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NOTRE DAME

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

2000-01 Schedule/Results (5-0)

November

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

December

3	Sun.	vs. North Caro. % (ESPN2)	1:30 p.m.
6	Wed.	Villanova *	7:00 p.m.
9	Sat.	Purdue	7:00 p.m.
18	Mon.	Western Michigan	7:00 p.m.
21	Thurs.	at Marquette	7:00 p.m.
28	Thurs.	at USC	7:00 p.m.
31	Sun.	Rice	1:00 p.m.

January

3	Wed.	at Virginia Tech *	7:00 p.m.
6	Sat.	Rutgers * (BETV)	12:00 p.m.
9	Tues.	at St. John's *	7:30 p.m.
13	Sat.	Virginia Tech * (BETV)	2:00 p.m.
15	Mon.	Connecticut * (ESPN)	2:00 p.m.
21	Sun.	at Seton Hall *	12:00 p.m.
24	Wed.	at West Virginia *	7:00 p.m.
31	Wed.	Providence *	7:00 p.m.

February

3	Sat.	at Boston Coll. * (BETV)	12:00 p.m.
7	Wed.	Pittsburgh *	7:00 p.m.
14	Wed.	at Syracuse *	7:00 p.m.
17	Sat.	at Rutgers *	7:30 p.m.
20	Tues.	Miami *	7:00 p.m.
24	Sat.	Georgetown *	1:00 p.m.
27	Tues.	at Pittsburgh *	7:00 p.m.

March

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

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game.

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

% Honda Elite Classic, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

BETV - BIG EAST Television

Bold indicates home game.

All times are local.

Game No. **6**

(#4 AP/#4 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (5-0)**
vs. **North Carolina Tar Heels (3-2)**

The Date and Time: Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. EST.

The Site: Disney's Wide World of Sports Fieldhouse in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

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

Television: ESPN2 national telecast with Michelle Tafoya (play-by-play), Ann Meyers (color) and Carol Langley (producer).

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), North Carolina (www.tarheelblue.com).

TODAY'S GAME

The fourth-ranked Notre Dame women's basketball team takes on North Carolina today on ESPN2 in the first game of the Honda Elite 4 Classic at Disney's Wide World of Sports Fieldhouse. The Irish enter the game at their highest-ever ranking at fourth following an 89-44 win over Fordham on Monday. The game will mark the second meeting between Notre Dame and North Carolina. The Irish won the first meeting between the teams by 99-86 score last year.

Four of Notre Dame's five starters average double-figure scoring, while the Irish have outscored their five opponents by 97 points in the first half. Among the best players in the country at their three respective positions, sophomore shooting guard **Alicia Ratay** (17.4) leads the team in scoring and leads the BIG EAST three-point shooting (16-23, .696), while senior point guard **Niele Ivey** (16.2) trails only Ratay among BIG EAST three-point shooters (13-22, .591) and is second in assists (8.00/game) and steals (3.60/game). Senior All-America center **Ruth Riley** (12.8) both poured in a game-high 19 points in the victory over Georgia and averages a BIG EAST leading 3.00 blocks/game. Senior Kelley Siemon (12.8) had her first double-double of the season vs. Georgia (13 pts., 11 rebounds).

The Irish enter the North Carolina game with a 5-0 record and look for their second 6-0 start in the history of the program and second in the last three years. The 1998-99 Notre Dame team won its first six games before losing to top-ranked Connecticut -- the best start in Irish history.

