2009-10 ND Women’s Basketball: Game 17

University of Louisville (10-7 / 2-2 BIG EAST)

- DATE: January 19, 2010
- TIME: 7:00 p.m. ET
- AT: Louisville, Ky.
- SERIES: LOU leads 4-3
- 1ST MTG: LOU 80-75 (3/22/91)
- LAST MTG: LOU 71-66 (2/11/09)

Storylines
- Notre Dame takes on a third participant from last year’s Final Four, having split prior games with Oklahoma and Connecticut.
- All seven games in the series with Louisville have been decided by 15 points or fewer, with all four BIG EAST matchups featuring margins of 10 points or fewer.

For the first time this season, No. 4/3 Notre Dame will get a chance to see how it handles adversity, as the Irish look to rebound from their first loss when they travel to Louisville Tuesday for a 7 p.m. (ET) matchup with the Cardinals at Freedom Hall. The game will be televised live to a national cable audience by CBS College Sports, marking Notre Dame’s third appearance on that network in the past three weeks.

The Irish (15-1, 2-1) saw their season-opening 15-game winning streak snapped Saturday with a 70-46 loss at top-ranked Connecticut. Notre Dame actually played the powerful Huskies to a standstill over the final 25 minutes, but an early 36-10 deficit proved too much to overcome.

Junior forward Devereaux Peters scored a season-high 12 points and matched her season high of 4 rebounds vs. Villanova.

Rankings
- Notre Dame is No. 4 in the new Associated Press poll and was No. 3 in last week’s ESPN/USA Today poll (new poll released Tuesday).
- Louisville is not ranked.

Setting The Standard
Under the guidance of 23rd-year head coach Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame has evolved into one of the country’s leading women’s basketball powers. The Irish have appeared in 16 NCAA Tournaments (including a current streak of 14 in a row) and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 seven times in the past 12 years. Notre Dame also has reached the NCAA Women’s Final Four twice, winning college basketball’s ultimate prize with the 2001 national championship.

In its history, Notre Dame has developed nine All-Americans, 10 WNBA players (including seven draft picks in the past nine years) and four USA Basketball veterans (eight medals won). Now in their 33rd season in 2008-09, the Irish own an all-time record of 675-297 (.694). Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw

Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw
Saint Joseph’s ‘77
- 23rd season at Notre Dame
- 511-198 (.721) at Notre Dame.
- 599-239 (.715) in 28 season overall.
- 2001 consensus National Coach of the Year
- Four-time Naismith Coach of the Year finalist
- Four-time conference Coach of the Year
- BIG EAST (2001)
- Midwestern Collegiate/Horizon League (1991)
- North Star (1988)
- East Coast @ Lehigh - 1983
- 2009 WBCA Carol Eckman Award recipient

Notre Dame’s Probable Starting Lineup (c - captain)

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Off the Bench For the Irish

- Ericka Solomon: F 6-2 Jr. 3.4 1.3 0.9 apg • 10th school history for career bpg (1.07)
- Fraderica Miller: G 5-10 Jr. 2.2 0.9 1.2 apg • Defensive stopper (1 steal per 7.3 min).
- Devereaux Peters: F 6-2 Jr. 5.8 5.7 1.5 bpg • Season-high 12 pts & 8 rebs at Connecticut.
- Kaila Turner: G 5-8 Jr. 2.9 1.0 1.4 apg • Career-high 4 rebounds vs. Villanova.
- Natalie Novosel: G 5-11 So. 6.3 2.7 1.9 apg • 1 of 4 ND players with 30+ steals this year.
- Brittany Mallory: G 5-10 Jr. 9.2 3.3 2.6 apg • Team-high 1.45 assist/turnover ratio
- AlenaChristiansen: G 5-7 Sr. 1.5 0.8 0.6 spg • Walk-on with career-high 5 pts vs. Charlotte.
- Erica Williamson: C 6-4 Sr. 4.1 2.7 0.9 bpg • 9th in school history w/120 career blocks.

Coaches: Bruszewski (broo-SHEFF-skee), Diggins (DINE-eh-kew), Barlow (BAR-low), Turner (TUN-er), Novosel (NO-vuh-sell)
The Irish have appeared in the top five of the AP poll all 11 weeks this season (through Monday), marking the second-longest string of consecutive AP Top 5 rankings in program history behind only the final 17 weeks in 2000-01.


At 15-0, the Irish posted the second-best start in program history, topped only by a 23-0 debut in 2000-01 (the season in which Notre Dame won its first NCAA title).

Notre Dame has defeated four ranked opponents (Michigan State, San Diego State, Oklahoma, Vanderbilt) this season, including three away from home.

The Irish won the 2009 Paradise Jam Island Division title (their first regular-season tournament crown since the 2005 Duel in the Desert in Las Vegas), with freshman guard Skylar Diggins capturing MVP honors and senior guard/tri-captain Melissa Lechlitner making the all-tournament team.

Seven different players have led the Irish in scoring this season. In the past nine games alone, Notre Dame has had a different player lead it in scoring seven times.

In Monday’s NCAA statistical rankings, Notre Dame appears among the top 15 in six categories — steals (2nd at 14.7 spg.), assists (3rd at 16.8 agp.), turnover margin (5th at +8.13), scoring offense (7th at 80.1 ppg.), scoring margin (11th at +20.9 ppg.) and assist/turnover ratio (15th at 1.06).

Conversely, Notre Dame has only one player ranking among the top 100 in any NCAA statistical category — senior guard/tri-captain Ashley Barlow stands 91st in the land in steals (2.4 per game).

Notre Dame is forcing 25.6 turnovers per game this season, including 28.7 at home. The Irish also have caused at least 20 takeaways in 13 of 16 games to date, with no fewer than 29 opponent turnovers in six of nine home games this year.

Notre Dame is averaging 8,522 fans per game this year, unofficially ranking fifth in the nation and showing a 18.9-percent increase from last year (7,168). The Irish also are the only school from the top 25 of the final 2008-09 NCAA attendance rankings to see an increase in attendance this year.

**Other Notre Dame Notables**

- Notre Dame is among the nation’s winnigest programs during the past 14 seasons (1996-97 to present), ranking seventh with 329 victories.
- Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance each of the past nine seasons. Last year, the program finished ninth in the country for the second year in a row with an average of 7,168 fans for its 13 home games (the second-highest single-season attendance average in school history). The Irish also have drawn 5,000-or-more fans to 133 of their last 135 home games, including seven Purcell Pavilion sellouts (most recently on Dec. 31, 2009 vs. Vanderbilt).
- The Irish have become a regular fixture in the WNBA Draft in recent years, as seven Notre Dame players have been selected in the past nine seasons. Charell Allen was the most recent Irish player to be chosen, going to the Sacramento Monarchs in the third round (43rd overall pick) of the 2008 WNBA Draft. Ruth Riley (San Antonio) was active in the league during the ’09 season, helping the Silver Stars return to the playoffs for the third consecutive season. Three of Notre Dame’s eight WNBA alums have won a total of four league championships — Riley won a pair of crowns with the Detroit Shock (2003 Finals MVP, 2006). Coquese Washington toiled for the 2000 Houston Comets, while Jacqueline Batteast was Riley’s teammate on the ’06 title-winning squad in Detroit.
- For the fourth year in a row, the Irish posted a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), according to figures released by the NCAA in October 2009. That’s more, since Muffet McGraw became the Irish head coach in 1987, every Notre Dame women’s basketball player that has completed
2009-10 Standings (thru Jan. 17)

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

**Upcoming BIG EAST Games**

- **Monday, January 18**
  - Connecticut at Duke (ESPNU) 7:00p
- **Tuesday, January 19**
  - Notre Dame at Louisville (CBS) 7:00p
  - Georgetown at Cincinnati 7:00p
  - DePaul at Seton Hall 7:00p
  - Syracuse at Providence 7:00p
- **Wednesday, January 20**
  - West Virginia vs. Marshall (@ Charleston, W.Va.) 6:30p
  - Pittsburgh at South Florida 7:00p
- **Thursday, January 21**
  - George Washington at Villanova 7:00p
- **Friday, January 22**
  - No games scheduled
- **Saturday, January 23**
  - Cincinnati at Seton Hall 2:00p
  - Connecticut at Villanova 2:00p
  - Syracuse at Louisville 2:00p
  - Marquette at Rutgers 2:00p
  - Pittsburgh at Providence (BIG EAST TV) 2:00p
  - South Florida at St. John’s (ESPN) 2:30p
  - DePaul at Georgetown 3:00p
- **Sunday, January 24**
  - West Virginia at Notre Dame (ESPNU) 1:00p

**Player of the Week**

- Nov. 23: Tina Charles, Connecticut (5-17, 15, 3)
- Nov. 30: Chelsea Marandola, Providence (5-12, 14, 4)
- Dec. 7: Kayla Alexander, Syracuse (5-12, 14, 4)
- Dec. 14: Asia Bussie, West Virginia (5-12, 14, 4)
- Dec. 21: Sheneka Smith, St. John’s (5-12, 14, 4)
- Jan. 4: Tina Charles, Connecticut (5-12, 14, 4)
- Jan. 11: Tina Charles, Connecticut (5-12, 14, 4)
- Jan. 18: Tina Charles, Connecticut (5-12, 14, 4)

**Freshman of the Week**

- Nov. 23: Skylar Diggins, Notre Dame (5-12, 14, 4)
- Nov. 30: Sugar Rodgers, Georgetown (5-12, 14, 4)
- Dec. 7: Maya Moore, Connecticut (5-12, 14, 4)
- Dec. 14: Asia Bussie, West Virginia (5-12, 14, 4)
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**A Quick Look At Louisville**

Louisville reached new heights in its women’s basketball history in 2008-09, advancing to its first Final Four, and then, its first national championship game before falling to Connecticut. The Cardinals had six letterwinners, including two starters, back from that 34-5 club, although injuries have already sent one of those veterans (starting guard Deseree/Bryd) to the sideline for the season. Nevertheless, Louisville has proven to be a tough out this season, particularly at home, where the Cardinals are 5-1 thus far.

In its most recent contest on Saturday afternoon, Louisville (10-7, 2-2) dropped a hard-fought 60-56 decision at No. 24/18 Georgetown. The Cardinals outrebounded the Hoyas, 37-35, but fell to victim to 20 turnovers that results in 33 GU points. Junior center Keshia Hines paced Louisville with a double-double (game highs of 15 points and 12 rebounds), while her linemate, sophomore forward Monique Reid added 15 points and eight rebounds.

Reid and sophomore guard Becky Burke share the team lead in scoring (15.6 ppg.), with Reid snaring a team-high 8.8 rebounds per game. Hines is third in scoring (9.1 ppg.), second in rebounding (7.2 rpg.) and tops in field goal percentage (.553) for the Cardinals.

Head coach Jeff Walz is in his third season at Louisville with a 70-22 (.761) record. He is 1-1 all-time against Notre Dame.

**The Notre Dame-Louisville Series**

Notre Dame and Louisville will meet for the eighth time on Tuesday night, with the Cardinals maintaining a slim 4-3 series lead on the Irish (although Notre Dame is 2-1 all-time at Freedom Hall).

The teams have split their four matchups since Louisville joined the BIG EAST Conference in 2005-06, with each side winning once at home and once on the road.

**The Last Time Notre Dame and Louisville Met**

No. 22 Notre Dame was a second away from forcing 10th-ranked Louisville into a big turnover. Angel McCoughtry made sure it didn’t happen.

After Notre Dame used a 6-0 run to close within two points with less than two minutes left, there was one second left on the shot clock when McCoughtry threw up a hurried three pointer. She missed, but Melissa Lechlitner was called for the foul. McCoughtry hit all three free throws and the Cardinals hung on for a 71-66 win on Feb. 11, 2009, at Purcell Pavilion.

McCoughtry, who started the game making just 2-of-11 shots for four points in the first half, finished with 20 points, 12 rebounds and eight steals. Candyce Bingham added 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Becca Bruszewski led Notre Dame (17-6, 6-5) with 18 points to tie her (then) career high, Natalie Novosel had 17 and Ashley Barlow added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Notre Dame, which trailed by 10 at halftime, opened the second half on an 11-4 run, closing to 42-41 on a layup by Barlow with 14:52 left. The Cardinals quickly regained control, though, with a 13-0 run. McCoughtry had a pair of steals for easy layups during the run.

