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NOTRE DAME

2002-03 Men's Basketball Game Notes

2002-03 Notre Dame Schedule/Results (1-0, 0-0)

NOVEMBER

1	Fri.	ILLINOIS ALL-STARS (Ex.)	W, 107-77
11	Mon.	EA SPORTS ALL-STARS (Ex.)	W, 81-64
17	Sun.	BELMONT~	W, 76-48
18	Mon.	IUPUI+	7:00 p.m.
22	Fri.	BUCKNELL	9:00 p.m.
25-	Mon.-	Guardians Classic Semifinals@6:00/8:30 p.m.	
26	Tue.	Guardians Classic Consolation/ Championship@	6:00/8:30 p.m.
30	Sat.	ALBANY	1:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

2	Mon.	MARQUETTE	7:00 p.m.
7	Sat.	vs. Maryland!	3:30 p.m.
8	Sun.	vs. George Washington/Texas!	1:00/3:30 p.m.
14	Sat.	DEPAUL	5:00 p.m.
22	Sun.	CANISIUS	1:00 p.m.
30	Mon.	VANDERBILT	7:30 p.m.

JANUARY

4	Sat.	vs. Valparaiso#	1:00 p.m.
6	Mon.	at Pittsburgh*	7:00 p.m.
12	Sun.	SETON HALL*	12:00 p.m.
14	Tue.	RUTGERS*	7:30 p.m.
18	Sat.	at Kentucky	2:00 p.m.
21	Tue.	at Providence*	7:30 p.m.
25	Sat.	at Boston College*	2:00 p.m.
29	Wed.	WEST VIRGINIA*	7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

1	Sat.	GEORGETOWN*	12:00 p.m.
5	Wed.	at Seton Hall*	7:30 p.m.
9	Sun.	PITTSBURGH*	3:30 p.m.
15	Sat.	at Syracuse*	1:00 p.m.
18	Tue.	at West Virginia*	7:00 p.m.
22	Sat.	VIRGINIA TECH*	1:00 p.m.
24	Mon.	CONNECTICUT*	7:00 p.m.

MARCH

1	Sat.	at Rutgers*	4:00 p.m.
4	Tue.	SYRACUSE*	7:00 p.m.
8	Sat.	at Georgetown*	4:00 p.m.
12-	Wed.	at BIG EAST Championship	TBA
15	Sat.	(Madison Square Garden — New York, N.Y.)	
20-	Thur.-	NCAA First and Second Rounds	
23	Sun.		
28-	Thur.-	NCAA Regionals	
30	Sun.		

APRIL

5 &	Sat. &	NCAA Final Four Championship	
7	Mon.	(Louisiana Superdome- New Orleans, La.)	

* — BIG EAST Conference game
~ — Guardians Classic (First Round)
+ — Guardians Classic (Second Round)
@ — Kansas City, Mo.
! — BB&T Classic (Washington, D.C.)
— United Center (Chicago, Ill.)
() — indicates Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today rankings at time of game

All times local to site.

Game No. **2** IUPUI Jaguars (1-0) at NOTRE DAME Fighting Irish (1-0) Guardians Classic — Championship Round

Date: Monday, November 18, 2002

Place: Joyce Center (11,418), Notre Dame, Ind.

Time: 7:00 p.m. EST

Radio: Host Communications Inc. (Jack Lorri, Jack Nolan) originates the Notre Dame Radio Network (includes WNDV 92.9 FM and 1490 AM in South Bend, Ind./Michiana Region; WBIG 1250 AM in Chicago, Ill.; ESPN 950 AM in Indianapolis, Ind.; WGL 1250 AM in Fort Wayne, Ind.; WEFM 95.9 FM in Michigan City, Ind.; WVHI 1330 AM in Evansville, Ind.; and WLUV 1520 AM in Rockford, Ill.). All radio broadcasts can also be heard through the World Wide Web at www.und.com.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics are available for all home games, via the Notre Dame athletic website (www.und.com).



SCOUTING THE IRISH —

Notre Dame returns two starters and seven monogram winners from last year's squad which posted a 22-11 mark and 10-6 record in BIG EAST play. The Irish advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year and finished in second-place in the final BIG EAST West Division race behind champion Pittsburgh.

