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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2001-02 Irish Schedule/Results (2-2, 0-0 BIG EAST)

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Nov	ember		
6	Tues.	OGBM Legends (exh.)	W, 76-62
13	Tues.	Christian Bros. (exh.)	W, 87-39
18	Sun.	Valparaiso	W, 42-35
21	Wed.	at (20/22) Colorado State	L, 66-72
24	Sat.	at Arizona	L, 70-72
26	Mon.	Army	W, 89-57
Dece	ember		
2	Sun.	vs. (16/17) Michigan #	3 p.m.
6	Thurs.	at Purdue (WHME)	7 p.m.
9	Sun.	USC	1 p.m.
12	Wed.	Western Michigan	7 p.m.
22	Sat.	Marquette	1 p.m.
28	Fri.	at Rice	7 p.m.
31	Mon.	DePaul	1 p.m.
Janı	ıarv		
2	Wed.	at Miami*	7 p.m.
5	Sat.	Providence*	1 p.m.
9	Wed.	Seton Hall*	7 p.m.
12	Sat.	at Villanova* (BETV)	Noon
19	Sat.	at Providence*	2 p.m.
21	Mon.	at Connecticut*^ (ESPN)	3 p.m.
26	Sat.	Virginia Tech* (BETV)	6 p.m.
29	Tues.		7 p.m.
Febr	uary		
2	Sat.	at Seton Hall*	2 p.m.
5	Tues.	at Pittsburgh*	7 p.m.
10	Sun.	Boston College*	1 p.m.
13	Wed.	St. John's*	7 p.m.
16	Sat.	at Rutgers* (BETV)	8 p.m.
19	Wed.	West Virginia*	7 p.m.
23	Sat.	at Georgetown	4 p.m.
26	Tues.	Villanova*	7 p.m.
Marc	ch		
2-	Sat	at BIG EAST Championsh	iip
5	Tues.	(Piscataway, N.J.)	•
15-	Fri	NCAA First and Second R	ounds
18	Mon.	(campus sites)	
23-	Sat	NCAA Regionals (Raleigh	
25	Mon.	Milwaukee; Ames, Iowa; E	

Boldface indicates home game

Sun.

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* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(x/y) indicates rankings in AP & ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff # Women's College Basketball Showcase, Grand Rapids, Mich.

^ Game to be played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center (ESPN) Game to be televised by ESPN

NCAA Final Four

(San Antonio, Texas)

(BETV) Game to be televised as part of BIG EAST TV package (WHME) Game to be televised by WHME-TV 46 in South Bend All times are local to site and subject to change

Game No.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SHOWCASE

(#23 AP/#23 ESPN/USA Today) Notre Dame Fighting Irish (2-2) VS. (#16 AP/#17 ESPN/USA Today) Michigan Wolverines (4-1)

The Date and Time: Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001, at 3 p.m. EST.

The Site: Van Andel Arena (12,000) in Grand Rapids, Mich.

<u>The Radio Plans:</u> All Notre Dame games are broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620 in South Bend) with **Sean Stires** handling the play-by-play. These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics website at www.und.com.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Michigan (www.mgoblue.com)

NOTRE DAME OPENS RUGGED THREE-GAME STRETCH AGAINST MICHIGAN

For the second time in 10 days, Notre Dame will square off with a ranked opponent when it takes on No. 16/17 Michigan Sunday at 3 p.m. (EST) in the Women's College Basketball Showcase at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich. Sunday's matchup with the Wolverines also kicks off a demanding three-game run over the next week for the Irish, who also will visit No. 10/11 Purdue Thursday night in a rematch of the 2001 NCAA championship game, and

then play host to traditional rival USC on Dec. 9.

Notre Dame returned to its winning ways last Monday with a 89-57 rout of Army at the Joyce Center. Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** had another solid performance, notching her second career double-double with game highs of 18 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** scored in double digits for the third consecutive game, finishing with 13 points, and junior guard **Alicia Ratay** drained four-of-six three-point field goal attempts and wound up with 12 points.

As a team, Notre Dame dominated the smaller Black Knights on the glass, holding a commanding 60-31 edge in the rebounding department. The Irish also picked up 32 points from their bench, with 11 of the 12 players in uniform finding the scoring column before the night was over. In addition, Notre Dame connected on 10-of-28 three-point attempts, setting a school record for tries from beyond the arc.

The Irish wasted little time in moving in front, jumping out to a 7-0 lead on Army less than three minutes into the game, but the visitors recovered and eventually pulled even at 18-18 with 10:35 to go in the first half. However, that would be the only time the Irish would be threatened, as Ratay drilled backto-back three-pointers to kick start a 24-6 run which helped give Notre Dame a 47-31 lead at the half.

Army briefly got as close as 15 points in the second frame, but the Irish responded with a 22-9 charge that put the game on ice and gave Notre Dame its 40th consecutive home victory, continuing the second-longest active streak in the nation.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 89, Army 57 Nov. 26, 2001 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Army (57)

Player	<u>min</u>	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	pf	<u>tp</u>
McKinnon	21	2-4	0-0	5-7	1	2	2	9
Macfarlane	31	6-14	0-0	1-1	8	1	4	13
McPhatter	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Canelli	32	3-12	2-4	2-2	3	1	1	10
Saal	25	3-9	1-4	1-1	2	1	2	8
Gassman	10	1-7	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	2
Edwards	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	1
Brent	11	2-2	0-0	3-3	3	1	0	7
Soeung	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Holden	10	1-4	0-0	1-4	1	0	1	3
Arnold	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Helu	35	1-6	0-1	0-0	5	4	1	2
Buchholz	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Pagano	5	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	2
Team					6			
Totals	200	20-60	3-11	14-21	31	14	14	57

Notre Dame (89)

<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	<u>3fg-a</u>	ft-a	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	<u>pf</u>	<u>tp</u>
Haney	15	3-7	0-0	1-1	6	0	2	7
Batteast	28	7-18	2-8	2-4	12	2	2	18
Borton	21	3-6	0-0	1-2	9	2	2	7
Severe	26	4-7	1-2	4-4	4	4	3	13
Ratay	23	4-7	4-6	0-0	4	2	1	12
Joyce	14	3-6	1-4	0-0	2	3	1	7
Krause	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Swanson	7	2-4	0-2	1-1	2	1	2	5
Hernandez	17	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	2
Wicks	10	2-7	1-4	2-2	3	0	2	7
Flecky	19	2-4	0-0	1-2	4	2	4	5
Bustamante	14	2-7	1-2	1-2	4	1	1	6
Team					5			
Totals	200	33-77	10-28	13-18	60	20	21	89

Army 31 26 -- 57 Notre Dame 47 42 -- 89

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.9, Army 33.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 35.7, Army 27.3. FT Pct: Notre Dame 72.2, Army 66.7. Turnovers: Notre Dame 15, Army 17. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 5 (Batleast 4), Army 1. Steals: Notre Dame 12, Army 6. Attendance: 7,323.



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ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

(Nov. 26)

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<u>Rk.</u>	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (42)	5-0	1
2.	Tennessee (2)	3-0	2
3.	Oklahoma	5-0	3
4.	Vanderbilt	6-1	4
5.	Iowa State	3-0	6
6.	Louisiana Tech	2-1	5
7.	Stanford	4-0	7
8.	North Carolina State	4-0	10
9.	Texas Tech	1-1	8
10.	Purdue	3-1	11
11.	Colorado	5-1	14
12.	Baylor	4-0	13
13.	Georgia	2-0	16
14.	Duke	3-2	9
15.	Colorado State	4-0	20
16.	Michigan	3-1	19
17.	Old Dominion	2-1	17
18.	LSU	3-0	_
19.	Florida	2-2	12
20.	Wisconsin	2-1	23
21.	Texas	3-0	_
22.	George Washington	1-1	18
23.	NOTRE DAME	1-2	15
24.	North Carolina	4-1	_
25.	South Carolina	4-2	_

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL

(Nov. 26)

Rk.	<u>Team</u>	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (38)	5-0	1
2.	Tennessee (2)	3-0	2
3.	Vanderbilt	6-1	3
4.	Oklahoma	5-0	4
5.	Louisiana Tech	2-1	5
6.	Iowa State	3-0	6
7.	Stanford	4-0	8
8.	Texas Tech	1-1	9
9.	North Carolina State	4-0	10
10.	Colorado	5-1	12
11.	Purdue	3-1	11
12.	Duke	3-2	7
13.	Georgia	2-0	14
14.	Baylor	4-0	16
15.	LSU	3-0	19
16.	Colorado State	4-0	22
17.	Michigan	3-1	18
18.	Florida	2-2	13
19.	Old Dominion	2-1	16
20.	Texas	3-0	_
21.	George Washington	1-1	20
22.	Penn State	3-2	23
23.	NOTRE DAME	1-2	15
24.	North Carolina	4-1	_
25.	Maryland	3-1	24

Boldface indicates 2001-02 Notre Dame opponents

SCOUTING THE IRISH

Notre Dame looks to write a new chapter in its rapidly-developing history as the Irish defend their first NCAA championship in 2001-02. Seven monogram winners, including two starters, return from last season's title-winning squad, giving head coach **Muffet McGraw** a broad foundation from which to build this year. In addition, the Irish welcome six talented freshmen to the fold, a group heralded as perhaps the finest recruiting class in school history and ranked as high as third by several national publications.

