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2008-09 ND Women's Basketball: Game 5

#14/10 Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (4-0 / 0-0 BIG EAST) vs.
#24/rv Michigan State *Spartans* (6-0 / 0-0 Big Ten)

- ◆ **DATE:** November 29, 2008
- ◆ **TIME:** 2:00 p.m. ET
- ◆ **AT:** Notre Dame, Ind.
Joyce Center (11,418)
- ◆ **SERIES:** MSU leads 8-4
- ◆ **1ST MTG:** MSU 76-45 (2/26/81)
- ◆ **LAST MTG:** MSU 82-73, ot (12/2/04)
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Storylines

- ◆ Notre Dame plays three of its next four games against Big Ten Conference opponents, beginning Saturday with Michigan State.
- ◆ The Irish will face their second ranked opponent of the season, having posted a 62-53 win at No. 24/22 LSU back on Nov. 16 in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic.

Outside of its regular BIG EAST schedule, there's no conference that Notre Dame sees more on a consistent basis than the Big Ten. The No. 14/10 Irish will open the Big Ten portion of this year's schedule on Saturday when they play host to No. 24/rv Michigan State in a 2 p.m. (ET) matinee at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame (4-0) offered a smooth blend of potent offense and solid defense to post an 85-36 win over visiting Georgia Southern on Tuesday night. The Irish shot 56.1 percent from the floor and forced the Eagles into 24 turnovers, parlaying those takeaways into 37 points.

Sophomore guard **Brittany Mallory** came off the bench to pour in a career-high 19 points in 24 points, knocking down 7-of-10 shots, including 3-of-4 from three-point range. Junior guard **Ashley Barlow** added 13 points and a game-high eight rebounds for Notre Dame.

Rankings

- ◆ Notre Dame is ranked 14th in the latest Associated Press poll and 10th in the current ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.
- ◆ Michigan State is ranked 24th in the latest Associated Press poll and received votes in the current ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.

Notre Dame's Probable Starting Lineup (c = captain)

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
32	Becca Bruszewski	F	6-1	So.	12.0	3.5	1.8 spg	• 2nd on team with .690 field goal pct.
52	Erica Williamson	C	6-4	Jr.	5.0	4.5	0.3 apg	• Season-high 10 points in win at BC
20	Ashley Barlow (C)	G	5-9	Jr.	15.3	5.3	3.5 spg	• Team-high 8 3FG this year (.571 3FG%)
23	Melissa Lechlitner (C)	G	5-7	Jr.	7.0	2.5	4.3 apg	• 2.43 A/TO ratio (4.0 since LSU halftime)
24	Lindsay Schrader (C)	G	6-0	Sr.	11.5	5.8	2.8 apg	• Also second on team with 8 steals

Off the Bench For the Irish

1	Erica Solomon	F	6-2	Fr.	9.3	2.8	1.3 bpg	• 13.5 ppg., .889 FG% (8-9) past 2 gms
10	Kellie Watson	F	6-2	Fr.	3.3	1.8	0.8 apg	• Season-high 7 pts vs. Ga. Southern
12	Fraderica Miller	G	5-10	Fr.	1.0	0.0	0.8 spg	• Steal/layup :10 after entering vs. GSU
14	Devereaux Peters	F	6-2	Sr.	7.3	4.3	2.0 bpg	• 12 pts (6-7 FG) in 28 min at LSU
21	Natalie Novosel	G	5-11	Fr.	5.5	2.8	1.8 apg	• Season highs 7p, 4r vs. Ga. Southern
22	Brittany Mallory	G	5-10	So.	14.7	2.7	3.8 apg	• 16.5 ppg., 12-15 FG, 6-7 3FG past 2 gms

Pronunciations: Bruszewski (broo-SHEFF-skee); Fraderica (fruh-DARE-uh-kuh); Lechlitner (LECK-light-ner); Novosel (KNOW-vuh-sell)

2008-09 Schedule

4-0 / 0-0 BIG EAST

N5	Gannon (exhibition)	W, 96-30
N16	(16/14) @ LSU (24/22) ^{1-ESPN2}	W, 62-53
N19	(15/15) Evansville	W, 96-61
N23	(15/15) @ Boston College	W, 102-54
N25	(14/10) Georgia Southern	W, 85-36
N29	Michigan State	2:00 ET
D2	@ Eastern Michigan	7:00 ET
D7	Purdue	2:00 ET
D10	@ Michigan ^{BTN}	7:00 ET
D13	@ Valparaiso	1:35 CT
D20	Loyola-Chicago	2:00 ET
D28	@ Charlotte ^{ESPNJ}	2:00 ET
D30	@ Vanderbilt	7:00 CT
J3	• @ Seton Hall	Noon ET
J6	• @ DePaul ^{CBS CS}	8:00 CT
J10	• Georgetown	7:00 ET
J13	• @ Marquette ^{CBS CS}	8:00 CT
J17	• St. John's	2:00 ET
J24	• @ Villanova	2:00 ET
J27	• Rutgers ^{CBS CS}	8:00 ET
J31	• Cincinnati	2:00 ET
F3	• @ Pittsburgh	7:00 ET
F8	• DePaul ^{ESPNJ}	2:00 ET
F11	• Louisville	7:00 ET
F17	• @ South Florida	7:00 ET
F22	• @ Connecticut ^{ESPNJ}	2:00 ET
F24	• Syracuse	7:00 ET
F28	• @ Providence	2:00 ET
M2	• West Virginia	3:30 ET
M6	BIG EAST 1st Round ²	TBA
M7	BIG EAST 2nd Round ^{2-BETV}	TBA
M8	BIG EAST Quarterfinal ^{2-ESPNJ}	TBA
M9	BIG EAST Semifinal ^{2-ESPNJ}	6/8:00 ET
M10	BIG EAST Final ^{2-ESPN}	7:00 ET
M22	NCAA 1st Round ^{3-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M24	NCAA 2nd Round ^{3-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M28	NCAA Regional Semifinal ^{4-ESPN}	TBA
M29	NCAA Regional Semifinal ^{4-ESPN}	TBA
M30	NCAA Regional Final ^{4-ESPN}	TBA
M31	NCAA Regional Final ^{4-ESPN}	TBA
A5	NCAA National Semifinals ^{5-ESPN}	TBA
A7	NCAA Championship Game ^{5-ESPN}	TBA

(x) = numbers before opponent name indicate ND rank in AP/ESPN-USA Today polls; numbers after are opponent rank.

- = BIG EAST Conference game
- 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)
- 2 = BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn.)
- 3 = NCAA First/Second Rounds (Notre Dame, Ind.)
- 4 = Regionals to be played at: Berkeley (Calif.), Oklahoma City, Raleigh (N.C.) and Trenton (N.J.)
- 5 = NCAA Women's Final Four (St. Louis, Mo.)

ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNJ = Game to be televised on ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNJ
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BETV = Game to be televised on BIG EAST TV package
BTN = Game to be televised on Big Ten Network
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A Quick Look At The Fighting Irish

Following two seasons of impressive growth and development, Notre Dame has constructed a firm foundation upon which to build its next championship contender. The Irish enter the 2008-09 season on the heels of a seventh trip to the NCAA Sweet 16 and a highly-competitive effort in that regional semifinal that has players, coaches and followers optimistic that even greater success may be on the horizon.

Notre Dame has three starters and seven monogram winners returning this season from a squad that ranked among the top 10 in the country in scoring offense (8th - 76.2 ppg) and scoring margin (10th - +14.6 ppg) a year ago. The Irish also have many of the pieces back from the '07-08 club that led the BIG EAST in steals for the second consecutive year (school-record 397, 11.68 per game) and forced an opponent-record 737 turnovers.

Perhaps it's no surprise that Notre Dame's present upward mobility has coincided with the arrival of its current junior class, including guards and co-captains **Ashley Barlow** and **Melissa Lechlitner**. Barlow earned honorable mention all-BIG EAST status last year and is the team's top returning scorer (12.1 ppg), while also setting the defensive tone with a team-high 68 steals last season. Meanwhile, Lechlitner (5.5 ppg, 2.6 apg) assumes the mantle of leadership from the point guard position after two consistent years as a reliable understudy to Tulyah Gaines.

LAST IRISH GAME

#14/10 Notre Dame 85, Georgia Southern 36
November 25, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Georgia Southern (36)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Ogburn	25	4-8	0-0	0-0	4	0	3	8
Geiger	31	0-7	0-1	2-2	3	0	0	2
Whitney	27	1-7	1-3	3-4	2	4	2	6
Rivens	25	4-7	0-1	0-0	3	1	1	8
Melson	24	2-12	1-4	3-4	4	0	1	8
Navarro	14	0-4	0-1	0-0	3	1	1	0
Nelson	16	0-5	0-3	0-0	3	1	3	0
Tate	19	0-2	0-0	2-3	3	0	3	2
Ivy	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Youngblood	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Green	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Williams	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	0
McKenzie	3	1-2	0-0	0-2	3	0	1	2
Team					3			
Totals	200	12-56	2-14	10-15	33	7	17	36

Notre Dame (85)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszezski	18	3-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	0	6
Williamson	13	2-5	0-0	0-2	6	0	1	4
Barlow	25	5-9	1-3	2-2	8	2	0	13
Lechlitner	25	3-7	1-2	0-0	0	4	2	7
Schrader	25	4-7	0-0	0-0	6	4	0	8
Solomon	19	3-4	0-0	6-9	5	0	2	12
Watson	20	3-7	1-2	0-0	2	1	2	7
Miller	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	2
Novosel	21	1-3	0-2	5-6	4	1	2	7
Mallory	24	7-10	3-4	2-3	2	3	3	19
Team					3			
Totals	200	32-57	6-13	15-22	41	16	15	85

Georgia Southern	17	19	-	36
Notre Dame	37	48	-	85

FG Pct: Georgia Southern 21.4, Notre Dame 56.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Georgia Southern 14.3, Notre Dame 46.2. **FT Pct:** Georgia Southern 66.7, Notre Dame 68.2. **Turnovers:** Georgia Southern 24, Notre Dame 14. **Blocked Shots:** Georgia Southern 2 (Ogburn 2), Notre Dame 6 (Schrader, Solomon 2). **Steals:** Georgia Southern 8 (Melson 3), Notre Dame 9 (Mallory 2). **Attendance:** 6,192.

The Irish also should benefit from the veteran experience and guidance of senior guard and co-captain **Lindsay Schrader**, who joined Barlow on last year's BIG EAST honorable mention squad after logging 10.3 points and a team-high 6.2 rebounds per game. She earned similar status this fall in preseason voting by the conference coaches and gives Notre Dame a unique blend of toughness and determination that has become the common thread running through the team's recent resurgence.

The Irish sophomore class proved to be an exceptional complement to their predecessors last season, led by forward **Devereaux Peters** (9.0 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 2.0 bpg), who was a BIG EAST All-Freshman Team choice despite missing the final 11 games of the year with a knee injury. Guard **Brittany Mallory** (6.3 ppg, 34 3FG) joined Peters on the conference's all-rookie squad, while forward **Becca Bruszezski** (5.0 ppg, 2.5 rpg) may be the team's most improved player heading into this season after a scintillating three-game NCAA Tournament performance that included a season-high 16 points against both SMU and Tennessee.

Potent Notables About The Irish

- Notre Dame is among the nation's winningest programs during the past 12 seasons (1996-97 to present), ranking seventh with 296 victories.
- Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance each of the past eight seasons. This year, the program has averaged 5,944 fans for its first two home games. The Irish also have drawn 5,000-or-more fans to 112 of their last 114 home games, including five Joyce Center sellouts of 11,418 (most recently on Jan. 27, 2008 vs. Connecticut).
- The Irish have become a regular fixture in the WNBA Draft in recent years, as seven Notre Dame players have been selected in the past eight seasons. **Charel Allen** was the most recent Irish player to be chosen, going to the Sacramento Monarchs in the third round (43rd overall pick) of the 2008 WNBA Draft. **Allen**, **Megan Duffy** (New York) and **Ruth Riley** (San Antonio) all were active in the league during the '08 season, with all three teams making the playoffs (San Antonio made the WNBA Finals, while New York was the Eastern Conference runner-up). Three of Notre Dame's eight WNBA alums have won a total of four league championships — Riley won a pair of crowns with the Detroit Shock (2003 Finals MVP, 2006), **Coquese Washington** toiled for the 2000 Houston Comets, while **Jacqueline Batteast** was Riley's teammate on the '06 title-winning squad in Detroit.
- For the third year in a row, the Irish posted a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), according to figures released

Winningest Teams (1996-97 to present)	
400	Connecticut
392	Tennessee
348	Duke
319	Louisiana Tech
317	Old Dominion
307	Purdue
◆296	NOTRE DAME
288	UC Santa Barbara
278	Texas Tech

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Media Services

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

Official Notre Dame athletics web site:

• <http://www.UND.com>

In-Season Interview Policy

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

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

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

Credentials / Parking

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

For single-game credentials, contact **Chris Masters** no later than 24 hours before tipoff. Credential requests may be submitted via phone, fax or e-mail. Passes will be left at the media will call entrance (Gate 1) of the Joyce Center.

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

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

Game Notes

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

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

Gameday Services

Gameday packages containing game notes, programs and other information will be available in the press box prior to all home contests. A pre-game meal also will be served in the arena level media room (exit court via Gate 8 ramp behind visitors' bench, make first right, enter first door on right) beginning 75 minutes before tipoff.

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

Post-Game Interviews

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

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





2008-09 Standings (through Nov. 27)

Table with columns: BIG EAST (W, L), Overall (W, L). Rows include Notre Dame, Connecticut, Georgetown, Louisville, Marquette, St. John's, Seton Hall, DePaul, South Florida, West Virginia, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Rutgers, Villanova, Providence.

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

Player of the Week

Nov. 24 Angel McCoughtry, Louisville

Freshman of the Week

Nov. 24 Kandice Green, Seton Hall

Upcoming BIG EAST Games

Friday, November 28

Table of upcoming games for Friday, November 28, including Stony Brook at St. John's, Dead River Company Classic, Paradise Jam, Villanova vs. Baylor, Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament, Elon at Pittsburgh, Paradise Jam, South Florida vs. Iowa, LMU Ayres Hotel Thanksgiving Tournament, Georgetown vs. North Dakota State, Courtyard by Marriott Florence Thanksgiving Classic, Mississippi Valley State at Cincinnati, Illinois State at DePaul, WBCA Classic, Gonzaga at Marquette, Nugget Classic, Louisville vs. Alabama, Seton Hall at San Diego.

Saturday, November 29

Table of upcoming games for Saturday, November 29, including Paradise Jam, Villanova vs. Central Florida, Dead River Company Classic, West Virginia at Maine/vs. Brown, Michigan State at Notre Dame, Pitt Thanksgiving Tournament, Weber State/Youngstown State at Pittsburgh, LMU Ayres Hotel Thanksgiving Tournament, Georgetown at Loyola Marymount/vs. Idaho State, Courtyard by Marriott Florence Thanksgiving Classic, Savannah State at Cincinnati, Paradise Jam, South Florida vs. Texas Tech, Nugget Classic, Louisville at Nevada/vs. Northern Iowa, WBCA Classic, Virginia at Marquette.

• - indicates BIG EAST Conference game All times Eastern and subject to change

Around the BIG EAST

by the NCAA in October 2008. Notre Dame also was one of only four teams with a perfect '07 GSR to advance to the 2008 NCAA Sweet 16 (joining Oklahoma State, Tennessee and Vanderbilt). Furthermore, since Muffet McGraw became the Irish head coach in 1987, every Notre Dame women's basketball player that has completed her athletic and academic eligibility at the University has graduated (a 57-for-57 success rate).

A Quick Look At Michigan State

Michigan State comes into Saturday's game already reaping the benefits from last year's run to the postseason WNIT championship game. With eight letterwinners and four starters back from that club, the Spartans are off to a 6-0 start and have moved into the Associated Press Top 25 poll, checking in at No. 24 this week.

MSU went into the Thanksgiving break on a high note with an impressive 74-48 win over No. 23/20 Old Dominion on Wednesday night in East Lansing. The Spartans used a smothering defense to limit ODU to a .278 field goal percentage and just 21 second-half points. Michigan State also held a dominating 49-34 edge on the boards, including 17 offensive rebounds.

