



NOTRE DAME

B A S K E T B A L L

2001-02 Notre Dame Schedule/Results (2-0, 0-0)

NOVEMBER

1	Thur.	SPORT.COM ALL-STARS (Ex.)	W, 108-75
8	Thur.	EA SPORTS ALL-STARS (Ex.)	W, 95-70
16	Fri.	NEW HAMPSHIRE	W, 95-53
19	Mon.	CORNELL	W, 78-48
23-	Fri.-	vs. Hawaii Pacific#	6:30 p.m.
25	Sun.		
28	Wed.	ARMY	7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

1	Sat.	vs. DePaul!	1:30 p.m.
4	Tue.	at Indiana	7:30 p.m.
8	Sat.	at Miami of Ohio	3:00 p.m.
22	Sat.	at Canisius	7:00 p.m.
27	Thur.	vs. Alabama@	7:00 p.m.
30	Sun.	COLGATE	2:00 p.m.

JANUARY

6	Sun.	VILLANOVA*	Noon
9	Wed.	at West Virginia*	7:00 p.m.
12	Sat.	at Pittsburgh*	7:30 p.m.
14	Mon.	at Syracuse*	7:00 p.m.
19	Sat.	KENTUCKY	Noon
21	Mon.	GEORGETOWN*	7:00 p.m.
26	Sat.	SETON HALL*	Noon
30	Wed.	PITTSBURGH*	7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

3	Sun.	at Seton Hall*	Noon
6	Wed.	RUTGERS*	7:30 p.m.
9	Sat.	at Georgetown*	Noon
14	Thur.	at Rutgers*	9:00 p.m.
17	Sun.	SYRACUSE*	3:30 p.m.
20	Wed.	WEST VIRGINIA*	7:30 p.m.
23	Sat.	at Miami*	7:30 p.m.
27	Wed.	at St. John's*	7:30 p.m.

MARCH

2	Sat.	PROVIDENCE*	4:00 p.m.
6-	Wed.-	at BIG EAST Championships	
9	Sat.	(Madison Square Garden)	
14-	Thur.	NCAA First & Second Rounds	
17	Sun.		
21-	Thur.	NCAA Regionals	
24	Sun.		
30 &	Sat.		

APRIL

1	Mon.	NCAA Final Four (Georgia Dome — Atlanta, Ga.)
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*BIG EAST Conference game
#Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic
(Honolulu, Hawaii)
!Dell Classic For Kids (United Center — Chicago, Ill.)
@Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic (New Orleans Arena —
New Orleans, La.)

() - indicates rankings at time of game in
Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

All times are local to site

Game No.

3 NOTRE DAME Fighting Irish (2-0) at HAWAII PACIFIC Sea Warriors (1-0) at

Date: Friday, November 23, 2001

Place: Blaisdell Center (7,600), Honolulu, Hawaii.

Time: 6:30 p.m. HST

Radio: Host Communications Inc. (Jack Lorri, Jack Nolan) originates the Notre Dame Radio Network (includes WNDV 92.9 FM and 1490 AM in South Bend, Ind./Michiana Region, WCNS 820 AM in Chicago, Ill., WRMN 1410 AM and WBIG 1280 AM in Chicago, Ill., WXNT 1430 AM in Indianapolis, Ind., WGL 1250 AM in Fort Wayne, Ind., WEFM 95.9 FM in Michigan City, Ind., WGOM 860 AM in Marion, Ind., WVHI 1330 AM in Evansville, Ind., WLUV 1520 AM in Rockford, Ill.). All radio broadcasts can also be heard through the World Wide Web at www.und.com.

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

IRISH ITEMS FOR THE HAWAII PACIFIC GAME —

Notre Dame (2-0) begins play against Hawaii Pacific (1-0) in the three-day Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic. The Irish played their first two games of the 2001-02 campaign at home and came away with convincing victories over New Hampshire (95-53) and Cornell (78-48). The 103-point opponent point total in the two games is the lowest by an Irish team to start the season since the 1985-96 campaign when Notre Dame allowed 105 points in wins over St. Joseph's of Indiana (79-49) and Butler (87-56).

