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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2004-05 Irish Schedule/Results (7-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)

November

12	#	(10/11) Illinois State	W, 92-73
14	#	(10/11) Nebraska	W, 73-57
17	#	(11/10) Duke (6/6)	W, 76-65
20	#	(11/10) Ohio State (10/9) (TV)	W, 66-62
22		(6/6) Colorado State	W, 69-47
26		(6/6) at USC (COM)	W, 60-56
30		(3/3) at Valparaiso	W, 69-59

December

2		Michigan State (CSTV)	7:00 ET
9		at Dayton	7:00 ET
11		Washington (COM)	Noon ET
19		at Marquette	1:00 CT
30		at Northern Illinois	7:00 CT

January

2	*	Seton Hall	2:00 ET
5	*	Syracuse	7:00 ET
9	*	at Villanova (BETV)	2:00 ET
12	*	Connecticut (CSTV)	8:00 ET
16	\$	Purdue (ESPN2)	5:00 ET
19	*	at Syracuse	7:00 ET
23	*	Rutgers (BETV)	2:00 ET
26	*	St. John's (COM)	7:00 ET
30	*	at Connecticut (ESPN2)	7:00 ET

February

2	*	Boston College	7:00 ET
5	*	at Pittsburgh	2:00 ET
9	*	at Providence	7:30 ET
12	*	Georgetown (COM)	2:00 ET
15	*	at Boston College (CSTV)	7:00 ET
19	*	at Rutgers	Noon ET
26	*	West Virginia (COM)	2:00 ET

March

1	*	at Seton Hall	7:00 ET
5-8	%	BIG EAST Championship	
19-22		NCAA First/Second Rounds (ESPN)	
26-29		NCAA Regionals (ESPN)	

April

3-5		NCAA Final Four (Indianapolis, Ind.)	
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* BIG EAST Conference game

Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (contested at campus sites)

\$ BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

% To be played at Hartford Civic Center (Hartford, Conn.)

(TV) Game televised on Internet at www.sportsview.tv

(COM) Game to be televised on Comcast Local (Detroit)

(CSTV) Game to be televised on College Sports Television

(ESPN/ESPN2) Game to be televised on ESPN or ESPN2

(BETV) Game to be televised on BIG EAST TV package

Numbers before opponent name indicate Notre Dame's ranking in AP and ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff; numbers after opponent name indicate its ranking; one number indicates AP rank only.

Boldface indicates home game played at Joyce Center (11,418)

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

GAME 8

(#3 AP/#3 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (7-0)**
vs. (#15 AP/#15 ESPN/USA Today) **Michigan State Spartans (4-1)**

The Date and Time: Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at 7 p.m. ET.

The Site: Joyce Center (11,418) in Notre Dame, Ind.

The Tickets: Still available through the Notre Dame athletics ticket office (574-631-7356).

The TV Plans: College Sports Television (CSTV) national broadcast with **Carter Blackburn** (play-by-play), **Debbie Antonelli** (analysis) and **Andy Greathouse** (producer/director). CSTV is available on most cable systems nationwide, as well as via DirecTV (channel 610).

The Radio Plans: Thursday's game will be broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend with **Sean Stires** (play-by-play) and former Irish standout **Sara Liebscher** (analysis) calling the action. These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com.

Real-Time Statistics: Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, are available for the Michigan State game, via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) athletics web site.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Michigan State (www.msuspartans.com).

NO. 3 IRISH SET TO FACE THIRD TOP-15 OPPONENT OF THE SEASON THURSDAY NIGHT

As if playing eight games in the first 20 days of the season wasn't difficult enough, No. 3 Notre Dame will play its third top-15 opponent of the young season when it welcomes No. 15 Michigan State to the Joyce Center Thursday for a 7 p.m. (ET) contest. College Sports Television (CSTV) will air the game live to a nationwide audience in the first of five nationally-televised games for the Irish during the regular season.

Notre Dame (7-0) continued the second-best start in school history with a 69-59 win at Valparaiso on Tuesday night. The Irish led from the opening tip to the final horn, but could never quite shake the pesky Crusaders. A 12-4 second-half run by Notre Dame proved to be the difference as the Irish earned the second road win of the year.

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** piled up her first double-double of the season (and 33rd of her career) with game highs of 25 points and 10 rebounds. Junior guard **Megan Duffy** ably complemented Batteast with a season-high 20 points.

Michigan State (4-1) won its first four games of the season before an 80-75 loss to then-unranked TCU in the finals of the Rainbow Wahine Classic in Honolulu. Junior guard Lindsay Bowen led the Spartans with 33 points, while senior center Kelli Roehrig (currently averaging a team-best 16.0 ppg.) contributed 22 points.

Head coach Joanne P. McCallie is in her fifth year at MSU with a record of 72-53 (.576) in East Lansing.

LAST IRISH GAME

#3/3 Notre Dame 69, Valparaiso 59
November 30, 2004
Athletics-Recreation Center (Valparaiso, Ind.)

Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	9-19	1-2	6-6	10	1	2	25
Erwin	13	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	4
Borton	23	2-4	0-0	2-2	9	1	4	6
Duffy	39	6-13	2-6	6-6	5	4	2	20
Gray	26	3-8	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	6
Gaines	12	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Allen	31	1-4	0-0	4-4	9	2	3	6
Powers	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
D'Amico	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	2
Team					2			
Totals	200	24-58	3-8	18-18	43	11	16	69

Valparaiso (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Stangler	40	6-10	0-0	2-2	5	1	3	14
Braun	36	4-7	0-0	3-4	5	0	2	11
Rietema	27	6-12	0-1	4-6	3	1	3	16
Gutowski	39	2-11	1-8	2-2	5	2	2	7
Boone	39	3-10	1-5	0-0	2	7	4	7
Bechtold	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Myers	13	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	2
Baughner	4	1-3	0-0	0-1	3	0	0	2
Team					4			
Totals	200	23-56	2-16	11-15	27	12	15	59

Notre Dame	34	35	--	69
Valparaiso	24	35	--	59

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.4, Valparaiso 41.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 37.5, Valparaiso 12.5. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 100.0, Valparaiso 73.3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 10, Valparaiso 7. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Valparaiso 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 6, Valparaiso 7. **Attendance:** 2,214.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Nov. 29)

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous
1.	LSU (42)	7-0	2
2.	North Carolina (1)	5-0	5
3.	NOTRE DAME	6-0	6
4.	Tennessee	4-1	1
5.	Stanford	5-0	7
6.	Georgia	4-1	3
7.	Texas (1)	2-2	4
8.	<i>Connecticut</i>	1-1	4
9.	Baylor	3-1	9
10.	<i>Duke</i>	5-1	10
11.	<i>Ohio State</i>	5-1	11
12.	Texas Tech	1-1	12
13.	Vanderbilt	4-0	14
14.	<i>Purdue</i>	3-0	15
15.	<i>Michigan State</i>	4-1	13
16.	<i>Rutgers</i>	4-0	17
17.	DePaul	4-0	19
18.	Minnesota	4-1	18
19.	Kansas State	3-1	16
20.	<i>Boston College</i>	3-1	20
21.	Louisiana Tech	2-0	23
22.	Maryland	3-1	22
23.	TCU	5-1	NR
24.	<i>Villanova</i>	3-1	24
25.	UCLA	3-1	NR

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Nov. 30)

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous
1.	LSU (37)	7-0	2
2.	Stanford	5-0	5
3.	NOTRE DAME	6-0	6
4.	North Carolina (1)	5-0	7
5.	Tennessee (2)	4-1	1
6.	Georgia	4-1	3
7.	Texas	2-2	4
8.	<i>Connecticut</i>	1-1	8
9.	<i>Duke</i>	5-1	9
10.	<i>Ohio State</i>	5-1	10
11.	Baylor	3-1	12
12.	Texas Tech	1-1	11
13.	<i>Purdue</i>	3-0	13
14.	Vanderbilt	4-0	15
15.	<i>Michigan State</i>	4-1	14
16.	DePaul	4-0	19
17.	Kansas State	3-1	16
18.	Minnesota	4-1	17
19.	<i>Rutgers</i>	4-0	18
20.	Louisiana Tech	2-0	21
21.	<i>Boston College</i>	3-1	20
22.	TCU	5-1	NR
23.	Maryland	3-1	22
24.	Houston	5-0	NR
25.	Arizona	4-1	24

Italics indicates 2004-05 Notre Dame opponents

A QUICK LOOK AT THE FIGHTING IRISH

With four starters and seven monogram winners back in the fold, Notre Dame would appear to have all the pieces in place for a magical 2004-05 season.

Tested early and often by both a rugged schedule (seven games in the first 18 days of the season) and demanding opposition (No. 6 Duke and No. 10 Ohio State), the Irish have been up to the challenge, opening with seven consecutive victories and claiming the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT championship. The pollsters have apparently taken notice of Notre Dame's success, as the Irish moved up to No. 3 in the latest Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls released earlier this week.

Despite the added focus shown to her by opposing teams, senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** has been a major catalyst in the early-season charge for the Irish, averaging 20.4 points, 6.3 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game with a 2.64 assist/turnover ratio (29 assists, 11 turnovers). She was named the Preseason WNIT Most Valuable Player and BIG EAST Player of the Week on Nov. 22 after logging a career-high 32 points in the WNIT championship game against Ohio State. She has scored in double digits in all seven Irish games this season and has been Notre Dame's leading scorer five times. In her last outing Tuesday at Valparaiso, Batteast notched her first double-double of the year with game highs of 25 points and 10 rebounds.

Junior guard **Megan Duffy** also has stepped up her play this season, registering 14.1 points and a team-high 5.0 assists per game, serving as the focal point on an Irish offense that has raised its scoring average by almost eight points per game from last year. Duffy also leads Notre Dame with a .974 free throw percentage (37-for-38) this season, following a 6-for-6 effort Tuesday night at Valparaiso.

Another aspect of Notre Dame's sharp play this season has been the contributions from its reserves, who are averaging 16.3 points per game. Freshman guard **Charel Allen** has been the leading bench contributor early on, averaging 8.0 points, 5.6 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game. Her play was critical in the Preseason WNIT semifinal win over Duke, as she scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half to help the Irish come back from an eight-point deficit and eliminate the Blue Devils. Sophomore forward **Crystal Erwin** also has stepped to the forefront in the past three Notre Dame wins, averaging 8.3 points per game with a .632 field goal percentage (12-for-19).

SOME POTENT NOTABLES ABOUT THE FIGHTING IRISH

- Notre Dame is 7-0 for only the second time in school history, with both coming in the past five seasons. The 2000-01 squad opened with a 23-game win streak en route to school's first national championship.
- The Irish have risen to their highest ranking (No. 3) since the end of the 2000-01 season. That year, Notre Dame was second in the final Associated Press poll (taken before the NCAA Tournament) and first in the year-end ESPN/USA Today poll. That '00-01 squad is the only other Irish team to appear in the top three in the AP poll at any point during the season.
- Including Thursday night's game, Notre Dame has been ranked in the top 10 of the AP poll in three of its last four games against Michigan State. In 1998-99, the Irish were seventh and claimed a 75-64 win, and in 1999-2000, Notre Dame again was seventh and earned an 84-54 victory.
- Notre Dame currently owns a 25-game homecourt winning streak entering Thursday's game with Michigan State. That's the second-longest home winning streak in school history (51 games from 1998-2002) and it's the fifth-longest active run in the nation (as of Nov. 30).
- Notre Dame has won 52 of its last 54 non-conference home games, dating back to 1994-95.
- The Irish have posted 32 wins over Top 25 opponents in the past seven seasons (1998-99 to present), including two in its first four games this year (76-65 vs. No. 6 Duke and 66-62 vs. No. 10 Ohio State).
- The Irish have defeated 20 top-10 opponents in their history, adding to that total with their victories over sixth-ranked Duke and 10th-ranked Ohio State in the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT.
- Head coach **Muffet McGraw** needs three victories to pass Digger Phelps for the most wins ever by a Notre Dame basketball coach (men's or women's). In 17-plus seasons with the Irish, McGraw has a 391-149 (.724) record, which also puts her just nine victories shy of the 400-win mark for her Notre Dame career.

A QUICK LOOK AT MICHIGAN STATE

During the past two seasons, Michigan State has emerged as one of the nation's rising power programs. The Spartans have made consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and finished in the upper half of the always-tough Big Ten Conference. Last season, MSU went 22-9 to register its first 20-win campaign since 1996-97, and was ranked as high as 15th, its best ever poll placement.

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Batteast*	F	6-2	Sr.	20.4	6.3	4.1 apg	Picked up 33rd career dbl-dbl at Valpo (25p, 10r)
41	Courtney LaVere	F	6-3	Jr.	9.0	5.2	1.5 apg	Game-time decision for Mich. State (sprained ankle)
12	Teresa Borton*	C	6-3	Sr.	7.4	6.4	1.6 bpg	Plucked nine rebounds in Tuesday's win at Valpo
13	Megan Duffy*	G	5-7	Jr.	14.1	3.1	5.0 apg	Scored season-high 20 points at Valparaiso
32	Breona Gray	G	5-7	So.	5.6	4.0	2.0 apg	Grabbed six-plus rebs. in three of first four games

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
1	Tulyah Gaines	G	5-6	Fr.	0.7	1.0	1.0 spg	Limited time while recovering from neck inj. (ISU)
2	Charel Allen	G	5-11	Fr.	8.0	5.6	2.0 apg	Had six points, including key late basket at Valpo
3	Susie Powers	G	5-10	So.	0.6	1.4	1.2 apg	Has six assists with just one turnover this season
11	Amanda Tsipis	G	5-10	Fr.	0.7	0.0	0.0 apg	Walk-on frosh nailed late basket in win over ISU
33	Melissa D'Amico	F/C	6-5	Fr.	2.8	2.5	0.7 bpg	Played season-high 13 minutes Tuesday at Valpo
34	Crystal Erwin	F	6-1	So.	5.4	2.9	0.7 apg	Made first career start at Valparaiso (4 pts. in 13 min.)