Redshirt junior center Lauren Aitch led four Spartans in double figures against Old Dominion, coming off the bench to pocket a game-high 14 points and eight rebounds. Redshirt senior guard Mia Johnson added 13 points, knocking down a trio of three-pointers.

Redshirt junior forward Aisha Jefferson (12.2 ppg.) paces a balanced MSU offensive attack that features four players in double figures and a fifth at 9.2 ppg. The Spartans also are shooting .496 from the floor, led by freshman forward Courtney Schiffauer (.645) and 6-foot-9 junior center Allyssa DeHaan, who not only connects at a .596 clip, but also is blocking a team-high 19 shots (3.2 bpg.).

Head coach Suzy Merchant is in her second season at Michigan State with a 29-14 (.674) record. Also a successful coach in prior stops at Saginaw Valley State and Eastern Michigan, Merchant owns a career record at 230-134 (.632) in her 14th season, although Saturday will mark her first-ever meeting with Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame-Michigan State Series

Saturday's game will be the 13th in the series between Notre Dame and Michigan State, with the Spartans owning an 8-4 edge on the Irish. The series has been built entirely on home-and-home series, with the schools playing in consecutive seasons six times previously, most recently in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons.

MSU also is one of the rare visitors to own a series lead on Notre Dame at the Joyce Center, having won four of its six previous visits.

Overall, the series margin is much slimmer during the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present), with Michigan State leading by only a 5-3 count.

The Last Time Notre Dame and Michigan State Met

Lindsay Bowen made a game-tying 3-pointer

LAST IRISH GAME vs. MICHIGAN STATE

#15 Michigan State 82, #3 Notre Dame 73 (OT) December 2, 2004 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Michigan State (82)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Dwyer, Shimek, Roehrig, Haynie, Bowen, Davidson, Haynes, Lucas-Perry, Bannister, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame (73)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Batteast, Erwin, Borton, Duffy, Gray, Gaines, Allen, Powers, D'Amico, Team, Totals.

Summary table: Michigan State 41 29 12 - 82, Notre Dame 30 40 3 - 73

FG Pct: Michigan State 35.8, Notre Dame 34.7. 3-PT FG Pct: Michigan State 29.4, Notre Dame 37.5. FT Pct: Michigan State 87.9, Notre Dame 74.1. Turnovers: Michigan State 20, Notre Dame 16. Blocked Shots: Michigan State 2, Notre Dame 12 (Borton 6). Steals: Michigan State 12 (Haynie, Bowen 4), Notre Dame 9 (Erwin 3). Attendance: 5,544.

and scored five of her 23 points in overtime to lead No. 15 Michigan State to an 82-73 victory over third-ranked Notre Dame on Dec. 2, 2004, at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame's Teresa Borton tied the game at 73 with 2:11 left at overtime, but the Spartans finished the game on a 9-0 run. Rene Haynes drove inside, Bowen hit a 15-foot jumper, Kelli Roehrig made a pair of free throws and Bowen added free throws in the final seconds.

The Irish (7-1) opened a 67-61 lead when Megan Duffy made a free throw with 36 seconds left. Kristin Haynie scored underneath and added a free throw with 30 seconds left for Michigan State (5-1), but Duffy made a pair of free throws to give the Irish a 69-64 lead.

Bowen was fouled on a three-point attempt and made all three free throws to cut the lead to 69-67. After Duffy made just 1-of-2 free throws, Bowen hit a 3-pointer with 14 seconds left to tie the score at 70.

Haynie finished with 17 points, 10 rebounds and five assists for the Spartans and Roehrig added 14 points. Liz Shimek had nine points and 13 rebounds.

Crystal Erwin scored a (then) career-high 20 points for the Irish, but fouled out with 40 seconds left in regulation. Duffy had 19 points and Jacqueline Batteast scored 16 points on 6-of-25 shooting.

Michigan State opened its biggest lead when Maggie Dwyer made a pair of free throws 25 seconds into the second half to give the Spartans a 43-30. But Roehrig sat down after picking up her second foul and the Irish went on a 17-0 run to open a 47-43 lead.





Roehrig returned and the Spartans used a 9-0 spurt to move ahead 52-47 on a three-point play by Roehrig. Tied at 54, Duffy then hit a three-pointer to spark a 10-4 run by the Irish.

Other ND-Michigan State Series Tidbits

- The cumulative scoring margin in the series has been fairly tight, with Michigan State having scored 849 points in 12 games (70.8 ppg.), and Notre Dame piling up 803 points (66.9 ppg.).
- Half of the 12 series games have been decided by single digits, including two contests that went to overtime (MSU won both — 87-83 in 1995 and 82-73 in 2004).
- In a unique twist, the Irish are opening their season with six consecutive opponents whose coaches have never faced the Irish before. This six-pack (in order) is: LSU's Van Chancellor, Evansville's Misty Murphy, Boston College's Sylvia Crawley, Georgia Southern's Rusty Cram, Michigan State's **Suzy Merchant** and Eastern Michigan's AnnMarie Gilbert.
- Freshman forward **Kellie Watson** hails from Ionia, Mich., located less than an hour north-west of the MSU campus (halfway between Lansing and Grand Rapids).
- Freshman forward **Erica Solomon** likely has good memories of Michigan State's Breslin Center, having helped lead Detroit Country Day School to the 2008 Michigan Class B state title on that floor.
- Including Watson and Solomon, Notre Dame has had 16 Michigan natives on its all-time roster, second only to Indiana (18).
- Michigan State is one of four Notre Dame opponents this season who also will be playing host to NCAA first- and second-round tournament games in March. Besides MSU, the others in this group are Connecticut, LSU and Rutgers.

Notre Dame vs. The Big Ten Conference

Notre Dame is 36-46 (.439) all-time against the Big Ten Conference, including a 20-16 (.556) record at the Joyce Center. The Irish also are 29-32 (.475) in the **Muffet McGraw** era (1987-88 to present), with a 15-11 (.577) home slate.

What's more, Notre Dame has won nine of its last 13 games against Big Ten schools, including a sweep of Michigan and Purdue last season.

Michigan State opens a four-game stretch during which the Irish will play all three of their Big Ten opponents this year. Purdue visits the Joyce Center on Dec. 7, before Notre Dame heads to Michigan three days later to take on the Wolverines.

North Of The Border

Three of Notre Dame's next four games will come against teams from the state of Michigan

Notre Dame In the Polls

Associated Press Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			08-09	All Time
Nov. 1, 2008 (Pre)	374	16	1	160
Nov. 17, 2008	459	15	2	161
Nov. 24, 2008	579	14	3	162
SEASON HIGHS	579	14		

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			08-09	All Time
Nov. 5, 2008 (Pre)	294	14	1	152
Nov. 18, 2008	367	15	2	153
Nov. 25, 2008	464	10	3	154
SEASON HIGHS	464	10		

— Michigan State (Saturday), Eastern Michigan (Tuesday) and Michigan (Dec. 10).

The Irish are 50-19 (.725) all-time against Michigan schools, with a 20-13 (.606) record at home. Notre Dame also is 30-7 (.811) against the Great Lakes State in the **Muffet McGraw** era (1987-88 to present).

Notre Dame has won its last seven games against Michigan schools, since an 82-73 overtime loss to Michigan State on Dec. 2, 2004 at the Joyce Center. Last year, the Irish won a pair of games against Michigan institutions, winning at Central Michigan (94-41) and at home against Michigan (77-46).

Let's Talk Turkey

Notre Dame is 18-13 (.581) all-time in its first game after the Thanksgiving holiday, with a 7-3 (.700) home record and a 14-7 (.667) mark in the **Muffet McGraw** era (1987-88 to present).

Last year, the Irish returned from the Thanksgiving break with an 88-58 win over Boston College at the Joyce Center (Nov. 24).

Thirty Deeds

Last year, the Irish tied a school record with 10 wins by 30-or-more points. It would seem Notre Dame is intent on challenging that mark this season, having won its last three games by at least 35 points — a first in school history.

The past two games have seen the Irish post two of the larger winning margins in the program's record books, rolling to a 48-point victory at Boston College (102-54), followed by a 49-point win at home over Georgia Southern (85-36).

In fact, the only time Notre Dame logged a larger combined margin of victory in consecutive games than this past week's 97-point spread was Nov. 24-25, 1989, at the UCF Rotary Classic in Orlando, Fla., when the Irish downed Liberty (113-35) and host Central Florida (81-61) by a combined 98 points.

Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough

Notre Dame reeled off a 27-0 run in the second half of Tuesday's win over Georgia Southern, marking the second-longest string of consecutive points in school history. On Jan. 18, 1997, the Irish used a 31-0 spurt midway through the first half to seize control and take a 65-49 over Pittsburgh at the Joyce Center.

National Polls

Associated Press Poll

• November 24, 2008: Poll #3

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ♦Connecticut (44)	3-0	1,124	1
2 North Carolina (1)	5-0	1,070	4
3 California	3-0	971	7
4 Oklahoma	3-1	943	2
5 Stanford	3-1	925	8
6 Baylor	4-0	845	10
7 ♦Louisville	3-0	836	9
8 Texas A&M	3-0	741	12
9 Tennessee	3-1	716	5
10 Maryland	3-1	704	11
11 Texas	5-0	664	14
12 Duke	3-1	626	6
13 ♦Rutgers	2-2	583	3
14 NOTRE DAME	3-0	579	15
15 Auburn	4-0	469	20
16 Virginia	2-1	444	16
17 ♦Vanderbilt	4-1	352	13
18 Oklahoma State	2-1	318	19
19 ♦Purdue	3-0	303	21
20 Ohio State	3-1	258	17
21 Arizona State	2-1	257	18
22 TCU	4-0	211	24
23 Old Dominion	3-1	186	25
24 ♦Michigan State	5-0	79	—
25 (tie) Iowa State	3-0	67	—
(tie) Xavier	2-2	67	23

Others Receiving Votes: Marist 59, ♦Pittsburgh 40, ♦Marquette 30, Florida State 29, Hartford 24, ♦LSU 18, Kansas State 18, Georgia Tech 15, Arkansas 9, ♦DePaul 8, ♦Syracuse 8, Georgia 6, ♦Michigan 4, Coastal Carolina 4, South Dakota State 4, Florida 3, Gonzaga 3, Utah 3, Montana 2.

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

• November 25, 2008: Poll #3

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ♦Connecticut (31)	3-0	775	1
2 North Carolina	5-0	736	3
3 California	3-0	677	6
4 Oklahoma	3-1	653	4
5 Texas A&M	3-0	606	7
6 Stanford	3-1	601	8
7 Baylor	4-0	598	9
8 ♦Louisville	3-0	580	10
9 Texas	5-0	484	14
10 NOTRE DAME	3-0	464	15
11 ♦Rutgers	2-2	440	2
12 Tennessee	3-1	410	13
13 Duke	3-1	406	5
14 Maryland	3-1	367	16
15 Virginia	3-1	355	11
16 Auburn	4-0	324	20
17 ♦Vanderbilt	4-1	281	12
18 Oklahoma State	2-1	196	19
19 Arizona State	2-1	183	17
20 Old Dominion	3-1	144	24
21 Ohio State	3-1	142	18
22 Iowa State	3-0	122	24
23 ♦Purdue	3-0	89	—
24 TCU	4-0	63	—
25 Xavier	2-2	50	22

Others Receiving Votes: Florida State 45, Kansas State 41, Marist 40, ♦Marquette 38, ♦Michigan State 29, Hartford 29, ♦Pittsburgh 18, Gonzaga 14, Texas Tech 12, Nebraska 11, Georgia 9, ♦Syracuse 8, East Carolina 7, ♦LSU 6, Georgia Tech 5, Minnesota 5, Montana 4, ♦Michigan 3, ♦DePaul 2, Liberty 1, North Carolina A&T 1, South Dakota State 1.

LW = last week

♦ = 2008-09 Notre Dame opponent



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Michigan State Series

Michigan State Leads Series 8-4

Date	Site	Result	Score
2/26/81	East Lansing	L	45-76
3/6/82	Notre Dame	L	59-68
2/3/84	East Lansing	L	72-73
12/20/84	Notre Dame	W	71-59
1/24/88	East Lansing	W	57-55
12/13/89	Notre Dame	L	48-64
12/7/94	Notre Dame	L	73-75
12/21/95	East Lansing	L	83-87 (ot)
12/21/98	East Lansing	W	75-64
12/11/99	Notre Dame	W	84-54
11/26/03	East Lansing	L	63-92
12/2/04	Notre Dame	L	73-82 (ot)

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	803	66.9
Michigan State	849	70.8

Current Win Streak: Michigan State - 2 games

Muffet McGraw vs. Michigan State: 3-5

Suzy Merchant vs. Notre Dame: First meeting

McGraw vs. Merchant: First meeting

ND Biggest Win: 30 (84-54 on 12/11/99)

MSU Biggest Win: 31 (76-45 on 2/26/81)

ND Longest Win Streak: 2, twice (MR: 1998-99)

MSU Longest Win Streak: 3, twice (MR: 1989-95)

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	MSU
2008-09 record	4-0	6-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	14/10	24/rv

SCORING

Points scored per game	86.2	81.5
Points allowed per game	51.0	48.0
Field goal percentage	.540	.496
Three-point percentage	.500	.379
Free throw percentage	.714	.671

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	37.8	48.0
Opponent rebs. per game	32.2	33.0
Rebounding margin	+5.6	+15.0

OTHER

Assists per game	17.8	18.5
Turnovers per game	15.3	22.3
Assist/turnover ratio	1.17	0.83
Blocked shots per game	5.8	6.8
Steals per game	13.8	9.8

Piping Hot Turnovers

After forcing an opponent-record 737 turnovers (21.7 per game) last season, Notre Dame is at it again early this year, causing 101 turnovers (25.3 per game) in its first four outings, including 83 in the past three games alone (31 vs. Evansville, 28 at Boston College, 24 vs. Georgia Southern).

The majority of those turnovers have come via Irish steals, with Notre Dame registering 55 thefts (13.8 per game) after leading the BIG EAST Conference in that category each of the past two seasons.

The Upper Hand

In its first four games of the season, Notre Dame has trailed for all of 4:50 and not by more than one possession (three points). LSU had a 20-18 lead on the visiting Irish at the 4:46 mark of the first half of the State Farm Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 16 before senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** answered with a layup on the ensuing possession.

On Nov. 19, Evansville scored the opening points of the game on an old-fashioned three-point play, but sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski** erased that deficit 45 seconds later with a three-pointer.

On Nov. 23 at Boston College, the Irish and Eagles traded buckets over the first three-plus minutes before junior guard **Ashley Barlow** drained a three-pointer at 16:17 to give Notre Dame the lead for good at 10-8.

Most recently on Tuesday night, Notre Dame trailed for combined total of one minute against Georgia Southern after the teams alternated baskets for the first two minutes and prior to Barlow's fastbreak layup at 17:01 that wound up putting the Irish ahead to stay.

Deep Thoughts

Notre Dame has found its shooting eye from the three-point line in the first four games of the season, connecting at a .500 clip from distance (22-of-24). The Irish have been particularly prolific in the past three games, making seven treys each in wins over Evansville and Boston College and six more against Georgia Southern.

One has to go back nearly seven years to find the last time Notre Dame made more than 20 combined three-pointers in a three-game span. On Dec. 28, 2001, the Irish canned four treys at Rice, followed by eight triples three days later at home against DePaul. Notre Dame capped the spree with a school-record 13 three-pointers on Jan. 2, 2002, at Miami (Fla.).

Earlier in that 2001-02 season, you'll find the last time the Irish strung together three consecutive games with at least six three-pointers. From Nov. 21-Dec. 2, 2001, Notre Dame was lights-out from the arc at Colorado State (7), at Arizona (7), home vs. Army (10) and at a neutral site vs. Michigan (8).

Barlow Named To BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll

Junior guard **Ashley Barlow** was named to the BIG EAST Conference Weekly Honor Roll on Monday, an accolade she picked up twice last season (Dec. 17, Jan. 21) en route to honorable mention all-BIG EAST status.

Barlow averaged a team-high 16.0 points and

4.3 steals per game in Notre Dame's first three outings, while also logging a sharp .636 three-point percentage (7-of-11) and 4.3 rebounds a night. She tossed in a game-high 19 points in the first two Irish wins (at No. 24/22 LSU and home vs. Evansville) before flirting with a triple-double on Sunday at Boston College and ending up with 10 points, seven steals and six assists. The latter two figures also were career highs for the Indianapolis native and team tri-captain.