The Irish will look to replace three key starters — Ryan Humphrey, the team's leading scorer (18.9 ppg.) and rebounder (10.9 rpg.) and the 19th overall in the 2002 NBA Draft; David Graves (14.4 ppg. and 5.0 rpg.) who closed out his career as the school's all-time three-point field goals made leader and finished as the seventh all-time leading scorer; and Harold Swanagan (8.1 ppg. and 6.7 rpg.).

Notre Dame's strength will be in its backcourt, while the inexperience and youth of the frontline poses several question marks for third-year Irish head coach Mike Brey and his staff.

Senior guard **Matt Carroll (Horsham, Pa.)** returns for his fourth season as a starter in the Irish lineup. Carroll has played in 99 career games at Notre Dame and has earned starts in 91 of those contests. He averaged 14.1 points and 4.8 rebounds a year ago. Carroll heads into his final season needing just 58 three-pointers to become the school's all-time leader in that category. He owns a career scoring average of 12.0 ppg. after finishing the 2001-02 campaign by scoring 20 points in the final four games of the season.

Sophomore point guard **Chris Thomas (Indianapolis, Ind.)**, the 2002 National Freshman of the Year by *Basketball Times* and *Basketball News* and BIG EAST Rookie of the Year, joins Carroll in the backcourt again this season. The Irish tandem comprises one of the top backcourt tandems in the country. Thomas averaged 15.6 points, 3.5 rebounds and 7.64 assists last season en route to establishing single-season marks for assists (252) and steals

LAST IRISH OUTING

Notre Dame 76, Belmont 48
November 17, 2002
Joyce Center — Guardians Classic (First Round)
Notre Dame, IN

Belmont (48)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Mark	30	4	11	1	2	6	2	3	10
Sonn	25	3	19	0	1	14	2	1	6
Snyder	25	1	9	0	0	2	0	3	3
Drabyn	31	6	11	0	0	1	2	2	17
Sonn	19	2	2	0	0	2	1	4	4
Collings	15	2	5	2	3	0	3	0	7
Patton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard-Downs	19	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0
Caterson	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0
Colbert	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otis	15	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0
Modlin	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Oliver	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team						6		1	
Totals	200	18	64	4	8	40	12	18	76

Notre Dame (76)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Cornette	30	1	1	0	0	13	1	1	2
Miller	30	5	13	7	9	10	0	0	19
Francis	25	3	8	1	2	4	2	2	7
Thomas	30	4	8	4	4	3	8	1	15
Carroll	24	6	14	1	2	5	2	3	15
Quinn	20	3	4	0	0	2	3	2	8
Cornett	11	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	4
Macura	12	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0
Jones	16	2	4	1	2	1	2	1	6
Lustig	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Markwood	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team						3			
Totals	200	25	56	16	23	43	18	13	76

Belmont 21 40 -- 48
Notre Dame 40 36 -- 76

FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.6, Belmont 28.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 43.5, Belmont 33.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 69.6, Belmont 50.0. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 10, Belmont 8. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Belmont 17; **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 19, Belmont 0; **Steals:** Notre Dame 14, Belmont 10. **Attendance:** 10,689.

(72). He started all 33 contests and averaged 38 minutes, while playing 40 or more minutes in 14 games. Thomas scored in double figures in all but seven games and netted 20-plus points in nine games.

Carroll and Thomas form one of the most dangerous perimeter attacks in all of college basketball as

2002-03 Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS

(Week #1 —Preseason)

LW

1. Arizona
2. Kansas
3. Oklahoma
4. **Texas**
5. **Pittsburgh**
6. Duke
7. Florida
8. Alabama
9. Michigan State
10. Xavier
11. Oregon
12. Mississippi St.
13. **Maryland**
14. UCLA
15. **Connecticut**
16. Georgia
17. **Kentucky**
18. **Marquette**
19. Missouri
20. Western Kentucky
21. Indiana
22. Gonzaga
23. Cincinnati
24. Minnesota
25. Tulsa

ESPN/USA TODAY

(Week #1 —Preseason)

LW

1. Arison
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17. **Kentucky**
18. Missouri
19. **Marquette**
20. Cincinnati
21. Indiana
22. Gonzaga
23. Western Kentucky
24. Minnesota
25. Illinois

bold indicates 2002-03 opponent

the two accounted for 149 of Notre Dame's 244 (61.1 percent) three-point field goals. Both have a great outside touch with the ability to knock down the long-range shot and break zone defenses.