Freshman **Chris Thomas** has scored 20-plus points in each of his first two outings and leads the Irish in scoring with 23.0 points per game. He is also averaging 8.5 assists and 6.5 steals. Thomas had a triple double in his first collegiate outing as he netted 24 points, dished off 11 assists and made 11 steals to become the first player in Notre Dame basketball history to achieve this feat. He had 22 points and six assists in the win over Cornell on Monday and did not turn the ball over in 34 minutes. Thomas hit six-of-seven from three-point range against the Big Red and has converted on 11-of-16 three-pointers (.688) for the season.

Senior **David Graves** is second in the scoring column as he is averaging 18.0 points. He had a game-high 26 points in the season opener against New Hampshire along with a career-high seven steals. He had 10 points in Notre Dame's win over Cornell.

Junior **Jere Macura** started the first two game of the season in place of senior **Ryan Humphrey** who was ineligible because of an NCAA secondary violation, had back-to-back career outings in Notre Dame's first two games. He had 14 points and six rebounds against UNH in the season opener and then tossed in 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds against Cornell. He is averaging career bests of 15.0 points and 7.0 rebounds.

Junior **Matt Carroll** is averaging 10.5 points and 6.5 rebounds, while freshman **Jordan Cornette** has averaged 5.5 points and 6.0 rebounds in his first two games.

Senior **Harold Swanagan** is averaging 6.5 points and 6.5 rebounds. He played just nine minutes

LAST IRISH OUTING

Notre Dame 78, New Hampshire 48 November 19, 2001

Joyce Center Notre Dame, IN

Cornell (48)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Toppert	27	6	9	0	0	4	1	2	16
Vanderburg	25	4	9	0	1	7	1	1	8
Rohe	32	1	4	2	2	5	2	2	4
Prather	21	0	3	0	2	2	0	1	0
Barnes	26	3	7	2	3	5	6	1	8
Vigneault	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Carroll	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Harrell	17	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
Castro	24	2	6	0	0	2	0	0	5
Cobb	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Farley	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	2
Gabler	14	0	2	0	0	3	1	2	2
Team						3			
Totals	200	18	49	6	11	35	10	10	48

Notre Dame (73)

Player	min	fg	fga	ft	fta	reb	ast	pf	tp
Cornette	29	1	6	1	2	6	2	0	3
Macura	27	7	9	1	2	8	0	3	16
Graves	28	3	11	2	2	4	3	1	10
Thomas, Chris	35	7	14	2	2	6	6	3	22
Carroll	31	6	14	0	0	5	2	2	13
Thomas, Charles	2	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	2
Jones	20	1	5	1	2	1	2	1	3
Swanagan	23	3	6	3	4	8	1	3	9
Markwood	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Team						1			
Totals	200	28	66	12	15	78	18	13	78

FG Pct: Cornell 36.7, Notre Dame 42.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Cornell 28.6, Notre Dame 43.5. **FT Pct:** Cornell 54.5, Notre Dame 80.0. **3-PT FG:** Cornell 6, Notre Dame 10.

Turnovers: Cornell 22, Notre Dame 9. **Blocked Shots:** Cornell 5 Notre Dame 4. **Steals:** Cornell 7, Notre Dame 15. **Attendance:** 9,997.



