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NOTRE DAME

B A S K E T B A L L

2000-01 Notre Dame Schedule/Results (19-6, 11-3)

NOVEMBER

8	Wed.	(11/17) CALIFORNIA MIDWEST ALL-STARS	W, 98-68
12	Sun.	(11/17) INTERNATIONAL ALL-STARS	W, 89-71
18	Sat.	(16/17) SACRED HEART	W, 104-58
22	Wed.	(14/15) LOYOLA (CHICAGO)	W, 107-68
25	Sat.	(14/15) Cincinnati (16/13)	W, 69-51

DECEMBER

2	Sat.	(11/11) at Vanderbilt	W, 77-74
9	Tue.	(10/10) INDIANA	L, 78-86
9	Sat.	(10/10) MIAMI OF OHIO	L, 64-73
17	Sun.	(21/20) TENNESSEE TECH	W, 82-68
19	Tue.	(21/24) CANISIUS	W, 99-71
21	Thur.	(21/24) VERMONT	W, 96-86
29	Fri.	(22/23) LONG ISLAND	W, 97-49

JANUARY

2	Tue.	(21/25) at Syracuse (14/13)*	L, 70-79
6	Sat.	(21/25) RUTGERS*	W, 87-80
8	Mon.	(25/25) at Seton Hall (15/15)*	L, 76-78
13	Sat.	(25/25) at Kentucky	L, 71-82
16	Tue.	PITTSBURGH*	W, 74-58
21	Sun.	WEST VIRGINIA*	W, 78-61
23	Tue.	SYRACUSE (11/8)*	W, 74-60
27	Sat.	at Georgetown (10/11)*	W, 78-71

FEBRUARY

3	Sat.	(23/NR) at Pittsburgh*	W, 75-67
5	Mon.	(20/23) ST. JOHN'S*	W, 83-73
11	Sun.	(20/23) at West Virginia*	W, 69-66
14	Wed.	(14/21) at Rutgers*	W, 81-59
18	Sun.	(14/21) SETON HALL*	L, 64-74
21	Wed.	(18/18) BOSTON COLLEGE (10/9)*	W, 76-75
24	Sat.	(18/18) at Virginia Tech*	W, 85-61
26	Mon.	at Connecticut*	7:00 p.m.

MARCH

4	Sun.	GEORGETOWN*	2:00 p.m.
7-	Mon.	at AT&T BIG EAST Tournament	TBA
10	Sat.	(Madison Square Garden - New York, N.Y.)	
15-	Thur.-	NCAA Tournament (First and Second Rounds)	
18	Sun.		
22 -	Thur.-	NCAA Regional Championships	
25	Sun.		
31	Sat.	NCAA Men's Final Four Semifinals	

APRIL

2	Mon.	NCAA Men's Final Four Championship (Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome— Minneapolis, Minn.)	
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*BIG EAST Conference game

() - indicates rankings at time of game in Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

All times are EST.

Game No.

26 18/13 NOTRE DAME Fighting Irish (19-6, 11-3) at CONNECTICUT HUSKIES (18-9, 7-7)

Date: Monday, February 26, 2001
Place: Hartford Civic Center (16,294)
Time: 7:00 p.m. EST

Radio: Host Communications Inc. (Jack Lorri, Jack Nolan) originates the Notre Dame Radio Network (includes WNDV-1490 AM and WNDV-92.9 FM in South Bend, WNTS-1590 AM in Indianapolis, WAUR-930 AM in Chicago, WGL-1250 AM WGL 1570 AM in Ft. Wayne; WEFM-95.9 FM in Michigan City; WGOM-860AM in Marion, WVHI-1330 AM in Evansville; WLUV-1520 AM in Rockford, Ill.; KATD-990AM in San Francisco, Calif.; WDEL-1550 AM in Wilmington, Del.; and KIND-1010AM in Independence, Kan.). All radio broadcasts can also be heard through the World Wide Web at www.und.com.
Television: ESPN — Mike Tirico (play-by-play) and Len Elmore (color).

IRISH ITEMS FOR THE CONNECTICUT GAME:

Notre Dame (19-6, 11-3) makes its first and only trip to Connecticut this evening against the Huskies (18-9, 7-7). The Irish, winners of 10 of their last 11 games, clinched the top spot in the BIG EAST West Division with a decisive win over Virginia Tech on Saturday afternoon. Notre Dame, along with Boston College who leads the East Division, boasts the best conference record among the league's 14 teams.

The Irish are coming off of an 85-61 victory over Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Saturday afternoon. The win over the Hokies marked the largest margin of victory for the Irish against a BIG EAST opponent. The win was also Notre Dame's fifth straight on the road.

Prior to heading on the road, the Irish enjoyed a 76-75 last-second victory over Boston College at the Joyce Center on Wednesday night. Senior point guard Martin Ingelsby scored the game-winning basket with 3.7 seconds to play in the contest as the Irish claimed their 12th victory at the Joyce Center this season. Notre Dame's win over the Eagles gave the Irish their second win at home and third overall this season against a top 10 opponent. Syracuse (at home) and Georgetown (on the road) were the other top 10 teams to fall victim to the Irish. The last Notre Dame team to defeat three top 10 teams in a season was the 1991-92 squad which posted wins over North Carolina (88-76), Syracuse (101-98) and UCLA (84-71).

Today's game is the second of a two-game road swing for the Irish. Following tonight's matchup with the Huskies, the Irish return home for the final regular-season contest when they play host to Georgetown.

Notre Dame had its BIG EAST school-record eight-game win streak snapped eight days ago

LAST IRISH OUTING

Notre Dame 85, Virginia Tech 61
February 24, 2001
Cassell Coliseum, Blacksburg, VA

Notre Dame (85)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Murphy	32	7-10	5-6	10	1	2	20
Humphrey	30	3-6	6-11	7	5	3	12
Swanagan	11	0-1	2-2	0	1	1	2
Carroll	31	7-10	2-2	5	3	0	19
Ingelsby	28	2-6	0-0	3	6	0	6
Thomas	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kartelo	3	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0
Macura	11	0-1	0-1	2	1	1	0
Jones	14	1-4	2-2	1	0	3	5
Graves	31	8-14	1-2	10	4	1	19
Rasmussen	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Timmermans	4	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	2

Team 200 29-55 18-27 46 21 12 85

Virginia Tech (61)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Carler	35	8-12	0-1	9	1	3	17
Dongo	25	4-9	2-4	4	0	4	10
Hamilton	22	1-7	0-1	4	2	0	2
Chase	35	3-12	0-0	0	2	0	8
Dixon	27	6-13	0-0	6	3	3	14
J. Smith	18	1-4	2-2	1	0	5	4
D. Smith	18	1-4	0-0	3	3	2	3
Exilus	4	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Gathings	16	1-5	1-1	0	2	2	3

Team 200 25-68 5-9 29 13 19 61

Notre Dame 45 40 -- 85
Virginia Tech 28 33 -- 61

FG Pct: Notre Dame 52.7, Virginia Tech 36.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.0, Virginia Tech 20.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, Virginia Tech 55.6. **3-PT FG:** Notre Dame 9, Virginia Tech 6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 10, Virginia Tech 5. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Virginia Tech 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 1, Virginia Tech 6. **Attendance:** 7,148.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS
(Week of Feb. 19)

1.	Stanford	LW	2
2.	North Carolina		1
3.	Illinois		4
4.	Duke		3
5.	Michigan State		5
6.	Iowa State		7
7.	Florida		11
8.	Arizona		8
9.	Virginia		12
10.	Boston College		9
11.	Kansas		6
12.	Mississippi		16
13.	Kentucky		22
14.	Alabama		21
15.	UCLA		24
16.	Oklahoma		13
17.	Syracuse		10
18.	NOTRE DAME		14
19.	Wisconsin		19
20.	Maryland		17
21.	Georgetown		18
22.	Tennessee		15
23.	St. Joseph's (Pa.)	NR	
24.	Wake Forest		23
25.	Providence	NR	

ESPN/USA TODAY
(Week of Feb. 19)

1.	Stanford	LW	2
2.	North Carolina		1
3.	Duke		3
4.	Illinois		5
5.	Michigan State		4
6.	Iowa State		9
7.	Florida		9
8.	Arizona		8
9.	Boston College		11
10.	Kansas		6
11.	Virginia		12
12.	Syracuse		7
13.	Mississippi		19
14.	Alabama		17
15.	Oklahoma		14
16.	Kentucky		25
17.	Wisconsin		20
18.	NOTRE DAME		21
19.	Georgetown		16
20.	Maryland		18
21.	Tennessee		13
22.	Wake Forest		15
23.	UCLA	NR	
24.	St. Joseph's (Pa.)	NR	
25.	Fresno State		22

bold indicates 2000-01 opponent

when they lost at home to Seton Hall, 74-64. Prior to that loss, first-year head coach Mike Brey's squad had not lost since dropping an 81-72 non-conference decision at Kentucky on Jan. 13. It was also Notre Dame's first league loss since an 78-76 setback to Seton Hall at the Continental Airlines Arena on Jan. 8.