McGraw is in her 15th year at Notre Dame with a 324-119 (.731) record and has led the Irish to six straight NCAA Tournament appearances and eight overall. She was a near-unanimous choice as national coach of the year in 2000-01, winning top honors from the Atlanta Tipoff Club (Naismith Award), Associated Press, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), and Sports Illustrated for Women. She also was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year, marking the third different conference to recognize McGraw as its top skipper since she took the reins at Notre Dame in 1987.

Both of Notre Dame's returning starters have already been honored by the BIG EAST coaches in their preseason balloting. Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** (5.0 ppg., 5.3 rpg.) was a second team preseason all-conference pick and brings explosive quickness and versatility to the Irish lineup, along with veteran leadership. As Notre Dame's only captain, she will be called upon to assume a greater mantle of responsibility in '01-02, a trait she showed when she corralled a game-high nine rebounds at Arizona. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** (14.5 ppg., 6.0 rpg., .450 3FG%) was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST choice and is one of 30 finalists for the Naismith Award after setting an NCAA record for three-point percentage (.547) by a sophomore last season. She made four of her six three-point attempts against Army and has now hit on seven of her last 11 three-point tries (a 63.6 percent clip).

Joining Ratay in the backcourt is sophomore **Le'Tania Severe** (11.8 ppg., 3.5 rpg, 4.8 apg), who was hampered by injuries last season, appearing in just 22 games, but has confidently taken control of the Irish offense this season. She smashed several of her previous career highs against Colorado State with 15 points and a trio of three-point field goals, the first of her career. She followed that up

with 12 points and a career-high six assists three days later at Arizona, and added 13 points vs. Army. Juniors Monique Hernandez (0.5 ppg., 1.0 rpg.) and walk-on Karen Swanson (5.0 ppg., 2.0 rpg.) along with sophomore Jeneka Joyce (3.0 ppg., 1.5 apg.) give McGraw tremendous flexibility in her guard rotation. Additionally, freshmen Allison Bustamante (3.0 ppg., 2.0 rpg.) Jill Krause (0.0 ppg., 2.0 rpg.) and Kelsey Wicks (4.8 ppg., 3.0 rpg.) provide the Irish with solid ballhandling and perimeter shooting depth. Wicks scored a season-high nine points at Arizona, hitting all four of her free throw attempts and making her first career three-point field goal.

A pair of freshmen (and former Parade All-Americans) are looking to make an immediate impact on the Notre Dame front line, as forward Jacqueline Batteast (11.3 ppg., 8.0 rpg.) and center Teresa Borton (8.3 ppg., 7.5 rpg.) have started all four regular season games for the Irish. Batteast was named the 2001-02 preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and her combination of speed, athleticism and perimeter shooting ability already make her a valuable weapon in the Irish arsenal. Batteast charted the first double-double of her career against Colorado State with 13 points and 11 rebounds and added her second double-dip against Army with season bests of 18 points and 12 rebounds. Meanwhile, at 6-3, Borton is a smooth and versatile post player with excellent mobility and a solid defensive presence. She showed tremendous promise in her first collegiate game against Valparaiso, scoring a gamehigh 14 points and grabbing a game-best nine re-

LAST IRISH GAME VS. MICHIGAN

Notre Dame 88, Michigan 54 March 19, 2001 NCAA Tournament - second round Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Michigan (54)

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Goodlow	36	8-15	0-0	0-0	4	0	5	16
Gandy	25	5-8	0-1	0-0	3	1	2	10
Bies	21	0-6	0-0	1-2	4	1	2	1
Thorius	38	2-9	1-6	0-0	7	6	3	5
Ingram	34	3-18	0-4	3-4	3	2	1	9
Jara	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Leary	4	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	0	3
Robinson	8	0-3	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	0
Dykhouse	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Smith	27	4-8	0-0	2-4	12	0	2	10
Team					3			
Total	200	23-70	2-16	6-10	38	12	15	54

Notre Dame (88)

<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	<u>3fg-a</u>	<u>ft-a</u>	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	<u>pf</u>	<u>tp</u>
Haney	14	1-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	2
Siemon	32	8-15	0-0	0-1	6	5	2	16
Riley	26	8-11	0-0	5-5	7	1	2	21
Ratay	30	3-7	3-6	2-2	8	1	0	11
lvey	27	3-8	1-3	1-1	4	8	3	8
Severe	13	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	2
Joyce	22	5-9	4-8	0-0	1	2	0	14
Swanson	3	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	2
Hernandez	10	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	0	3
Barksdale	15	2-3	0-0	1-1	7	2	1	5
Dunbar	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Leahy	4	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0	2
Team					5			
Team	200	36-66	5-11	21-30	62	22	11	98
Michigan		28 26	54					

FG Pct: Notre Dame 51.5, Michigan 32.9. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.4, Michigan 12.5. FT Pct: Notre Dame 80.0, Michigan 60.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 14, Michigan 11. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 5, Michigan 3. Steals: Notre Dame 5 (Ivey 3), Michigan 8 (Thorius 3). Attendance: 9,597

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Battea	st F	6-1	Fr.	11.3	8.0	1.5 bpg	Double-doubles in two of last three games
3	Ericka Haney	G/F	6-0	Sr.	5.0	5.3	1.3 spg	Season-high seven points vs. Army
12	Teresa Borton	С	6-3	Fr.	8.3	7.5	1.5 apg	Half of her 30 rebounds came on offensive glass
22	Alicia Ratay	G	6-0	Jr.	14.5	6.0	2.3 apg	.636 (7-11) from three-point line in last two games
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-8	So.	11.8	3.5	4.8 apg	Averaged 13.3 ppg. over last three games
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_		_	_	Yr.	PPG 3.0	RPG 1.3	Other 1.5 apg	Notes Season-high seven points, three assists vs. Army
No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.					
No. 5	Player Jeneka Joyce	Pos.	Ht. 5-9	So.	3.0	1.3		Season-high seven points, three assists vs. Army
No. 5	Player Jeneka Joyce Jill Krause	Pos. G G	Ht. 5-9 5-8	So. Fr.	3.0 0.0	1.3	1.5 apg —	Season-high seven points, three assists vs. Army Saw first college action vs. Army (2 reb. in 6 min.)

4.5

2.0

.500 FG%

0.5 apg

bounds. Junior **Amanda Barksdale** was one of the nation's top shot blockers last season but missed Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg — she could see her first action of the 2001-02 season Sunday against Michigan. Meanwhile, freshman **Katy Flecky** was a two-time Miss Colorado Basketball and offers the Irish an physical presence in the post. In a reserve role, Flecky has turned in solid performances in her last three games, averaging 6.7 points and 6.0 rebounds per game, including a season-high eight rebounds at Colorado State and a season-best nine points at Arizona.

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SCOUTING MICHIGAN

31 Amanda Barksdale C

44 Allison Bustamante G

33 Katy Flecky

Michigan (4-1) comes into Sunday's game with Notre Dame ranked 16th in the latest Associated Press poll and 17th in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll. The Wolverines have reeled off four consecutive wins since opening the season with an 81-66 loss to No. 5 Louisiana Tech. Among UM's wins this season are a 84-76 victory over Syracuse last Sunday and a 65-49 triumph over Marquette on Thursday night in Ann Arbor.

In the latter contest, senior forward **Raina Goodlow** made seven of 10 shots and finished with a game-high 15 points. Junior center **LeeAnn Bies** added 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Wolverines, who led by only a point at halftime, but shot 48.4 percent from the field in the second half to outdistance the Golden Eagles.

The 6-foot-3 Bies leads Michigan in several major statistical categories — scoring (15.8 ppg.), rebounding (7.6 rpg.) and field goal percentage (.651). However, she is not alone in producing for the Wolverines, who have six players averaging more than eight points per game and eight players who are seeing more than 18 minutes of action per contest. UM also has been a hot shooting team in the early portion of the season, hitting at a 48.7 percent clip from the field and an even 80 percent from the foul line.

Sue Guevara is in her sixth season at Michigan, owning a 97-54 (.642) record during her tenure with the Wolverines. She also has guided UM to four postseason tournament appearances in the last five seasons, including three NCAA Tournament berths. Prior to taking over the reins in Ann Arbor, Guevara spent 10 seasons as an assistant and associate coach at cross-state rival Michigan State.

