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NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2004-05 Irish Schedule/Results (11-1, 0-0 BIG EAST)

November

12	#	(10/11) Illinois State	W, 92-73
14	#	(10/11) Nebraska	W, 73-57
17	#	(11/10) Duke (6/6)	W, 76-65
20	#	(11/10) Ohio State (10/9)	W, 66-62
22		(6/6) Colorado State	W, 69-47
26		(6/6) at USC	W, 60-56
30		(3/3) at Valparaiso	W, 69-59

December

2		(3/3) Michigan St. (15/15)	L, 73-82 (ot)
9		(7/5) at Dayton	W, 65-39
11		(7/5) Washington	W, 72-58
19		(7/5) at Marquette	W, 50-47
30		(6/4) at Northern Illinois	W, 73-49

January

2	*	Seton Hall	2:00 ET
5	*	Syracuse	7:00 ET
9	*	at Villanova (BETV)	2:00 ET
12	*	Connecticut (CSTV)	8:00 ET
16	\$	Purdue (ESPN2)	5:00 ET
19	*	at Syracuse	7:00 ET
23	*	Rutgers (BETV)	2:00 ET
26	*	St. John's (COM)	7:00 ET
30	*	at Connecticut (ESPN2)	7:00 ET

February

2	*	Boston College	7:00 ET
5	*	at Pittsburgh	2:00 ET
9	*	at Providence	7:30 ET
12	*	Georgetown (COM)	2:00 ET
15	*	at Boston College (CSTV)	7:00 ET
19	*	at Rutgers	Noon ET
26	*	West Virginia (COM)	2:00 ET

March

1	*	at Seton Hall	7:00 ET
5-8	%	BIG EAST Championship	
19-22		NCAA First/Second Rounds (ESPN)	
26-29		NCAA Regionals (ESPN)	

April

3-5		NCAA Final Four (Indianapolis, Ind.)	
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* BIG EAST Conference game

Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (contested at campus sites)

\$ BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

% To be played at Hartford Civic Center (Hartford, Conn.)

(COM) Game to be televised on Comcast Local (Detroit)

(CSTV) Game to be televised on College Sports Television

(ESPN/ESPN2) Game to be televised on ESPN or ESPN2

(BETV) Game to be televised on BIG EAST TV package

Numbers before opponent name indicate Notre Dame's ranking in AP and ESPN/USA Today polls at tipoff; numbers after opponent name indicate its ranking; one number indicates AP rank only.

Boldface indicates home game played at Joyce Center (11,418)
All times are local to site // Dates and times subject to change

GAME 13

(#6 AP/#4 ESPN/USA Today) **Notre Dame Fighting Irish (11-1, 0-0)**
vs. **Seton Hall Pirates (8-3, 0-0)**

The Date and Time: Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, at 2 p.m. ET.

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

The Tickets: Still available through the Notre Dame athletics ticket office (574-631-7356) or at the Joyce Center Gate 10 ticket windows on game day.

The Radio Plans: Sunday's game will be broadcast live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend with **Sean Stires** (play-by-play) and former Irish standout **Sara Liebscher** (analysis) calling the action. These broadcasts also are available through the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com.

Real-Time Statistics: Live in-game statistics, courtesy of College Sports Online's GameTracker, are available for the Seton Hall game, via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) athletics web site.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Seton Hall (www.shupirates.com).

#6/4 NOTRE DAME TIPS OFF CONFERENCE PLAY SUNDAY AT HOME AGAINST SETON HALL

Following one of the most successful pre-conference seasons in school history, No. 6/4 Notre Dame hopes it will find more of the same good fortune when it plays host to Seton Hall Sunday at 2 p.m. (ET) in the BIG EAST Conference opener for both teams. Since playing their five games of the season at the Joyce Center, the Irish have been at home only twice in the ensuing 40 days. However, they will find themselves on familiar ground during the upcoming month, playing six of their next eight before the Irish faithful.

Notre Dame (11-1, 0-0 BIG EAST) picked up its fourth consecutive win and remained unbeaten in five road games this season with a 73-49 victory at Northern Illinois on Thursday night. The game turned out to be a simple matter of shooting efficiency, as the Irish connected on 51 percent of their field goal attempts while holding the Huskies to an opponent season-low .236 field goal percentage.