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(Week #3 — Nov. 19-25)

	<u>LW</u>
1. Duke	1
2. Illinois	3
3. UCLA	5
4. Kansas	7
5. Missouri	8
6. Maryland	2
7. Florida	6
8. Arizona	NR
9. Iowa	9
10. Kentucky	4
11. Virginia	11
12. Memphis	12
13. Michigan State	15
14. Stanford	13
15. Oklahoma State	18
16. Georgetown	14
17. Boston College	7
18. Syracuse	21
19. St. Joseph's	10
20. Indiana	22
21. Western Kentucky	NR
22. Alabama	24
23. Fresno State	NR
24. USC	20
25. Temple	16

ESPN/USA TODAY

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13. Stanford	16
14. Memphis	14
15. Georgetown	15
16. Oklahoma State	18
17. Boston College	17
18. Syracuse	19
19. St. Joseph's	9
20. Indiana	20
21. Fresno State	NR
22. Alabama	NR
23. Oklahoma	24
24. Texas	22
25. Western Kentucky	NR

bold indicates 2001-02 opponent

in the season opener against New Hampshire after sustaining a right knee injury, but came off the bench against Cornell to play 23 minutes as he scored nine points and grabbed eight rebounds.

After sitting out the first two games, Humphrey will return to his starting spot in the lineup against the Sea Warriors.

Notre Dame has limited its opponents to just 50.5 points per game and 34.0 percent field goal accuracy. The Irish also own a 9.0 rebounding advantage and has forced 52 turnovers in the two games.

The Irish will meet either Liberty or Tennessee Chattanooga in the second round.

RECAP OF CORNELL —

Rookie **Chris Thomas** recorded the second 20-plus point effort of his career as he scored a game-high 22 points to lead the Irish to a 78-48 victory over Cornell. Thomas one one of four Irish players in double figures in the contest as he was six-of-seven from three-point range. The Irish point guard also dished off seven assists and did not turn the ball over in the contest.

Jere Macura posted his second straight career-high outing as he finished with 16 points (seven-of-nine from the field) and grabbed eight rebounds. **Matt Carroll** finished with 13 points and five rebounds, while **David Graves** had 10 points and four rebounds.

Harold Swanagan, who played just nine minutes against New Hampshire in the season opener after sustaining a knee injury, did not start against the Big Red, but came off the bench to score nine points and grab eight rebounds in 23 minutes of action.

Freshman **Jordan Cornette** earned the start in place of Swanagan and had three points and six rebounds in 29 minutes of action.

Notre Dame had a 39-21 halftime advantage and limited Cornell to just 27 second-half points while hold the Big Red to just 14 points in the first 13 minutes of the second half.

HEAD COACH MIKE BREY —

Mike Brey is in his second year as the Notre Dame head coach and seventh in the collegiate ranks. He was named the 17th head coach in the program's history on July 14, 2000 following five seasons (1995-2000) as head coach at the University of Delaware where he led the Blue Hens to an overall record of 99-52. In his first season with the Irish, he guided Notre Dame to a 20-10 record and 11-5 BIG EAST mark in claiming the league's West divisional championship, the first conference title in school history. In addition, he helped Notre Dame earn an NCAA tournament berth for the first time in 11 seasons as the Irish advanced to the second round for the first time since 1989. Brey has an overall record of 121-62 (.661) as a head coach and is 21-10 (.677). He earned his first victory as Irish head coach on Nov. 18 with a 104-58 triumph over Sacred Heart, which also marked the 100th of his coaching career and came in the 152nd game as a head coach. While at Delaware, Brey guided the Blue Hens to a 99-52 record during his tenure as his teams earned berths in three postseason tournaments. Under Brey, Delaware appeared in two NCAA tournaments ('98 and '99) and played in the National Invitation Tournament in his final season (2000). Prior to his arrival in Newark, Del., he spent eight seasons (1987-95) on the Duke sidelines along Blue Devil head coach Mike Krzyzewski, and before that stint was an assistant coach at DeMatha High School under legendary coach Morgan Wootten from 1982-87.

FIRST YEAR SUCCESS FOR BREY —

Notre Dame's 19 wins during the regular season under Mike Brey represented the most wins by an Irish coach in his first season. He also became just the second coach in school history to take his team to the NCAA Tournament in his first year as a head coach and the only first-year coach to lead his team to a first-round victory. John Dee also made the tournament in his first season in 1964-65, but lost in the first round to finish 15-12.

