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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2001-02 Irish Schedule/Results (12-7, 6-2 BIG EAST)

November

6	Tues.	OGBM Legends (exh.)	W, 76-62
13	Tues.	Christian Bros. (exh.)	W, 87-39
18	Sun.	Valparaiso	W, 42-35
21	Wed.	at (20/22) Colorado State	L, 66-72
24	Sat.	at Arizona	L, 70-72
26	Mon.	Army	W, 89-57

December

2	Sun.	vs. (16/17) Michigan^	L, 63-78
6	Thurs.	at (7/8) Purdue	L, 57-70
9	Sun.	USC	W, 62-49
12	Wed.	Western Michigan	W, 71-48
22	Sat.	Marquette	W, 60-33
28	Fri.	at Rice	L, 61-72
31	Mon.	DePaul	W, 79-50

January

2	Wed.	at Miami*	W, 69-65
5	Sat.	Providence*	W, 72-66
9	Wed.	Seton Hall*	W, 79-45
12	Sat.	at Villanova*	L, 59-60
19	Sat.	at Providence*	W, 69-41
21	Mon.	at (1/1) Connecticut*#	L, 53-80
26	Sat.	(16/17) Virginia Tech*	W, 64-57
29	Tues.	Syracuse*	W, 71-46

February

2	Sat.	at Seton Hall* (CN8)	2 p.m.
5	Tues.	at Pittsburgh*	7 p.m.
10	Sun.	Boston College*	1 p.m.
13	Wed.	St. John's*	7 p.m.
16	Sat.	at Rutgers* (BETV)	8 p.m.
19	Wed.	West Virginia*	7 p.m.
23	Sat.	at Georgetown	4 p.m.
26	Tues.	Villanova*	7 p.m.

March

2-	Sat.-	at BIG EAST Championship
5	Tues.	(Piscataway, N.J.)
15-	Fri.-	NCAA First and Second Rounds
18	Mon.	(campus sites)
23-	Sat.-	NCAA Regionals (Raleigh;
25	Mon.	Milwaukee; Ames, Iowa; Boise)
29-	Fri.-	NCAA Final Four
31	Sun.	(San Antonio, Texas)

Boldface indicates home game

Italics indicates exhibition game

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(x/y) indicates rankings in AP & ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff

^ Women's College Basketball Showcase, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Game played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

(CN8) Game to be televised by CN8 (The Comcast Network)

(BETV) Game to be televised as part of BIG EAST TV package

All times are local to site and subject to change

Game No.

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Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (12-7, 6-2) vs. Seton Hall *Pirates* (11-9, 3-6)

The Date and Time: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at 2 p.m. EST.

The Site: Walsh Gymnasium (2,600) in South Orange, N.J.

The TV Plans: CN8 live broadcast with **Leandra Riley** (play-by-play), **Cathy Andruzzi** (analysis), **Mick Moninghoff** (sideline) and **Rich Zane** (producer). CN8 serves nearly four million cable subscribers in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

The Radio Plans: All Notre Dame games are broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620 in South Bend) with **Sean Stires** handling the play-by-play. These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics website at www.und.com.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Seton Hall (www.shupirates.com).

NOTRE DAME OPENS SECOND HALF OF BIG EAST SEASON SATURDAY AT SETON HALL

Following two important BIG EAST Conference wins at home in the last week, Notre Dame heads back out on the road for a two-game trip that begins Saturday with a 2 p.m. (EST) visit to Seton Hall. The Irish will be looking to maintain their grip on third place in the conference standings as they enter the final month of the regular season.

Notre Dame (12-7, 6-2 BIG EAST) picked up its 10th win in the last 13 games with a 71-46 rout of Syracuse Tuesday night at the Joyce Center. The Irish freshman class combined for 51 points, including a career-high 21 points from guard **Allison Bustamante**, to secure Notre Dame's 48th consecutive home victory, extending the longest active home court winning streak in the nation. Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** added her eighth double-double of the season with 10 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, helping to pace a 48-31 Irish edge on the boards.

Seton Hall (11-9, 3-6) returns home this weekend after registering a 64-45 win at Georgetown Wednesday night. Junior guard/forward **Cecilia Lindqvist** poured in a game-high 20 points, sophomore guard **Melissa Langelier** added 18, and senior center **Susan Murray** chalked up 15 points and a game-best 13 rebounds for the Pirates, who have won two in a row after losing five of their previous six contests.

With the loss of leading scorer **Leslie Ardon** to a knee injury, Lindqvist has picked up the slack for Seton Hall, averaging a team-high 12.1 points per game. Sophomore forward **Charlene Thomas** is second at 11.3 ppg. and is pulling down a team-best 7.2 rebounds per outing.

Phyllis Mangina is one of the veterans of the BIG EAST coaching ranks, now in her 17th season at Seton Hall. She owns a 241-236 (.505) career record, but she is 2-10 in her tenure against Notre Dame.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 71, Syracuse 46

Jan. 29, 2002

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Syracuse (46)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Wright	18	1-5	0-0	2-2	2	1	2	4
Newman	24	1-10	1-6	0-0	5	1	2	3
Omanovic	16	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
McBride	29	3-7	1-5	1-2	1	3	4	8
James	36	2-8	1-5	2-2	3	2	2	7
Perry	26	3-10	0-0	4-8	6	1	1	10
Wegrzynowicz	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Coleman	8	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	3
Trammell	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	2	2
Nwagbo	27	3-9	0-0	1-1	2	0	1	7
Team					6			
Totals	200	16-54	4-17	10-15	31	8	15	46

Notre Dame (71)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	24	5-9	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	10
Batteast	29	4-10	1-2	1-3	15	6	2	10
Barksdale	11	0-4	0-0	0-0	4	0	3	0
Severe	30	0-2	0-0	2-2	3	9	3	2
Ratay	22	2-7	1-5	0-0	5	0	0	5
Krause	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Swanson	5	0-1	0-0	3-4	2	0	0	3
Borton	20	3-3	0-0	2-4	2	1	1	8
Wicks	15	1-4	0-2	2-2	2	0	0	4
Flechy	15	3-6	0-0	2-2	3	0	2	8
Bustamante	25	8-14	5-10	0-2	5	1	0	21
Team					2			
Totals	200	26-60	7-19	12-19	48	19	13	71

Syracuse	25	21	--	46
Notre Dame	39	32	--	71

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.3, Syracuse 29.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.8, Syracuse 23.5. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 63.2, Syracuse 66.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 21, Syracuse 21. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9 (Batteast, Barksdale 3), Syracuse 0. **Steals:** Notre Dame 9 (Severe 5), Syracuse 14 (James 4). **Attendance:** 8,571.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Jan. 28)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (44)	22-0	1
2.	Tennessee	17-1	2
3.	Stanford	20-1	3
4.	Oklahoma	16-2	4
5.	Duke	17-3	5
6.	Louisiana Tech	14-3	8
7.	Purdue	16-3	10
8.	Vanderbilt	19-4	6
9.	Kansas State	19-2	11
10.	Baylor	16-3	15
11.	South Carolina	17-3	7
12.	Florida	15-5	18
13.	Texas Tech	12-6	12
14.	Texas	14-4	13
15.	Wisconsin	16-4	9
16.	Iowa State	15-5	14
17.	Colorado	15-6	20
18.	Colorado State	16-3	19
19.	Georgia	14-5	17
20.	Boston College	15-4	24
21.	Old Dominion	13-5	25
22.	Minnesota	15-4	23
23.	Virginia Tech	15-4	16
24.	North Carolina	15-6	21
25.	Auburn	14-6	22

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Jan. 28)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (40)	22-0	1
2.	Tennessee	17-1	2
3.	Stanford	20-1	3
4.	Oklahoma	16-2	4
5.	Duke	17-3	6
6.	Vanderbilt	19-4	5
7.	Louisiana Tech	14-3	9
8.	Purdue	16-3	11
9.	South Carolina	17-3	7
10.	Kansas State	19-2	15
11.	Baylor	16-3	14
12.	Iowa State	15-5	10
13.	Wisconsin	16-4	8
14.	Texas	14-4	12
15.	Florida	15-5	18
16.	Texas Tech	12-6	13
17.	Colorado	15-6	19
18.	Georgia	14-5	16
19.	Colorado State	16-3	21
20.	Virginia Tech	15-4	17
21.	Boston College	15-4	23
22.	North Carolina	17-7	20
23.	Auburn	14-6	22
24.	Minnesota	15-4	25
25.	LSU	11-7	24

Boldface indicates 2001-02 Notre Dame opponents

SCOUTING THE IRISH

Notre Dame looks to write a new chapter in its rapidly-developing history as the Irish defend their first NCAA championship in 2001-02. Six monogram winners, including two starters, return from last season's title-winning squad, giving head coach **Muffet McGraw** a broad foundation from which to build this year. In addition, the Irish welcome six talented freshmen to the fold, a group heralded as perhaps the finest recruiting class in school history and ranked as high as third by several national publications.

McGraw is in her 20th season as a college coach (15th at Notre Dame) with a 422-165 (.719) overall record and 334-124 (.729) mark while under the shadow of the Golden Dome. She has led the Irish to six straight NCAA Tournament appearances and eight overall — Notre Dame has advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen four times, the Final Four twice and won the 2001 NCAA title, all in the last five seasons under McGraw's guidance. She was a near-unanimous choice as national coach of the year in 2000-01, winning top honors from the Atlanta Tipoff Club (Naismith Award), Associated Press, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), and Sports Illustrated for Women. She also was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year, marking the third different conference to recognize McGraw as its top skipper since she took the reins at Notre Dame in 1987.

Both of Notre Dame's returning starters were honored by the BIG EAST coaches in their preseason balloting. Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** (5.2 ppg., 4.6 rpg.) was a second team preseason all-conference pick and brings explosive quickness and versatility to the Irish lineup, along with veteran leadership. As Notre Dame's only captain, she is being called upon to assume a greater mantle of responsibility in '01-02. After starting the first six games for the Irish, she moved into a reserve role for the next four games, picking up her first double-double of the year with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan. She returned to the starting lineup beginning with the DePaul game and scored 10 points Tuesday against Syracuse. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** (13.3 ppg., 5.2 rpg., .442 3FG%) was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST choice and is one of 30 finalists for the Naismith Award after setting an NCAA record for three-point percentage (.547) by a sophomore last season. On Dec. 6 at Purdue, she became the 19th player in school history to score 1,000 career points. She ranks 11th in the BIG EAST in scoring for all games, and ninth in conference games at 13.9 ppg after pouring in 22 points (19 in the second half) last Saturday against No. 16/17 Virginia Tech.

Joining Ratay in the backcourt is sophomore **Le'Tania Severe** (6.6 ppg., 3.5 rpg., 5.2 apg.), who was hampered by injuries last season, appearing in just 22 games. However, she has confidently taken a larger role in the Irish offense this season, scoring a career-high 17 points against USC and handing out a career-best nine assists (with only one turnover) Tuesday against Syracuse. She also ranks eighth in the BIG EAST Conference in assists and 14th in steals (1.95 spg.). Severe has moved to a reserve role in five of the last seven games, logging 5.6 apg. and posting a 2.17 assist-to-turnover ratio (39:18) in that time. Also spending time at the point has been sophomore **Jeneka Joyce** (3.8 ppg., 1.7 rpg.), who has started eight times for the Irish this season. Joyce has made 13 three-point field goals, one of four Notre Dame players to have at least 10 treys this year. However, she has missed the last two games with a strained left Achilles' tendon. Junior **Karen Swanson** (1.3 ppg., 0.6 rpg.) and **Jill Krause** (0.3 ppg., 0.4 rpg.) provide McGraw with additional flexibility in her point guard rotation. Freshmen **Allison Bustamante** (5.6 ppg., 2.3 rpg.) and **Kelsey Wicks** (5.3 ppg., 3.4 rpg.) provide the Irish with solid ballhandling and perimeter shooting depth. Bustamante broke out with a career-high 21 points (including five three-point field goals) in Tuesday's win over Syracuse, while Wicks posted a career-best 16 points on Jan. 21 at No. 1 Connecticut.

LAST IRISH GAME VS. SETON HALL

Notre Dame 79, Seton Hall 45

Jan. 9, 2002

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Seton Hall (45)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Lindqvist	29	3-9	0-2	2-6	3	4	1	8
Thomas	25	4-12	0-0	5-9	3	0	4	13
Murray	36	5-8	0-0	2-4	5	0	3	12
Langelier	31	0-6	0-3	1-2	4	2	4	1
Burgess	20	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0
Dueland	7	1-3	0-2	4-4	2	1	0	6
Carroll	19	1-6	1-3	0-3	2	1	2	3
Phillip	12	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	0
Smith	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Bush	15	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	15-52	1-10	14-28	26	11	18	45

Notre Dame (79)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	23	4-5	0-0	0-1	6	2	0	8
Batteast	21	1-6	0-3	1-2	4	3	0	3
Barksdale	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	3	0
Joyce	8	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	3
Ratay	27	6-10	1-2	5-7	6	0	0	18
Severe	24	0-2	0-0	2-4	3	7	4	2
Krause	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2
Swanson	9	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	2	0	2
Borton	19	7-7	0-0	1-2	4	2	2	15
Wicks	27	3-5	2-3	0-0	10	1	4	8
Flecky	18	2-6	0-0	3-4	3	0	4	7
Bustamante	11	4-4	2-2	1-2	2	1	3	11
Team					5			
Totals	200	29-50	6-11	15-24	46	19	21	79

Seton Hall	18	27	--	45
Notre Dame	39	40	--	79

FG Pct: Notre Dame 58.0, Seton Hall 28.8. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.5, Seton Hall 10.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 62.5, Seton Hall 50.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 18, Seton Hall 12. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3, Seton Hall 2. Steals: Notre Dame 6, Seton Hall 13 (Lindqvist 5). Attendance: 6,975.