Notre Dame has won its first four games by an average of 25.8 points. The hot shooting of sophomore **Alicia Ratay**, strong point guard play of **Niele Ivey** (40 assists, 18 steals, 18 turnovers) and dominating presence and shooting touch of All-America center **Ruth Riley** (15 blocks, 26-42 FG) have led the Irish to big early leads. Forwards **Kelley Siemon** (25-40 FG) and **Ericka Haney** (14 points vs. Wisconsin) have given the Irish timely contributions.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 89, Fordham 44
November 27, 2000
Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

Fordham (89)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Keegan	18	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	2	0
Kanoute	15	2-6	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	4
Fleischer	34	5-8	0-0	2-3	7	0	2	12
Vann	29	4-12	1-4	0-0	1	0	2	9
Garvey	19	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	2	1	0
DeRoy	10	1-3	0-2	0-0	2	0	3	2
Stayton	7	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	0	1	0
Williams	5	0-2	0-0	2-2	0	2	3	2
Reese	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Akiode	25	1-5	0-0	0-0	7	1	2	2
Chiaramonte	6	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Wallace	27	5-9	1-4	2-3	2	1	3	13
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Team	200	18-57	2-18	6-8	27	7	19	44

Notre Dame (89)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	31	5-7	0-0	2-2	2	1	0	12
Siemon	28	5-9	0-0	4-5	1	2	1	14
Riley	15	3-6	0-0	0-0	4	1	2	6
Ratay	29	7-9	3-3	0-0	3	5	0	17
Ivey	26	5-10	3-6	1-2	4	8	0	14
Swanson	11	2-5	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	4
Barksdale	19	2-6	0-0	0-0	1	1	4	4
Dunbar	17	0-2	0-0	202	1	4	0	2
Leahy	24	2-4	0-0	12-14	14	0	2	16
Team					9			
Total	200	31-58	6-10	21-25	42	22	9	89

Fordham 26 18 -- 44
Notre Dame 47 42 -- 89

FG Pct: Notre Dame 53.4, Fordham 31.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 60.0, Fordham 11.1. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 84.0, Fordham 75.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 14, Fordham 22. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9, Fordham 4. **Steals:** Notre Dame 13 (Ivey 4), Fordham 10. **Attendance:** 3,107

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL (Nov. 26)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Wk.
1.	Connecticut * (40)	3-0	1
2.	Tennessee	3-0	2
3.	Duke	7-0	3
4.	NOTRE DAME	4-0	5
5.	Rutgers *	3-0	7
6.	Purdue *	5-1	4
7.	Georgia *	2-2	6
8.	Iowa State	2-0	8
9.	Louisiana Tech	4-1	11
10.	Texas Tech	3-0	13
11.	Penn State	3-2	9
12.	Oregon	3-0	14
13.	SW Missouri St.	2-1	17
14.	Auburn	4-0	20
15.	LSU	2-3	10
16.	Mississippi State	2-1	15
17.	Stanford	3-1	18
18.	Wisconsin *	2-2	19
19.	Oklahoma	2-2	12
20.	Virginia	3-2	16
21.	Xavier	3-0	23
22.	North Carolina St.	4-1	22
23.	Vanderbilt	3-1	25
24.	Illinois	2-1	21
25.	Boston College *	2-1	24

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL (Nov. 26)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Wk.
1.	Connecticut * (39)	5-0	1
2.	Tennessee (1)	3-0	2
3.	Duke	7-0	3
4.	NOTRE DAME	4-0	5
5.	Purdue *	5-1	4
6.	Rutgers *	3-0	7
7.	Georgia *	2-2	6
8.	Louisiana Tech	4-1	11
9.	Penn State	3-2	9
10.	Texas Tech	3-0	13
11.	Iowa State	2-0	8
12.	Oregon	3-0	14
13.	SW Missouri St.	2-1	17
14.	LSU	2-3	10
15.	Auburn	4-0	20
16.	Mississippi State	2-1	15
17.	Virginia	3-2	16
18.	Oklahoma	2-2	12
19.	Boston College *	2-1	24
20.	Xavier	3-0	23
21.	North Carolina St.	4-1	22
22.	Stanford	3-1	18
23.	Vanderbilt	3-1	25
24.	Illinois	2-1	21
25.	Old Dominion	1-2	20

* indicates 2000-01 Notre Dame opponents

Head coach **Muffet McGraw** is in her 14th year at Notre Dame with a 293-115 (.718) record and her 19th as a collegiate coach with a 381-156 (.709) mark. She has led the Irish to five straight NCAA tournament appearances and seven overall. McGraw was named a finalist for the Naismith Women's Basketball and AP coach-of-the-year awards last year.