Becca's A Bruiser

Sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski** showed a hint of the promise to come late last season, chalking up a (then) career-high 16 points in two of her three NCAA Tournament games (first round vs. SMU, regional semifinal vs. Tennessee).

That improvement has carried over into this season, as the Valparaiso, Ind., native has earned her way into the Irish starting lineup and has not disappointed. On Nov. 19 against Evansville, she poured in a career-best 18 points, knocking down 7-of-9 shots from the field, including both of her three-point attempts. The latter statistic was particularly noteworthy, considering she was just 1-of-2 from beyond the arc during her entire freshman season.

Not to be outdone, Bruszewski matched her career high four days later on Nov. 23 at Boston College, connecting for a game-high 18 points on 9-of-13 shooting.

In her last seven games (dating back to the start of last year's NCAA Tournament), Bruszewski is averaging 11.4 points per game with a .593 field goal percentage (32-of-54), including a .731 clip from the floor (19-of-26) in the past three games.

The Final Countdown

Less than 250 tickets remain for the Dec. 7 game with in-state rival Purdue at the Joyce Center (2 p.m. ET tipoff). Should that allotment be exhausted, it would represent the sixth women's basketball sellout (11,418 capacity) in school history and the third in the past two seasons.

Last year, Notre Dame sold out its games against Tennessee and Connecticut, and nearly did the same for the Michigan contest, drawing 10,825 fans for that game.

Polling Station

Notre Dame is ranked 14th in this week's Associated Press poll, up one spot from its pre-season ranking. It's the 23rd consecutive AP poll appearance for the Irish, which opened last season at No. 24 and rose as high as ninth on March 3, marking the eighth time in the past 12 seasons (1996-97 through 2007-08) that the Irish have reached the AP Top 10.

Notre Dame also has been ranked in the AP poll for 162 weeks during

AP Poll Appearances Active D-I Coaches

1. Summitt (Tenn) 545
2. Landers (UGa) 431
3. Stringer (RU) 379
12. Blair (TAMU) 193
13. ♦McGraw (ND) 162
14. Larry (ODU) 146

All-Time D-I Coaches

1. Summitt (Tenn) 545
2. Landers (UGa) 431
3. Conradt (Texas) 395
23. Sanderford (WKU) 182
24. Washington (KU) 176
25. ♦McGraw (ND) 162

NOTE: through Nov. 24 AP poll





the program's 32-year history, with every one of those appearances coming in the **Muffet McGraw** era (since 1987-88). McGraw ranks 13th among all active NCAA Division I head coaches for weeks in the AP poll, and also stands 25th all-time in that category.

In addition, the Irish earned their 23rd consecutive ranking in Tuesday's ESPN/USA Today/WBCA coaches' poll, moving up to 10th (rising four spots from last week's balloting). It's the highest ranking for Notre Dame in the coaches poll since Dec. 6, 2005, when also checked in at No. 10. The Irish now have appeared in the coaches' poll for 154 weeks during its history (all coming during McGraw's tenure).

More Polling Data

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is one of 23 people in NCAA Division I women's basketball history who have both played for and coached a team that has appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Besides her 162 AP poll appearances while coaching at Notre Dame, McGraw was the starting point guard at Saint Joseph's (Pa.) as a senior in 1977, helping the Hawks rise to No. 3 in the nation. Of the 23 people on this list, 11 currently are NCAA Division I head coaches (see accompanying chart).

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

June Daugherty (Wash. St.)
Nell Fortner (Auburn)
MaChelle Joseph (Ga. Tech)
Wendy Larry (ODU)
Joanne McCallie (Duke)
Kathy McConnell-Miller (Colo.)
◆**Muffet McGraw (ND)**
Kim Mulkey (Baylor)
Bev Smith (Oregon)
Dawn Staley (S. Carolina)
Charli Turner Thorne (Ariz. St.)

NOTES: only current teams listed ... all coaches shown have made AP poll with current teams except Daugherty (did so at Washington) and Staley (at Temple) ... Larry and Smith are coaching at their alma maters.

Game #4 Recap: Georgia Southern

Sophomore guard **Brittany Mallory** scored a career-high 19 points and No. 14 (AP)/No. 10 (ESPN/USA Today/WBCA) Notre Dame jumped on visiting Georgia Southern early in an 85-36 win on Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame (4-0), coming off a 102-54 win Sunday at Boston College, scored 37 points off of 24 Georgia Southern turnovers and harassed the Eagles into shot clock trouble all night.

J'Lisia Ogburn, Ashley Rivens and Ashley Melson each scored eight points to lead the Eagles (3-2), who shot just 21.4 percent from the field.

The Irish quickly took control with a 23-3 run early in the first half to take an 18-point lead. Mallory and freshman guard **Natalie Novosel** came off the Irish bench to score 11 of those points during the stretch that was highlighted by Notre Dame's defense.

The Irish then closed the door on any comeback by the Eagles, reeling off 27 unanswered points midway through the second half.

Noting The Georgia Southern Game

- The Irish improve to 38-5 (.884) against first-time opponents since 1995-96, and stretch their current winning streak against new foes to 13 in a row, dating back to the 2001-02 season.

- Notre Dame posts back-to-back wins by at least 48 points for the first time in school history.
- The Irish also notch their third consecutive 35-point win, which likewise, is a first in the 32-year history of the program.
- The 49-point margin of victory is the largest for Notre Dame in a home game since March 17, 2001, when the Irish defeated Alcorn State at home, 98-49 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament (an event they eventually won to secure the program's first national championship).
- Notre Dame's defense allowed just 36 points, the fewest given up by the Irish in a game since March 1, 2005, when Notre Dame earned a 41-35 win at Seton Hall; it's the fewest opponent points at the Joyce Center since Jan. 2, 2005, when the Irish downed SHU, 54-33.
- Notre Dame went on a staggering 27-0 run midway through the second half, the second-longest run of consecutive points in school history — on Jan. 18, 1997 against Pittsburgh at the Joyce Center, the Irish went on a 31-0 run in the first half en route to a 65-49 win.
- Notre Dame held Georgia Southern to a .214 field goal percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Dec. 22, 2001, when Marquette shot just .185 (10-of-54) in a 60-33 Irish win at the Joyce Center.
- Georgia Southern did not have a single player score in double figures, the first time the Notre Dame defense has managed that feat since Nov. 20, 2007, when Central Michigan's leading scorer had eight points in a 94-41 Irish win at Mount Pleasant, Mich..
- For the second time in four games this season, every Notre Dame player in uniform got into the scoring column (also vs. Evansville on Nov. 19).
- Mallory scored a career-high 19 points, topping her old high-water mark of 15 set on Jan. 19, 2008, at Georgetown; she had narrowly missed her career-high point total two days earlier at Boston College, finishing with 14 points.
- Junior guard/tri-captain **Ashley Barlow** extended her streak of double-digit scoring games to nine, dating back to last year; she also plucked a season-high eight rebounds against Georgia Southern.
- Freshman forward **Erica Solomon** scored in double figures for the second time in as many games, while adding a season-best five rebounds to her 12 points.

Irish Fourth In BIG EAST Preseason Poll

The Notre Dame women's basketball team has been projected to finish fourth in the BIG EAST Conference this season, according to a preseason vote of the league's 16 head coaches that was announced during the 2008 BIG EAST Women's Basketball Media Day on Oct. 23 at the ESPN Zone in New York City.

The Irish collected 182 points, with Connecticut (14 first-place votes, 224 points), Rutgers (one first-place vote, 201 points) and Louisville (one first-place vote, 200 points) joining Notre Dame in the top four.

2008-09 Trends

Day of the Week

Sunday	2-0
Monday	0-0
Tuesday	1-0
Wednesday	1-0
Thursday	0-0
Friday	0-0
Saturday	0-0

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m. local time)	3-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	1-0

Location

Home games	2-0
Road games	2-0
Neutral site games	0-0

Halftime score

Leading at the half	3-0
Tied at the half	1-0
Trailing at the half	0-0

Individual scoring

Two or fewer double-figure scorers	0-0
Three double-figure scorers	2-0
Four double-figure scorers	0-0
Five or more double-figure scorers	2-0

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	3-0
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	1-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	4-0
Lower pct. than opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	3-0
Shoot less than 45%	1-0
Hold opponent under 40%	3-0

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	3-0
Make same number of free throws	0-0
Make fewer free throws	1-0

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	3-0
Commit same number of turnovers	0-0
Commit more turnovers	1-0

Miscellaneous

Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	1-0
On television	1-0
In white jerseys	2-0
In alternate white jerseys	0-0
In blue jerseys	2-0
In green jerseys	0-0

Margin of Victory

1-5 points	0-0
6-10 points	1-0
11-15 points	0-0
16-20 points	0-0
21+ points	3-0
In overtime games	0-0

Conference Affiliation

Atlantic Coast	1-0
Atlantic 10	0-0
BIG EAST	0-0
Big Ten	0-0
Horizon League	0-0
Mid-American	0-0
Missouri Valley	1-0
Southeastern	1-0
Southern	1-0

Month

November	4-0
December	0-0
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0





Academics

Notre Dame Student-Athletes Rank Among Nation's Best

Whether measured by the federal government in its Department of Education report (the 18th edition came out this fall) or by the NCAA through its newer Graduation Success Rate (GSR) numbers, graduation rates for Notre Dame student-athletes rank among the national leaders in all major categories among all major football-playing colleges and universities.

Notre Dame led the nation in the GSR ratings for all student-athletes (at 98, tied with the United States Naval Academy), while also ranking first in both the GSR and federal standings for female student-athletes (100 GSR, 93 federal) — as well as first in the federal listing for black student-athletes (84). Both the federal graduation-rate figures and the GSR numbers for Notre Dame student-athletes found the Irish ranked fourth or better nationally in five major categories among the 119 football-playing institutions in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A).

Listing all student-athletes in all sports, Notre Dame tied for first among the Bowl Subdivision football schools in the GSR figures, initiated in 2005 by the NCAA. The University's 98 percent GSR for all its student-athletes matched that for the U.S. Naval Academy. Using the federal formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 89 percent of its student-athletes, second-best in the nation.

Notre Dame graduated 93 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank first among its peer institutions (tied with Northwestern) based on the federal calculations. Among men, Notre Dame's 87 percent federal rate was second, while the school also graduated 84 percent of its black student-athletes, ranking first based on the federal rate.

In the GSR standings, in addition to its number-one ranking for all student-athletes, Notre Dame tied for first among female student-athletes at 100 (Vanderbilt and the U.S. Naval Academy also finished at 100), second among male student-athletes at 97 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 98), and second among black student-athletes at 96 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 98).

The NCAA also calculated graduation rates over a 10-year period (student-athletes who entered from 1992-93 through 2001-02). During those 10 years, Notre Dame had 627 student-athletes who exhausted their eligibility — and 100 percent of them graduated within the allotted six-year period, a figure only Northwestern can match.

Academic All-Americans

Entering the 2008-09 academic year, Notre Dame ranks second in the nation with 201 Academic All-America® selections, including 32 in the past three years alone. The Academic All-America® Program is administered by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), whose membership votes on the award winners, and the program is sponsored by ESPN *The Magazine*.

The Notre Dame women's basketball program has produced five Academic All-America® honorees in its 32-year history, with those five players winning a total of seven citations. In addition, two-time first-team Academic All-America® pick **Ruth Riley** was tapped as the 2001 Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Member of the Year, as well as the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year. Riley also is one of only 10 student-athletes in Notre Dame history to earn All-American and Academic All-America® honors twice in her career.

Megan Duffy was the latest honoree in 2006, when she was named a first-team Academic All-America® selection, becoming the second Irish player ever to attain that distinction. Duffy graduated in May 2006 with a 3.576 grade-point average (GPA) and a degree in psychology and computer applications from Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters. She also garnered dean's list honors in four of her final five semesters (spring 2004, fall 2004, spring 2005, fall 2005).

ND Women's Basketball Academic All-Americans

Megan Duffy	2006 (First Team)
Maggie Lally	1980, 1981 (Second Team)
Shari Matvey	1981 (Second Team)
Ruth Riley	2000, 2001* (First Team)
Mary Beth Schueth	1983 (Second Team)

* = also Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Member of the Year and Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year



In addition, senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** was chosen as a Preseason All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention selection, one of 14 players to garner preseason all-conference status. Schrader averaged 10.3 points and a team-high 6.2 rebounds per game last season while scoring in double figures 21 times.

A 2008 honorable mention all-BIG EAST selection, Schrader is one of three starters and seven monogram winners back for the Irish from last year's 25-9 club that finished fourth in the BIG EAST and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 for the seventh time in the past 12 seasons.

Half And Half

During the past nine seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 149-14 (.914) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead, including wins in 77 of their last 85 such contests.

This season, Notre Dame is 3-0 when up at the break, doing so in its last three games. Last year, the Irish went 22-2 when they led at the break, failing only to do so in their two postseason losses (BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Pittsburgh, NCAA Oklahoma City Regional semifinal vs. Tennessee), although the UT lead marked the first time Notre Dame was up on the Lady Vols at the half in 20 series games.

The Best Offense Is A Good Defense...

During the past 14 seasons (1995-96 to present), Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 187-12 (.940) record when they hold their opponents below 60 points in a game.

Notre Dame has added three more wins to the ledger this season with its victories at LSU and Boston College, as well as Tuesday night's win at home over Georgia Southern.

...But Sometimes You Have To Score If You Want To Win

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. During the past 14 seasons (since 1995-96), the Irish are 117-4 (.967) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995, a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998, and an 81-80 loss to DePaul in 2008.

Notre Dame has scored at least 80 points in its last three outings, winning each time. Last season, the Irish won 14 of 15 games when reaching the 80-point mark.

Now That's A Home Court Advantage

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 164 of their last 185 games (.886) at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center,

including winning streaks of 51 and 25 games in that span. Notre Dame also has a 93-15 (.861) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game league winning streak at home before it ended with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the '02 home finale.

The Irish have been particularly strong when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 73 of their last 79 non-BIG EAST contests (.924) at the Joyce Center, dating back to the 1994-95 season. Four of the losses in that span came at the hands of Big Ten Conference opponents — Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69), Purdue in 2003 (71-54), Michigan State in 2004 (82-73 OT) and Indiana in 2006 (54-51) — with the other two defeats coming to Tennessee in 2005 (62-51) and 2008 (87-63). The Purdue loss also snapped a 33-game non-conference home winning streak which began after the UW setback.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, posting a 314-82 (.793) record at the venerable facility. Three times (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Irish went a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season.

Irish Have New Home On The Dial

On Aug. 27, 2008, the Notre Dame athletics department announced it had partnered with the LeSEA Broadcasting Network, making Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) the new radio home of Notre Dame women's basketball in the South Bend market.

LeSEA now originates all Notre Dame women's basketball games, with those events carried on Pulse FM (96.9/92.1), marking the first time since the 1998-99 season that the Irish are heard on an FM station. Combined, these two stations blanket the nation's No. 89 media market (South Bend-Elkhart), covering a 21-county area in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan that contains more than 1.35 million listeners (better than 800,000 in the greater South Bend area alone). All told, Notre Dame's new women's basketball network stretches from Kalamazoo, Mich., to the north, North Judson, Ind., to the west, Macy, Ind., (home of former Irish All-America center **Ruth Riley**) to the south, and LaGrange, Ind., to the east.

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

The new agreement includes extensive Notre Dame athletics promotion aired on a combination of the LeSEA stations.

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

Notre Dame On The Small Screen

Notre Dame will have at least 19 regular-season games televised during the upcoming 2008-09 season. Highlighting this year's broadcast schedule are eight nationally-televised



Irish women's basketball contests, including four games on the ESPN family of networks (beginning with the Nov. 16 State Farm Tip-Off Classic win at LSU, which aired on ESPN2 and ESPN360.com) and three others on CBS College Sports.

In addition, Notre Dame continues to expand its broadcast reach globally on the Internet. All 11 Irish regular-season home games that have not been selected for commercial TV coverage will air live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site, *UND.com*, via the site's free multimedia package, Fighting Irish All-Access.

This year's TV slate continues a recent trend that has seen the Irish become a regular fixture on television. Beginning with the NCAA championship season of 2000-01 and continuing through this year, Notre Dame has played in 118 televised games, including 68 that were broadcast nationally.

