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2011-12 ND Women's Basketball: Game 5 Junkanoo Jam - First Round

#4/3 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (3-1 / 0-0 BIG EAST) vs. USC Trojans (1-2 / 0-0 Pac-12)

♦DATE:	November 25, 2011	♦WEBCAST:	America One Sports (PPV-live)
♦TIME:	5:45 p.m. ET		www.americaone.com
♦AT:	Freeport, Bahamas	♦RADIO:	Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) (live)
	St. Georges High School (1,200)		UND.com
♦SERIES:	ND leads 7-2		Bob Nagle, p-b-p
♦1ST MTG:	USC 69-53 (1/2/85)	♦LIVE STATS:	TBA
♦LAST MTG:	USC 69-58 (11/24/06)	♦TWITTER:	@ndwbbsid

Storylines

- Notre Dame heads to the Caribbean for the second time in three years, having won the 2009 Paradise Jam (Island Division) championship in the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The Fighting Irish are 21-13 (.618) all-time in their first game after Thanksgiving, including a 17-7 (.708) record under 25th-year head coach Muffet McGraw.

ollowing a runner-up finish in the Preseason WNIT, No. 4/3 Notre Dame goes international this weekend, visiting the Bahamas for the Junkanoo Jam. The Fighting Irish open tournament play at 5:45 p.m. (ET) Friday against USC at St. Georges High School in Freeport, Bahamas, with the game to be webcast live on a pay-per-view basis by America One Sports.

Notre Dame (3-1) took its first loss of the season on Sunday, dropping a hard-fought 94-81 decision at No. 1 Baylor in the Preseason WNIT title game. The Fighting Irish led for much of the opening 10 minutes, then rallied back to within a point midway through the second half before the hosts pulled away down the stretch.

Senior guard Natalie Novosel scored a career-high 28 points, and junior guard Skylar Diggins added a season-best 27 points to pace a potent Notre Dame attack.

Rankings

- Notre Dame is No. 4 in the current Associated Press poll and No. 3 in the latest ESPN/ USA Today poll.
- USC is receiving votes in the current Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

Web Sites

@ndwbbsid

Notre Dame: ♦ USC:

♦ BIG EAST:

◆ Pac-12:

Setting The Standard

Under the guidance of 25th-year head coach Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame has evolved into one of the country's leading women's basketball powers. The Irish have appeared in 18 NCAA Tournaments (including a current streak of 16 in a row) and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 nine times in the past 15 seasons. Notre Dame also has reached the NCAA Women's Final Four three times, winning college basketball's ultimate prize with the 2001 national championship.

In its history, Notre Dame has developed 13 All-Americans, 10 WNBA players (including seven draft picks in the past 11 years) and 14 international basketball veterans (24 medals won). Now in their 35th season in 2011-12, the Irish own an all-time record of 723-311 (.699).

Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw Saint Joseph's '77

♦ 25th season at Notre Dame

- 559-212 (.725) at Notre Dame
- 647-253 (.719) in 30th season overall
- ♦ 2011 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee
- ♦ 2001 consensus National Coach of the Year
- Four-time Naismith Coach of the Year finalist
- ◆ Four-time conference Coach of the Year
- ♦ 2011-12 NCAA D-I Issues Committee (chair)
- 2009 WBCA Carol Eckman Award recipient

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14	Devereaux Peters (C)	F	6-2	5th	9.3	7.0	3.5 spg	 Preseason All-BIG EAST selection
4	Skylar Diggins	G	5-9	Jr.	21.0	1.8	6.0 apg	 BIG EAST Player of the Week
21	Natalie Novosel (C)	G	5-11	Sr.	17.8	3.0	2.0 apg	 Career-high 28 points at #1 Baylor
22	Brittany Mallory (C)	G	5-10	5th	6.0	2.5	2.8 spg	 Went 4-for-4 from 3-pt line vs. Hartford
23	Kayla McBride	G	5-11	So.	14.5	4.8	2.0 spg	 Team-high .600 FG% (24-of-40)
Off the Bench For the Fighting Irish								
3	Whitney Holloway	G	5-4	Fr.	3.7	1.0	2.0 spg	 Season-best 6 pts. vs. Hartford
5	Madison Cable	G	5-11	Fr.	—	—	_	 '11 Gatorade Pa. POY; 3-time state champ
11	Natalie Achonwa	F	6-3	So.	0.0	4.0	0.0 apg	 Season debut at #1 Baylor (knee surgery)
12	Fraderica Miller	G	5-10	Sr.	4.0	4.0	3.8 spg	 Averaging 1 steal per 4.7 min. played
15	Kaila Turner	G	5-8	Jr.	3.3	1.0	2.0 apg	 Eight assists, zero turnovers this year
34	Markisha Wright	F	6-2	Fr.	9.0	5.0	1.3 apg	 1st career dbl-dbl (14p/11r) vs. ISU
44	Ariel Braker	F	6-1	So.	3.0	3.7	0.7 apg	 Season-high 4 pts., 2 asst. vs. Hartford
* = pla	vers listed by academic class (Ma	llon a	nd Peters	are fifth	-vear senii	ors who	earned their un	deraraduate dearees and are enrolled in araduate studies)

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N13	(2/2) Indiana State ¹	W, 99-34
N17	(2/2) Hartford ¹	W, 98-43
N20	(2/2) @ Baylor (1/1) ^{1-CBSSN}	L, 81-94
N25	(4/3) vs. USC ²	5:45 ET
N26	vs. Duke/Gardner-Webb ²	5:45/8:00 ET
D2	Pennsylvania	7:00 ET
D4	@ Creighton	2:35 ET
D7	Marquette	7:00 ET
D10	@ Purdue ^{BTN}	Noon ET
D18	Kentucky	1:00 ET
D20	Central Florida	7:00 ET
D28	Longwood	2:00 ET
D30	@ Mercer	7:00 ET
J4	@ Seton Hall	7:00 ET
J7	Connecticut ^{CBS}	4:00 ET
J10	@ Georgetown ^{CBSSN}	7:00 ET
J14	@ Cincinnati	3:00 ET
J17	 Pittsburgh 	7:00 ET
J21	 Villanova 	1:00 ET
J23	Tennessee	7:00 ET
J28	• @ St. John's ^{BETV}	Noon ET
J31	• @ Rutgers ^{CBSSN}	7:00 ET
F5	DePaul ^{ESPNU}	1:00 ET
F7	@ Syracuse	7:00 ET
F12	 West Virginia ESPNU 	3:30 ET
F14	 Providence 	7:00 ET
F20	 @ Louisville^{ESPN-BM} 	2:00 ET
F25	 South Florida 	2:00 ET
F27	@ Connecticut ^{ESPN2-BM}	9:00 ET
M2	BIG EAST 1st Round ³	TBA
M3	BIG EAST 2nd Round ^{3-BETV}	TBA
M4	BIG EAST Quarterfinal ^{3-ESPNU}	TBA
M5	BIG EAST Semifinal ^{3-ESPNU}	6/8:00 ET
M6	BIG EAST Final ^{3-ESPN/ESPN2}	7:00 ET
M18	NCAA 1st Round ^{4-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M20	NCAA 2nd Round ^{4-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M24-	NCAA Regionals ^{5-ESPN}	TBA
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A1	NCAA National Semifinals ^{6-ESPN}	TBA
	NCAA Championship Game ^{6-ESPN}	TBA

only one ranking is shown, it is from the AP noll.

BIG EAST Conference game 1 = Preseason WNIT (campus sites)

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- 2 = Junkanov Jam (St. Georges High School Freeport, Bahamas) 3 = BIG EAST Championship (XL Center Hartford, Conn.) 4 = NCAA 1st/2nd rounds (Purcell Pavilion Notre Dame, Ind.)
- 5 = NCAA Regionals (at Des Moines, Fresno, Kingston, Raleigh)

6 = NCAA Women's Final Four (Pepsi Center - Denver, Colo.)

BM = Games to be televised as part of ESPN's Big Monday package CBSSN = Games to be televised on CBS Sports Network BETV = Games to be televised on BIG EAST Network (syndicated) BTN = Game to be televised on BIG EAST Network (syndicated) NOTE: All home games not scheduled for commercial TV will be webcast live and free of charge on www.UND.com

All games will be broadcast live on South Bend's Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) and worldwide on the Internet at www.UND.com

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2011-12 N11 (2/2) Akron¹ N13 (2/2) Indiana State¹ Schedule N

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(2/2) Windsor (exhibition)

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Quick Hitters

For the second consecutive season, Notre Dame is playing in multiple tournaments, having just finished second in the Preseason WNIT. The Fighting Irish have won 29 of their last 33 regular-season tournament games, dating back to the 1996-97 season, and have collected eight tournament titles in that span, including the 2009 Paradise Jam (Island Division) championship in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

- Notre Dame is ranked No. 4 in this week's Associated Press poll, and is No. 3 in the newest ESPN/USA Today survey, marking the third consecutive week the Fighting Irish have appeared in the top five of both major national polls. It's the second time in three seasons that Notre Dame has spent at least three weeks in a row as a consensus top-five team (the Fighting Irish were in the AP and ESPN/USA Today Top 5 for 11 consecutive weeks from Dec. 7, 2009-Feb. 22, 2010).
- With this week's No. 4 ranking in the AP poll, Notre Dame has appeared in the media rankings for 80 consecutive weeks, extending a program record that dates back to the 2007-08 preseason poll. In fact, every current Fighting Irish player has competed for a ranked Notre Dame squad throughout her career, with more than half that time (42 weeks) spent in the AP Top 10.
- With 559 victories in 25 seasons at Notre Dame, head coach Muffet McGraw is

LAST IRISH GAME

#1 Baylor 94, #2 Notre Dame 81 Preseason WNIT - Championship November 20, 2011 Ferrell Center (Waco, Texas)

Notre Dame (81)

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Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Peters	26	3-10	0-0	0-0	8	2	4	6
Diggins	36	9-20	1-3	8-9	4	3	4	27
Novosel	35	8-18	1-5	11-15	5	1	5	28
Mallory	32	1-6	0-5	0-0	4	4	4	2
McBride	27	6-13	1-3	0-0	4	0	3	13
Achonwa	12	0-2	0-1	0-0	4	0	2	0
Miller	16	0-1	0-0	1-2	6	0	5	1
Turner	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Wright	13	1-1	0-0	2-2	0	1	2	4
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Totals	200	28-72	3-18	22-28	37	11	30	81
Baylor (94))							
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Williams	29	5-10	0-0	5-9	13	1	2	15
Pope	13	1-7	0-0	2-4	8	1	2	4
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FG Pct: Notre Dame 38.9, Baylor 47.0. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 16.7, Baylor 33.3. FTPct: Notre Dame 78.6, Baylor 76.3. Turnovers: Notre Dame 17, Baylor 17, Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3 (Peters 2), Baylor 5 (Griner 5). <u>Steals:</u> Notre Dame 9 (Mallory, McBride 2), Baylor 13 (Sims 6). <u>Technical Foul</u>: Sims (BU). Attendance: 9,477.

third on the Fighting Irish athletics all-time coaching wins list (across all sports), trailing only men's/women's fencing coach Michael DeCicco (774-80 from 1962-95) and men's tennis/wrestling coach Tom Fallon (579-268-4 from 1957-87). McGraw passed baseball skipper Jake Kline (558-449-5 from 1934-75) with her squad's 98-43 win over Hartford on Nov. 17.

McGraw also is just the ninth Fighting Irish coach in the 125-year history of Notre Dame athletics to lead her team for 25 seasons, and the first to solely coach a women's sport (Joe Piane is in his 37th year as men's/ women's track & field coach, while Michael DeCicco guided both Fighting Irish fencing teams during his 34-year career). Four of the nine members of this Silver Anniversary coaching club currently are active at Notre Dame - Piane (37 years), Tim Welsh (28th year with men's swimming & diving), McGraw and Bob Bayliss (25th year with men's tennis).

Other Notre Dame Notables

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Notre Dame is	
among the na- tion's winningest	Winningest Teams (1996-97 to present)
programs during	512 Connecticut
the past 16 sea-	477 Tennessee
sons (1996-97 to	436 Duke
present), ranking	385 Louisiana Tech
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fifth with 377 vic-	370 Old Dominion
tories.	368 Purdue
Notre Dame has	NOTE: through games of Nov. 21.

Notre Dame has ranked among the

top 20 in the nation in attendance each of the past 11 seasons. The Fighting Irish currently are averaging 8,322 fans per home game after the program finished fifth in the NCAA attendance rankings with a schoolrecord 8,553 fans a night. The Fighting Irish also have drawn 5,000-or-more fans to 161 of their last 163 home games, logging 17 Purcell Pavilion sellouts (most recently on Feb. 26, 2011, vs. Cincinnati).

The Fighting Irish have become a regular fixture in the WNBA Draft in recent years, as seven Notre Dame players have been selected in the past 11 seasons. Charel Allen was the most recent Fighting Irish player to be chosen, going to the Sacramento Monarchs in the third round (43rd overall pick) of the 2008 WNBA Draft. Ruth Riley (San Antonio) was active in the league during the '11 season, helping the Silver Stars return to the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season. Three of Notre Dame's eight WNBA alums have won a total of four league championships - Riley won a pair of crowns with the Detroit Shock (2003 Finals MVP, 2006), Coquese Washington toiled for the 2000 Houston Comets, while Jacqueline Batteast was Riley's teammate on the 2006 title-winning squad in Detroit.

For the fifth year in a row, the Fighting Irish posted a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), according to figures released by the NCAA in October. What's more, since Muffet McGraw became head coach in 1987, every Notre Dame women's

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Media Services

The official Notre Dame athletics web site contains schedules, rosters, updated statistics and some historical information from previous seasons. High-resolution color headshots and action photos of Fighting Irish players, coaches and staff are available upon request. Official Notre Dame athletics web site: http://www.UND.com

In-Season Interview Policy

All requests for Notre Dame player, coach or staff interviews must be made through Chris Masters and 24 hours' notice is appreciated. Please be aware that student-athletes' academic obligations always take precedence before any interview requests.

Media members also may speak to Fighting Irish team personnel before or after practice sessions. While most practices are open to the media, some may be closed at the coaching staff's discretion - contact Chris Masters for the latest practice schedule and availability.

On game days, no interviews will be granted with any Notre Dame player or coach prior to competition.

Credentials / Parking

Season credentials will be issued to all media covering the Fighting Irish on a regular basis. Please note - all Notre Dame basketball season credentials offer access to both Fighting Irish women's and men's basketball games.

For single-game credentials, contact Chris Masters no later than 24 hours before tipoff. Credential requests may be submitted via phone, fax or e-mail. Passes will be left at the media will call entrance (Gate 8) of Purcell Pavilion.

Parking is free for all Fighting Irish women's basketball games in the large lot south of Purcell Pavilion. Media members may park in the Gold Lot (adjacent to the baseball/ soccer stadia southeast of the arena). Broadcast media may temporarily stop at the Gate 6 (loading dock) arena entrance to unload/load their equipment, but then must park in the designated media lot.

Credentials remain the property of the University of Notre Dame and may be revoked at any time.

Game Notes

Notre Dame's game notes package is made available on-line through the official Fighting Irish athletics web site during the season, usually at least one day prior to tipoff. Notre Dame's game notes are in Adobe PDF format and will be distributed via electronic means only (e-mail or web).

Please contact Chris Masters if you wish to be added to the e-mail distribution list for Notre Dame's regular women's basketball releases.

Gameday Services

Gameday packages containing game notes, programs and other information will be available prior to all home contests. A pre-game meal also will be served in the Monogram Room media area (exit through stands above Gate 6 to right of press row, entrance on right after exiting outer concourse doors) beginning one hour before tipoff.

A bank of statistics monitors is located on press row for the media's convenience. Final statistics books include an official NCAA box score and play-by-play. Purcell Pavilion also offers wireless Internet capability - check with Chris Masters for access.

Post-Game Interviews

Following each Notre Dame home game, Fighting Irish head coach Muffet McGraw and selected players, as well as the visiting head coach and selected players, will be available to speak with the media. Post-game press conferences are held in the Hammes Auditorium, located between Gates 1 & 2 on the first floor of Purcell Pavilion (exit court via Gate 1 ramp on opposite end of court from press row, go straight and turn right at the Notre Dame women's basketball office: auditorium entrance will be on your left).

Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to Chris Masters at the final media timeout of the second half.





2011-12 Standings (thru Nov. 21)

	BIG	EAST	Ove	erall
	W	L	w	L
Cincinnati	0	0	3	0
2/2) Connecticut	0	0	3	0
(13/13) Rutgers	0	0	3	0
Syracuse	0	0	3	0
(23/20) DePaul	0	0	4	1
♦(4/3) NOTRE DAME	0	0	3	1
11/12) Louisville	0	0	3	1
Pittsburgh	0	0	3	1
Seton Hall	0	0	3	1
Villanova	0	0	3	1
Marquette	0	0	2	1
West Virginia	0	0	2	1
(21/21) Georgetown	0	0	3	2
South Florida	0	0	3	2
St. John's	0	0	1	2
Providence	0	0	1	3

BIG EAST Player of the Week

..... Skylar Diggins, Notre Dame Nov. 21.