FORDHAM REVIEW

Seniors **Meaghan Leahy** turned in a career-best performance with 16 points and 14 rebounds and **Alicia Ratay** led all scorers with 17 points as Notre Dame won its fifth game of the season with an 89-44 win over visiting Fordham on Monday at the Joyce Center. The Irish led 47-26 at halftime on the strength of 15 first-half points from Ratay (6-7 FG, 3-3 3PT). Notre Dame's defense limited Fordham to just four points in the first 11:05 of the second half as the Irish extended their lead. **Niele Ivey** finished with eight assists and four steals vs. just two turnovers, while **Amanda Barksdale** blocked a career-high six shots. The Irish shot better than 50 percent (53.4) for the third time and held its opponent to under 40 percent for the fourth time in five games.

NOTRE DAME-NORTH CAROLINA SERIES

The Irish and Tar Heels meet for just the second time on Sunday but the meeting marks the second consecutive season the teams have met at a neutral site on the first Sunday in December. Last year Notre Dame won 99-86 at the Wachovia Women's Basketball Invitational in Richmond, Va., on the strength of a career-high 32 points from **Alicia Ratay**. The Irish have a 6-6 record vs. Atlantic Coast Conference teams and have won four of their last five games vs. the ACC.

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

Fifth-year point guard **Niele Ivey** was named the MVP of the Coaches Vs. Cancer Challenge as she helped the Irish win the event with her play. She totaled 41 points on 14-21 shooting (7-9 3PT, 6-6 FT) in 71 minutes of action along with 13 rebounds, 11 assists and eight steals vs. just 10 assists. Ivey recorded game-high scoring vs. both Wisconsin (22) and Georgia (19). She was named BIG EAST player of the week for her efforts for the fourth time in her career.

DOUBLE-DOUBLE FOR DOUBLE "3"

Fifth-year point guard Niele Ivey entered the season with seven career double-doubles (four in '99-'00 and three in '98-'99) and had a pair of double-doubles in the first two games season. She scored 12 points and had 10 assists and five steals vs. Valparaiso in the season opener. Ivey then recorded 11 assists against just one turnover to go along with 14 points against Arizona. She was one rebound short of her third double-double vs. Wisconsin.

THE RILEY REPORT

National player-of-the-year candidate **Ruth Riley** has been at her dominating best in the lane through five games this season. In addition to her offense efficiency (26-42 FG, .619), Riley leads the BIG EAST with 15 blocked shots, while committing just nine personal fouls. The two-time BIG EAST defensive player of the year is averaging one block shot every eight-plus minutes she plays.

RATAY OFF TO FAST START

Sophomore Alicia Ratay has begun the year shooting better from three-point range (16 of 23 for .696) in terms of percentage than Notre Dame's opponents have from the free throw line (48 of 73 for .658). Ratay had 11 three pointers in the first two games on just 15 attempts, a percentage of .733. In the

LAST IRISH GAME VS. TAR HEELS

Notre Dame 99, North Carolina 86
December 4, 1999
Robbins Center, Richmond, VA

North Carolina (86)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Barksdale	29	6-16	1-1	5-5	5	3	5	18
Higgins	19	6-7	0-0	1-3	8	0	5	13
Sharp	29	2-6	2-5	2-2	3	5	4	8
Brown, J	24	2-7	2-4	0-1	6	3	0	6
Teasley	27	4-14	2-6	0-1	2	2	0	10
Huntington	14	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	1	3	0
Thomas	20	3-8	0-0	7-8	6	3	3	13
Brown, C	16	5-6	2-2	1-1	1	2	4	13
Chambers	2	0-4	0-1	1-2	0	0	1	1
Allen	10	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Lea	7	0-2	0-0	2-4	3	2	2	2
Myers	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0