Boldface indicates statistical leaders // * - indicates team captain

Building off last year's NCAA second-round appearance, the Spartans (4-1) opened with four consecutive victories this year and jumped up to 13th in the Associated Press poll before an 80-75 setback to then-unranked TCU late last Sunday night in the championship game of the Rainbow Wahine Classic in Honolulu. Sharpshooting guard Lindsay Bowen scored 33 points and center Kelli Roehrig added 22 points for Michigan State, which had a 10-point lead midway through the second half before the Horned Frogs rallied for the victory.

The Spartans show a balanced offensive attack with four players currently scoring in double figures. Roehrig sets the tone at 16.0 ppg., along with team bests of 8.2 rebounds per game and a .618 field goal percentage. Bowen is tied for second on the squad with forward Liz Shimek at 14.6 ppg., with Bowen connecting at a .478 clip from the three-point line and Shimek grabbing 8.0 rebounds a night. Bowen's backcourt mate, Kristin Haynie, rounds out the double-digit quartet at 10.4 ppg., pairing up with a team-high 4.4 assists and 4.0 steals per game.

Head coach Joanne P. McCallie has been the architect of Michigan State's renaissance, charting a 72-53 (.576) record since she arrived from Maine in 2000. Now in her 13th season as a collegiate head coach, the energetic McCallie has a career mark of 239-126 (.655).

THE MICHIGAN STATE SERIES

Michigan State leads the all-time series with Notre Dame, 7-4, including a 3-2 edge when the scene shifts to the Joyce Center, site of Thursday night's game. Notre Dame has won two of the past three matchups in the series, although MSU won the last time they squared off, 92-63 on Nov. 26, 2003 in East Lansing.

Although the Irish record books do not reflect it, the teams actually met for the first time in 1975, with the Spartans winning, 84-23 in East Lansing. That game is not counted in the series record since Notre Dame's women's basketball program had not yet been granted varsity status, something it would achieve for the 1977-78 season.

The Irish moved up from Division III to Division I in 1980-81 and began facing Michigan State on a regular basis as part of its new schedule. The two schools played one another four times in the next five seasons, with the Spartans winning the first three before Notre Dame got its first series victory early in the 1984-85 campaign.

Since that time, the teams have played two-year, home-and-away series on four occasions (including the past two seasons). Each side has swept the two-game set once (ND in 1998-99; MSU in 1994-95) with the third twinbill being played (1988-89).

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	MSU
Overall record	7-0	4-1
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	3/3	15/15

SCORING

Points scored per game	72.1	74.2
Points allowed per game	59.9	62.6
Field goal percentage	.438	.435
Three-point percentage	.404	.288
Free throw percentage	.784	.680

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	40.3	42.4
Opponent rebs. per game	34.7	37.2
Rebounding margin	+5.6	+5.2

OTHER

Assists per game	17.4	15.8
Turnovers per game	16.0	14.8
Assist/turnover ratio	1.09	1.07
Blocked shots per game	5.6	4.6
Steals per game	10.4	11.2

THE KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly radio show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** airs at 7 p.m. (Central time) each Thursday on ESPN Radio 1000 in Chicago (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). Now in its fifth season, "The Kevin White Show" 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 MICHIGAN STATE SERIES

Series: Michigan State leads 7-4. Games Played at Notre Dame: Michigan State leads 3-2.

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

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	730	60.8
Michigan State	767	63.9

Current Win Streak: Michigan State - 1 game

McGraw vs. Michigan State: 3-4

McCallie vs. Notre Dame: 1-0

McGraw vs. McCallie: McCallie leads 1-0

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

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

ND Longest Win Streak: 2, twice (1984-88; '98-99)

MSU Longest Win Streak: 3 (1981-84)

WHEN THE GAME IS ON THE LINE ...

Here's a look at Notre Dame's performance at the free throw line in the final five minutes of regulation this season:

Charel Allen	6-6 (1.000)
Megan Duffy	15-16 (.938)
Jacqueline Batteast	4-5 (.800)
Courtney LaVere	4-5 (.800)
Melissa D'Amico	1-2 (.500)
Breona Gray	1-2 (.500)
Teresa Borton	0-1 (.000)
TOTAL	31-37 (.838)

ADDITIONAL NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN STATE SERIES NOTES

- Five games in the series have been decided by single digits, with Michigan State winning four of those contests (including an overtime victory in 1995).
- One of the determining factors in the series has been Notre Dame's defense vs. the Michigan State offense. When the Irish hold the Spartans to 65 points or less, they are 4-1. Conversely, when the Spartans crack the 65-point mark, they are 6-0. For reference purposes, Notre Dame has limited Michigan State to 64.0 ppg. in five previous visits to South Bend.
- Thursday's game will mark the fourth time Notre Dame has been ranked when facing Michigan State. The Irish are 2-1 against the Spartans as a ranked team, winning as the No. 7 team in the nation in both 1998 (75-64) and 1999 (84-54), while MSU downed the 17th-ranked Irish last season (92-63). The Spartans will enter Thursday's game ranked for the first time in their 12-game series with Notre Dame.
- The 87-83 overtime win by MSU in 1995 represents a rarity in recent Notre Dame basketball history. It is one of only three times in the past decade that the Irish have lost when scoring at least 80 points in a game (covering a span of 92 games).

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND MICHIGAN STATE MET

No. 17 Notre Dame suffered a disappointing setback, falling at Michigan State, 92-63, on Nov. 26, 2003, at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, Mich. The Irish simply ran into a highly-motivated Spartan club that shot the lights out, hitting 56.7 percent from the floor (.545 from the three-point line) and forcing the Irish to play from behind virtually the entire night.

Jacqueline Batteast and Courtney LaVere each scored a team-high 12 points for Notre Dame, with Batteast chipping in a team-best five rebounds. As a team, the Irish shot well from the floor, posting a .480 field goal percentage, but they were soundly beaten on the glass by a 40-20 count (going the entire first half without an offensive rebound).

MSU's one-two backcourt punch of Lindsay Bowen (26 points) and Kristin Haynie (23 points) combined to shoot a staggering 16-of-21 (.762) from the field, including a .667 mark from beyond the arc. Haynie also added a game-high seven assists, while center Kelli Roehrig came off the bench to collect 10 points in only 15 minutes of court time.

The game itself was close until late in the first half, when Michigan State went on a 14-2 run during the final seven minutes to take a 45-29 lead at the break. Notre Dame climbed back to within 11 points (51-40) four minutes into the second half, but a 13-2 Spartan run midway through the period halted any chances for an Irish comeback. The final margin would prove to be MSU's largest lead of the night.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND MICHIGAN STATE MET AT THE JOYCE CENTER

No. 7/6 Notre Dame led almost all the way and 11 different Irish players cracked the scoring column in a 84-54 victory over Michigan State on Dec. 11, 1999 at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame shot 52.8 percent from the floor and held a 44-37 edge on the glass in the win.

Ruth Riley paced a trio of Notre Dame players in double figures, winding up with a game-high 18 points (9-11 FG) and six blocks, while Niele Ivey had a double-double with 14 points and 11 assists. Ericka Haney chipped in with 14 points and seven rebounds for the Irish, who registered 32 assists on 38 field goals and forced 24 Spartan turnovers. Kristen Rasmussen had 15 points and eight rebounds to lead Michigan State.

It was a tight ballgame for much of the first half,

LAST IRISH GAME VS. MICHIGAN ST.

Michigan State 92, #17/17 Notre Dame 63
November 26, 2003
Breslin Center (East Lansing, Mich.)

Notre Dame (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	33	5-12	1-1	1-3	5	2	3	12
LaVere	29	6-9	0-0	0-2	4	2	1	12
Borton	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Severe	25	2-5	1-2	0-1	1	1	5	5
Duffy	32	3-6	1-3	0-0	1	6	3	7
Powers	7	0-2	0-2	2-2	1	0	1	2
Joyce	17	3-5	3-5	0-0	0	0	0	9
Hernandez	13	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Gray	5	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	4
Flecky	22	3-5	0-0	3-5	3	0	0	9
Erwin	6	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	0	3	3
Weese	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					3			
Totals	200	24-50	6-14	9-16	20	11	20	63

Michigan State (92)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Pagel	20	3-9	0-0	2-2	7	4	4	8
Shimek	32	4-6	0-0	0-0	6	1	2	8
Haynie	32	7-9	1-2	8-9	4	7	0	23
Bowen	32	9-12	5-7	3-4	4	4	3	26
Haynes	27	3-8	0-1	0-0	5	0	3	6
Lucas-Perry	10	0-1	0-1	4-4	0	1	0	4
McKinney	18	2-4	0-0	1-2	9	0	1	5
Roehrig	15	5-8	0-0	0-1	1	1	3	10
Grantham	11	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2
Bannister	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Team					2			
Totals	200	34-60	6-11	18-22	40	19	19	92

Notre Dame	29	34	--	63
Michigan State	45	47	--	92

FG Pct: Notre Dame 48.0, Michigan State 56.7. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.9, Michigan State 54.5. FT Pct: Notre Dame 56.3, Michigan State 81.8. Turnovers: Notre Dame 19, Michigan State 15. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 5, Michigan State 3. Steals: Notre Dame 8, Michigan State 12 (Haynes 4). Attendance: 4,163.



but Notre Dame pulled free of the Spartans with a 22-10 run late in the period to take a 15-point lead into the locker room. The margin stayed the same through the first four minutes of the second half, before the Irish put together a 23-4 run the spanned the next 7:36 to blow the game wide open.

NOTRE DAME AGAINST THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

Notre Dame is 28-42 (.400) all-time against the current alignment of the Big Ten Conference, although the Irish have a winning record at home (16-14, .533) against Big Ten schools. Notre Dame has played all 11 members of the Big Ten, owning .500 or better records against Indiana (5-3), Wisconsin (4-2), Northwestern (2-1), Ohio State (1-1) and Iowa (1-0).

Michigan State is the second of three Big Ten opponents on Notre Dame's 2004-05 regular-season schedule. Back on Nov. 20, the Irish downed No. 10/9 Ohio State, 66-62 in the championship game of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT, rallying from eight points back in the final five minutes to earn the victory. Notre Dame's third Big Ten opponent, Purdue, will come to town Jan. 16 for the second annual BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge, with that game to be televised nationally on ESPN2.

CLIMBING THE LADDER

The Irish moved up to third in the Associated Press this week after avoiding the Thanksgiving weekend upset bug that claimed No. 1 Tennessee, No. 3 Georgia and No. 4 Texas among its victims. Notre Dame's No. 3 ranking is its highest in either major national poll since the end of the 2000-01 season, when the Irish were second in the AP poll and first in the ESPN/USA Today balloting after winning the program's first national championship (the final AP poll was taken before the NCAA Tournament). In fact, that '00-01 team is the only other Notre Dame squad that has ever been ranked in the top three of either national poll at any point during the season.

POLLING PLACE

Notre Dame is 168-40 (.808) all-time when it is ranked in the Associated Press poll at tipoff (the Irish are third entering Thursday night's game against Michigan State). When playing at home, Notre Dame has been especially strong, going 78-8 (.907) as a ranked host after opening this season with five consecutive victories at the Joyce Center. Conversely, the Irish are 66-24 (.733) all-time when they play on the road as a ranked team.

Upon closer inspection, Notre Dame has been very sharp when it's ranked in the top 10 of the AP poll. The Irish are 93-15 (.861) as a top-10 squad, including a 45-2 (.957) record at home. In fact, Notre Dame currently has a 41-game home winning streak when it is ranked in the AP top 10, ever since the No. 6 Irish lost to top-ranked Connecticut, 106-81 on Dec. 8, 1998.

CHARGING FROM THE GATE

Notre Dame's 7-0 start is the second-best season debut in school history and it's only the second time ever that the Irish have opened with seven consecutive victories. Here's a peek at the best starts in Notre Dame women's basketball history:

Season	Opening record	Final record (result)
2000-01	23-0	34-2 (NCAA champion)
2004-05	7-0	??
1998-99	6-0	26-5 (NCAA second round)
1977-78	5-0	13-4 (IAIAW Tournament)
2002-03	4-0	21-11 (NCAA Sweet Sixteen)
1993-94	4-0	22-7 (NCAA first round)

IRISH PLAYING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Nov. 22 game with Colorado State capped off a rugged early-season stretch for Notre Dame that saw the Irish play five times in the first 11 days of the campaign. The last time Notre Dame had such a compressed start to the season was 2000-01, when the Irish played their first five games in a 10-day span. They wound up winning all five contests, highlighted by victories over No. 19 Wisconsin and No. 6 Georgia at the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge.

Actually, Notre Dame isn't quite off the hook as far as quick turnarounds are concerned. By the time the Irish leave the floor after facing No. 15 Michigan State on Thursday night, they will have played eight games in 20 days, with just one break of more than three days in that time frame (between road games at USC game Nov. 26 and Valparaiso this past Tuesday night).