The Irish, though, made a game of it, getting within 63-61 on Bruszewski’s basket with 1:49 remaining before McCoughtry’s game-changing free throws sealed matters for the visitors.
Notre Dame in the Polls

**Associated Press Poll**

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20. Texas 12-5 234 19
21. Vanderbilt 13-5 133 —
22. Georgia Tech 15-4 126 21
23. Georgia State 13-4 79 22
24. Vermont 14-3 59 —
25. Virginia 11-6 51 23

**Other Notre Dame Series Tidbits**

- Just how close is the series? The aggregate point totals for each team are remarkably close through the seven-game series, with Notre Dame having collected 460 points (65.7 ppg.) and Louisville scoring 459 points (66.5 ppg.).
- To further illustrate that point, all seven games in the series have been decided by 15 points or fewer. Since Louisville joined the BIG EAST Conference in 2005-06, all four series games have been decided by 10 points or fewer (the past three by single digits).
- Only three times in the seven-game series has either team scored at least 70 points, and ironically, both teams did it in the same game twice. The Cardinals won the first-ever matchup, 80-75, in the 1991 National Women's Invitation Tournament consolation semifinals at Amarillo, Texas, while the Irish won in 2008 at Freedom Hall, 82-74. Notre Dame's 82 points in that game were the most scored by either team in the series.
- The home team has won only two of the six on-campus games in the series to date, with the Cardinals winning at Freedom Hall in 2006 (61-51) and the Irish taking the 2007 contest at Purcell Pavilion (64-55).
- Tuesday's game will mark the fourth consecutive meeting in which one of the combatants is in the Top 25. In 2006, Louisville came to South Bend ranked 17th in the AP poll and 16th in the ESPN/USA Today poll, while Notre Dame was ranked 14th in both polls heading into the 2007 game at Freedom Hall. Last season, the Cardinals came into the game at Purcell Pavilion ranked 10th in the media poll and 12th in the coaches' poll, while the Irish were 22nd in both surveys at tipoff.
- Aside from its series with Louisville, Notre Dame has played only one other game against a Kentucky school, defeating Western Kentucky, 78-59, in the quarterfinals of last year's 9th Annual Women's National Invitation Tournament at the Joyce Center.
- Sophomore guard Natalie Novosel has been coaching up from Lexington, Ky., and is the first Kentucky native to suit up for Notre Dame in the 33-year history of the program.
- Novosel and Louisville sophomore forward Monique Reid were arguably two of the best players to come out of the Kentucky high school ranks in 2008, with Reid nosing out Novosel for Miss Basketball honors.
- Novosel and Louisville sophomore forward Gwen Rucker are no strangers to one another, both coming out of the Lexington area. Novosel and her Lexington Catholic High School teammates faced Rucker and her Henry Clay High School squad on numerous occasions during their prep careers, most notably in the 2008 11th Region championship game, when Henry Clay upset Lexington Catholic, 47-43, at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena in Richmond, Ky. Both players had double-doubles in the title game — Novosel charted 23 points and 10 rebounds, while Rucker tallied 13 points and 10 rebounds — and both were named to the all-region team (Novosel was the regular-season region MVP, while Rucker was the MVP of the regional tournament).

**Bouncing Back**

In recent years, Notre Dame has shown exceptional resiliency when it comes to responding to a double-digit loss. Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96, the Irish are 52-14 (.788) in "bounce back" games, including a 4-1 record last season (the only loss came in the first round of the NCAA Championship, a 79-71 setback to Minnesota at Purcell Pavilion).

Overall, Notre Dame is 77-31 (.736) in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-present) when playing its first game following a loss of 10 points or more.

**Spread The Wealth**

Notre Dame has seen seven different players lead the team in scoring and rebounding this season.

That trend has been particularly evident in the past nine games, with a different player setting the pace in scoring seven times. Junior guard Brittany Mallory (Valparaiso and UCF) and fifth-year senior guard Lindsay Schrader (Vanderbilt and South Florida) are the only repeat leading scorers for the Irish in that span.

**Stat Sheet Stuffers**

Another sign of Notre Dame’s versatility is seen in the number of "5-5-5" games (5 or more in points, rebounds, assists, blocks and/or steals) posted by their players this year.

Junior guard Brittany Mallory (Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Oklahoma and Vanderbilt) has a team-high three 5-5-5 games, while senior guard Ashley
Barlow (Iona and South Florida) and freshman guard Skylar Diggins (UAPB and Charlotte) have two 5-5-5 outings apiece, and sophomore guard Natalie Novosel (Eastern Michigan) has one.

**Taking What We Can Get**

Fueled by a renewed attention to defense this offseason, Notre Dame has been in the taking mood this year, forcing its opponents into at least 20 turnovers in 13 of 16 games thus far, with Irish foes averaging 25.6 giveaways per game. In a two-game stretch bookending the Christmas holiday, Notre Dame harassed its opponents into a combined 79 turnovers (43 by Charlotte on Dec. 20 and 36 at UCF on Dec. 29).

Charlotte’s 43 turnovers tied for the second-most opponent giveaways in a game in school history and the most since Dec. 8, 1981, when the Irish forced sister school Saint Mary’s (Ind.) into 43 turnovers during the program’s second season at the Division I level. The Notre Dame record for opponent turnovers in a game is 48 by Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Jan. 11, 1980, at DeKalb, Ill.

The Irish also are making even the most disciplined teams fall victim to their aggressive defensive style. Villanova came into its Jan. 9 game with Notre Dame ranked second in the nation with just 12.6 turnovers per game, but the Irish dogged the Wildcats into 34 turnovers (17 in each half).

Notre Dame has been especially hard on opponents in nine home games this season, forcing 28.7 turnovers per game (at least 29 in six of the nine Purcell Pavilion contests) while holding visitors to 53.1 points a night and a .352 field goal percentage (176-of-500).

**The Five-Finger Discount**

According to Monday’s NCAA statistical report, Notre Dame ranks second in the nation in steals (14.7 spg.). The Irish have posted double-digit steal totals in 11 of their 16 games this season, including five 20-steal efforts.

What’s more, Notre Dame has been particularly aggressive in the past nine games, posting at least 19 steals four times and averaging 15.8 steals per game during that span.

**Solid Dev-elopment**

Junior forward Devereaux Peters enjoyed her best game since returning from knee surgery in Saturday’s loss at top-ranked Connecticut. The Chicago native dropped in a season-high 12 points (on 6-of-11 shooting) and tied her season best with eight rebounds in only 21 minutes of action.

Peters has appeared in six games since being cleared by team medical personnel to resume competition. In that time, she is averaging 5.8 points, 5.7 rebounds and a team-high 1.5 blocks per game, all in just 16 minutes per contest.

**Getting The Jump**

At 15-0, Notre Dame got off to the second-best start in the program’s 33-year history. The only time the Irish opened with a better record than this season was in 2000-01, when they reeled off a school-record 23 consecutive wins en route to a 34-2 final record and the program’s first national championship.
they were in the top three in consecutive weeks since the final 14 weeks of the 2000-01 season (capped by a No. 1 ranking in the final poll after winning the national championship).

This marks the second consecutive season Notre Dame has been ranked in the top 10 of the ESPN/USA Today/WBCA poll, as well as eight of the past 12 campaigns (1998-99 to present).

Notre Dame was ranked in the coaches’ survey for 38 consecutive weeks before falling just outside the Top 25 in the final poll of last season. With their No. 3 ranking last week, the Irish have appeared in the coaches’ poll for 180 weeks during their history (all coming during McGraw’s tenure).

More Polling Data

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw is one of 26 people in NCAA Division I women’s basketball history who have both played for and coached a team that has appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Besides her 189 AP poll appearances while coaching at Notre Dame, McGraw was the starting point guard at Saint Joseph’s (Pa.) as a senior in 1977, helping the Hawks rise to No. 3 in the nation.”

Of the 26 people on this list, 14 currently are NCAA Division I head coaches (see accompanying chart).

Game #16 Recap: Connecticut

Connecticut got off to a near-perfect start, showing there is a chasm between it and the rest of women’s basketball. Tina Charles scored 23 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to help the top-ranked Huskies rout No. 3 Notre Dame 70-46 on Saturday night at Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn., for its 56th straight victory.

UConn scored 24 of the game’s first 28 points to take control, delivering an early knockout.

“That first 15 minutes of basketball was pretty amazing,” Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said. “That was as good a 15 minutes of basketball you could hope to play on a day like today against a team like that.”

Maya Moore added 20 points for the Huskies, who have the second-longest winning streak in women’s basketball history. They’re 14 short of their NCAA record, set from 2001-03.

UConn (17-0, 5-0 BIG EAST) has been at its best against top-10 teams during the streak, winning those 10 games by nearly 27 points a game.

“The gap is huge,” Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. “I think that they are on a mission to prove that gap is wider and wider with every game. They’ve had their way with the top 10. Even Stanford. They are the best team in the country, no question about it.”

Connecticut has won every game during its streak by double digits.

Devereaux Peters scored 12 to lead the Irish (15-1, 2-1), who had been off to the second-best start in school history, Notre Dame started 23-0 en route to the 2001 national title.

The Irish wore their alternate green road jerseys for the first time with 2:53 left in the half, the Huskies were up 17-2 as four different players scored.

“One time we threw the first couple of punches we sucked the life out of them and had control of the game,” said Kalana Greene, who had 13 points for Connecticut.

Ashley Barlow finally hit a jumper to end the five-minute scoreless drought for the Irish, but it wasn’t nearly enough to stop the onslaught.

By the time the Irish scored consecutive baskets for the first time with 2:53 left in the half, the Irish trailed 36-14. UConn led 42-19 at the break with Charles scoring 17 points.

Notre Dame, which came into the game averaging 82.4 points, got no closer than 20 in the second half. The Irish shot only 27 percent (18 out of 67) for the field, including going 3 for 19 from behind the arc.

“We actually shoot the ball fairly well,” McGraw said. “Certainly 3 for 19 isn’t where we should have been. Certainly their defense had everything to do with that.”

Noting The Connecticut Game

• Notre Dame sees its 15-game winning streak snapped, ending the third-longest string in school history (tied with a similar run in 1990-91) and the second-longest streak to start a season in program annals (the 2000-01 club was the last to have success strings of a longer length, opening 23-0).

• The Fighting Irish suffer their first road loss since last year’s 76-66 loss at Connecticut, and fall to 23-10 on the road in the past two-plus seasons (2007-08 to present).

• Entering Saturday night’s game, Notre Dame had not trailed by more than 10 points (23-13 at Purdue on Jan. 4) at any time all season.

• The Fighting Irish were held to 46 points, their lowest scoring total since Jan. 24, 2006 (a 69-43 loss at #10/9 Rutgers).

• Notre Dame also shot a season-low .269 from the field.

• The Fighting Irish trailed at halftime for only the second time all year (also at Purdue on Jan. 4).

• Notre Dame posted double-digit steals for the 11th time this season.

• The Fighting Irish collected at least 20 offensive rebounds for the fourth time this year.

• Notre Dame drops to 2-14 all-time against top-ranked opponents.

• The Fighting Irish now are 4-23 in the series against Connecticut, with a 1-12 series record on the road.

• Junior forward Devereaux Peters became the seventh different leading scorer for Notre Dame this season, and the seventh different scoring leader in the past nine games.

• Peters tallied a season-high 12 points (her best output since Nov. 16, 2008, when she also scored 12 at #24/22 LSU in the State
Farm Tip-Off Classic) and tied her season best with eight rebounds.

- Peters’ six field goals made also tied her career high that she set three times before (most recently in the LSU game last year).

- Senior guard/tri-captain Ashley Barlow is now tied for 14th place on the Notre Dame career scoring list with 1,290 points, matching Megan Duffy’s total from 2002-06.

- Fifth-year senior guard/tri-captain Lindsay Schrader rose to 16th place on the Fighting Irish career scoring chart with 1,233 points, passing Mary Beth Schuette, who scored 1,233 points from 1991-95.

- Freshman guard Skylar Diggins recorded a career-high five steals, after notching four on two other occasions this season (most recently vs. South Carolina on Nov. 27 at the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands).

McGraw Nearing 600th Career Win

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw is closing in on an important milestone, as she stands just one victory away from becoming the 19th Division I coach to record 600 career wins.

McGraw has a 28-year mark of 599-239 (.715) through 838 games (88-41 in five seasons at Lehigh from 1982-87 before coming to Notre Dame), putting her in position to be one of the 10 fastest coaches to the 600-win plateau in Division I history.

Tournament Tested

Notre Dame has felt right at home in tournament situations during the past 14 years. Starting with the 1996-97 season, the Irish have won 21 of their last 24 regular-season tournament games (m u l l i g a m e events only), most recently capturing a three-game run to the 2009 Paradise Jam Island Division championship over the Thanksgiving weekend in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The only Notre Dame losses during this current stretch were a pair of defeats to third-ranked teams in the Preseason WNIT semifinals (72-59 vs. Tennessee at Ruston, La., in 1996; 75-59 at Maryland in 2007) and a 67-63 overtime setback at No. 20 Colorado on Nov. 15, 2003 in the finals of the WBCA Classic — a game that saw the Buffaloes sink a desperation 30-footer at the end of regulation to force the extra session.

ND Regular Season Tournament Titles Since 1996-97

1996-97 Comfort Inn Downtown Classic
1999-2000 Wachovia WBB Invitation
2002-03 Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge
2004-05 Preseason WNIT
2005-06 Desert in the Gray Div. (7)
2009-10 Paradise Jam (Island Division)

High Value Freshman

Freshman guard Skylar Diggins was named the most valuable player in the Island Division of the 2009 Paradise Jam after averaging 16.3 points, 4.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game with a .538 field goal percentage (21-of-39) and a .545 three-point ratio (6-of-11) at the tournament. Diggins, who also earned a spot on the BIG EAST Coach’s Conference Weekly Honor Roll for her efforts, was the first Notre Dame rookie in a decade to collect all-tournament team honors in a regular-season event. Alicia Ratay was the last to do so, garnering a place on the 1999 Wachovia Women’s Basketball Invitational all-tournament team after helping Notre Dame to wins over No. 9/12 North Carolina (99-86) and Liberty (85-68) in Richmond, Va.

Pomp And Circumstance

On Jan. 3, senior center Erica Williamson re- ceived her bachelor’s degree in film, television & theater from Notre Dame’s College of Arts and Letters. Williamson, who also serves as the president of the school’s Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), graduated full semester early and has begun graduate studies this spring.

With Williamson collecting her diploma, all 58 Notre Dame women’s basketball student-athletes who have completed their athletic and academic eligibility under head coach Muffet McGraw (1987-present) have earned their degrees.