Senior **Dan Miller (Mt. Holly, N.J.)**, a combination guard/forward joins the Irish after sitting out last season following his transfer from the University of Maryland in the summer of 2001. Miller played in 104 games for the Terrapins during his three-year career at the College Park, Md., campus and started all 34 contests during his sophomore year (1999-2000), while averaging 8.5 points. He played on Maryland's 2001 Final Four team. Miller has one year of eligibility remaining.

Torrian Jones (Fairless Hills, Pa.) was the first player off the bench for the Irish a year ago, and it is likely that he will fill that role again this season. He has emerged as one of Notre Dame's most complete players in terms of his offensive and defensive skills. He played in all 33 contests last season and earned nine starts while averaging 3.5 points and 2.0 rebounds.

Junior **Tom Timmermans (Driehuis, Netherlands)** will likely be the starting center for the Irish to begin the season. After battling a knee injury during the early part of last season, Timmermans finished off the '01-'02 campaign in strong fashion as he played in 19 games and averaged 2.2 points per game.

Freshman **Torin Francis (Roslindale, Mass.)**, a McDonald's and *Parade Magazine* All-American, will get the starting nod at the power forward slot to start the season. One of the top prep standouts in the country a year ago, he averaged 28.5 points, 11.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots per game.

Sophomore **Jordan Cornette (Cincinnati, Ohio)** will also be battling for a starting job. He played in all but two games and earned starts in six contests during last season. Cornette averaged 2.7 points and 3.3 rebounds while averaging 14.3 minutes of playing time.

Another rookie frontline player expected to see significant playing minutes is **Rick Cornett (Country Club Hills, Ill.)**. He concluded his prep career with 2,488 career points and 1,788 rebounds, and averaged 21.0 points and 14.0 rebounds during his final prep season.

With Timmermans, Francis, Cornette and Cornett up front, freshman **Omari Peterkin (St. Thomas, Virgin Islands)** will have a chance to settle in and learn Brey's system and style of play. He averaged 25.0 points and 15.0 rebounds in his final season and has also been a member of the Virgin Islands Junior National Team the past two years.

The Irish will receive added depth in the backcourt from **Chris Markwood (South Portland, Maine)** and freshman **Chris Quinn (Dublin, Ohio)**. Markwood begins his third season with the Irish, but missed all of his freshman year following arthroscopic knee surgery in September of 2000. He played in 18 games last year. Quinn will be Thomas' backup at point guard, but it is likely the two will see playing time in the backcourt at the same time throughout the season. He averaged 22.4 points and 7.0 assists during his final prep campaign and finished his career with 1,670 career points and 469 assists.

RECAP OF BELMONT —

Dan Miller recorded his first double double of his career in his debut in an Irish uniform as he scored a game-high 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while **Jordan Cornette** blocked a school and Joyce Center record 11 blocked shots. In addition, he grabbed a career-best 13 rebounds.

Cornette broke the school record of eight blocked (set by LaPhonso Ellis in 1992) and Joyce Center mark (set by Bill Walton of UCLA in 1973). Several of his blocked shots came in a decisive 30-5 run. Notre Dame was leading 26-21 with 2:57 remaining before halftime and closed out the first half with a 14-0 run that gave the Irish a 40-21 halftime lead.

Notre Dame held Belmont to just eight points in the first 12:30 of the contest in building a 37-point advantage (66-29). The Irish held the Bruins to just 28.1 shooting accuracy from the field and forced 17 turnovers.

Matt Carroll and **Chris Thomas** each finished with 15 points each. Thomas also had eight assists in the game. Notre Dame's 19 blocked shots also established new school and Joyce Center records.