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** scored a game-high 21 points for Notre Dame, while freshman guard **Tulyah Gaines** came off the bench to post new career highs with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Seton Hall (8-3, 0-0) has won six in a row after claiming the Carolina Classic championship with a 53-42 victory at South Carolina on Thursday night. Tournament MVP Ashley Bush paced the Pirates with a double-double (12 points, 14 rebounds).

Bush leads SHU in scoring (12.5 ppg.) and rebounding (7.8 rpg.), while ranking among the top 20 in the BIG EAST in both categories.

Seton Hall head coach Phyllis Mangina is in her 20th season at her alma mater, sporting a 282-274 (.507) record. She is 3-12 all-time vs. Notre Dame.

LAST IRISH GAME

#6/4 Notre Dame 73, Northern Illinois 49
December 30, 2004
Convocation Center (DeKalb, Ill.)

Notre Dame (73)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Batteast	30	8-12	1-1	4-4	3	2	3	21
Erwin	17	2-6	0-0	2-3	3	2	4	6
Borton	23	1-2	0-0	4-4	4	4	3	6
Duffy	25	3-8	2-5	1-2	2	1	3	9
Gray	25	3-6	0-0	0-0	5	0	0	6
Gaines	27	4-6	0-0	4-5	7	2	2	12
Allen	19	2-4	0-0	1-1	5	2	3	5
Powers	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2
Tsipis	4	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	2
D'Amico	9	0-1	0-0	2-4	3	1	4	2
LaVere	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2
Team					1			
Totals	200	25-49	3-6	20-25	35	15	22	73

Northern Illinois (49)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Wilson	11	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0
Wiener	33	4-9	0-0	6-9	3	3	5	14
Williamson	18	0-5	0-2	0-0	6	0	2	0
Raymond	39	2-14	1-9	10-12	8	2	2	15
Basic	37	3-12	3-7	0-0	4	1	2	9
Uptmor	22	2-3	0-0	1-2	3	0	4	5
Sillar	15	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0
Lowe	13	1-3	0-0	2-2	4	0	1	4
Verdegan	12	1-4	0-3	0-0	3	2	1	2
Team					4			
Totals	200	13-55	4-22	19-25	36	10	20	49

Notre Dame	36	37	--	73
Northern Illinois	26	23	--	49

FG Pct: Notre Dame 51.0, Northern Illinois 23.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, Northern Illinois 18.2. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 80.0, Northern Illinois 76.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 18, Northern Illinois 18. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5 (D'Amico 3), Northern Illinois 4. **Steals:** Notre Dame 12 (Borton 3), Northern Illinois 12 (Williamson 4). **Attendance:** 2,149.



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Dec. 27)

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous
1.	LSU (45)	11-0	1
2.	Duke	11-1	3
3.	Baylor	9-1	5
4.	Texas	6-2	4
5.	Stanford	8-1	2
6.	NOTRE DAME	10-1	7
7.	North Carolina	9-1	6
8.	Tennessee	8-2	9
9.	Ohio State	11-1	10
10.	Michigan State	10-1	11
11.	Connecticut	5-2	8
12.	Minnesota	9-2	13
13.	Texas Tech	7-2	12
14.	Boston College	8-1	14
15.	Vanderbilt	9-1	16
16.	Georgia	9-3	15
17.	Maryland	8-1	17
18.	Iowa	10-0	18
19.	DePaul	8-2	19
20.	Purdue	6-3	21
21.	Arizona State	8-2	NR
22.	Kansas State	6-2	23
23.	UCLA	6-3	20
24.	Rutgers	6-2	24
25.	New Mexico	8-1	NR

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Dec. 28)