The schedule finally becomes a bit kinder to Notre Dame after the MSU game. The Irish will play just

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

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IN-SEASON INTERVIEW POLICY

All requests for Notre Dame player or coach interviews must be made through **Chris Masters** and 24 hours' notice should be allowed when scheduling interviews. Media members also may speak to Irish team personnel following practice sessions. While most practices are open to the media, some may be closed at the staff's discretion — contact **Chris Masters** for the latest practice schedule. On game days, no interviews will be granted prior to competition.

POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES

Following each Irish home game, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players, followed by the visiting head coach and selected players, will be available to speak with the media. Press conferences will be held in the Joyce Center auditorium, located adjacent to Gate 1 on the first floor of the arena. Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to **Chris Masters** no later than the four-minute mark of the second half.

MEDIA SERVICES

- Credentials for all Notre Dame women's basketball games must be submitted to **Chris Masters** at least 24 hours prior to each game. Media passes will be left at the Joyce Center Media Will Call table, located inside Gate 1.
- Media should park in the lots located immediately south of the Joyce Center (no charge).
- Media members wishing to receive Notre Dame women's basketball game notes and press releases in PDF form via e-mail should send requests to **Chris Masters** at masters.5@nd.edu.
- Notre Dame's official athletics department web site can be found at www.und.com, with extensive offerings including live audio for all Irish women's basketball games (home and away), as well as real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home games.



BIG EAST STANDINGS
(through games of Nov. 30)

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	NOTRE DAME	0-0	7-0
	Rutgers	0-0	4-0
	St. John's	0-0	4-0
	Syracuse	0-0	4-0
	West Virginia	0-0	4-0
	Pittsburgh	0-0	3-0
7.	Boston College	0-0	3-1
	Villanova	0-0	3-1
9.	Seton Hall	0-0	2-2
	Connecticut	0-0	1-1
11.	Georgetown	0-0	1-2
12.	Providence	0-0	0-4

**BIG EAST
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 22... **Jacqueline Batteast**, Notre Dame
 Nov. 29 Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia

**BIG EAST
FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 22 Sara Antolick, Syracuse
 Nov. 29 Andrea Peterson, St. John's

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls this season:

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	10	11
Nov. 15	11	10
Nov. 22	6	6
Nov. 29	3	3

four times during the ensuing 30 days, with the trickiest stretch coming with games at Dayton (Dec. 9) and home against Washington (Dec. 11).

THE SEASON FOR SHARING

One of the key elements in Notre Dame's early success has been its penchant for distributing the ball well. In fact, the Irish have 122 assists (17.4 apg.) on 183 field goals made (26.1 per game) in their first seven outings, including a Preseason WNIT-record 29 handouts in the season opener vs. Illinois State. Junior guard **Megan Duffy** leads the way, averaging 5.0 assists per game with at least five dimes in four of her first seven contests.

LOTS OF FREE STUFF

When given the opportunity, Notre Dame has taken advantage of its trips to the free throw line this season. The Irish are shooting 78.4 percent from the charity stripe, led by junior guard **Megan Duffy** (.974, 37-38), senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (.842, 32-38) and freshman guard **Charel Allen** (16-19, .842). Batteast has shown the greatest improvement among all Irish players with a better than 22-percent jump from last year's career low .627 mark. What's most impressive is the fact that as a team, Notre Dame is connecting on almost 84 percent of its foul shots (31-37) in the final five minutes of regulation, often times with the game in the balance (see chart on page 4).

One side note about Duffy's free throw prowess — the Irish junior struggled at the line early in her freshman season, shooting just 59.3 percent (16-27) during her first 15 collegiate games. However, in the 56 games since then (Jan. 20, 2003 to present), Duffy is connecting at an .869 clip (152-175) on her foul shots. She also has made 45 of her last 47 free throws (.957) in the past 13 Irish games, dating back to Feb. 28, 2004.

THE VALPARAISO RECAP

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** had game highs of 25 points and 10 rebounds and junior guard Megan Duffy added a season-high 20 points for the Irish (7-0), who needed a 12-4 surge in the final 4:30 to avoid becoming the fourth top-five team to be upset in the last 10 days.

Betsy Rietema scored 14 of her 16 points in the second half for Valparaiso (1-3), which stayed competitive throughout in a series dominated by Notre Dame. Coming into the game, the Irish had won the previous 17 games of the series by an average of 20 points.

The Irish appeared well on their way to another easy win after Batteast scored 11 of Notre Dame's first 13 points to key a 21-9 start. But the Crusaders responded with a 9-2 run keyed by strong inside play from Tamra Braun, and opened the second half with an 8-3 spurt to make a game of it.

Down 53-43 with just under nine minutes to play, the Crusaders went on an 8-0 run to get back in the game. Rietema scored six points during the charge, including a driving layup that cut the lead to two points with 6:18 to play.

But the momentum changed on the next play. Batteast got a layup off an inbounds pass that quieted the crowd, senior center Teresa Borton hit two free throws to pad the lead, and the Irish held on to narrowly avoid another upset in women's basketball. Tennessee, Georgia and Texas lost last week, allowing the Irish to climb to No. 3 in the Associated Press poll.

Notre Dame avoided a similar fate by outrebounding Valpo 43-27, making all 18 of its free throws and holding the Crusaders to 35-percent shooting. The Irish were also able to limit Valpo forward Jenna Stangler, who came into the game averaging 21.3 points, but was hounded by Irish double teams all night. Valpo's top scorer didn't get a shot off in the first six minutes and finished with 14 points on 6-of-10 shooting.

NOTING THE VALPARAISO VICTORY

- Notre Dame is off to the second-best start in school history (7-0), surpassing the 6-0 debut the Irish made in 1998-99; the school record remains the 23-0 start by the 2000-01 national championship squad.
- The Irish are 18-0 all-time against Valparaiso, including an 8-0 mark on the road (5-0 at the Athletics-Recreation Center).
- Notre Dame also is 21-0 all-time against the current Mid-Continent Conference membership.
- The Irish are 101-31 (.765) in their history against other Indiana schools.
- Notre Dame set a new school record for free throw percentage (min. 15 attempts), going a perfect 18-for-18 at the free throw line; the old record was .960 (24-for-25) against Marquette on Dec. 1, 1993.



- The Irish committed a season-low 10 turnovers, their fewest giveaways since a 10-turnover day vs. No. 5 Penn State in last year's NCAA East Regional Semifinal in Hartford, Conn.
- Notre Dame has held its last six opponents to 65 points or less, and its last three foes have not cracked 60 points.
- The Valparaiso game was the seventh in the first 18 days of the season for Notre Dame (averaging one game every 2.6 days).
- Senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast recorded her first double-double of the year and the 33rd of her career; she breaks a tie with Mary Beth Schueth for third place on Notre Dame's career double-doubles list (Ruth Riley is next with 36, while Katryna Gaither had a school-record 40 from 1993-97).
- Batteast also moved into eighth place on the Irish career scoring list with 1,458 points, passing Sheila McMillen (1,439 from 1995-99); up next is Sandy Botham, who had 1,460 points from 1984-88.
- Batteast's 25 points give her 24 career 20-point games, pushing her into sixth place on the school's all-time chart ahead of both Shari Matvey (1979-83) and Heidi Bunek (1985-89), who each had 23; Alicia Ratay is next on the list with 26 from 1999-2003.
- Batteast's double-digit scoring outing was the 79th of her career, lifting her into sixth place in that category at Notre Dame, ahead of Trena Keys (78 from 1982-86); up ahead is Karen Robinson's mark of 82 from 1987-91.
- Junior guard Megan Duffy scored a season-high 20 points, the third 20-point game of her career (first since a 22-point night at Georgetown on Jan. 7, 2004).
- Notre Dame had two 20-point scorers for the first time since Dec. 4, 2003, when Duffy had a career-high 25 points and Courtney LaVere added 22 points in an 82-64 win over Wisconsin at the Joyce Center.

SPORTSVIEW.TV PRESEASON WNIT REWIND

Punctuated by emotional second-half rallies in the semifinal and final, Notre Dame won four consecutive games to claim the 2004 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT championship. The Irish capped off their season-opening charge with a 66-62 victory over No. 10/9 Ohio State in the title game, scoring the final 12 points of the contest to erase an eight-point Buckeye lead with a little more than five minutes remaining. That win came on the heels of a 76-65 semifinal conquest of No. 6 Duke, a victory that also saw Notre Dame come back from an eight-point deficit late in the second half.

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was named the tournament Most Valuable Player after averaging 21.5 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.3 assists with a .507 field goal percentage in the four-game series. Batteast was at her best in the final two games, scoring a game-high 17 points vs. Duke (including a personal 10-0 run that put the Irish ahead for good) and then rolling up a career-best 32 points in the championship game against Ohio State. In that latter contest, she had another 10-point run in the first half and later scored seven of her team's last 12 points, including the go-ahead jumper with 2:45 to play. However, her biggest contribution came with two seconds remaining, when she raced from beyond the top of the key all the way to the deep corner, blocking OSU's potential game-tying three-pointer to cement Notre Dame's title.

Not to be overlooked, junior guard **Megan Duffy** earned a place on the Preseason WNIT all-tournament team after recording 15.0 points and 6.0 assists per game with a .500 field goal percentage (.600 from beyond the arc). She was the catalyst for an Irish offense that averaged nearly 77 points per game and dished out better than 20 assists per night in the tournament, including a Preseason WNIT-record 29 assists in the first round vs. Illinois State.

BATTEAST RAKES IN PRESEASON HONORS

Senior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind.) has been squarely in the national spotlight during the past three months as the 2004-05 campaign gets underway. In fact, no less than seven different outlets have placed the 6-foot-2 wing among the nation's elite women's college basketball players heading into this season (see chart on page 8 for complete rundown of honors).

The run began in August, when Batteast was selected to the John R. Wooden Women's Award Preseason All-American Team, also putting her on a list of the top 30 candidates for the Wooden Women's Award that is presented to the nation's top women's college basketball player. This marks the second consecutive year in which Batteast has been accorded preseason honors from the Wooden Women's Award.

Shortly thereafter, Batteast's name was placed on the 31-player watch list for the State Farm/Women's

2004-05 BIG EAST PRESEASON POLL

1.	Connecticut (10)	120
2.	NOTRE DAME (2)	105
3.	Boston College	97
4.	Rutgers	96
5.	Villanova	86
6.	West Virginia	68
7.	Seton Hall	58
8.	St. John's	43
9.	Syracuse	42
10.	Georgetown	39
11.	Pittsburgh	27
12.	Providence	11

(first place votes are listed in parentheses)

2004-05 Preseason Player of the Year
Jacqueline Batteast, Sr., F, 6-2, Notre Dame

2004-05 Preseason Freshman of the Year
 Charde Houston, Fr., G/F, 6-1, Connecticut

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team[^]

- ***Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame, Sr., F**
- Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College, Sr., G
- Yolanda Paige, West Virginia, Sr., G
- Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers, Sr., G
- Ann Strother, Connecticut, Jr., G
- Liad Suez, Villanova, Jr., F
- *Barbara Turner, Connecticut, Jr., G/F

** - unanimous selection*

[^] - due to tie in voting, seven players are on first team

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

- Meg Bulger, West Virginia, So., G
- Angela Clark, St. John's, So., F
- Megan Duffy, Notre Dame, Jr., G**
- Jessica Moore, Connecticut, Sr., F/C
- Kathrin Ress, Boston College, So., F



2004-05 IRISH HONORS

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

Basketball News Preseason Player of the Year
 State Farm/WBCA Wade Trophy Watch List
 Naismith Trophy Watch List

John R. Wooden Women's Award Watch List
 Preseason All-American:

- first team (Associated Press)
- first team (*Lindy's Annual*)
- first team (*Basketball News*)
- second team (*Gballmag.com*)
- "Terrific 10" (*Street & Smith's*)
- John R. Wooden Women's Award (*top 30*)

ESPN.com top five wings in country
 BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year
 Preseason first-team all-BIG EAST (*unanimous*)
 Bayer Advantage® Senior CLASS Award nominee
 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT MVP
 BIG EAST Player of the Week (Nov. 22)

Megan Duffy (Jr., Dayton, Ohio)

Preseason second-team all-BIG EAST
 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT All-Tournament Team

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.	2/10/02	#16 Boston Coll.	W, 60-44	9,676
4.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
5.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
6.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
7.	2/14/04	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
8.	1/13/04	#4 Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574
9.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
10.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
11.	1/20/03	#3 Connecticut	L, 53-72	8,265
12.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
13.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
14.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
15.	2/26/02	Villanova	L, 45-48	7,785
16.	2/19/02	West Virginia	W, 72-63	7,709
17.	1/18/03	Rutgers	L, 61-64	7,697
18.	2/13/02	St. John's	W, 66-31	7,677
19.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
20.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530

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

Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Wade Trophy, that also goes to the country's top female collegiate cager. Like the Wooden Award, this is Batteast's second consecutive appearance on the Wade Trophy Watch List.

In early September, two national publications came out with their preseason All-America teams and Batteast was a top selection by both outlets. *Lindy's College Basketball Annual* touted Batteast as a preseason first-team All-America selection, while *Street & Smith's* put the South Bend native on its preseason "Terrific 10" list, highlighting what it believes to be the 10 best players in the country.

