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# NOTRE DAME

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### 2001-02 Irish Schedule/Results (7-5, 1-0 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	L, 61-72
31	Mon.	DePaul	W, 79-50

#### January

2	Wed.	at Miami*	W, 69-65
9	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

(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. **13**

### Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (7-5, 1-0) vs. *Providence Friars* (7-6, 1-1)

**The Date and Time:** Saturday, Jan. 5, 2002, at 1 p.m. EST.

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

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

**Real-Time Statistics:** Live in-game statistics will be available for the Providence game through the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Providence (www.friars.com) athletics websites.

**Websites:** Notre Dame (www.und.com), Providence (www.friars.com).

#### NOTRE DAME WELCOMES PROVIDENCE TO TOWN FOR BIG EAST HOME OPENER

With its slow early-season start beginning to look like a distant memory, Notre Dame now focuses on its BIG EAST Conference home opener Saturday at 1 p.m. (EST) against Providence. The Irish have been wildly successful against BIG EAST foes at the Joyce Center, going 49-3 against the conference at home since joining the loop in 1995-96.

Notre Dame (7-5, 1-0 BIG EAST) also will be seeking to continue its recent hot streak which has included wins in five of its last six games. Much of that success has come at home, where the Irish have held their last four visitors to an average of less than 44 points per game on the way to extending the nation's longest active home winning streak, which currently stands at 44 games.

Providence (7-6, 1-1) comes to town on a high note, having snapped a three-game losing streak Wednesday night with a 59-55 BIG EAST win at home over Georgetown. Senior guard **Chrissy Vozab** and freshman forward/center **Jessica Simmonds** each scored 12 points to lead the Friars, while graduate student **Dani Trippany** charted her third double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

PC actually started the season well, winning six of its first eight games, including a 78-75 victory over Southeastern Conference stalwart Alabama on Dec. 2. However, one of the two losses in that stretch was a 10-point setback at BIG EAST foe Rutgers, which seemed to ignite the Friars' current struggles.

Trippany is the only Providence player currently scoring in double figures at 10.5 points per game. She also is grabbing a team-high 6.3 rebounds per outing, good for 15th in the BIG EAST. Meanwhile, Vozab is capably running the Friar offense this season, ranking second on the club at 8.8 ppg., and leading the squad with 3.0 assists per game.

**Jim Jabir** is in his sixth season at PC with a record of 56-93, and an overall mark of 214-214 in 16 seasons as a college coach, which includes stops at Marquette (six years), Siena (three years) and Buffalo State (one year). He is 1-13 in his career against Notre Dame, and 0-7 since he came to Providence.

#### LAST IRISH GAME

Notre Dame 69, Miami 65

Jan. 2, 2002

Knight Sports Complex (Coral Gables, Fla.)

#### Notre Dame (69)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	15	2-5	0-0	0-1	2	2	2	4
Baltheast	39	5-16	2-7	0-1	13	6	3	12
Barksdale	18	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	4
Severe	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Ratay	39	8-13	7-9	0-0	6	3	3	23
Joyce	27	2-5	2-5	3-5	4	4	1	9
Borton	21	2-2	0-0	3-4	4	0	1	7
Wicks	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Flechy	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	2
Bustamante	15	3-4	2-3	0-0	2	2	1	8
Team					5			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-48</b>	<b>13-24</b>	<b>6-11</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>69</b>

#### Miami (65)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Wilkins	12	2-6	0-0	0-1	4	0	1	4
Fowler	38	0-2	0-0	0-0	9	6	3	0
Hartlaub	32	5-7	0-0	0-0	4	2	4	10
James	40	6-16	3-12	2-4	5	1	1	17
Saake	40	5-16	0-7	0-0	4	7	1	10
Knight	3	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	2
Bodley	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Broussard	32	8-19	1-2	5-11	7	0	4	22
Team					1			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-69</b>	<b>4-22</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>65</b>

Notre Dame

Miami

35 34 -- 69

36 29 -- 65

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 52.1, Miami 39.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 54.2, Miami 18.2. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 54.5, Miami 43.8. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Miami 9. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4, Miami 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 7 (Ratay 3), Miami 17 (James, Saake 6). **Attendance:** 1,094.

# NOTRE DAME VS. PROVIDENCE



### ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL (Dec. 31)

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

### ESPN/USA TODAY POLL (Dec. 31)

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

*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 20th season as a college coach (15th at Notre Dame) with a 417-162 (.720) overall record and 329-122 (.729) mark while under the shadow of the Golden Dome. She has led the Irish to six straight NCAA Tournament appearances and eight overall — Notre Dame has advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen four times, the Final Four twice and won the 2001 NCAA title, all in the last five seasons under McGraw's guidance. 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** (5.4 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 moved into a reserve role for the next four games, picking up her first double-double of the year with season highs of 12 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan. She returned to the starting lineup this week to help the Irish claim wins over DePaul and Miami. Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** (13.7 ppg., 5.3 rpg., .474 3FG%) 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. She ranks 10th in the BIG EAST in scoring and second in three-point percentage after tossing in a season-high 23 points (including 7-9 three-pointers) Wednesday at Miami.

Joining Ratay in the backcourt is sophomore **Le'Tania Severe** (7.8 ppg., 3.8 rpg., 4.9 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 seventh in the BIG EAST Conference in assists and 11th in free throw percentage (.667). Junior **Karen Swanson** (1.0 ppg., 0.6 rpg.) and sophomore **Jeneka Joyce** (5.2 ppg., 2.1 rpg.) give McGraw tremendous flexibility in her guard rotation. Joyce ranks second on the team with a .467 field goal percentage and third with a .387 three-point percentage. She posted nine points, four rebounds and four assists in the BIG EAST opener at Miami. Additionally, freshmen **Allison Bustamante** (4.2 ppg., 2.0 rpg.) **Jill Krause** (0.0 ppg., 0.4 rpg.) and **Kelsey Wicks** (3.7 ppg., 2.7 rpg.) provide the Irish with solid ballhandling and perimeter shooting depth. Bustamante made a successful return to her hometown of Miami on Wednesday, scoring a career-high eight points (3-4 FG) and hitting two clutch three-point baskets.

A pair of freshmen (and former Parade All-Americans) are making an immediate impact on the Notre Dame front line, as forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (15.2 ppg., 9.3 rpg.) and center **Teresa Borton** (5.4

### LAST IRISH GAME VS. PROVIDENCE

**Notre Dame 64, Providence 44**  
January 31, 2001  
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

#### Providence (44)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Gomboltz	33	3-13	1-6	1-2	7	2	2	8
Wilcox	32	5-21	0-0	2-2	8	1	4	12
Roberts	16	1-4	1-1	2-2	3	1	3	5
Vozab	32	0-6	0-3	0-0	5	2	3	0
Quinn	31	2-7	1-2	0-0	0	2	4	5
Charbonneau	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Horvath	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Freeburg	24	1-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	3	3
Trippany	29	5-9	0-0	1-3	7	3	5	11
Team					12			
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>17-66</b>	<b>3-13</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>44</b>

#### Notre Dame (64)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Haney	37	6-14	0-0	5-10	9	2	2	17
Riley	28	6-15	0-0	7-9	14	3	4	19
Ratay	32	3-8	1-4	0-0	8	1	1	7
Ivey	38	4-12	1-3	3-6	6	4	1	12
Dunbar	6	1-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0	3
Severe	26	1-4	0-0	1-2	7	2	0	3
Joyce	15	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	1	0
Swanson	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Barksdale	9	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Leahy	6	1-1	0-0	1-1	4	1	2	3
Team					4			
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-60</b>	<b>2-8</b>	<b>18-30</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>64</b>

Providence	20	24	--	44
Notre Dame	26	38	--	64

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 36.7, Providence 25.8. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 25.0, Providence 23.1. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 60.0, Providence 63.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 16, Providence 16. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 8 (Riley 5), Providence 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 7 (Ivey 4), Providence 11. **Attendance:** 6,131.