Oh Captain, My Captain

Senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** and junior guards **Ashley Barlow** and **Melissa Lechlitrer** are team captains for the 2008-09 season. All three players are serving as captains for the first time in their careers, and each received the captain's honor following a vote of their teammates prior to the season.

Irish In The Pink (Zone) All Season Long

Notre Dame is proud to be a participant in the second annual Pink Zone initiative, created by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) in order to heighten breast cancer awareness and raise money for research towards finding a cure for the disease.

Throughout the 2008-09 season, the Irish will take part in several activities centered around the Pink Zone initiative, including:

- **Open Practice/Tip-Off Luncheon** - On Oct. 19, the Irish open the doors to one of their preseason practice sessions and allowed approximately 600 season ticket holders to watch the team prepare for the upcoming season. A luncheon with the team followed and a total of \$3,311 was raised.
- **Three-Point Pledge** - Fans can pledge an amount to donate for every three-pointer the Irish make this season. Pledge cards are available at the Joyce Center Gate 10 marketing table prior to each home game.
- **Beanie Bears/Calendars** - The Irish are collecting a \$5 donation for every special-edition Notre Dame women's basketball beanie bear and team calendar sold during the season.
- **T-Shirt Sales** - Specially-commissioned "Irish Believe" pink t-shirts are on sale in the Hammes Bookstore and Varsity Shop on the Notre Dame campus. Proceeds from the sales of the t-shirt will go to breast cancer awareness and research.
- **Brittany and Becca's Class** - Sophomores **Brittany Mallory** and **Becca Bruszewski** currently are taking a management class in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business under the guidance of **Chuck Lennon**, an Irish women's basketball season ticket holder, as well as Associate Vice President

for University Relations and Executive Director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. This class has been focusing on ways to help promote and enhance the Pink Zone initiative on the Notre Dame campus and will debut their ideas at the Purdue game on Dec. 7.

- **Pink Zone Challenge** - The Irish women's basketball program has challenged some of the other top-drawing teams in the country to a friendly fund-raising competition to see which school can raise the most money for breast cancer awareness and research during the WBCA's designated Pink Zone games (Feb. 13-22, 2009). A total of 15 schools from among the top 20 in last year's final NCAA attendance rankings have committed for this inaugural challenge — Baylor, Connecticut, Duke, LSU, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri State, New Mexico, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Penn State, Purdue, Tennessee, Texas Tech and Vanderbilt. The school raising the most money during their specific Pink Zone game will earn the first-ever Pink Zone Challenge Trophy, to be commissioned by Notre Dame and awarded during the WBCA National Convention, to be held April 3-7, 2009, at the NCAA Women's Final Four in St. Louis.
- **Game Day (Feb. 8 vs. DePaul)** - The Irish have selected their Feb. 8 home game against DePaul as Notre Dame's Pink Zone game, presented by Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. The Irish will take the court in white, pink and navy uniforms, specially-designed by the school's official athletics apparel provider, adidas. The first 2,000 fans in attendance will receive a free pink Irish t-shirt, compliments of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, and pink pom-poms, balloons and posters will fill the crowd. In addition, breast cancer survivors will be recognized on the court during a special halftime ceremony. What's more, should Notre Dame sell out this game, the Irish will donate an additional \$10,000 to the Pink Zone initiative. Proceeds from all of Notre Dame's Pink Zone events this season will go to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, as well as three local charities — Women's Task Force, Young Survivors Group and Secret Sisters Society. For more information on the WBCA's Pink Zone initiative, log on to the WBCA's official web site at www.wbca.org.

ND To Host NCAA Tourney Games in 2009

Notre Dame's Joyce Center will serve as one of 16 host sites for first- and second-round games in this year's NCAA Championship on March 22 & 24.

All-session tickets for this year's NCAA Championship games at the Joyce Center are available by contacting the Notre Dame athletics ticket office (574-631-7356).

Notre Dame has played in the NCAA Championship on its home floor five times before, most recently defeating Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State) and Middle Tennessee in 2004 to make the program's sixth NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. All told, the Irish are 6-1 in NCAA tourney play at the Joyce Center, winning six in a row since an 81-76 first-round loss to Minnesota in 1994.

2008-09 Signees

University of Notre Dame head women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw has announced that two talented high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their academic and athletic careers with the Irish, signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2009 **Skylar Diggins**, a 5-9 guard from South Bend, Ind., and a student-athlete at Washington High School, and **Kaila Turner**, a 5-8 guard from Joliet, Ill., and a student-athlete at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, Ill., both made their official commitments to Notre Dame during the early signing period, which ended Nov. 19.

A smooth, high-scoring southpaw who already is one of the top 20 all-time scorers in the storied history of Indiana high school basketball, Diggins is considered by all major recruiting services to be the top guard in this year's high school senior class and is rated as high as No. 2 in the nation (*Blue Star Basketball*). In addition, *All-Star Girls Report*, *Dan Olson Collegiate Girls Basketball Report* and ESPN Hoopgurlz each rank Diggins third in the country, with Hoopgurlz awarding her that outlet's highest marks ever for a point guard.

Meanwhile, Turner is a speedy, athletic player who can fill either guard position. She is ranked among the top 20 players at her position by all major recruiting services and is among the top 100 players in the nation overall, peaking a No. 82 by both *Blue Star Basketball* and *All-Star Girls Report*.

The combination of Diggins and Turner has given Notre Dame a Top 25 recruiting class for the 13th consecutive year. *Dan Olson Collegiate Girls Basketball Report* rates the incoming Irish duo as the 13th-best class in the country, while *All-Star Girls Report* has the Notre Dame pair rated 14th, ESPN Hoopgurlz positions them at No. 15, and *Blue Star Basketball* ranks the Irish tandem at No. 18. Only two other schools in the country (Connecticut and Tennessee) came into the 2008-09 early signing period with a 12-year streak like the Irish.

A capsule look at the newest additions to the Notre Dame women's basketball program follows:

SKYLAR DIGGINS, 5-9, G (South Bend, Ind./Washington)

Statistics/Records: Entering fourth year as starter at Washington High School (combined record of 76-6, .927) in South Bend, Ind., where she has played for coaches Marilyn Coddens and Maurice Scott ... started 81 of 82 games she played in during in her first three seasons ... helped team reach Indiana Class 4A state championship game each year (won title in her sophomore season of 2006-07) ... career averages (entering senior season) of 24.8 points, 5.6 rebounds, 5.4 assists, 4.1 steals and 1.3 blocks per game ... holds school records for career points (2,036, 19th in state history), single-season points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks ... career single-game highs of 43 points, 17 rebounds (Indiana Class 4A state championship game record), 11 assists and nine blocks ... enjoyed extensive AAU career playing for South Bend Soldiers and The Family.

USA Basketball: Two-time USA Basketball gold medalist ... started all five games at 2008 FIBA U18 Americas Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina, leading United States to perfect 5-0 record and gold medal; averaged 10.8 ppg. (second on team), 3.2 rpg., 3.6 apg. (first on team) and 2.0 spg. (tied-first on team).

Awards/Honors: Two-time high school All-American by *Parade Magazine* (first team 2008; third team 2007) and EA Sports (first team 2008; second team 2007) ... *USA Today* All-USA Team (2008) ... *USA Today* All-Underclass Team (2006) ... 2008 Gatorade State Player of the Year ... MaxPreps Indiana Player of the Year/first-team All-American (2008) ... three-time Associated Press all-state selection (first team in 2007, 2008; third team in 2006) and coaches' all-state choice (first team 2007, 2008; second team 2006) ... three-time *South Bend Tribune* Metro All-Area selection (2006, 2007, 2008).

KAILA TURNER, 5-8, G (Joliet, Ill./Marian Catholic)

Statistics/Records: Three-year starter at Marian Catholic High School (combined record of 75-20, .789) in Chicago Heights, Ill., where she is coached by Annie Basic ... career averages of 10.0 ppg., 3.2 apg., 2.5 rpg., with .343 3FG% (81-236) ... played AAU ball for Illinois Wolverines 16U Black, where she was coached by Ron Newquist.

Awards/Honors: Second-team Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) all-state (2008) ... *Times of Northwest Indiana* Illinois Player of the Year (2008) ... two-time first-team all-area selection by *Times of Northwest Indiana*, *Illinois Times* and *Daily Southtown* (2007, 2008).

Notre Dame Incoming Class of 2009

Skylar Diggins	5-9, G, South Bend, Ind. (Washington HS)
Kaila Turner	5-8, G, Joliet, Ill. (Marian Catholic HS)





2008-09 Awards

G Ashley Barlow

Nov. 24 BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll

G Lindsay Schrader

Oct. 23 Preseason Honorable Mention All-BIG EAST

Irish Fans Crave Another Big Mac Attack

After a wildly-successful debut last season, Notre Dame is bringing back its "Big Mac" promotion for 2008-09, offering fans a coupon for a free Big Mac from South Bend-area McDonald's restaurants if the Irish score at least 88 points in a game.

It hasn't take long for the burger watch to fire back up again this year, as Notre Dame topped the 88-point mark in both its lone exhibition game (96-30 win over Gannon on Nov. 5) and its regular-season opener (96-61 win over Evansville on Nov. 19).

Last year, the Irish reached the magic number eight times, doing so in both exhibition wins, along with regular-season victories over Miami (Ohio), Boston College, Canisius, Valparaiso, Marquette and South Florida.

It should come as no surprise that in the short history of the promotion, the Notre Dame player with the most "Big Mac" baskets shares the same initials with the tasty burger — sophomore guard **Brittany Mallory**, who was sent the crowd home happy (and presumably with full bellies) four times.

This season, it's been the Irish freshmen who have taken on the "Big Mac" mantle of responsibility, with guard **Natalie Novosel** doing the honors in the Gannon exhibition win and forward **Erica Solomon** putting Notre Dame over the top against Evansville.

ND's "Big Mac Baskets"

2008-09	
*Gannon	Novosel FT
Evansville	Solomon FG
2007-08	
*S. Indiana	Williamson FG
*Hillsdale	Mallory FT
Miami (Ohio)	Barlow FG
Boston Coll.	Mallory FG
Canisius	Mallory 3FG
Valparaiso	Mallory FT
Marquette	Allen FG
S. Florida	Schrader FG
* - exhibition game	

Joyce Center Arena Renovation Underway

On Sept. 13, 2008, groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Purcell Pavilion, including the Joyce Center arena addition and renovation, were held to kick off the first phase of the two-year project to upgrade the home for Notre Dame basketball and volleyball.

The first phase of the project, that began in September 2008, involves construction of a new three-story structure at the south end of the arena. That structure will include a new three-story lobby, the Notre Dame ticket operations (approximately 4,500 square feet) and a varsity shop to sell apparel and souvenirs (approximately 3,000 square feet), in addition to a new club seating and hospitality area.

Replacement of the existing Joyce Center arena seating, including installation of chair-back seating throughout the arena, is expected to take place after the University's Commencement Exercises in May 2009. The entire project is scheduled for completion in January 2010. The arena is expected to re-open by mid-October 2009, in time for the start of the basketball season and the end of the volleyball season.

The University announced in October 2007 that this \$26.3 million project had received a \$12.5 million leadership gift from Notre Dame alumnus and Trustee **Philip J. Purcell III**, the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley.

Exterior changes to the Joyce Center that began taking shape in September include a new, three-story addition on the south end of the current structure. The third floor area will include the stadium club/hospitality area. The first-floor addition will include almost 4,500 square feet for ticket offices (including four exterior and 10 interior tickets windows), 3,000 square feet for the varsity shop, as well as a completely new main entrance and lobby situated between Gates 8 and 10. The new entrance will feature graphics and theming that highlight Notre Dame's competing athletic programs.

Changes to the interior of the Joyce Center arena include:

- New, blue chair-back seating from top to bottom of the arena, including all-new upper-arena sections. All seating will be replaced in the lower bowl (including platform seats), and the wooden bleachers in the upper bowl will be removed and replaced with treads and risers and permanent arena seats. The exchange of the bleacher sections for chair back seats will change the capacity from the current 11,418 to approximately 9,800.
- A stadium club/hospitality area (approximately 16,500 square feet) in the south end of the arena, with a separate, private entry and with premium club seating for nearly 800 fans (that figure is part of the projected 9,800 capacity). Included in this area will be food service and restroom facilities.
- New fixed concession areas, increased numbers of women's restrooms and increased handicapped seating options.
- The interior seating changes provide an opportunity to consider new options for student seating. Students currently sit in both lower- and upper-arena sections behind the basket on the east end of the arena.

Next Game: Eastern Michigan

Notre Dame will play seven of its next nine games on the road, beginning Tuesday with a 7 p.m. (ET) contest at Eastern Michigan. It will be the first meeting between the Irish and Eagles since 1984 and Notre Dame's first-ever visit to the EMU Convocation Center.

Eastern Michigan (2-4) is coming off a pair of losses at the Caribbean Challenge in Cancun, Mexico, falling to James Madison (80-76) and No. 22 TCU (71-55) on Thursday and Friday, respectively. EMU now returns home to get ready for Tuesday's game with the Irish.

Top Joyce Center Crowds

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
T1.	12/31/05	#1 Tennessee	L, 51-62	11,418*
T1.	1/5/08	#3 Tennessee	L, 63-87	11,418*
T1.	1/27/08	#1 Connecticut	L, 64-81	11,418*
6.	12/2/07	Michigan	W, 77-46	10,825
7.	2/10/02	#16 Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676
8.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
9.	12/3/06	Indiana	L, 51-54	9,494
10.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
11.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
12.	2/10/08	#15 Pittsburgh	W, 81-66	8,831
13.	2/14/04	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
14.	1/13/04	#4 Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574
15.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
16.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
17.	1/20/03	#3 Connecticut	L, 53-72	8,265
18.	2/19/06	#8 Connecticut	L, 64-79	8,193
19.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
20.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960

* = indicates capacity crowd // rankings from AP poll
Boldface indicates game played this season





2008-09 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 4-0 (Home: 2-0, Away: 2-0, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 16	16/14	24/22	at LSU ^{1-ESPN2}	W 62-53	W1	1-0		Barlow-19	two with 6	Lechlitner-5	7,954
Nov. 19	15/15		EVANSVILLE	W 96-61	W2	2-0		Barlow-19	Schrader-7	Mallory-6	5,696
Nov. 23	15/15		at Boston College	W 102-54	W3	3-0		Bruszewski-18	Williamson-7	Barlow-6	1,567
Nov. 25	14/10		GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W 85-36	W4	4-0		Mallory-19	Barlow-8	two with 4	6,192
Nov. 29			MICHIGAN STATE	2 p.m. ET							
Dec. 2			at Eastern Michigan	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 7			PURDUE	2 p.m. ET							
Dec. 10			at Michigan ^{BTN}	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 13			at Valparaiso	1:35 p.m. CT							
Dec. 20			LOYOLA-CHICAGO	2 p.m. ET							
Dec. 28			at Charlotte ^{ESPN2}	2 p.m. ET							
Dec. 30			at Vanderbilt	7 p.m. CT							
Jan. 3			• at Seton Hall	Noon ET							
Jan. 6			• at DePaul ^{CBS CS}	8 p.m. CT							
Jan. 10			• GEORGETOWN	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 13			• at Marquette ^{CBS CS}	8 p.m. CT							
Jan. 17			• ST. JOHN'S	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 24			• at Villanova	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 27			• RUTGERS ^{CBS CS}	8 p.m. ET							
Jan. 31			• CINCINNATI	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 3			• at Pittsburgh	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 8			• DEPAUL ^{ESPN2}	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 11			• LOUISVILLE	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 17			• at South Florida	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 22			• at Connecticut ^{ESPN2}	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 24			• SYRACUSE	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 28			• at Providence	2 p.m. ET							
March 2			• WEST VIRGINIA	3:30 p.m. ET							

BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn. — XL Center)

March 6	First Round	TBA
March 7	Second Round ^{BIG EAST TV}	TBA
March 8	Quarterfinals ^{ESPN2}	TBA
March 9	Semifinals ^{ESPN2}	6/8 p.m. ET
March 10	Final ^{ESPN}	7 p.m. ET

NCAA Championship — First & Second Rounds (Notre Dame, Ind. — Joyce Center)

March 22	First Round ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
March 24	Second Round ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA

NCAA Regionals (Berkeley, Calif./Oklahoma City, Okla./Raleigh, N.C./Trenton, N.J.)