BIG EAST Freshman of the Week

Nov. 21 Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis, Connecticut

Upcoming BIG EAST Games

Tuesday, November 22	
Austin Peay at Louisville	Noon
Wagner at St. John's	6:00p
Providence at Oakland	6:30p
Buffalo at Syracuse	7:00p
Delaware at Villanova	7:00p
Lehigh at Rutgers	7:30p
Wednesday, November 23	
Great Alaska Shootout (Anchorage, Alaska)	
South Florida vs. Central Michigan	6:00p
Thursday, November 24 (HAPPY THANKSGIVIN	G!!)
Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)	
Seton Hall vs. Louisiana Tech	3:15p
Great Alaska Shootout (Anchorage, Alaska)	
South Florida vs. Miami-Fla./at Alaska-Anchorage 6	i/8:00p
Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)	
Marquette vs. Washington State	8:00p
Cancun Challenge (Cancun, Mexico)	
Cincinnati vs. South Dakota State	9:00p
Friday, November 25	
Junkanoo Jam (Freeport, Bahamas)	
St. John's vs. Iowa	1:00p
Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)	[.
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basketball player who has completed her athletic and academic eligibility at the University has earned her bachelor's degree (a 64-for-64 success rate). The Fighting Irish also are one of only four schools in the past four years to record a 100-percent GSR and play for a national championship in the same season.

A Quick Look At USC

After an encouraging run at the end of $\overline{\text{last}}$ season, capped by a berth in the title game of the postseason WNIT, USC has its sights set on bigger things in 2011-12, led by an experienced returning crew of four starters and eight letterwinners

The Trojans (1-2) are the midst of a monthlong stretch that will see them play eight of nine games on the road, including six east of the Rocky Mountains. USC began that run last week with trips to Nebraska (lost 68-50) and No. 12/11 Georgia (lost 67-60), following a season-opening 65-57 win at home over Fresno State.

Senior guard Briana Gilbreath leads the Trojans in scoring (16.3 ppg.) and blocked shots (4.0 bpg.), while redshirt senior guard Jacki Gemelos is second in scoring (12.7 ppg.) and tops in rebounding (10.0 rpg.), assists (3.0 apg.) and three-point percentage (.444). Sophomore forward Cassie Harberts (10.7 ppg., 7.0 rpg.) adds muscle in the post, while senior quard Ashley Corral (7.0 ppg., .333 3FG%, team-high 1.7 3FG/game) offers veteran punch on the perimeter.

Head coach Michael Cooper is in his third season at USC with a 44-27 (.620) record. The former five-time NBA champion with the Los Angeles Lakers and former coach of the twotime WNBA champion Los Angeles Sparks will be coaching against Notre Dame for the first time in his career.

The Notre Dame-USC Series

Notre Dame and USC will be playing for the 10th time in series history on Friday night, with the Fighting Irish holding a 7-2 edge against the Trojans. The teams squared off annually beginning in 1999-2000, but have not met since the 2006-07 season, when USC snapped a seven-game series losing streak to Notre Dame with a 69-58 victory at the new Galen Center in Los Angeles.

The Last Time Notre Dame And USC Met

Despite a game effort and a relentless defense that forced 27 turnovers, Notre Dame dropped a 69-58 decision at USC on Nov. 24, 2006, at the Galen Center in Los Angeles. The Fighting Irish played from behind virtually the entire evening, but stayed within striking distance for much of the contest, before an 8-0 Trojan run pushed the lead into double digits and Notre Dame was not able to get closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Charel Allen scored in double figures for the fifth time in as many games during the '06-07 season, tallying 13 points and a (then) seasonhigh eight rebounds. Erica Williamson turned in a solid effort in the post with (then) season bests of 12 points and nine rebounds.

Shay Murphy led a quartet of USC players in double digits, scoring 15 points and grabbing 17

LAST IRISH GAME vs. USC

USC 69, Notre Dame 58 November 24, 2006 Galen Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)

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Notre Dame (58)

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Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a		reb	ast	pf	tp
Erwin	21	3-6	1-2	0-0	3	1	4	7
D'Amico	20	3-9	0-0	1-2	4	0	3	7
Gaines	29	3-6	0-1	0-0	2	2	1	6
Allen	37	6-13	0-2	1-5	8	2 2 2	4	13
Gray	24	0-6	0-4	0-2	3		1	0
Barlow	28	1-5	0-2	5-5	6	3	4	7
Smith	4	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Lechlitner	17	2-7	0-1	0-0	0	0	3	4
Ben-Tsvulun	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Williamson	19	6-10	0-0	0-3	9	0	4	12
Team					3			
Totals	200	25-66	1-12	7-17	38	10	24	58
USC (69)		_						
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Jaskowiak	20	2-8	0-2	0-0	6	1	2	4
Kerr	29	6-13	0-0	0-2	7	3	4	12
Hagiya	32	3-6	3-5	3-5	3	5	1	12
Dunham	28	3-6	0-2	6-6	3	2	1	12
Murphy	34	5-13	1-5	4-4	17	2	1	15
Jelks	10	1-3	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	2
Hughes	17	1-3	1-1	1-2	1	1	4	4
Parker	11	1-4	0-0	2-5	5	0	1	4
Medlock	19	2-7	0-0	0-1	4	1	2	4
Team			- 10	40.05	6			~~
Totals	200	24-63	5-16	16-25	54	15	16	69
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FG Pct: Notre	Dame	e 37.9, U	SC 38.1	.3-PT F	GPc	t: Not	re Da	ame

8.3, USC 31.3. FT Pct: Notre Dame 41.2, USC 64.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 19, USC 27. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3 (D'Amico 2), USC 7 (Kerr 4). <u>Steals</u>: Notre Dame 16 (Barlow 5), USC 5. <u>Technical Foul</u>: Erwin (ND). <u>Attendance</u>: 2,208.

rebounds. Murphy's board work was the highlight of a 54-rebound evening for the Women of Troy. Hailey Dunham, Jamie Hagiya and Chloe Kerr chipped in with 12 points apiece for USC, which snapped a seven-game losing streak to Notre Dame.

The Fighting Irish drew first blood on a driving layup by Tulyah Gaines 39 seconds into the game. However, that would be Notre Dame's only lead of the night, as USC answered with a 10-2 run, with Kerr hitting a pair of jumpers in the lane and Hagiya capping off the spurt with a three-pointer (the first of three she hit in the opening 20 minutes). The Fighting Irish got back within a point twice later in the period, the last when Crystal Erwin canned her second trey of the year from the left corner to make it 19-18 with 7:19 left in the half.

A 7-0 run by the Women of Troy ballooned their lead back to eight, but the Fighting Irish trimmed the margin to 28-24 when Chandrica Smith converted a fastbreak layup with 19 seconds remaining. But, Murphy took some of the luster off the late Notre Dame run by hitting a baseline jumper with two ticks to go before intermission.

The Fighting Irish clawed back to within 34-31 early in the second half, when Allen hit a jumper with 17:16 to play. That's when USC made its game-changing 8-0 run, going ahead 42-31 on the second of two foul shots by Aarika Hughes at the 14:28 mark. Again, Notre Dame didn't go quietly, as buckets by Allen and Melissa Lechlitner made it a seven-point spread with still more than 11 minutes to play. However, USC kept the Fighting Irish at arm's length from that point on, hitting 11-of-14 free throws down the stretch to cement the win.

National

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Other Notre Dame-USC Series Tidbits

The series has been a close one, with the nine games decided by an aggregate total of 48 points (5.3 points per game), and the past seven meetings all featuring margins of 13 points or fewer.

- Both USC wins in the series have come in the state of California - one at a neutral site (Cal State Fullerton) in 1985, and the most recent series matchup in 2006 at the Trojans' new arena, the Galen Center, in Los Angeles.
- Notre Dame and USC are part of an elite group of 14 schools who have won NCAA national championships since the NCAA began sponsoring the Division I women's basketball tournament in 1982. The Trojans (back-to-back winners in 1983 and 1984) will be the second consecutive former NCAA champion the Fighting Irish have faced this season (following 2005 titleist Baylor), with Notre Dame going 30-85 (.261) all-time against other former or current national champions. Among that group, the Fighting Irish have a series record of .500 or better against USC (7-2), North Carolina (2-1) and Texas (1-1).
- Notre Dame is 22- ND vs. State of Calif. 15 (.595) all-time against teams from the state of California, including a 13-11 (.542) record away from South Bend (road and neutral sites combined) and a 20-7 (.741) record in the Muffet Mc-Graw era (1987-88 to present). The Fighting Irish will be facing a team from the Golden State for the third

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ND vs. State of Calif.								
	Overall	Away*						
California	1-0	1-0						
Pacific	1-0	1-0						
SMC	1-0	1-0						
San Diego	1-0	0-0						
SDSU	1-1	1-1						
USF	2-0	1-0						
Santa Clara	0-1	0-1						
♦USC	7-2	3-2						
Stanford	0-2	0-1						
UCI	1-0	1-0						
UCLA	4-9	1-6						
UCSB	2-0	2-0						
<u>U.S. Int'l.</u>	1-0	1-0						
TOTAL	22-15	13-11						
	(.595)	(.542)						
* = road/neut	ral sites c	ombined						

consecutive season, defeating No. 23/24 San Diego State, 84-79, on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26, 2009) at the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands before most recently dropping an 86-83 double-overtime thriller to No. 15 UCLA on Nov. 18, 2010, at Purcell Pavilion.

- For the second consecutive game, Notre Dame guards Skylar Diggins and Natalie Novosel and forward Devereaux Peters will meet up with one of their teammates from the 2011 USA World University Games Team that posted a 6-0 record and won the gold medal this summer in Shenzhen, China. USC guard Jacki Gemelos played with the Fighting Irish trio over in China, as did Baylor guard Odyssey Sims, whom Notre Dame faced this past Sunday.
- Notre Dame has had six California resident suit up for the program during its 35-year history, most recently Rancho Cucamonga native Crystal Erwin (2003-07). The Fighting Irish will add a seventh Golden State product to their ranks next season when Diablo resident (and Carondelet High School guard) Hannah Huffman arrives on campus.
- Longtime Notre Dame women's volleyball

Notre Dame In the Polls

Associated Press Poll

			Week	<u>s Ranked</u>			
Week	Pts	Rank	11-12	All-Time			
Oct. 29, 2011 (Pre)	934 (6)	2	1	217			
Nov. 14, 2011	935 (4)	2	2	218			
Nov. 21, 2011	888	4	3	219			
SEASON HIGHS	935 (6)	2	3*	80*			
ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll							

			Week	<u>s Ranked</u>
Week	Pts	Rank	11-12	All-Time
Nov. 1, 2011 (Pre)	728 (5)	2	1	210
Nov. 15, 2011	734 (2)	2	2	211
Nov. 22, 2011	701	3	3	212
SEASON HIGHS	734 (5)	2	3*	43*
* = current streak of poll ap	pearances //	first-pla	ce votes ii	n parentheses

head coach Debbie (Landreth) Brown was twice named the national player of the year while helping USC win the 1976 and '77 AIAW national championships. She is winding down her 21st season at Notre Dame (and 27th overall), having piloted the Fighting Irish to a 17-12 record and a berth in the BIG EAST Championship final, heading into Friday's regular-season non-league finale at Davton. Brown also is a five-time BIG EAST Coach of the Year (1995, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005) and she received the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award in January 2003.

Notre Dame vs. The Pac-12 Conference

The Fighting Irish are 21-20 (.512) all-time against current Pac-12 Conference teams,

with a 12-16 (.429) record outside of South Bend (road and neutral sites combined). Notre Dame also has won 18 of its last 25 games against Pac-12 schools since a 93-72 loss at UCLA in the first round of the 1992 NCAA Championship.

Friday's game will be the first for the Fighting Irish against a current Pac-12 opponent TOTAL 21-20 12-16 since the first round of last year's NCAA Championship, when

	Overall	Away*
ARIZ	3-1	2-1
ASU	1-2	1-2
CAL	1-0	1-0
COLO	0-3	0-3
ORE	0-0	0-0
OSU	0-0	0-0
STAN	0-2	0-1
♦USC	7-2	3-2
UCLA	4-9	1-6
UTAH	3-0	3-0
WASH	2-1	1-1
WSU	0-0	0-0

(.512) (.429)

* = road/neutral sites combined

ND vs. Pac-12

Notre Dame defeated future Pac-12 school (and then-Mountain West Conference) member Utah, 67-54, on March 19, 2011, in Salt Lake City behind 20 points each from guards Skylar Diggins and Natalie Novosel.

Tournament Tested

Notre Dame has felt right at home in tournament situations during the past 16 years. Starting with the 1996-97 season, the Fighting Irish have won 29 of their last 33 regular-season tournament games (multi-game events only), including runs to the title in last year's WBCA Classic at Purcell Pavilion (three games) and the State Farm Holiday Hoops Classic in Seattle (two games).

The only Notre Dame losses during this current stretch were three defeats to teams ranked in the top three nationally during the Preseason

Associated Press Poll

• N	lovember 21, 2011: Poll #3			
	Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1	◆Baylor (39)	4-0	999	1
2	♦Connecticut	2-0	927	4
3	Stanford	3-0	903	5
4	NOTRE DAME	3-1	888	5 2
5	Texas A&M (1)	4-0	861	6
3 4 5 6 7	◆Tennessee	2-1	765	6 3 8
7	♦Duke	3-0	757	8
8	Maryland	4-0	727	10
9	Miami (Fla.)	2-1	642	7
10	Georgia	4-0	616	12
11	♦Louisville	3-1	610	9
12	Oklahoma	2-0	507	13
13	♦Rutgers	3-0	466	15
14	♦Kentucky	4-0	452	17
15	♦Purdue	3-0	446	16
16	North Carolina	3-0	390	19
17	Penn State	3-1	324	11
18	Ohio State	2-0	212	24
19	Texas Tech	2-0	201	25
20	LSU	2-1	171	20
21	♦Georgetown	2-2	166	14
22	Virginia	4-0	153	-
23	♦DePaul	4-1	151	18
24	Texas	2-1	113	_
25	UCLA	2-1	106	22
Oth	hers Receiving Votes: Wisconsi	in-Green F	av 92	Dela-

Others Receiving Votes: Wisconsin-Green Bay 92, Delaware 79, Gonzaga 67, Georgia Tech 59, Iowa State 29, Florida State 20, Kansas State 19, Nebraska 13, San Diego State 13, Tulane 11, Vanderbilt 10, ♦USC 9, Princeton 9, UNLV 8, California 4, Michigan 2, Michigan State 2, Arkansas 1.

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

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I W = last week

◆ = 2011-12 Notre Dame opponent (italics are potential opponents based upon tournament results)



USC Series



Notre Dame Leads Series 7-2

Date	Site	Result	Score
1/2/85	Fullerton, Calif.	L	53-69
12/27/99	Notre Dame	W	74-59
12/28/00	Los Angeles	W	70-61
12/9/01	Notre Dame	W	62-49
11/29/02	Los Angeles	W	69-57
12/22/03	Notre Dame	W	73-62
11/26/04	Los Angeles	W	60-56
11/27/05	Notre Dame	W	73-62
11/24/06	Los Angeles	L	58-69

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	592	65.8
USC	544	60.4

Current Win Streak: USC - 1 game Muffet McGraw vs. USC: 7-1 Michael Cooper vs. Notre Dame: First meeting McGraw vs. Cooper: First meeting ND Biggest Win: 15 (74-59 on 12/27/99) USC Biggest Win: 16 (69-53 on 1/2/85) ND Longest Win Streak: 7 (1999-2005) USC Longest Win Streak: 1, twice (1985; 2006)

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	USC
Overall/conference record	3-1/0-0	1-2/0-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today poll	4/3	rv/rv
SCORING		
Points scored per game	89.8	58.3
Points allowed per game	58.0	64.0
Field goal percentage	.487	.340
Three-point percentage	.362	.244
Free throw percentage	.714	.694
REBOUNDING Rebounds per game Opponent rebs. per game Rebounding margin	36.5 35.8 +0.7	39.0 49.0 (-10.0)
OTHER Assists per game Turnovers per game Assist/turnover ratio Blocked shots per game Steals per game	20.3 17.3 1.17 3.5 19.5	11.7 13.0 0.90 8.0 6.3



WNIT semifinals (72-59 vs. No. 3/2 Tennessee at Ruston, La., in 1996; 75-59 at No. 3 Maryland in 2007) or championship (94-81 at No. 1 Baylor in

2011), and a 67-63 overtime setback at No. 20 Colorado on Nov. 15, 2003, in the finals of the WBCA Classic - a game that saw the Buffaloes sink a desperation 30-footer at the end of regulation to force the extra session. Notre Dame is

playing its second regular-season tournament of the 2011-12 campaign,

ND Regular Season Tournament Titles Since 1996-97
<u>1996-97</u>
Comfort Inn Downtown Classic 1999-2000
Wachovia WBB Invitational
<u>2000-01</u>
Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge
<u>2004-05</u>
Preseason WNIT 2005-06
Duel in the Desert (Gray Div.)
<u>2009-10</u>
Paradise Jam (Island Division)
2010-11
WBCA Classic
State Farm Holiday Hoops Classic

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having finished as the runner-up at this year's Preseason WNIT. This marks the second consecutive year the Fighting Irish are competing in multiple tourneys, and the second time in three seasons they have played in a Caribbean tournament (after winning the 2009 Paradise Jam Island Division championship in the U.S. Virgin Islands).

November To Remember

Notre Dame's success during the past 17 years has been aided by its ability to get off to a good start. To wit - the Fighting Irish are 69-14 (.831) in November games since they joined the BIG EAST Conference in time for the 1995-96 season.