Keeping It Close To Home

Although Notre Dame has traditionally had a national reputation in recruiting circles, in recent seasons, the Irish have found their strongest talent comes from right in their own backyard. In fact, of the 13 players on this year’s Notre Dame roster, four are from Indiana, while five others are from states that border Indiana (including sophomore forward Erica Solomon, who lived in Oak Park, Mich., and graduated from Detroit Country Day School in 2008 before her family moved back to her birthplace of Charleston, W.Va., this past summer).

What’s more, of the five current Notre Dame starters, four are from the state of Indiana — senior guard Ashley Barlow (Indianapolis), junior forward Becca Bruszewski (Valparaiso) and the all-South Bend backcourt of senior guard Melissa Lechlitner and freshman guard Skylar Diggins — while the fifth starter (fifth-year senior Lindsay Schrader) is from Bartlett, Ill., located right outside Chicago.

As if that weren’t enough, the quartet of Bar-
low, Lechlitner, Brunzewski and Schrader have been mainstays in the Irish lineup for the past two seasons and have a combined total of 280 career starts between them.

Schrader reached a personal milestone on Dec. 12 against Valparaiso, becoming the 12th player in school history with 100 starting assignments in her career. Schrader now stands eighth in school history with 107 career starts, including a current streak of 65 in a row (putting her nine away from moving into the Notre Dame top five in that category).

Experience Matters
For the first time in Notre Dame women’s basketball history, four players have hit the 100 games played mark in the same season. Senior guards/tri-captains Ashley Barlow, Melissa Lechlitner and Lindsay Schrader, along with senior center Erica Williamson, all reached the century mark during the Thanksgiving weekend at the Paradise Jam (Lechlitner and Williamson on Nov. 26 vs. San Diego State, Barlow and Schrader on Nov. 27 vs. South Carolina).

Current Irish assistant coach Niele Ivey holds the school record with 132 games played from 1996-2001.

McGraw Joins Elite Notre Dame Club
With a 84-79 win over No. 23/24 San Diego State on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26) at the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw reached a personal milestone, becoming the fourth coach in school history (in any sport) to register 500 victories while coaching under the Golden Dome. McGraw now has a record of 511-198 (.721) in 23 seasons at Notre Dame (1987-98) to present and a 599-239 (.715) record in 28 seasons overall — including a five-year stint at Lehigh from 1982-87.

Fencing’s Kevin McGraw (680-45 from 1962-86) and Yves Auriol (525-33 from 1986-2002), and baseball’s Jake Kline (558-449-5 from 1934-75) are the only other members of the “Fighting Irish Five Hundred Club,” with one able to connect 75 years of Notre Dame athletics history and success via just four degrees of separation (Kline to DeCicco to Auriol to McGraw).

McGraw reached two other milestones on Dec. 2 vs. Eastern Michigan, as she coached her 700th game at Notre Dame, as well as her 300th at Purcell Pavilion.

As it turned out, that EMU game also saw the school honor McGraw with an on-court post-game celebration for her 500th win, capped by a visit from her 19-year-old son, Murphy, who secretly drove four hours from his college campus at Indiana University in Bloomington to surprise his mother with a bouquet of flowers and the game ball from her milestone win.

Upwardly Mobile
Two of Notre Dame’s senior guards and tri-captains — Ashley Barlow and Lindsay Schrader — are already members of the program’s 1,000-Point Club, and will spend this season trying to work their way up the Irish all-time scoring ladder.

Barlow currently is tied for 14th in school history with 1,290 career points, while Schrader is 16th with 1,236 points. They could be joined by their fellow senior guard and tri-captain, Melissa Lechlitner, who has 829 points to date.

Only other time in program history has Notre Dame fielded three 1,000-point scorers on its roster at the same time — and it literally happened for less than one game. Ruth Riley, Niele Ivey and Kelley Siemon all reached the millennium mark and played on the 2000-01 Irish national championship squad, with Siemion reaching the milestone after scoring 10 points in her final collegiate contest — Notre Dame’s 68-66 title-game victory over Purdue in St. Louis.

Eight Is Enough (For Now)
Notre Dame had a school-record eight players score in double figures in its 102-57 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Nov. 15 at Purcell Pavilion. That eclipsed the old standard of seven double-digit scorers that was first set on Feb. 6, 1997 vs. Syracuse (90-73 win at the Joyce Center) and matched on Jan. 19, 2008, in a 104-86 win at Georgetown.

Century City
With its 102-57 season-opening win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Nov. 15 at Purcell Pavilion, Notre Dame topped the 100-point mark for the 13th time in school history, and the third time in less than two years (104-86 at Georgetown on Jan. 19, 2008; 102-54 at Boston College on Nov. 23, 2008).

Notre Dame also hit the century mark at home for the first time since Nov. 28, 2002, when the Irish toppled Cleveland State, 107-65 in the 2002-03 season opener.

First Impressions
Freshman guard Skylar Diggins had 14 points in the Nov. 15 season opener vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, the fifth-most by an Irish rookie in her debut game during the 23-year Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present), and the most since Courtney LaVere began her career with 18 points in a 2002 win over Cleveland State.

Longest winning streak: 23 games (Nov. 17, 2000-Feb. 14, 2001)

Longest BIG EAST winning streak: 11 games (Jan. 3-Feb. 14, 2001)

Longest losing streak: 3 games, four times (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007)

Longest BIG EAST losing streak: 3 games, twice (most recently: Feb. 24-March 3, 2007)

Most points scored in a game: 111 vs. West Virginia, Jan. 7, 1999

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Fewest points scored in a game: 38 vs. Villanova, Jan. 24, 2004

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Most points allowed in a game: 106 by Connecticut, Dec. 8, 1998

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Fewest points allowed in a game: 31, twice (MR: by Charlotte, Dec. 20, 2009)

Fewest points allowed in a BIG EAST game: 31 by St. John’s, Feb. 13, 2002

largest margin of victory: 59 vs. Charlotte (90-31), Dec. 20, 2009

Largest margin of victory in BIG EAST game: 56 vs. Seton Hall (91-35), Jan. 31, 1998

Largest margin of victory in road game: 59 vs. Charlotte (90-31), Dec. 20, 2009

Largest margin of victory in road game: 53 at Central Michigan (94-41), Nov. 29, 2007

Largest losing margin: 39 at Tennessee (89-50), March 17, 2002

Most points allowed in a win: 93 by Illinois (101-93), Nov. 24, 1998

Most points scored in a loss: 84 vs. Texas A&M (84-84, ot, Dec. 3, 1995)

Fewest points scored in a win: 38 vs. Villanova (48-48), Feb. 26, 2002

Fewest points allowed in a loss: 48 vs. Villanova (48-48), Feb. 26, 2002

Largest deficit overcome to win a game: 18 at Vanderbilt (59-47), Dec. 30, 2008

Largest deficit overcome to win a home game: 15 vs. Pittsburgh (72-65), Feb. 28, 2006

Largest lead given up in a loss: 17 vs. Texas Tech (69-63), March 25, 2000

Most consecutive points scored: 31 vs. Pittsburgh, Jan. 18, 1997


Highest field goal percentage: 680 (34-50) vs. Boston College, Feb. 12, 1997

Lowest field goal percentage: 220 (13-59) at Seton Hall, March 1, 2005

Highest three-point percentage: 1.000 (5-5) vs. Duke, Nov. 17, 2004

Highest free throw percentage: 1.000 (18-18) at Valparaiso, Nov. 30, 2004

Most three-point field goals made: 13, twice (most recently: at Miami (Fla.), Jan. 2, 2002)

Most free throws made: 33, twice (most recently: vs. West Virginia, Feb. 4, 2007)

Most assists: 32 vs. Michigan State, Dec. 11, 1999

Most blocked shots: 16 vs. Boston College, Feb. 10, 2003

Most steals: 24 vs. Charlotte, Dec. 20, 2009


Fewest turnovers committed: 3 at Maryland, Nov. 16, 2007
Dishing Thirty-One Flavors

Notre Dame’s 31 assists against Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Nov. 15 were the most for the Irish in a single game since Nov. 20, 2000, when they also recorded 31 assists in a 95-65 win over Arizona at the Joyce Center.

Leading the way for Notre Dame on that night was current Irish assistant coach Niele Ivey, who had a double-double with 14 points and 11 assists.

Half And Half

During the past decade, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 177-17 (.912) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead, including wins in 105 of their last 116 such contests.

Notre Dame has led at the break in 14 of its 16 games this season, and has gone on to earn victories each time.

The Best Offense Is A Good Defense...

During the past 15 seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame’s first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 203-14 (.935) record when they hold their opponents below 60 points in a game.

Notre Dame has added eight more wins to the ledger this season with victories over Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Iona, South Carolina, Eastern Michigan, Valparaiso, Charlotte, UCF and Villanova.

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

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. During the past 15 seasons (since 1995-96), the Irish are 133-4 (.971) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995, a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998, and an 81-80 loss to DePaul in 2008.

Notre Dame already has added 10 more wins to this ongoing record with its conquests of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Iona, No. 23/24 San Diego State, No. 20/17 Oklahoma, IPFW, Valparaiso, Charlotte, Villanova and South Florida.

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 182 of their last 206 games (.883) at the 9,149-seat Purcell Pavilion, including winning streaks of 51 and 25 games in that span. Notre Dame also has a 101-17 (.856) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the former Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game league winning streak at home before it ended with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the ‘02 home finale.

The Irish have been particularly strong when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 83 of their last 90 non-BIG EAST contests (922) at Purcell Pavilion, dating back to the 1994-95 season. Five of the seven losses in that span came at the hands of Big Ten Conference opponents (four by 12 points or less) — Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69), Purdue in 2003 (71-54), Michigan State in 2004 (82-73 OT), Indiana in 2006 (54-51) and Minnesota in 2009 (79-71) — with the other two defeats coming to Tennessee in 2005 (62-51) and 2008 (87-63). The Purdue loss also snapped a 33-game non-conference home winning streak which began after the UW setback.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the former Joyce Center, posting a 332-85 (.796) record at the venerable facility. Three times (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Irish went a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season.

It's Fan-Demonium At Notre Dame

If the preseason was any indication, Notre Dame women’s basketball is easily the hottest ticket in South Bend. For the first time in school history, all Irish women’s basketball season ticket packages (close to 7,500) have been sold, including more than 1,000 packages to first-time season ticket purchasers when they went on sale Aug. 14. Furthermore, fans were waiting in line at the Purcell Pavilion ticket office as early as 4:30 that morning, more than four hours before the ticket windows opened. Those early birds were rewarded with a visit from Irish head coach Muffet McGraw, who delivered coffee and bagels, courtesy of McGraw and athletics director Jack Swarbrick.

While it’s likely that some tickets will be made available for individual games during the weeks and days prior to the contests, there’s a very real possibility that Notre Dame could approach a sell out for every one of its regular-season home games at the newly-refurbished 9,149-seat Purcell Pavilion. In fact, the crowd of 9,080 for the Nov. 15 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff was the largest season-opening audience in program history, more than 1,100 higher than the old mark set in 2001-02 (7,960 vs. Valparaiso).

Through nine home games this season, Notre Dame is averaging 8,522 fans per game, putting the Irish nearly 700 fans ahead of their school-record attendance average of 7,825 fans per game, also set in 2001-02.

Notre Dame has posted seven sellouts in program history, the most recent coming on Dec. 31, 2009, when the Irish drew 9,149 fans to Purcell Pavilion for their win over No. 18/16 Vanderbilt — it was the first sellout since the renovated arena opened this fall.

Purcell Pavilion Opens Its Doors

Following an intensive five-month, $26.3 million interior renovation, the arena for the newly-christened Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center made its regular season women’s basketball debut on Nov. 15 when Notre Dame defeated Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 102-57.
The UABP game was part of the culmination of a two-year project to upgrade the home for Notre Dame basketball and volleyball. The first (exterior) phase of the project, that began in September 2006, involved construction of a new three-story structure at the south end of the arena. That structure included a new three-story lobby, which houses the Notre Dame ticket operations (approximately 4,500 square feet) and a varsity shop to sell apparel and souvenirs (approximately 3,000 square feet), in addition to a new club seating and hospitality area.

Replacement of the existing arena seating footprint, including installation of single-color chair-back seating throughout the arena, began following the University’s Commencement Exercises in May 2009 and was completed in time for the Irish volleyball team to play the first athletic event in the facility on Oct. 30 (a 3-1 win over Seton Hall).

One of the other unique features of this renovation stage was an intensive thematic painting on the upper course inside the arena walls, featuring many of the historic moments and visitors to the arena during its four-decade history. In addition, the facility signage took on a Celtic script, while the evolution of the distinctive Notre Dame monogram logo is prominently displayed on the concourse.

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

Additional cornerstone donations were made by: Vincent J. Naimoli (’59), whose $5 million contribution led to the creation of the new Naimoli Family Club Room, and South Bend-area auto dealership owner Mike Leep Sr., whose generous gift has been recognized with the naming of the Mike Leep Sr. Varsity Shop.

Both of those areas, along with the three-story Rosenthal Atrium (named for former Notre Dame director of athletics Dick Rosenthal) opened to the public on Jan. 9, 2010, when the Irish basketball teams swept a BIG EAST doubleheader (women defeated Villanova, 81-46; men upset No. 8 West Virginia, 70-68).