The web-based publication *Gballmag.com* also chimed in on Batteast's abilities, making her a pre-season second-team All-America selection in October.

Earlier this week, two more honors came Batteast's way. The Associated Press named her to its exclusive five-player preseason All-America team, while the Naismith Trophy placed her on its 50-player preseason watch list for the award, which goes to the nation's top player.

However, Batteast's highest honor to date came in late October, when *Basketball News* chose her as its 2004-05 Preseason National Player of the Year. The magazine also made her a preseason first-team All-America choice. All three preseason publications (*Lindy's*, *Street & Smith's* and *Basketball News*) are currently available at newsstands across the country.

BATTEAST, DUFFY EARN PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

Notre Dame senior forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (South Bend, Ind./Washington HS) was chosen as the 2004-05 BIG EAST Conference Preseason Player of the Year, according to a vote of the league's head coaches. In addition, Batteast was a unanimous preseason first-team all-conference selection, while Irish junior guard **Megan Duffy** (Dayton, Ohio/Chaminade-Julienne HS) was named a preseason second-team all-BIG EAST honoree. The preseason all-conference teams were announced Oct. 28 at BIG EAST Women's Basketball Media Day, which was held at the Liberty Airport Hilton in Newark, N.J.

Batteast, a fifth-team All-America pick by *Basketball Times* and honorable mention All-America choice by the Associated Press last season, is the first player from a school other than Connecticut to be chosen as the BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year since Miami's Vicki Plowden in 1992. Plowden went on to earn first-team all-conference honors and was the Most Outstanding Player of the 1993 BIG EAST Championship, which Miami won.

Batteast is coming off the finest campaign of her Notre Dame career, averaging personal bests of 16.0 points and 8.6 rebounds per game while garnering first-team all-BIG EAST Conference honors, her third consecutive all-league selection. In addition, Batteast was dominating in the 2004 NCAA Tournament, averaging 22.0 points and 11.7 rebounds per game with a .483 field goal percentage and three double-doubles as the Irish advanced to the Sweet Sixteen and came within a minute of ousting top-seeded Penn State in the regional semifinals before falling, 55-49. Her performances against Top 25 opponents last season also were sharp, as she registered 16.3 points, 9.0 rebounds and 1.5 blocks with five double-doubles and three near double-doubles in 11 games.

Duffy was chosen as the 2004 BIG EAST Most Improved Player and was an honorable mention all-conference selection last season after averaging 9.9 points and 3.9 assists per game. She posted a nearly 100 percent improvement in both her field goal (.403) and three-point (.404) percentages while more than tripling her scoring average from her freshman season. She also was a steady influence at the point guard position, ranking seventh in the BIG EAST in assist/turnover ratio (1.36) and free throw percentage (.819). She is set to begin her second full season as a starter for the Irish next month.

NOTRE DAME RANKED SECOND IN PRESEASON BIG EAST POLL

According to a preseason survey of the BIG EAST Conference coaches, Notre Dame is expected to finish second in the conference this season. Those were the results released at the league's annual Media Day Oct. 28 in Newark, N.J. The Irish earned 105 points, including two first-place votes, which placed them behind only three-time defending national champion Connecticut (120 points, 10 first-place votes). Boston College was third, followed by Rutgers, Villanova and West Virginia. All six of those schools qualified for the NCAA Tournament last season, with Notre Dame, Connecticut and Boston College all advancing to the Sweet Sixteen.

Notre Dame is beginning its 10th season as a member of the BIG EAST Conference in 2004-05. The Irish have gone 124-28 (.816) all-time in regular-season conference games, posting the best winning percentage in league history. Connecticut is second with a .778 success rate. Notre Dame also has finished either first or second in the final BIG EAST regular-season standings eight times in its first nine seasons in the conference, including a share of the BIG EAST title in 2000-01.



HALF AND HALF

Over the past five seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 83-7 (.922) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead. Notre Dame has added six wins to that count this season (Illinois State, Nebraska, Ohio State, Colorado State, USC and Valparaiso).

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

During the past decade, 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 133-6 (.957) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. That count includes this season's wins over Nebraska, Colorado State, USC and Valparaiso.

... 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 past decade (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 89-3 (.967) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame tacked another win to that ledger with its opening-night 92-73 win over Illinois State.

SWEET SUCCESS

Notre Dame is one of only five schools in the country to have appeared in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen six times in the past eight seasons (1997-2004). The others are Connecticut (eight times), Tennessee (eight times), Duke (seven times) and Louisiana Tech (seven times).

THE GOLD STANDARD

The Irish are one of just six teams nationwide to have an active streak of 11 consecutive 20-win seasons. The others in these elite club are Tennessee (28), Texas Tech (15), Louisiana Tech (13), Old Dominion (13) and Connecticut (11).

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 209 games over the past nine seasons, which stands as the eighth-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 (totals through games of Nov. 30):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	39	37	31	1	272
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	30	33	31	4	261
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	25	31	29	2	240
4. Duke	19	24	29	28	30	31	35	30	5	231
5. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	28	21	25	2	217
6. Purdue	17	23	34	23	31	24	29	29	3	214
7. UC Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	22	26	27	27	1	210
8. NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	20	21	21	7	209
9. Texas Tech	20	26	30	28	25	20	29	25	1	204

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 118 of their last 127 games (.929) at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center, including a current 25-game winning streak, the second-longest in school history and the fifth-longest active run in the nation (through games of Nov. 30). Notre Dame also has a 69-7 (.908) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game league winning streak at home before it was snapped with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the 2002 home finale.

The Irish have been particularly strong when it comes

LONGEST ACTIVE HOME WIN STREAKS

1. Texas	38
2. Arizona	30
3. (tie) Louisiana Tech	28
(tie) Western Illinois	28
5. NOTRE DAME	25
6. (tie) Delaware State	22
(tie) Southwest Missouri State	22
8. Old Dominion	19
9. (tie) Kansas State	15
(tie) Sacred Heart	15

(through games of Nov. 30)

2004-05 IRISH TRENDS

Day of the Week	
Sunday	1-0
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	1-0
Thursday	0-0
Friday	2-0
Saturday	1-0
Time of Game	
Day games (before 6 p.m. local time)	0-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	6-0
Location	
Home games	5-0
Road games	1-0
Neutral site games	0-0
Halftime score	
Leading at the half	5-0
Trailing at the half	1-0
Tied at the half	0-0
Rebounding margin	
Grab more rebounds than opponents	4-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	1-0
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	1-0
Field goal shooting	
Higher pct. than opponent	5-0
Lower pct. than opponent	1-0
Shoot 45% or better	1-0
Shoot less than 45%	5-0
Hold opponent under 40%	4-0
Free throw margin	
Make more free throws	5-0
Make fewer free throws	1-0
Make same number of free throws	0-0
Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers	4-0
Commit more turnovers	2-0
Miscellaneous	
Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	2-0
On television	2-0
In white jerseys	5-0
In blue jerseys	1-0
In green jerseys	0-0
In overtime games	0-0
Margin of Victory	
1-5 points	2-0
6-10 points	0-0
11-15 points	1-0
16-20 points	2-0
21+ points	1-0
Conference Affiliation	
BIG EAST	0-0
Atlantic Coast	1-0
Atlantic 10	0-0
Big Ten	1-0
Big 12	1-0
Conference USA	0-0
Mid-American	0-0
Mid-Continent	0-0
Missouri Valley	1-0
Mountain West	1-0
Pacific-10	1-0
Month	
November	6-0
December	0-0
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0



2004-05 IRISH INSIGHTS

- Several members of the Irish women's basketball team have attached a tiny medallion to their shoestrings with an engraving of the Guardian Angel on one side, while the other features an etching of St. Michael (a saint believed to protect warriors and guide them to victory in battle). The medallion was presented to them by a campus priest just before the start of the season.
- For the first time in the 28-year history of the Notre Dame women's basketball program, a player will wear jersey No. 1 (**Tulyah Gaines**) and No. 2 (**Charel Allen**) this season. The only remaining NCAA-approved jersey numbers an Irish player has never worn are No. 51, No. 53 and No. 54.
- Junior guard **Megan Duffy** does most things in her life right-handed, including eating, writing and swinging a golf club (she was a four-time all-city selection in high school). About the only thing she does left-handed? Shoot a basketball, which she's done quite well for the Irish for the past two seasons.
- Two Irish players — senior **Jacqueline Batteast** and junior **Courtney LaVere** — have designs on entering the broadcasting industry when their playing days are over. In fact, LaVere spent this past summer as an intern in the sports department at WNDU-TV, the NBC affiliate in South Bend.
- A close look at the shoes of sophomore guard **Breona Gray** reveals the words "Big Granny." Gray has dedicated this season to the memory of her late grandmother, Viola Johnson, whom she and her family affectionately knew as "Big Granny."
- Senior center **Teresa Borton** has developed into an accomplished amateur photographer during her stay at Notre Dame. In fact, on more than one occasion, Borton has been spotted among the crowd of shutterbugs on the baseline at Irish men's basketball games.

to non-conference games at home, winning 52 of their last 54 non-BIG EAST contests (.963) at the Joyce Center, dating back to the 1994-95 season. The only two losses in that span came to Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69) and Purdue in 2003 (71-54). The Purdue loss snapped a 33-game non-conference home winning streak which began after the UW setback.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, posting a 268-70 (.793) record at the venerable facility. In three of the past five seasons (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Irish were a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season.

JAMMIN' THE JOYCE

Beginning with its national championship season of 2000-01, Notre Dame has ranked in the top 15 in the nation in attendance each of the past four years. According to the Nov. 29 unofficial national attendance rankings (as compiled by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Office), Notre Dame is 11th in the nation with an average of 4,739 fans per game.

All of the top 20 crowds in the Irish record book have occurred during the 18-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw** (1987-present). And, as more evidence of Notre Dame's rapid elevation to "hot ticket" status in South Bend, 19 of the top 20 crowds in school history have been recorded in the past six seasons (1999-2000 to present), including 12 audiences of 8,000 or more fans, and 54 of the past 56 home games with at least 5,000 fans filing into the Joyce Center.

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

The Irish are scheduled to make at least eight appearances on regional or national television during the 2004-05 season (additional broadcasts may be announced at a later date).

Notre Dame made its TV debut this season on Nov. 20 when it defeated No. 10/9 Ohio State, 66-62 in the championship game of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT. That contest was shown globally via broadband Internet connection at www.sportsview.tv, as well either live or delayed on several Comcast SportsNet outlets nationwide. The American Forces Network, which broadcasts to more than one million U.S. service men and women in 176 countries, also aired the game.

The Irish return to the airwaves Thursday night when they play host to Michigan State on College Sports Television (CSTV). That's the first of three Notre Dame games that will air nationally on the fledgling cable network, which has signed an agreement with the BIG EAST Conference to carry a national women's basketball Game of the Week eight times in 2004-05. The Irish also will face Connecticut on Jan. 12 at the Joyce Center and visit Boston College on Feb. 15 in front of the CSTV cameras.

In addition, Notre Dame is scheduled to play twice on ESPN2 this season. On Jan. 16, the Irish will battle Purdue in the second annual BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge at the Joyce Center. Two weeks later on Jan. 30, Notre Dame travels to Storrs, Conn., to meet Connecticut at Gampel Pavilion.

The BIG EAST also has added two Irish games to its regional television package this season. Notre Dame will visit Villanova on Jan. 9 and will play host to Rutgers on Jan. 23, both on BIG EAST Television. Among those affiliates carrying the BETV package are Comcast SportsNet outlets in Chicago, Philadelphia and the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as Fox Sports Net outlets in New York, New England and Pittsburgh. Exact clearances will be made available closer to game time.

NOTRE DAME ON THE AIRWAVES

Once again this season, every Irish women's basketball game (home and away) airs on the flagship stations of the Artistic Media Partners (AMP) Network — WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend. Veteran broadcaster and AMP sports director **Sean Stires** is now in his fifth season handling the play-by-play for Notre Dame. The Irish also can be heard on the Internet at Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.und.com) by subscribing to College Sports Pass, which gives listeners full multimedia access to a variety of Irish athletics events for only \$6.95 per month.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

For the fourth time in school history (all during the **Muffet McGraw** era), Notre Dame will have three players sharing the captain's duties this year. Senior forward **Jacqueline Batteast**, senior center **Teresa Borton** and junior guard **Megan Duffy** all were accorded the honor based upon a vote of their teammates prior to the season. All three are serving as captains for the first time in their respective careers.



IRISH ADD TWO PLAYERS DURING EARLY SIGNING PERIOD

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** has announced that **Lindsay Schrader**, a 6-0 guard from Bartlett, Ill., and **Chandrica Smith**, a 6-1 forward from Stone Mountain, Ga., have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing National Letters of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2005.

With the additions of Schrader and Smith, Notre Dame's newest recruiting class is ranked 16th in the nation by *Blue Star Index*. That marks the ninth consecutive year the Irish have had a top-20 class, according to that publication, which makes Notre Dame one of only three schools in the nation that can claim that distinction (Connecticut and Tennessee are the others).

Schrader has been widely regarded as one of the top all-around players in the state of Illinois while attending Bartlett High School the past three seasons. She is a three-time all-state selection, a two-time Illinois Miss Basketball finalist, and a two-time *Street & Smith's* All-America selection who has averaged 20.1 points, 9.8 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 1.8 blocks per game in her prep career. Her finest all-around season came as a junior in 2003-04, when she averaged 20.8 ppg., 10.8 rpg. and 2.0 bpg. while earning first-team all-state honors from the Associated Press, *Chicago Tribune* and *Champaign News-Gazette*. She also was a sixth-team All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and was a finalist for Illinois Miss Basketball honors, an award she will likely contend for once again this season.

