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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2001-02 Irish Schedule/Results (6-5, 0-0 BIG EAST)

November

6	Tues.	OGBM Legends (exh.)	W, 76-62
13	Tues.	Christian Bros. (exh.)	W, 87-39
18	Sun.	Valparaiso	W, 42-35
21	Wed.	at (20/22) Colorado State	L, 66-72
24	Sat.	at Arizona	L, 70-72
26	Mon.	Army	W, 89-57

December

2	Sun.	vs. (16/17) Michigan ^	L, 63-78
6	Thurs.	at (7/8) Purdue	L, 57-70
9	Sun.	USC	W, 62-49
12	Wed.	Western Michigan	W, 71-48
22	Sat.	Marquette	W, 60-33
28	Fri.	at Rice	L, 61-72
31	Mon.	DePaul	W, 79-50

January

2	Wed.	at Miami* (FSF)	7 p.m.
5	Sat.	Providence*	1 p.m.
9	Wed.	Seton Hall*	7 p.m.
12	Sat.	at Villanova* (BETV)	Noon
19	Sat.	at Providence*	2 p.m.
21	Mon.	at Connecticut* # (ESPN)	3 p.m.
26	Sat.	Virginia Tech* (BETV)	6 p.m.
29	Tues.	Syracuse*	7 p.m.

February

2	Sat.	at Seton Hall* (CN8)	2 p.m.
5	Tues.	at Pittsburgh*	7 p.m.
10	Sun.	Boston College*	1 p.m.
13	Wed.	St. John's*	7 p.m.
16	Sat.	at Rutgers* (BETV)	8 p.m.
19	Wed.	West Virginia*	7 p.m.
23	Sat.	at Georgetown	4 p.m.
26	Tues.	Villanova*	7 p.m.

March

2-	Sat.-	at BIG EAST Championship
5	Tues.	(Piscataway, N.J.)
15-	Fri.-	NCAA First and Second Rounds
18	Mon.	(campus sites)
23-	Sat.-	NCAA Regionals (Raleigh;
25	Mon.	Milwaukee; Ames, Iowa; Boise)
29-	Fri.-	NCAA Final Four
31	Sun.	(San Antonio, Texas)

Boldface indicates home game

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(x/y) indicates rankings in AP & ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff

^ Women's College Basketball Showcase, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Game to be played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

(ESPN) Game to be televised by ESPN

(FSF) Game to be televised by Fox Sports Florida

(CN8) Game to be televised by CN8, The Comcast Network

(BETV) Game to be televised as part of BIG EAST TV package

All times are local to site and subject to change

Game No. 12 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (6-5, 0-0) vs. Miami Hurricanes (8-3, 1-0)

The Date and Time: Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, at 7 p.m. EST.

The Site: Knight Sports Complex (1,200) in Coral Gables, Fla.

The TV Plans: Fox Sports Florida tape-delayed broadcast (7 p.m. EST Thursday) with **Leah Secondo** (play-by-play), **Kim Stone** (analysis) and **Jeff Brenner** (producer).

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

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Miami (www.hurricanesports.com).

NOTRE DAME BEGINS DEFENSE OF ITS BIG EAST TITLE AT MIAMI

Almost 10 months after claiming a share of its first-ever BIG EAST Conference regular-season championship, Notre Dame will begin the process of defending its title when it takes on Miami Wednesday at 7 p.m. (EST) at the Knight Sports Complex. The Irish also will be looking to continue their impressive history against the BIG EAST — they are 89-15 in conference games in their six-year affiliation with the league.

Miami (8-3, 1-0 BIG EAST) should provide a stern test for Notre Dame in its BIG EAST opener. After finishing two games below .500 a year ago, the Hurricanes have looked reborn this season, going 6-1 at home and picking up a last-second 57-55 win over No. 17 Texas at the Orange Bowl Classic.

UM has won five of its last six games, but lost its last outing, bowing to rising Big Ten Conference foe Minnesota, 80-65 on Sunday at the Knight Sports Complex. Sophomore forward **Chanivia Broussard** led the Hurricanes with 17 points off the bench, while sophomore forward **Shaquana Wilkins** contributed a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Junior guard **Meghan Saake**, a BIG EAST Player of the Week selection back on Dec. 17, leads UM in scoring at 12.6 points per game while adding 5.5 rebounds per game. Broussard, who earned conference Player of the Week laurels on Dec. 10, is second on the squad at 11.6 ppg, while junior forward **Alicia Hartlaub** is Miami's top rebounder, averaging 6.5 boards per outing.

As a team, the Hurricanes are scoring 71.6 points per game while shooting 43 percent from the field and 30.8 percent from behind the three-point line. In addition, Miami is turning the ball over nearly 22 times per game, but counters that by logging more than 15 steals per game. The Hurricanes are nearly even in the rebounding department, grabbing 39 boards per game and allowing opponents to take 38 caroms.

UM head coach **Ferne Labati** is in her 14th season with the Hurricanes (and 23rd overall), owning a 239-150 record in Coral Gables (375-271 overall). She is 1-9 in her career against Notre Dame.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 79, DePaul 50

Dec. 31, 2001

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

DePaul (50)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Kustok	26	0-3	0-2	2-2	4	1	4	2
Williams	31	6-27	3-16	2-4	5	2	2	17
Smith, J.	38	0-5	0-0	0-0	9	1	1	0
Sobieszczyk	32	2-5	2-4	0-0	6	0	2	6
Lewis	23	0-2	0-0	1-3	4	0	4	1
Forsberg	16	1-5	1-5	2-2	0	0	1	5
Towers	9	1-2	0-0	2-4	4	0	2	4
Dant	25	4-10	0-1	7-9	3	1	3	15
Smith, K.	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	14-59	6-28	16-24	39	5	20	50

Notre Dame (79)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	6	0	2	2
Batteast	27	10-19	2-4	3-4	14	1	2	25
Barksdale	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2
Severe	19	0-1	0-0	1-2	4	3	3	1
Ratay	30	6-9	3-5	1-3	5	4	1	16
Joyce	21	1-4	0-2	1-1	0	2	0	3
Krause	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Swanson	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Borton	22	4-6	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	8
Hernandez	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wicks	15	3-6	2-4	0-0	4	1	4	8
Flechy	18	3-6	0-0	3-5	5	4	3	9
Bustamante	11	2-3	1-1	0-1	2	1	2	5
Team					3			
Totals	200	31-60	8-16	9-17	47	20	20	79

DePaul 17 33 -- 50
Notre Dame 38 41 -- 79

FG Pct: Notre Dame 51.7, DePaul 23.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, DePaul 21.4. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 52.9, DePaul 66.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 14, DePaul 16. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5 (Batteast 3), DePaul 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 4, DePaul 6. **Attendance:** 7,154.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

(Dec. 31)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (40)	13-0	1
2.	Tennessee (3)	10-0	2
3.	Oklahoma	11-2	4
4.	Iowa State	12-0	5
5.	Stanford	12-1	6
6.	Vanderbilt	11-2	3
7.	Baylor	12-0	8
8.	Georgia	10-0	10
9.	Texas Tech	8-2	13
10.	Purdue	10-2	7
11.	Duke	10-3	9
12.	Wisconsin	11-1	14
13.	Louisiana Tech	7-3	11
14.	South Carolina	12-1	17
15.	Florida	10-3	16
16.	Colorado	10-3	18
17.	Auburn	12-1	19
18.	Michigan	10-3	12
19.	North Carolina	10-2	20
20.	Colorado State	10-2	15
21.	Texas	8-2	22
22.	Tulane	11-2	25
23.	LSU	7-4	21
24.	Old Dominion	5-4	23
25.	Cincinnati	11-0	—

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL

(Dec. 31)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (37)	13-0	1
2.	Tennessee (3)	10-0	2
3.	Oklahoma	10-1	5
4.	Iowa State	12-0	4
5.	Vanderbilt	11-2	3
6.	Stanford	12-1	6
7.	Georgia	10-0	8
8.	Baylor	12-0	10
9.	Purdue	10-2	7
10.	Duke	10-3	9
11.	Texas Tech	8-2	13
12.	Louisiana Tech	7-3	11
13.	Wisconsin	11-1	14
14.	Colorado	10-3	15
15.	South Carolina	12-1	18
16.	Florida	10-3	17
17.	Michigan	10-3	12
18.	North Carolina	10-2	19
19.	Colorado State	10-2	16
20.	Texas	8-2	21
21.	Auburn	12-1	20
22.	Tulane	11-2	23
23.	Cincinnati	11-0	—
24.	LSU	7-4	22
25.	Penn State	8-5	24

Boldface indicates 2001-02 Notre Dame opponents

SCOUTING THE IRISH

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

McGraw is in her 20th season as a college coach (15th at Notre Dame) with a 416-162 (.720) overall record and 328-122 (.729) mark while under the shadow of the Golden Dome. She has led the Irish to six straight NCAA Tournament appearances and eight overall — Notre Dame has advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen four times, the Final Four twice and won the 2001 NCAA title, all in the last five seasons under McGraw's guidance. She was a near-unanimous choice as national coach of the year in 2000-01, winning top honors from the Atlanta Tipoff Club (Naismith Award), Associated Press, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), and Sports Illustrated for Women. She also was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year, marking the third different conference to recognize McGraw as its top skipper since she took the reins at Notre Dame in 1987.

Both of Notre Dame's returning starters were honored by the BIG EAST coaches in their preseason balloting. Senior guard/forward **Erica Haney** (5.5 ppg., 5.3 rpg.) was a second team preseason all-conference pick and brings explosive quickness and versatility to the Irish lineup, along with veteran leadership. As Notre Dame's only captain, she is being called upon to assume a greater mantle of responsibility in '01-02. After starting the first six games for the Irish, she moved into a reserve role for the next four games, picking up her first double-double of the year with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan. She returned to the starting lineup in Monday's win over DePaul. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** (12.8 ppg., 5.3 rpg.) was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST choice and is one of 30 finalists for the Naismith Award after setting an NCAA record for three-point percentage (.547) by a sophomore last season. On Dec. 6 at Purdue, she became the 19th player in school history to score 1,000 career points. She ranks 18th in the BIG EAST in scoring and tossed in 16 points against DePaul.

