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Women's Basketball 2010-11

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2010-11 ND Women's Basketball: Game 2

#12/12 Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (1-0 / 0-0 BIG EAST) vs. Morehead State *Eagles* (0-1 / 0-0 Ohio Valley)

- ◆ **DATE:** November 15, 2010
- ◆ **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. ET
- ◆ **AT:** Notre Dame, Ind. Purcell Pavilion (9,149)
- ◆ **SERIES:** First meeting
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2010-11 Schedule

1-0 / 0-0 BIG EAST

N3	(12/12) Michigan Tech (exhib.)	W, 102-30
N12	(12/12) New Hampshire	W, 99-48
N15	(12/12) Morehead State	7:00 ET
N18	UCLA	7:00 ET
N21	@ Kentucky ^{FSS}	1:00 ET
N26	IUPUI ¹	2:00 ET
N27	Wake Forest ¹	2:00 ET
N28	Butler ¹	2:00 ET
D1	@ Baylor	8:00 ET
D5	Purdue ^{ESPN2}	2:00 ET
D8	• @ Providence	7:00 ET
D11	Creighton	2:00 ET
D20	@ Valparaiso	8:05 ET
D29	vs. Gonzaga ²	7:30 ET
D30	vs. Loyola Marymount ²	7:30 ET
J2	Southeast Missouri State	2:00 ET
J5	• @ Marquette	8:00 ET
J8	• Connecticut ^{CBS}	2:00 ET
J12	• Louisville	7:00 ET
J15	• @ Pittsburgh	2:00 ET
J18	• Georgetown ^{CBS C}	7:00 ET
J23	• St. John's ^{ESPN}	2:00 ET
J29	• @ Villanova	7:00 ET
F1	• Syracuse	7:00 ET
F5	• @ South Florida	7:00 ET
F8	• Seton Hall	7:00 ET
F12	• Rutgers	2:00 ET
F19	• @ Connecticut ^{BETV}	2:00 ET
F22	• @ West Virginia ^{CBS C}	7:00 ET
F26	• Cincinnati	2:00 ET
F28	• @ DePaul ^{CBS C}	9:00 ET
M4	BIG EAST 1st Round ³	TBA
M5	BIG EAST 2nd Round ^{3-BETV}	TBA
M6	BIG EAST Quarterfinal ^{3-ESPN}	TBA
M7	BIG EAST Semifinal ^{3-ESPN}	6/8:00 ET
M8	BIG EAST Final ^{3-ESPN}	7:00 ET
M19-22	NCAA 1st-2nd Rounds ^{4-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M26-29	NCAA Regionals ^{5-ESPN}	TBA
A3	NCAA National Semifinals ^{6-ESPN}	TBA
A5	NCAA Championship Game ^{6-ESPN}	TBA

Storylines

- ◆ Notre Dame will face its second consecutive first-time opponent to open the 2010-11 season. The Fighting Irish are 42-5 vs. new foes since the start of the 2000-01 season.
- ◆ Notre Dame hasn't played a current OVC member in more than three decades, but the Fighting Irish will see two this year, as Southeast Missouri also comes to town on Jan. 2.

After a record-setting defensive performance in its opener on Friday, No. 12 Notre Dame will look to continue that tenacity on Monday as the Fighting Irish play host to Ohio Valley Conference runner-up Morehead State in a 7 p.m. (ET) contest at Purcell Pavilion.

Notre Dame (1-0) tipped off the regular season in impressive fashion last Friday, rolling over New Hampshire, 99-48 at Purcell Pavilion. The Fighting Irish forced the Wildcats into an opponent-record 49 turnovers, while chalking up a record-breaking 36 steals along the way. Notre Dame also shot .514 from the field and dished out 26 assists on 37 field goals.

Junior forward **Devereaux Peters** led four Fighting Irish players in double figures with a career-high 23 points (on 11-of-13 shooting), while adding eight rebounds, four steals and two blocks in just 16 minutes. Sophomore guard **Skylar Diggins** added 12 points, four assists and four steals for Notre Dame.

Rankings

- ◆ Notre Dame is No. 12 in both the preseason Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.
- ◆ Morehead State is not ranked.

Web Sites

- ◆ Notre Dame: www.UND.com
- ◆ Morehead State: www.msueagles.com
- ◆ BIG EAST: www.bigeast.org
- ◆ Ohio Valley: www.ovcsports.com

Setting The Standard

Under the guidance of 24th-year head coach **Muffet McGraw**, Notre Dame has evolved into one of the country's leading women's basketball powers. The Irish have appeared in 17 NCAA Tournaments (including a current streak of 15 in a row) and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 eight times in the past 14 seasons. Notre Dame also has reached the NCAA Women's Final Four twice, winning college basketball's ultimate prize with the 2001 national championship.

In its history, Notre Dame has developed nine All-Americans, 10 WNBA players (including seven draft picks in the past nine years) and four USA Basketball veterans (eight medals won). Now in their 34th season in 2010-11, the Irish own an all-time record of **690-302 (.696)**.

Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw

Saint Joseph's '77

- ◆ 24th season at Notre Dame
 - 526-203 (.722) at Notre Dame
 - 614-244 (.716) in 29th season overall
- ◆ 2011 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee
- ◆ 2001 consensus National Coach of the Year
- ◆ Four-time Naismith Coach of the Year finalist
- ◆ Four-time conference Coach of the Year
 - 2001 BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- ◆ 2009 WBCA Carol Eckman Award recipient

Notre Dame's Possible Starting Lineup (C = captain)

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr*	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
14	Devereaux Peters	F	6-2	Sr.	23.0	8.0	4.0 spg	• Career-high points vs. UNH in 16 min.
32	Becca Bruszewski (C)	F	6-1	Sr.	1.0	0.0	3.0 apg	• Tallied 13 pts, 6 rebs, 4 asst in exhib.
4	Skylar Diggins	G	5-9	So.	12.0	2.0	4.0 apg	• Consensus preseason All-American
21	Natalie Novosel	G	5-11	Jr.	11.0	2.0	7.0 spg	• Career-high steals vs. New Hampshire
22	Brittany Mallory (C)	G	5-10	Sr.	9.0	1.0	5.0 spg	• Career-high 61 stls, 1.41 A/T/O last yr

Off the Bench For the Irish

1	Erica Solomon	F	6-2	Jr.	11.0	1.0	2.0 apg	• 8th career gm dbl-fig pts (11 vs. UNH)
2	Veronica Badway	G	5-7	Jr.	3.0	1.0	0.0 apg	• Walk-on made college debut vs. UNH (3 pts)
11	Natalie Achonwa	F	6-3	Fr.	7.0	4.0	5.0 apg	• Solid effort in debut game vs. UNH
12	Fraderica Miller	G	5-10	Jr.	1.0	2.0	3.0 spg	• Averaging 1 steal per 6.5 min in career
15	Kaila Turner	G	5-8	So.	2.0	1.0	3.0 apg	• Tied career high with 3 asst. vs. UNH
23	Kayla McBride	G	5-11	Fr.	8.0	2.0	3.0 spg	• Played team-high 23 min. vs. UNH
41	Mary Forr	F	5-11	Sr.	6.0	2.0	1.0 apg	• Walk-on scored 6 pts in debut vs. UNH
44	Ariel Braker	F	6-1	Fr.	5.0	5.0	4.0 spg	• 2-time Michigan HS Player of the Year

* = players listed by academic class (Mallory and Peters retain additional year of eligibility)

Pronunciations: Achonwa (uh-CHAWN-wuh); Bruszewski (broo-SHEFF-skee); Fraderica (fruh-DARE-uh-kuh); Kaila (KAY-luh); Novosel (KNOW-vuh-sell)

(x) = numbers before opponent name indicate ND rank in AP/ESPN-USA Today polls; numbers after are opponent rank; when only one ranking is shown, it is from the AP poll.

- = BIG EAST Conference game
- 1 = WBCA Classic (Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center - Notre Dame, Ind.)
- 2 = Seattle U. Holiday Classic (KeyArena at Seattle Center - Seattle, Wash.)
- 3 = BIG EAST Championship (XL Center - Hartford, Conn.)
- 4 = NCAA 1st/2nd rounds (at campus sites)
- 5 = NCAA Regionals (at Dallas, Dayton, Philadelphia, Spokane)
- 6 = NCAA Women's Final Four (Conseco Fieldhouse - Indianapolis, Ind.)