THE NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN SERIES

Notre Dame holds a slim 6-5 edge in the all-time series with Michigan, although the Irish have held a decided advantage in recent years, winning six of the last eight meetings. In fact, the Wolverines have not defeated Notre Dame since Dec. 13, 1991, when they claimed an 86-75 win over the Irish in Ann Arbor.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Could return for Michigan game (leg injury)

6.7 ppg., 6.0 rpg., off the bench in last three games

Season-high six points, four rebounds vs. Army

	<u>ND</u>	<u>UM</u>
Overall record	2-2	4-1
AP/ESPN-USA Today ranking	23/23	16/17
SCORING		
Points scored per game	66.8	72.6
Points allowed per game	59.0	63.8
Field goal percentage	.390	.487
Three-point percentage	.387	.415
Free throw percentage	.670	.800
REBOUNDING		
Rebounds per game	47.0	38.2
Opponent rebs. per game	33.8	32.2
Rebounding margin	+13.2	+6.0
<u>OTHER</u>		
Assists per game	14.0	16.0
Turnovers per game	17.0	19.4
Assist/turnover ratio	0.82	0.82
Blocked shots per game	3.0	2.8
Steals per game	7.3	8.4

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** began Sept. 9 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 10:00-10:30 p.m. central time for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also 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 MICHIGAN SERIES

Series: ND leads 6-5. **Games Played at Neutral Sites:** First meeting.

Site Ann Arbor, MI Notre Dame, IN Ann Arbor, MI	Result L L (ot) L	Score 66-93 60-66 65-96
Notre Dame, IN	W	71-48
Ann Arbor, MI	W	62-58
Notre Dame, IN	W	66-50
Ann Arbor, MI	L	64-75
Notre Dame, IN	W	76-71
Ann Arbor, MI	L	75-86
Notre Dame, IN	W	62-54
Notre Dame, IN *	W	88-54
	Ann Arbor, MI Notre Dame, IN Ann Arbor, MI	Ann Arbor, MI L Notre Dame, IN L (ot) Ann Arbor, MI L Notre Dame, IN W Ann Arbor, MI W Notre Dame, IN W Ann Arbor, MI L Notre Dame, IN W Ann Arbor, MI L Notre Dame, IN W Notre Dame, IN W

* - NCAA Tournament (second round)

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	755	68.6
Michigan	751	68.3

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame, 2 games

McGraw vs. Michigan: 2-1

ND Biggest Win: 34 (88-54 on 3-19-01) UM Biggest Win: 31 (65-96 on 2-20-81) ND Longest Win Streak: 3 (from 1982-83) UM Longest Win Streak: 3 (from 1979-81)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2001-02 season:

	<u>AP</u>	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	15	14
Nov. 12	15	no poll
Nov. 19	15	15
Nov. 26	23	23

The two teams clashed last season in the second round of the 2001 NCAA Tournament, with Notre Dame racing past the Wolverines, 88-54 at the Joyce Center. **Ruth Riley** led four Irish players in double figures with 21 points, while **Kelley Siemon** chipped in with 16 points. **Jeneka Joyce**, playing in just her second postseason game, scored a career-high 14 points, draining four three-pointers. As a team, the Irish shot 51.5 percent from the floor and held a sizeable 62-38 rebounding edge.

Sunday's game will mark the first time Notre Dame and Michigan have played at a neutral site.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- · Notre Dame would log its 10th win in the last 13 games against a ranked opponent.
- The Irish would register their sixth consecutive win over a Big Ten Conference opponent.
- Muffet McGraw would pick up her 325th career win at Notre Dame (and 413th victory overall).
- The Irish would raise their record to 43-19 (.694) all-time against schools from Michigan.
- Notre Dame would improve its overall record to 90-14 (.865) over the last three-plus seasons.

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Nov. 30)

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Freshman G **Allison Bustamante** Out 3-6 weeks (high ankle sprain - Nov. 28) **Questionable**

Junior C Amanda Barksdale Stress reaction - right leg (DNP in first four games)

NOTRE DAME AGAINST THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Notre Dame is 26-35 (.426) all-time against the current alignment of the Big Ten Conference, although the Irish have won their last five games against Big Ten schools. Notre Dame has played all 11 members of the Big Ten, owning winning records against Michigan (6-5), Indiana (5-3), Wisconsin (3-2), Northwestern (2-1) and Iowa (1-0). Except for their 13-game series with Purdue (which continues Thursday night), the Irish have played more game and have more wins against Michigan than any other Big Ten opponent in their history.

LIFE IN THE WOLVERINE STATE

Notre Dame has had a tremendous amount of success against teams from the state of Michigan, going 42-19 (.689) in its history against such schools. The Irish have tasted victory more often against Detroit (22-2) than any other Michigan-based institution. In fact, Michigan State (4-6) and Central Michigan (0-1) are the only schools from the Wolverine State to hold a series lead over Notre Dame.

RANK AND FILE

Notre Dame will face its second ranked opponent of the season when it battles No. 16/17 Michigan Sunday afternoon. Back on Nov. 21, the Irish dropped a narrow 72-66 decision at No. 20/22 Colorado State, who has since risen to 15th and 16th in the major polls and should move up again next week following a win over No. 10 Colorado last Wednesday night.

Ranked foes are nothing new for the Irish — they faced 11 Top 25 clubs last season and posted a sparkling 9-2 record, including seven wins over Top 10 teams. Over the years, Notre Dame has had most of its success against ranked opponents when it is ranked itself — the Irish are 23-20 (.535) in games where both teams are ranked. Notre Dame also is 144-27 (.842) all-time when it takes the floor as a ranked team — the Irish stand 23rd in both major polls entering Sunday's game with Michigan. See pages 157-159 in the Notre Dame women's basketball media guide for more information on the Irish against ranked opponents.

A SEVERE DEVELOPMENT

Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** has quickly adapted to her new role as the starting point guard for the Irish, filling the large shoes of All-American **Niele Ivey**. In just her second game as a starter, Severe poured in a career-high 15 points at No. 20/22 Colorado State, canning the first three three-point field goals of her career. Three days later at Arizona, she added 12 points and dished out a career-high six assists. Lastly, on Monday night against Army, she tallied 13 points and nailed four of her seven shots to help pace the Irish past the Black Knights.

Through the first four games of this season, Severe is second on the team with 11.8 points per game and leads the squad with 4.8 assists per game. Entering the 2001-02 campaign, her previous career bests were seven points and two assists and she had yet to make a three-point field goal in her tenure with the Irish.

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Last Time Out: 12 pts. vs. Army

RATAY CLOSING IN ON 1,000 CAREER POINTS

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** needs 29 points to become the 19th member of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club. When she reaches the millennium mark, she will be the eighth Irish player to hit that plateau in less than three seasons. Ratay also will be the 15th Notre Dame player to score 1,000 points while spending at least part of her career with current head coach **Muffet McGraw**.Here's a look at who's up next for Ratay on her road to 1,000 points:

12/2 vs. Michigan (11 pts. in one career meeting)

IT'S BATTEAST, TO SAY THE LEAST

Although the 2001-02 season is only four games old, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is already showing flashes of the potential which led the BIG EAST coaches to vote her as the league's preseason Rookie of the Year. The South Bend, Ind., resident already has posted two double-doubles this season, logging 13 points and 11 rebounds at Colorado State and posting game highs of 18 points and 12 rebounds in last Monday's win over Army. This season, Batteast is third on the team in scoring at 11.3 points per game and leads the squad with 8.0 rebounds per contest.

CRASHING THE BOARDS

Despite losing its top two rebounders from last year (**Ruth Riley** and **Kelley Siemon**), Notre Dame doesn't appear to have broken stride in the rebounding department this season. The Irish have averaged 47.0 rebounds per game in their four three games of 2001-02, owning a +13.2 edge on the glass this year. At their current pace, the Irish would set school records for the highest rebound average (breaking the mark of 45.2 rpg. set back in 1979-80) and largest rebounding margin (topping the record of +9.9 established in 1998-99).

Leading the charge on the boards for Notre Dame have been a pair of freshmen — forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is setting the pace at 8.0 rebounds per game, while center **Teresa Borton** is hot on her heels with 7.5 caroms per contest. In fact, five different players are averaging at least five rebounds per game. The Irish crashed the boards especially well in their last outing, collecting a season-high 60 rebounds in the win over Army. It was Notre Dame's largest rebounding total since the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament, when the Irish pulled down 62 caroms in a win over Sunday's opponent, Michigan.

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last five-plus seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 89-1 (.989) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. Curiously, the only time that notion didn't come to pass was last season, when Rutgers handed Notre Dame a 54-53 loss, one of only two setbacks the Irish suffered en route to the 2001 national championship.

The Irish already have added to this total twice during the 2001-02 season, holding Valparaiso to 35 points in the season opener on Nov. 18 and limiting Army to 57 points last Monday night.

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

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the last five-plus seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 80-3 (.964) 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 contributed another win to that growing record last Monday night when it rang up 89 points in a win over Army.