THE CAPTAINS —

Seniors **David Graves**, **Ryan Humphrey** and **Harold Swanagan** will serve as Notre Dame's tri-captains for the 2001-02 campaign. Both natives of the state of Kentucky, Graves and Swanagan hail from Lexington and Hopkinsville, respectively, Graves averaged 13.8 points and 4.7 rebounds last season, while Swanagan netted 4.1 points and 3.4 rebounds. Humphrey was the second-leading scorer and rebounder for the Irish a year ago with averages of 14.1 points and 9.0 rebounds.

SERIES RECORD vs. TOURNAMENT FIELD —

Akron — Notre Dame leads 2-0 with the last game in the series played in 1995, a 65-54 victory at the Joyce Center.

Hampton — First Meeting.

Hawaii Pacific — First Meeting.

Liberty — First Meeting.

Monmouth — First Meeting.

Tennessee Chattanooga — First Meeting.

Vanderbilt — Vanderbilt leads 4-3 and has won four of the last six meetings. The two schools have met each of the last three seasons. The Irish earned a 77-74 victory last season in Nashville, Tenn., to stop a two-game Commodore win streak.

MAKING THE EARLY COMPARISONS —

While it is just two games into his rookie season, **Chris Thomas** already has a couple of noteworthy accomplishments to his credit. With his 24-point effort against New Hampshire and 22-point performance in the Cornell game, he became the first Irish freshman to score 20-plus points in each of his first two games. He is also just the second Notre Dame player to record two consecutive 20-point outings in the first two games of his career. Only Austin Carr, who finished his career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,560 career points, recorded back-to-back 20-point games in the first two games of his career. As a sophomore in his first season (1968-69), Carr opened up his career with final point totals of 20 vs. Kings College, 26 vs. UCLA, 22 vs. Wisconsin and 30 vs. St. Louis in his first four games.

THE FRESHMAN CAN PLAY —

It only took one game for freshman point guard **Chris Thomas** to do what no other Irish player

2001-02 NOTRE DAME MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME DAY NOTES

NOTRE DAME STARTING LINE:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2001-02 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
4	Ryan Humphrey	PF	6-8	235	Sr.	—	—	—	Second Team Preseason All-BIG EAST
34	David Graves	F	6-6	209	Sr.	18.0	4.5	Had 7 steals vs. UNH	26 pts. in season opener vs. UNH
42	Harold Swanagan	F	6-7	247	Sr.	6.5	6.5	29 minutes in game two	Came off the bench and played 29 minutes vs. Cornell
1	Chris Thomas	PG	6-1	175	Fr.	23.0	4.0	8.5 asts. and 6.5 stls.	Has had back-to-back 20-point outings
13	Matt Carroll	SG	6-6	212	Jr.	10.5	6.5	40 consecutive starts	Led team in three-pointers in 2000-01

NOTRE DAME OFF THE BENCH:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2001-02 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
5	Charles Thomas	G	6-0	164	Sr.	2.5	0.5	—	Fourth-year walk-on
10	Danny White	G	6-3	190	Sr.	—	—	—	Transfer from Towson
12	Jordan Cornette	F	6-9	221	Fr.	5.5	6.0	6 rebs. vs. Cornell	Earned start against Cornell
15	Jere Macura	F	6-9	230	Jr.	15.0	7.0	Shot 6-9 vs. UNH	Career-high 16 points vs. Cornell
20	Torrian Jones	G	6-4	197	So.	4.5	3.0	23 minutes vs. UNH	Career highs in scoring and rebounding vs. UNH
50	Tom Timmermans	C	6-11	263	So.	—	—	—	Will miss first two to four weeks of the season
51	Chris Markwood	G	6-4	198	So.	1.0	1.0	13 minutes vs. UNH	Played in first collegiate game in season opener

had done previously in the program's 96-plus year history — a triple double. Thomas scored 24 points, dished off 11 assists and made a school and Joyce Center record 11 steals against New Hampshire. The Irish rookie shot nine-of-18 from the field and five-of-nine from three-point range in 34 minutes of action.

