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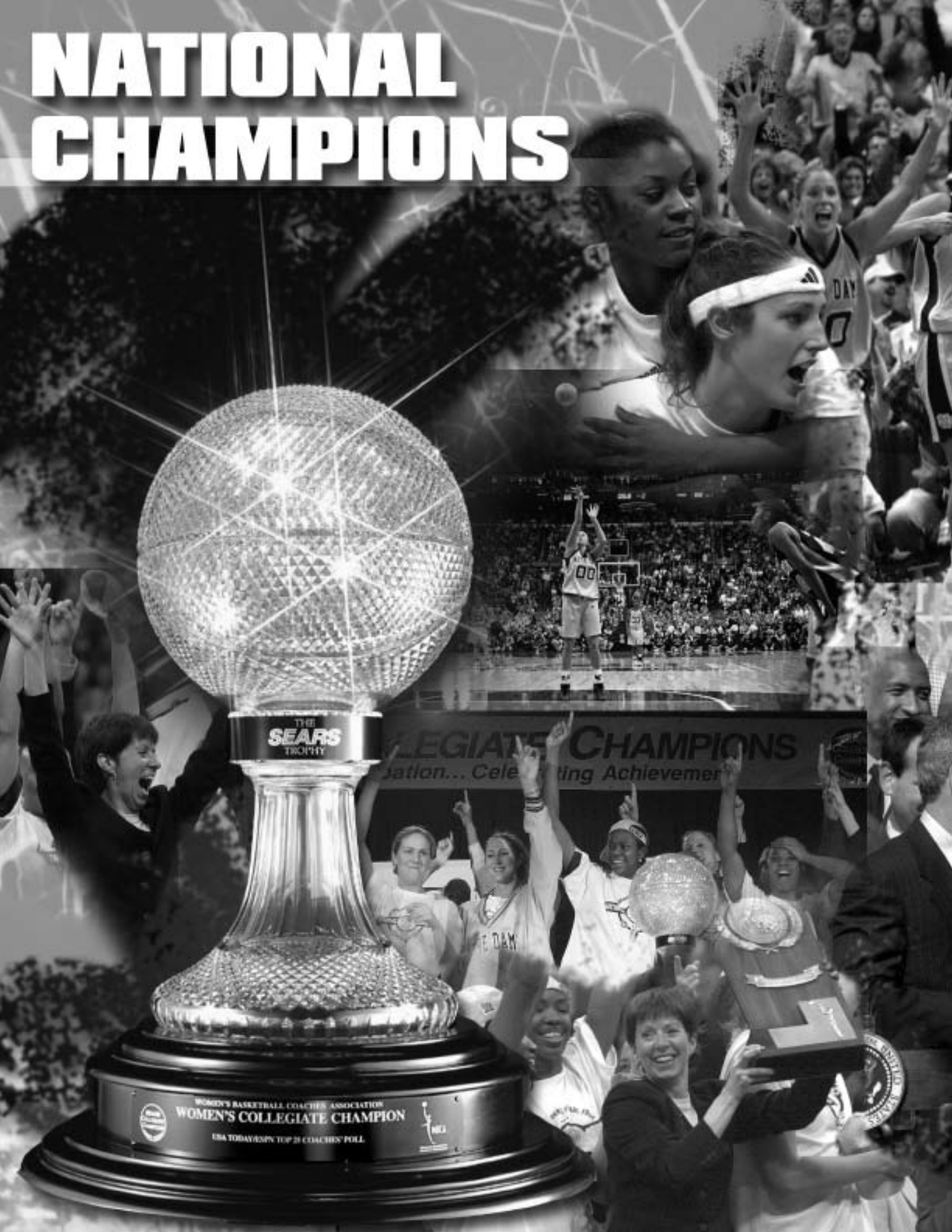
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- The Joyce Center begins its 30th season of hosting exciting Irish women's basketball action in 2006-07.
- The Irish have compiled a 285-77 (.787) record since they began playing at the Joyce Center in 1977.
- Notre Dame had a school-record 51-game home winning streak from 1998-2002, as well as a 25-game Joyce Center winning streak from 2003-04.
- Muffet McGraw has posted a 208-43 (.829) record at the Joyce Center.
- Notre Dame has had 28 winning seasons in 29 years at the Joyce Center.
- Notre Dame enters the 2006-07 campaign having had at least 5,000 fans or more in attendance at 78 of its last 80 home games.
- The Irish have ranked in the top 20 in the nation in attendance in each of the past six seasons, including a No. 8 ranking and a school-record 7,825 fans per game in 2001-02.
- Each of the 20 largest women's basketball crowds in school history have come during the Muffet McGraw era, with 19 of those games occurring in the past seven seasons.
- Notre Dame has had 13 home games with at least 8,000 fans in attendance, highlighted by the first three sellout crowds (11,418) in school history.
- For the 11th consecutive year, every Irish game, home and away, will be broadcast live on commercial radio in South Bend (ESPN Radio 1490 AM). These broadcasts also can be heard worldwide on Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.und.com), which is the top-ranked college site in the nation in terms of web traffic with more than 35 million page views annually.
- Notre Dame has appeared on television 71 times in the past six seasons, including 45 nationally-televised games. The Irish are scheduled to play in at least nine televised games during the 2006-07 regular season, including two on ESPN2/ESPNU and three on CSTV. For the fifth consecutive year, every game in the NCAA Tournament also will be broadcast live on either ESPN or ESPN2.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS





- Notre Dame won its first NCAA women's basketball title in 2001, defeating Purdue, 68-66, in St. Louis, Mo., on two free throws by Ruth Riley with 5.8 seconds remaining.
- Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96, Notre Dame has appeared in the final ESPN/USA Today coaches poll nine times, including top 10 finishes in 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001.
- The Irish helped continue an unprecedented string of five consecutive national championships won by BIG EAST Conference schools from 2000-04.
- Notre Dame has won 25 national championship in team sports - 11 in football, seven in fencing, two in women's soccer and men's tennis and one each in women's basketball, men's golf and men's cross country.



NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY



1997 NCAA DIVISION I
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
SEMIFINALIST



NCAA
FINAL FOUR

1997

WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL



NCAA
SWEET 16

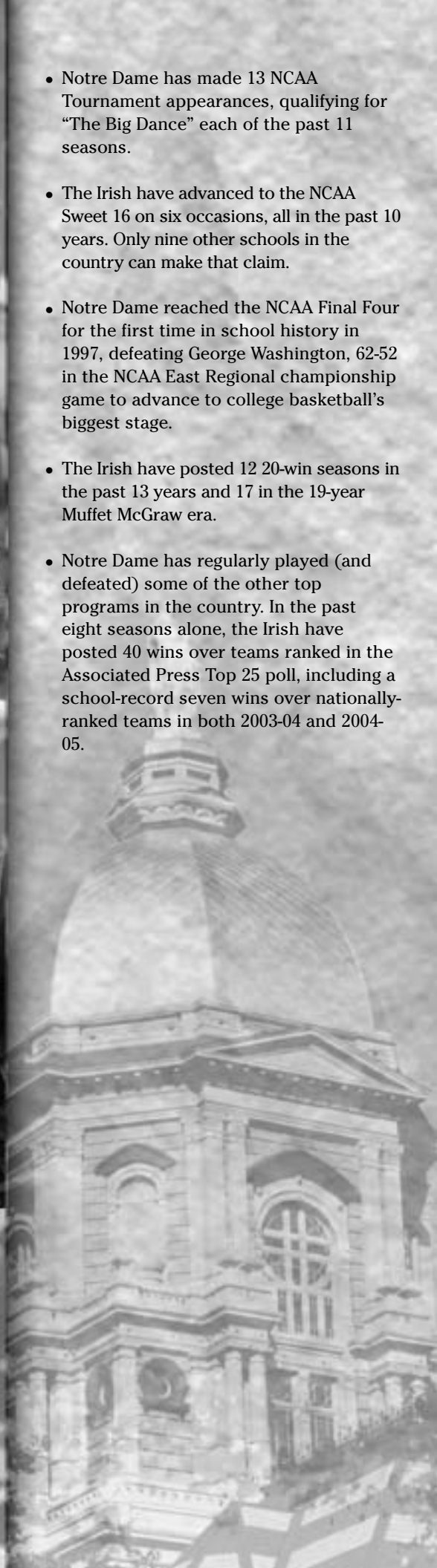
1997	1998	2000
2001	2003	2004

WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL





- Notre Dame has made 13 NCAA Tournament appearances, qualifying for “The Big Dance” each of the past 11 seasons.
- The Irish have advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 on six occasions, all in the past 10 years. Only nine other schools in the country can make that claim.
- Notre Dame reached the NCAA Final Four for the first time in school history in 1997, defeating George Washington, 62-52 in the NCAA East Regional championship game to advance to college basketball’s biggest stage.
- The Irish have posted 12 20-win seasons in the past 13 years and 17 in the 19-year Muffet McGraw era.
- Notre Dame has regularly played (and defeated) some of the other top programs in the country. In the past eight seasons alone, the Irish have posted 40 wins over teams ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, including a school-record seven wins over nationally-ranked teams in both 2003-04 and 2004-05.



SHAPING THE TOTAL PERSON





- Notre Dame placed seven players on the 2005-06 BIG EAST Conference Academic All-Star Team, including current players Crystal Erwin, Tulyah Gaines, Breona Gray, Lindsay Schrader and Amanda Tsipis. Since joining the conference in 1995-96, Notre Dame has had 31 players named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team a total of 62 times.
- The Irish women's basketball team posted a 3.255 combined team GPA in the spring 2006 semester. That marks the 10th consecutive semester, and 11th time in the past 12 semesters, that the Irish have had a team GPA of 3.1 or better.
- Notre Dame offers a unique First Year of Studies program to freshmen, allowing them to take a variety of courses at the University and determine which course of study will best suit their needs for the future.
- In 2000, Notre Dame's Student Development Program was one of just four schools selected as having the top student development programs in the nation by the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors Association.
- Leading the way in strength and conditioning, the Irish benefit from more than 25,000 square feet of weight-training facilities, highlighted by the new Haggar Fitness Complex, all of which utilize cutting-edge Hammer Strength plate-loaded machines and the latest in speed, flexibility and agility training. Notre Dame also has a full-time sports nutritionist on staff to help all Irish student-athletes perform consistently at a high level.
- The health and well-being of Notre Dame's women's basketball team is a top priority. Notre Dame's athletics training staff has more than 150 years of combined experience and uses three separate athletics facilities with the most modern medical technology and equipment in the nation. The most recent addition is the 8,260-square foot state-of-the-art athletics training center inside the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, a center that features two new swim exercise pools (one with a treadmill at the bottom) and an enhanced rehabilitation facility. Area orthopedists also join with team physicians to oversee specific needs for all 800 Irish student-athletes.

Notre Dame Quick Facts

Location.....	Notre Dame, Indiana
Founded.....	1842
Conference.....	BIG EAST
Enrollment.....	8,332 (undergraduate)/11,479 (total)
Arena.....	Joyce Center (11,418) - <i>opened 1968</i>
Colors.....	Gold and Blue
Nickname.....	Fighting Irish
School Fight Song.....	Notre Dame Victory March
President.....	Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
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Season Ticket Prices

Individual.....	\$58
Full-Time Faculty/Staff.....	\$46
Fan Pack (4 tickets).....	\$162
Fan Pack - Faculty/Staff (4 tickets).....	\$130

Individual Game Ticket Prices

Adult.....	\$8
Youth/Senior.....	\$5*
Notre Dame/St. Mary's/Holy Cross Students.....	Free (with ID)
* - youths 21 and under (with valid ID) and seniors 55 and over	

Ticket Office Information

The Notre Dame Athletics Ticket Office, managed by director of ticketing Josh Berlo and associate director of ticketing Maja Hansen, is located on the second floor of the Joyce Center (entrance through Gate 1). Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (ET). Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards are accepted. On game days, tickets may be purchased at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center.

2006-07 Schedule

OCTOBER

31	Tues.	LAKE SUPERIOR STATE (exhibition)	Joyce Center	7 p.m. ET
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NOVEMBER

5	Sun.	NORTHWOOD (exhibition)	Joyce Center	2 p.m. ET
10	Fri.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	Joyce Center	4 p.m. ET
13	Mon.	BOWLING GREEN	Joyce Center	7 p.m. ET
16	Thurs.	at Penn State (CSTV)	University Park, Pa.	7 p.m. ET
19	Sun.	WESTERN MICHIGAN	Joyce Center	Noon ET
24	Fri.	at USC	Los Angeles, Calif.	5 p.m. PT
28	Tues.	RICHMOND	Joyce Center	7 p.m. ET

DECEMBER

1	Fri.	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7 p.m. ET
3	Sun.	INDIANA	Joyce Center	2 p.m. ET
6	Wed.	PURDUE (CL)	Joyce Center	7 p.m. ET
16	Sat.	IUPUI	Joyce Center	2 p.m. ET
19	Tues.	at Valparaiso	Valparaiso, Ind.	7:05 p.m. CT
28	Thurs.	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	Joyce Center	4 p.m. ET
30	Sat.	at Tennessee (CSS)	Knoxville, Tenn.	2 p.m. ET

JANUARY

2	Tues.	at Seton Hall*	South Orange, N.J.	7 p.m. ET
10	Wed.	CINCINNATI*	Joyce Center	7 p.m. ET
13	Sat.	at South Florida* (BIG EAST TV)	Tampa, Fla.	7 p.m. ET
16	Tues.	ST. JOHN'S*	Joyce Center	7 p.m. ET
20	Sat.	SYRACUSE*	Joyce Center	2 p.m. ET
23	Tues.	at Marquette* (CSTV)	Milwaukee, Wis.	7 p.m. CT
27	Sat.	at Connecticut*	Storrs, Conn.	7 p.m. ET
31	Wed.	at Pittsburgh*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	7 p.m. ET

FEBRUARY

4	Sun.	WEST VIRGINIA* (ESPNU)	Joyce Center	5:30 p.m. ET
7	Wed.	LOUISVILLE*	Joyce Center	7 p.m. ET
11	Sun.	DePAUL* (ESPN2)	Joyce Center	5:30 p.m. ET
13	Tues.	at Villanova*	Villanova, Pa.	7:30 p.m. ET
17	Sat.	at Providence*	Providence, R.I.	2 p.m. ET
21	Wed.	GEORGETOWN*	Joyce Center	7 p.m. ET
24	Sat.	RUTGERS* (BIG EAST TV)	Joyce Center	Noon ET
26	Mon.	at DePaul* (CSTV)	Chicago, Ill.	8 p.m. CT

