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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2001-02 Irish Schedule/Results (5-4, 0-0 BIG EAST)

November

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

December

2	Sun.	vs. (16/17) Michigan ^	L, 63-78
6	Thurs.	at (7/8) Purdue	L, 57-70
9	Sun.	USC	W, 62-49
12	Wed.	Western Michigan	W, 71-48
22	Sat.	Marquette	W, 60-33
28	Fri.	at Rice	7 p.m.
31	Mon.	DePaul	1 p.m.

January

2	Wed.	at Miami* (FSF)	7 p.m.
5	Sat.	Providence*	1 p.m.
9	Wed.	Seton Hall*	7 p.m.
12	Sat.	at Villanova* (BETV)	Noon
19	Sat.	at Providence*	2 p.m.
21	Mon.	at Connecticut* # (ESPN)	3 p.m.
26	Sat.	Virginia Tech* (BETV)	6 p.m.
29	Tues.	Syracuse*	7 p.m.

February

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

March

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

Boldface indicates home game

* indicates BIG EAST Conference game

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

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

Game to be played at Hartford (Conn.) Civic Center

(ESPN) Game to be televised by ESPN

(FSF) Game to be televised by Fox Sports Florida

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

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

All times are local to site and subject to change

Game No. 10 Notre Dame Fighting Irish (5-4) vs. Rice Lady Owls (5-3)

The Date and Time: Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at 7 p.m. CST (8 p.m. EST in South Bend).

The Site: Autry Court (5,000) in Houston, Texas.

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

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Rice (www.riceowls.com).

NOTRE DAME RETURNS FROM CHRISTMAS BREAK WITH VISIT TO RICE

Playing for only the second time in the last 16 days, Notre Dame should be well-rested when it suits up Friday at 7 p.m. (CST) for a battle with Rice at Autry Court in Houston. The Irish (5-4) are currently riding a three-game winning streak and looked anything but rusty in their last contest, racing out to a 22-4 lead in the first 12 minutes and rolling to a 60-33 win over Marquette last Saturday at the Joyce Center.

The 2001-02 season has had two distinct chapters for Rice (5-3). The Lady Owls started the year off well, winning their first five games, including a triple-overtime victory at Massachusetts and a 67-54 win over No. 21 George Washington. However, Rice's early-season success has faded in the wake of three consecutive losses, two to nationally-ranked opponents Texas Tech and LSU. The Lady Owls also fell to Arizona, a team that beat Notre Dame on Nov. 24.

Rice has been on a week-long hiatus since a 72-47 loss at No. 24/23 LSU on Dec. 20 in Baton Rouge, La. Center **Jhonna Hayes** and guard **LaTonya Sam** each scored a team-high 10 points for the Lady Owls, with Hayes adding eight rebounds and three blocks. The visitors were hampered by a poor shooting night, hitting only 28.8 percent (19-of-66) of their field goal attempts.

Rice is paced by guard **Kara Liggett**, who is the only player scoring in double figures at 11.9 points per game, despite starting just twice in eight games. She also is the leading perimeter scoring threat for the Lady Owls, connecting on a team-high 20 three-point field goals this year.

Forward **Elisa Inman** is Rice's leading rebounder with 6.9 caroms per game, while Hayes blocks 2.6 shots per game. Guard **Kim Lawson** runs the point for the Lady Owls, dishing out 3.6 assists per game.

As a team, Rice is shooting 33.4 percent from the field and 35.5 percent from three-point range while scoring 61.2 points per game.

Christy McKinney is in her ninth season as the Lady Owls' head coach, owning a 139-101 (.579) record. She has guided Rice to three postseason appearances, including its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth in 2000. McKinney is 0-1 in her career against Notre Dame.

LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 60, Marquette 33

Dec. 22, 2001

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Marquette (33)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Klug	23	0-8	0-0	0-2	6	0	1	0
Weaver	15	0-2	0-0	2-4	2	2	2	2
Seffern	20	1-2	0-0	3-4	4	0	1	5
Johnson	22	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0
Alsdurf	27	1-14	1-4	0-0	6	0	1	3
Gales	14	1-7	0-2	1-2	0	1	1	3
O'Grady	14	1-5	0-2	3-4	2	1	0	5
Juedes	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Stieber	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Schwerman	19	3-5	1-2	1-2	0	1	1	8
Bogott	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2
Zawodny	14	1-5	0-0	1-2	2	0	3	3
Team					6			
Totals	200	10-54	2-12	11-20	33	6	13	33

Notre Dame (60)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	16	5-12	0-2	1-2	12	1	2	11
Barksdale	20	5-7	0-0	0-0	8	2	1	10
Severe	29	2-5	0-1	0-0	4	4	0	4
Joyce	21	1-4	1-4	0-0	4	2	0	3
Ratay	27	1-5	0-1	0-0	3	1	0	2
Haney	15	2-3	0-0	3-4	2	2	1	7
Krause	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	4	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borton	13	2-4	0-0	1-4	6	3	2	5
Hernandez	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Wicks	18	2-3	1-2	0-0	3	0	0	5
Flechy	13	3-5	0-0	1-4	6	1	2	7
Bustamante	11	2-5	2-3	0-0	4	0	1	6
Team					2			
Totals	200	25-57	4-14	6-14	54	16	10	60

Marquette 13 20 -- 33

Notre Dame 37 23 -- 60

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.9, Marquette 18.5. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 28.6, Marquette 16.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 42.9, Marquette 55.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Marquette 20. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 13 (Barksdale 8), Marquette 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11, Marquette 13 (Gales 3). **Attendance:** 7,132.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Dec. 24)

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

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Dec. 24)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Week
1.	Connecticut (37)	11-0	1
2.	Tennessee (3)	8-0	2
3.	Vanderbilt	11-1	3
4.	Iowa State	10-0	5
5.	Oklahoma	10-1	4
6.	Stanford	10-1	6
7.	Purdue	9-1	7
8.	Georgia	8-0	8
9.	Duke	9-2	9
10.	Baylor	11-0	10
11.	Louisiana Tech	5-3	11
12.	Michigan	10-1	13
13.	Texas Tech	7-2	14
14.	Wisconsin	9-1	18
15.	Colorado	9-3	12
16.	Colorado State	9-1	15
17.	Florida	8-3	20
18.	South Carolina	10-1	22
19.	North Carolina	9-2	16
20.	Auburn	11-0	25
21.	Texas	7-2	19
22.	LSU	7-3	23
23.	Tulane	9-2	21
24.	Penn State	7-4	24
25.	North Carolina State	6-5	17

Boldface indicates 2001-02 Notre Dame opponents

SCOUTING THE IRISH

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

McGraw is in her 15th year at Notre Dame with a 327-121 (.730) record and has led the Irish to six straight NCAA Tournament appearances and eight overall. She was a near-unanimous choice as national coach of the year in 2000-01, winning top honors from the Atlanta Tipoff Club (Naismith Award), Associated Press, Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), and Sports Illustrated for Women. She also was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year, marking the third different conference to recognize McGraw as its top skipper since she took the reins at Notre Dame in 1987.

Both of Notre Dame's returning starters were honored by the BIG EAST coaches in their preseason balloting. Senior guard/forward **Ericka Haney** (6.3 ppg., 5.0 rpg.) was a second team preseason all-conference pick and brings explosive quickness and versatility to the Irish lineup, along with veteran leadership. As Notre Dame's only captain, she is being called upon to assume a greater mantle of responsibility in '01-02. After starting the first six games for the Irish, she has moved into a reserve role in the last three games, picking up her first double-double of the year with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** (12.3 ppg., 5.3 rpg.) was a first team preseason all-BIG EAST choice and is one of 30 finalists for the Naismith Award after setting an NCAA record for three-point percentage (.547) by a sophomore last season. On Dec. 6 at Purdue, she became the 19th player in school history to score 1,000 career points.

Joining Ratay in the backcourt is sophomore **Le'Tania Severe** (9.2 ppg., 4.0 rpg, 5.4 apg), who was hampered by injuries last season, appearing in just 22 games, but has confidently taken control of the Irish offense this season. She scored a career-high 17 points against USC and matched her career best with eight assists against Western Michigan. She also ranks fifth in the BIG EAST Conference in assists and eighth in steals (2.0 spg.). Juniors **Monique Hernandez** (0.2 ppg., 0.6 rpg.) and **Karen Swanson** (1.3 ppg., 0.8 rpg.), along with sophomore **Jeneka Joyce** (5.3 ppg., 2.1 rpg.) give McGraw tremendous flexibility in her guard rotation. Joyce has started the last three games for the Irish, the first starting assignments of her career, and she leads the team with a .435 three-point percentage. Additionally, freshmen **Allison Bustamante** (4.0 ppg., 2.7 rpg.) **Jill Krause** (0.0 ppg., 0.5 rpg.) and **Kelsey Wicks** (4.1 ppg., 3.3 rpg.) provide the Irish with solid ballhandling and perimeter shooting depth. Bustamante made a solid return to action against Marquette, recording season highs of six points and four rebounds after missing the previous four games with a high right ankle sprain.