Turkey Trot

Notre Dame is 21-13 (.618) all-time in its first game after the Thanksgiving holiday, including a 17-7 (.708) record in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present). The Fighting Irish also have won their last four post-Thanksgiving games (and six of their last seven), including a 95-29 win over IUPUI last year (Nov. 26, 2010 at Purcell Pavilion) in the WBCA Classic.

Helping Hands

Continuing a trend from last season, Notre Dame has shared the basketball very well during the first four games of the year.

The Fighting Irish are averaging 20.3 assists per game, with their 25 assists against Akron on Nov. 11 falling just three shy of the Preseason WNIT record for assists in a game (set on the same night - Nov. 9, 2001 - by Connecticut vs. Fairfield and Vanderbilt vs. Eastern Kentucky).

What's more, Notre Dame has assisted on 62.8 percent of its field goals this season (81 of 129), compared to last year when the Fighting Irish registered assists on 60.9 percent of their baskets (669 of 1,099), with 16 games of at least 20 assists.

Spread The Wealth

Notre Dame has featured a balanced offense thus far, with at least four players scoring in double figures in three of its first four games.

During the past three seasons (2009-10 to present), Notre Dame is 37-4 (.902) when it has at least four players score in double figures, with two of those losses coming in overtime (March

28, 2010 - 77-72 vs. Oklahoma in NCAA Sweet 16 at Kansas City; Nov. 18, 2010 - 86-83 in double overtime vs. UCLA at Purcell Pavilion) and a third by a single point (Feb. 28, 2011 - 70-69 at DePaul).

Diggins Named BIG EAST Player Of The Week

Junior guard Skylar Diggins was selected as the first BIG EAST Conference Player of the Week for the 2011-12 season, it was announced Monday afternoon by the conference office.

It's the second time in Diggins' career she has been chosen for the honor, having first been selected on Feb. 14, 2011. In addition, it's the 70th time a Fighting Irish women's basketball player has earned a BIG EAST weekly award (40 Players of the Week, 30 Freshmen of the Week), the second-most selections in conference history despite the fact Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST in 1995-96, a full 14 seasons after the league began sponsoring women's basketball (1982-83).

The BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year, as well as an Associated Press and ESPN.com preseason All-America selection, and a candidate for both the State Farm Wade Trophy and John R. Wooden Award (which go to the nation's top women's college basketball player), Diggins averaged 21.0 points, 6.0 assists and 3.3 steals per game with a .544 field goal percentage (31-of-57), .864 free throw percentage (19-of-22) and 1.5 assist-to-turnover ratio in leading Notre Dame to a runner-up finish in the Preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT).

Diggins was named to the Preseason WNIT All-Tournament Team after scoring at least 20 points in three of the four Fighting Irish contests during the event, including a season-high 27 points in Sunday's 94-81 loss at top-ranked Baylor in the championship game. The South Bend native also chalked up 21 points and a season-best eight assists in the opening-round win over Akron (81-61), as well as 14 points, seven assists (with no turnovers) and a season-high six steals in a 99-34 quarterfinal victory over Indiana State. She then helped propel Notre Dame into the Preseason WNIT final with a game-high 22 points (on 9-of-14 shooting) and six assists in only 23 minutes of a 98-43 semifinal win over Hartford.

Novosel Reaches Career Milestone

On a free throw with 14:20 remaining on Nov. 13 against Indiana State, senior guard Natalie Novosel became the 29th Notre Dame women's basket-

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ball player to	ND 1.000-Point Scorers
score 1,000	20. Krissi Davis ('87-'91) 1,194
career points	21. ♦Skylar Diggins ('10-pres.) 1,153
(currently 26th	22. Courtney LaVere ('02-'06) 1,150
at 1,049). She	23. Becca Bruszewski ('07-'11) 1,148
joins junior	24. Danielle Green ('95-'00) 1,106
guard Skylar	25. Carrie Bates ('81-'85) 1,060
Diggins (21st	26. ♦Natalie Novosel ('09-pres.) 1,049
with 1.153	

points) as the two active players in that elite Fighting Irish club, with Notre Dame's two fifthyear seniors also having the chance to reach the scoring millennium later this season - forward Devereaux Peters has tallied 897 points to

Day of the Week

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date, while guard Brittany Mallory has 779 career points.

Should all four players hit the 1,000-point mark, it would be the first time in the 35-year history of Notre Dame women's basketball that a quartet of active 1,000-point scorers were on the roster at the same time. Twice (in both 2000-01 and 2009-10), Notre Dame has had three 1,000-point players on the roster, with the third reaching that total in her final career game (Kelley Siemon in 2001 NCAA national championship game vs. Purdue. Melissa Lechlitner in 2010 NCAA Sweet 16 game vs. Oklahoma).

What's more, Novosel becomes the sixth player from Notre Dame's 2009-10 NCAA Sweet 16 team to reach the 1,000-point plateau during her career, along with Diggins, Lechlitner, Ashley Barlow (ninth at 1,492), Lindsay Schrader (13th at 1,429) and Becca Bruszewski (23rd at 1,148) — and that doesn't even include Peters or Mallory, who also were part of that 13-player roster.

Game #4 Recap: Baylor

Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw was already prepared that 6-foot-8 Baylor phenom Brittney Griner would probably have her way inside against the Fighting Irish.

Griner did just that, scoring 32 points with 14 rebounds and five blocks. The problem was she wasn't alone for the top-ranked Lady Bears.

Point guard Odyssey Sims had one of her best overall games and **Destiny Williams** also had a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds for Baylor in a 94-81 victory over Notre Dame in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup in the Preseason WNIT championship game Sunday in Waco, Texas.

Notre Dame had a pair of 25-point scorers in the same game for the first time since 2000. Natalie Novosel scored a career-high 28 points and Skylar Diggins, like Griner a preseason AP All-America pick, had 27.

Sims has 25 points, six assists, six steals and only two turnovers in 38 minutes after she wasn't in the starting lineup for a reason that coach Kim Mulkey wouldn't specify - or allow Sims to address.

Kayla McBride, who had 13 points for the Fighting Irish, had made two free throws and Diggins followed with two more charities with 13:41 left to cap a 19-9 run that opened the second half and cut the margin to 56-55.

However, Baylor's game-clinching spurt came a couple of minutes later. The Lady Bears went on a 14-3 run that was capped when Sims had a steal that she turned into a breakaway layup for a 70-58 lead with 9 1/2 minutes left, and Notre Dame got no closer than nine points after that.

Beyond The Box Score — Baylor

- Notre Dame finished the Preseason WNIT with a record-setting 78 steals, easily smashing the old mark of 58 steals set by Rutgers in 1998.
- The Fighting Irish are 1-2 all-time in "1-vs-2" matchups, having previously split a pair of contests with Connecticut in 2000-01 (lost to No. 2 UConn, 78-76 in BIG EAST final; won 90-75 vs. No. 1 UConn in NCAA national semifinals at St. Louis).

- Notre Dame falls to 8-9 against the current Big 12 alignment, with its last five losses to Big 12 teams coming by 13 points or fewer.
- Notre Dame had two players score at least 25 points in the same game for the first time since Feb. 19, 2000, when Alicia Ratay and Ruth Riley each scored 26 points in a 78-74 overtime win at Rutgers.
- Notre Dame's 81 points tied for the 10thmost points scored in a loss in school history, and most by the Fighting Irish in a regulation defeat since Dec. 8, 1998 (a 106-81 loss to Connecticut).
- Novosel scored a career-high 28 points, one more than her previous high set on Dec. 29. 2010, against Gonzaga at the State Farm Holiday Hoops Classic in Seattle.
- Novosel's 15 free throw attempts tied for eighth in school history, and were the most by a Fighting Irish player in a single game since Jan. 25, 2003, when Courtney LaVere went 12-for-16 at Villanova.
- Novosel and Diggins represented Notre Dame on the Preseason WNIT All-Tournament Team

Notre Dame Claims Top Spot In 2011-12 **BIG EAST Coaches' Preseason Poll**

For the first time in its 17-year membership in the BIG EAST Conference, Notre Dame has been selected as the outright No. 1 team in the annual BIG EAST preseason women's basketball poll, according to a vote of the league's 16 head coaches released Oct. 20 during the 2011-12 BIG EAST Women's Basketball Media Day at the B.B. King Blues Club & Grill in New York City.

In the closest vote since Notre Dame shared top honors with Connecticut in the 2002-03 BIG EAST preseason poll, the Fighting Irish picked up 219 points and nine first-place votes in the balloting (coaches are not permitted to select their own teams), edging out Connecticut, which collected the remaining seven first-place votes and finished with 216 points. Louisville (191 points) was chosen third, while Rutgers (176 points) finished a close fourth ahead of Georgetown (175 points).

Fighting Irish Trio Earns Numerous 2011-12 Preseason Honors

Along with picking Notre Dame to finish first in the conference this year in their preseason poll, the BIG EAST coaches voted junior guard Skylar Diggins as the league's Preseason Player of the Year. Diggins is just the second Fighting Irish player to earn that honor, and the first since fellow South Bend Washington High School graduate and Notre Dame All-American Jacqueline Batteast did so prior to her senior season (2004-05).

Diggins also joined a pair of her teammates senior guard Natalie Novosel and fifth-year senior forward Devereaux Peters - on the Preseason All-BIG EAST Team, with Novosel and Peters making the preseason squad for the first time, while Diggins was a unanimous choice for the preseason all-conference team for the second consecutive year.

Notre Dame's three Preseason All-BIG EAST honorees (who also have been named preseason candidates for this year's Wade Trophy

Sunday	1-1
Monday	0-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	0-0
Thursday	1-0
Friday	1-0
Saturday	0-0
Time of Game	
Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	1-1
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	2-0
Location	
Home games	3-0
Road games	0-1
Neutral site games	0-0
Neutral site games	0-0
Halftime score	
Leading at the half	3-0
Tied at the half	0-0
Trailing at the half	0-1
Individual scoring	
Two or fewer double-figure scorers	0-0
Three double-figure scorers	0-1
Four double-figure scorers	1-0
Five or more double-figure scorers	2-0
Rebounding margin	
Grab more rebounds than opponents	2-0
Grab same number of rebounds	0-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	1-1
Field goal shooting	
Higher pct. than opponent	3-0
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Lower pct. than opponent	0-1
Shoot 45% or better	2-0
Shoot less than 45%	1-1
Hold opponent under 40%	2-0
Free throw margin	
Make more free throws	3-0
Make same number of free throws	0-0
Make fewer free throws	0-1
Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers	3-0
Commit same number of turnovers	0-1
Commit more turnovers	0-0
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Miscellaneous Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	0-1
On commercial television	0-1
In white jerseys	3-0
In alternate white jerseys (green trim)	0-0
In alternate white jerseys (green trim)	0-0
In blue jerseys	0-0
In green jerseys	0-0
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Margin of Victory

1-5 points	0-0
6-10 points	0-0
11-15 points	0-1
16-20 points	1-0
21+ points	2-0
In overtime games	0-0

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Month	
November	3-1
December	0-0
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0
April	0-0





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Official Name: University of Notre Dame	
Location: Notre Dame, Ind.	
Enrollment: 8,372 (undergraduate) / 11,985 (overall)	
Founded: 1842	
Colors: Gold and Blue	
Nickname: Fighting Irish	
School Fight Song: Notre Dame Victory March	
Conference: BIG EAST	
Arena: Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (cap. 9,14	49)
President: Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.	
Provost: Thomas G. Burish	
Executive Vice President: John Affleck-Graves	
NCAA Faculty Representative: Patricia Bellia	
Director of Athletics: Jack Swarbrick	
Senior Deputy Athletics Director/SWA: Missy Cont	
Associate Athletics Director (WBB): Jill Bodenstein	er
Head Coach: Muffet McGraw (Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '7 Record: 647-253 (.719) - 30th season	77)
At Notre Dame: 559-212 (.725) - 25th season	
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At Purcell Pavilion: 280-54 (.838)	
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Women's Basketball History

35th Season: 1st game, Dec. 3, 1977 vs. Valparaiso (W, 48-41) All-Time Record: 723-311 (.699) **Record At Purcell Pavilion:** 35th season, 357-88 (.802) Record In The BIG EAST (regular season): 17th season, 201-63 (.761) Conference/Membership Affiliations: AIAW D-III independent (1977-78 through 1979-80) AIAW D-I independent (1980-81) NCAA D-I independent (1981-82 through 1982-83) North Star (1983-84 through 1987-88) *Midwestern Collegiate (1988-89 through 1994-95) BIG EAST (1995-96 to present) **Regular-Season Conference Championships (8):** North Star - 1985, 1986 *Midwestern Collegiate - 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995 BIG EAST - 2001 **Conference Tournament Championships (5):** North Star - N/A *Midwestern Collegiate - 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994 BIG EAST - None NCAA Championship Appearances (18): National Champion - 2001 National Finalist - 2011 Final Four - 1997, 2001, 2011 Elite 8 - 1997, 2001, 2011 Sweet 16 - 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2011 Berths - 1994, 1996-2011 **Consecutive NCAA Championship Appearances:** 16 (1996-present) NIT Appearances (4): 1986 (3rd place), 1989 (7th place), 1991 (8th place), 1995 (3rd place) **Consecutive Postseason Appearances:** 18 (1994-present); 17 NCAAs, 1 NIT * - now known as the Horizon League



and Wooden Award, both of which go to the national player of the year) were more than any school, with three others having two selections (Connecticut had a third player earn honorable mention status).

Diggins - who added Associated Press Preseason All-America honors to her trophy case on Nov. 1 (the second Fighting Irish player to collect that status and first since Batteast in 2004-05) put together one of the finest sophomore seasons in Notre Dame women's basketball history in 2010-11 while sparking the Fighting Irish to their second NCAA title game berth and third NCAA Women's Final Four appearance. The crafty southpaw made a nearly-seamless transition to the point guard position, ranking among the top 15 in the BIG EAST in scoring (15.0 ppg.), assists (team-high 4.8 apg.) and steals (1.9 spg.), posting career highs in all three areas. What's more, her 585 total points and 186 total assists were the second-most ever accrued by a Notre Dame sophomore - Katryna Gaither scored 590 points in 1994-95, while Mary Gavin dished out 205 assists in 1985-86 and her 75 steals were fourth on the Fighting Irish sophomore charts (just eight off the school record), while her 1,226 total minutes were just one shy of Beth Morgan's school record set in 1996-97.

A State Farm Coaches' All-America and third-team AP All-America selection last year, Diggins also ranked second on the team with 32 double-digit scoring games, leading the squad in scoring 14 times and rolling up 10 20-point outings, including the last three NCAA Championship games against Tennessee (24), Connecticut (season-high 28) and Texas A&M (23). She added at least five assists in 22 different games (after having seven five-assist games her entire freshman season), capped by a career-high 12 assists against Oklahoma in the NCAA Dayton Regional semifinal, the most helpers ever for a Fighting Irish player in the NCAA tournament, and most in any game since 2000.

A unanimous first-team all-BIG EAST selection, the NCAA Dayton Regional Most Outstanding Player and a member of the NCAA Women's Final Four All-Tournament Team, as well as being a finalist for the three major national player-of-the-year awards (Wooden Award, Wade Trophy, Naismith Trophy) and the Nancy Lieberman Award (top point guard), Diggins also made history in that regional final win over Tennessee, becoming just the second Notre Dame player to score 1,000 career points in less than two seasons with the Fighting Irish (Morgan had exactly 1,000 points at the end of her sophomore season of 1994-95), and doing so in 72 games, tying for the fourth-fastest run to the scoring millennium in program history. Diggins currently ranks 24th on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list with 1,090 points.

Meanwhile, Novosel was easily one of the nation's most improved players in 2010-11, nabbing State Farm Coaches' honorable mention All-America and first-team all-BIG EAST laurels, as well as the BIG EAST's Most Improved Player award, after more than tripling her scoring average from a year ago from 5.0 points to a team-high 15.1 points per game. She also scored in double figures a team-best 33 times, the second-highest single-season total in school

2011-12 Notre Dame Top Bench Scorers

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Player	Points	Opponent/Date
Markisha Wright	14	Indiana State, 11/13/11
Markisha Wright	12	Akron, 11/11/11
Fraderica Miller	10	Indiana State, 11/13/11
Game-high scorers in italic:	s	

history (Gaither had 37 double-digit games in 1996-97) and nearly doubled her combined total of 17 from her first two years. What's more, Novosel had seven 20-point games (her career high entering the season was 19 points) and posted a team-best .413 three-point percentage, in addition to being second on the squad in steals (tied-1.9 spg.) and third in assists (1.9 apg.).

In 2010-11, Novosel set a new school record with 183 free throws made and 39 games started (tying with Peters and Becca Bruszewski), while her 232 free throw attempts were second-most in school history. In addition, she placed among the top 10 on the program's single-season charts for total points (7th - 588) and minutes played (9th - 1,102).

Peters (who garnered honorable mention preseason All-America status from the AP on Nov. 1) also enjoyed her finest season at Notre Dame in 2010-11, having fully recovered from a pair of knee injuries earlier in her career. Peters set new career highs in virtually every category, ranking third on the team in scoring (11.9 ppg.) and tops in double-doubles (10), rebounding (7.5 rpg.), field goal percentage (.593), and blocked shots (1.7 bpg.), not to mention fourth in steals (1.7 spg.). Furthermore, she placed fifth in the country in field goal percentage, and ranked among the BIG EAST leaders in scoring (22nd), rebounding (6th), field goal percentage (2nd), blocked shots (4th) and double-doubles (2nd). As if that weren't enough, she was one of just two players in the nation to record at least 60 blocks and 60 steals last season (she had 68 blocks and 66 steals), joining Illinois' Karisma Penn (78/62) in that select company.