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### NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
3	Ericka Haney (C)	G/F	6-0	Sr.	5.4	5.0	0.9 spg	Returned to starting lineup in last two games
21	Jacqueline Batteast	F	6-1	Fr.	<b>15.2</b>	<b>9.3</b>	2.2 apg	18.2 ppg., 11.8 rpg., 5 double-doubles in last five
31	Amanda Barksdale	C	6-3	Jr.	5.0	3.5	<b>3.6 bpg</b>	Leading team with .515 field goal percentage
4	Le'Tania Severe	G	5-8	So.	7.8	3.8	<b>4.9 apg</b>	Has led team in assists in 10 of 12 games
22	Alicia Ratay	G	6-0	Jr.	13.7	5.3	2.2 apg	19.5 ppg., .636 FG%, .714 3FG% in last two

### OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
5	Jeneka Joyce	G	5-9	So.	5.2	2.1	1.3 apg	Had 9 points, 4 assists in 27 mins. off bench at UM
10	Jill Krause	G	5-8	Fr.	0.0	0.4	0.2 apg	Handed out first career assist against DePaul
11	Karen Swanson	G	5-8	Jr.	1.0	0.6	0.2 apg	Played in five games (career-high 5 pts. vs. Army)
12	Teresa Borton	C	6-3	Fr.	5.4	5.3	0.9 apg	7.5 ppg., .750 FG% (6-of-8) in last two games
24	Kelsey Wicks	G	6-2	Fr.	3.7	2.7	0.4 apg	One of four Irish rookies averaging 11 min./game
33	Katy Flecky	F	6-2	Fr.	4.0	3.3	0.8 apg	Matched career high with nine points vs. DePaul
44	Allison Bustamante	G	6-0	Fr.	4.2	2.0	0.7 apg	Shooting 60 percent (6-of-10) from three-point line

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

ppg., 5.3 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 (4th), rebounding (2nd), field goal percentage (12th, .440), blocks (5th, 1.58) and double-doubles (tie-1st, 7), picking up her seventh double-dip Wednesday at Miami with 12 points and 13 rebounds. In her last five games, Batteast is averaging 18.2 points and 11.8 rebounds per game while compiling five consecutive double-doubles. Meanwhile, at 6-3, Borton is a smooth and versatile post player with excellent mobility and a solid defensive presence. She has provided strong production off the bench in her last two games, averaging 7.5 ppg. while shooting 75 percent (6-8) from the field.

Junior **Amanda Barksdale** (5.0 ppg., 3.5 rpg., 3.6 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 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 2001-02. However, her 3.6 bpg. average, which would lead the BIG EAST, does not appear in the conference rankings because she has yet to play in enough games to qualify. Meanwhile, freshman **Katy Flecky** (4.0 ppg., 3.3 rpg.) was a two-time Miss Colorado Basketball and offers the Irish an physical presence in the post. She tied her career high with nine points and set a new career best with a team-high four assists Monday against DePaul.

#### RECAPPING MIAMI

Junior guard **Alicia Ratay** scored a season-high 23 points and canned seven three-point field goals to spark a record-setting night for Notre Dame as the Irish held off Miami, 69-65, Wednesday night at the Knight Sports Complex in Coral Gables, Fla. It was the BIG EAST Conference opener for Notre Dame, which also picked up its first road win in six tries this season.

Ratay was 7-of-9 from three-point range, tying her career high for treys in a single game (at Rutgers, Feb. 19, 2000). As a team, the Irish knocked down a school-record 13 three-pointers on 24 attempts, breaking the previous mark of 12 set against St. John's on Feb. 28, 1998. Notre Dame also shot a season-best 52.1 percent from the field, the second consecutive game in which the Irish have established a season-high field goal ratio.

Freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** continued her strong play, notching her seventh double-double of the season, and fifth in as many games with 12 points and 13 rebounds, to go along with a career-high six assists. Sophomore guard **Jeneka Joyce** came off the bench to score nine points and

#### STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	ND	PC
Overall/BIG EAST record	7-5/1-0	7-6/1-1
AP/ESPN-USA Today ranking	arv/arv	—

#### SCORING

Points scored per game	65.8	63.8
Points allowed per game	58.4	64.0
Field goal percentage	.426	.367
Three-point percentage	.407	.285
Free throw percentage	.624	.696

#### REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	44.4	39.7
Opponent rebs. per game	36.2	40.7
Rebounding margin	+8.2	(-1.0)

#### OTHER

Assists per game	15.1	12.2
Turnovers per game	18.8	20.9
Assist/turnover ratio	0.80	0.58
Blocked shots per game	5.8	4.3
Steals per game	7.6	9.6

#### 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](http://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 PROVIDENCE SERIES

Series: ND leads 8-0. Games Played at Joyce Center: ND leads 4-0.

Date	Site	Result	Score
1/14/96	Providence, RI	W	90-80
12/7/96	Notre Dame, IN	W	91-75
2/16/97	Providence, RI	W	97-74
1/24/98	Notre Dame, IN	W	109-60
1/10/99	Notre Dame, IN	W	79-56
1/30/99	Providence, RI	W	97-59
2/1/00	Providence, RI	W	90-60
1/31/01	Notre Dame, IN	W	64-44

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	717	89.6
Providence	508	63.5

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame, 8 games  
 McGraw vs. Providence: 8-0  
 ND Biggest Win: 49 (109-60 on 1/24/98)  
 PC Biggest Win: 0  
 ND Longest Win Streak: 8 (from 1996-present)  
 PC 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
Dec. 24	arv	arv
Dec. 31	arv	arv

hand out a season-high four assists, while freshman guard **Allison Bustamante**, playing in her hometown before an enthusiastic band of supporters, scored a career-high eight points and made 3-of-4 field goals, including a pair of three-pointers.

Chanivia Broussard scored a team-high 22 points for Miami (8-4, 1-1 BIG EAST), which lost to Notre Dame for the sixth consecutive time and 12th time in 14 career meetings. Sheila James added 17 points and six steals for the Hurricanes, who amassed an opponent season-high 17 steals, but struggled from the three-point line, hitting just four of 22 attempts (.182) from long range.

Batteast opened the scoring with a three-pointer 44 seconds into the game, giving an indication of things that were to come for the Irish. Notre Dame built a trio of five-point leads in the first four minutes, but Miami rallied and took its first lead at 14-12 on a trey from James. However, Batteast countered with a triple of her own, igniting a 12-2 Irish run that gave the visitors a game-high eight-point lead with 9:41 left in the half.