A pair of freshmen (and former Parade All-Americans) are making an immediate impact on the Notre Dame front line, as forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (13.6 ppg., 8.2 rpg.) and center **Teresa Borton** (5.1 ppg., 5.8 rpg.) started the first six games for the Irish. Batteast was named the 2001-02 preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and her combination of speed, athleticism and perimeter shooting ability already make her a valuable weapon in the Irish arsenal. Already a three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week, Batteast is among the league leaders in scoring (11th), rebounding (3rd), field goal percentage (13th, .419), blocks (7th, 1.33) and double-doubles (1st, 4), picking up her fourth double-dip with 11 points and 12 rebounds against Marquette. Meanwhile, at

LAST IRISH GAME VS. RICE

Notre Dame 80, Rice 40
December 31, 2000
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Rice (40)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Tuttle	18	0-2	0-0	2-4	10	0	4	2
Florus	21	2-6	0-0	0-0	5	0	2	4
Rigg	19	0-6	0-2	1-2	3	1	3	1
Lawson	23	0-4	0-2	3-4	2	3	2	3
Liggett	22	4-10	1-3	0-0	2	1	1	9
Beckler	16	1-9	0-6	1-4	1	0	4	3
Maynard	11	1-4	0-2	0-1	1	0	0	2
Brown	13	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	1	1	3
McIntosh	22	2-5	0-0	1-2	4	1	3	5
Sam	8	2-6	1-1	0-0	0	0	1	5
James	14	1-6	1-4	0-0	1	1	5	3
Bracken	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	4	0	1	0
Team					2			
Total	200	14-62	4-22	8-17	36	8	27	40

Notre Dame (80)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	28	8-14	0-0	2-2	12	1	0	18
Siemon	18	2-9	0-0	1-3	4	1	0	5
Riley	20	7-11	0-0	4-4	7	3	2	18
Ratay	26	1-7	0-3	1-1	4	1	1	3
Ivey	28	5-10	1-2	2-4	9	7	2	13
Severe	16	2-2	0-0	3-5	3	1	3	7
Swanson	6	1-2	0-0	3-3	2	0	0	5
Hernandez	17	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0
Barksdale	12	0-2	0-0	1-2	4	0	0	1
Dunbar	10	0-2	0-0	4-4	0	0	2	4
Leahy	19	2-3	0-0	2-4	4	0	1	6
Team					7			
Total	200	28-64	1-5	23-32	58	14	13	80

Rice	17	23	--	40
Notre Dame	40	40	--	80

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.8, Rice 22.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 20.0, Rice 18.2. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 71.9, Rice 47.1. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 16, Rice 17. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5, Rice 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 5, Rice 12. **Attendance:** 4,060.

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Batteast	F	6-1	Fr.	13.6	8.2	1.8 apg	4th double-double of year vs. Marquette (11p, 12r)
31	Amanda Barksdale	C	6-3	Jr.	5.6	4.0	4.8 bpg	Tied school record with eight blocks vs. Marquette
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-8	So.	9.2	4.0	5.4 apg	Tied career high with eight assists vs. WMU
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	So.	5.3	2.1	1.3 apg	Team-high 43.5 percent from three-point line
22	Alicia Ratay	G	6-0	Jr.	12.3	5.3	2.0 apg	Has made team-best 15 three-pointers (1.7/game)

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
3	Ericka Haney (C)	G/F	6-0	Sr.	6.3	5.0	0.9 spg	8.3 ppg in three games since move to reserve role
10	Jill Krause	G	5-8	Fr.	0.0	0.5	—	Has appeared in four games (2 reb. vs. Army)
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Jr.	1.3	0.8	0.3 apg	Tied career high with five points against Army
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	Fr.	5.1	5.8	1.0 apg	Half (26) of her 52 rebounds on offensive glass
23	Monique Hernandez	G	5-9	Jr.	0.2	0.6	0.8 apg	Matched career high with two steals vs. Marquette
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	Fr.	4.1	3.3	0.4 apg	Collecting 5.0 ppg, 4.5 rpg in last two games
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	Fr.	4.1	3.5	0.6 apg	Tallied seven points, six rebounds vs. Marquette
44	Allison Bustamante	G	6-0	Fr.	4.0	2.7	0.3 apg	Tied career bests (6p, 4r) vs. MU in first game back

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

6-3, Borton is a smooth and versatile post player with excellent mobility and a solid defensive presence. She showed tremendous promise in her first collegiate game against Valparaiso, scoring a game-high 14 points and grabbing a game-best nine rebounds. Junior **Amanda Barksdale** (5.6 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 4.8 bpg.) was one of the nation's top shot blockers last season and has recovered nicely after missing Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg. She notched seven blocks against USC and recently tied a school record with eight blocks against Marquette — both outings are tops in the BIG EAST this season and rank among the best single-game performances in the nation in 2000-01. However, her 4.8 bpg. average does not yet appear in the conference or NCAA ranking because she has yet to play in enough games to qualify. Meanwhile, freshman **Katy Flecky** (4.1 ppg., 3.5 rpg.) was a two-time Miss Colorado Basketball and offers the Irish an physical presence in the post. She came off the bench to notch seven points, six rebounds, two blocks and two steals in 13 minutes vs. Marquette.

RECAPING MARQUETTE

Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** tallied her fourth double-double of the season, and second in as many games, finishing with game highs of 11 points and 12 rebounds to spark Notre Dame to a 60-33 win over Marquette last Saturday before 7,132 fans at the Joyce Center. It was the third consecutive win for the Irish (5-4), who have allowed just 43.3 points per game during that stretch while extending the nation's longest home winning streak to 43 games.

Junior center **Amanda Barksdale** was a force on both ends of the floor, nearly compiling a triple-double with a career-high-tying 10 points, eight rebounds and a career-best eight blocks. The latter figure also tied the school record for rejections in a game, a mark she now shares with **Ruth Riley** (vs. Duke, 11/21/98) and **Shari Matvey** (at Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 3/15/80).

Led by Barksdale, Notre Dame held the Golden Eagles (5-6) to opponent season lows of 33 points and 18.5 percent shooting (10-of-54) — the 33-point defensive effort ties the fourth-lowest opponent total in school history and the .185 shooting ratio is the lowest by an Irish foe since Butler connected at a record-low 14.9-percent clip (9-of-61) on Jan. 30, 1984. Notre Dame also held a commanding 54-33 rebounding edge against Marquette and recorded a season-high 13 blocks on the way to their 22nd win in the last 23 games against MU.

Early on, Saturday's game bore a striking resemblance to last season's matchup between the two clubs. A year ago, Notre Dame jumped out to a 19-2 lead before the Golden Eagles held their ground and played the Irish even the rest of the way. This time, Notre Dame raced out to a 22-4 advantage, forcing Marquette to misfire on its first 12 shots before Katie Alsdurf ended the drought with a three-point field goal 12:34 into the game.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	RICE
Overall record	5-4	5-3
AP/ESPN-USA Today ranking	arv/arv	NR
SCORING		
Points scored per game	64.4	61.2
Points allowed per game	57.1	62.9
Field goal percentage	.407	.334
Three-point percentage	.373	.355
Free throw percentage	.656	.709
REBOUNDING		
Rebounds per game	44.8	39.6
Opponent rebs. per game	35.4	41.2
Rebounding margin	+9.4	(-1.6)
OTHER		
Assists per game	14.2	12.3
Turnovers per game	18.8	21.5
Assist/turnover ratio	0.76	0.57
Blocked shots per game	5.8	5.9
Steals per game	8.1	11.0

KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

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



THE RICE SERIES

Series: ND leads 1-0. **Games Played at Rice:** First meeting.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
12/31/00	Notre Dame, IN	W	80-40

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	80	80.0
Rice	40	40.0

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame, 1 game

McGraw vs. Rice: 1-0

ND Biggest Win: 40 (80-40 on 12/31/00)

RICE Biggest Win: 0

ND Longest Win Streak: 1 (2000)

RICE Longest Win Streak: 0

IRISH IN THE POLLS

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

	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	15	14
Nov. 12	15	no poll
Nov. 19	15	15
Nov. 26	23	23
Dec. 3	arv	arv
Dec. 10	arv	arv
Dec. 17	arv	arv

The Irish wound up taking a 37-13 lead at the half behind their defense, which allowed Marquette to shoot just 13.6 percent (3-of-22) in the opening 20 minutes. It also marked the third consecutive game in which Notre Dame had allowed less than 25 points in the first half — opponents are averaging 15.7 points in the opening half over that three-game stretch.

The trend continued into the second half, as the Irish went on a 9-2 run to kick off the period and take their largest lead at 46-15 with 13:27 to play. Meanwhile, Marquette missed 12 of its first 13 shots before putting together an 8-2 spurt which cut the lead to 25 points. However, that would be as close as the visitors would get the rest of the way, as Notre Dame maintained control.

After missing most of the first half with foul trouble and grabbing just one rebound, Batteast completed her double-double in the second frame with 11 points and 11 boards. Along with Barksdale, she helped drive the Notre Dame post offense which held a commanding 36-8 scoring edge over its Marquette counterparts. In all, 10 different Irish players cracked the scoreboard in the victory.

NOTRE DAME TRAVEL PLANS

While in Houston, Notre Dame is staying at the Doubletree Hotel at Post Oak (713-961-9300). Following their game with Rice on Friday night, the Irish are scheduled to return to campus on Saturday via commercial airline, getting back to South Bend around 12:30 p.m. (EST).

THE NOTRE DAME-RICE SERIES

Friday's game marks just the second all-time meeting between Notre Dame and Rice. The two schools first played last season, with the Irish earning an 80-40 win on Dec. 31, 2000, at the Joyce Center. Guard/forward **Ericka Haney** posted a double-double in the victory, finishing with game highs of 18 points and 12 rebounds. Center **Ruth Riley** also chipped in 18 points and guard **Niele Ivey** nearly pieced together a triple-double, winding up with 13 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

The Notre Dame defense keyed the victory over the Lady Owls, holding Rice to 22.6 percent from the field (14-of-62). The Irish also owned a +22 edge on the boards (58-36) and didn't allow one Rice player to score in double figures.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-RICE SERIES TIDBITS

- Notre Dame charted its second-highest rebound total of the 2000-01 season against Rice, snatching 58 boards in the win. The only better outing for the Irish was a 62-rebound night against Alcorn State in the first round of the 2001 NCAA Tournament.
- The Irish also limited Rice to a .226 field goal percentage in last year's game, the third-lowest mark by a Notre Dame opponent in 2000-01, and the lowest by a regular-season non-conference foe.
- Junior guard **Karen Swanson** had one of her best days in an Irish uniform last season against Rice, scoring a career-high five points in six minutes against the Lady Owls. She tied her scoring standard earlier this season with five points against Army.