HEAD COACH MIKE BREY —

Mike Brey is in his third year as the Notre Dame head coach and eighth in the collegiate ranks. He was named the 17th head coach in the program's history on July 14, 2000, following five seasons (1995-2000) as head coach at the University of Delaware, where he led the Blue Hens to an overall record of 99-52. Brey owns a 43-21 mark (.672) with the Irish. He is the first coach in Notre Dame history to lead his teams to consecutive 20-win campaigns and NCAA tournament appearances in his first two seasons. Last year, he led his team to a 22-11 record and 10-6 mark in BIG EAST play after guiding the 2000-01 Irish to the 2000-01 BIG EAST West Division crown with an 11-5 record and finishing with a 20-10 overall record. Five of his eight teams have

2002-03 BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

East Division

	Pts.
1. Connecticut (9)	85
2. Boston College (2)	71
3. Villanova (2)	67
4. St. John's (1)	66
5. Miami	46
6. Providence	31
7. Virginia Tech	19

West Division

	Pts.
1. Pittsburgh (12)	90
2. Georgetown	72
3. Syracuse (2)	68
4. NOTRE DAME	59
5. Rutgers	41
6. Seton Hall	36
7. West Virginia	19

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year:

Brandin Knight — Pittsburgh

BIG EAST Preseason Rookie of the Year:

Carmelo Anthony — Syracuse

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team:

Troy Bell — Boston College

Marcus Hatten — St. John's

Brandin Knight — Pittsburgh

Emeka Okafor — Connecticut

Darius Rice — Miami

Michael Sweetney — Georgetown

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team:

Andre Barrett — Seton Hall

Gary Buchanan — Villanova

Jerome Coleman — Rutgers

James Jones — Miami

Chris Thomas — Notre Dame

Ricky Wright — Villanova

NOTRE DAME STARTING LINE:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2001-02 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
12	Jordan Cornette	F	6-9	235	So.	2.7	3.3	31 games played	Earned six starts in 2001-02
21	Dan Miller	SF	6-8	220	Sr.	--	--	--	Transferred from Maryland in summer of 2001
34	Torin Francis	PF	6-10	240	Fr.	--	--	--	McDonald's and Parade All-American
1	Chris Thomas	PG	6-1	182	So.	15.6	3.6	7.6 aspg.	National Freshman and BIG EAST Rookie of the Year
13	Matt Carroll	SG	6-6	212	Sr.	14.1	4.0	2.1 aspg.	Has played in 99 career games at Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME OFF THE BENCH:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2001-02 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
2	Chris Quinn	G	6-2	178	Fr.	--	--	--	All-time leading scorer at Dublin Coffman
4	Omari Peterkin	F/C	6-8	260	Fr.	--	--	--	Member of US Virgin Island Junior National Team
11	Rick Cornett	F	6-8	244	Fr.	--	--	--	Led prep team to three straight A.C.S.I. state titles
15	Jere Macura	F	6-9	230	Sr.	4.1	2.8	17 games played	Averaged 11.7 minutes per game
20	Torrian Jones	G	6-4	195	Jr.	3.5	2.0	33 games played	Made nine starting appearances in 2001-02
24	Dan Lustig	G	6-5	195	Sr.	--	--	--	First year walk-on
50	Tom Timmermans	C	6-11	253	Jr.	2.2	1.8	--	Played in 19 games in 2001-02
51	Chris Markwood	G	6-4	202	Jr.	0.4	0.3	--	Played in 18 games in 2001-02

advanced to postseason competition (four NCAA and one NIT appearances). Since his arrival, he has led Notre Dame to a 21-11 mark in BIG EAST play during the regular season for a .656 winning percentage. In the two-year period from 2000-02, the Irish's BIG EAST wins are matched only by Boston College and Connecticut. His 21 wins after only two seasons rank as the third-best total in conference history. Only four other BIG EAST coaches, including St. John's mentor Mike Jarvis, have ever posted a better winning percentage in their first two seasons in the league. Brey has an overall record of 142-73 (.660) as a head coach. Among active BIG EAST coaches, Brey's 22-13 record (including regular season and championship contests) for a .629 winning percentage ranks him fourth behind Jarvis, Jim Boeheim and Jim Calhoun and sixth all-time.

THE CAPTAINS —

Matt Carroll, **Jere Macura** and **Dan Miller** will serve as captains for the 2002-03 campaign. It marks the second straight year that the Irish will have tri-captains. Carroll, a three-year starter owns a 12.0 career scoring average in 99 games played. As a junior, he finished with a 14.0 career scoring average and ended the 2001-02 campaign by registering four straight 20-point outings in BIG EAST and NCAA tournament competition. Macura has played in 76 career games and owns a 3.7 scoring average. This is Miller's first season of competition with the Irish.