On the summer camp circuit, Schrader was an Underclass All-Star at the 2002 adidas Top Ten Camp, before attending the Nike All-America Camp in both 2003 and 2004. She is ranked among the top 30 high school seniors in the nation by three separate recruiting services — *Blue Star Index* (14th), *All-Game Sports* (21st) and *All-Star Girls Report* (26th overall — eighth among shooting guards).

In addition, Schrader made a significant impact at the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs. Playing for the North Team that won the silver medal, she ranked third at the Festival in scoring (14.8 ppg.) and rebounding (8.6 rpg.), as well as second in field goal percentage (.542). All three figures were team highs, as were her 2.2 steals per game. For her efforts, Schrader was invited to attend the 2004 USA Women's Junior World Championship Qualifying Team Trials, where she was one of 17 finalists for the 12-player team that won the gold medal this past August.

Smith currently attends Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., where she transferred prior to her senior season. Previously, she was a standout at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga., where she averaged 12.5 points, 8.1 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2.4 blocks per game with a .620 field goal percentage. She also was a key component in the Jaguars' run to a 32-1 record and the Georgia 5A state championship last year. In fact, during her first three prep seasons, her teams posted a combined 89-7 (.927) record with three trips to the Georgia state championship and one state title.

Smith herself has received numerous accolades during her high school career. She is a two-time honorable mention All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and was a *Student Sports* All-American in 2004. In addition, she attended the adidas Top Ten Camp three consecutive years and was named to its prestigious all-star team all three years (Underclass All-Star in 2002 & 2003; Upperclass All-Star in 2004). Last season, she was an honorable mention 5A all-state selection and a first-team all-county choice. She is ranked as high as 29th in the nation among high school seniors by *All-Star Girls Report*.

Like Schrader, Smith also attended the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs. Playing for the South Team, she averaged 5.4 points and 2.6 rebounds per game, scoring a personal-best 13 points in the bronze-medal game victory over the East squad.

MUFFET MCGRAW SIGNS CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH 2010-11 SEASON

On Nov. 6, Notre Dame announced that **Muffet McGraw** has signed a two-year extension to continue as head coach of the Notre Dame women's basketball program through the 2010-11 season.

McGraw, who is now in her 18th season with the Irish, most recently signed a four-year contract extension in July 2002 that took her through the 2008-09 season. Her first 17 seasons at Notre Dame have been highlighted by 15 20-win campaigns (including a current string of 11 straight), 11 NCAA tournament appearances (including a current streak of nine straight) and the 2001 NCAA title. Entering the 2004-05 season, she had a 384-149 (.720) record at Notre Dame.

In 2003-04, McGraw skillfully guided her team to a 21-11 record and a second consecutive berth in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen (the fourth for the Irish in five years). McGraw's charges placed second in the BIG EAST Conference, their eighth top-two finish since joining the league nine years ago. In addition, the Irish went 15-0 at home, their third perfect record at the Joyce Center in the past five seasons, and extended their overall home win streak to 20 games, the second-longest in school history and eighth-longest active string in the nation heading into the 2004-05 campaign.

GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks second among Division I-A institutions in five major student-athlete graduate rate categories — overall, football, men, women and African-American — according to statistics released in late October by the NCAA.

The federally mandated 2004 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1994 and 1997 at Division I institutions, including 117 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.

Among student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, 99 percent earned their degrees. The national average was 84 percent.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 87 percent of its student-athletes, second only to Duke University at 90 percent, and tied with Northwestern and Stanford Universities. The national average for Division I-A schools is 61 percent.

In August 2003, the NCAA presented an Academic Achievement Award to Notre Dame for its best-in-the-nation one-year graduation rate of 92 percent for all student-athletes who enrolled in 1996.

Notre Dame also graduated 71 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally, and Irish football players graduated at a 77 percent rate, to rank eighth.

All Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	90%
2.	(tie) Notre Dame	87
	(tie) Northwestern	87
	(tie) Stanford	87

Female Student-Athletes

1.	Northwestern	96%
2.	Duke	95
3.	Notre Dame	94

Male Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	88%
2.	Stanford	84
3.	Notre Dame	82



IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Total Points

5. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
7. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
8. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	1,458

Scoring Average

3. Ruth Riley (1997-01)	15.8
4. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	15.0
5. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	14.5

Three-Point Field Goals Made

7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	92
8. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	85
9. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	82
10. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	65

Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	241
8. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	231
9. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	216
10. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	177

Field Goal Percentage (min. 400 att.)

5. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	.579
6. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	.553
7. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	.5328
8. Teresa Borton (2001-pres.)	.5326 (278-522)

Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-2003)	.872
2. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	.832 (168-202)
3. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
4. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

Rebounds

4. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	853
5. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	826
6. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	791

Rebounding Average (min. 6.5 per game)

1. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	8.8
2. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	8.2
3. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	8.1
4. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	7.8

Blocked Shots

3. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	141
4. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	133
Shari Matvey (1979-83)	133
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	124
7. Teresa Borton (2001-present)	104

Double-Doubles

1. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	40
2. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	36
3. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	33
4. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	32

Boldface indicates current players

McGraw has continued to enhance her reputation as one of the nation's outstanding big-game coaches and tacticians, piloting Notre Dame to a school-record seven wins over top 25 teams during the 2003-04 regular season. During her 17-year tenure with the Irish, McGraw has compiled 40 victories over nationally-ranked opponents, including 30 in the past six seasons (an average of five per year).

Under McGraw's guidance, the past nine years have been the most successful in Notre Dame's history as the Irish have compiled an impressive 225-69 (.765) record, including a sparkling 124-28 (.816) regular-season mark in BIG EAST play, the best winning percentage in league history. Notre Dame also has averaged 25 victories per campaign during that span, with two 30-win seasons to its credit. The Irish have won at least one NCAA tournament game every season over that time, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen six times (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004) and the Final Four twice (1997 and 2001).

BIG EAST CONFERENCE APPROVES BASKETBALL STRUCTURE FOR 2005-06

The Presidents of the BIG EAST Conference institutions have approved all recommendations by the league's athletic directors relating to the structure of men's and women's basketball beginning in the 2005-06 academic year. The approvals were made at the Presidents' annual meeting held in Philadelphia on Nov. 9.

The recommendations include maintaining a 12-team postseason conference championship tournament and a one-division regular season structure. The men's and women's teams will continue to play 16-game regular season league schedules.

In 2005-06, the BIG EAST will include 16 schools. The new members will be: University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, University of Louisville, Marquette University and University of South Florida. While the tournament format will be the same for the men and women, the formula for regular season scheduling will be different. The men's teams will play 13 opponents with three repeat matchups to reach 16 league games. The women's teams will meet each opponent once and have one repeat opponent.

For regular season scheduling, the conference office will determine prior to each season which matchups will be repeated. The factors in making the repeat games will be television, rivalries and geography.

BIG EAST men's teams have captured the last two NCAA crowns and three of the last six. BIG EAST women's teams have won the last five NCAA titles. The BIG EAST conducts its men's championship at Madison Square Garden in New York. The women's championship is played at the Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, Conn.

PROMOTIONAL CORNER

Here's a rundown of some upcoming promotions and giveaways at future Notre Dame women's basketball games this season (additional promotions and giveaways may be added at a later date):

- Dec. 2 vs. Michigan State — Notre Dame women's basketball rally towels (first 1,500 fans)
- Dec. 11 vs. Washington — Notre Dame women's basketball glow balls (first 2,000 fans)
- Jan. 2 vs. Seton Hall — Adidas bracelets (first 5,000 fans)

NEXT GAME: DAYTON

For the first time all season, Notre Dame will have a chance to catch its breath, as it takes a week off from competition. The Irish will return to the hardwood Thursday, Dec. 9 when they pay a visit to Dayton for a 7 p.m. (ET) game at UD Arena. It will be a homecoming for Notre Dame junior guard **Megan Duffy**, who is a Dayton native and played at national prep power Chaminade-Julienne High School.

Notre Dame and Dayton are traditional rivals, dating back to their days as members of the North Star and Midwestern Collegiate conferences in the 1980s and 1990s. The Irish hold a 21-6 edge in the all-time series and have won 10 of the previous 13 matchups in Dayton. Last season, the two teams met in South Bend, with Notre Dame registering a 78-41 victory at the Joyce Center. The Irish jumped out to a 26-0 lead, the largest game-opening run in school history and held the Flyers to an opponent record-low .050 field goal percentage (1-for-20) in the first half en route to the win.

Dayton (3-1) has opened the season with three road victories in its first four games, and is a single point away from being undefeated (losing to Chicago State, 56-55 at home). The Flyers visited future BIG EAST Conference member Cincinnati on Wednesday night, with additional games against No. 11/10 Ohio State (home - Saturday) and Wright State (road - Dec. 7) scheduled before Notre Dame comes calling.

2004-05 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 7-0 (Home: 5-0, Away: 2-0, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 12	10/11		(1) ILLINOIS STATE	W 92-73	W1	1-0		LaVere-18	three with 6	Duffy-8	6,190
Nov. 14	10/11		(1) NEBRASKA	W 73-57	W2	2-0		Batteast-24	Borton-11	Batteast-7	5,370
Nov. 17	11/10	6/6	(1) DUKE	W 76-65	W3	3-0		Batteast-17	LaVere-11	two with 7	3,094
Nov. 20	11/10	10/9	(1) OHIO STATE (ITV)	W 66-62	W4	4-0		Batteast-32	Gray-6	Duffy-6	3,925
Nov. 22	6/6		COLORADO STATE	W 69-47	W5	5-0		Duffy-15	Batteast-9	Batteast-7	5,115
Nov. 26	6/6		at USC (COM)	W 60-56	W6	6-0		Batteast-18	three with 5	Batteast-4	3,085
Nov. 30	3/3		at Valparaiso	W 69-59	W7	7-0		Batteast-25	Batteast-10	Duffy-4	2,214
Dec. 2			MICHIGAN STATE (CSTV)	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 9			at Dayton	7 p.m. ET							
Dec. 11			WASHINGTON (COM)	Noon ET							
Dec. 19			at Marquette	1 p.m. CT							
Dec. 30			at Northern Illinois	7 p.m. CT							
Jan. 2			SETON HALL*	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 5			SYRACUSE*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 9			at Villanova* (BETV)	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 12			CONNECTICUT* (CSTV)	8 p.m. ET							
Jan. 16			(2) PURDUE (ESPN2)	5 p.m. ET							
Jan. 19			at Syracuse*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 23			RUTGERS* (BETV)	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 26			ST. JOHN'S* (COM)	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 30			at Connecticut* (ESPN2)	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 2			BOSTON COLLEGE*	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 9			at Providence*	7:30 p.m. ET							
Feb. 12			GEORGETOWN* (COM)	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 15			at Boston College* (CSTV)	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 19			at Rutgers*	Noon ET							
Feb. 26			WEST VIRGINIA* (COM)	2 p.m. ET							
March 1			at Seton Hall*	7 p.m. ET							
<u>BIG EAST Championship (Hartford Civic Center - Hartford, Conn.)</u>											
March 5			First Round	TBA							
March 6			Quarterfinals (CSTV)	TBA							
March 7			Semifinals (CSTV)	6/8 p.m. ET							
March 8			Championship (ESPN)	7 p.m. ET							
<u>NCAA Tournament - First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)</u>											
March 19-20			First Round (ESPN/ESPN2)								
March 21-22			Second Round (ESPN/ESPN2)								
<u>NCAA Regionals (East - Philadelphia, Pa.; Mideast - Chattanooga, Tenn.; Midwest - Kansas City, Mo.; West - Tempe, Ariz.)</u>											
March 26-27			Semifinals (ESPN)								
March 28-29			Finals (ESPN)								
<u>NCAA Final Four (RCA Dome - Indianapolis, Ind.)</u>											
April 3			National Semifinals (ESPN)								
April 5			National Championship Game (ESPN)								

* BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (held at campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(ITV) Game televised live on Internet at www.sportsview.tv

(COM) Game to be televised live on Comcast Local (Detroit)

(CSTV) Game to be televised live on College Sports Television

(ESPN/ESPN2) Game to be televised live on ESPN or ESPN2

(BETV) Game to be televised live on BIG EAST Conference television package

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

CAPS indicates home game played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418)

2004-05 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	28,993	4,142	6,190 (ISU - 11/12)
Home:	23,694	4,739	6,190 (ISU - 11/12)
Away:	5,299	2,650	3,085 (USC - 11/26)
Neutral:	0	0	0

NOTRE DAME VS. MICHIGAN STATE

2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

Overall Record: 7-0 (Home: 5-0, Away: 2-0, Neutral: 0-0)