March 28-29	Regional Semifinals ^{ESPN}	TBA
March 30-31	Regional Finals ^{ESPN}	TBA

NCAA Women's Final Four (St. Louis, Mo. — Scottrade Center)

April 5	National Semifinals ^{ESPN}	TBA
April 7	National Championship ^{ESPN}	TBA

• = indicates BIG EAST Conference game

NR = national ranking (listed as Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today)

ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN3 = Game to be televised live on ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPN3

CBS CS = Game to be televised live on CBS College Sports

BIG EAST TV = Game to be televised live as part of BIG EAST-Regional Sports Networks package

BTN = Game to be televised live on the Big Ten Network

NOTE: All home games not scheduled for commercial TV broadcast will air live on UND.com

Home games listed in ALL CAPS and played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418)

2008-09 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	21,409	5,352	7,954 (11/16 - LSU)
Home:	11,888	5,944	6,192 (11/25 - GSU)
Away:	9,521	4,761	7,954 (11/16 - LSU)
Neutral:			

**2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games****Overall Record: 4-0 (Home: 2-0, Away: 2-0, Neutral: 0-0)**

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Barlow, Ashley	4-4	117-29.3	23-45	.511	8-14	.571	7-8	.875	5	16	21	5.3	4-0	8	8	0	14	61	15.3
Mallory, Brittany	3-0	59-19.7	17-25	.680	6-11	.545	4-7	.571	2	6	8	2.7	7-0	11	3	1	4	44	14.7
Bruszewski, Becca	4-4	84-21.0	20-29	.690	2-3	.667	6-6	1.000	3	11	14	3.5	7-0	5	6	2	7	48	12.0
Schrader, Lindsay	4-4	110-27.5	20-37	.541	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	3	20	23	5.8	4-0	11	12	4	8	46	11.5
Solomon, Erica	4-0	59-14.8	11-15	.733	0-0	.000	15-22	.682	3	8	11	2.8	8-0	3	3	5	3	37	9.3
Peters, Devereaux	3-1	61-20.3	11-16	.688	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	3	10	13	4.3	6-0	5	4	6	5	22	7.3
Lechlitner, Melissa	4-4	110-27.5	12-31	.387	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	4	6	10	2.5	4-0	17	7	1	6	28	7.0
Novosel, Natalie	4-0	76-19.0	7-14	.500	0-4	.000	8-10	.800	5	6	11	2.8	5-0	7	5	1	2	22	5.5
Williamson, Erica	4-3	59-14.8	6-17	.353	0-0	.000	8-11	.727	7	11	18	4.5	7-0	1	5	1	0	20	5.0
Watson, Kellie	4-0	46-11.5	5-17	.294	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	2	5	7	1.8	4-0	3	4	2	3	13	3.3
Miller, Fraderica	4-0	19-4.8	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	5-0	0	2	0	3	4	1.0
Team									7	8	15						2		
Notre Dame	4	800	134-248	.540	22-44	.500	55-77	.714	44	107	151	37.8	61-0	71	61	23	55	345	86.2
Opponents	4	800	75-222	.338	10-42	.238	44-58	.759	47	82	129	32.2	69-1	38	101	9	30	204	51.0

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 10, Opponents 7

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	159	186	— 345
Opponents	97	107	— 204

2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Past 4 Games**Overall Record: 4-0 (Home: 2-0, Away: 2-0, Neutral: 0-0)**

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Solomon, Erica	2-0	34-17.0	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	6-9	.667	2	6	8	4.0	5-0	2	1	3	2	16	8.0
Novosel, Natalie	2-0	42-21.0	4-10	.400	0-4	.000	5-6	.833	4	3	7	3.5	3-0	5	1	1	1	13	6.5
Peters, Devereaux	1-1	17-17.0	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	3-0	1	1	1	0	6	6.0
Watson, Kellie	2-0	33-16.5	4-15	.267	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	2	2	4	2.0	3-0	3	3	2	2	10	5.0
Williamson, Erica	2-1	21-10.5	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	2	5	7	3.5	2-0	0	0	0	0	8	4.0
Miller, Fraderica	2-0	14-7.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	3-0	0	1	0	2	4	2.0
Team									2	3	5								
Notre Dame	2	400	71-136	.522	13-32	.406	26-34	.765	22	55	77	38.5	32-0	39	22	13	26	181	90.5
Opponents	2	400	32-110	.291	8-32	.250	25-34	.735	29	46	75	37.5	32-0	16	55	4	14	97	48.5

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 5, Opponents 3

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	86	95	181
Opponents	48	49	97

2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Road Games

Overall Record: 2-0 (Away: 2-0, Neutral: 0-0)

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Barlow, Ashley	2-2	61-30.5	11-18	.611	4-6	.667	3-4	.750	1	6	7	3.5	3-0	6	6	0	9	29	14.5
Mallory, Brittany	1-0	15-15.0	5-5	1.000	3-3	1.000	1-2	.500	1	3	4	4.0	1-0	2	0	1	0	14	14.0
Schrader, Lindsay	2-2	59-29.5	11-22	.500	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	3	7	10	5.0	3-0	3	8	1	5	26	13.0
Bruszewski, Becca	2-2	47-23.5	10-16	.625	0-1	.000	4-4	1.000	0	5	5	2.5	5-0	4	1	0	2	24	12.0
Solomon, Erica	2-0	25-12.5	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	9-13	.692	1	2	3	1.5	3-0	1	2	2	1	21	10.5
Peters, Devereaux	2-0	44-22.0	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	2	7	9	4.5	3-0	4	3	5	5	16	8.0
Williamson, Erica	2-2	38-19.0	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	5	6	11	5.5	5-0	1	5	1	0	12	6.0
Lechlitner, Melissa	2-2	59-29.5	4-15	.267	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	3	5	8	4.0	1-0	9	6	0	4	10	5.0
Novosel, Natalie	2-0	34-17.0	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	3	4	2.0	2-0	2	4	0	1	9	4.5
Watson, Kellie	2-0	13-6.5	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	3	3	1.5	1-0	0	1	0	1	3	1.5
Miller, Fraderica	2-0	5-2.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2-0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
Team									5	5	10								
Notre Dame	2	400	63-112	.563	9-12	.750	29-43	.674	22	52	74	37.0	29-0	32	39	10	29	164	82.0
Opponents	2	400	43-112	.384	2-10	.200	19-24	.792	18	36	54	27.0	37-1	22	46	5	16	107	53.5

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 5, Opponents 4

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	73	91	164
Opponents	49	58	107

**2008-09 Single Game Highs & Lows****Team Superlatives**

NOTRE DAME HIGH	NOTRE DAME LOW	CATEGORY	OPPONENT HIGH	OPPONENT LOW
102 at Boston College (11/23/08)	62 at LSU (11/16/08)	Points/Game	61 by Evansville (11/19/08)	36 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
53 (2nd) at Boston College (11/23/08)	24 (1st) at LSU (11/16/08)	Points/Half	31 (1st) by Evansville (11/19/08)	17 (1st) by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
42 at Boston College (11/23/08)	21 at LSU (11/16/08)	Field Goals Made	25 by Boston College (11/23/08)	12 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
79 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	47 at LSU (11/16/08)	Field Goal Attempts	59 by Boston College (11/23/08)	53 by LSU (11/16/08)
.646 at Boston College (11/23/08)	.447 at LSU (11/16/08)	FG Percentage	.424 by Boston College (11/23/08)	.214 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
7, twice (MR: at Boston Coll., 11/23/08)	2 at LSU (11/16/08)	3-Point FG Made	6 by Evansville (11/19/08)	0 by LSU (11/16/08)
19 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	4 at LSU (11/16/08)	3-Point FG Attempts	18 by Evansville (11/19/08)	4 by LSU (11/16/08)
.875 at Boston College (11/23/08)	.368 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	3-Point FG Percentage	.333, twice (MR: at Boston Coll., 11/23/08)	.000 by LSU (11/16/08)
18 at LSU (11/16/08)	11, twice (MR: at Boston College, 11/23/08)	Free Throws Made	17 by LSU (11/16/08)	2 by Boston College (11/23/08)
27 at LSU (11/16/08)	12 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	Free Throw Attempts	21 by LSU (11/16/08)	3 by Boston College (11/23/08)
.917 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	.667 at LSU (11/16/08)	FT Percentage	.810 by LSU (11/16/08)	.667, twice (MR: by GSU, 11/25/08)
41 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)	36, twice (MR: at Boston College, 11/23/08)	Rebounds	42 by Evansville (11/19/08)	22 by Boston College (11/23/08)
23, twice (MR: at Boston Coll., 11/23/08)	9 at LSU (11/16/08)	Assists	12 by Boston College (11/23/08)	7 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
17, twice (MR: at Boston Coll., 11/23/08)	9 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)	Steals	11 by LSU (11/16/08)	5 by Boston College (11/23/08)
7 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	4 at LSU (11/16/08)	Blocked Shots	3 by Boston College (11/23/08)	2, three times (MR: by GSU, 11/25/08)
21 at LSU (11/16/08)	8 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	Turnovers	31 by Evansville (11/19/08)	18 by LSU (11/16/08)
17, twice (MR: vs. Evansville, 11/19/08)	12 at Boston College (11/23/08)	Fouls	19 by LSU (11/16/08)	15 by Evansville (11/19/08)

Individual Superlatives

	NOTRE DAME	OPPONENT
Points Scored	19, three times (MR: by Brittany Mallory vs. Ga. Southern, 11/25/08)	16 by Carolyn Swords of Boston College (11/23/08)
Field Goals Made	9 by Becca Bruszewski at Boston College (11/23/08)	8 by Carolyn Swords of Boston College (11/23/08)
Field Goal Attempts	18 by Ashley Barlow vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	14 by Carolyn Swords of Boston College (11/23/08)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	1.000 (5-5) by Brittany Mallory/Erica Solomon at BC (11/23/08)	.571 (8-14) by Carolyn Swords of Boston College (11/23/08)
3-Point Field Goals Made	3, three times (MR: by Brittany Mallory vs. Ga. Southern, 11/25/08)	2 by Ashlee Barrett of Evansville (11/19/08)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	5 by Ashley Barlow vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	6 by Ashlee Barrett of Evansville (11/19/08)
3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)	1.000 (3-3) by Brittany Mallory at Boston College (11/23/08)	.333 (2-6) by Ashlee Barrett of Evansville (11/19/08)
Free Throws Made	6 by Erica Solomon vs. Georgia Southern (11/25/08)	6 by Andrea Kelly of LSU (11/16/08)
Free Throw Attempts	9 by Erica Solomon vs. Georgia Southern (11/25/08)	6 by LaSondra Barrett/Andrea Kelly of LSU (11/16/08)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)	1.000 (4-4), twice (MR: by Erica Williamson vs. Evansville, 11/19/08)	1.000 (6-6) by Andrea Kelly of LSU (11/16/08)
Rebounds	8 by Ashley Barlow vs. Georgia Southern (11/25/08)	9 by Katherine Graham of LSU (11/16/08)
Assists	6, twice (MR: by Ashley Barlow at Boston College, 11/23/08)	4, twice (MR: by Carolyn Whitney of Ga. Southern, 11/25/08)
Steals	7 by Ashley Barlow at Boston College (11/23/08)	4 by Allison Hightower of LSU (11/16/08)
Blocked Shots	3 by Devereaux Peters at LSU (11/16/08)	2, twice (MR: by J'Lisia Ogburn of Ga. Southern, 11/25/08)
Turnovers	5 by Lindsay Schrader at LSU (11/16/08)	6, three times (MR: by Victoria Jones of Boston College, 11/23/08)
Minutes Played	36 by Melissa Lechlitrner at LSU (11/16/08)	33 by Mickel Picco of Boston College (11/23/08)



2008-09 Notre Dame Game-By-Game Team Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs.		A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.			Off-Def-Tot	PF-DQ					
(1) NOTRE DAME	21-47	.447	2-4	.500	18-27	.667	10-28-38	17-0	9	21	4	12	62
at LSU (7,954)	18-53	.340	0-4	.000	17-21	.810	9-23-32	19-1	10	18	2	11	53
NOTRE DAME (5,696)	39-79	.494	7-19	.368	11-12	.917	14-22-36	17-0	23	8	7	17	96
vs. Evansville	20-54	.370	6-18	.333	15-19	.789	15-27-42	15-0	9	31	2	6	61
NOTRE DAME	42-65	.646	7-8	.875	11-16	.688	12-24-36	12-0	23	18	6	17	102
at Boston College (1,567)	25-59	.424	2-6	.333	2-3	.667	9-13-22	18-0	12	28	3	5	54
NOTRE DAME (6,192)	32-57	.561	6-13	.462	15-22	.682	8-33-41	15-0	16	14	6	9	85
vs. Georgia Southern	12-56	.214	2-14	.143	10-15	.667	14-19-33	17-0	7	24	2	8	36

Winners listed in ALL CAPS // Attendance listed next to home team (where applicable)

1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

2008-09 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Solomon	Watson	Miller	Peters	Barlow	Novosel	Mallory	Lechlitner	Schrader	Bruszewski	Williamson
(1) at LSU	6-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	12-6-2	19-5-0	2-2-0	DNP	2-5-5	13-6-1	6-3-0	2-4-1
EVANSVILLE	4-3-2	3-2-2	2-0-0	6-4-1	19-6-0	6-3-4	11-2-6	11-2-4	12-7-4	18-4-0	4-1-0
at Boston College	15-1-1	3-3-0	0-0-0	4-3-2	10-2-6	7-2-2	14-4-2	8-3-4	13-4-2	18-2-4	10-7-0
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	12-5-0	7-2-1	2-0-0	DNP	13-8-2	7-4-1	19-2-3	7-0-4	8-6-4	6-5-1	4-6-0

Home games in ALL CAPS // Games started in **boldface**

DNP = did not play

1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

**2008-09 Miscellaneous Statistics**

	ALL GAMES	vs. BIG EAST OPPONENTS
Most First Half Points Scored	49, twice (MR: at Boston College, 11/23)	
Most First Half Points Allowed	31 by Evansville (11/19)	
Most Second Half Points Scored	53 at Boston College (11/23)	
Most Second Half Points Allowed	30 by Evansville (11/19)	
Fewest First Half Points Scored	24 at LSU (11/16)	
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	17 by Georgia Southern (11/25)	
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	38 at LSU (11/16)	
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	19 by Georgia Southern (11/25)	

Largest Leads

Notre Dame: 55 — 78-23 (8:05, 2nd) vs. Georgia Southern (ND 85-36), 11/25

Opponent: 3 — 3-0 (19:39, 1st) by Evansville (ND 96-61), 11/19

Largest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 3 — 3-0 (19:39, 1st) by Evansville (ND 96-61), 11/19

Largest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: None

Largest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Largest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Halftime Leads: ND: 3 (ND Record — 3-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Rebound Advantage: ND: 3 (ND Record — 3-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Bench Scoring Advantage: ND: 3 (ND Record — 3-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Notre Dame Margin: +69 points, +17.3 ppg. (ND — 140 pts., 35.0 ppg.; Opponents — 71 pts., 17.8 ppg.)

Point Differential	9	35	48	49
Notre Dame Wins	1	1	1	1
Notre Dame Losses	0	0	0	0

Starting Lineups (F-C-G-G-G) & W-L Marks

	ALL GAMES	vs. BIG EAST OPPONENTS
Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader	3-0	
Bruszewski, Peters (F), Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader	1-0	

Complete Games Played: 0 // Opponents: 0

Most Minutes (Game): 36, Melissa Lechlitner at LSU, 11/16

Charges Taken: 3 (Williamson 2, Watson 1) // Opponents: 2

Most Charges Taken (Game): 1, three times (MR: Erica Williamson at Boston College, 11/23)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 17 (Barlow 4, Mallory 3, Schrader 3, Bruszewski 2, Solomon 2, Lechlitner 1, Peters 1, Williamson 1) // Opponents: 7

20-29-Point Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

30-39-Point Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 4 (Barlow 2, Bruszewski 1, Mallory 1)

Team-High Honors*: 4 (Barlow 2, Bruszewski 1, Mallory 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 3 (Barlow 1, Schrader 1, Williamson 1)

Team-High Honors*: 5 (Schrader 2, Barlow 1, Peters 1, Williamson 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 5 (Lechlitner 2, Barlow 1, Mallory 1, Schrader 1)

Team-High Honors*: 5 (Lechlitner 2, Barlow 1, Mallory 1, Schrader 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 0 // Opponents: 0

* = totals may not add up to games played due to ties





The Last Time It Happened...