MARCH

3	Sat.	(1) BIG EAST First Round (BIG EAST TV)	Hartford, Conn.	TBA
4	Sun.	(1) BIG EAST Quarterfinal (ESPNU)	Hartford, Conn.	TBA
5	Mon.	(1) BIG EAST Semifinals (ESPNU)	Hartford, Conn.	6/8 p.m. ET
6	Tues.	(1) BIG EAST Championship (ESPN2)	Hartford, Conn.	7 p.m. ET
17-20	Sat.-Tues.	NCAA First/Second Rounds (ESPN/ESPN2)		
		(Sites: Austin, East Lansing, Hartford, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Stanford)		
24-27	Sat.-Tues.	NCAA Regionals (ESPN)		
		(Sites: Dallas, Dayton, Fresno, Greensboro)		

APRIL

1	Sun.	NCAA Semifinals (ESPN)	Cleveland, Ohio	7/9:30 p.m. ET
		(Quicken Loans Arena – Cleveland State University/Mid-American Conference, co-hosts)		
3	Tues.	NCAA Championship Game (ESPN)	Cleveland, Ohio	8:30 p.m. ET
		(Quicken Loans Arena – Cleveland State University/Mid-American Conference, co-hosts)		

* - indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(1) BIG EAST Conference Championship (Hartford Civic Center — Hartford, Conn.)

(ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU) Games to be televised live nationally on ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU

(CSTV) Games to be televised live nationally on College Sports Television/CSTV

(BIG EAST TV) Game to be televised live regionally as part of BIG EAST-Regional Sports Networks package (check local listings)

(CL) Game to be televised live regionally on Comcast Local (Detroit)

(CSS) Game to be televised live regionally on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast

All times local to site // Dates and times subject to change

All home games listed in **BOLD CAPS** and played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418) in Notre Dame, Ind.



The Notre Dame Sports Information Office welcomes interest in the Notre Dame women's basketball program by the media and looks forward to serving members of the media during the upcoming season. We will make every effort to ensure your working experience is enjoyable. The following are some guidelines to help with your coverage of Notre Dame women's basketball:

Media Credentials: Credentials are only issued to accredited members of the working media. Admission will be granted to media members holding either a Notre Dame men's or women's basketball credential only. Spouses, children and guests are not permitted in the press row area. Work space on press row is limited and passes will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for credentials should be faxed to Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, at (574) 631-7941, at least 24 hours prior to each game. Media passes will be left at the Joyce Center Media Will Call table, located inside Gate 1.

Photo Credentials: Photo passes will be issued by Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, to accredited members of the media and those individuals on special assignment. All requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to each game. Photographers are not allowed to shoot from in front of or behind team benches, the scorer's table or press row. Photographers wishing to use strobes must contact Chris Masters at least 72 hours prior to each game to obtain approval.

Radio Broadcasts: The radio rights to Notre Dame basketball games are owned by Notre Dame Sports Properties. Visiting radio stations planning to originate from the Joyce Center must contact Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, at least 72 hours prior to each game in order to obtain approval for the broadcast and proper credentials. One analog line and one ISDN line are available for use by visiting radio stations, with priority given to the flagship broadcast outlet. Additional broadcast lines should be ordered through University telecommunications coordinator Carolyn Rush at (574) 631-2700.

Telephones: A battery of telephones are available on press row for general use by visiting media. Members of the media should indicate their interest in the use of these phones upon submission of their credential requests to Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, who will handle their coordination.

Personal phones can be ordered at individual seats by contacting University telecommunications coordinator Carolyn Rush at (574) 631-2700. A fax machine, staffed by the Notre Dame Sports Information Office, is available for use by media members as well.

Please coordinate any particular filing needs through Chris Masters or another member of the Notre Dame Sports Information Office.

Press Row Services: Programs, media guides and flip cards will be available prior to the start of each game. Complete box scores and play-by-play sheets will be distributed to the media at halftime and at the end of the game. A bank of statistics monitors also is located on press row and will continually be updated throughout the game. Drinks and a light meal will be served approximately 90 minutes before tipoff.

Post-Game Press Conferences: Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw and players, along with the visiting head coach and players, will be available to the media following a 10-minute "cooling-off" period. Press conferences will be held in the Joyce Center auditorium, located adjacent to Gate 1 on the first floor of the arena. Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to Chris Masters no later than the four-minute mark of the second half.

In-Season Interview Policy: All requests for Notre Dame player or coach interviews must be made through Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, at (574) 631-8032. Please provide at least 24 hours notice for all interview requests and be aware that the student-athlete's academic obligations will always take precedence. Interviews may also be done in person following practice. Since practice times vary, please contact Chris Masters for an updated schedule. On game days, no interviews will be granted prior to competition.

Joyce Center: Notre Dame plays all of its home games at the Joyce Center on the University of Notre Dame campus. From the Indiana Toll Road (I-80/90), use exit 77 to South Bend. From the stoplight at the end of the off-ramp, turn right onto US 31/933, followed by an immediate left turn at the first stoplight (Douglas Road). Proceed east to the next stoplight and turn right on Juniper Road. The Joyce Center will be approximately one-half mile down Juniper Road on the left side (across from the football stadium).

All Irish Women's Basketball Games To Be Broadcast Live In South Bend

For the 11th consecutive year, all Notre Dame women's basketball games will be broadcast on commercial radio in South Bend. For the seventh consecutive year, the Irish will be heard on WDND, South Bend's ESPN Radio (1490 AM), with the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com) also carrying every minute of Irish women's basketball this year.

The 2006-07 season is the seventh for **Sean Stires** as the play-by-play voice of Notre Dame women's basketball and baseball. A native of Salina, Kan., Stires has been behind the microphone to call the women's basketball team's 2001 national championship and 2003 and 2004 NCAA Sweet 16 runs, as well as the baseball team's College World Series berth in 2002 during his first six years in South Bend. In addition, he also has hosted his own two-hour daily sports talk show on ESPN Radio 1490 AM, as well as local pre-game coverage of Notre Dame football on ESPN Radio 1490 AM and U93-FM (92.9).



Notre Dame Has Nine Televised Games In 2006-07

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will receive significant exposure across the country this season, with at least nine of its regular-season games scheduled to be televised on a national or regional basis during the 2006-07 campaign, including two appearances on the ESPN family of networks a week apart in February.

The Irish will make their first TV appearance of the season on Nov. 16 when they travel to Penn State for a 7 p.m. (ET) game that will shown locally in the State College, Pa., area on WPSU-TV and will air nationally on College Sports Television (CSTV).

Notre Dame will then play on Detroit-based Comcast Local on Dec. 6, when the Irish welcome Purdue to the Joyce Center for a 7 p.m. (ET) game on CL.

The Irish will play on national television four times, most notably appearing before the ESPN cameras twice. Notre Dame will play host to West Virginia on ESPNU on Feb. 4, before squaring off with DePaul a week later on ESPN2 as part of that network's "February Frenzy" coverage. Both games will tip off at 5:30 p.m. (ET) from the Joyce Center.

The Irish also are scheduled to play twice on CSTV as part of that network's BIG EAST Game of the Week package. Those CSTV games will see Notre Dame venture to Marquette on Jan. 23 (7 p.m. CT tip) and close out the regular season at DePaul on Feb. 26 (8 p.m. CT start).