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
3	Ericka Haney (C)	G/F	6-0	Sr.	5.2	4.6	0.7 apg	10 pts. vs. Syracuse (needs five for 900 in career)
21	Jacqueline Batteast	F	6-1	Fr.	14.8	8.4	2.3 apg	Eighth double-double, career-high 15 rebs. vs. SU
31	Amanda Barksdale	C	6-3	Jr.	4.1	2.8	3.1 bpg	Fifth in nation in blocks (had three vs. Syracuse)
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-8	So.	6.6	3.5	5.2 apg	Career-high nine assists, one turnover vs. SU
22	Alicia Ratay	G	6-0	Jr.	13.3	5.2	1.8 apg	Played season-low 22 minutes vs. Syracuse

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	So.	3.8	1.7	1.4 apg	Has missed last two games with Achilles injury
10	Jill Krause	G	5-8	Fr.	0.3	0.4	0.3 apg	Dished out assist in four minutes vs. Syracuse
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Jr.	1.3	0.6	0.4 apg	Three points (3-4 FT), two rebs. vs. Syracuse
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	Fr.	6.7	5.1	0.6 apg	Shooting .630 (29-46) from floor in BIG EAST play
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	Fr.	5.3	3.4	0.5 spg	Averaging 8.8 ppg., 4.5 rpg. in last four games
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	Fr.	3.7	2.7	0.9 apg	Charted eight points, three rebs. vs. Syracuse
44	Allison Bustamante	G	6-0	Fr.	5.6	2.3	0.5 apg	Career-high 21 pts. (5-10 3FG) vs. Syracuse

Boldface denotes team statistical leaders // (C) denotes team captain

A pair of freshmen (and former Parade All-Americans) are making an immediate impact on the Notre Dame front line, as forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (14.8 ppg., 8.4 rpg.) and center **Teresa Borton** (6.7 ppg., 4.9 rpg.) started the first six games for the Irish. Batteast was named the 2001-02 preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and her combination of speed, athleticism and perimeter shooting ability make her a valuable weapon in the Irish arsenal. Already a five-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week, Batteast is one of only two players to rank in the top five in the BIG EAST in scoring (4th), rebounding (2nd), blocks (4th, 1.68) and double-doubles (2nd, 8), and she has claimed game-high scoring and/or rebounding honors eight times each. Batteast picked up her eighth double-double of the season Tuesday night with 10 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, along with a career-best six assists in the win over Syracuse. Meanwhile, at 6-3, Borton is a smooth and versatile post player with excellent mobility and a solid defensive presence. She tied a BIG EAST rookie record by going 7-of-7 from the field on Jan. 9 against Seton Hall, and later chalked up her first career double-double with 11 points and a career-high 10 rebounds on Jan. 19 at Providence.

Junior **Amanda Barksdale** (4.1 ppg., 2.8 rpg., 3.1 bpg.) was one of the nation's top shot blockers last season and has recovered nicely after missing Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg. She notched seven blocks against USC and tied a school record with eight blocks against Marquette — those outings rank 1-2 in the BIG EAST this season and the Marquette performance ties for the sixth-best showing in the nation this season. She currently leads the BIG EAST in blocked shots and stands fifth in the most recent NCAA rankings, justifying her national standing with three rejections Tuesday night against Syracuse. Meanwhile, freshman **Katy Flecky** (3.7 ppg., 2.7 rpg.) was a two-time Miss Colorado Basketball and offers the Irish an physical presence in the post. She scored eight points in the win over Syracuse earlier this week.

RECAPPING SYRACUSE

The Notre Dame freshman class rang up 51 points, including a career-high 21 by guard **Allison Bustamante**, to run past Syracuse, 71-46, in BIG EAST Conference action Tuesday night before a Joyce Center crowd of 8,571, the fifth-largest in school history. It was the 48th consecutive home victory for the Irish, extending the longest winning streak in the nation, and it was the 28th straight BIG EAST win at the Joyce Center for Notre Dame.

Bustamante canned five three-point field goals, including four during a 19-3 run in the first half which broke open a tight game. Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** added 10 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, collecting her eighth double-double of the season. Batteast also matched her career best with six assists. Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** equalled Batteast's scoring output with 10 points,

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	SHU
Overall/BIG EAST record	12-7/6-2	11-9/3-6
AP/ESPN-USA Today ranking	arv/arv	—

SCORING

Points scored per game	66.1	60.2
Points allowed per game	57.7	56.1
Field goal percentage	.434	.406
Three-point percentage	.409	.308
Free throw percentage	.662	.668

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	41.9	39.2
Opponent rebs. per game	35.6	34.2
Rebounding margin	+6.3	+5.0

OTHER

Assists per game	14.6	13.3
Turnovers per game	17.7	19.5
Assist/turnover ratio	0.83	0.68
Blocked shots per game	6.3	3.9
Steals per game	7.3	9.3

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly half-hour show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** began Sept. 9 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 10-10:30 p.m. Central time for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White welcomes to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members.



THE SETON HALL SERIES

Series: ND leads 10-2. Games Played at Seton Hall: ND leads 4-1.

Date	Site	Result	Score
12/11/93	Notre Dame, IN	L	55-62
11/26/94	South Orange, NJ (ot)	L	55-60
1/2/96	South Orange, NJ (ot)	W	88-79
3/4/96	Storrs, CT*	W	69-58
1/2/97	South Orange, NJ	W	87-47
2/22/97	Notre Dame, IN	W	75-61
1/31/98	Notre Dame, IN	W	91-35
1/20/99	South Orange, NJ	W	87-47
2/6/99	Notre Dame, IN	W	77-49
1/11/00	Notre Dame, IN	W	80-52
1/21/01	South Orange, NJ	W	72-47
1/9/02	Notre Dame, IN	W	79-45

* - BIG EAST Tournament

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	915	76.3
Seton Hall	642	53.5

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame, 10 games

McGraw vs. Seton Hall: 10-2

ND Biggest Win: 56 (91-35 on 1/31/98)

SHU Biggest Win: 7 (62-55 on 12/11/93)

ND Longest Win Streak: 10 (from 1996-present)

SHU Longest Win Streak: 2 (from 1993-94)

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2001-02 season (arv - also receiving votes):

	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	15	14
Nov. 12	15	no poll
Nov. 19	15	15
Nov. 26	23	23
Dec. 3	arv	arv
Dec. 10	arv	arv
Dec. 17	arv	arv
Dec. 24	arv	arv
Dec. 31	arv	arv
Jan. 7	arv	arv
Jan. 14	arv	arv
Jan. 21	arv	arv
Jan. 28	arv	arv

while sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** was rock solid at the point, registering career highs of nine assists and five steals against only one turnover in 30 minutes on the floor.

Shannon Perry, the reigning BIG EAST Co-Player of the Week, was the only Syracuse player to crack double figures, posting team bests of 10 points and six rebounds off the bench. The Orangewomen, who came into the contest ranked fourth in the conference with a .450 field goal percentage, were held to season lows of 46 points and 29.6 percent shooting by a stingy Irish defense. Notre Dame also owned a commanding 48-31 edge in the rebounding column.

The first 10 minutes of the contest were close, with Syracuse drawing first blood on a Julie McBride three-pointer before the Irish rallied and eventually claimed a 15-8 lead on a free throw by freshman center **Teresa Borton** with 13:03 left in the period. The Orangewomen closed the gap to three at the 9:57 mark when Chineze Nwagbo sank a layup from the right block, forcing Notre Dame to call a 30-second timeout.

Following the stoppage, Bustamante went to work, needing just 24 seconds to drill her first three-pointer of the night and ignite the game-turning 19-3 run. At the same time, Syracuse went cold from the field, connecting on only one field goal over the next six minutes and wound up on the short end of a 34-15 score at the final media timeout of the first half.

Leading by a 39-25 count at the break, Notre Dame maintained its defensive intensity to open the second half, holding the Orangewomen without a field goal over the first 9:32 of the stanza. The Irish outscored the visitors, 15-4, during that time to push their lead over 20 points for the first time in the contest. Tara Trammell finally broke an 0-for-14 shooting drought for Syracuse with a short jumper in the lane just before the midway point of the second half. However, Notre Dame continued to roll, opening up its largest lead of the night at 64-36 when junior guard **Karen Swanson** hit two free throws with 5:08 remaining, propelling the Irish to their 12th consecutive win over Syracuse.

THE NOTRE DAME-SETON HALL SERIES

Notre Dame holds a 10-2 series advantage over Seton Hall, having won all 10 meetings with the Pirates since joining the BIG EAST Conference for the 1995-96 season. The Irish also are 4-1 against SHU at Walsh Gymnasium, having rebounded from an overtime loss in their first visit to South Orange (60-55 on Dec. 11, 1993) with four consecutive victories by an average of 28.5 points per game.

NOTRE DAME-SETON HALL, PART ONE

Four days is a short time to learn lessons in college basketball, but in the case of Notre Dame, it proved to be long enough.

After nearly letting a 19-point lead slip away in a Jan. 5 win over Providence, the Irish jumped out to a similar advantage on Jan. 9 against Seton Hall. However, this time around, Notre Dame didn't let off the gas, keeping the visiting Pirates at arm's length the entire game and posting a 79-45 BIG EAST Conference win before 6,975 fans at the Joyce Center.

The victory extended Notre Dame's home winning streak to 46 games, the longest active string in the nation. The Irish also picked up their 26th consecutive home win over a BIG EAST opponent and improved to 51-3 all-time against conference foes at the Joyce Center.

The Irish earned their seventh win in eight games thanks to a season-high .580 field goal percentage (29-50) and a +20 edge (46-26) in the rebounding column. The Notre Dame bench also came alive in the victory, outscoring their Seton Hall counterparts by a 47-11 count.

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** led three Irish players in double figures with 18 points. Freshman center **Teresa Borton** continued to scorch the nets in conference play, tying a BIG EAST rookie record by going 7-of-7 from the field and scoring 15 points.

Two other freshmen made significant contributions in the win. Rookie guard **Allison Bustamante** made all four of her shots from the field (including two three-pointers) and scored 11 points in 11 minutes. Meanwhile, freshman guard **Kelsey Wicks** tallied eight points and a career-best 10 rebounds in the victory. In fact, 11 of the 12 players in uniform scored for the Irish, including freshman guard **Jill Krause**, who notched her first career basket on a turnaround jumper with less than four minutes to play.

Charlene Thomas led Seton Hall with 13 points and Susan Murray added 12 points for the Pirates, who lost their 10th consecutive game to Notre Dame and fifth in a row at the Joyce Center.

The Irish led virtually the entire way, shaking free from an early 2-2 tie and jumping to a 19-9 lead on a layup by Ratay with 9:20 remaining in the first half. Following a Seton Hall basket, Notre Dame put together a 14-2 run over the next six minutes, capped by a pair of Ratay free throws at the 3:18 mark. A short jumper by Borton in the waning moments of the period gave the Irish their biggest lead to that point (39-18) going into halftime.



Seton Hall tried to mount a charge to open the second half, scoring the first seven points and forcing Notre Dame to burn a timeout, leading 39-25 with 18:05 to play. However, that would be as close as the Pirates would get. Bustamante scored all 11 of her points and Borton added 10 markers in the second frame, and the Irish steadily built their advantage to a game-high 35 points (71-36) on a trey from Bustamante with 4:34 remaining.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-SETON HALL SERIES TIDBITS

- After winning two of its first three games against Notre Dame and averaging 67 points per game, Seton Hall has lost its last nine contests with the Irish and has averaged only 49 ppg.
- The first three games in the series all were decided by nine points or less, with two contests going to overtime. Since then, no Notre Dame-Seton Hall game has been decided by less than 11 points, with the Irish winning all nine games by an average margin of 30.7 ppg.
- Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, Notre Dame has never scored less than 69 points in a game against Seton Hall. Conversely, the Pirates have topped the mark just once, falling 88-79 in overtime to the Irish in their first conference matchup on Jan. 2, 1996 in South Orange. Seton Hall comes into Saturday's game averaging 60.2 ppg.

NOTRE DAME-SETON HALL CONNECTIONS

• Notre Dame senior guard/forward **Erica Haney** and Seton Hall junior forward **Leslie Ardon** were teammates on the BIG EAST Conference All-Star Team which posted a 6-0 record during its tour of Europe last summer. Haney led the team in scoring with 13.0 points per game, with Ardon right behind her at 11.5 ppg. However, the pair will not reunite on the court this season — Ardon is out for the year after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her knee during practice on Jan. 1.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- The Irish would log their 11th consecutive win over Seton Hall, preserving one of six double-digit winning streaks Notre Dame holds against BIG EAST opposition (Georgetown, Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Providence and St. John's are the others).
- Notre Dame would register the 499th win in the history of the program, positioning itself to become the 50th school in NCAA history (and fourth BIG EAST institution) to record 500 career victories.
- The Irish would pick up their 11th win in the last 14 games since opening the season at 2-4.
- Notre Dame would move to 52-7 (.881) vs. BIG EAST opponents over the last three-plus seasons.
- The Irish would improve their overall record to 100-19 (.840) since the start of the '98-99 season.
- Notre Dame would jump to 43-17 (.717) all-time on the road against BIG EAST foes.

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Feb. 1)

Doubtful

Sophomore G **Jeneka Joyce**strained left Achilles' tendon (DNP vs. Virginia Tech/Syracuse)

BATTEAST EARNS FIFTH BIG EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK AWARD

For the fifth time this season, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** has been selected as the BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Week, the league office announced Monday. Batteast, who earned top freshman honors for three consecutive weeks earlier this season (Dec. 3, 10 & 17) and added another conference rookie award on Jan. 7, is only the second player in school history to win five BIG EAST Rookie of the Week citations in a single campaign. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** took home six rookie awards during the 1999-2000 season.

Batteast averaged 16.0 points and 6.0 rebounds per game last week while helping the Irish gain a split of their BIG EAST Conference contests with No. 1 Connecticut and No. 16/17 Virginia Tech. In the latter game on Saturday night against the Hokies, the South Bend native matched her career high with 26 points and bagged seven rebounds in 29 minutes as Notre Dame toppled its first ranked opponent of the season. She scored 13 of the first 15 Irish points and later teamed with Ratay to score 32 of Notre Dame's 34 second-half points in the win.

For the season, Batteast ranks fourth in the BIG EAST in scoring (14.8 ppg.), second in rebounding (8.4 rpg.), fourth in blocked shots (1.68 bpg.) and second in double-doubles (8), one of only two players to place in the top five in all four categories. She also is the only BIG EAST freshman to lead her team in both scoring and rebounding.

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

MUFFET MCGRAW INTERVIEWS

The best time for interviews with Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is Monday morning or by special appointment. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office at 574-631-7516 to make specific arrangements.

THE MUFFET MCGRAW SHOW

Muffet McGraw's half-hour, weekly television show is produced by LeSea Broadcasting and hosted by **Bob Nagle**. The show, now in its fifth season, is carried by WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and will air at 6:30 p.m. EST on Saturdays through the end of the season.

MORE MEDIA NOTES

- Irish practice sessions are generally open to the media, although the coaching staff may choose to close certain practices. Contact **Chris Masters** in the Notre Dame SID office for exact practice times and availability.
- All player interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame SID office. All player and coach interviews must be scheduled in advance — no interviews will be conducted on game days without special permission.
- Following games, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players will speak with the media in the football auditorium at the Joyce Center. The visiting coach and selected players may appear in the auditorium after the Notre Dame press conference. Media members should submit interview requests to Notre Dame SID staffers no later than four minutes before the end of the game. The Irish locker room is closed after every game, home and away.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame women's basketball game notes and press releases via email should send requests to Assistant Sports Information Director **Chris Masters** at masters.5@nd.edu.

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletic department web site can be found at www.und.com, with the extensive offerings including live audio and real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home women's basketball games.



