  
December 2, 2004  
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

### Michigan State (82)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Dwyer	15	2-3	0-1	5-6	2	0	0	9
Shimek	43	3-11	1-3	2-2	13	2	3	9
Roehrig	34	4-12	0-0	6-7	9	3	4	14
Haynie	40	6-10	2-2	3-3	10	5	5	17
Bowen	45	6-15	1-4	10-11	5	2	2	23
Davidson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Haynes	31	2-11	0-4	3-4	5	2	4	7
Lucas-Perry	13	1-5	1-3	0-0	1	0	3	3
Bannister	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					9			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>24-67</b>	<b>5-17</b>	<b>29-33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>82</b>

### Notre Dame (73)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	44	6-25	0-2	4-4	9	4	3	16
Erwin	28	9-15	0-0	2-5	5	0	5	20
Borton	33	3-8	0-0	3-4	9	2	2	9
Duffy	45	5-13	3-6	6-8	5	0	3	19
Gray	35	1-5	0-0	0-0	4	4	2	2
Gaines	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Allen	23	1-2	0-0	5-6	5	3	5	7
Powers	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Team					4			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>25-72</b>	<b>3-8</b>	<b>20-27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>73</b>

Michigan State	41	29	12	--	82
Notre Dame	30	40	3	--	73

**FG Pct:** Michigan State 35.8, Notre Dame 34.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Michigan State 29.4, Notre Dame 37.5. **FT Pct:** Michigan State 87.9, Notre Dame 74.1. **Turnovers:** Michigan State 20, Notre Dame 16. **Blocked Shots:** Michigan State 2, Notre Dame 12 (Borton 6). **Steals:** Michigan State 12 (Haynie, Bowen 4), Notre Dame 9 (Erwin 3). **Attendance:** 5,544.

**NOTES:** With the loss, Notre Dame saw two long winning streaks come to an end — 25 consecutive home victories, as well as 41 consecutive home wins as a top-10 team ... in the latter category, the Irish are now 45-3 all-time at home when ranked in the Associated Press top 10, with their last loss prior to the MSU game coming on Dec. 8, 1998 vs. No. 1 Connecticut (106-81) ... during the past 11 seasons, Notre Dame has lost just three non-conference home games, with all three losses coming at the hands of Big Ten Conference teams (Wisconsin in 1996, Purdue in 2003 and Michigan State in 2004) ... the Irish drop to 5-3 all-time in overtime games at the Joyce Center, although this was their first home OT loss since Feb. 25, 1982 (89-88 in double overtime vs. Nebraska) ... the Michigan State game capped off a rugged stretch for the Irish of eight games in 20 days to begin the season, averaging out to one game every 2.5 days ... Notre Dame narrowly missed wiping out a 13-point second-half deficit to win, which would have been its first double-digit comeback win since March 1, 2003, when the Irish climbed out of an early 12-point hole to defeat Seton Hall, 62-60 at the Joyce Center ... sophomore forward Crystal Erwin made her second consecutive start (first of her career) and set new career highs with 20 points, nine field goals, 15 field goal attempts and 28 minutes played ... senior center Teresa Borton blocked a career-best six shots vs. MSU, the fifth-highest single-game mark in Joyce Center history and the most by an Irish player since Amanda Barksdale's school-record 11 swats vs. Boston College on Feb. 10, 2002 ... junior guard Megan Duffy and senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast turned in career-best ironman performances vs. Michigan State — Duffy played all 45 minutes, while Batteast logged 44 minutes of action ... Batteast moved into seventh place on the Notre Dame career scoring list with 1,474 points, passing Sandy Botham (1,460 from 1984-88); next up in Trena Keys, who had 1,589 points from 1982-86 ... Batteast also grabbed her 800th career rebound, becoming only the sixth Irish player ever to reach that milestone.