Notre Dame recorded a...

30-point win was on 11/25/08 — ND 85, Georgia Southern 36 (49 points)*
 40-point win was on 11/25/08 — ND 85, Georgia Southern 36 (49 points)*
 50-point win was on 11/20/07 — ND 94, Central Michigan 41 (53 points)
 30-point loss was on 3/17/02 — Tennessee 89, ND 50 (39 points) (*NCAA Mideast Region Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot...

60% on FGs was on 11/23/08 — 64.6% (42-65) at Boston College (ND 102-54)
 65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
 90% on FTs was on 11/19/08 — 91.7% (11-12) vs. Evansville (ND 96-61)*

Notre Dame...

won 10 games in a row was from 11/20/07 thru 1/2/08 — 10 straight
 won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (across two seasons)
 • lost 5 games in a row (one season) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight
 scored 100 points was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54)
 • scored 100 points at home was on 11/26/02 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)*
 • scored 100 points at a neutral site was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (*Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.*)
 • scored 100 points & lost never
 allowed 100 points was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)*
 scored less than 50 points was on 1/27/07 (Connecticut 64, ND 47)
 allowed less than 50 points was on 11/25/08 (ND 85, Georgia Southern 36)*
 played an overtime game was on 3/25/08 (ND 79, Oklahoma 75 - ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 • played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
 rallied from a double-digit deficit to win was on 2/7/07 — 12 points (29-17, 2:25, 1st) vs. Louisville (ND 64-55)*
 gave up a double-digit deficit and lost was on 3/9/08 — 12 points (14-2, 11:04, 1st) vs. Pittsburgh (PITT 64-53) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Hartford, Conn.*)
 won on a "last second" shot was on 12/5/07 (ND 86, Bowling Green 84 - ot — Charel Allen jumper at 0:00.8 in overtime)
 lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
 had five double-figure scorers was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — Becca Bruszewski 18, Erica Solomon 15, Brittany Mallory 14, Lindsay Schrader 13, Ashley Barlow 10, Erica Williamson 10
 had five double-figure scorers was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — Becca Bruszewski 18, Erica Solomon 15, Brittany Mallory 14, Lindsay Schrader 13, Ashley Barlow 10, Erica Williamson 10
 had seven double-figure scorers was on 1/19/08 (ND 104, Georgetown 86) — Ashley Barlow 21, Brittany Mallory 15, Charel Allen 14, Melissa Lechlitner 13, Lindsay Schrader 12, Becca Bruszewski 10, Erica Williamson 10
 had no double-figure scorers was on 2/8/04 (Seton Hall 51, ND 45)
 had two double-figure rebounders was on 3/23/08 (ND 75, SMU 62) — Ashley Barlow 12, Charel Allen 11 (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region First Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 had two players with "double-doubles" was on 3/23/08 (ND 75, SMU 62) — Ashley Barlow (20p, 12r) & Charel Allen (14p, 11r) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region First Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 had three players with "double-doubles" was on 1/26/05 (ND 72, St. John's 65) — Crystal Erwin (14p, 10r), Megan Duffy (14p, 10a) & Jacqueline Batteast (10p, 10r)*
 had two 20-point scorers was on 12/6/06 (ND 67, Purdue 58) — Breona Gray 22, Tulyah Gaines 20*
 had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*
 had a "point-a-minute" scorer (min. 10 minutes) was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — Erica Solomon 15p/14m
 made 10 three-point field goals was on 3/3/02 (Syracuse 84, ND 79) — 10-26 (38.5%) on threes (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 committed 10 turnovers or less was on 11/19/08 (ND 96, Evansville 61) — 8 turnovers*
 committed 25 turnovers was on 12/30/06 (Tennessee 78, ND 54) — 29 turnovers
 forced 25 turnovers was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — 28 turnovers

An Irish player had...

25 points was on 3/25/08 — Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 30 points was on 3/25/08 — Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 35 points was on 3/25/08 — Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)
 15 rebounds was on 1/13/07 — Erica Williamson (18) at South Florida (USF 87-78 - ot) (**school freshman record**)
 20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)
 10 assists was on 2/26/05 — Megan Duffy (10) vs. West Virginia (ND 82-57)*
 5 blocks was on 11/9/07 — Devereaux Peters (5) vs. Miami (Ohio) (ND 98-50)* (*Preseason WNIT First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
 5 steals was on 11/23/08 — Ashley Barlow (7) at Boston College (ND 102-54)
 a "double-double" was on 3/23/08 — A. Barlow (20p, 12r)/C. Allen (14p, 11r) vs. SMU (ND 75-62) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region First Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 a "triple-double" was on 2/15/90 — Sara Liebscher (17p, 12r, 10a) vs. Detroit (ND 99-58)* (**only triple-double in school history**)
 20 pts & 10 rebs was on 3/23/08 — Ashley Barlow (20p, 12r) vs. SMU (ND 75-62) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region First Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25p, 20r) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)
 a 4-point play was on 2/16/03 — Alicia Ratay (2:24, 1st) at Providence (ND 67-61)
 a halfcourt shot was on 1/2/07 — Breona Gray (0:00, 1st) at Seton Hall (ND 64-61)

An opposing player had...

25 points was on 3/30/08 — Candace Parker (34), Tennessee (UT 74-64) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Regional Semifinal at Oklahoma City, Okla.*)
 30 points was on 3/30/08 — Candace Parker (34), Tennessee (UT 74-64) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Regional Semifinal at Oklahoma City, Okla.*)
 35 points was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)
 10 rebounds was on 3/30/08 — Candace Parker (13)/Nicky Anosike (10), Tennessee (UT 74-64) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Regional Semifinal at Oklahoma City, Okla.*)
 15 rebounds was on 3/25/08 — Courtney Paris (16), Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)
 10 assists was on 1/27/08 — Ketiá Swannier (11), Connecticut (UCONN 81-64)*
 5 blocks was on 3/25/08 — Courtney Paris (5), Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 5 steals was on 1/13/08 — Ashley Powell (6), West Virginia (WVU 56-50)
 a "double-double" was on 3/25/08 — C. Parker (34p, 13r)/N. Anosike (10p, 10r), Tennessee (UT 74-64) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Regional Semifinal at Oklahoma City, Okla.*)
 a "triple-double" was on 2/7/06 — Liad Suez-Karni (14p, 10r, 10a), Villanova (VU 69-65 - ot)*

* = indicates Notre Dame home game





2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 1 #16/14 Notre Dame 62, #24/22 LSU 53 State Farm Tip-Off Classic November 16, 2008 Maravich Assembly Ctr. (Baton Rouge, La.)

GAME 2 #15 Notre Dame 96, Evansville 61 November 19, 2008 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

GAME 3 #15 Notre Dame 102, Boston College 54 November 23, 2008 Conte Forum (Chestnut Hill, Mass.)

Notre Dame (62)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include players like Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, etc.

LSU (53)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include players like Morris, Barrett, Graham, etc.

Summary table for Game 1: Notre Dame 24 38 - 62, LSU 24 29 - 53

FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.7, LSU 34.0. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 50.0, LSU 0.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 66.7, LSU 81.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 21, LSU 18. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 4 (Peters 3), LSU 2. Steals: Notre Dame 12 (Schrader, Peters 3), LSU 11 (Hightower 4). Attendance: 7,954.

NOTES: Notre Dame squares its all-time series with LSU at 2-2, while all four games have been decided by 10 points or less ... the Irish earn their first-ever win over LSU in Baton Rouge, and average their 1999 NCAA Tournament second-round loss to the Lady Tigers (74-64) at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center ... Notre Dame registers its first-ever win over a Southeastern Conference (SEC) opponent on its home floor, and its first victory inside an SEC arena since March 24, 1997, when the Irish downed George Washington, 62-52, in the NCAA East Regional final at South Carolina's former home, the Frank McGuire Center, in Columbia, S.C. ... Notre Dame collects its first victory over an SEC opponent since Nov. 14, 2003, when the Irish opened that season with a 77-64 win over No. 22/25 Auburn at the WBCA Classic in Boulder, Colo. ... that Auburn victory also marked the last time Notre Dame opened with a ranked opponent - the Irish have won the past three times they have tipped off the season against a Top 25 foe, having also downed No. 6 UCLA, 99-82, at the Joyce Center to begin the 1998-99 campaign ... overall, Notre Dame is 24-8 (.750) in season openers and now has won 14 consecutive season lidlifters, going a combined 19-3 (.864) in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present) ... the Irish continue to sparkle in regular-season tournament play, improving to 22-5 (.815) in their last 27 regular-season tourney games, starting with the 1996-97 season ... Notre Dame became the fourth non-conference school to defeat LSU at home in the past 13-plus seasons (1995-96 to present) - the others were Purdue and Michigan (in OT) in 2001-02 and Connecticut twice (2006-07 and 2007-08) ... what's more, the Irish handed the Lady Tigers their first loss in a home opener since Nov. 23, 1981, when McNeese State shaded LSU, 75-74 ... Notre Dame picks up its first win in the state of Louisiana since the first round of the 1999 NCAA Tournament, when it downed Saint Mary's (Calif), 61-57 ... the 53 points allowed by Notre Dame were the fewest they have given up to a ranked opponent since Feb. 15, 2005, when they earned a 54-47 win at No. 25/22 Boston College ... LSU went 0-for-4 from beyond the arc, a first for Notre Dame opponent since Dec. 2, 2007, when IUPUI was 0-for-10 ... Peters enjoyed a successful return to action, a little more than nine months after suffering a torn ACL in her left knee ... Bruszewski made her first career start on Sunday ... Lechlitner made her second career start and first as the primary point guard.

Evansville (61)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include players like Jennings, Novosel, S., Austin, etc.

Notre Dame (96)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include players like Peters, Bruszewski, Barlow, etc.

Summary table for Game 2: Evansville 31 30 - 61, Notre Dame 49 47 - 96

FG Pct: Evansville 37.0, Notre Dame 49.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Evansville 33.3, Notre Dame 36.8. FT Pct: Evansville 78.9, Notre Dame 91.7. Turnovers: Evansville 31, Notre Dame 8. Blocked Shots: Evansville 2 (S. Novosel 2), Notre Dame 7 (Watson 2). Steals: Evansville 6 (Gallagher 3), Notre Dame 17 (Bruszewski, Barlow 4). Attendance: 5,696.

NOTES: Notre Dame wins its home opener for the 14th consecutive year (coinciding exactly with its membership in the BIG EAST Conference) and improves to 24-8 (.750) all-time in Joyce Center lidlifters ... the Irish move to 25-2 (.926) against the current Missouri Valley Conference alignment, including a 12-1 (.923) record at home; the Irish also are 16-1 against current MVC schools in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present) ... Notre Dame stretches its series lead over Evansville to 19-1 (10-0 at home) in its first game against the Purple Aces since Feb. 12, 1994 (an 89-62 Irish win in Evansville) ... Notre Dame's 96 points also were a series high-water mark, three more than in its 93-48 victory on Jan. 20, 1994, at the Joyce Center ... the Irish added to their ongoing totals when leading at halftime (147-14, .913, since the start of the 2000-01 season) and scoring at least 80 points (115-4, .966, beginning with the 1995-96 campaign) ... Notre Dame now has won 72 of its last 78 non-conference home games (.923) ... the Irish also move to 112-32 (.778) all-time against other in-state opponents, including a 54-11 (.831) record at home; what's more, Notre Dame has won 12 of its last 15 games against Indiana schools ... the Irish connected on 7-of-19 three-point attempts, their highest number of treys made and attempted in a game since Jan. 16, 2007 (7-of-22 against St. John's at the Joyce Center) ... in just her second career start, Bruszewski tossed in a career-high 18 points (7-9 FG), including a pair of first-half three-pointers after going 1-for-2 from distance her entire freshman year ... Mallory dished out a career-high six assists without a turnover in 20 minutes ... the Irish had five double-figure scorers for the first time this season; they were 9-0 in such games last year ... in the sisterly battle between Irish freshman guard Natalie Novosel and UE senior center Shannon Novosel, "big sis" narrowly edged out a lead in the scoring (7-6) and rebounding (5-3) columns, while Natalie held the upper hand in assists (4-1); Shannon played 22 minutes, while Natalie saw 21 minutes of action.

Notre Dame (102)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include players like Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, etc.

Boston College (54)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include players like Rusin, Murphy, Swords, etc.

Summary table for Game 3: Notre Dame 49 53 - 102, Boston College 25 29 - 54

FG Pct: Notre Dame 64.6, Boston College 42.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 87.5, Boston College 33.3. FT Pct: Notre Dame 68.8, Boston College 66.7. Turnovers: Notre Dame 18, Boston College 28. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 6 (Peters 2), Boston College 3. Steals: Notre Dame 17 (Barlow 7), Boston College 5. Attendance: 1,567.

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to a 3-0 start for the first time since the 2005-06 season ... after going 30 seasons without scoring in triple digits on an opponent's home floor, the Irish have now done it in consecutive seasons, also winning at Georgetown, 104-86, on Jan. 19, 2008 ... Notre Dame's 48-point margin of victory is its largest since a 53-point win (94-41) at Central Michigan on Nov. 20, 2007; it's also the third-largest winning margin ever on an opponent's home floor (second-largest of the 22-year Muffet McGraw era) behind the CMU game and an 84-27 win at Valparaiso on Jan. 21, 1982 ... the Irish post consecutive 95-point games for the first time in school history and back-to-back 90-point games for the first time since Jan. 23, 26 & 30, 1999, when they reeled off a school-record three in a row (99-60 vs. St. John's, 94-61 at Syracuse, 97-59 at Providence); it's also the eighth time in school history Notre Dame has posted consecutive 90-point outings, all in the McGraw era ... the combined 198 points in the past two games are the most for the Irish since Jan. 2 & 7, 1999, when they chalked up 204 points in wins at Georgetown (93-61) and home vs. West Virginia (111-90) ... Notre Dame hands Boston College its largest margin of defeat ever at home, eclipsing a 43-point loss to Central Connecticut State on Feb. 26, 1976 (a game played at BC's original home, the Roberts Center); BC's previous largest loss at its current home, Silvio O. Conte Forum (which opened in 1988), had come on Dec. 12, 1992, a 104-65 loss to Ohio State ... Notre Dame registers the second-highest point total ever by a visitor at Conte Forum, topped only by OSU's 104 points in that 1992 victory ... the six double-figure scorers are the most for the Irish since Jan. 19, 2008, when they had seven reach double digits in that 104-86 win at Georgetown ... the Irish earn their first victory in an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) arena since Nov. 30, 1996, when they logged a 76-69 win at Georgia Tech in the title game of the Comfort Inn Downtown Classic ... Notre Dame improves to 12-6 all-time against Boston College and earns back-to-back wins at Conte Forum for the first time in series history ... since the teams split the first six games in the series, Notre Dame has won nine of the past 12 ... the 102 points and 48-point victory margin both were series highs ... Bruszewski tied her career high with 18 points, while Barlow set career bests with seven steals and six assists (tied).





2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 4

#14/10 Notre Dame 85, Georgia Southern 36
November 25, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Georgia Southern (36)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Ogburn	25	4-8	0-0	0-0	4	0	3	8
Geiger	31	0-7	0-1	2-2	3	0	0	2
Whitney	27	1-7	1-3	3-4	2	4	2	6
Rivens	25	4-7	0-1	0-0	3	1	1	8
Melson	24	2-12	1-4	3-4	4	0	1	8
Navarro	14	0-4	0-1	0-0	3	1	1	0
Nelson	16	0-5	0-3	0-0	3	1	3	0
Tate	19	0-2	0-0	2-3	3	0	3	2
Ivy	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Youngblood	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Green	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Williams	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	0
McKenzie	3	1-2	0-0	0-2	3	0	1	2
Team					3			
Totals	200	12-56	2-14	10-15	33	7	17	36

Notre Dame (85)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	18	3-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	0	6
Williamson	13	2-5	0-0	0-2	6	0	1	4
Barlow	25	5-9	1-3	2-2	8	2	0	13
Lechlitner	25	3-7	1-2	0-0	0	4	2	7
Schrader	25	4-7	0-0	0-0	6	4	0	8
Solomon	19	3-4	0-0	6-9	5	0	2	12
Watson	20	3-7	1-2	0-0	2	1	2	7
Miller	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	2
Novosel	21	1-3	0-2	5-6	4	1	2	7
Mallory	24	7-10	3-4	2-3	2	3	3	19
Team					3			
Totals	200	32-57	6-13	15-22	41	16	15	85

Georgia Southern 17 19 — 36
Notre Dame 37 48 — 85

FG Pct: Georgia Southern 21.4, Notre Dame 56.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Georgia Southern 14.3, Notre Dame 46.2. **FT Pct:** Georgia Southern 66.7, Notre Dame 68.2. **Turnovers:** Georgia Southern 24, Notre Dame 14. **Blocked Shots:** Georgia Southern 2 (Ogburn 2), Notre Dame 6 (Schrader, Solomon 2). **Steals:** Georgia Southern 8 (Melson 3), Notre Dame 9 (Mallory 2). **Attendance:** 6,192.