Joining Ratay in the backcourt is sophomore **Le'Tania Severe** (8.5 ppg., 4.2 rpg, 5.2 apg), who was hampered by injuries last season, appearing in just 22 games, but has confidently taken control of the Irish offense this season. She scored a career-high 17 points against USC and matched her career best with eight assists against Western Michigan. She also ranks sixth in the BIG EAST Conference in assists, 11th in free throw percentage (.667) and 15th in steals (1.9 spg.). Juniors **Monique Hernandez** (0.2 ppg., 0.5 rpg.) and **Karen Swanson** (1.0 ppg., 0.6 rpg.), along with sophomore **Jeneka Joyce** (4.8 ppg., 1.9 rpg.) give McGraw tremendous flexibility in her guard rotation. Joyce started four of the last five games for the Irish, the first starting assignments of her career, and she ranks second on the team with a .475 field goal percentage and .385 three-point percentage. Additionally, freshmen **Allison Bustamante** (3.4 ppg., 2.0 rpg.) **Jill Krause** (0.0 ppg., 0.4 rpg.) and **Kelsey Wicks** (4.1 ppg., 3.0 rpg.) provide the Irish with solid ballhandling and perimeter shooting depth. Bustamante has hit four of her seven three-point tries this year, while Wicks scored eight points Monday against DePaul.

A pair of freshmen (and former Parade All-Americans) are making an immediate impact on the Notre Dame front line, as forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (15.5 ppg., 8.9 rpg.) and center **Teresa Borton** (5.3 ppg., 5.4 rpg.) started the first six games for the Irish.

LAST IRISH GAME VS. MIAMI

Notre Dame 81, Miami 43
February 20, 2001
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Miami (43)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Hartlaub	24	3-10	0-0	0-0	3	2	4	6
Broussard	21	4-13	0-1	0-0	5	0	5	8
Clarke	11	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	0
James	37	3-9	3-7	2-4	4	2	4	11
Saake	28	1-4	0-2	0-0	3	2	2	2
Papuga	20	1-4	1-4	3-4	3	1	0	6
Wilkins	17	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Nando	8	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	2
Wilson	7	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Osth	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Bodley	18	3-8	0-0	2-3	4	2	4	8
Presswood	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					6			
Total	200	16-57	4-18	7-11	33	11	21	43

Notre Dame (81)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	23	3-10	0-0	2-2	6	3	0	8
Siemon	24	2-6	0-0	1-3	7	2	0	5
Riley	25	8-11	0-0	4-5	5	2	2	20
Ratay	24	4-9	2-6	0-0	8	4	0	10
Ivey	24	2-4	0-2	2-2	2	6	0	6
Severe	15	2-3	0-0	2-5	2	2	1	6
Joyce	23	5-8	2-5	1-1	3	2	0	13
Swanson	4	0-1	0-0	3-4	1	0	0	3
Hernandez	11	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2
Barksdale	9	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	4
Dunbar	10	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	2	1
Leahy	8	1-2	0-0	1-2	5	0	1	3
Team					7			
Total	200	30-61	4-13	17-26	47	22	8	81

Miami	21	22	--	43
Notre Dame	35	46	--	81

FG Pct: Notre Dame 49.2, Miami 28.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 30.8, Miami 22.2. FT Pct: Notre Dame 65.4, Miami 63.6. Turnovers: Notre Dame 16, Miami 22. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3, Miami 6. Steals: Notre Dame 15, Miami 13. Attendance: 6,533.

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
3	Ericka Haney (C)	G/F	6-0	Sr.	5.5	5.3	0.9 spg	Returned to starting lineup vs. DePaul
21	Jacqueline Batteast	F	6-1	Fr.	15.5	8.9	1.8 apg	19.8 ppg., 11.5 rpg., 4 double-doubles in last four
31	Amanda Barksdale	C	6-3	Jr.	5.1	3.6	4.0 bpg	Leading team with .484 field goal percentage
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-8	So.	8.5	4.2	5.2 apg	Has led team in assists in 10 of 11 games
22	Alicia Ratay	G	6-0	Jr.	12.8	5.3	2.1 apg	Logged 16 points (6-9 FG) vs. DePaul

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	So.	4.8	1.9	1.3 apg	Also has made four starts this season
10	Jill Krause	G	5-8	Fr.	0.0	0.4	0.2 apg	Handed out first career assist against DePaul
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Jr.	1.0	0.6	0.2 apg	Appeared in five games (career-high 5 pts. vs. Army)
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	Fr.	5.3	5.4	1.0 apg	Carded eight points (4-6 FG) against DePaul
23	Monique Hernandez	G	5-9	Jr.	0.2	0.5	0.6 apg	One of seven players to appear in all 11 games
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	Fr.	4.1	3.0	0.4 apg	Tossed down eight points in win over DePaul
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	Fr.	4.2	3.3	0.9 apg	Matched career high with nine points vs. DePaul
44	Allison Bustamante	G	6-0	Fr.	3.4	2.0	0.4 apg	Shooting .571 (4-7) from three-point range

Boldface denotes team statistical leaders // (C) denotes team captain

Batteast was named the 2001-02 preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and her combination of speed, athleticism and perimeter shooting ability already make her a valuable weapon in the Irish arsenal. Already a three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week, Batteast is among the league leaders in scoring (7th), rebounding (2nd), field goal percentage (12th, .454), blocks (6th, 1.6) and double-doubles (tie-1st, 6), picking up her sixth double-dip Monday vs. DePaul with career highs of 25 points and 14 rebounds. In her last four games, Batteast is averaging 19.8 points and 11.5 rebounds per game while compiling four consecutive double-doubles. Meanwhile, at 6-3, Borton is a smooth and versatile post player with excellent mobility and a solid defensive presence. She showed tremendous promise in her first collegiate game against Valparaiso, scoring a career-high 14 points and grabbing a career-best nine rebounds.

Junior **Amanda Barksdale** (5.1 ppg., 3.6 rpg., 4.0 bpg.) was one of the nation's top shot blockers last season and has recovered nicely after missing Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg. She notched seven blocks against USC and tied a school record with eight blocks against Marquette — both outings are tops in the BIG EAST this season and rank among the best single-game performances in the nation in 2001-02. However, her 4.0 bpg. average, which would lead the BIG EAST and rank among the top 10 in the nation, does not appear in the conference or NCAA rankings because she has yet to play in enough games to qualify. Meanwhile, freshman **Katy Flecky** (4.2 ppg., 3.3 rpg.) was a two-time Miss Colorado Basketball and offers the Irish an physical presence in the post. She tied her career high with nine points and set a new career best with a team-high four assists against DePaul.

RECAPPING DEPAUL

Maybe it's the gold jerseys, or the raucous crowds or simply the pleasure of sleeping in one's own bed. Whatever the reason, Notre Dame continues to be unstoppable at home, while struggling away from the Joyce Center.

That trend continued Monday afternoon, as the Irish clamped down on DePaul and posted a 79-50 win over the Blue Demons. The victory extends Notre Dame's home winning streak to 44 games, the longest in the nation, and stretches its non-conference winning string to 29 games. It also is the first win for the Irish over DePaul since 1994 and it marks the ninth consecutive victory for Notre Dame over a Conference USA opponent.

Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** put together perhaps her finest performance of the season, logging her sixth double-double of the season, and fourth in a row, with career highs of 25 points and 14 rebounds in only 27 minutes of action. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** also turned in a strong outing, hitting six of nine shots, including three of five three-point field goals, to finish with 16 points.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	UM
Overall/BIG EAST record	5-5/0-0	8-3/1-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today ranking	arv/arv	NR

SCORING

Points scored per game	65.5	71.6
Points allowed per game	57.8	61.4
Field goal percentage	.419	.430
Three-point percentage	.386	.308
Free throw percentage	.628	.674

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	44.6	39.0
Opponent rebs. per game	36.3	38.3
Rebounding margin	+8.3	+0.7

OTHER

Assists per game	14.7	18.4
Turnovers per game	18.5	21.7
Assist/turnover ratio	0.80	0.85
Blocked shots per game	6.0	5.5
Steals per game	7.6	15.5

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** began Sept. 9 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 10-10:30 p.m. Central time for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.



THE MIAMI SERIES

Series: ND leads 11-2. Games Played at Coral Gables: ND leads 5-1.

Date	Site	Result	Score
1/5/86	Coral Gables, FL*	W	59-53
2/7/87	Notre Dame, IN	L	61-62
1/7/88	Coral Gables, FL	W	83-68
1/27/96	Coral Gables, FL	W	67-50
2/20/96	Notre Dame, IN	W	86-70
1/29/97	Coral Gables, FL	W	72-71
1/8/98	Notre Dame, IN	W	75-47
2/3/98	Coral Gables, FL	L	76-77
2/23/99	Notre Dame, IN	W	89-62
1/22/00	Coral Gables, FL	W	76-54
2/22/00	Notre Dame, IN	W	83-68
3/5/00	Storrs, CT#	W	67-52
2/20/01	Notre Dame, IN	W	81-43

* - Burger King Classic
- BIG EAST Championship

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	975	75.0
Miami	777	59.8

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame, 5 games

McGraw vs. Miami: 10-1

ND Biggest Win: 38 (81-43 on 2/20/01)

UM Biggest Win: 1 (62-61 on 2/7/87, 77-76 on 2/3/98)

ND Longest Win Streak: 5 (1988-98, 1999-present)

UM Longest Win Streak: 1 (1987, 1998)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

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

	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	15	14
Nov. 12	15	no poll
Nov. 19	15	15
Nov. 26	23	23
Dec. 3	arv	arv
Dec. 10	arv	arv
Dec. 17	arv	arv
Dec. 24	arv	arv
Dec. 31	arv	arv

As a team, Notre Dame shot a season-high 51.7 percent from the floor and owned a 47-39 edge in the rebounding column. The Irish also dished out 20 assists, tying their season best in that category.

DePaul forward Lenae Williams, who came into the game as the nation's second-leading scorer, was held largely in check by the Notre Dame defense, hitting just six of 27 shots and winding up with 17 points, more than seven below her season average of 24.3 ppg. Jenni Dant came off the bench to add 15 points for the Blue Demons, who shot a season-low 23.7 percent from the field.

After both teams went scoreless from the field over the first 3:29, Notre Dame went to work, racing out to a 15-3 lead with 8:50 remaining in the first half. Meanwhile, DePaul turned the ball over nine times in the first quarter and didn't crack the scoreboard until Yolanda Lewis made a free throw with 10:02 left in the period. The Blue Demons hit two more free throws before finally getting their first field goal when Laura Sobieszczyk canned a three-point field goal at the 8:32 mark of the first half.

The Irish (6-5) continued to pour on the defensive pressure and took a 24-point lead late in the first half before settling for a 38-17 edge at the break. Notre Dame shot 51.9 percent in the period while limiting DePaul to an opponent season-low 11.5 percent shooting (3-of-26) in the first half.

Williams hit a quick three-pointer to open the second period and bring the Blue Demons within 18 points. However, that would be as close as the visitors would get. Notre Dame widened its lead to a game-high 31 points twice in the second half, the last coming on a trey by freshman guard **Kelsey Wicks** with 46 seconds left.

The Irish also got a superb performance from the reserves, who combined to score 33 points, including a career-high nine points from freshman forward **Katy Flecky**.

NOTRE DAME TRAVEL PLANS

While in south Florida, the Irish are staying at the Doubletree Hotel at Coconut Grove (305-858-2500). Notre Dame will return to campus on Thursday via commercial airline, arriving back in town at approximately 12:50 p.m. (EST).