Besides its nationally-televised games, Notre Dame also will make two showings on the BIG EAST-Regional Sports Networks (RSN) package in 2006-07. The Irish will head to rising BIG EAST star South Florida on Jan. 13 for a noon (ET) contest before facing Rutgers on Feb. 24 in the regular-season home finale for the Irish. The complete list of outlets for BIG EAST-RSN games will be announced at a later date, with SportsNet New York serving as the flagship station for the BIG EAST network.



Notre Dame women's basketball has been a fixture on television during the past six years, with 71 of its games broadcast either nationally or regionally.

The Irish will play a non-conference regionally-televised game on Dec. 30, when they pay a visit to Knoxville, Tenn., to take on Tennessee at Thompson-Boling Arena. The 2 p.m. (ET) contest is slated to air live on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS), with other networks nationwide having the option to pick up the broadcast.

All four rounds of the BIG EAST Championships also are slated for television, with the opening round airing on BIG EAST-RSN, the quarterfinals and semifinals on ESPNU, and the title game on ESPN2.

Additional televised Notre Dame women's basketball games may be announced at a later date. Consult the official Irish athletics web site (www.und.com) for all the latest information.

Inside Notre Dame Sports

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and the 2006-07 Irish also will be featured regularly throughout the season on "Inside Notre Dame Sports", a half-hour magazine-style show co-hosted by **Chuck Freeby** and **Bob Nagle** of LeSea Broadcasting's flagship station, WHME-TV (Channel 46 in South Bend). The show, which airs Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. (ET) in the South Bend viewing area, spotlights several Notre Dame teams each week with in-studio guests and on-site interviews.

"Inside Notre Dame Sports" also will air on WHT Satellite (Galaxy 6, Transponder 15) Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. (ET). In addition, LeSea's stations in Denver, Colo.; New Orleans, La.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Honolulu, Hawaii, may air the show in their areas (check local listings).

In addition, "Inside Notre Dame Sports" may air nationally on College Sports Television (CSTV) at selected times. Consult CSTV's web site (www.cstv.com) for the latest broadcast information.

This marks the 10th consecutive year McGraw and the Irish women's basketball program have been spotlighted weekly on television, making it one of the longer running shows of its kind in the nation. For more information on the show, contact Freeby or Nagle at (574) 291-8200.

2006-07 Notre Dame Women's Basketball On Television

Thursday, Nov. 16	Notre Dame at Penn State	CSTV	7 p.m. (ET)
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Purdue at Notre Dame	CL	7 p.m. (ET)
Saturday, Dec. 30	Notre Dame at Tennessee	CSS	2 p.m. (ET)
Saturday, Jan. 13	Notre Dame at South Florida	BETV*	Noon (ET)
Tuesday, Jan. 23	Notre Dame at Marquette	CSTV	7 p.m. (CT)
Sunday, Feb. 4	West Virginia at Notre Dame	ESPNU	5:30 p.m. (ET)
Sunday, Feb. 11	DePaul at Notre Dame	ESPN2	5:30 p.m. (ET)
Saturday, Feb. 24	Rutgers at Notre Dame	BETV*	Noon (ET)
Monday, Feb. 26	Notre Dame at DePaul	CSTV	8 p.m. (CT)
Saturday, March 3	BIG EAST First Round	BETV*	TBA
Sunday, March 4	BIG EAST Quarterfinals	ESPNU	TBA
Monday, March 5	BIG EAST Semifinals	ESPNU	6 & 8 p.m. (ET)
Tuesday, March 6	BIG EAST Championship	ESPN2	7 p.m. (ET)
Saturday, March 17	NCAA Tournament begins	ESPN/ESPN2	TBA

* - BIG EAST television package (check local listings for availability)

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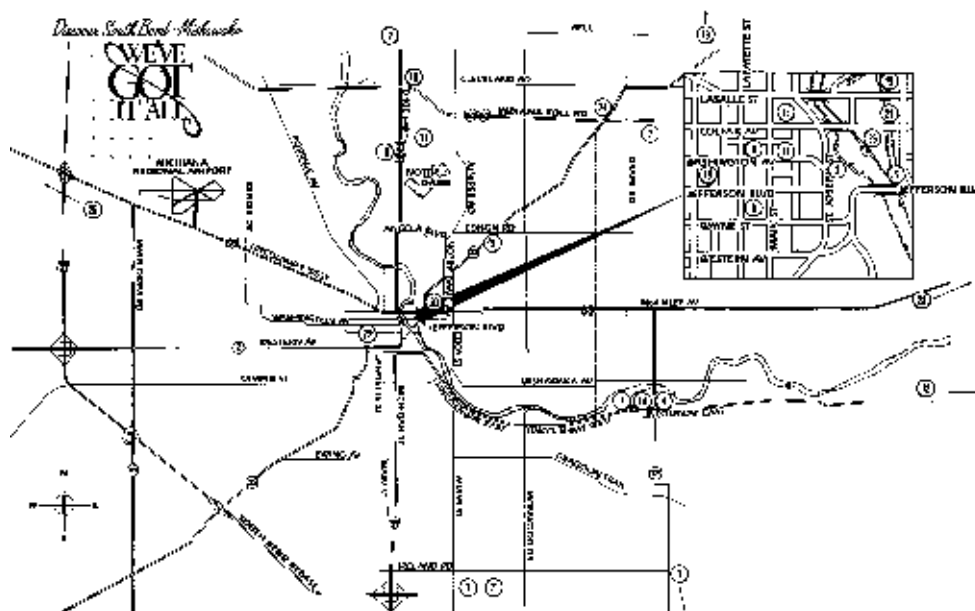
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Notre Dame Women's Basketball Record in the Joyce Center

Year	W	L
1977-78	5	1
1978-79	5	0
1979-80	5	4
1980-81	6	7
1981-82	9	4
1982-83	11	2
1983-84	9	5
1984-85	11	1
1985-86	9	4
1986-87	7	6
1987-88	9	2
1988-89	10	1
1989-90	10	3
1990-91	11	2
1991-92	7	7
1992-93	8	5
1993-94	9	5
1994-95	9	2
1995-96	11	1
1996-97	11	1
1997-98	12	1
1998-99	12	1
1999-00	15	0
2000-01	15	0
2001-02	13	1
2002-03	9	4
2003-04	15	0
2004-05	14	2
2005-06	8	5
285		77
		(.787)

Overtime Games at the Joyce Center

• Record: 6-5

December 8, 1979

Michigan 66, Notre Dame 60

February 25, 1982

Nebraska 89, Notre Dame 88 (2OT)

March 6, 1983

Notre Dame 68, Dayton 64

March 9, 1983

Notre Dame 63, Indiana 61

January 9, 1992

Notre Dame 76, Dayton 70 (2OT)

December 30, 1992

Notre Dame 78, Georgetown 72

March 21, 2004

Notre Dame 69, SMS 65 (NCAA)

December 2, 2004

Michigan State 82, Notre Dame 73

January 10, 2006

Notre Dame 67, Marquette 65

January 28, 2006

South Florida 68, Notre Dame 64

February 7, 2006

Villanova 69, Notre Dame 65

Notre Dame's Joyce Center, in its 39th year of service to the University, serves as a multipurpose sports complex, a theatre and concert hall, a convention center and an office building. Under one of the \$8.6-million structure's two white domes is the south arena, home to both the men's and women's basketball teams.