Irish On Your Radio Dial
Beginning with the 2008-09 athletics year, the Notre Dame athletics department announced it had partnered with the LeSEA Broadcasting Network, making Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) the new radio home of Notre Dame women’s basketball in the South Bend market. LeSEA originates all Notre Dame women’s basketball games, with those events carried on Pulse FM (96.9/92.1), marking a return to the FM side of the dial for the first time since the 1998-99 season. Combined, these two stations blanket the nation’s No. 8 media market (South Bend-Elkhart), covering a 21-county area in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan that contains more than 1.35 million listeners (better than 800,000 in the greater South Bend area alone). All told, Notre Dame’s women’s basketball network stretches from Kalamazoo, Mich., to the north, North Judson, Ind., to the west, Macy, Ind., (home of former Irish All-America center Ruth Riley) to the south, and LaGrange, Ind., to the east.

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

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

Notre Dame On The Small Screen
Notre Dame will have at least 18 games televised during the 2009-10 season. Highlighting this year’s broadcast schedule are 11 nationally-televised Irish women’s basketball contests, including at least six games on the ESPN family of networks and four others on CBS College Sports (check schedule on page 1 of these notes for exact broadcast coverage).

In addition, Notre Dame continues to expand its broadcast reach globally on the Internet. All Irish home game telecasts are not selected for commercial TV coverage (with the exception of the Nov. 15 game vs. Kansas-Pine Bluff) will be webcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site, www.UND.com, via the site’s free multimedia package, Fighting Irish All-Access. And, the Thanksgiving weekend Paradise Jam was webcast in its entirety through Fox College Sports Broadcast on a pay-per-view basis.

This year’s TV slate continues a recent trend that has seen the Irish become a regular fixture on television. Beginning with the NCAA championship season of 2000-01 and continuing through this year, Notre Dame has played in 153 televised games, including 100 that were broadcast nationally.

Oh Captain, My Captain
Fifth-year senior guard Lindsay Schrader and senior guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner all return for their second year as team captains for the 2009-10 season. All three players received the captain’s honor following a vote of their teammates prior to the season.

This marks the first time in program history that the same players are serving as captains in consecutive seasons.

Irish Sign Three For 2010-11 Season
Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw announced Nov. 13 that three of the country’s top high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their academic and athletic careers with the Fighting Irish, each signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2010.

Natalie Achonwa (last name pronounced uh-CHAWN-wuh), a 6-3 forward from Guelph, Ontario (St. Mary’s Catholic Secondary School/ National Elite Development Academy), Ariel Braker, a 6-1 forward from Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. (Grosse Pointe North High School), and Shari Matvey (also known as Shari Minor), a 6-2 guard from St. Louis, Mo. (St. Mary’s Academy) have all signed to attend Notre Dame for the 2010-11 season.

Academic All-Americans
Entering the 2009-10 academic year, Notre Dame ranks second in the nation with 210 Academic All-America® selections, including a national-best 84 in the past decade. The Academic All-America® Program is administered by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), whose membership votes on the award winners, and the program is sponsored by ESPN The Magazine.

The Notre Dame women’s basketball program has produced five Academic All-America® honorees in its 33-year history, with those five players winning a total of seven citations. In addition, two-time first-team Academic All-America® pick Ruth Riley was named the 2001 Academic All-America® Women’s Basketball Team Member of the Year, as well as the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year. Riley also is one of only 12 student-athletes in Notre Dame history to earn All-America and Academic All-America® honors twice in her career.

Megan Duffy was the latest honoree in 2006, when she was named a first-team Academic All-America® selection, becoming the second Irish player to attain that distinction.

Notre Dame Student-Athletes Rank Among Nation’s Best
By virtually any measurement, the University of Notre Dame wins the 2009 national championship for graduating its student-athletes.

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

Notre Dame’s institutional research found that Notre Dame student-athletes ranked number one in eight of 10 major categories, ranking second in one and third in another. Those are far and away the best results for Notre Dame in the five years the NCAA has published both the GSR and federal numbers. The eight top rankings are four more than ever achieved in any other year (the four No. 1 rankings came in 2008).

Notre Dame led the nation in the GSR ratings for all student-athletes (98), which also ranked first in both the GSR and federal standings for male student-athletes (88 GSR, 88 federal), female student-athletes (100 GSR, 94 federal) and black student-athletes (97 GSR, 85 federal) – as well as first in the GSR listing for football student-athletes (96).

In calculations for all student-athletes in all sports, Notre Dame was first among the NCAA schools in the GSR figures initiated in 2005 by the NCAA. The University’s 99 percent GSR for all its student-athletes ranked ahead of the 98 figure for the U.S. Naval Academy. Using the federal formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 90 percent of its student-athletes, just behind Stanford (91 percent).

Notre Dame graduated 94 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank first among its peer institutions based on the federal calculations (ahead of Stanford, Northwestern and Rice at 93). Notre Dame also graduated 85 percent of its black student-athletes, ranking first nationally based on the federal rate.

In the GSR standings, the Irish scored a sweep. In addition to its number-one ranking for all student-athletes, Notre Dame finished tied for first (with the Naval Academy) among female student-athletes at 100, first among male student-athletes at 88 percent (ahead of Stanford, Duke at 97), and first among black student-athletes at 97 percent (ahead of the Naval Academy and Vanderbilt at 93).

The NCAA also calculated graduation rates over a 10-year period (student-athletes entering from 1999-04 through 2002-03). During those 10 years, Notre Dame had 635 student-athletes who exhausted their eligibility – and 100 percent of them graduated within the study’s six-year period. By comparison, Northwestern had a 100 percent rate, Vanderbilt, Duke and Boston College recorded 99 percent, and Rice had a 98 percent rate.

ND Women’s Basketball Academic All-Americans
Megan Duffy, 2006 (First Team)
Maggie Coyne, 2005 (Second Team)
Shari Matvey, 2006 (Second Team)
Ruth Riley, 2004 (First Team, Second Team)
Mary Beth Sc ruth, 1998 (Second Team)
Notre Dame Enjoys Successful Tour of Europe in Summer of 2009

In May 2009, the Notre Dame women’s basketball program embarked on a memorable 11-day adventure to France, Monaco and Italy, visiting some of the world’s most historic landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Prince’s Palace in Monaco, picturesque Lake Como in the foothills of the Italian Alps, the famed Duomo cathedral in Milan, the Colosseum and Forum in Rome, as well as St. Peter’s Basilica and the Sistine Chapel located at The Vatican.

The Irish also had the chance to play three exhibition games against international opponents on the tour, winning all three contests against the French National Team (77-53) and Italian professional teams GES Sesto San Giovanni (78-68) and Roma Athena Basket (94-39). The win over the French side was particularly noteworthy, as it came only weeks before France won the gold medal at the European U20 Championships with much of the same team.

Senior guard/tri-captain Lindsay Schrader led Notre Dame in scoring (13.0 ppg.) and three-point percentage (.727, 8-11) on the trip, while junior forward Becca Bruszewski was second in scoring (12.0 ppg.) and fourth in rebounding (6.7 rpg.). Other statistical leaders included: fifth-year senior guard Lindsay Schrader (6.3 rpg.), sophomore guard Natalie Novosel (3.3 spg.), senior guard Melissa Lechlitner (3.3 spg.) and sophomore forward Erica Solomon (2.3 spg.).

Decade Recap

The recently-completed decade of the 2000s represented the most successful 10-year period in the 33-year history of the Notre Dame women’s basketball program.

Here’s a look at some of the Fighting Irish numbers from the decade gone by:

Notre Dame Women’s Basketball — 2000-09

Overall record 229-85 (.736)
Big East regular season record 117-21 (.847)
Home record 134-20 (.870)
Road record 80-47 (.630)

NCAA National Champions 2001
NCAA Tournament bids 10 (2000-09)

Regular Season Tournament Titles 4
2000 Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge
2004 Preseason WNT
2005 Duel in the Desert (Gray Division)
2009 Paradise Jam (Island Division)

Weeks in AP poll 125
Weeks in top 10 of AP poll 63
Weeks in top 5 of AP poll 35
Weeks at No. 1 in AP poll 6

All-America Selections 10
Ruth Riley (2000, 2001)
Alicia Ratay (2000, 2002)
Niele Ivey (2001)
Megan Duffy (2005, 2006)
Charel Allen (2008)
Academic All-America Selections 3
Ruth Riley (2000, 2001)
Megan Duffy (2005)
Big East Players of the Year 2
Ruth Riley (2001)
Jacqueline Batteast (2005)
Big East Rookies of the Year 2
Alicia Ratay (2000)
Jacqueline Batteast (2002)
Big East Coach of the Year 1
Muffet McGraw (2001)

Other Big East award winners 8 (4 players)
All-Big East Selections 21 (9 players)
Big East All-Freshman Selections 11

Irish Fans Crave Another Big Mac Attack

It’s year three of Notre Dame’s wildly-successful “Big Mac” promotion, offering fans a coupon for a free Big Mac from South Bend-area McDonald’s restaurants if the Irish score at least 88 points in a home game.

In the three-year history of the promotion (and counting exhibition games), Notre Dame has hit the 88-point mark 17 times, including wins this year over Indianapolis, Arkansas-Pine Bluff, IPFW, Valparaiso and Charlotte.

It should come as no surprise that in the short history of the promotion, the Notre Dame player with the most “Big Mac” baskets shares the same initials with the tasty burger — junior guard Brittany Mallory, who sent the crowd home happy (and presumably with full bellies) four times during the promotion’s inaugural run in 2007-08.

And for those tracking such things (or perhaps falling under the heading of “SID has too much time on his hands”), 10 different players have converted the “burger ball,” including nine current members of the Irish roster.

What’s more, of the 17 Big Mac games to date, nine have been reached on two-point baskets, five on free throws, and three on three-pointers.

Next Game: West Virginia

Notre Dame returns to Purcell Pavilion Sunday to open a two-game Big East homestand with a 1 p.m. (ET) matinee against No. 16/13 West Virginia. The game will be televised live to a national cable audience by ESPN as that network’s Big East Game of the Week, while also capping off a run of seven nationally-televised contests in an eight-game stretch.

The Mountaineers (17-1, 5-0) are off to the best start in school history and are in the midst of a 15-game winning streak, the second-longest in WVU annals. The Mountaineers will step out of conference play Wednesday for their traditional in-state rivalry matchup with Marshall in Charleston, W.Va., before turning their attention to this weekend’s visit to Notre Dame.
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## 2009-10 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

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### BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn. — XL Center)
- March 5: First Round TBA
- March 6: Second Round TBA
- March 7: Quarterfinals TBA
- March 8: Semifinals TBA
- March 9: Final TBA

### NCAA Championship — First & Second Rounds (Notre Dame, Ind. — Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center)
- March 21: First Round TBA
- March 23: Second Round TBA

### NCAA Regionals (Dayton, Ohio/Kansas City, Mo./Memphis, Tenn/Sacramento, Calif.)
- March 27-28: Regional Semifinals TBA
- March 29-30: Regional Finals TBA

### NCAA Women's Final Four (San Antonio, Texas — Alamodome)
- April 4: National Semifinals TBA
- April 6: National Championship TBA

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**2009-10 ATTENDANCE**

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Home games listed in ALL CAPS and played inside Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (capacity 9,149)
2009-10 Notre Dame Women’s Basketball Statistics — All Games

Overall Record: 15-1 (Home: 9-0, Away: 3-1, Neutral: 3-0)

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| Players | 3   | 600 | 69-154 | .448 | 15-46 | .326 | 27-36 | .750 | 26 | 78 | 104 | 34.7 | 46-1 | 49 | 72 | 12 | 20 | 180 | 60.0 |

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**Notes:**
- **hW** = Home Win
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- **at** = Road Game
- * = BIG EAST Conference game
- n1 = Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)
### Miscellaneous Notre Dame Statistics

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### Miscellanea

- 2009-10 Season:
  - Notre Dame Women’s Basketball:
    - 63-98 (.643)
  - Fraderica Miller: 1-1 (.000)
  - Ashley Barlow: 10 (68)
  - Becca Bruszewski: 6 (29)
  - Skylar Diggins: 11 (11)
  - Melissa Lechlitner: 5 (38)
  - Brittany Mallory: 5 (14)
  - Natalie Novosel: 4 (13)
  - Devereaux Peters: 1 (16)
  - Lindsay Schrader: 10 (66)
  - Erica Solomon: - (7)
  - Kaila Turner: - (1)
  - Erica Williamson: 3 (21)

- Season Highlights:
  - Largest ND lead: 59, 90-31 vs. Charlotte (12/20/09)
  - Largest ND deficit: 28, twice (52-24, 59-31 at Connecticut, 1/16/10)
  - Largest ND Win: 59, 90-31 vs. Charlotte (12/20/09)
  - Largest ND defeat: 24, 70-46 at Connecticut (1/16/10)
  - Most consecutive ND pts: 20 vs. Oklahoma (11/28/09)
  - Most consecutive opp pts: 15 by Connecticut (1/16/10)
  - Longest winning streak: 15 (11/15 - 1/12)
  - Longest losing streak: 1 (1/16 - )
  - Largest home crowd: 9,149 vs. Purdue (1/4/10)
  - Largest road crowd: 10,453 at Purdue (1/4/10)
The Last Time Notre Dame...
The Last Time An Opponent...