THOMAS EARNS BIG EAST ROOKIE HONOR —

Chris Thomas' triple double performance against New Hampshire earned him BIG EAST Rookie of the Week honors. He became just the second Irish player in seven years to be recognized with the honor. During the 1998-99 season, former Irish All-American Troy Murphy was an eight-time rookie-of-the-week honoree.

GRAVES IN THE GROOVE —

With classmates **Ryan Humphrey** and **Harold Swanagan** not in the game against New Hampshire, tri-captain **David Graves** had one of the top performances of his career as he tossed in a game-high 26 points (third highest point total of his career), grabbed five rebounds and made a career-high seven steals all in just 27 minutes of action on the court. He hit 10-of-16 shots from the field and was three-of-six from three-point range.

MACURA FINDING HIS COMFORT ZONE —

Irish head coach Mike Brey made the decision at the start of the preseason to have forward **Jere Macura** become more of an inside player, which has seemed to benefit the junior's play as he has registered back-to-back career-high outings in his first two games. Macura has made the most of his two starts this season. Against New Hampshire, he had a then career-high 14 points, while also grabbing six rebounds in 26 minutes of action as he connected on six-of-nine shots from the field in the contest. Macura then followed that up with a career-high 16-point outing against Cornell. In addition, he also grabbed eight rebounds in the contest. Last season, Macura had just one double-figure game (10 points at Rutgers in Piscataway, N.J.) after scoring in double figures five times as a freshman.

STEALING THE SHOW —

Notre Dame had a school record and Joyce Center record 26 steals against New Hampshire, bettering the old mark of 22 set against Vermont on Dec. 21, 1976. **Chris Thomas** led the Irish with 11 (a school record), while **David Graves** had a career-high seven steals which would have tied the old mark set by Ray Martin in 1974.

JORDAN GETS INTO THE ACT —

While freshman **Chris Thomas** certainly made his mark in his first two games, Notre Dame's other rookie, **Jordan Cornette**, played well in the two wins. The 6-9 forward logged 29 minutes against New Hampshire last Friday night and had eight points, six rebounds and three assists. His playing time increased when **Harold Swanagan** went out of the game with a knee injury, which left the Irish with just two frontline players — **Macura** and **Cornette**. Against Cornell, he started in place of Swanagan and played 29 minutes while scoring three points and grabbing six rebounds.

CARROLL DOES THE LITTLE THINGS AGAIN —

While he has struggled shooting from the field somewhat this season (10-26) and has hit just one three-pointer, junior guard **Matt Carroll** has done the little things that sometimes don't get noticed. Carroll had 13 points and grabbed five rebounds in the win over Cornell after scoring eight points and grabbing eight rebounds in the season opener against New Hampshire. He was Notre Dame's most consistent performer all-around a year ago and is expected to continue that sort of play against this season.

WING-ING IT —

The perimeter play of outside shooters **David Graves** and **Matt Carroll** give the Irish a deadly three-point shooting arsenal. The duo made 127 (57.9 percent) of Notre Dame's 219 three-point field goals last season and attempted 323 of team's 570 shots from beyond the arc. Carroll shot 40.9 percent from three-point range, while Graves made 37.8 percent of his attempts. Expect to add freshman **Chris Thomas** to the Irish three-point threats as the rookie was five-for-nine from beyond the arc in his first game — he already has 11 three-pointers this season.