Team	200	29-77	9-22	19-27	39	21	28	86
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Notre Dame (99)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Henderson	16	2-3	0-0	2-2	4	0	3	6
Riley	28	5-9	0-0	2-2	7	0	4	12
Ratay	34	12-15	6-8	2-3	6	2	1	32
Ivey	31	5-9	1-5	6-6	7	13	1	17
Dunbar	11	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	1	0
Swanson	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	15	1-4	0-0	0-4	0	1	3	2
Haney	31	8-20	0-1	2-6	14	2	0	18
Barksdale	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Leahy	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	5	0
Siemon	21	3-3	0-0	6-11	5	2	5	12

Team	200	36-63	7-14	20-36	48	22	22	99
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North Carolina	39	47	--	86
Notre Dame	42	57	--	99

FG Pct: Notre Dame 57.1, North Carolina 37.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, North Carolina 40.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 55.6, North Carolina 70.4. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, North Carolina 15. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4 (Riley 4), North Carolina 0. **Steals:** Notre Dame 9, North Carolina 9. **Attendance:** 4,207.

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP (1999-2000 statistics)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
50	Kelley Siemon	F	6-2	Sr.	12.8	6.6	62.5 FG%	22 vs. Wisconsin, double-double vs. Georgia
3	Ericka Haney	G/F	6-1	Jr.	8.4	3.0	12 assists	Versatile, athletic player has taken over starting pos.
00	Ruth Riley	C	6-5	Sr.	12.8	6.2	15 blocks	BIG EAST leader in blocks/game (3.00)
22	Alicia Ratay	SG	5-11	So.	17.4	3.6	69.9% 3PT	Has made 16 of 23 three-pointers this season
33	Niele Ivey	PG	5-8	Sr.	16.2	4.2	8.0 APG	Coaches Vs. Cancer MVP, BIG EAST player of the week

NOTRE DAME OFF THE BENCH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-9	Fr.	--	--	--	Sidelined by stress fracture, expected back by Jan.
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	Fr.	5.0	0.3	7 3PT FG	Hampered by ankle injury, DNP vs. Fordham
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-7	So.	1.0	1.0	23 minutes	Walk-on player saw action in 23 games last year
23	Monique Hernandez	G	5-9	So.	2.0	0.5	4 assists	Backup point guard averages 10.3 minutes per game
31	Amanda Barksdale	F	6-3	So.	1.6	1.4	12 blocks	Second in BIG EAST behind Riley in blocks/game (2.40)
41	Imani Dunbar	G	5-7	Sr.	2.0	0.5	8 assists	Played in 26 games with 5 starts last year
44	Meaghan Leahy	F	6-4	Sr.	5.4	4.4	7 steals	Had career-high points (16), rebounds (14) vs. Fordham

season opener vs. Valparaiso, Ratay scored 20 points on 7-12 shooting (6-9 3PT) and nailed four three-pointers in a span of 3:47 late in the first half. She was a perfect 4-4 (3-3 3PT) in the first half of the Arizona game before finishing 8-10 FG, 5-6 3PT and 5-5 FT for 26 points. Ratay was 2-3 vs. Georgia and 3-3 vs. Fordham.

SIEMON STARS IN MADISON

Senior **Kelley Siemon** sparked the Irish with 21 points vs. Wisconsin -- including 15 in the second half. She continued her strong play with a double-double in the championship game vs. Georgia (13 points and a game-high 11 rebounds). Siemon had her fourth consecutive double-figure scoring vs. Fordham with 14 points

POLL POSITION

When the preseason women's and men's basketball polls were announced, the University of Notre Dame was the only Division I-A institution ranked among the top 20 teams in Associated Press standings in the sports of football, men's basketball and women's basketball. The Irish women's basketball team entered the season with its highest-ever preseason ranking at sixth in the AP (now fifth) and fifth in the ESPN/USA Today polls and has moved up to its highest ranking ever at fourth. The Irish men's basketball team was ranked 15th in the preseason AP rankings (now 11th). Notre Dame currently stands 11th in football (9-2 record). It's the first time in Irish athletic history all three of those Notre Dame teams have been ranked in the top 20 in the same week.