FIELD GOAL SHOOTING
Shot 50 percent/game: see 60 percent/game
Shot 55 percent/game: see 60 percent/game
Shot 60 percent/game: 60.0 (20-33), DePaul, 1/22/08
Shot below 25 percent/game: 24.3 (15-63), Charlotte, 12/20/09
Shot below 30 percent/game: see below 25 percent/game
Shot below 35 percent/game: 35.8 (15-43), 1st half at Connecticut, 1/16/10
Shot below 40 percent/game: 40.0 (15-38), 2nd half at Minnesota, 3/22/09
Shot below 45 percent/game: 45.0 (20-44), 2nd half at South Florida, 1/13/09
Shot below 50 percent/game: 50.0 (15-30), 2nd half at Minnesota, 3/22/09
Shot below 55 percent/game: 55.0 (15-27), 1st half at Purdue, 1/14/07
Shot below 60 percent/game: 60.5 (25-41), 2nd half by Minnesota, 3/22/09
Shot below 65 percent/game: 65.0 (15-23), 1st half by Georgia Southern, 11/25/08
Shot below 70 percent/game: 70.0 (15-22), 1st half at South Florida, 2/17/09
Shot below 75 percent/game: 75.0 (15-20), 2nd half by Iowa at Iowa State, 2/24/02
Shot below 80 percent/game: 80.0 (15-19), 1st half at South Florida, 1/13/09
Shot below 85 percent/game: 85.0 (15-17), 2nd half by South Florida, 12/20/09
Shot below 90 percent/game: 90.0 (15-16), 2nd half at South Florida, 1/13/09

FREE THROW SHOOTING
Player made 10 free throws: 10/10 @ Georgia Southern, 11/25/08
Player made 15 free throws: 15/15 vs. South Florida, 12/20/09
Player attempted 10 free throws: Janae Stokes (16) vs. South Florida, 12/20/09
Player attempted 5 free throws: 5/5 vs. Georgia Southern, 11/25/08
Player committed 5 fouls: 5/5 vs. Georgia Southern, 11/25/08
Player committed 10 fouls: 10/10 vs. South Florida, 12/20/09
Player committed 30 fouls: 30/30 vs. South Florida, 12/20/09
Player committed 50 fouls: 50/50 vs. South Florida, 12/20/09
Player committed 100 fouls: 100/100 vs. South Florida, 12/20/09
Player committed 1,000 fouls: 1,000/1,000 vs. South Florida, 12/20/09

FREE THROWS
Player made 10 free throws: Epiphanny Prince (12), Rutgers, 1/27/09
Player made 15 free throws: Nick Dyani (15) @ Georgia Southern, 2/23/02
Player attempted 15 free throws: Candace Parker (17), Tennessee, 1/29/00
Player made 10 free throws or better: Epiphanny Prince (12-12), Rutgers, 1/27/09
Shot 90 percent (min. 1 att.): 90.0 (25-25), 1st half by Connecticut, 12/20/09
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Shot below 60 percent (min. 1 att.): 60.0 (11-18) by IPFW, 12/8/09
Shot below 70 percent (min. 1 att.): 70.0 (11-16) by IPFW, 12/8/09
Shot below 80 percent (min. 1 att.): 80.0 (11-14) by IPFW, 12/8/09
Shot below 90 percent (min. 1 att.): 90.0 (11-12) by IPFW, 12/8/09
Shot below 100 percent (min. 1 att.): 100.0 (11-11) by IPFW, 12/8/09

REBOUNDS
Player had 15 rebounds: Shalya Scott (18) at Pittsburgh, 2/3/09
Player had 20 rebounds: Wendy Schollers (20) at Vanderbilt, 1/8/09
Two players had double-figure rebounds: Tina Charles (13) and Maya Moore (11) at Connecticut, 1/16/10
Three players had double-figure rebounds: Aurora Adams (15), Brenda McCunn (11) and Pauls Langseth (10), Hawaii, 3/22/11 (at Anchorage, Alaska)
Had 50 rebounds: 50 by Nevada, 2/7/10
Out-rebounded ND by 10 or more: 10 by Minnesota, 3/9/09 (UM 45, ND 52)

DOUBLE-DOUBLES
Points & rebounds: Tina Charles (23/13) and Maya Moore (20/11) at Connecticut, 1/16/10
Points & assists: Liad Suez-Karni (14/10), Villanova, 7/20/07
Two players had double-doubles: Tina Charles (23p/13r) and Maya Moore (20p/11r) at Connecticut, 1/16/10
Three players had double-doubles: Mary Rease (24p/10a), Mary Westerwelle (11p/10r) and Neira McGrew (10p/10a), Idaho, 3/21/86 (at Amherst, Texas)
NOTES: Notre Dame had a school-record eight players score in double figures, eclipsing the old standard of seven double-digit scorers that was first set on Feb. 6, 1997 vs. Syracuse (80-73) at the Joyce Center and matched on Jan. 19, 2009, in a 104-88 win over Michigan State. Their 108-point output for a Notre Dame reserve to date in this young season … eighth of the series games between the Fighting Irish and Spartans have been decided by single digits, including a perfect 4-0 mark. … Notre Dame tally tied their season high by forcing seven turnovers in the second round of the BIG EAST Conference Championship March 7, 2009, when the Fighting Irish ousted St. John’s, 62-45, in the second-round upset of the Big East. … Notre Dame’s tech foul was assessed for having six players on the floor (substitute held clock-hand sound erroneously and stepped onto floor while game was in progress).

NOTES: Notre Dame posts its second 35-point win in three games this season, having defeated Arkansas-Pine Bluff by 45 points (102-57) back on Nov. 15 at Purcell Pavilion … the Fighting Irish tied their season high with 35 points against 33 opponent turnovers, having also reached that mark against UAB … similarly, Notre Dame tied the 20-steal total it originally posted against Arkansas-Pine Bluff … Iona’s 45 points are the fewest allowed by Notre Dame since March 7, 2009, when the Fighting Irish ousted St. John’s, 62-45, in the second-round upset of the Big East. … Notre Dame also extends its run of success against New York schools, raising to 46-4 (.920) all-time against the Empire State, including a 25-0 record at home; that’s more than twice as many as its home wins have been by double digits … the Fighting Irish are 3-0 all-time against Iona (0-0 at home), and 7-0 all-time against Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference teams (3-0 at home) … freshman guard Skylar Diggins scored a career-high 17 points, the highest output for a Notre Dame reserve in this young season … sophomore guard Natalie Novosel tied her career high with five steals against Iona, having first set that mark at Providence on Feb. 28, 2009 … sophomore guard Frederica Miller also tied her career high with three steals, after having three thefts on Dec. 20, 2008 vs. Loyola-Chicago … senior guard Tricia List got her career high with five assists, after setting her previous career-high mark of four assists on Dec. 19, 2008 against Michigan State … senior guard Britney Mallory also tied her career high with 11 points against Iona, having first set that mark against Wisconsin on Jan. 25, 2009 in a 77-70 win at the Joyce Center … sophomore guard Sharon Walker posted new career highs with 11 points and seven rebounds … Britney Mallory saw her first action since suffering an ACL tear on Dec. 18, 2008 at Michigan State and had a career-high six steals … Natalie Novosel earned her first start and did out a career-high six assists … the crowd of 9,080 for the regular-season debut of the newly-renovated Purcell Pavilion was the 14th-highest attendance in arena history and the largest home crowd ever for a Notre Dame women’s basketball season opener.
2009-10 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

**GAME 4**  #5/6 Notre Dame 84, #23/24 San Diego State 79
Notre Dame Women's Basketball 2009-10: Paradise Island - Island Division November 26, 2009 Sports & Fitness Ct. (St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.)

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**NOTES:**
- McDonald's recent performances against San Diego State and Arizona State mark her as a key player for Notre Dame.
- Sugar Charley's strong performance against Arizona State suggests she is playing at an All-American level.
- Ashley Barlow's consistency in scoring points for Notre Dame is crucial.

**GAME 5**  #5/6 Notre Dame 78, South Carolina 55
Notre Dame Women's Basketball 2009-10: Paradise Island - Island Division November 27, 2009 Sports & Fitness Ct. (St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.)

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**NOTES:**
- Notre Dame's defense held South Carolina to just 55 points, their lowest output of the season.
- Ashley Barlow's 12 points were a season-high for her.

**GAME 6**  #5/6 Notre Dame 81, #20/17 Oklahoma 71
Notre Dame Women's Basketball 2009-10: Paradise Island - Island Division November 29, 2009 Sports & Fitness Ct. (St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.)

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**NOTES:**
- Notre Dame's 81 points were their highest of the season.
- Barlow's 12 points were a season-high for her.

**FG%**
- Notre Dame: 58.6% (38-65)
- Oklahoma: 47.6% (29-61)

**3PT%**
- Notre Dame: 33.3% (9-27)
- Oklahoma: 25.8% (8-31)

**FT%**
- Notre Dame: 74.1% (28-38)
- Oklahoma: 66.7% (20-30)

**Rebounds**
- Notre Dame: 44 (16 OR, 28 DR)
- Oklahoma: 36 (11 OR, 25 DR)

**Turnovers**
- Notre Dame: 17
- Oklahoma: 20

**Steals**
- Notre Dame: 10
- Oklahoma: 13

**BLOCKED SHOTS**
- Notre Dame: 2
- Oklahoma: 3

**NOTES:**
- Oklahoma's loss to Notre Dame was their first to a ranked opponent in 2009-10.
2009-10 Notre Dame Women’s Basketball Box Scores

GAME 7
Eastern Michigan 59, Notre Dame 69
December 2, 2009
Purcell Pavilion (Notre Dame, Ind.)

NOTES:
Eastern Michigan is off to a 7-0 start for the second consecutive season and the fourth time in the program’s 33-year history, all in this decade (2000-01, 2004-05, 2008-09, 2009-10) ... the Fighting Irish improve to 4-0 all-time against Eastern Michigan (2-0 at home, where the teams were meeting for the first time since Dec. 15, 1982). ... Notre Dame is 35-14 (71% all-time) against the current Summit League alignment, with a season-high (820) record at home; the Fighting Irish are 11-0 all-time against IPFW, and 77% all-time against the current Summit League alignment ... IPFW was the first of its high-water mark in its BIG EAST Conference era (1995-96 season), and has been the current Summit League alignment... the Fighting Irish have forced at least 20 turnovers in all seven games this season ... on the night she was honored in a post-game ceremony for scoring her 500th win at Notre Dame, McGraw coached both her 700th career game at the University (now 303-179, .637) and her 300th contest at Purcell Pavilion (now 246-91, .730). ... Notre Dame has not trailed by more than five points at any time in its first seven games this season (66-51, 10:16 of 2nd half at #21 Michigan State on Nov. 19); since that MSU game, the largest Fighting Irish deficit has been with a possession (three points). ... sophomore guard Natalie Novosel tied her career high with eight rebounds, marking the match she set exactly one year ago in last year’s 63-65 win at Eastern Michigan.

Novosel’s five assists also were one of her career high, set on Nov. 13 against Horizon League members, with a 53-51 (84%) record at Purcell Pavilion ... Notre Dame nabbed a season-high 22 steals, one of its high-water mark in its BIG EAST Conference era (1995-96 season), and has been the current Summit League alignment ... Notre Dame nabbed a season-high 22 steals, one of its high-water mark in its BIG EAST Conference era (1995-96 season), and has been the current Summit League alignment.

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NOTES: Notre Dame extends its season-opening win streak to 13 games, the second-longest in program history (the last time the Fighting Irish had a longer success string was the start of the 2000-01 season when they won 23 in a row). Notre Dame’s fourth consecutive series win over Purdue and fifth in six games, although the Boilermakers still make the all-time series, 14-9 (the Fighting Irish take a 9-4 edge since switching to the BIG EAST in 1996-97) after losing its first eight games to Purdue at Mackey Arena, Notre Dame has won its last two series games in West Lafayette, and four in a row overall in the building (counting 2008-09 NCAA Tournament and first round wins over SMU and Oklahoma). … Eight of the two teams have scored 70 points or more in the 23 games, with the first team to reach that mark earning the win all 15 times … Notre Dame has recorded its fewest field goal attempts (30) since the 1991-92 season; its fewest points (57) since the 1991-92 season; its nine turnovers, its fewest yield of by Notre Dame in a BIG EAST opener since Jan. 22, 2006 (a 56-53 win over Seton Hall at Purcell Pavilion … the Fighting Irish have one of the 2000-01 season when tipping off BIG EAST play at home (this was only the second in six series match-ups for Notre Dame this season … the Fighting Irish grabbed 20+ offensive rebounds for the third time this season, having also done so against UAB (25) and on Dec. 31 vs. Vanderbilt (26) … for just the second time in nine home games this year, a Notre Dame opponent scored more than 60 points at Purcell Pavilion (Vanderbilt scored 69) … the Fighting Irish notch the 767th win in the program’s 33-year history, now sporting a 675-296 (.695) all-time record … Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw earned her 900th career win, improving to 599-238 (.716) in 28 seasons as a collegiate coach, the past 23 at Notre Dame following a five-year stint at Lehigh (1982-87) … Lindy Schrader collected her third double-double of the season and the 14th of her career, tying for the third-longest run in school history (also in 1990-91) in the program’s record books … the Fighting Irish tied their season best with only nine turnovers (at Pittsburgh) … the Fighting Irish held the Bulls to 17 points in double figures for the fourth consecutive game, matching the fewest points yielded by Notre Dame in a BIG EAST opener since Jan. 22, 2006 (a 56-53 win over Seton Hall at Purcell Pavilion) … Notre Dame registers its sixth 35-point win of the season, extending its school record in that category … the Fighting Irish forced 30+ turnovers for the third straight season and have forced at least 25 turnovers in six of eight home games this year … the Fighting Irish has collected 32 steals in its past two games, tying a career high that Notre Dame has nabbed double-double steals (with 19+ thefts) … conversely, the Fighting Irish tied their season best with only nine turnovers (at Purdue) … posting back-to-back games with 10 turnovers or fewer for the first time since Feb. 2 & 10, 2008 at Cincinnati (10) and vs. Pittsburgh (9) … Notre Dame shoots a season-best.571 (47-7) from the three-point line, topping the .541 mark posted against IPFW on Dec. 8 … for the third time in five games, every Fighting Irish player in uniform got into the scoring column (12 vs. Charleston Southern on Dec. 29) … Charles holding time for the second time this season after matching his career high with 37 minutes against Valparaiso on Dec. 12 … Madie Delaney scored 16 points off the bench, finishing with 11 points, matching her output vs. Valparaiso on Dec. 12 … Madie Delaney scored 16 points, tying her career-high for the 10th time on the Notre Dame all-time assist chart (with Lauren Douglas, who had 236 assists from 1981-85).
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2009-10 Notre Dame Women’s Basketball Box Scores

GAME 16

#1 Connecticut 70, #3 Notre Dame 46
January 16, 2010
Gampel Pavilion (Storrs, Conn.)