FSS = Game to be televised on Fox Sports South
CBS C = Games to be televised on CBS College Sports
BETV = Games to be televised on BIG EAST Network package

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

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Quick Hitters

- With its No. 12 preseason ranking in the Associated Press poll, Notre Dame now has appeared in the AP poll for 59 consecutive weeks, tying the program record first set from preseason 1998-Dec. 3, 2001.
- The Irish now have been voted into the pre-season AP poll in 11 of the past 12 seasons (since 1999-2000), something only seven other schools in the country can match.
- Notre Dame has a rugged 2010-11 schedule lined up, with games against at least one team from each of the top six RPI conferences (BIG EAST, ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC), and five matchups against four other teams that advanced to last year's NCAA Sweet 16 (Connecticut twice, Baylor, Gonzaga and Kentucky).
- The Irish will play a school-record 17 regular-season home games this year, including their first regular-season tournament (outside of the Preseason WNIT) since the 1983 Notre Dame Thanksgiving Classic. The three-day, round-robin WBCA Classic (also featuring IUPUI, Wake Forest and Butler) comes to Purcell Pavilion Nov. 26-28.
- There will be lots of new faces on the Irish schedule this season, with Notre Dame playing seven first-time opponents as part of its 14-game non-conference slate. Those new opponents include: New Hampshire (Nov. 12), Morehead State (Nov. 15), Kentucky (Nov. 21), Wake Forest (Nov. 27),

Baylor (Dec. 1), Gonzaga (Dec. 29) and Southeast Missouri State (Jan. 2).

- Notre Dame is closing in on the 1,000th game in the program's 34-year history, with that milestone contest set for Dec. 5 when the Irish play host to in-state rival Purdue at Purcell Pavilion in a nationally-televised game on ESPN2. Notre Dame is 690-302 (.696) all-time entering the '10-11 season.
- The Irish have only one true senior on this year's roster — forward **Becca Bruszewski**. Guard **Brittany Mallory** and forward **Devereaux Peters** both are listed as seniors on the roster based on their academic standing, but each player has the option to petition for a fifth year of eligibility after both suffered season-ending knee injuries (torn ACL) within the first seven games of the 2008-09 campaign.
- Notre Dame welcomes a three-player freshman class that includes the program's first-ever international player (Canadian National Team forward **Natalie Achonwa**), a 2010 McDonald's All-American (Erie, Pa., native **Kayla McBride**) and a two-time Michigan Player of the Year (**Ariel Braker** from Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.). Collectively, this group has been ranked as high as eighth in the country by ESPN Hoopgurlz.
- The Irish made a shift on their coaching staff during the offseason, as former longtime assistant and post coach guru **Carol Owens** (who previously served as Notre Dame from 1995-2005) returns to the program as associate coach following a successful five-year run as the head coach at her alma mater, Northern Illinois. In addition, **Angie Potthoff** has moved into the newly-created role of associate director of operations & technology, a position that has seen her help direct Notre Dame's emergence as one of the nation's leaders in social media development among women's college basketball programs.

LAST IRISH GAME

#12 Notre Dame 99, New Hampshire 48
November 15, 2010
Purcell Pavilion (Notre Dame, Ind.)

New Hampshire (48)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Frankenberger	26	1-3	1-2	5-6	4	0	3	8
McDonald	27	1-4	0-1	2-2	5	2	4	4
Early	21	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	4	4
Hogan	26	2-6	1-3	0-0	2	3	2	5
Reed	29	5-7	1-2	0-0	3	2	0	11
Friel	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	0
Lyons	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Wells	23	4-9	0-2	0-0	3	0	1	8
McKnight	20	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	2
Flynn	9	3-3	0-0	0-3	3	0	3	6
Team					0			
Totals	200	19-37	3-11	7-11	25	10	23	48

Notre Dame (99)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Peters	16	11-13	0-0	1-1	8	0	0	23
Bruszewski	15	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	3	0	1
Diggins	19	4-11	0-1	4-6	2	4	1	12
Novosel	18	4-5	0-0	3-3	2	1	0	11
Mallory	20	3-8	1-4	2-2	1	3	0	9
Solomon	14	4-6	0-0	3-3	1	0	2	11
Badway	4	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	3
Achonwa	16	2-4	0-0	3-4	4	5	5	7
Miller	12	0-2	0-0	1-2	2	2	1	1
Turner	22	0-3	0-3	2-2	1	3	3	2
McBride	23	3-9	0-1	2-2	2	2	0	8
Forr	9	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	6
Braker	12	2-5	0-0	1-4	5	2	2	5
Team					3			
Totals	200	37-72	2-10	13-31	34	26	15	99

New Hampshire 12 36 48
Notre Dame 53 46 99

FG Pct: New Hampshire 51.4, Notre Dame 51.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** New Hampshire 27.3, Notre Dame 20.0. **FT Pct:** New Hampshire 63.6, Notre Dame 74.2. **Turnovers:** New Hampshire 49, Notre Dame 19. **Blocked Shots:** New Hampshire 3, Notre Dame 3 (Peters 2). **Steals:** New Hampshire 10 (Hogan, Wells 3), Notre Dame 36 (Novosel 7). **Attendance:** 8,614.

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Media Services

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

Official Notre Dame athletics web site:

- <http://www.UND.com>

In-Season Interview Policy

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

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

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

Credentials / Parking

Season credentials will be issued to all media covering the Irish on a regular basis. Please note — any Notre Dame men's basketball season credential also offers access to all Irish women's basketball games.

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

Parking is free for all Irish women's basketball games in the large lot south of Purcell Pavilion. Due to construction in the vicinity of the arena, there are no designated parking lots or specific parking passes for media members.

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

Game Notes

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

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

Gameday Services

Gameday packages containing game notes, programs and other information will be available prior to all home contests. A pre-game meal also will be served in the Monogram Room media area (exit through stands above Gate 6 to right of press row, entrance on right after exiting outer concourse doors) beginning 75 minutes before tipoff.

A bank of statistics monitors is located on press row for the media's convenience. Final statistics books include an official NCAA box score and play-by-play. Telephone, copier and fax services are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Purcell Pavilion also offers wireless Internet capability — check with **Chris Masters** for access.

Post-Game Interviews

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

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

Other Notre Dame Notables

- Notre Dame is among the nation's winningest programs during the past 15 seasons (1996-97 to present), ranking seventh with 344 victories.
- Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance each of the past 10 seasons. Last year, the program finished fourth in the final NCAA attendance rankings with 8,377 fans per game, both setting new school records in the process. The Irish also have drawn 5,000-or-more fans to 142 of their last 144 home games, logging 12 Purcell Pavilion sellouts (including a school-record six last year, including four of the final five home games, most recently on March 1, 2010 vs. top-ranked Connecticut).
- The Irish have become a regular fixture in the WNBA Draft in recent years, as seven Notre Dame players have been selected in the past decade. **Charel Allen** was the most

Winningest Teams (1996-97 to present)

475	Connecticut
442	Tennessee
403	Duke
362	Louisiana Tech
351	Old Dominion
345	Purdue
◆344	NOTRE DAME

NOTE: through games of Nov. 14.