The Hurricanes made another charge and fought back to take a 31-30 lead when Broussard made the first of two free throws at the 4:21 mark. Ratay and Broussard then traded three-pointers and Miami would end up preserving its edge at halftime, taking a 36-35 lead to the dressing room.

The hosts came out firing to start the second half, scoring six of the first eight points to open up their largest lead of the night (42-37) on a bucket by Meghan Saake with 16:53 remaining. After the two teams went scoreless for the next two and a half minutes, Ratay caught lightning in a bottle, hitting three consecutive three-pointers in a two-minute stretch to reverse the momentum and give the Irish a 46-44 lead with 12:10 to play.

Two possessions later, Bustamante buried a triple from the right wing to cap a 13-2 Notre Dame run and give the Irish a six-point edge with 10:44 to go. But, Miami would not go quietly, closing to within a basket four times over the next five minutes, the last coming at 58-56 on a Saake jumper. Ratay hit her seventh three-pointer with 2:21 left to bump the Notre Dame lead back to eight, but Broussard and Saake hit shots to pull the Hurricanes within 64-60 with 1:30 remaining.

On the ensuing possession, Joyce was fouled but missed the front end of her one-and-one opportunity. Batteast was there to corral the offensive rebound and the Irish worked the ball to Bustamante, who drilled a critical three-pointer with 1:17 left to quash the final Miami comeback and give Notre Dame its 46th win in its last 51 BIG EAST games, dating back to the 1999-2000 season.

THE NOTRE DAME-PROVIDENCE SERIES

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Providence, 8-0, in a rivalry that began only after the Irish joined the BIG EAST Conference prior to the 1995-96 season. Notre Dame is 4-0 against the Friars at the Joyce Center and is averaging nearly 90 points per game against PC.

In their only meeting last season, the Irish fought off a pesky Providence squad to post a 64-44 win on Jan. 31, 2001 at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame actually trailed by as many as seven points (18-11) with 6:15 left in the first half before rallying to take a 26-20 lead at halftime. The Friars closed the gap to two points early in the second stanza before the top-ranked Irish found the right combination and pulled clear of the visitors to post the win and remain unbeaten on the 2000-01 season. **Ruth Riley** collected a double-double with 19 points and 14 rebounds, while this year's lone senior, **Erica Haney**, amassed 17 points and nine rebounds to pace the Notre Dame attack.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-PROVIDENCE SERIES TIDBITS

- Providence is one of five BIG EAST Conference opponents against whom Notre Dame is unbeaten (8-0). The others are Pittsburgh (10-0), St. John's (10-0), Virginia Tech (3-0) and West Virginia (8-0).
- Notre Dame has scored at least 90 points six times in eight previous meetings with Providence. Conversely, the Friars have broken the 70-point mark just three times against the Irish and have not topped 60 points in their last five games against Notre Dame.
- This is the first of two matchups this season between the Irish and Friars. The two schools will meet again in two weeks for a 2 p.m. (EST) battle at Providence's Alumni Hall. The contest will be the first in a two-game swing for Notre Dame, which will move on to face top-ranked Connecticut Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. (EST) in Hartford, a game which will be televised nationally on ESPN.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame would register its 45th consecutive home victory, extending the nation's longest active home court winning streak.
- The Irish would lift their record to 50-3 (.943) against BIG EAST Conference opponents at the Joyce Center and stretch their current league winning streak at home to 25 games.





- Notre Dame would remain unbeaten against Providence in nine lifetime meetings with the Friars.
- The Irish would win their BIG EAST home opener for the fifth time in their seven-year affiliation with the conference.
- Notre Dame would move to 47-5 (.904) vs. BIG EAST opponents over the last three-plus seasons.
- The Irish would improve their overall record to 95-17 (.848) since the start of the '98-99 season.

**IRISH INJURY REPORT (as of Jan. 4)**

Notre Dame has no major injuries to report.

**THE BEASTS OF THE BIG EAST**

Notre Dame is 90-15 (.857) in regular-season competition against the rest of BIG EAST Conference, owning the best conference winning percentage of any current member of the BIG EAST since joining the circuit for the 1995-96 campaign. The Irish also have won 46 of their last 51 regular-season conference games, and claimed a share of their first-ever BIG EAST regular-season championship in 2001. When including postseason competition (BIG EAST and NCAA tournaments), Notre Dame is 102-21 (.829) against league opponents — when factoring in these 18 postseason tilts, the Irish are 49-3 (.942) at home, 41-15 (.732) on the road and 12-6 (.667) at neutral sites all-time against BIG EAST foes.

**BLOWING THE LID OFF THE BIG EAST**

Notre Dame is 4-2 (.667) in BIG EAST Conference home openers since it joined the league prior to the 1995-96 season. The Irish have won their last two BIG EAST lidlifters at the Joyce Center, including last season's 64-33 victory over Villanova on Dec. 6.

**IRISH BREAK OUT LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY AT MIAMI**

Notre Dame put together a record-setting performance from the three-point line in Wednesday's win over Miami. The Irish connected on 13-of-24 (.542) three-point attempts in the game, setting a school record for the most triples in one game. The old mark was 12 against St. John's on Feb. 28, 1998 in the first round of the BIG EAST Conference Championship at Piscataway, N.J.

**FOR ALL LONG DISTANCE CALLS, DIAL "22"**

On Wednesday night at Miami, junior guard **Alicia Ratay** showed why she is still one of the nation's premier sharpshooters and has earned the nickname "Dead Eye Ratay." The Lake Zurich, Ill., native canned seven of nine three-point field goal attempts (a sharp .778 percentage) and finished with a season-high 23 points to lead the Irish to a victory in their BIG EAST Conference opener. The seven treys tied Ratay's career high — she went seven for seven from beyond the arc on Feb. 19, 2000 at Rutgers, a memorable game in which she nailed two threes in the final 25 seconds of regulation to force overtime, where Notre Dame prevailed, 78-74.

Ratay leads the Irish and ranks second in the BIG EAST with a .474 three-point percentage (27-of-57). Her current ratio also puts her within striking distance of the NCAA record for three-point efficiency by a junior — **Cara Frey** of Harvard currently holds that mark with a .515 percentage in 1993. All of this comes on the heels of Ratay's effort last season, when she nailed 54.7 percent of her three-point tries, breaking the NCAA record for long-range percentage by a sophomore.

In her career, Ratay is making better than half of her long-distance attempts, hitting at a 50.7 percent clip (181-of-357) in her 80-game college career — that is good enough to set a new NCAA record for career three-point percentage, passing the current standard of .467 held by **Erin Maher** of Harvard. She already ranks fourth in Notre Dame's career three-point field goals made and attempted lists, and her career percentage is more than 80 points more than her nearest challenger (**Kari Hutchinson**, .424, 1994-98).