Rk.	Team	Record	Previous
1.	LSU (40)	11-0	1
2.	Duke	11-1	3
3.	Texas	6-2	4
4.	NOTRE DAME	10-1	5
5.	North Carolina	9-1	6
6.	Stanford	9-1	2
7.	Ohio State	11-1	7
8.	Tennessee	8-2	10
9.	Baylor	9-1	9
10.	Michigan State	10-1	11
11.	Connecticut	6-2	8
12.	Minnesota	9-2	12
13.	Vanderbilt	9-1	13
14.	Texas Tech	7-2	14
15.	Georgia	9-3	15
16.	Boston College	8-1	16
17.	Maryland	8-1	17
18.	DePaul	8-2	18
19.	Iowa	10-0	20
20.	Purdue	6-3	19
21.	Kansas State	6-2	21
22.	Houston	9-2	22
23.	Arizona State	9-2	NR
24.	UCLA	6-3	23
25.	Arizona	9-2	25

Italics indicates 2004-05 Notre Dame opponents

A QUICK LOOK AT THE FIGHTING IRISH

With four starters and seven monogram winners back in the fold, Notre Dame would appear to have all the pieces in place for a magical 2004-05 season.

Tested early and often by both a rugged schedule (eight games in the first 20 days of the season) and demanding opposition (No. 6 Duke, No. 10 Ohio State and No. 15 Michigan State), the Irish have been up to the challenge, opening with seven consecutive victories and claiming the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT championship. The pollsters have apparently taken notice of Notre Dame's success, as the Irish have been a regular in the top 10 of both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls this season, checking in at No. 6 and No. 4, respectively in this week's polls.

Despite the added focus shown to her by opposing teams, senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was a major catalyst in the non-conference charge for the Irish, averaging 19.3 points (27th in the nation as of Dec. 20), 6.9 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game. She was named the Preseason WNIT Most Valuable Player and BIG EAST Player of the Week on Nov. 22 after logging a career-high 32 points in the WNIT championship game against Ohio State. She has scored in double digits in 10 Irish games this season and has been Notre Dame's leading scorer seven times. In addition, she has three double-doubles this year, most recently piling up game highs of 27 points and 10 rebounds, while hitting the game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer to beat Marquette. For her efforts in that game, she was named the conference Player of the Week for the second time this season on Dec. 20.

Junior guard **Megan Duffy** also has stepped up her play this season, registering 11.9 points and a team-high 4.5 assists and 2.8 steals per game. Duffy also leads Notre Dame and is tied for 11th in the nation with a .907 free throw percentage (49-for-54) this season, sparking the Irish to a league-leading .773 free throw ratio (12th in the NCAA as of Dec. 20).

Duffy's backcourt mate, sophomore **Breona Gray**, has also shown great improvement this year. Moving effortlessly into the starting lineup, the Las Vegas native has more than tripled her scoring average from last season (6.3 ppg.) and ranks second on the team with 17 steals (1.4 spg.).

Injuries also have not been enough to slow Notre Dame so far this season. When junior forward **Courtney LaVere** was sidelined in late November with minor knee surgery, sophomore forward **Crystal Erwin** stepped into the breach and filled the role nicely. In six starts, Erwin is averaging 9.3 points per game, including a career-high 24 points (on 9-for-9 shooting) against Washington on Dec. 11. Prior to this season, Erwin had scored in double figures only once in her career, but she has done so four times this year.

SOME POTENT NOTABLES ABOUT THE FIGHTING IRISH

- Notre Dame is off to a 11-1 start for only the second time in the program's history. The 2000-01 squad opened with a 23-game win streak en route to school's first national championship. The Irish reached the double-digit win mark Dec. 19 at Marquette, getting their 10th win faster than any team in school history (the '00-01 team did it two days later on Dec. 21, 2000).
- The Irish are 5-0 on the road this year, marking just the second time in school history they have won their first five true road games in a season. The 2000-01 club opened with a 10-game road winning streak to set the school standard. Ironically, Notre Dame struggled in true road games last year, losing its first four and six of its first seven on the opposition's floor.
- Notre Dame's defense has been especially sturdy of late, holding seven of its last eight opponents to less than 60 points, including three of the past four below 50 points.
- Notre Dame has been a fixture near the top of all major RPI charts this season. Through Dec. 31, the Irish are fourth in the *CollegeRPI.com* rankings, with the nation's 13th-toughest schedule.
- With this week's No. 6 ranking in the Associated Press poll, Notre Dame has appeared in the top 10 of the AP balloting seven times in the first eight polls of the year. On three other times in school history have the Irish spent longer in the AP top 10 — 1998-99 (16 weeks), 1999-2000 (15 weeks) and 2000-01 (18 weeks). All told, Notre Dame has spent 53 weeks in the AP top 10 and has a 96-16 (.857) all-time record when it's ranked in the top 10.
- The Irish have posted 32 wins over Top 25 opponents in the past seven seasons (1998-99 to present), including two in its first four games this year (76-65 vs. No. 6 Duke and 66-62 vs. No. 10 Ohio State).
- The Irish have defeated 20 top-10 opponents in their history, adding to that total with their victories over sixth-ranked Duke and 10th-ranked Ohio State in the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT.
- Head coach **Muffet McGraw** has a 395-150 (.725) record in 18 seasons with the Irish, which puts her just five victories shy of the 400-win mark for her Notre Dame career.