Like Novosel, Peters was named a State Farm Coaches' honorable mention All-America and first-team all-BIG EAST selection in 2010-11, while also taking home BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year honors. She scored in double figures 25 times and tied the school record by starting all 39 games during Notre Dame's run to the NCAA national championship game. In that title clash against Texas A&M, Peters rang up a double-double with 21 points (on 8-of-10 shooting) and a game-high 11 rebounds, securing her place on the NCAA Women's Final Four All-Tournament Team.

Polling Station

Notre Dame is ranked No. 4 in the latest Associated Press poll, its third consecutive week in the top five of the media balloting. The Fighting Irish also earned a preseason No. 2 ranking that was their highest since the final 2000-01 poll (taken before the the NCAA Championship), and also was the highest Notre Dame has ever been ranked in the AP preseason poll, topping its No. 4 debut in 2009-10.

Notre Dame received six first-place votes in the 2011-12 AP preseason poll (and four last week), the first time it received consideration for the top spot since March 11, 2001, when the

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AP Poll Appearances

As Player & Coach

(active coaches only)

Sylvia Crawley (Boston Coll.)

June Daugherty (Wash. St.)

MaChelle Joseph (Ga. Tech)

Joanne McCallie (Duke)

♦Muffet McGraw (ND)

Katie Meier (Miami-Fla.)

Jennifer Rizzotti (Hartford)

Dawn Staley (S Carolina)

Charli Turner Thorne (Ariz. St.)

Coquese Washington (Penn St.)

Terri Williams-Flournoy (G'town)

NOTES: Current teams listed ... al

coaches shown have made AP poll with current teams except Daugh-

erty (did so at Boise State and

Washington), Olivier (UCLA) and Staley (Temple) ... Butler and Olivier are coaching at their alma maters ...

Turner-Thorne is on sabbatical for

the 2011-12 season

Kim Mulkey (Baylor)

Kathy Olivier (UNLV)

Amanda Butler (Florida)

Cori Close (UCLA)

Nell Fortner (Auburn)

Fighting Irish earned five first-place votes (they were ranked No. 2 after falling at Connecticut, 79-76 in the BIG EAST tournament final). The previous week, Notre Dame had 33 first-place votes in its sixth week with the No. 1 ranking in the AP poll.

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This week's No. 4 ranking marks the 80th consecutive AP poll appearance for the Fighting Irish, extending the program record that started with the AP preseason poll in 2007-08 (the old record was 59 consecutive weeks from 1998-2001). In fact, every current Notre Dame player has competed for a ranked Fighting Irish squad throughout her career, spending more than half (42) of those appearances in the AP Top 10.

This year's No. 2 preseason ranking also represents the 12th time in the past 13 years (starting with the 1999-2000 campaign) that Notre Dame has appeared in the initial AP poll, something only nine schools in the nation have done - Connecticut, Duke and Tennessee have shown up in all 13 during that span, while Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Stanford join the Fighting Irish with 12 preseason AP poll berths.

Notre Dame has been ranked in the AP poll for 219 weeks during the program's 35-year history, with every one of those appearances coming in

the Muffet McGraw era (since 1987-88). McGraw ranks 11th among all active NCAA Division I head coaches for weeks in the AP poll, and also is 22nd alltime in that category.

In addition, the Fighting Irish are ranked No. 3 in the current ESPN/USA Today/ WBCA coaches' poll (falling one spot from their season-high No. 2 ranking the previous two weeks), and like

Active D-I Coaches	
1. Summitt (Tenn) 602	
2. Landers (UGa) 463	
3. VanDerveer (Stan) 410	
10. Blair (TAMU) 249	
11. ♦McGraw (ND) 219	
All-Time D-I Coaches	
1. Summitt (Tenn) 602	
2. Landers (UGa) 463	
3. VanDerveer (Stan) 410	
20. Weller (Md) 227	
21. Grentz (Illinois) 225	
22. ♦McGraw (ND) 219	
<u>NOTE</u> : through Nov. 21 AP poll; most recent team coached is listed	

AP Poll Appearances

the AP poll, Notre Dame earned its best-ever preseason ranking, topping its No. 5 placement to begin the 2000-01 campaign. The Fighting Irish also collected five first-place votes in this year's preseason coaches' survey (and two last week), their first nods for the top spot since the final '00-01 balloting, when they received all 40 first-place votes after winning the national championship.

Notre Dame has been ranked in the coaches' poll for 81 of the past 82 weeks, falling just outside the Top 25 in the final poll of the 2008-09 season. Nevertheless, the Fighting Irish have appeared in the coaches' poll for a total of 212 weeks during their history (all coming during McGraw's tenure).

This marks the fourth consecutive season Notre Dame has been ranked in the top 10 of the ESPN/USA Today/WBCA poll, as well as 10 of the past 14 campaigns (1998-99 to present).

More Polling Data

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw is one of 31 people in NCAA Division I women's basketball history who have both played for and coached a team that has appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Besides her 219 AP poll appearances while coaching at Notre Dame, McGraw was the starting point guard at Saint Joseph's (Pa.) as a senior in 1977, helping the Hawks to No. 3 in the nation.

Of the 31 people on this list, 16 currently are NCAA Division I head coaches (see accompanying chart), with McGraw and Baylor's Kim Mulkey are the only active skippers to play for and coach a team in the AP poll, and coach that team to a national title (Mc-Graw in 2001, Mulkey in 2005).

Half And Half

During the past 11 seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Fighting Irish are 219-18 (.924) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead, including wins in 147 of their last 159 such contests.

What's more, in the past three seasons (2009-10 to present), Notre Dame is 56-1 when leading at the half, with the only loss coming on April 5, 2011, in the NCAA national championship game at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis (Notre Dame led Texas A&M, 35-33 at intermission before falling 76-70).

The Best Offense Is A Good Defense...

During the past 17 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 Fighting Irish have an amazing 233-15 (.940) record when they hold their opponents below 60 points in a game.

...But Sometimes You Have To Score If **You Want To Win**

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. During the past 17 seasons (since 1995-96), the Fighting Irish are 156-6 (.963) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are three overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and UCLA (86-83 in double OT) in 2010, as well as a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998, an 81-80 loss to DePaul in 2008, and a 94-81 setback at Baylor in 2011.

In the past three years (2009-10 to present), Notre Dame is 33-2 when topping the 80-point mark, having reached that level in all four games thus far and winning three times.

Notre Dame Superlatives In The BIG EAST Era (1995-96 to present)

Longest winning streak: 23 games (Nov. 17, 2000-Feb. 14, 2001) Longest BIG EAST winning streak: 15 games (Jan. 5-Feb. 22, 2000) Longest losing streak: 3 games, four times (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007) Longest BIG EAST losing streak: 3 games, twice (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007) Most points scored in a game: 111 vs. West Virginia, Jan. 7, 1999 Most points scored in a BIG EAST game: 111 vs. West Virginia, Jan. 7, 1999 Fewest points scored in a game: 38 vs. Villanova, Jan. 24 2004 Fewest points scored in a BIG EAST game: 38 vs. Villanova, Jan. 24, 2004 Most points allowed in a game: 106 by Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1998 Most points allowed in a BIG EAST game: 106 by Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1998 Fewest points allowed in a game: 21 by Southeast Missouri State, Jan. 2, 2011 Fewest points allowed in a BIG EAST game: 31 by St. John's, Feb. 13, 2002 Largest margin of victory: 76 vs. Southeast Missouri State (97-21), Jan. 2, 2011 Largest margin of victory in BIG EAST game: 56 vs. Seton Hall (91-35), Jan. 31, 1998 Largest margin of victory in home game: 76 vs. Southeast Missouri State (97-21), Jan. 2, 2011 Largest margin of victory in road game: 53 at Central Michigan (94-41), Nov. 29, 2007 Largest losing margin: 39 at Tennessee (89-50), March 17.2002 Most points allowed in a win: 93 by Illinois (101-93), Nov. 24, 1998 Most points scored in a loss: 84 vs. Texas A&M (88-84, ot), Dec. 3, 1995 Fewest points scored in a win: 38 vs. Villanova (38-36), Jan. 24, 2004 Fewest points allowed in a loss: 48 vs. Villanova (48-45), Feb. 26, 2002 Largest deficit overcome to win a game: 18 at Vanderbilt (59-57), Dec. 30, 2008 Largest deficit overcome to win a home game: 15 vs. Pittsburgh (72-65), Feb. 28, 2006 Largest lead given up in a loss: 17 vs. Texas Tech (69-

65), March 25, 2000 Most consecutive points scored: 36 vs. Southeast

Missouri State (97-21), Jan. 2, 2011

Most consecutive points scored (start of game): 36 vs. Southeast Missouri State (97-21), Jan. 2, 2011

*Largest halftime lead: 43 vs. Indiana State (58-15), Nov. 13, 2011

- Largest halftime deficit: 26 at Tennessee (53-27), March 17, 2002
- Highest field goal percentage: .680 (34-50) vs. Boston College, Feb. 12, 1997
- Lowest field goal percentage: .220 (13-59) at Seton Hall, March 1, 2005

Highest three-point percentage: 1.000 (5-5) vs. Duke, Nov. 17, 2004

Highest free throw percentage: 1.000 (18-18) at Valparaiso, Nov. 30, 2004

Most three-point field goals made: 13, twice (most recently: at Miami (Fla.), Jan. 2, 2002)

Most free throws made: 37 vs. Wake Forest, Nov. 27, 2010

Most assists: 32 vs. Michigan State, Dec. 11, 1999 Most blocked shots: 16 vs. Boston College.

Feb. 10, 2002 Most steals: 36 vs. New Hampshire, Nov. 12, 2010 Most turnovers forced: 49 vs. New Hampshire,

Nov. 12, 2010 Fewest turnovers committed: 3 at Maryland, Nov. 16, 2007

* - mark set during 2011-12 season





2011-12

Awards

G Skylar Diggins

BIG EAST Player of the Week (Nov. 21)
Preseason WNIT All-Tournament Team
Associated Press Preseason All-American
ESPN.com Preseason All-American
Sporting News Preseason First-Team All-American
Athlon Sports Preseason First-Team All-American
WBCA/State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List
John R. Wooden Award Watch List
BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year
Preseason All-BIG EAST (unanimous)

<u>G Natalie Novosel</u>

Preseason WNIT All-Tournament Team
Sporting News Preseason Second-Team All-American
WBCA/State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List
John R. Wooden Award Watch List
Preseason All-BIG EAST
Lowe's Senior CLASS Award Candidate

F Devereaux Peters

Associated Press Preseason All-American (hon. mention) Sporting News Preseason Third-Team All-American WBCA/State Farm Wade Trophy Watch List John R. Wooden Award Watch List Preseason All-BIG EAST

Top Purcell Pavilion Crowds

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Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.				
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*				
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*				
T1.	12/31/05	#1 Tennessee	L, 51-62	11,418*				
T1.	1/5/08	#3 Tennessee	L, 63-87	11,418*				
T1.	1/27/08	#1 Connecticut	L, 64-81	11,418*				
T1.	12/7/08	#17 Purdue	W, 62-51	11,418*				
7.	12/2/07	Michigan	W, 77-46	10,825				
8.	1/27/09	Rutgers	L, 68-78	10,082				
9.		#25 DePaul	W, 62-59	10,011				
10.	2/10/02	#16 Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676				
	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597				
	12/3/06	Indiana	L, 51-54	9,494				
	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483				
T14.	12/31/09	#18 Vanderbilt	W, 74-69	9,149*				
T14.	1/24/10	#16 West Virginia	W, 74-66	9,149*				
T14.	2/6/10	Pittsburgh	W, 86-76	9,149*				
T14.	2/14/10	DePaul	W, 90-66	9,149*				
T14.	2/23/10	Marquette	W, 82-67	9,149*				
T14.	3/1/10	#1 Connecticut	L, 51-76	9,149*				
T14.	12/5/10	Purdue	W, 72-51					
T14.	1/8/11	#2 Connecticut	L, 76-79	9,149*				
T14.	1/23/11	St. John's	W, 69-36	9,149*				
	2/12/11	Rutgers	W, 71-49	9,149*				
	2/26/11	Cincinnati	W, 66-48					
		ArkPine Bluff	W, 102-57					
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* = indicates sellout crowd (11,418 thru '08-09; currently 9,149) Rankings from AP poll // **Boldface** games played in 2011-12

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Irish Are The Hottest Ticket In Town

The past two seasons have seen an unprecedented surge in fan support for Notre Dame women's basketball, as the Fighting Irish set new program records for the highest year-end NCAA attendance ranking (fourth in 2009-10), highest average attendance (8,553 fans per game in 2010-11) and most sellouts in a single season (six in 2009-10). And, as the old saying goes — "you ain't seen nothin' yet."

For the third consecutive year, Notre Dame fans exhausted the program's season ticket packages (7,500) and have snapped up singlegame ducats at a rate that helped the Fighting Irish already sell out two games (Jan. 7 vs. Connecticut, Jan. 23 vs. Tennessee), and put six others (Dec. 18 vs. Kentucky, Dec. 20 vs. UCF, Jan. 21 vs. Villanova, Feb. 5 vs. DePaul, Feb. 12 vs. West Virginia and Feb. 25 vs. USF) within striking distance of a sellout.

In fact, while some additional tickets may be available on the day or week of the game for individual contests this season (depending on returned inventory by visiting teams and other constituencies), it's entirely possible that Notre Dame will flirt with a sell out for every one of its home games during the 2010-11 regular season.

Fighting Irish On Your Radio Dial

Beginning with the 2008-09 athletics year, the Notre Dame athletics department announced it had partnered with the LeSEA Broadcasting Network, making Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) the new radio home of Notre Dame women's basketball in the South Bend market.

LeSEA originates all Notre Dame women's basketball games, with those events carried on Pulse FM (96.9/92.1), marking a return to the FM side of the dial for the first time since the 1998-99 season. Combined, these two stations blanket the nation's No. 91 media market (South Bend-Elkhart), covering a 21-county area in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan that contains more than 1.4 million listeners (better than 800.000 in the greater South Bend area alone). All told, Notre Dame's women's basketball network stretches from Kalamazoo, Mich., to the north, North Judson, Ind., to the west, Macy, Ind., (home of former Fighting Irish All-America center Ruth Riley) to the south, and LaGrange, Ind., to the east.

Women's basketball game broadcasts also continue to be streamed live and free of charge on Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.UND.com) through the Fighting Irish Digital Media package.

Bob Nagle, the voice of Notre Dame women's basketball from 1996-97 through 1998-99 (including the program's first NCAA Final Four berth in 1997), is now in the fourth season of his second stint as the radio play-by-play broadcaster for the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame On The Small Screen

Notre Dame will have at least 23 regular season games televised during the 2011-12 season. Highlighting this year's broadcast schedule are 11 nationally- or regionally-televised Fighting Irish women's basketball contests, including the program's fifth-ever appearance on network television, and second in as many years (Jan. 7 vs. Connecticut on CBS) and six showings on the ESPN family of networks, including three appearances on that entity's famed "Big Monday" telecast.

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In addition, Notre Dame continues to expand its broadcast reach globally on the Internet. For the sixth consecutive season, all Fighting Irish regular-season home games not selected for commercial TV coverage (as well as the Nov. 2 exhibition vs. Windsor) will be webcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site, <u>www.UND.com</u>, via the site's free Fighting Irish Video Channel.

This year's TV slate continues a trend that has seen the Fighting Irish become a regular fixture on television. Beginning with the NCAA championship season of 2000-01 and continuing through last Sunday's game at Baylor (televised live on CBS Sports Network), Notre Dame has played in 205 televised games, including 150 that were broadcast nationally.

Oh Captain, My Captain

Fifth-year senior guard **Brittany Mallory**, senior guard **Natalie Novosel** and fifth-year senior forward **Devereaux Peters** are serving as Notre Dame's team captains for the 2011-12 season. Mallory is in her second season as team captain, while Novosel and Peters received the captain's honor for the first time in their respective careers following a preseason vote by their teammates.

Notre Dame Breaks New Ground With "Heart of the Irish" Service Initiative

For the third consecutive year, the Notre Dame women's basketball team will be front and center in the South Bend and greater Michiana communities with its groundbreaking outreach program (renamed "Heart of the Irish"), which will involve numerous interactive events during the 2011-12 season. The goal of this year's "Heart of the Irish" program is to highlight community leaders who are making a difference, as well as encourage fans to give back to their community and make an impact through a variety of special initiatives.

The first of five cornerstone events for the 2011-12 "Heart of the Irish" drive will take place on **Dec. 2**, when Notre Dame plays host to Pennsylvania in a 7 p.m. (ET) game at Purcell Pavilion. During that game, the Fighting Irish will hold their annual **Teddy Bear Toss**, collecting new teddy bears and other stuffed animals for patients at Riley Children's Hospital, which serves many Michiana children, as well as local youth patients. The highlight of the event comes at halftime, when fans are invited to toss their stuffed animals onto the court, where they are then collected by volunteers.

Less than one week after the Teddy Bear Toss, Notre Dame will have a second outreach event called **Food For Friends**, to be held in conjunction with the Fighting Irish BIG EAST Conference opener against Marquette at 7 p.m. (ET) on **Dec. 7** at Purcell Pavilion. Fans can bring to the game a variety of non-perishable food items that will be collected and delivered as part of the Food Drive for the St. Joseph Country chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

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Notre Dame's next special "Heart of the Irish" event is entitled **Reading One on One** and it's scheduled for **Jan. 17**, when the Fighting Irish play host to Pittsburgh at 7 p.m. (ET) at Purcell Pavilion. The That evening, the team will collect children's books for the South Bend Community School Corporation in support of the Public Education Foundation.

