

Notre Dame has never backed down from top competition and 2006-07 will be no exception, as the Irish are slated to play 16 teams that qualified for last year's postseason, including 11 NCAA **Tournament** participants.



Bowling Green Falcons

Monday, Nov. 13 • 7 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame Leads Series 2-0

Location: Bowling Green, Ohio **Founded:** 1910 Enrollment: 20,975

Colors: Orange and Brown Conference: Mid-American (East Division) Arena (Capacity): Anderson Arena (4,700)

Athletics Director: Greg Christopher **Head Coach:** Curt Miller (Baldwin-Wallace '90) **Record at BG (Yrs.):** 93-56 (5)

Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Associate Head Coach: Jennifer Roos (Davidson '93) Assistants: Brandi Poole (Univ. of the South '97), Kevin Eckert (Ohio '96)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 28-3 (16-0/1st East) **Postseason:** NCAA first round (l. UCLA 74-61) Final Ranking: 23rd (AP)

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0 **Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3**

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Kate Achter (G, Jr., 5-8); Liz Honegger (F, Sr., 5-11); Carin Horne (F, Sr., 5-10); Ali Mann (F, Sr., 6-1); Megan Thorburn (F, Sr., 6-1)

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Notes: Bowling Green is the first of four conference champions (regular season or tournament) that Notre Dame will face in 2006-07; the others are Connecticut (BIG EAST Tournament), Rutgers (BIG EAST regular season) and Tennessee (SEC Tournament) ... despite their relatively close proximity (158 miles), Notre Dame and Bowling Green have played only twice before, with the Irish sweeping a home-and-home series with the Falcons in 1994-95 (92-67 at the Joyce Center) and 1996-97 (85-70 at Anderson Arena); in the most recent contest, BG led 43-39 at the half before Notre Dame swamped the Falcons by a 46-27 margin in the final 20 minutes ... although they didn't face one another, the Irish and Falcons played in the same location (West Lafayette, Ind.) during last year's NCAA Tournament; Notre Dame fell to Boston College, 78-61 in a first-round Albuquerque Region contest, while Bowling Green dropped a 74-61 decision to UCLA in the first round of the Cleveland Regional ... Notre Dame is 63-16 (.797) all-time against Ohio schools, including a current seven-game winning streak, and owns a 30-7 (.811) ledger against the Buckeye State at the Joyce Center (where the Irish have won 11 in a row against Ohio teams) ... junior guard Amanda Tsipis is the only Ohio native on the '06-07 Notre Dame roster, growing up in Perry, Ohio ... in an unusual twist, the Irish will be playing a regular-season game on a Monday night for the first time since Nov. 22, 2004 (a 69-47 win over Colorado State at the Joyce Center, two days after Notre Dame won the Preseason WNIT).

Central Michigan Chippewas

Friday, Nov. 10 • 4 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Central Michigan Leads Series 1-0

Location: Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Founded: 1892 Enrollment: 27,452 Colors: Maroon and Gold

Conference: Mid-American (West Division)

Arena (Capacity): Rose Arena (5,200)

Athletics Director: Dave Heeke

Head Coach: Eileen Kleinfelter (Findlay '79) **Record at CMU (Yrs.):** 52-88 (5)

Career Record (Yrs.): 274-169

Assistants: Brent Brown (Simpson College '89), Barry Schrock (Ohio Northern '94), Crystal Wiley (Cedarville

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 16-12 (7-9/T-4th West)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2 **Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/6**

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Sharonda Hurd (G, Sr., 5-9); Ann Skufca (F, Sr., 6-2); Candace Wilson (G, Jr., 5-8)

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Notes: Notre Dame is 21-8 (.724) all-time in season openers, including a current 10-game winning streak and a 16-3 (.842) mark in the Muffet McGraw era; last season, the Irish downed Michigan, 55-45 at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame also is 21-8 (.724) in home openers with an active 11-game winning streak and a 15-4 (.789) record under McGraw ... the Nov. 10 opener with Central Michigan will be the earliest season debut for the Irish in their 30-year history (previous: Nov. 12, 2004 vs. Illinois State, a 92-73 Notre Dame victory in the opening round of the Preseason WNIT at the Joyce Center) ... the Irish will face CMU for only the second time ever, and first since Dec. 21, 1983, when the Chippewas claimed a 72-69 win at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame is 27-14 (.659) all-time against current Mid-American Conference opponents, including a 12-5 (.706) mark and current 10-game winning streak in the McGraw era ... Central Michigan will be the first MAC team to visit the Joyce Center since Dec. 12, 2001, when Notre Dame ousted Western Michigan, 71-48; the Irish are 16-4 (.800) all-time at home against current MAC schools and have won their last five since a 69-65 loss to Miami (Ohio) on Feb. 17, 1991 ... the Chippewas also are the first of three MAC opponents for the Irish this season, joining Bowling Green (Nov. 13) and Western Michigan (Nov. 19) among the first four games of the campaign ... Notre Dame is playing three MAC opponents in the same season for the first time since 1996-97, when the Irish downed Kent State (66-41 in Preseason WNIT opener), Bowling Green (85-70) and Ohio (95-85 in Comfort Inn Downtown Classic opener at Atlanta) ... Notre Dame will open against a Michigan school for the third time in program history and second consecutive season; in addition to last year's win over Michigan, the Irish fell on the road to the Wolverines, 75-64 in the 1984-85 lidlifter ... Notre Dame is 45-19 (.703) lifetime against Michigan schools, and went 2-0 against that state last year with wins over UM and Western Michigan; the Irish will face those two squads again later in the 2006-07 season.

Cincinnati **Bearcats**

Wednesday, Jan. 10 • 7 p.m ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame leads 2-0

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio **Founded:** 1819 Enrollment: 35,244 Colors: Red and Black

Conference: BIG EAST

Arena (Capacity): Fifth Third Arena (13,176)

Athletics Director: Mike Thomas **Head Coach:** Laurie Pirtle (Ohio State '80) **Record at UC (Yrs.):** 295-287 (21) Career Record (Yrs.): 378-303 (24)

Associate Head Coach: Dawn Hoosier (Cincinnati

Assistants: Dave Dagostino (Union '95), Tammy Douglass (Cincinnati '02)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 17-12 (7-9/11th) Postseason: WNIT first round (l. Florida International 81-75 OT)

Final Ranking: Not ranked **Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2**

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4 Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Shelly Bellman (G/F, So., 5-10), Treasure Humphries (G, Sr., 5-6),

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Notes: Notre Dame and Cincinnati renewed their series in 2006 after a 24-year hiatus, with the Irish pulling out a thrilling 75-66 overtime victory in the Queen City (Notre Dame's school- and BIG EAST-record fourth OT game of the 2005-06 season) ... the Bearcats will make their first visit to the Joyce Center since Feb. 13, 1982, when the Irish registered a 67-58 win behind 17 points and eight rebounds from Mary Beth Schueth ... Notre Dame is 7-4 (.636) in BIG EAST Conference home openers since ioining the conference in 1995-96; last year, the Irish lost for only the second time in the past seven BIG EAST home lidlifters, as Seton Hall upset Notre Dame, 74-61 at the Joyce Center ... Irish freshmen Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner were members of the 2005 Indiana Junior All-Star Team that played the Indiana Senior All-Stars (including Cincinnati sophomore guard Kahla Roudebush) in a two-game exhibition series ... former Notre Dame assistant rowing coach Pam Mork is in her second season as the head rowing coach at Cincinnati.

Current Irish vs. Cincinnati

1 GP/0 GS, 5.0 PPG, 3.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .167 Allen FG% (2-12), .250 FT% (1-4)

1 GP/0 GS, 4.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 1.000 FG% (2-2) D'Amico Erwin 1 GP/0 GS, 4.0 PPG, 3.0 RPG, 1.0 SPG, .500

Gray

1 GP/1 GS, 14.0 PPG, 11.0 RPG, 4.0 APG, .429 FG% (3-7), .889 FT% (8-9)

1 GP/1 GS, 3.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .333 FG% (1-3), .500 3FG% (1-2)

1 GP/1 GS, 11.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, 4.0 APG, .625 Schrader

FG% (5-8), .500 FT% (1-2)

Smith 1 GP/0 GS 1 GP/0 GS Tsipis



Connecticut Huskies

Saturday, Jan. 27 • 7 p.m. ET Storrs, Conn. • Gampel Pavilion Connecticut Leads Series 194

Location: Storrs. Conn. Founded: 1881 **Enrollment:** 28,083

Colors: National Flag Blue (Navy) and White

Conference: BIG EAST

Arenas (Capacities): Gampel Pavilion (10,167);

Hartford Civic Center (16,294)

Athletics Director: Jeffrey Hathaway **Head Coach:** Geno Auriemma (West Chester '81) **Record at UConn (Yrs.):** 589-116 (21)

Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Associate Head Coach: Chris Dailey (Rutgers '82) Assistants: Tonya Cardoza (Virginia '91), Jamelle

Elliott (Connecticut '96)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 32-5 (14-2/2nd) Postseason: NCAA regional final (d. Coppin State 77-54; d. Virginia Tech; 79-56; d. Georgia 77-75; l. Duke 63-61 OT)

Final Ranking: 8th (AP)/6th (ESPN/USA Today) **Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/4 Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.):** Renee Montgomery (G, So., 5-7); Mel Thomas (G, Jr., 5-9)

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Notes: Connecticut leads the all-time series with Notre Dame 19-4, but since the start of the 2000-01 season, the Huskies are 7-4 against the Irish ... the last time the teams met in Storrs on Jan. 30, 2005, Notre Dame ended UConn's 112-game BIG EAST regular-season winning streak (and 55-game Gampel Pavilion success string) with a 65-59 victory; it also was the first time the Irish had ever defeated the Huskies in the state of Connecticut (either in Storrs or Hartford) ... since 1998-99, Connecticut has lost by 15-plus points six times, with half of those losses coming to Notre Dame (twice in 2000-01, once in 2003-04) ... the Irish are one of three teams to defeat UConn at least three times in the past 11 seasons (1995-96 through 2005-06); the others are Tennessee (eight) and Rutgers (four) ... either one or both participants has been ranked in all 23 series contests, with both teams ranked 13 times ... the two head coaches - Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw and Connecticut's Geno Auriemma — have more than a few ties: both hail from the Philadelphia metro area (McGraw from Pottsville, Auriemma from Norristown), both cut their coaching teeth in the region (including separate stints as assistant coaches at Saint Joseph's under current Ohio State mentor Jim Foster), and both are currently serving on the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Board of Directors, which is led by another BIG EAST coach, DePaul's Doug Bruno.