## GAME 9

#7/5 Notre Dame 65, Dayton 39  
December 9, 2004  
University of Dayton Arena (Dayton, Ohio)

### Notre Dame (65)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	32	3-4	0-1	1-2	7	0	1	7
Erwin	21	0-4	0-0	0-0	6	1	4	0
Borton	20	3-4	0-0	2-4	4	0	2	8
Duffy	33	2-6	1-2	0-0	2	5	2	5
Gray	19	4-10	0-0	4-4	1	2	0	12
Gaines	16	1-3	0-0	3-4	1	0	2	5
Allen	16	7-12	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	14
Powers	20	1-7	0-2	0-0	6	3	0	2
Tsipis	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
D'Amico	19	6-8	0-0	0-1	4	0	2	12
Team					3			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-58</b>	<b>1-6</b>	<b>10-15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>65</b>

### Dayton (39)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Wright	32	8-17	0-0	3-4	6	0	2	19
Strong	22	0-2	0-2	1-2	4	1	2	1
Cape	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	0
Ramsey	9	0-2	0-1	0-0	3	0	1	0
Williams	30	3-9	1-4	2-2	4	0	0	9
Lund	3	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Holterman	21	1-1	0-0	2-2	2	1	2	4
Armstrong	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	0
Cloxtton	25	0-9	0-5	0-0	4	4	0	0
DeWitt	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Butler	11	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	4
Burns	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Peterink	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Oakland	16	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2
Team					4			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>15-52</b>	<b>1-14</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39</b>

Notre Dame	22	43	--	65
Dayton	14	25	--	39

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 46.6, Dayton 28.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 16.7, Dayton 7.1. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, Dayton 80.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 16, Dayton 26. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 2, Dayton 5 (Wright 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 8 (Duffy 4), Dayton 5. **Attendance:** 2,517.

**NOTES:** Notre Dame improves to 22-6 all-time against Dayton, tying for the second-highest win total against one opponent in school history (Marquette - 25; Detroit - 22) ... the Irish have now won four in a row and seven of their last eight games against the Flyers ... Notre Dame is 56-17 (.767) all-time against current Atlantic 10 Conference members, but defeats an A-10 institution on its home floor for the first time since Jan. 5, 1995, when the Irish ousted Xavier, 72-63 in Cincinnati ... a former member of the North Star Conference, Notre Dame is now 109-23 (.826) all-time against other former NSC members, having won 21 of its last 22 games against North Star alumni ... the Irish held Dayton to an opponent season-low 39 points, the fewest Notre Dame has allowed in a game since March 2, 2004, in a 54-33 win over Syracuse at the Joyce Center ... the 26-point margin of victory also is the widest for Notre Dame since a 93-58 win over #21/19 Miami (Fla.) on Feb. 25, 2004, also at the Joyce Center ... the Irish forced 26 turnovers Thursday night, the sixth time in nine games this year Notre Dame has come with 20-or-more takeaways ... Notre Dame also held UD to an opponent season-low .288 field goal percentage ... in their first three games of the season, Irish opponents were shooting .333 from the three-point line (17-for-51); in the past six games, Notre Dame is holding the opposition to a .165 three-point percentage (15-for-91), including a 1-for-14 effort by Dayton ... Notre Dame is 3-0 on the road this season, after opening last year with 0-4 and 1-7 marks in true road contests ... Notre Dame's bench accounted for 33 points in the win over Dayton ... the Irish freshmen class also made an impact, scoring 31 points and shooting .609 from the floor (14-for-23) ... freshman center Melissa D'Amico set a season high with 12 points on 6-for-8 shooting, while freshman guard Tulyah Gaines added a personal-best five points ... sophomore guard Breona Gray tied her career high with 12 points, matching the total she set earlier this season on Nov. 14 vs. Nebraska ... sophomore guard Susie Powers collected a career-high six rebounds and added three assists (she has nine assists and two turnovers this year) ... junior guard Megan Duffy logged a game-high five assists, the fifth time this season she has had a five-assist night ... Duffy also had four steals, giving her a team-high 23 thefts this season (2.56 per game).