2001-02 BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

East Division

	Pts.
1. Boston College (6)	81
2. Connecticut (4)	78
3. Miami (2)	67
4. Providence (2)	61
5. St. John's	41
6. Villanova	38
7. Virginia Tech	19

West Division

1. Georgetown (12)	90
2. Syracuse (2)	78
3. NOTRE DAME	63
4. Seton Hall	47
West Virginia	47
6. Pittsburgh	41
7. Rutgers	19

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year:

Troy Bell — Boston College

BIG EAST Preseason Rookie of the Year:

Jonathan Hargett — West Virginia

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team:

Troy Bell — Boston College
 Caron Butler — Connecticut
 Kevin Braswell — Georgetown
 Darius Rice — Miami
 John Linehan — Providence
 Preston Shumpert — Syracuse

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team:

Mike Sweetney — Georgetown
 John Salmons — Miami
Ryan Humphrey — Notre Dame
 Darius Lane — Seton Hall
 Gary Buchanan — Villanova

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**2001-02 NOTRE DAME
MEN'S BASKETBALL TELECONFERENCES**

**HEAD COACH MIKE BREY —
Beginning at 10:00 a.m. (EST)**

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- Thur., Nov. 15
- Thur., Nov. 29
- Mon., Dec. 3
- Thur., Dec. 8
- Thur., Dec. 20
- Thur., Jan. 3
- Fri., Jan. 11
- Thur., Jan. 17
- Thur., Jan. 24
- Thur., Jan. 31
- Thur., Feb. 7
- Wed., Feb. 13
- Tue., Feb. 19
- Tue., Feb. 26
- Mon., Mar. 4

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**2001-02 BIG EAST
MEN'S BASKETBALL TELECONFERENCES**

**Dates: Dec. 12, Jan. 3, Jan. 17,
Jan. 31, Feb. 14 and Mar. 4**

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

IRONMEN —

David Graves and Harold Swanagan have played in all 99 contests during their Irish careers — neither one has missed a game. They saw action in 30 games as freshmen and juniors and played in 37 contests in their sophomore season. Graves has earned 83 starting appearances during his three seasons, while Swanagan has made 53 starts.

BLOCK PARTY —

Notre Dame set the single-season team record for blocked shots last season with 178 in 30 games for an average of 5.93 blocks per game. The previous mark of 145 was set by the 1991-92 Irish team. Notre Dame had 110 blocks during the 1999-2000 campaign. Ryan Humphrey led the Irish with 79 blocks, the second-highest individual single-season mark in school history and ranked 18th in the nationally with 2.7 blocks per game.

DEFENSE, DEFENSE —

Notre Dame ranked 10th nationally in field goal percentage defense last season as Irish opponents shot just 39.3 percent from the field and 31.4 percent from three-point range. Only one opponent, Indiana, shot above 50.0 percent from the field against the Irish, while four teams — Indiana (53.3), Miami of Ohio (45.3), Rutgers (49.1) and Connecticut (49.2) — shot better than 45.0 percent from the field against the Irish last season. Notre Dame held New Hampshire to just 31.5 percent in the season opener and Cornell to 36.7 percent accuracy. Last season, the Irish limited six opponents to under 35 percent from the field.

RISING SOPHOMORE —

Sophomore Torrian Jones is clearly Notre Dame's most improved player from a year. Jones played a career-high 23 minutes against New Hampshire and had six points (tying a career-high) and grabbed a personal best five rebounds. He also had three steals in the game which also tied his personal best.

MARKWOOD IN THE FOLD —

Chris Markwood played 13 minutes in his first game in an Irish uniform after sitting out all of last season following arthroscopic knee surgery in September of 2000. Markwood finished the game with two rebounds and an assist. He also played five minutes against Cornell

HUMPHREY BACK IN THE LINEUP —

Ryan Humphrey will return to his usual spot in the starting lineup for the Hawaii Pacific game after sitting out the first two games of the season against New Hampshire and Cornell as the result of a secondary violation of the NCAA's outside competition rule for men's basketball.