The building was renamed in 1987 to honor Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Notre Dame's executive vice president from 1952 until his retirement in 1987. Formerly known as the ACC, the structure is now referred to as the Joyce Center.

Designed by Ellerbe Architects of St. Paul, Minn., the Joyce Center was conceived at the outset as a combination athletic-civic center, and \$1.8 million alone was contributed by persons in the Michiana area. The Center's distinctive domes, covered with a white vinyl roofing material stretched over steel ribbing, rise just east of Notre Dame's football stadium. The building is both wider and longer than the famous stadium and encloses more area than Houston's Astrodome. In all, the structure covers 10 acres of ground.

The south arena's design makes it capable of doubling as a basketball court and an 11,000-seat auditorium. Including bleacher seats, the arena holds 11,418 for basketball games. In recent seasons, the facility has been home to some of the largest women's basketball crowds in the country, including the first three sellouts

in school history (2001 vs. Connecticut and Georgetown; 2005 vs. Tennessee).

In addition, 19 of the 20 largest crowds ever to attend an Irish women's basketball game have come within the past seven seasons, and all during the tenure of head coach Muffet McGraw. Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in average attendance over the past six seasons, finishing 11th in 2005-06 with an average of 6,601 fans per game.

Such ardent fan support has helped the Irish built a daunting homecourt advantage. Notre Dame compiled a 51-game home winning streak from 1998-2002, the longest in school history and (at the time) the 10th-longest in NCAA history. The Irish also had a 25-game home winning streak from Feb. 2003-Dec. 2004.

The north arena is the home of Irish ice hockey and is also a multipurpose sports center. Virtually every sport at Notre Dame — varsity, club or intramural — can play or practice in either the fieldhouse, the arena, the five auxiliary gymnasiums or the several work areas provided throughout the spacious building.

In 1985, the Rolfs Aquatic Center opened on the east side of the Joyce Center. The 4.5-million-dollar facility houses a 50-meter Olympic-size pool (25 yards in width) and spectator seating for 400.

In addition to these areas, the Joyce Center also contains the administrative and business side of the increasingly complex collegiate sports operation. Ticket offices are lodged

Top 10 Women's Basketball Crowds at the Joyce Center

	Date	Opponent	Result	Attendance
1.	Jan. 15, 2001	Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418 (<i>capacity</i>)
	Feb. 24, 2001	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418 (<i>capacity</i>)
	Dec. 31, 2005	Tennessee	L, 61-62	11,418 (<i>capacity</i>)
4.	Feb. 10, 2002	Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676
5.	Mar. 19, 2001	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
6.	Jan. 4, 2003	Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
7.	Jan. 26, 2002	Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
8.	Feb. 14, 2004	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
9.	Jan. 13, 2004	Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574
10.	Jan. 29, 2002	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571



The Notre Dame women's basketball locker room was renovated prior to the 1999-2000 season.



Part of the reason for Notre Dame's success at home has been its loyal and ever-growing fan base — the Irish have ranked in the top 20 in the nation in attendance for each of the past six seasons (including a school-record 7,825 in 2001-02), and have had crowds of 5,000 fans or more at 78 of their last 80 home games.

inside, along with offices for coaches and athletic administrators as well as sports information and media facilities.

These offices and facilities are located in a central complex that joins the two arenas and in general houses the people and machinery common to both. A spacious concourse also is contained in this core area, as is a tastefully appointed Monogram Room, surrounded by small meeting rooms. On the lower level of the concourse there are several thousand lockers, a faculty exercise room, a golf driving range, squash and handball courts and a central kitchen for catering and concessions.

The Joyce Center has undergone a number of recent renovations beginning in 1994, including repainting and addition of new lighting and sound systems — including theatrical, event and house lighting and audio components — a new artificial floor and new bleachers — all for the fieldhouse in the north dome. In addition, all concessions stands in the entire building have been reconfigured.

In 2005, both the men's and women's basketball programs moved into newly-constructed offices located adjacent to Gates 1-2. The women's basketball office holds special significance, as part of its floor in its main entrance consists of the exact same court upon which Notre Dame won the 2001 NCAA championship at the Savvis Center in St. Louis.

Series Records in the Joyce Center

Alabama	0-1	Georgetown	10-0	Middle Tenn.	1-0	SMU	1-0
Alcorn State	1-0	Geo. Washington	1-0	Minnesota	0-1	South Carolina.....	0-1
Arizona	1-0	Georgia	0-1	Missouri State	1-0	South Dakota.....	0-1
Army	1-0	Goshen	2-0	Mount St. Joseph ..	1-0	South Florida.....	1-1
Augustana	1-0	Grace.....	1-0	Nebraska	1-1	Stanford	0-1
Ball State	1-0	Illinois	1-1	Northern Illinois	4-1	Syracuse	9-0
Boston College	7-0	Illinois-Chicago	4-1	Northwestern	1-0	Taylor	2-0
Boston University..	0-1	Illinois State	1-1	Oakland	1-0	Temple	2-0
Bowling Green.....	1-0	Indiana	3-2	Ohio State	1-0	Tennessee	0-7
Butler	10-3	Iona	1-0	Old Dominion	1-1	TCU	1-0
Central Michigan ..	0-1	IPFW	2-0	Penn State	0-1	Toledo.....	2-0
Cincinnati	1-0	Iowa State.....	1-0	Pittsburgh	7-0	UCLA	3-2
Clark	1-0	Kent State.....	1-0	Providence.....	7-0	USC	4-0
Cleveland State	3-0	La Salle	2-2	Purdue	3-4	Valparaiso	9-0
Colorado State	2-0	LSU	1-0	Purdue-Calumet	1-0	Vanderbilt.....	1-0
Concordia.....	1-0	Louisiana Tech	0-1	Rice	1-0	Villanova.....	6-2
Connecticut	2-6	Louisville	0-1	Rutgers	5-2	Virginia Tech	3-0
Dayton	10-3	Loyola (Ill.).....	10-1	St. Ambrose	4-0	Washington	1-0
DePaul.....	6-5	Loyola (Md.)	1-0	St. Francis (Ill.)	1-1	W. Michigan	5-0
Detroit.....	12-0	Marion	1-1	St. John's	7-0	West Virginia	7-0
Duke	2-0	Marquette	16-1	St. Joseph's (Ind.) ..	2-0	Wisconsin.....	1-1
Duquesne	1-0	Maryland	0-2	Saint Louis	3-1	UW-Milwaukee.....	1-0
East Carolina	1-0	Miami (Fla.)	6-2	Saint Mary's.....	5-0	Wright State.....	1-0
Eastern Michigan ..	1-0	Miami (Ohio).....	1-2	San Diego	1-0	Xavier	8-2
Evansville	9-0	Michigan.....	6-1	San Francisco	1-0	Total	285-77 (.787)
Fordham	1-0	Michigan State.....	2-4	Seton Hall.....	7-2		