THE NOTRE DAME-MIAMI SERIES

Notre Dame holds an 11-2 edge in the all-time series with Miami, including a 5-1 lead in games played in Coral Gables. The Irish have won the last five contests with the Hurricanes, matching their longest winning streak in the series. In fact, Miami's two wins over Notre Dame both came by a single point — 62-61 on Feb. 7, 1987, and 77-76 on Feb. 3, 1998.

The Irish are 9-1 against the Hurricanes since joining the BIG EAST Conference for the 1995-96 season. Last year, the two teams met just once, with Notre Dame claiming an 81-43 victory on Feb. 20, 2001, at the Joyce Center. **Ruth Riley** scored 20 points and **Jeneka Joyce** came off the bench to add 13 points in 23 minutes as the Irish notched their largest margin of victory (38 points) in the series with Miami. It also was a landmark win for Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw**, who picked up the 400th victory of her storied career.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-MIAMI SERIES TIDBITS

- Of the 13 games in the series, only four have been decided by single-digit margins, with each team winning twice.
- Miami has scored more than 71 points against Notre Dame just once in its 13-game series. Conversely, the Irish have topped the 71-point mark nine times in their history with the Hurricanes.

NOTRE DAME-MIAMI CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame has two players from south Florida who will experience a homecoming Wednesday night at Miami. Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe**, a native of nearby Pembroke Pines (outside of Fort Lauderdale), returns for the first time since earning third-team all-state honors in 2000 as a senior at Fort Lauderdale High School. Also coming home is freshman guard **Allison Bustamante**, who was a three-time all-state pick and first-team Miami/Dade County selection as a senior at Our Lady of Lourdes Academy, where she finished as that school's career scoring leader with 2,487 points. Bustamante also was the Most Valuable Player of the 2000 Junior Orange Bowl Tournament and is the only player ever to appear in that event five times. Both players are expected to have sizeable pockets of friends and family in attendance at Wednesday night's game.

- Former Notre Dame All-American and 2001 consensus national player of the year Ruth Riley was selected by the Miami Sol in the first round (fifth overall pick) of the 2001 WNBA Draft. In her inaugural season in south Florida, Riley averaged 6.8 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.44 blocks per game (ninth in the league) while helping Miami, a second-year expansion franchise, qualify for the WNBA playoffs. Riley



will serve as a guest analyst on Wednesday night's Notre Dame radio broadcast on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620) in South Bend.

- Notre Dame senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** and Miami redshirt freshman guard **Yolanda Whigham** were teammates this summer on the BIG EAST Conference All-Star Team which went a perfect 6-0 on its European tour. However, the pair won't renew acquaintances on the hardwood Wednesday night, as Whigham is sidelined with an injury.

- Both head coaches are products of the vaunted "Cradle of Coaches" in Philadelphia. Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw**, a native of Pottsville, Pa., graduated from St. Joseph's, served as an assistant at SJU under current Vanderbilt skipper **Jim Foster**, and later became head coach at Lehigh before moving on to lead the Irish. Meanwhile, Miami head coach **Ferne Labati** hails from Camden, N.J., and graduated from East Stroudsburg University. She began her coaching career as an assistant at legendary Immaculata College before taking over as the head coach at Trenton State and Fairleigh Dickinson prior to her current post with the Hurricanes. Some of the other coaching legends to come out of the Philadelphia area include Connecticut's **Geno Auriemma**, Illinois' **Theresa Grentz**, Penn State's **Rene Portland** and former Old Dominion mentor **Marianne Stanley**.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame would earn its first road win of the season.
- The Irish would extend their winning streak over Miami to a series-long six games.
- Notre Dame would move to 46-5 (.902) vs. BIG EAST opponents over the last three-plus seasons.
- The Irish would raise their record to 12-2 (.857) all-time when playing in the state of Florida and 10-1 (.909) under head coach **Muffet McGraw**.
- Notre Dame would win its BIG EAST opener for the third consecutive season and fifth time in the seven years it has been a conference member.
- The Irish would improve their overall record to 94-17 (.847) over the last three-plus seasons.

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Jan. 1)

Notre Dame has no major injuries to report.

THE BEASTS OF THE BIG EAST

Notre Dame is 89-15 (.856) in regular-season competition against the rest of BIG EAST Conference, owning the best conference winning percentage of any current member of the BIG EAST since joining the circuit for the 1995-96 campaign. The Irish also have won 45 of their last 50 regular-season conference games, and claimed a share of their first-ever BIG EAST regular-season championship in 2001. When including postseason competition (BIG EAST and NCAA tournaments), Notre Dame is 101-21 (.828) against league opponents — when factoring in these 18 postseason tilts, the Irish are 49-3 (.942) at home, 40-15 (.727) on the road and 12-6 (.667) at neutral sites all-time against BIG EAST foes.

BLOWING THE LID OFF THE BIG EAST

Notre Dame is 4-2 (.667) in BIG EAST Conference openers since it joined the league prior to the 1995-96 season. The Irish have won their last two BIG EAST lidlifters, including a 64-33 victory over Villanova on Dec. 6, 2000 at the Joyce Center. However, this will be only the second time Notre Dame has opened BIG EAST play on the road — on Dec. 3, 1997, Rutgers defeated the Irish, 80-67, at the Louis Brown Athletic Center in Piscataway, N.J.

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

Notre Dame is 18-6 (.667) when playing its first game in a new calendar year. The Irish have won their last seven January openers, including a 75-64 triumph at Virginia Tech on Jan. 3, 2000. The last time Notre Dame lost a New Year's lidlifter was exactly eight years to the day — Jan. 2, 1994, when Old Dominion dealt the Irish a 76-67 defeat in Norfolk, Va.

SUNSHINE STATE SUCCESS

Notre Dame is 11-2 (.846) all-time when it takes the hardwood in the state of Florida. The Irish also are 9-1 (.900) in the Sunshine State in the **Muffet McGraw** era, including a 78-55 win over North Carolina on Dec. 3, 2000 in the Honda Elite Classic at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Ironically, both of Notre Dame's losses in Florida came at the site of Wednesday's game, the Knight Sports Complex, by a combined total of three points. The Irish lost to James Madison, 53-51, on Jan. 3, 1986, at the Burger King Classic, and dropped a 77-76 verdict to Miami, on Feb. 3, 1998.

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

MUFFET MCGRAW INTERVIEWS

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

THE MUFFET MCGRAW SHOW

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

MORE MEDIA NOTES

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

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

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

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

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



BIG EAST STANDINGS
(as of Jan. 1)

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	Connecticut	1-0	14-0
	Virginia Tech	1-0	9-2
	Miami	1-0	8-3
	Syracuse	1-0	7-3
	Rutgers	1-0	4-6
6.	Boston College	0-0	9-2
	Georgetown	0-0	8-3
	Villanova	0-0	6-4
	NOTRE DAME	0-0	6-5
10.	Seton Hall	0-1	7-4
	West Virginia	0-1	7-4
	Providence	0-1	6-6
	Pittsburgh	0-1	5-7
	St. John's	0-1	3-9

BIG EAST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Nov. 19	Swin Cash, Connecticut Trish Juhline, Villanova
Nov. 26	Julie McBride, Syracuse Sarah Hicks, Virginia Tech
Dec. 3	Diana Taurasi, Connecticut Kate Bulger, West Virginia
Dec. 10	Chanivia Broussard, Miami
Dec. 17	Meghan Saake, Miami Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech
Dec. 24	Mandy Wittenmyer, Pittsburgh
Dec. 31	Swin Cash, Connecticut Kate Bulger, West Virginia

BIG EAST ROOKIES OF THE WEEK

Nov. 19	Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
Nov. 26	Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
Dec. 3	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Dec. 10	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Dec. 17	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame Mary Lisicky, Georgetown
Dec. 24	Clare Drosch, Boston College
Dec. 31	Sherell Sowho, West Virginia

In addition, Notre Dame is 15-2 (.882) in its history against Florida schools. Besides their 11-2 mark against Miami, the Irish are 2-0 against South Florida and 1-0 against Central Florida and Florida International.

McGRAW REACHES COACHING MILESTONE AGAINST DEPAUL

Muffet McGraw coached her 450th game at Notre Dame Monday afternoon against DePaul. She owns a 328-122 (.729) record in her 15th season with the Irish, making her the winningest coach in school history and fourth on the BIG EAST Conference career wins list behind Connecticut's **Geno Auriemma** (439), Rutgers' **Theresa Grentz** (434) and Villanova's **Harry Perretta** (423).

In addition, McGraw is the sixth coach to work 450 games at a BIG EAST Conference school. Three of those coaches are still active in the league — Perretta (673), Auriemma (537) and Seton Hall's **Phyllis Mangina** (468). Grentz (584) and Virginia Tech's **Carol Alfano** (540) are the other BIG EAST mentors who reached that milestone.

A TALE OF TWO SEASONS

Location, location, location — that's the mantra many real estate agents use, but it's also a phrase which could easily be applied to Notre Dame this season. Here's a look at the stark contrast which has developed between Irish fortunes at home and away from the cozy confines of the Joyce Center:

	Joyce Center	Road/Neutral Sites
Record	6-0	0-5
Points per game	67.2	63.4
Opponent points per game	45.3	72.8
Scoring margin	+21.9	(-9.4)
Field goal percentage	.407	.435
Opponent field goal percentage	.274	.403
Rebounds per game	50.0	38.2
Opponent rebounds per game	34.2	38.8
Rebound margin	+15.8	(-0.6)

WHAT'S THE FREQUENCY, KENNETH?

After playing just two games in a 16-day span from Dec. 13-28, Notre Dame is now making up for lost time, playing five games in a 13-day window from Dec. 31-Jan. 12 — an average of one game every 2.6 days. That run began Monday against DePaul and continues Wednesday with the BIG EAST Conference opener at Miami. The Irish will kick off the home portion of their BIG EAST schedule Saturday against Providence and also will entertain Seton Hall at the Joyce Center on Jan. 9 before ending up the five-game blitz Jan. 12 at Villanova.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Notre Dame has turned up the defense in its last five games, holding USC, Western Michigan, Marquette, Rice and DePaul to an average of 50.4 points per game while limiting them to a combined .276 field goal percentage (81-for-293). In addition, the Irish blocked a season-high 13 shots in the win over Marquette (including a school-record eight rejections by **Amanda Barksdale**), and averaged 47.8 rebounds in those five contests, highlighted by 56 rebounds against WMU, the second-highest total for the Irish this season.

Notre Dame also has extended its defensive clamps to the three-point line, where opponents are now 23-of-102 (.225) over the last six games, including a 1-of-13 performance by seventh-ranked Purdue on Dec. 6.