NOTRE DAME MAKING A LIVING BEYOND THE ARC

Notre Dame has established itself as one of the top three-point shooting teams in the nation over the last three season. The Irish led the nation in three-point percentage last season, hitting 46.4 percent



IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

McGRAW INTERVIEWS

The best time for **Muffet McGraw** interviews is Monday morning or by special appointment. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office at 219-631-7516 to make specific arrangements.

THE MUFFET McGRAW SHOW

Muffet McGraw's half-hour, weekly television show is produced by LeSea Broadcasting and hosted by **Bob Nagle**. The show, which will kick off its fifth season in December, is carried by WHME-TV 46 in the South Bend market and will air at 6:30 p.m. EST on Saturdays through the end of the basketball season.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

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

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

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

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletic department web site can be found at www.und.com, with the extensive offerings including live audio and real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home women's basketball games.



BIG EAST STANDINGS (as of Nov. 30)

<u>PI.</u>	<u>Team</u>	BIG EAST	<u>Overall</u>
1.	Connecticut	0-0	6-0
2.	Georgetown	0-0	4-0
	Villanova	0-0	4-0
4.	Seton Hall	0-0	4-1
5.	Miami	0-0	3-1
6.	Providence	0-0	4-2
7.	Boston College	0-0	2-1
	Rutgers	0-0	2-1
9.	Syracuse	0-0	3-2
	Virginia Tech	0-0	3-2
	West Virginia	0-0	3-2
12.	NOTRE DAME	0-0	2-2
	Pittsburgh	0-0	2-2
14.	St. John's	0-0	1-4

BIG EAST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Nov. 19	Swin Cash, Connecticut
	Trish Juhline, Villanova
Nov. 26	Julie McBride, Syracuse
	Sarah Hicks, Virginia Tech

BIG EAST ROOKIES OF THE WEEK

Nov. 19	Yolanda Paige,	West	Virginia
Nov. 26	Sherell Sowho.	West	Virginia

of their shots from long distance — in fact, over the last six seasons, Notre Dame has averaged better than 10 three-point attempts per game. The Irish also set a new school record with 28 three-point tries in their win over Army last Monday night.

However, this year's season-opening win over Valparaiso produced an offensive anomaly for Notre Dame. The Irish were held without a three-point field goal, breaking a streak of 50 consecutive games in which they had made at least one trey. Prior to that game, the last time Notre Dame had gone dry from beyond the arc was Jan. 26, 2000, at St. John's.

Notre Dame didn't waste time in starting up a new three-point streak, canning 27 triples in their last three games. The Irish have now made at least one three-pointer in 149 of their last 151 games, a streak which stretches back more than four seasons.

KILLER B'S IN THE IRISH LINEUP

Notre Dame had a decidedly youthful look in its starting lineup when it opened the season Sunday against Valparaiso, as freshmen **Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton** got the nod at forward and center, respectively. In doing so, the pair were first rookie tandem in 20 years to start a season opener for the Irish — **Ruth Kaiser** and **Mary Beth Schueth** cracked the starting five in a 78-44 win over St. Joseph's (Ind.) on Dec. 2, 1981. Borton paced the Irish with 14 points and nine rebounds against the Crusaders, while Batteast scored two points and grabbed five rebounds against Valparaiso.

Batteast, a 6-1 native of South Bend, was a consensus All-American as a senior at Washington High School after averaging 26.0 ppg., 16.0 rpg. and 4.4 bpg. She also has been chosen as the 2001-02 BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Year. Borton joined Batteast as a Parade All-America selection last season at West Valley High School in Yakima, Wash., where the 6-3 post player rang up 17.9 ppg. while leading her school to the Class 3A state title.

POLL POSITION

Notre Dame is ranked 23rd in the latest ESPN/USA Today Top 25 poll, marking the 60th consecutive week in which the Irish have appeared in the coaches' poll, extending a school-record streak which dates back to the beginning of the 1998-99 season. This string has been highlighted by a six-week stay atop the rankings last season and a year-end finish at No. 1. Notre Dame also was ranked 23rd in the latest Associated Press Top 25 poll, the 56th consecutive week in which the Irish have appeared in the media poll.

RATAY NAMED NAISMITH CANDIDATE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Notre Dame junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has been selected as a preseason candidate for the 2001-02 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award. It marks the second time in as many seasons that Ratay has been named to the 30-player preseason Naismith watch list.

Ratay averaged 12.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game last season, and set an NCAA record for three-point percentage (54.7 percent) by a sophomore on the way to third-team all-BIG EAST Conference honors — she was the only sophomore to make any of the three all-league squads. Ratay also is a former BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and was named an honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press in 2000. She will be looking to follow in the footsteps of her former teammate, **Ruth Riley**, who won the 2000-01 Naismith Award, becoming the first Notre Dame women's basketball player to be so recognized.

The Naismith Awards, in their 34th year, are given in honor of the inventor of the game of basket-ball — Dr. James Naismith. The awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball. The Awards, including Men's and Women's College Player of the Year, Men's and Women's Coach of the Year, Male and Female Prep Player of the Year and Men's and Women's Official of the Year, are determined by a vote of the Naismith Board of Selectors. In addition, the Board of Selectors, comprised of a select group of leading basketball coaches, journalists and administrators, honors a Men's and Women's Outstanding Contributor to Basketball. The 2001-02 Naismith Award will presented April 5, 2002 in Atlanta.

NOTRE DAME PICKED SECOND IN BIG EAST PRESEASON BALLOTING

Fresh off a share of their first-ever BIG EAST championship last season, the Irish have been picked to finish second in 2001-02 according to a preseason poll of the league's coaches which was released at BIG EAST Media Day on Oct. 25. Notre Dame claimed two first-place votes and 155 points overall,

trailing only Connecticut (11 first-place votes, 167 points). Rutgers, Boston College and Villanova round out the top five, with VU picking up the remaining first-place vote.

Individually, junior guard **Alicia Ratay** was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST selection after earning third-team honors last year. The Lake Zurich, III., native set an NCAA record for three-point percentage by a sophomore last season (.547) and is the top returning scorer for the Irish in 2001-02 after charting 12.9 points per game a year ago.

Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** also was recognized by the conference coaches, earning second team preseason all-BIG EAST laurels. She joins Ratay as one of two starters back from last year's NCAA championship squad and averaged 11 ppg. and 5.7 rpg. during the '00-01 campaign.

In addition, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was chosen as the preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. It's the latest in a series of early-season honors for the South Bend, Ind., product, who also has been named a first team freshman All-American by the Women's Basketball News Service and has been tabbed as one of the Top 21 "New Players of Impact" by Women's College Hoops.com.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

This season, for only the fourth time in school history, Notre Dame has just one captain — senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney**. She is the first solo captain for the Irish since Sheila McMillen in 1998-99 and the second in head coach **Muffet McGraw**'s 15-year tenure.

IRISH HAIL FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

The 13 players on this season's Notre Dame roster hail from 10 different states, including two each from Florida, Illinois and Ohio. Other states represented on the Irish roster include Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame women's basketball roster features players from 34 different states, including 23 during the **Muffet McGraw** era. Ironically, the most common home state on the Irish all-time roster — Michigan (14) — is not represented on this season's roster.

FUN WITH NUMBERS

This season, Notre Dame fans are seeing a pair of jersey numbers on the floor that haven't made an appearance in quite some time. Freshman guard **Kelsey Wicks** has chosen to wear No. 24, becoming the first Irish player since **Andrea Alexander** (1990-94) to sport those digits. In addition, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is wearing No. 21 this season, a number which has not been modeled by an Irish player since All-American **Beth Morgan** wore the same jersey from 1993-97. Prior to Morgan, the last Notre Dame player to wear No. 21 was current Irish assistant coach **Coquese Washington**, who had the number from 1989-93.