NOTRE DAME-RICE CONNECTIONS

- Junior center **Amanda Barksdale** is a native of nearby Friendswood, Texas, and was a record-setting shot-blocker at Clear Brook High School. The 6-4 post continues to return to her home each summer and regularly plays pickup games on the Rice campus. Additionally, she has faced several members of this year's Rice team during those pickup affairs. Barksdale estimates she will have approximately 100 family, friends and supporters in attendance at Friday's game.
- Rice assistant coach **Marla Brumfield**, a former standout with the Lady Owls from 1996-2000, now plays for the WNBA's Miami Sol, where she is a teammate of former Notre Dame All-America center and 2001 consensus national player of the year **Ruth Riley**.
- Both head coaches played in the now-defunct Women's Professional Basketball League (WPBL), which existed during the late 1970s and was a precursor to the present-day WNBA. Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** spent one season as a point guard for the California Dreams, while Rice skipper **Christy McKinney** (formerly Earnhardt) played a year with the Dallas Diamonds.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame would record its first road victory of the season.
- The Irish would extend their winning streak to a season-high four games.
- Notre Dame would even its record at 4-4 against the current Western Athletic Conference alignment and pick up its first-ever road win against a WAC opponent.
- The Irish would notch their fifth win in the last six visits to the state of Texas.



- Notre Dame would assure itself of a winning record in the month of December, the 36th consecutive month in which the Irish will have finished with a .500 or better record (dating back to Dec. 1994).
- The Irish would improve their overall record to 93-16 (.853) over the last three-plus seasons.

IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Dec. 27)

Notre Dame has no major injuries to report.

NOTRE DAME AGAINST THE WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Notre Dame has played a current member of the Western Athletic Conference just seven times in its history, posting a 3-4 (.429) record. In addition to Rice, the Irish also have faced Louisiana Tech (1-2), Southern Methodist (1-1) and Hawaii (0-1), but has not played any of those schools since 1990. In fact, only Rice and Hawaii were members of the WAC at the time they played Notre Dame — SMU was playing in the old Southwest Conference when it matched up with the Irish in 1982 and '84, while Louisiana Tech was an Division I independent program when it battled Notre Dame in 1983, '84 and '90.

Irish head coach **Muffet McGraw** is 2-0 in her career against WAC schools, defeating 11th-ranked Louisiana Tech, 71-66, on Dec. 28, 1990, at the St. Joseph's Texaco-Hawk Classic in Philadelphia, and downing Rice, 80-40, last season at the Joyce Center.

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

Notre Dame is 6-5 (.545) all-time against Texas schools, including a 4-3 mark (2-1 on the road) under 15th-year head coach **Muffet McGraw**. The Irish have played more games against Texas Tech than any other Texas institution, facing the Lady Raiders three times, all in NCAA tournament play. TTU owns a 2-1 series lead over Notre Dame, having last faced the Irish in the 2000 NCAA Mideast Regional Semifinals at The Pyramid in Memphis. Notre Dame also has met Rice (1-0), SMU (1-1), Southwest Texas (1-0), Texas (1-1), Texas A&M (0-1) and TCU (1-0) in its history.

The Irish are 10-10 when playing in state of Texas, a figure which is highlighted by seven postseason appearances in the Lone Star State. Notre Dame competed in the National Women's Invitation Tournament (NWIT) four times (1986, '89, '91 and '95), going 5-7 in that time with third-place finishes in '86 and '95. The Irish also played in three NCAA Tournament subregionals in Texas — sandwiching visits to Lubbock in 1996 and 1998 around a 1997 sojourn to Austin. Notre Dame went 5-2 in those NCAA games in the Lone Star State, including its first-ever NCAA victory (73-60 over Purdue) in 1996 and a stunning 74-59 win over fifth-ranked Texas Tech, the top seed in the Midwest Region, on its home floor in the second round of the 1998 tourney.

HOLIDAY HOOPLA

After a six-day hiatus for the Christmas holiday, Notre Dame will be back in action Friday night at Rice. The Irish are 15-9 (.625) in their first game after the yuletide season, including wins in five of their last six games. Probably the most notable post-Christmas game for Notre Dame came exactly 11 years ago, on Dec. 28, 1990, when the Irish downed No. 11 Louisiana Tech, 71-66, at the St. Joseph's Texaco-Hawk Classic in Philadelphia. Over the first 19 seasons of the Irish program, Tech remained the highest-ranked team Notre Dame had defeated and it was one of the first landmark victories in the storied 15-year career of Irish head coach **Muffet McGraw**.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Notre Dame has turned up the defense in its last three games, holding USC, Western Michigan and Marquette to an average of 43.3 points per game while limiting them to a combined .266 field goal percentage (47-for-177). In addition, the Irish blocked a season-high 13 shots in the win over Marquette (including a school-record eight swats by **Amanda Barksdale**), and averaged 49.3 rebounds in those three contests, highlighted by 56 rebounds against WMU, the second-highest total for the Irish this season.

Notre Dame also has extended its defensive clamps to the three-point line, where opponents are now a paltry 11-of-62 (.177) over the last four games, including a 1-of-13 performance by seventh-ranked Purdue on Dec. 6.

FIRST HALF FRENZY

In its last two games, Notre Dame has used some dominating first-half performances to take control early and keep both Western Michigan and Marquette off balance. The Irish outscored both foes by an average score of 34.5-12.5 while shooting 56.6 percent (30-of-53) during that span. Conversely,

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

McGRAW INTERVIEWS

The best time for **Muffet McGraw** interviews is Monday morning or by special appointment. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office at 219-631-7516 to make specific arrangements.

THE MUFFET McGRAW SHOW

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

MORE MEDIA NOTES

- Irish practice sessions are generally open to the media, although the coaching staff may choose to close certain practices. Contact **Chris Masters** in the Notre Dame SID office for exact practice times and availability.
- All player interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame SID office by contacting Masters. All player and coach interviews should be scheduled in advance — no interviews will be conducted on game days.
- Following games, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players will speak with the media in the football auditorium at the Joyce Center. The visiting coach and selected players may appear in the auditorium after the Notre Dame press conference. Media members should submit interview requests to Notre Dame SID staffers no later than four minutes before the end of the game. The Irish locker room is closed after every game, home and away.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

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

WEB SITE (www.und.com)

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



BIG EAST STANDINGS
(as of Dec. 27)

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

BIG EAST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Nov. 19	Swin Cash, Connecticut Trish Juhline, Villanova
Nov. 26	Julie McBride, Syracuse Sarah Hicks, Virginia Tech
Dec. 3	Diana Taurasi, Connecticut Kate Bulger, West Virginia
Dec. 10	Chanivia Broussard, Miami
Dec. 17	Meghan Saake, Miami Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech
Dec. 24	Mandy Wittenmyer, Pittsburgh

BIG EAST ROOKIES OF THE WEEK

Nov. 19	Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
Nov. 26	Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
Dec. 3	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Dec. 10	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
Dec. 17	Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame Mary Lisicky, Georgetown
Dec. 24	Clare Drosch, Boston College

WMU and Marquette shot a combined 16 percent (8-for-50) in the first half and both teams scored less than 15 points in the opening 20 minutes.

Against Western Michigan, Notre Dame held the Broncos to a season-low 12 points, the fewest first-half markers by an Irish opponent since Georgetown scored 10 points in last season's BIG EAST Conference Championship quarterfinals. Then, against Marquette, the Irish held the Golden Eagles to a season-low 33 points and 18.5 percent shooting from the field (10-of-54), marking Notre Dame's best defensive performance since it held Butler to a school-record .149 field goal percentage (9-of-61) on Jan. 30, 1984.

BARKSDALE'S BLOCK PARTY

Junior center **Amanda Barksdale** already has opponents dealing with rejection through the first month of the season. Although she missed Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her leg, she still leads the Irish with 24 blocked shots (4.8 per game). In fact, she would lead the BIG EAST Conference and rank among the nation's top shot blockers, but she has yet to play in enough games to qualify for either rankings. Nevertheless, she has been at her best in the last three games, averaging 6.3 swats per game, including a school-record eight blocks against Marquette last Saturday.

In her career, Barksdale has 116 career blocks, making her only the fifth player in school history to reach the century mark in career rejections. She is averaging 1.71 blocks per game in her three-year career, which is second in Irish history behind only 2001 consensus national player of the year, **Ruth Riley**, who averaged 2.82 swats per game from 1997-2001.

ALICIA ALMOST AUTOMATIC FROM THE LINE

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has been nearly perfect from the free throw line this season, making 22 of 23 charity tosses for a sparkling .957 free throw percentage — that figure would lead the BIG EAST Conference (and rank fourth nationally) if she had enough attempts to qualify. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native also has made 13 consecutive free throws, dating back to her final two shots at Colorado State on Nov. 21. Additionally, since the start of last season, she has made 90.6 percent of her foul shots (87-of-96).

Ratay is Notre Dame's career free throw percentage leader by a wide margin, connecting on 86.8 percent of her charities (171-of-197) in her three-year tenure with the Irish. **Mollie Peirick** (1994-98) is second on the career free throw percentage list with an .819 ratio.

WINNING BY THE MONTH

Another indication of Notre Dame's continued rise to national prominence has been its consistent run of success. Case in point — the Irish have posted a record of .500 or better in 35 consecutive months dating back to December 1994. That month, Notre Dame stumbled to a 1-4 record (1-6 overall), but recovered to finish 21-10 and finish third at the National Women's Invitation Tournament (NWIT).

TWO MORE IRISH GAMES SLATED FOR TELEVISION

The Notre Dame games at Miami on Jan. 2 and Seton Hall on Feb. 2 now are scheduled to be televised regionally. The Miami contest will air on Fox Sports Florida, while the Seton Hall tussle will be shown on CN8, The Comcast Network in Philadelphia. Check local listings for broadcast times and availability.