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NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
21	Jacqueline Batteast*	F	6-2	Sr.	19.3	6.9	3.5 apg	18.0 ppg., 7.5 rpg., .600 FG% in last four games
34	Crystal Erwin	F	6-1	So.	7.5	3.7	0.9 apg	Averaging 9.3 ppg. as starter (24 vs. Washington)
12	Teresa Borton*	C	6-3	Sr.	7.3	5.6	1.8 bpg	Snared 500th career rebound at Northern Illinois
13	Megan Duffy*	G	5-7	Jr.	11.9	3.1	4.5 apg	Leads BIG EAST in FT% (.907) and steals (2.8 spg.)
32	Breona Gray	G	5-7	So.	6.3	3.8	2.0 apg	Has tripled scoring avg. this year (11 pts. vs. UW)

OFF THE BENCH FOR THE IRISH

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
1	Tulyah Gaines	G	5-6	Fr.	2.9	1.6	1.3 apg	Career highs of 12 points, seven rebounds at NIU
2	Charel Allen	G	5-11	Fr.	7.3	4.7	1.8 apg	Had team-high 14 points in 16 minutes at Dayton
3	Susie Powers	G	5-10	So.	0.9	1.6	1.1 apg	Averaging 10.3 minutes in past four games
11	Amanda Tsipis	G	5-10	Fr.	0.8	0.0	0.2 apg	Walk-on frosh made pair of free throws at NIU
33	Melissa D'Amico	F/C	6-5	Fr.	2.8	2.3	0.8 bpg	Blocked personal-best three shots at No. Illinois
41	Courtney LaVere	F	6-3	Jr.	8.0	4.6	1.3 apg	Two pts. in nine min. at NIU (first game since 11/26)

Boldface indicates statistical leaders // * - indicates team captains

A QUICK LOOK AT SETON HALL

With three starters and nine letterwinners returning this season, Seton Hall has high hopes of returning to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995. The Pirates are certainly loaded with experienced veterans, who have helped SHU qualify for the postseason WNIT each of the past two seasons, and big things are expected of Seton Hall this year.

In what has become a common theme of late, the Pirates looked sharp during non-conference play, going 8-3 to open the season for the third time in the past five years (and second consecutive season). Seton Hall also comes into its matchup at Notre Dame as one of the hotter teams in the conference, having won six in a row to close out the month of December.

Sunday's contest also wraps up a three-game road swing for the Pirates, who came to South Bend after winning the Carolina Classic in Columbia, S.C., on Dec. 29-30 with wins over Campbell (59-41) and South Carolina (53-42). Sophomore guard Heta Korpivaara scored a career-high 20 points in the Campbell game, while senior forward/guard Ashley Bush collected a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds in the victory over South Carolina. In the latter contest, SHU held the Gamecocks to only 17 points in the first half, but had to fight through some shooting troubles of its own (.275 field goal percentage) in order to secure the win. Bush was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, while Korpivaara and senior guard Asia Carroll, who scored a game-high 14 points against South Carolina, earned spots on the all-tournament team.

Bush currently leads Seton Hall in scoring (12.5 ppg.), rebounding (7.8 rpg.) and steals (2.4 spg.), ranking among the top 20 in the BIG EAST in all three categories. Sophomore forward Monique Blake is second on the team in all three disciplines (12.3 ppg., 7.5 rpg., 1.2 spg.), while owning team-high honors in blocked shots (2.0 bpg., third in BIG EAST) and field goal percentage (.528).