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS – Notre Dame ranks second all-time in the number of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-Americans produced since 1952. Entering the 2006-07 school year, 176 student-athletes at the University have earned Academic All-America recognition throughout the years. During the past seven years, Notre Dame has had more Academic All-Americans - 58 - than any other university or college, including two women's basketball players: center Ruth Riley who earned first-team Academic All-America honors for the third consecutive year in 2001, and guard Megan Duffy, who also was a first-team Academic All-America pick in 2006. Maggie Lally, a four-year letterwinner with the women's basketball program from 1978-81, was Notre Dame's first female Academic All-American, earning second-team honors in both 1980 and 1981. Notre Dame women's basketball alumnae Shari Matvey and Mary Beth Schueth, also second-team honorees in 1981 and 1983, respectively, join Lally on the Academic All-America list. In 2000-01, Notre Dame had 11 Academic All-America selections, including an unprecedented six first-teamers.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR – In addition to becoming just the fifth Notre Dame student-athlete to be a three-year Academic All-American, Ruth Riley also joined football center Tim Ruddy (1993), women's soccer goalkeeper Jen Renola (1996-97 fall/winter "at-large" sports) and men's basketball forward Pat Garrity (1997) as the fourth Irish student-athlete to be named Academic All-American of the Year for a respective sport or program. Riley — an eight-time Dean's List student who graduated with a 3.64 GPA as a psychology and sociology major — then earned the highest honor in the nation, as the Academic All-American of the Year for all Division I sports (other finalists included Purdue quarterback Drew Brees and Duke men's basketball player Shane Battier). Riley recently completed her fourth season with the Detroit Shock of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and her sixth season in that league.

ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICANS – Seven Notre Dame women's basketball players have earned Associated Press All-America honors. Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, who finished their Irish careers first and second, respectively, on the Irish career scoring list, were the school's first two All-Americans as they copped honorable mention honors in both 1996 and 1997. As a sophomore, Ruth Riley was a third-team AP selection in 1999 and she then became the first-ever first-team AP All-American in Notre Dame history (in 2000, and again in 2001). Alicia Ratay was a two-time AP All-American, garnering honorable mention laurels in 2000 and 2002. Niele Ivey became the program's fifth AP All-American, earning third-team honors after her stellar 2000-01 season. Jacqueline Batteast, was a two-time AP All-America choice, picking up honorable mention recognition in 2003-

04 and third-team laurels in 2004-05. Current senior point guard Megan Duffy is the latest addition to this list, having garnered AP honorable mention All-America citations in '04-05 and '05-06.

ATTENDANCE – Notre Dame has ranked in the top 20 in the nation in home attendance each of the past six seasons, averaging 6,376 in 2000-01, a school-record 7,825 in 2001-02, 7,132 fans in 2002-03; 6,650 fans in 2003-04; 5,830 fans in 2004-05; and 6,601 fans last year, representing the six highest single-season averages in the program's history. Of the 20 largest home crowds in Notre Dame women's basketball history, five came from the 2000-01 national championship season, highlighted by sell-outs (11,418) for the historic Jan. 15 upset of then-No. 1 Connecticut and the final regular-season home game versus Georgetown (Feb. 24). All told, 19 of the 20 biggest Irish women's basketball crowds have come in the past seven years (including a third sellout on Dec. 31, 2005, vs. Tennessee), with all 20 taking place during the 19-year tenure of Muffet McGraw (1987-2005). In addition, Notre Dame has welcomed crowds of 5,000 fans or more to 78 of its last 80 home games (the only two not on the list came in the final two rounds of the 2004 Preseason WNIT vs. Duke and Ohio State, when the location of games wasn't announced until 48 hours before tipoff and no pre-sale tickets were allowed).

BIG EAST – Notre Dame took a landmark step on July 1, 1995, when the Irish officially became a member of the BIG EAST Conference. Notre Dame had been a member of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference for women's basketball and most of its Olympic sports for a number of years, and the Irish also have held various league affiliations in hockey and men's lacrosse. The entry into the BIG EAST, however, marked the first time that the Irish men's basketball program had any type of conference affiliation. The announcement of the BIG EAST's invitation to Notre Dame came on July 10, 1994. The BIG EAST currently sponsors championships in 23 sports, with Notre Dame participating in all but one of them (field hockey, which the school does not offer). Since the 1995-96 school year, its first as a league member, the Irish have won 80 conference titles, raising the bar to a new level last year with a conference-record 13 team titles.

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Frank McGuire Arena in Columbia, S.C., was the site of Notre Dame's NCAA East Regional championship in 1997. The Irish, the sixth seed in the East Region, defeated second-seeded and seventh-ranked Alabama in the regional semifinal behind 36 points from Beth Morgan, and then earned a spot in the '97 NCAA Final Four with a 62-52 win over fifth-seeded George Washington. Notre Dame became the lowest seed ever to win the East Region.

CONFERENCE COMMAND – Notre Dame posted a 145-39 (.788) record in regular-season BIG EAST Conference games during its first 11 seasons in the BIG EAST (1996-2006), holding the best regular-season winning percentage of any school in conference history. Throughout their 29-year history, the Irish own an all-time record of 275-65 (.809) in regular-season conference games, including 43-11 in five seasons of North Star Conference play (1983-88) and 87-15 in seven Midwestern Collegiate Conference seasons (1988-95).

DENVER – The Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo., was the site of Notre Dame's NCAA Midwest Regional championship in 2001. The top-seeded Irish defeated fifth-seeded Utah in the regional semifinal before advancing to the 2001 Final Four with a 72-64 win over No. 3 seed Vanderbilt.

DETROIT SHOCK – Thanks to three Notre Dame graduates, the WNBA's Detroit Shock went from "worst to first" in 2003, winning the league championship and coming back to do it all over again in 2006. Center Ruth Riley, who won an NCAA title with the Irish in 2001, started for Detroit during both of their championship runs and was instrumental in the Shock's three-game series win in the 2003 WNBA Finals over the two-time champion Los Angeles Sparks. In fact, Riley poured in a career-high 27 points in the third and deciding game and was rewarded for her efforts by being named the Finals MVP. That made Riley the first and only women's basketball ever to be named the Most Valuable Player of the Finals at both the college and professional levels.

Forward Jacqueline Batteast helped Detroit hoist the hardware again in 2006, coming over to the squad from Minnesota via a pre-season trade and lending significant contributions in a reserve role.

The other Notre Dame connection in Detroit's championship seasons is its head coach — 1979 ND graduate Bill Laimbeer. The former Irish standout was a two-time NBA champion with the legendary "Bad Boys" Detroit Pistons and assumed the head coaching duties with the WNBA's Shock midway through the 2002 season.

FINAL FOUR – Notre Dame's magical 1997 campaign culminated with the Irish earning a first-ever appearance in the NCAA Final Four. The event was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and played at the 16,714-seat Riverfront Coliseum, with Xavier University serving as the host school. The other Final Four participants that year were eventual national champion Tennessee, Old Dominion and Stanford. The Irish lost their semifinal matchup to the Lady Vols, 80-66. Notre Dame returned to the Final Four in 2001, playing in front of sellout crowds (20,551) at the Savvis Center in St. Louis (with the Missouri Valley Conference serving as tournament host). The Irish staged the largest comeback in Final Four history (16 points) to post a convincing 90-75 win over BIG EAST rival Connecticut in the NCAA semifinals before beating Purdue in a thrilling championship game, 68-66.

GOLD MEDAL – In the summer of 2005, point guard Megan Duffy became the second Irish women's basketball player (past or present) in as many years to earn a gold medal in international competition. Duffy started all seven games for the USA World University Games Team, guiding that squad to a perfect 7-0 record, a 97.4 ppg. scoring average and a U.S.-record +43.1 ppg. winning margin. Duffy herself averaged 6.1 points and 2.1 assists per game, registering team-high scoring totals against the Czech Republic (14 points) and Poland (13 points).