The Fighting Irish will hold their annual fund-raising game in support of breast cancer awareness and research on Feb. 12 (3:30 p.m. ET vs. West Virginia) at Purcell Pavilion. Known locally as the Pink Zone game (and nationally renamed as Play4Kay), it will feature numerous informational booths and donation opportunities for fans to contribute to the fight against breast cancer, with the highlight being the always-memorable halftime ceremony to honor those who have been touched by (and in many cases, conquered) the disease. Last year, Notre Dame raised more than \$130,000 through its Pink Zone game for the Foundation of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center and the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, lifting its three-year donation total to more than a quarter of a million dollars.

The last event in the "Heart of the Irish" series comes on Valentine's Day (**Feb. 14**), when Notre Dame welcomes Providence to Purcell Pavilion for a 7 p.m. (ET) tipoff. This will be the inaugural **Splish Splash**, in which fans can bring towels, wash cloths or toiletries such as small bottles of shampoo, soap or tooth-paste for the YWCA of St. Joseph County.

Throughout the season, the Fighting Irish also will recognize community leaders who have made exceptional contributions.

In addition to this five-event series, Notre Dame women's basketball will take part in a cooperative effort with the University's Office of Sustainability as the Fighting Irish encourage all fans to recycle in their daily lives, particularly when they attend Notre Dame basketball games at Purcell Pavilion.

Originally called the "Spirit of Giving" program, Notre Dame's community outreach efforts began in earnest during the summer of 2009. Since then, Fighting Irish players, coaches, staff and fans have taken part in hundreds of hours of service projects designed to give back to the South Bend and greater Michiana communities.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team was honored for its community outreach efforts in 2008-09, receiving the Trophy Award (symbolic of the Fighting Irish program with the most service hours in one academic year) from the Notre Dame athletics department.

Irish Fans Crave Another Big Mac Attack

It's year five of Notre Dame's wildly-successful "Big Mac" promotion, offering fans a coupon for a free Big Mac from South Bend-area McDonald's restaurants if the Fighting Irish score at least 88 points in a home game.

In the five-year history of the promotion

(and counting exhibition games), Notre Dame has hit the 88-point mark 28 times, most recently with the Nov. 17 win over Hartford.

It should come as no surprise that in the short history of the promotion, the Notre Dame player with the most "Big Mac" baskets shares

the same initials with the tasty burger fifth-year senior guard **Brittany Mallory**, who has sent the crowd home happy (and presumably with full bellies) five times, including four during the promotion's inaugural run in 2007-08.

And for those tracking such things (or perhaps falling under the heading of "the media relations director has way too much time on his hands"), 17 different players have converted the "burger ball", including six current members of the Fighting Irish roster.

What's more, of the 28 Big Mac games to date, 14 have been reached on two-point baskets, 10 on free throws, and four on

three-pointers.

Next Game: TBA

Depending on the results from Friday's firstround games in the Junkanoo Jam, Notre Dame will face either No. 7/6 Duke or Gardner-Webb in the tournament's consolation or championship games on Saturday (consolation at 5:45 p.m. ET; championship at 8 p.m. ET) at St. Georges High School in Freeport, Bahamas.

So. Florida

exhibition game

The Fighting Irish are 4-1 all-time against Duke, but the teams have not played since Nov. 17, 2004, when Notre Dame earned a 76-65 win over the No. 6 Blue Devils in the Preseason WNIT semifinals at Purcell Pavilion.

The Fighting Irish have never faced Gardner-Webb.

11-12 Signees

ND's "Big Mac Baskets" 2011-12 Indiana State Braker FT Hartford Wright FG 2010-11 *Michigan Tech McBride FG New Hampshire McBride FG Morehead State Turner FG IUPUI Achonwa FT Wake Forest Solomon FT Creighton Forr FG SE Missouri St. Badway 3FG Seton Hall Mallorv FT 2009-10 *Indianapolis Solomon FT UAPB Bruszewski FT IPFW Williamson FG Valparaiso Novosel 3FG Charlotte Christiansen 3FG DePaul Bruszewski FT 2008-09 *Gannon Novosel FT Solomon FG Evansville Loyola-Chicago Novosel FG Syracuse Lechlitner FG 2007-08 So. Indiana Williamson FG *Hillsdale Mallory FT Barlow FG Miami (Ohio) Boston Coll. Mallory FG Mallory 3FG Canisius Valparaiso Mallorv FT Marquette Allen FG

Schrader FG

Notre Dame head women's basketball coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 9 that three of the country's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their academic and athletic careers with the Fighting Irish, each signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2012.

Hannah Huffman, a 5-9 guard from Diablo, Calif. (Carondelet High School), Jewell Loyd, a 5-10 guard from Lincolnwood, III. (Niles West High School) and Michaela Mabrey, a 5-10 guard from Belmar, N.J. (Manasquan High School) all made their official commitments to the Fighting Irish during the early signing period.

All three student-athletes are rated among the top 40 players in the country by various national recruiting services. As a group, this trio currently is ranked No. 3 by multiple recruiting outlets and is a consensus top-10 class by all major services, giving Notre Dame a Top 25 class for the 16th consecutive year, a streak only two other schools in the country (Connecticut and Tennessee) can match.

A capsule look at the newest additions to the Notre Dame women's basketball program follows:

HANNAH HUFFMAN, 5-9, G (Diablo, Calif./Carondelet)

Statistics/Records: Beginning fourth year at Carondelet (combined record of 85-14, 859) ... career per-game statistical averages of 11.8 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.7 steals ... coming off best season to date in 2010-11, helping Carondelet to 29-4 record and No. 20 national ranking by MaxPreps while averaging 16.3 pp., 6.3 rgg., 3.6 apg., 3.5 apg. and 1.2 bpg. (led team in scoring assists and steals, finished second in rebounds and blocks) ... shot 53-percent from the floor, including 48-percent from three-point line, both of which also were team highs ... averaged 31.0 ppg. in final three games of state tournament, including a game-high 30 points in NorCal Division I champion-

Including a game-high 30 points in NorCal Division I championship game vs. Berkeley ... also played for high-powered East Bay Xplosion AAU team. Awards/Honors: Sporting News honorable mention All-

Awards/Honors: Sporting News honorable mention All-American (2011) ... NorCal Preps/Rivals.com Northern California Division I Player of the Year (2011) ... consensus all-state selection in 2011 ... three-time first-team all-state choice in her class ... 2011 first-team all-region pick ... 2011 San Francisco Chronicle Contra Costa/Tri-Valley Player of the Year ... 2011 first-team all-metro selection ... ranked 27th by All-Star Girls Report ... ranked 52nd by ESPN Hoopgurlz ... ranked 63rd by Blue Star Basketball.

JEWELL LOYD, 5-10, G (Lincolnwood, III./Niles West)

Statistics/Records: Entering fourth year as starter at Niles West (combined record of 71-22, .763) ... career per-game statistical averages of 25.0 points, 11.7 rebounds, 4.7 assists, 4.0 steals and 3.3 steals ... begins senior year with 2,241 career points, and could become just seventh player in Illinois girls' basketball history to score 3,000 points (only the third in 20 years) ... as a junior in 2010-11, averaged 30.1 ppg., 15.0 rpg., 4.5 spg., 4.1 apg. and 3.2 bpg., while registering 24 double-doubles (including one triple-double) and shooting 53-percent from the field ... played AAU ball for Midwest Elite with career per-game statistical averages of 24.0 points, 11.0 rebounds, 5.3 assists, 4.3 steals and 3.0 blocks ... member of 2010 USA Basketball Under-17 World Championship Team that went 8-0 and captured the gold medal in Toulouse, France ... averaged 8.6 points and 4.0 rebounds per game while shooting .460 from the field and .353 from the three-point line.

Awards/Honors: MaxPreps honorable mention All-American (2011) ... ESPN Rise Underclass All-American (2010) ... threetime all-state, all-area and all-conference selection ... ranked No. 3 in Class of 2012 by Blue Star Basketball, All-Star Girls Report and Collegiate Girls Basketball Report ... ranked No. 4 by ESPN Hoopgurtz.

MARKISHA WRIGHT, 6-2, F (Des Moines, Iowa/East)

Statistics/Records: Beginning fourth prep season (third at Manasquan)... career per-game statistical averages in two seasons at Manasquan of 24.8 points, 7.3 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.8 steals ... as a junior in 2010-11, averaged 23.4 ppg., 9.0 rpg., 5.9 apg. and 3.8 spg., while knocking down 42 three-pointers and .883 from the free throw line ... sparkled on AAU circuit, playing for New Jersey Demons.

Awards/Honors: 2011 second-team all-state selection ... 2011 all-metro (tri-state) first-team pick ... 2011 Coast Star Offensive Player of the Year ... 2010 Newark Star-Ledger Sophomore of the Year ... three-time all-region and all-conference choice ... ranked 20th by Blue Star Basketball ... ranked 32nd by ESPN Hoopgurtz ... ranked 36th by All-Star Girls Report ... ranked 76th by Collegiate Girls Basketball Report.

Notre Dame Incoming Class of 2012

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Hannah Huffman	5-9, G, Diablo, Calif. (Carondelet)
Jewell Loyd	5-10, G, Lincolnwood, III. (Niles West)
Michaela Mabrey	5-10, G, Belmar, N.J. (Manasquan)





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Nov. 13	2/2		(1) INDIANA STATE	W	99-34	W2	2-0		McBride-16	Wright-11	Diggins-7	8,157
lov. 17	2/2		(1) HARTFORD	W	98-43	W3	3-0		Diggins-22	Peters-8	Diggins-6	8,292
ov. 20	2/2	1/1	(1) at Baylor ^{CBSSN}	L	81-94	L1	3-1		Novosel-28	Peters-8	Mallory-4	9,47
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			ive on CBS Sports Network					Away:	9,477	9,477	9,477 (11/20-Ba	aylor)
			vised live as part of BIG EAS	l Netwo	rk (check local lis	tings)		Neutral	:			
			on Big Ten Network Juled for commercial TV will h	no woho	ast live at www.l							
<u>UIE</u> : All	nome gam	ies not sched	luled for commercial TV will b	Je wedc	asi iive al <u>www.U</u>	IND.COM		-				
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Home games listed in ALL CAPS and played inside Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (capacity 9,149) All times Eastern // Dates and times subject to change



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2011-12 Statistics

All Games: 3-1 (Home: 3-0, Away: 0-1, Neutral: 0-0)

Player	GP-GS	MinAvg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	Α	т	В	S	Pts.	Avg
Diggins, Skylar	4-4	112-28.0	31-57	.544	3-9	.333	19-22	.864	6	1	7	1.8	9-0	24	16	2	13	84	21.0
Novosel, Natalie	4-4	103-25.8	22-49	.449	4-13	.308	23-31	.742	5	7	12	3.0	8-1	8	11	2	5	71	17.8
McBride, Kayla	4-4	94-23.5	24-40	.600	4-7	.571	6-8	.750	10	9	19	4.8	7-0	6	7	0	8	58	14.5
Peters, Devereaux	4-4	88-22.0	15-34	.441	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	13	15	28	7.0	11-0	11	12	4	14	37	9.3
Wright, Markisha	4-0	83-20.8	13-26	.500	0-0	.000	10-17	.588	10	10	20	5.0	6-0	5	2	4	2	36	9.0
Mallory, Brittany	4-4	94-23.5	8-17	.471	6-13	.462	2-2	1.000	2	8	10	2.5	7-0	7	8	0	11	24	6.0
Miller, Fraderica	4-0	71-17.8	6-9	.667	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	4	12	16	4.0	16-1	7	6	0	15	16	4.0
Holloway, Whitney	3-0	44-14.7	4-10	.400	1-5	.200	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	1.0	3-0	3	3	0	6	11	3.7
Turner, Kaila	4-0	66-16.5	4-16	.250	3-10	.300	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	1.0	5-0	8	0	0	2	13	3.3
Braker, Ariel	3-0	33-11.0	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	4	7	11	3.7	2-0	2	2	2	2	9	3.0
Achonwa, Natalie	1-0	12-12.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	2-0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team									7	5	12	3.0			1				
Notre Dame	4	800	129-265	.487	21-58	.362	80-112	.714	65	81	146	36.5	76-2	81	69	14	78	359	89.8
Opponents	4	800	82-201	.408	20-55	.364	48-77	.623	52	91	143	35.8	86-2	53	129	13	40	232	58.0

All Games			.ND	Opp
SCORING				
Points per game		8	9.8	58.0
Scoring margin		+3	1.8	
FIELD GOALS-ATT				82-201
Field goal pct			487	
3 POINT FG-ATT				
3-point FG pct			362	
3-pt FG made per ga			5.3	5.0
FREE THROWS-ATT.		80-	112	48-77
Free throw pct			714	623
F-Throws made per	game.	2	0.0	12.0
REBOUNDS		····· ·	146	143
Rebounds per game		3	6.5	35.8
Rebounding margin.		+	0.7	
ASSISTS				
Assists per game				
TURNOVERS				
Turnovers per game.				32.2
Turnover margin				
Assist/turnover ratio				
STEALS				
Steals per game				
BLOCKS				
Blocks per game			3.5	3.3
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total	
Notre Dame	188	171	359	
Opponents	112	120	232	

Notre Dame's Largest
LEAD
Overall: 67 (99-32 (1:34 - 2nd) vs. Indiana State, 11/13)
BIG EAST:
DEFICIT
Overall: 19 (90-71 (1:48 - 2nd) at Baylor, 11/20)
BIG EAST:
MARGIN OF VICTORY
Overall: 65 (99-34 vs. Indiana State, 11/13)
BIG EAST:
MARGIN OF DEFEAT
Overall: 13 (94-81 at Baylor, 11/20)
BIG EAST:
HALFTIME LEAD
Overall: 43 (58-15 vs. Indiana State, 11/13) (school record)
BIG EAST:
HALFTIME DEFICIT
Overall: 11 (47-36 at Baylor, 11/20)
BIG EAST:
HOME CROWD
Overall: 8,516 (vs. Akron, 11/11)
BIG EAST:
ROAD CROWD
Overall: 9,477 (at Baylor, 11/20)
BIG EAST:
NEUTRAL CROWD
Overall:
BIG EAST:

Date Opponent	F	F G	G	G
N11 AKRON	Peters	McBride (G) Diggins	Mallory	Novosel
N13 INDIANA STATE	Peters	McBride (G) Diggins	Mallory	Novosel
N17 HARTFORD	Peters	McBride (G) Diggins	Mallory	Novosel
N20 at Baylor	Peters	McBride (G) Diggins	Mallory	Novosel

Specialty Stats (ND/Opp)									
Date	Opponent	Paint	OffTO	2ndCh	FBreak	Bench			
N11	AKRON	52/28	50/15	22/14	10/8	20/20			
N13	INDIANA STATE	52/8	51/2	18/3	22/0	37/6			
N17	HARTFORD	44/12	41/9	12/12	6/2	23/15			
N20	at Baylor	40/52	16/14	9/21	4/4	5/32			





2011-12 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Holloway	Diggins	Cable	Achonwa	Miller	Peters	Turner	Novosel	Mallory	McBride	Wright	Brake
(1) AKRON	0-0-2	21-2-8	DNP	DNP	4-1-2	10-8-4	2-1-2	13-3-1	2-2-2	15-7-1	12-7-2	2-2-0
(1) INDIANA STATE	5-1-0	14-1-7	DNP	DNP	10-6-3	14-4-3	5-0-2	10-2-6	8-1-0	16-1-2	14-11-2	3-5-0
(1) HARTFORD	6-2-1	22-0-6	DNP	DNP	1-3-2	7-8-2	6-3-4	20-2-0	12-3-1	14-7-3	6-2-0	4-4-2
(1) at Baylor	DNP	27-4-3	DNP	0-4-0	1-6-0	6-8-2	0-0-0	28-5-1	2-4-4	13-4-0	4-0-1	DNP
(2) vs. USC												
(2) vs. Duke/Gardner-Webb												
PENNSYLVANIA												
at Creighton												
MARQUETTE												
at Purdue												
KENTUCKY												
CENTRAL FLORIDA												
LONGWOOD												
at Mercer												
at Seton Hall												
CONNECTICUT												
 at Georgetown 												
 at Cincinnati 												
PITTSBURGH												
• VILLANOVA												
TENNESSEE												
 at St. John's 												
 at Rutgers 												
DePAUL												
at Syracuse												
WEST VIRGINIA												
PROVIDENCE												
 at Louisville 												
SOUTH FLORIDA												
at Connecticut												
Games started in boldface // home g	ames in ALL CAPS	// • = BIG E/	AST game									
1 = Preseason WNIT (campus sites) //	2 = Junkanoo Jam	(Freeport, Ba	hamas)									



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2011-12 Single Game Highs & Lows