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Batteast, Jacqueline	7-7	224-32.0	54-118	.458	3-7	.429	32-38	.842	15	29	44	6.3	14-0	29	11	9	13	143	20.4
Duffy, Megan	7-7	258-36.9	25-54	.463	12-28	.429	37-38	.974	1	21	22	3.1	10-0	35	21	0	18	99	14.1
LaVere, Courtney	6-6	130-21.7	21-48	.438	0-1	.000	12-21	.571	7	24	31	5.2	13-0	9	12	7	7	54	9.0
Allen, Charel	7-0	194-27.7	19-45	.422	2-4	.500	16-19	.842	16	23	39	5.6	13-0	14	14	5	12	56	8.0
Borton, Teresa	7-7	155-22.1	20-41	.488	0-0	.000	12-16	.750	21	24	45	6.4	23-0	7	10	11	1	52	7.4
Gray, Breona	7-7	178-25.4	16-44	.364	1-2	.500	6-8	.750	10	18	28	4.0	12-0	14	19	1	11	39	5.6
Erwin, Crystal	7-1	112-16.0	18-37	.486	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	9	11	20	2.9	16-1	5	12	2	3	38	5.4
D'Amico, Melissa	6-0	57-9.5	7-18	.389	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	8	7	15	2.5	10-0	1	4	4	3	17	2.8
Tsipis, Amanda	3-0	9-3.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
Gaines, Tulyah	3-0	31-10.3	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	0	3	1.0	2-0	2	6	0	3	2	0.7
Powers, Susie	5-0	52-10.4	1-8	.125	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1	6	7	1.4	2-0	6	1	0	2	3	0.6
Team									15	13	28	4.0			2				
Notre Dame	7	1400	183-418	.438	19-47	.404	120-153	.784	106	176	282	40.3	115-1	122	112	39	73	505	72.1
Opponents	7	1400	158-412	.383	26-111	.234	77-117	.658	95	148	243	34.7	133-3	90	132	20	54	419	59.9

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 13, Opponents 24

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	232	273	-- 505
Opponents	178	241	-- 419

2004-05 Single Game Highs & Lows

Team Superlatives

Notre Dame High	Notre Dame Low	Category	Opponent High	Opponent Low
92 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	60 at USC (11/26/04)	Points/Game	73 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	47 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
50 (2nd) vs. Duke (11/17/04)	26 (1st) vs. Duke (11/17/04)	Points/Half	41 (2nd) by Illinois State (11/12/04)	20 (1st) by USC (11/26/04)
37 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	21 at USC (11/26/04)	Field Goals Made	25, twice (MR: by Duke, 11/17/04)	18 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
70 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	51 at USC (11/26/04)	Field Goal Attempts	68 by Duke (11/17/04)	49 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
.529 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	.412 at USC (11/26/04)	FG Percentage	.446 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	.323 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
5, twice (MR: vs. Duke, 11/17/04)	0 at USC (11/26/04)	3-Point FG Made	7 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	2, three times (MR: by Valpo., 11/30/04)
10 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	3 at USC (11/26/04)	3-Point FG Attempts	19, twice (MR: by USC, 11/26/04)	12 by Ohio State (11/20/04)
1.000 vs. Duke (11/17/04)	.000 at USC (11/26/04)	3-Point FG Percentage	.368 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	.125 by Valparaiso (11/30/04)
19, twice (MR: vs. Colo. St., 11/22/04)	13 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	Free Throws Made	19 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	7 by USC (11/26/04)
24 at USC (11/26/04)	18 at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	Free Throw Attempts	29 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	12, twice (MR: by Colo. State, 11/22/04)
1.000* at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	.619 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	FT Percentage	.824 by Ohio State (11/20/04)	.412 by USC (11/26/04)
49 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	36, three times (MR: at USC, 11/26/04)	Rebounds	42 by USC (11/26/04)	27 by Valparaiso (11/30/04)
29** vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	11 at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	Assists	18 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	6 by USC (11/26/04)
20 vs. Colorado State (11/22/04)	5 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	Steals	13 by Ohio State (11/20/04)	3 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
8, twice (MR: vs. Colo. State, 11/22/04)	3 at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	Blocked Shots	11*** by Duke (11/17/04)	0, twice (MR: by USC, 11/26/04)
23 at USC (11/26/04)	10 at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	Turnovers	29 by Colorado State (11/22/04)	7 by Valparaiso (11/30/04)
23 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	13, twice (MR: vs. Colo. State, 11/22/04)	Fouls	21, twice (MR: by USC, 11/26/04)	15 by Valparaiso (11/30/04)

* - school record // ** - Preseason WNIT record // *** - Joyce Center opponent record

Individual Superlatives

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Points Scored	32 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	25 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Field Goals Made	11 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	8 by Holly Hallstrom of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Field Goal Attempts	23 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	19 by Monique Currie of Duke (11/17/04)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	.727 (8-11) by Courtney LaVere vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	.700 (7-10) by Jessica Davenport of Ohio State (11/20/04)
3-Point Field Goals Made	3, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy vs. Ohio State, 11/20/04)	3 by Jessica Gerhart of Nebraska (11/14/04)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	6 by Megan Duffy at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	8 by Jamie Gutowski of Valparaiso (11/30/04)
3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)	1.000 (2-2) by Charel Allen/Megan Duffy vs. Duke (11/17/04)	1.000 (2-2) by Chelsea Aubry of Nebraska (11/14/04)
Free Throws Made	10 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	10 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Free Throw Attempts	12 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	15 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)	1.000 (8-8) by Megan Duffy at USC (11/26/04)	1.000 (9-9) by Jessica Davenport of Ohio State (11/20/04)
Rebounds	11, twice (MR: by Courtney LaVere vs. Duke, 11/17/04)	11 by Monique Currie of Duke (11/17/04)
Assists	8 by Megan Duffy vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	7 by Katie Boone of Valparaiso (11/30/04)
Steals	7 by Megan Duffy vs. Colorado State (11/22/04)	4, twice (MR: by Monique Currie of Duke, 11/17/04)
Blocked Shots	3, three times (MR: by Batteast/LaVere vs. Ohio State, 11/20/04)	7* by Alison Bales of Duke (11/17/04)
Turnovers	9 by Megan Duffy vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	7, twice (MR: by Camille LeNoir of USC, 11/26/04)
Minutes Played	40, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy vs. Ohio State, 11/20/04)	40, twice (MR: by Jenna Stangler of Valparaiso, 11/30/04)

* - tied opponent record

NOTRE DAME VS. MICHIGAN STATE

2004-05 Notre Dame Game-by-Game Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs.		PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.			Off-Def-Tot							
(1) NOTRE DAME (6,190)	37-70	.529	5-10	.500	13-21	.619	20-20-40	23	29	18	4	15	92	
vs. Illinois State	25-56	.446	4-15	.267	19-29	.655	15-19-34	20	18	25	0	7	73	
(1) NOTRE DAME (5,370)	28-65	.431	1-7	.143	16-21	.762	16-33-49	14	19	11	5	5	73	
vs. Nebraska	21-65	.323	7-19	.368	8-15	.533	14-23-37	17	12	9	1	3	57	
(1) NOTRE DAME (3,094)	26-63	.413	5-5	1.000	19-22	.864	17-25-42	13	21	16	6	9	76	
vs. Duke	25-68	.368	6-17	.353	9-12	.750	18-21-39	21	15	21	11	5	65	
(1) NOTRE DAME (3,925)	23-53	.434	3-6	.500	17-21	.810	14-22-36	16	12	18	8	8	66	
vs. Ohio State	23-52	.442	2-12	.167	14-17	.824	9-19-28	20	15	16	4	13	62	
NOTRE DAME (5,115)	24-58	.414	2-8	.250	19-26	.731	14-22-36	13	18	16	8	20	69	
vs. Colorado State	18-49	.367	2-13	.154	9-12	.750	10-26-36	19	12	29	2	9	47	
NOTRE DAME	21-51	.412	0-3	.000	18-24	.750	7-29-36	20	12	23	5	10	60	
at USC (3,085)	23-66	.348	3-19	.158	7-17	.412	18-24-42	21	6	25	0	10	56	
NOTRE DAME	24-58	.414	3-8	.375	18-18	1.000	18-25-43	16	11	10	3	6	69	
at Valparaiso (2,214)	23-56	.411	2-16	.125	11-15	.733	11-16-27	15	12	7	2	7	59	

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

* - BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(3) BIG EAST Conference Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

2004-05 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Gaines	Allen	Powers	Tsipis	Borton	Duffy	Batteast	Gray	D'Amico	Erwin	LaVere
(1) ILLINOIS STATE	0-0-0	14-6-3	3-2-4	2-0-0	11-5-2	15-1-8	13-5-3	4-6-2	2-5-0	10-6-2	18-2-5
(1) NEBRASKA	DNP	2-8-3	0-2-0	0-0-0	13-11-1	7-5-3	24-6-7	12-7-2	3-5-0	1-2-1	11-2-2
(1) DUKE	DNP	16-3-3	DNP	DNP	7-6-1	15-3-7	17-5-7	6-2-2	DNP	2-4-1	13-11-0
(1) OHIO STATE	DNP	6-5-1	DNP	DNP	4-4-1	15-3-6	32-4-0	4-6-3	2-2-0	0-1-0	3-5-1
COLORADO STATE	DNP	6-4-1	0-2-2	0-0-0	9-5-0	15-1-5	14-9-7	3-2-0	3-0-1	12-2-1	7-6-1
at USC	2-1-2	6-4-1	0-0-0	DNP	2-5-1	12-4-2	18-5-4	4-2-2	5-3-0	9-3-0	2-5-0
at Valparaiso	0-2-0	6-9-2	0-1-0	DNP	6-9-1	20-5-4	25-10-1	6-3-3	2-0-0	4-2-0	DNP

Home games in ALL CAPS

* - BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(3) BIG EAST Conference Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

NOTRE DAME VS. MICHIGAN STATE

2004-05 Miscellaneous Statistics

	<u>All Games</u>
Most First Half Points Scored	48 vs. Illinois State (11/12)
Most First Half Points Allowed	32 by Illinois State (11/12)
Most Second Half Points Scored	50 vs. Duke (11/17)
Most Second Half Points Allowed	41 by Illinois State (11/12)
Fewest First Half Points Scored	26 vs. Duke (11/17)
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	20 by USC (11/26)
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	31 at USC (11/26)
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	24 by Colorado State (11/22)

Largest Leads

ND: 29, twice — 86-57 (5:19, 2nd) and 88-59 (4:35, 2nd) vs. Illinois State (ND 92-73), 11/12
 Opponent: 8, twice — 41-33 (15:30, 2nd) by Duke (ND 76-65), 11/17; 62-54 (5:18, 2nd) by Ohio State (ND 66-62), 11/20

Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 8, twice — 41-33 (15:30, 2nd) vs. Duke (ND 76-65), 11/17; 62-54 (5:18, 2nd) vs. Ohio State (ND 66-62), 11/20

Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 2 — 28-26 by Duke (ND 76-65), 11/17

Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Halftime Leads: ND: 6 (ND Record — 6-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Rebound Advantage: ND: 5 (ND Record — 5-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Bench Scoring Advantage: ND: 6 (ND Record — 6-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

ND Margin: +25 points, +3.6 ppg. (ND — 114 pts., 16.3 ppg.; Opponents — 89 pts., 12.7 ppg.)

<u>Point Differential</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>
ND Wins	2	1	1	1	1	1
ND Losses	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Batteast, LaVere, Borton, Duffy, Gray 6-0
 Batteast, Erwin, Borton, Duffy, Gray 1-0

Complete Games Played: 2 // Opponents: 2

Most Minutes: 40, twice (Megan Duffy vs. Duke, 11/17; Duffy vs. Ohio State, 11/20)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 23 (Batteast 7, Duffy 6, LaVere 3, Allen 2, Borton 2, Erwin 2, Gray 1) // Opponents: 17

20-29-Point Games: 3 (Batteast 2, Duffy 1) // Opponents: 3

30-39-Point Games: 1 (Batteast 1) // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 6 (Batteast 5, Duffy 1)

Team-High Honors*: 7 (Batteast 5, Duffy 1, LaVere 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 3 (Batteast 1, Borton 1, LaVere 1) // Opponents: 2

Game-High Honors*: 3 (Batteast 1, Borton 1, LaVere 1)

Team-High Honors*: 11 (Batteast 3, Borton 2, Gray 2, LaVere 2, Allen 1, Erwin 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 7 (Batteast 4, Duffy 3)

Team-High Honors*: 8 (Batteast 4, Duffy 4)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 3 (Batteast 1 - VALPO; Borton 1 - NEB; LaVere 1 - DUKE) // Opponents: 2

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

The Last Time It Happened ...