The Irish are one of three BIG EAST women's basketball teams currently ranked in the top five of the Associated Press poll -- a first for the conference. Connecticut leads the poll at No. 1, while the fourth-ranked Irish are trailed by fifth-ranked Rutgers -- which meets seventh-ranked Georgia in the second game of the Honda Elite 4 Classic this afternoon.

HEAD COACH MCGRAW INKS FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT

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

IRISH UNDER MCGRAW

Yr.	Record	Pct.	Honors
'87-88	20-8	.714	No. Star Coach of the Yr.
'88-89	21-11	.656	MCC Champions, NWIT
'89-90	23-6	.793	MCC Champions
'90-91	23-9	.719	MCC Champions
'91-92	14-17	.451	NCAAs, MCC Champions
'92-93	15-12	.555	
'93-94	22-7	.786	NCAAs, MCC Champions
'94-95	21-10	.677	NWIT
'95-96	23-8	.742	NCAA Second Round
'96-97	31-7	.816	NCAA Final Four
'97-98	22-10	.688	NCAA Regional Semis
'98-99	26-5	.839	NCAA Second Round
'99-00	27-5	.844	NCAA Regional Semis
'00-01	5-0	1.000	Coaches Vs. Cancer Champions
Total	293-115	.718	7 NCAA Appearances

BIG EAST Conference (five seasons, '96-'00)
74-14 (.841)

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

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW



A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 11:00-11:30 p.m. for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.



BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

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

2000-01 Preseason Player of the Year

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

2000-01 Preseason Rookie of the Year

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

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

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

Sue Bird, Connecticut, G, Jr.

Tasha Pointer, Rutgers, G, Sr.

*Shea Ralph, Connecticut, G, Sr.

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

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Becky Gottstein, Boston College, F, Jr.

Niele Ivey, Notre Dame, G, Sr.

Alicia Ratay, Notre Dame, G, So.

Katie Smrcka-Duffy, Georgetown, G, Sr.

Tammy Sutton-Brown, Rutgers, C, Sr.

* - unanimous selection

WEEKLY RANKINGS

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

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	6	5
Nov. 14	6	--
Nov. 19	5	--

COACHES VS. CANCER RECAP

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

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

IRISH VS. TOP 10

The Irish have won five straight (#6 Georgia last week, #9 North Carolina in '99-'00, #6 UCLA and #6 Duke in '98-99, #6 Texas Tech in '97-98) and eight of their last 10 games vs. top-10 non-conference opponents (also beating #8 Alabama, #8 North Carolina State and #6 Iowa in '96-97 and falling to Tennessee twice (ranked second and 10th in '96-97). Notre Dame has a 6-5 record vs. all top 10 teams (including 4-0 vs. non-conference opponents) since the start of the 1998-99 season.

25 AND COUNTING

Notre Dame extended its school-record home winning streak to 25 wins with its victory over Fordham. The streak was the sixth longest active streak in the country entering the season, behind Grambling (66), Kent (31), Texas Tech (30), Louisiana Tech (27) and Old Dominion (24).

IVEY REACHES 1,000-POINT PLATEAU

Fifth-year PG **Niele Ivey** scored five points in the first four minutes against Valparaiso to surpass the 1,000-point milestone in her career. She joined the list of 16 other Irish players (including **Ruth Riley**) who have scored at least 1,000 points. Ivey scored 15 points in five games as a freshman in 1996-97 before a knee injury ended her season. She then scored 254 points in '97-98, 369 in '98-99 and 358 in '99-'00 to reach 996 points entering the season. She finished with 12 points vs. Valparaiso, 14 vs. Arizona and 22 vs. Wisconsin to bring her career total to 1044 -- 16th most points in Irish history.