NOTES: The Irish improve to 38-5 (.884) against first-time opponents since 1995-96, and stretch their current winning streak against new foes to 13 in a row, dating back to the 2001-02 season ... Notre Dame posts back-to-back wins by at least 48 points for the first time in school history ... the Irish also notch their third consecutive 35-point win, which likewise, is a first in the 32-year history of the program ... the 49-point margin of victory is the largest for Notre Dame in a home game since March 17, 2001, when the Irish defeated Alcorn State at home, 98-49 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament (an event they eventually won to secure the program's first national championship) ... Notre Dame's defense allowed just 36 points, the fewest given up by the Irish in a game since March 1, 2005, when Notre Dame earned a 41-35 win at Seton Hall; it's the fewest opponent points at the Joyce Center since Jan. 2, 2005, when the Irish downed SHU, 54-33 ... Notre Dame went on a staggering 27-0 run midway through the second half, the second-longest run of consecutive points in school history — on Jan. 18, 1997 against Pittsburgh at the Joyce Center, the Irish went on a 31-0 run in the first half en route to a 65-49 win ... Notre Dame held Georgia Southern to a .214 field goal percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Dec. 22, 2001, when Marquette shot just .185 (10-of-54) in a 60-33 Irish win at the Joyce Center ... Georgia Southern did not have a single player score in double figures, the first time the Notre Dame defense has managed that feat since Nov. 20, 2007, when Central Michigan's leading scorer had eight points in a 94-41 Irish win at Mount Pleasant, Mich. ... for the second time in four games this season, every Notre Dame player in uniform got into the scoring column (also vs. Evansville on Nov. 19) ... Mallory scored a career-high 19 points, topping her old high-water mark of 15 set on Jan. 19, 2008, at Georgetown; she had narrowly missed her career-high point total two days earlier at Boston College, finishing with 14 points ... Barlow extended her streak of double-digit scoring games to nine, dating back to last year; she also plucked a season-high eight rebounds against Georgia Southern ... Solomon scored in double figures for the second time in as many games, while adding a season-best five rebounds to her 12 points.

#1 Erica Solomon

Forward • 6-2 • Fr.-HS • Oak Park, Mich. (Detroit Country Day School)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is “Rock” after her middle name (Raquel).
- ◆ Graduated from same high school that produced NBA standouts Chris Webber and Shane Battier among others.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a successful high jumper, setting school record in the event (5 ft., 6 in.).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all four games this season, ranking fifth on team in scoring (9.3 ppg.), while also logging team-best .733 field goal percentage and five blocks (second on team) ... also has attempted team-high 22 free throws (making 15, .682 FT%).
- ◆ Made college debut in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at No. 24/22 LSU, chalking up six points in 11 minutes.
- ◆ Turned in “point-a-minute” performance in third collegiate game at Boston College, finishing with season-high 15 points (5-5 FG, 5-7 FT) in just 14 minutes.
- ◆ Played season-best 19 minutes vs. Georgia Southern and had second consecutive double-digit scoring night (12 points, season-high 6-9 FT) and season-best five rebounds.



Career Highs

Points

Career.... 15 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Rebounds

Career.... 5 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Assists

Career..... 2 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Field Goals

Career.... 5 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 5 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... None

Free Throws

Career.... 6 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.... 9 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Steals

Career.... 1, three times (MR: vs. GSU, 11/25/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.... 2 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 19 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 2/2
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-block games 0/0
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Solomon's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	4-0	59-14.8	11-15	.733	0-0	.000	15-22	.682	3	8	11	2.8	8-0	3	3	5	3	37	9.3
TOTALS	4-0	59-14.8	11-15	.733	0-0	.000	15-22	.682	3	8	11	2.8	8-0	3	3	5	3	37	9.3

#10 Kellie Watson

Forward • 6-2 • Fr.-HS • Ionia, Mich. (Ionia HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Reigning Michigan Miss Basketball, the first to ever attend Notre Dame — although the Irish had 14 Michigan natives on their all-time roster prior to this season, the highest any of them had ever finished in the Miss Basketball balloting (1981-2007) was third by Kathy Barron (1983) and Jeannine Augustin (1992); ironically, Watson's fellow Irish freshman, Erica Solomon finished second in last year's Michigan Miss Basketball voting.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was two-time all-state softball player who set school single-season records for doubles (86) and triples (27), while leading team to a regional title.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all four games this season, averaging 3.3 points and 1.8 rebounds per game with a .333 three-point field goal percentage (2-of-6).
- ◆ Saw action in first college game, playing final minute of State Farm Tip-Off Classic victory at No. 24/22 LSU.
- ◆ Collected three points and season highs of two assists, two blocks and two steals in home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Grabbed season-best three rebounds at Boston College.
- ◆ Scored season-high seven points (3-7 FG, 1-2 3FG) in personal-best 20 minutes of action against Georgia Southern.



Career Highs

Points

Career....7 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Rebounds

Career...3 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Assists

Career.....2 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Field Goals

Career....3 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....8 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career....1, twice (MR: vs. GSU, 11/25/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....4 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Free Throws

Career...1 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career...2 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Steals

Career.....2 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....2 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Minutes Played

Career....20 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 0/0
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Watson's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	4-0	46-11.5	5-17	.294	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	2	5	7	1.8	4-0	3	4	2	3	13	3.3
TOTALS	4-0	46-11.5	5-17	.294	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	2	5	7	1.8	4-0	3	4	2	3	13	3.3

#12 Fraderica Miller

Guard • 5-10 • Fr.-HS • Ellenwood, Ga. (The Marist School)

Did You Know?

- ◆ First name is pronounced “fruh-DARE-uh-kuh” ... nickname is “Fred”.
- ◆ Was a rare spring signee, the first for Notre Dame since Breona Gray committed to the Irish in the spring of 2003 out of Las Vegas’ Bishop Gorman High School.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school – ran track & field, competing primarily in sprints (100m/200m/400m).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all four games this season, averaging 1.0 points and 0.8 steals per game.
- ◆ Saw limited action in first two road games at No. 24/22 LSU and Boston College, notching a steal at BC.
- ◆ Scored first career points on breakaway layup and added a steal vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Played season-high 10 minutes against Georgia Southern, chalking up two points and picking up a steal for third consecutive game.



Career Highs

Points

Career.... 2, twice (MR: vs. Ga. Southern, 11/25/08)

Rebounds

Career.....None

Assists

Career.....None

Field Goals

Career.... 1, twice (MR: vs. Ga. Southern, 11/25/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 1, twice (MR: vs. Ga. Southern, 11/25/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....None

Free Throws

Career.....None

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....None

Steals

Career.... 1, three times (MR: vs. GSU, 11/25/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....None

Minutes Played

Career.... 10 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0

Double-figure scoring games..... 0/0

20-point games..... 0/0

Double-figure assist games..... 0/0

5-assist games 0/0

5-steal games..... 0/0

(noted in season/career format)

Miller's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	4-0	19-4.8	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	5-0	0	2	0	3	4	1.0
TOTALS	4-0	19-4.8	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	5-0	0	2	0	3	4	1.0

#14 Devereaux Peters

Forward • 6-2 • So.-1V • Chicago, Ill. (Fenwick HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ First name is pronounced “DEV-er-OH” ... nickname is “Dev”.
- ◆ Has a 77-inch (6-foot-5) wingspan which, if turned vertically, would be taller than any player on Irish roster (junior center Erica Williamson is 6-foot-4); in fact, only one BIG EAST Conference player is taller than Peters’ wingspan — Pittsburgh freshman center Shawnice “Pepper” Wilson stands 6-foot-6.
- ◆ Peters’ alma mater, Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., holds a special place in Notre Dame athletics history, having produced numerous Irish greats in several sports — the most notable is 1953 Heisman Trophy John Lattner.
- ◆ One of two Irish players who had an uncle play professional football — Peters’ uncle, Tom Seabron, played linebacker at Michigan and was a fifth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 1979; Ashley Barlow’s uncle, Ron, was a fullback at Kansas State and was selected by the New York Jets in the 1965 American Football League redshirt draft.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in three games (one start) this season, averaging 7.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game with .688 field goal percentage and team-high six blocks (2.0 per game).
- ◆ Made successful return from April 2008 knee surgery (torn ACL) in season opener at No. 24/22 LSU, coming off bench to play 28 minutes, notching 12 points (6-7 FG), team-high six rebounds, three blocks and three steals.
- ◆ Earned starting nod for home opener vs. Evansville, registering six points and four rebounds in 17 minutes.
- ◆ Collected four points, three rebounds, two blocks and two steals in only 16 minutes at Boston College.
- ◆ Did not play against Georgia Southern in order to rest surgically-repaired left knee.



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 15 vs. Villanova (1/16/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 12 vs. Connecticut (1/27/08)

Assists

Career.... 4 vs. Saint Francis-Pa. (12/29/07)

Field Goals

Career.... 6, three times (MR: at LSU, 11/16/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 15 at Maryland (11/16/07)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....None

Free Throws

Career..... 8 at Richmond (1/2/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 10 at Richmond (1/2/08)

Steals

Career..... 7 vs. Villanova (1/16/08)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 5 vs. Miami-Ohio (11/9/07)

Minutes Played

Career..... 34 at Maryland (11/16/07)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/1
 Double-figure scoring games..... 1/15
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/1
 5-block games 0/1
 5-steal games..... 0/1
(noted in season/career format)

Peters’ Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	23-2	468-20.3	82-157	.522	0-0	.000	42-56	.750	57	72	129	5.6	78-5	23	40	45	39	206	9.0
2008-09	3-1	61-20.3	11-16	.688	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	3	10	13	4.3	6-0	5	4	6	5	22	7.3
TOTALS	26-3	529-20.3	93-173	.538	0-0	.000	42-59	.712	60	82	142	5.5	84-5	28	44	51	44	228	8.8

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Devereaux Peters

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU ¹	28	6-7	0-0	0-3	2	4	6	2	2	2	3	3	12
N19	Evansville [^]	17	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	1	1	1	0	6
N23	@ Boston College	16	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	1	2	2	4
N25	Georgia Southern	Did not play												
N29	#24/rv Michigan State													

* = indicates BIG EAST Conference game // ^ = indicates game started
 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

Peters in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	9-2	161-17.9	30-58	.517	0-0	.000	22-29	.759	18	34	52	5.8	37-4	8	15	13	16	82	9.1
TOTALS	9-2	161-17.9	30-58	.517	0-0	.000	22-29	.759	18	34	52	5.8	37-4	8	15	13	16	82	9.1

#20 Ashley Barlow

Guard • 5-9 • Jr.-2V • Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 24)

Did You Know?

- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Lindsay Schrader and Melissa Lechlitner); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Worked diligently during the summer to sharpen her perimeter shooting skills (more range and quicker release), spending early part of offseason in hometown of Indianapolis ... worked out with several elite-level players from the area including 2008 first-round NBA draft pick George Hill of the San Antonio Spurs (who played his college ball at IUPUI).
- ◆ Pictured on Midwest regional cover of *Sports Illustrated's* 2008-09 College Basketball Preview issue, along with Irish men's basketball sharpshooting senior guard Kyle McAlarney; Notre Dame was one of six schools to have both its teams featured on the regional covers, along with Connecticut, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Arizona State.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has started all four games this season, averaging team highs of 15.3 points and 3.5 steals per game, along with 5.3 rebounds per game, .511 field goal percentage and .571 three-point percentage (8-of-14).
- ◆ Has scored in double figures in past nine games, dating back to last season ... last single-digit scoring day was March 1, 2008, vs. Seton Hall (six points).
- ◆ Scored game-high 19 points (7-13 FG, 2-4 3FG) in State Farm Tip-Off Classic win at No. 24/22 LSU, including 10 in 14-4 Irish run early in second half.
- ◆ Took game-high scoring honors in home opener vs. Evansville, ending up with 19 points (3-5 3FG), six rebounds and four steals.
- ◆ Posted balanced effort at Boston College, chalking up 10 points (4-5 FG, 2-2 3FG) and career highs of seven steals and six assists (tied).
- ◆ Contributed 13 points and game-high eight rebounds in win over Georgia Southern.



Career Highs

Points

Career.....23 vs. DePaul (1/22/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 12 vs. SMU (3/23/08)

Assists

Career.... 6, three times (MR: at BC, 11/23/08)

Field Goals

Career....8, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 1/22/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 18 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career....3, eight times (MR: vs. Evansville, 11/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career....6, twice (MR: vs. Connecticut, 1/27/08)

Free Throws

Career.... 13 vs. Prairie View (12/28/06)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.... 13 vs. Prairie View (12/28/06)

Steals

Career....7 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Blocked Shots

Career....1, five times (MR: vs. Seton Hall, 3/1/08)

Minutes Played

Career..... 38 at Villanova (2/13/07)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/4
 Double-figure scoring games..... 4/40
 20-point games..... 0/6
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/5
 5-assist games 1/3
 5-steal games..... 1/6

(noted in season/career format)

Barlow's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	32-3	810-25.3	110-254	.433	19-58	.328	90-109	.826	79	94	173	5.4	80-3	61	70	3	63	329	10.3
2007-08	34-32	898-26.4	136-290	.469	27-89	.303	111-138	.804	64	95	159	4.7	86-2	64	60	2	68	410	12.1
2008-09	4-4	117-29.3	23-45	.511	8-14	.571	7-8	.875	5	16	21	5.3	4-0	8	8	0	14	61	15.3
TOTALS	70-39	1825-26.1	269-589	.457	54-161	.335	208-255	.816	148	205	353	5.0	170-5	133	138	5	145	800	11.4

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Ashley Barlow

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	35	7-13	2-4	3-4	0	5	5	2	0	4	0	2	19
N19	Evansville [^]	31	7-18	3-5	2-2	2	4	6	1	0	1	0	4	19
N23	@ Boston College [^]	26	4-5	2-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	2	0	7	10
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	25	5-9	1-3	2-2	2	6	8	0	2	1	0	1	13
N29	#24/rv Michigan State													

* = indicates BIG EAST Conference game // ^ = indicates game started
 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

Barlow in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	16-2	408-25.5	62-137	.453	13-34	.382	35-49	.714	34	44	78	4.9	44-2	29	36	1	26	172	10.8
2007-08	16-14	433-27.1	55-133	.414	10-40	.250	55-69	.797	33	42	75	4.7	44-1	30	35	2	31	175	10.9
TOTALS	32-16	841-26.3	117-270	.433	23-74	.311	90-118	.763	67	86	153	4.8	88-3	59	71	3	57	347	10.8

#21 Natalie Novosel

Guard • 5-11 • Fr.-HS • Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Last name is pronounced “NO-vuh-sell” ... nickname is “Nasty”, coined during her high school career, both for her determination and gritty demeanor on the court and her ability to make extraordinary (aka “nasty”) plays look routine.
- ◆ She is the first Irish women’s basketball player ever to come from the state of Kentucky ... she shares the same prep alma mater as former Notre Dame men’s basketball player David Graves (1999-2002).
- ◆ Has two siblings who also are currently playing college basketball — older sister, Shannon, is a senior all-conference center at the University of Evansville (whom the Irish defeated on Nov. 19), while twin brother, Nathan, is a freshman forward at the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all four games this season, averaging 5.5 points and 2.8 rebounds per game with .500 field goal percentage.
- ◆ Made college debut in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at No. 24/22 LSU, playing 17 minutes and notching two points and two rebounds.
- ◆ Tallied six points and season-high four assists in season-best 21 minutes of home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Tossed in season-high seven points (3-4 FG) at Boston College.
- ◆ Matched season best with seven points (5-6 FT) against Georgia Southern, while also pulling down season-high four rebounds.