Former Notre Dame All-America center Ruth Riley celebrated her 25th birthday in style on Aug. 28, 2004, as she and her U.S. Olympic teammates defeated Australia, 74-63, to win the gold medal at the Athens Olympics. Riley became one of just six players in women's basketball history to win an

NCAA, WNBA and Olympic title. She played in seven of Team USA's eight games during the 2004 Olympics, averaging 3.4 points and 2.4 rebounds per game.

However, Riley wasn't Notre Dame's first gold medalist in women's basketball. Beth Morgan, Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer, was the first Irish women's basketball player to compete in the World University Games after being the first player named to a USA Women's basketball squad. In 1997, she played on the World University Games team which captured the gold medal in Italy.

GRADUATION RATES REPORT – According to figures released by the NCAA in October 2006, Notre Dame has a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), making the Irish one of just 16 women's basketball programs in the nation who can make that claim. In fact, every single Notre Dame women's basketball player has graduated who completed her athletic and academic eligibility under head coach Muffet McGraw (1987-present).

HARDWARE HAUL – Notre Dame's Ruth Riley collected plenty of awards to fill her trophy case, making her possibly the most-decorated student-athlete (in terms of number and variety of awards) in Notre Dame athletics history. Most notably, Riley was named the 2000-01 national player of the year by the Naismith Foundation and the Associated Press (among others) while also earning the nation's top academic award, as the Academic All-American of the Year for all Division I sports (as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America). She averaged 19 points and eight rebounds per game in 2000-01 before graduating with a 3.64 grade-point average as a psychology and sociology major.

Riley became just the fifth Notre Dame student-athlete – and the third in 35 years – to earn Academic All-America honors during three years and she is the only Notre Dame basketball player – men's or women's – to be a first team AP All-American and a first team Academic All-American. Her trophy haul also included a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and she became the first Notre Dame student-athlete to receive Notre Dame's Kanaley Award and Chris Zorich Award in the same year. The Kanaley Award recognizes senior student-athletes who have been most exemplary as students and leaders while the Zorich Award recognizes contributions to the University and the community.

Riley – who also received one of the NCAA's Today's prestigious Top VIII Awards in December 2001 – is one of 19 all-time Notre Dame student-athletes to be named All-America and Academic All-America while also earning a postgraduate scholarship. She is one of six from that group to also help their teams win national championships while Riley and women's soccer goalkeeper Jen Renola ('95) are the only ND student-athletes ever to lead their teams to a national title while also earning All-America, Academic All-America, NCAA postgraduate scholarship and the Kanaley Award (Renola is ND's only other recipient of the NCAA Top Eight Award).

Riley also was named national player of the year by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, *Sports Illustrated*, *Women's Basketball Journal* and *Basketball Times* while being recognized as the BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year, earning her third consecutive BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year honor and being named the BIG EAST Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A consensus first team All-American, she also was named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2001 NCAA Midwest Regional and the 2001 NCAA Final Four.

HOME STATES – Notre Dame's 12-player women's basketball roster for the 2006-07 includes student-athletes from nine different states, stretching to various corners of the nation. The current roster includes three players from Indiana and two from Nevada, with the other states represented by the 2006-07 Irish including California, Georgia, Illinois, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania. During the 19-year tenure of Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw, players from 26 different states (including the 2006-07 newcomers) have played for the Irish women's basketball program – the above nine states plus Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame women's basketball roster (including the current freshman class) contains 132 players that hail from 36 different states, the above 25 plus the following from the pre-McGraw era: Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Virginia. The most common home states on the Irish all-time women's basketball roster are Indiana (17), Michigan (14), Illinois (10), Ohio (9), Florida (7) and New Jersey (7).

HOME WINNING STREAK – Notre Dame put together a 51-game home winning streak from 1998-2002, the longest in school history and (at the time) the 10th-longest in NCAA annals. The Irish defeated three sixth-ranked teams during the streak, downing UCLA and Illinois in 1998-99, and defeating Purdue in 2000-01. The magical run finally came to an end in the final regular-season game of the 2001-02 season, when Villanova edged Notre Dame, 48-45. Undaunted, the Irish built up a 25-game winning streak (second-longest in Notre Dame history) from 2003-04, that ended with an 82-73 overtime loss to Michigan State on Dec. 2, 2004.

JOYCE CENTER – Notre Dame's double-domed arena is home to the Notre Dame women's and men's basketball teams, hockey and a variety of other sports. It was named the Edmund P. Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center, by a vote of the University's Board of Trustees on May 8, 1987, but now the facility is more commonly referred to as the Joyce Center. Father Joyce, Notre Dame's former executive vice president and chairman of the Faculty Board on Athletics, retired on May 31, 1987, following 35 years in that position. The Joyce Center, which houses Notre Dame's athletic offices, opened at the beginning of the 1968-69 men's basketball season. Every women's basketball home game has been played in the Joyce Center Arena.

MUFFET MCGRAW – Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw is the most successful coach in Irish basketball history. In her first 19 years at the helm of the Irish, McGraw's Irish teams have won 72 percent of their combined games (429-167, .720). McGraw is starting her 25th season as a head coach this year, compiling a 517-208 (.713) mark during her previous 24 seasons. She was named 2001 national coach of the year by several organizations, most notably the Naismith Foundation and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Already the winningest basketball coach (men's or women's) in Notre Dame history, McGraw became the 27th NCAA Division I coach to record 500 career victories when she piloted the Irish to a 55-45 win over Michigan on Nov. 18, 2005 at the Joyce Center.

NCAA LEADERS – Ruth Riley became the first Notre Dame women's basketball player to rank first in an NCAA statistical category, as she led the nation during the 1998-99 campaign in field-goal percentage (school-record .683). Riley also finished with a .632 career field goal percentage, good for seventh in the NCAA record book.

Former Irish shooting guard Alicia Ratay graduated in 2003 with a .476 career shooting percentage from three-point range, which broke the old NCAA record (.467) set by 1993 Harvard graduate Erin Maher. Ratay also led the nation in three-point percentage in 2000-01 (.547), setting an NCAA record for long-range efficiency by a sophomore. What's more, Ratay ranks eighth in NCAA history with an .872 career free throw percentage, making her the only player in NCAA Division I annals to rank among the top 10 in both foul shooting and three-point shooting.

As a team, the 1999-2000 Notre Dame squad ranked among the national Top 10 for field-goal percentage (second, .501), three-point percentage (third, .402) and field-goal percentage defense (sixth, .355). The 2000-01 national championship Irish squad led the nation in three-point percentage (.464) and field-goal percentage defense (.336) while ranking second in scoring margin (+21.4 ppg) and fifth in both fewest points allowed per game (55.8) and field-goal percentage (.497). In 2001-02, Notre Dame ranked second in blocked shots (6.3 bpg.) and sixth in field-goal percentage defense (.349).