BIG EAST STANDINGS
(as of Feb. 1)

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	Connecticut	9-0	23-0
2.	Boston College	7-2	16-4
3.	NOTRE DAME	6-2	12-7
4.	Virginia Tech	6-3	15-5
	Villanova	6-3	12-7
6.	Syracuse	5-3	12-7
7.	Miami	6-4	13-7
8.	Rutgers	4-5	7-12
9.	West Virginia	3-5	11-8
10.	Seton Hall	3-6	11-9
	Georgetown	3-6	11-9
12.	Providence	2-6	8-11
13.	Pittsburgh	1-7	6-13
14.	St. John's	0-9	3-17

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*
3.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
4.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
5.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
6.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
7.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
8.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
9.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
10.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
11.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
12.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
13.	11/26/01	Army	W, 89-57	7,323
14.	12/12/01	Western Michigan	W, 71-48	7,310
15.	12/31/01	DePaul	W, 79-50	7,154
16.	12/22/01	Marquette	W, 60-33	7,132
17.	2/7/01	Pittsburgh	W, 72-58	7,025
18.	1/9/02	Seton Hall	W, 79-45	6,975
19.	1/7/94	#1 Tennessee	L, 70-105	6,886
20.	2/20/01	Miami	W, 81-43	6,533

* denotes capacity crowd // rankings are from AP poll
Bold denotes game played in 2001-02

THE BEASTS OF THE BIG EAST

Notre Dame is 95-17 (.848) in regular-season competition against the rest of BIG EAST Conference, owning the best conference winning percentage of any current member of the BIG EAST since joining the circuit for the 1995-96 campaign. The Irish also have won 51 of their last 58 regular-season conference games, and claimed a share of their first-ever BIG EAST regular-season championship in 2001. When including postseason competition (BIG EAST and NCAA tournaments), Notre Dame is 107-23 (.823) against league opponents — when factoring in these 18 postseason tilts, the Irish are 53-3 (.946) at home, 42-17 (.712) on the road and 12-6 (.667) at neutral sites all-time against BIG EAST foes.

ROOKIE RAMPAGE

The start of BIG EAST Conference play seemed to signal a call to arms for the Notre Dame freshman class. In eight league games, the Irish rookies all have made significant contributions, helping their team to a 6-2 mark halfway through the conference season. Here's a closer look at how the Notre Dame freshmen have made an impact in BIG EAST action (percentage of overall team output listed in parentheses, wins noted with asterisks):

Opponent	Points	Rebounds	Freshman Highlights
at Miami*	29 (42%)	22 (52.4%)	Batteast - 12 pts., 13 rebs.; Bustamante - 8 pts.
Providence*	55 (76.4%)	14 (50%)	Batteast (26) & Borton (20) with career-high points
Seton Hall*	46 (58.2%)	24 (52.2%)	All six rookies score; Borton - 15 pts. (7-7 FG)
at Villanova	19 (32.2%)	11 (32.4%)	Batteast - 14 pts.
at Providence*	48 (69.6%)	22 (59.5%)	Borton - 11 pts., 10 rebs.; Bustamante - 12 pts.
at Connecticut	33 (62.3%)	17 (51.5%)	Wicks - career-high 16 pts.
Virginia Tech*	34 (53.1%)	23 (62.2%)	Batteast - career-high 26 pts.; Wicks - 8 rebs.
Syracuse*	51 (71.8%)	27 (56.3%)	Bustamante - career-high 21 pts.; Batteast - 15 rebs.

TOTALS 315 (58.8%) 160 (52.5%)

AVERAGES 39.4 ppg. 20.0 rpg.

Some other tidbits about the Notre Dame freshman class:

- They have outscored three BIG EAST opponents (Seton Hall, Providence and Syracuse) all by themselves. The Irish greenhorns also have nearly outrebounded two league foes, coming within two caroms of Syracuse's total and four boards of Seton Hall's output.
- Center **Teresa Borton** tied a BIG EAST rookie record for field goal percentage in a game by going 7-for-7 from the floor against Seton Hall.
- The Irish freshmen sextet shot 60.7 percent (17-28) from the field in the win over Seton Hall.
- Borton, forward **Jacqueline Batteast** and guard **Kelsey Wicks** proved to be a deadly combination in the first meeting with Providence, scoring 44 of Notre Dame's first 46 points (including 41 in a row at one stretch), and single-handedly sparking a 22-2 run over a 7:36 span which gave the Irish a 42-23 lead late in the first half.
- Batteast got the Irish off and running against No. 16/17 Virginia Tech, scoring 13 of the first 15 Notre Dame points, and later teaming with junior guard **Alicia Ratay** to score 32 of 34 second-half points for the Irish.

PINE TIME PLAYERS

One of the positives for Notre Dame this season has been its depth and the exceptional production it has received from its reserve unit this season. The Irish bench has scored 446 points (23.5 ppg.) this year, accounting for 35.5 percent of Notre Dame's offensive output this season. In fact, the Irish have won the "Battle of the Benches" 12 times this season, going 9-3 when their reserves outscore the opposition.

Notre Dame's bench depth has been especially apparent since the start of BIG EAST Conference action earlier this month. The Irish second team has chalked up 247 points (30.9 ppg.) — compared to 148 points (18.5 ppg.) for its opponents — and is logging 46.1 percent of Notre Dame's offensive production during league play. The Irish are 5-1 in conference games when their bench holds the scoring advantage, including a season-high 47 points in wins over Seton Hall (Jan. 9) and at Providence (Jan. 19).

IRISH BREAK OUT LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY AT MIAMI

Notre Dame put together a record-setting performance from the three-point line in its Jan. 2 win at Miami. The Irish connected on 13-of-24 (.542) three-point attempts in the game, setting a school record



for the most triples in one game. The old mark was 12 against St. John's on Feb. 28, 1998 in the first round of the BIG EAST Conference Championship at Piscataway, N.J.

A TALE OF TWO SEASONS

Location, location, location — that's the mantra many real estate agents use, but it's also a phrase which could easily be applied to Notre Dame this season. Here's a look at the stark contrast which has developed between Irish fortunes at home and away from the cozy confines of the Joyce Center:

	Joyce Center	Road/Neutral Sites
Record	10-0	2-7
Points per game	69.0	63.0
Opponent points per game	48.7	67.8
Scoring margin	+20.3	(-4.8)
Field goal percentage	.449	.418
Opponent field goal percentage	.306	.389
Rebounds per game	46.0	37.4
Opponent rebounds per game	33.2	38.2
Rebound margin	+12.8	(-0.8)

BUST-ING OUT

Freshman guard **Allison Bustamante** has given Notre Dame opponents yet another reason to sweat following her career-high 21-point performance Tuesday night against Syracuse. The Miami native canned eight of 14 shots from the field, including five of 10 three-pointers in 25 minutes on the floor. She hit four of her five treys in a five-minute stretch late in the first half, highlighting a 19-3 Irish run that broke open what had been a tight game.

Bustamante ranks fifth on the team in scoring this season (5.6 ppg.) and boasts a team-best .538 three-point percentage (14-26). She has appeared in 13 games, starting once, after missing four games in early December with a high ankle sprain.

IT'S BATTEAST, TO SAY THE LEAST

Although her college career is only 19 games old, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** already is showing much of the potential which led the BIG EAST Conference coaches to vote her as the league's preseason Rookie of the Year. The South Bend, Ind., resident is a five-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week selection and is one of only two players to rank in the top five in the conference in scoring (4th, 14.8 ppg.), rebounding (2nd, 8.4 rpg.), blocked shots (4th, 1.68 bpg.) and double-doubles (2nd, 8). She also has garnered game-high scoring and/or rebounding honors eight times each. Batteast collected her eighth double-double of the season (and first since the Miami game) Tuesday night against Syracuse, contributing 10 points and career highs of 15 rebounds and six assists in the victory.

FOR ALL LONG DISTANCE CALLS, DIAL "22"

On Jan. 2 at Miami, junior guard **Alicia Ratay** showed why she is still one of the nation's premier sharpshooters and has earned the nickname "Dead Eye Ratay." The Lake Zurich, Ill., native canned seven of nine three-point field goal attempts (a superb .778 percentage) and finished with a season-high 23 points to lead the Irish to a victory in their BIG EAST Conference opener. The seven treys tied Ratay's career high — she went seven for seven from beyond the arc on Feb. 19, 2000 at Rutgers, a memorable game in which she nailed two threes in the final 25 seconds of regulation to force overtime, where Notre Dame prevailed, 78-74.

Ratay is second on the Irish roster with a .442 three-point percentage (34-77), a ratio that puts her within striking distance of the NCAA record for three-point efficiency by a junior — **Cara Frey** of Harvard currently holds that mark with a .515 percentage in 1993. All of this comes on the heels of Ratay's effort last season, when she nailed 54.7 percent of her three-point tries, breaking the NCAA record for long-range efficiency by a sophomore.

In her career, Ratay is making almost half of her long-distance attempts, hitting at a 49.9 percent clip (188-377) in her 87-game college career — that's good enough to set a new NCAA record for career three-point percentage, passing the current mark of .467 held by **Erin Maher** of Harvard. She already ranks fourth on Notre Dame's career three-point field goals made and attempted lists, and her career percentage is 75 points higher than her nearest challenger (**Kari Hutchinson**, .424, 1994-98).

BIG EAST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- Nov. 19 Swin Cash, Connecticut
Trish Juhline, Villanova
- Nov. 26 Julie McBride, Syracuse
Sarah Hicks, Virginia Tech
- Dec. 3 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
Kate Bulger, West Virginia
- Dec. 10 Chanivia Broussard, Miami
- Dec. 17 Meghan Saake, Miami
Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech
- Dec. 24 Mandy Wittenmyer, Pittsburgh
- Dec. 31 Swin Cash, Connecticut
Kate Bulger, West Virginia
- Jan. 7 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech
- Jan. 14 Swin Cash, Connecticut
Jaime James, Syracuse
- Jan. 21 Shaquana Wilkins, Miami
- Jan. 28 Sue Bird, Connecticut
Shannon Perry, Syracuse

BIG EAST ROOKIES OF THE WEEK

- Nov. 19 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
- Nov. 26 Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
- Dec. 3 **Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame**
- Dec. 10 .. **Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame**
- Dec. 17 .. **Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame**
Mary Lisicky, Georgetown
- Dec. 24 Clare Droesch, Boston College
- Dec. 31 Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
- Jan. 7 **Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame**
- Jan. 14 Erin Gibson, Virginia Tech
- Jan. 21 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
- Jan. 28 ... **Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame**



'01-02 IRISH HONORS

Jacqueline Batteast (Fr., South Bend, Ind.)

Preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year
 Freshman All-America (WBB News Service)
 Top 21 New Players of Impact (Women's College Hoops.com)
 BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 2001; Jan. 7 & 28, 2002)

Ericka Haney (Sr., Toledo, Ohio)

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Alicia Ratay (Jr., Lake Zurich, Ill.)

Naismith Award Watch List
 Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

**NOTRE DAME VS.
2001-02 OPPONENTS**

NON-CONFERENCE

Army	1-0
Arizona	2-1
Colorado State	0-1
DePaul	9-13
Marquette	23-4
Michigan	6-6
Purdue	4-10
Rice	1-1
USC	3-1
Valparaiso	15-0
Western Michigan	7-0
Total	71-37 (.657)

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Boston College	6-3
Connecticut	2-13
Georgetown	15-1
Miami	12-2
Pittsburgh	10-0
Providence	10-0
Rutgers	7-8
St. John's	10-0
Seton Hall	10-2
Syracuse	13-1
Villanova	11-4
Virginia Tech	4-0
West Virginia	8-0
Total	118-34 (.776)
TOTAL VS. '01-02 OPPONENTS	189-71 (.727)

BARKSDALE'S BLOCK PARTY

Junior center **Amanda Barksdale** has forced opponents to deal with rejection quite often this season. Although she missed Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her leg, she still leads the BIG EAST Conference and ranks fifth nationally with 3.1 blocks per game (47 rejections). The Friendswood, Texas, native added to that total Tuesday night with three swats against Syracuse, giving her 139 career rejections.

Barksdale was in peak form last month, when she rang up a school-record eight blocks against Marquette on Dec. 22 and added seven rejections against USC on Dec. 9. Those single-game performances rank first and second in the BIG EAST and the Marquette outing is tied for the sixth-best total in the nation this season.

One of only five players in school history to reach the century mark in career rejections, Barksdale needs just two blocks to catch **Katryna Gaither** (141) for second place on Notre Dame's career blocks chart. In addition, she is averaging 1.78 blocks per game in her 78-game career, which is second in Irish history behind only 2001 consensus national player of the year, **Ruth Riley**, who averaged 2.82 swats per game from 1997-2001.

A SEVERE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE IRISH

Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** has quickly adapted to her new role as a primary point guard for the Irish, filling the large shoes of All-American **Niele Ivey**. Through 19 games this season, Severe is fourth on the team with 6.6 points per game and leads the squad with 5.2 assists per game, ranking eighth in the BIG EAST Conference in the latter category. She also stands 14th in the league with 1.95 steals per game. Entering the 2001-02 campaign, her career highs were seven points and two assists and she had played in just 22 games due to injury.

Severe has been adept at distributing the ball to her teammates, earning game-high assist honors in 14 games and dealing at least five assists 11 times, including a career-high nine handouts Tuesday night against Syracuse. She also has proven to be a scoring threat when necessary, reaching double figures six times this season, including a career-high 17 points against USC.

Severe has been especially effective over the last seven games for the Irish. The Pembroke Pines, Fla., product has come off the bench in five of those contests, averaging 5.6 assists per game with a 2.17 assist/turnover ratio (39:18) in that time. She was at her best Tuesday night against Syracuse, balancing nine assists against just one turnover in 30 minutes on the floor.

NOTRE DAME AMONG NATIONAL ATTENDANCE LEADERS

Notre Dame is ranked seventh in the nation, according to the latest unofficial attendance figures released Monday by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Department. The Irish have averaged 7,670 fans for their 10 home games, almost 1,300 ahead of last season's figures, when Notre Dame was ranked ninth in the country in attendance with an average of 6,376 fans per game.

In their last two games, the Irish have welcomed two of the top five crowds in school history. A season-high 8,878 fans, the fourth-largest crowd in school history, visited the Joyce Center for Notre Dame's win over No. 16/17 Virginia Tech on Jan. 26. Then, a gathering of 8,571 fans, the No. 5 crowd in school annals, enjoyed a 71-46 Irish win over Syracuse on Tuesday night.

A LITTLE COMPARISON SHOPPING

Prior to the 2001-02 season, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** compared her team to the 1997-98 Irish squad. Through 19 games this season, that comparison seems to be holding true in several ways. Here's a look at some of the similarities between this year's club and the '97-98 unit:

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>2001-02</u>
Previous season result (record)	NCAA Final Four (31-7)	NCAA Champion (34-2)
Starters/monogram winners lost	4/5	3/6
Freshmen on roster	4	6
Seniors on roster	2	1
Freshmen starters	2	2
19-game record (Top 25 opponents)	13-6 (3)	12-7 (5)
Final season result (record)	NCAA Sweet Sixteen (22-10)	?