IRISH CLOSING IN ON 500TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

Notre Dame is on the verge of becoming the 50th team in NCAA history, and the fourth BIG EAST Conference school to post 500 career wins. The Irish currently have an all-time record of 488-218 (.691), putting them just 12 victories away from the magic mark. However, Notre Dame is in a dogfight with several other schools to see who will be the next to reach the 500-win plateau. Here's a look at the standings in the race to 500 wins (through games of Nov. 29):

School	Career Wins	<u>Next Games</u>
Illinois State	489	11/30 at Indiana; 12/1 vs. TBA
NOTRE DAME	488	12/2 vs. Michigan
Missouri	488	11/30 vs. SE Louisiana; 12/1 vs. TBA
Maine	487	11/30 vs. George Washington; 12/1 vs. TBA
Middle Tennessee	485	12/1 vs. Mississippi
Dayton	483	12/1 at Minnesota
LaSalle	482	11/30 vs. Houston; 12/1 vs. TBA

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 142 games in its last five-plus seasons, the fifth-most wins of any school in the country. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins over the last five-plus seasons (through games of Nov. 29):



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IRISH TRENDS IN '01-02

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'01-02 IRISH HONORS

Jacqueline Batteast (Fr., South Bend, Ind.)
Preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year
Freshman All-America (WBB News Service)
Top 21 New Players of Impact (Women's
College Hoops.com)

Ericka Haney (Sr., Toledo, Ohio)
Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Alicia Ratay (Jr., Lake Zurich, III.)
Naismith Award Watch List
Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

TOP JOYCE CENTER CROWDS

<u>Rk.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
4.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
5.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
6.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
7.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
8.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
9.	11/26/01	Army	W, 89-57	7,323
10.	2/7/01	Pittsburgh	W, 72-58	7,025
11.	1/7/94	#1 Tennessee	L, 70-105	6,886
12.	2/20/01	Miami	W, 81-43	6,533
13.	1/18/96	#3 Connecticut	L, 64-87	6,501
14.	1/23/99	St. John's	W, 99-60	6,384
15.	1/31/01	Providence	W, 64-44	6,131
16.	1/13/01	Virginia Tech	W, 75-55	5,873
17.	3/19/00	G. Wash. (NCAA)	W, 95-60	5,521
18.	2/6/99	Seton Hall	W, 77-49	5,231
19.	1/6/01	#9 Rutgers	W, 67-46	5,227
20.	3/17/00	San Diego (NCAA)	W, 87-61	5,195
* de	notes cap	acity crowd		

Bold denotes game played in 2001-02

TE/	AM	<u>'96-'97</u>	<u>'97-'98</u>	<u>'98-'99</u>	<u>'99-'00</u>	<u>'00-01</u>	<u>'01-'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
1.	Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	6	170
2.	Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	4	167
3.	Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	2	156
4.	Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	2	143
5.	Notre Dame	31	22	26	27	34	2	142

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Notre Dame is looking to continue some impressive streaks in 2001-02. The Irish have won a school-record 40 consecutive games at home, the second-longest active streak in the nation behind Kent State's 43-game run. In fact, the Irish have not lost at home in nearly three years, dating back to a loss to top-ranked Connecticut on Dec. 8, 1998. Notre Dame also has a 49-3 (.942) record in BIG EAST games at the Joyce Center, with Connecticut the only league team to solve the Irish at home.

Notre Dame also sports a four-year, 25-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center — a streak that includes victories over a trio of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke in 1998-99 and Purdue in 2000-01), as well as 25th-ranked Illinois in '98-99. Notre Dame's last non-conference loss at the Joyce Center came way back on Dec. 9, 1996, when 19th-ranked Wisconsin toppled the Irish, 81-69. Overall, the Irish are 65-2 (.970) at the Joyce Center in their last 67 home games, with the only losses coming to Connecticut.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center. The Irish own a 228-65 mark for a .778 winning percentage since that first season. Last year, the Irish were a perfect 15-0 for the second year in a row. The 15 victories are a school record for home wins in a season and the first time Notre Dame teams have been undefeated at home during the regular season. During the last five-plus seasons, **Muffet McGraw**'s squad is 78-4 (.951) at the Joyce Center.

SEASON TICKET SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH FOR IRISH

Attendance at Notre Dame women's basketball games in 2000-01 increased nearly 88 percent compared to the previous season — and indications suggest another significant jump is in order for the 2001-02 campaign. Coming off the 2001 NCAA championship, there already have been more than 6,700 season tickets sold to the general public and University faculty and staff for the '01-'02 women's basketball season. That's compared to 2,700 a year ago and 940 in 1999-2000 — a jump of nearly 150 percent over last season, and a whopping 700 percent rise in just two years.

The sale of season tickets for the '01-02 campaign actually began midway through Notre Dame's 2001 championship season. All seats are reserved for Irish women's games for the first time this season — all seating in previous years had been general admission.

The Irish ranked ninth nationally in attendance last year at 6,376 fans per game, compared to 3,392 in 1999-2000. Notre Dame also recorded the first two women's basketball sellouts in school history, as 11,418 fans packed the Joyce Center for victories over top-ranked Connecticut and Georgetown.

Both of Notre Dame's home games in 2001-02 have attracted more than 7,300 fans, placing both among the top 10 crowds in school history. In fact, all of the top 20 crowds in the Notre Dame record book have occurred during the 15-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**.

NOTRE DAME FACES TOUGH SCHEDULE IN 2001-02

Notre Dame will play 10 teams which reached the postseason as part of a rugged schedule this year. The Irish battle seven NCAA Tournament squads, including four (Connecticut - 1/1, Purdue - 10/11, Colorado State - 15/16 and Michigan - 16/17) which are ranked in the Top 25 in the latest Associated Press and ESPN/*USA Today* polls. In addition, six Irish opponents (Villanova, Rutgers, Boston College, Virginia Tech, USC and Arizona) are receiving votes in one or both of the major rankings.

IRISH ON THE SMALL SCREEN

Notre Dame is getting a good deal of face time in 2001-02, playing on television six times, including its Nov. 24 nationally-televised contest at Arizona (Fox Sports Net) and the Jan. 21 tilt with Connecticut (ESPN). In addition, Notre Dame will appear three times as part of the BIG EAST regular-season television package, playing host to Virginia Tech (Jan. 26) and traveling to Villanova (Jan. 12) and Rutgers (Feb. 16). All three of those games will be telecast live on Fox Sports Chicago as part of the league's TV deal. The BIG EAST Championship semifinals on March 4 also will be aired on the BIG

EAST TV package, while the conference title game on March 5 will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

Additionally, Thursday's rematch of the 2001 NCAA championship game between Notre Dame and Purdue from West Lafayette, Ind., will be televised live by LeSea Broadcasting's flagship station, WHME-TV 46 in South Bend. Other LeSea stations may choose to carry the broadcast as well.

NOTRE DAME RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM PAIR OF TOP 25 PROSPECTS

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 15 that two of the nation's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing national letters of intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2002. **Megan Duffy** (Dayton, OH/Chaminade Julienne HS) and **Courtney LaVere** (Ventura, CA/Buena HS) are the first players to commit to the Irish during the early signing period.

Duffy, a 5-7 guard, averaged 17 points per game last season for Chaminade Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio. She was a 2001 first-team Division I all-state selection and earned honorable mention All-America accolades from Street & Smith's. Additionally, Student Sports tabbed her as a junior All-America selection. She was rated as high as No. 24 in the country by the All-Star Girls Report (ASGR) and No. 29 by School Sports.

LaVere, a 6-3 forward, tallied 13.8 points and eight rebounds per game last season for Buena High School in Ventura, Calif. She also shot 54 percent from the field and 73 percent from the free throw line for BHS, which was ranked in the top 10 nationally throughout the 2000-01 season by USA Today. In addition, LaVere was an All-America honoree by both USA Today and Street & Smith's last year, and she already has been selected as a preseason third-team All-American for the '01-02 campaign by School Sports. Like Duffy, LaVere also was a first-team all-state selection last season. She is a consensus top-15 player according to all of the major recruiting services — No. 10 by the Blue Star Index, No. 13 by School Sports and No. 15 by ASGR.

The additions of Duffy and LaVere already have given Notre Dame one of this year's top 10 recruiting classes, according to at least one recruiting outlet. The Blue Star Index has ranked the latest group of Irish signees sixth in the nation, marking the sixth consecutive year in which Blue Star has placed Notre Dame's recruiting class among the Top 20 in the country.

BOOK ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON TO HIT SHELVES IN DECEMBER

Fans of Notre Dame women's basketball will be able to relive the 2000-01 NCAA championship season in a new book by Mark Bradford entitled "Nice Girls Finish First." The book, which is slated to hit store shelves on Dec. 10, is the story of how the Irish and head coach Muffet McGraw put together a squad of truly remarkable young women, some of whom overcame great odds, to win the national championship last April. Included in the book are in-depth interviews with members of the Notre Dame senior class and starting lineup, giving an unique perspective on what it goes into putting together a championship team.

Bradford is a sportswriter for the *South Bend Tribune*, and also has done freelance work for the Associated Press and *Indianapolis Star*. The Mishawaka, Ind., resident has covered Notre Dame football and men's and women's basketball for the last six years.

KRAUSE FEATURED IN "CONFESSIONS OF A FRESHMAN"

Freshman guard **Jill Krause** will give fans an inside look at the the 2001-02 Irish women's basketball team through regular diary entries on the Notre Dame athletic website, *www.und.com*. Entitled "Confessions of a Freshman," the Glenview, Ill., native will trace the journey for a first-year player on the defending NCAA championship squad. Her diary entries may be accessed either from the front page or the women's basketball page on the Notre Dame website.

HANEY SHINES ON BIG EAST ALL-STAR TEAM

For the second time in as many years, Notre Dame sent a player with the BIG EAST Women's Basket-ball All-Star Team, as guard/forward **Ericka Haney** joined the squad for its six-game swing of Germany this summer. Haney followed in the footsteps of **Niele Ivey**, who helped lead the BIG EAST All-Stars to a 5-1 record during a junket through Canada in the summer of 2000.