For the season, the Irish are giving up 57.8 points per game, while allowing opponents to shoot just 33.4 percent from the field and 26.3 percent from the three-point arc.

FIRST HALF FRENZY

In its last three home games, Notre Dame has used some dominating first-half performances to take control early and keep Western Michigan, Marquette and DePaul off balance. The Irish outscored all three foes by a combined score of 107-42 while shooting 55 percent (44-of-80) during that span. Conversely, WMU, Marquette and DePaul shot a combined 14.5 percent (11-for-76) in the first half and all three teams scored 17 points or less in the opening 20 minutes.

Against Western Michigan, Notre Dame held the Broncos to a season-low 12 points, the fewest



IRISH TRENDS IN '01-02

Day of the Week

Sunday	2-1
Monday	2-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	0-1
Friday	0-1
Saturday	1-1

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	5-2
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	1-3

Location

Home games	6-0
Road games	0-4
Neutral site games	0-1

Halftime score

Leading at the half	6-0
Trailing at the half	0-4
Tied at the half	0-1

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	6-2
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	0-3
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	6-3
Lower pct. than opponent	0-2
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	2-0
Shoot less than 45%	4-4
Hold opponent under 40%	6-3

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	2-0
Make fewer free throws	3-4
Make same number of free throws	1-1

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	3-1
Commit more turnovers	2-4
Commit same number of turnovers	1-0

Final Margin

1-5 points	0-1
6-10 points	1-1
11-15 points	1-3
16-20 points	0-0
21+ points	4-0

Conference Affiliation

Big Ten	0-2
Conference USA	2-0
Mid-American	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Mountain West	0-1
Pacific-10	1-1
Patriot League	1-0
Western Athletic Conference	0-1

Month

November	2-2
December	4-3
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

first-half markers by an Irish opponent since Georgetown scored 10 points in the 2001 BIG EAST Conference Championship quarterfinals. Then, against Marquette, the Irish held the Golden Eagles to a season-low 33 points and 18.5 percent shooting from the field (10-of-54), marking Notre Dame's best defensive performance since it held Butler to a school-record .149 field goal percentage (9-of-61) on Jan. 30, 1984. Finally, against DePaul, the Irish held the Blue Demons to 3-of-26 (.115) shooting in the first half. Additionally, in both the Marquette and DePaul games, Notre Dame held its Conference USA opponent without a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the contest.

IT'S BATTEAST, TO SAY THE LEAST

Although her college career is just 11 games old, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** already is showing much of the potential which led the BIG EAST Conference coaches to vote her as the league's preseason Rookie of the Year. The South Bend, Ind., resident is a three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week selection and is tied for the league lead with six double-doubles this season (Colorado State, Army, Western Michigan, Marquette, Rice and DePaul), including double-dips in each of her last four games. In addition, she has scored in double figures in 10 of Notre Dame's 11 games.

Batteast has been especially strong in her last four games, averaging 19.8 points and 11.5 rebounds per game while compiling four consecutive double-doubles and three 20-point performances. In her last outing Monday against DePaul, she piled up career highs of 25 points and 14 rebounds.

This season, Batteast leads the team in scoring at 15.5 points per game (7th in the BIG EAST) and rebounding at 8.9 boards per outing, good for second in the BIG EAST. She also is ranked among the league leaders in field goal percentage (12th, .454) and blocked shots (6th, 1.6 bpg.).

BARNSDALE'S BLOCK PARTY

Junior center **Amanda Barnsdale** has forced opponents to deal with rejection quite often this season. Although she missed Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her leg, she still leads the Irish with 4.0 blocks per game (28 rejections). In fact, she would lead the BIG EAST Conference in that category and rank among the top 10 nationally, but she has yet to play in enough games to qualify for either the conference or NCAA rankings. Nevertheless, she has been at her best in the last five games, averaging 4.6 swats per game, including a school-record eight blocks against Marquette on Dec. 22 and seven rejections against USC on Dec. 9. Those single-game performances rank first and second in the BIG EAST and among the top five outings in the country this season.

In her career, Barnsdale has 120 career blocks, making her only the fifth player in school history to reach the century mark in career rejections. She also needs just four blocks to tie **Trena Keys** for fourth place on Notre Dame's career blocks list. In addition, she is averaging 1.71 blocks per game in her 70-game career, which is second in Irish history behind only 2001 consensus national player of the year, **Ruth Riley**, who averaged 2.82 swats per game from 1997-2001.

ALICIA ALMOST AUTOMATIC FROM THE LINE

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has been nearly perfect from the free throw line this season, making 23 of 26 charity tosses for a sparkling .885 free throw percentage — that figure would rank third in the BIG EAST Conference if she had enough attempts to qualify. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native also had made 13 consecutive free throws before missing her first attempt Monday against DePaul. Nevertheless, since the start of last season, she has made 88.9 percent of her foul shots (88-of-99).

Ratay is Notre Dame's career free throw percentage leader by a wide margin, connecting on 86.0 percent of her charities (172-of-200) in her three-year tenure with the Irish. **Mollie Peirick** (1994-98) is a distant second on the career free throw percentage list with an .819 ratio.

NOTRE DAME AMONG NATIONAL ATTENDANCE LEADERS

Notre Dame is ranked seventh in the nation, according to the latest unofficial attendance figures released Monday by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Department. The Irish have averaged 7,412 fans for their six home games, more than 1,000 ahead of last season's figures, when Notre Dame was ranked ninth in the country in attendance with an average of 6,376 fans per game.

IRISH HOPING TO ENJOY ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME

After a rugged first month of the season that saw Notre Dame face three ranked opponents and play four of its first six games away from home, the schedule appears to have balanced out. The Irish currently are in the midst of a stretch where they play six of eight games at the Joyce Center, including



'01-02 IRISH HONORS

Jacqueline Batteast (Fr., South Bend, Ind.)

Preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year
 Freshman All-America (WBB News Service)
 Top 21 New Players of Impact (Women's College Hoops.com)
 BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 2001)

Ericka Haney (Sr., Toledo, Ohio)

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Alicia Ratay (Jr., Lake Zurich, Ill.)

Naismith Award Watch List
 Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

NOTRE DAME VS.
 2001-02 OPPONENTS

NON-CONFERENCE

Army	1-0
Arizona	2-1
Colorado State	0-1
DePaul	9-13
Marquette	23-4
Michigan	6-6
Purdue	4-10
Rice	1-1
USC	3-1
Valparaiso	15-0
Western Michigan	7-0
Total	71-37 (.657)

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Boston College	6-3
Connecticut	2-12
Georgetown	15-1
Miami	11-2
Pittsburgh	10-0
Providence	8-0
Rutgers	7-8
St. John's	10-0
Seton Hall	9-2
Syracuse	12-1
Villanova	11-3
Virginia Tech	3-0
West Virginia	8-0
Total	112-32 (.778)

TOTAL VS. '01-02 OPPONENTS 183-69 (.726)

a successful three-game, 13-day homestand which wrapped up Dec. 22 with a win over Marquette. After opening BIG EAST Conference play Wednesday night at Miami, Notre Dame will close out this favorable stretch in the schedule with a pair of league tilts against Providence (Saturday) and Seton Hall (Jan. 9) at the Joyce Center.

A LITTLE COMPARISON SHOPPING

Prior to the 2001-02 season, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** compared her team to the 1997-98 Irish squad. Through 11 games this season, that comparison seems to be holding true in several ways. Here's a look at some of the similarities between this year's club and the '97-98 unit:

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Previous season result (record)	NCAA Final Four (31-7)	NCAA Champion (34-2)
Starters/monogram winners lost	4/5	3/5
Freshmen on roster	4	6
Seniors on roster	2	1
Freshmen starters	2	2
11-game record (Top 25 opponents)	7-4 (3)	6-5 (3)
Final season result (record)	NCAA Sweet Sixteen (22-10)	??

IRISH COMPLETE FAMILIAR BASIC TRAINING

For the sixth time in the last eight seasons, Notre Dame played three ranked opponents in its first seven games, going 0-3 against Colorado State, Michigan and Purdue (all away from home). However, recent history has shown that these early-season tests have proven invaluable later in the year — during this stretch, the Irish have gone on to make six consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, reaching the Sweet Sixteen four times and the Final Four twice, including the 2001 national championship. Additionally, in the previous seven seasons (1995-2001), Notre Dame has gone on to win 20 games each year, carding four 25-win campaigns and two 30-win seasons.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

With six freshmen on this year's roster, Notre Dame is certainly going through some growing pains. However, the Irish rookies are getting a great deal of college experience this season, as evidenced by their production through 11 games of the 2001-02 campaign. Notre Dame's freshmen have accounted for 45.6 percent of the points (328 of 720), 47.3 percent of the rebounds (232 of 490) and 38.5 percent of the minutes (847 of 2200) recorded by the Irish this season. Additionally, Notre Dame has started two freshmen (**Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton**) in its first six games this year, and four of the six Irish rookies are averaging at least 12 minutes per contest.

A SEVERE DEVELOPMENT

Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** has quickly adapted to her new role as the starting point guard for the Irish, filling the large shoes of All-American **Niele Ivey**. Through 11 games this season, Severe is third on the team with 8.5 points per game and leads the squad with 5.2 assists per game, ranking sixth in the BIG EAST Conference in the latter category. Entering the 2001-02 campaign, her career highs were seven points and two assists and she had played in just 22 games due to injury.

Severe has been adept at distributing the ball to her teammates, leading the team in assists in 10 of 11 games and dealing at least five assists six times, including a career-high eight handouts against Purdue and Western Michigan. She also has proven to be a scoring threat when necessary, pouring in a career-high 17 points against USC and reaching double figures five times this season.

CRASHING THE BOARDS

Despite losing its top two rebounders from last year (**Ruth Riley** and **Kelley Siemon**), Notre Dame doesn't appear to have broken stride in the rebounding department this season. The Irish have averaged 44.6 rebounds per game through 11 games in 2001-02, owning a +8.3 edge on the glass, which ranks among the top 30 in the nation according to the latest NCAA statistical reports.

Leading the charge on the boards for Notre Dame have been a pair of freshmen — forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is setting the pace at 8.9 rebounds per game (ranking second in the BIG EAST Conference), while center **Teresa Borton** is second with 5.4 caroms per contest. In fact, six different players are averaging at least four rebounds per game. Additionally, the Irish have been potent on the



offensive glass, collecting 15.5 offensive rebounds per game. Batteast also is setting the pace in that category with 33 offensive boards.

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last five-plus seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 93-1 (.989) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. Curiously, the only time that notion didn't come to pass was last season, when Rutgers handed Notre Dame a 54-53 loss, one of only two setbacks the Irish suffered en route to the 2001 national championship.

The Irish already have added to this total six times during the 2001-02 season, turning the trick in all six of their home games — Valparaiso (35 points), Army (57), USC (49), Western Michigan (48), Marquette (33) and DePaul (50).