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

With six freshmen making up half of this year's roster, Notre Dame is certainly going through some



**RATAY JOINS IRISH
1,000-POINT CLUB**

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** became the newest member of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club, joining that elite sorority with 12 points on Dec. 6 at Purdue. In addition to being the 19th Irish player to hit that milestone, Ratay is the eighth player to do so in less than three seasons, and the 15th student-athlete to turn the trick while spending part of her career under current head coach **Muffet McGraw**. Here's a look at the members of Notre Dame's 1,000-Point Club and where Ratay stands on that list:

<i>Player, Years</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	2,322
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	2,126
3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	2,072
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
7. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439
8. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	1,430
9. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	1,373
10. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	1,298
11. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	1,233
12. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	1,205
13. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	1,202
14. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	1,194
15. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	1,165
16. Danielle Green (1995-2000)	1,106
17. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	1,060
18. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	1,034
19. Kelley Siemon (1997-2001)	1,006
— Ericka Haney (1998-present)	895

growing pains. However, the Irish rookies are getting a great deal of college experience this season, as evidenced by their production through 19 games of the 2001-02 campaign. Notre Dame's freshmen have accounted for 51.2 percent of the points (643 of 1256), 49.2 percent of the rebounds (392 of 796) and 42 percent of the minutes (1595 of 3800) recorded by the Irish this season. Additionally, Notre Dame started two freshmen in seven games this year, and five of the six Irish rookies are averaging at least 11 minutes per contest.

PROTECTING THE PILL

With six freshmen on the 2001-02 roster, Notre Dame could be excused if its turnover numbers look a bit high. However, on Jan. 26 against No. 16/17 Virginia Tech, the Irish put together one of the finest exhibitions of ball control in the 25-year history of the program, setting a school record by committing just seven turnovers in the 64-57 victory. That was two giveaways fewer than the previous standard, which had been set twice before (most recently on Feb. 3, 2001 at Boston College).

CRASHING THE BOARDS

Despite losing its top two rebounders from last year (**Ruth Riley** and **Kelley Siemon**), Notre Dame doesn't appear to have broken stride in the rebounding department this season. The Irish have averaged 41.9 rebounds per game through 19 games in 2001-02, owning a +6.3 edge on the glass, which ranks third in the BIG EAST Conference and 33rd in the nation this week.

Leading the charge on the boards for Notre Dame have been a pair of freshmen — forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is setting the pace at 8.4 rebounds per game (ranking second in the BIG EAST), while center **Teresa Borton** is third with 4.9 caroms per contest. Additionally, the Irish have been potent on the offensive glass, collecting 13.8 offensive rebounds per game. Batteast and Borton also are setting the pace in that category — Batteast has 51 offensive boards (2.68 orpg.), ranking eighth in the BIG EAST, while Borton has corralled 45 offensive caroms (2.37), placing ninth in the conference.

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last five-plus seasons, 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 97-1 (.990) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. Curiously, the only time that notion didn't come to pass was last season, when Rutgers handed Notre Dame a 54-53 loss, one of only two setbacks the Irish suffered en route to the 2001 national championship.

The Irish already have added to this total 10 times during the 2001-02 season — Valparaiso (35 points), Army (57), USC (49), Western Michigan (48), Marquette (33), DePaul (50), Seton Hall (45), Providence (41), Virginia Tech (57) and Syracuse (46).

... 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. Over the last five-plus seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 80-3 (.964) 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 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame contributed another win to that growing record when it rang up 89 points in a win over Army on Nov. 26.

NOTRE DAME MAKING A LIVING BEYOND THE ARC

The season-opening win over Valparaiso produced an offensive anomaly for Notre Dame. The Irish were held without a three-point field goal, breaking a streak of 50 consecutive games in which they had made at least one trey. Prior to that game, the last time Notre Dame had gone dry from beyond the arc was Jan. 26, 2000, at St. John's.

Notre Dame hasn't wasted any time in starting up a new three-point streak, canning 105 triples in its last 18 games (5.8 per game), including a school-record 13 treys at Miami on Jan. 2. The Irish have now made at least one three-point field goal in 164 of their last 166 games, a streak that dates back more than four seasons.

FRESH FACES IN THE IRISH LINEUP

Notre Dame had a decidedly youthful look in its starting lineup when it opened the season Nov. 18 against Valparaiso, as freshmen **Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton** got the nod at forward and



**NEXT BIG EAST
TELECONFERENCE
SLATED FOR FEB. 4**

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2001-02 season, the second of which is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 4. Each of the 14 league head coaches will be available for eight minutes in a pre-arranged format.

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact Notre Dame assistant sports information director **Chris Masters** for the access phone number.

Here is a complete listing of the times when each BIG EAST coach will be available (all times EST and subject to change):

- 11:00 a.m. - Ferne Labati, Miami
- 11:08 a.m. - Pechone Stepps, St. John's
- 11:16 a.m. - Cathy Inglese, Boston College
- 11:24 a.m. - Mike Carey, West Virginia
- 11:32 a.m. - Bonnie Henrickson, Virginia Tech
- 11:40 a.m. - Jim Jabir, Providence
- 11:48 a.m. - Patrick Knapp, Georgetown
- 11:56 a.m. - Phyllis Mangina, Seton Hall
- 12:04 p.m. - Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame**
- 12:12 p.m. - Traci Waites, Pittsburgh
- 12:20 p.m. - C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers
- 12:28 p.m. - Harry Perretta, Villanova
- 12:36 p.m. - Marianna Freeman, Syracuse
- 12:44 p.m. - Geno Auriemma, Connecticut

center, respectively. In doing so, the pair were first rookie tandem in 20 years to start a season opener for the Irish — **Ruth Kaiser** and **Mary Beth Schueth** cracked the starting five in a 78-44 win over St. Joseph's (Ind.) on Dec. 2, 1981. Borton paced the Irish with 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso, while Batteast scored two points and grabbed five boards against the Crusaders.

WINNING BY THE MONTH

Another indication of Notre Dame's continued rise to national prominence has been its consistent run of success. Case in point — the Irish have posted a record of .500 or better in 37 consecutive months dating back to December 1994. That month, Notre Dame stumbled to a 1-4 record, dropping to 1-6 on the season, but the Irish recovered nicely to finish 21-10 and finish third at the National Women's Invitation Tournament (NWIT). Notre Dame's 64-57 win over No. 16/17 Virginia Tech on Jan. 26 assured the Irish of a winning record in January, preserving the streak for at least another month.

RATAY LETS ONE FLY

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** is known nationwide for her three-point shooting prowess, but she took her marksmanship to a new level on Jan. 26 against No. 16/17 Virginia Tech. The Lake Zurich, Ill., product took off one step behind the midcourt stripe and banked in a 48-foot heave at the halftime horn to give Notre Dame a 30-24 lead and emphatically switch the momentum back in favor of the Irish. Several longtime Notre Dame followers, including 15-year head coach **Muffet McGraw**, could not recall an Irish player ever canning a shot from that distance.

RATAY FOR THREE ... AND ONE!

The four-point play is perhaps the rarest feat in basketball. However, junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has turned that trick not once, but twice this season. On Dec. 9 against USC, the Lake Zurich, Ill., native buried a long three-pointer from the corner just as Trojan forward Carmen Krause crashed into her. Ratay then calmly sank the free throw to complete the quadruple and help spark Notre Dame to a 62-49 win over USC.

The Irish sharpshooter repeated her extraordinary feat on Jan. 26 against No. 16/17 Virginia Tech, knocking down a trey from the left wing as Hokie forward Sarah Hicks fouled her. Ratay again easily converted the free throw, scoring the first of what would be 19 second-half points in Notre Dame's 64-57 victory over Virginia Tech.

McGRAW REACHES COACHING MILESTONE AGAINST DEPAUL

Muffet McGraw coached her 450th game at Notre Dame on New Year's Eve against DePaul. She owns a 334-124 (.729) record in her 15th season with the Irish, making her the winningest coach in school history and fourth on the BIG EAST Conference career wins list behind Connecticut's **Geno Auriemma** (448), Rutgers' **Theresa Grentz** (434) and Villanova's **Harry Perretta** (429).

In addition, McGraw is the sixth coach to work 450 games at a BIG EAST Conference school. Besides the Notre Dame mentor, three of those coaches are still active in the league — Perretta (681), Auriemma (546) and Seton Hall's **Phyllis Mangina** (477). Grentz (584) and Virginia Tech's **Carol Alfano** (540) are the other BIG EAST skippers who reached that milestone.

THE END OF ONE STREAK ...

For the first time since the end of the 1997-98 season, Notre Dame was not ranked in either of the major national polls on Dec. 3. The exclusion snapped a 60-week run in the ESPN/*USA Today* coaches' poll and a 56-week stretch in the Associated Press rankings. This week, the Irish earned 16 points in the AP poll and seven points in the ESPN/*USA Today* balloting.

... BUT THE CONTINUATION OF ANOTHER

Thanks to Kent State's loss at home to Rhode Island on Dec. 1, Notre Dame now owns the longest active home winning streak in the nation at 48 games. The Irish have not lost a game at the Joyce Center since Dec. 8, 1998, when Connecticut logged a 106-81 victory. Notre Dame's home winning streak next will be put to the test Feb. 10 when the Irish entertain No. 20/21 Boston College in a 1 p.m. (EST) contest at the Joyce Center.

RATAY NAMED NAISMITH CANDIDATE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Notre Dame junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has been selected as a preseason candidate for the 2001-02



Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award. It marks the second time in as many seasons that Ratay has been named to the 30-player preseason Naismith watch list.

Ratay averaged 12.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game last season, and set an NCAA record for three-point percentage (54.7 percent) by a sophomore on the way to third-team all-BIG EAST Conference honors — she was the only sophomore to make any of the three all-league squads. Ratay also is a former BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and was named an honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press in 2000. She will be looking to follow in the footsteps of her former teammate, **Ruth Riley**, who won the 2000-01 Naismith Award, becoming the first Notre Dame women's basketball player to be so recognized.

The Naismith Awards, in their 34th year, are given in honor of the inventor of the game of basketball — Dr. James Naismith. The awards program was founded by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, an organization dedicated to recognizing the achievements of student-athletes in basketball. The Awards, including Men's and Women's College Player of the Year, Men's and Women's Coach of the Year, Male and Female Prep Player of the Year and Men's and Women's Official of the Year, are determined by a vote of the Naismith Board of Selectors. In addition, the Board of Selectors, comprised of a select group of leading basketball coaches, journalists and administrators, honors a Men's and Women's Outstanding Contributor to Basketball. The 2001-02 Naismith Award will presented April 5, 2002 in Atlanta.

NOTRE DAME PICKED SECOND IN BIG EAST PRESEASON BALLOTING

Fresh off a share of their first-ever BIG EAST championship last season, the Irish have been picked to finish second in 2001-02 according to a preseason poll of the league's coaches which was released at BIG EAST Media Day on Oct. 25. Notre Dame claimed two first-place votes and 155 points overall, trailing only Connecticut (11 first-place votes, 167 points). Rutgers, Boston College and Villanova round out the top five, with VU picking up the remaining first-place vote.

Individually, junior guard **Alicia Ratay** was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST selection after earning third-team honors last year. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native set an NCAA record for three-point percentage by a sophomore last season (.547) and is the top returning scorer for the Irish in 2001-02 after charting 12.9 points per game a year ago.

Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** also was recognized by the conference coaches, earning second team preseason all-BIG EAST laurels. She joins Ratay as one of two starters back from last year's NCAA championship squad and averaged 11 ppg. and 5.7 rpg. during the '00-01 campaign.

In addition, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was chosen as the preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. It was one in a series of early-season honors for the South Bend, Ind., product, who also was named a first team freshman All-American by the *Women's Basketball News Service* and was tabbed as one of the Top 21 "New Players of Impact" by Women's College Hoops.com.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

This season, for only the fourth time in school history, Notre Dame has just one captain — senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney**. She is the first solo captain for the Irish since **Sheila McMillen** in 1998-99 and the second in head coach **Muffet McGraw's** 15-year tenure.

IRISH HAIL FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

The 12 players on this season's Notre Dame roster hail from nine different states, including two each from Florida, Illinois and Ohio. Other states represented on the Irish roster include Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame women's basketball roster features players from 34 different states, including 23 during the **Muffet McGraw** era. Ironically, the most common home state on the Irish all-time roster — Michigan (14) — is not represented on this season's roster.

FUN WITH NUMBERS

This season, Notre Dame fans are seeing a pair of jersey numbers on the floor that haven't made an appearance in quite some time. Freshman guard **Kelsey Wicks** has chosen to wear No. 24, becoming the first Irish player since **Andrea Alexander** (1990-94) to sport those digits. In addition, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is wearing No. 21 this season, a number which has not been modeled by an Irish player since All-American **Beth Morgan** wore the same jersey from 1993-97. Prior to Morgan, the last Notre Dame player to wear No. 21 was current Irish assistant coach **Coquese Washington**, who had the number from 1989-93.

BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

1.	Connecticut (11)	167
2.	NOTRE DAME (2)	155
3.	Rutgers	143
4.	Boston College	125
5.	Villanova (1)	112
6.	Virginia Tech	111
7.	Georgetown	102
8.	Miami	86
9.	Seton Hall	75
10.	Syracuse	59
11.	Providence	56
12.	Pittsburgh	41
13.	St. John's	23
14.	West Virginia	19

2001-02 Preseason Player of the Year

Sue Bird, Sr., G, 5-9, Connecticut

2001-02 Preseason Rookie of the Year

Jacqueline Batteast, Fr., F, 6-1, Notre Dame

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

*Sue Bird, Connecticut, G, Sr.
 Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown, F, So.
 Swin Cash, Connecticut, F, Sr.
 Becky Gottstein, Boston College, F, Sr.
 Trish Juhline, Villanova, G, Jr.

Alicia Ratay, Notre Dame, G, Jr.

** - unanimous selection*

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Chanivia Broussard, Miami, F, So.
 Davalyn Cunningham, Rutgers, F, Sr.
Ericka Haney, Notre Dame, G/F, Sr.
 Asjha Jones, Connecticut, F, Sr.
 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut, G, So.



MCGRAW DEVELOPING EXTENSIVE COACHING "FAMILY TREE"

Much has been made of the coaching roots which develop throughout the women's basketball world. Several long-time head coaches such as Virginia's **Debbie Ryan**, Tennessee's **Pat Summitt** and Vanderbilt's **Jim Foster** have helped produce a new generation of talented young coaches. In fact, back when he was the skipper at St. Joseph's (Pa.) in 1982, Foster was the mentor for an eager assistant coach named **Muffet McGraw**.

Now 20 years later, McGraw has created her own "family tree" of bright and energetic coaching minds through her tenures at Lehigh (1982-87) and Notre Dame (1987-present). No less than 16 of her former players and/or assistants currently hold coaching positions either at the high school or college level.

Here's a look at the roster of former McGraw players/assistants and where they now are coaching:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current position</u>
Sandy Botham* [^] ..	Head coach, Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Heidi Bunek*	Head coach, Arrowhead HS (1)
Liz Feeley* ⁺	Head coach, Smith College
Bill Fennelly [^]	Head coach, Iowa State
David Glass [^]	Head coach, Virginia Commonwealth
Sandy Hume*	Head coach, New Jersey HS system
Kari Hutchinson*	Asst. coach, Baltimore HS system
Kristin Knapp*	Assistant coach, Ball State
Sara Liebscher*	Asst. coach, Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Colleen Matsuhara [^]	Assistant coach, USC
Sheila McMillen*	Assistant coach, Northwestern
Beth Morgan*	Asst. coach, Virginia Commonwealth
Mollie Peirick*	Asst. coach, St. Cecilia Academy (2)
John Sutherland [^]	Assistant coach, Marshall
Kathleen Weber [^]	Head coach, UNC-Asheville
Coquese Washington*	Assistant coach, Notre Dame

* - former Notre Dame player
[^] - former Notre Dame assistant
⁺ - former Lehigh player
 (1) - located in Milwaukee, Wis.
 (2) - located in Nashville, Tenn.

