



# Chris Thomas

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## Sophomore • Guard

### Indianapolis, IN/Pike

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#### CHRIS THOMAS HIGHLIGHTS:

\*Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American

\*Finalist for John R. Wooden, Naismith and USBWA/Oscar Robertson player-of-the-year awards

\*Second Team All-BIG EAST honoree

\*USBWA District V First Team honoree and NABC District 10 First Team selection

\*Second-leading scorer for the Irish with an 18.7 scoring average, while leading team in assists (6.9) and steals (1.9)

\*Ranked eighth nationally in assists

\*Averaged 21.9 points in three games during 2003 NCAA Tournament

\*Has scored in double figures in 19 straight games, in 31 of 34 games in '02-'03 and 55 of 67 games in career

\*Dished off eight or more assists in 13 contests this season and 10+ in 14 career contests

\*Became 42nd player in Irish history, and only second sophomore, to score 1,000 points (has scored 1,153 points)

\*Dished off 400th career assist against Georgetown in first meeting between the two teams

\*Registered 15 20-point efforts in '02-'03 and 24 in his career

\*Was named BIG EAST Co-Player of the Week (Jan. 27) and was on the Guardians Classic All-Tournament team

\*Recorded four double doubles in '02-'03 and 11 in his career

\*In first career collegiate game last year, became first player in school history to record a triple double

**AS A SOPHOMORE:** Second-leading scorer on the team with a 18.7 points per game average...led the team in assists (6.9) and steals (1.9)...ranked eighth nationally in assists...scored in double figures in final 20 games of the season and dished off eight or more assists in 13 contests...became the 42nd player in Notre Dame basketball history to score 1,000 career points and just seventh player to reach the mark in his second season...has scored in double figures in 55 of 67 career games and has dished off 10-plus assists in 14 career contests...has registered 20-plus points in 24 career games...leading scorer for the Irish in its three NCAA tournament games as he averaged 21.9 points...finished with 20 points, five rebounds and five assists against Arizona in West Regional semifinal contest in Anaheim, Calif...had 17 points to help Notre Dame over Illinois in NCAA second round...led Irish with 27 points and eight rebounds in first round vs. Wisconsin-

Milwaukee...scored 18 points, dished off nine assists and grabbed six rebounds versus St. John's in BIG EAST tournament first-round loss to St. John's...dished off his 400th career assist against Georgetown on Feb. 1...named to the Guardians Classic All-Tournament Team...earned BIG EAST Co-Player of the Week honors for the first time in his career for the week of January 27 after averaging 25.5 points, 6.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds in road wins at Providence and Boston College...dished off his 200th assist in Rutgers game to become the only player in Notre Dame basketball history to dish off 200-plus assists in consecutive seasons...registered 14 20-point efforts this season...in Irish win over Georgetown at the MCI Center, finished with 29 points, seven rebounds, six assists and three steals...scored 24 points and grabbed nine rebounds (tying a career high) in loss to Rutgers...registered his fourth double double of the season in win over Virginia Tech as he scored 21 points and tied his career-high with 13 assists...also finished with six rebounds and three steals...scored 24 points in win over Pittsburgh...also dished off eight assists against the Panthers...in second meeting versus West Virginia, scored 13 points in 38 minutes and finished with eight assists and no turnovers...finished with 19 points and nine rebounds against Connecticut...scored 16 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished off eight assists against Syracuse in second meeting between the two teams...scored 14 points and dished off six assists in loss at Seton Hall...netted his fourth 20-point outing in a seven-game span in double-overtime win against Georgetown as he scored 24 points...connected on 14-16 from the free throw line (both career bests) and dished off six assists...played 45 minutes before fouling out for the first time ever in his career (spanning 54 games) against GU...finished with 28 points in overtime at Boston College, scoring 25 points in the second half...also added a season-high eight rebounds and dished off seven assists versus the Eagles as he played 42 of a possible 45 minutes...scored 16 points and dished off six assists in 38 minutes in loss at Syracuse...vs. Canisius scored 17 points and dished off 13 assists, which matched his career-high...played 23 minutes in the game (the fewest ever in the first 44 games of his career)...also had a double double against DePaul as he scored 22 points and dished off 10 assists...matched his career best with 32 points in win over Marquette...also finished with 10 assists for his eighth career double double and first of the season...scored in double figures in 10 straight games before being held to just eight points in win over Valparaiso...netted a game-high 23 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished off six assists in 38 minutes in win over Providence...scored 22 points in win over Seton Hall in first meeting between the two teams...in second matchup with