TIMMERMANS OUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS —

Tom Timmermans is out with a sprained right knee and is expected to miss the first two to three weeks of the season. He sustained the injury in a practice.

A BIG EAST MOMENT FOR THE IRISH —

Notre Dame's eight consecutive BIG EAST wins last season against Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Syracuse, Georgetown, Pittsburgh, St. John's, Rutgers and Virginia Tech marked the first time since the Irish joined the league in 1995-96 that they posted eight straight wins over league foes. Notre Dame also finished the season six games above the .500 mark for the first time since becoming a league member.

BIG EAST MOMENT II FOR THE IRISH —

Notre Dame's five straight road wins at Georgetown (78-71 on Jan. 27), Pittsburgh (75-67 on Feb. 3), West Virginia (69-66 on Feb. 11), Rutgers (81-59 on Feb. 14) and Virginia Tech (85-61 on Feb. 24) marked the first time since the Irish joined the BIG EAST they had won five consecutive road games in the league.

BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT CONTINUES —

For the second consecutive year, every team in the BIG EAST Conference will not advance to the league's postseason tournament. The top six teams in each division will qualify for the 2002 BIG EAST Championship in Madison Square Garden on March.

MR. INDIANA —

Freshman point guard Chris Thomas is the first Mr. Basketball from Indiana to attend Notre Dame. He played in the McDonald's All-American game and was a fourth team Parade All-American honoree. He led his Pike high school team to the Class 4-A state championship as a senior after averaging 23.3 points, 5.7 assists and 3.7 steals. Thomas is the 12th McDonald's All-American to attend Notre Dame.

**Irish All-Time vs.
2001-2002 Opponents**

Team	Record
Akron	2-0
Alabama	1-0
Army	5-0
Canisius	17-4
Colgate	2-0
Cornell	7-1
DePaul	47-41
Georgetown	5-7
Hampton	0-0
Hawaii Pacific	0-0
Indiana	19-45
Liberty	0-0
Miami of Ohio	3-4
Miami (Fla.)	7-6
Monmouth	2-0
New Hampshire	2-0
Pittsburgh	22-20
Providence	5-8
Rutgers	8-7
St. John's	14-11
Seton Hall	6-6
Syracuse	14-13
Tennessee-Chattanooga	0-0
Vanderbilt	3-4
Villanova	10-12
West Virginia	15-7
Total	216-196 (.524)



MILLER TIME —

Dan Miller, a 6-8, 223-pound guard/forward from Mt. Holly, N.J, has transferred to Notre Dame from the University of Maryland following three seasons. He has one year of eligibility remaining with the 2002-03 campaign. Miller was a former McDonald's and *Parade* All-American at Rancocas Valley High School.

JERSEY #1 TO BE WORN FOR FIRST TIME AT NOTRE DAME —

Freshman point guard Chris Thomas becomes the first player in the 96-year history of the Notre Dame men's basketball program to wear jersey #1.

DANNY WHITE ADDED TO IRISH ROSTER —

Head coach Mike Brey has added guard **Danny White** to the Irish roster for the 2001-02 season. White, the son of director of athletics Kevin White, played for Towson University, before transferring to Notre Dame in January of 2001. He will be eligible to play following final examinations for the '01 fall semester.

IRISH INK THREE IN EARLY SIGNING PERIOD —

Notre Dame signed three players to national letters of intent on Nov. 14 — 6-3, 230-pound forward **Rick Cornett (Country Club Hills, Ill./Homewood Academy)**, 6-10, 220-pound forward **Torin Francis (Roslindale, Mass./Tabor Academy)** and 6-1, 175-pound guard **Chris Quinn (Dublin, Ohio/Coffman)**. Cornett averaged 17.9 points, 12.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked per game in 2000-01 while leading his prep team to the Illinois Christian School state title for the second consecutive year. In addition, he was a member of the Illinois Warriors AAU team which captured the 17-and-under national crown in 2001. A two-year starter at Tabor Academy, Francis averaged 20.0 points, 10.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots last season as he squad captured its second straight New England Prep school championship. A member of the BABC AAU squad, he helped that team to a runner-up finish at the Nike Showcase in Orlando, Fla. Quinn averaged 18.5 points, 6.0 assists and 3.8 rebounds during his junior year. He set the single-season school assist record with 155 in 26 games while committing just 29 turnovers and was named the Ohio Capital Conference Central Division Player of the Year. All three have participated in the Nike All-America camps.