NCAA TOURNAMENT – In March 2000, for the second time in school history, Notre Dame played host to the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament, at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame, George Washington, UCLA and San Diego all visited the Joyce Center, with the Irish advancing to the NCAA Sweet 16 and a matchup against Texas Tech. More than 10,600 fans watched the Irish games during the two-day tournament in 2000 while big crowds likewise showed up for the 2001 NCAA first and second-round at the Joyce Center. More than 18,000 fans were in attendance for Irish wins over Alcorn State and Michigan. Three years later in 2004, NCAA Tournament action returned to Joyce Center, with Notre Dame defeating Southwest Missouri State and Middle Tennessee before a combined total of nearly 13,000 fans. The Irish now are 6-1 (.857) all-time when playing at home in the NCAA Tournament, with the "Big Dance" scheduled to return to the Joyce Center in 2010.

NO. 1 SIGN RETURNS – September 18, 2006 brought a familiar look to the night sky on the northeast corner of the Notre Dame campus, as the traditional, lighted numeral one was placed atop Grace Hall, in honor of the Irish women's soccer team's ascension to the number-one ranking. It came nearly six years after the same Irish women's soccer squad led an unprecedented four Notre Dame teams to No. 1 rankings in 2000-01, including women's basketball, men's fencing and baseball. The eight-foot sign, for years under the auspices of Grace Hall (a men's residence hall from 1969-96), had not appeared since it last was lit in honor of the '95 NCAA championship won by the women's soccer team. The sign, built by Father Bob Malone and a group of seminarians, originally went up at Moreau Seminary (located at the north end of St. Joseph's Lake) in January of 1974, following Notre Dame's 1973 national championship football season. Designed to be lit any time a Notre Dame team was ranked number one, it later moved to Howard Hall (at the center of campus, near the old Notre Dame Bookstore) before finally shifting to the roof of Grace Hall. The sign was proudly displayed during the end of the 1988 football season (when the Irish captured the national title) and returned during parts of the 1989, '90 and '93 football campaigns.

THE PIT – Notre Dame's auxiliary practice facility in the Joyce Center is affectionately referred to as "The Pit." Irish teams (men's and women's basketball and volleyball) frequently practice in the gym, in addition to the main floor of the Joyce Center. "The Pit" has been renovated in recent years and now features a new floor, scoreboards, lighting and fresh paint.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – Perhaps no women's basketball program in America can equal the success in developing players into high-caliber athletes that Notre Dame has enjoyed during the last 11 seasons. The Irish have had at least one All-American at all five floor positions during that time (PG Niele Ivey and Megan Duffy; SG Alicia Ratay; SF Beth Morgan and Jacqueline Batteast; PF Katryna Gaither; C Ruth Riley), and four have gone on to earn other major national honors during their career. Riley was the consensus 2001 national player of the year, while Ivey and Duffy were the '01 and '06 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award winners (top senior 5-8 and under) and Batteast was the 2002 USBWA National Freshman of the Year.

RECRUITING REWARDS – Notre Dame has reaped the benefits of some of the top recruiting classes in the country over the past decade. During that time (1997-98 to present), the Irish have attracted Top 25 classes each season. This year's group of four (Ashley Barlow, Danielle Ben-Tsvulun, Melissa Lechlitner and Erica Williamson) was rated the 21st-best incoming class in the nation by *All-Star Girls Report*. Notre Dame's stellar recruiting efforts are coordinated by associate head coach Coquese Washington.

ST. LOUIS – Notre Dame capped off its finest season ever in 2001 by winning the NCAA championship at the Savvis Center in St. Louis, defeating Purdue, 68-66 in the title game. The actual court on which the Irish claimed the crown now makes up part of the flooring in the women's basketball offices at the Joyce Center.

THREE-POINT FLURRY – Former Irish shooting guard Alicia Ratay turned in a memorable long-distance shooting performance versus Rutgers as a freshman, lifting the Irish to a 78-74 overtime win on Feb. 19, 2000, at RU's Louis Brown Athletic Center. Ratay set a BIG EAST record for three-point field goals and three-point percentage in that game, connecting on all seven of her shots from beyond the arc en route to a 26-point game. Adding to that impressive efficiency was the fact that two of her three-pointers came in the final 17 seconds of regulation – after the Irish had trailed 65-59 – sending the game into overtime. Her three-pointer with 0:17 left forged a 65-62 game and Rutgers misfired from the line on a one-and-one chance before Ratay delivered again with just four ticks on the clock, draining a shot from the top of the key with the Rutgers defense closing in. The three-pointers were Ratay's only shots from the floor during the entire game and she also made five of six free throws, including two with 22 seconds left in overtime as the Irish rallied to the win after earlier squandering a 19-point lead.

20-WIN SEASONS – The Notre Dame women's basketball program has posted 20-plus wins in 12 of the past 13 seasons and in 17 of 19 seasons during the tenure of head coach Muffet McGraw.

TWO THOUSAND CLUB – Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, who led the Irish to the 1997 NCAA Final Four, proved to be the most prolific scoring combination in Notre Dame and NCAA history, as the duo combined for 4,448 points and 1,608 rebounds from 1993-97. They are the first two players from the same team in NCAA history to each score more than 2,000 career points. Morgan finished as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,322 points while Gaither ended her career second on the scoring (2,126) chart and third on the rebounding (986) list. They were joined in 2001 by Ruth Riley (2,072 points and 1,006 rebounds), who became the first player to have 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career.

WHITE HOUSE VISIT – As part of the spoils for winning the 2001 NCAA championship, the Notre Dame women's basketball team was invited to the White House on April 23, 2001, to meet President George W. Bush. The Irish were joined by the Duke men's basketball team, which also claimed the '01 NCAA title. Head coach Muffet McGraw and captains Ruth Riley and Niele Ivey also presented President Bush with his very own personalized Irish jersey.

WINNING NEVER GETS OLD – Notre Dame has won 247 games (24.7 per season) during the past 10 seasons (1996-97 to 2005-06), representing the seventh-most wins of any school in the country during that span. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since 1996-97:

	TEAM	Total
1.	Connecticut	328
2.	Tennessee	318
3.	Duke	288
4.	Louisiana Tech	284
5.	Old Dominion	259
6.	Purdue	253
7.	Notre Dame	247
8.	UC Santa Barbara	246
9.	Texas Tech	242

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (WNBA) – Notre Dame has seen six of its players taken in the WNBA Draft during the past six seasons, including 2006 All-America point guard Megan Duffy, who was a third-round choice that year (31st overall) by the Minnesota Lynx.

In 2001, Ruth Riley was a first-round pick (fifth overall) by the Miami Sol, while Niele Ivey went in the second round to the Indiana Fever and Kelley Siemon was a third-round choice of the Los Angeles Sparks. When the Miami franchise folded in December 2002, Riley was the No. 1 overall pick in the WNBA Dispersal Draft, going to the Detroit Shock, whom she promptly led to the '03 and '06 league championships. Meanwhile, Ivey spent four seasons with Indiana before signing with Detroit as a free agent during the 2005 off-season and later moving on to the Phoenix Mercury later in the 2005 season.

In 2005, Jacqueline Batteast was a second-round selection (17th overall) by the Minnesota Lynx. After one season in the upper Midwest, Batteast was traded to the Detroit Shock, where she teamed with Riley to help bring a second WNBA title to the Motor City in the past four years.

In 2004, current Notre Dame associate head coach Coquese Washington retired after six seasons in the league, including her final two as a teammate of Ivey's with the Indiana Fever. Former Irish All-Americans Beth Morgan (Cunningham) and Katryna Gaither also spent time in the WNBA during its infancy from 1999-2000.