SERIES RECORD VS. IUPUI —

This will be the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

IRISH IN SEASON OPENERS —

Notre Dame is 80-18 (.816) all-time in season openers and has won four straight. The last time an Irish team lost a season opener was prior to the start of the 1998-99 campaign as the Irish dropped a 76-65 decision to Miami of Ohio at home. Notre Dame is 3-0 in season openers under Mike Brey.

OUT OF THE GATES —

A win against Belmont guarantees the Irish four games in the Guardians Classic, and that will mean Notre Dame will play six games during the month of November. Last year, the Irish finished the first month of the season with a perfect 6-0 slate. It marked the most wins ever by a Notre Dame team in the month of November and the second time in the program's history that the Irish have played six games during that month. Notre Dame also played six games in the month of November during both the 1999-2000 and 1998-99 campaigns and finished with 4-2 and 2-4 marks, respectively.

HOME SWEET HOME —

Since the inaugural season (1968-69) playing in the Joyce Center, Notre Dame owns a 407-122 record all-time for a .769 winning percentage. The Irish are 22-8 (.733) at the Joyce Center during Mike Brey's two seasons and since the 1996-97 campaign own a 72-27 mark.

THE IRISH ALL-TIME —

The 2002-03 campaign marks the 98th season of men's basketball at Notre Dame. Irish teams have posted 1506-828 record all-time for a .645 winning percentage.

THE BROTHERS MACURA —

Senior **Jere Macura** will see a very familiar face when he looks down the IUPUI sidelines. His brother Petar is a freshman forward for the Jaguars.

FRIEND OR FOE —

Notre Dame fans will recognize a familiar face on the IUPUI bench tonight — former Irish standout Joseph Price (1982-86) is in his first season as an assistant coach for the Jaguars. A four-year monogram winner, he led Notre Dame to two NCAA tournament appearances during his career.

IRISH SET TO MEET DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPIONS —

Notre Dame will play defending national champion Maryland in the first round of the BB&T Classic at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, December 7 at 3:30 p.m. Texas and George Washington will meet in the first game of the tournament at 1:00 p.m. The consolation game will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, followed by the championship tilt at 3:30 p.m. Raycom/Comcast will televise all four games of the tournament. Notre Dame's matchup with Maryland will mark the 30th time an Irish squad has faced a team that had won the national title the previous year.

**2002-03 Mike Brey
Teleconferences**

(All Teleconferences will begin at 10:00 a.m. EST)

Wednesday, November 13, 2002
(Guardians Classic)

Wednesday, November 20, 2002
(Bucknell/Guardians Classic)

Friday, November 29, 2002
(Albany/Marquette)

Wednesday, December 4, 2002
(BB&T Classic)

Wednesday, December 11, 2002
(DePaul)

Wednesday, December 18, 2002
(Canisius)

Friday, December 27, 2002
(Vanderbilt)

Thursday, January 2, 2003
(Valparaiso/Pittsburgh)

Thursday, January 9, 2003
(Seton Hall/Rutgers)

Thursday, January 16, 2003
(Kentucky/Providence)

Thursday, January 23, 2003
(Boston College/Villanova)

Thursday, January 30, 2003
(West Virginia/Georgetown)

Thursday, February 6, 2003
(Pittsburgh)

Wednesday, February 12, 2003
(Syracuse/West Virginia)

Thursday, February 20, 2003
(Virginia Tech/Connecticut)

Wednesday, February 26
(Rutgers/Syracuse)

Thursday, March 6
(Georgetown)

Monday, March 10
(BIG EAST Tournament)

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(*teleconference dates subject to change)

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THOMAS NAMED TO WOODEN AND NAISMITH LISTS —

Sophomore point guard **Chris Thomas** is one of 50 preseason candidates for the 2003 John R. Wooden Award, which is annually presented to the nation's top men's basketball player. He also was named as a preseason candidate (one of 30) for the 2002-03 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award, which is presented annually by the Atlanta Tipoff Club. Thomas is among five sophomores chosen to the Wooden Award list and is one of five BIG EAST players selected to the Naismith List.