The streak of eight straight wins included four victories at home and four on the road. The Irish won their fifth straight road game with the win over Virginia Tech. **While its a first for a Notre Dame team to win five consecutive league games on the road, it also marked the first time that an Irish team produced victories in four straight road games on the homecourt of its opponent since the 1973-74 campaign when that squad defeated Ohio State (76-72), Northwestern (98-74), Indiana (73-67) and Kansas (76-74).**

Notre Dame goes after its sixth consecutive road game this evening. The last Irish team to win six straight road games was the 1953-54 squad which finished with a 22-3 record overall.

This evening's game is the first and only regular-season BIG EAST meeting this between the two teams this year. The Irish have an all-time record of 3-5 against the Huskies, including winning the last two meetings; 75-70 at Hartford Civic Center (2-12-00) and 68-66 at the Joyce Center (1-5-00).

The Irish are eight games above the .500 mark in BIG EAST play for the first time in school history and have assured themselves of a winning record since joining the league in 1995-96. Their 11-3 mark ranks as its best ever as a member of the BIG EAST.

Notre Dame is ranked 18th in both polls. The Irish dropped four spots in the AP ranking, but moved up three spots in the ESPN/USA Today Poll. Brey's squad returned to the top 25 ranking of the AP Poll four weeks ago after a two-week hiatus and is in the ESPN/USA Today Poll for the third straight week following a three-week absence. Notre Dame was ranked in the first 10 polls of the season after starting the preseason ranked for the first time since the 1989-90 campaign. Notre Dame started the preseason tied for 15th in the preseason AP Poll and were 17th in the ESPN/USA Today ranking. Notre Dame climbed as high as 10th in both polls on Dec. 4, but dropped from the top 10 after suffering back-to-back setbacks to Indiana and Miami (Ohio).

RECAP OF VIRGINIA TECH:

Troy Murphy had 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Fighting Irish clinched the West Division title by defeating Virginia Tech, 85-61. The Irish (19-6, 11-3) led by 17 at halftime, and by as many as 34 in the second half as they won their fifth straight on the road.

Virginia Tech (8-18, 2-13), lost its 11th game in 12 matchups. The Hokies were outscored 18-5 at the foul line in their final home game.

Notre Dame shot 60 percent in the first half and 52.7 percent for the game. The Irish also outrebounded Virginia Tech 46-29. Murphy hit seven of 10 shots in 32 minutes of play.

David Graves and Matt Carroll added 19 points each for Notre Dame, and Ryan Humphrey had 12 before Brey emptied his bench with about six minutes left.

The Hokies, coming off a 40-point loss to Providence, were led by Carlton Carter with 17 points and Carlos Dixon with 14.

Virginia Tech made only 25 of 68 shots (36.8 percent). The Irish barely broke a sweat in taking a 45-28 halftime lead. Notre Dame shot 60 percent and outrebounded Virginia Tech 22-11.

The game was only the second ever between the teams. Notre Dame beat Virginia Tech 92-91 in overtime to win the 1973 NIT title.

POLL POSITION:

Notre Dame is ranked 18th in the Associated Press Poll, down four spots from a week ago and jumped three places to 18th in this week's ESPN/USA Today ranking. The Irish were ranked in the first 10 polls to start the season and climbed as high as 10th in both rankings during the week of Dec. 4 before falling out of the top 10 after back-to-back home losses to Indiana and Miami of Ohio.

HEAD COACH MIKE BREY:

Mike Brey was named the 17th head coach in the program's history on July 14, 2000 following five seasons (1995-2000) as head coach at the University of Delaware. Brey earned his first victory as Irish head coach on Nov. 18 with a 104-58 triumph over Sacred Heart. The win marked the 100th of his coaching career and came in the 152nd game of his coaching career. He has an overall record of 118-58 for a .670 winning percentage. He guided the Blue Hens to a 99-52 record during his tenure while earning berths in three postseason tournaments. Under Brey, Delaware appeared in two NCAA tourna-

Mike Brey earned his 100th career win in his first game as head coach at Notre Dame when the Irish defeated Sacred Heart 104-58 on Nov. 18. It marked the 152nd game of his coaching career. The list below is the number of games it took some of the active Division I head coaches around the country to reach the 100-win mark in their careers.

Jim Boeheim	117
Jerry Tarkanian	117
Denny Crum	122
Roy Williams	129
Nolan Richardson	131
Gale Catlett	132
Pete Gillen	135
Pat Kennedy	140
Tom Izzo	145
Bob Huggins	146
Mike Jarvis	150
Gary Williams	151
Rick Majerus	152
Tubby Smith	152
Mark Gottfried	155
Jim Harrick	158
Lute Olson	164
Dave Odom	181
Jim Calhoun	183
Mike Krzyzewski	187

NOTRE DAME MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME DAY VS. CONNECTICUT/FEBRUARY 26, 2001

NOTRE DAME STARTING LINE:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2000-01 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
3	Troy Murphy	PF	6-11	245	Jr.	22.9	9.4	12 double-doubles	44 career doubles following VT (20, 10)
4	Ryan Humphrey	F	6-8	233	Sr.	14.7	9.3	9 double-doubles	Had career-high 5 assists vs. VT
42	Harold Swanagan	F	6-7	252	Jr.	4.1	3.6	50.0% FG Pct.	Has started last 11 games
13	Matt Carroll	SG	6-6	210	So.	12.9	5.0	101 assists	Scored 19 points in game vs. VT
24	Martin Ingelsby	PG	6-0	175	Sr.	8.0	2.8	167 assists	Hit game-winning shot against BC with 3.7 seconds

NOTRE DAME OFF THE BENCH:

No.	Player	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Class	2000-01 Statistics			Notes:
						PPG	RPG	Other	
5	Charles Thomas	G	5-11	160	Jr.	2.0	0.2	—	Third-year walk-on
11	Ivan Kartelo	C	6-11	247	So.	0.8	1.5	—	Played three minutes vs. VT after missing seven games
15	Jere Macura	F	6-9	226	So.	2.1	1.8	—	Season-high 10 points vs. Rutgers
20	Torrian Jones	G	6-4	185	Fr.	1.4	0.8	—	Has played in 21 games
34	David Graves	SF	6-6	208	Jr.	14.0	5.0	51 3-PT FGs	Streak of 52 games with a three-pointer ends vs. WVU
35	Hans Rasmussen	F	6-10	228	Sr.	0.4	0.2	—	Has played in five games
50	Tom Timmermans	C	6-11	248	Fr.	1.0	0.8	—	Third European to join Irish roster in two years
51	Chris Markwood	G	6-4	190	Fr.	—	—	—	Had arthroscopic surgery on left knee Sept. 29

ments ('98 and '99) and played in the National Invitation Tournament in his final season (2000). His .669 winning percentage among Division I coaches with five years as a head coach stands second only to Tom Izzo of Michigan State (.734). Prior to his arrival in Newark, Del., he spent eight seasons (1987-95) on the Duke sidelines along Blue Devil head coach Mike Krzyzewski, and before that stint was an assistant coach at DeMatha High School under legendary coach Morgan Wootten from 1982-87.

BREY AND MENTOR KRZYZEWSKI REACH MILESTONES ONE DAY APART:

First-year head coach **Mike Brey** earned his 100th career victory (in 152 games as a head coach) against Sacred Heart on Nov. 18. That win came just one day after his former mentor, Mike Krzyzewski, earned his 500th win at Duke on Nov. 17. Brey was an assistant under Krzyzewski at Duke from 1987-95.

FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS:

Mike Brey is the first first-year coach at Notre Dame to win 19 games in his first 25 contests. The last Notre Dame team to win 19 of their first 25 games was the 1985-86 Irish team coached by Digger Phelps. That team finished with an overall record of 23-6, winning 20 of their first 25 games.

MOST WINS IN THE REGULAR SEASON:

Notre Dame's 19 wins are the most from an Irish team during the regular season since the 1988-89 campaign when that squad won 20 regular season games.