NOTRE DAME AMONG NATIONAL ATTENDANCE LEADERS

Notre Dame is ranked seventh in the nation, according to the latest unofficial attendance figures compiled Monday by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Department. The Irish have averaged 7,464 fans for their five home games, nearly 1,100 more than last season, when Notre Dame was ranked ninth in the country in attendance with an average of 6,376 fans per game.

IRISH HOPING TO ENJOY ALL THE COMFORTS OF HOME

After a rugged first month of the season that saw Notre Dame face three ranked opponents and play four of its first six games away from home, the schedule now appears to balance out over the next month. The Irish currently are in the midst of a stretch where they play six of eight games at the Joyce Center, including a successful three-game, 13-day homestand which wrapped up last Saturday with a win over Marquette. After Friday's contest with Rice, Notre Dame will play host to DePaul on New Year's Eve before opening BIG EAST Conference play Jan. 2 at Miami.

A LITTLE COMPARISON SHOPPING

Prior to the 2001-02 season, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** compared her team to the 1997-



IRISH TRENDS IN '01-02

Day of the Week

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

Time of Game

Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	4-2
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	1-2

Location

Home games	5-0
Road games	0-3
Neutral site games	0-1

Halftime score

Leading at the half	5-0
Trailing at the half	0-3
Tied at the half	0-1

Rebounding margin

Grab more rebounds than opponents	5-2
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	0-2
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	0-0

Field goal shooting

Higher pct. than opponent	5-2
Lower pct. than opponent	0-2
Same pct. as opponent	0-0
Shoot 45% or better	1-0
Shoot less than 45%	4-4
Hold opponent under 40%	5-2

Free throw margin

Make more free throws	2-0
Make fewer free throws	2-3
Make same number of free throws	1-1

Turnovers

Commit fewer turnovers	2-1
Commit more turnovers	2-3
Commit same number of turnovers	1-0

Final Margin

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

Conference Affiliation

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

Month

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

98 Irish squad. Through eight games this season, that comparison seems to be holding true in several ways. Here's a look at some of the similarities between this year's club and the '97-98 unit:

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

IRISH GOING THROUGH BASIC TRAINING

For the sixth time in the last eight seasons, Notre Dame played three ranked opponents in its first seven games, going 0-3 against Colorado State, Michigan and Purdue (all away from home). However, recent history has shown that these early-season tests have proven invaluable later in the year — during this stretch, the Irish have gone on to make six consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, reaching the Sweet Sixteen four times and the Final Four twice, including the 2001 national championship. Additionally, in the previous seven seasons (1995-2001), Notre Dame has gone on to win 20 games each year, carding four 25-win campaigns and two 30-win seasons.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

With six freshmen on this year's roster, Notre Dame is certainly going through some growing pains. However, the Irish rookies are getting a great deal of college experience this season, as evidenced by their production through nine games of the 2001-02 campaign. Notre Dame's freshmen have accounted for 42.4 percent of the points (246 of 580), 47.1 percent of the rebounds (190 of 403) and 38.6 percent of the minutes (694 of 1800) recorded by the Irish this season. Additionally, Notre Dame has started two freshmen (**Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton**) in its first six games this year, and four of the six Irish rookies are averaging at least 12 minutes per contest.

A SEVERE DEVELOPMENT

Sophomore guard **Le'Tania Severe** has quickly adapted to her new role as the starting point guard for the Irish, filling the large shoes of All-American **Niele Ivey**. Through nine games this season, Severe is third on the team with 9.2 points per game and leads the squad with 5.4 assists per game, ranking fifth in the BIG EAST Conference in the latter category. Entering the 2001-02 campaign, her career highs were seven points and two assists and she had played in just 22 games due to injury.

Severe has proven to be a scoring threat when necessary, pouring in a career-high 17 points in a win over USC Dec. 9. She also has been adept at distributing the ball to her teammates, handing out at least five assists five times, including a career-high eight assists Dec. 6 at Purdue and Dec. 12 against Western Michigan.

IT'S BATTEAST, TO SAY THE LEAST

Although the season is only one-third over, Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** already is showing a great deal of the potential which led the BIG EAST Conference coaches to vote her as the league's preseason Rookie of the Year. The South Bend, Ind., resident is a three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week selection and is tied for the league lead with four double-doubles this season (Colorado State, Army, Western Michigan and Marquette), in addition to scoring in double figures in eight of Notre Dame's nine games. This season, Batteast leads the team in scoring at 13.6 points per game (11th in the BIG EAST) and rebounding at 8.2 boards per outing, good for third in the BIG EAST. She also is ranked among the league leaders in field goal percentage (13th, .419) and blocked shots (7th, 1.33 bpg.).

CRASHING THE BOARDS

Despite losing its top two rebounders from last year (**Ruth Riley** and **Kelley Siemon**), Notre Dame doesn't appear to have broken stride in the rebounding department this season. The Irish have averaged 44.8 rebounds per game through nine games in 2001-02, owning a +9.4 edge on the glass, which ranks among the top 30 in the nation according to the latest NCAA statistical reports.

Leading the charge on the boards for Notre Dame have been a pair of freshmen — forward **Jacqueline Batteast** is setting the pace at 8.2 rebounds per game (ranking third in the BIG EAST



'01-02 IRISH HONORS

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

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

Ericka Haney (Sr., Toledo, Ohio)

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

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

Naismith Award Watch List
 Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

NOTRE DAME VS.
 2001-02 OPPONENTS

NON-CONFERENCE

Army	1-0
Arizona	2-1
Colorado State	0-1
DePaul	8-13
Marquette	23-4
Michigan	6-6
Purdue	4-10
Rice	1-0
USC	3-1
Valparaiso	15-0
Western Michigan	7-0
Total	70-36 (.660)

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Boston College	6-3
Connecticut	2-12
Georgetown	15-1
Miami (Fla.)	11-2
Pittsburgh	10-0
Providence	8-0
Rutgers	7-8
St. John's	10-0
Seton Hall	9-2
Syracuse	12-1
Villanova	11-3
Virginia Tech	3-0
West Virginia	8-0
Total	112-32 (.778)

TOTAL VS. '01-02 OPPONENTS 182-68 (.728)

Conference), while center **Teresa Borton** is second with 5.8 caroms per contest. In fact, six different players are averaging at least four rebounds per game. Additionally, the Irish have been potent on the offensive glass, collecting 16.2 offensive rebounds per game. Batteast and Borton also are setting the pace in that category with 27 and 26 offensive caroms, respectively — figures which rank eighth and ninth in the BIG EAST.

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

Over the last five-plus seasons, Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 92-1 (.989) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. Curiously, the only time that notion didn't come to pass was last season, when Rutgers handed Notre Dame a 54-53 loss, one of only two setbacks the Irish suffered en route to the 2001 national championship.

The Irish already have added to this total five times during the 2001-02 season, turning the trick in all five of their home games — Valparaiso (35 points), Army (57), USC (49), Western Michigan (48) and Marquette (33).

... BUT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SCORE IF YOU WANT TO WIN

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. Over the last five-plus seasons (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 80-3 (.964) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995 and a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998. Notre Dame contributed another win to that growing record when it rang up 89 points in a win over Army on Nov. 26.

NOTRE DAME MAKING A LIVING BEYOND THE ARC

Notre Dame has established itself as one of the top three-point shooting teams in the nation over the last three seasons. The Irish led the nation in three-point percentage last year, hitting 46.4 percent of their shots from long distance — in fact, over the last six seasons, Notre Dame has averaged better than 10 three-point attempts per game. The Irish also set a new school record with 28 three-point tries in their win over Army on Nov. 26.

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

Notre Dame didn't waste time in starting up a new three-point streak, canning 47 triples in their last eight games (5.9 treys per game). The Irish have now made at least one three-pointer in 154 of their last 156 games, a streak which stretches back more than four seasons.

FRESH FACES IN THE IRISH LINEUP

Notre Dame had a decidedly youthful look in its starting lineup when it opened the season Nov. 18 against Valparaiso, as freshmen **Jacqueline Batteast** and **Teresa Borton** got the nod at forward and center, respectively. In doing so, the pair were first rookie tandem in 20 years to start a season opener for the Irish — **Ruth Kaiser** and **Mary Beth Schueth** cracked the starting five in a 78-44 win over St. Joseph's (Ind.) on Dec. 2, 1981. Borton paced the Irish with 14 points and nine rebounds against the Crusaders, while Batteast scored two points and grabbed five rebounds against Valparaiso.

THE END OF ONE STREAK ...

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

... BUT THE CONTINUATION OF ANOTHER

Thanks to Kent State's loss at home to Rhode Island on Dec. 1, Notre Dame now owns the longest active home winning streak in the nation at 41 games. The Irish have not lost a game at the Joyce Center since Dec. 8, 1998, when Connecticut logged a 106-81 victory. Notre Dame's home winning streak next will be put to the test on Monday when DePaul pays a visit to the Joyce Center.



RATAY NAMED NAISMITH CANDIDATE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Notre Dame junior guard **Alicia Ratay** has been selected as a preseason candidate for the 2001-02 Naismith College Basketball Player of the Year Award. It marks the second time in as many seasons that Ratay has been named to the 30-player preseason Naismith watch list.

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

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

NOTRE DAME PICKED SECOND IN BIG EAST PRESEASON BALLOTING

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

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

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

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

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

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

IRISH HAIL FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

The 13 players on this season's Notre Dame roster hail from 10 different states, including two each from Florida, Illinois and Ohio. Other states represented on the Irish roster include Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame women's basketball roster features players from 34 different states, including 23 during the **Muffet McGraw** era. Ironically, the most common home state on the Irish all-time roster — Michigan (14) — is not represented on this season's roster.

