



2014 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Regional Finals · Game Day · Notre Dame vs. Baylor
Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center · Notre Dame, Ind.
Monday, March 31

GAME NOTES

- This was the fifth meeting between Notre Dame and Baylor. The victory by the Irish was the first in the all-time series history. Baylor now leads the all-time series 4-1.
- Baylor trailed Notre Dame by 12 points at the half. The previous largest deficit for the Lady Bears at halftime was 9 points (27-36) against the University of Connecticut on January 13, 2014.

Notre Dame

- Notre Dame has now made appearances at the last four Final Fours. This will be Notre Dame's sixth trip to the Final Four in program history. Notre Dame is now in sole possession for the fifth most trips to the Final Four amongst all Division I programs.
- With the victory, Notre Dame improves to 36-0 on the season. It is the best start in program history. The Irish are currently on a 36 game winning streak, which is also a program best. Notre Dame is 7-0 this season against top-10 teams.
- Notre Dame made 30 free throws in the game, which is a season-high for the Irish. The previous high was 28 free throws made against North Carolina Jan. 27, 2014.
- **Natalie Achonwa** recorded a double-double in the first half with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Her first half performance marked the second time this season she has had a double-double by the intermission. The first was at Virginia Jan. 12, 2014 when she grabbed 11 boards and scored 10 points in the first half.
- **Jewell Loyd** scored 21 points in the first half, which marked a first half high for Loyd on the season. Her previous high was 20 points scored against Maryland Jan. 27, 2014.

Baylor

- **Odyssey Sims** scored 33 points against the Irish, which is the most by an individual opponent this season. The previous high was 30 points scored by Crystal Bradford of Central Michigan Dec. 22, 2013.
- With the loss, the Baylor Lady Bears fall to 32-5.