BREY vs. RANKED OPPONENTS:

As a head coach at both Notre Dame and Delaware, Mike Brey has coached in 12 games against ranked opponents. Notre Dame's game against Boston College marked the sixth ranked opponent the Irish have faced this season. Brey is 4-2 in 2000-01 versus ranked foes, and his Irish team has been victorious each of the last three times it has faced an opponent ranked in the top 25. Brey earned his first win as a head coach over a ranked opponent when Notre Dame beat then 16th-ranked Cincinnati 69-51 at the Wooden Tradition in Indianapolis, Ind., on Nov. 25, 2000. In addition to the Boston College win on Wednesday, Notre Dame's other two wins against ranked opponents have come against Syracuse and Georgetown.

NOTRE DAME vs. CONNECTICUT:

This is the first meeting this year between the two teams and the ninth one overall in the history of both programs. The Irish have a 3-5 all-time record against the Huskies, including wins in the last two meetings during the 1999-2000 season.

LAST GAME vs. CONNECTICUT

Notre Dame 68, Connecticut 66
February 12, 2000
Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN

Connecticut (66)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Freeman	31	8-11	2-3	2-5	1	3	18
Saunders	18	2-3	0-0	0-4	0	2	4
Voskuhl	16	2-2	0-0	1-3	1	5	4
Mouring	39	8-16	0-0	1-3	1	0	18
El-amin	38	3-11	0-0	0-4	8	4	8
Deng	21	5-8	0-0	1-4	2	2	10
Archibald	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Robertson	18	2-3	0-0	1-1	0	5	4
Wane	14	0-0	0-0	0-4	0	2	0
Cox	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	200	30-54	2-3	6-28	13	24	66

Percentages: FG-.556, FT-.667, 3-Point Goals: 4-13, .308 (Mouring 2-7, El-amin 2-6). Team rebounds: 2. Blocked shots: 6 (Deng 3, Voskuhl 2, Freeman). Turnovers: 15 (Freeman 6, El-amin 2, Robertson 2, Voskuhl 2, Archibald, Deng, Saunders). Steals: 5 (El-amin 2, Freeman, Mouring, Wane).

NOTRE DAME (68)

Player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Graves	38	6-9	2-2	2-3	2	1	17
Swanagan	19	3-5	4-6	0-2	0	3	10
Murphy	39	5-20	8-8	3-10	1	2	18
Carroll	26	2-4	3-4	0-1	1	2	8
Dillon	35	0-0	2-2	0-2	10	0	2
Kartelo	22	1-4	2-6	3-6	1	2	4
Macura	2	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Monserez	14	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	6
Ingelsby	5	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	0	3
Totals	200	20-50	21-28	9-26	15	10	68

Percentages: FG-.400, FT-.750, 3-Point Goals: 7-19, .368 (Graves 3-4, Murphy 0-6, Carroll 1-3, Monserez 2-3, Ingelsby 1-3). Team rebounds: 2. Blocked shots: 2 (Kartelo 2). Turnovers: 12 (Kartelo 3, Murphy 3, Dillon 2, Graves 2, Ingelsby, Swanagan). Steals: 5 (Murphy 2, Dillon, Graves, Kartelo).

Connecticut	39	27	-	66
Notre Dame	33	35	-	68

Technical fouls: None. A: 11,418. Officials: John Cahill, Michael Kitts, Andre Pattillo.

2000-01 BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

East Division

1.	Connecticut (12)	90
2.	St. John's	72
3.	Villanova (2)	69
4.	Miami	58
5.	Boston College	37
6.	Providence	35
7.	Virginia Tech	24

West Division

1.	Seton Hall (4)	80
2.	Georgetown (5)	77
3.	NOTRE DAME (3)	68
4.	Syracuse (2)	53
5.	Pittsburgh	45
6.	West Virginia	27
7.	Rutgers	25

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year:
TROY MURPHY — NOTRE DAME

BIG EAST Preseason Rookie of the Year:
Eddie Griffin — Seton Hall

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team:

Troy Bell — Boston College
Kevin Braswell — Georgetown

TROY MURPHY — NOTRE DAME

Ricardo Greer — Pittsburgh
Darius Lane — Seton Hall

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team:

Albert Mouring — Connecticut
Ruben Boumtje Boumtje — Georgetown
Lee Scruggs — Georgetown
Samuel Dalembert — Seton Hall
Michael Bradley — Villanova



2000-01 NOTRE DAME MEN'S BASKETBALL TELECONFERENCES

**HEAD COACH MIKE BREY —
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. EST**

Call: (317) 263-8800 • Enter: 3263#

- Wed., Nov. 15 — Sacred Heart
- Mon., Nov. 20 — Loyola (Chicago)/Cincinnati
- Thurs., Nov. 30 — Vanderbilt/Indiana
- Wed., Dec. 6 — Miami of Ohio
- Thurs., Dec. 14 — Tennessee Tech/Canisius/Vermont
- Wed., Dec. 27 — Long Island/Syracuse
- Thurs., Jan. 4 — Rutgers/Seton Hall
- Wed., Jan. 10 — Kentucky/Pittsburgh
- Thurs., Jan. 18 — West Virginia/Syracuse
- Thurs., Jan. 25 — Georgetown
- Thurs., Feb. 1 — Pittsburgh/St. John's
- Thurs., Feb. 8 — West Virginia/Rutgers
- Thurs., Feb. 15 — Seton Hall/Boston College
- Thurs., Feb. 22 — Virginia Tech/Connecticut
- Thurs., March 1 — Georgetown
- Mon., Mar. 5 — BIG EAST Tournament



**TROY MURPHY —
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EST**

Call: (317) 263-8800 • Enter: 3263#

- Wed., Nov. 15
- Wed., Nov. 22
- Wed., Nov. 29
- Wed., Dec. 6
- Wed., Dec. 13
- Wed., Dec. 20
- Wed., Dec. 27
- Thurs., Jan. 4
- Wed., Jan. 10
- Wed. Jan. 17
- Wed. Jan. 24
- Wed., Jan. 31
- Wed., Feb. 7
- Thurs., Feb. 15 *
- Wed., Feb. 21
- Wed., Feb. 28
- Mon., Mar. 5

*11-30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



2000-01 BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL TELECONFERENCES

Call: (913) 981-5520

**Dates: Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Jan. 25,
Feb. 8, Feb. 22 and Mar. 5**

- 11:00 a.m. — Steve Lappas (Villanova)
- 11:08 a.m. — Mike Brey (Notre Dame)**
- 11:16 a.m. — Al Skinner (Boston College)
- 11:24 a.m. — Jim Calhoun (Connecticut)
- 11:32 a.m. — Mike Jarvis (St. John's)
- 11:40 a.m. — Ben Howland (Pittsburgh)
- 11:48 a.m. — Jim Boeheim (Syracuse)
- 11:56 a.m. — Perry Clark (Miami)
- 12:04 p.m. — Gale Catlett (West Virginia)
- 12:12 p.m. — Tommy Amaker (Seton Hall)
- 12:20 p.m. — Kevin Bannon (Rutgers)
- 12:28 p.m. — Tim Welsh (Providence)
- 12:36 p.m. — Craig Esherrick (Georgetown)
- 12:44 p.m. — Ricky Stokes (Virginia Tech)

STAR POWER:

Martin Ingelby's leaning jumper with 3.7 seconds remaining against Boston College to pull out a 76-75 victory was recognized as the CNN Play of the Day.

GRAVES ACHIEVES FIRST DOUBLE-DOUBLE:

David Graves notched his first double-double of the season against Virginia Tech on Saturday afternoon as he scored 19 points and grabbed a season-high 10 rebounds. It marked the third double-double of his career. Heading into the matchup with the Hokies Graves had not scored in double figures in four previous outings.

CARROLL NOTCHES FIRST DOUBLE-DOUBLE:

Matt Carroll notched his first career double-double on Wednesday night as he scored 17 points and grabbed a career-high 11 boards (the first time he has grabbed 10-plus rebounds in a game). He has scored in double figures in six consecutive games and in 19 games overall this season.

A BIG EAST MOMENT FOR THE IRISH:

Notre Dame's eight consecutive BIG EAST wins against Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Syracuse, Georgetown, Pittsburgh, St. John's and Rutgers marked the first time since the Irish joined the league in 1995-96 that they had posted eight straight wins over league foes. Notre Dame also is eight games above the .500 mark for the first time since becoming a league member.