Current Irish vs. Connecticut

5 GP/0 GS, 8.2 PPG (41 TOTAL), 3.0 RPG (15), Allen 1.2 APG (6), .425 FG% (17-40), .429 3FG% (3-

7). .556 FT% (5-9)

4 GP/0 GS, 1.3 PPG (5), 0.8 RPG (3), 0.5 APG D'Amico

(2), .333 FG% (1-3), .750 FT% (3-4) 6 GP/2 GS, 4.5 PPG (27), 3.5 RPG (21), 0.3 Erwin APG (2), .400 FG% (10-25), .538 FT% (7-13)

5 GP/2 GS, 2.0 PPG (10), 1.6 RPG (8), 0.8 APG Gaines

(4), .308 FG% (4-13), .333 FT% (2-6)

5 GP/5 GS, 5.0 PPG (25), 2.0 RPG (10), 2.0 Gray APG (10), .310 FG% (9-29), .750 3FG% (3-4),

1.000 FT% (6-6)

Schrader 2 GP/2 GS, 10.5 PPG (21), 2.0 RPG (4), 1.5 APG (3), .500 FG% (9-18), .750 FT% (3-4)

Smith 1 GP/0 GS, 1.0 RPG

3 GP/0 GS Tsipis

DePaul **Blue Demons**

Sunday, Feb. 11 • 5:30 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Monday, Feb. 26 • 8 p.m. CT Chicago, Ill. • McGrath Arena DePaul Leads Series 15-10

Location: Chicago, Ill. Founded: 1898 Enrollment: 23,148

Colors: Royal Blue and Scarlet Conference: BIG EAST

Arena (Capacity): McGrath Arena (3,000)

Athletics Director: Jean Lenti Ponsetto Head Coach: Doug Bruno (DePaul '73) **Record at DPU (Yrs.):** 375-217 (20) **Career Record (Yrs.):** 415-247 (22)

Assistants: Candis Blankson (DePaul '01), Samantha Williams (Auburn '96), Nicci Hays-Fort (Culver-Stockton

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 27-7 (11-5/T-3rd) Postseason: NCAA regional semifinal (d. Liberty 68-43; d. Tulsa 71-67; l. LSU 66-56)

Final Ranking: 13th (AP)/15th (ESPN/USA Today)

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/6

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Erin Carney (F, Jr., 6-0); Allie Quigley (G, So., 5-11); Jenna Rubino (G, Sr., 6-0); Caprice Smith (F, Jr., 6-1)

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Notes: DePaul leads the series with Notre Dame, 15-10, although the home court advantage has played a fairly prominent role in the outcome (ND leads 6-5 in South Bend; DPU is up 9-4 in Chicago) .. in the past six series games between Notre Dame and DePaul, the winning team has scored at least 75 points ... the Blue Demons have won the last four matchups in Chicago, with the last Irish victory in the Windy City coming on Jan. 11, 1991 at old Alumni Hall (an 81-66 conquest) ... DePaul's 15 wins are the third-most ever by one Notre Dame opponent, topped only by Connecticut (19) and Tennessee (17) ... the teams will meet in a home-and-home series for the second consecutive season, in accordance with the new BIG EAST scheduling policy instituted last year ... the Notre Dame-DePaul rivalry dates back to the 1978-79 season, when the Irish women's basketball program was just its second season at the varsity level and played at the AIAW Division III level ... the Irish and Blue Demons were members of the same conference once before, squaring off regularly in the now-defunct North Star Conference from 1983-88 ... at 25 games entering this season, the Notre Dame-DePaul series is tied for the third-longest in Irish history, topped only by a 30-game run with Marquette (to be continued Jan. 23 in Milwaukee), a 28-game skein with Dayton and a 25-game series with Butler ... both head coaches - Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw and DePaul's Doug Bruno — have ties to the old Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) which existed from 1978-81: McGraw was a point guard for the California Dreams in 1979 (the franchise's only year of existence) and Bruno was the head coach and director of player personnel for the Chicago Hustle throughout its incarnation from 1978-80 ... Notre Dame has had 10 players come from the state of Illinois, including nine from the Chicagoland area, with current sophomore guard Lindsay Schrader (Bartlett, Ill.) the latest addition to that list.

Current Irish vs. DePaul

2 GP/1 GS, 10.0 PPG (20 TOTAL), 4.5 RPG (9), 0.0 APG (0), .409 FG% (9-22)

D'Amico 2 GP/1 GS, 2.0 PPG (4), 1.5 RPG (3), 0.5 APG

(1), .250 FG% (2-8)

2 GP/1 GS, 5.0 PPG (10), 3.0 RPG (6), 0.5 APG Erwin

(1), .667 FG% (4-6), 1.000 FT% (2-2) 2 GP/2 GS, 7.0 PPG (14), 2.0 RPG (4), 0.0 APG Gaines (0), .400 FG% (4-10), .600 FT% (6-10)

2 GP/1 GS, 5.5 PPG (11), 4.5 RPG (9), 1.0 APG Grav (2), .308 FG% (4-13), .500 FT% (1-2)

Schrader 2 GP/1 GS, 7.5 PPG (15), 8.0 RPG (16), 1.5 APG (3), .208 FG% (5-24), .667 FT% (4-6) Smith 2 GP/0 GS, 1.0 RPG (2), .000 FG% (0-2)

Georgetown **Hoyas**

Wednesday, Feb. 21 • 7 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame Leads Series 20-2

Location: Washington, D.C. Founded: 1789 Enrollment: 13.652 Colors: Blue and Grav

Conference: BIG EAST Arena (Capacity): McDonough Arena (2,200)

Athletics Director: Bernard Muir

Head Coach: Terri Williams-Flournoy (Penn State '91)

Record at GU (Yrs.): 22-33 (2) Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Assistants: Niki Reid (Georgetown '93), Ty Evans (Wisconsin-Whitewater '95), Beth Dickinson (Fordham

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 10-17 (3-13/13th)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1 **Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/3**

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Kate Carlin (F/G, Sr., 6-0); Kristin Heidloff (G, Jr., 5-5); Kieraah Marlow (F, Jr., 5-10); Katrina Wheeler (F, So., 6-4)

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Notes: Notre Dame holds a 20-2 edge in the series with Georgetown, including a 10-0 mark at the Joyce Center ... Georgetown is one of six opponents the Irish have defeated at least 20 times in their series history — the others are Marquette (27), Dayton and Detroit (22 each), and Loyola (Ill.) and Xavier (20 each) ... the Irish also are 16-1 against the Hoyas since 1995-96, when Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference ... Notre Dame has held Georgetown to less than 70 points in 16 of those 17 BIG EAST confrontations, with the Irish posting a 16-0 record in such contests ... in the past six series meetings at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame has won by an average of 20.3 points per game, after two of the first four were singledigit margins (including a 78-72 OT win for ND in 1992-93) .. the past two times the Irish have visited Washington, D.C., it's been a nailbiter, with Georgetown winning 76-73 in 2003-04 (erasing a six-point deficit in the final 43 seconds) and Notre Dame shading the Hoyas, 54-52 last year ... Georgetown athletics director Bernard Muir is a familiar face to keen Irish observers — he served as the University's deputy athletics director during his tenure

Current Irish vs. Georgetown

2 GP/0 GS, 11.0 PPG (22 TOTAL), 3.5 RPG (7), Allen 2.0 APG (4), .500 FG% (9-18), 1.000 FT% (4-4) D'Amico

1 GP/1 GS, 5.0 PPG (5), 10 RPG (10), 1.0 APG (1), .250 FG% (2-8), .500 FT% (1-2) 4 GP/1 GS, 4.5 PPG (18), 3.5 RPG (14), 0.3 Erwin

APG (1), .412 FG% (7-17), .500 FT% (4-6) 2 GP/1 GS, 1.0 PPG (2), 2.5 RPG (5), 0.5 APG (1), .167 FG% (1-6), .000 FT% (0-1) 4 GP/3 GS, 3.5 PPG (14), 1.0 RPG (4), 1.3 APG

Grav

(5), .556 FG% (5-9), .571 FT% (4-7) 1 GP/1 GS, 6.0 PPG (6), 5.0 RPG (5), 2.0 APG Schrader (2), .429 FG% (3-7)

1 GP/0 GS, .000 FG% (0-1) Smith

Gaines



Indiana Hoosiers

Sunday, Dec. 3 • 2 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame Leads Series 6-3

Location: Bloomington, Ind. **Founded:** 1820

Enrollment: 38.903 Colors: Cream and Crimson

Conference: Big Ten Arena (Capacity): Assembly Hall (17,357)

Athletics Director: Rick Greenspan

Head Coach: Felisha Legette-Jack (Syracuse '89) Record at IU (Yrs.): First Year

Career Record (Yrs.): 54-63 (5)

Assistants: Cherie Hogg (UNLV '94), Vera Jones (Syracuse '89), Mark Wilson (Minnesota '89)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 19-14 (9-7/6th)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/3

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Leah Enterline (G, Sr., 5-9); Nikki Smith (G, Jr., 5-9); Whitney Thomas (F,

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Notes: Notre Dame has a 6-3 advantage over Indiana in their alltime series, having won five of the past six matchups, but the Irish hold just a 3-2 edge against IU at the Joyce Center ... the Hoosiers will be playing in South Bend for the first time since Dec. 11, 1996 when the Irish earned a 71-63 victory at the Joyce Center behind 25 points from Bloomington native Beth Morgan and a double-double (24 points, 10 rebounds) from fellow All-American Katryna Gaither . last year's 74-61 Notre Dame win in Bloomington was the largest margin of victory for either side in the series; the previous eight games all had been decided by single digits ... the Irish also picked up their third consecutive series win over Indiana, the longest winning streak by either squad in the series ... Notre Dame has scored at least 70 points in seven of its nine games against the Hoosiers, including each of the past five contests ... last year's win also was the first for the Irish on a Big Ten Conference campus since Nov. 22 and 24, 2001, when Notre Dame won the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge at Wisconsin's Kohl Center with victories over UW and Georgia ... Notre Dame is 105-31 (.772) all-time against instate opponents, including a 50-10 (.833) mark at home, where the Irish have defeated their last three Hoosier State foes (last loss: 71-54 vs. Purdue on Jan. 4, 2003) and 13 of the past 14 ... the IU game will be the first of four consecutive contests for the Irish against Indiana schools (Dec. 3-19) ... first-year IU head coach Felisha Legette-Jack was a standout player at Syracuse from 1985-89 and helped the Orange to their lone regular-season win over Notre Dame in 19 tries (63-56 on Feb. 4, 1989 in central New York) ... Irish freshman guard Ashley Barlow and Indiana sophomore guard/forward Kim Roberson are two of the top talents to come out of the Indianapolis Class 4A high school ranks in recent years — Barlow finished third in the 2006 Indiana Miss Basketball voting after leading all metro Indianapolis players in scoring her final two prep seasons at Pike High School; Roberson was a first-team allstate pick in 2005 and a Miss Basketball finalist who helped lead Cathedral High School to a No. 2 ranking in Class 4A and a sectional championship in '05 ... Notre Dame junior center Melissa D'Amico and freshman center Erica Williamson, along with IU senior center Sarah McKay, spent the summer polishing their post skills at the Pete Newell Tall Women's Camp in San Diego.

Current Irish vs. Indiana

1 GP/0 GS, 11.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 4.0 APG, .625 Allen

FG% (5-8), .000 FT% (0-1)

D'Amico 1 GP/1 GS, 1.0 PPG, 1.0 RPG, .000 FG% (0-1),

.500 FT% (1-2)

1 GP/1 GS, 9.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, 1.000 Erwin

FG% (3-3), 1.000 FT% (3-3)

1 GP/1 GS, 1.0 RPG, .000 FG% (0-1) Gaines 1 GP/0 GS, 14.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, .545 Gray

FG% (6-11)

1 GP/1 GS, 7.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 3.0 APG, .429 FG% (3-7), .250 FT% (1-4) 1 GP/0 GS, .000 FG% (0-1) Schrader

Smith

IUPUI Jaguars

Saturday, Dec. 16 • 2 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center First Meeting

Location: Indianapolis, Ind. **Founded: 1969** Enrollment: 28 139

Colors: Red, Gold and Black Conference: Mid-Continent

Arena (Capacity): IUPUI Gymnasium (2,000)

Athletics Director: Michael R. Moore Head Coach: Shann Hart (Norfolk State '89) **Record at IUPUI (Yrs.):** 24-32 (2) Career Record (Yrs.): 151-127 (10)

Assistants: Chanel Spriggs (American '04), Jamie Cassidy (Maine '00), Kerri O'Connor (Bloomfield '03)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 17-11 (11-5/2nd)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/5

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Tanika Mays (F,

So., 6-0); Brykeesha Tate (G, So., 5-8)

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Notes: IUPUI is one of two first-time opponents on the Notre Dame schedule this season (Prairie View A&M is the other) ... since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96, the Irish are 31-5 (.861) against first-time opposition, including an 11-1 (.917) mark since the start of the 2000-01 campaign (only loss in that six-year span: 72-66 at Colorado State on Nov. 21, 2001, leading to ND's current six-game win streak vs. first-timers) ... Notre Dame has won 11 consecutive home games against firsttime opponents following an 87-64 loss to Connecticut on Jan. 18, 1996 at the Joyce Center ... IUPUI is a member of the Mid-Continent Conference, against whom Notre Dame is 22-0 all-time, including 10-0 at the Joyce Center; the vast majority of those games have come against Valparaiso (19-0 overall, 9-0 home), with Chicago State (2-0 overall) and Oakland (1-0 overall, 1-0 home) also appearing on the Irish lifetime ledger ... Notre Dame freshman guard and Indianapolis native Ashley Barlow is the younger sister of IUPUI senior men's basketball player David Barlow, who is expected to be the Jaguars' starting point guard this season ... Ashley Barlow and fellow Irish rookie Melissa Lechlitner were members of the 2006 Indiana All-Star Team that swept a two-game series with Kentucky this past June; IUPUI freshman forward Kabrenda Warfield played on that Kentucky squad ... Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw and IUPUI head coach Shann Hart both currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) ... IUPUI assistant coach Jamie Cassidy played two seasons (2000-01) in the WNBA with the Miami Sol, and one of her teammates in Miami's 2001 training camp was former Irish All-America center Ruth Riley, who was the Sol's top draft pick that season.