Notre Dame (46)
Player | min | fg-a | 3fg-a | ft-a | reb | ast | pf | tp
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Bruszewski | 18 | 1-7 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4
Diggins | 34 | 2-13 | 2-7 | 0-0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6
Barlow | 30 | 4-13 | 1-6 | 1-2 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 10
Lechlitner | 25 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0
Schrader | 27 | 3-9 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6
Peters | 21 | 6-11 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 12
Turner | 2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2
Novosel | 10 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 0
Mallory | 19 | 0-6 | 0-3 | 1-1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3
Williamson | 14 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 0 | 2 | 3
Team Totals | | | | | | | | 8

Notre Dame (19-27-46)
Connecticut (14-39-70)


Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 1, Connecticut 7 (Moore, Hayes 2). Steals: Notre Dame 13 (Diggins 5), Connecticut 9 (Hayes, Greene 3). Attendance: 10,167;

NOTES: Notre Dame sees its 15-game winning streak snapped, ending the third-longest string in school history (tied with a similar run in 1990-91) and the second-longest streak to start a season in program annals (the 2000-01 club was the last to have success strings of a longer length, opening 23-0) ... the Fighting Irish suffer their first road loss since last year’s 76-66 loss at Connecticut, and fall to 23-10 on the road in the past two-plus seasons (2007-08 to present) ... entering the game, Notre Dame had not trailed by more than 10 points (23-13 at Purdue on Jan. 4) at any time all season ... the Fighting Irish were held to 46 points, their lowest scoring total since Jan. 24, 2006 (a 69-43 loss at #10/9 Rutgers) ... Notre Dame also shot a season-low .269 from the field ... the Fighting Irish trailed at halftime for only the second time all year (also at Purdue on Jan. 4) ... Notre Dame posted double-digit steals for the 11th time this season ... the Fighting Irish collected at least 20 offensive rebounds for the fourth time this year ... Notre Dame drops to 2-14 all-time against top-ranked opponents ... the Fighting Irish now are 4-23 in the series against Connecticut, with a 1-12 series record on the road ... junior forward Devereaux Peters became the seventh different leading scorer for Notre Dame this season, and the seventh different scoring leader in the past nine games ... Peters tallied a season-high 12 points (her best output since Nov. 16, 2008, when she also scored 12 at #24/22 LSU in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic) and tied her season best with eight rebounds ... Peters’ six field goals made also tied her career high that she set three times before (most recently in the LSU game last year) ... senior guard/tri-captain Ashley Barlow moved into a tie for 14th place on the Notre Dame career scoring list with 1,290 points, matching Megan Duffy’s total from 2002-06 ... fifth-year senior guard/tri-captain Lindsay Schrader rose to 16th place on the Fighting Irish career scoring chart with 1,236 points, passing Mary Beth Schueth, who scored 1,233 points from 1981-85 ... freshman guard Skylar Diggins recorded a career-high five steals, after notching four on two other occasions this season (most recently vs. South Carolina on Nov. 27 at the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands).
Under McGraw's guidance, the past 14-plus seasons (1995-96 to 2009-10) have been the most successful in Notre Dame's history. The Irish have compiled an impressive 352-118 (.749) record, including a sparkling 178-57 (.757) regular-season mark in BIG EAST play, the second-best winning percentage in league history. Notre Dame also has averaged better than 24 victories per year during that span, with two 30-win seasons and six 25-campaigns to its credit.

Success for McGraw also has meant coaching great players. During her illustrious career, the Notre Dame skipper has coached nine All-Americans, including 2001 consensus National Player of the Year Ruth Riley. She also has worked with five players who have been selected for USA Basketball National Teams, with those players going on to win a total of nine medals (highlighted by Riley’s gold with the '04 U.S. Olympic Team). In addition, McGraw has coached 21 players who have earned all-conference recognition a total of 45 times, including 15 first-team picks who have been chosen a total of 26 times, and has helped shape several other national award winners, namely two consensus All-Americans, two Naismith award recipients (Niele Ivey in 2001, Megan Duffy in 2006) and 2002 United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year Jacqueline Batteat.

Another sign of McGraw’s success has been her ability to prepare her players for the next level. No less than 18 Notre Dame cagers have gone on to play professionally (domestically or overseas), including nine who either have been drafted or signed as free agents with WNBA teams. The past nine years have seen the greatest influx of Irish talent into the WNBA, with seven Notre Dame players having been selected in the league’s annual draft since 2001. Four of those players — Riley, Ivey, Kelley Siemon and Ericka Haney — were starters on the ‘01 Irish NCAA championship team, and five of the recent Irish WNBA draftees (Riley, Ivey, Batteat, Duffy and Charel Allen) earned All-America status during their careers at Notre Dame.

Dedicated to help grow and further the sport in any way possible, McGraw has helped groom 12 of her former players and/or assistant coaches who currently are serving as coaches at either the high school or college level. Of those dozen proteges, seven presently are Division I head coaches — 1988 Notre Dame graduate Sandy Botham (Wisconsin-Milwaukee), 1997 Notre Dame graduate and the school’s all-time leading scorer at 1,941 points (Morgan Cunningham (Virginia Commonwealth), Bill Fennelly (Iowa State), Kevin McGuff (Xavier), Carol Owens (Northern Illinois), 1991 Notre Dame graduate Coquese Washington (Penn State) and most recently, 1994 Notre Dame graduate Kristin (Knapp) Cole (New Hampshire). McGuff, Owens and Washington comprised McGraw’s assistant coaching staff on the 2001 Irish NCAA national championship squad, while McGuff and Owens also were on staff for Notre Dame’s run to the 1997 NCAA Final Four.

A native of West Chester, Pa., McGraw received her bachelor’s degree in sociology from Saint Joseph’s University (Pa.) in 1977. Following graduation, she coached for two seasons at Philadelphia’s Archbishop Carroll High School where she guided her teams to a 50-3 record. McGraw then played point guard for one year with the California Dreams, a team in the since-folded Women’s Professional Basketball League (WBL). She returned to alma mater in 1980, serving as an assistant coach just two years later.

Jim Foster (now the head coach at Ohio State). Two years later, McGraw was named head coach at Lehigh University, her teams finishing 88-41 (.683) during her five-year tenure.

In 1986, she was inducted into the SJU Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame, followed by her enshrinement into the Philadelphia Big Five Women’s Hall of Fame in 1989. In November 2002, McGraw’s alma mater came calling once again, inducting her into the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame. McGraw also was named an honorary alumna by the Notre Dame Alumni Association in 1997 and received an honorary monogram from the Notre Dame Monogram Club.

McGraw and her husband, Matt, celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary in 2009 and made their home in Granger, Ind. They are the proud parents of 19-year-old son Murphy, who is a sophomore at Indiana University.
Did You Know?

- Nickname is “Rock” after her middle name (Raquel).
- Graduated from same high school that produced NBA standouts Chris Webber and Shane Battier, as well as former Irish All-America women’s soccer player/current U.S. National Team member Kate (Sobrero) Markgraf, among others.
- One of seven Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a successful high jumper, setting school record in the event (5 ft., 6 in.).
- Ranks 10th in school history with 1.07 blocks average.

2009-10 Highlights

- Collected four points, career-high-tying two assists and two steals in BIG EAST opener against Villanova.
- Played season-high 16 minutes against Charlotte, dropping in eight points.
- Turned in solid weekend at Paradise Jam, averaging 7.3 ppg. and 4.0 rpg. in three-game set.
- Tied career best with two assists, in addition to seven points, vs. #20/17 Oklahoma at Paradise Jam.
- Scored season-high nine points against South Carolina at Paradise Jam.
- Grabbed four rebounds in each of three games at Paradise Jam.
- Made season debut at #21 Michigan State after missing UAPB game with sprained ankle suffered in practice.
### #4 Skylar Diggins

**Guard • 5-9 • Fr.-HS • South Bend, Ind. (Washington HS)**

#### Awards/Honors
- Preseason Naismith Trophy Watch List
- BIG EAST Preseason Freshman of the Year
- Paradise Jam Island Division MVP
- BIG EAST Freshman of the Year (Nov. 23, Jan. 11)
- BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 30)

#### Did You Know?
- One of three McDonald’s All-Americans (Peters, Schrader) and three former high school Miss Basketball selections (Schrader, Watson) on 2009-10 Irish roster.
- One of seven Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was two-time all-conference selection in volleyball.
- Graduated sixth in her high school class (of 300 students) and has designs on a career as an orthopedic surgeon.
- Also a talented disc jockey, who often worked the tables during her spare time in high school.

#### 2009-10 Highlights
- Leads team in scoring (13.0 ppg.) and free throw percentage (.782), second in steals (2.3 spg.), third in assists (2.6 apg.) and fourth in three-point percentage (.354); also has two “5-5-5” games ... started past 12 games after coming off bench in first four.
- Had career-high five steals at Connecticut.
- Registered 14 points and four rebounds in win over USF.
- Had sharp BIG EAST debut vs. Villanova with game-high 18 points (7-9 FG, 1-1 3FG, 3-3 FT).
- Chalked up 15 points, four assists and two steals in season-high 37 minutes at Purdue ... had six points, steal and assist in 12-2 run bridging halftime to help Irish wipe out early 10-point deficit.
- Collected 15 points, seven rebounds (five offensive) and four assists against #18/16 Vanderbilt.
- Tallied 12 points, four rebounds and two steals in win at UCF.
- Packed stat sheet vs. Charlotte with nine points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals, her second “5-5-5” game of season.
- Shared team-high scoring honors vs. Eastern Michigan with 15 points, including go-ahead three-point play with 11:09 left and four key points in 8-0 run after final second-half media timeout.
- Named MVP of Paradise Jam Island Division after averaging 16.3 ppg., 4.7 rpg., 3.0 apg., with .538 FG% (21-39) and .545 3FG% (6-11) and leading Irish to three wins and tournament title.
- Scored 14 of team-high 16 points vs. #20/17 Oklahoma in first half, connecting on all four three-point attempts in the period (finished 4-6 on 3FG).
- Made first career start vs. South Carolina at Paradise Jam, tallying 12 points and four steals.
- Dropped in season-high 21 points and added personal bests of 9-16 FG and three blocks in win over #23/24 San Diego State at Paradise Jam.

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  - 21 vs. San Diego St. (11/26/09)
- Rebounds
  - 8 vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff (11/15/09)
- Assists
  - 5, twice (MR: vs. Charlotte, 12/20/09)
- Field Goals
  - 9 vs. San Diego St. (11/26/09)
- Field Goal Attempts
  - 16 vs. San Diego St. (11/26/09)
- 3-Point Field Goals
  - 4 vs. Oklahoma (11/28/09)
- 3-Point Field Goal Attempts
  - 7 at Connecticut (11/16/10)
- Free Throws
  - 8 vs. Iona (11/22/09)
- Free Throw Attempts
  - 10 vs. Iona (11/22/09)
- Steals
  - 5 at Connecticut (11/16/10)
- Blocked Shots
  - 3 vs. San Diego St. (11/26/09)
- Minutes Played
  - 37 at Purdue (1/4/10)

#### Miscellaneous
- Double-doubles
- Double-figure scoring games
- 20-point games
- Double-figure rebound games
- 5-assist games
- 5-steal games
#12 Fraderica Miller

**Guard • 5-10 • So.-1V • Ellenwood, Ga. (The Marist School)**

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### 2009-10 Highlights

- Has not dressed for past two games due to knee discomfort.
- Had two points (first two FT of season) and two steals in BIG EAST opener vs. Villanova.
- Drove baseline for pretty reverse layup during five minutes of action at Purdue.
- Had steal, assist and forced shot clock violation in lone minute late in first half of win over #18/16 Vanderbilt.
- Nabbed career-high five steals vs. Valparaiso, adding four points and four rebounds in 15 minutes.
- Made the most of her 16 minutes vs. IPFW with six points, six rebounds, two steals, and career-high-tying two assists and one block.
- Collected four rebounds and first career blocked shot vs. South Carolina at Paradise Jam.
- Provided spark off bench vs. Iona with two points and career-high-tying three steals in 11 minutes.
- Enjoyed finest night of her career in season opener vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, logging personal bests in points (11), rebounds (7), field goals made-attempted (5-8), free throws made (1) and minutes played (20) ... also was her first career double-digit scoring night (scored 17 points all of last year).