Around the BIG EAST

2009-10 Standings (FINAL)

	BIG EAST		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
(1/1) Connecticut	16	0	39	0
(10/16) West Virginia	13	3	29	6
(13/17) Georgetown	13	3	26	7
(15/18) St. John's	12	4	25	7
◆(7/11) NOTRE DAME	12	4	29	6
Rutgers	9	7	19	15
DePaul	9	7	21	12
Providence	7	9	19	15
Syracuse	7	9	25	11
Marquette	6	10	17	16
South Florida	6	10	15	16
Pittsburgh	5	11	16	15
Louisville	5	11	14	18
Cincinnati	4	12	12	18
Villanova	3	13	14	16
Seton Hall	1	15	9	21

(n) Ranking in current Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls

Postseason Awards

Player of the Year.....Tina Charles, Connecticut
 Freshman of the Year.....Sugar Rodgers, Georgetown
 Co-Coaches of the Year.....Geno Auriemma, Connecticut
 Mike Carey, West Virginia
 Defensive Player of the Year.... Sarah Miles, West Virginia
 Sixth Man Award.....Laura Sweeney, Villanova
 Most Improved Player.....Monique Reid, Louisville
 Sportsmanship Award.....Maria Getty, Villanova
 Scholar-Athlete of the Year Maya Moore, Connecticut

All-BIG EAST First Team

*Tina Charles, Sr., C..... Connecticut
 Kalana Greene, Sr., G..... Connecticut
 Jessica Lawson, Sr., C..... South Florida
 Chelsea Marandola, Sr., G..... Providence
 Nicole Michael, Sr., F..... Syracuse
 *Maya Moore, Jr., F..... Connecticut
 Monique Reid, So., F..... Louisville
 Liz Repella, Jr., G..... West Virginia
 Sugar Rodgers, Fr., G..... Georgetown
 Lindsay Schrader, 5th Yr. Sr., G..... Notre Dame
 Da'Shena Stevens, So., F..... St. John's

All-BIG EAST Second Team

Ashley Barlow, Sr., G..... Notre Dame
 Skylar Diggins, Fr., G..... Notre Dame
 Keisha Hampton, So., F..... DePaul
 Tiffany Hayes, So., G..... Connecticut
 Monica McNutt, Jr., G..... Georgetown
 Sarah Miles, Jr., G..... West Virginia
 Sam Quigley, Jr., G..... DePaul
 Brittany Ray, Sr., G..... Rutgers
 Angel Robinson, So., G..... Marquette
 Kahla Roudebush, Jr., G..... Cincinnati

All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention

Korinne Campbell, Jr., G/F..... West Virginia
 Chelsea Cole, Jr., F..... Pittsburgh
 Maria Getty, Sr., G..... Villanova
 Jania Sims, Jr.-RS, G..... Pittsburgh

BIG EAST All-Freshman Team[^]

Kayla Alexander, Fr., C..... Syracuse
 *Asya Bussie, Fr., C..... West Virginia
 *Skylar Diggins, Fr., G..... Notre Dame
 Kelly Faris, Fr., G..... Villanova
 *Katherine Harry, Fr., F..... DePaul
 Nadirah McKeith, Fr., G..... St. John's
 *Sugar Rodgers, Fr., G..... Georgetown
 KaNeisha Saunders, Fr., G/F..... South Florida
 Sarina Simmons, Fr., F..... Marquette
 *Shenneika Smith, Fr., G..... St. John's
 Laura Sweeney, Fr.-RS, F..... Villanova
 Carmen Tyson-Thomas, Fr., G..... Syracuse

* - unanimous selection // ^ - two players added due to ties in voting

recent Irish player to be chosen, going to the Sacramento Monarchs in the third round (43rd overall pick) of the 2008 WNBA Draft. **Ruth Riley** (San Antonio) was active in the league during the '10 season, helping the Silver Stars return to the playoffs for the fourth consecutive season. Three of Notre Dame's eight WNBA alums have won a total of four league championships — Riley won a pair of crowns with the Detroit Shock (2003 Finals MVP, 2006), **Coquese Washington** toiled for the 2000 Houston Comets, while **Jacqueline Batteast** was Riley's teammate on the '06 title-winning squad in Detroit.

- For the fifth year in a row, the Irish posted a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), according to figures released by the NCAA in October 2010. What's more, since **Muffet McGraw** became the Irish head coach in 1987, every Notre Dame women's basketball player that has completed her athletic and academic eligibility at the University has earned her bachelor's degree (a 62-for-62 success rate), with all three members of this year's senior class on target to earn their diplomas.

A Quick Look At Morehead State

The 2009-10 season was a landmark one for Morehead State, as the Eagles posted a 22-11 record, a second-place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference (14-4 record) and earned their first postseason berth since the pre-NCAA era with an appearance in the Women's Basketball Invitational.

MSU has three starters and five letterwinners returning from that squad, led by OVC Preseason Player of the Year and senior guard **Chynna Bozeman**. Bozeman was a record-setting sharpshooter last year, establishing new conference records for three-pointers (121, five off the NCAA record) and attempts (340) in a season, leading an Eagles' unit that broke the NCAA Division I records for treys made (340) and attempted (981).

Morehead State opened its season Friday with an 82-48 loss at No. 9/10 Kentucky. The Eagles gave the Wildcats all sorts of problems in the first half and trailed just 27-20 at the break before UK pulled away in the final 20 minutes. Bozeman had 16 points and sophomore forward **Ashar Harris** nabbed 12 of MSU's 43 rebounds in the contest.

Tom Hodges is in his first season as the head coach at Morehead State, following a five-year stint as an assistant at Middle Tennessee.

The Notre Dame-Morehead State Series

Monday will mark the first time Notre Dame and Morehead State have played in the sport of women's basketball.

Other Notre Dame-Morehead State Series Tidbits

- Morehead State is the second of seven first-time opponents on Notre Dame's schedule this year. Back on Nov. 12, the Fighting Irish defeated New Hampshire, 99-48 at Purcell Pavilion.

- The Eagles will be the 182nd different opponent in the 34-year history of Notre Dame women's basketball.

- Notre Dame is 42-5 (.894) against first-time opponents since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96, including a 22-1 (.957) mark vs. new teams since the start of the 2000-01 season with a current 17-game overall winning streak. The last first-time opponent to defeat Notre Dame was Colorado State, which earned a 72-66 victory on Nov. 21, 2001, in Fort Collins, Colo. — and the Fighting Irish responded by knocking off the Rams in each of the following three seasons.

- The Irish have won 20 consecutive home games against new opposition, dating back to Jan. 18, 1996, when Connecticut posted an 87-64 win at Purcell Pavilion.

- Notre Dame has played Morehead State once before in men's basketball, as **Mike Brey's** Fighting Irish defeated the Eagles, 84-69 on Dec. 28, 2003, at Purcell Pavilion. **Chris Thomas** scored 23 points and **Torin Francis** added 21 points and 10 rebounds for Notre Dame.

- Notre Dame has faced Morehead State in two other sports through the years, going 3-2 across those disciplines. In volleyball, the Fighting Irish split a pair of meetings against the Eagles, falling 3-0 on Sept. 3, 1983, at the Wildcat Invitational in Lexington, Ky., and winning 3-0 on Sept. 8, 1992, at Purcell Pavilion ... in women's tennis, Notre Dame has gone 2-1 against MSU, winning by identical 7-2 scores on April 4, 1983, and April 5, 1985, both in Morehead, Ky., while the Eagles earned a 6-3 win on April 19, 1984, at Notre Dame.

- The head coach of the Fighting Irish women's tennis team when it played all three of those matches against Morehead State in the mid-1980s was **Sharon Petro**, who also just happened to be the first head coach in the history of the Notre Dame women's basketball program, compiling a 49-20 (.710) record in three seasons from 1977-80.

- The Fighting Irish are 6-4 all-time against teams from the state of Kentucky, with the vast majority of those games coming against current BIG EAST member Louisville. Notre Dame is 5-4 all-time against the Cardinals, and also earned a 78-59 win over Western Kentucky on Nov. 13, 2007, in the second round of the Preseason WNIT at Purcell

ND vs. First-Time Opponents Since 00-01		
11/27/00	Fordham*	W, 89-44
12/31/00	Rice*	W, 80-40
1/3/01	Va. Tech	W, 75-64
3/17/01	Alcorn St.*	W, 98-49
3/24/01	Utah	W, 69-54
11/21/01	Colorado St.	L, 66-72
11/26/01	Army*	W, 89-57
3/15/02	New Mexico	W, 58-44
3/25/03	Kansas St.	W, 59-53
11/14/03	Auburn	W, 77-64
3/23/04	Middle Tenn.*	W, 59-46
12/17/05	Arkansas St.	W, 77-54
12/16/06	IUPUI*	W, 75-65
12/28/06	Prairie View*	W, 94-55
3/18/07	California	W, 62-59
11/13/07	W. Kentucky*	W, 78-59
11/27/07	Canisius*	W, 93-47
12/29/07	St. Francis (Pa.)	W, 82-39
11/25/08	Ga. Southern*	W, 85-36
12/28/08	Charlotte	W, 68-61
11/15/09	Ark.-Pine Bluff*	W, 102-57
3/23/10	Vermont*	W, 84-66
11/12/10	New Hampshire*	W, 99-48

* = home game
 NCAA tournament games in bold





Pavilion. Prior to this season, Notre Dame never had played more than one Kentucky team in a season, but the Fighting Irish will be play three Bluegrass State clubs this year, including two in less than a week (Notre Dame visits UK on Sunday afternoon).