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GAME 10

#7/5 Notre Dame 72, Washington 58  
December 11, 2004  
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Washington (58)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bell	26	4-10	0-0	0-0	6	1	4	8
Watson	25	4-11	0-2	0-1	1	3	0	8
Hicks	21	2-6	0-1	2-2	4	3	0	6
Burt	33	5-10	3-7	3-3	3	1	1	16
O'Neill	28	2-5	2-5	0-0	4	3	3	6
Craddock	10	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0	2	0
Florence	12	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	1	0
Banks	16	2-7	0-2	2-3	2	1	2	6
Castro	5	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	0
Clark	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
O'Hara	17	2-6	0-0	4-4	2	0	3	8
Plouffe	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					3			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>21-62</b>	<b>5-20</b>	<b>11-14</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>58</b>

Notre Dame (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	32	7-13	0-0	3-5	10	4	4	17
Erwin	34	9-9	0-0	6-9	7	2	3	24
Borton	26	5-7	0-0	0-0	3	2	4	10
Duffy	39	2-5	0-2	2-2	4	10	1	6
Gray	31	5-6	0-0	1-2	5	2	0	11
Gaines	15	0-3	0-0	2-2	0	4	2	2
Allen	17	1-4	0-1	0-0	3	1	4	2
Powers	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team					5			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>29-48</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>14-20</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>72</b>

Washington	25	33	--	58
Notre Dame	36	36	--	72

**FG Pct:** Washington 33.9, Notre Dame 60.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Washington 25.0, Notre Dame 0.0. **FT Pct:** Washington 78.6, Notre Dame 70.0. **Turnovers:** Washington 14, Notre Dame 20. **Blocked Shots:** Washington 3, Notre Dame 1. **Steals:** Washington 10 (Burt 4), Notre Dame 10 (Duffy 3). **Attendance:** 5,407.

**NOTES:** Notre Dame takes a 2-1 series lead over Washington, in what was the Huskies' first-ever visit to South Bend ... the Irish also continue their recent success against Pac-10 opponents, winning for the 13th time in the past 15 games against teams from that league (2-0 this year with a Nov. 26 win at USC) ... Notre Dame shot a season-best .604 from the floor (29-for-48), the best single-game shooting percentage by an Irish team since Feb. 27, 2001 (.635 at Pittsburgh) ... Notre Dame's first five baskets came from five different starters and the Irish starting lineup combined to shoot .700 (28-for-40) from the field ... Notre Dame's 25 assists on 29 field goals (.862) is the best assist percentage in a game for the Irish since Jan. 2, 2000, when Notre Dame had 26 assists on 29 baskets (.897) in a 75-60 win over Marquette ... The Irish are 9-1 after 10 games for the third time in school history - the others were 1998-99 (9-1) and 2000-01 (10-0) ... Notre Dame had four double-figure scorers for the fourth time this season, but first since they did so in each of their first three games (vs. Illinois State, Nebraska and #6 Duke) ... with her 9-for-9 shooting performance, sophomore forward Crystal Erwin tied an 18-year-old Joyce Center record previously set by Sandy Botham vs. Evansville on Feb. 28, 1986; the only Irish player with a better shooting night than Erwin and Botham was Karen Robinson, who went 12-for-12 on the road at Saint Louis on Jan. 14, 1989 ... Erwin finished with a career-high 24 points, breaking the freshly-minted mark of 20 points she set nine days earlier on Dec. 2 in an overtime loss to then-#15 Michigan State ... Erwin also plucked a career-best seven rebounds, one more than her previous high which she had done twice before (most recently two nights earlier at Dayton) ... junior guard Megan Duffy dished out a career-high 10 assists, breaking her personal standard of nine assists which she set in last year's game at Washington (Dec. 7, 2003) ... Duffy also is the first Irish player to record 10 assists in a game since Niele Ivey also had 10 handouts vs. Connecticut on Jan. 15, 2001 at the Joyce Center ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast notched her second double-double of the season (34th of her career) with 17 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