IRISH CLOSING IN ON 500TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

Notre Dame is on the verge of becoming the 50th team in NCAA history, and the fourth BIG EAST Conference school to post 500 career wins. The Irish currently have an all-time record of 498-223 (.691), putting them just two victories away from the magic mark. However, Notre Dame is in a dogfight with several other schools to see who will be the next to reach the 500-win plateau. Here's a look at the standings in the race to 500 wins (through games of Jan. 31):

<u>School</u>	<u>Career Wins</u>	<u>Next Game</u>
NOTRE DAME	498	2/2 at Seton Hall
Missouri	497	2/2 at Nebraska
Maine	496	2/3 at Northeastern
Florida International	495	2/2 vs. Middle Tennessee
Middle Tennessee	495	2/2 at Florida International
Illinois State	494	2/1 vs. Northern Iowa

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 152 games in the last five-plus seasons, which stands as the fifth-most wins of any school in the country during that time. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since the start of the 1996-97 campaign (through games of Jan. 31):

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>'96-'97</u>	<u>'97-'98</u>	<u>'98-'99</u>	<u>'99-'00</u>	<u>'00-'01</u>	<u>'01-'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	23	187
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	18	181
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	15	169
4. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	13	154
5. NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	12	152

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Notre Dame is looking to continue some impressive streaks in 2001-02. The Irish have won a school-record 48 consecutive games at home, which became the longest active streak in the nation when Kent State's 43-game run came to an end Dec. 1 with a loss to Rhode Island. The Irish have not lost at home in more than three years, dating back to a defeat at the hands of top-ranked Connecticut on Dec. 8, 1998. Notre Dame also has a 53-3 (.946) record (including a current 28-game winning streak) in BIG EAST play at the Joyce Center, with Connecticut the only league team to solve the Irish at home.

In addition, Notre Dame sports a five-year, 29-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center — a stretch that includes victories over a trio of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke in 1998-99 and Purdue in 2000-01), as well as 25th-ranked Illinois in '98-99. Notre Dame's last non-conference loss at the Joyce Center came way back on Dec. 9, 1996, when 19th-ranked Wisconsin toppled the Irish, 81-69. Overall, the Irish are 73-2 (.973) at the Joyce Center in their last 75 home games, with the only losses coming to Connecticut.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, sporting a 236-65 (.784) mark at the venerable facility. Last season, the Irish were a perfect 15-0 for the second year in a row. The 15 victories are a school record for home wins in a season and the first time Notre Dame teams have been undefeated at home during the regular season. Also, since joining the BIG EAST Conference in time for the 1995-96 season, **Muffet McGraw's** squad is 86-4 (.956) at the Joyce Center.

SEASON TICKET SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH FOR IRISH

Attendance at Notre Dame women's basketball games in 2000-01 increased nearly 88 percent compared to the previous season — and indications suggest another significant jump is underway for the 2001-02 campaign. Coming off the 2001 NCAA championship, there have been more than 6,700 season tickets sold to the general public and University faculty and staff for the '01-'02 women's basketball season. That's compared to 2,700 a year ago and 940 in 1999-2000 — a jump of nearly 150 percent over last season, and a whopping 700 percent rise in just two years.

The sale of season tickets for the '01-02 campaign actually began midway through Notre Dame's 2001 championship season. All seats are reserved for Irish women's games for the first time this season — all seating in previous years had been general admission.

The Irish ranked ninth nationally in attendance last year at 6,376 fans per game, compared to 3,392 in 1999-2000. Notre Dame also recorded the first two women's basketball sellouts in school history, as 11,418 fans packed the Joyce Center for victories over top-ranked Connecticut and Georgetown.



All 10 of Notre Dame's home games in 2001-02 have attracted more than 6,900 fans, placing them among the top 20 crowds in school history (see chart on page 6). Leading the way is the gathering of 8,878 fans for Saturday's win over No. 16/17 Virginia Tech, representing the fourth-largest crowd in school history. Furthermore, all of the top 20 crowds in the Notre Dame record book have occurred during the 15-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**.

NOTRE DAME FACES TOUGH SCHEDULE IN 2001-02

Notre Dame is slated to play 10 teams which reached the postseason as part of a rugged schedule this year. On the docket are seven 2001 NCAA Tournament squads and five teams (Connecticut - 1/1, Purdue - 7/8, Colorado State - 18/19, Boston College - 20/21 and Virginia Tech - 23/20) which are ranked in the Top 25 in the latest Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today coaches' polls. In addition, five other Irish opponents (DePaul, Marquette, Michigan, Syracuse and USC) are receiving votes in one or both of the major polls this week.

IRISH ON THE SMALL SCREEN

Notre Dame is getting a good deal of face time in 2001-02, playing on television at least eight times, including a pair of nationally-televised contests — Nov. 21 at Arizona (Fox Sports Net) and Jan. 21 at Connecticut (ESPN). The Irish also will make two regional television appearances this season — Jan. 2 at Miami (Fox Sports Florida) and Feb. 2 at Seton Hall (CN8, The Comcast Network).

In addition, Notre Dame will appear three times as part of the BIG EAST regular-season television package, playing host to Virginia Tech (Jan. 26) and traveling to Villanova (Jan. 12) and Rutgers (Feb. 16). All three of those games will be telecast live on Fox Sports Chicago as part of the league's TV deal. The BIG EAST Championship semifinals on March 4 also will be aired on the BIG EAST TV package, while the conference title game on March 5 will be broadcast live on ESPN2.

Additionally, the Dec. 6 rematch of the 2001 NCAA championship game between Notre Dame and Purdue was televised live statewide by LeSea Broadcasting, which includes WHME-TV (Channel 46) in South Bend and WHMB-TV (Channel 40) in Indianapolis.

NOTRE DAME RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM PAIR OF TOP 25 PROSPECTS

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** announced Nov. 15 that two of the nation's top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing national letters of intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2002. **Megan Duffy** (Dayton, OH/Chaminade-Julienne HS) and **Courtney LaVere** (Ventura, CA/Buena HS) both committed to the Irish during the early signing period.

Duffy, a 5-7 guard, averaged 17 points per game last season for Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio. She was a 2001 first-team Division I all-state selection and earned honorable mention All-America accolades from *Street & Smith's*. Additionally, *Student Sports* tabbed her as a junior All-America selection. She was rated as high as No. 24 in the country by the All-Star Girls Report (ASGR) and No. 29 by *School Sports*.

LaVere, a 6-3 forward, tallied 13.8 points and eight rebounds per game last season for Buena High School in Ventura, Calif. She also shot 54 percent from the field and 73 percent from the free throw line for BHS, which was ranked in the top 10 nationally throughout the 2000-01 season by *USA Today*. In addition, LaVere was an All-America honoree by both *USA Today* and *Street & Smith's* last year, and she already has been selected as a preseason third-team All-American for the '01-02 campaign by *School Sports*. Like Duffy, LaVere also was a first-team all-state selection last season. She is a consensus top-15 player according to all of the major recruiting services — No. 10 by the Blue Star Index, No. 13 by *School Sports* and No. 15 by ASGR.

The additions of Duffy and LaVere have given Notre Dame one of this year's top 10 recruiting classes, according to at least two major recruiting outlets. The *Women's Basketball Journal*, in conjunction with ASGR, has pegged the Irish Class of 2006 at No. 5 in the nation. Meanwhile, the Blue Star Index ranked the latest group of Irish signees eighth in the nation, marking the sixth consecutive year in which Blue Star has placed Notre Dame's recruiting class among the Top 20 in the country.

IRISH SOLID IN THE CLASSROOM

The Notre Dame women's basketball program posted a 3.24 grade-point average during the fall 2001 semester, paced by its freshman class which had an impressive 3.2 GPA in its initial semester on campus. All told, nine Irish players charted a 3.0 GPA or better last fall, led by junior guard **Karen Swanson**, who recorded a 3.733 GPA as she works towards her business degree.

NOTRE DAME AMONG BEST IN ATHLETE GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks among the top NCAA Division I-A institutions in five major graduation rate categories — all student-athletes, football players, male student-athletes, female student-athletes and African-American student-athletes — according to statistics released this fall by the NCAA.

The 2001 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 11th-such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1991 and 1994 at Division I institutions, including 114 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 85 percent of its student-athletes, fourth behind Northwestern (92 percent), Duke (91) and Stanford (88).

Among student-athletes who complete all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, not considering those who leave or transfer, 99 percent earn their degrees. The national average for Division I-A schools is 58 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 90 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank fifth in that category behind leader Northwestern at 98 percent. Among men, Notre Dame's 82 percent rate is fourth behind Duke at 90 percent, Northwestern at 88 percent and Stanford at 85 percent.

Notre Dame graduated 73 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking behind only Duke, Vanderbilt, Stanford, Northwestern and Rice.

Here are the top institutions in some of the major categories:

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Northwestern 92%
- 2. Duke 91%
- 3. Stanford 88%
- 4. **NOTRE DAME 85%**

FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Northwestern 98%
- 2. Stanford 93%
- 3. Duke 92%
- 4. Vanderbilt 91%
- 5. **NOTRE DAME 90%**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

- 1. Duke 84%
- 2. Vanderbilt 82%
- 3. Stanford 81%
- 4. Northwestern 80%
- 5. Rice 78%
- 6. **NOTRE DAME 73%**



IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Scoring Average

1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	18.6
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	16.6
3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	15.8
4. Heidi Bunek (1985- 89)	14.5
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	14.3
6. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	13.4
7. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	13.1

Three-Point Field Goals Made

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	249
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	231
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	190
4. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	188
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	128

Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

1. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	650
2. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	628
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	469
4. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	377
5. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	342
6. Lisa Kuhns (1985-86, 87-90)	262
7. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	231
8. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	216
9. Jeneka Joyce (2000-present)	115
10. Sherisha Hills (1998-99)	114

Three-Point Field-Goal Percentage (min. 50 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.499
2. Kari Hutchinson (1994-98)	.424
3. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	.405
4. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	.394
5. Lisa Kuhns (1986, '88-90)	.389
6. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	.383
7. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.377
8. Jeneka Joyce (2000-present)	.374
9. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.368
Sara Liebscher (1987-91)	.368

Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	.860
2. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
3. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

Blocked Shots

1. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	370
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	141
3. Amanda Barksdale (1999-pres.)	139
4. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	133

Blocked Shot Average

1. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	2.82
2. Amanda Barksdale (1999-pres.)	1.78
3. Shari Matvey (1980-83)	1.22
4. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	1.12
Trena Keys (1982-86)	1.12

Boldface indicates current players

The other eight players to top the 3.0 mark last semester were juniors **Alicia Ratay** and **Monique Hernandez**, sophomores **Jeneka Joyce** and **Le'Tania Severe**, and freshmen **Teresa Borton**, **Katy Flecky**, **Jill Krause** and **Kelsey Wicks**.

KRAUSE FEATURED IN "CONFESSIONS OF A FRESHMAN"

Freshman guard **Jill Krause** is giving fans an inside look at the 2001-02 Irish women's basketball team through regular diary entries on the Notre Dame athletic website, www.und.com. Entitled "Confessions of a Freshman," the Glenview, Ill., native is detailing her journey as a first-year player on the defending NCAA championship squad. Her diary entries may be accessed either from the front page or the women's basketball page on the Notre Dame website.

HANEY SHINES ON BIG EAST ALL-STAR TEAM

For the second time in as many years, Notre Dame sent a player with the BIG EAST Women's Basketball All-Star Team, as guard/forward **Ericka Haney** joined the squad for its six-game swing of Germany last summer. Haney followed in the footsteps of **Niele Ivey**, who helped lead the BIG EAST All-Stars to a 5-1 record during a junket through Canada in the summer of 2000.

Haney paced the BIG EAST squad, which was led by Syracuse head coach **Marianna Freeman**, to an unbeaten 6-0 record during its tour, scoring a team-high 18 points in a 103-57 win over Ludwigsburg/Malmsheim in the final game of the trip.

Haney finished with a team-high 13.0 points per game and collected 4.5 rebounds per game during her European vacation. She also scored in double figures in five of the All-Stars' six wins.

RILEY RECEIVES NCAA TODAY'S TOP VIII AWARD

Former Notre Dame All-American and Academic All-American **Ruth Riley**, the consensus national player of the year in women's basketball in 2001 and already winner of an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, was named a recipient of the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award on Dec. 13. The Today's Top VIII Award winners are a group of distinguished student-athletes from the 2001 calendar year who were recognized for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership at the 37th annual NCAA Honors Dinner Jan. 13 in Indianapolis.

In addition to their athletics accomplishments, the NCAA Today's Top VIII recipients earned numerous academic honors, volunteered countless hours to community projects and served as role models for their academic institutions and to their peers.

A two-time *Associated Press* first team All-American, Riley was selected as the 2001 BIG EAST Player of the Year and the AP and Naismith Women's College Player of the Year after helping lead Notre Dame to its first national title last spring. Off the court, Riley was selected as the Verizon Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year after being named first team Academic All-American for two consecutive years.

Riley averaged 19 points and eight rebounds a game, leading Notre Dame to a 34-2 record. The former Irish center is the only player in Notre Dame history to score more than 2,000 points and grab more than 1,000 rebounds.

An eight-time Dean's List selection at Notre Dame, Riley graduated in May 2001 with a 3.64 grade-point average in psychology and sociology. She was also selected as the BIG EAST women's basketball scholar-athlete of the year and the BIG EAST women's scholar-athlete of the year for all sports. Riley received the university's highest scholar-athlete honor when she was awarded the Byron V. Kanaley Award at the 2001 Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet.

Last April, she was chosen in the first round of the 2001 WNBA Draft, going fifth overall to the Miami Sol. In her inaugural professional season in south Florida, Riley averaged 6.8 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.44 blocks per game (ninth in the league) while helping Miami, a second-year expansion franchise, qualify for the WNBA playoffs.

REMINDER — SOUTH BEND AREA CODE CHANGE

The area code for north central Indiana, including South Bend, Elkhart and Mishawaka, has changed from 219 to 574, effective Jan. 15. Please be aware that all University of Notre Dame athletic department phones also have switched over to this new area code. The 219 area code still will be active through June 15, although callers will be reminded of the change to the new 574 area code.