Career Highs

Points

Career.... 7, twice (MR: vs. Ga. Southern, 11/25/08)

Rebounds

Career.... 4 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Assists

Career..... 4 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Field Goals

Career.... 3, twice (MR: at Boston College, 11/23/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 7 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 2, twice (MR: vs. GSU, 11/25/08)

Free Throws

Career.... 5 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.... 6 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Steals

Career.... 1, twice (MR: vs. GSU, 11/25/08)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 1 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 21, twice (MR: vs. GSU, 11/25/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 0/0
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games..... 0/0

(noted in season/career format)

Novosel’s Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	4-0	76-19.0	7-14	.500	0-4	.000	8-10	.800	5	6	11	2.8	5-0	7	5	1	2	22	5.5
TOTALS	4-0	76-19.0	7-14	.500	0-4	.000	8-10	.800	5	6	11	2.8	5-0	7	5	1	2	22	5.5

#22 Brittany Mallory

Guard • 5-10 • So.-1V • Baltimore, Md. (McDonogh School)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is "Chip", which she gained during summer school prior to her freshman year — its origin is a bit fuzzy and depends on which of her teammates you're talking to.
- ◆ Earned certificate of merit for participation in Notre Dame's Rosenthal Leadership Institute during the 2007-08 academic year.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a two-time honorable mention All-America lacrosse midfielder and was named to the 2006 high school All-Tewaaraton Team; in fact, she was actively recruited by several Division I schools to play lacrosse, but chose to focus solely on basketball at Notre Dame.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in three games this season, ranking second on team in scoring (14.7 ppg.) and assists (3.7 apg.), with .680 field goal percentage and .545 three-point percentage.
- ◆ Delivered 11 points (5-10 FG) and career-high six assists in 20 minutes during home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Had nearly perfect shooting day at Boston College (5-5 FG, 3-3 3FG, 1-2 FT), finishing with 14 points in 15 minutes.
- ◆ Poured in career-high 19 points (7-10 FG, 3-4 3FG) against Georgia Southern while also posting her third consecutive double-figure scoring game (longest streak of her young career).



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 19 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 7, twice (MR: vs. USF, 2/27/08)

Assists

Career..... 6 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Field Goals

Career..... 7 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 12 vs. Canisius (11/27/07)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... 4 vs. South Florida (2/27/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 8 at St. John's (3/3/08)

Free Throws

Career..... 6 vs. Valparaiso (12/12/07)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 6, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 1/30/08)

Steals

Career..... 4 vs. Valparaiso (12/12/07)

Blocked Shots

Career.... 1, three times (MR: at BC, 11/23/08)

Minutes Played

Career..... 28 vs. Miami-Ohio (11/9/07)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 3/9
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 1/1
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Mallory's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	33-0	533-16.2	64-187	.342	34-122	.279	46-57	.807	26	46	72	2.2	52-0	29	36	3	42	208	6.3
2008-09	3-0	59-19.7	17-25	.680	6-11	.545	4-7	.571	2	6	8	2.7	7-0	11	3	1	4	44	14.7
TOTALS	36-0	592-16.4	81-212	.382	40-133	.301	50-64	.781	28	52	80	2.2	59-0	40	39	4	46	252	7.0

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Brittany Mallory

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU ¹	Did not play												
N19	Evansville	20	5-10	0-4	1-2	1	1	2	3	6	0	0	2	11
N23	@ Boston College	15	5-5	3-3	1-2	1	3	4	1	2	0	1	0	14
N25	Georgia Southern	24	7-10	3-4	2-3	0	2	2	3	3	3	0	2	19
N29	#24/rv Michigan State													

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 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

Mallory in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	16-0	246-15.4	30-73	.411	21-55	.382	24-30	.800	9	15	24	1.5	24-0	14	20	2	16	105	6.6
TOTALS	16-0	246-15.4	30-73	.411	21-55	.382	24-30	.800	9	15	24	1.5	24-0	14	20	2	16	105	6.6

#23 Melissa Lechlitner

Guard • 5-7 • Jr.-2V • Mishawaka, Ind. (South Bend St. Joseph's HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Last name is pronounced "LECK-light-ner" ... nickname is "Lech".
- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Lindsay Schrader and Ashley Barlow); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Recently selected to participate in Notre Dame's elite Academic Honors for Student-Athletes program, which pairs qualified student-athletes with faculty mentors in their chosen field of study (Lechlitner maintains a 3.413 cumulative GPA as a psychology major in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters).
- ◆ Verbally committed to attend Notre Dame midway through her sophomore season of high school (January 2004), a full 22 months before she actually signed her National Letter of Intent and 30 months before she crossed Indiana SR-933 from St. Joseph's High School (located across the southwest corner of the Notre Dame campus) to officially enroll in summer school at the University.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has started all four games this season, averaging 7.0 points and team-high 4.3 assists per game with 2.43 assist/turnover ratio and .667 three-point percentage.
- ◆ Made first career start at point guard (second overall start) in season opener at No. 24/22 LSU, notching five assists and five rebounds.
- ◆ Tallied season-high 11 points (5-9 FG) with four assists in home opener vs Evansville.
- ◆ Had eight points (2-2 3FG), four assists and three steals at Boston College.
- ◆ Dished out four assists and scored seven points against Georgia Southern.



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 18 vs. Syracuse (1/20/07)

Rebounds

Career..... 6 vs. Syracuse (1/20/07)

Assists

Career.....9 vs. St. John's (1/16/07)

Field Goals

Career..... 7 vs. Syracuse (1/20/07)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....14 at South Florida (1/13/07)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career....3, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/20/07)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....7 vs. St. John's (1/16/07)

Free Throws

Career..... 8 at Providence (2/17/07)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....9 at Providence (2/17/07)

Steals

Career....4, twice (MR: vs. WKU, 11/13/07)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 2 vs. Marquette (2/13/08)

Minutes Played

Career....36, twice (MR: at LSU, 11/16/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 1/17
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure assist games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 1/10
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Lechlitner's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	31-0	744-24.0	68-198	.343	12-61	.197	47-62	.758	14	49	63	2.0	41-1	83	61	1	40	195	6.3
2007-08	34-1	753-22.1	71-201	.353	8-37	.216	36-47	.766	14	53	67	2.0	40-0	87	68	3	36	186	5.5
2008-09	4-4	110-27.5	12-31	.387	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	4	6	10	2.5	4-0	17	7	1	6	28	7.0
TOTALS	69-5	1607-23.3	151-430	.351	24-104	.231	83-109	.761	32	108	140	2.0	85-1	187	136	5	82	409	5.9

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Melissa Lechlitner

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU^	36	1-6	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	0	5	4	0	1	2
N19	Evansville^	26	5-9	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	1	0	1	11
N23	@ Boston College^	23	3-9	2-2	0-0	2	1	3	1	4	2	0	3	8
N25	Georgia Southern^	25	3-7	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	1	7
N29	#24/rv Michigan State													

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 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

Lechlitner in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	15-0	389-25.9	46-114	.404	5-33	.152	22-30	.733	9	22	31	2.1	15-0	48	31	1	18	119	7.9
2007-08	16-1	361-22.6	37-105	.352	2-13	.154	18-23	.783	9	31	40	2.5	18-0	43	30	3	16	94	5.9
TOTALS	31-1	750-24.2	83-219	.379	7-46	.152	40-53	.755	18	53	71	2.3	33-0	91	61	4	34	213	6.9

#24 Lindsay Schrader

Guard • 6-0 • Sr.-2V • Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ Preseason honorable mention all-BIG EAST

Did You Know?

- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Only senior on this year's roster, but intends to apply for fifth year of eligibility (missed 2006-07 season with torn ACL); fifth-year application process at Notre Dame takes place after first four years are completed and process is generally considered more stringent and involved than NCAA guidelines.
- ◆ Lone Irish player who came into the 2008-09 season with significant starting experience, having cracked the lineup 60 times in her first two years at Notre Dame.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has started all four games this season, averaging 11.5 points, team-high 5.8 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game with .541 field goal percentage.
- ◆ Gathered 13 points, team-high six rebounds and three steals in season-opening win at No. 24/22 LSU in State Farm Tip-Off Classic.
- ◆ Chalked up 12 points (5-8 FG), game-high seven rebounds and four steals in home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Pitched in 13 points (6-10 FG) at Boston College.
- ◆ Had balanced effort vs. Georgia Southern with eight points, six rebounds, game-high four assists and two blocks.



Career Highs

Points

Career....29 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Rebounds

Career..... 14 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)

Assists

Career..... 6 vs. Connecticut (1/27/08)

Field Goals

Career....12 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Field Goal Attempts

Career....23 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.... 1, five times (MR: vs. WKU, 11/13/07)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 2 at Rutgers (1/24/06)

Free Throws

Career.... 6, twice (MR: vs. USF, 3/4/06)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 10 at Syracuse (1/31/06)

Steals

Career..... 4 vs. Marquette (2/13/08)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 3 vs. Connecticut (3/5/06)

Minutes Played

Career....40, twice (MR: at Bowling Green, 12/5/07)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/4
 Double-figure scoring games..... 3/38
 20-point games..... 0/4
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/7
 5-assist games 0/4
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Schrader's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2005-06	30-27	858-28.6	127-287	.443	4-7	.571	58-111	.523	36	126	162	5.4	55-1	52	57	11	33	316	10.5
2006-07	Did not play (injured)																		
2007-08	34-33	955-28.1	148-322	.460	1-2	.500	52-80	.650	71	139	210	6.2	44-1	73	63	4	54	349	10.3
2008-09	4-4	110-27.5	20-37	.541	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	3	20	23	5.8	4-0	11	12	4	8	46	11.5
TOTALS	68-64	1923-28.3	295-646	.457	5-9	.556	116-199	.583	110	285	395	5.8	103-2	136	132	19	95	711	10.5

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Lindsay Schrader

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	33	5-12	0-0	3-5	2	4	6	2	1	5	0	3	13
N19	Evansville [^]	26	5-8	0-0	2-2	0	7	7	1	4	2	1	2	12
N23	@ Boston College [^]	26	6-10	0-0	1-1	1	3	4	1	2	3	1	2	13
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	25	4-7	0-0	0-0	0	6	6	0	4	2	2	1	8
N29	#24/rv Michigan State													

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Schrader in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.	
2005-06	16-13	442-27.6	63-151	.417	2-5	.400	34-60	.567	19	64	83	5.2	25-0	28	27	5	16	162	10.1	
2006-07		Did not play (injured)																		
2007-08	16-15	458-28.6	70-141	.496	0-0	.000	29-39	.744	29	71	100	6.3	22-1	36	31	3	23	169	10.6	
TOTALS	32-28	900-28.1	133-292	.455	2-5	.400	63-99	.636	48	135	183	5.7	47-1	64	58	8	39	331	10.3	

#32 Becca Bruszewski

Forward • 6-1 • So.-1V • Valparaiso, Ind. (Wheeler HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Last name is pronounced “broo-SHEFF-skee” ... nickname is “Bruiser”, due to her fearless, physical style of play and her penchant for leaving teammates and opponents black and blue after a practice or game.
- ◆ Has tied or re-set her career scoring high four times in past seven games, dating back to last season (11.4 ppg. in that time — 4.4 ppg. in previous 29 games).
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a three-time all-state volleyball middle blocker, who still holds school records for career kills (2,042) and blocks (452), as well as single-season kills (657) and blocks (139).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has started all four games this season (first starts of her career), ranking third on team in scoring (12.0 ppg.) and second in field goal percentage (.690), with 3.5 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game.
- ◆ Made first career start in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at No. 24/22 LSU, ending up with six points in 19 minutes.
- ◆ Scored career-high 18 points (7-9 FG, 2-2 3FG) and added career-best four steals in home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Matched career high with 18 points (9-13 FG) at Boston College, while also notching career-best four assists.



Career Highs

Points

Career.... 18, twice (MR: at BC, 11/23/08)

Rebounds

Career.... 7, twice (MR: vs. Tennessee, 1/5/08)

Assists

Career.... 4 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Field Goals

Career.... 9 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 15 vs. Tennessee (3/30/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... 2 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 2 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Free Throws

Career..... 6 vs. SMU (3/23/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 7 vs. SMU (3/23/08)

Steals

Career..... 4 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 2 at St. John's (3/3/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 28 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 2/8
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-block games 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Bruszewski's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	32-0	423-13.2	58-104	.558	1-2	.500	42-54	.778	37	43	80	2.5	58-0	13	31	10	16	159	5.0
2008-09	4-4	84-21.0	20-29	.690	2-3	.667	6-6	1.000	3	11	14	3.5	7-0	5	6	2	7	48	12.0
TOTALS	36-4	507-14.1	78-133	.586	3-5	.600	48-60	.800	40	54	94	2.6	65-0	18	37	12	23	207	5.8

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Becca Bruszewski

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	19	1-3	0-0	4-4	0	3	3	4	0	0	0	2	6
N19	Evansville [^]	19	7-9	2-2	2-2	2	2	4	2	0	2	1	4	18
N23	@ Boston College [^]	28	9-13	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	18
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	18	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	0	1	3	1	1	6
N29	#24/rv Michigan State													

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Bruszewski in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	14-0	171-12.2	21-35	.600	1-2	.500	21-24	.875	14	18	32	2.3	26-0	5	12	5	4	64	4.6
TOTALS	14-0	171-12.2	21-35	.600	1-2	.500	21-24	.875	14	18	32	2.3	26-0	5	12	5	4	64	4.6

#52 Erica Williamson

Center • 6-4 • Jr.-2V • Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is "E".
- ◆ Hosts monthly video magazine show called "E-TV" on Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.UND.com) that gives behind-the-scenes look at Irish women's basketball program.
- ◆ Team representative on Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).
- ◆ Incredibly dedicated student-athlete who will have amassed enough credit hours at end of fall 2008 term to graduate three semesters early if she chose; in fact, she was on track to graduate in only two years before switching her major last year (from science-business to a double major in film, television & theater and pre-professional studies).
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school (or in Williamson's case, two other sports) — was a goalkeeper in soccer and played first base on softball team.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all four games this season (starting three), averaging 5.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game (third on team in latter category).
- ◆ Posted season highs of 10 points (4-8 FG) and seven rebounds at Boston College.
- ◆ Grabbed six rebounds in win over Georgia Southern.



Career Highs

Points

Career.....16, three times (MR: at DePaul, 2/24/08)

Rebounds

Career.....18 at South Florida (1/13/07)

Assists

Career.....3 vs. South Florida (2/27/08)

Field Goals

Career.....7 vs. Prairie View (12/28/06)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....12 at Rutgers (2/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....None

Free Throws

Career.....8 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....12 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Steals

Career.....3 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....5 vs. Central Michigan (11/10/06)

Minutes Played

Career.....36 vs. Oklahoma (3/25/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/2
 Double-figure scoring games..... 1/14
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/3
 5-block games 0/1
(noted in season/career format)

Williamson's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	31-0	516-16.6	64-137	.467	0-0	.000	61-95	.642	59	104	163	5.3	79-1	12	40	39	18	189	6.1
2007-08	34-21	569-16.7	74-158	.468	0-0	.000	71-104	.683	75	75	150	4.4	65-0	20	34	38	13	219	6.4
2008-09	4-3	59-14.8	6-17	.353	0-0	.000	8-11	.727	7	11	18	4.5	7-0	1	5	1	0	20	5.0
TOTALS	69-24	1144-16.6	144-312	.462	0-0	.000	140-210	.667	141	190	331	4.8	151-1	33	79	78	31	428	6.2

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Erica Williamson

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N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	19	0-3	0-0	2-3	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	2
N19	Evansville	8	0-1	0-0	4-4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
N23	@ Boston College [^]	19	4-8	0-0	2-2	3	4	7	2	0	4	1	0	10
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	13	2-5	0-0	0-2	1	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	4
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2006-07	16-0	277-17.3	30-71	.423	0-0	.000	33-48	.688	30	59	89	5.6	40-1	8	18	18	10	93	5.8
2007-08	16-13	312-19.5	37-82	.451	0-0	.000	49-70	.700	43	41	84	5.3	30-0	13	18	21	10	123	7.7
TOTALS	32-13	589-18.4	67-153	.438	0-0	.000	82-118	.695	73	100	173	5.4	70-1	21	36	39	20	216	6.8