BIG EAST MOMENT II FOR IRISH:

Notre Dame's five straight road wins at Georgetown (78-71 on Jan. 27), Pittsburgh (75-67 on Feb. 3), West Virginia (69-66 on Feb. 11), Rutgers (81-59 on Feb. 14) and Virginia Tech (85-61 on Feb. 24) is the first time since the Irish joined the BIG EAST that they have won five consecutive road games in the league. Heading into last Sunday's matchup with the Mountaineers, the Irish had only once won consecutive BIG EAST road outings — in 1998-99 when they defeated Providence 83-80 on Dec. 8, which was followed by a 71-68 victory versus Miami (Fla.) on Jan. 9.

SERIES SWEEPS:

Notre Dame earned its third series sweep when the Irish defeated Rutgers on Feb. 14. Head Coach **Mike Brey's** squad has also swept series against Pittsburgh and West Virginia this season. Prior to the 2000-01 campaign, Notre Dame had only had three series sweeps in its previous five seasons as a member of the BIG EAST — Syracuse in 1996-97; Seton Hall in 1998-99 and Connecticut in 1999-2000.

MURPHY AND THE WOODEN WATCH:

Troy Murphy is among the top 30 candidates and one of four BIG EAST players named to the midseason list for the 2001 John R. Wooden Award. Murphy, a member of the 2000 John R. Wooden All-America team, was one of the top 25 vote-getters on the Preseason List of 50 which was announced in the fall. He and Duke senior Shane Battier are the only two previous candidates among the current list of 30. The 10-member Wooden Award All-America team will be announced on March 27, 2001. From that squad, one member will receive the Wooden Award Trophy as the nation's "Most Outstanding Collegiate Basketball Player." The announcement will be made on April 6, 2001, and will be shown on a one-hour telecast on Fox Sports Net. The three other BIG EAST players on the list of 30 include Albert Mouring of Connecticut, Eddie Griffin of Seton Hall and Preston Shumpert of Syracuse.

MURPHY IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Certainly **Troy Murphy** can stake claim to being the most publicized men's collegiate basketball player in the past two months. Feature articles appeared in three major sports publications on the junior All-American. *Sports Illustrated's* Grant Wahl profiled Murphy in a piece entitled "Troy Story", which appeared in the Dec. 25 issue of the magazine, while Mike DeCoursey wrote an article entitled "Getting a Slight Edge" for *The Sporting News* which hit the newsstands before the Christmas holiday. Curry Kirkpatrick has a piece entitled "Murphy's Law" in the Jan. 8 bi-weekly edition of *ESPN Magazine*.

NAISMITH WATCH:

Troy Murphy is listed among the Top 15 finalists for the 2000-01 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year as was announced on Feb. 12. Murphy is one of four BIG EAST players among the final 15 in consideration for the Award. The 14 finalists along with Murphy include: Shane Battier (Duke), Charlie Bell (Michigan State), Troy Bell (Boston College), Michael Bradley (Villanova), Jarron Collins (Stanford), Joe Forte (North Carolina), Eddie Griffin (Seton Hall), Brendan Haywood (North Carolina), Casey Jacobson (Stanford), Terence Morris (Maryland), Jason Richardson (Michigan State), Jamaal Tinsley (Iowa State), Jason Williams (Duke) and Michael Wright (Arizona).

Murphy is not the only Notre Dame player named a Naismith finalist. All-American Ruth

THE BIG EAST "20-20" CLUB

- TROY MURPHY — Notre Dame**
23 points, 20 rebounds (1-9-01)
- CHRIS McNEAL — Pittsburgh**
27 points, 20 rebounds (3-3-92)
- BOBBY MARTIN — Pittsburgh**
27 points, 20 rebounds (2-7-90)
- DERRICK COLEMAN — Syracuse**
23 points, 21 rebounds (1-20-90)
- JEROME LANE — Pittsburgh**
20 points, 21 rebounds (2-21-87)
- HAROLD PRESSLEY — Villanova**
24 points, 20 rebounds (2-18-86)
- ED PINCKNEY — Villanova**
27 points, 22 rebounds (1-31-83)

Riley, a senior, is a contender for the award on the women's side.

HUMPHREY NAMED CBS PLAYER OF THE GAME:

Ryan Humphrey was selected as the CBS Player of the Game versus Kentucky after recording his seventh double-double of the season as he finished with 12 points, a game-high 13 rebounds and three blocked shots.

MURPHY COPS BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS FOR FOURTH TIME

Troy Murphy was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week for the fourth time last week after averaging 24.3 points and 10.5 rebounds in leading the Irish to wins over St. John's and West Virginia. He had 34 points and 11 rebounds against the Red Storm and scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds versus the Mountaineers. Murphy shares the honor with Todd Billet of Rutgers. He earned the player-of-the-week honor for the 10th time in his career.

MAKING THE GRADE:

While Irish head coach Mike Brey is pleased with his team's play on the court, he can be equally proud of his squad's performance in the classroom. The team earned an overall grade-point average of 3.027 for the fall semester, the highest combined average since 1992 (when records were first kept). It was the first semester above a 3.00 for any Notre Dame men's basketball team in 17 semesters. Seven of the 13 players earned a grade-point average of 3.178 and higher with three players earning Dean's List recognition. The three players named to the Dean's List were: senior marketing majors **Martin Ingelsby (3.405)** and **Hans Rasmussen (3.467)** and freshman **Chris Markwood (3.400)**, enrolled in the First Year of Studies.

MURPHY JOINS "20-20" CLUB:

Troy Murphy turned in one of the most memorable performances in BIG EAST Conference history on Jan. 8 at Seton Hall with his 25-point and 20-rebound outing against the Pirates. It marked only the seventh time in league history and first time since 1992 that a player registered a "20-20" in conference game. The last Notre Dame player to grab 20-plus rebounds in a game was LaPhonso Ellis — 20 vs. Dayton on Jan. 27, 1992 in a 76-54 victory.

TWO TOP 10 VICTIMS FALL AT JOYCE CENTER:

Notre Dame had two wins against top 10 opponents during the 1999-2000 campaign, but both of those victories occurred on the road. Prior to this season, Notre Dame had not had a win against a top 10 team since Feb. 5, 1994 when Notre Dame handed UCLA a 79-63 setback. At the time, the Bruins were ranked fourth in the Associated Press Poll and were tied for second in the ESPN/USA Today ranking. This season, the Irish have had two wins at the Joyce Center against top 10 foes. The Irish beat Syracuse 74-60 on Jan. 23 when the Orangemen were ranked eighth in the ESPN/USA Today ranking. Boston College was ranked 10th and ninth, respectively, in the two polls when the Irish beat the Eagles 76-75 on Wednesday night.

ND NOTCHES THREE TOP 10 WINS:

Notre Dame's 76-75 win over Boston College marked the third victory for the Irish over a top 10 team this season. The last time a Notre Dame team beat three top 10 opponents in the same season was in 1991-92 as the Irish defeated North Carolina (88-76), Syracuse (101-98) and UCLA (84-71).

HOME COOKIN':

With its 76-75 win over Boston College, the Irish are now 12-3 at home this season at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame had won nine straight earlier, but had its home win streak snapped when it suffered a 74-64 setback to Seton Hall. Prior to losing to the Pirates, the Irish had posted four consecutive BIG EAST wins against Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Syracuse and St. John's. Notre Dame was 16-4 at home a year ago, and since the start of last season, have won 80.0 percent of its games at the Joyce Center.

PRODUCTIVE FRONTLINE SHOWS SCORING AND REBOUNDING VERSATILITY:

Notre Dame's frontline duo of **Troy Murphy** and **Ryan Humphrey** have proven to be a formidable match for Irish opponents. In all but four games, one of the two has either led or tied for team-high scoring honors. The Murphy-Humphrey combination also has led Notre Dame in rebounding in 22 of 25 contests. **David Graves** led the Irish in scoring against Tennessee Tech (20 points) on Dec. 17 and West Virginia (17 points) on Jan. 21, while **Martin Ingelsby** topped the scoring column with his 17-point effort on Sun., Feb. 11 versus West Virginia and Matt Carroll was the leading scorer against Rutgers on Wednesday night. **Harold Swanagan's** 10 rebounds against Pittsburgh on Jan. 16 marked the first time all season that neither Murphy or Humphrey was not the team's leading rebounder. Murphy has been the leading scorer and rebounder in 17 and 10 games, respectively, while Humphrey has led the Irish in scoring in two games and in rebounding on 12 occasions.