Seton Hall, finished with 14 points and six assists...netted 20-plus points in consecutive games versus Bucknell, Furman and Creighton, marking the first time in his career that he scored 20-plus points in three straight contests...had 19 points, a season-high six rebounds and eight assists in win over No. 2 Texas...his three-pointer with 2:06 remaining against the Longhorns gave the Irish the lead for good...netted 19 points, dished off five assists and made three steals against Vanderbilt...scored 10 points and dished off nine assists versus Maryland...tied Dan Miller for game-high scoring honors versus Furman as he finished with 20 points, three assists and four steals...had team-high 22 points against Creighton, in addition to four assists and five steals...leading scorer against Bucknell as he finished with 20 points...scored 18 points, dished off seven assists, grabbed six rebounds and made three steals in win over West Virginia in matchup at the Joyce Center...finished with 14 points (all in the second half), seven assists and three steals against Albany...netted 14 points and dished off six assists against Kentucky...scored 15 points and dished off eight assists versus Belmont...finished with eight points and 11 assists in win over IUPUI...held to eight points against both IUPUI and Valparaiso...netted a season-low five points against Pittsburgh in first game of season.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Named National Freshman of the Year by *Basketball Times* and *Basketball News*...heralded Irish rookie was the first Mr. Basketball from Indiana to attend Notre Dame...finished as the team's second-leading scorer with a 15.6 scoring average...established Notre Dame single-season record for assists (252) and steals (72)...his 516 points during the season rank as the second-most ever by an Irish freshman...2002 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year...selected to the BIG EAST All-Rookie Team and earned third team all-BIG EAST honors...named to the 2002 BIG EAST Championship All-Tournament team (first player in Notre Dame history to be selected) after averaging 19.5 points, 10.5 assists and 4.5 rebounds...*Sports Illustrated's* Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 11 after averaging 27.0 points, 11.5 assists, 5.0 rebounds and 2.5 steals in wins over Rutgers and Georgetown...a six-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week honoree...averaged team-leading 7.64 assists and 2.18 steals...finished fifth nationally in assists and 14th in free throw percentage...averaged 19.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 10.5 assists in Notre Dame's two BIG EAST Tournament games...averaged 6.0 points, 5.5 rebounds and 7.0 assists in NCAA tournament action...dished off seven assists in both NCAA tournament games, against Charlotte and Duke...grabbed a career-high nine rebounds versus the Blue Devils...averaged 38.0 minutes and played the entire game in 14 games (played 1,255