Louisville **Cardinals**

Wednesday, Feb. 7 • 7 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Louisville Leads Series 3-1

Location: Louisville, Ky. **Founded: 1798** Enrollment: 22 000

Colors: Red, Black and White Conference: BIG EAST

Arena (Capacity): Freedom Hall (18,865)

Athletics Director: Tom Jurich

Head Coach: Tom Collen (Bowling Green '77)

Record at UofL (Yrs.): 61-29 (3) **Career Record (Yrs.):** 190-62 (8)

Assistants: Timothy Eatman (Talladega '88), Zenarae Antoine (Colorado State '98), Greg Collins (Louisville

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 19-10 (10-6/5th) Postseason: NCAA first round (l. Vanderbilt 76-64)

Final Ranking: Not ranked

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/3

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Jazz Covington (C, Sr., 6-2); Katie Olson (G, Sr., 6-2); Missy Taylor (F, Sr.,

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Notes: Louisville leads the all-time series with Notre Dame, 3-1, although the Cardinals' 61-51 victory last year at Freedom Hall marked the first time either side had successfully defended their home court (UofL picked up a neutral-site win at the 1991 NWIT in Amarillo, Texas) ... Louisville will be making just its second visit ever to the Joyce Center, having defeated Notre Dame 64-53 in their only prior meeting in South Bend on Jan. 15, 1992 ... UofL is the only Kentucky school the Irish have ever faced in women's basketball ... Louisville's 55 rebounds in last year's game were the most by a Notre Dame opponent since Jan. 4, 1993, when Tennessee also had 55 boards against the Irish ... Louisville freshman guard Jasmine Smith hails from Stone Mountain, Ga., and graduated from Stephenson High School, the same school that Notre Dame sophomore forward Chandrica Smith attended for two years (2002-03 and 2003-04) ... Louisville freshman guard Brandie Radde is a graduate of Niles (Mich.) High School, located less than 10 miles north of the Notre Dame campus ... UofL Director of Olympic Sports Medicine Carole Banda spent 10 years on the athletic training staff at Notre Dame from 1991-2000, the last four as women's basketball trainer for the Irish.

Current Irish vs. Louisville

Allen 1 GP/0 GS, 10.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, .308 FG% (4-13) 1 GP/0 GS, 8.0 PPG, 6.0 RPG, .571 FG% (4-7) D'Amico 1 GP/1 GS, 7.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, .750 Erwin

FG% (3-4), 1.000 FT% (1-1)

1 GP/1 GS, 2.0 RPG, 3.0 APG, .000 FG % (0-4) Gaines 1 GP/0 GS, 5.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, .333 FG% (1-3), Grav

1.000 FT% (3-3)

1 GP/1 GS, 9.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG, .333 FG% (4-12), Schrader

000 FT% (0-1)

1 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, .333 FG% (1-3) Smith

Marquette **Golden Eagles**

Tuesday, Jan. 23 • 7 p.m. CT Milwaukee, Wis. • Al McGuire Center Notre Dame Leads Series 27-4

Location: Milwaukee Wis Founded: 1881 Enrollment: 11.000 Colors: Blue and Gold Conference: BIG EAST



Arena (Capacity): Al McGuire Center (4,000)

Athletics Director: Bill Cords Head Coach: Terri Mitchell (Duquesne '89) **Record at MU (Yrs.):** 191-109 (10) Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Assistants: Michelle Nason (Bradley '95), Cara Consuegra (Iowa '01), Jennie Lillis (Iowa '04)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 22-11 (9-7/T-6th) Postseason: WNIT runner-up (d. Illinois 64-44; d. Iowa State 69-63 OT; d. Indiana 57-54; d. Pittsburgh 77-64; l. Kansas State 77-65)

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1 **Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/3**

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Krystal Ellis (G, So., 5-10); Danielle Kamm (F, Sr., 6-2); Jasmine McCullough (F, Sr., 6-1); Christina Quaye (C, Sr., 6-1)

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Notes: Notre Dame holds a 27-4 series lead against Marquette, including a current 10-game winning streak and wins in 26 of the past 27 meetings ... the past four contests between the Irish and Golden Eagles have been razor-thin affairs, decided by a grand total of 20 points (5.0 ppg.) ... what's more, the past four periods of basketball between the schools have ended on buzzer-beating shots (Jacqueline Batteast 3FG at final horn to win 2004-05 game in Milwaukee; MU's Carolyn Kieger hits 15-foot jumper at halftime horn last year; MU's Krystal Ellis banks in 3FG from right wing at regulation siren to force OT last year; ND's Megan Duffy wins last year's game with coast-to-coast layup at overtime buzzer) ... last year's 67-65 overtime win was the first regular-season OT victory for Notre Dame since Feb. 19, 2000 (78-74 at Rutgers), and its first regular-season extra-session win at home since Dec. 30, 1992 (78-72 vs. Georgetown) ... three of Marquette's four wins in the series have come in Milwaukee, where the Irish lead the series 10-3, with the most recent Golden Eagle victory coming on Dec. 1, 1992 (a 66-62 decision) ... Notre Dame's 27 series wins and 31 series games played are the most against one opponent in school history ... the Marquette record books also include two additional MU victories. both of which came in 1976 (52-47 on Feb. 4 in Milwaukee; 45-41 on Feb. 28 in South Bend), prior to Notre Dame's program elevating to varsity status in 1977-78 ... the Irish have scored 70 or more points against Marquette on 21 occasions (all in the past 25 games), but not in the past two contests ... prior to their current BIG EAST affiliation, Notre Dame and Marquette were conference mates in both the North Star (1986-99) and Midwestern Collegiate (1989-91) Conferences ... MU head coach Terri Mitchell is a former member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Board of Directors and served as that body's Division I Legislative Chair, a post now held by Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw.

Current Irish vs. MarquetteAllen 2 GP/0 GS, 9.5 PPG (19 TOTAL), 2.5 RPG (5), 1.0 APG (2), .286 FG% (6-21), 1.000 FT% (6-6) 2 GP/1 GS, 1.5 RPG (3), 1.0 APG (2), .000 FG% D'Amico (0-8), .000 FT% (0-3)

3 GP/2 GS, 2.3 PPG (7), 4.3 RPG (13), 0.3 APG Erwin (1), .182 FG% (2-11), .750 FT% (3-4) Gaines 2 GP/1 GS, 3.0 PPG (6), 2.0 RPG (4), 0.5 APG

(1), .400 FG% (2-5), 1.000 FT% (2-2) 3 GP/1 GS, 3.0 PPG (9), 4.0 RPG (12), 0.7 APG Gray

(2), .400 FG% (4-10), .500 FT% (1-2) 1 GP/1 GS, 3.0 PPG, 10.0 RPG, 4.0 APG, .000 Schrader

FG% (0-6), .429 FT% (3-7)

Michigan Wolverines

Friday, Dec. 1 • 7 p.m. ET Ann Arbor, Mich. • Crisler Arena Notre Dame Leads Series 7-6

Location: Ann Arbor, Mich. Founded: 1817 Enrollment: 37.306

Colors: Maize and Blue Conference: Big Ten

Arena (Capacity): Crisler Arena (13,751)

Athletics Director: William C. Martin Head Coach: Cheryl Burnett (Kansas '81) **Record at UM (Yrs.):** 25-53 (3) Career Record (Yrs.): 344-199 (18)

Associate Head Coach: Karen Rapier (Southwest Missouri State '93)

Assistants: Lynette Robinson (Illinois '82), Shannon Gage (Southwest Missouri State '99)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 6-23 (0-16/11th)

Postseason: None Final Ranking: Not ranked

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/0

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Carly Benson (F, So., 6-2); Janelle Cooper (F, Jr., 5-10); Kelly Helvey (F/G, Sr., 5-11); Jessica Minnfield (G, So., 5-5); Stephany Skrba (F, So., 6-2)

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Notes: Notre Dame has a slim 7-6 series edge against Michigan, but the Wolverines have the upper hand when the scene shifts to Ann Arbor (UM leads 4-1) ... the Irish will pay a visit to Crisler Arena for the first time since Dec. 13, 1991, when Michigan claimed an 86-75 victory ... Notre Dame's lone triumph in Ann Arbor came on Dec. 12, 1982, when the Irish pulled out a 62-58 win behind 15 points and five rebounds from Trena Keys ... Notre Dame's 55-45 victory last season was its first regular-season win over Michigan since Dec. 12, 1992, when the Irish downed the Wolverines, 62-54 at the Joyce Center ... last season's win also marked the 500th career victory for Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw, making her the 27th coach in NCAA Division I history to reach that milestone and the 10th to do so before the age of 50 ... UM is the last of three Michigan schools on Notre Dame's schedule this season, following earlier matchups with Central Michigan and Western Michigan ... the series history indicates that defense may play a key role in the outcome — six of Notre Dame's seven wins have come when holding Michigan to less than 60 points, while five of the Wolverines' six victories have come when they score at least 75 points \dots the state of Michigan has produced 14 Notre Dame players during the 30-year history of the Irish women's basketball program (including this season); that mark is second only to Indiana, which has been home to 17 Notre Dame cagers (three this year alone) ... both head coaches have ties to the old Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) of the late 1970searly 1980s: Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw played for the California Dreams during their lone season of existence (1979), while Michigan's Cheryl Burnett was a 1980 draft pick of the New Jersey Gems... both McGraw and Burnett have made two NCAA Final Four appearances, with the second for each coming in 2001, when McGraw's Irish and Burnett's Southwest Missouri State club arrived in St. Louis; Notre Dame would go on to win the NCAA title that year, while SMS fell to Purdue in the national semifinals, 81-64.