DOUBLE TROUBLE:

Troy Murphy and **Ryan Humphrey** have produced double-doubles in the same contest in four games this season. The most recent outing was against St. John's on Feb. 3 as Murphy scored 34 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Humphrey scored 16 points and grabbed 11 boards. The other three games in which the two combined for double-doubles were against Canisius (Murphy-29 points, 15 rebounds and Humphrey-20 points, 11 rebounds), Long Island (Murphy-24 points, 10 rebounds and Humphrey-20 points, 11 rebounds) and Kentucky (Murphy-

Irish All-Time vs. 2000-2001 Opponents

Team	Record
Boston College	9-9
Canisius	17-4
Cincinnati	3-1
Connecticut	3-5
Indiana	19-45
Georgetown	5-6
Kentucky	17-38
Long Island	2-0
Loyola-Chicago	29-2
Miami (Ohio)	3-4
Pittsburgh	22-19
Rutgers	8-7
Sacred Heart	1-0
St. John's	14-11
Seton Hall	7-5
Syracuse	14-13
Tennessee Tech	2-0
Vanderbilt	3-4
Vermont	3-0
West Virginia	15-7
Virginia Tech	1-1
Total	198-179 (.525)



NOTRE DAME POLL WATCHING (Week By Week)

Date	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	T15	17
Nov. 13	16	17
Nov. 20	14	15
Nov. 27	11	11
Dec. 4	10	10
Dec. 11	21	20
Dec. 18	21	24
Dec. 25	22	23
Jan. 1	21	25
Jan. 8	25	25
Jan. 15	NR	NR
Jan. 22	NR	NR
Jan. 29	23	NR
Feb. 5	20	23
Feb. 12	14	21
Feb. 19	18	18



Irish Record

By Day	
On Sundays:	3-1
On Mondays:	1-1
On Tuesdays:	3-2
On Wednesdays:	3-0
On Thursdays:	1-0
On Fridays:	1-0
On Saturdays:	7-2
By Time	
Night Games:	13-3
Day Games:	6-3
By Location	
Home Games:	12-3
Road Games:	6-3
Neutral Games:	1-0
By Halftime Score	
Lead at halftime:	14-0
Trail at halftime:	4-6
Tied at halftime:	1-0
By Rebound Margin	
Outrebounding opponents:	12-4
Outrebounded by opponents:	7-2
Same number of rebounds	0-0
By Field Goal Shooting	
Shoot better from field:	19-1
Shoot worse from field:	0-5
Shoot same from field:	0-0
Shoot 50% or better:	11-1
Shoot less than 50%:	8-4
Keep opponents under 50%:	18-5
Keep opponents under 40%:	14-0
By Free Throw Margin	
Hit more free throws:	18-3
Hit fewer free throws:	1-2
Same number of free throws:	0-1
By Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers:	7-2
Commit more turnovers:	11-3
Commit same number of turnovers:	1-1
By Margin	
One-point games:	1-0
Two-point games:	0-1
Three-point games:	2-0
Four-point games:	0-0
5-10 point games:	5-4
11-20 point games:	5-1
21-30 point games:	3-0
31+point games:	3-0
By Conference	
Northeast	2-0
Midwestern Collegiate	1-0
Conference USA	1-0
Southeastern	1-1
Big Ten	0-1
Mid-American	0-1
Ohio Valley	1-0
Metro Atlantic Athletic	1-0
America East	1-0
BIG EAST	11-3
By Month	
In November	3-0
In December	5-2
In January	5-3
In February	6-1
In March	0-0

14 points, 11 rebounds and Humphrey-12 points, 13 rebounds). Murphy has 12 double-doubles this season, while Humphrey has nine.

CARROLL, HUMPHREY COMBINE FOR DOUBLE-DOUBLE:

Ryan Humphrey and Matt Carroll combined for a double-double in the same game for the first time in their careers against Boston College. Humphrey had 15 points and a game-high 14 rebounds, while Carroll tossed in 17 points and grabbed a personal best 11 boards.

THE MURPHY-HUMPHREY-GRAVES COMBINATION LEADS THE WAY:

Notre Dame's trio of Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey and David Graves continue to put up impressive numbers. Murphy leads the team in both scoring and rebounding as he is averaging 22.9 points and 9.4 rebounds. Humphrey has a 14.7 scoring average and is averaging 9.3 rebounds per game. Graves owns a 14.0 points per game average. The trio is responsible for 63.4 percent of the team's offensive scoring (1,276 of 2,014 points). The three scored 20-plus points each in back-to-back games against Canisius and Vermont on Dec. 19 and 21, respectively. In the victory over the Catamounts, Murphy and Graves each had 21 points in the win, while Humphrey added 20. In the previous outing against Canisius, just 48 hours prior to the win over the Catamounts on Dec. 21, Murphy had 29 points, Graves 23 and Humphrey 20. That game marked the first time since the 1991-92 season that three players contributed 20 or more points in a game. The last time it happened was in Notre Dame's 101-98 victory over Syracuse at the Carrier Dome on February 15, 1992 when LaPhonso Ellis, Daimon Sweet and Elmer Bennett had 28, 24 and 22 points, respectively.

SPREADING THE WEALTH:

Notre Dame had all five of its starters in double figures for the third time this season in the loss at Kentucky. All five Irish starters also reached double-figure scoring in a win over Canisius and in the loss to Indiana. When all five starters — Troy Murphy, Ryan Humphrey, David Graves, Matt Carroll and Martin Ingelsby — reached double figures against the Hoosiers, it marked the first time since the 1998-99 campaign that all five starters scored 10-plus points in game. That season, all five of Notre Dame's starting members reached double figures three times in games against Stetson, St. Francis (N.Y.) and Boston College. Five players, four starters (Murphy, Humphrey, Harold Swanagan and Carroll) and Graves who came off the bench, scored in double figures in the win at Georgetown.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR:

All 12 players who played in the game against Long Island on Dec. 29 in the final game of 2000 contributed points in the final 97-point outing — Troy Murphy (24), Ryan Humphrey (20), David Graves (14), Matt Carroll (14), Jere Macura (7), Harold Swanagan (3), Ivan Kartelo (4), Charles Thomas (3), Martin Ingelsby (2), Torrian Jones (2), Hans Rasmussen (2) and Tom Timmermans (2).

COMEBACK KIDS:

Notre Dame has shown tremendous resiliency in recent games and has staged comebacks in both the first and second halves of contests to pull out victories. Here's a look at the Irish comebacks:

- West Virginia (1/21):** Trailed 19-8 with 12:34 to go in first half before 16-4 run to take the lead for good with 7:39 remaining in the first half.
- Syracuse (1/23):** Never trailed in the contest.
- Georgetown (1/27):** Trailed 54-46 with 11:27 in the second half, but outscored the Hoyas 14-5 to take the lead for good with 4:59 left in the game.
- Pittsburgh (2/3):** Fell behind 21-10 with 13:05 remaining in the first half and closed out the final 13 minutes with a 24-8 run that gave the Irish a 34-29 halftime advantage. Notre Dame never trailed in the second half.
- St. John's (2/5):** Trailed 46-36 with 18:37 remaining in the second half, but used an 18-8 run to take a two-point lead (56-54) with 9:30 left to play. Never trailed after that point and had a 19-point lead (77-58) with 2:05 remaining.
- West Virginia (2/11):** Trailed 60-53 with 6:22 left in the game before a 9-0 run helped the Irish claim a 60-58 advantage with 2:21 to play. Fell behind 65-64 with 1:40 to play before pulling out the three-point win.
- Rutgers (2/14):** Trailed 1-0 at the 19:44 mark to start the game.
- Boston College (2/21):** Trailed 39-34 at half, but used a 14-0 run to start the second half. Led 64-54 with 8:33 to play, but BC regained lead 75-73 with 1:28 to play. Notre Dame had the ball with 21.4 seconds to play and trailing 75-74 before Martin Ingelsby's leaning jumper with 3.7 seconds left in the contest.

WING-ING IT:

The perimeter play of outside shooters David Graves and Matt Carroll give the Irish a deadly three-point shooting arsenal. The duo has made 108 (58.7 percent) of Notre Dame's 184 three-point field goals and has attempted 270 (56.8 percent) of the team's 475 shots from beyond the arc. Carroll is shooting 43.8 from three-point range, while Graves has made 36.4 percent of his attempts from beyond the arc.