- Morehead State assistant coach **Lindsey Hicks** is probably somewhat familiar to keen Notre Dame women's basketball fans. Hicks was a standout player at Purdue from 2000-04, including at least one (and sometimes two) matchups annually with the Fighting Irish during her career. Hicks also played in two NCAA postseason games against Notre Dame during her career, seeing less than a minute of action in the 2001 national championship game, then starting and tallying six points and five rebounds in Purdue's 66-47 win in the 2003 Sweet 16 in Dayton, Ohio.

Notre Dame vs. The Ohio Valley Conference

Notre Dame has played just one current member of the Ohio Valley Conference during its 34-year history.

On Jan. 11, 1980, then-AIAW Division III member Notre Dame defeated Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 65-51 at the Huskie Invitational in DeKalb, Ill. **Jane Politiski** turned in a double-double (18 points, 11 rebounds) for Notre Dame, but this game is better known (and we use the term "better" loosely) for the combined 84 turnovers between the clubs, including SIU-E's 48 giveaways which stood as the Fighting Irish opponent record for more than 30 years ... until last Friday afternoon, when Notre Dame caused 49 New Hampshire turnovers in this year's opener at Purcell Pavilion.

Young Minds

In a curious twist, each of Notre Dame's first three games (including its exhibition against Michigan Tech) will come against teams with first-year head coaches who are under the age of 30.

Division II Michigan Tech was led by 27-year-old **Kim Cameron**, who was a player (2001-05) and assistant coach (2005-10) with the Huskies.

New Hampshire is headed by 29-year-old **Maureen Magarity**, who played at both Boston College and Marist (2003 graduate) and most recently was associate head coach at the U.S. Military Academy, serving on the staff of her father, Dave.

Morehead State is coached by 28-year-old **Tom Hodges**, a former Middle Tennessee assistant who was months younger than Magarity at the time of his hire, making him the youngest NCAA Division I coach (men's or women's basketball) in the country this year.

November To Remember

Notre Dame's success during the past 16 years has been aided by its ability to get off to a good start. To wit — the Fighting Irish are 62-11 (.849) in November games since they joined the BIG EAST Conference in time for the 1995-96 season.

Notre Dame also owns an active 15-game November winning streak that started on Nov. 20, 2007 with a 94-41 victory at Central Michigan. That win came four days after a 75-59 loss at

Notre Dame In the Polls

Associated Press Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			10-11	All Time
Oct. 29, 2010 (Pre)	560	12	1	198
SEASON HIGHS	560	12	1*	59*

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			10-11	All Time
Nov. 2, 2010 (Pre)	419	12	1	190
SEASON HIGHS	419	12	1*	21*

* = current streak of poll appearances

third-ranked Maryland in the Preseason WNIT semifinals.

Notre Dame Picked Fourth In 2010-11 BIG EAST Coaches Preseason Poll

Notre Dame was selected to finish fourth in the BIG EAST Conference in 2010-11, according to a preseason vote of the league's 16 head coaches released on Oct. 21 during the annual BIG EAST Women's Basketball Media Day at the B.B. King Blues Club & Grill in New York City.

The Irish picked up 177 points in the balloting (coaches may not vote for their own teams), placing behind only two-time defending national champion Connecticut, which was a unanimous choice to win the conference title with 225 points, West Virginia (207 points, one first-place vote) and Georgetown (186 points) — St. John's rounded out the top five with 173 points.

Diggins Earns 2010-11 Preseason All-BIG EAST Honors

Along with picking Notre Dame to finish fourth in the conference this year in their preseason poll, the BIG EAST coaches unanimously voted sophomore guard **Skylar Diggins** to the 10-player Preseason All-BIG EAST Team.

A preseason candidate for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA)/State Farm Wade Trophy, Naismith Trophy and the John R. Wooden Award, as well as a consensus preseason All-American by most major media outlets, Diggins is coming off one of the finest rookie seasons in Fighting Irish women's basketball history as the first freshman in 17 seasons to lead Notre Dame in scoring and the first rookie in 16 years to top 100 assists in her debut season. What's more, she finished as just the third player in program history (and the first freshman) to log 400 points, 100 assists and 75 steals in a single season, joining a pair of All-Americans and Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award (top senior in the nation 5-foot-8 and under) recipients — current Notre Dame assistant coach **Niele Ivey** (2000-01) and **Megan Duffy** (2004-05) — in achieving that distinction.

A 2009-10 honorable mention All-America selection by both the Associated Press and WBCA, Diggins led Notre Dame in scoring (13.8 ppg.), steals (2.6 spg.) and assists (tied - 3.2 apg.) last season, while ranking third on the squad in three-point percentage (.350) and free throw percentage (.782). She also chalked up a team-high 24 double-digit scoring games, including seven 20-point outings, capped by a season-high 31 points against Vermont in the second round of

National Polls

Associated Press Poll

• October 29, 2010: Poll #1 (Preseason)

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LP
1 ♦Connecticut (39)	0-0	992	1
2 ♦Baylor (1)	0-0	934	14
3 Stanford	0-0	922	2
4 Tennessee	0-0	886	3
5 Xavier	0-0	818	5
6 Duke	0-0	802	6
7 Ohio State	0-0	759	8
8 Texas A&M	0-0	664	9
9 ♦Kentucky	0-0	649	19
10 Oklahoma	0-0	595	12
11 ♦West Virginia	0-0	579	10
12 NOTRE DAME	0-0	560	7
13 ♦Georgetown	0-0	506	13
14 ♦St. John s	0-0	452	15
15 North Carolina	0-0	420	—
16 ♦UCLA	0-0	382	22
17 Texas	0-0	274	17
18 Florida State	0-0	270	11
19 Georgia	0-0	241	23
20 Iowa State	0-0	195	16
21 Maryland	0-0	134	—
22 Iowa	0-0	121	—
23 TCU	0-0	117	—
24 Vanderbilt	0-0	109	—
25 Michigan State	0-0	105	24

Others Receiving Votes: LSU 75, Georgia Tech 73, Dayton 67, ♦Gonzaga 64, ♦DePaul 49, California 44, North Carolina State 28, Bowling Green 22, Nebraska 19, Temple 15, Wisconsin-Green Bay 15, San Diego State 8, Wisconsin 8, USC 7, James Madison 5, ♦Rutgers 4, Arkansas-Little Rock 3, ♦Pittsburgh 2, Arizona State 2, Kansas 1, Miami (Fla.) 1, Penn State 1, Tulane 1.

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches Poll

• November 2, 2010: Poll #1 (Preseason)

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LP
1 ♦Connecticut (27)	0-0	765	1
2 (tie) ♦Baylor (2)	0-0	724	4
(tie) Stanford (1)	0-0	724	2
4 Tennessee (1)	0-0	674	8
5 Duke	0-0	619	6
6 Xavier	0-0	602	5
7 Ohio State	0-0	522	15
8 Texas A&M	0-0	512	14
9 Oklahoma	0-0	506	3
10 ♦Kentucky	0-0	497	9
11 ♦West Virginia	0-0	454	16
12 NOTRE DAME	0-0	419	11
13 ♦Georgetown	0-0	380	17
14 Florida State	0-0	298	9
15 ♦UCLA	0-0	283	23
16 ♦St. John s	0-0	262	18
17 Iowa State	0-0	226	13
18 North Carolina	0-0	206	—
19 Georgia	0-0	196	19
20 Texas	0-0	182	25
21 Vanderbilt	0-0	151	24
22 ♦Gonzaga	0-0	106	12
23 Nebraska	0-0	95	7
24 Michigan State	0-0	91	—
25 Iowa	0-0	86	—

Others Receiving Votes: TCU 70, Maryland 62, Wisconsin-Green Bay 48, LSU 46, Dayton 38, ♦DePaul 33, Georgia Tech 30, Virginia 23, San Diego State 22, Oklahoma State 19, Hartford 17, California 16, James Madison 10, Arkansas-Little Rock 9, Auburn 9, Mississippi State 7, North Carolina State 6, Temple 5, ♦Rutgers 4, Marist 4, ♦Purdue 3, Gardner-Webb 3, USC 3, Bowling Green 2, ♦Louisville 1, Fresno State 1, Liberty 1, Michigan 1, Princeton 1, Western Kentucky 1.