**FIRST HALF FRENZY**

In its last three home games, Notre Dame has used some dominating first-half performances to take control early and keep Western Michigan, Marquette and DePaul off balance. The Irish outscored all three foes by a combined score of 107-42 while shooting 55 percent (44-of-80) during that span. Conversely, WMU, Marquette and DePaul shot a combined 14.5 percent (11-for-76) in the first half and all three teams scored 17 points or less 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 the 2001 BIG EAST

**IRISH MEDIA POLICIES**

**MUFFET MCGRAW INTERVIEWS**

The best time for interviews with Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** 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 South Bend and will air at 6:30 p.m. EST on Saturdays through the end of the 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 must 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](http://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 Jan. 5)

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	Connecticut	2-0	15-0
	Boston College	1-0	10-2
	Virginia Tech	1-0	10-2
	Syracuse	1-0	7-4
	Villanova	1-0	7-4
	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>7-5</b>
	Rutgers	1-0	4-7
	Miami	1-1	8-4
	Providence	1-1	7-6
	Georgetown	0-1	8-4
	Seton Hall	0-1	8-4
	West Virginia	0-2	7-5
	Pittsburgh	0-2	5-8
	St. John's	0-2	3-10

**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
Dec. 31	Swin Cash, Connecticut Kate Bulger, West Virginia

**BIG EAST  
ROOKIES OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 19	Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
Nov. 26	Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
Dec. 3	<b>Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame</b>
Dec. 10	<b>Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame</b>
Dec. 17	<b>Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame</b> Mary Lisicky, Georgetown
Dec. 24	Clare Droesch, Boston College
Dec. 31	Sherell Sowho, West Virginia

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. Finally, against DePaul, the Irish held the Blue Demons to 3-of-26 (.115) shooting in the first half. Additionally, in both the Marquette and DePaul games, Notre Dame held its Conference USA opponent without a field goal for the first 11 minutes of the contest.

**A TALE OF TWO SEASONS**

Location, location, location — that's the mantra many real estate agents use, but it's also a phrase which could easily be applied to Notre Dame this season. Here's a look at the stark contrast which has developed between Irish fortunes at home and away from the cozy confines of the Joyce Center:

	<u>Joyce Center</u>	<u>Road/Neutral Sites</u>
Record	6-0	1-5
Points per game	67.2	64.3
Opponent points per game	45.3	71.5
Scoring margin	+21.9	(-7.2)
Field goal percentage	.407	.417
Opponent field goal percentage	.274	.401
Rebounds per game	50.0	38.8
Opponent rebounds per game	34.2	38.2
Rebound margin	+15.8	+0.6

**WHAT'S THE FREQUENCY, KENNETH?**

After playing just two games in a 16-day span from Dec. 13-28, Notre Dame is now making up for lost time, playing five games in a 13-day window from Dec. 31-Jan. 12 — an average of one game every 2.6 days. That run began Monday against DePaul and continued Wednesday with the BIG EAST Conference opener at Miami. The Irish will kick off the home portion of their BIG EAST schedule Saturday against Providence and also will entertain Seton Hall on Jan. 9 at the Joyce Center before ending up the five-game blitz Jan. 12 at Villanova.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Notre Dame has turned up the defense in its last six games, holding its opponents to an average of 52.8 points per game while limiting them to a combined .298 field goal percentage (108-for-362). In addition, the Irish blocked a season-high 13 shots in the win over Marquette (including a school-record eight rejections by **Amanda Barksdale**), and averaged 46.7 rebounds in those six 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 27-of-124 (.218) over the last seven games, including a 1-of-13 (.077) performance by seventh-ranked Purdue on Dec. 6.

For the season, the Irish rank among the BIG EAST leaders in team defense, giving up 58.4 points per game (fifth in the league), while allowing opponents to shoot just 34 percent from the field (third in the BIG EAST) and 25.5 percent from the three-point arc (second in the loop).

**IT'S BATTEAST, TO SAY THE LEAST**

Although her college career is only 12 games old, freshman forward **Jacqueline Batteast** already is showing much 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 with Connecticut's **Swin Cash** for the league lead with seven double-doubles this season (Colorado State, Army, Western Michigan, Marquette, Rice, DePaul and Miami), including double-dips in each of her last five games. In addition, she has scored in double figures in 11 of Notre Dame's 12 games.

Batteast has been especially strong in her last five games, averaging 18.2 points and 11.8 rebounds per game while compiling five consecutive double-doubles and three 20-point performances.

This season, Batteast leads the team in scoring at 15.2 points per game (fourth in the BIG EAST) and rebounding at 9.3 boards per outing, good for second in the BIG EAST. She also is ranked among the league leaders in defensive rebounds (first, 6.17 drpg.), field goal percentage (12th, .440) and blocked shots (5th, 1.58 bpg.).



**IRISH TRENDS IN '01-02**

**Day of the Week**

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

**Time of Game**

Day games (before 6 p.m local time) .....	5-2
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time) .....	2-3

**Location**

Home games .....	6-0
Road games .....	1-4
Neutral site games .....	0-1

**Halftime score**

Leading at the half .....	6-0
Trailing at the half .....	1-4
Tied at the half .....	0-1

**Rebounding margin**

Grab more rebounds than opponents .....	7-2
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents .....	0-3
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents .....	0-0

**Field goal shooting**

Higher pct. than opponent .....	7-3
Lower pct. than opponent .....	0-2
Same pct. as opponent .....	0-0
Shoot 45% or better .....	3-0
Shoot less than 45% .....	4-4
Hold opponent under 40% .....	7-3

**Free throw margin**

Make more free throws .....	2-0
Make fewer free throws .....	4-4
Make same number of free throws .....	1-1

**Turnovers**

Commit fewer turnovers .....	3-1
Commit more turnovers .....	3-4
Commit same number of turnovers .....	1-0

**Final Margin**

1-5 points .....	1-1
6-10 points .....	1-1
11-15 points .....	1-3
16-20 points .....	0-0
21+ points .....	4-0

**Conference Affiliation**

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

**Month**

November .....	2-2
December .....	4-3
January .....	0-0
February .....	0-0
March .....	0-0

**BARKSDALE'S BLOCK PARTY**

Junior center **Amanda Barksdale** has forced opponents to deal with rejection quite often this season. Although she missed Notre Dame's first four games with a stress reaction in her leg, she still leads the Irish with 3.6 blocks per game (29 rejections). In fact, she would lead the BIG EAST Conference in that category by nearly 1.5 blocks per game, but she has yet to play in enough games to qualify for the conference rankings. Nevertheless, she was at her best last month, when she rang up a school-record eight blocks against Marquette on Dec. 22 and added seven rejections against USC on Dec. 9. Those single-game performances rank first and second in the BIG EAST and among the top five outings in the country this season.

In her career, Barksdale has 121 career blocks, making her only the fifth player in school history to reach the century mark in career rejections. She also needs just three blocks to tie **Trena Keys** for fourth place on Notre Dame's career blocks list. In addition, she is averaging 1.7 blocks per game in her 71-game 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 23 of 26 charity tosses for a sparkling .885 free throw percentage — that figure would rank third in the BIG EAST Conference if she had enough attempts to qualify. The Lake Zurich, Ill., native also had made 13 consecutive free throws before missing her first attempt Monday against DePaul. Nevertheless, since the start of last season, she has made 88.9 percent of her foul shots (88-of-99).

Ratay is Notre Dame's career free throw percentage leader by a wide margin, connecting on 86.0 percent of her charities (172-of-200) in her three-year tenure with the Irish. **Mollie Peirick** (1994-98) is a distant second on the career free throw percentage list with an .819 ratio.