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### Career Highs

- **Points:** 11 vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff (11/15/09)
- **Rebounds:** 7 vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff (11/15/09)
- **Assists:** None
- **Free Throw Attempts:** None
- **Free Throws:** None
- **Field Goals:** None
- **Field Goal Attempts:** None
- **3-Point Field Goals:** None
- **3-Point Field Goal Attempts:** None
- **Steals:** None
- **3-Point Steals:** None
- **Blacked Shots:** None
- **Minutes Played:** None
- **Miscellaneous:** None

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### Did You Know?

- First name is pronounced “fruh-DARE-uh-kuh” ... nickname is “Fred”.
- Among team’s most improved players this season, having already met or exceeded last year’s production in nearly all categories.
- Shot team-high .636 (7-11) from floor and started twice on Notre Dame’s 2009 European tour, while also finishing third on squad in steals (2.7 spg.).
- Also strong in the classroom, earning dean’s list honors in spring 2009 with 3.667 semester GPA (she is enrolled in Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business but has not yet declared a major).
- One of seven Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — ran track & field, competing primarily in sprints (100m/200m/400m).

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#14 Devereaux Peters

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

Did You Know?
- First name is pronounced “DEV-er-OH” … nickname is “Dev”.
- Has a 77-inch (6-foot-5) wingspan that, if turned vertically, would be taller than any player on Irish roster (senior center Erica Williamson is 6-foot-4).
- Peters’ alma mater, Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., holds a special place in Notre Dame athletics history, having produced numerous Irish greats in several sports — the most notable is 1953 Heisman Trophy John Lattner.
- One of two Irish players who had an uncle play professional football — Peters’ uncle, Tom Sea bron, played linebacker at Michigan and was a fifth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 1979; Ashley Barlow’s uncle, Ron, was a fullback at Kansas State and was selected by the New York Jets in the 1965 American Football League redshirt draft.
- Has registered two career “5-5-5” games, both as a rookie in 2007-08.
- Ranks third in school history with 1.88 career blocks average, and just outside Irish top 10 with 1.66 career steals average.

2009-10 Highlights
- Leads team in blocks (1.5 bpg.) and is third in rebounding (5.7 rpg.).
- Had best game since return from knee injury at Connecticut, scoring team-high 12 points (6-11 FG) and grabbing eight rebounds.
- Played first BIG EAST game in 23 months vs. Villanova, finishing with six points, four rebounds and season-high three steals.
- Packed stat sheet at Purdue with six points, game-high eight rebounds, three assists, two blocks and two steals … also had defensive play of night, blocking Samantha Woods’ game-tying three-point attempt in right corner with four seconds left.
- Continued return from knee surgery with seven points, eight rebounds and four blocks in 14 minutes against #18/16 Vanderbilt.

**Peters Game-by-Game**

- **2009-10**
  - **GP-GS:** 12-2
  - **FG-FGA:** 214-17.8
  - **3FG-3FGA:** 40-77 .519
  - **FT-FTA:** 22-33 .667
  - **Off:** 25 43 68 5.7
  - **Def:** 45-4 11 18 21 102 8.5
  - **Reb:** 21 18 14 21 102 8.5

**Career Highs**

- **Points:** 15 vs. Villanova (1/16/08)
- **Rebounds:** 12 vs. Connecticut (1/27/08)
- **Assists:** 4 vs. Saint Francis-Pa. (12/29/07)
- **Field Goals:** 6, four times (MR: at UConn, 1/16/10)
- **Field Goal Attempts:** 15 at Maryland (11/16/07)
- **3-Point Field Goals:** None
- **3-Point Field Goal Attempts:** None
- **Free Throws:** 8 at Richmond (1/2/08)
- **Free Throw Attempts:** 10 at Richmond (12/08)
- **Steals:** 7 vs. Villanova (1/16/08)
- **Blocked Shots:** 5 vs. Miami-Ohio (11/9/07)
- **Minutes Played:** 34 at Maryland (11/16/07)

**Miscellaneous**

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- Double-figure scoring games .16
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#15 Kaila Turner

Guard • 5-8 • Fr.-HS • Joliet, Ill. (Marian Catholic HS)

Did You Know?
- From the “if you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em” files, Turner’s high school team advanced to the Illinois Class AA semifinals during her junior year (2007-08), only to be defeated by eventual champion Fenwick High School, which was led by her new Notre Dame teammate, junior forward Devereaux Peters (Turner’s team came back to win the state third-place game).

2009-10 Highlights
- Hit jumper late in game at Connecticut.
- Tied career high with four rebounds in BIG EAST debut against Villanova.
- Had best day of her young career in most recent outing vs. Charlotte, posting career highs of 11 points (4-7 FG), four rebounds and five steals in 14 minutes.
- Played career-high 14 minutes vs. Valparaiso, scoring three points.
- Chalked up five points (first career 3FG and FTs), three assists and two rebounds vs. IPFW.
- Picked up assist and steal in closing minutes of win over South Carolina at Paradise Jam.
- Saw 12 minutes of action vs. Iona, collecting two points and an assist.
- Made college debut against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, knocking down a second-half jumper and dishing out a pair of assists in 11 minutes.

Turner Game-by-Game

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Career Highlights

Points
- 11 vs. Charlotte (12/20/09)
- 4 vs. Villanova (1/9/10)

Assists
- 3 vs. IPFW (12/8/09)

Field Goals
- 4 vs. Charlotte (12/20/09)

Field Goal Attempts
- 7 vs. Charlotte (12/20/09)

3-Point Field Goals
- 1, twice (MR: vs. Villanova, 1/9/10)

3-Point Field Goal Attempts
- 3, twice (MR: vs. Villanova, 1/9/10)

Free Throws
- 2, twice (MR: vs. Charlotte, 12/20/09)

Free Throw Attempts
- 4 vs. Charlotte (12/20/09)

Steals
- 5 vs. Charlotte (12/20/09)

Blocked Shots
- None

Minutes Played
- 14, twice (MR: vs. Charlotte, 12/20/09)

Miscellaneous
- Double-doubles ...............0
- Double-figure scoring games ...1
- 20-point games ...............0
- Double-figure rebound games..0
- 5-assist games ...............0
- 5-steal games ...............1
#20 Ashley Barlow

Guard • 5-9 • Sr.-3V • Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike HS)

Awards/Honors
- Midseason Wooden Women’s Award Top 20 List
- Preseason Naismith Trophy Watch List
- Preseason AP Honorable Mention All-American
- BIG EAST Preseason All-Conference Team
- BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 23, Dec. 21)

Did You Know?
- One of three returning team captains this year with Melissa Lechlitner and Lindsay Schrader.
- One of four players in school history to record 60+ steals in three consecutive seasons, along with Mary Gavin (1985-88), Coquese Washington (1989-93) and current assistant coach Niele Ivey (1997-2001) (Washington and Ivey only ones to do it in four consecutive seasons).
- Joins former teammate Charle Allen (2004-08) as only Notre Dame players ever to amass 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 200 assists and 200 steals in their careers.
- Ranks among top 10 in school history for career three-pointers (109 - 7th), three-point attempts (317 - 7th), free throws (313 - 7th), free throw percentage (.794 - 8th), steals (239 - 4th) and steals per game (2.15 - 4th) — also tied for 14th all-time at Notre Dame with 1,290 points.
- Has posted nine career “5-5-5” games, including two this season (Iona and South Florida).
- Has missed only two games in college career (Dec. 2 & 7, 2008 vs. Eastern Michigan and Purdue, both due to concussion).

2009-10 Highlights
- Second on team in scoring (11.4 ppg.), rebounding (5.8 rpg.) and three-point percentage (.383) and tops in steals (2.4 spg.).
- Scored 10 points and added six rebounds at Connecticut.
- Stuffed stat sheet against South Florida with nine points, season-high 11 rebounds and season-best five assists, logging her second “5-5-5” game of the season.
- Had perfect shooting day in BIG EAST opener vs. Villanova with seven points (3-3 FG, 1-1 3FG) and three steals.
- Notched 13 points (including game-clinching free throw with 2.6 seconds left) and game-high eight rebounds at Purdue.
- Had eight points and season-high-tying eight rebounds in win over #18/16 Vanderbilt.
- Logged 15 points at UCF, including pair of layups in 13-0 run at end of first half that sealed win.
- Set pace against Charlotte with game highs of 19 points (7-12 FG, 3-4 3FG) and eight rebounds.
- Tallied 11 points vs. Valparaiso, canning 100th career three-pointer (8th player in ND history).
- Chalked up 12 points (5-7 FG, 2-3 3FG) in win over IPFW.

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Career Highs

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

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

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

Field Goal Attempts
18, twice (MR: vs. Louisville, 2/11/09)

3-Point Field Goals
4 at Connecticut (2/22/09)

3-Point Field Goal Attempts
10 vs. Michigan State (11/29/08)

Free Throws
13 vs. Prairie View (12/8/08)

Free Throw Attempts
13 vs. Prairie View (12/8/08)

Steals
8 vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)

Blocked Shots
1, nine times (MR: vs. USF, 1/12/10)

Minutes Played
39 at Villanova (1/24/09)

Miscellaneous
Double-doubles ....................4
Double-figure scoring games ...68
20-point games ..................7
Double-figure rebound games ...6
5-assist games ...................7
5-steal games ....................9
#21 Natalie Novosel

**Guard • 5-11 • So.-1V • Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic HS)**

**Did You Know?**
- One of most improved players on Irish roster, with highly-productive off-season including a sharper three-point shot and increased athleticism.
- Her 45 steals last season were eighth-most by Irish freshman, and marked third consecutive season a Notre Dame rookie had 40+ steals (Barlow 63/Lechlitner 40 in 2006-07; Mallory 42 in 2007-08).
- Ranked third on team in scoring (11.3 ppg.) during May 2009 European tour, while also leading team in steals (3.3 spg.) and adding 5.0 rpg.
- Has a twin brother, Nathan, who is a sophomore on the men's basketball team at Division III University of Rochester (N.Y.); older sister, Shannon, just completed career at University of Evansville in 2009.

**2009-10 Highlights**
- Fourth on team in steals (1.9 spg.) ... started first four games (first starts of her career) ... has one “5-5-5” game this year.
- Matched season high with 12 points (5-7 FG, 1-1 3FG) against South Florida, including seven in 19-3 second-half run.
- Had productive BIG EAST opener vs. Villanova with six points and two steals.
- Added eight points and three steals at UCF.
- Had eight points (career-high 6-6 FT) and four steals against Charlotte.
- Notched season-high 12 points, along with four assists and three steals against Valparaiso.
- Returned to double digits in scoring column vs. IPFW (10 points), while adding six rebounds and four assists.
- Played season-high 32 minutes vs. Eastern Michigan, tying career best with eight rebounds, while adding seven points and five assists (her first career “5-5-5” game).
- Chalked up eight points off the bench in 14 minutes in win over #20/17 Oklahoma at Paradise Jam.
- Tossed in eight points and tied career high with five steals in win over Iona.
- Made first career start in season opener vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, tallying 10 points, career-high six assists and four steals.

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- Double-doubles .................0
- Double-figure scoring games ..13
- 20-point games ..................0
- Double-figure rebound games...0
- 5-assist games ..................2
- 5-steal games .. ...............2
#22 Brittany Mallory

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

**Did You Know?**
- Nickname is “Chip”, which she gained during summer school prior to her freshman year — its origin is a bit fuzzy and depends on which of her teammates you’re talking to.
- Earned certificate of merit for participation in Notre Dame’s Rosenthal Leadership Institute during the 2007-08 academic year.
- One of two ND players (along with Devereaux Peters) coming off torn ACLs in their left knees suffered in first month of 2008-09 season.
- One of seven Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a two-time honorable mention All-America lacrosse midfielder and was named to the 2006 high school All-Tewaaraton Team; in fact, she was actively recruited by several Division I schools to play lacrosse, but chose to focus solely on basketball at Notre Dame.

**2009-10 Highlights**
- Enjoying best season of career thus far with personal bests of 9.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game ... also second on team in assists (2.6 apg.), third in steals (2.1 spg.) and fifth in three-point percentage (.333) ... also has team-high three “5-5-5” games (first of her career) this season.
- Registered seven points, four assists and game-high three steals against South Florida.
- Played first BIG EAST game in 22 months against Villanova, collecting eight points and game highs of three assists (no turnovers) and three steals.
- Had seven points, four rebounds (three offensive) and three assists at Purdue.
- Good all-around effort vs. #18/16 Vanderbilt with eight points, five rebounds and team-high five assists ... hit two 3FG in 10 seconds midway through first half to erase early eight-point deficit.
- Led Irish with 16 points, four rebounds and five steals in 18 minutes at UCF.
- Packed stat sheet vs. Charlotte with eight points, career-high seven assists, four rebounds and four steals.
- Erupted for career-high 22 points (7-13 FG, 3-5 3FG) in 20 minutes vs. Valparaiso, also notching her first career “point-a-minute” game.
- Another balanced effort in win over IPFW with nine points, four rebounds and four steals in season-high 28 minutes.
- Could make solid argument for her inclusion on Paradise Jam Island Division All-Tournament Team after averaging 10.7 ppg, 4.0 rpg, with .500 FG% (11-22).
- Played 26 minutes off bench vs. #20/17 Oklahoma at Paradise Jam and responded with 15 points, career-high-tying seven rebounds, and season-best five assists.
- Tallied season-high 15 points (4-5 FG, 1-2 3FG, career-high 5-6 FT) vs. #23/24 San Diego State at Paradise Jam ... made 5-6 FT in final 43 seconds to secure victory.