FUN WITH NUMBERS

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

RATAY JOINS IRISH 1,000-POINT CLUB

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

Player, Years	Points
1. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	2,322
2. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	2,126
3. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	2,072
4. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
5. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
6. Sandy Botham (1984-88)	1,460
7. Sheila McMillen (1995-99)	1,439
8. Niele Ivey (1996-2001)	1,430
9. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	1,373
10. Margaret Nowlin (1988-92)	1,298
11. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	1,233
12. Letitia Bowen (1991-95)	1,205
13. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	1,202
14. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	1,194
15. Danielle Green (1995-2000)	1,106
16. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	1,060
17. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	1,034
18. Alicia Ratay (1999-present)	1,024
19. Kelley Siemon (1997-2001)	1,006
— Erica Haney (1998-present)	854

TOP JOYCE CENTER CROWDS

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
3.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
4.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
5.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
6.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
7.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
8.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
9.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
10.	11/26/01	Army	W, 89-57	7,323
11.	12/12/01	W. Michigan	W, 71-48	7,310
12.	12/22/01	Marquette	W, 60-33	7,132
13.	2/7/01	Pittsburgh	W, 72-58	7,025
14.	1/7/94	#1 Tennessee	L, 70-105	6,886
15.	2/20/01	Miami	W, 81-43	6,533
16.	1/18/96	#3 Connecticut	L, 64-87	6,501
17.	1/23/99	St. John's	W, 99-60	6,384
18.	1/31/01	Providence	W, 64-44	6,131
19.	1/13/01	Virginia Tech	W, 75-55	5,873
20.	3/19/00	G. Wash. (NCAA)	W, 95-60	5,521

* denotes capacity crowd
Bold denotes game played in 2001-02



NOTRE DAME AMONG BEST IN GRADUATION RATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

the last Notre Dame player to wear No. 21 was current Irish assistant coach **Coquese Washington**, who had the number from 1989-93.

IRISH CLOSING IN ON 500TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

Notre Dame is on the verge of becoming the 50th team in NCAA history, and the fourth BIG EAST Conference school to post 500 career wins. The Irish currently have an all-time record of 491-220 (.691), putting them just nine victories away from the magic mark. However, Notre Dame is in a dogfight with several other schools to see who will be the next to reach the 500-win plateau. Here's a look at the standings in the race to 500 wins (through games of Dec. 26):

School	Career Wins	Next Game
Missouri	493	12/30 vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay
Maine	492	1/3 vs. Binghamton
NOTRE DAME	491	12/28 at Rice
Illinois State	491	12/29 at Indiana State
Middle Tennessee	489	12/29 vs. New Orleans

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 144 games in its last five-plus seasons, the fifth-most wins of any school in the country. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins over the last five-plus seasons (through games of Dec. 26):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	11	175
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	8	171
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	5	159
4. Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	5	146
5. Notre Dame	31	22	26	27	34	5	145

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

Notre Dame is looking to continue some impressive streaks in 2001-02. The Irish have won a school-record 43 consecutive games at home, which became the longest active streak in the nation when Kent State's 43-game run came to an end Dec. 1 with a loss to Rhode Island. The Irish have not lost at home in more than three years, dating back to a defeat at the hands of top-ranked Connecticut on Dec. 8, 1998. Notre Dame also has a 49-3 (.942) record in BIG EAST games at the Joyce Center, with Connecticut the only league team to solve the Irish at home.

Notre Dame also sports a five-year, 27-game non-conference winning streak at the Joyce Center — a streak that includes victories over a trio of sixth-ranked teams (UCLA and Duke in 1998-99 and Purdue in 2000-01), as well as 25th-ranked Illinois in '98-99. Notre Dame's last non-conference loss at the Joyce Center came way back on Dec. 9, 1996, when 19th-ranked Wisconsin toppled the Irish, 81-69. Overall, the Irish are 68-2 (.971) at the Joyce Center in their last 70 home games, with the only losses coming to Connecticut.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center. The Irish own a 231-65 mark for a .780 winning percentage since that first season. Last year, the Irish were a perfect 15-0 for the second year in a row. The 15 victories are a school record for home wins in a season and the first time Notre Dame teams have been undefeated at home during the regular season. Also, since joining the BIG EAST Conference in time for the 1995-96 season, **Muffet McGraw's** squad is 81-4 (.953) at the Joyce Center.

SEASON TICKET SALES REACH ALL-TIME HIGH FOR IRISH

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

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

The Irish ranked ninth nationally in attendance last year at 6,376 fans per game, compared to 3,392



in 1999-2000. Notre Dame also recorded the first two women's basketball sellouts in school history, as 11,418 fans packed the Joyce Center for victories over top-ranked Connecticut and Georgetown.

All five of Notre Dame's home games in 2001-02 have attracted more than 7,300 fans, placing them among the top 12 crowds in school history (see chart on page 9). In fact, all of the top 20 crowds in the Notre Dame record book have occurred during the 15-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw**.

NOTRE DAME FACES TOUGH SCHEDULE IN 2001-02

Notre Dame is slated to play 10 teams which reached the postseason as part of a rugged schedule this year. On the docket are seven NCAA Tournament squads, including four (Connecticut - 1/1, Purdue - 7/7, Michigan - 12/12 and Colorado State - 15/16) which are ranked in the Top 25 in the latest Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls. In addition, three Irish opponents (Boston College, DePaul and Virginia Tech) are receiving votes in one or both of the major rankings this week.

IRISH ON THE SMALL SCREEN

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

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

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

NOTRE DAME RECEIVES COMMITMENTS FROM PAIR OF TOP 25 PROSPECTS

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

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

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

The additions of Duffy and LaVere already have given Notre Dame one of this year's top 10 recruiting classes, according to at least one recruiting outlet. The Blue Star Index has ranked the latest group of Irish signees sixth in the nation, marking the sixth consecutive year in which Blue Star has placed Notre Dame's recruiting class among the Top 20 in the country.

BOOK ON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON MAKES PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Fans of Notre Dame women's basketball will be able to relive the 2000-01 NCAA championship season in a new book by **Mark Bradford** entitled "Nice Girls Finish First." The book, which hit store shelves Dec. 10, is the story of how the Irish and head coach **Muffet McGraw** put together a squad of truly remarkable young women, some of whom overcame great odds, to win the national championship last April. Included in the book are in-depth interviews with members of the Notre Dame senior class and starting lineup, giving an unique perspective on what it goes into putting together a championship team.

BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL

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

2001-02 Preseason Player of the Year

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

2001-02 Preseason Rookie of the Year

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

Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

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

* - unanimous selection

Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

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



**RUTH RILEY TO RECEIVE
NCAA TODAY'S TOP VIII
AWARD**

Former Notre Dame All-American and Academic All-American **Ruth Riley**, the consensus national player of the year in women's basketball in 2001 and already winner of an NCAA post-graduate scholarship, was named a recipient of the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award on Dec. 13. The Today's Top VIII Award winners are a group of distinguished student-athletes from the 2001 calendar year who will be recognized at the 37th annual NCAA Honors Dinner, January 13, 2002, in Indianapolis, for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership.

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

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

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

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

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

Recognition for the group at the Honors Dinner is in conjunction with the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis. CBS Sports broadcaster **Clark Kellogg** will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. Kellogg, a graduate of Ohio State University, was a standout basketball player at his alma mater and the 1982 No. 1 draft pick of the NBA's Indiana Pacers.

Bradford is a sportswriter for the *South Bend Tribune*, and also has done free-lance work for the Associated Press and *Indianapolis Star*. The Mishawaka, Ind., resident has covered Notre Dame football and men's and women's basketball for the last six years.

KRAUSE FEATURED IN "CONFESSIONS OF A FRESHMAN"

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

HANEY SHINES ON BIG EAST ALL-STAR TEAM

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

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

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

NCAA AND BIG EAST STATISTICAL LEADERS

Here's where the Irish players and team stand in the most recent NCAA statistics report (through games of Dec. 17) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report for all games and conference games (through games of Dec. 22):

Team Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring Offense		11th at 64.4	
Scoring Defense		4th at 57.1	
Scoring Margin		7th at +7.3	
FT Percentage		12th at .656	
FG Percentage		10th at .407	
FG Percentage Defense	30th at .361	2nd at .343	
3-Point FG Percentage	32nd at .384	4th at .373	
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	2nd at .255	
Rebounding		2nd at 44.8	
Rebounding Defense	not kept	7th at 35.4	
Rebounding Margin	28th at +7.8	2nd at +9.4	
Blocked Shots	not kept	1st at 5.78	
Assists	not kept	10th at 14.22	
Steals	not kept	11th at 8.11	
Turnover Margin	not kept	14th at (-3.11)	
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	9th at 0.76	

Individual Rankings	NCAA	All Games	Conference Games
Scoring		Batteast, 11th at 13.6	
Rebounding		Batteast, 3rd at 8.2	
		Borton, t-19th at 5.8	
FG Percentage		Batteast, 13th at .419	
Assists		Severe, 5th at 5.44	
FT Percentage		Ratay, 4th at .957	
Steals		Severe, t-8th at 2.00	
3-Point FG Made		Ratay, t-13th at 1.67	
Blocks		Batteast, 7th at 1.33	
Offensive Rebounds		Batteast, 8th at 3.00	
		Borton, 9th at 2.89	
Defensive Rebounds		Batteast, 1st at 5.22	

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

Overall Record: 5-4 (Home: 5-0, Away: 0-3, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

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

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

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

NCAA First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)

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

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

March 23	Semifinals
March 25	Finals

NCAA Final Four (Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas)