Team Superlatives

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NOTRE DAME HIGH	NOTRE DAME LOW	CATEGORY	OPPONENT HIGH	OPPONENT LOW
99 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	81, twice (MR: at Baylor, 11/20/11)	Points/Game	94 by Baylor (11/20/11)	34 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
58 (1st) vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	36 (1st) at Baylor (11/20/11)	Points/Half	47 (1st/2nd) by Baylor (11/20/11)	15 (1st) by Indiana State (11/13/11)
36 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	28 at Baylor (11/20/11)	Field Goals Made	31 by Baylor (11/20/11)	11 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
74 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	57 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	Field Goal Attempts	66 by Baylor (11/20/11)	36 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
.581 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	.389 at Baylor (11/20/11)	FG Percentage	.470 by Baylor (11/20/11)	.306 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
8, twice (MR: vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	2 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	3-Point FG Made	8 by Akron (11/11/11)	3 by Baylor (11/20/11)
18 at Baylor (11/20/11)	12 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	3-Point FG Attempts	23 by Akron (11/11/11)	9 by Baylor (11/20/11)
.571, twice (MR: vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	.167, twice (MR: at Baylor, 11/20/11)	3-Point FG Percentage	.500 by Hartford (11/17/11)	.308 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
26 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	13 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	Free Throws Made	29 by Baylor (11/20/11)	4 by Hartford (11/17/11)
35 vs. Hartford (11/17/11)	21 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	Free Throw Attempts	38 by Baylor (11/20/11)	10 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
.786 at Baylor (11/20/11)	.619 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	FT Percentage	.800 by Indiana State (11/13/11)	.222 by Hartford (11/17/11)
38 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	34 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	Rebounds	52 by Baylor (11/20/11)	23 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
25 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	11 at Baylor (11/20/11)	Assists	18 by Baylor (11/20/11)	9 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
29 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	9 at Baylor (11/20/11)	Steals	14 by Akron (11/11/11)	4 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
4, twice (MR: vs. Hartford, 11/17/11)	3, twice (MR: at Baylor, 11/20/11)	Blocked Shots	5 by Baylor (11/20/11)	2 by Indiana State (11/13/11)
27 vs. Akron (11/11/11)	11 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	Turnovers	46 by Akron (11/11/11)	17 by Baylor (11/20/11)
30 at Baylor (11/20/11)	13 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)	Fouls	25 by Hartford (11/17/11)	19 by Baylor (11/20/11)

Individual Superlatives

NOTRE DAME OPPONENT Points Scored 28 by Natalie Novosel at Baylor (11/20/11) 32 by Brittney Griner of Baylor (11/20/11) Field Goals Made 9, twice (MR: by Skylar Diggins at Baylor, 11/20/11) 14 by Brittney Griner of Baylor (11/20/11) **Field Goal Attempts** 20 by Skylar Diggins at Baylor (11/20/11) 18 by Brittney Griner of Baylor (11/20/11) Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made) .857 (6-7), twice (MR: byNatalie Novosel vs. Hartford, 11/17/11) .778 (14-18) by Brittney Griner of Baylor (11/20/11) 3-Point Field Goals Made 4 by Brittany Mallory vs. Hartford (11/17/11) 3 by Anna Munn of Indiana State (11/13/11) **3-Point Field Goal Attempts** 5, twice (Brittany Mallory/Natalie Novosel at Baylor, 11/20/11) 7 by Taylor Ruper of Akron (11/11/11) 3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made) 1.000 (4-4) by Brittany Mallory vs. Hartford (11/17/11) .500 (3-6) by Anna Munn of Indiana State (11/13/11) Free Throws Made 11 by Natalie Novosel at Baylor (11/20/11) 12 by Odyssey Sims of Baylor (11/20/11) Free Throw Attempts 15 by Natalie Novosel at Baylor (11/20/11) 14 by Odyssey Sims of Baylor (11/20/11) Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made) 1.000 (6-6) by Natalie Novosel vs. Hartford (11/17/11) 1.000 (4-4) by Kimetria Hayden of Baylor (11/20/11) Rebounds 11 by Markisha Wright vs. Indiana State (11/13/11) 14 by Odyssey Sims of Baylor (11/20/11) Assists 8 by Skylar Diggins vs. Akron (11/11/11) 6, twice (Terran Condrey/Odyssey Sims of Baylor, 11/20/11) Steals 7 by Fraderica Miller vs. Akron (11/11/11) 6 by Odyssey Sims of Baylor (11/20/11) **Blocked Shots** 2, five times (MR: by Devereaux Peters at Baylor, 11/20/11) 5 by Brittney Griner of Baylor (11/20/11) 7, twice (MR: by Skylar Diggins at Baylor, 11/20/11) 9 by Natasha Zurek of Indiana State (11/13/11) Turnovers Minutes Played 36 by Skylar Diggins at Baylor (11/20/11) 40 by Brittney Griner of Baylor (11/20/11)





2011-12 Game-By-Game Team Statistics

N11 N13	Opponent NOTRE DAME AKRON NOTRE DAME	W/L h1W	Score 81-61	FG-A 33-74	Pct.	FG-A		FT-A	Pct.	Off-Def-Tot	PF-DQ	Α	то	В	S	1-2	Tot
N13	AKRON NOTRE DAME	h1W	81-61	00 74													
N13	NOTRE DAME			33-74	.446	2-12	.167	13-21	.619	19-19-38	18-0	24	27	3	29	44-37	81
				23-56	.411	8-23	.348	7-11	.636	17-27-44	20-1	16	46		14	30-31	61
	INDIANA STATE	h1W	99-34	36-62 11-36	.581 .306	8-14 4-13	.571 .308	19-28 8-10	.679 .800	15-19-34 6-17-23	13-0 22-0	25 9	11 36	4 2	25 4	58-41 15-19	99 34
	NOTRE DAME	h1W	98-43	32-57	.561	8-14	.506	26-35	.743	14-23-37	15-0	21	14	4	4	50-48	98
	HARTFORD		50 -0	17-43	.395	5-10	.500	4-18		9-15-24	25-1	10	30	3	9	20-23	43
N20	NOTRE DAME	a1L	81-94	28-72	.389	3-18	.167	22-28	.786	17-20-37	30-2	11	17	3	9	36-45	81
	at #1/1 Baylor			31-66	.470	3-9	.333	29-38	.763	20-32-52	19-0	18	17	5	13	47-47	94
	NOTRE DAME vs. USC																
	NOTRE DAME																
	TBA																
	NOTRE DAME																
	PENNSYLVANIA																
	NOTRE DAME at Creighton																
	NOTRE DAME																
	MARQUETTE																
	NOTRE DAME																
	at Purdue																
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	at Cincinnati																
	NOTRE DAME																
	PITTSBURGH																
	NOTRE DAME VILLANOVA																
	NOTRE DAME																
	TENNESSEE																
	NOTRE DAME																
	at St. John's • NOTRE DAME																
	at Rutgers																
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	DePAUL																
	NOTRE DAME																
	at Syracuse • NOTRE DAME																
	WEST VIRGINIA																
	NOTRE DAME																
	PROVIDENCE																
	NOTRE DAME at Louiovillo																
	at Louisville • NOTRE DAME																
	SOUTH FLORIDA																
	NOTRE DAME																
	at Connecticut																
• = BIG	EAST game // h1 = Prese	ason WNIT	(campus sites) // n2 = J	unkanoo	Jam (Freej	oort, Bah	amas)									





Miscellaneous Notre Dame Statistics

LEADING SCORER

Skylar Diggins	2 (29)
Kayla McBride	1 (4)
Natalie Novosel	1 (16)
Devereaux Peters	0 (13)
Brittany Mallory	0 (4)
Natalie Achonwa	0 (1)

LEADING REBOUNDER

Devereaux Peters	3 (38)
Markisha Wright	1
Natalie Achonwa	0 (7)
Skylar Diggins	0 (4)
Natalie Novosel	0 (2)
Ariel Braker	0 (1)
Kayla McBride	0 (1)
Fraderica Miller	0 (1)

LEADER IN ASSISTS

Skylar Diggins	3 (40)
Brittany Mallory	1 (12)
Natalie Novosel	0 (11)
Devereaux Peters	0 (2)
Natalie Achonwa	0 (1)
Kayla McBride	0 (1)
Kaila Turner	0 (1)

GAMES STARTED

Skylar Diggins	4 (72)
Brittany Mallory	4 (44)
Kayla McBride	4 (8)
Natalie Novosel	4 (47)
Devereaux Peters	4 (46)

CHARGES TAKEN

Opponents	4
Notre Dame	4

Natalie Novosel	3 (8)
Brittany Mallory	1 (12)
Skylar Diggins	0 (6)
Devereaux Peters	0 (4)
Natalie Achonwa	0 (3)
Kaila Turner	0 (1)

20-29-POINT SCORING GAMES				
Opponents	1			
Notre Dame	5			

Skylar Diggins	3 (20)
Natalie Novosel	2 (9)
Devereaux Peters	0 (4)
Brittany Mallory	0 (2)
Kayla McBride	0 (1)

30-POINT SCORING GAMES

Opponents	<u> </u>
Notre Dame	0

TECHNICAL FOULS	
Opponents	

Notre Dame	0

FOUR-POINT PLAYS Onnonente

opponents	
Notre Dame	0

THREE-POINT PLAYS

Opponents Notre Dame 4

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ND'S FIRST SUBSTITUTION Markisha Wright Kaila Turner

BENCH POINTS Opponents 73 (18.3 ppg.) 85 (21.3 ppg.) Notre Dame

SHOT CLOCK VIOLATIONS FORCED Opponents 0 Notre Dame 4

JUMP BALLS CONTROLLED Opponents 1 Notre Dame 3

Devereaux Peters 3/4 (1.000)

FIRST SCORE		
Opponents	0	
Notre Dame	4	
Skylar Diggins	2	
Brittany Mallory	1	
Kayla McBride	1	
RUNS OF 10-0 OR BETTER		

RUNS OF 10-0 OR BETTER	
Opponents	0
Notre Dame	5

LARGEST HALFTIME LEAD 43, 58-15 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11) (school record)

LARGEST HALFTIME DEFICIT

11, 47-36 at Baylor (11/20/11)

LARGEST LEAD

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67, 99-32 (1:34 - 2nd) vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)

LARGEST DEFICIT

19, 90-71 (1:48 - 2nd) at Baylor (11/20/11)

LARGEST WIN 65, 99-34 vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)

LARGEST DEFEAT 13, 94-81 at Baylor (11/20/11)

MOST CONSECUTIVE PTS 23 (5:54 - 1st to 16:20 - 2nd) vs. Indiana State (11/13/11)

MOST CONSECUTIVE OPP PTS 7, three times (MR: 2:52 - 1st to 1:53 - 1st by Baylor, 11/20/11)

LONGEST WINNING STREAK 3 (11/11 - 11/17)

LONGEST LOSING STREAK 1 (11/20 - present)

LARGEST HOME CROWD 8,516 vs. Akron (11/11/11)

LARGEST ROAD CROWD 9,477 at Baylor (11/20/11)

LARGEST NEUTRAL CROWD None

NOTE: totals may not add up to games played due to ties ... figures in parentheses by player totals are career totals (charges taken first tracked in '08-09)

Double-Figure Points

	2011-12	Career
Natalie Achonwa	0	13
Ariel Braker	0	1
Skylar Diggins	4	60
Brittany Mallory	1	26
Kayla McBride	4	11
Fraderica Miller	1	2
Natalie Novosel	4	51
Devereaux Peters	2	47
Kaila Turner	0	2
Markisha Wright	2	2

Double-Figure Rebounds/Assists

	2011-12	Career
Natalie Achonwa	0	2
Skylar Diggins	0	2/1*
Brittany Mallory	0	1*
Fraderica Miller	0	1
Devereaux Peters	0	13
Markisha Wright	2	2
* - assists		

5-5-5 Games (aka "Stat Sheet Stuffers")

	2011-12	Career
Skylar Diggins	1	18
Brittany Mallory	0	53
Natalie Novosel	0	3
Devereaux Peters	0	6
Kaila Turner	0	1
NOTE: At least 5 in three of	five statistical	categories (points,

rebounds, assists, steals or blocks)

Double-Doubles

	2011-12	Career
Natalie Achonwa	0	1
Skylar Diggins	0	2
Brittany Mallory	0	1
Devereaux Peters	0	11
Markisha Wright	1	1
14 pts., 11 rebs.	vs. Indiana Stat	e, 11/13

Clutch Free Throws (final 5 min. + 0T)

	FT-FTA	Ýct.
Skylar Diggins	2-2	1.000
Kayla McBride	2-2	1.000
Fraderica Miller	3-4	.750
Ariel Braker	3-6	.500
Natalie Novosel	2-4	.500
Markisha Wright	2-6	.333
'11-12 Team Totals	14-24	.583



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The Last Time Notre Dame...

SCORING

Player scored 25 points: Natalie Novosel (28) and Skylar Diggins (27) at Baylor, 11/20/11 Player scored 30 points: Skylar Diggins (31) vs. Vermont, 3/23/10

Player scored 35 points: Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma, 3/25/08 (@ West Lafayette, Ind.) Player scored 40 points: Ruth Riley (41) at Providence, 1/30/99

Two players scored 20 points: see two scored 25 points

Three players scored 20 points: Danielle Green (28), Sheila McMillen (26), Ruth Riley (23) vs. West Virginia, 1/7/99

Two players scored 25 points: Natalie Novosel (28) and Skylar Diggins (27) at Baylor, 11/20/11 Player scored 25 points/3 consecutive games: Charel Allen (25 vs. DePaul, 2/11/07; 25 at Villanova, 2/13/07; 26 at Providence, 2/17/07)

None in double figures: at Seton Hall, 2/8/04

One in double figures: Skylar Diggins (10) at Connecticut, 3/8/10

Six in double figures: Kayla McBride (16), Skylar Diggins (14), Devereaux Peters (14), Markisha Wright (14), Fraderica Miller (10) and Natalie Novosel (10) vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11

Seven in double figures: see eight in double figures

Eight in double figures: Becca Bruszewski (19), Ashley Barlow (15), Skylar Diggins (14), Fraderica Miller (11), Lindsay Schrader (11), Brittany Mallory (10) and Natalie Novosel (10) vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 11/15/09

ND scored 50 points/half: 50 (1st half) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11

ND scored 55 points/half: 58 (1st half) vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11

ND scored 60 points/half: 61 (1st half) vs. Cleveland State, 11/26/02

ND scored 100 points/game: 102 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 11/15/09

ND scored 100 points/home game: see 100 points/game

ND scored 100 points/BIG EAST game: 104 at Georgetown, 1/19/08

ND scored fewer than 15 points/half: 11 (1st half) at West Virginia, 1/13/08 ND scored fewer than 20 points/half: 19 (1st half) at Connecticut, 1/16/10

ND scored fewer than 50 points/game: 44 at Connecticut, 3/8/10

FIELD GOAL SHOOTING

Player made every shot from the field (min. 7): Crystal Erwin (9-9) vs. Washington, 12/11/04 ND shot 55 percent/game: 56.1 (32-57) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11 ND shot 55 percent/consecutive games: 58.1 (36-62) vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11; and 56.1 (32-57) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11

ND shot 60 percent/game: 64.0 (32-50) vs. Seton Hall, 2/8/11

ND shot 65 percent/game: 68.0 (34-50) vs. Boston College, 2/12/97

ND shot 70 percent/game: 70.2 (40-57) vs. Xavier, 2/9/85

ND shot below 25 percent/game: 24.5 (13-53) at West Virginia, 1/13/08

ND shot below 30 percent/game: 26.9 (18-67) at Connecticut, 1/16/10

ND shot below 35 percent/game: 33.8 (24-71) at Connecticut, 3/8/11 ND shot below 35 percent/game and won: 33.8 (22-65) at Michigan State, 11/19/09

ND shot 55 percent/half: see 60 percent/half

ND shot 60 percent/half: 62.1 (18-29), 1st half vs. Hartford, 11/17/11

ND shot 65 percent/half: 65.2 (15-23), 1st half at West Virginia, 2/22/11

ND shot 70 percent/half: 71.0 (22-31), 2nd half at Boston College, 11/23/08

ND shot 55 percent/both halves: 66.7 (16-24) and 61.5 (16-26) vs. Seton Hall, 2/8/11

ND shot below 25 percent/half: 23.1 (6-26), 2nd half at Villanova, 1/29/11

ND shot below 30 percent/half: see below 25 percent/half

THREE-POINT SHOOTING

Player made 4 three-pointers/half: Brittany Mallory (1st half) vs. Hartford, 11/17/11 Plaver made 5 three-pointers/half: Kellie Watson (1st half) vs. Michigan State, 11/29/08

Player made 5 three-pointers: see made 6 three-pointers

Player made 6 three-pointers: Brittany Mallory vs. Oklahoma, 3/26/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)

Player made 7 three-pointers: Alicia Ratay at Providence, 2/16/03

Player made 8 three-pointers: Sheila McMillen vs. St. John's, 2/28/98 (@ Piscataway, N.J.)

Player attempted 10 three-pointers: Brittany Mallory vs. Oklahoma, 3/26/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio) ND made 10 three-pointers: 10 at Syracuse, 1/30/10

ND did not make a three-pointer: at Villanova, 1/29/11

ND attempted 20 three-pointers: 20 vs. Marquette, 2/23/10

ND shot 60 percent 3FG (min. 5 att.): 60.0 (3-5) vs. Seton Hall, 2/8/11

FREE THROW SHOOTING

Player made 10 for 10 or better: 12-12 by Charel Allen vs. Oklahoma, 3/25/08 (@ West Lafayette, Ind.)

ND shot 90 percent (min. 10 att.): 91.7 (11-12) vs. Evansville, 11/19/08

ND shot below 50 percent (min. 10 att.): 33.3 (4-12) vs. Cincinnati, 1/31/09

ND made 30 free throws: 37 (attempted 43) vs. Wake Forest, 11/27/10

ND made fewer than five FTs: 2 (attempted 2) vs. Connecticut, 3/8/10 (@ Hartford, Conn.)