**NOTRE DAME AMONG NATIONAL ATTENDANCE LEADERS**

Notre Dame is ranked seventh in the nation, according to the latest unofficial attendance figures released Monday by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Department. The Irish have averaged 7,412 fans for their six home games, more than 1,000 ahead of last season's figures, 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 appears to have balanced out. 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 Dec. 22 with a win over Marquette. After opening BIG EAST Conference play Wednesday night at Miami, Notre Dame closes out this favorable stretch in the schedule Saturday against Providence and Jan. 9 against Seton Hall, with both games destined for the Joyce Center.

**A LITTLE COMPARISON SHOPPING**

Prior to the 2001-02 season, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** compared her team to the 1997-98 Irish squad. Through 12 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:

	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>2001-02</b>
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
12-game record (Top 25 opponents)	8-4 (3)	7-5 (3)
Final season result (record)	NCAA Sweet Sixteen (22-10)	??

**IRISH COMPLETE FAMILIAR 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



'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 .....	9-13
Marquette .....	23-4
Michigan .....	6-6
Purdue .....	4-10
Rice .....	1-1
USC .....	3-1
Valparaiso .....	15-0
Western Michigan .....	7-0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>71-37 (.657)</b>

**BIG EAST CONFERENCE**

Boston College .....	6-3
Connecticut .....	2-12
Georgetown .....	15-1
Miami .....	12-2
Pittsburgh .....	10-0
<b>Providence .....</b>	<b>8-0</b>
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
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>113-32 (.779)</b>
<b>TOTAL VS. '01-02 OPPONENTS ....</b>	<b>184-69 (.727)</b>

— 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 12 games of the 2001-02 campaign. Notre Dame's freshmen have accounted for 45.2 percent of the points (357 of 789), 47.7 percent of the rebounds (254 of 533) and 38.9 percent of the minutes (934 of 2400) recorded by the Irish this season. Additionally, Notre Dame 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 11 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 12 games this season, Severe is third on the team with 7.8 points per game and leads the squad with 4.9 assists per game, ranking seventh 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 been adept at distributing the ball to her teammates, leading the team in assists in 10 games and dealing at least five assists six times, including a career-high eight handouts against Purdue and Western Michigan. She also has proven to be a scoring threat when necessary, pouring in a career-high 17 points against USC and reaching double figures five times this season.

**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 44.4 rebounds per game through 12 games in 2001-02, owning a +8.2 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 9.3 rebounds per game (ranking second in the BIG EAST Conference), while center **Teresa Borton** is tied for second with 5.3 caroms per contest. Additionally, the Irish have been potent on the offensive glass, collecting 15 offensive rebounds per game. Batteast and Borton also are setting the pace in that category — Batteast has 37 offensive boards (3.08 oppg.), ranking seventh in the BIG EAST, while Borton has corralled 31 offensive caroms (2.58), tying for 11th in the conference.

**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 93-1 (.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 six times during the 2001-02 season, turning the trick in all six of their home games — Valparaiso (35 points), Army (57), USC (49), Western Michigan (48), Marquette (33) and DePaul (50).

**... 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**

The 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 72 triples in their last 11 games (6.5 per game), including a school-record 13 treys at Miami on Wednesday night. The Irish have now made at least one three-pointer in 157 of their last 159 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 Valparaiso, while Batteast scored two points and grabbed five boards against the Crusaders.

**McGRAW REACHES COACHING MILESTONE AGAINST DEPAUL**

**Muffet McGraw** coached her 450th game at Notre Dame Monday afternoon against DePaul. She owns a 329-122 (.729) record in her 15th season with the Irish, making her the winningest coach in school history and fourth on the BIG EAST Conference career wins list behind Connecticut's **Geno Auremma** (440), Rutgers' **Theresa Grentz** (434) and Villanova's **Harry Perretta** (424).

In addition, McGraw is the sixth coach to work 450 games at a BIG EAST Conference school. Three of those coaches are still active in the league — Perretta (674), Auremma (538) and Seton Hall's **Phyllis Mangina** (469). Grentz (584) and Virginia Tech's **Carol Alfano** (540) are the other BIG EAST mentors who reached that milestone.

**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 one point in the Associated Press poll and 11 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 44 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 Saturday afternoon when the Irish open their BIG EAST home schedule against Providence at 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

**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
<b>16. Alicia Ratay (1999-present) .....</b>	<b>1,077</b>
17. Carrie Bates (1981-85) .....	1,060
18. Mollie Peirick (1994-98) .....	1,034
19. Kelley Siemon (1997-2001) .....	1,006
— <b>Ericka Haney (1998-present) .....</b>	<b>862</b>

**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
<b>6.</b>	<b>11/18/01</b>	<b>Valparaiso</b>	<b>W, 42-35</b>	<b>7,960</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>12/9/01</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>W, 62-49</b>	<b>7,595</b>
8.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530
9.	12/9/00	#6 Purdue	W, 72-61	7,330
<b>10.</b>	<b>11/26/01</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>W, 89-57</b>	<b>7,323</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>12/12/01</b>	<b>W. Michigan</b>	<b>W, 71-48</b>	<b>7,310</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>12/31/01</b>	<b>DePaul</b>	<b>W, 79-50</b>	<b>7,154</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>12/22/01</b>	<b>Marquette</b>	<b>W, 60-33</b>	<b>7,132</b>
14.	2/7/01	Pittsburgh	W, 72-58	7,025
15.	1/7/94	#1 Tennessee	L, 70-105	6,886
16.	2/20/01	Miami	W, 81-43	6,533
17.	1/18/96	#3 Connecticut	L, 64-87	6,501
18.	1/23/99	St. John's	W, 99-60	6,384
19.	1/31/01	Providence	W, 64-44	6,131
20.	1/13/01	Virginia Tech	W, 75-55	5,873

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



**FIRST BIG EAST TELECONFERENCE SLATED FOR JAN. 7**

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2001-02 season, the first of which is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 7. Each of the 14 league head coaches will be available for eight minutes in a pre-arranged format.

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact Notre Dame assistant sports information director **Chris Masters** for the phone number.

Here is a complete listing of the times when each BIG EAST coach will be available (all times EST and subject to change):

- 11:00 a.m. - Ferne Labati, Miami
- 11:08 a.m. - Darcel Estep, St. John's
- 11:16 a.m. - Cathy Inglese, Boston College
- 11:24 a.m. - Mike Carey, West Virginia
- 11:32 a.m. - Bonnie Henrickson, Virginia Tech
- 11:40 a.m. - Jim Jabir, Providence
- 11:48 a.m. - Patrick Knapp, Georgetown
- 11:56 a.m. - Phyllis Mangina, Seton Hall
- 12:04 p.m. - Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame**
- 12:12 p.m. - Traci Waites, Pittsburgh
- 12:20 p.m. - C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers
- 12:28 p.m. - Harry Perretta, Villanova
- 12:36 p.m. - Marianna Freeman, Syracuse
- 12:44 p.m. - Geno Auriemma, Connecticut

leading basketball coaches, journalists and administrators, honors a Men's and Women's Outstanding Contributor to Basketball. The 2001-02 Naismith Award will 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 **Ericka 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 was named a first team freshman All-American by the *Women's Basketball News Service* and was 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 **Ericka 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, 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 494-221 (.691), putting them just six 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 Jan. 3):

<u>School</u>	<u>Career Wins</u>	<u>Next Game</u>
Missouri .....	494 .....	1/6 at Oklahoma State
<b>NOTRE DAME .....</b>	<b>493 .....</b>	<b>1/5 vs. Providence</b>
Maine .....	493 .....	1/6 at Stony Brook
Illinois State .....	491 .....	1/4 at Northern Iowa
Middle Tennessee .....	491 .....	1/5 vs. Florida International



**NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS**

Notre Dame has won 147 games in the last five-plus seasons, which ties for the fourth-most wins of any school in the country. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since the start of the 1996-97 campaign (through games of Jan. 3):

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>'96-'97</u>	<u>'97-'98</u>	<u>'98-'99</u>	<u>'99-'00</u>	<u>'00-'01</u>	<u>'01-'02</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	15	179
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	11	174
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	8	162
4. <b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>147</b>
Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	6	147

**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 44 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.

In addition, Notre Dame sports a five-year, 29-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 69-2 (.972) at the Joyce Center in their last 71 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, sporting a 232-65 (.781) mark at the venerable facility. Last season, 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 82-4 (.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 underway for the 2001-02 campaign. Coming off the 2001 NCAA championship, there 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 six of Notre Dame's home games in 2001-02 have attracted more than 7,100 fans, placing them among the top 13 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 - 10/9, Michigan - 18/17 and Colorado State - 20/19) which are ranked in the Top 25 in the latest Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls. In addition, four Irish opponents (Boston College, DePaul, Syracuse and Virginia Tech) are receiving votes in one or both of the major rankings this week.

**BIG EAST COACHES' PRESEASON POLL**

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|--------------------------|------------|
| 1. Connecticut (11)      | 167        |
| 2. <b>NOTRE DAME (2)</b> | <b>155</b> |
| 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.

**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-Julienne 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-Julienne 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 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.

**REMEMBER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON WITH "NICE GIRLS FINISH FIRST"**

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 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 goes into putting together a championship team.

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 seven 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](http://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 last 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 paced the BIG EAST squad, 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 Jan. 4):

<b>Team Rankings</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>All Games</b>	<b>Conference Games</b>
Scoring Offense		9th at 65.8	
Scoring Defense		5th at 58.4	
Scoring Margin		t-6th at +7.3	
FT Percentage		13th at .624	
FG Percentage		9th at .426	
FG Percentage Defense	30th at .361	3rd at .340	
3-Point FG Percentage	32nd at .384	4th at .407	
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	2nd at .255	
Rebounding		2nd at 44.4	
Rebounding Defense	not kept	7th at 36.2	
Rebounding Margin	28th at +7.8	3rd at +8.2	
Blocked Shots	not kept	2nd at 5.83	
Assists	not kept	8th at 15.08	
Steals	not kept	12th at 7.58	
Turnover Margin	not kept	14th at (-4.0)	
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	8th at 0.80	

<b>Individual Rankings</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>All Games</b>	<b>Conference Games</b>
Scoring		Batteast, 4th at 15.2	
		Ratay, 10th at 13.7	
Rebounding		Batteast, 2nd at 9.3	
FG Percentage		Batteast, 12th at .440	
Assists		Severe, 7th at 4.92	
FT Percentage	Ratay, 4th at .957	Severe, t-11th at .667	
3-Point FG Percentage		Ratay, 2nd at .474	
3-Point FG Made		Ratay, 6th at 2.25	
Blocks		Batteast, 5th at 1.58	
Offensive Rebounds		Batteast, 7th at 3.08	
		Borton, t-11th at 2.58	
Defensive Rebounds		Batteast, 1st at 6.17	

**NOTRE DAME AMONG BEST IN ATHLETE 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%**

## NOTRE DAME VS. PROVIDENCE

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

**Overall Record: 7-5 (Home: 6-0, Away: 1-4, Neutral: 0-1); BIG EAST Conference Record: 1-0**

----- 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	L 61-72	L1	5-5		Batteast-23	Batteast-10	Severe-5	1,602
Dec. 31			DEPAUL	W 79-50	W1	6-5		Batteast-25	Batteast-14	two with 4	7,154
Jan. 2			at Miami*	W 69-65	W2	7-5	1-0	Ratay-23	Batteast-13	Batteast-6	1,094
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

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## 2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

**Overall Record: 7-5 (Home: 6-0, Away: 1-4, Neutral: 0-1)**

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Jacqueline Batteast	12-12	356-29.7	74-168	.440	17-47	.362	17-26	.654	37	74	111	9.3	29-0	26	33	19	17	182	15.2
Alicia Ratay	12-12	411-34.2	57-122	.467	27-57	.474	23-26	.885	19	45	64	5.3	17-0	26	24	1	13	164	13.7
Le'Tania Severe	12-12	344-28.7	29-70	.414	4-10	.400	32-48	.667	10	36	46	3.8	25-0	59	59	7	22	94	7.8
Teresa Borton	12-6	247-20.6	27-63	.429	0-0	.000	11-26	.423	31	32	63	5.3	27-0	11	13	3	6	65	5.4
Ericka Haney	12-8	235-19.6	28-75	.373	0-0	.000	9-17	.529	22	38	60	5.0	24-0	10	23	5	11	65	5.4
Jeneka Joyce	12-4	236-19.7	21-45	.467	12-31	.387	8-17	.471	5	20	25	2.1	10-0	18	18	0	4	62	5.2
Amanda Barksdale	8-6	141-17.6	17-33	.515	0-0	.000	6-11	.545	8	20	28	3.5	19-1	5	11	29	3	40	5.0
Allison Bustamante	6-0	55-9.2	9-20	.450	6-10	.600	1-3	.333	1	11	12	2.0	7-0	4	5	1	0	25	4.2
Katy Flecky	11-0	129-11.7	14-32	.438	0-0	.000	16-22	.727	12	24	36	3.3	16-0	9	16	5	6	44	4.0
Kelsey Wicks	11-0	132-12.0	14-38	.368	6-18	.333	7-10	.700	14	16	30	2.7	18-0	4	12	0	4	41	3.7
Karen Swanson	5-0	22-4.4	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	0	3	3	0.6	3-0	1	2	0	0	5	1.0
Monique Hernandez	11-0	76-6.9	1-12	.083	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	3	2	5	0.5	9-0	7	5	0	5	2	0.2
Jill Krause	5-0	16-3.2	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.4	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team									18	30	48	4.0					4		
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>293-687</b>	<b>.426</b>	<b>72-177</b>	<b>.407</b>	<b>131-210</b>	<b>.624</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>204-1</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>65.8</b>
Opponents	12		243-715	.340	53-208	.255	162-248	.653	169	265	434	36.2	194-1	153	178	39	111	701	58.4