March 29	Semifinals
March 31	Championship

CAPS denotes home game

* BIG EAST Conference game

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

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

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

NOTRE DAME AT RICE

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

Overall Record: 5-4 (Home: 5-0, Away: 0-3, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Jacqueline Batteast	9-9	257-28.6	49-117	.419	11-32	.344	13-19	.684	27	47	74	8.2	20-0	16	23	12	16	122	13.6
Alicia Ratay	9-9	303-33.7	37-88	.420	15-38	.395	22-23	.957	18	30	48	5.3	12-0	18	18	1	9	111	12.3
Le'Tania Severe	9-9	281-31.2	27-62	.435	4-10	.400	25-40	.625	8	28	36	4.0	18-0	49	46	6	18	83	9.2
Ericka Haney	9-6	180-20.0	24-61	.393	0-0	.000	9-14	.643	15	30	45	5.0	18-0	5	14	4	8	57	6.3
Amanda Barksdale	5-3	87-17.4	12-23	.522	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	7	13	20	4.0	12-1	2	8	24	2	28	5.6
Jeneka Joyce	9-3	167-18.6	17-34	.500	10-23	.435	4-9	.444	4	15	19	2.1	6-0	12	14	0	3	48	5.3
Teresa Borton	9-6	189-21.0	19-50	.380	0-0	.000	8-21	.381	26	26	52	5.8	23-0	9	10	1	5	46	5.1
Kelsey Wicks	8-0	110-13.8	11-32	.344	4-14	.286	7-10	.700	12	14	26	3.3	12-0	3	9	0	2	33	4.1
Katy Flecky	8-0	100-12.5	10-24	.417	0-0	.000	13-17	.765	10	18	28	3.5	11-0	5	14	4	5	33	4.1
Allison Bustamante	3-0	26-8.7	4-12	.333	3-5	.600	1-2	.500	1	7	8	2.7	2-0	1	2	0	0	12	4.0
Karen Swanson	4-0	16-4.0	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	1-1	1.000	0	3	3	0.8	3-0	1	2	0	0	5	1.3
Monique Hernandez	9-0	72-9.0	1-11	.091	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	3	2	5	0.6	7-0	7	5	0	5	2	0.2
Jill Krause	4-0	12-3.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.5	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team									15	22	37	4.1					3		
Notre Dame	9		213-523	.407	47-126	.373	107-163	.656	146	257	403	44.8	144-1	128	169	52	73	580	64.4
Opponents	9		182-530	.343	37-145	.255	113-168	.673	121	198	319	35.4	146-1	117	141	30	78	514	57.1

2001-02 Single Game Highs & Lows

NOTRE DAME HIGHS

Points (Game)	89 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Points (Half)	47 vs. Army (1st half), 11/26/01
Field Goals Made	33 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Attempts	77 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Field Goal Percentage (min. 25 attempts)	46.0 (29-63) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	10 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	28* vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	60.0 (6-10) vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Free Throws Made	19 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Free Throw Attempts	25, twice (MR: vs. USC, 12/9/01)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	79.2 (19-24) at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	60 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Personal Fouls	23 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Assists	20 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Turnovers	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	13 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Steals	13 vs. USC, 12/9/01

OPPONENT HIGHS

Points (Game)	78, Michigan, 12/2/01
Points (Half)	45, Michigan (1st half), 12/2/01
Field Goals Made	29, Michigan, 12/2/01
Field Goal Attempts	65, Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goal Percentage (min. 25 attempts)	50.0 (29-58), Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	8, Arizona, 11/24/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	26, Arizona, 11/24/01
Three-Point Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	33.3 (7-21), Colorado State, 11/21/01
Free Throws Made	20, Arizona, 11/24/01
Free Throw Attempts	29, Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	100.0* (20-20), Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	43, Purdue, 12/6/01
Personal Fouls	22, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Assists	23, Michigan, 12/2/01
Turnovers	27, USC, 12/9/01
Blocked Shots	8, Colorado State, 11/21/01
Steals	13, twice (MR: Marquette, 12/22/01)

* denotes school record

NOTRE DAME LOWS

Points (Game)	42 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Points (Half)	18 vs. Valparaiso (2nd half), 11/18/01
Field Goals Made	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Attempts	43 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage (min. 25 attempts)	32.6 (14-43) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	0 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	2 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Three-Point Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	00.0 (0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws Made	6 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Free Throw Attempts	10 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	42.9 (6-14) vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Rebounds	28 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Personal Fouls	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Assists	8 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Turnovers	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Blocked Shots	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Steals	4, twice (MR: at Arizona, 11/24/01)

OPPONENT LOWS

Points (Game)	33, Marquette, 12/22/01
Points (Half)	12, Western Michigan (1st half), 12/12/01
Field Goals Made	10, Marquette, 12/22/01
Field Goal Attempts	47, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goal Percentage (min. 25 attempts)	18.5 (10-54), Marquette, 12/22/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made	1, twice (MR: USC, 12/9/01)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	7, Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	7.7 (1-13), Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throws Made	4, Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throw Attempts	11, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Free Throw Percentage (min. 10 attempts)	33.3 (4-12), Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	29, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Personal Fouls	10, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	6, Marquette, 12/22/01
Turnovers	10, Purdue, 12/6/01
Blocked Shots	1, Army, 11/26/01
Steals	6, Michigan, 12/2/01

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

Has played in five games (three starts) this season, averaging 17.4 minutes per game ... charting 5.6 points, 4.0 rebounds and 4.8 blocks per game ... missed first four games with a stress reaction in her right leg ... would lead BIG EAST Conference in blocks but has not yet played in enough games to qualify ... nearly posted a triple-double against Marquette, finishing with 10 points (tying her career high), eight rebounds and a career-high eight blocks (tying the school record), in 20 minutes ... made first career start against USC, playing a career-high 26 minutes and tallying seven blocks (five in first half) ... also recorded 100th career block against USC, becoming fifth player in school history to reach century mark ... ranks second in school history with 1.71 blocks per game and fifth with 116 career blocks.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	10 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	10, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Field Goals	5 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Free Throws	2 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	4, twice (MR: vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01)
Rebounds	8 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	11 vs. Alcorn State, 3/17/01
Assists	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	2, three times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Steals	1, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)	2, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 2/12/00)
Blocks	8* vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Minutes	26 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

* denotes school record

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

Preseason BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... Three-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (Dec. 3, 10 & 17) ... has started all nine games for the Irish as a true freshman, averaging 28.6 minutes per game ... leads team in scoring (13.6 ppg.) and rebounding (8.2 rpg.) and ranks second on team with 1.3 blocks per game ... ranks 11th in BIG EAST in scoring, third in rebounding and seventh in blocked shots ... tied for BIG EAST lead with four double-doubles ... has scored in double figures in her last eight games ... paired with Teresa Borton as the first rookie tandem to start a season opener in 20 years ... picked up her first career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds at Colorado State ... notched double-double with 18 points and career-high 12 rebounds against Army ... carded double-double with career-high 20 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... despite missing most of first half with foul trouble, logged her fourth double-double of year with 11 points and 12 rebounds against Marquette.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	20 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Field Goals	9 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
3-pt Field Goals	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Rebounds	12, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Assists	4 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocks	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Minutes	37 at Purdue, 12/6/01

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

Has played in all nine games for the Irish, starting six as a true freshman and averaging 21 minutes per outing ... carding 5.1 points and 5.8 rebounds per game — latter figure is second on team ... joined Jacqueline Batteast as the first freshman duo to start a season opener for Notre Dame in 20 years ... nearly posted a double-double in her first college game, finishing with game highs of 14 points and nine rebounds against Valparaiso ... almost had double-double at Colorado State, tallying nine points and eight rebounds .. matched season high with nine rebounds vs. Army ... hauled in seven rebounds against Western Michigan.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	14 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Field Goals	5 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws	4 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds	9, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Assists	3, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Steals	1, four times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Blocks	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Minutes	34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

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

Has appeared in three games, averaging 8.7 minutes per outing ... notching 4.0 points and 2.7 rebounds per game ... missed four games (Dec. 2-12) with high right ankle sprain in practice Nov. 28 ... made first collegiate appearance against Colorado State, seeing less than one minute of action ... tallied six points and four rebounds in 14 minutes against Army ... also drilled first career three-point field goal against Army ... made impressive return from injury with six points (2-3 from three-point line) and four rebounds against Marquette ... has made three of her five three-point attempts (60 percent) this season.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	6, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Field Goals	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
3-pt Field Goals	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Free Throws	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Rebounds	4, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Assists	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	14 vs. Army, 11/26/01

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

Has appeared in eight games for Notre Dame, averaging 12.5 minutes per game ... tallying 4.1 points and 3.5 rebounds per game ... also second on team with .765 free throw percentage (13-17) ... saw first collegiate action against Valparaiso ... had solid return to home state with six points and eight rebounds at Colorado State ... carded season-high nine points and six rebounds in season-best 28 minutes at Arizona .. sat out Michigan game after suffering a concussion in practice Nov. 28 ... chalked up seven points (3-5 FG) and six rebounds in win over Marquette.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goals	3 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Free Throws	5 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	8 at Colorado State, 11/21/01
Assists	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Steals	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Blocks	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01
Minutes	28 at Arizona, 11/24/01

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

Preseason second-team all-BIG EAST pick ... has appeared in all nine games this season, starting six times and averaging 20 minutes per game ... averaging 6.3 points and 5.0 rebounds per contest ... the only captain for Notre Dame in 2001-02, just the second solo captain for the Irish in the Muffet McGraw era ... charted six points and five rebounds in season-opening win over Valparaiso ... corralled game-high nine rebounds at Arizona ... rang up seven points and six rebounds against Army ... rang up season-high eight points at Purdue ... came off bench to card six points, six rebounds and season-high two blocks against USC ... picked up first double-double of season (and sixth of career) with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... averaging 8.3 points and shooting 55 percent (11-20) in three games since moving to reserve role.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	12 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	21 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Field Goals	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	10 vs. Marquette, 12/21/00
Free Throws	3 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	7 vs. Connecticut, 3/30/01
Rebounds	10 vs. W. Michigan, 12/12/01	14 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Assists	2 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	5 vs. Georgia, 11/24/00
Steals	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)	4 vs. St. John's, 1/23/99
Blocks	2 vs. USC, 12/9/01	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/22/00)
Minutes	33 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	39 vs. Rutgers, 2/17/01