RILEY, RATAY NAMED NAISMITH CANDIDATES

Senior All-America center **Ruth Riley** and sophomore guard **Alicia Ratay** are among the 30 pre-season candidates listed for the 2000-01 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award presented by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. Riley was one of 15 finalists for the Naismith Award a year ago. The women's Naismith Award was first presented in 1983 and honors the outstanding college basketball player in the United States. The award program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball. The candidates were selected by a vote of the Board of Selectors comprised of leading basketball coaches, journalists and basketball analysts.

EVERYBODY'S ALL-AMERICAN

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

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



IVEY, RILEY CLIMB IRISH CAREER SCORING LIST

1. Beth Moran (1993-97)	2,322
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	2,126
3. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
4. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
5. Ruth Riley (1997-2000)	1,464
6. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
7. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439
8. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	1,373
9. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	1,298
10. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	1,233
11. Letitica Bowen (1991-95)	1,205
12. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	1,202
13. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	1,194
14. Danielle Green (1995-2000)	1,106
15. Niele Ivey (1996-2000)	1,077
16. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	1,060
17. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	1,034

OTHER IRISH HONORS

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

IRISH FACE TOUGH SCHEDULE

An ESPN nationally-televised home game against defending NCAA and BIG EAST champion Connecticut and nine games against teams from the 2000 NCAA women's basketball championship highlight the 2000-01 Irish schedule. The 27-game slate features 13 homes games and appearances in two national tournaments. In addition to the Jan. 15, contest against Connecticut, the Irish will welcome 2000 Final Four participant Rutgers, 1999 NCAA champion Purdue and Pacific-10 power Arizona to the Joyce Center. Notre Dame will travel to Wisconsin on Nov. 22 and 24, for the Coaches Vs. Cancer Challenge, facing the host Badgers in the opening round and NCAA tournament team Georgia in the championship game (televised by ESPN). The Irish will play on ESPN2 when they travel to Orlando to take on North Carolina at Honda Elite Classic. The 16-game BIG EAST schedule features two games against conference newcomer Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh and Rutgers and one each with Villanova, St. John's, Connecticut, Seton Hall, West Virginia, Providence, Boston College, Syracuse, Miami and Georgetown. First-ever meetings with Fordham and Rice, the first game against USC in 15 years and a trip to Marquette round out the non-conference schedule.

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

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

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

EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS SEASON-TICKET SALES DOUBLE

Season-ticket sales for the 2000-01 Irish home season have more than doubled from a year ago, going from 940 in 1999-2000 to more than 2,600 for the upcoming season. Notre Dame's average home attendance has jumped from a per-game figure of 1,747 in 1996-97 (the year the Irish played in the NCAA Final Four in Cincinnati) to 1,914 in 1997-98, then 2,996 in 1998-99 and finally to a 3,392 total in 1999-2000 to rank 26th nationally. Irish women's basketball season tickets remain on sale and can be purchased by contacting the Notre Dame ticket office at 219-631-7356.

IVEY AMONG BIG EAST ALL-STARS

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

NOTRE DAME IN OPENERS

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

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

Notre Dame 71, Valparaiso 46
 November 17, 2000
 Athletics-Recreation Center, Valparaiso, IN
 Notre Dame (71)

Notre Dame	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	21	1-6	0-0	0-0	4	3	2	2
Siemon	26	3-6	0-0	0-1	9	5	2	6
Riley	29	6-10	0-0	1-3	7	1	0	13
Ratay	31	7-12	6-9	0-0	3	0	0	20
Ivey	22	5-9	2-3	0-0	2	10	1	12
Joyce	19	4-7	3-6	0-0	0	2	1	11
Swanson	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	18	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	2
Barksdale	7	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Dunbar	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Leahy	16	2-4	0-0	1-2	4	1	1	5
Team					2			
Total	200	29-60	11-19	2-6	33	23	11	71

Valparaiso (46)