LP = last poll

♦ = 2010-11 Notre Dame opponent





Morehead State Series

First Meeting

the NCAA Championship at Purcell Pavilion. That scoring effort was the highest ever recorded by a Fighting Irish rookie in NCAA postseason play, while her 13 field goals made tied the program record for an NCAA tournament game.

In 2009-10, Diggins set Notre Dame freshman records for steals (90), free throws made (111), free throws attempted (142) and minutes played (1,028), while ranking among the top five on the Irish rookie charts for points (3rd - 484), scoring average (tied/4th - 13.8 ppg.), field goals made (3rd - 169), field goals attempted (3rd - 385), three-point field goals made (4th - 35), three-point attempts (5th - 100), three-point percentage (5th - .350), assists (3rd - 112), steals per game (2nd - 2.6 spg.), games started (tied/2nd - 30), games played (2nd - 35) and minutes per game (5th - 29.4).

Polling Station

Notre Dame is ranked 12th in the 2010-11 pre-season Associated Press poll, released on Oct. 29. That marks the 59th consecutive AP poll appearance for the Irish, tying a program record first set from 1998 (preseason poll) to Dec. 3, 2001.

This year's No. 12 ranking also represents the 11th time in the past 12 years (starting with the 1999-2000 campaign) that Notre Dame has appeared in the preseason AP poll, something only eight schools in the nation have done — Connecticut, Duke and Tennessee have shown up in all 12 during that span, while Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Stanford join the Irish with 11 preseason AP poll berths.

Notre Dame has been ranked in the AP poll for 198 weeks during the program's 34-year history, with every one of those appearances coming in the **Muffet McGraw** era (since 1987-88). McGraw ranks 13th among all active NCAA Division I head coaches for weeks in the AP poll, and also is 22nd all-time in that category.

In addition, the Irish are ranked 12th in the preseason ESPN/USA Today/WBCA coaches' poll that was released Nov. 2. Notre Dame now has been ranked in the coaches' survey for 59 of the past 60 weeks, falling just outside the Top 25 in the final poll of the 2008-09 season. Nevertheless, the Irish have appeared in the coaches' poll for a total of 190 weeks during their history (all coming during McGraw's tenure).

More Polling Data

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is one of 28 people in NCAA Division I women's basketball history who have both played for and coached a team that has appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Besides her 198 AP poll appearances while coaching at Notre Dame, McGraw was the starting point guard at Saint Joseph's (Pa.) as a senior in 1977, helping the Hawks rise to No. 3 in the nation.

Of the 28 people on this list, 15 currently are NCAA Division I head coaches (see accompanying chart), including former Irish point guard and assistant coach **Coquese Washington** ('92), who helped Notre Dame to its first-ever AP poll ranking in 1990-91, and is in her third season as head coach at Penn State, guiding the Lady Lions into the AP poll at No. 23 on Jan. 25, 2010.

Six of the 16 active coaches in this group — including McGraw — led their teams to this year's NCAA Championship, while McGraw and Baylor's **Kim Mulkey** are the only active skippers to play for and coach a team in the AP poll, and also coach that team to a national title (McGraw in 2001, Mulkey in 2005).

AP Poll Appearances As Player & Coach (active coaches only)

- Amanda Butler (Florida)
- June Daugherty (Wash. St.)
- Nell Fortner (Auburn)
- MaChelle Joseph (Ga. Tech)
- Wendy Larry (ODU)
- Joanne McCallie (Duke)
- ◆**Muffet McGraw (ND)**
- Katie Meier (Miami-Fla.)
- Kim Mulkey (Baylor)
- Kathy Olivier (UNLV)
- Jennifer Rizzotti (Hartford)
- Dawn Staley (S. Carolina)
- Charli Turner Thorne (Ariz. St.)
- Coquese Washington (Penn St.)
- Terri Williams-Flournoy (G'town)

NOTES: Current teams listed coaches in **boldface** have led their teams to this year's NCAA Championship all coaches shown have made AP poll with current teams except Daugherty (did so at Boise State and Washington), Olivier (UCLA) and Staley (Temple) ... Butler, Larry and Olivier are coaching at their alma maters.

Game #1 Recap: New Hampshire

Junior forward **Devereaux Peters** had a career-high 23 points and eight rebounds in only 16 minutes, and No. 12 Notre Dame opened the season by cruising past New Hampshire 99-48 in a record-setting rout Friday.

On a day when Notre Dame honored former star **Ruth Riley**, retiring her 00 jersey, the Fighting Irish set school records by making 36 steals and forcing 49 turnovers.

Skylar Diggins, a sophomore guard from South Bend, paced the Fighting Irish on both ends of the floor as Notre Dame went to a tenacious full-court press early against the over-matched Wildcats.

Notre Dame was up by 16 less than 8 minutes in and held New Hampshire scoreless for 9:44 during a 28-0 run. Leading 47-9 with 3:41 left in the first half, the Fighting Irish called off the full-court pressure, but not after they had forced 26 Wildcats turnovers.

Noting The New Hampshire Game

- Notre Dame's 36 steals shattered the old school record of 29 thefts that was set twice before — Feb. 9, 1985, against Xavier, and most recently on Jan. 31, 1991, at Saint Louis.
- The Fighting Irish also broke a nearly 31-year-old school record by forcing 49 New Hampshire turnovers — the previous record of 48 was set on Jan. 11, 1980, at the Huskie Invitational in DeKalb, Ill., during Notre Dame's final season as an AIAW Division III program (the Fighting Irish moved up to Division I for the 1980-81 campaign).
- Notre Dame's 28 consecutive points in the first half were just three shy of the school record for the longest interrupted string of points, with the 31-0 record run occurring on Jan. 18, 1997, at Purcell Pavilion.
- The Fighting Irish allowed just 12 UNH points in the first half, the fewest given up by Notre Dame in a single period since Dec. 13, 2003,

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	MSU
Overall/conference record	1-0/0-0	0-1/0-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today poll	12/12	-/-

SCORING

Points scored per game	99.0	48.0
Points allowed per game	48.0	82.0
Field goal percentage	.514	.278
Three-point percentage	.200	.333
Free throw percentage	.742	.786

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	34.0	43.0
Opponent rebs. per game	25.0	39.0
Rebounding margin	+9.0	+4.0

OTHER

Assists per game	26.0	4.0
Turnovers per game	19.0	36.0
Assist/turnover ratio	1.37	0.11
Blocked shots per game	3.0	2.0
Steals per game	36.0	7.0





2010-11 Trends

Day of the Week	
Sunday	0-0
Monday	0-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	0-0
Thursday	0-0
Friday	1-0
Saturday	0-0

Time of Game	
Day games (before 6 p.m. local time)	1-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	0-0

Location	
Home games	1-0
Road games	0-0
Neutral site games	0-0

Halftime score	
Leading at the half	1-0
Tied at the half	0-0
Trailing at the half	0-0

Individual scoring	
Two or fewer double-figure scorers	0-0
Three double-figure scorers	0-0
Four double-figure scorers	1-0
Five or more double-figure scorers	0-0

Rebounding margin	
Grab more rebounds than opponents	1-0
Grab same number of rebounds	0-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting	
Higher pct. than opponent	0-0
Lower pct. than opponent	0-0
Same pct. as opponent	1-0
Shoot 45% or better	1-0
Shoot less than 45%	0-0
Hold opponent under 40%	0-0

Free throw margin	
Make more free throws	1-0
Make same number of free throws	0-0
Make fewer free throws	0-0

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

Miscellaneous	
Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	0-0
On commercial television	0-0
In white jerseys	1-0
In alternate white jerseys (green trim)	0-0
In alternate white jerseys (pink trim)	0-0
In blue jerseys	0-0
In green jerseys	0-0

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

Conference Affiliation	
America East	1-0
Atlantic Coast	0-0
BIG EAST	0-0
Big Ten	0-0
Big 12	0-0
Horizon League	0-0
Missouri Valley	0-0
Ohio Valley	0-0
Pac-10	0-0
Southeastern	0-0
Summit League	0-0
West Coast	0-0

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

when Dayton tallied just 11 points in a 78-41 Notre Dame win at Purcell Pavilion.