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THE NOTRE DAME-SETON HALL SERIES

Although their series did not begin fairly recently (the 1993-94 season), Notre Dame and Seton Hall have become quite familiar with one another, playing a total of 15 times in the past 11 seasons, including dual matchups in four campaigns (1995-96, 1996-97, 1998-99 and 2001-02). The Irish hold a 12-3 lead in the series with the Pirates, including a 6-1 advantage at the Joyce Center.

The first two times Notre Dame and Seton Hall played, the games took place outside the confines of the BIG EAST Conference, which the Irish did not join until 1995-96. The Pirates won both of those initial contests (62-55 in 1993; 60-55 in overtime in 1994) en route to an NCAA Sweet Sixteen berth and an NCAA second-round appearance, respectively.

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	SHU
Overall/BIG EAST record	11-1/0-0	8-3/0-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	6/4	NR

SCORING

Points scored per game	69.8	58.0
Points allowed per game	57.8	55.4
Field goal percentage	.441	.398
Three-point percentage	.355	.306
Free throw percentage	.773	.710

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	38.8	40.0
Opponent rebs. per game	36.9	33.5
Rebounding margin	+1.9	+6.5

OTHER

Assists per game	16.8	10.8
Turnovers per game	16.3	16.1
Assist/turnover ratio	1.04	0.67
Blocked shots per game	5.4	5.7
Steals per game	10.3	7.9

THE KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly radio show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** airs at 7 p.m. (Central time) each Thursday on ESPN Radio 1000 in Chicago (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). Now in its fifth season, "The Kevin White Show" 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 SETON HALL SERIES

Series: Notre Dame leads 12-3. Games Played at Notre Dame: Notre Dame leads 6-1.

Date	Site	Result	Score
12/11/93	Notre Dame, Ind.	L	55-62
11/26/94	South Orange, N.J.	L (ot)	55-60
1/2/96	South Orange, N.J.	W (ot)	88-79
3/4/96	Storrs, Conn. *	W	69-58
1/2/97	South Orange, N.J.	W	87-47
2/22/97	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	75-61
1/31/98	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	91-35
1/20/99	South Orange, N.J.	W	87-47
2/6/99	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	77-49
1/11/00	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	80-52
1/21/01	South Orange, N.J.	W	72-47
1/9/02	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	79-45
2/2/02	South Orange, N.J.	W	65-60
3/1/03	Notre Dame, Ind.	W	62-60
2/8/04	South Orange, N.J.	L	45-51

* - BIG EAST Championship

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	1,087	72.5
Seton Hall	813	54.2

Current Win Streak: Seton Hall - 1 game
 Muffet McGraw vs. Seton Hall: 12-3
 Phyllis Mangina vs. Notre Dame: 3-12
 ND Biggest Win: 56 (91-35 on 1/31/98)
 SHU Biggest Win: 7 (62-55 on 12/11/93)
 ND Longest Win Streak: 12 (1996-2003)
 SHU Longest Win Streak: 2 (1993-94)

WHEN THE GAME IS ON THE LINE ...

Here's a look at Notre Dame's performance at the free throw line in the final five minutes of regulation and overtime this season:

Charel Allen	8-8 (1.000)
Tulyah Gaines	5-5 (1.000)
Amanda Tsipis	2-2 (1.000)
Megan Duffy	24-28 (.857)
Jacqueline Batteast	6-7 (.857)
Courtney LaVere	4-5 (.800)
Crystal Erwin	1-2 (.500)
Breona Gray	1-2 (.500)
Teresa Borton	1-3 (.333)
Melissa D'Amico	1-5 (.200)
TOTAL	53-67 (.791)

Since the Irish and Pirates began squaring off annually as members of the BIG EAST, Notre Dame has had the upper hand, winning 12 of the 13 league games, including once in the conference tournament. In fact, the Irish had won their first 12 BIG EAST games with SHU before the Pirates got their first conference victory over Notre Dame last season with a 51-45 conquest in South Orange, N.J.