Valparaiso	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Schober	35	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	4
Nieuweveen	24	5-16	0-0	3-3	9	0	5	13
Bigler	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Hammel	39	3-12	2-6	1-2	6	6	2	9
Gray	32	7-15	0-0	0-0	4	5	1	14
Knoester	20	2-6	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	4
McIntosh	12	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	1	1	0
Koselke	3	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	0
Frede	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wickham	21	1-1	0-0	0-0	5	0	1	2
Team					8			
Total	200	20-57	2-10	4-6	37	13	13	46

Notre Dame 47 24 -- 71
 Valparaiso 17 29 -- 46

FG Pct: Notre Dame 48.3, Valparaiso 35.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 57.9, Valparaiso 20.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 33.3, Valparaiso 66.7.
Turnovers: Notre Dame 18, Valparaiso 22. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 7, Valparaiso 0. **Steals:** Notre Dame 9 (Ivey 5), Valparaiso 6. **Attendance:** 2,215.

Notre Dame 83, Wisconsin 56
 November 22, 2000
 Kohl Center, Madison, WI
 Notre Dame (95)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	30	4-9	0-1	6-10	3	1	2	14
Siemon	32	7-8	0-0	7-8	6	2	3	21
Riley	29	3-5	0-0	3-5	5	1	3	9
Ratay	37	1-6	0-2	6-6	5	1	1	8
Ivey	32	7-11	4-4	4-4	9	7	3	22
Joyce	17	2-5	2-5	0-0	0	1	1	6
Swanson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	5	0-1	0-0	1-3	0	1	0	1
Barksdale	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2
Dunbar	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Leahy	15	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	2
Team					2			
Total	200	25-46	6-12	27-36	33	15	16	83

Wisconsin (56)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Sims	34	6-13	0-2	8-9	3	1	3	20
Stomski	31	5-11	0-0	0-0	5	2	4	10
N. Smith	26	3-4	1-1	2-4	7	3	4	9
Moore	32	3-12	0-4	1-4	6	2	5	7
Black	33	2-7	2-5	0-1	0	1	1	6
C. Smith	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	2	0
Hefte	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2
Seeger	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Ashbaugh	22	1-4	0-0	0-0	3	0	3	2
Jirovec	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team					1			
Total	200	21-54	3-12	11-18	27	12	24	56

Notre Dame 41 42 -- 83
 Wisconsin 26 30 -- 56

FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.3, Wisconsin 38.9. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, Wisconsin 25.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 75.0, Wisconsin 61.1.
Turnovers: Notre Dame 17, Wisconsin 22. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4, Wisconsin 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 12 (Ivey 5), Wisconsin 57. **Attendance:** 6,943.

Notre Dame 89, Fordham 44
 November 27, 2000
 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN
 Fordham (89)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Keegan	18	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	3	2	0
Kanoute	15	2-6	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	4
Fleischer	34	5-8	0-0	2-3	7	0	2	12
Vann	29	4-12	1-4	0-0	1	0	2	9
Garvey	19	0-4	0-3	0-0	1	2	1	0
DeRoy	10	1-3	0-2	0-0	2	0	3	2
Slayton	7	0-3	0-3	0-0	0	0	1	0
Williams	5	0-2	0-0	2-2	0	2	3	2
Reese	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Akiodé	25	1-5	0-0	0-0	7	1	2	2
Chiaramonte	6	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Wallace	27	5-9	1-4	2-3	2	1	3	13
Team					5			
Total	200	18-57	2-18	6-8	27	7	19	44

Notre Dame (89)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	31	5-7	0-0	2-2	2	1	0	12
Siemon	28	5-9	0-0	4-5	1	2	1	14
Riley	15	3-6	0-0	0-0	4	1	2	6
Ratay	29	7-9	3-3	0-0	3	5	0	17
Ivey	26	5-10	3-6	1-2	4	8	0	14
Swanson	11	2-5	0-1	0-0	3	0	0	4
Barksdale	19	2-6	0-0	0-0	1	1	4	4
Dunbar	17	0-2	0-0	202	1	4	0	2
Leahy	24	2-4	0-0	12-14	14	0	2	16
Team					9			
Total	200	31-58	6-10	21-25	42	22	9	89