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

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the last five-plus seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 80-3 (.964) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame contributed another win to that growing record when it rang up 89 points in a win over Army on Nov. 26.

NOTRE DAME MAKING A LIVING BEYOND THE ARC

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

Notre Dame didn't waste time in starting up a new three-point streak, canning 59 triples in their last 10 games (5.9 treys per game). The Irish have now made at least one three-pointer in 156 of their last 158 games, a streak which stretches back more than four seasons.

FRESH FACES IN THE IRISH LINEUP

Notre Dame had a decidedly youthful look in its starting lineup when it opened the season Nov. 18 against Valparaiso, as freshmen **Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton** got the nod at forward and center, respectively. In doing so, the pair were first rookie tandem in 20 years to start a season opener for the Irish — **Ruth Kaiser** and **Mary Beth Schueth** cracked the starting five in a 78-44 win over St. Joseph's (Ind.) on Dec. 2, 1981. Borton paced the Irish with 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso, while Batteast scored two points and grabbed five boards against the Crusaders.

THE END OF ONE STREAK ...

For the first time since the end of the 1997-98 season, Notre Dame was not ranked in either of the major national polls on Dec. 3. The exclusion snapped a 60-week run in the ESPN/USA Today poll and a 56-week stretch in the AP rankings. This week, the Irish earned one point in the Associated Press poll and 11 points in the ESPN/USA Today poll.

... BUT THE CONTINUATION OF ANOTHER

Thanks to Kent State's loss at home to Rhode Island on Dec. 1, Notre Dame now owns the longest active home winning streak in the nation at 44 games. The Irish have not lost a game at the Joyce Center since Dec. 8, 1998, when Connecticut logged a 106-81 victory. Notre Dame's home winning streak next will be put to the test on Saturday afternoon when the Irish open their BIG EAST home schedule against Providence the Joyce Center.

RATAY NAMED NAISMITH CANDIDATE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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

Ratay averaged 12.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game last season, and set an NCAA record for three-point percentage (54.7 percent) by a sophomore on the way to third-team all-BIG EAST Confer-

RATAY JOINS IRISH 1,000-POINT CLUB

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** is the newest member of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club, joining that elite sorority with 12 points on Dec. 6 at Purdue. In addition to being the 19th Irish player to hit that milestone, Ratay is the eighth player to do so in less than three seasons, and the 15th student-athlete to turn the trick while spending part of her career under current head coach **Muffet McGraw**. Here's a look at the members of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club and where Ratay stands on that list:

Player, Years	Points
1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	2,322
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	2,126
3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	2,072
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
7. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439
8. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	1,430
9. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	1,373
10. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	1,298
11. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	1,233
12. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	1,205
13. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	1,202
14. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	1,194
15. Danielle Green (1995-2000)	1,106
16. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	1,060
17. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	1,054
18. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	1,034
19. Kelley Siemon (1997-2001)	1,006
— Ericka Haney (1998-present)	858

TOP JOYCE CENTER CROWDS

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
4.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
5.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
6.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
7.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
8.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
9.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
10.	11/26/01	Army	W, 89-57	7,323
11.	12/12/01	W. Michigan	W, 71-48	7,310
12.	12/31/01	DePaul	W, 79-50	7,154
13.	12/22/01	Marquette	W, 60-33	7,132
14.	2/7/01	Pittsburgh	W, 72-58	7,025
15.	1/7/94	#1 Tennessee	L, 70-105	6,886
16.	2/20/01	Miami	W, 81-43	6,533
17.	1/18/96	#3 Connecticut	L, 64-87	6,501
18.	1/23/99	St. John's	W, 99-60	6,384
19.	1/31/01	Providence	W, 64-44	6,131
20.	1/13/01	Virginia Tech	W, 75-55	5,873

* denotes capacity crowd
Bold denotes game played in 2001-02



FIRST BIG EAST TELECONFERENCE SLATED FOR JAN. 7

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2001-02 season, the first of which is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 7. Each of the 14 league head coaches will be available for eight minutes in a pre-arranged format.

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact Notre Dame assistant sports information director **Chris Masters** for the phone number.

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

- 11:00 a.m. - Ferné Labati, Miami
- 11:08 a.m. - Darcel Estep, St. John's
- 11:16 a.m. - Cathy Inglese, Boston College
- 11:24 a.m. - Mike Carey, West Virginia
- 11:32 a.m. - Bonnie Henrickson, Virginia Tech
- 11:40 a.m. - Jim Jabir, Providence
- 11:48 a.m. - Patrick Knapp, Georgetown
- 11:56 a.m. - Phyllis Mangina, Seton Hall
- 12:04 p.m. - Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame**
- 12:12 p.m. - Traci Waites, Pittsburgh
- 12:20 p.m. - C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers
- 12:28 p.m. - Harry Perretta, Villanova
- 12:36 p.m. - Marianna Freeman, Syracuse
- 12:44 p.m. - Geno Auriemma, Connecticut

ence honors — she was the only sophomore to make any of the three all-league squads. Ratay also is a former BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and was named an honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press in 2000. She will be looking to follow in the footsteps of her former teammate, **Ruth Riley**, who won the 2000-01 Naismith Award, becoming the first Notre Dame women's basketball player to be so recognized.

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

NOTRE DAME PICKED SECOND IN BIG EAST PRESEASON BALLOTING

Fresh off a share of their first-ever BIG EAST championship last season, the Irish have been picked to finish second in 2001-02 according to a preseason poll of the league's coaches which was released at BIG EAST Media Day on Oct. 25. Notre Dame claimed two first-place votes and 155 points overall, trailing only Connecticut (11 first-place votes, 167 points). Rutgers, Boston College and Villanova round out the top five, with VU picking up the remaining first-place vote.

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

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

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

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

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

IRISH HAIL FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

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

FUN WITH NUMBERS

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

IRISH CLOSING IN ON 500TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

Notre Dame is on the verge of becoming the 50th team in NCAA history, and the fourth BIG EAST Conference school to post 500 career wins. The Irish currently have an all-time record of 492-221 (.690), putting them just nine victories away from the magic mark. However, Notre Dame is in a dogfight



BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

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

2001-02 Preseason Player of the Year
Sue Bird, Sr., G, 5-9, Connecticut

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

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

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

* - unanimous selection

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

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

with several other schools to see who will be the next to reach the 500-win plateau. Here's a look at the standings in the race to 500 wins (through games of Jan. 1):

School	Career Wins	Next Game
Missouri	494	xx
NOTRE DAME	492	1/2 at Miami
Maine	492	1/3 vs. Binghamton
Illinois State	491	1/4 at Northern Iowa
Middle Tennessee	490	1/2 at Memphis

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 146 games in its last five-plus seasons, which ties for the fourth-most wins of any school in the country. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins over the last five-plus seasons (through games of Jan. 1):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-01	'01-'02	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	14	178
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	10	173
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	7	161
4. Notre Dame	31	22	26	27	34	6	146
Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	5	146

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Notre Dame is looking to continue some impressive streaks in 2001-02. The Irish have won a school-record 44 consecutive games at home, which became the longest active streak in the nation when Kent State's 43-game run came to an end Dec. 1 with a loss to Rhode Island. The Irish have not lost at home in more than three years, dating back to a defeat at the hands of top-ranked Connecticut on Dec. 8, 1998. Notre Dame also has a 49-3 (.942) record in BIG EAST games at the Joyce Center, with Connecticut the only league team to solve the Irish at home.

In addition, Notre Dame sports a five-year, 29-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center — a streak that includes victories over a trio of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke in 1998-99 and Purdue in 2000-01), as well as 25th-ranked Illinois in '98-99. Notre Dame's last non-conference loss at the Joyce Center came way back on Dec. 9, 1996, when 19th-ranked Wisconsin toppled the Irish, 81-69. Overall, the Irish are 69-2 (.972) at the Joyce Center in their last 71 home games, with the only losses coming to Connecticut.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, sporting a 232-65 (.781) mark at the venerable facility. Last season, the Irish were a perfect 15-0 for the second year in a row. The 15 victories are a school record for home wins in a season and the first time Notre Dame teams have been undefeated at home during the regular season. Also, since joining the BIG EAST Conference in time for the 1995-96 season, **Muffet McGraw's** squad is 82-4 (.953) at the Joyce Center.

SEASON TICKET SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH FOR IRISH

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

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

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

All six of Notre Dame's home games in 2001-02 have attracted more than 7,100 fans, placing them among the top 13 crowds in school history (see chart on page 9). In fact, all of the top 20 crowds in the Notre Dame record book have occurred during the 15-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**.



**RUTH RILEY TO RECEIVE
NCAA TODAY'S TOP VIII
AWARD**

Former Notre Dame All-American and Academic All-American **Ruth Riley**, the consensus national player of the year in women's basketball in 2001 and already winner of an NCAA post-graduate scholarship, was named a recipient of the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award on Dec. 13. The Today's Top VIII Award winners are a group of distinguished student-athletes from the 2001 calendar year who will be recognized at the 37th annual NCAA Honors Dinner, January 13, 2002, in Indianapolis, for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership.

In addition to their athletics accomplishments, the NCAA Today's Top VIII recipients have earned numerous academic honors, have volunteered countless hours to community projects and have served as role models for their academic institutions and to their peers.

A two-time *Associated Press* first team All-American, Riley was selected as the 2001 BIG EAST Player of the Year and the AP and Naismith Women's College Player of the Year after helping lead Notre Dame to its first national title last spring. Off the court, Riley was selected as the Verizon Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year after being named first team Academic All-American for two consecutive years. She also was awarded with an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

Riley averaged 19 points and eight rebounds a game, leading Notre Dame to a 34-2 record. The former Irish center is the only player in Notre Dame history to score more than 2,000 points and grab more than 1,000 rebounds.

An eight-time Dean's List selection at Notre Dame, Riley graduated in May with a 3.64 grade-point average in psychology and sociology. She was also selected as the BIG EAST women's basketball scholar-athlete of the year and the BIG EAST women's scholar-athlete of the year for all sports. Riley received the university's highest scholar-athlete honor when she was awarded the Byron V. Kanaley Award at the 2001 Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet.

Last April, she was chosen in the first round of the 2001 WNBA Draft, going fifth overall to the Miami Sol. In her inaugural professional season, Riley averaged 6.8 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.44 blocks per game (ninth in the league) while helping Miami, a second-year expansion franchise, qualify for the WNBA playoffs.

Recognition for the group at the Honors Dinner is in conjunction with the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis. CBS Sports broadcaster **Clark Kellogg** will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. Kellogg, a graduate of Ohio State University, was a standout basketball player at his alma mater and the 1982 No. 1 draft pick of the NBA's Indiana Pacers.