Current Irish vs. Michigan

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Allen 1 GP/0 GS, 16.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG, .429 FG% (6-

14), 1.000 FT% (4-4) D'Amico 1 GP/1 GS, 10.0 PPG, 7.0 RPG, .444 FG% (4-9),

.500 FT% (2-4)

1 GP/1 GS, 3.0 RPG, .000 FG% (0-3) Erwin

1 GP/1 GS, 6.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, .200 FG% (1-5), Gaines

.571 FT% (4-7) 1 GP/0 GS, 6.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, .143

FG% (1-7), 1.000 FT% (4-4) 1 GP/1 GS, 10.0 PPG, 14.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .444 Schrader

FG% (4-9), .333 FT% (2-6)

Penn State Lady Lions

Thursday, Nov. 16 • 7 p.m. ET University Park, Pa. • Bryce Jordan Center Penn State Leads Series 4-0

Location: University Park, Pa. Founded: 1855

Enrollment: 41.795 Colors: Blue and White Conference: Big Ten

Arena (Capacity): Bryce Jordan Center (15,261)

Athletics Director: Tim Curley

Head Coach: Rene Portland (Immaculata '75) **Record at PSU (Yrs.):** 591-220 (26) Career Record (Yrs.): 678-249 (30)

Associate Head Coach: Annie Troyan (Penn State

Assistants: Susan Robinson Fruchtl (Penn State '92), Keila Whittington (Dilliard '89)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 13-16 (6-10/8th)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0 **Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/2**

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Amanda Brown (F/C, Sr., 6-4); Kam Gissendanner (G, Jr., 6-1); Brianne O'Rourke (G, So., 5-6); Charity Renfro (F/C, Sr., 6-2); Adrienne Squire (G, Jr., 6-0)

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Notes: Penn State has won all four prior meetings with Notre Dame, most recently shading the Irish, 55-49 in an NCAA East Regional semifinal game on March 27, 2004 at the Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center ... this year's contest will be the first regular-season matchup between the schools since Dec. 1, 1995, when PSU defeated the Irish, 86-77 at the Kona Women's Basketball Classic in Kona, Hawaii ... Notre Dame makes just its second visit ever to Happy Valley, having dropped an 87-66 decision to Penn State on Jan. 19, 1993 ... PSU is the first of four Big Ten Conference opponents on this year's Irish schedule, with contests against Michigan, Indiana and Purdue to come in succession from Dec. 1-6 ... Notre Dame is playing four Big Ten opponents for the second year in a row, having gone 3-1 against that conference last season the Irish are 32-44 (.421) all-time against the Big Ten, although they have won five of their last seven games against vs. that conference during the past two seasons ... Notre Dame assistant coach Angie Potthoff was a two-time All-America forward at Penn State during her career from 1993-97, helping the Lady Lions to three NCAA Tournament berths, two Sweet 16 trips and a berth in the 1994 regional finals (she also scored a team-high 30 points in PSU's 1995 win over Notre Dame in Hawaii) ... current Penn State assistant coach Susan Robinson Fruchtl was Potthoff's position coach with the Lady Lions during her playing career; Potthoff later served as Fruchtl's assistant at Beaver (Pa.) Area High School from 2002-04, before Potthoff succeeded Fruchtl as the Bobcats' head coach when the latter returned to the PSU staff in $2004\ldots$ Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw closed out her college playing career in 1976-77 under current Penn State head coach Rene Portland when the latter was in her first season piloting Saint Joseph's ... PSU sophomore forward Courtney Molinaro is the younger sister of Jim Molinaro, a standout offensive lineman at Notre Dame from 2000-03 and now in his third season with the NFL's Washington Redskins ... Penn State senior forward/center Charity Renfro was teammates with Notre Dame senior guard Breona Gray at Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, with both players graduating in 2003 \dots Notre Dame associate director of strength &conditioning Tony Rolinski is a 1991 graduate of Penn State, having earned his bachelor's degree in health education with a minor in

Current Irish vs. Penn State

1 GP/0 GS, 1.0 RPG, 3.0 APG, 1.0 SPG, .000

FG% (0-1)



Pittsburgh Panthers

Wednesday, Jan. 31 • 7 p.m. ET Pittsburgh, Pa. • Petersen Events Center Notre Dame Leads Series 16-0

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa. **Founded:** 1787 Enrollment: 33.393 Colors: Blue and Gold Conference: BIG EAST



Arena (Capacity): Petersen Events Center (12,508)

Athletics Director: Jeff Long

Head Coach: Agnus Berenato (Mount St. Mary's '80) **Record at Pitt (Yrs.):** 41-46 (3)

Career Record (Yrs.): 324-310 (22)

Associate Head Coach: Jeff Williams (Howard '87) Assistants: Shea Ralph (Connecticut '01), Caroline

McCombs (Youngstown State '98)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 22-11 (9-7/T-6th) Postseason: WNIT semifinals (d. Delaware 64-57; d. Mississippi 85-76; d. Virginia 68-58; l. Marquette 77-64) Final Ranking: Not ranked

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1 **Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/3**

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Xenia Stewart (G, So., 6-0); Marcedes Walker (C, Jr., 6-3); Mallorie Winn (G, Sr., 5-11); Shavonte Zellous (G, So.-RS, 5-11)

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Notes: Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Pittsburgh, 16-0. including an 8-0 mark in the Steel City (2-0 at the new Petersen Events Center) ... Notre Dame's 8-0 road record in the series is the best by any visiting team in Panther women's basketball history .. the Panthers are one of two BIG EAST opponents the Irish have never lost to, with the other being Providence (14-0) ... Notre Dame has scored at least 65 points every time it has played Pittsburgh (topping the 70-point mark in the past five outings), while the Panthers have scored at least 65 points on the Irish six times in 16 career meetings ... five of the past six matchups between the clubs have been decided by single digits, including last season's 72-65 Notre Dame win at the Joyce Center, a victory that saw the Irish rally from a 15-point first-half deficit ... Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw and her Pittsburgh counterpart, Agnus Berenato, have coached against one another nine times before, with McGraw winning on all nine occasions (five of which came in the early 1980s when McGraw was at Lehigh and Berenato was at Rider) ... Notre Dame junior guard Charel Allen is a native of Monessen, Pa., and has scored 16 points in each of her first two outings against her hometown team ... Notre Dame coordinator of basketball operations Stephanie Menio is a 2004 Pittsburgh graduate who spent two years as a marketing assistant with the Panther women's basketball program during her undergraduate days ... Irish associate director of strength & conditioning Tony Rolinski is a Pittsburgh native, earned his master's degree in exercise physiology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1996, and served as an intern on the Panther football program staff during his graduate

Current Irish vs. Pittsburgh

2 GP/0 GS, 16.0 PPG (32 TOTAL), 4.0 RPG (8), Allen 2.0 APG (4), 2.0 SPG (4), .483 FG% (14-29), .500 3FG% (2-4), .500 FT% (2-4)

2 GP/0 GS, 2.5 PPG (5), 1.5 RPG (3), 1.5 BPG

(3), .400 FG% (2-5), .500 FT% (1-2) 3 GP/1 GS, 6.3 PPG (17), 4.0 RPG (12), 0.3 Erwin

APG (1), .357 FG% (5-14), .875 FT% (7-8) 2 GP/1 GS, 6.0 PPG (12), 4.0 RPG (8), 5.5 APG Gaines

(11), .250 FG% (2-8), .800 FT% (8-10) 3 GP/2 GS, 0.7 PPG (2), 2.0 RPG (6), 1.7 APG Grav (5), .125 FG% (1-8), .000 3FG% (0-1)

Schrader 1 GP/1 GS, 20.0 PPG, 9.0 RPG, 3.0 APG, .615 FG% (8-13), .800 FT% (4-5)

1 GP/0 GS, 1.0 RPG, .000 FG% (0-1) Tsipis

Prairie View A&M Lady Panthers

Thursday, Dec. 28 • 4 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center First Meeting

Location: Prairie View, Texas

Founded: 1876 Enrollment: 8,080 Colors: Purple and Gold

Conference: Southwestern Athletic

Arena (Capacity): William Nicks Building (5,520)

Athletics Director: Charles McClelland Head Coach: Cynthia Cooper-Dyke (USC '86) **Record at PVAMU (Yrs.):** 7-21 (1) Career Record (Yrs.): 7-21 (1)

Assistants: Toyelle Wilson (Manhattan '03), Kenric Harvey (Prairie View A&M '92), Anthony Williams

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 7-21 (6-12/8th)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 3/7

Returning Starters: Angel Smith (G, Sr., 5-5); Twila

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Notes: Prairie View is the second of two first-time opponents on this year's Notre Dame schedule, following on the heels of a Dec. 16 contest with IUPUI (see IUPUI opponent sketch for information on ND vs. first-time opposition) ... the Irish have faced only one other Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) opponent in Notre Dame women's basketball history, defeating Alcorn State, 98-49, on March 17, 2001 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame is 5-5 all-time against Texas schools, but has not played a team from the Lone Star State since Dec. 28, 2001 (a 72-61 loss at Rice) ... four of those 10 prior games against Texas squads have come in the postseason, with the Irish combining to split those four NCAA Tournament contests vs. Texas (1-0) and Texas Tech (1-2) ... Prairie View will be just the third Texas-based school ever to visit the Joyce Center for a women's basketball game, following single contests against TCU (78-67 ND win on Dec. 13, 1990) and Rice (80-40 ND win on Dec. 31, 2000) ... only one other Notre Dame squad in any sport has ever played Prairie View in head-to-head competition — the Irish men's basketball team defeated the Panthers, 89-52, on Dec. 10, 1997 at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame is 18-11 (.621) all-time in its first game after the Christmas holiday, including a perfect 5-0 mark at home (last year: 58-50 win over Valparaiso at the Joyce Center) ... Prairie View head coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke earned four WNBA championship rings from 1997-2000 as a guard for the Houston Comets, and one of her teammates on that 2000 title-winning squad was current Notre Dame associate head coach Coquese Washington.

Providence Friars

Saturday, Feb. 17 • 2 p.m. ET

Providence, R.I. • Alumni Hall/Mullaney Gymnasium

Notre Dame Leads Series 14-0

Location: Providence, R.I. **Founded: 1917** Enrollment: 3,912

Colors: Black and White with Silver

Conference: BIG EAST

Arena (Capacity): Alumni Hall/Mullaney Gymnasium

(2,620)

Athletics Director: Robert G. Driscoll, Jr. **Head Coach:** Phil Seymore (Canisius '89)

Record at PC (Yrs.): 8-19 (1) Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Assistants: A.G. Hall (North Carolina Central '98), Way Veney (East Carolina '00), Kerri Reaves (Marquette '96)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 8-19 (3-13/T-13th)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Kristina Baugh (G, Sr., 5-7); Shantee Darrian (F, So., 6-2); Chelsea Marandola (G, So., 5-8); Shauna Snyder (F, Sr., 5-10)

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Notes: Notre Dame has a 14-0 series lead against Providence, including a 7-0 mark on the road ... the Irish are the only visiting team with an undefeated record at Providence ... entering the 2006-07 season, PC is one of two BIG EAST Conference opponents Notre Dame has never lost to (Pittsburgh is the other) ... the Irish have won 12 of the 14 games in the series by double-digit margins, most recently downing the Friars, 66-48 last season at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame has held Providence to 70 points or less in 11 times (since PC topped that mark in the first three matchups), and has limited the Friars to 60 points or less in nine of the past 11 contests between the clubs ... on its two most recent visits to Alumni Hall/Mullaney Gymnasium, Notre Dame has had its hands full with the pesky Friars - in 2003, the Irish had to hold off a late PC rally to win 67-61; in 2005, Notre Dame trailed by as many as 11 points late in the first half before bouncing back to take a 75-57 victory ... between the two teams, there are four former winners of the Gatorade High School Player of the Year award in their respective states — Notre Dame junior guard Tulyah Gaines (Nevada – 2004) and sophomore guard Lindsay Schrader (Illinois – 2005), as well as Providence senior forward Shauna Snyder (New Mexico – 2003) and sophomore guard Chelsea Marandola (Rhode Island -2004 & 2005).

Current Irish vs. Providence

2 GP/0 GS, 8.0 PPG (16 TOTAL), 7.5 RPG (15), Allen 3.0 APG (6), .368 FG% (7-19), .500 FT% (1-2) 2 GP/0 GS, 4.5 PPG (9), 2.0 RPG (4), 1.0 BPG D'Amico

(2), .571 FG% (4-7), .333 FT% (1-3) 3 GP/0 GS, 2.3 PPG (8), 4.3 RPG (13), 1.7 APG Erwin

(5), .214 FG% (3-14), .500 FT% (2-4)

2 GP/1 GS, 7.5 PPG (15), 4.0 RPG (8), 2.5 APG Gaines

(5), .545 FG% (6-11), .750 FT% (3-4) 3 GP/2 GS, 6.0 PPG (18), 1.3 RPG (4), 0.3 APG

Gray (1), .636 FG% (7-11), .500 FT% (2-4)

Schrader 1 GP/1 GS, 2.0 PPG, 1.0 RPG, 4.0 APG, .000

FG% (0-4), .500 FT% (2-4)

Smith 1 GP/0 GS, 3.0 RPG, .000 FG% (0-2)

Tsipis 1 GP/0 GS

D'Amico

Purdue Boilermakers

Wednesday, Dec. 6 • 7 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Purdue Leads Series 14-5

Location: West Lafayette, Ind.