- The Fighting Irish improve to 26-8 (.765) in season openers, stretching their current winning streak in lidlifters in 16 consecutive games (Notre Dame also is 21-3 in season openers during the 24-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**).
- Friday's 51-point margin is the second-largest winning spread in a season opener in school history, topped only by a program-record 78-point margin of victory (113-35) in the 1989-90 season opener against Liberty (Nov. 24, 1989) at the UCF Rotary Classic in Orlando, Fla.
- It's the second consecutive season in which Notre Dame won a game by at least 50 points, following last year's 90-31 win over Charlotte on Dec. 20, 2009, at Purcell Pavilion.
- The Fighting Irish now are 26-8 in home openers and 20-4 under McGraw.
- Notre Dame is 42-5 (.894) against first-time opponents since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96, with a 22-1 (.957) record since the start of the 2000-01 season and an active 17-game winning streak; New Hampshire was the first of seven first-time opponents on Notre Dame's schedule this season.
- The Fighting Irish also now have won 20 consecutive home games against new opposition, dating back to Jan. 18, 1996.
- Notre Dame moves to 3-0 all-time against the America East Conference, with its last two wins at Purcell Pavilion coming against members of that league (also an 84-66 win over tournament champion Vermont in the second round of last year's NCAA Championship).
- Notre Dame has won 86 of its last 93 non-conference games at Purcell Pavilion.
- Peters' previous career-high scoring night was 15 points, which she set twice before (most recently on March 1, 2010, against Connecticut at Purcell Pavilion).
- Peters also set a career high with 11 made field goals (previous best was six, set on six different occasions, the last against St. John's in the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinals on March 7, 2010, in Hartford, Conn.).
- Peters is the first Notre Dame player to post a "point-a-minute" game with at least 10 minutes played since Dec. 12, 2009, when current senior guard **Brittany Mallory** tossed in a career-high 22 points in 20 minutes during an 88-47 win over Valparaiso at Purcell Pavilion.
- Junior guard **Natalie Novosel** swiped a career-high seven steals, topping her previous best of five thefts, set twice before (most recently against Iona on Nov. 22, 2009).
- All 13 players on the Notre Dame roster cracked the scoring column, including all three freshmen and both walk-ons, and no Fighting Irish player saw more than 23 minutes of action.
- For the second consecutive game (counting the 102-30 exhibition win over Michigan Tech on Nov. 3), freshman guard **Kayla**

McBride (a 2010 McDonald's High School All-American) netted the "Big Mac Basket," pushing Notre Dame to the 88-point mark and earning coupons for a free Big Mac for all 8,614 fans in attendance.

McGraw Is Simply Legendary

The announcement on July 10, 2010, may have made it official, but it really only confirmed what Notre Dame fans have known for a very long time — head coach **Muffet McGraw** is a Hall of Famer.

McGraw, the 2001 consensus national coach of the year and winner of more than 600 games in her illustrious career, was one of six people — and the lone coach — named to the 2011 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Class, as announced in Uncasville, Conn., during the "WNBA vs. USA Basketball: The Stars at the Sun Game" that was televised live nationally on ESPN from Mohegan Sun Arena.

The others in McGraw's Hall of Fame class include former Olympic gold medalists **Ruthie Bolton** (Auburn) and **Vicky Bullett** (Maryland), as well as **Val Ackerman**, the first WNBA president (1996-2005) and first female president of USA Basketball (2005-08), and a pair of three-time All-America players from the pre-NCAA era, **Pearl Moore** (Frances Marion) and **Lometa Odum** (Wayland Baptist).

The '11 class officially will be introduced at the 2010 State Farm Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 16 at the XL Center in Hartford, Conn., when Connecticut and Baylor meet at 6 p.m. (ET) on ESPN2. The group then will be enshrined June 10-12, 2011, during the 13th annual Induction Weekend at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn.

McGraw becomes the first Notre Dame selection for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. The Irish skipper also is the third BIG EAST Conference coach chosen for the honor, joining Rutgers' **C. Vivian Stringer** (2001) and Connecticut's **Geno Auriemma** (2006) in that elite company. First-year Seton Hall head coach **Anne Donovan** also was a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inaugural class in 1999, going in primarily for her accomplishments as a player at Old Dominion.

McGraw also will be the ninth active college head coach to enter the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame on the basis of her success on the sidelines. Besides Stringer and Auriemma, the others on this notable list are: **Pat Summitt** (1999 - Tennessee), **Van Chancellor** (2001 - LSU), **Tara VanDerveer** (2002 - Stanford), **Sylvia Hatchell** (2004 - North Carolina), **Andy Landers** (2007 - Georgia) and **Debbie Ryan** (2008 - Virginia).

Riley's Double Zero Goes To The Rafters

Ruth Riley, a three-time All-America center at Notre Dame and the 2001 consensus national player of the year, was inducted into Notre Dame's Ring of Honor on Nov. 12 during a pre-game ceremony before the Fighting Irish opened their 2010-11 season against New Hampshire at Purcell Pavilion.

A banner honoring Riley's number 00 was unveiled and now permanently hangs in the rafters of Purcell Pavilion, making her the first





Notre Dame Quick Facts

Official Name: University of Notre Dame
Location: Notre Dame, Ind.
Enrollment: 8,363 (undergraduate) / 11,731 (overall)
Founded: 1842
Colors: Gold and Blue
Nickname: Fighting Irish
School Fight Song: Notre Dame Victory March
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena: Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (cap. 9,149)
President: Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
Provost: Thomas G. Burish
Executive Vice President: John Affleck-Graves
NCAA Faculty Representative: Patricia Bellia
Director of Athletics: Jack Swarbrick
Senior Deputy Athletics Director/SWA: Missy Conboy
Associate Athletics Director (WBB): Jill Bodensteiner

Head Coach: Muffet McGraw (Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77)
Record: 614-244 (.716) - 29th season
At Notre Dame: 526-203 (.722) - 24th season
At Purcell Pavilion: 263-52 (.835)

Associate Head Coach:
 Jonathan Tsipis (North Carolina '96) - 8th season

Associate Coach:
 Carol Owens (Northern Illinois '90) - 11th season

Assistant Coach:
 Niele Ivey (Notre Dame '00) - 4th season

Coordinator of Basketball Operations:
 Stephanie Menio (Pittsburgh '04) - 6th season

Associate Director of Operations & Technology:
 Angie Pothhoff (Penn State '97) - 6th season

Administrative Assistant: Tinia Scott

Athletic Trainer: Anne Marquez

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Craig Cheek

Academic Counselor: Chad Grotegut

Equipment Manager: Kathy Speybroeck

Student Managers:
 Stephen Lauria (Sr., Staten Island, N.Y.)
 Brian Monson (Sr., Rochester, Minn.)