IRISH TRENDS IN '01-02

Day of the Week

Sunday	2-1
Monday	2-1
Tuesday	1-0
Wednesday	3-1
Thursday	0-1
Friday	0-1
Saturday	4-2

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	7-4
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	5-3

Location

Home games	10-0
Road games	2-6
Neutral site games	0-1

Halftime score

Leading at the half	11-1
Trailing at the half	1-5
Tied at the half	0-1

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	10-3
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	2-4
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	11-4
Lower pct. than opponent	1-3
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	5-1
Shoot less than 45%	7-6
Hold opponent under 40%	10-3

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	7-1
Make fewer free throws	4-5
Make same number of free throws	1-1

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	5-1
Commit more turnovers	5-6
Commit same number of turnovers	2-0

Final Margin

1-5 points	1-2
6-10 points	3-1
11-15 points	1-3
16-20 points	0-0
21+ points	7-1

Conference Affiliation

BIG EAST	6-2
Big Ten	0-2
Conference USA	2-0
Mid-American	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Mountain West	0-1
Pacific-10	1-1
Patriot League	1-0
Western Athletic	0-1

Month

November	2-2
December	4-3
January	6-2
February	0-0
March	0-0

NCAA AND BIG EAST STATISTICAL LEADERS

Here's where the Irish players and team stand in the most recent NCAA statistics report (through games of Jan. 28) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report for all games and conference games (through games of Jan. 28):

Team Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring Offense		8th at 65.8	4th at 66.4
Scoring Defense	24th at 58.3	5th at 58.3	5th at 59.1
Scoring Margin		5th at +7.5	4th at +7.3
FT Percentage		11th at .664	6th at .715
FG Percentage		7th at .434	2nd at .461
FG Percentage Defense	11th at .350	2nd at .350	3rd at .374
3-Point FG Percentage	7th at .412	2nd at .412	1st at .459
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	1st at .272	4th at .286
Rebounding		2nd at 41.6	9th at 36.7
Rebounding Defense	not kept	7th at 35.8	5th at 35.1
Rebounding Margin	33rd at +5.7	3rd at +5.8	5th at +1.6
Blocked Shots	not kept	1st at 6.17	2nd at 6.43
Assists	not kept	9th at 14.39	7th at 13.86
Steals	not kept	12th at 7.22	13th at 6.57
Turnover Margin	not kept	14th at (-3.44)	t-12th at (-4.0)
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	7th at 0.82	6th at 0.87

Individual Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring		Batteast, t-4th at 15.1	Ratay, 9th at 15.1
		Ratay, 11th at 13.7	Batteast, 11th at 14.4
Rebounding		Batteast, 2nd at 8.0	Batteast, 12th at 6.6
FG Percentage		Batteast, 10th at .425	
Assists		Severe, 8th at 4.94	Severe, 8th at 4.57
FT Percentage	Ratay, 24th at .873	Ratay, 2nd at .873	Ratay, 5th at .862
		Batteast, 14th at .738	Batteast, t-12th at .778
Steals		Severe, t-14th at 1.78	
3-Point FG Made		Ratay, 12th at 1.83	Ratay, 10th at 1.86
		Wicks, 13th at 1.57	
Blocks	Barksdale, 5th at 3.1	Barksdale, 1st at 3.14	Barksdale, 2nd at 2.29
		Batteast, t-4th at 1.61	Batteast, 6th at 1.57
Assist/Turnover Ratio		Severe, 12th at 1.39	
Offensive Rebounds		Batteast, 8th at 2.67	
		Borton, 9th at 2.44	
Defensive Rebounds		Batteast, 2nd at 5.33	Batteast, 9th at 4.43
		Ratay, t-15th at 4.0	
Double-Doubles		Batteast, 2nd at 7	
		Borton, t-24th at 1	
		Haney, t-24th at 1	

NOTRE DAME AT SETON HALL

2001-02 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 12-7 (Home: 10-0, Away: 2-6, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 6-2

Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	ND Result	W-L	Record	BEC	----- Notre Dame Highs -----			Attendance
								Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	
Nov. 18	15/14		VALPARAISO	W 42-35	W1	1-0		Borton-14	two with 9	Severe-4	7,960
Nov. 21	15/15	20/22	at Colorado State	L 66-72	L1	1-1		Ratay-16	Batteast-11	Severe-5	6,749
Nov. 24	15/15		at Arizona	L 70-72	L2	1-2		Ratay-19	Haney-9	Severe-6	3,335
Nov. 26	23/23		ARMY	W 89-57	W1	2-2		Batteast-18	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,323
Dec. 2	23/23	16/17	(1) vs. Michigan	L 63-78	L1	2-3		Ratay-19	Batteast-9	Severe-6	6,482
Dec. 6		7/8	at Purdue	L 57-70	L2	2-4		Ratay-12	Severe-8	Severe-8	8,786
Dec. 9			USC	W 62-49	W1	3-4		Batteast-19	two with 7	Severe-4	7,595
Dec. 12			WESTERN MICHIGAN	W 71-48	W2	4-4		Batteast-20	two with 10	Severe-8	7,310
Dec. 22			MARQUETTE	W 60-33	W3	5-4		Batteast-11	Batteast-12	Severe-4	7,132
Dec. 28			at Rice	L 61-72	L1	5-5		Batteast-23	Batteast-10	Severe-5	1,602
Dec. 31			DEPAUL	W 79-50	W1	6-5		Batteast-25	Batteast-14	two with 4	7,154
Jan. 2			at Miami*	W 69-65	W2	7-5	1-0	Ratay-23	Batteast-13	Batteast-6	1,094
Jan. 5			PROVIDENCE*	W 72-66	W3	8-5	2-0	Batteast-26	Batteast-9	Severe-6	7,804
Jan. 9			SETON HALL*	W 79-45	W4	9-5	3-0	Ratay-18	Wicks-10	Severe-7	6,975
Jan. 12			at Villanova*	L 59-60	L1	9-6	3-1	Ratay-22	two with 7	Ratay-4	2,259
Jan. 19			at Providence*	W 69-41	W1	10-6	4-1	Batteast-14	Borton-10	Borton-4	1,750
Jan. 21		1/1	(2) at Connecticut*	L 53-80	L1	10-7	4-2	Wicks-16	three with 5	Severe-7	16,294
Jan. 26		16/17	VIRGINIA TECH*	W 64-57	W1	11-7	5-2	Batteast-26	Wicks-8	Severe-6	8,878
Jan. 29			SYRACUSE*	W 71-46	W2	12-7	6-2	Bustamante-21	Batteast-15	Severe-9	8,571
Feb. 2			at Seton Hall*								
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*								
Feb. 10			BOSTON COLLEGE*								
Feb. 13			ST. JOHN'S*								
Feb. 16			at Rutgers*								
Feb. 19			WEST VIRGINIA*								
Feb. 23			at Georgetown*								
Feb. 26			VILLANOVA*								

BIG EAST Championship (Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway, N.J.)

March 2	First Round
March 3	Quarterfinals
March 4	Semifinals
March 5	Championship

NCAA First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)

March 15 & 16	First Round
March 17 & 18	Second Round

NCAA Regionals (East - Raleigh, N.C.; Mideast - Milwaukee, Wis.; Midwest - Ames, Iowa; West - Boise, Idaho)

March 23	Semifinals
March 25	Finals

NCAA Final Four (Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas)

March 29	Semifinals
March 31	Championship

CAPS denotes home game

**BIG EAST Conference game*

(1) Women's College Basketball Showcase (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

(2) Game played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

NR - Indicates Notre Dame and opponent national rankings in the Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls at tipoff

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2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

Overall Record: 12-7 (Home: 10-0, Away: 2-6, Neutral: 0-1)

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Jacqueline Batteast	19-19	534-28.1	106-250	.424	23-63	.365	46-64	.719	51	108	159	8.4	49-1	43	49	32	27	281	14.8
Alicia Ratay	19-19	630-33.2	85-188	.452	34-77	.442	48-55	.873	28	71	99	5.2	23-0	34	35	3	17	252	13.3
Teresa Borton	19-6	406-21.4	54-107	.505	0-0	.000	20-42	.476	45	48	93	4.9	35-0	18	19	8	8	128	6.7
Le'Tania Severe	19-14	536-28.2	35-89	.393	4-11	.364	51-76	.671	11	55	66	3.5	45-0	98	77	10	37	125	6.6
Allison Bustamante	13-1	153-11.8	26-52	.500	14-26	.538	7-14	.500	4	26	30	2.3	14-0	7	10	4	5	73	5.6
Kelsey Wicks	18-0	264-14.7	34-78	.436	17-40	.425	11-15	.733	22	39	61	3.4	25-0	7	18	1	9	96	5.3
Ericka Haney	19-15	377-19.8	44-109	.404	0-0	.000	10-19	.526	31	56	87	4.6	29-0	13	38	8	13	98	5.2
Amanda Barksdale	15-13	244-16.3	27-52	.519	0-0	.000	7-13	.538	15	27	42	2.8	34-1	7	17	47	3	61	4.1
Jeneka Joyce	17-8	301-17.7	22-52	.423	13-36	.361	8-17	.471	5	24	29	1.7	11-0	23	25	0	5	65	3.8
Katy Flecky	17-0	210-12.4	21-54	.389	0-0	.000	21-30	.700	16	30	46	2.7	28-0	16	26	7	10	63	3.7
Karen Swanson	8-0	41-5.1	2-9	.222	0-3	.000	6-8	.750	2	3	5	0.6	4-0	3	5	0	0	10	1.3
Jill Krause	8-0	28-3.5	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	1-0	2	4	0	0	2	0.3
Monique Hernandez	11-0	76-6.9	1-12	.083	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	3	2	5	0.5	9-0	7	5	0	5	2	0.2
Team									29	42	71	3.7							
Notre Dame	19	3800	458-1055	.434	105-257	.409	235-355	.662	262	534	796	41.9	307-2	278	336	120	139	1256	66.1
Opponents	19	3800	388-1117	.347	85-315	.270	235-365	.644	267	409	676	35.6	325-4	240	274	66	171	1096	57.7

2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Conference Only

BIG EAST Conference Record: 6-2 (Home: 4-0, Away: 2-2)

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Alicia Ratay	8-8	258-32.2	36-79	.456	14-29	.483	25-29	.862	10	31	41	5.1	9-0	11	14	2	7	111	13.9
Jacqueline Batteast	8-8	217-27.1	37-98	.378	8-23	.348	29-39	.744	18	43	61	7.6	23-1	23	19	14	10	111	13.9
Teresa Borton	8-0	180-22.5	29-46	.630	0-0	.000	12-20	.600	15	19	34	4.3	9-0	7	8	6	2	70	8.8
Allison Bustamante	8-1	113-14.1	20-36	.556	10-19	.526	6-11	.545	3	17	20	2.5	8-0	5	7	3	5	56	7.0
Kelsey Wicks	8-0	135-16.9	20-40	.500	11-22	.500	4-5	.800	8	23	31	3.9	7-0	3	7	1	6	55	6.9
Ericka Haney	8-8	157-19.6	18-39	.462	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	9	20	29	3.6	7-0	5	17	3	3	37	4.6
Le'Tania Severe	8-3	206-25.8	6-19	.316	0-1	.000	19-28	.679	1	19	20	2.5	21-0	41	24	3	16	31	3.9
Amanda Barksdale	8-8	121-15.1	12-21	.571	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	7	10	17	2.1	17-0	2	8	19	0	25	3.1
Katy Flecky	7-0	90-12.9	8-23	.348	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	5	8	13	1.9	13-0	7	11	3	4	21	3.0
Jeneka Joyce	6-4	92-15.3	3-12	.250	3-10	.300	3-5	.600	1	7	8	1.3	2-0	9	8	0	2	12	2.0
Karen Swanson	3-0	19-6.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	2	0	2	0.7	1-0	2	3	0	0	5	1.7
Jill Krause	3-0	12-4.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1-0	1	3	0	0	2	0.7
Team									12	16	28	3.5							
Notre Dame	8	1600	190-416	.457	46-104	.442	110-156	.705	91	214	305	38.1	118-1	116	133	54	55	536	67.0
Opponents	8	1600	172-471	.365	36-129	.279	80-133	.602	114	163	277	34.6	146-3	103	105	29	77	460	57.5

NOTRE DAME AT SETON HALL

2001-02 Single Game Highs & Lows

NOTRE DAME HIGHS

Points (Game)	89 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Points (Half)	47 vs. Army (1st half), 11/26/01
Field Goals Made	33 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Attempts	77 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	58.0 (29-50) vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made	13* at Miami, 1/2/02
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	28* vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	60.0 (6-10) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Free Throws Made	24 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Free Throw Attempts	34 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	84.2 (16-19) vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02
Rebounds	60 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Personal Fouls	26 at Rice, 12/28/01
Assists	20, twice (MR: vs. Villanova, 1/12/02)
Turnovers	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	13 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Steals	13 vs. USC, 12/9/01

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points (Game)	80, Connecticut, 1/21/01
Points (Half)	45, Michigan (1st half), 12/2/01
Field Goals Made	30, Connecticut, 1/21/01
Field Goal Attempts	71, Connecticut, 1/21/01
Field Goal Percentage (<i>min. 25 attempts</i>)	50.0 (29-58), Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	8, twice (MR: Villanova, 1/12/02)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	28, DePaul, 12/31/01
Three-Point Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	70.0 (7-10), Providence, 1/5/02
Free Throws Made	26, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Attempts	40, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Percentage (<i>min. 10 attempts</i>)	100.0* (20-20), Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	51, Connecticut, 1/21/01
Personal Fouls	26, Providence, 1/5/02
Assists	23, Michigan, 12/2/01
Turnovers	27, USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	9, Connecticut, 1/21/01
Steals	17, Miami, 1/2/02

* denotes school record

NOTRE DAME LOWS

Points (Game)	42 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Points (Half)	18 vs. Valparaiso (2nd half), 11/18/01
Field Goals Made	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Attempts	43 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage	32.6 (14-43) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	0 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Percentage	00.0 (0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws Made	5 at Connecticut, 1/21/01
Free Throw Attempts	8 at Connecticut, 1/21/01
Free Throw Percentage	42.9 (6-14) vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Rebounds	28, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 1/5/02)
Personal Fouls	9, twice (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)
Assists	8 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Turnovers	7* vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02
Blocked Shots	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Steals	3 at Villanova, 1/12/02

OPPONENT LOWS

Points (Game)	33, Marquette, 12/22/01
Points (Half)	12, Western Michigan (1st half), 12/12/01
Field Goals Made	10, Marquette, 12/22/01
Field Goal Attempts	47, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage	18.5 (10-54), Marquette, 12/22/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	1, four times (MR: Providence, 1/19/02)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	7, Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Percentage	5.0 (1-20), Providence, 1/19/02
Free Throws Made	4, twice (MR: Virginia Tech, 1/26/02)
Free Throw Attempts	10, Virginia Tech, 1/26/02
Free Throw Percentage	33.3 (4-12), Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	20, Villanova, 1/12/02
Personal Fouls	10, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	5, DePaul, 12/31/01
Turnovers	6*, Virginia Tech, 1/26/02
Blocked Shots	0, Syracuse, 1/29/02
Steals	1, Virginia Tech, 1/26/02

* denotes school record

2001-02 Miscellaneous Statistics

Starting Combos (F-F-C-G-G) & W-L Marks All Games vs. BIG EAST teams

Batteast, Haney, Borton, Ratay, Severe	2-4	0-0
Batteast, Joyce (G), Barksdale, Ratay, Severe	3-1	0-0
Batteast, Haney, Barksdale, Ratay, Joyce	3-1	3-1
Batteast, Haney, Barksdale, Ratay, Severe	3-1	2-1
Batteast, Haney, Barksdale, Ratay, Bustamante	1-0	1-0