Founded: 1869 **Enrollment:** 38.712 Colors: Old Gold and Black Conference: Big Ten

Arena (Capacity): Mackey Arena (14,123)

Athletics Director: Morgan Burke Head Coach: Sharon Versyp (Purdue '88) Record at Purdue (Yrs.): First Year **Career Record (Yrs.):** 117-65 (6)

Assistants: Jody Brenner (Maine '92), Martin Clapp (Murray State '89), Nadine Morgan (James Madison '03)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 26-7 (13-3/2nd) Postseason: NCAA regional semifinal (d. Missouri State 73-52, d. UCLA 61-54; l. North Carolina 70-68) Final Ranking: 11th (AP)/11th (ESPN/USA Today) **Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/6 Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Katie Gearlds (G/F, Sr., 6-1); Erin Lawless (F, Sr., 6-2); Lindsay Wisdom-

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Notes: Purdue leads the all-time series with Notre Dame, 14-5. although the rivalry is nearly even at the Joyce Center (PUR leads 4-3) ... the last time the Irish played host to the Boilermakers, Notre Dame took an 86-69 victory on Jan. 16, 2005, marking the most points and largest margin of victory for the Irish in the series ... Purdue is Notre Dame's most common NCAA Tournament opponent, with the squads splitting their four postseason matchups ... the Irish and Boilermakers remain the only programs from the same state ever to play for the NCAA national championship (2001) ... the 70-point plateau seems to be a magic milestone in the series, with at least one team hitting that mark 14 times in 19 series games, and the first to do so winning every time ... the Purdue game is the second of a four-game stretch for the Irish against Indiana schools, a run that lasts from Dec. 3-19 ... firstyear Purdue head coach Sharon Versyp grew up in Mishawaka, Ind., located minutes from the Notre Dame campus, and was named Indiana Miss Basketball in 1984 as a senior at Mishawaka High School ... Notre Dame sophomore guard Lindsay Schrader and Purdue sophomore center Danielle Campbell were AAU teammates with the Chicago Flames, while Schrader and Boilermaker junior forward Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton faced off regularly in the Illinois Upstate Eight Conference (Schrader at Bartlett High School, Wisdom-Hylton at Neuqua Valley High School) ... Notre Dame freshman guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner were teammates with Purdue freshman guard FahKara Malone on the 2006 Indiana All-Star Team that swept a

Current Irish vs. Purdue

2 GP/0 GS, 7.5 PPG (15 TOTAL), 2.0 RPG (4), 1.0 APG (2), .235 FG% (4-17), .400 3FG% (2-5),

two-game series from their Kentucky counterparts ... Lechlitner

and Purdue's Katie Gearlds led their high school teams (South

Bend St. Joseph's and Beech Grove, respectively) to the 2003 Indiana Class 3A state title game, with Gearlds scoring 33 points to

help Beech Grove win the championship; Lechlitner would lead St. Joe's to its own state title two years later, with her 28 points in the championship game trailing only Gearlds' mark in the Indiana 3A

.833 FT% (5-6)

2 GP/1 GS, 3.5 PPG (7), 2.0 RPG (4), .250 FG% D'Amico

(2-8), .750 FT% (3-4)

3 GP/2 GS, 4.3 PPG (13), 6.0 RPG (18), 0.7 Erwin APG (2), .400 FG% (6-15), .500 FT% (1-2) 2 GP/0 GS, 5.0 PPG (10), 2.5 RPG (5), 1.5 APG Gaines (3), .500 FG% (4-8), .286 FT% (2-7)

3 GP/2 GS, 3.0 PPG (9), 2.5 RPG (5), 2.7 APG Gray (8), .308 FG% (4-13), .250 3FG% (1-4), .000

FT% (0-1)

1 GP/1 GS, 6.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, 3.0 APG, .200 Schrader FG% (3-15)

1 GP/0 GS Tsipis

Richmond Spiders

Tuesday, Nov. 28 • 7 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame Leads Series 1-0

Location: Richmond. Va **Founded:** 1830 Enrollment: 2,950 Colors: Red and Blue Conference: Atlantic 10

Arena (Capacity): Robins Center (9,071)

Athletics Director: Jim Miller

Head Coach: Michael Shafer (William & Mary '94)

Record at UR (Yrs.): 13-17 (1) Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Assistants: Chris Carroll (Georgia '90), Ginny Doyle (Richmond '92), Candice Jackson (Michigan State '04)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 13-17 (7-9/T-8th)

Postseason: None Final Ranking: Not ranked **Starters Returning/Lost: 0/5 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/6** Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): None

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Notes: Notre Dame plays Richmond for just the second time ever, having defeated the Spiders in their only prior encounter, 51-46 on March 25, 1989 at the NWIT in Amarillo, Texas ... UR is one of three opponents the Irish are facing this year for the first time in at least 10 seasons (others are Bowling Green and Central Michigan), while Notre Dame will be playing two other '06-07 foes for the first time ever (IUPUI and Prairie View A&M) ... the Irish are 62-18 (.775) all-time against current Atlantic 10 Conference members, most recently winning at Dayton, 65-39 on Dec. 9, 2004 ... Notre Dame is 28-8 (.778) lifetime against A-10 squads at the Joyce Center, most recently ousting Dayton, 78-41 on Dec. 13, 2003 ... the Irish have played six Virginia schools in their history, going 9-10 (.474) against the Commonwealth, with their most recent matchup being a 53-40 win over Virginia Tech on Jan. 10, 2004 at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame is 4-1 (.800) alltime at home against Virginia teams, going 3-0 vs. Virginia Tech and 1-1 vs. Old Dominion ... the Irish are 17-12 (.586) in their first post-Thanksgiving game, with a 6-3 (.667) mark at the Joyce Center and a 13-6 (.684) record in the Muffet McGraw era - last year, Notre Dame returned from Thanksgiving and defeated No. 24/21 USC, 73-62 ... Richmond senior guard DeUnna Hendrix is a native of Kokomo, Ind., and graduated from Kokomo High School

Rutgers Scarlet Knights

Saturday, Feb. 24 • Noon ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Rutgers Leads Series 13-9

Location: New Brunswick, N.J. **Founded: 1766**

Enrollment: 35,000 Color: Scarlet

Conference: BIG EAST

Arena (Capacity): Louis Brown Athletic Center (8.000)

Athletics Director: Robert E. Mulcahy III Head Coach: C. Vivian Stringer (Slippery Rock '71)

Record at RU (Yrs.): 230-116 (11) Career Record (Yrs.): 750-251 (34)

Associate Head Coach: Jolette Law (Iowa '90) Assistants: Carlene Mitchell (Kansas State '96),

Marianne Stanley (Immaculata '76)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 27-5 (16-0/1st) Postseason: NCAA regional semifinal (d. Dartmouth

63-58; d. TCU 82-48; l. Tennessee 76-69)

Final Ranking: 9th (AP)/9th (ESPN/USA Today)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/6

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Matee Ajavon (G, Jr., 5-8); Essence Carson (G/F, Jr., 6-0); Kia Vaughn (C, So., 6-4)

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Notes: Rutgers has a 13.9 series lead against Notre Dame, including wins in five of the past six meetings between the schools . RU is one of four BIG EAST Conference opponents to have an alltime edge on the Irish (others are Connecticut, DePaul and Louisville, with the latter two schools having joined the BIG EAST in 2005-06) \dots since both programs joined the BIG EAST in 1995-96, Rutgers holds a slim 10-9 series advantage ... Notre Dame plays host to the Scarlet Knights for only the third time in six seasons, with the Irish owning a 5-2 series lead all-time against Rutgers at the Joyce Center ... the last time they met in South Bend, Notre Dame reeled off 23 unanswered points in the second half to erase a 13-point deficit and defeat RU, 63-47, on Jan. 23, 2005 ... Ten of the 22 series contests have been decided by single-digit margins, including two overtime contests (both in 2000, each side won once) ... neither side has cracked the 70-point mark in a regulation game since a 77-57 Rutgers win on Feb. 13, 1999 in New Jersey (RU ame close with last year's 69-43 win) ... Notre Dame's 43 points last year were the fewest they have ever scored in the series ... Notre Dame freshman guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner, as well as Rutgers freshman guard Dee Dee Jernigan (an East Chicago, Ind., native) helped lead the 2006 Indiana All-Star Team to a two-game sweep of Kentucky this past summer ... Barlow, Jernigan and RU guard Epiphanny Prince also were named to the '06 Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) High School All-America Team and subsequently played in the WBCA High School All-America Game in Boston (Barlow and Prince were teammates on the White Team, but Jernigan's Red Team pulled out teammates on the White Jeam, but Jernigan's Ked Jeam pulled out a 68-61 victory) ... both head coaches — Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw and Rutgers' C. Vivian Stringer — are members of the WBCA Board of Directors ... the two coaches also rank among the 20 winningest coaches in NCAA Division I history with a combined total of more than $1,\!200$ victories during their storied careers.

Current Irish vs. Rutgers

3 GP/0 GS, 3.0 PPG (9 TOTAL), 4.0 RPG (12), Allen 0.3 APG (1), .286 FG% (2-7), .833 FT% (5-6)

D'Amico 2 GP/0 GS, 1.0 BPG (2), 0.0 FG% (0-3) Erwin 5 GP/3 GS, 1.4 PPG (7), 3.4 RPG (17), 0.6 APG

(3), .167 FG% (2-12), .600 FT% (3-5) Gaines 3 GP/1 GS, 2.0 PPG (6), 2.3 RPG (7), 0.3 APG

(1), .200 FG% (1-5), .500 FT% (4-8) 5 GP/3 GS, 3.6 PPG (18), 2.2 RPG (11), 0.2 APG (1), .538 FG% (7-13), .667 3FG% (2-3),

1.000 FT% (2-2)

1 GP/0 GS, 6.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .364 Schrader

FG% (4-11), .000 3FG% (0-2), .000, FT% (0-1) 1 GP/0 GS, 9.0 PPG, 10.0 RPG, .429 FG% (3-7), Smith .600 FT% (3-5)

1 GP/0 GS

Tsipis



2006-07 Opponents

St. John's **Red Storm**

Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 7 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame Leads Series 15-1

Location: Jamaica, N.Y. Founded: 1870 Enrollment: 19,600 Colors: Red and White Conference: BIG EAST



Arena (Capacity): Carnesecca Arena (6,008)

Athletics Director: Chris Monasch Head Coach: Kim Barnes Arico (Montclair State '93) **Record at SJU (Yrs.):** 60-56 (4)

Career Record (Yrs.): 60-56 (4)

Assistants: Jonath Nicholas (Trinity '97), Joe Tartamella (James Madison '01), Shannon Farley (Adelphi '01)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 22-8 (11-5/T-4th) Postseason: NCAA second round (d. California 78-58; l. Maryland 81-74)

Final Ranking: Not ranked **Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3**

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Angela Clark (F, Sr., 6-1); Kia Wright (G, Sr., 5-8)

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Notes: Notre Dame leads the all-time series with St. John's, 15-1, but the Red Storm picked up their first-ever win vs. the Irish in last season's matchup (66-63 in Jamaica, N.Y.) ... last year's game also marked the first time SJU had ever scored more than 65 points and Notre Dame had scored less than 65 points in the series ... the past two games between the programs have been decided by single digits after the first 14 games were all double-digit Irish victories ... Notre Dame has won all seven previous series games at the Joyce Center, but their last visit to South Bend (72-65 on Jan. 26, 2005) was the closest the Red Storm have ever come to winning on the Irish home court ... Notre Dame is 37-3 (.925) all-time against New York schools, including a 19-0 record at the Joyce Center (the Irish will play host to Syracuse this season, four days after playing SJU in the same building) .. the 31 points allowed by Notre Dame vs. St. John's on Feb. 13, 2002 at the Joyce Center represents the fourthlowest opponent scoring total in school history, the second lowest by a Division I opponent, and the lowest ever by a conference opponent (in any league - North Star, Midwestern Collegiate or BIG EAST) ... Notre Dame has shot 50 percent or better from the field in more than half (nine) of the 16 series games against St. John's, including a .560 mark (28-50) last year and a series-best .571 ratio (36-63) on Feb. 12, 2000 at the Joyce Center ... Irish junior center Melissa D'Amico is a native of Manorville, N.Y. (located on Long Island) and graduated from William Floyd High School in 2004.