NOTRE DAME FACES TOUGH SCHEDULE IN 2001-02

Notre Dame is slated to play 10 teams which reached the postseason as part of a rugged schedule this year. On the docket are seven NCAA Tournament squads, including four (Connecticut - 1/1, Purdue - 10/9, Michigan - 18/17 and Colorado State - 20/19) which are ranked in the Top 25 in the latest Associated Press and ESPN/USA *Today* polls. In addition, four Irish opponents (Boston College, DePaul, Syracuse and Virginia Tech) are receiving votes in one or both of the major rankings this week.

IRISH ON THE SMALL SCREEN

Notre Dame is getting a good deal of face time in 2001-02, playing on television at least eight times, including a pair of nationally-televised contests — Nov. 21 at Arizona (Fox Sports Net) and Jan. 21 at Connecticut (ESPN). The Irish also will make two regional television appearances this season — Jan. 2 at Miami (Fox Sports Florida) and Feb. 2 at Seton Hall (CN8, The Comcast Network).

In addition, Notre Dame will appear three times as part of the BIG EAST regular-season television package, playing host to Virginia Tech (Jan. 26) and traveling to Villanova (Jan. 12) and Rutgers (Feb. 16). All three of those games will be telecast live on Fox Sports Chicago as part of the league's TV deal. The BIG EAST Championship semifinals on March 4 also will be aired on the BIG EAST TV package, while the conference title game on March 5 will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

Additionally, the Dec. 6 rematch of the 2001 NCAA championship game between Notre Dame and Purdue was televised live statewide by LeSea Broadcasting, which includes WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and WHMB-TV (Channel 40) in Indianapolis.

NOTRE DAME RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM PAIR OF TOP 25 PROSPECTS

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

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

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

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

BOOK ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON NOW ON SALE

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

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



KRAUSE FEATURED IN "CONFESSIONS OF A FRESHMAN"

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

HANEY SHINES ON BIG EAST ALL-STAR TEAM

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

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

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

NCAA AND BIG EAST STATISTICAL LEADERS

Here's where the Irish players and team stand in the most recent NCAA statistics report (through games of Dec. 17) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report for all games and conference games (through games of Dec. 30):

Team Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring Offense		10th at 64.1	
Scoring Defense		4th at 58.6	
Scoring Margin		8th at +5.5	
FT Percentage		13th at .637	
FG Percentage		10th at .409	
FG Percentage Defense	30th at .361	3rd at .344	
3-Point FG Percentage	32nd at .384	4th at .372	
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	2nd at .270	
Rebounding		2nd at 44.3	
Rebounding Defense	not kept	t-7th at 36.1	
Rebounding Margin	28th at +7.8	3rd at +8.2	
Blocked Shots	not kept	1st at 6.1	
Assists	not kept	10th at 14.2	
Steals	not kept	11th at 8.0	
Turnover Margin	not kept	14th at (-3.6)	
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	10th at 0.75	

Individual Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring		Batteast, 7th at 14.5	
		Ratay, 18th at 12.5	
Rebounding		Batteast, 2nd at 8.4	
FG Percentage		Batteast, 12th at .444	
Assists		Severe, 6th at 5.4	
FT Percentage	Ratay, 4th at .957	Severe, 11th at .674	
Steals		Severe, 15th at 1.9	
3-Point FG Made		Ratay, 11th at 1.7	
Blocks		Batteast, 6th at 1.5	
Offensive Rebounds		Batteast, t-8th at 2.9	
		Borton, t-8th at 2.9	
Defensive Rebounds		Batteast, 2nd at 5.5	

NOTRE DAME AMONG BEST IN ATHLETE GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top NCAA Division I-A institutions in five major graduation rate categories — all student-athletes, football players, male student-athletes, female student-athletes and African-American student-athletes — according to statistics released this fall by the NCAA.

The 2001 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 11th-such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1991 and 1994 at Division I institutions, including 114 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 85 percent of its student-athletes, fourth behind Northwestern (92 percent), Duke (91) and Stanford (88).

Among student-athletes who complete all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, not considering those who leave or transfer, 99 percent earn their degrees. The national average for Division I-A schools is 58 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 90 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank fifth in that category behind leader Northwestern at 98 percent. Among men, Notre Dame's 82 percent rate is fourth behind Duke at 90 percent, Northwestern at 88 percent and Stanford at 85 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 73 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking behind only Duke, Vanderbilt, Stanford, Northwestern and Rice.

Here are the top institutions in some of the major categories:

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Northwestern 92%
- 2. Duke 91%
- 3. Stanford 88%
- 4. NOTRE DAME 85%**

FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Northwestern 98%
- 2. Stanford 93%
- 3. Duke 92%
- 4. Vanderbilt 91%
- 5. NOTRE DAME 90%**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Duke 84%
- 2. Vanderbilt 82%
- 3. Stanford 81%
- 4. Northwestern 80%
- 5. Rice 78%
- 6. NOTRE DAME 73%**

NOTRE DAME AT MIAMI

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

Overall Record: 6-5 (Home: 6-0, Away: 0-4, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	ND Result	W-L	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 18	15/14		VALPARAISO	W 42-35	W1	1-0		Borton-14	two with 9	Severe-4	7,960
Nov. 21	15/15	20/22	at Colorado State	L 66-72	L1	1-1		Ratay-16	Batteast-11	Severe-5	6,749
Nov. 24	15/15		at Arizona	L 70-72	L2	1-2		Ratay-19	Haney-9	Severe-6	3,335
Nov. 26	23/23		ARMY	W 89-57	W1	2-2		Batteast-18	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,323
Dec. 2	23/23	16/17	(1) vs. Michigan	L 63-78	L1	2-3		Ratay-19	Batteast-9	Severe-6	6,482
Dec. 6		7/8	at Purdue	L 57-70	L2	2-4		Ratay-12	Severe-8	Severe-8	8,786
Dec. 9			USC	W 62-49	W1	3-4		Batteast-19	two with 7	Severe-4	7,595
Dec. 12			WESTERN MICHIGAN	W 71-48	W2	4-4		Batteast-20	two with 10	Severe-8	7,310
Dec. 22			MARQUETTE	W 60-33	W3	5-4		Batteast-11	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,132
Dec. 28			at Rice	L 61-72	L1	5-5		Batteast-23	Batteast-10	Severe-5	1,602
Dec. 31			DEPAUL	W 79-50	W1	6-5		Batteast-25	Batteast-14	two with 4	7,154
Jan. 2			at Miami*								
Jan. 5			PROVIDENCE*								
Jan. 9			SETON HALL*								
Jan. 12			at Villanova*								
Jan. 19			at Providence*								
Jan. 21			(2) at Connecticut*								
Jan. 26			VIRGINIA TECH*								
Jan. 29			SYRACUSE*								
Feb. 2			at Seton Hall*								
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*								
Feb. 10			BOSTON COLLEGE*								
Feb. 13			ST. JOHN'S*								
Feb. 16			at Rutgers*								
Feb. 19			WEST VIRGINIA*								
Feb. 23			at Georgetown*								
Feb. 26			VILLANOVA*								

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

March 2	First Round
March 3	Quarterfinals
March 4	Semifinals
March 5	Championship

NCAA First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)

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

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

March 23	Semifinals
March 25	Finals

NCAA Final Four (Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas)

March 29	Semifinals
March 31	Championship

CAPS denotes home game

* BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Women's College Basketball Showcase (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

(2) Game played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

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

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

Overall Record: 6-5 (Home: 6-0, Away: 0-4, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Jacqueline Batteast	11-11	317-28.8	69-152	.454	15-40	.375	17-25	.680	33	65	98	8.9	26-0	20	30	18	17	170	15.5
Alicia Ratay	11-11	372-33.8	49-109	.450	20-48	.417	23-26	.885	18	40	58	5.3	14-0	23	21	1	10	141	12.8
Le'Tania Severe	11-11	330-30.0	29-70	.414	4-10	.400	32-48	.667	10	36	46	4.2	24-0	57	53	7	21	94	8.5
Ericka Haney	11-7	220-20.0	26-70	.371	0-0	.000	9-16	.563	22	36	58	5.3	22-0	8	21	5	10	61	5.5
Teresa Borton	11-6	226-20.5	25-61	.410	0-0	.000	8-22	.364	30	29	59	5.4	26-0	11	11	2	6	58	5.3
Amanda Barksdale	7-5	123-17.6	15-31	.484	0-0	.000	6-11	.545	8	17	25	3.6	17-1	5	9	28	3	36	5.1
Jeneka Joyce	11-4	209-19.0	19-40	.475	10-26	.385	5-12	.417	4	17	21	1.9	9-0	14	17	0	3	53	4.8
Katy Flecky	10-0	120-12.0	13-31	.419	0-0	.000	16-22	.727	11	22	33	3.3	15-0	9	15	4	6	42	4.2
Kelsey Wicks	10-0	129-12.9	14-38	.368	6-18	.333	7-10	.700	14	16	30	3.0	18-0	4	11	0	3	41	4.1
Allison Bustamante	5-0	40-8.0	6-16	.375	4-7	.571	1-3	.333	1	9	10	2.0	6-0	2	3	1	0	17	3.4
Karen Swanson	5-0	22-4.4	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	0	3	3	0.6	3-0	1	2	0	0	5	1.0
Monique Hernandez	11-0	76-6.9	1-12	.083	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	3	2	5	0.5	9-0	7	5	0	5	2	0.2
Jill Krause	5-0	16-3.2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.4	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team									17	26	43	3.9					4		
Notre Dame	11		268-639	.419	59-153	.386	125-199	.628	171	320	491	44.6	189-1	162	203	66	84	720	65.5
Opponents	11		216-646	.334	49-186	.263	155-232	.668	153	246	399	36.3	179-1	137	169	37	94	636	57.8

2001-02 Single Game Highs & Lows

NOTRE DAME HIGHS

Points (Game)	89 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Points (Half)	47 vs. Army (1st half), 11/26/01
Field Goals Made	33 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Attempts	77 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	51.7 (31-60) vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	10 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	28* vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	60.0 (6-10) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Free Throws Made	19 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Free Throw Attempts	25, twice (MR: vs. USC, 12/9/01)
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	79.2 (19-24) at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	60 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Personal Fouls	26 at Rice, 12/28/01
Assists	20, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Turnovers	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	13 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Steals	13 vs. USC, 12/9/01

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points (Game)	78, Michigan, 12/2/01
Points (Half)	45, Michigan (1st half), 12/2/01
Field Goals Made	29, Michigan, 12/2/01
Field Goal Attempts	65, Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	50.0 (29-58), Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	8, Arizona, 11/24/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	28, DePaul, 12/31/01
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	42.9 (6-14), Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throws Made	26, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Attempts	40, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	100.0* (20-20), Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	43, Purdue, 12/6/01
Personal Fouls	22, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Assists	23, Michigan, 12/2/01
Turnovers	27, USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	8, Colorado State, 11/21/01
Steals	13, twice (MR: Marquette, 12/22/01)