## 2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Conference Only

**BIG EAST Conference Record: 1-0 (Home: 0-0, Away: 1-0)**

<i>Player</i>	<i>GP-GS</i>	<i>Min.-Avg.</i>	<i>FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>3FG-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>FT-A</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>OR</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>Tot.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>PF-DQ</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>T</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>Pts.</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Alicia Ratay	1-1	39-39.0	8-13	.615	7-9	.778	0-0	.000	1	5	6	6.0	3-0	3	3	0	3	23	23.0
Jacqueline Batteast	1-1	39-39.0	5-16	.313	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	4	9	13	13.0	3-0	6	3	1	0	12	12.0
Jeneka Joyce	1-0	27-27.0	2-5	.400	2-5	.400	3-5	.600	1	3	4	4.0	1-0	4	1	0	1	9	9.0
Allison Bustamante	1-0	15-15.0	3-4	.750	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	1-0	2	2	0	0	8	8.0
Teresa Borton	1-0	21-21.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	3	4	4.0	1-0	0	2	1	0	7	7.0
Amanda Barksdale	1-1	18-18.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	2-0	0	2	1	0	4	4.0
Ericka Haney	1-1	15-15.0	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	2	2	2.0	2-0	2	2	0	1	4	4.0
Katy Flecky	1-0	9-9.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	1-0	0	1	1	0	2	2.0
Le'Tania Severe	1-1	14-14.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	2	6	0	1	0	0.0
Kelsey Wicks	1-0	3-3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
Team									1	4	5	5.0							
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>25-48</b>	<b>.521</b>	<b>13-24</b>	<b>.542</b>	<b>6-11</b>	<b>.545</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>15-0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69.0</b>
Opponents	1		27-69	.391	4-22	.182	7-16	.438	16	19	35	35.0	15-0	16	9	2	17	65	65.0

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## 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 ( <i>min. 25 attempts</i> ) .....	52.1 (25-48) at Miami, 1/2/02
Three-Point Field Goals Made .....	13* at Miami, 1/2/02
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts .....	28* vs. Army, 11/26/01
Three-Point Percentage ( <i>min. 10 attempts</i> ) .....	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 ( <i>min. 10 attempts</i> ) .....	79.2 (19-24) at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds .....	60 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Personal Fouls .....	26 at Rice, 12/28/01
Assists .....	20, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
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 .....	69, Miami, 1/2/02
Field Goal Percentage ( <i>min. 25 attempts</i> ) .....	50.0 (29-58), Michigan, 12/2/01
Three-Point Field Goals Made .....	8, Arizona, 11/24/01
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts .....	28, DePaul, 12/31/01
Three-Point Percentage ( <i>min. 10 attempts</i> ) .....	42.9 (6-14), Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throws Made .....	26, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Attempts .....	40, Rice, 12/28/01
Free Throw Percentage ( <i>min. 10 attempts</i> ) .....	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 .....	17, Miami, 1/2/02

\* 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 .....	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 .....	00.0 (0-2) vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Free Throws Made .....	6, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Free Throw Attempts .....	10 at Purdue, 12/6/01
Free Throw Percentage .....	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, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)

### 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 .....	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 .....	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 .....	33.3 (4-12), Valparaiso, 11/18/01
Rebounds .....	29, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Personal Fouls .....	10, Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists .....	5, DePaul, 12/31/01
Turnovers .....	9, Miami, 1/2/02
Blocked Shots .....	1, twice (MR: DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals .....	6, twice (MR: DePaul, 12/31/01)

## 2001-02 Miscellaneous Statistics

#### Starting Combos (F-F-C-G-G) & W-L Marks ..... All Games .... vs. BIG EAST teams

Batteast, Haney, Borton, Ratay, Severe .....	2-4 .....	0-0
Batteast, Joyce (G), Barksdale, Ratay, Severe .....	3-1 .....	0-0
Batteast, Haney, Barksdale, Ratay, Severe .....	2-0 .....	1-0

**Complete Games Played:** 1 (Ratay) // Opponents: 3  
Most Minutes: 40 (Alicia Ratay vs. Valparaiso, 11/18)

#### Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 31 (Batteast 11, Ratay 11, Severe 5, Barksdale 1, Borton 1, Haney 1, Joyce 1) // Opponents: 31  
20-29-Point Games: 4 (Batteast 3, Ratay 1) // Opponents: 4  
Game-High Scoring Honors: 9 (Batteast 6, Ratay 2, Borton 1)  
Team-High Scoring Honors: 12 (Batteast 6, Ratay 5, Borton 1)

#### Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 8 (Batteast 7, Haney 1) // Opponents: 3  
Game-High Rebounding Honors: 10 (Batteast 6, Haney 2, Borton 1, Ratay 1)  
Team-High Rebounding Honors: 16 (Batteast 10, Haney 2, Severe 2, Borton 1, Ratay 1)

#### Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0  
Game-High Assist Honors: 10 (Severe 9, Ratay 1)  
Team-High Assist Honors: 12 (Severe 10, Batteast 1, Ratay 1)

#### Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 8 (Batteast 7 - CSU, ARMY, WMU, MARQ, RICE, DEP, MIA; Haney 1 - WMU) // Opponents: 3  
Points/Assists: 0 // Opponents: 0

#### Largest Lead

ND: 32 — 89-57 (0:01, 2nd) vs. Army (ND 89-57), 11/26  
Opp: 20, twice — 68-48 (1:56, 2nd) and 70-50 (1:27, 2nd) at Purdue (PUR 70-57), 12/6

**Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win:** 5 — 42-37 (16:53, 2nd) at Miami (ND 69-65), 1/2

**Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win:** 1 (36-35) at Miami (ND 69-65), 1/2

**Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss:** 8 — 49-41 (15:42, 2nd) at Arizona (UA 72-70), 11/24

**Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss:** None



## 2001-02 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Biography Updates

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

Has played in eight games (six starts) this season, averaging 17.6 minutes per game ... charting 5.0 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.6 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 ... outings against Marquette and USC stand first and second among single-game performances in BIG EAST this season ... ranks second in school history with 1.7 blocks per game and fifth with 121 career blocks (needs three to catch Trena Keys for fourth place).

	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, twice (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	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, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)	2, four times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	1, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	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 12 games for the Irish as a true freshman, averaging 29.7 minutes per game ... leads team in scoring (15.2 ppg.) and rebounding (9.3 rpg.) and ranks second on team with 1.6 blocks per game ... ranks fourth in BIG EAST in scoring, second in rebounding and fifth in blocked shots ... tied for first in BIG EAST with six double-doubles ... has scored in double figures in her last 11 games and has double-doubles in last five contests ... 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 12 rebounds against Army ... carded double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds against Western Michigan ... despite missing most of first half with foul trouble, still logged her fourth double-double of year with 11 points and 12 rebounds against Marquette ... registered fifth double-double with 23 points (10-16 FG) and 10 rebounds at Rice ... recorded sixth double-double with career bests of 25 points and 14 rebounds vs. DePaul ... compiled seventh double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds in BIG EAST opener at Miami ... averaging 18.2 points and 11.8 rebounds per game with five double-doubles in last five games.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	25 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Field Goals	10, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
3-pt Field Goals	3 vs. Michigan, 12/2/01
Free Throws	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Rebounds	14 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Assists	6 at Miami, 1/2/02
Steals	5 vs. USC, 12/9/01
Blocks	4 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Minutes	39 at Miami, 1/2/02

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

Has played in all 12 games for the Irish, starting six as a true freshman and averaging 20.6 minutes per outing ... carding 5.4 points and 5.3 rebounds per game, ranking fourth and second on team, respectively ... nearly half (31) of her 63 rebounds are offensive — tied for 11th in BIG EAST Conference in that category (2.58 orpg) ... 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 ... came off bench to score eight points against DePaul ... added seven points and four rebounds at Miami ... averaging 7.5 ppg. and shooting 75 percent (6-8) from floor in last two games.