MILLER TIME —

After sitting out the 2001-02 campaign following his transfer to Notre Dame from Maryland in the summer of 2001, the time has come for **Dan Miller** to don an Irish uniform. The 6-6, 220-pound guard/former from Mt. Holly, N.J., has one year of eligibility remaining. He was a former McDonald's and Parade All-American at Rancocas Valley High School.

CARROLL CLOSING IN ON IRISH THREE-POINT RECORD —

Former Notre Dame standout David Graves (1998-2002) set the Irish three-point mark last season with 259, but it is likely that **Matt Carroll** will break that record at some point during the 2002-03 campaign. Carroll is third on the all-time list with 204, needing just 56 to break the record. Ryan Hoover (1992-96) currently is second with 248. In 100 career games played, Carroll has averaged 2.04 three-pointers per game.

BREY SHOWS IRISH THE WAY ON THE ROAD —

Notre Dame played just 13 homes games during the 2001-02 campaign, but found life on the road to be rather friendly. The Irish were 8-4 in contests played on the opponent's home floor and were 5-3 in neutral site contests for an overall record of 13-7 away from the Joyce Center. In Brey's first season, Notre Dame was 6-4 on the road and 2-2 in neutral site games for an overall record of 8-6. In two seasons under Brey, Notre Dame has a 14-8 (.636) road mark and 7-5 (.583) mark in neutral site contests. Over the past two seasons, Irish teams have compiled a 21-13 (.618) record playing away from home.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION —

Head coach Mike Brey and the Irish once again will receive tremendous exposure with 10 nationally-televised games on CBS, ABC, ESPN and ESPN2. Notre Dame was featured on national television 16 times in the regular season during the past two seasons.

THE NATIONAL LINEUP

- Mon., Dec. 2 vs. Marquette (7:00 p.m.) — ESPN2
- Mon., Jan. 6 at Pittsburgh (7:00 p.m.) — ESPN
- Sat., Jan. 18 at Kentucky (2:00 p.m.) — CBS
- Sat., Jan. 25 at Boston College (2:00 p.m.) — ESPN
- Sun., Feb. 9 vs. Pittsburgh (3:30 p.m.) — Pittsburgh
- Sat., Feb. 15 at Syracuse (1:00 p.m.) — ESPN
- Mon., Feb. 24 vs. Connecticut (7:00 p.m.) — ESPN
- Sat., Mar. 1 at Rutgers (4:00 p.m.) — ESPN2
- Tue., Mar. 4 vs. Syracuse (7:00 p.m.) — ESPN2

IRONMAN —

Matt Carroll played in his 100th career game yesterday in Notre Dame's win over Belmont. He has started all but eight of those games and has missed just one contest (Miami (Fla.) on the road last season) because of an ankle injury in 101 career games. It is likely that he will break David Graves' (1998-02) game played career mark of 130.

114 AND COUNTING —

Heading into tonight's game against IUPUI, Notre Dame has hit at least one three-pointer in 114 straight games, which dates back to the 1998-99 campaign. The last time the Irish did not make a three-pointer was in a 101-70 loss to Connecticut in the Hartford Civic Center (Jan. 12, 1999) as Notre Dame finished 0-7 in the contest from three-point range. The Pittsburgh game on Jan. 26, 2002, marked the 100th consecutive game in which the Irish hit a three-pointer. Notre Dame made a season-high 14 against Rutgers on Feb. 6, 2002.

ONE OF JUST 12 —

Getting back into the NCAA tournament the last two seasons has put Notre Dame in rather elite company as the Irish were one of just 12 schools to win at least one NCAA game in both 2001 and 2002. The list also includes: Arizona, Cincinnati, Duke, Illinois, Kansas, Kent State, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Stanford and UCLA.

TAKING CARE OF THE BALL —

During the past two seasons (63 games), Notre Dame averaged 18.3 assists and just 13.7 turnovers for a 1.34 assist-to-turnover ratio. The Irish ranked with a 1.45 assist-to-turnover ratio and ninth in 2001-02 with a 1.23 ratio. Notre Dame's 629 assists last season were second-most in school history — the 1999-2000 team had 643 assists in 37 games for a 17.4 assist per game average.