Complete Games Played: 1 (Ratay) // Opponents: 3
Most Minutes: 40 (Alicia Ratay vs. Valparaiso, 11/18)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 48 (Batteast 16, Ratay 14, Severe 6, Borton 4, Bustamante 3, Haney 2, Barksdale 1, Joyce 1, Wicks 1) // Opponents: 47
20-29-Point Games: 10 (Batteast 5, Ratay 3, Borton 1, Bustamante 1) // Opponents: 5
Game-High Honors*: 14 (Batteast 8, Ratay 4, Borton 1, Bustamante 1)
Team-High Honors*: 19 (Batteast 9, Ratay 7, Borton 1, Bustamante 1, Wicks 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 11 (Batteast 8, Borton 1, Haney 1, Wicks 1) // Opponents: 5
Game-High Honors*: 17 (Batteast 8, Haney 3, Borton 2, Ratay 2, Wicks 2)
Team-High Honors*: 26 (Batteast 13, Borton 3, Haney 3, Ratay 3, Severe 2, Wicks 2)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0
Game-High Honors*: 16 (Severe 14, Borton 1, Ratay 1)
Team-High Honors*: 19 (Severe 15, Ratay 2, Batteast 1, Borton 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 10 (Batteast 8 - CSU, ARMY, WMU, MARQ, RICE, DEP, MIA, SYR; Borton 1 - PC (2); Haney 1 - WMU) // Opponents: 4
Points/Assists: 0 // Opponents: 0

Largest Lead

ND: 35, twice — 71-36 (4:34, 2nd) and 73-38 (3:31, 2nd) vs. Seton Hall (ND 79-45), 1/9
Opp: 37, twice — 76-39 (5:29, 2nd) and 78-41 (3:27, 2nd) at UConn (UC 80-53), 1/21

Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 8, twice — 10-2 (15:57, 1st) & 12-4 (14:00, 1st) at Providence (ND 69-41), 1/19

Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 1 (36-35) at Miami (ND 69-65), 1/2

Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 11, twice — 38-27 (17:18, 2nd) and 42-31 (14:56, 2nd) at Villanova (VU 60-59), 1/12

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 6 (31-25) at Villanova (VU 60-59), 1/12

* totals may not equal games played due to ties

The Last Time It Happened ...

Notre Dame recorded a

30-point win was on 1/9/02 — ND 79, Seton Hall 45 (34 points)*
 40-point win was on 3/17/01 — ND 98, Alcorn State 49 (49 points)* (*NCAA Tournament First Round*)
 50-point win was on 3/4/01 — ND 89, Georgetown 33 (56 points) (*BIG EAST Tournament Quarterfinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 30-point loss was on 1/7/94 — Tennessee 105, ND 70 (35 points)*

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 2/27/01 — 63.5% (33-52) at Pittsburgh (ND 82-63)
 65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
 90% on FTs was on 1/9/97 — 91.7% (11-12) vs. West Virginia (ND 103-58)*

Notre Dame

won 10 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 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 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90)*
 • scored 100 points on the road never
 • 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 11/18/01 (ND 42, Valparaiso 35)*
 allowed less than 50 points was on 1/29/02 (ND 71, Syracuse 46)*
 played an overtime game was on 3/6/00 (Rutgers 81, ND 72) (*BIG EAST Tournament Semifinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 • played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
 won on a "last second" shot was on 1/14/95 (ND 67, Detroit 65 — Letitia Bowen putback at 0:01)
 lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
 had six double-figure scorers was on 1/23/99 (ND 99, St. John's 60) — Danielle Green 20, Sheila McMillen 20, Ericka Haney 16, Sherisha Hills 13, Ruth Riley 13, Niele Ivey 12*
 had seven double-figure scorers was on 2/6/97 (ND 90, Syracuse 73) — Rosanne Bohman 16, Mollie Peirick 15, Katryna Gaither 14, Kari Hutchinson 11, Sheila McMillen 11, Beth Morgan 11, Jeannine Augustin 10
 had two double-figure rebounders was on 12/12/01 (ND 71, Western Michigan 48) — Jacqueline Batteast 10, Ericka Haney 10*
 had two 20-point scorers was on 1/26/02 (ND 64, Virginia Tech 57) — Jacqueline Batteast 26, Alicia Ratay 22*
 had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*
 made 10 three-point field goals was on 1/2/02 (ND 69, Miami 65) — 13-24 (54.2%) on threes (**tied school record**)
 committed less than 10 turnovers was on 1/26/02 (ND 64, Virginia Tech 57) — 7 turnovers* (**school record**)
 committed 25 turnovers was on 12/9/01 (ND 62, USC 49) — 26 turnovers*
 forced 25 turnovers was on 12/9/01 (ND 62, USC 49) — 27 turnovers*

An Irish player had

25 points was on 1/26/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (26) vs. Virginia Tech (ND 64-57)*
 30 points was on 3/26/01 — Ruth Riley (32) vs. Vanderbilt (ND 72-64) (*NCAA Midwest Regional Final at Denver, Colo.*)
 35 points was on 2/22/00 — Ruth Riley (36) vs. Miami (ND 83-68)*
 40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)
 15 rebounds was on 1/29/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (15) vs. Syracuse (ND 71-46)*
 20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DU 80-77)
 10 assists was on 1/15/01 — Niele Ivey (10) vs. Connecticut (ND 92-76)*
 5 blocks was on 1/21/02 — Amanda Barksdale (6) at Connecticut (UC 80-53)
 5 steals was on 1/29/02 — Le'Tania Severe (5) vs. Syracuse (ND 71-46)*
 a "double-double" was on 1/29/02 — Jacqueline Batteast (10 pts., 15 reb.) vs. Syracuse (ND 71-46)*
 a "triple-double" was on 2/15/90 — Sara Liebscher (17 pts., 12 reb., 10 asst.) vs. Detroit (ND 99-58)*
 20 pts & 10 rebs was on 12/31/01 — Jacqueline Batteast (25 pts., 14 reb.) vs. DePaul (ND 79-50)*
 20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25 pts., 20 reb.) at DePaul (DU 80-77)

An opposing player had

25 points was on 11/24/01 — Elizabeth Pickney (27), Arizona (UA 72-70)
 30 points was on 1/28/98 — Jen Beisel (30), Villanova (VU 70-54)*
 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 1/21/02 — Tamika Williams (11), Connecticut (UC 80-53)
 15 rebounds was on 3/30/01 — Kelly Schumacher (17), Connecticut (ND 90-75) (*NCAA National Semifinal at St. Louis, Mo.*)
 20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)
 10 assists was on 2/17/01 — Tasha Pointer (10), Rutgers (RU 54-53)
 5 blocks was on 2/7/01 — Bettina Love (6), Pittsburgh (ND 72-58)*
 5 steals was on 1/9/02 — Cecilia Lindqvist (5), Seton Hall (ND 79-45)
 a "double-double" was on 1/21/02 — Tamika Williams (17 pts., 11 reb.), Connecticut (UC 80-53)
 a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DU 83-62)
 20 pts & 10 rebs was on 12/6/01 — Mary Jo Noon (21 pts., 13 reb.), Purdue (PU 70-57)

* denotes Notre Dame home game

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31 Amanda Barksdale Center, Junior, 6-3, Friendswood, TX (Clear Brook)

Has played in 15 games (13 starts) this season, averaging 16.3 minutes per game ... charting 4.1 points, 2.8 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game ... missed first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg ... leads BIG EAST Conference and ranks fifth nationally in blocked shots ... stands second in BIG EAST with 2.4 bpg. in league games ... shooting .571 (12-21) from field in BIG EAST play ... has notched at least four blocks in seven games ... nearly posted triple-double against Marquette, finishing with 10 points (tying her career high), eight rebounds and a career-best eight blocks (tying the school record) ... made first career start against USC, tallying seven blocks (five in first half) ... also recorded 100th career block against USC, becoming fifth player in school history to reach century mark ... outings against Marquette and USC stand as top two single-game performances in BIG EAST this season ... Marquette outing also tied for sixth-best in nation in 2001-02 ... recorded six blocks in a career-high 28 minutes at No. 1 Connecticut ... added three blocks against Syracuse ... ranks second in school history with 1.78 blocks per game and third with 139 career blocks (needs two to catch Katryna Gaither for second place).

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	10 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	10, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Field Goals	5 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Free Throws	2, twice (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	4, twice (MR: vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01)
Rebounds	8 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	11 vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01
Assists	2, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)	2, four times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	1, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	2, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 2/12/00)
Blocks	8* vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Minutes	28 at Connecticut, 1/21/02	Same

* denotes school record

21 Jacqueline Batteast Forward, Freshman, 6-1, South Bend, IN (Washington)

Preseason BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Year ... Five-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10 & 17; Jan. 7 & 28) ... has started all 19 games for the Irish as a true freshman, averaging 28.1 minutes per game ... leads team in scoring (14.8 ppg.) and rebounding (8.4 rpg.) — only BIG EAST freshman to do so — and ranks second on team with 1.68 blocks per game ... ranks fourth in BIG EAST in scoring, second in rebounding, fourth in blocked shots, and second in double-doubles (8) — one of only two BIG EAST players to appear in top five in all four categories ... has scored in double figures in 16 games ... earned game-high scoring and rebounding honors eight times each ... paired with Teresa Borton as the first rookie tandem to start a season opener in 20 years ... picked up her first career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds at Colorado State ... notched double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds against Army ... carded double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... despite missing most of first half with foul trouble, still logged her fourth double-double of year with 11 points and 12 rebounds against Marquette ... registered fifth double-double with 23 points (10-16 FG) and 10 rebounds at Rice ... recorded sixth double-double with 25 points and 14 rebounds vs. DePaul ... compiled seventh double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds in BIG EAST opener at Miami ... scored career-high 26 points and bagged nine rebounds vs. Providence ... notched 14 points and three blocks at both Villanova and Providence ... equalled career best with 26 points vs. Virginia Tech, scoring 13 of the first 15 Irish points in the contest ... collected eighth double-double (first since Miami game) with 10 points and career-high 15 rebounds, along with career-best six assists against Syracuse.

Season/Career Highs

Points	26, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02)
Field Goals	10, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	11 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Rebounds	15 vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02
Assists	6, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocks	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Minutes	39 at Miami, 1/2/02

12 Teresa Borton Center, Freshman, 6-3, Yakima, WA (West Valley)

Has played in all 19 games for the Irish, starting six as a true freshman and averaging 21.4 minutes per outing ... carding 6.7 points and 4.9 rebounds per game, ranking third on team in both categories ... averaging 8.8 ppg. and shooting .630 (29-46) vs. league opposition ... joined Jacqueline Batteast as the first freshman duo to start a season opener for Notre Dame in 20 years ... nearly posted a double-double in her first college game, finishing with game highs of 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso ... almost had double-double at Colorado State, tallying nine points and eight rebounds .. matched season high with nine rebounds vs. Army ... hauled in seven rebounds against Western Michigan ... came off bench to score eight points against DePaul ... added seven points and four rebounds at Miami ... made first seven shots from field and finished with career-high 20 points (9-11 FG) against Providence ... tied BIG EAST rookie record by going 7-of-7 from the field (15 points) vs. Seton Hall ... collected first career double-double with 11 points, career-high 10 rebounds and career-best four assists at Providence ... registered personal-high two blocks against Virginia Tech ... scored eight points (3-3 FG) and blocked two more shots vs. Syracuse.

Season/Career Highs

Points	20 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Field Goals	9 vs. Providence, 1/5/02
Free Throws	4 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	10 at Providence, 1/19/02
Assists	4 at Providence, 1/19/02
Steals	1, seven times (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02)
Blocks	2, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)
Minutes	34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

44 Allison Bustamante
Guard, Freshman, 6-0, Miami, FL (Our Lady of Lourdes)

Has appeared in 13 games (one start), averaging 11.8 minutes per outing ... notching 5.6 points and 2.3 rebounds per game ... owns top three-point percentage (.538) on team ... tallied six points and four rebounds in 14 minutes against Army ... also drilled first career three-point field goal against Army ... missed next four games (Dec. 2-12) after suffering high right ankle sprain in practice Nov. 28 ... made impressive comeback from injury with six points (2-of-3 from three-point line) and four rebounds against Marquette ... had successful outing in return to her hometown of Miami, scoring eight points and hitting two clutch three-pointers against the Hurricanes ... notched 11 points vs. Seton Hall ... set (then) career highs with 12 points, five rebounds and 31 minutes played at Providence ... saw extensive time as point guard at Connecticut ... made first career start vs. Virginia Tech ... erupted for career highs of 21 points (8-14 FG, 5-10 3FG) and five rebounds in win over Syracuse — hit four of her five treys in five-minute stretch of first half ... shooting .556 from field (.526 from three-point line) and averaging 7.0 ppg. in league games.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	21 vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02
Field Goals	8 vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02
3-pt Field Goals	5 vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02
Free Throws	3 at Providence, 1/19/02
Rebounds	5, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)
Assists	2 at Miami, 1/2/02
Steals	2, twice (MR: at Connecticut, 1/21/02)
Blocks	2 at Providence, 1/19/02
Minutes	31 at Providence, 1/19/02

33 Katy Flecky
Forward, Freshman, 6-2, Lone Tree, CO (Highlands Ranch)

Has appeared in 17 games for Notre Dame, averaging 12.4 minutes per game ... tallying 3.7 points and 2.7 rebounds per game ... had solid return to home state with six points and eight rebounds at Colorado State ... carded career-high nine points and six rebounds in season-best 28 minutes at Arizona .. chalked up seven points (3-5 FG) and six rebounds in win over Marquette ... matched career best with nine points and led team with career-high four assists vs. DePaul ... scored seven points against Seton Hall ... tossed in eight points vs. Syracuse.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Field Goals	3, three times (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)
Free Throws	5 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	8 at Colorado State, 11/21/01
Assists	4 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Steals	2, twice (MR: at Providence, 1/19/02)
Blocks	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Minutes	28 at Arizona, 11/24/01

3 Ericka Haney
Guard/Forward, Senior, 6-0, Toledo, OH (Central Catholic)

Preseason second-team all-BIG EAST pick ... has appeared in all 19 games this season, starting 15 times and averaging 19.8 minutes per game ... logging 5.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per contest ... only captain for Notre Dame in 2001-02, just the second solo captain for the Irish in the Muffet McGraw era ... charted six points and five rebounds in season-opening win over Valparaiso ... corralled game-high nine rebounds at Arizona ... had seven points and six rebounds against Army ... rang up eight points at Purdue ... came off bench to card six points, six rebounds and season-high two blocks against USC ... picked up first double-double of season (and sixth of career) with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... collected seven rebounds (four offensive) and season-high

three assists at Rice ... returned to starting lineup against DePaul and grabbed six rebounds ... added eight points (4-5 FG) and six boards against Seton Hall ... compiled nine points and seven rebounds at Villanova ... logged 10 points and five rebounds against Syracuse.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	12 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	21 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Field Goals	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	10 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Free Throws	3 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	7 vs. Connecticut, 3/30/01
Rebounds	10 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	14 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Assists	3 at Rice, 12/28/01	5 vs. Georgia, 11/24/00
Steals	2, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	4 vs. St. John's, 1/23/99
Blocks	2 vs. USC, 12/9/01	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/22/00)
Minutes	33, twice (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)	39 vs. Rutgers, 2/17/01