Current Irish vs. St. John's

2 GP/0 GS, 7.0 PPG (14 TOTAL), 5.5 RPG (11), Allen 2.0 APG (4), .375 FG% (6-16), .667 FT% (2-3) 2 GP/1 GS, 7.0 PPG (14), 3.5 RPG (7), 1.0 BPG D'Amico (2), .636 FG% (7-11) 3 GP/2 GS, 8.3 PPG (25), 7.3 RPG (22), 1.3 Erwin

APG (4), .647 FG% (11-17), .250 FT% (3-12) 2 GP/0 GS, 1.0 PPG (2), 1.0 RPG (2), 1.0 APG Gaines (2), .500 FG% (1-2)

3 GP/2 GS, 4.3 PPG (13), 2.0 RPG (6), 1.3 APG (4), 313 FG% (5-16), 1.000 FT% (2-2) Grav

1 GP/1 GS, 8.0 PPG, 3.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .571 Schrader FG% (4-7), .000 FT% (0-1)

1 GP/1 GS, 4.0 PPG, 1.0 RPG, .500 FG% (1-2), Smith

1.000 FT% (2-2)

Seton Hall Pirates

Tuesday, Jan. 2 • 7 p.m. ET South Orange, N.J. • Walsh Gymnasium Notre Dame Leads Series 144

Location: South Orange, N.J. Founded: 1856 Enrollment: 9,700 Colors: Blue and White Conference: BIG EAST

Arena (Capacity): Walsh Gymnasium (2,600)

Athletics Director: Joe Quinlan Head Coach: Phyllis Mangina (Seton Hall '81) **Record at SHU (Yrs.):** 294-306 (21)

Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Assistants: Marlin Chinn (Hampton '92), Kim Tingley (Delaware '02), Dana Wynne (Seton Hall '97)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 6-21 (3-13/T-13th)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 10/2

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Monique Blake (F, Sr., 6-0); Shantel Brown (G, So., 5-7); Amber Harris (F, Jr., 6-1); Heta Korpivaara (G/F, Sr., 6-2); Brittney Messina (G. So., 5-11)

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Notes: Notre Dame has a 14-4 series lead against Seton Hall, but the Pirates are coming off a 74-61 victory over the Irish last season at the Joyce Center (the first SHU win in South Bend since Dec. 11, 1993, and the Pirates' largest margin of victory ever in the series) ... the teams have split the past four matchups in the series after Notre Dame won the first 12 BIG EAST Conference games between the clubs ... the Irish have won six of the eight series games at Walsh Gymnasium, although the past two contests have been particularly close (SHU 51-45 on Feb. 8, 2004; ND 41-35 on March 1, 2005) ... the 2004 game was one of only two times (and the lone occurrence as a Division I program) that the Irish have ever failed to produce at least one double-figure scorer ... the March 2005 contest yielded two school records for Notre Dame - the fewest points ever allowed in a BIG EAST road game, and the fewest points scored in any road game ... the Irish are 7-4 (.636) in BIG EAST openers, having won five of the past seven lidlifters ... Notre Dame is 21-8 (.724) in the first game of a calendar year, with last year's loss at St. John's marking only the second time in 12 seasons that the Irish opened January with a defeat (other was 2002-03 vs. Purdue) ... the coaching matchup between Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw and Seton Hall's Phyllis Mangina dates back nearly 25 years to McGraw's previous tenure at Lehigh (1982-87), when her teams split two games with Mangina's SHU clubs.

Current Irish vs. Seton Hall 3 GP/0 GS, 10.3 PPG (32 TOTAL), 5.0 RPG Allen

(15), 1.0 APG (3), .400 FG% (8-20), .889 FT% D'Amico 2 GP/1 GS, 2.0 PPG (4), 2.0 RPG (4), 0.5 BPG (1), .333 FG% (1-3), .667 FT% (2-3) (1), 333 FG/8 (13), 307 FT/8 (23), 40 RPG (16), 0.5 APG (2), 385 FG/8 (10-26), 333 FT/8 (3-9) 3 GP/1 GS, 4.0 PPG (12), 3.0 RPG (9), 2.3 APG Erwin Gaines

(7), .182 FG% (2-11), .667 FT% (8-12) 4 GP/2 GS, 2.5 PPG (10), 2.8 RPG (11), 1.3 Grav APG (5), .158 FG% (3-19), .429 FT% (3-7) 1 GP/1 GS, 7.0 PPG, 2.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, .667 FG% (2-3), .500 FT% (3-6) Schrader

Smith 1 GP/0 GS, 1.0 RPG (1) 1 GP/0 GS, .000 FG% (0-1) **Tsipis**

Bulls

Saturday, Jan. 13 • Noon ET Tampa, Fla. • Sun Dome Notre Dame Leads Series 3-1

Location: Tampa, Fla. Founded: 1957 Enrollment: 41,392 Colors: Green and Gold Conference: BIG EAST

Arena (Capacity): Sun Dome (10,411)

Athletics Director: Doug Woolard

Head Coach: Jose Fernandez (Florida International '94)

Record at USF (Yrs.): 79-95 (6) Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Assistants: Jeff Osterman (Siena '92), Shalon Pillow (Tennessee '02), Jaida Williams (Cal Poly Pomona '05)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 19-12 (9-7/T-6th)

Postseason: NCAA first round (l. USC 67-65) Final Ranking: Not ranked

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/4

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Jessica Dickson (F, Sr., 5-11); Shantia Grace (G, So., 5-6); Nalini Miller (C, Sr., 6-2); Rachael Sheets (G, Sr., 5-11)

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Notes: Notre Dame has won three of four games in the abbreviated series with South Florida, which resumed last season when the Bulls joined the BIG EAST Conference ... the Bulls earned their first victory over the Irish last year with a 68-64 overtime win during the regular season at the Joyce Center ... the Irish will be making just their second all-time visit to Tampa, having taken an 83-63 victory over USF on Dec. 19, 1998, behind a game-high 16 points and seven rebounds from Danielle Green (one of five ND players to score in double figures) ... in its three series wins, Notre Dame has scored 70 or more points each time ... last year's BIG EAST Championship first-round contest between the programs (won by ND 73-66) was the first for Notre Dame and USF in any sport (schools later met in 2006 baseball and women's tennis tourneys, with the Irish winning all three postseason meetings) ... Notre Dame is 19-4 (.826) all-time against Florida schools, including a 10-1 (.909) record on opponent's home courts (only loss: 77-76 at Miami on Feb. 3, 1998 when Octavia Blue made a free throw after time expired) ... Notre Dame also is 13-2 (.867) when playing in the state of Florida, regardless of the opposition, with the only other loss coming to James Madison, 53-51, on Jan. 3, 1986 at Miami's Burger King Classic in Coral Gables (JMU won on a three-point play with four seconds left) ... the Irish make their first trip to the Sunshine State since Jan. 28, 2004, when they defeated Miami, 59-50 at the Hurricanes' new on-campus Convocation Center (now known as the BankUnited Center) ... Notre Dame sophomore forward Chandrica Smith and USF redshirt senior guard Tristen Webb are both natives of Stone Mountain, Ga. ... the Irish have had seven Florida residents on their all-time roster, with the most recent being Pembroke Pines product Le'Tania Severe, who played at Notre Dame from 2000-04, helping the Irish to three NCAA Sweet 16 berths and the 2001 NCAA title.

Current Irish vs. South Florida

2 GP/0 GS, 11.0 PPG (22 TOTAL), 6.5 RPG Allen (13), 1.5 BPG (3), 1.5 SPG (3), 385 FG% (10-26), .000 3FG% (0-3), 1.000 FT% (2-2) 2 GP/0 GS, 2.5 PPG (5), 0.5 BPG (1), .333 FG% D'Amico (2-6), .500 FT% (1-2) 2 GP/1 GS, 4.5 PPG (9), 5.5 RPG (11), 1.0 APG Erwin (2), .222 FG% (2-9), .833 FT% (5-6) 2 GP/2 GS, 6.0 PPG (12), 3.5 RPG (7), 3.5 APG Gaines (7), .800 FG% (4-5), .667 FT% (4-6)

2 GP/2 GS, 3.5 RPG (7), 1.5 APG (3), .000 FG% Grav

(0-9), .000 FT% (0-2) Schrader 2 GP/1 GS, 13.0 PPG (26), 4.5 RPG (9), 2.5

SPG (5), .500 FG% (9-18), .800 FT% (8-10) Smith 1 GP/0 GS, 6.0 PPG, 3.0 RPG, .667 FG% (2-3),

1.000 FT% (2-2)

Syracuse Orange

Saturday, Jan. 20 • 2 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame Leads Series 19-2

Location: Syracuse, N.Y. **Founded:** 1870 Enrollment: 11,000 Color: Orange Conference: BIG EAST

Arenas (Capacities): Manley Fieldhouse (9,500); Carrier Dome (33,000)

Athletics Director: Dr. Daryl Gross

Head Coach: Quentin Hillsman (St. Mary's (Md.) '93)

Record at SU (Yrs.): First Year Career Record (Yrs.): First Year

Associate Head Coach: Matt Luneau (Johnson St. '91) Assistants: Mary McKissack (Siena '03), Lakisha

Covington (Winston-Salem State '01)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 9-18 (2-14/16th)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3 Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Sara Antolick

(F/C, So., 6-3); Tracy Harbut (F, Sr., 5-11); Cintia Johnson (G, So., 5-4); Vaida Sipaviciute (C, Jr., 6-4)

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Notes: Notre Dame has a 19-2 series lead against Syracuse, including a 9-0 record at the Joyce Center (where ND has posted an average winning margin of 19.8 points per game) ... since the schools split their first two contests, the Irish have won 18 of the past 19 meetings (six in a row), including all 15 regular-season games since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995 96 ... the lone SU win during that span came on March 3, 2002, when the Orange defeated the Irish, 84-79 in the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinals at Piscataway, N.J. ... Notre Dame has scored 70 or more points in 16 of the 21 series contests, while Syracuse has reached that mark just twice (most recently in its 2002 BIG EAST Championship win) ... the Irish have limited the Orange to an average of 49.3 points in the past six series games ... a current Notre Dame player has set (at the time) a new career high in scoring in each of the past three games vs. Syracuse — Breona Gray (17 on Jan. 5, 2005), Charel Allen (17 on Jan. 19, 2005) and Lindsay Schrader (24 on Jan. 31, 2006) ... SU sophomore forward Keri Laimbeer is the daughter of former Notre Dame men's basketball player Bill Laimbeer ('79), currently the head coach of the two-time WNBA champion Detroit Shock (whose roster includes former Irish All-Americans Ruth Riley and Jacqueline Batteast) ... Notre Dame freshman center Erica Williamson spent much of her formative years growing up in Rochester, N.Y., and won a state title at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School as a junior in 2005 before her family moved to Charlotte, N.C. that summer.