IRONMAN:



**2000-01 BIG EAST STANDINGS
(through games of Feb. 25)**

<u>East Division</u>	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
Boston College	20-4	11-3
Providence	20-8	10-5
St. John's	14-12	8-6
Connecticut	18-9	7-7
Villanova	16-10	7-7
Miami	14-11	6-8
Virginia Tech	8-17	2-12

<u>West Division</u>	Overall Record	BIG EAST Record
NOTRE DAME	19-6	11-3
Georgetown	21-6	8-6
Syracuse	20-7	8-6
West Virginia	16-8	8-6
Pittsburgh	14-11	6-8
Seton Hall	13-12	4-10
Rutgers	11-14	3-11

2000-01 BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

Player of the Week:

Nov. 20	Michael Bradley (VU)
Nov. 27	Troy Murphy (ND)
	Preston Shumpert (SU)
	Todd Billett (RU)
Dec. 4	Darius Lane (SHU)
Dec. 11	Michael Bradley (VU)
Dec. 18	Troy Murphy (ND)
Dec. 26	Troy Bell (BC)
Jan. 2	Troy Bell (BC)
Jan. 8	Damone Brown (SU)
	John Linehan (PC)
Jan. 15	Anthony Glover (SJU)
Jan. 22	Michael Bradley (VU)
Jan. 31	Troy Murphy (ND)
	Troy Bell (BC)
Feb. 5	Preston Shumpert (SU)
Feb. 12	Troy Murphy (ND)
	Todd Billett (RU)
Feb. 19	Calvin Bowman (WVU)

Rookie of the Week:

Nov. 20	Omar Cook (SJU)
	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Nov. 27	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Dec. 4	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Dec. 11	Michael Sweetney (GU)
	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Dec. 18	Michael Sweetney (GU)
Dec. 25	Marcus Douthitt (PC)
Jan. 2	Caron Butler (UC)
	Eddie Griffin (SHU)
Jan. 8	Caron Butler (UC)
	Omar Cook (SJU)
Jan. 15	Omar Cook (SJU)
Jan. 29	Marcus Barnes (UM)
Jan. 29	Ryan Sidney (BC)
Feb. 5	Michael Sweetney (GU)
Feb. 12	Omar Cook (SJU)
Feb. 19	Darius Rice (UM)

Martin Inglesby leads the team in minutes played this season as he is averaging 37.1 minutes per game. He has played the entire 40 minutes in eight of 13 BIG EAST contests and in 10 games overall. The two non-league games which he played the entire 40 minutes were against Vanderbilt and Miami of Ohio.

OVER THE 100-MARK PLATEAU:

The Irish went over the 100-point mark in its first two games of the season posting victories over Sacred Heart (104-58) and Loyola (107-68). It marked the first time since the 1985-86 campaign that a Notre Dame team registered back-to-back 100-point contests. It also was the first time in school history that an Irish team began the season scoring 100-plus points in its first two contests.

POINTS A PLENTY:

Notre Dame is averaging 80.6 points per game and outscoring its opponents by 11.5 points per game. The Irish scored 90-plus points in three consecutive games — Canisius (99-91), Vermont (96-86) and Long Island (97-49). Brey's squad has topped the 90-point mark five times overall this season.

"BIG" BIG EAST WIN:

Notre Dame's 24-point margin of victory over Virginia Tech on Saturday was the largest for the Irish in a BIG EAST game (home or away) in five-plus seasons. Last season, the Irish posted a 23-point win (77-54) at Georgetown for the largest point differential in a league road game for a Notre Dame team.

WORTH NOTING FROM THE LOYOLA GAME:

Notre Dame's strong outing against the Ramblers on Nov. 22 produced some noteworthy team numbers in the contest:

- Set school record for three-point field goals made (16) and three-point field goal percentage (.727 - 16 of 22).
- Tied the school record for blocked shots (12).
- Second time since 1985-86 that the Irish recorded back-to-back outings 100-point outings (vs. Manhattan - 102-47 and vs. Miami (Fla.) - 126-73).

500TH GAME AT JOYCE CENTER:

Notre Dame played its 500th game at the Joyce Center on Nov. 18 against Sacred Heart. The Irish are 397-117 all-time at the Joyce Center for a .772 winning percentage since it began play in the inaugural 1968-69 season. The Irish were 16-4 (.800) at home in 1999-2000, marking the third time in school history they had 16 victories (the most at the Joyce Center). Notre Dame also recorded 16 wins at the Joyce during the 1976-77 and 1982-83 campaigns.

BLOCK PARTY:

Notre Dame has already set the single-season blocked shots record with 157 in 25 games for an average of 6.3 blocks per game. The previous mark of 145 was set by the 1991-92 Notre Dame team. The Irish had 110 blocks during the 1999-2000 campaign. **Ryan Humphrey** leads the team with 69, while **Troy Murphy** is second with 47.

GRAVES JOINS 1,000-POINT CLUB:

Junior **David Graves** joined Notre Dame's 1,000-point club and became the 41st player in Irish basketball history to reach that mark. Graves tallied his 1,000th point in the win over Vermont on Dec. 21. He notched his 1,000th point in the second half on a free throw with 16:58 remaining in the contest. He has 1,209 points in 92 career games for a 13.1 career scoring average heading into tonight's game and currently ranks 27th on the all-time Notre Dame scoring list.

A 1,000-POINT CLASS ACT:

With **David Graves** reaching the 1,000-point mark, he joined **Troy Murphy** (1,931 career points) as the second member of Notre Dame's class of 2002 to reach that plateau. It marks the first time that a class has produced at least two 1,000-point scorers since the trio of LaPhonso Ellis, Elmer Bennett and Daimon Sweet. The three combined for 4,403 points from 1988-92 with Ellis scoring 1,505 points, Bennett 1,488 points and Sweet 1,410 points. Graves and Murphy have combined for 3,140 points in two-plus seasons.

SWANAGAN SPARKLES:

Since the Christmas break, **Harold Swanagan's** play has earned him more and more playing time. The Irish junior has been one of the team's most productive players and has been in the starting lineup in each of the last 10 games beginning with the Pittsburgh game on Jan. 16. Swanagan will be in the starting lineup tonight for the 13th time this season. Since becoming a starter, he has scored in double figures in two of those games — 11 points at Georgetown and 10 at Rutgers. Against the Scarlet Knights, he played a season-high 28 minutes and also finished with a team-high six rebounds in the contest. In his second game as a starter this season (and first in the last eight-game stretch), Swanagan grabbed season-best 10 boards which marked the fifth time in his career he had 10-plus rebounds in a game. In the win at Georgetown, Swanagan finished with a season-best 11 points, six rebounds and two assists, and in addition, connected on all seven of his free-throw attempts from the field.

LEADER OF THE PACK:



Irish in the National Statistics

Scoring

Troy Murphy 4th 23.0

Rebounding

Ryan Humphrey T24th 9.4

Troy Murphy T24th 9.4

Assists

Martin Ingelsby 10th 6.7

Blocked Shots

Ryan Humphrey 13th 3.0

Scoring Offense

Team 24th 80.4

Scoring Margin

Team 23rd 10.9

**IRISH LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM
HONORED AS ONE OF NATION'S BEST**

The Notre Dame CHAMPS/Life Skills Program has been identified as one of the best in the nation by the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association. Notre Dame received one of four program of excellence award at the Association's Sept. 25 awards dinner in Dallas. Honored along with Notre Dame were Arizona State University, the University of Iowa and Michigan State University. Notre Dame's Life Skills Program currently is under the direction of Bernard Muir, associate athletic director for student-athlete welfare.

In existence since August 1996, Notre Dame's Life Skills Program is committed to the total development of the University's student-athletes. It fosters the cultivation of skills that allow for their maximization on and off the playing field. The program develops and implements events and activities which are designed to facilitate learning in five key areas: academic excellence, athletic success, career preparation, community involvement and personal development. By the time a Notre Dame student-athlete graduates, he or she will have participated in approximately 40 hours of required skill building and development workshops in each key area. All freshmen and their parents participate in orientation sessions designed to assist in the transition into the University and to inform them about the Life Skills Program as well as other support services.

The consistency of **Troy Murphy** as both a scorer and rebounder is remarkable when considering these numbers. Of the 89 career games he has played (he missed three games his freshman year because of a sprained ankle), Murphy has led or tied for team-high scoring and rebounding honors on 70 and 58 occasions, respectively. Below is the breakdown year-to-year of how he has led the Irish in both categories during his career.

	Scoring	Rebounding
2000-01	18 of 25 games (72.0%)	11 of 25 games (44.0%)
1999-00	33 of 37 games (89.2%)	30 of 37 games (81.1%)
1998-99	19 of 27 games (70.4%)	17 of 27 games (63.0%)
Totals	70 of 89 games (78.7%)	58 of 89 games (65.2%)

Some other noteworthy statistics include: 88 of 89 games in double figure scoring, 44 career double-doubles, 16 career games with 30-plus points and 52 contests with 20-plus points.