Notre Dame recorded a

30-point win was on 2/25/04 — ND 93, Miami 58 (35 points)*
 40-point win was on 11/26/02 — ND 107, Cleveland State 65 (42 points)*
 50-point win was on 3/4/01 — ND 89, Georgetown 33 (56 points) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 30-point loss was on 3/17/02 — Tennessee 89, ND 50 (39 points) (*NCAA Mid-east Region Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 11/26/02 — 60.0% (42-70) vs. Cleveland State (ND 107-65)*
 65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
 90% on FTs was on 11/30/04 — 100.0% (18-18) at Valparaiso (ND 69-59) (**school record**)

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 11/26/02 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)*
 • 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 3/27/04 (Penn State 55, ND 49) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Hartford, Conn.*)
 allowed less than 50 points was on 11/22/04 (ND 69, Colorado State 47)*
 played an overtime game was on 3/21/04 (ND 69, SMS 65 - ot)* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
 • played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
 rallied from a double-digit deficit to win was on 3/1/03 — 12 points (5-17, 8:56, 1st; 7-19, 6:44, 1st) vs. Seton Hall (ND 62-60)*
 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 five double-figure scorers was on 11/12/04 (ND 92, Illinois State 73) — Courtney LaVere 18, Megan Duffy 15, Charel Allen 14, Jacqueline Batteast 13, Teresa Borton 11, Crystal Erwin 10*
 had six double-figure scorers was on 11/12/04 (ND 92, Illinois State 73) — Courtney LaVere 18, Megan Duffy 15, Charel Allen 14, Jacqueline Batteast 13, Teresa Borton 11, Crystal Erwin 10*
 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 no double-figure scorers was on 2/8/04 (Seton Hall 51, ND 45)

had two double-figure rebounders was on 3/21/04 (ND 69, SMS 65 - ot) — Courtney LaVere 13, Jacqueline Batteast 11* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
 had two players with "double-doubles" was on 3/21/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (17 pts., 11 reb.) & Courtney LaVere (11 pts., 13 reb.) vs. SMS (ND 69-65 - ot)* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)

had three players with "double-doubles" was on 12/21/95 — Beth Morgan (28 pts., 11 reb.), Katryna Gaither (27 pts., 14 reb.) & Carey Poor (10 pts., 10 reb.) at Michigan State (MSU 87-83 - ot)
 had two 20-point scorers was on 11/30/04 (ND 69, Valparaiso 59) — Jacqueline Batteast 25, Megan Duffy 20
 had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*
 made 10 three-point field goals was on 3/3/02 (Syracuse 84, ND 79) — 10-26 (38.5%) on threes (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 committed 10 turnovers or less was on 11/30/04 (ND 69, Valparaiso 59) — 10 turnovers
 committed 25 turnovers or more was on 1/28/04 (ND 59, Miami 50) — 26 turnovers
 forced 25 turnovers or more was on 11/26/04 (ND 60, USC 56) — 25 turnovers

An Irish player had

25 points was on 11/30/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (25) at Valparaiso (ND 69-59)
 30 points was on 11/20/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (32) vs. Ohio State (ND 66-62)*
 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 2/23/03 — Jacqueline Batteast (18) at Connecticut (UC 77-59)
 20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)
 10 assists was on 1/15/01 — Niele Ivey (10) vs. Connecticut (ND 92-76)*
 5 blocks was on 3/30/03 — Teresa Borton (5) vs. Purdue (PUR 66-47) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Dayton, Ohio*)
 5 steals was on 11/22/04 — Megan Duffy (7) vs. Colorado State (ND 69-47)*
 a "double-double" was on 11/30/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (25 pts., 10 reb.) at Valparaiso (ND 69-59)
 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 11/30/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (25 pts., 10 reb.) at Valparaiso (ND 69-59)
 20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25 pts., 20 reb.) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

An opposing player had

25 points was on 11/12/04 — Katie Donovan (25), Illinois State (ND 92-73)*
 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 11/22/04 — Lindsay Thomas (10), Colorado State (ND 69-47)*
 15 rebounds was on 12/22/03 — Ebony Hoffman (16), USC (ND 73-62)*
 20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)
 10 assists was on 12/4/03 — Stephanie Rich (12), Wisconsin (ND 82-64)*
 5 blocks was on 11/17/04 — Alison Bales (7), Duke (ND 76-65)*
 5 steals was on 3/23/04 — Keisha McClinic (6), Middle Tennessee (ND 59-46)* (*NCAA East Region Second Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
 a "double-double" was on 11/22/04 — Lindsay Thomas (12 pts., 10 reb.), Colorado State (ND 69-47)*
 a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DPU 83-62)

* - Notre Dame home game

NOTRE DAME VS. MICHIGAN STATE

2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 1

#10/11 Notre Dame 92, Illinois State 73
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT — First Round
November 12, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Illinois State (73)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Harakas	19	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Donovan	37	7-14	1-5	10-15	6	6	4	25
Hallstrom	24	8-13	0-0	7-10	8	0	4	23
Sandstead	29	4-6	1-1	2-4	4	2	4	11
McCormack	33	2-7	1-5	0-0	1	2	4	5
Tirtiaux	12	0-2	0-1	0-0	4	2	0	0
Hudson	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	1	0
Shelton	18	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	4	1	4
Ward	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Stevenson	13	1-2	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	3
Johnson	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	25-56	4-15	19-29	34	18	20	73

Notre Dame (92)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	17	6-11	1-2	0-0	5	3	3	13
LaVere	28	8-11	0-0	2-5	2	5	1	18
Borton	16	4-7	0-0	3-4	5	2	2	11
Duffy	36	5-8	3-4	2-2	1	8	1	15
Gray	23	2-5	0-0	0-1	6	2	4	4
Gaines	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Allen	27	4-9	0-1	6-7	6	3	3	14
Powers	19	1-5	1-3	0-0	2	4	1	3
Tsipis	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
D'Amico	8	1-6	0-0	0-2	5	0	2	2
Erwin	17	5-7	0-0	0-0	6	2	5	10
Team					2			
Totals	200	37-70	5-10	13-21	40	29	23	92

Illinois State	32	41	--	73
Notre Dame	48	44	--	92

FG Pct: Illinois State 44.6, Notre Dame 52.9. **3-PT FG Pct:** Illinois State 26.7, Notre Dame 50.0. **FT Pct:** Illinois State 65.5, Notre Dame 61.9. **Turnovers:** Illinois State 25, Notre Dame 18. **Blocked Shots:** Illinois State 0, Notre Dame 4. **Steals:** Illinois State 7 (Sandstead 4), Notre Dame 15 (Gray, Erwin 3). **Attendance:** 6,190.

NOTES: Notre Dame had six players score in double figures for the first time since Jan. 23, 1999 (a 99-60 win vs. St. John's at the Joyce Center) ... the Irish set a new Preseason WNIT record with 29 assists, breaking the old mark of 28 set by both Connecticut and Vanderbilt on Nov. 9, 2001 ... Notre Dame scored 48 points in the first half, its highest output in the opening 20 minutes of a game since Nov. 26, 2002, when the Irish rang up a school-record 61 points to tip off a 107-65 win over Cleveland State ... junior guard Megan Duffy's eight assists were one shy of her career, set last season on Dec. 7 at Washington ... junior forward Courtney LaVere's five assists tied her career high, previously set in that 2002 win over Cleveland State ... sophomore forward Crystal Erwin picked up her second career double-figure scoring game, complementing the career-high 13-point effort she had last season on Dec. 13 vs. Dayton; she also had a career-high six rebounds, one more than her previous best that she set four times last year ... freshman guard Charel Allen's 14 points are the most by an Irish freshman in her debut game since LaVere had 18 against Cleveland State in 2002 ... sophomore guard Breona Gray made her first career start and tied her career high with six rebounds (vs. Marquette on Jan. 1, 2004) ... the Irish won their ninth consecutive season opener and are 15-3 in season openers during the 18-year Muffet McGraw era ... Notre Dame has now won 10 consecutive games over current Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) teams and is 24-2 all-time against that league (11-1 at home).

GAME 2

#10/11 Notre Dame 73, Nebraska 57
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT — Quarterfinal
November 14, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Nebraska (57)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Diaz	12	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Gerhart	25	5-13	3-5	0-0	6	1	2	13
Aubry	30	5-13	2-2	4-6	4	2	1	16
Johansen	36	1-3	0-0	2-2	7	5	1	4
Hardy	28	2-16	0-7	0-0	3	2	5	4
Spiric	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	3	2
Samardziska	6	1-4	0-0	1-4	2	0	1	3
White	12	2-3	1-2	1-2	1	0	0	6
Kephart	10	1-3	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	3
Drmanac	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0
Page	23	3-5	0-0	0-1	5	0	2	6
Team					3			
Totals	200	21-65	7-19	8-15	37	12	17	57

Notre Dame (73)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	10-18	0-0	4-5	6	7	1	24
LaVere	12	3-4	0-0	5-7	2	2	4	11
Borton	24	6-10	0-0	1-1	11	1	3	13
Duffy	34	1-8	1-5	4-4	5	3	1	7
Gray	31	6-13	0-1	0-0	7	2	2	12
Allen	28	1-6	0-0	0-0	8	3	0	2
Powers	10	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0
Tsipis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	12	1-3	0-0	1-2	5	0	0	3
Erwin	11	0-1	0-0	1-2	2	1	2	1
Team					1			
Totals	200	28-65	1-7	16-21	49	19	14	73

Nebraska	26	31	--	57
Notre Dame	35	38	--	73

FG Pct: Nebraska 32.3, Notre Dame 43.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Nebraska 36.8, Notre Dame 14.3. **FT Pct:** Nebraska 53.3, Notre Dame 76.2. **Turnovers:** Nebraska 9, Notre Dame 11. **Blocked Shots:** Nebraska 1, Notre Dame 5 (Batteast, Borton 2). **Steals:** Nebraska 3, Notre Dame 5 (Duffy 3). **Attendance:** 5,370.

NOTES: For the second consecutive game, four of Notre Dame's five starters scored in double figures ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast's 24 points marked the 22nd time in her career she has scored 20 or more points in a game ... she now has 1,352 career points, putting her just 22 points away from passing Shari Matvey for 10th place on the Irish career scoring list ... Batteast's seven assists tied her career high (Cleveland State on Nov. 26, 2002) ... senior center Teresa Borton's double-double was the third of her career and first since Feb. 5, 2002 at Pittsburgh (10 points, 10 rebounds) ... Borton's 11 rebounds also tied her career high, set twice before (last time was at St. John's on Feb. 17, 2004) ... sophomore guard Breona Gray's 12 points and seven rebounds both were career highs — she had 11 points on March 2, 2004 vs. Syracuse, and twice had six rebounds in a game, most recently two nights earlier vs. Illinois State ... Notre Dame improves to 6-9 all-time against the present Big 12 Conference alignment, including a 2-1 mark at home ... with the victory, the Irish advanced to the Preseason WNIT semifinals for the second time in as many appearances in the tournament (they finished third in 1996) ... the Notre Dame victory also assures the BIG EAST Conference of having a representative in the Preseason WNIT semifinals for the seventh time in the 11-year history of the event.

GAME 3

#11/10 Notre Dame 76, #6/6 Duke 65
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT — Semifinal
November 17, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Duke (65)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Williams	34	5-14	0-0	0-0	8	4	4	10
Currie	40	6-19	1-4	1-2	11	3	3	14
Bales	27	4-7	0-0	3-3	2	1	0	11
Smith	37	4-10	0-1	0-0	2	2	4	8
Foley	24	3-8	2-6	0-0	3	3	5	8
Kurz	8	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	1	1	3
Whitley	15	0-1	0-0	3-4	7	1	3	3
Howe	15	2-7	2-5	2-3	0	0	1	8
Team					5			
Totals	200	25-68	6-17	9-12	39	15	21	65

Notre Dame (76)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	28	7-15	1-1	2-2	5	7	3	17
LaVere	29	5-13	0-0	3-4	11	0	0	13
Borton	29	3-7	0-0	1-2	6	1	3	7
Duffy	40	2-3	2-2	9-10	3	7	1	15
Gray	23	2-7	0-0	2-2	2	2	1	6
Allen	32	6-13	2-2	2-2	3	3	2	16
Erwin	19	1-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	3	2
Team					8			
Totals	200	26-63	5-5	19-22	42	21	13	76

Duke	28	37	--	65
Notre Dame	26	50	--	76

FG Pct: Duke 36.8, Notre Dame 41.3. **3-PT FG Pct:** Duke 35.3, Notre Dame 100.0. **FT Pct:** Duke 75.0, Notre Dame 86.4. **Turnovers:** Duke 21, Notre Dame 16. **Blocked Shots:** Duke 11 (Bales 7), Notre Dame 6 (Borton 3). **Steals:** Duke 5 (Currie 4), Notre Dame 9 (Allen 3). **Technical Foul:** Erwin (ND). **Attendance:** 3,094.

NOTES: The Irish are now 4-1 all-time against Duke, including a 2-0 mark at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame is now 9-4 (.692) all-time when it is ranked and hosting another ranked team at the Joyce Center ... Duke represents the 19th top-10 opponent Notre Dame has defeated in its history and the first since the Irish downed fourth-ranked Connecticut, 66-51 on Jan. 13, 2004, also at the Joyce Center ... in the past five-plus seasons (1998-99 to present), Notre Dame has defeated 31 ranked opponents ... for the third time in as many games, the Irish had at least four players score in double figures ... junior forward Courtney LaVere chalked up her seventh career double-double (first this season) with 13 points and 11 rebounds ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast tied her career high with seven assists for the second consecutive game ... the Irish set a school and arena record by making all five of their three-point attempts, breaking the old mark of .857 (6 of 7) set against Illinois-Chicago on Nov. 27, 1993 at the Joyce Center (the record requires a minimum of four shots made) ... Notre Dame scored 50 points in the second half, its highest scoring output in one period since Feb. 5, 2003, when the Irish scored 52 points in the second half of a 74-49 win over Georgetown at the Joyce Center ... the 76 points scored by Notre Dame are the most it has posted against a top-10 opponent since March 30, 2001, when the Irish defeated Connecticut, 90-75 in the NCAA Final Four at the Savvis Center in St. Louis ... with the victory, the Irish make their first trip to the Preseason WNIT finals (they lost in the semifinals, but won the now-defunct third-place game in 1996) ... the Notre Dame victory also assures the BIG EAST Conference of having a representative in the Preseason WNIT championship game for the third time in four years.