Current Irish vs. SyracuseAllen 3 GP/0 GS, 7.0 PPG (21 TOTAL), 4.3 RPG (13), 1.0 APG (3), .421 FG% (8-19), 1.000 3FG% (2-

2), .500 FT% (3-6)

3 GP/1 GS, 3.0 PPG (9), 1.3 RPG (4), 0.7 APG D'Amico (2), .444 FG% (4-9), .333 FT% (1-3)

5 GP/2 GS, 3.4 PPG (17), 4.2 RPG (21), 0.4 Erwin APG (2), .333 FG% (5-15), .667 FT% (4-8) 3 GP/0 GS, 1.0 PPG (3), 2.0 RPG (6), 2.3 APG Gaines

(7), .250 FG% (1-4), .667 FT% (4-6) 5 GP/3 GS, 6.0 PPG (30), 3.0 RPG (15), 1.4 Gray

APG. (7), .423 FG% (11-26), .667 FT% (8-12) 1 GP/1 GS, 24.0 PPG, 8.0 RPG (8), .474 FG% Schrader

(9-19), .600 FT% (6-10)

Smith 1 GP/0 GS 1 GP/0 GS **Tsipis**

Tennessee **Lady Volunteers**

Saturday, Dec. 30 • 2 p.m. ET Knoxville, Tenn. • Thompson-Boling Arena Tennessee Leads Series 17-0

Location: Knoxville, Tenn. Founded: 1794 Enrollment: 26,100 Colors: Orange and White Conference: Southeastern

Arena (Capacity): Thompson-Boling Arena (24,535)

Athletics Director: Joan Cronan

Head Coach: Pat Summitt (Tennessee-Martin '74)

Record at UT (Yrs.): 913-177 (33) Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Associate Head Coach: Holly Warlick (Tennessee '81) Assistants: Nikki Caldwell (Tennessee '94), Dean

Lockwood (Spring Arbor '82)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 31-5 (11-3/2nd) Postseason: NCAA regional final (d. Army 102-54; d. George Washington 66- $\bar{5}3$; d. Rutgers 76-69; l. North Carolina 75-63)

Final Ranking: 6th (AP) / 6th (ESPN/USA Today)

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1 **Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 6/5

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Nicky Anosike (C, Jr., 6-4); Alexis Hornbuckle (G, Jr., 5-11); Candace Parker (F/G, So., 6-4); Sidney Spencer (F, Sr., 6-3)

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Notes: Notre Dame and Tennessee will meet for fifth time in the past six seasons, and the fourth time in the regular season since $2002\text{-}03\dots$ UT has won all 17 prior matchups with the Irish, making the Lady Vols the only squad Notre Dame has not yet defeated in a series of five games or more ... Tennessee also has claimed each of the seven prior series games in Knoxville, most recently taking an 83-59 victory on Nov. 30, 2003 ... last year's 62-51 UT win at the Joyce Center was the closest in the series since Jan. 12, 1992, when the Lady Vols edged the Irish, 85-82, also in South Bend Tennessee's 62 points matched the fewest they have scored against Notre Dame (also 62-57 on Nov. 24, 1984 in Knoxville), with those two games marking the only times the Irish have limited the Lady Vols to less than 70 points ... last season's game also attracted the third home sellout crowd in Notre Dame women's basketball history, with all 11,418 tickets being exhausted 19 days before tipoff, the fastest sellout in school annals ... with the Tennessee series accounting for the majority of their games against the Southeastern Conference, the Irish are 6-27 (.182) against the SEC, with their most recent SEC victory coming on Nov. 14, 2003 (77-64 vs. Auburn in the opening round of the WBCA Classic in Boulder, Colo.) ... Notre Dame has never defeated an SEC opponent on its home floor, going 0-13 all-time in such games ... however, the Irish have won previously won in SEC arenas, registering four NCAA Tournament victories in as many tries — Alabama and George Washington (1997 East Regional at Frank McGuire Center in Columbia, S.C.), Saint Mary's (Calif.) (1999 West Region first round at Pete Maravich Assembly Center in Baton Rouge, La.) and New Mexico (2002 Midwest Region first round at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville, Tenn.); the 87-71 victory over Alabama in the '97 NCAA Sweet 16 remains the lone time a Notre Dame squad has ousted an SEC school in an SEC building ... Tennessee head strength & conditioning coach Heather Mason spent five years on the staff at Notre Dame from 1998-2003, and two of her second-year graduate assistants are twins Jessica and Kristen Kinder, who were standout volleyball players for the Irish from 2000-03.

Current Irish vs. Tennessee

1 GP/0 GS, 4.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 3.0 APG, .125 Allen FG% (1-8), .250 3FG% (1-4), .500 FT% (1-2)

D'Amico 1 GP/1 GS, 6.0 PPG, 6.0 RPG, 2.0 BPG, .400

FG% (2-5), .400 FT% (2-5)

2 GP/1 GS, 4.5 PPG (9), 6.0 RPG (12), 1.0 APG Erwin

(2), .250 FG% (3-12), .333 FT% (3-9) 1 GP/0 GS, 4.0 PPG, 1.0 RPG, .500 FG% (1-2), Gaines

1.000 FT% (2-2)

Smith

Gray 2 GP/1 GS, 2.0 RPG (4), .000 FG% (0-2), .000

3FG% (0-1)

1 GP/1 GS, 4.0 PPG, 6.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, .333 Schrader

FG% (1-3), .500 FT% (2-4)

1 GP/0 GS

USC Women of Trov

Friday, November 24 • 5 p.m. PT Los Angeles, Calif. • Galen Center Notre Dame Leads Series 7-1 Momenoftra

Location: Los Angeles, Calif. **Founded:** 1880 **Enrollment:** 32,000 Colors: Cardinal and Gold Conference: Pacific-10

Arena (Capacity): Galen Center (10,258)

Athletics Director: Mike Garrett

Head Coach: Mark Trakh (Long Beach State '81) **Record at USC (Yrs.):** 39-23 (2)

Career Record (Yrs.): 238-146 (13)

Assistants: Jody Wynn (USC '96), Derek Wynn (Cal State Fullerton '96), Kai Felton (Randolph-Macon '00)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 19-12 (11-7/T-4th) Postseason: NCAA second round (d. South Florida 67-65; l. Duke 85-51)

Final Ranking: None

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/1 **Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.):** Allison Jaskowiak (G/F, Sr., 5-11); Chloe Kerr (C, Sr., 6-3); Camille

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Notes: Notre Dame is 7-1 all-time against USC, including victories in all seven meetings since the series resumed annually in 1999-2000 ... the Irish are 3-0 on the road against the Women of Troy, although those three wins came by a combined total of 25 points (8.3 points per game) ... Notre Dame will play in USC's new arena, the Galen Center, for the first time in 2006-07 ... the last time the Irish visited Southern California, Notre Dame edged the Women of Troy, 60-56, on Nov. 26, 2004 in what was the closest margin in the series since USC earned its lone victory to date (69-53 on Jan. 2, 1985 in Fullerton, Calif.) ... the Irish are 17-15 (.531) against Pac-10 Conference teams, yet they have won 14 of their last 17 contests against that league ... Notre Dame is 21-51 (.292) all-time against former or current NCAA champions, with .500 or better records against USC (7-1), North Carolina (2-0) and Texas (1-1) ... senior forward Crystal Erwin (Rancho Cucamonga/St. Paul HS) is the lone California native on this year's Irish roster, and one of only five Golden State products ever to play for Notre Dame ... junior guard Tulyah Gaines graduated from Cheyenne High School in North Las Vegas, Nev., but she spent much of her formative years in southern California, including her first three prep seasons at John Burroughs High School in Burbank ... USC senior center Chloe Kerr has family ties to the South Bend area — her father, Lloyd, and her uncle, Floyd, both grew up in the city and were standout basketball players at Washington High School before going on to play collegiately at Colorado State (1967-69); Floyd now is the athletics director at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. ... longtime Notre Dame volleyball head coach Debbie (Landreth) Brown was twice named the National Player of the Year while helping USC win the 1976 and '77 AIAW national championships.

Current Irish vs. USC

Erwin

2 GP/0 GS, 9.5 PPG (19 TOTAL), 4.0 RPG (8), Allen 1.5 APG (3), .600 FG% (6-10), .500 FT% (6-12) 2 GP/1 GS, 9.0 PPG (18), 6.5 RPG (13), 1.0 D'Amico

BPG (2), .667 FG% (8-12), .500 FT% (2-4) 3 GP/1 GS, 7.7 PPG (23), 2.3 RPG (7), 0.3 APG

(1), .714 FG% (10-14), .500 FT% (3-6) Gaines 1 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG, 1.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .500

FG% (1-2)

3 GP/2 GS, 3.7 PPG (11), 2.3 RPG (8), 1.3 APG Gray (4), .308 FG% (4-13), .000 3FG% (0-1), .625

FT% (5-8)

1 GP/1 GS, 8.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .429 Schrader

FG% (3-7), .286 FT% (2-7)

Valparaiso Crusaders

Tuesday, Dec. 19 • 7:05 p.m. CT Valparaiso, Ind. • Athletics-Recreation Center Notre Dame Leads Series 19-0

Location: Valparaiso, Ind. **Founded:** 1859 Enrollment: 4,000 Colors: Brown and Gold Conference: Mid-Continent



Arena (Capacity): Athletics-Recreation Center (5,000)

Athletics Director: Mark LaBarbera Head Coach: Keith Freeman (Huntington '86) **Record at VU (Yrs.):** 209-141 (12) **Career Record (Yrs.):** 338-188 (18)

Assistants: Greg Kirby (William Jewell '69), Andrea Bloodworth (Calvin '98), Meredith Baugher (Valparaiso

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 16-13 (9-7/T-4th) Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/3

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Tamra Braun (C, Sr., 6-5); Carrie Myers (G, Sr., 5-11); Betsy Rietema (F, Sr.,

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Notes: Notre Dame is 19-0 all-time against Valparaiso, the most victories against one opponent without a loss in program history .. the Irish also have an 8-0 record at the Athletics-Recreation Center, but the last two times they visited VU, the games have been particularly close (74-68 in 2002 and 69-59 in 2004) ... in fact, four of the past five games between the clubs have been decided by single digits, most recently a 58-50 Irish win last season at the Joyce Center ... the last time Notre Dame visited VU, the Irish set a school record by going a perfect 18-of-18 from the free throw line ... Notre Dame has held the Crusaders to 68 points or less in every single matchup, and has kept VU below 60 points in 16 of 19 series games ... conversely, the Irish have scored 70 or more points nine times in the past 12 meetings, but not since Nov. 21, 2003, when they posted a 74-57 win in South Bend ... the 19 wins vs. Valparaiso equals the most for Notre Dame against an Indiana opponent in school history (the Irish are 19-6 all-time against Butler, but haven't played the Bulldogs since 1999) ... this year's contest against the Crusaders will be the second of two for Notre Dame against the Mid-Continent Conference, with the Irish hosting IUPUI three days before visiting Valparaiso ... VU was Notre Dame's first-ever opponent as a varsity women's basketball program, with the Irish defeating the Crusaders, 48-41 on Dec. 3, 1977 at the Joyce Center (in the first of three seasons the Irish spent as an AIAW Division III entity) ... Notre Dame freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner and Valparaiso sophomore forward Aimee Litka were teammates at South Bend St. Joseph's High School from 2002-05, helping the Indians to the '05 Class 3A state title, as well as a runner-up finish

Current Irish vs. Valparaiso

2 GP/0 GS, 7.0 PPG (14 TOTAL), 8.0 RPG (16), Allen 2.5 APG (5), .455 FG% (5-11), 1.000 FT% (4-4) 2 GP/1 GS, 6.0 PPG (12), 2.0 RPG (4), .500 D'Amico

FG% (5-10), .667 FT% (2-3)

3 GP/2 GS, 3.3 PPG (10), 3.0 RPG (9), 1.0 SPG (3), .455 FG% (5-11), .000 FT% (0-2) Erwin

2 GP/0 GS, 1.0 PPG (2), 3.0 RPG (6), 0.5 APG Gaines

(1), .333 FG% (1-3)

3 GP/2 GS, 2.7 PPG (8), 1.7 RPG (5), 2.0 APG Gray (6), .308 FG% (4-13)

1 GP/1 GS, 13.0 PPG, 7.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, 3.0 Schrader SPG, .600 FG% (6-10), .500 FT% (1-2) 1 GP/0 GS, 4.0 PPG, 3.0 RPG, .667 FG% (2-3) Smith

Tsipis 1 GP/0 GS

Villanova Wildcats

Tuesday, Feb. 13 • 7:30 p.m. ET Villanova, Pa. • The Pavilion Notre Dame Leads Series 13-8

Location: Villanova, Pa. **Founded:** 1842 Enrollment: 6,200 Colors: Blue and White Conference: BIG EAST

Arena (Capacity): The Pavilion (6,500)

Athletics Director: Vince Nicastro Head Coach: Harry Perretta (Lycoming '78) **Record at VU (Yrs.):** 528-292 (28)

Career Record (Yrs.): Same **Associate Head Coach:** Joe Mullaney (Providence '78) Assistants: Mary Beth Snell (Villanova '00), Shanette

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 21-11 (9-7/T-6th) **Postseason:** WNIT quarterfinals (d. Hofstra 71-46; d.