Fordham 26 18 -- 44
 Notre Dame 47 42 -- 89

FG Pct: Notre Dame 53.4, Fordham 31.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 60.0, Fordham 11.1. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 84.0, Fordham 75.0.
Turnovers: Notre Dame 14, Fordham 22. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9, Fordham 4. **Steals:** Notre Dame 13 (Ivey 4), Fordham 10. **Attendance:** 3,107

Notre Dame 95, Arizona 65
 November 20, 2000
 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN
 Arizona (65)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
James	24	2-7	0-0	5-5	8	0	4	9
Pickney	24	3-10	0-0	4-7	6	0	1	10
Bristol	36	4-11	2-5	2-2	5	10	2	12
Bozeman	18	1-5	0-0	2-4	2	3	4	4
Warren	35	6-12	0-3	1-3	8	0	5	13
Allen	11	0-3	0-2	0-0	3	1	0	0
Grzyb	25	2-6	2-5	1-2	2	0	1	7
Chesney	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Taylor	19	3-8	0-0	3-5	6	0	1	9
Mitchell	4	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	3	1
Team					4			
Total	200	21-64	4-16	19-30	46	14	21	65

Notre Dame (95)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	26	3-7	0-0	0-0	0	2	3	6
Siemon	23	5-7	0-0	0-0	6	0	5	10
Riley	20	8-11	0-0	1-1	7	3	1	17
Ratay	28	8-10	5-6	5-5	5	5	2	26
Ivey	21	6-10	1-4	1-2	2	11	3	14
Joyce	13	1-4	1-3	0-0	1	4	0	3
Swanson	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Hernandez	17	2-3	0-0	1-2	2	3	3	5
Barksdale	20	2-5	0-0	0-1	2	0	4	4
Dunbar	15	2-3	0-0	2-5	1	3	1	6
Leahy	12	1-1	0-0	2-4	1	0	2	4
Team					3			
Total	200	38-61	7-13	12-20	31	31	25	95

Arizona 29 36 -- 65
 Notre Dame 57 38 -- 95

FG Pct: Notre Dame 62.3, Arizona 32.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 53.8, Arizona 25.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 60.0, Arizona 63.3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 17, Arizona 25. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9, Arizona 0. **Steals:** Notre Dame 13, Arizona 5. **Attendance:** 3,087.

Notre Dame 75, Georgia 73
 November 24, 2000
 Kohl Center, Madison, WI
 Georgia (73)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Nolan	35	6-14	2-5	0-0	2	4	3	14
Briggans	19	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	2
McDonald	34	3-14	0-0	4-4	10	1	4	10
K. Miller	36	7-9	3-3	1-2	4	6	3	18
C. Miller	32	5-17	0-6	1-1	4	3	2	11
Thomas	25	4-9	1-1	0-0	6	1	3	9
Brown	13	2-3	0-0	1-2	6	3	2	5
Washington	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1
Murphy	5	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	3
Team					1			
Total	200	29-69	7-17	8-11	35	18	19	73

Notre Dame (75)

Name	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	36	3-12	0-0	2-2	6	5	3	8
Siemon	38	5-10	0-0	3-10	11	3	1	13
Riley	29	6-10	0-0	7-7	8	1	3	19
Ratay	38	6-12	2-3	2-3	2	2	0	16
Ivey	39	7-10	3-5	2-2	4	4	3	19
Joyce	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Hernandez	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Barksdale	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Leahy	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Team					3			
Total	200	27-56	5-8	16-24	36	16	11	75

Georgia 38 35 -- 73
 Notre Dame 41 34 -- 75

FG Pct: Notre Dame 48.2, Georgia 42.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 62.5, Georgia 41.2. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, Georgia 72.7.
Turnovers: Notre Dame 16, Georgia 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 2, Georgia 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 9 (Ivey 3), Georgia 7. **Attendance:** 6,851