MURPHY GETS 100TH BLOCK:

Troy Murphy blocked his 100th career shot against Long Island on Dec. 29 and currently second on the Notre Dame all-time career shot-blocking list with 123. LaPhonso Ellis (1988-92) is the Irish all-time leader in this category with 200.

HUMPHREY APPROACHING 1,000 POINTS:

Ryan Humphrey is 12 points from reaching the 1,000-point mark. The Irish forward has scored 352 points in a Notre Dame uniform. Heading into his first season at Notre Dame Humphrey, who transferred from the University of Oklahoma, had 636 points. He has played in 87 career games and owns an 14.7 scoring average.

A MURPHY MOMENT:

Troy Murphy grabbed his 800th career rebound in Notre Dame's win over Syracuse on Jan. 23 becoming just the 10th Irish player to reach that mark. **Murphy has 882 rebounds in his career and is one of just two Notre Dame players in history to score more than 1,900 points and grab more than 800 rebounds.** The only other Irish player to achieve that milestone was Adrian Dantley (1973-74) who scored 2,223 points and grabbed 843 rebounds during his career.

INGLESBY CONTINUES TO CLIMB ASSIST CHART:

Senior **Martin Ingelsby** dished off his 500th career assist against Virginia Tech on February 24. He currently has 500 career assists, good for fourth on the all-time career assist list. Ingelsby passed Rich Branning (1976-80) who finished his career with 466 assists. Ingelsby owns a 4.24 assist average in 118 career games.

FOLLOWING TROY ON THE WEB:

Follow All-American **Troy Murphy** on the world wide web at www.und.com/troymurphy. The site includes biographical information, statistics, pictures, a weekly diary, a listing of awards and honors and links to articles on the web which have been written on this Irish junior. For more information on the site, contact the Notre Dame Sports Information Office at (219) 631-7516.

MURPHY GOES HAWAIIAN:

Troy Murphy's travels took him twice to Hawaii within a two-week span in August and early September. The Irish junior participated in the Pete Newell Big Man Camp just before returning to campus for the start of the school year and met up with former Notre Dame standout and 1997 BIG EAST Player of the Year Pat Garrity. Murphy made a second trip across the mainland when he played for the USA Men's Select Team on Sept. 2 in Honolulu against the USA Basketball Men's Senior National Team. The game was televised by NBC and Murphy finished with four points and three rebounds. St. John's head coach Mike Jarvis served as the team's coach.

DOUBLE-TAKE FOR HUMPHREY:

Just 24 games into his Notre Dame career, **Ryan Humphrey** has already posted nine double-doubles in an Irish uniform. His most recent came against Boston College on Wednesday night when he scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. He has registered double-doubles in eight of the last 18 games, and in back-to-back contests against Tennessee Tech (10 points, 12 rebounds) on Dec. 17, Canisius (20 points, 11 rebounds) on Dec. 19 and Long Island (20 points, 11 rebounds) on Dec. 21. Humphrey, who has 19 career double-doubles (10 in two seasons at Oklahoma), registered his first double-double at Notre Dame in the win over Cincinnati on Nov. 25 as he scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. He also has had 10 or more rebounds in 27 games during his career and scored 10-plus points on 56 occasions. Humphrey also has scored 20-plus points in seven games throughout his career.

GRAVES PRODUCES BACK-TO-BACK-TO BACK 20-POINT OUTINGS:

David Graves has scored 20-plus points in four games this season, including a season-high 24-point performance against Pittsburgh on Feb. 3. He had three consecutive outings (a first in his career) in which he scored 20-plus points against Tennessee Tech (20 points), Canisius (23 points) and Vermont (21 points) and averaged 21.3 points in those victories. He has scored 20-plus points nine times during his career, which includes a 33-point effort against Vanderbilt during the 1999-2000 campaign.

MURPHY DOUBLE-DOUBLES REACHES 12:

Troy Murphy registered his 12th double-double of the season, and 44th of his career against



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Mike Brey Weekly Radio Call-In

The Mike Brey Radio Show made its debut two nights ago on 1620-AM WHLY live in South Bend. The 13-week live call-in show, hosted by U-93 sports director Sean Stires, takes place at Parisi's Italian Restaurant. Brey discusses the Irish season and previews upcoming games. Current Irish players will be among the featured guests throughout the season.



Kevin White Radio Show

A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air from 11:00-11:30 p.m. for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with colleg athletics including administrators, coaches and media members.



Men's Basketball Banquet

Tickets are now on sale for the 2001 Notre Dame Men's Basketball Banquet, slated for April 4, 2001, on the arena floor of the Joyce Center.

The event is sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley.

The program will include comments from head coach Mike Brey and his players, a handful of award presentations, plus a video tribute to the 2000-01 season.

The evening begins with a reception and silent auction (benefiting the scholarship fund of the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley), a team autograph session at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 each and can be ordered by writing University of Notre Dame, Athletics Business Office, C112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556 (make checks payable to University of Notre Dame).

No telephone reservations are accepted. Reservation deadline is March 28.

Virginia Tech last Saturday as he scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Murphy's other double-doubles have come against Seton Hall (24 points, 16 rebounds), Sacred Heart (31 points, 14 rebounds), Vanderbilt (23 points, 11 rebounds), Canisius (29 points, 15 rebounds), Vermont (21 points, 13 rebounds), Long Island (24 points, 10 rebounds), Seton Hall (25 points, 20 rebounds), Kentucky (14 points, 11 rebounds), Syracuse (34 points, 16 rebounds), St. John's (34 points, 11 rebounds) and West Virginia (15 points, 10 rebounds). He has grabbed 10 or more rebounds in 45 career games.

FREE-THROW SHOOTING IN THE FINAL FOUR MINUTES:

As a team, Notre Dame is shooting 68.8 percent from the free-throw line and have made 72.6 percent from the charity stripe in the last nine games (267-368). Notre Dame had its best night from the line this season against Rutgers on Jan. 6, hitting 17-of-20 attempts for 85.0 percent accuracy. In Notre Dame's victory over Georgetown on Jan. 27, the Irish converted 23 of its 28 chances from the charity stripe, including a 17 of their last 21 in the final four minutes. In the previous outing against Syracuse, Brey's squad hit 83.9 percent from the line, connecting on 26 of its 31 attempts. That was a complete turnaround from its performance against Syracuse in the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 2 when the Irish converted just 8-21 from the line (38.1 percent). Notre Dame was just 1-10 from the free-throw line in the first half of that contest (after making their first free throw attempt, the Irish missed their next 10). Against Pittsburgh on Feb. 3, th Irish were 20-25 from the line (80.0 percent accuracy) and were 12-14 in the final 1:33 of the contest. In the West Virginia game, Notre Dame did not attempt a free-throw in the first half, but did make 16 of its 20 attempts in the second half. **In the eight of the last nine games, Notre Dame is a combined 45-62 (72.6 percent) overall in the final four minutes of the contest.**

STREAKING ALONG:

Troy Murphy's 20 points against Virginia Tech extended his streak of double figure scoring games to 76. The junior forward has netted double figures in 88 of 89 contests throughout his career. The only time he failed to score in double figures was against Syracuse on Dec. 29, 1995 when he scored just five points. In that game all of his points came from the free-throw line (5-6) as he was 0-11 from the field.

THIRTY SOMETHING:

Troy Murphy has scored 30-plus points in five of Notre Dame's 23 games this season. In addition to his 34 points against Syracuse and St. John's, he netted a career-best 37 points in the win over Rutgers on Jan. 6. He also had 31 in the season opener against Sacred Heart on Nov. 18 and 30 vs. Cincinnati on Nov. 25. He scored 30 or more points in nine games last season and has 15 career 30-plus outings. He also has scored 20-plus points 52 times in 89 career games.

IRISH THREE-POINTERS EXTEND TO 75 STRAIGHT GAMES:

Notre Dame's nine three-pointers against Virginia Tech extended its consecutive games with a three-pointer to 75 games. The Irish streak nearly ended at Pittsburgh when they had just one three-pointer (a season low) against the Panthers on Feb. 3. The last time the Irish failed to connect on at least one three-pointer in a game was against Connecticut in a 101-70 loss in Hartford, Conn., on January 12, 1999. Notre Dame set the school single-game three-point mark when it nailed 16 three-pointers against Loyola.