Xavier 59-47; l. Western Kentucky 94-81) Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/5

Returning Starter (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Jackie Adamshick

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Notes: Notre Dame owns a 13-8 lead in the series with Villanova, but the Wildcats have had the upper hand of late, winning five of the past seven contests with the Irish ... the teams have split 10 prior games played on the VU campus, with the Wildcats winning the last such meeting (59-54 on Jan. 9, 2005) ... the past six games in the series have been decided by a total of 17 points (2.8 points per game), and all six have been in doubt inside the final minute of regulation, although Villanova's 69-65 overtime win last year was the first OT contest in series history ... last season's game broke a trend in the historically-low scoring series, with both teams topping 60 points (albeit in overtime) for the first time since Dec. 12, 1998 (a 63-62 ND win in South Bend) ... last year's game also nearly carved a place for the Irish in the NCAA record books, as Notre Dame wiped out a 21-point second-half deficit that would have tied the third-largest comeback in NCAA history, but the Wildcats rallied to win in the extra session ... VU's Liad Suez-Karni notched a triple-double against the Irish last season, the first Notre Dame opposing player to record that rare feat since 1989 ... Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw is a native of Pottsville, Pa., is a 1977 graduate of Saint Joseph's University, later spent two years as head coach at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, Pa. (50-3 record) and two years as an assistant coach under Jim Foster at Saint Joseph's (1980-82), and is a member of three halls of fame in the Philadelphia area - the SJU Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (inducted 1986), the Philadelphia Big Five Hall of Fame (inducted 1990) and the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame (inducted 2002).

Current Irish vs. Villanova

2 GP/0 GS, 8.0 PPG (16 TOTAL), 4.0 RPG (8), 1.0 APG (2), .421 FG% (8-19), .000 3FG% (0-4) 2 GP/0 GS, 1.0 PPG (2), 1.0 RPG (2), .500 FG% D'Amico

(1-2), .000 FT% (0-1)

Erwin 3 GP/1 GS, 1.7 PPG (5), 1.3 RPG (4), 0.7 APG (2), .333 FG% (1-3), .750 FT% (3-4)

2 GP/1 GS, 1.5 PPG (3), 3.0 RPG (6), 0.5 APG Gaines (1), .000 FG% (0-2), .750 FT% (3-4) 3 GP/2 GS, 3.7 PPG (11), 2.3 RPG. (7), 0.3 Grav

APG. (1), .417 FG% (5-12)

Schrader 1 GP/1 GS, 16.0 PPG, 6.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .462

FG% (6-13), .571 FT% (4-7)

Western Michigan **Broncos**

Sunday, Nov. 19 • Noon ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame Leads Series 8-0

Location: Kalamazoo, Mich. Founded: 1903 Enrollment: 29,732

Colors: Brown and Gold Conference: Mid-American (West Division) **Arena (Capacity):** University Arena (5,421)

Athletics Director: Kathy Beauregard Head Coach: Ron Stewart (Indiana '71) **Record at WMU (Yrs.):** 132-132 (9) Career Record (Yrs.): Same

Assistants: Ryan Bragdon (Washington '01), Mary Marchese (Grand Valley State '00), Skyler Young

(Western Michigan '05)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 14-14 (11-5/2nd

West)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 3/4 **Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 9/3

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Lindsey Brown (F, Sr., 6-3); Carrie Moore (G, Jr., 5-9); Amanda Parker (F, Jr.,

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Notes: Notre Dame has won all eight series contests with Western Michigan, including a 71-68 verdict last season in Kalamazoo (the closest margin in the series to date) ... the Irish are 5-0 against the Broncos at the Joyce Center, most recently downing WMU, 71-48 on Dec. 12, 2001 ... Notre Dame has scored 70 or more points in seven of eight meetings with the Broncos, and has won its five prior series contests in South Bend by an average of 22.2 points per game ... on the other hand, Western Michigan topped the 60-point mark against Notre Dame for the third time last season, with its 68 points being a series high ... Bronco guard Casey Rost also tied an Irish opponent record in last year's game with seven threepoint field goals ... WMU is the last of three Mid-American Conference opponents on this year's Irish schedule, with Notre Dame also slated to play host to Central Michigan (Nov. 10) and Bowling Green (Nov. 13) ... the Irish are 9-5 (.643) in their last pre-Thanksgiving game, although they didn't regularly open their season prior to the holiday until 1996 (7-3 since then, including a 74-61 win at Indiana last year) ... WMU freshman guard Sara Dreher is a 2006 graduate of Niles High School in Niles, Mich., located less than 10 miles from the Notre Dame campus.

Current Irish vs. Western Michigan

1 GP/1 GS, 4.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, .400

FG% (2-5), .000 FT% (0-2)

1 GP/1 GS, 8.0 PPG, 4.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, .571

FG% (4-7)

1 GP/1 GS, 7.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG, 2.0 APG, .222

FG% (2-9), .750 FT% (3-4)

1 GP/1 GS, 6.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG, 1.0 APG, .667 FG% (2-3), 1.000 FT% (2-2)

1 GP/0 GS, 6.0 PPG, 1.0 RPG, .429 FG% (3-7) Gray Schrader 1 GP/1 GS, 11.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG, .455 FG% (5-

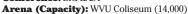
11), .500 FT% (1-2)

2006-07 Opponents/ Travel Plans

West Virginia Mountaineers

Sunday, Feb. 4 • 5:30 p.m. ET Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center Notre Dame Leads Series 14-1

Location: Morgantown, W.Va. **Founded:** 1867 Enrollment: 26,051 Colors: Old Gold and Blue Conference: BIG EAST



Athletics Director: Ed Pastilong Head Coach: Mike Carey (Salem '80) **Record at WVU (Yrs.):** 86-67 (5) **Career Record (Yrs.):** 374-169 (18)

Assistants: Chester Nichols (Greenville '97), E.J. Jackson (Slippery Rock '94), Lynn Bria (Charleston '90)

2005-06 Record (Conf./Finish): 15-16 (4-12/12th)

Postseason: None Final Ranking: Not ranked Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/3

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Meg Bulger (G, Sr., 6-0); Chakhia Cole (G, Jr., 5-10); Britney Davis-White (G, Sr., 5-7); Ashley Powell (G, So., 5-6); Olayinka Sanni (C, Jr., 6-2)

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Notes: Notre Dame has a 14-1 series lead against West Virginia, bolstered by a 7-0 record at the Joyce Center ... the Irish have scored at least 70 points in 12 of 15 games against the Mountaineers, while limiting WVU to less than 60 points eight times (both figures held with last year's 70-58 Notre Dame win in Morgantown) ... since losing to West Virginia for the first time ever in 2004, the Irish have won the past three series meetings, all by double figures, and have limited to the Mountaineers to an average of 58.0 points per game in that time ... Notre Dame has twice scored 100 points against WVU, the only BIG EAST opponent against whom the Irish have managed to hit triple digits multiple times ... in the past 10 series games, West Virginia has scored exactly within a 10-point window (54-64 points), including two 54-point games and three 64-point outings \dots Jim Bulger, the father of Mountaineer senior guard Meg Bulger, was a two-year monogram winner as a quarterback at Notre Dame (1970-71), and was part of ND's 1970 Cotton Bowl championship squad; that year, he served as an understudy to All-America signal-caller (and future Super Bowl champion) Joe Theismann.

Current Irish vs. West Virginia

 $3~\mathrm{GP/0}$ GS, $10.3~\mathrm{PPG}$ (31 TOTAL), $2.7~\mathrm{RPG}$ (8), 1.3 APG (4), .429 FG% (12-28), .857 FT% (6-7) D'Amico 3 GP/0 GS, 1.3 PPG (4), 0.7 RPG (2), 1.0 APG

(3), .400 FG% (2-5)

Erwin 4 GP/0 GS, 5.3 PPG (21), 2.3 RPG (9), 1.0 APG

(4), .615 FG% (8-13), .833 FT% (5-6) 3 GP/1 GS, 6.0 PPG (18), 4.7 RPG (14), 1.3 Gaines APG (4), .600 FG% (6-10), .750 FT% (6-8) Gray 4 GP/3 GS, 4.8 PPG (19), 2.0 RPG (8), 1.0 APG (4), .545 FG% (6-11), .857 FT% (6-7)

Schrader 1 GP/1 GS, 9.0 PPG, 5.0 RPG, .500 FG% (3-6),

.500 FT% (3-6)

Smith 1 GP/0 GS, .000 FG% (0-1)

2 GP/0 GS, 1.0 PPG (2), 1.000 FG% (1-1) Tsipis

University Park, Pa.

11/15 Depart via chartered flight to University Park

The Atherton Hotel 125 South Atherton Street State College, PA 16801 (814) 231-2100

11/16 Game vs. Penn State (7 p.m. ET) Return via chartered flight to South Bend

Los Angeles, Calif.

11/22 Depart via commercial flight to Los Angeles

The Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel & Spa 1401 South Oak Knoll Avenue Pasadena, CA 91106 (626) 568-3900

11/25 Game vs. USC (5 p.m. PT)

11/26 Return via commercial flight to South Bend

Ann Arbor, Mich.

11/30 Depart via chartered bus

Marriott Eagle Crest 1275 South Huron Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 487-2000

Game vs. Michigan (7 p.m. ET) Return via chartered bus to South Bend

Valparaiso, Ind.

12/19 Depart via chartered bus Game vs. Valparaiso (7:05 p.m. CT) Return via chartered bus to South Bend

Knoxville, Tenn.

12/29 Depart via chartered flight to Knoxville

Hilton Knoxville 501 West Church Avenue Knoxville, TN 37902 (865) 523-2300

12/30 Game vs. Tennessee (2 p.m. ET) Return via commercial flight to South Bend

South Orange N.J.

Depart via chartered flight to Newark

Hilton Newark Airport 1170 Spring Street Elizabeth, NJ 07201 (908) 351-3900

1/2 Game vs. Seton Hall (7 p.m. ET)

1/3 Return via commercial flight to South Bend

Tampa, Fla.

1/12 Depart via chartered flight to Tampa

Courtyard by Marriott Tampa North 13575 Cypress Glen Lane Tampa, FL 33637 (813) 978-9898

Game vs. South Florida (Noon ET) Return via chartered flight to South Bend

Milwaukee, Wis.

1/22 Depart via chartered bus

Hilton Milwaukee City Center 509 West Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53203 (414) 271-7250

1/23 Game vs. Marquette (7 p.m. CT) Return via chartered bus to South Bend

Storrs, Conn.

1/26 Depart via chartered flight to Hartford Hartford Marriott Downtown

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Game vs. Connecticut (7 p.m. ET) Return via chartered flight to South Bend

Pittsburgh, Pa.

1/30 Depart via chartered flight to Pittsburgh

Wyndham Garden University Place 3454 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412) 683-2040

Game vs. Pittsburgh (7 p.m. ET) Return via chartered flight to South Bend

Villanova, Pa.

2/12 Depart via chartered flight to Philadelphia

Renaissance Philadelphia Airport 500 Stevens Drive Philadelphia, PA 19113 (610) 521-5900

Game vs. Villanova (7:30 p.m. ET) Return via chartered flight to South Bend

Providence, R.I.

2/16 Depart via chartered flight to Providence

Westin Providence 1 West Exchange Street Providence, RI 02903 (401) 598-8000

2/17 Game vs. Providence (2 p.m. ET) Return via chartered flight to South Bend

Chicago, Ill.

2/25 Depart via chartered bus

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2/26 Game vs. DePaul (8 p.m. CT) Return via chartered bus to South Bend

NOTE: All travel plans are tentative and subject to change. For the latest travel information, please contact Assistant Sports Information Director Chris Masters at (574) 631-8032. As a reminder, all interviews with Irish players and coaches must be coordinated through Masters and no interviews may be conducted on game days prior to competition.



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