BROTHERLY LOVE —

Three members of the Notre Dame squad have brothers playing at other Division I schools. **Matt Carroll's** brother Pat is a sophomore at St. Joseph's (Pa.); **Jordan Cornette's** brother Joel is a senior at Butler; and **Jere Macura** has a brother Petar who is a freshman at IUPUI.

LUSTIG ADDED TO IRISH ROSTER —

Senior **Dan Lustig** has joined the Irish as a walk-on for the 2002-03 campaign. The 6-5, 195-pound guard hails from Alexandria, Ind., and attended Alexandria Monroe High School. He led his high school prep team to the 1998 Indiana Class II-A state championship and an appearance in the semifinals in 1999. A member of the Irish Guard, he is the sixth family member of nine children to attend Notre Dame. He will wear No. 24 this season.

**2002-03 BIG EAST
Coaches Teleconference**

Media wishing to participate should phone:
(913) 981-5520

Dates:

- Thurs., December 12
- Thurs., January 16
- Thurs., January 30
- Thurs., February 13
- Thurs., February 27
- Mon., March 10

The schedule of coaches is (all times Eastern):

- 11:00 a.m. Jay Wright, Villanova
- 11:08 a.m. Mike Brey, Notre Dame**
- 11:16 a.m. Al Skinner, Boston College
- 11:24 a.m. Jim Calhoun, Connecticut
- 11:32 a.m. Mike Jarvis, St. John's
- 11:40 a.m. Ben Howland, Pittsburgh
- 11:48 a.m. Jim Boeheim, Syracuse
- 11:56 a.m. Perry Clark, Miami
- 12:04 p.m. John Beilein, West Virginia
- 12:20 p.m. Gary Waters, Rutgers
- 12:28 p.m. Tim Welsh, Providence
- 12:36 p.m. Craig Esherick, Georgetown
- 12:44 p.m. Ricky Stokes, Virginia Tech

**Irish All-Time vs.
2002-03 Opponents**

Team	Record
Alabama State	0-0
Albany	0-0
Belmont	1-0
Boston College	9-9
Brown	1-0
Bucknell	1-0
Canisius	18-4
Connecticut	3-7
Creighton	19-17
DePaul	48-41
Furman	0-0
Georgetown	8-6
George Washington	0-0
IUPUI	0-0
Kentucky	17-39
Marquette	74-29
Maryland	8-8
Pittsburgh	24-20
Providence	6-8
Rutgers	9-8
Seton Hall	8-6
Syracuse	15-14
Texas	0-1
Texas-Arlington	0-0
Valparaiso	36-3
Vanderbilt	3-4
Virginia Tech	1-1
West Virginia	17-7
Total	326-232 (.584)

NOTRE DAME'S NAME GAME —

A quick glance at the Notre Dame roster can be confusing with three players whose first name begins with Chris; two players whose last name sounds the same, but is spelled differently; and two other players whose first names are nearly identical.

First off, three of Notre Dame's guards are named Chris — there's Chris Markwood (a junior), Chris Thomas (a sophomore) and Chris Quinn (a freshman). Both point guards, Thomas and Quinn wear jersey numbers 1 and 2, respectively, while Markwood dons No. 51.

Then, there's the frontline duo of sophomore Jordan Cornette and freshman Rick Cornett. Jordan wears No. 12 and Rick's jersey number is 11.

Very little separates the first names of junior Torrian (pronounced tour-REE-in) Jones and freshman Torin (tur-rin) Francis.

In addition, there are two players named Dan — senior forward Dan Miller and senior guard Dan Lustig, who joined the team this season as a walk-on.

Next year's roster could be even more confusing with two Omaris — current rookie Omari Peterkin and incoming freshman Omari Isreal.

ND-DEPAUL GAME TIME MOVED —

The Notre Dame-DePaul game, originally scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. tip on Saturday, December 14, has been pushed up to a 5:00 p.m. start. The game will be televised by WGN in Chicago and will be the 90th meeting between the two schools.