GAME 11

#7/5 Notre Dame 50, Marquette 47  
December 19, 2004  
Al McGuire Center (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Notre Dame (50)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	40	9-16	1-3	8-8	10	3	2	27
Erwin	26	1-5	0-0	0-0	3	1	4	2
Borton	22	1-1	0-0	1-2	2	1	4	3
Duffy	39	1-7	0-2	3-4	2	3	0	5
Gray	22	2-5	0-0	1-2	3	2	1	5
Gaines	12	0-2	0-0	2-2	2	0	1	2
Allen	15	1-5	0-0	2-2	2	0	3	4
Powers	17	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	2
D'Amico	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	4	0
Team					5			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>16-46</b>	<b>1-6</b>	<b>17-20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>

Marquette (47)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Osagie	26	0-2	0-0	0-2	7	0	2	0
McCullough	29	1-4	0-1	0-0	3	1	3	2
Quaye	29	6-20	1-3	7-11	8	2	4	20
Kieger	40	2-9	1-3	2-2	4	6	1	7
Kamm	26	3-6	1-3	0-0	2	0	4	7
Shirley	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Kovalenko	19	2-8	0-0	2-4	6	1	1	6
Juedes	25	2-7	1-5	0-0	6	3	1	5
Team					10			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>16-56</b>	<b>4-15</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>47</b>

Notre Dame	23	27	--	50
Marquette	24	23	--	47

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 34.8, Marquette 28.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 16.7, Marquette 26.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 85.0, Marquette 57.9. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Marquette 19. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 6 (Borton 3), Marquette 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11 (Duffy 7), Marquette 5 (Osagie 3). **Attendance:** 2,573.

**NOTES:** Notre Dame picks up its 10th win of the season, the earliest the Irish have ever reached double-digit victories (in terms of the calendar); in 2000-01, Notre Dame got its 10th win on Dec. 21, ironically also at Marquette ... the Irish are now 4-0 on the road, marking just the fourth time in school history they have won their first four true road games in a season (also 1982-83, 1998-99 and 2000-01) ... Notre Dame jumps to 26-4 all-time against Marquette, the most victories against one opponent in school history ... the Irish also have won 25 of their last 26 matchups with the Golden Eagles, although the past three encounters have been decided by an average of only 6.0 ppg. ... Notre Dame is 110-23 (.827) all-time against former members of the North Star Conference (which included ND from 1983-88), including wins in 22 of their last 23 such matchups ... Notre Dame has won 12 of its last 13 games against Conference USA squads and is 49-21 (.700) all-time against that league, although the majority of those games came vs. Marquette, which will join the BIG EAST next season ... the Irish have held six of their last seven opponents to less than 60 points, including three games of under 50 points ... with the win over Marquette, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw registered her 394th victory at Notre Dame, passing former ND men's coach Digger Phelps for the most victories ever by a Notre Dame basketball coach (Phelps posted a 393-197 mark from 1971-91) ... the last-second three-pointer by senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast was unusual for Notre Dame, which had not had a buzzer-beating victory since Jan. 14, 1995, when Letitia Bowen hit a putback at the horn to win at Detroit, 67-65 ... Batteast notched her third double-double of the season and 35th of her career with game highs of 27 points and 10 rebounds ... in addition, she moved into fifth place on Notre Dame's career rebounding list with 827 caroms, one more than Margaret Nowlin (826 from 1988-92) ... Batteast also scored her 1,500th career point on a layup 30 seconds into the game, becoming only the seventh player in school history to eclipse that milestone ... junior guard Megan Duffy tied her career high with seven steals, part of 11 thefts by Notre Dame.