Haney helped the BIG EAST, which was led by Syracuse head coach **Marianna Freeman**, to an unbeaten 6-0 record during its tour, scoring a team-high 18 points in a 103-57 win over Ludwigsburg/Malmsheim in the final game of the trip.

Haney finished with a team-high 13.0 points per game and collected 4.5 rebounds per game during her European vacation. She also scored in double figures in five of the All-Stars' six wins.



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BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

1.	Connecticut (11)	167
2.	NOTRE DAME (2)	155
3.	Rutgers	143
4.	Boston College	125
5.	Villanova (1)	112
6.	Virginia Tech	111
7.	Georgetown	102
8.	Miami	86
9.	Seton Hall	75
10.	Syracuse	59
11.	Providence	56
12.	Pittsburgh	41
13.	St. John's	23
14.	West Virginia	19

2001-02 Preseason Player of the Year

Sue Bird, Sr., G, 5-9, Connecticut

2001-02 Preseason Rookie of the Year Jacqueline Batteast, Fr., F, 6-1, Notre Dame

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

*Sue Bird, Connecticut, G, Sr. Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown, F, So. Swin Cash, Connecticut, F, Sr. Becky Gottstein, Boston College, F, Sr. Trish Juhline, Villanova, G, Jr. Alicia Ratay, Notre Dame, G, Jr.

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Chanivia Broussard, Miami, F, So. Davalyn Cunningham, Rutgers, F, Sr. Ericka Haney, Notre Dame, G/F, Sr. Asjha Jones, Connecticut, F, Sr. Diana Taurasi, Connecticut, G, So.

^{* -} unanimous selection

2001-02 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 2-2 (Home: 2-0, Away: 0-2, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

--- Notre Dame Highs -----

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Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	ND	Result	W-L	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 18	15/14		VALPARAISO	W	42-35	W1	1-0		Borton-14	2 with 9	Severe-4	7,960
Nov. 21	15/15	20/22	at Colorado State	L	66-72	L1	1-1		Ratay-16	Batteast-11	Severe-5	6,749
Nov. 24	15/15		at Arizona	L	70-72	L2	1-2		Ratay-19	Haney-9	Severe-6	3,335
Nov. 26	23/23		ARMY	W	89-57	W1	2-2		Batteast-18	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,323
Dec. 2			(1) vs. Michigan									
Dec. 6			at Purdue									
Dec. 9			USC									
Dec. 12			WESTERN MICHIGAN									
Dec. 22			MARQUETTE									
Dec. 28			at Rice									
Dec. 31			DEPAUL									
Jan. 2			at Miami*									
Jan. 5			PROVIDENCE*									
Jan. 9			SETON HALL*									
Jan. 12			at Villanova*									
Jan. 19			at Providence*									
Jan. 21			(2) at Connecticut*									
Jan. 26			VIRGINIA TECH*									
Jan. 29			SYRACUSE*									
Feb. 2			at Seton Hall*									
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*									

BIG EAST Championship (Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway, N.J.)

BOSTON COLLEGE*

ST. JOHN'S* at Rutgers*

WEST VIRGINIA*

at Georgetown*

VILLANOVA*

March 2First RoundMarch 3QuarterfinalsMarch 4SemifinalsMarch 5Championship

NCAA First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)

March 15 & 16 First Round
March 17 & 18 Second Round

NCAA Regionals (East - Raleigh, N.C.; Mideast - Milwaukee, Wis.; Midwest - Ames, Iowa; West - Boise, Idaho)

March 23 Semifinals
March 25 Finals

NCAA Final Four (Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas)

March 29 Semifinals
March 31 Championship

CAPS denotes home game

Feb. 10

Feb. 13

Feb. 16

Feb. 19 Feb. 23

Feb. 26

- * BIG EAST Conference game
- (1) Women's College Basketball Showcase (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
- (2) Game played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center
- NR Indicates Notre Dame and opponent national rankings in the Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls at tipoff

2001-02 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics

Overall Record: 2-2 (Home: 2-0, Away: 0-2, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

<u>Player</u>	<u>GP-GS</u>	MinAvg.	FG-A	Pct.	<u>3FG-A</u>	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	<u>OR</u>	<u>DR</u>	Tot.	<u>Avg.</u>	PF-DQ	<u>A</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	Avg.
Alicia Ratay	4-4	140-35.0	19-45	.422	9-20	.450	11-12	.917	8	16	24	6.0	3-0	9	9	1	3	58	14.5
Le'Tania Severe	4-4	127-31.8	14-29	.483	4-8	.500	15-24	.625	3	11	14	3.5	10-0	19	16	3	7	47	11.8
Jacqueline Batteast	4-4	107-26.8	18-49	.367	6-17	.353	3-6	.500	12	20	32	8.0	12-0	5	8	6	4	45	11.3
Teresa Borton	4-4	109-27.3	13-31	.419	0-0	.000	7-14	.500	15	15	30	7.5	12-0	6	3	1	2	33	8.3
Karen Swanson	1-0	7-7.0	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	0	2	2	2.0	2-0	1	0	0	0	5	5.0
Katy Flecky	4-0	67-16.8	6-12	.500	0-0	.000	8-9	.889	6	12	18	4.5	8-0	3	10	1	2	20	5.0
Ericka Haney	4-4	93-23.3	8-26	.308	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	8	13	21	5.3	10-0	2	8	0	5	20	5.0
Kelsey Wicks	4-0	52-13.0	5-13	.313	2-7	.286	7-8	.875	7	5	12	3.0	5-0	1	4	0	2	19	4.8
Jeneka Joyce	4-0	40-10.0	4-10	.400	2-6	.333	2-4	.500	1	4	5	1.3	3-0	6	4	0	2	12	3.0
Allison Bustamante	2-0	14-7.0	2-7	.286	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0	4	4	2.0	1-0	1	1	0	0	6	3.0
Monique Hernandez	4-0	38-9.5	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	1	4	1.0	3-0	3	2	0	2	2	0.5
Jill Krause	1-0	6-6.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team									7	13	20	5.0			2				
Notre Dame	4		92-236	.390	24-62	.387	59-88	.670	70	118	188	47.0	69-0	56	68	12	29	267	66.8
Opponents	4		81-231	.351	23-76	.303	51-74	.689	44	91	135	33.8	75-1	51	59	14	28	236	59.0

2001-02 Single Game Highs & Lows

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Points (Game)							
Points (Half)	47 vs. Army (1st half), 11/26/01						
Field Goals Made	33 vs. Army, 11/26/01						
Field Goal Attempts							
Three-Point Field Goals Made							
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts							
Free Throws Made	19 at Arizona, 11/24/01						
Free Throw Attempts							
Rebounds	60 vs. Army, 11/26/01						
Personal Fouls	21, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)						
Assists							
Turnovers							
Blocked Shots	5 vs. Army, 11/26/01						
Steals	12 vs. Army, 11/26/01						

NOTRE DAME HIGHS

OPPONENT HIGHS Points (Game) 72, twice (MR: Arizona, 11/24/01) Points (Half) 39, Colorado State (1st half), 11/21/01 Field Goals Made 26, Colorado State, 11/21/01 Field Goal Attempts 65, Arizona, 11/24/01 Three-Point Field Goals Made 8, Arizona, 11/24/01 Tree Throws Made 20, Arizona, 11/24/01 Free Throw Attempts 21, twice (MR: Army, 11/26/01) Rebounds 39, Colorado State, 11/21/01 Personal Fouls 22, Valparaiso, 11/18/01 Assists 16, Arizona, 11/24/01 Turnovers 19, Valparaiso, 11/18/01 Blocked Shots 8, Colorado State, 11/21/01 Steals 9, twice (MR: Arizona, 11/24/01)

* denotes school record

NOTRE DAME LOWS

Points (Game)	
Points (Half)	
Field Goals Made	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Attempts	
	0 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	
Free Throws Made	
Rebounds	41, twice (MR: at Colorado State, 11/21/01)
Personal Fouls	
Assists	
Turnovers	
Blocked Shots	
Steals	4, twice (MR: at Arizona, 11/24/01)

OPPONENT LOWS

Points (Game)	
Points (Half)	. 15, Valparaiso (2nd half), 11/18/01
Field Goals Made	13, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Attempts	47, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	3, Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	11, Army, 11/26/01
Free Throws Made	4, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throw Attempts	12, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	30, Arizona, 11/24/01
Personal Fouls	14, Army, 11/26/01
Assists	
Turnovers	11, Colorado State, 11/21/01
Blocked Shots	1, Army, 11/26/01
Steals	4, Colorado State, 11/21/01

2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Biography Updates

31 Amanda Barksdale Center, Junior, 6-3, Friendswood, TX (Clear Brook)

Has missed both exhibition games and first four regular-season contests with a stress reaction in her right leg ... could see first action Sunday vs. Michigan.