minutes of a possible 1,340)...played 30-plus minutes in 32 of 33 games (season-low 26 vs. Monmouth)...started all 33 games...scored in double figures in 24 contests and netted 20-plus points in nine games...dished off 10-plus assists in nine games and recorded seven double-doubles...registered the first triple-double in Notre Dame history as he scored 24 points, dished off 11 assists and made 11 steals against New Hampshire in his first collegiate outing...played entire 60 minutes in win against Georgetown and finished with 22 points, 12 assists and a season-high eight rebounds...hit game-winning jumper with 1:56 to play that gave the Irish the lead for good in the fourth overtime session versus the Hoyas...turned the ball over just five times in the game and once in the final 40 minutes...scored 15 points, dished off 11 assists and made five steals in BIG EAST tournament quarterfinal win over St. John's and had 24 points and 10 assists in semifinal loss to Connecticut...played all 40 minutes in both contests...connected on 6 of 9 three-pointers against the Huskies...had fourth double-double of the season against Miami as he matched his season-high with 32 points, in addition to dishing off 12 assists...tied Notre Dame single-game free-throw percentage mark as he connected on all 10 of his free-throw attempts in that game...posted third double-double in five games and fourth of the season against West Virginia as he scored 26 points and dished off 12 assists...dished off 10 assists and scored eight points in loss at St. John's...averaged one turnover every 12.30 minutes...was one of four Irish players in double figures against Providence in regular-season finale as he finished with 13 points...became the first freshman in Notre Dame history to score 30-plus points and dish off 10-plus assists in a game when he tallied a season-high 32 points and dished off 11 assists (matching a personal best) versus Rutgers for his first career double-double in the first meeting between the two teams...hit 10 of 14 shots from the field was 7 of 9 from three-point range...scored game-winning layup with 5.8 seconds remaining in 63-61 victory on the road at Seton Hall...netted 10 points, six assists and three steals while playing 40 minutes and committing just one turnover...tied for team-high scoring honors with David Graves when he finished with 19 points on 6-of-9 shooting from the field against Pittsburgh in second meeting between the two teams...scored 11 points, six rebounds, five assists, four steals and blocked two shots in 39 minutes of action in win over Seton Hall...played the entire 40 minutes against Georgetown in first meeting, tallying 13 points and dishing off eight assists...scored 13 points and eight assists in 39 minutes versus Kentucky...netted 28 points (18 in the second half) against Colgate as he connected