23 Monique Hernandez
Guard, Junior, 5-9, Rio Rancho, NM (Cibola)

Has appeared in all nine games for the Irish, averaging 8.0 minutes per contest while playing primarily as a defensive stopper ... picked up an offensive rebound at Colorado State ... turned in superb all-around effort vs. Army, finishing with two points, three rebounds, three assists and two steals in 17 minutes — three assists and two steals tied her career highs ... dished out two assists against Michigan ... notched two assists against Western Michigan.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	10 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01
Field Goals	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01
3-pt Field Goals	None	1 at Purdue, 12/8/99
Free Throws	None	4 vs. USC, 12/28/00
Rebounds	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 vs. Villanova, 12/6/00
Assists	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, four times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Steals	2, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)	2, six times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Blocks	None	2, vs. Georgetown, 1/29/00
Minutes	17 vs. Army, 11/26/01	25 at Seton Hall, 1/21/01

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

Has played in all nine games (three starts) for Notre Dame, averaging 18.6 minutes per outing ... logging 5.3 points and 2.1 rebounds per game ... owns top three-point (.435) percentage on team and second-best overall field goal percentage (.500) ... tallied seven points and three assists in win over Army ... poured in season-high 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting (including three three-point field goals) against Michigan ... tossed down nine points and three more treys at Purdue ... made first career start against USC, hitting all three of her shots and finishing with seven points in a career-high 33 minutes ... grabbed career-high four rebounds vs. Marquette.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	11 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	14 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Field Goals	4 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3, twice (MR: at Purdue, 12/6/01)	4 vs. Michigan, 3/19/01
Free Throws	2 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	3 vs. West Virginia, 1/24/01
Rebounds	4 vs. Marquette, 12/22/01	Same
Assists	3 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5 vs. Georgetown, 3/4/01
Steals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, three times
Blocks	None	1, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 3/19/01)
Minutes	33 vs. USC, 12/9/01	Same

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

Has played in four games for the Irish this season ... made first collegiate appearance against Army, grabbing two rebounds.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	None
Field Goals	None
3-pt Field Goals	None
Free Throws	None
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Assists	None
Steals	None
Blocks	None
Minutes	6 vs. Army, 11/26/01

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

Preseason Naismith Award candidate ... preseason first-team all-BIG EAST selection ... has started all nine games for Notre Dame, averaging a team-high 33.7 minutes per game ... second on team in scoring (12.3 ppg.), assists (2.0 apg.) and third in rebounds (5.3 rpg.) and three-point percentage (.395) ... also has made a team-high 15 three-point field goals ... would lead BIG EAST Conference in free throw percentage (.957) but does not have enough attempts to qualify; still ranked fourth in nation in free throw percentage in most recent NCAA rankings (as of Dec. 17) ... tied for 13th in three-point field goals made (1.67 per game) ... has scored in double figures in eight games this season and 38 of her last 45 games ... also has reached double digits in scoring 58 times in her 77-game college career ... nearly came up with a double-double in the season opener against Valparaiso, finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds while playing all 40 minutes ... rang up a game-high 16 points (6-7 FT) at Colorado State ... connected for team-best 19 points (3-5 from three-point range) and added seven rebounds at Arizona ... canned 4-of-6 three-point attempts and scored 12 points in victory over Army ... matched season-high with 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds against Michigan ... became 19th Notre Dame player to score 1,000 career points with her 12-point night at Purdue (now ranks 18th on ND career list)... has made 13 consecutive free throws dating back to her final two tosses against Colorado State.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	19, twice (MR: vs. Michigan, 12/2/01)	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	8 at Arizona, 11/24/01	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01	7 at Rutgers, 2/19/00
Free Throws	6 at Colorado State, 11/21/01	7, twice (MR: vs. Virginia Tech, 3/5/01)
Rebounds	9 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	12 vs. St. John's, 2/12/00
Assists	3, three times (MR: vs. WMU, 12/12/01)	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	2, three times (MR: vs. WMU, 12/12/01)	5 at Florida International, 12/19/99
Blocks	1 at Arizona, 11/24/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/3/01)
Minutes	40 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01	44 at Rutgers, 2/19/00

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

Has started all nine games at point guard, playing 31.2 minutes per night ... ranks third on team with 9.2 points per game and leads squad with 5.4 assists per outing ... ranks fifth in BIG EAST in assists and eighth in steals (2.0 spg) ... has scored in double figures four times, the first double-digit outings of her career ... made first career start in season opener vs. Valparaiso, tallying seven points, six rebounds, four assists and two blocks ... cracked double figures for first time with 15 points on 6-of-12 shooting (including trio of three-point field goals) at Colorado State ... added 12 points (8-10 FT) and six assists at Arizona ... chipped in with 13 points vs. Army ... dished out six assists against Michigan ... broke personal records with eight rebounds, eight assists and 37 minutes played at Purdue ... notched new career highs with 17 points and five steals against USC ... matched career best with eight assists against Western Michigan.

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

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

Has played in four games this season ... made first appearance of year against Army, matching her career high with five points in seven minutes.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Points	5 vs. Army, 11/26/01	5, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Field Goals	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	2, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
3-pt Field Goals	None	1, three times (MR: at West Va., 1/24/01)
Free Throws	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3, twice (MR: vs. Miami, 2/20/01)
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01	3 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00
Assists	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01	1, three times (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Steals	None	2, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 2/1/01)
Blocks	None	None
Minutes	7 vs. Army, 11/26/01	11 vs. Fordham, 11/27/00

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

Has played in eight games for the Irish this season, averaging 13.8 minutes per contest ... tallying 4.1 points and 3.3 rebounds per game ... carded season-high nine points (2-3 FG, 4-4 FT) and sank first career three-point field goal at Arizona ... notched seven points in victory over Army ... grabbed season-high six rebounds in season-best 21 minutes against Western Michigan ... averaging 5.0 points and 4.5 rebounds in last two games.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	9 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goals	2, four times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
3-pt Field Goals	1, four times (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Free Throws	4 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	1, twice (MR: vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01)
Steals	1, twice (MR: vs. Army, 11/26/01)
Blocks	None
Minutes	21 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01

NOTRE DAME AT RICE

Notre Dame 42, Valparaiso 35
Nov. 18, 2001
 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Valparaiso (35)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Schober	38	3-6	1-3	3-6	9	1	2	10
Nieuwveen	25	2-6	0-0	0-2	6	1	5	4
Knoester	25	2-4	2-3	0-0	0	1	4	6
Hammel	19	1-7	1-6	0-0	1	2	3	3
Gray	40	2-13	0-1	0-2	9	1	3	4
Boone	30	2-5	1-4	1-2	9	3	2	6
McIntosh	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0
Springer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Frede	18	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Team					1			
Totals	200	13-47	5-18	4-12	35	9	22	35

Notre Dame (42)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	33	2-6	0-0	2-5	5	1	3	6
Batteast	32	1-8	0-1	0-0	5	1	2	2
Borton	34	5-9	0-0	4-7	9	0	3	14
Severe	34	2-6	0-1	3-7	6	4	1	7
Ratay	40	3-10	0-0	5-5	9	1	0	11
Joyce	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	0
Hernandez	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wicks	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	2
Flecky	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	14-43	0-2	14-25	41	8	9	42

Valparaiso	20	15	--	35
Notre Dame	24	18	--	42

FG Pct: Notre Dame 32.6, Valparaiso 27.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 00.0, Valparaiso 27.8. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 56.0, Valparaiso 33.3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 19, Valparaiso 19. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3 (Severe 2), Valparaiso 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 9, Valparaiso 9 (Gray 4). **Attendance:** 7,960.

Colorado State 72, Notre Dame 66
Nov. 21, 2001
 Moby Arena (Fort Collins, Colo.)

Notre Dame (66)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	24	2-8	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	4
Batteast	22	5-10	2-3	1-2	11	1	4	13
Borton	24	4-12	0-0	1-2	8	1	3	9
Severe	36	6-12	3-5	0-3	2	5	4	15
Ratay	39	4-15	2-9	6-7	4	3	1	16
Joyce	11	0-0	0-0	2-3	1	2	1	2
Hernandez	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0
Wicks	17	0-4	0-2	1-2	4	0	2	1
Flecky	16	2-4	0-0	2-2	8	1	2	6
Bustamante	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					6			
Totals	200	23-65	7-19	13-21	46	13	21	66

Colorado State (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Augsburger	29	4-13	0-5	2-3	6	2	3	10
English	35	4-12	4-8	1-3	3	6	1	13
Gorton	35	6-11	0-0	2-3	7	2	3	14
Borton	23	2-5	2-4	2-2	5	0	0	8
Narkiewicz	29	4-6	0-1	4-6	7	1	3	12
Ferrucho	11	2-3	0-0	2-3	1	1	2	6
Campbell	20	2-5	1-2	0-1	1	0	0	5
Jenkins	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	0
Strecker	14	2-4	0-1	0-0	6	0	3	4
Team					3			
Totals	200	26-59	7-21	13-21	39	12	18	72

Notre Dame	33	33	--	66
Colorado State	39	33	--	72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 35.4, Colorado State 44.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.8, Colorado State 33.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 61.9, Colorado State 61.9. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Colorado State 11. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 1, Colorado State 8 (Augsburger 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 4, Colorado State 4. **Attendance:** 6,749.

Arizona 72, Notre Dame 70
Nov. 24, 2001
 McKale Center (Tucson, Ariz.)