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GAME 4

#11/10 Notre Dame 66, #10/9 Ohio State 62
Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT — Championship
November 20, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Ohio State (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Munoz	21	3-4	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	6
Davenport	34	7-10	0-0	9-9	7	2	4	23
Hoskins	25	3-6	0-1	0-0	5	3	2	6
Wilburn	32	3-6	1-2	0-1	5	6	2	7
Matter	35	5-15	0-6	3-3	1	2	0	13
Howe	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Battle	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Packer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dark	2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Allen	13	2-5	1-2	0-0	0	1	2	5
Blanton	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0
Riley	16	0-3	0-0	2-2	4	0	4	2
Team					2			
Totals	200	23-52	2-12	14-17	28	15	20	62

Notre Dame (66)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	38	11-23	0-2	10-12	4	0	3	32
LaVere	22	1-7	0-0	1-2	5	1	3	3
Borton	23	1-4	0-0	2-2	4	1	3	4
Duffy	40	5-7	3-4	2-2	3	6	2	15
Gray	33	1-2	0-0	2-3	6	3	0	4
Allen	22	3-3	0-0	0-0	5	1	2	6
D'Amico	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	3	2
Erwin	13	0-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					6			
Totals	200	23-53	3-6	17-21	36	12	16	66

Ohio State	25	37	--	66
Notre Dame	29	37	--	62

FG Pct: Ohio State 44.2, Notre Dame 43.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Ohio State 16.7, Notre Dame 50.0. **FT Pct:** Ohio State 82.4, Notre Dame 81.0. **Turnovers:** Ohio State 16, Notre Dame 18. **Blocked Shots:** Ohio State 4 (Davenport 4), Notre Dame 8 (Batteast, LaVere 3). **Steals:** Ohio State 13 (Wilburn, Matter 3), Notre Dame 8. **Attendance:** 3,925.

NOTES: With the victory, Notre Dame wins its first regular-season tournament title since the 2001 Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge ... Notre Dame also earns the third Preseason WNIT title for a BIG EAST Conference team in the event's 11-year history, joining Connecticut's crowns in 1997 and 2001 ... the Irish have won 10 of their last 11 in-season tournament games, only losing at 20th-ranked Colorado, 67-63 in the title game of the 2003 WBCA Classic ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast was named the Most Valuable Player of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT, while junior guard Megan Duffy earned a spot on the all-tournament team ... the Irish have now played back-to-back top-10 opponents twice in their history and have won all four games in that scenario (vs. #1 Connecticut and #9 Purdue at the 2001 NCAA Final Four; vs. #6 Duke and #10 Ohio State in the 2004 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT) ... Notre Dame recorded its third victory over a top-10 opponent in its last 23 games, after also besting #4 Connecticut, 66-51 last January at the Joyce Center ... The Ohio State contest also marked the 800th game in Notre Dame women's basketball history, and the win improved the program's all-time record to 552-248 (.690) in less than 28 seasons of varsity action ... Batteast's 32 points were not only a career high, but the most by an Irish player since March 26, 2001, when Ruth Riley had 32 points vs. Vanderbilt in the NCAA Midwest Regional final ... Batteast also moved into 10th place on Notre Dame's career scoring list with 1,401 points, passing Shari Matvey (1,373 from 1979-83) ... Duffy had six assists, giving her six-or-more assists in three of her first four games ... Teresa Borton recorded her 100th career block, becoming the seventh player in school history to reach that milestone.

GAME 5

#6/6 Notre Dame 69, Colorado State 47
November 22, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Colorado State (47)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Dennett	23	0-3	0-0	1-2	5	0	1	1
Thomas	25	6-11	0-0	0-0	10	1	2	12
Hunter	28	3-10	1-4	0-0	2	2	2	7
Espinoza	28	3-9	0-2	2-2	2	3	3	8
Walseth	23	1-5	1-5	0-0	3	4	1	3
Kramer	16	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Nohr	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
O'Dwyer	22	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	4	2
Tor-Agbydie	14	4-4	0-0	0-0	6	1	2	8
Moulton	15	0-2	0-0	6-8	6	0	3	6
Team					1			
Totals	200	18-49	2-13	9-12	36	12	19	47

Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	30	4-12	0-0	6-9	9	7	0	14
LaVere	20	3-8	0-1	1-2	6	1	2	7
Borton	19	3-6	0-0	3-3	5	0	4	9
Duffy	36	4-9	1-4	6-6	1	5	1	15
Gray	21	1-4	1-1	0-0	2	0	2	3
Allen	31	2-7	0-1	2-2	4	1	0	6
Powers	12	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	0
Tsipis	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	8	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	1	1	3
Erwin	20	6-9	0-0	0-2	2	1	3	12
Team					5			
Totals	200	24-58	2-8	19-26	36	18	13	69

Colorado State	23	24	--	47
Notre Dame	31	38	--	69

FG Pct: Colorado State 36.7, Notre Dame 41.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Colorado State 15.4, Notre Dame 25.0. **FT Pct:** Colorado State 75.0, Notre Dame 73.1. **Turnovers:** Colorado State 29, Notre Dame 16. **Blocked Shots:** Colorado State 2, Notre Dame 8. **Steals:** Colorado State 9, Notre Dame 20 (Duffy 7). **Attendance:** 5,115.

NOTES: Notre Dame was playing its fifth game in 11 days, the most compressed early-season schedule for the Irish since 2000-01, when Notre Dame also went 5-0 ... the Irish improve to 3-1 all-time against Colorado State, winning their third in a row against the Rams since losing the initial matchup in November 2001 ... for the fourth time in five games, Notre Dame had at least three players scoring in double figures ... also for the fourth time this season, the Irish finished on the plus side of the assist/turnover ratio ... the Irish forced 29 turnovers, their best defensive production since they caused 37 Miami turnovers on Feb. 25, 2004 at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame came up with 20 steals against Colorado State, the most thefts the Irish have recorded in a single game since Nov. 26, 2002, when they also had 20 steals in a victory over Cleveland State at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame held CSU to an opponent season-low 47 points ... junior guard Megan Duffy swiped a career-high seven steals, while freshman guard Charel Allen added five thefts ... for the third time in four games, senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast tied her career high with seven assists ... sophomore forward Crystal Erwin had her second double-figure scoring game of the year after having only one all of last season; she also set new career highs with six field goals made and nine attempts.

GAME 6

#6/6 Notre Dame 60, USC 56
November 26, 2004
Los Angeles Sports Arena (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Notre Dame (60)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	39	7-20	0-0	4-4	5	4	2	18
LaVere	19	1-5	0-0	0-1	5	0	3	2
Borton	21	1-3	0-0	0-2	5	1	4	2
Duffy	33	2-6	0-3	8-8	4	2	2	12
Gray	21	1-5	0-0	2-2	2	2	2	4
Gaines	14	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	1	2
Allen	23	2-3	0-0	2-4	4	1	3	6
Powers	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D'Amico	7	2-2	0-0	1-1	3	0	1	5
Erwin	19	4-5	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	9
Team					4			
Totals	200	21-51	0-3	18-24	36	12	20	60

USC (56)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Woodward	31	4-12	0-1	0-0	3	1	2	8
Funn	25	6-9	0-0	1-5	7	0	2	13
Gipson	26	4-8	0-0	4-5	9	0	3	12
Hagiya	19	0-4	0-3	0-0	2	0	2	0
Gnekow	32	1-10	0-5	0-0	7	2	2	2
LeNoir	23	2-8	1-3	0-1	3	2	3	5
Cameron	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Murphy	20	5-12	2-6	0-1	4	0	2	12
Jaskowiak	6	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Kerr	16	1-1	0-0	2-5	2	0	5	4
Team					4			
Totals	200	23-66	3-19	7-17	42	6	21	56

Notre Dame	29	31	--	60
USC	20	36	--	56

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.2, USC 34.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 0.0, USC 15.8. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 75.0, USC 41.2. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, USC 25. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5, USC 0. **Steals:** Notre Dame 10 (Batteast 3), USC 10. **Attendance:** 3,085.

NOTES: Notre Dame improves to 6-0 for the third time in school history (6-0 in 1998-99; 23-0 in 2000-01) ... last season, the Irish did not win their first true road game until Dec. 29 at Colorado State (their fifth such game of the season) ... Notre Dame is now 6-1 all-time vs. USC, winning its last six games against the Trojans (3-0 in Los Angeles) ... for the third time in the past four meetings, the Irish held the Women of Troy to less than 60 points ... after yielding 73 points to Illinois State in the season opener, Notre Dame has held its last five opponents to 65 points or less (including three with less than 60 points) ... the last three Irish opponents all have been held to less than 20 percent on three-point shooting (.158, 3-of-19 by USC, counting a half-court shot by the Trojans at the final horn) ... the Irish have won 12 of their last 14 games against Pac-10 Conference opponents ... the USC game was the sixth in the first 14 days of the season for Notre Dame ... Notre Dame forced 25 or more turnovers for the third time this season and the Irish have 54 takeaways in their last two games (30 steals) ... the Irish are 5-0 this season when their bench outscores the opposition's reserves (22-21 vs. USC) ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast moved into ninth place on the school's career scoring list with 1,433 points, passing Niele Ivey (1,430 from 1996-2001); next up is Sheila McMillen, who scored 1,439 points from 1995-99 ... Batteast also had two blocks, tying her with Shari Matvey for fourth place on the Irish career blocks list with 133 rejections ... junior guard Megan Duffy continues to be nearly automatic at the free throw line this season, making 31 of 32 charities (.969); she also has converted 39 of her last 41 free throws (.951) in the past 12 Irish games, dating back to Feb. 28, 2004 at Rutgers ... senior center Teresa Borton appeared in her 100th game at Notre Dame, the most of any active Irish player.

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GAME 7

#3/3 Notre Dame 69, Valparaiso 59
November 30, 2004
Athletics-Recreation Center (Valparaiso, Ind.)

Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	9-19	1-2	6-6	10	1	2	25
Erwin	13	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	4
Borton	23	2-4	0-0	2-2	9	1	4	6
Duffy	39	6-13	2-6	6-6	5	4	2	20
Gray	26	3-8	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	6
Gaines	12	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Allen	31	1-4	0-0	4-4	9	2	3	6
Powers	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
D'Amico	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	2
Team					2			
Totals	200	24-58	3-8	18-18	43	11	16	69

Valparaiso (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Stangler	40	6-10	0-0	2-2	5	1	3	14
Braun	36	4-7	0-0	3-4	5	0	2	11
Rietema	27	6-12	0-1	4-6	3	1	3	16
Gutowski	39	2-11	1-8	2-2	5	2	2	7
Boone	39	3-10	1-5	0-0	2	7	4	7
Bechtold	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Myers	13	1-3	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	2
Baugher	4	1-3	0-0	0-1	3	0	0	2
Team					4			
Totals	200	23-56	2-16	11-15	27	12	15	59

Notre Dame	34	35	--	69
Valparaiso	24	35	--	59

FG Pct: Notre Dame 41.4, Valparaiso 41.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 37.5, Valparaiso 12.5. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 100.0, Valparaiso 73.3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 10, Valparaiso 7. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Valparaiso 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 6, Valparaiso 7. **Attendance:** 2,214.

NOTES: Notre Dame is now off to the second-best start in school history (7-0), surpassing the 6-0 debut the Irish made in 1998-99; the school record remains the 23-0 start by the 2000-01 national championship squad ... the Irish are 18-0 all-time against Valparaiso, including an 8-0 mark on the road (5-0 at the Athletics-Recreation Center) ... Notre Dame also is 21-0 all-time against the current Mid-Continent Conference membership ... the Irish are 101-31 (.765) in their history against other Indiana schools ... the Irish set a new school record for free throw percentage (min. 15 attempts), going a perfect 18-for-18 at the free throw line; the old record was .960 (24-for-25) against Marquette on Dec. 1, 1993 ... the Irish committed a season-low 10 turnovers, their fewest giveaways since a 10-turnover day vs. No. 5 Penn State in last year's NCAA East Regional Semifinal in Hartford, Conn. ... Notre Dame has held its last six opponents to 65 points or less, and its last three foes have not cracked 60 points ... the Valparaiso game was the seventh in the first 18 days of the season for Notre Dame (averaging one game every 2.6 days) ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast recorded her first double-double of the year and the 33rd of her career; she breaks a tie with Mary Beth Schueth for third place on Notre Dame's career double-doubles list (Ruth Riley is next with 36, while Katryna Gaither had a school-record 40 from 1993-97) ... Batteast also moved into eighth place on the Irish career scoring list with 1,458 points, passing Sheila McMillen (1,439 from 1995-99); up next is Sandy Botham, who had 1,460 points from 1984-88 ... Batteast's 25 points give her 24 career 20-point games, pushing her into sixth place on the school's all-time chart ahead of both Shari Matvey (1979-83) and Heidi Bunek (1985-89), who each had 23; Alicia Ratay is next on the list with 26 from 1999-2003 ... Batteast's double-digit scoring outing was the 79th of her career, lifting her into sixth place in that category at Notre Dame, ahead of Trena Keys (78 from 1982-86); up ahead is Karen Robinson's mark of 82 from 1987-91 ... junior guard Megan Duffy scored a season-high 20 points, the third 20-point game of her career (first since a 22-point night at Georgetown on Jan. 7, 2004) ... Notre Dame had two 20-point scorers for the first time since Dec. 4, 2003, when Duffy had a career-high 25 points and Courtney LaVere added 22 points in an 82-64 win over Wisconsin at the Joyce Center.