* denotes school record

NOTRE DAME LOWS

Points (Game)	42 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Points (Half)	18 vs. Valparaiso (2nd half), 11/18/01
Field Goals Made	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Attempts	43 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage	32.6 (14-43) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	0 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Percentage	00.0 (0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws Made	6 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Free Throw Attempts	10 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throw Percentage	42.9 (6-14) vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Rebounds	28 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Personal Fouls	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Assists	8 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Turnovers	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Blocked Shots	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Steals	4, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)

OPPONENT LOWS

Points (Game)	33, Marquette, 12/22/01
Points (Half)	12, Western Michigan (1st half), 12/12/01
Field Goals Made	10, Marquette, 12/22/01
Field Goal Attempts	47, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage	18.5 (10-54), Marquette, 12/22/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	1, twice (MR: USC, 12/9/01)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	7, Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Percentage	7.7 (1-13), Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throws Made	4, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throw Attempts	11, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Free Throw Percentage	33.3 (4-12), Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	29, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Personal Fouls	10, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	5, DePaul, 12/31/01
Turnovers	10, Purdue, 12/6/01
Blocked Shots	1, twice (MR: DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	6, twice (MR: DePaul, 12/31/01)

2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Biography Updates

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

Has played in seven games (five starts) this season, averaging 17.6 minutes per game ... charting 5.1 points, 3.6 rebounds and 4.0 blocks per game ... missed first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg ... would lead BIG EAST Conference and rank in top 10 nationally in blocks but has not yet played in enough games to qualify ... nearly posted a triple-double against Marquette, finishing with 10 points (tying her career high), eight rebounds and a career-high eight blocks (tying the school record), in 20 minutes ... made first career start against USC, playing a career-high 26 minutes and tallying seven blocks (five in first half) ... also recorded 100th career block against USC, becoming fifth player in school history to reach century mark ... outings against Marquette and USC stand first and second among single-game performances in BIG EAST this season ... ranks second in school history with 1.71 blocks per game and fifth with 120 career blocks (needs four to catch Trena Keys for fourth place).

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	10 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	10, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Field Goals	5 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Free Throws	2, twice (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	4, twice (MR: vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01)
Rebounds	8 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	11 vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01
Assists	2, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)	2, four times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	1, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	2, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 2/12/00)
Blocks	8* vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Minutes	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

* denotes school record

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

Preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... Three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10 & 17) ... has started all 11 games for the Irish as a true freshman, averaging 28.8 minutes per game ... leads team in scoring (15.5 ppg.) and rebounding (8.9 rpg.) and ranks second on team with 1.6 blocks per game ... ranks seventh in BIG EAST in scoring, second in rebounding and sixth in blocked shots ... tied for first in BIG EAST with six double-doubles ... has scored in double figures in her last 10 games ... paired with Teresa Borton as the first rookie tandem to start a season opener in 20 years ... picked up her first career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds at Colorado State ... notched double-double with 18 points and career-high 12 rebounds against Army ... carded double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... despite missing most of first half with foul trouble, still logged her fourth double-double of year with 11 points and 12 rebounds against Marquette ... registered fifth double-double with 23 points (10-16 FG) and 10 rebounds at Rice ... recorded sixth double-double (and fourth in a row) with career bests of 25 points and 14 rebounds vs. DePaul ... averaging 19.8 points and 11.5 rebounds per game with four double-doubles in last four games.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	25 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Field Goals	10, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Rebounds	14 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Assists	4 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocks	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Minutes	37 at Purdue, 12/6/01

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

Has played in all 11 games for the Irish, starting six as a true freshman and averaging 20.5 minutes per outing ... carding 5.3 points and 5.4 rebounds per game — latter figure is second on team ... more than half (30) of her 59 rebounds are offensive — tied for eighth in BIG EAST Conference in that category ... joined Jacqueline Batteast as the first freshman duo to start a season opener for Notre Dame in 20 years ... nearly posted a double-double in her first college game, finishing with game highs of 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso ... almost had double-double at Colorado State, tallying nine points and eight rebounds ... matched season high with nine rebounds vs. Army ... hauled in seven rebounds against Western Michigan ... came off bench to score eight points (4-6 FG) against DePaul.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goals	5 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws	4 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	9, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Assists	3, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Steals	1, five times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)
Blocks	1, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Minutes	34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

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

Has appeared in five games, averaging 8.0 minutes per outing ... notching 3.4 points and 2.0 rebounds per game ... has made four of her seven three-point attempts (57.1 percent) this season ... made first collegiate appearance against Colorado State, seeing less than one minute of action ... tallied six points and four rebounds in 14 minutes against Army ... also drilled first career three-point field goal against Army ... missed next four games (Dec. 2-12) after suffering high right ankle sprain in practice Nov. 28 ... made impressive return from injury with six points (2-of-3 from three-point line) and four rebounds against Marquette ... scored five points vs. DePaul.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	6, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Field Goals	2, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
3-pt Field Goals	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Free Throws	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Rebounds	4, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Assists	1, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	None
Blocks	1 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Minutes	14 vs. Army, 11/26/01

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

Has appeared in 10 games for Notre Dame, averaging 12.0 minutes per game ... tallying 4.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game ... second on team with .727 free throw percentage (16-22) ... saw first collegiate action against Valparaiso ... had solid return to home state with six points and eight rebounds at Colorado State ... carded career-high nine points and six rebounds in season-best 28 minutes at Arizona .. sat out Michigan game after suffering a concussion in practice Nov. 28 ... chalked up seven points (3-5 FG) and six rebounds in win over Marquette ... matched career best with nine points and led team with career-high four assists vs. DePaul.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Field Goals	3, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Free Throws	5 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	8 at Colorado State, 11/21/01
Assists	4 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Steals	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Blocks	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Minutes	28 at Arizona, 11/24/01

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

Preseason second-team all-BIG EAST pick ... has appeared in all 11 games this season, starting seven times and averaging 20.0 minutes per game ... averaging 5.5 points and 5.3 rebounds per contest ... the only captain for Notre Dame in 2001-02, just the second solo captain for the Irish in the Muffet McGraw era ... charted six points and five rebounds in season-opening win over Valparaiso ... corralled game-high nine rebounds at Arizona ... rang up seven points and six rebounds against Army ... rang up season-high eight points at Purdue ... came off bench to card six points, six rebounds and season-high two blocks against USC ... picked up first double-double of season (and sixth of career) with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... collected seven rebounds (four offensive) and season-high three assists at Rice ... returned to starting lineup against DePaul and grabbed six rebounds.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	12 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	21 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Field Goals	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	10 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Free Throws	3 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	7 vs. Connecticut, 3/30/01
Rebounds	10 vs. W. Michigan, 12/12/01	14 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Assists	3 at Rice, 12/28/01	5 vs. Georgia, 11/24/00
Steals	2, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	4 vs. St. John's, 1/23/99
Blocks	2 vs. USC, 12/9/01	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/22/00)
Minutes	33 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	39 vs. Rutgers, 2/17/01

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

Has appeared in all 11 games for the Irish, averaging 6.9 minutes per contest while playing primarily as a defensive stopper ... picked up an offensive rebound at Colorado State ... turned in superb all-around effort vs. Army, finishing with two points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals in 17 minutes — three assists and two steals tied her career highs ... dished out two assists against Michigan ... notched two assists against Western Michigan.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	10 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01
Field Goals	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01
3-pt Field Goals	None	1 at Purdue, 12/8/99
Free Throws	None	4 vs. USC, 12/28/00
Rebounds	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 vs. Villanova, 12/6/00
Assists	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, four times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Steals	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)	2, six times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Blocks	None	2, vs. Georgetown, 1/29/00
Minutes	17 vs. Army, 11/26/01	25 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01

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

Has played in all 11 games (four starts) for Notre Dame, averaging 19.0 minutes per outing ... logging 4.8 points and 1.9 rebounds per game ... owns second-best field goal (.475) and three-point (.385) percentages on team ... tallied seven points and three assists in win over Army ... poured in season-high 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting (including three three-point field goals) against Michigan ... tossed down nine points and three more treys at Purdue ... made first career start against USC, hitting all three of her shots and finishing with seven points in a career-high 33 minutes ... grabbed career-high four rebounds vs. Marquette.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	14 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Field Goals	4 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3, twice (MR: at Purdue, 12/6/01)	4 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Free Throws	2 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	3 vs. West Virginia, 1/24/01
Rebounds	4 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Assists	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 vs. Georgetown, 3/4/01
Steals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, three times
Blocks	None	1, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
Minutes	33 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

NOTRE DAME AT MIAMI

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

Has played in five games for the Irish this season ... made first collegiate appearance against Army, grabbing two rebounds ... dished out first career assist vs. DePaul.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	None
Field Goals	None
3-pt Field Goals	None
Free Throws	None
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Assists	1 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	6 vs. Army, 11/26/01

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

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST selection ... has started all 11 games for Notre Dame, averaging a team-high 33.8 minutes per game ... leads team with .417 three-point percentage, second in scoring (12.8 ppg.) and assists (2.1 appg.), and third in rebounds (5.3 rpg.) ... also has made a team-high 20 three-point field goals ... would rank among BIG EAST Conference leaders in free throw percentage (.885) but does not have enough attempts to qualify ... ranks 18th in BIG EAST in scoring and 11th in three-point field goals made (1.8 per game) ... has scored in double figures in 10 games this season and 40 of her last 47 games ... also has reached double digits in scoring 60 times in her 79-game college career ... nearly came up with a double-double in the season opener against Valparaiso, finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds while playing all 40 minutes ... rang up a game-high 16 points (6-7 FT) at Colorado State ... connected for team-best 19 points (3-5 from three-point range) and added seven rebounds at Arizona ... canned 4-of-6 three-point attempts and scored 12 points in victory over Army ... matched season-high with 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds against Michigan ... became 19th Notre Dame player to score 1,000 career points with her 12-point night at Purdue (now ranks 17th on ND career list)... tallied 14 points (6-12 FG) at Rice ... posted 16 points (6-9 FG, 3-5 3FG) and tied for team lead with season-high four assists against DePaul.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	19, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 12/2/01)	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	8 at Arizona, 11/24/01	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01	7 at Rutgers, 2/19/00
Free Throws	6 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	7, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 3/5/01)
Rebounds	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	12 vs. St. John's, 2/12/00
Assists	4 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	2, three times (MR: vs. WMU, 12/12/01)	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/3/01)
Minutes	40 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	44 at Rutgers, 2/19/00

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

Has started all 11 games at point guard, playing 30.0 minutes per night ... ranks third on team with 8.5 points per game and leads squad with 5.2 assists per outing ... ranks sixth in BIG EAST in assists, 11th in free throw percentage (.667) and 15th in steals (1.9 spg) ... has scored in double figures five times, the first double-digit outings of her career ... made first career start in season opener vs. Valparaiso, tallying seven points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocks ... cracked double figures for first time with 15 points on 6-of-12 shooting (including trio of three-point field goals) at Colorado State ... added 12 points (8-10 FT) and six assists at Arizona ... chipped in with 13 points vs. Army ... dished out six assists against Michigan ... broke personal records with eight rebounds, eight assists and 37 minutes played at Purdue ... notched new career highs with 17 points and five steals against USC ... matched career best with eight assists against Western Michigan ... scored 10 points (6-6 FT) at Rice.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	17 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same
Field Goals	6, twice (MR: vs. USC, 12/9/01)	Same
3-pt Field Goals	3 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	Same
Free Throws	8 at Arizona, 11/24/01	Same
Rebounds	8 at Purdue, 12/6/01	Same
Assists	8, twice (MR: vs. W. Michigan, 12/12/01)	Same
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same
Blocks	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)	Same
Minutes	37 at Purdue, 12/6/01	Same

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

Has played in five games this season ... made first appearance of year against Army, matching her career high with five points in seven minutes ... played six minutes against DePaul.