on 9 of 12 shots from the field and 6 of 8 three-point attempts...in BIG EAST opener vs. Villanova, he played all 40 minutes, scored 18 points, dished off seven assists and made four steals...scored 15 points (all in the second half) in come-from-behind win at West Virginia...hit three key three-pointers in that contest and was 6 of 7 from the foul line in the final 1:23...played entire game in nine of 16 BIG EAST games...had nine assists and only turned the ball over two times against Syracuse...scored 14 points (all in the second half) in loss to Alabama while logging 39 minutes...tied his then season-best of 24 points against Indiana...logged 40 minutes in road games at Indiana and Miami-Ohio and in both BIG EAST tournament contests...did not commit a turnover in three of first five games (Cornell, Hawaii Pacific, Monmouth)...had 17 points, six assists and five rebounds against Canisius...scored 19 points in win at Miami-Ohio while also dishing off four assists and making three steals...had 13 points six-of-10 shooting and nine assists on vs. Army...earned all-tournament honors in Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic, averaging 10.3 points and 8.0 assists...had 19 points and eight assists while hitting 12 of 12 free throws vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga...dished off career-high 13 assists vs. Hawaii Pacific...his 11 steals against New Hampshire in his first collegiate outing broke the Notre Dame and Joyce Center record for steals in a game, shattering Ray Martin's seven against Northwestern in 1974...scored 22 points, including 6-of-7 shooting from three-point range, against Cornell to become the first freshman in school history to score 20 or more points in his first two games...the last Irish player to put up 20 in his first two varsity games was the school's all-time leading scorer, Austin Carr, who did it as a sophomore in 1968-69...held without a field goal in second Rutgers game 0-14 and 0-9 from three-point range...only first-year player to earn BIG EAST Rookie of the Week honors six times in a season...earned the first BIG EAST Rookie of the Week award of the season (Nov. 19), the second Irish player to be so honored (Troy Murphy)...shared co-rookie of the week honors with Ryan Gomes of Providence (Dec. 30), Emeka Okafor of Connecticut (Jan. 14) and Ricky Shields of Rutgers (Feb. 4)...won it for the second consecutive week (Feb. 11) following the wins over Rutgers and Georgetown...earned sixth rookie-of-the-week honor on Feb. 25 after leading the Irish to wins over West Virginia and Miami...combined with Ryan Humphrey to become the first Irish pair to win both BIG EAST weekly awards in the same season.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Four-year varsity player under head coach Alan Darner, leading Pike High School to two state crowns...one of 12 McDonald's All-Americans and the first Mr. Basketball from Indiana to attend Notre Dame...a fourth-team *Parade* All-America selection and the *USA Today* Indiana Player of the Year after leading Pike to the 2000 state championship in...squad finished with a 26-3 record and final ranking of 23rd in the *USA Today* national rankings...averaged 23.4 points, 3.9 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 3.7 steals during his final season...had 20 points, four steals, three assists and two rebounds in class 4-A state championship game as Pike defeated Penn High School 56-42...also was a member of the Pike team which claimed the state title in 1998...finished 11th on the Indiana all-time high school scoring list with 2,156 career points...led Pike to a four-year record of 91-15...averaged 24.3 points, 5.6 rebounds, 4.7 assists and 3.5 steals as junior in leading Pike to an 18-6 record...played in all 106 games during his prep career...as a sophomore, averaged 22.5 points, 4.9 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.5 steals as squad finished with a 17-5 mark...in his freshman season netted 12.9 points per game while helping squad capture '98 state crown with a final record of 30-1...finished as Pike's career leader in points (2,156), assists (502), steals (312), free throws made (453) and three-point field goals made (241)...set the school's single-season records for points (676) and free throws made (148)...also established school records for consecutive free throws made (36) and consecutive games with a free throw (17) as well as the single-season free-throw percentage record (.902)...recipient of the prestigious Arthur L. Trester Award for Mental Attitude, following the 2000 state championship game...had 11 points, three steals and two assists in 20 minutes of action in McDonald's All-Star Game...played for West squad in Sonny Vaccaro's EA Sports Roundball Classic...a three-time first-team all-state selection...three-time captain and team MVP...played in two Indiana/Kentucky all-star games...scored 24 points in first game (a 103-90 loss) and then netted 26 points in second game (107-91 win)...played on Bloomington Red AAU club team that lost in semifinal game at national AAU tournament in summer 2000...his Bloomington squad suffered semifinals loss to Cincinnati AAU team which current Irish teammate Jordan Cornette played on...father Frank played basketball at Butler University and was an Indiana all-state selection at Northside High School...named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team for 2001-02 school year...second-oldest of four children...son of Frank and Tammy Thomas...born 10-3-82 in Indianapolis...enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business.

## Thomas' Career Statistics

YEAR	G-S	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	PCT.	3-Point			Rebounds			AVG.	AST.	STL	BLK	PF-D	PTS/AVG	
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2001-02	33-33	1255/38.0	160-413	.387	76-206	.369	120-135	.889	26	88	114	3.5	252	72	6	71-0	516/15.6
<b>BIG EAST</b>	16-16	644/40.2	74-202	.366	32-105	.305	68-78	.872	12	46	58	3.6	130	32	6	32-0	248/15.5
2002-03	34-34	1247/36.7	211-523	.403	80-208	.385	135-155	.871	34	101	135	4.0	236	62	8	80-1	637/17.2
<b>BIG EAST</b>	16-16	610/38.1	102-262	.389	38-110	.345	73-86	.849	19	57	76	4.8	108	30	1	40-1	315/19.7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>67-67</b>	<b>2502/37.3</b>	<b>371-936</b>	<b>.396</b>	<b>156-414</b>	<b>.377</b>	<b>255-290</b>	<b>.879</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>151-1</b>	<b>1153/17.2</b>
<b>BIG EAST</b>	<b>32-32</b>	<b>1254/39.2</b>	<b>176-464</b>	<b>.379</b>	<b>70-215</b>	<b>.326</b>	<b>141-164</b>	<b>.860</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>72-1</b>	<b>563/17.6</b>