ND attempted 40 free throws: 41 (made 28) at South Florida, 2/5/11 ND attempted fewer than 5 FTs: 2 (made 2) vs. Connecticut, 3/8/10 (@ Hartford, Conn.)

REBOUNDS

Player had 15 rebounds: Lindsay Schrader (15) vs. Cincinnati, 1/31/09

Player had 20 rebounds: Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul, 1/20/88

Two players had double-figure rebounds: Skylar Diggins (11) and Devereaux Peters (10) vs. Gonzaga, 12/29/10 (@ Seattle, Wash.)

Three players had double-figure rebounds: Katryna Gaither (14), Beth Morgan (11) and Carey Poor (10) at Michigan State, 12/21/95

ND had 60 rebounds: 66 vs. Southeast Missouri State, 1/2/11

ND had 20 offensive rebounds: 21 at Connecticut, 3/8/11

ND had 25 offensive rebounds: 25 at Kentucky, 11/21/10

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Points & rebounds: Markisha Wright (14/11) vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11

Points & rebounds/consecutive games: Devereaux Peters (17/12) vs. Temple, 3/21/11 (@ Salt Lake City, Utah); (17/13) vs. Oklahoma, 3/26/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)

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Points & rebounds/3 consecutive games; Jacqueline Batteast (17/11) vs. Missouri State, 3/21/04: (27/12) vs. Middle Tennessee, 3/23/04; (22/12) vs. Penn State, 3/27/04 (@ Hartford, Conn.) Points & rebounds/4 consecutive games: Jacqueline Batteast (14/11) vs. Virginia Tech, 1/10/04;

(23/11) vs. Connecticut, 1/13/04; (22/10) at West Virginia, 1/17/04; (12/10) at Syracuse, 1/21/04 Points & rebounds/5 consecutive games: Jacqueline Batteast (20/10) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01; (11/12) vs. Marquette, 12/22/01; (23/10) at Rice, 12/28/01; (25/14) vs. DePaul, 12/31/01;

(12/13) at Miami (Fla.), 1/2/02 Points & assists: Brittany Mallory (10/10) vs. Rutgers, 2/12/11

Points & assists/consecutive games: Niele Ivey (12/10) at Valparaiso, 11/17/00; (14/11) vs. Arizona, 11/20/00 Two players had double-doubles: Skylar Diggins (19p/11r) and Devereaux Peters (10p/10r) vs. Gonzaga, 12/29/10 (@ Seattle, Wash.)

Three players had double-doubles: Crystal Erwin (14p/10r), Megan Duffy (14p/10a) and Jacqueline Batteast (10p/10r) vs. St. John's, 1/26/05

15 points and 15 rebounds: Lindsay Schrader (19/15) vs. Cincinnati, 1/31/09

20 points and 10 rebounds: Devereaux Peters (21/11) vs. Texas A&M, 4/5/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.) 20 points and 20 rebounds: Heidi Bunek (25/20) at DePaul, 1/20/88

TRIPLE-DOUBLES (only two in school history)

Points, rebounds, assists: Sara Liebscher (17p/12r/10a) vs. Detroit, 2/15/90 Points, assists, steals: Mary Gavin (11p/14a/10s) vs. Marguette, 1/31/87

ASSISTS

Player had 10 assists: Skylar Diggins (12) vs. Oklahoma, 3/26/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio) Player had 10 assists/consecutive games: Megan Duffy (11 vs. Rutgers, 1/23/05; 10 vs. St. John's, 1/26/05)

Player had 15 assists: Mary Gavin (17) at Marquette, 2/28/87 ND had 30 assists: 31 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 11/15/09 ND had fewer than 10 assists: 7 vs. DePaul, 3/7/11 (@ Hartford, Conn.) ND had fewer than 5 assists: 3 vs. Villanova, 3/8/09 (@ Hartford, Conn.)

BLOCKED SHOTS

Player blocked 5 shots: see blocked 6 shots Player blocked 6 shots: Devereaux Peters vs. Louisville, 3/6/11 (@ Hartford, Conn.) Player blocked 10 shots: Amanda Barksdale (11) vs. Boston College, 2/10/02 ND blocked 10 shots: 10 at St. John's, 2/16/10 ND blocked 15 shots: 16 vs. Boston College, 2/10/02 ND blocked 0 shots: vs. Villanova, 1/9/10

STEALS

Player had 7 steals: Fraderica Miller vs. Akron, 11/11/11 Player had 8 steals: Ashley Barlow vs. Cincinnati, 1/31/09 ND had 20 steals: 25 vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11

TURNOVERS

ND committed 25 or more: 27 vs. Akron, 11/11/11 ND committed 25 or more and won: see 25 or more ND committed 30 or more: 30 at West Virginia, 2/22/11 ND committed 10 or fewer: 10 at Utah, 3/19/11 ND committed 10 or fewer/consecutive games: 10 at Providence, 12/8/10; 10 vs. Creighton, 12/11/10 ND committed 5 or fewer: 3 at Maryland, 11/16/07

MISCELLANEOUS

Led ND in points/rebounds/assists: Skylar Diggins (23p/10r/6a) vs. Pittsburgh, 2/6/10 Hit "final minute" game-winning shot: Ashley Barlow (3FG/0:34.2 2nd) at Syracuse, 1/30/10 Four-point play: Ashley Barlow (0:08.4, 1st half) at Syracuse, 1/30/10 Made shot from midcourt or beyond: Breona Gray (48 feet at 0:00, 1st half) at Seton Hall, 1/2/07 Played every minute: Melissa Lechlitner (40) vs. St. John's, 1/17/09 Played more than 40 minutes: Skylar Diggins (47) & Becca Bruszewski (44) vs. UCLA, 11/18/10 ND rallied from 10-point deficit to win: trailed vs. Vermont, 10-20 (11:37 - 1st); won 84-66, 3/23/10 ND rallied from 15-point deficit to win: trailed at Vanderbilt, 28-46 (15:56 - 2nd); won 59-57, 12/30/08 ND scored 20 straight points: 23-0 run vs. Indiana State, 11/13/11 ND scored 25 straight points: 36-0 run vs. Southeast Missouri State, 1/2/11

OVERTIME

ND played an OT game: see played two overtimes ND played two overtimes: vs. UCLA (L, 86-83), 11/18/10 ND won an OT game: vs. Oklahoma (79-75), 3/25/08 (@ West Lafayette, Ind.) ND won an OT game at home: vs. Bowling Green (85-81), 11/13/06 ND won an OT game on the road: at Bowling Green (86-84), 12/5/07 ND lost an OT game: see played two overtimes

RANKINGS

Played the No. 1 team in the AP poll: lost at Baylor (94-81), 11/20/11 Played the No. 1 team in the ESPN/USA Today/WBCA poll: see played No. 1 team in AP poll Defeated top-10 opponent: vs. #1/1 Connecticut (72-63), 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.) Defeated top-10 opponent at home: vs. #6/7 Rutgers (63-47), 1/23/05 Defeated top-10 opponent on the road: at #9/10 Connecticut (65-59), 1/30/05 Defeated top-10 opponent by double digits: vs. #4/4 Tennessee (73-59), 3/28/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)





The Last Time An Opponent...

SCORING Player scored 25 points: see 30 points

Player scored 30 points: Brittney Griner (32) at Baylor, 11/20/11 Player scored 35 points: Maya Moore (36), Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.) Two players scored 20 points: see two scored 25 points Three players scored 20 points: Angela Simpson (37), Bridgette Williams (24) and Stephanie Shaw (22). Northwestern State, 3/24/95 (@ Amarillo, Texas) Two players scored 25 points: Brittney Griner (32) and Odyssey Sims (25) at Baylor, 11/20/11 None in double figures: Hartford, 11/17/11 (Daphne Elliott - 9 pts) One in double figures: Anna Munn (13), Indiana State, 11/13/11 Five in double figures: Brittney Griner (21), Brooklyn Pope (20), Kimetria Hayden (14), Odyssey Sims (11) and Melissa Jones (10) at Baylor, 12/1/10 Six in double figures: Jannon Roland (21), Danielle McCulley (14), Jennifer Jacoby (12), Stacey Lovelace (12), Nicole Erickson (11) and Shannon Lindsey (11), Purdue, 11/30/94 Scored 50 points/half: 50 (2nd half), San Diego State, 11/26/09 (@ St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands) Scored 55 points/half: see 60 points/half Scored 60 points/half: 63 (2nd half), Northwestern State, 3/24/95 (@ Amarillo, Texas) Scored 100 points/game: 106, Connecticut, 12/8/98 Scored 100 points/non-conference game: 103, Northwestern State, 3/24/95 (@ Amarillo, Texas) Scored fewer than 15 points/half: 6 (1st half), Southeast Missouri State, 1/2/11 Scored fewer than 20 points/half: 19 (2nd half), Indiana State, 11/13/11

Scored fewer than 40 points/game: 34, Indiana State, 11/13/11

FIELD GOAL SHOOTING

Shot 50 percent/game: 54.7 (29-53), Texas A&M, 4/5/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.) Shot 55 percent/game: 55.6 (30-54), Connecticut, 3/1/10 Shot 60 percent/game: 60.0 (30-50), DePaul, 1/22/08 Shot below 25 percent/game: 24.6 (14-57), Seton Hall. 2/8/11 Shot below 30 percent/game: see below 25 percent/game Shot 50 percent/half: see 65 percent/half Shot 55 percent/half: see 65 percent/half Shot 60 percent/half: see 65 percent/half Shot 65 percent/half: 68.2 (15-22), 2nd half by Texas A&M, 4/5/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.) Shot 70 percent/half: 70.0 (14-20), 2nd half by New Hampshire, 11/12/10 Shot 50 percent/both halves: 53.3 (16-30) and 56.5 (13-23) at Connecticut, 2/19/11 Shot below 20 percent/half: 15.4 (4-26), 2nd half by Seton Hall, 2/8/11 Shot below 25 percent/half: see below 20 percent/half Shot below 30 percent/half: 26.3 (5-19), 1st half by Indiana State, 11/13/11 Shot below 30 percent/both halves: 26.9 (7-26) and 24.0 (6-25), Syracuse, 2/1/11

THREE-POINT SHOOTING

Player made 5 three-pointers: Maya Moore, Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.) Player made 6 three-pointers: Anne Boese, IPFW, 12/8/09 Player made 7 three-pointers: Angie Bjorklund, Tennessee, 1/5/08 Player attempted 10 three-pointers: Maya Moore (13), Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.) Made 10 three-pointers: 11 by IPFW, 12/8/09 Did not make a three-pointer: 0 at LSU, 11/16/08 Shot 50 percent 3FG (min. 5 att.): 50.0 (5-10) by Hartford, 11/17/11 Shot 60 percent 3FG (min. 5 att.): 61.5 (8-13) by Temple, 3/21/11 (@ Salt Lake City, Utah)

FREE THROW SHOOTING

Player made 10 free throws: Odyssey Sims (12) at Baylor, 11/20/11 Player made 15 free throws: Nok Duany (15) at Georgetown, 2/23/02 Player attempted 15 free throws: Candace Parker (17), Tennessee, 3/30/08 (@ Oklahoma City, Okla) Player made 10 for 10 or better: Kelly Faris (10-10), Connecticut, 1/8/11

Shot 90 percent (min. 10 att.): 96.3 (26-27), Connecticut, 1/8/11 Shot below 50 percent (min. 10 att.): 22.2 (4-18), Hartford, 11/17/11 Made 30 free throws: 32 (attempted 37) by Illinois, 11/24/98 Made fewer than five FTs: 4 (attempted 18), Hartford, 11/17/11 Attempted 40 free throws: 45 (made 28) at South Florida, 1/13/07 Attempted fewer than 5 FTs: 2 (made 1), Southeast Missouri State, 1/2/11

REBOUNDS

Player had 15 rebounds: Michelle Harrison (16) at Utah, 3/19/11

Player had 20 rebounds: Wendy Scholtens (20) at Vanderbilt, 1/8/89

Two players had double-figure rebounds: Brittney Griner (14) and Destiny Williams (13) at Baylor, 11/20/11

Three players had double-figure rebounds: Aurora Adams (16), Brenda McCunn (11) and Paula Langseth (10), Hawaii, 3/22/81 (@ Anchorage, Alaska) Had 50 rebounds: 52 at Baylor, 11/20/11

Out-rebounded ND by 10 or more: 15 at Baylor, 11/20/11 (BU 52, ND 37)

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

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Points & rebounds: Brittney Griner (32/14) and Destiny Williams (15/13) at Baylor, 11/20/11 Points & assists: Liad Suez-Karni (14/10), Villanova, 2/7/06

Two players had double-doubles: Brittney Griner (32/14) and Destiny Williams (15/13) at Baylor, 11/20/11

Three players had double-doubles: Mary Raese (24p/10r), Mary Westerwelle (11p/10r) and Netra McGrew (10p/10a), Idaho, 3/21/86 (@ Amarillo, Texas)

15 points and 15 rebounds: Tina Charles (16/17), Connecticut, 3/8/10 (@ Hartford, Conn.)

20 points and 10 rebounds: Brittney Griner (32/14) at Baylor, 11/20/11 20 points and 20 rebounds: Wendy Scholtens (29/20) at Vanderbilt, 1/8/89

TRIPLE-DOUBLES

Points, rebounds, assists: Liad Suez-Karni (14p/10r/10a), Villanova, 2/7/06 Points, rebounds, steals: Diana Vines (23p/11r/12s) at DePaul, 1/24/89

ASSISTS Player had 10 assists: Ketia Swanier (11), Connecticut, 1/27/08 Player had 15 assists: Veronica Pettry (16) at Loyola-Chicago, 2/18/89 Had 25 assists: 27, Connecticut, 3/2/99 (@ Piscataway, N.J.) Had 30 assists: 30 at Loyola-Chicago, 2/18/89 Had fewer than 10 assists: 9, Indiana State, 11/13/11

BLOCKED SHOTS

Player blocked 5 shots: Brittney Griner at Baylor, 11/20/11 Blocked 10 shots: see blocked 15 shots Blocked 15 shots: 16 at Connecticut, 1/27/07 Blocked 0 shots: Tennessee, 3/28/11 (@ Dayton, Ohio)

STEALS

Player had 5 steals: Odyssey Sims (6) and Terran Condrey (5) at Baylor, 11/20/11 Player had 7 steals: Courtnay Pilypaitis, Vermont, 3/23/10 Player had 10 steals: Katie Smrcka-Duffy, Georgetown, 1/29/00 Had 15 steals: 15, Louisville, 3/6/11 (@ Hartford, Conn.) Had 20 steals: 24, Georgetown, 1/29/00

TURNOVERS

Player committed 10 turnovers: Kerah Nelson (11), IUPUI, 11/26/10 Committed 20 turnovers or more and won: 24 at DePaul, 2/26/11 Committed 25 turnovers or more: see 30 turnovers or more Committed 30 turnovers or more: 30, Hartford, 11/17/11 Committed 35 turnovers or more: 36, Indiana State, 11/13/11 Committed 40 turnovers or more: 46, Akron, 11/11/11 Committed 5 turnovers or fewer: 5 at Villanova, 1/25/03 Committed 10 turnovers or fewer: 10, Georgetown, 2/20/10

MISCELLANEOUS

Led team in points/rebounds/assists: Mi-Khida Hankins (16p/8r/3a) at Providence, 12/8/10 Hit "final minute" game-winning shot: Felicia Chester (layup/0:05.9) at DePaul, 2/26/11 Played every minute: Bria Hartley (40), Connecticut, 4/3/11 (@ Indianapolis, Ind.) Played more than 40 minutes: Danielle Robinson & Nyeshia Stevenson (45), Oklahoma, 3/28/10 (@ Kansas City, Mo.) Rallied from 10-point deficit to win: Villanova, 3/8/09 (ND led 15-5 with 9:18 left in 1st half, VU

won 58-47) (@ Hartford, Conn.) Led ND by 10 or more at halftime: 11 at Baylor (47-36), 11/20/11

Led ND by 15 or more at halftime: 23 at Connecticut (42-19), 1/16/10

Led ND by 25 or more points: 30 by Connecticut (71-41 at 2:58 of 2nd half), 3/1/10

SCORING MARGINS — The Last Time...

ND won by 30-plus points: see 50

- ND won by 30-plus points at home: see 50 ND won by 30-plus points on the road: 32 - ND 82, at Pittsburgh 50, 1/15/11
- ND won by 40-plus points: see 50
- ND won by 50-plus points: 55 at ND 98, Hartford 43, 11/17/11 ND won by 60-plus points: 65 - at ND 99, Indiana State 34, 11/13/11
- ND won by 70-plus points: 76 at ND 97, Southeast Missouri State 21, 1/2/11
- ND lost by 10-19 points: 13 at Baylor 94, ND 81, 11/20/11 ND lost by 10-19 points at home: 10 - Rutgers 78, at ND 68, 1/27/09 ND lost by 10-19 points on the road: see 10-19 ND lost by 20-29 points: 21 - at Connecticut 78, ND 57, 2/19/11 ND lost by 20-29 points at home: 25 - Connecticut 76, at ND 51, 3/1/10 ND lost by 20-29 points on the road: see 20-29

ND lost by 30-plus points: 39 - at Tennessee 89, ND 50, 3/17/02

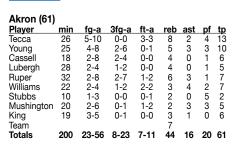




2011-12 Box Scores



#2 Notre Dame 81, Akron 61 Preseason WNIT — First Round November 11, 2011 Purcell Pavilion (Notre Dame, Ind.)