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

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

Has played in 10 games for the Irish this season, averaging 12.9 minutes per contest ... tallying 4.1 points and 3.0 rebounds per game ... carded season-high nine points (2-3 FG, 4-4 FT) and sank first career three-point field goal at Arizona ... notched seven points in victory over Army ... grabbed season-high six rebounds in season-best 21 minutes against Western Michigan ... tallied eight points, including two three-point field goals, and pulled down four rebounds against DePaul.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goals	3 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
3-pt Field Goals	2 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Free Throws	4 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	1, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	1, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Blocks	None
Minutes	21 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01

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

Valparaiso (35)

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

Notre Dame (42)

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame (66)

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

Colorado State (72)

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame (70)

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

Arizona (72)

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

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

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

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

Army (57)

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

Notre Dame (89)

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

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

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

Michigan 78, Notre Dame 63 Dec. 2, 2001 Women's College Basketball Showcase Van Andel Arena (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Notre Dame (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	22	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	4
Batteast	32	5-17	3-8	4-4	9	1	1	17
Borton	20	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	2
Severe	30	2-6	0-1	1-2	1	6	3	5
Ratay	37	6-11	2-7	5-5	7	2	2	19
Joyce	23	4-8	3-7	0-0	2	1	0	11
Hernandez	15	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0
Wicks	12	1-4	0-1	0-2	2	1	1	2
Barksdale	9	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	3	3
Team					2			
Totals	200	22-59	8-25	11-15	28	13	19	63

Michigan (78)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Pool	33	6-12	0-2	1-1	1	1	1	13
Smith	33	6-9	0-0	0-0	6	3	2	12
Bies	22	4-9	0-0	10-11	12	4	4	18
Jara	18	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	

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**Notre Dame 62, USC 49
Dec. 9, 2001**

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

USC (49)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Krause	24	0-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	4	0
Hoffman	28	3-8	1-3	3-6	6	1	4	10
Elmore	32	5-11	0-0	1-1	7	3	3	11
Hollans	28	5-13	0-3	0-0	8	2	1	10
Alexander	13	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	0
Cheeks	29	2-7	0-2	2-2	1	3	2	6
Smith-Hams	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Woodward	28	3-10	0-3	2-3	6	1	3	8
Mitchell	11	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2
Gipson	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Team					5			
Totals	200	20-61	1-12	8-12	39	14	20	49

Notre Dame (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	7-14	0-0	5-7	7	2	1	19
Barksdale	26	1-4	0-0	1-2	4	0	2	3
Severe	32	6-12	0-0	5-8	7	4	1	17
Joyce	33	3-3	0-0	1-2	2	0	1	7
Ratay	39	2-10	1-4	5-5	6	1	3	10
Haney	12	3-5	0-0	0-0	6	1	0	6
Krause	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borton	13	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	0
Hernandez	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Flecky	6	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	22-54	1-4	17-25	41	9	10	62

USC	22	27	--	49
Notre Dame	33	29	--	62

FG Pct: Notre Dame 40.7, USC 32.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 25.0, USC 8.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 68.0, USC 66.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 26, USC 27. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 10 (Barksdale 7), USC 4 (Mitchell 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 13 (Batteast, Severe 5), USC 13 (Hoffman, Elmore 3). **Attendance:** 7,595.

**Notre Dame 71, Western Michigan 48
Dec. 12, 2001**

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Western Michigan (48)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Deurloo	28	2-8	0-0	1-2	5	2	0	5
Koetsier	33	2-12	0-1	2-3	5	2	1	6
Jilian	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Gallert, Bri.	36	2-5	2-4	1-2	1	2	1	7
Rost	29	3-17	2-13	2-2	1	1	2	10
Koerber	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Harris	19	5-12	2-5	0-0	3	0	1	12
Gallert, Bro.	14	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	1	1	3
Samuelson	10	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Hillstrom	1	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Crisman	16	1-1	0-0	1-2	4	0	1	3
Team					5			
Totals	200	17-62	7-25	7-11	29	10	10	48

Notre Dame (71)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	29	9-17	2-4	0-0	10	3	1	20
Barksdale	16	2-4	0-0	2-2	4	0	1	6
Severe	26	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	8	1	4
Joyce	22	2-4	1-2	1-3	3	2	0	6
Ratay	24	4-7	2-2	0-0	6	3	1	10
Haney	25	6-12	0-0	0-0	10	0	2	12
Krause	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Borton	12	2-4	0-0	0-2	7	0	1	4
Hernandez	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
Wicks	21	2-6	1-2	0-0	6	1	4	5
Flecky	11	0-3	0-0	4-4	2	0	1	4
Team					5			
Totals	200	29-63	6-10	7-11	56	19	13	71

W. Michigan	12	36	--	48
Notre Dame	32	39	--	71

FG Pct: Notre Dame 46.0, Western Michigan 27.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 60.0, Western Michigan 28.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 63.6, Western Michigan 63.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 20, Western Michigan 12. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 7 (Barksdale 4), Western Michigan 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 8 (Batteast 3), Western Michigan 7 (Gallert, Bri. 3). **Attendance:** 7,310.

**Notre Dame 60, Marquette 33
Dec. 22, 2001**

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Marquette (33)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Klug	23	0-8	0-0	0-2	6	0	1	0
Weaver	15	0-2	0-0	2-4	2	2	2	2
Seffern	20	1-2	0-0	3-4	4	0	1	5
Johnson	22	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0
Alsdurf	27	1-14	1-4	0-0	6	0	1	3
Gales	14	1-7	0-2	1-2	0	1	1	3
O'Grady	14	1-5	0-2	3-4	2	1	0	5
Juedes	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Stieber	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Schwerman	19	3-5	1-2	1-2	0	1	1	8
Bogott	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2
Zawodny	14	1-5	0-0	1-2	2	0	3	3
Team					6			
Totals	200	10-54	2-12	11-20	33	6	13	33

Notre Dame (60)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	16	5-12	0-2	1-2	12	1	2	11
Barksdale	20	5-7	0-0	0-0	8	2	1	10
Severe	29	2-5	0-1	0-0	4	4	0	4
Joyce	21	1-4	1-4	0-0	4	2	0	3
Ratay	27	1-5	0-1	0-0	3	1	0	2
Haney	15	2-3	0-0	3-4	2	2	1	7
Krause	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	4	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borton	13	2-4	0-0	1-4	6	3	2	5
Hernandez	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Wicks	18	2-3	1-2	0-0	3	0	0	5
Flecky	13	3-5	0-0	1-4	6	1	2	7
Bustamante	11	2-5	2-3	0-0	4	0	1	6
Team					2			
Totals	200	25-57	4-14	6-14	54	16	10	60

Marquette	13	20	--	33
Notre Dame	37	23	--	60

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.9, Marquette 18.5. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 28.6, Marquette 16.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 42.9, Marquette 55.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Marquette 20. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 13 (Barksdale 8), Marquette 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11, Marquette 13 (Gales 3). **Attendance:** 7,132.

**Rice 72, Notre Dame 61
Dec. 28, 2001**

Autry Court (Houston, Texas)

Notre Dame (61)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	35	10-16	2-4	1-2	10	3	4	23
Barksdale	25	2-6	0-0	2-4	5	1	3	6
Severe	29	2-7	0-0	6-6	6	5	4	10
Joyce	22	1-2	0-1	0-2	2	0	3	2
Ratay	39	6-12	2-5	0-0	5	1	1	14
Haney	25	1-6	0-0	0-2	7	3	2	2
Borton	15	2-5	0-0	0-1	3	1	2	4
Hernandez	4	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	0	2	0
Wicks	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Flecky	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Bustamante	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	24-56	4-11	9-19	40	14	26	61

Rice (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
James	20	2-11	1-3	2-2	1	1	1	7
Hayes	28	8-13	0-0	2-3	12	1	4	18
McIntosh	36	2-4	0-0	6-13	8	3	0	10
Lawson	31	0-3	0-1	5-8	3	3	4	5
Liggett	23	2-8	0-2	4-4	2	2	1	8
Rigg	18	1-4	1-2	3-6	4	1	0	6
Maynard	19	2-9	2-4	4-4	3	2	1	10
Brown	9	2-3	2-2	0-0	1	1	1	6
Inman	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	2
Team					6			
Totals	200	20-57	6-14	26-40	42	15	13	72

Notre Dame	26	35	--	61
Rice	35	37	--	72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.9, Rice 35.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.4, Rice 42.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 47.4, Rice 65.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 20, Rice 12. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9 (Barksdale 4), Rice 6 (Hayes 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 7, Rice 10. **Attendance:** 1,602.

**Notre Dame 79, DePaul 50
Dec. 31, 2001**

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

DePaul (50)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Kustok	26	0-3	0-2	2-2	4	1	4	2
Williams	31	6-27	3-16	2-4	5	2	2	17
Smith, J.	38	0-5	0-0	0-0	9	1	1	0
Sobieszczyk	32	2-5	2-4	0-0	6	0	2	6
Lewis	23	0-2	0-0	1-3	4	0	4	1
Forsberg	16	1-5	1-5	2-2	0	0	1	5
Towers	9	1-2	0-0	2-4	4	0	2	4
Dant	25	4-10	0-1	7-9	3	1	3	15
Smith, K.	0+	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	14-59	6-28	16-24	39	5	20	50

Notre Dame (79)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	6	0	2	2
Batteast	27	10-19	2-4	3-4	14	1	2	25
Barksdale	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2
Severe	19	0-1	0-0	1-2	4	3	3	1
Ratay	30	6-9	3-5	1-3	5	4	1	16
Joyce	21	1-4	0-2	1-1	0	2	0	3
Krause	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Swanson	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Borton	22	4-6	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	8
Hernandez	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wicks	15	3-6	2-4	0-0	4	1	4	8
Flecky								