Women's Basketball History

34th Season:
 1st game, Dec. 3, 1977 vs. Valparaiso (W, 48-41)

All-Time Record: 690-302 (.696)

Record At Purcell Pavilion:
 34th season, 340-86 (.798)

Record In The BIG EAST (regular season):
 16th season, 188-60 (.758)

Conference/Membership Affiliations:
 AIAW D-III independent (1977-78 through 1979-80)
 AIAW D-I independent (1980-81)
 NCAA D-I independent (1981-82 through 1982-83)
 North Star (1983-84 through 1987-88)
 *Midwestern Collegiate (1988-89 through 1994-95)
 BIG EAST (1995-96 to present)

Regular-Season Conference Championships (8):
 North Star - 1985, 1986
 *Midwestern Collegiate - 1989, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995
 BIG EAST - 2001

Conference Tournament Championships (5):
 North Star - N/A
 *Midwestern Collegiate - 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994
 BIG EAST - None

NCAA Championship Appearances (17):
 National Champion - 2001
 Final Four - 1997, 2001
 Elite 8 - 1997, 2001
 Sweet 16 - 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2010
 Berths - 1994, 1996-2010

Consecutive NCAA Championship Appearances:
 15 (1996-present)

NIT Appearances (4):
 1986 (3rd place), 1989 (7th place), 1991 (8th place),
 1995 (3rd place)

Consecutive Postseason Appearances:
 17 (1994-present); 16 NAAs, 1 NIT

* - now known as the Horizon League

Quick Facts

women's basketball player added to the Ring of Honor, and the second player overall following last spring's induction of men's basketball All-America forward **Luke Harangody**.

Beginning in 2010-11, the Notre Dame Athletics Department plans to honor annually additional former and present men's and women's basketball and volleyball players who have made distinguished and noteworthy contributions during their career while student-athletes at the University. A committee that will consist of Fighting Irish coaches and administrators will be formed to determine future inductees.

The only player in Notre Dame women's basketball history with 2,000 career points and 1,000 rebounds, Riley ranks as the program's all-time leader in seven categories, including rebounds (1,007), blocked shots (370 - fifth in NCAA history) and field goal percentage (.632 - 11th in NCAA history). What's more, the Macy, Ind., native ranks third in school history with 2,072 points, and holds the Fighting Irish single-game scoring record with 41 points in a January 1998 win over Providence. Riley also played a pivotal role in Notre Dame's run to the 2001 NCAA national championship, earning Final Four Most Outstanding Player honors after scoring 28 points and grabbing 13 rebounds in the title game victory over Purdue, capped by her gamewinning free throws with 5.8 seconds remaining.

A 10-year WNBA veteran (the past four with the San Antonio Silver Stars), two-time WNBA champion and 2004 Olympic gold medalist, Riley was back on campus with the other members of the 2001 championship team for ceremonies honoring the 10th anniversary of that milestone achievement in Notre Dame athletics history.

Half And Half

During the past decade, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at half-time. The Fighting Irish are 189-17 (.917) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead, including wins in 117 of their last 128 such contests.

Notre Dame led at the break in its season-opening win over New Hampshire, after doing the same in 25 games last season (earning victories each time).

The Best Offense Is A Good Defense

During the past 16 seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Fighting Irish have an amazing 209-15 (.933) record when they hold their opponents below 60 points in a game, including a victory in last Friday's season-opening win over New Hampshire.

But Sometimes You Have To Score If You Want To Win

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. During the past 16 seasons (since 1995-96), the Fighting Irish are 141-4 (.972)

2010-11 Notre Dame Top Bench Scorers

Player	Points	Opponent/Date
Erica Solomon	11	vs. New Hampshire, 11/12/10

Game-high scorers in italics

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, a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998, and an 81-80 loss to DePaul in 2008.

In addition to this year's opener against New Hampshire, Notre Dame was 17-0 last season when it scored at least 80 points, including four games when it topped the 90-point mark.

Now That's A Home Court Advantage

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Fighting Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 190 of their last 215 games (.884) at the 9,149-seat Purcell Pavilion, including winning streaks of 51 and 25 games in that span. Notre Dame also has a 106-18 (.855) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the former Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game league winning streak at home before it ended with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the '02 home finale.

The Fighting Irish have been particularly strong when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 86 of their last 93 non-BIG EAST contests (.925) at Purcell Pavilion, dating back to the 1994-95 season. Five of the seven losses in that span came at the hands of Big Ten Conference opponents (four by 12 points or less) — Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69), Purdue in 2003 (71-54), Michigan State in 2004 (82-73 OT), Indiana in 2006 (54-51) and Minnesota in 2009 (79-71) — with the other two defeats coming to Tennessee in 2005 (62-51) and 2008 (87-63). The Purdue loss also snapped a 33-game non-conference home winning streak which began after the UW setback.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the former Joyce Center, posting a 340-86 (.798) record at the venerable facility. Three times (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Fighting Irish went a perfect 15-0 at home, which was the school record for home victories in a season prior to last year, when Notre Dame went 16-1, capped by an 84-66 triumph over Vermont on March 23, 2010, in the second round of the NCAA Championship.

Irish Are The Hottest Ticket In Town

The 2009-10 season saw an unprecedented surge in fan support for Notre Dame women's basketball, as the Fighting Irish set new program records for the highest year-end NCAA attendance ranking (fourth), highest average attendance (8,377 fans per game) and most sellouts (six) in a single season. And, as the old saying goes — "you ain't seen nothin' yet."

For the second consecutive preseason, Notre Dame fans have all but exhausted the program's season ticket packages (close to





7,500) and are snapping up single-game tickets at a rate that will have the Fighting Irish challenging their freshly-minted single-season average attendance record in 2010-11.

Notre Dame wasted little time in getting started with that challenge, drawing 8,614 fans for its season opener against New Hampshire on Nov. 12.

Part of the appeal of Notre Dame women's basketball can be traced to the renovated Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center, which has yet another new feature this season with the addition of a four-sided LED video scoreboard high above center court, as well as LED auxiliary scoreboards above all four court-level entrance ramps and at the scorer's table.

Irish On Your Radio Dial

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

LeSEA originates all Notre Dame women's basketball games, with those events carried on Pulse FM (96.9/92.1), marking a return to the FM side of the dial for the first time since the 1998-99 season. Combined, these two stations blanket the nation's No. 91 media market (South Bend-Elkhart), covering a 21-county area in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan that contains more than 1.35 million listeners (better than 800,000 in the greater South Bend area alone). All told, Notre Dame's women's basketball network stretches from Kalamazoo, Mich., to the north, North Judson, Ind., to the west, Macy, Ind., (home of former Irish All-America center **Ruth Riley**) to the south, and LaGrange, Ind., to the east.

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

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

Notre Dame On The Small Screen

Notre Dame will have at least 21 regular season games televised during the 2010-11 season. Highlighting this year's broadcast schedule are seven nationally- or regionally-televised Fighting Irish women's basketball contests, including the program's fourth-ever appearance on network television (Jan. 8 vs. Connecticut on CBS), two showings on the ESPN family of networks, and three others on CBS College Sports.

In addition, Notre Dame continues to expand its broadcast reach globally on the Internet. All Fighting Irish regular-season home games not selected for commercial TV coverage will be webcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site, www.UND.com, via the site's free multimedia package, Fighting Irish All-Access.

This year's TV slate continues an emerging trend that has seen the Fighting Irish become a regular fixture on television. Beginning with the NCAA championship season of 2000-01 and continuing through last Friday's New Hampshire contest, Notre Dame has played in 168 televised games, including 114 that were broadcast nationally.

Oh Captain, My Captain

Senior forward **Becca Bruszewski** and senior guard **Brittany Mallory** will serve as Notre Dame's team captains for the 2010-11 season. Both players received the captain's honor for the first time in their respective careers following a vote of their teammates prior to the season.

And Two Makes A Baker's Dozen

Notre Dame has added two walk-on players to its 2010-11 roster, with both earning their way onto the squad through preseason workouts.

Junior guard **Veronica Badway** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) was a standout prep player at Fox Chapel Area High School, averaging 9.0 points, 7.0 assists and 3.0 steals per game as a senior in 2007-08, leading the team to its first section title in the program's 24-year history.

Badway currently is enrolled in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business as an accounting major. She has made the dean's list each semester at Notre Dame and was a recipient of Notre Dame's Accountancy Excellence Scholarship.

Senior forward **Mary Forr** (Altoona, Pa.) has been a member of the Fighting Irish practice squad off and on for the past three seasons, following a successful career at Bishop Guilfoyle High School. As a senior in 2006-07, she earned first-team all-state honors after averaging 17.0 points and 6.0 rebounds per game and helping BGHS to a 30-1 record and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) Class A state title.