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#23 Melissa Lechlitner

Guard • 5-7 • Sr.-3V • Mishawaka, Ind. (South Bend St. Joseph’s HS)

Awards/Honors
- Paradise Jam Island Division All-Tournament Team
- BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Jan. 11)

Did You Know?
- One of three returning team captains this year with Ashley Barlow and Lindsay Schrader.
- Exceptional student-athlete and Academic All-America candidate with 3.577 cumulative GPA as psychology major in Notre Dame’s College of Arts and Letters; earned dean’s list honors in spring 2007 with 3.75 semester GPA.
- Has missed just one game in her college career (Jan. 2, 2007 - ankle injury).
- Ranks 10th in school history with 327 career assists.
- Has four career “5-5-5” games with 1.33 career assist/turnover ratio.

2009-10 Highlights
- Averaging team-high 3.2 assists per game with 1.31 assist/turnover ratio ... also leads team with .455 three-point percentage.
- Extended double-digit scoring streak to four games (tying career long) with 11 points and four assists vs. USF.
- Posted third consecutive double-figure scoring day with 11 points (6-10 FG) and game-high three assists vs. Villanova.
- Set the pace at Purdue with career-high 22 points (including personal-best 8-16 FG and 4-7 3FG), and canned trey with 6:23 left that put Irish ahead for good.
- Showed expert leadership in win over #18/16 Vanderbilt with 14 points, three assists and two steals ... also hit three-pointer at halftime horn to highlight 12-0 run that crossed over the break and gave Irish lead for good.
- Matched season high with six assists against Valparaiso and at UCF.
- Earned first career all-tournament honor at Paradise Jam with 9.3 ppg. and 3.7 apg. at event.
- Steady hand down stretch in win over #20/17 Oklahoma at Paradise Jam, playing turnover-free ball in second half.
- Chalked up season-best 15 points (6-12 FG, 2-4 3FG) in win over South Carolina at Paradise Jam.
- Played in 100th career game in win over #23/24 San Diego State at Paradise Jam, logging eight points and season-high-tying six assists.
- Scored seven points and added four assists in win over Iona.
- Turnover-free 34 minutes to go along with seven points at #21 Michigan State.
- Managed game well in season-opening start vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, dishing out game-high six assists and adding three steals.

Lechlitner’s Career Statistics — All Games

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#24 Lindsay Schrader

Guard • 6-0 • 5th Yr. Sr.-3V • Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett HS)

Awards/Honors
- BIG EAST Preseason All-Conference Team
- BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Dec. 7, Jan. 4)

Did You Know?
- One of three returning team captains this year with Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner.
- Returns for fifth year of eligibility, granted by Notre Dame’s Faculty Board on Athletics, after she missed 2006-07 season with torn ACL in right knee (suffered on fourth day of preseason practice).
- Future career plans include either becoming a college athletic director or opening a restaurant with her sister, Kristina.
- Only 12th player in program history to start 100 games in her career (has active string of 64 consecutive starts, beginning Jan. 16, 2008 vs. Villanova) ... also has not missed a game in college career (110 consecutive appearances and counting).
- Ranks among top 10 in school history for career rebounds (10th - 720), minutes per game (28.6 - 7th), field goals made per game (1.9 - 5th) and field goal percentage (career-high .535) ...
- Also has two double-doubles this season (two against ranked opponents).
- Gathered six points and team-high nine rebounds at Connecticut.
- Made five of first six shots against USF on way to third double-double of season with game highs of 18 points (9-14 FG) and 13 rebounds.
- Shrugged off scoreless first half (due to foul trouble) at Purdue, scoring all 15 of her points (6-8 FG) after break, while adding four assists and three steals ... also came up with clutch offensive rebound from missed free throw with 10.8 seconds left and Irish up by two (was fouled, made 1-2 FT).
- Led the way in win over #18/16 Vanderbilt with season highs of 18 points and 14 rebounds, as well as two game-clinching free throws with 7.3 seconds remaining.
- Efficient effort in win at UCF with 11 points (5-6 FG) and seven rebounds in 20 minutes.
- Nabbed season-high three steals vs. Charlotte.
- Made 100th career start and recorded 3,000th career minute vs. Valparaiso, tallying game-high eight rebounds.
- Chipped in 14 points and game-high rebounds vs. IPFW.

2009-10 Highlights
- Leads team in rebounding (7.5 rpg.), ranks third in scoring (11.2 ppg.) and field goal percentage (career-high .535) ... also has two double-doubles this season (two against ranked opponents).
- Gathered six points and team-high nine rebounds at Connecticut.
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Career Highs

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- 29 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)
- 15 vs. Cincinnati (1/31/09)

Rebounds
- 22 vs. Pittsburgh (2/6/07)
- 7 at Saint John’s (1/13/06)

Field Goals
- 23 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)
- 21 at Seton Hall (11/25/09)

Free Throws
- 6, four times (MR: vs. Vanderbilt, 12/31/09)

Free Throw Attempts
- 10, twice (MR: vs. Vanderbilt, 12/31/09)

Field Goal Attempts
- 11 at Notre Dame (2/23/09)

Field Goal Percentage
- 2 - 10 (20/100)

Minutes Played
- 40, twice (MR: at Bowling Green, 12/5/07)

Double-figure scoring games ...86
20-point games ...4
Double-figure rebound games ...18
5-assist games ...3
5-steal games ...0
#32 Becca Bruszewski
Forward  •  6-1  •  Jr.-2V  •  Valparaiso, Ind. (Wheeler HS)

Did You Know?
- Last name is pronounced “broo-SHEFF-skée” … nickname is “Bruiser”, due to her fearless, physical style of play and her penchant for leaving teammates and opponents black and blue after a practice or game.
- One of seven Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a three-time all-state volleyball middle blocker, who still holds school records for career kills (2,042) and blocks (452), as well as single-season kills (657) and blocks (139).
- First Notre Dame women’s basketball player from northwest Indiana, hailimg from same area of state as Irish men’s basketball All-America power forward Luke Harangody.

2009-10 Highlights
- Fourth on team in scoring (9.3 ppg.) and field goal percentage (.482).
- Possibly team’s most efficient player despite logging just 18.7 minutes per game — were she to play a full 40 minutes, she would be averaging 20.0 ppg. and 8.1 rpg.
- Piled up eight points, four rebounds and four assists in win over South Florida.
- Returned to starting lineup for BIG EAST opener vs. Villanova, scoring seven points.
- Did not play at Purdue (illness), snapping string of 43 consecutive starts and 48 consecutive games played … third missed game of her career (out with surgically-repaired broken finger - Feb. 27 & March 1, 2008 vs. South Florida and Seton Hall).
- Chalked up 11 points, seven rebounds and three assists in win over Valparaiso.
- Led the way for Irish in win over IPFW with 18 points, career-high five assists and career-high-tying four steals in season-high 23 minutes.
- Played only 22 minutes vs. Eastern Michigan due to foul trouble, but still scored 14 points (6-8 FG) and grabbed six rebounds.
- Snared game-high seven rebounds along with seven points in Paradise Jam victory over #20/17 Oklahoma.

Bruszewski Game-by-Game

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Points
- 20, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 2/24/09)

Rebounds
- 12 vs. DePaul (2/8/09)

Assists
- 5 vs. IPFW (12/8/09)

Field Goals
- 9 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Field Goal Attempts
- 15 vs. Tennessee (3/30/08)

3-Point Field Goals
- 2, seven times (MR: vs. Iona, 11/22/09)

3-Point Field Goal Attempts
- 6 vs. Minnesota (3/22/09)

Free Throws
- 8 at South Florida (2/17/09)

Free Throw Attempts
- 12 vs. Syracuse (2/24/09)

Steals
- 4, twice (MR: vs. IPFW, 12/8/09)

Blocked Shots
- 3 at Pittsburgh (2/3/09)

Minutes Played
- 37 at Providence (2/28/09)

Miscellaneous
- Double-doubles ................. 2
- Double-figure scoring games ... 29
- 20-point games ................. 2
- Double-figure rebound games ... 2
- 5-assist games ................. 1
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#44 Alena Christiansen

Guard • 5-7 • Sr.-SQ • Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons HS)

Did You Know?

- Walk-on who was added to roster midway through last season and has become a favorite of teammates and fans alike from the minute she first suited up for the Irish.
- Outstanding student-athlete with a 3.508 cumulative GPA as a marketing major in Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business; also named to dean’s list in spring 2009 with 3.75 semester GPA.

2009-10 Highlights

- Hit late bucket and grabbed offensive rebound in BIG EAST opener vs. Villanova.
- Matched career best with two steals and six minutes, in addition to scoring two points at UCF.
- Had perfect shooting day vs. Charlotte (1-1 3FG, 2-2 FT), finishing with career highs of five points and two steals.
- Played career-high six minutes against Valparaiso, gathering one rebound.
- Tied career bests against IPFW with one rebound and one steal, while setting new personal highs with two field goal/three-point attempts.
- Saw action in final three minutes of win over South Carolina at Paradise Jam.
- Made season debut vs. Iona, connecting on first field goal of her career, a three-pointer from the deep left corner in front of the Irish bench (and over a 6-3 post player) in final seconds.

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- Rebounds
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- Assists
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- Field Goals
  1, four times (MR: vs. Villanova, 1/9/10)
- Field Goal Attempts
  3 at UCF (12/29/09)
- 3-Point Field Goals
  1, twice (MR: vs. Charlotte, 12/20/09)
- 3-Point Field Goal Attempts
  2 vs. IPFW (12/8/09)
- Free Throws
  2, twice (MR: at UCF, 12/29/09)
- Free Throw Attempts
  4 vs. Loyola-Chicago (12/20/08)
- Steals
  2, twice (MR: at UCF, 12/29/09)
- Blocked Shots
  None
- Minutes Played
  6, twice (MR: at UCF, 12/29/09)

Miscellaneous

- Double-doubles .................... 0
- Double-figure scoring games .... 0
- 20-point games ................... 0
- Double-figure rebound games .... 0
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2009-10 Highlights

- Hit late bucket and grabbed offensive rebound in BIG EAST opener vs. Villanova.
- Matched career best with two steals and six minutes, in addition to scoring two points at UCF.
- Had perfect shooting day vs. Charlotte (1-1 3FG, 2-2 FT), finishing with career highs of five points and two steals.
- Played career-high six minutes against Valparaiso, gathering one rebound.
- Tied career bests against IPFW with one rebound and one steal, while setting new personal highs with two field goal/three-point attempts.
- Saw action in final three minutes of win over South Carolina at Paradise Jam.
- Made season debut vs. Iona, connecting on first field goal of her career, a three-pointer from the deep left corner in front of the Irish bench (and over a 6-3 post player) in final seconds.
#52 Erica Williamson
Center • 6-4 • Sr.-3V • Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg HS)

**Did You Know?**
- Nickname is "E".
- President of Notre Dame’s Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) for 2009-10 after serving as the team’s SAAC representative last year.
- Aiming for a career in sports broadcasting, and got started in that direction this past summer as intern in sports department at WSBT-TV (CBS affiliate) in South Bend.
- Also one of two "interns" for WBCA’s national women’s basketball podcast "Shootaround with Beth & Debbie," offering regular insights on 2009-10 season from a player’s perspective.
- Graduated Jan. 3 (one semester early) with bachelor’s degree in film, television & theater from Notre Dame’s College of Arts and Letters (she posted perfect 4.0 GPAs in the fall and summer 2009 terms, on the heels of a 3.533 GPA in the spring of 2009); starting graduate work in spring.
- Ranks ninth in school history with 120 career blocks kept and 1,081 career block attempts.
- Has two career “5-5-5” games.

**2009-10 Highlights**
- Second on team in field goal percentage (.568) and blocks (1.081 career blocks average) and third in steals.
- Dished out season-high-tying two assists vs. USF.
- Made first start of year at Purdue, collecting season-high-six rebounds in season-best 16 minutes.
- Had two blocks and four rebounds against #18/16 Vanderbilt.
- Registered 10 points (3-4 FG, 4-4 FT) and five rebounds vs. Charlotte.
- Chipped in seven points, five rebounds, two blocks and two steals against Valparaiso.
- Scored season-high 11 points, along with four rebounds and season-best three blocks in win over IPFW.
- Had four points and two assists in Paradise Jam win over South Carolina.
- Played in 100th career game in victory over #23/24 San Diego State at Paradise Jam.
- Added four points and a steal vs. Iona.
- Contributed 12 quality minutes off bench at #21 Michigan State, recording pair of blocks.
- Played final eight minutes in season opener vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, piling up 10 points and five rebounds … would have been first “point-a-minute” game of career, but minimum 10 minutes needed.

**Williamson’s Career Statistics — All Games**

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**Career Highlights**

- Points
  - 21 vs. Georgetown (1/10/09)
- Rebounds
  - 18 at South Florida (1/13/07)
- Assists
  - 3 vs. South Florida (2/27/08)
- Field Goals
  - 9 at DePaul (1/6/09)
- Field Goal Attempts
  - 12 at Rutgers (2/19/08)
- 3-Point Field Goals
  - None
- 3-Point Field Goal Attempts
  - None
- Free Throws
  - 8 at Syracuse (2/16/08)
- Free Throw Attempts
  - 12 at Syracuse (2/16/08)
- Steals
  - 3 at Syracuse (2/16/08)
- Blocked Shots
  - 5, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 2/24/09)
- Minutes Played
  - 36 vs. Oklahoma (3/25/08)
- Miscellaneous
  - Double-doubles .........................4
  - Double-figure scoring games ....21
  - 20-point games .........................2
  - Double-figure rebound games ....6
  - 5-block games .........................2

**Williamson Game-by-Game**

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