DIALING LONG DISTANCE:

David Graves' streak of 50 consecutive games with a three-pointer came to an end against West Virginia when he went 0-4 from beyond the three-point arc. Prior to this game, the last time Graves failed to make a three-pointer was against Maryland on Nov. 26, 1999. He also went 0-2 against Boston College on Wednesday night. In 92 career games, he has had at least one three-point field goal in all but 12 contests.

CARROLL LEADS IRISH AGAINST SCARLET KNIGHTS:

For the second time in his career, **Matt Carroll** led the Irish in scoring when he scored a team-high 20 points against Rutgers on seven-for-nine shooting from the field in the win on Feb. 14. It marked the second 20-point outing of the season for Carroll who also had season-high 22 points against Loyola (Chicago) in the second game of the season. He also led the Irish in scoring one other time during his career — last season as a freshman versus Villanova when he scored 17 points in an 86-69 loss to the Wildcats on Feb. 8, 2000.

MACURA NETS SEASON HIGH:

Jere Macura had a season-high 10 points against Rutgers on Wednesday night as he connected on four-of-five shots from the field and played 13 minutes of the contest. It marked the sixth 10-plus outing in his career.

MY FAVORITE MARTIN:

Senior **Martin Ingelsby** returned to his role as a starter this season after serving as Notre Dame's starting point guard for both the 1997-98 and 1998-99 campaigns. A starter in his first two seasons, Ingelsby lost his starting job in the seventh game of the season a year ago and averaged just 14.8 minutes and 4.8 points per game in 1999-2000. Through 25 games this season, he leads the team in minutes played (37.1) and is averaging 8.0 points, 2.8 rebounds and 6.7 assists.



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Irish Sign Two to National Letters of Intent

Point guard Chris Thomas (Indianapolis, Ind.) and forward Jordan Cornette (Cincinnati, Ohio) have signed national letters of intent to attend the University of Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2001.

Thomas, who led Pike High School to a 65-12 record in his first three seasons, averaged 24.3 points, 5.6 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 3.5 steals as a junior while leading his squad to an 18-6 record. He shot .480 from the field and .810 from the free-throw line and connected on a personal best 61 three-pointers. The 6-1, 165-pound Thomas garnered second-team all-state accolades following the 1999-2000 campaign and earned all-conference and all-Marion County honors for the third straight year.

Heading into his senior season, Thomas had played in all 77 games throughout his scholastic career and owned career averages of 19.2 points, 4.4 rebounds and assists and 2.6 steals. As a sophomore, he averaged 22.5 points, 4.9 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.5 steals as Pike finished with a 17-5 mark. In his freshman season, he netted 12.9 points, while helping his team capture the 1998 Indiana state championship with a final record of 30-1.

Cornette led his St. Xavier High School squad in 2000 to its first-ever Ohio state crown en route to a 25-2 mark. The 6-9, 200-pound Cornette averaged 9.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.0 blocked shots as a junior and garnered all-Greater Catholic League honors as well as second-team all-city accolades in leading his team to the most wins and best winning percentage in the program's history.

Cornette led his Cincinnati #1 AAU team to a runner-up finish at the 120-team AAU national tournament in Orlando, Fla., in July of 2000. Cornette's squad advanced to the championship game after defeating Thomas' Bloomington Red team in the semifinals.

Answering the Call

In a December edition of ESPN Magazine, ESPN analyst and former Duke basketball standout Jay Bilas highlighted five point guards nationally who have played vital roles for their teams this season. Among the five mentioned was Irish senior **Martin Ingelsby**, currently leading the BIG EAST in assist-to-turnover ratio. Here's what Bilas had to say about Ingelsby's play:

"Last season, Matt Doherty benched Ingelsby in favor of Jimmy Dillon. Now Dillon and Doherty are gone and Mike Brey has put the ball back into Ingelsby's hands. So what if he didn't have much choice? Point is, the 6-0 senior has responded. In the second half of Notre Dame's win over Cincinnati on Nov. 25, Ingelsby showed some onions by taking Kenny Satterfield off the dribble to ignite an Irish run. Through six games, he was averaging 7.2 points, hitting 48% on threes and had 41 assists vs. seven turnovers — the kind of stats that soothe any coach."

DISHING IT OUT:

Martin Ingelsby leads the Irish with 167 assists. Most impressive is the fact that he has committed just 46 turnovers in 25 games. Ingelsby had six assists and no turnovers against Virginia Tech on Saturday (the first time all season with no turnovers in a game). He had a career-high 13 assists against Rutgers on Jan. 6, while committing just one turnover. It marked the fourth time this season he had dished off 10-plus assists in a game. He dished off 11 assists in both the Loyola (Chicago) and Canisius contests, while also registering 10 assists in the win over Long Island. The 13 assists in the Rutgers game was the eighth time in his career in which he had dished off 10-plus assists. Ingelsby has played 900 of a possible 960 minutes and is averaging a turnover every 19.6 minutes and just 1.92 turnovers per game. Ingelsby's assist-to-turnover ratio of 3.50 leads the BIG EAST Conference. He had a season-high five turnovers against Seton Hall in the recent loss to the Pirates.

CONSISTENT CARROLL:

No Irish player has been as consistent throughout the season as sophomore **Matt Carroll**. He registered double figures for the 37th time in his career (and 19th time this season) against Virginia Tech as he scored 19 points. He is shooting 48.9 (111-227) percent from the field, 43.8 (57-130) from three-point range and 84.3 (43-51) from the charity stripe. Even more impressive is that he is second in the assist column with 101 (4.04 per game).

UNSELFISH IRISH:

The most telling statistic in Notre Dame's 25 games — the 458 assists (18.3 per game). Notre Dame has made a total of 697 field goals which translates into an assist for every 1.52 baskets. As a team, the Irish have committed 365 turnovers, resulting in a 1.25 assist-to-turnover ratio and a turnover every 2.70 minutes. Last season, Notre Dame had more turnovers (656) than assists (643).

IRISH SHOW TRIPLE THREAT AGAIN:

Notre Dame's three-point shooting appears to be alive and healthy again this season as the Irish have canned an average of 7.36 three-pointers (184-475) in 25 games. **Matt Carroll** leads the way with 57, while **David Graves** has made 51 and **Martin Ingelsby** 42. In the season opener against Sacred Heart, the Irish began the game by hitting eight of their first nine three-pointers. They also had a school-record 16 against Loyola on Nov. 22. Last season, the Irish averaged 7.8 three-pointers per game en route to establishing the single-season mark with 287.

MURPHY MOVES INTO TOP 10 ON IRISH SCORING CHARTS:

Troy Murphy became the 40th player in Notre Dame history to score 1,000 points on Jan. 29, 2000 when the Irish defeated St. John's. He started the season 16th on the all-time scoring list, but the 573 points he has scored in 25 games have elevated him to fifth on the scoring list with 1,931 career points. Against St. John's, Murphy passed Tom Hawkins (1956-59), who scored 1,820 points during his career. He now needs 128 points to move into fourth on the all-time scoring list occupied by David Rivers (1984-88) who finished his career with 2,058 points.

Murphy became the second-youngest player in Irish history to score 1,000 points at 19 years and 272 days old. Former Irish All-American Adrian Dantley (1973-76) was 18 years and 355 days old when he scored his 1,000th point. Murphy also joined Dantley as the only Irish players to reach the 1,000-point mark in their sophomore seasons. He scored his 1,000th point in his 48th career game — the fifth-fastest among Notre Dame's 1,000-point scorers. All-time leading scorer Austin Carr (1968-71) needed just 35 games, while Dantley needed 44. It took John Shumate (1972-74) and Bob Arnzen (1966-69) 46 games to score 1,000 points.

DOUBLE THE PLEASURE FOR MURPHY:

Among active Division I players through games of Jan. 15 according to STATS Inc., **Troy Murphy** is first with 44 career double-doubles. He has scored in double figures in 88 of 89 career games he has played and has registered double figures in 76 straight contests heading into tonight's game. The only time Murphy has failed to score in double figures was against Syracuse on Dec. 29, 1998.

LIGHTS, CAMERA ACTION:

Notre Dame made its second of three appearances on CBS against Seton Hall last Sunday. The Irish also played on the network on Jan. 13 when they traveled to Kentucky. Sunday's contest marked the first time since Feb. 9, 1992 (a 70-69 loss to Syracuse) that the CBS cameras had visited the Joyce Center. The final regular-season game against Georgetown here at the Joyce Center on March 4 also will be televised by CBS.