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW —

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White airs on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). In its third season, "The Kevin White Show" can be heard in 35 states Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. Central time. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED RANKS NOTRE DAME 15TH —

In the October 7, 2002 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, Notre Dame was ranked the 15th best Sports College among Division I schools for the 2001-02 school year. Texas and Stanford finished first and second, respectively. SI combined a variety of factors in arriving at its 2002 rankings, which included performance during the school year in five sports (baseball, football, hockey and men's and women's basketball); position in the '01-'02 Sears Cup NCAA all-sports standings; number of varsity, club and intramural sports; range of recreational facilities; and whether or not spirit-boosting events like Midnight Madness were held.

USA TODAY/NCAA ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD —

Notre Dame received a 2002 *USA Today*/NCAA Academic Achievement Award for graduating 90 percent of its freshmen student-athletes who enrolled in 1995. Now in its second year, the awards were presented in late September of 2002 to 10 institutions with the highest overall graduation rates for scholarship student-athletes who began college in the 1995-96 academic year. Rice University finished with a rate of 91 percent, one percentage higher than Notre Dame, Stanford and Duke.

IRISH INK TWO IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD —

Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey signed two players to national letters of intent during the early signing period — **Colin Falls**, a 6-4, 200-pound shooting guard out of Park Ridge, Ill., and **Omari Isreal**, a 6-8, 210-pound forward from Rockville, Md. Falls averaged 24.0 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists during his junior season at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill. In addition, he captured first-team all-Chicago Catholic League honors for the second consecutive year, while also earning second-team all-state accolades. Isreal averaged 18.5 points, 9.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots in his junior season at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wheaton, Md. An all-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC) second-team selection each of the last two years, he earned first team all-county honors from both the *Montgomery County Journal* and *Montgomery County Gazette*.

BASKETBALL LUNCHEON SET FOR JANUARY 28, 2003 —

The second of two Notre Dame basketball luncheons will be held on Tues., January 28 at noon. Mike Brey and several Irish players will be featured at the event. Tickets are \$16.00 each and can be ordered by writing to the Notre Dame Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, Ind., 46556. Checks may be made payable to the University of Notre Dame. Reservation forms are also available at the Joyce Center ticket windows. Telephone reservations are not accepted. For information call 574-631-5031.

TOUGH TICKET AT THE JOYCE CENTER —

Six of Notre Dame's 16 home games for the 2002-03 men's basketball season have already sold out and all 3,150 student ticket packages sold out in a record 36 hours after being put on sale. The six sellouts already equal the total number at the Joyce Center during the entire 2001-02 campaign. The games already sold out are: Marquette (Dec. 2), DePaul (Dec. 14), Georgetown (Feb. 1), Pittsburgh (Feb. 9), Virginia Tech (Feb. 22) and Connecticut (Feb. 24). There are a limited number of bleacher seats remaining for the Bucknell game on November 22 and Syracuse contest on March 4.

Irish Record

By Day

On Sundays:	1-0
On Mondays:	0-0
On Tuesdays:	0-0
On Wednesdays:	0-0
On Thursdays:	0-0
On Fridays:	0-0
On Saturdays:	0-0

By Time

Night Games:	0-0
Day Games:	1-0

By Location

Home Games:	1-0
Road Games:	0-0
Neutral Games:	0-0

By Halftime Score

Lead at halftime:	1-0
Trail at halftime:	0-0
Tied at halftime:	0-0

By Rebound Margin

Outrebounding opponents:	1-0
Outrebounded by opponents:	0-0
Same number of rebounds	0-0

By Field Goal Shooting

Shoot better from field:	1-0
Shoot worse from field:	0-0
Shoot same from field:	0-0
Shoot 50% or better:	0-0
Shoot less than 50%:	1-0
Keep opponents under 50%:	1-0
Keep opponents under 40%:	1-0

By Free Throw Margin

Hit more free throws:	1-0
Hit fewer free throws:	0-0
Same number of free throws:	0-0

By Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers:	1-0
Commit more turnovers:	0-0
Commit same number of turnovers:	0-0

By Margin

One-point games:	0-0
Two-point games:	0-0
Three-point games:	0-0
Four-point games:	0-0
5-10 point games:	0-0
11-20 point games:	0-0
21-30 point games:	1-0
31+point games:	0-0

By Conference

A-Sun	1-0
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By Month

In November	1-0
In December	0-0
In January	0-0
In February	0-0
In March	0-0