Season Highs		Career Highs			
Points	None	10 vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01			
Field Goals	None	3, three times (MR: vs. Alcorn St., 3/17/01)			
Free Throws	None	4, twice (MR: vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01)			
Rebounds	None	11 vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01			
Assists None 2, twice		2, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)			
Steals	None	2, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 2/12/00)			
Blocks	None	7 vs. Providence, 2/1/00			
Minutes	None	22 vs. Georgetown, 3/4/01			

21 **Jacqueline Batteast** Forward, Freshman, 6-1, South Bend, IN (Washington)

Has started all four games for the Irish as a true freshman, averaging 26.8 minutes per game ... paired with Teresa Borton as the first rookie tandem to start a season opener in 20 years ... leads team with 8.0 rebounds per game and ranks third on team with 11.3 points per game ... picked up her first career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds at Colorado State ... also drained first two three-pointers of her career at CSU ... notched second career double-double with season bests of 18 points and 12 rebounds against Army.

Season/Career Highs

Points 18 vs. Army, 11/26/01 7 vs. Army, 11/26/01 Field Goals

2, three times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01) 3-pt Field Goals

Free Throws 2 vs. Army, 11/26/01 12 vs. Army, 11/26/01 Rebounds Assists 2 vs. Army, 11/26/01 Steals 2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01 4 vs. Army, 11/26/01 Blocks 32 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01 Minutes

12 **Teresa Borton** Center, Freshman, 6-3, Yakima, WA (West Valley)

Has started all four games for the Irish as a true freshman, averaging 27.3 minutes per outing ... joined Jacqueline Batteast as the first freshman duo to start a season opener for Notre Dame in 20 years ... second on team with 7.5 rebounds per game and stands fourth with 8.3 points per contest ... nearly posted a double-double in her first college game, finishing with game highs of 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso ... almost had double-double at Colorado State, tallying nine points and eight rebounds .. matched season high with nine rebounds vs. Army.

Season/Career Highs 14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01 Points Field Goals 5 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01 Free Throws 4 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01 Rebounds 9, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01) 3 at Arizona, 11/24/01 Assists 1, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01) Steals **Blocks** 1 at Arizona, 11/24/01 34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

Minutes

44 Allison Bustamante Guard, Freshman, 6-0, Miami, FL (Our Lady of Lourdes)

Made first collegiate appearance against Colorado State, seeing less than one minute of action ... tallied six points and four rebounds in 14 minutes against Army ... also drilled first career three-point field goal against Army ... suffered high ankle sprain in practice (Nov. 28) and may be out 3-6 weeks.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	6 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
3-pt Field Goals	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Free Throws	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Rebounds	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Assists	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Steals	None
Blocks	None

14 vs. Army, 11/26/01

Minutes

33 Katy Flecky Forward, Freshman, 6-2, Lone Tree, CO (Highlands Ranch)

Has appeared in all four games for Notre Dame, averaging 16.8 minutes per game ... averaging 5.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game ... also nearly perfect (8-9) from the free throw stripe ... saw first collegiate action against Valparaiso, recording a steal in four minutes ... had solid return to home state with six points and eight rebounds in 16 minutes at Colorado State ... tallied season-high nine points and six rebounds in season-best 28 minutes at Arizona .. collected season-best two assists and first career blocked shot in win over Army.

Season/Career Highs Points 9 at Arizona, 11/24/01

Field Goals 2, three times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)

3-pt Field Goals None

5 at Arizona, 11/24/01 Free Throws Rebounds 8 at Colorado State, 11/21/01 Assists 2 vs. Armv. 11/26/01

1, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01) Steals Blocks 1 vs. Army, 11/26/01 28 at Arizona, 11/24/01 Minutes

3 Ericka Haney Guard/Forward, Senior, 6-0, Toledo, OH (Central Catholic)

Has started all four games this season, averaging 23.3 minutes per game ... averaging 5.0 points and 5.3 rebounds per contest ... the only captain for Notre Dame in 2001-02, just the second solo captain for the Irish in the Muffet McGraw era ... charted six points and five rebounds in season-opening win over Valparaiso ... corralled game-high nine rebounds at Arizona ... rang up season-best seven points and added six rebounds against Army.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	7 vs. Army, 11/26/01	21 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Field Goals	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	10 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Free Throws	2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	7 vs. Connecticut, 3/30/01
Rebounds	9 at Arizona, 11/24/01	14 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Assists	1, twice (MR: at Arizona, 11/24/01)	5 vs. Georgia, 11/24/00
Steals	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)	4 vs. St. John's, 1/23/99
Blocks	None	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/22/00)
Minutes	33 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	39 vs. Rutgers, 2/17/01

23 **Monique Hernandez** Guard, Junior, 5-9, Rio Rancho, NM (Cibola)

Has appeared in all four games for the Irish, playing primarily as a defensive stopper ... picked up an offensive rebound at Colorado State ... turned in solid allaround effort against Army, finishing with two points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals in 17 minutes — three assists and two steals tied her career highs.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	10 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01
Field Goals	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01
3-pt Field Goals	None	1 at Purdue, 12/8/99
Free Throws	None	4 vs. USC, 12/28/00
Rebounds	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 vs. Villanova, 12/6/00
Assists	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, four times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Steals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	2, five times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Blocks	None	2, vs. Georgetown, 1/29/00
Minutes	17 vs. Army, 11/26/01	25 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01

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

Has played in all four games for Notre Dame, averaging 9.5 minutes per outing ... logging 3.0 points and 1.5 assists per game ... knocked down a pair of free throws and handed out two assists at Colorado State ... canned first three-point field goal of the season and added two rebounds at Arizona ... tallied season-high seven points and dished out three assists in win over Army.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	7 vs. Army, 11/26/01	14 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Field Goals	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
3-pt Field Goals	1, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)	4 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Free Throws	2 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	3 vs. West Virginia, 1/24/01
Rebounds	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)	3, four times (MR: at Connecticut, 3/6/01)
Assists	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 vs. Georgetown, 3/4/01
Steals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, three times
Blocks	None	1, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)

10 Jill Krause Guard, Freshman, 5-8, Glenview, IL (Regina Dominican)

24, twice (MR: at Connecticut, 3/6/01)

Made first collegiate appearance against Army, grabbing two rebounds.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	None
Field Goals	None
3-pt Field Goals	None
Free Throws	None
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Assists	None
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	6 vs. Army, 11/26/01

14 vs. Army, 11/26/01

Minutes

22 Alicia Ratay Guard, Junior, 6-0, Lake Zurich, IL (Lake Zurich)

Has started all four games for Notre Dame, averaging a team-high 35 minutes per game ... leads team in scoring (14.5 ppg.), second in assists (2.3 apg) and third in rebounds (6.0 rpg.) ... also has made a team-high nine three-point field goals ... nearly came up with a double-double in the season opener against Valparaiso, finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds while playing all 40 minutes ... rang up a game-high 16 points (6-7 FT) at Colorado State ... connected for team-best 19 points (3-5 from three-point range) and added seven rebounds at Arizona ... canned 4-of-6 three-point attempts and scored 12 points in victory over Army.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	19 at Arizona, 11/24/01	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	8 at Arizona, 11/24/01	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01	7 at Rutgers, 2/19/00
Free Throws	6 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	7, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 3/5/01)
Rebounds	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	12 vs. St. John's, 2/12/00
Assists	3, twice (MR: at Arizona, 11/24/01)	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/3/01)
Minutes	40 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	44 at Rutgers, 2/19/00

Le'Tania Severe Guard, Sophomore, 5-8, Pembroke Pines, FL (Ft. Lauderdale)

Has started all four games at point guard for Notre Dame, playing 31.8 minutes per night ... ranks second on team with 11.8 points per game and leads squad with 4.8 assists per outing ... also setting the pace among the starting five with .483 field goal percentage ... made first career start in season opener vs. Valparaiso, tallying seven points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocks ... smashed previous career high with 15 points on 6-of-12 shooting (including trio of three-point field goals) at Colorado State — previous career high was seven points ... added 12 points (8-10 FT) and career-high six assists at Arizona ... chipped in with 13 points vs. Army.