5 Jeneka Joyce
Guard, Sophomore, 5-9, Topeka, KS (Washburn Rural)

Has played in 17 games (eight starts) for Notre Dame, averaging 17.7 minutes per outing ... logging 3.8 points and 1.7 rebounds per game ... has made 13 three-point field goals, one of four Irish players with at least 10 treys this season ... tallied seven points and three assists in win over Army ... poured in season-high 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting (including three three-point field goals) against Michigan ... tossed down nine points and three more treys at Purdue ... made first career start against USC, hitting all three of her shots and finishing with seven points in a career-high 33 minutes ... grabbed career-high four rebounds vs. Marquette ... notched nine points and added season highs of four rebounds and four assists in BIG EAST opener at Miami ... has missed last two games (Virginia Tech & Syracuse) with strained left Achilles' tendon.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	14 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Field Goals	4 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3, twice (MR: at Purdue, 12/6/01)	4 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Free Throws	3 at Miami, 1/2/02	3, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Rebounds	4, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)	Same
Assists	4 at Miami, 1/2/02	5 vs. Georgetown, 3/4/01
Steals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, three times
Blocks	None	1, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
Minutes	33 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

10 Jill Krause
Guard, Freshman, 5-8, Glenview, IL (Regina Dominican)

Has played in eight games for the Irish this season, averaging 0.3 points and 0.4 rebounds per game ... made first collegiate appearance against Army, grabbing two rebounds ... dished out first career assist vs. DePaul .. scored first career points on first career basket against Seton Hall ... picked up an assist in win over Syracuse.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	2 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Field Goals	1 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
3-pt Field Goals	None
Free Throws	None
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Assists	1, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	6 vs. Army, 11/26/01

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22 Alicia Ratay Guard, Junior, 6-0, Lake Zurich, IL (Lake Zurich)

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST selection ... has started all 19 games for Notre Dame, averaging a team-high 33.2 minutes per game ... leads team in free throw percentage (.873), second in scoring (13.3 ppg.), rebounds (5.2 rpg.) and three-point percentage (.442), and third in assists (1.8 apg.) ... also has made a team-high 34 three-point field goals ... ranks second in BIG EAST in free throw percentage, 12th in three-point field goals made (1.79 per game), and 13th in scoring ... has sparked in BIG EAST play, ranking fifth in free throw percentage (.862), ninth in scoring (13.9 ppg.) and 10th in three-point field goals made (1.75 per game) ... has scored in double figures in 14 games this season, earning game-high scoring honors four times ... nearly came up with a double-double in the season opener against Valparaiso, finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds while playing all 40 minutes ... rang up a game-high 16 points (6-7 FT) at Colorado State ... connected for team-best 19 points (3-5 from three-point range) and added seven rebounds at Arizona ... canned 4-of-6 three-point attempts and scored 12 points in victory over Army ... matched season-high with 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds against Michigan ... became 19th Notre Dame player to score 1,000 career points with her 12-point night at Purdue (now ranks 15th on ND career list with 1,165 points)... posted 16 points and tied for team lead with season-high four assists against DePaul ... erupted for season-best 23 points and tied career high with seven three-point field goals (on nine attempts) at Miami — seven treys also equals most by BIG EAST player this season ... registered 22 points and tied her career high by making all seven free throw attempts at Villanova ... scored 22 points (19 in second half, including 7-7 FT) against Virginia Tech — also banked in 48-foot heave at halftime horn to give Irish six-point lead and momentum swing against 16th-ranked Hokies.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	23 at Miami, 1/2/02	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	8, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	7 at Miami, 1/2/02	7, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Free Throws	7, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02)	7, four times (MR: vs. Va. Tech, 1/26/02)
Rebounds	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	12 vs. St. John's, 2/12/00
Assists	4, three times (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	3 at Miami, 1/2/02	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1, twice (MR: at Villanova, 1/12/02)	2, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/3/01)
Minutes	40 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	44 at Rutgers, 2/19/00

4 Le'Tania Severe Guard, Sophomore, 5-8, Pembroke Pines, FL (Ft. Lauderdale)

Has appeared in all 19 games (14 starts) at point guard, playing 28.2 minutes per night ... ranks fourth on team with 6.6 points per game and leads squad with 5.2 assists per outing, ranking eighth in BIG EAST in latter category ... also stands 14th in conference in steals (1.95 spg.) ... has scored in double figures six times, the first double-digit outings of her career ... has handed out five-or-more assists in 11 games ... made first career start in season opener vs. Valparaiso, tallying seven points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocks ... cracked double figures for first time with 15 points on 6-of-12 shooting (including trio of three-point field goals) at Colorado State ... added 12 points (8-10 FT) and six assists at Arizona ... chipped in with 13 points vs. Army ... dished out six assists against Michigan ... added career-best eight rebounds and eight assists in career-high 37 minutes at Purdue ... notched new career highs with 17 points and five steals against USC ... distributed eight assists against Western Michigan ... scored 10 points (6-6 FT) at Rice ... came off bench for first time this season against Providence, responding with five points and six assists ... added seven assists in reserve role vs. Seton Hall ... scored 13 points as substitute at Providence ... dealt a game-high seven assists in 25 minutes off the bench at Connecticut ... distributed six assists vs. Virginia Tech ... charted career-high nine assists with one turnover and career-best five steals against Syracuse ... averaging 5.6 assists per game with a 2.17 assist/turnover ratio (39:18) in last seven games, coming off the bench in five of those outings.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	17 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same
Field Goals	6, twice (MR: vs. USC, 12/9/01)	Same
3-pt Field Goals	3 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	Same
Free Throws	8 at Arizona, 11/24/01	Same
Rebounds	8 at Purdue, 12/6/01	Same
Assists	9 vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02	Same
Steals	5, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)	Same
Blocks	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)	Same
Minutes	37 at Purdue, 12/6/01	Same

11 Karen Swanson Guard, Junior, 5-8, Westlake, OH (Westlake)

Has played in eight games this season, averaging 1.3 ppg. and 0.6 rpg. ... made first appearance of year against Army, matching her career high with five points in seven minutes ... played six minutes against DePaul ... logged two points and career-high two assists in season-high nine minutes against Seton Hall ... picked up three points (3-4 FT) and two rebounds vs. Syracuse.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	5 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Field Goals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
3-pt Field Goals	None	1, three times (MR: at West Va., 1/24/01)
Free Throws	3 vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02	3, three times (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)
Rebounds	2, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/29/02)	3 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00
Assists	2 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02	Same
Steals	None	2, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 2/1/01)
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	9 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02	11 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00

24 Kelsey Wicks Guard, Freshman, 6-2, Gillette, WY (Campbell County)

Has played in 18 games for the Irish this season, averaging 14.7 minutes per contest ... tallying 5.3 points and 3.4 rebounds per game while shooting 42.5 percent from three-point range (.500 in BIG EAST games) ... ranks 13th in conference with 1.38 three-pointers made per game in BIG EAST action ... carded nine points and sank first career three-point field goal at Arizona ... tallied eight points, including two three-point field goals, and pulled down four rebounds against DePaul ... added nine points against Providence ... charted eight points and career-best 10 rebounds in career-high 27 minutes vs. Seton Hall ... made career-high three three-point field goals and carded nine points at Providence ... poured in career-high 16 points (7-14 FG) at top-ranked Connecticut ... buried back-to-back treys 33 seconds apart in first half and corralled game-high eight rebounds to spark Irish win over Virginia Tech ... since starting season 2-of-9 from three-point arc, she has made 15 of her last 31 three-point attempts (48.4 percent).

	Season/Career Highs
Points	16 at Connecticut, 1/21/02
Field Goals	7 at Connecticut, 1/21/02
3-pt Field Goals	3 at Providence, 1/19/02
Free Throws	4 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	10 vs. Seton Hall, 1/9/02
Assists	1, six times (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02)
Steals	2 at Providence, 1/19/02
Blocks	1 vs. Virginia Tech, 1/26/02
Minutes	27, twice (MR: at Connecticut, 1/21/02)

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Providence (66)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Simmonds, Trippany, Vozab, Freeburg, Epstein, Quinn, Blackwell, Kilgore, Shoop, Hawley-Stewart, Wheeler, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame (72)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Haney, Batteast, Barksdale, Joyce, Ratay, Severe, Borton, Wicks, Bustamante, Team, Totals.

Providence 29 37 -- 66 Notre Dame 42 30 -- 72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 48.9, Providence 42.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 18.2, Providence 70.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 70.6, Providence 81.8. Turnovers: Notre Dame 15, Providence 17. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 7 (Barksdale 5), Providence 2. Steals: Notre Dame 6, Providence 8. Attendance: 7,804.

Notre Dame 79, Seton Hall 45 Jan. 9, 2002 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Seton Hall (45)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Lindqvist, Thomas, Murray, Langelier, Burgess, Dueland, Carroll, Phillip, Smith, Bush, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame (79)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Haney, Batteast, Barksdale, Joyce, Ratay, Severe, Krause, Swanson, Borton, Wicks, Flecky, Bustamante, Team, Totals.

Seton Hall 18 27 -- 45 Notre Dame 39 40 -- 79

FG Pct: Notre Dame 58.0, Seton Hall 28.8. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.5, Seton Hall 10.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 62.5, Seton Hall 50.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 18, Seton Hall 12. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3, Seton Hall 2. Steals: Notre Dame 6, Seton Hall 13 (Lindqvist 5). Attendance: 6,975.

Villanova 60, Notre Dame 59 Jan. 12, 2002 The Pavilion (Villanova, Pa.)

Notre Dame (59)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Haney, Batteast, Barksdale, Severe, Ratay, Joyce, Borton, Wicks, Flecky, Bustamante, Team, Totals.

Villanova (60)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Mix, Druckenmiller, Baker, Riley, Davis, Harris, Juhline, Rediger, Hilgenberg, Nash, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame 31 28 -- 59 Villanova 25 35 -- 60

FG Pct: Notre Dame 46.9, Villanova 44.9. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 57.1, Villanova 38.1. FT Pct: Notre Dame 81.8, Villanova 72.7. Turnovers: Notre Dame 14, Villanova 8. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 7 (Batteast 3), Villanova 6. Steals: Notre Dame 3, Villanova 10 (Juhline 4). Technical Foul: Villanova bench. Attendance: 2,259.

Notre Dame 69, Providence 41 Jan. 19, 2002 Alumni Hall (Providence, R.I.)

Notre Dame (69)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Haney, Batteast, Barksdale, Joyce, Ratay, Severe, Krause, Swanson, Borton, Wicks, Flecky, Bustamante, Team, Totals.

Providence (41)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Simmonds, Freeburg, Trippany, Blackwell, Epstein, Vozab, Quinn, Horvath, Kilgore, Shoop, Keefe, Hawley-Stewart, Wheeler, Copeland, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame 32 37 -- 69 Providence 27 14 -- 41

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.2, Providence 23.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.4, Providence 5.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 76.7, Providence 60.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 15, Providence 19. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 10 (Batteast 3), Providence 4. Steals: Notre Dame 10 (Severe 3), Providence 6 (Freeburg 3). Attendance: 1,750.

Connecticut 80, Notre Dame 53 Jan. 21, 2002 Hartford Civic Center (Hartford, Conn.)

Notre Dame (53)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Haney, Batteast, Barksdale, Joyce, Ratay, Severe, Borton, Wicks, Flecky, Bustamante, Team, Totals.

Connecticut (80)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Cash, Williams, Jones, Taurasi, Bird, Valley, A., Conlon, Marron, Battle, Moore, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame 21 32 -- 53 Connecticut 40 40 -- 80

FG Pct: Notre Dame 37.9, Connecticut 42.3. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 33.3, Connecticut 30.8. FT Pct: Notre Dame 62.5, Connecticut 72.7. Turnovers: Notre Dame 20, Connecticut 13. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 9 (Barksdale 6), Connecticut 9 (Cash 4). Steals: Notre Dame 10 (Severe 4), Connecticut 8 (Williams 4). Attendance: 16,294.

Notre Dame 64, Virginia Tech 57 Jan. 26, 2002 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Virginia Tech (57)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Kublina, Hicks, Jones, Lipton, Starling, DuBose, Guarnieri, Gibson, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame (64)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Haney, Batteast, Barksdale, Ratay, Bustamante, Severe, Borton, Wicks, Flecky, Team, Totals.

Virginia Tech 24 33 -- 57 Notre Dame 30 34 -- 64

FG Pct: Notre Dame 39.6, Virginia Tech 40.4. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 54.5, Virginia Tech 43.8. FT Pct: Notre Dame 84.2, Virginia Tech 40.0. Turnovers: Notre Dame 7, Virginia Tech 6. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 5, Virginia Tech 4 (Kublina 4). Steals: Notre Dame 4, Virginia Tech 1. Attendance: 8,878.

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Notre Dame 71, Syracuse 46
 Jan. 29, 2002
 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Syracuse (46)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Wright	18	1-5	0-0	2-2	2	1	2	4
Newman	24	1-10	1-6	0-0	5	1	2	3
Omanovic	16	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
McBride	29	3-7	1-5	1-2	1	3	4	8
James	36	2-8	1-5	2-2	3	2	2	7
Perry	26	3-10	0-0	4-8	6	1	1	10
Wegrzynowicz	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Coleman	8	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	3
Trammell	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	2	2
Nwagbo	27	3-9	0-0	1-1	2	0	1	7
Team					6			
Totals	200	16-54	4-17	10-15	31	8	15	46

Notre Dame (71)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	24	5-9	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	10
Batteast	29	4-10	1-2	1-3	15	6	2	10
Barksdale	11	0-4	0-0	0-0	4	0	3	0
Severe	30	0-2	0-0	2-2	3	9	3	2
Ratay	22	2-7	1-5	0-0	5	0	0	5
Krause	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Swanson	5	0-1	0-0	3-4	2	0	0	3
Borton	20	3-3	0-0	2-4	2	1	1	8
Wicks	15	1-4	0-2	2-2	2	0	0	4
Flecky	15	3-6	0-0	2-2	3	0	2	8
Bustamante	25	8-14	5-10	0-2	5	1	0	21
Team					2			
Totals	200	26-60	7-19	12-19	48	19	13	71

Syracuse 25 21 -- 46
 Notre Dame 39 32 -- 71

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.3, Syracuse 29.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.8, Syracuse 23.5. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 63.2, Syracuse 66.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 21, Syracuse 21. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 9 (Batteast, Barksdale 3), Syracuse 0. **Steals:** Notre Dame 9 (Severe 5), Syracuse 14 (James 4). **Attendance:** 8,571.