Notre Dame (70)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	21	1-5	0-0	1-2	9	1	3	3
Batteast	25	5-13	2-5	0-0	4	1	4	12
Borton	30	1-4	0-0	1-3	4	3	4	3
Severe	31	2-4	0-0	8-10	2	6	2	12
Ratay	38	8-13	3-5	0-0	7	3	1	19
Joyce	9	1-4	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	3
Hernandez	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wicks	15	2-3	1-1	4-4	2	1	1	9
Flecky	28	2-4	0-0	5-5	6	0	2	9
Team					5			
Totals	200	22-51	7-13	19-24	41	15	18	70

Arizona (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Warren	34	3-6	0-0	0-0	7	2	2	6
Pickney	35	8-13	0-0	11-11	8	1	1	27
Taylor	21	0-4	0-0	2-2	1	2	3	2
Grzyb	14	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	2
Brase	33	3-11	3-7	0-0	2	5	4	9
Allen	28	3-11	2-5	0-0	4	3	4	8
Wheeler	33	4-14	3-10	7-7	4	2	3	18
Roberson	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Team					3			
Totals	200	22-65	8-26	20-20	30	16	21	72

Notre Dame	35	35	--	70
Arizona	35	37	--	72

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.1, Arizona 33.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 53.8, Arizona 30.8. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 79.2, Arizona 100.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 21, Arizona 12. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Arizona 3 (Pickney 2). **Steals:** Notre Dame 4 (Severe 2), Arizona 9 (Wheeler 4). **Technical Fouls:** Notre Dame bench. **Attendance:** 3,335.

Notre Dame 89, Army 57
Nov. 26, 2001
 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Army (57)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
McKinnon	21	2-4	0-0	5-7	1	2	2	9
Macfarlane	31	6-14	0-0	1-1	8	1	4	13
McPhatter	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Canelli	32	3-12	2-4	2-2	3	1	1	10
Saal	25	3-9	1-4	1-1	2	1	2	8
Gassman	10	1-7	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	2
Edwards	3	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	1
Brent	11	2-2	0-0	3-3	3	1	0	7
Soeung	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Holden	10	1-4	0-0	1-4	1	0	1	3
Arnold	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Helu	35	1-6	0-1	0-0	5	4	1	2
Buchholz	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Pagano	5	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	1	2
Team					6			
Totals	200	20-60	3-11	14-21	31	14	14	57

Notre Dame (89)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	15	3-7	0-0	1-1	6	0	2	7
Batteast	28	7-18	2-8	2-4	12	2	2	18
Borton	21	3-6	0-0	1-2	9	2	2	7
Severe	26	4-7	1-2	4-4	4	4	3	13
Ratay	23	4-7	4-6	0-0	4	2	1	12
Joyce	14	3-6	1-4	0-0	2	3	1	7
Krause	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Swanson	7	2-4	0-2	1-1	2	1	2	5
Hernandez	17	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	2
Wicks	10	2-7	1-4	2-2	3	0	2	7
Flecky	19	2-4	0-0	1-2	4	2	4	5
Bustamante	14	2-7	1-2	1-2	4	1	1	6
Team					5			
Totals	200	33-77	10-28	13-18	60	20	21	89

Army	31	26	--	57
Notre Dame	47	42	--	89

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.9, Army 33.3. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 35.7, Army 27.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 72.2, Army 66.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 15, Army 17. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5 (Batteast 4), Army 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 12, Army 6. **Attendance:** 7,323.

Michigan 78, Notre Dame 63
Dec. 2, 2001
 Women's College Basketball Showcase
 Van Andel Arena (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Notre Dame (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	22	2-6	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	4
Batteast	32	5-17	3-8	4-4	9	1	1	17
Borton	20	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	2
Severe	30	2-6	0-1	1-2	1	6	3	5
Ratay	37	6-11	2-7	5-5	7	2	2	19
Joyce	23	4-8	3-7	0-0	2	1	0	11
Hernandez	15	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	0
Wicks	12	1-4	0-1	0-2	2	1	1	2
Barksdale	9	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	3	3
Team					2			
Totals	200	22-59	8-25	11-15	28	13	19	63

Michigan (78)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Pool	33	6-12	0-2	1-1	1	1	1	13
Smith	33	6-9	0-0	0-0	6	3	2	12
Bies	22	4-9	0-0	10-11	12	4	4	18
Jara	18	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	2
Ingram	39	8-15	3-5	3-5	2	3	2	22
Hauser-Price	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Oesterle	10	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	2	1
Gandy	27	1-5	0-0	2-3	9	4	1	4
Mason	16	3-5	0-0	0-0	3	1	3	6
McPhilamy	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	29-58	3-7	17-22	40	23	15	78

Notre Dame	27	36	--	63
Michigan	45	33	--	78

FG Pct: Notre Dame 37.3, Michigan 50.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 32.0, Michigan 42.9. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 73.3, Michigan 77.3. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 11, Michigan 13. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Michigan 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 6, Michigan 6 (Ingram 4). **Attendance:** 6,482.

Purdue 70, Notre Dame 57
Dec. 9, 2001
 Mackey Arena (West Lafayette, Ind.)

Notre Dame (57)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	13	3-9	0-0					

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Notre Dame 62, USC 49

Dec. 9, 2001

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

USC (49)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Krause	24	0-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	4	0
Hoffman	28	3-8	1-3	3-6	6	1	4	10
Elmore	32	5-11	0-0	1-1	7	3	3	11
Hollans	28	5-13	0-3	0-0	8	2	1	10
Alexander	13	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	2	0
Cheeks	29	2-7	0-2	2-2	1	3	2	6
Smith-Hams	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Woodward	28	3-10	0-3	2-3	6	1	3	8
Mitchell	11	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2
Gipson	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Team					5			
Totals	200	20-61	1-12	8-12	39	14	20	49

Notre Dame (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	36	7-14	0-0	5-7	7	2	1	19
Barksdale	26	1-4	0-0	1-2	4	0	2	3
Severe	32	6-12	0-0	5-8	7	4	1	17
Joyce	33	3-3	0-0	1-2	2	0	1	7
Ratay	39	2-10	1-4	5-5	6	1	3	10
Haney	12	3-5	0-0	0-0	6	1	0	6
Krause	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borton	13	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	0
Hernandez	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Flecky	6	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Team					4			
Totals	200	22-54	1-4	17-25	41	9	10	62

USC	22	27	--	49
Notre Dame	33	29	--	62

FG Pct: Notre Dame 40.7, USC 32.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 25.0, USC 8.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 68.0, USC 66.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 26, USC 27. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 10 (Barksdale 7), USC 4 (Mitchell 3). **Steals:** Notre Dame 13 (Batteast, Severe 5), USC 13 (Hoffman, Elmore 3). **Attendance:** 7,595.

Notre Dame 71, Western Michigan 48

Dec. 12, 2001

Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Western Michigan (48)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Deurloo	28	2-8	0-0	1-2	5	2	0	5
Koetsier	33	2-12	0-1	2-3	5	2	1	6
Jilian	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0
Gallert, Bri.	36	2-5	2-4	1-2	1	2	1	7
Rost	29	3-17	2-13	2-2	1	1	2	10
Koerber	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Harris	19	5-12	2-5	0-0	3	0	1	12
Gallert, Bro.	14	1-2	1-1	0-0	2	1	1	3
Samuelson	10	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Hillstrom	1	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Crisman	16	1-1	0-0	1-2	4	0	1	3
Team					5			
Totals	200	17-62	7-25	7-11	29	10	10	48

Notre Dame (71)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	29	9-17	2-4	0-0	10	3	1	20
Barksdale	16	2-4	0-0	2-2	4	0	1	6
Severe	26	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	8	1	4
Joyce	22	2-4	1-2	1-3	3	2	0	6
Ratay	24	4-7	2-2	0-0	6	3	1	10
Haney	25	6-12	0-0	0-0	10	0	2	12
Krause	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Borton	12	2-4	0-0	0-2	7	0	1	4
Hernandez	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0
Wicks	21	2-6	1-2	0-0	6	1	4	5
Flecky	11	0-3	0-0	4-4	2	0	1	4
Team					5			
Totals	200	29-63	6-10	7-11	56	19	13	71

W. Michigan	12	36	--	48
Notre Dame	32	39	--	71

FG Pct: Notre Dame 46.0, Western Michigan 27.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 60.0, Western Michigan 28.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 63.6, Western Michigan 63.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 20, Western Michigan 12. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 7 (Barksdale 4), Western Michigan 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 8 (Batteast 3), Western Michigan 7 (Gallert, Bri. 3). **Attendance:** 7,310.

Notre Dame 60, Marquette 33

Dec. 22, 2001

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Marquette (33)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Klug	23	0-8	0-0	0-2	6	0	1	0
Weaver	15	0-2	0-0	2-4	2	2	2	2
Seffern	20	1-2	0-0	3-4	4	0	1	5
Johnson	22	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	0
Alsdurf	27	1-14	1-4	0-0	6	0	1	3
Gales	14	1-7	0-2	1-2	0	1	1	3
O'Grady	14	1-5	0-2	3-4	2	1	0	5
Juedes	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Stieber	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Schwerman	19	3-5	1-2	1-2	0	1	1	8
Bogott	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2
Zawodny	14	1-5	0-0	1-2	2	0	3	3
Team					6			
Totals	200	10-54	2-12	11-20	33	6	13	33

Notre Dame (60)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	16	5-12	0-2	1-2	12	1	2	11
Barksdale	20	5-7	0-0	0-0	8	2	1	10
Severe	29	2-5	0-1	0-0	4	4	0	4
Joyce	21	1-4	1-4	0-0	4	2	0	3
Ratay	27	1-5	0-1	0-0	3	1	0	2
Haney	15	2-3	0-0	3-4	2	2	1	7
Krause	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Swanson	4	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Borton	13	2-4	0-0	1-4	6	3	2	5
Hernandez	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Wicks	18	2-3	1-2	0-0	3	0	0	5
Flecky	13	3-5	0-0	1-4	6	1	2	7
Bustamante	11	2-5	2-3	0-0	4	0	1	6
Team					2			
Totals	200	25-57	4-14	6-14	54	16	10	60

Marquette	13	20	--	33
Notre Dame	37	23	--	60

FG Pct: Notre Dame 43.9, Marquette 18.5. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 28.6, Marquette 16.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 42.9, Marquette 55.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Marquette 20. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 13 (Barksdale 8), Marquette 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11, Marquette 13 (Gales 3). **Attendance:** 7,132.