Notre Dame (81)

Player	min	ŕf	ı-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Peters	28	5	-9	0-0	0-2	8	4	3	10
Diggins	33	7.	-14	1-3	6-8	2	8	2	21
Novosel	25	5	-14	0-3	3-6	3	1	2	13
Mallory	22	1	-4	0-2	0-0	2	2	1	2
McBride	23	6	-11	1-1	2-3	7	1	2	15
Holloway	8	C)-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	0
Miller	16	2	-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	4	4
Turner	20	1	-5	0-2	0-0	1	2	1	2
Wright	19	5	-10	0-0	2-2	7	2	2	12
Braker	6	1	-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	2
Team						5			
Totals	200	33	-74	2-12	13-21	38	24	18	81
Akron		30	31	-	61				
Notre Dame)	44	37	_	81				

FG Pct: Akron 41.1, Notre Dame 44.6. <u>3-PT FG Pct</u>: Akron 34.8, Notre Dame 16.7. <u>FT Pct</u>: Akron 63.6, Notre Dame 61.9. Turnovers: Akron 46, Notre Dame 27. <u>Blocked Shots</u>: Akron 3 (fecca 2), Notre Dame 3 (Diggins 2). <u>Steals</u>: Akron 14 (fecca, Cassell, Stubbs 3), Notre Dame 29 (Miller 7). Attendance: 8,516.

NOTES: Notre Dame improves to 27-8 (.771) all-time in season openers, including a 22-3 (.880) record in the 25-year Muffet McGraw era ... the Fighting Irish have won 17 consecutive season openers, matching up exactly with their membership in the BIG EAST Conference ... the Fighting Irish move to 74-16 (822) all-time against schools from the state of Ohio, including a 38-7 (844) record at Purcell Pavilion and an active 18-game home winning streak against Ohio schools, stretching back to March 1993 ... Notre Dame improves to 36-14 (.720) against the current Mid-American Conference membership and extends its winning streak against MAC opponents to 19 games ... the Fighting Irish have a 22-4 (.846) record against the MAC at Purcell Pavilion, as well as a 21-5 (.808) mark in the McGraw era and 13-1 (.929) home record vs. the MAC since McGraw came to Network and the Mac at the Mac at the Mac at Purcell Notre Dame in 1987-88 ... for the third time in four Preseason WNIT appearances, Notre Dame opened at home against a MAC opponent, having won all three times (66-41 vs. Kent State in 1996; 98-50 vs. Miami-Ohio in 2007) ... the Fighting Irish forced 46 Akron turnovers, third-most by a Fighting Irish opponent in school history behind the 49 giveaways by New Hampshire in last year's season opener (Nov. 12, 2010 at Purcell Pavilion), and 48 turnovers by SIU-Edwardsville on Jan. 11, 1980 (in DeKalb, III) ... the 29 Notre Dame steals set a new Preseason WNIT record (previous: 20 by Northwestern State vs. Arkansas in 1995) and tied for second in school history (record: 36 in last year's win over New Hampshire) ... Fraderica Miller had a career-high seven steals (previous was five on four occasions, the last vs. Southeast Missouri State on Jan. 2, 2011 at Purcell Pavilion), the most by a Notre Dame player in a single game since Natalie Novosel had seven steals in the win over New Hampshire ... Kayla McBride seven steals in the win over New Hampshire ... Kayla McBride registered a career-high seven rebounds (previous was six on four occasions, the last on Jan. 12, 2011, vs. Louisville at Purcell Pavilion) and a career-best four steals (previous was three on two occasions, the last on Nov. 26, 2010, vs. IUPUI at Purcell Pavilion) ... Skylar Diggins dished out a game-high eight assists, the most by a Notre Dame player in a season opener since Nov. 18, 2005, when Megan Duffy had eight assists in a 55-45 win war Michaer to Purcell Daville of the interview for the interview of the interview. over Michigan at Purcell Pavilion (a game better known for being McGraw's 500th career victory).



#2 Notre Dame 99, Indiana State 34 Preseason WNIT - Quarterfinal November 13, 2011 Purcell Pavilion (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Indiana St	ate (3	34)						
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Thomas	31	2-2	0-0	3-4	5	1	2	Ż
Oyer	21	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	4	0
Zurek	16	0-0	0-0	3-4	4	4	0	3
Schoen	32	1-4	1-4	2-2	1	0	3	5
Munn	27	5-13	3-6	0-0	3	0	4	13
Valley	23	1-7	0-1	0-0	0	2	4	2
Gunning	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Mattox	22	1-4	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	2
Rademache	r 14	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Franklin	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Team					6			
Totals	200	11-36	4-13	8-10	23	9	22	34

Notre Dame (99)										
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp		
Peters	16	6-9	0-0	2-2	4	3	2	14		
Diggins	20	6-9	1-1	1-1	1	7	1	14		
Novosel	21	3-10	1-3	3-4	2	6	0	10		
Mallory	14	2-3	2-2	2-2	1	0	1	8		
McBride	20	6-7	2-2	2-2	1	2	2	16		
Holloway	22	2-6	1-3	0-0	1	0	3	5		
Miller	20	4-5	0-0	2-4	6	3	3	10		
Turner	21	1-4	1-3	2-2	0	2	0	5		
Wright	29	6-9	0-0	2-7	11	2	1	14		
Braker	17	0-0	0-0	3-4	5	0	0	3		
Team					2					
Totals	200	36-62	8-14	19-28	34	25	13	99		
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FG Pct: Indiana State 30.6, Notre Dame 58.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Indiana State 30.8, Notre Dame 57.1. FT Pct: Indiana State 80.0, Notre Dame 67.9. <u>Turnovers</u>: Indiana State 36, Notre Dame 11. <u>Blocked Shots</u>: Indiana State 2, Notre Dame 4 (Wright, Braker 2). <u>Steals</u>: Indiana State 4 (Schoen, Munn 2), Notre Dame 25 (Peters, Diggins 6). <u>Attendance</u>: 8,157.

NOTES: Notre Dame's 25 steals are second-most in a Preseason WNIT game, topped only by the 29 Fighting Irish thefts recorded two days earlier vs. Akron ... the Fighting Irish set a school record with their 43-point halftime lead (previous: 53-12 vs. New Hampshire on Nov. 12, 2010) ... Notre Dame has advanced to the semifinals of the Preseason WNIT for the fourth time in as many appearances (also 1996, 2004 and 2007) ... Notre Dame's 65-point halftime to fourth time in a the fourth time in a semificient is the fourth time to a the fourth time in a semificient of the fourth time in a many appearances (also 1996, 2004 and 2007) ... Notre Dame's 65-point halftime to fourth time in the fourth time in a set the fourth time in a set the fourth time in the fourth time in a set t margin of victory is the fourth-largest in school history, and third 65-point win in less than a calendar year ... the Fighting Irish scored 58 points in the first half, tying for the third-most points in one 58 points in the first half, tying for the third-most points in one half in school history (and matching the second-most in the first half of a game) — Notre Dame last scored that many points in a half on Nov. 15, 2009, with a similar 58-point first half in a 102-54 win over visiting Arkanasa-Pine Bluff ... the Fighting Irish had six double-figure scorers for the first time since they also had six in last year's Seton Hall win (Feb. 8, 2011) ... Notre Dame is 27-2 (.931) against the current Missouri Valley Conference alignment (18-1 in the 25-year Muffet McGraw era), including a 14-1 (.933) record at home (11-0 in the McGraw era); Notre Dame also has won nine consecutive games overall and 13 in a row at home won nine consecutive games overall and 13 in a row at home against MVC teams ... Indiana State was the 21st different in-state opponent the Fighting Irish have faced, with Notre Dame rising to 122-32 (.792) against other Indiana schools and a 61-11 (.847) record at home and an active 17-game winning streak against the Hoosier State ... ISU is the eighth of the other nine NCAA Division I schools in Indiana that Notre Dame has played, with the lone exception being Ball State ... Natalie Novosel became the 29th player in school history to score 1,000 points, passing the milestone on a pair of free throws with 14:20 remaining... Markisha Wright registered her first career double-double (14 points/11 rebounds) in her second college game, the earliest a Fighting Irish rockie has posted a double-double in her career since Nov. 13, 2006, when Ashley Barlow chalked up 19 points and 10 rebounds in an 85-81 overtime win over Bowling Green at Purcell Pavilion



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#2 Notre Dame 98, Hartford 43 Preseason WNIT - Semifinal November 17, 2011 Purcell Pavilion (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Hartford (43)							
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Doherty	22	4-11	0-1	0-6	2	3	2	8
Smith	21	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	3	2
Elliott	31	3-7	2-4	1-2	2	3	4	9
Hall	18	1-3	0-0	2-4	3	0	5	4
Bepko	24	2-3	1-1	0-0	0	0	3	5
Clark	17	0-1	0-0	0-2	3	0	2	0
Gilbert	20	2-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	4	4
Bultron	9	0-3	0-2	1-2	0	0	1	1
Englert	17	2-3	1-1	0-0	1	2	0	5
Moore	21	2-6	1-1	0-2	1	0	1	5
Team					4			
Totals	200	17-43	5-10	4-18	24	10	25	43
Notre Dar	ne (98	3)						
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
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Player	min	fg	-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Peters	18		-6	0-0	5-8	8	2	2	Ż
Diggins	23	9-	14	0-2	4-4	0	6	2	22
Novosel	22	6	-7	2-2	6-6	2	0	1	20
Mallory	26	4	-4	4-4	0-0	3	1	1	12
McBride	24	6	-9	0-1	2-3	7	3	0	14
Holloway	14	2	-3	0-1	2-2	2	1	0	6
Miller	19	0	-0	0-0	1-2	3	2	4	1
Turner	22	2	-6	2-4	0-0	3	4	3	6
Wright	22	1	-6	0-0	4-6	2	0	1	6
Braker	10	1	-2	0-0	2-4	4	2	1	4
Team						3			
Totals	200	32	-57	8-14	26-35	37	21	15	98
Hartford Notre Dame		20 50	23 48	Ξ	43 98				

FG Pct: Hartford 39.5, Notre Dame 56.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Hartford 50.0, Notre Dame 57.1. FT Pct: Hartford 22.2, Notre Dame 74.3. Turnovers: Hartford 30, Notre Dame 14. Blocked Shots: Hartford 3 (Clark 2), Notre Dame 4 (Novosel 2). Steals: Hartford 9 (Doherty 5), Notre Dame 15 (Diggins 4). Attendance: 8,292.

NOTES: Notre Dame advances to the Preseason WNIT championship game for the second time in four tournament appearances, having won the 2004 crown ... this marks the eighth time in the 17-year history of the tournament that a BIG EAST team has reached the Preseason WNIT final, with DePaul the most recent league school to advance that far in 2010 (BIG EAST teams are 4-3 in the Preseason WNIT championship game after the Blue Demons' 67-58 loss at Purdue last year) ... for the first time in the 35-year history of Fighting Irish women's basketball, Notre Dame scored at least 98 points in consecutive games ... the combined 197 points in the past two games are the most scored by the Fighting Irish in a two-game span since Nov. 19-23, 2008, when they piled up 198 points in a home win over Evansville (96-61) and aroad victory at Boston College (102-54) ... Notire Dame registered consecutive wins by at least 55 points for the first time in school history ... Brittany Mallory is the eighth Notre Dame player to go perfect from the three-point line (min. four attempts), and first since Nov. 22, 2000, when current Fighting Irish assistant coach Niele Ivey knocked down all four of her long-distance tries in an 83-56 victory at No. 19/RV Wisconsin in the Coaches vs. Cancer challenge ... Mallory is fourth Notre Dame player to go 4-for-4 or better on three-pointers at Purcell Pavilion, and the first since Dec. 8, 1998, when Sheila McMillen set an arena record by going 5-for-5 in a 106-81 loss to Connecticut ... the Fighting Irish held their opponent without a double-figure scorer for the first time their opponent without a double-figure scorer for the first time since Jan. 23, 2011, in a 69-36 win over No. RV/23 St. John's at Purcell Pavilion ... Notre Dame had at least four double-digit scorers for the third time in as many games this year, improving to 37-4 in such outings during the past three seasons (2009-11 to present) ... the Fighting Irish have won 29 of their last 32 regular-season tournament games, and rise to 12-2 all-time in the Preseason WNIT, including a 10-0 record at home ... Notre Dame (40.7 (270) appingt first time operander bicing binding the DIC Preseason WN1, including a 10-0 record at home ... Notre Dame is 49-7 (.875) against first-time opponents since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, including a 29-3 (.906) mark against new foes since the start of the 2000-01 season ... the Fighting Irish have won 26 consecutive home games against first-time opponents dating back to January 1996 ... the victory was No. 559 of head coach Muffet McGraw's career, giving her sole possession of third place on the Notre Dame all-time coaching wins list (for all sports) assign baseball coach Jack Kling (558 from 1934_75) sports), passing baseball coach Jake Kline (558 from 1934-75) ... prior to the game, a banner was raised at Purcell Pavilion to recognize McGraw's induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in June 2011.







#1 Baylor 94, #2 Notre Dame 81 Preseason WNIT — Championship November 20, 2011 Ferrell Center (Waco, Texas)

Notre Dame (81)

None Built	0,01	·/					
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf tp
Peters	26	3-10	0-0	0-0	8	2	4 6
Diggins	36	9-20	1-3	8-9	4	3	4 27
Novosel	35	8-18	1-5	11-15	5	1	5 28
Mallory	32	1-6	0-5	0-0	4	4	4 2
McBride	27	6-13	1-3	0-0	4	0	3 13
Achonwa	12	0-2	0-1	0-0	4	Ō	
Miller	16	0-1	0-0	1-2	6	Ō	2 0 5 1
Turner	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	ŏ	ŏ	1 0
Wright	13	1-1	0-0	2-2	ŏ	ĭ	2 4
Team		• •			2	•	
Totals	200	28-72	3-18	22-28	37	11	30 81
Baylor (94))						
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf tp
Williams	29	5-10	0-0	5-9	13	1	2 15
Pope	13	1-7	0-0	2-4	8	1	
Griner	40-	14-18	0-0	4-5	14	Ó	2 4 2 32
Hayden	37	2-10	1-3	4-4	6	1	2 9
Madden	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	Ō	3	3 2
Sims	38	6-15	1-3	12-14	ŏ	6	4 25
Robertson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	ŏ	ŏ	0 0
Condrey	31	2-5	1-3	2-2	6	6	3 7
Agbuke	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	Ō	Ō	0 0
Field	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	ŏ	ŏ	ÕÕ
Palmer	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	ŏ	õ	1 0
Team				00	5	5	. 0
Totals	200	31-66	3-9	29-38	52	18	19 94
Notre Dame		36 45	_	81			
Baylor		47 47	_	94			

FG Pct: Notre Dame 38.9, Baylor 47.0. <u>3-PT FG Pct</u>: Notre Dame 16.7, Baylor 33.3. <u>FT Pct</u>: Notre Dame 78.6, Baylor 76.3. <u>Turnovers</u>: Notre Dame 17, Baylor 17. <u>Blocked Shots</u>: Notre Dame 3 (Peters 2), Baylor 5 (Griner 5). <u>Steals</u>: Notre Dame 9 (Mallory, McBride 2), Baylor 13 (Sims 6). <u>Technical Foul</u>: Sims (BU). <u>Attendance</u>: 9,477.

NOTES: Notre Dame finished the Preseason WNIT with a recordsetting 78 steals, easily smashing the old mark of 58 steals set by Rutgers in 1998 ... the Fighting Irish lost for only the fourth time in their last 33 regular-season tournament games, with three of those four defeats coming away from home in the Preseason WNIT against opponents ranked in the top three (also 72-59 vs. No. 3/2 Tennessee in 1996 semifinals at Ruston, La.; 75-59 at No. 3 Maryland in 2007 semifinals) ... the Fighting Irish are 1-2 all-time in '1-vs-2" matchups, having previously split a pair of contests with Connecticut in 2000-01 (lost to No. 2 UConn, 78-76 in BIG EAST final; won 90-75 vs. No. 1 UConn in NCAA national semifinals at St. Louis) ... Notre Dame falls to 8-9 against the current Big 12 alignment, with its last five losses to Big 12 teams coming by 13 points or fewer ... the BIG EAST now is 4-4 all-time in Preseason WNIT title games, with Notre Dame going 1-1 in those contests (the Fighting Irish won the 2004 championship, 66-62 over No. 10/9 Ohio State) ... the home team now has won 10 of the past 11 Preseason WNIT championship games ... Notre Dame had two players score at least 25 points in the same game for the first time since Feb. 19, 2000, when Alicia fatay and Ruth Riley each scored 26 points in a 78-74 overtime win at Rutgers ... Notre Dame's 81 points tied for the 10th-most points scored in a loss in school history, and most by the Fighting irish in a regulation defeat since Dec. 8, 1998 (a 106-81 loss to Connecticut) ... for only the sixth time in 162 games since joining the BIG EAST Conference 17 seasons ago (1995-96), and only the second time in 35 games during the past three seasons (2009-10 to present), Notre Dame lost when scoring at least 80 points ... the Fighting Irish were whistled for 30 fouls, tying for inth-most in school history, and most in a regulation defeat since Dec. 8, 1997, when they were called for 32 fouls, at Wisconsin ... Baylor's 52 rebounds were the most by a Notre Dame opponent with tw