Forr presently is enrolled in Notre Dame's College of Arts & Letters, where she is pursuing a double major in political science and philosophy. She also is active with the St. Joseph County chapter of the Special Olympics.

Next Game: UCLA

Notre Dame wraps up its season-opening three-game homestand on Thursday when it welcomes No. 16/15 UCLA to Purcell Pavilion for a 7 p.m. (ET) contest. The game is part of the inaugural Super Six Series, which pairs 12 teams (two from each of the top six RPI conferences) in a series of high-quality early-season matchups.

UCLA (2-0) is coming off a trip to the second round of the NCAA Championship in 2009-10. The Bruins bring back four starters and nine letterwinners from that team and have opened this year with a pair of victories, taking down in-state rivals San Diego State (55-48) and UC Santa Barbara (66-52) during the first weekend of the season.

Superlatives (BIG EAST Era)

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

- Longest winning streak:** 23 games (Nov. 17, 2000-Feb. 14, 2001)
- Longest BIG EAST winning streak:** 11 games (Jan. 3-Feb. 14, 2001)
- Longest losing streak:** 3 games, four times (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007)
- Longest BIG EAST losing streak:** 3 games, twice (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007)
- Most points scored in a game:** 111 vs. West Virginia, Jan. 7, 1999
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- Fewest points scored in a game:** 38 vs. Villanova, Jan. 24, 2004
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- Most points allowed in a game:** 106 by Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1998
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- Fewest points allowed in a game:** 31, twice (MR: by Charlotte, Dec. 20, 2009)
- Fewest points allowed in a BIG EAST game:** 31 by St. John's, Feb. 13, 2002
- Largest margin of victory:** 59 vs. Charlotte (90-31), Dec. 20, 2009
- Largest margin of victory in BIG EAST game:** 56 vs. Seton Hall (91-35), Jan. 31, 1998
- Largest margin of victory in home game:** 59 vs. Charlotte (90-31), Dec. 20, 2009
- Largest margin of victory in road game:** 53 at Central Michigan (94-41), Nov. 29, 2007
- Largest losing margin:** 39 at Tennessee (89-50), March 17, 2002
- Most points allowed in a win:** 93 by Illinois (101-93), Nov. 24, 1998
- Most points scored in a loss:** 84 vs. Texas A&M (88-84, ot), Dec. 3, 1995
- Fewest points scored in a win:** 38 vs. Villanova (38-36), Jan. 24, 2004
- Fewest points allowed in a loss:** 48 vs. Villanova (48-45), Feb. 26, 2002
- Largest deficit overcome to win a game:** 18 at Vanderbilt (59-57), Dec. 30, 2008
- Largest deficit overcome to win a home game:** 15 vs. Pittsburgh (72-65), Feb. 28, 2006
- Largest lead given up in a loss:** 17 vs. Texas Tech (69-65), March 25, 2000
- Most consecutive points scored:** 31 vs. Pittsburgh, Jan. 18, 1997
- Most consecutive points scored (start of game):** 26 vs. Dayton, Dec. 13, 2003
- Highest field goal percentage:** .680 (34-50) vs. Boston College, Feb. 12, 1997
- Lowest field goal percentage:** .220 (13-59) at Seton Hall, March 1, 2005
- Highest three-point percentage:** 1.000 (5-5) vs. Duke, Nov. 17, 2004
- Highest free throw percentage:** 1.000 (18-18) at Valparaiso, Nov. 30, 2004
- Most three-point field goals made:** 13, twice (most recently: at Miami (Fla.), Jan. 2, 2002)
- Most free throws made:** 33, twice (most recently: vs. West Virginia, Feb. 4, 2007)
- Most assists:** 32 vs. Michigan State, Dec. 11, 1999
- Most blocked shots:** 16 vs. Boston College, Feb. 10, 2002
- Most steals:** 36 vs. New Hampshire, Nov. 12, 2010
- Most turnovers forced:** 49 vs. New Hampshire, Nov. 12, 2010
- Fewest turnovers committed:** 3 at Maryland, Nov. 16, 2007



Official Basketball Box Score -- Game Totals -- Final Statistics
 New Hampshire vs Notre Dame
 11/12/10 4 p.m. at Notre Dame, Ind. (Purcell Pavilion)

New Hampshire 48 • (0-1)

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
12	Frankenberger, Sarah	f	1-3	5-6	1-2	1	3	4	3	8	0	6	0	2	26	
33	McDonald, Jill	f	1-4	2-2	0-1	1	4	5	4	4	2	9	0	0	27	
55	Early, Kate	c	2-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	4	4	2	4	1	0	21	
20	Hogan, Kelsey	g	2-6	0-0	1-3	0	2	2	2	5	3	9	0	3	26	
24	Reed, Cari	g	5-7	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	0	11	2	5	0	0	29	
14	Friel, Jilliane		0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	9	
21	Lyons, Jackie		0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	10	
25	Wells, Lauren		4-9	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	1	8	0	4	0	3	23	
35	McKnight, Bridgette		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	0	20	
45	Flynn, Kelley		3-3	0-3	0-0	1	2	3	3	6	0	6	1	1	9	
Team						0	0	0								
Totals			19-37	7-11	3-11	9	16	25	23	48	10	49	3	10	200	

FG % 1st Half: 5-17 29.4% 2nd half: 14-20 70.0% Game: 19-37 51.4% Deadball Rebounds 1
 3FG % 1st Half: 2-7 28.6% 2nd half: 1-4 25.0% Game: 3-11 27.3%
 FT % 1st Half: 0-0 0.0% 2nd half: 7-11 63.6% Game: 7-11 63.6%

Notre Dame 99 • (1-0)

##	Player	f	Total		3-Ptr		Rebounds			PF	TP	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Min
			FG-FGA	FT-FTA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot							
14	PETERS, Devereaux	f	11-13	1-1	0-0	8	0	8	0	23	0	2	2	4	16	
32	BRUSZEWSKI, Becca	f	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	15	
04	DIGGINS, SKYLAR	g	4-11	4-6	0-1	2	0	2	1	12	4	3	0	4	19	
21	NOVOSEL, Natalie	g	4-5	3-3	0-0	1	1	2	0	11	1	0	0	7	18	
22	MALLORY, Brittany	g	3-8	2-2	1-4	0	1	1	0	9	3	1	0	5	20	
01	SOLOMON, Erica		4-6	3-3	0-0	0	1	1	2	11	0	2	0	2	14	
02	BADWAY, Veronica		1-1	0-0	1-1	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	
11	ACHONWA, Natalie		2-4	3-4	0-0	2	2	4	5	7	5	2	0	2	16	
12	MILLER, Fraderica		0-2	1-2	0-0	2	0	2	1	1	2	3	0	3	12	
15	TURNER, Kaila		0-3	2-2	0-3	0	1	1	3	2	3	0	0	1	22	
23	MCBRIDE, Kayla		3-9	2-2	0-1	0	2	2	0	8	2	2	0	3	23	
41	FORR, Mary		3-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	1	1	0	0	9	
44	BRAKER, Ariel		2-5	1-4	0-0	3	2	5	2	5	2	1	1	4	12	
Team						3	0	3								
Totals			37-72	23-31	2-10	22	12	34	15	99	26	19	3	36	200	

FG % 1st Half: 20-35 57.1% 2nd half: 17-37 45.9% Game: 37-72 51.4% Deadball Rebounds 5
 3FG % 1st Half: 0-3 0.0% 2nd half: 2-7 28.6% Game: 2-10 20.0%
 FT % 1st Half: 13-17 76.5% 2nd half: 10-14 71.4% Game: 23-31 74.2%

Officials: Bob Enterline, Ron Dressander, Thurman Leggs Jr.
 Technical fouls: New Hampshire-None. Notre Dame-None.
 Attendance: 8614

Score by periods	1st	2nd	Total
New Hampshire	12	36	48
Notre Dame	53	46	99

	In	Off	2nd	Fast	
Points	Paint	T/O	Chance	Break	Bench
UNH	18	12	4	2	16
ND	64	64	18	32	43

Last FG - UNH 2nd-00:48, ND 2nd-00:05.
 Largest lead - UNH None, ND by 55 2nd-04:13.

Score tied - 0 times.
 Lead changed - 0 times.