NOTRE DAME-DePAUL TO RENEW STORIED RIVALRY —

Notre Dame and DePaul will renew its historic basketball rivalry in the first annual Dell Classic 4 Kids men's basketball doubleheader at the United Center in Chicago, Ill. on Sat., Dec. 1. The first game features a matchup between Texas and Stanford at 11:00 a.m. (CST) with the Irish and Blue Demons tipping off at approximately 1:30 p.m. (CST). Both games will be shown live on Fox Sports Net.

NOKIA SUGAR BOWL BASKETBALL CLASSIC —

The 2001 Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic at the New Orleans Arena in New Orleans, La., on Thur., Dec. 27 features two BIG EAST Conference opponents — Notre Dame and Miami (Fla.) — and two Southeastern Conference foes — squaring off against each other. Notre Dame will meet Alabama in the first game of the doubleheader at 7:00 p.m. (CST), while the matchup between Louisiana State and Miami will follow at 9:30 p.m. (CST). Both games will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION —

Notre Dame once again will receive tremendous exposure with seven nationally-televised games on CBS, ABC and ESPN. Four of those appearances will be at home at the Joyce Center. Last season, Notre Dame was featured nine times on national telecasts during the regular season, the most since the 1988-89 campaign.

Notre Dame will play twice on CBS (both at home against Kentucky and Providence), once on ABC (vs. Syracuse) and four times on ESPN (at Indiana, at Syracuse, home versus Georgetown and at Rutgers).

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW —

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 11:00-11:30 p.m. for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LUNCHEON DATES SET —

Three luncheons featuring Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey and his Irish players have been scheduled during the 2000-2001 season: Monday, Dec. 3, 2000 (the day before the Notre Dame-Indiana game), Friday, Jan. 18, 2002 (the day before the Notre Dame-Kentucky game) and Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002 (the day before the Notre Dame-West Virginia game).

All three luncheons, which begin at noon, will feature Brey, members of his squad, video presentations and other special guests. The Dec. 3 luncheon also will feature Notre Dame women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw.

Tickets are \$16 each. Tickets are available by mail by writing Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Checks should be made payable to University of Notre Dame. No telephone reservations will be accepted. For more information, call 219-631-5031.

SOLD-OUT —

Notre Dame played its first home game to a sold-out Joyce Center (11,418) as the Irish played on a football weekend. The basketball contest was played following the pep rally.

By Day

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

By Time

Night Games:	2-0
Day Games:	0-0

By Location

Home Games:	2-0
Road Games:	0-0
Neutral Games:	0-0

By Halftime Score

Lead at halftime:	2-0
Trail at halftime:	0-0
Tied at halftime:	0-0

By Rebound Margin

Outrebounding opponents:	2-0
Outrebounded by opponents:	0-0
Same number of rebounds	0-0

By Field Goal Shooting

Shoot better from field:	2-0
Shoot worse from field:	0-0
Shoot same from field:	0-0
Shoot 50% or better:	1-0
Shoot less than 50%:	2-0
Keep opponents under 50%:	2-0
Keep opponents under 40%:	2-0

By Free Throw Margin

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

By Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers:	2-0
Commit more turnovers:	0-0
Commit same number of turnovers:	0-0

By Margin

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

By Conference

America East	1-0
Ivy League	1-0

By Month

In November	2-0
In December	0-0
In January	0-0
In February	0-0
In March	0-0