	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, five times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)
Blocks	1, three times (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Minutes	34 vs. Valparaiso, 11/18/01

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

Has appeared in six games, averaging 9.2 minutes per outing ... notching 4.2 points and 2.0 rebounds per game ... has made six of her 10 three-point attempts (60 percent) this season ... 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 ... missed next four games (Dec. 2-12) after suffering high right ankle sprain in practice Nov. 28 ... made impressive comeback from injury with six points (2-of-3 from three-point line) and four rebounds against Marquette ... scored five points vs. DePaul ... had best outing to date in return to her hometown of Miami, scoring career-high eight points (3-4 FG, 2-3 3FG) in 15 minutes against Hurricanes.

	Season/Career Highs
Points	8 at Miami, 1/2/02
Field Goals	3 at Miami, 1/2/02
3-pt Field Goals	2, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Free Throws	1 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Rebounds	4, twice (MR: vs. Marquette, 12/22/01)
Assists	2 at Miami, 1/2/02
Steals	None
Blocks	1 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Minutes	15 at Miami, 1/2/02

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

Has appeared in 11 games for Notre Dame, averaging 11.7 minutes per game ... tallying 4.0 points and 3.3 rebounds per game ... second on team with .727 free throw percentage (16-22) ... saw first collegiate action against Valparaiso ... had solid return to home state with six points and eight rebounds at Colorado State ... carded career-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 ... matched career best with nine points and led team with career-high four assists vs. DePaul.

	<b>Season/Career Highs</b>
Points	9, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Field Goals	3, twice (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Free Throws	5 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	8 at Colorado State, 11/21/01
Assists	4 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
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 12 games this season, starting eight times and averaging 19.6 minutes per game ... logging 5.4 points and 5.0 rebounds per contest, ranking fourth on team in both departments ... 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 ... collected seven rebounds (four offensive) and season-high three assists at Rice ... returned to starting lineup against DePaul and grabbed six rebounds.

	<b>Season Highs</b>	<b>Career Highs</b>
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. Western Michigan, 12/12/01	14 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Assists	3 at Rice, 12/28/01	5 vs. Georgia, 11/24/00
Steals	2, three times (MR: at Rice, 12/28/01)	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

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

Has played in all 12 games (four starts) for Notre Dame, averaging 19.7 minutes per outing ... logging 5.2 points and 2.1 rebounds per game ... owns second-best field goal (.467) percentage and third-best three-point ratio (.387) on team ... 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 ... notched nine points and added season highs of four rebounds and four assists in BIG EAST opener at Miami.

	<b>Season Highs</b>	<b>Career Highs</b>
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	3 at Miami, 1/2/02	3, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Rebounds	4, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)	Same
Assists	4 at Miami, 1/2/02	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 five games for the Irish this season ... made first collegiate appearance against Army, grabbing two rebounds ... dished out first career assist vs. DePaul.

	<b>Season/Career Highs</b>
Points	None
Field Goals	None
3-pt Field Goals	None
Free Throws	None
Rebounds	2 vs. Army, 11/26/01
Assists	1 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
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 12 games for Notre Dame, averaging a team-high 34.2 minutes per game ... leads team with .474 three-point percentage and second in scoring (13.7 ppg.), assists (2.2 apg.) and rebounds (5.3 rpg.) ... also has made a team-high 27 three-point field goals ... would rank among BIG EAST Conference leaders in free throw percentage (.885) but does not have enough attempts to qualify ... ranks 10th in BIG EAST in scoring, second in three-point percentage and sixth in three-point field goals made (2.25 per game) ... has scored in double figures in 11 games this season and 41 of her last 48 games ... also has reached double digits in scoring 61 times in her 80-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 16th on ND career list with 1,077 points)... tallied 14 points at Rice ... posted 16 points and tied for team lead with season-high four assists against DePaul ... erupted for season-best 23 points and tied career high with seven three-point field goals (on nine attempts) at Miami — seven treys also equals most by BIG EAST player this season.

	<b>Season Highs</b>	<b>Career Highs</b>
Points	23 at Miami, 1/2/02	32 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
Field Goals	8, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)	12 vs. North Carolina, 12/4/99
3-pt Field Goals	7 at Miami, 1/2/02	7, twice (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
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	4 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01	7 vs. Butler, 12/1/99
Steals	3 at Miami, 1/2/02	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 12 games at point guard, playing 28.7 minutes per night ... ranks third on team with 7.8 points per game and leads squad with 4.9 assists per outing ... ranks seventh in BIG EAST in assists and 11th in free throw percentage (.667) ... has scored in double figures five 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 per-

sonal 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 ... scored 10 points (6-6 FT) at Rice.

	<b>Season Highs</b>	<b>Career Highs</b>
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 five games this season ... made first appearance of year against Army, matching her career high with five points in seven minutes ... played six minutes against DePaul.

	<b>Season Highs</b>	<b>Career Highs</b>
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 11 games for the Irish this season, averaging 12.0 minutes per contest ... tallying 3.7 points and 2.7 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 ... tallied eight points, including two three-point field goals, and pulled down four rebounds against DePaul.

	<b>Season/Career Highs</b>
Points	9 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Field Goals	3 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
3-pt Field Goals	2 vs. DePaul, 12/31/01
Free Throws	4 at Arizona, 11/24/01
Rebounds	6 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01
Assists	1, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 12/31/01)
Steals	1, four times (MR: at Miami, 1/2/02)
Blocks	None
Minutes	21 vs. Western Michigan, 12/12/01







## NOTRE DAME VS. PROVIDENCE

Notre Dame 69, Miami 65

Jan. 2, 2002

Knight Sports Complex (Coral Gables, Fla.)

### Notre Dame (69)

<i>Player</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>fg-a</i>	<i>3fg-a</i>	<i>ft-a</i>	<i>reb</i>	<i>ast</i>	<i>pf</i>	<i>tp</i>
Haney	15	2-5	0-0	0-1	2	2	2	4
Batteast	39	5-16	2-7	0-1	13	6	3	12
Barksdale	18	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	4
Severe	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0
Ratay	39	8-13	7-9	0-0	6	3	3	23
Joyce	27	2-5	2-5	3-5	4	4	1	9
Borton	21	2-2	0-0	3-4	4	0	1	7
Wicks	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Flecky	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	2
Bustamante	15	3-4	2-3	0-0	2	2	1	8
Team					5			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-48</b>	<b>13-24</b>	<b>6-11</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>69</b>

### Miami (65)

<i>Player</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>fg-a</i>	<i>3fg-a</i>	<i>ft-a</i>	<i>reb</i>	<i>ast</i>	<i>pf</i>	<i>tp</i>
Wilkins	12	2-6	0-0	0-1	4	0	1	4
Fowler	38	0-2	0-0	0-0	9	6	3	0
Hartlaub	32	5-7	0-0	0-0	4	2	4	10
James	40	6-16	3-12	2-4	5	1	1	17
Saake	40	5-16	0-7	0-0	4	7	1	10
Knight	3	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	2
Bodley	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Broussard	32	8-19	1-2	5-11	7	0	4	22
Team					1			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-69</b>	<b>4-22</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>65</b>

Notre Dame	35	34	--	69
Miami	36	29	--	65

**FG Pct:** Notre Dame 52.1, Miami 39.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 54.2, Miami 18.2. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 54.5, Miami 43.8. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Miami 9. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4, Miami 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 7 (Ratay 3), Miami 17 (James, Saake 6). **Attendance:** 1,094.