	Season Highs	Career Highs		
Points	15 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	Same		
Field Goals	6 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	Same		
3-pt Field Goals	3 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	Same		
Free Throws 8 at Arizona, 11/24/01		Same		
Rebounds	6 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	7 vs. Providence, 1/31/01		
Assists	6 at Arizona, 11/24/01	Same		
Steals	2, three times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)	3 vs. Miami, 2/20/01		
Blocks	2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	Same		
Minutes	36 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	Same		

11 **Karen Swanson** Guard, Junior, 5-8, Westlake, OH (Westlake)

Made first appearance of season against Army, matching her career high with five points in seven minutes of playing time.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	5 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Field Goals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
3-pt Field Goals	None	1, three times (MR: at West Va., 1/24/01)
Free Throws	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/20/01)
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00
Assists	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	1, three times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Steals	None	2, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 2/1/01)
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	7 vs. Army, 11/26/01	11 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00

24 **Kelsey Wicks** Guard, Freshman, 6-2, Gillette, WY (Campbell County)

Has played in all four games for the Irish this season, averaging 13 minutes per contest ... tallying 4.8 points and 3.0 rebounds per game ... pulled down seasonhigh four rebounds in season-best 17 minutes at Colorado State ... carded nine points (2-3 FG, 4-4 FT) and sank first career three-point field goal at Arizona ... notched seven points in victory over Army.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goals	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
3-pt Field Goals	1, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Free Throws	4 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	4 at Colorado State, 11/21/01
Assists	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Steals	1, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Blocks	None
Minutes	17 at Colorado State, 11/21/01

Notre Dame 42, Valparaiso 35 Nov. 18, 2001 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Valparaiso (35)

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<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	3fg-a	<u>ft-a</u>	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	<u>pf</u>	tp	
Schober	38	3-6	1-3	3-6	9	1	2	10	
Nieuwveen	25	2-6	0-0	0-2	6	1	5	4	
Knoester	25	2-4	2-3	0-0	0	1	4	6	
Hammel	19	1-7	1-6	0-0	1	2	3	3	
Gray	40	2-13	0-1	0-2	9	1	3	4	
Boone	30	2-5	1-4	1-2	9	3	2	6	
McIntosh	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	
Springer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
Frede	18	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2	
Team					1				
Totals	200	13-47	5-18	4-12	35	9	22	35	
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Notre Dame (42)

<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	<u>pf</u>	tр
Haney	33	2-6	0-0	2-5	5	1	3	6
Batteast	32	1-8	0-1	0-0	5	1	2	2
Borton	34	5-9	0-0	4-7	9	0	3	14
Severe	34	2-6	0-1	3-7	6	4	1	7
Ratay	40	3-10	0-0	5-5	9	1	0	11
Joyce	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	0
Hernandez	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wicks	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	2
Flecky	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	14-43	0-2	14-25	41	8	9	42

Valparaiso 20 15 -- 35 Notre Dame 24 18 -- 42

FG Pct: Notre Dame 32.6, Valparaiso 27.7. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 00.0, Valparaiso 27.8. FT Pct: Notre Dame 56.0, Valparaiso 33.3. <u>Turnovers</u>: Notre Dame 19, Valparaiso 19. <u>Blocked Shots</u>: Notre Dame 3 (Severe 2), Valparaiso 2. <u>Steals</u>: Notre Dame 9, Valparaiso 9 (Gray 4). <u>Attendance</u>: 7,960.

Colorado State 72, Notre Dame 66 Nov. 21, 2001 Moby Arena (Fort Collins, Colo.)

Notre Dame (66)

<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	<u>3fg-a</u>	<u>ft-a</u>	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	<u>pf</u> 2	tр	
Haney	24	2-8	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	4	
Batteast	22	5-10	2-3	1-2	11	1	4	13	
Borton	24	4-12	0-0	1-2	8	1	3	9	
Severe	36	6-12	3-5	0-3	2	5	4	15	
Ratay	39	4-15	2-9	6-7	4	3	1	16	
Joyce	11	0-0	0-0	2-3	1	2	1	2	
Hernandez	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	
Wicks	17	0-4	0-2	1-2	4	0	2	1	
Flecky	16	2-4	0-0	2-2	8	1	2	6	
Bustamante	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
Team					6				
Totals	200	23-65	7-19	13-21	46	13	21	66	

Colorado State (72)

<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	<u>pf</u>	<u>tp</u>	
Augspurger	29	4-13	0-5	2-3	6	2	<u>pf</u> 3	10	
English	35	4-12	4-8	1-3	3	6	1	13	
Gorton	35	6-11	0-0	2-3	7	2	3	14	
Borton	23	2-5	2-4	2-2	5	0	0	8	
Narkiewicz	29	4-6	0-1	4-6	7	1	3	12	
Ferrucho	11	2-3	0-0	2-3	1	1	2	6	
Campbell	20	2-5	1-2	0-1	1	0	0	5	
Jenkins	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0	
Strecker	14	2-4	0-1	0-0	6	0	3	4	
Team					3				
Totals	200	26-59	7-21	13-21	39	12	18	72	

Notre Dame 33 33 -- 66 Colorado State 39 33 -- 72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 35.4, Colorado State 44.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 36.8, Colorado State 33.3. FT Pct: Notre Dame 61.9, Colorado State 61.9. Turnovers: Notre Dame 13, Colorado State 11. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 1, Colorado State 8 (Augspurger 3). Steals: Notre Dame 4, Colorado State 8. Attendance: 6,749.

Arizona 72, Notre Dame 70 Nov. 24, 2001 McKale Center (Tucson, Ariz.)

Notre Dame (70)

<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	<u>3fg-a</u>	<u>ft-a</u>	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	pf	<u>tp</u>	
Haney	21	1-5	0-0	1-2	9	1	<u>pf</u> 3	<u>tp</u> 3	
Batteast	25	5-13	2-5	0-0	4	1	4	12	
Borton	30	1-4	0-0	1-3	4	3	4	3	
Severe	31	2-4	0-0	8-10	2	6	2	12	
Ratay	38	8-13	3-5	0-0	7	3	1	19	
Joyce	9	1-4	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	3	
Hernandez	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
Wicks	15	2-3	1-1	4-4	2	1	1	9	
Flecky	28	2-4	0-0	5-5	6	0	2	9	
Team					5				
Totals	200	22-51	7-13	19-24	41	15	18	70	

Arizona (72)

<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	<u>3fg-a</u>	<u>ft-a</u>	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	pf	<u>tp</u>
Warren	34	3-6	0-0	0-0	7	2	2	6
Pickney	35	8-13	0-0	11-11	8	1	1	27
Taylor	21	0-4	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	2
Grzyb	14	1-5	0-3	0-0	0	1	4	2
Brase	33	3-11	3-7	0-0	2	5	4	9
Allen	28	3-11	2-5	0-0	4	3	4	8
Wheeler	33	4-14	3-10	7-7	4	2	3	18
Roberson	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					3			
Totals	200	22-65	8-26	20-20	30	16	21	72

Notre Dame 35 35 -- 70 Arizona 35 37 -- 72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.1, Arizona 33.8. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 53.8, Arizona 30.8. FT Pct: Notre Dame 79.2, Arizona 100.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 21, Arizona 12. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3, Arizona 3 (Pickney 2). Steals: Notre Dame 4 (Severe 2), Arizona 9 (Wheeler 4). Technical Foul: Notre Dame bench. Attendance: 3,335.

Notre Dame 89, Army 57 Nov. 26, 2001 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Army (57)

<u>Player</u>	<u>mın</u>	<u>tg-a</u>	<u> 3fg-a</u>	<u>ft-a</u>	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	<u>pt</u>	<u>tp</u>	
McKinnon	21	2-4	0-0	5-7	1	2	2	9	
Macfarlane	31	6-14	0-0	1-1	8	1	4	13	
McPhatter	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0	
Canelli	32	3-12	2-4	2-2	3	1	1	10	
Saal	25	3-9	1-4	1-1	2	1	2	8	
Gassman	10	1-7	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	2	
Edwards	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	1	
Brent	11	2-2	0-0	3-3	3	1	0	7	
Soeung	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	
Holden	10	1-4	0-0	1-4	1	0	1	3	
Arnold	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
Helu	35	1-6	0-1	0-0	5	4	1	2	
Buchholz	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	
Pagano	5	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	2	
Team					6				
Totals	200	20-60	3-11	14-21	31	14	14	57	

Notre Dame (89)

<u>Player</u>	<u>min</u>	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	<u>reb</u>	<u>ast</u>	pf	<u>tp</u>
Haney	15	3-7	0-0	1-1	6	0	2	7
Batteast	28	7-18	2-8	2-4	12	2	2	18
Borton	21	3-6	0-0	1-2	9	2	2	7
Severe	26	4-7	1-2	4-4	4	4	3	13
Ratay	23	4-7	4-6	0-0	4	2	1	12
Joyce	14	3-6	1-4	0-0	2	3	1	7
Krause	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Swanson	7	2-4	0-2	1-1	2	1	2	5
Hernandez	17	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	2
Wicks	10	2-7	1-4	2-2	3	0	2	7
Flecky	19	2-4	0-0	1-2	4	2	4	5
Bustamante	14	2-7	1-2	1-2	4	1	1	6
Team					5			
Totals	200	33-77	10-28	13-18	60	20	21	89

Army 31 26 -- 57 Notre Dame 47 42 -- 89

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.9, Army 33.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 35.7, Army 27.3. FT Pct: Notre Dame 72.2, Army 66.7. Turnovers: Notre Dame 15, Army 17. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 5 (Batteast 4), Army 1. Steals: Notre Dame 12, Army 6. Attendance: 7,323.