Sunday's game is the first of two meetings between Notre Dame and Seton Hall this season. The Irish and Pirates will close out the regular season on March 1 in South Orange.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND SETON HALL MET

Reserve center LaNedra Brown scored all 10 of her points in the final 9:21, leading Seton Hall to a 51-45 victory over No. 23 Notre Dame on Feb. 8, 2004 at Walsh Gym in South Orange, N.J.

Melissa Langelier scored 13 points and made four free throws in the final 25 seconds for Seton Hall (13-8, 5-5 BIG EAST), which earned its first victory over the Irish since Nov. 26, 1994, a span of 13 games.

The loss snapped a five-game winning streak for Notre Dame (14-8, 7-3).

Ashley Bush's drive put Seton Hall ahead 43-41 with 3:21 left. Notre Dame forward **Jacqueline Batteast**, who was in foul trouble all game and finished with nine points, six below her season average, made one free throw with 2:11 remaining to cut it to 43-42.

With the shot clock winding down, Brown hit a 14-foot jumper with 43 seconds left. She and Langelier then iced the win by combining to hit all six of their free throws in the final half-minute.

The teams took turns exchanging the lead in a tight second half. A layup by **Courtney LaVere** and a three-point play by Le'Tania Severe gave the Irish a 33-29 lead with 12:02 left, but Seton Hall regained the lead at 41-40 on two free throws by Langelier with 4:40 to go. Notre Dame then tied it on a free throw by LaVere before Bush put Seton Hall back on top.

The Irish went on a 10-0 run in the first half, led by two power post moves from reserve forward **Crystal Erwin**. Batteast and center **Teresa Borton** also added baskets inside during the spurt, helping Notre Dame take a 14-10 lead with 11:50 remaining in the first half. The Irish extended their lead to 21-13, the biggest by either team in the game, and were up 23-17 at halftime.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND SETON HALL MET AT THE JOYCE CENTER

Katy Flecky canned two free throws with two seconds to play, lifting Notre Dame to a 62-60 victory over Seton Hall in BIG EAST Conference action on March 1, 2003, at the Joyce Center.

Courtney LaVere tossed in a game-high 20 points for Notre Dame, including the game-tying layup with 7.8 seconds remaining. It was the fifth 20-point game of her rookie season for LaVere, who made seven of 13 shots and six of seven free throws. In her final home game, Alicia Ratay also scored a game-best 20 points and became Notre Dame's career three-point field goal leader with 252 treys, three more than the previous record holder, Sheila McMillen.

Jacqueline Batteast narrowly missed her seventh double-double of the 2002-03 season, finishing with 11 points and nine rebounds for Notre Dame. Le'Tania Severe chipped in with a season-high seven assists for Notre Dame, which shot 56 percent from the field in the second half.

Leslie Ardon paced three Seton Hall players in double figures with 16 points, as well as a game-high 10 rebounds. Melissa Langelier came off the bench to tally 13 points, including three three-pointers, and Cecilia Lindqvist contributed 10 points for the Pirates.

LAST IRISH GAME VS. SETON HALL

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Severe	28	2-3	0-0	5-5	3	0	3	9		
Duffy	37	1-6	1-5	0-0	3	2	3	3		
Hernandez	8	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0		
Powers	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Joyce	4	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	3		
Gray	19	0-2	0-0	1-2	2	1	2	1		
Flecky	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Erwin	11	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	6		
LaVere	20	3-11	0-0	2-4	2	1	2	8		
Team					14					
Totals	200	16-51	2-7	11-17	37	6	19	45		

Seton Hall (51)										
Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp		
Blake	22	2-5	0-0	1-2	5	1	2	5		
Bush	35	4-8	0-0	1-2	6	0	3	9		
Thomas	20	2-5	0-0	2-2	1	1	1	6		
Langelier	39	3-9	1-5	6-6	3	4	1	13		
Shutz	23	2-4	1-1	0-0	0	1	2	5		
Ellis	7	0-2	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0		
Korpivaara	15	0-4	0-0	0-0	4	0	1	0		
Phillip	3	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	1	0	1		
Costello	13	1-4	0-1	0-0	6	1	3	2		
Brown	23	4-7	0-0	2-3	3	0	1	10		
Team					6					
Totals	200	18-49	2-8	13-17	36	9	15	51		

Notre Dame	23	22	--	45
Seton Hall	17	34	--	51

FG Pct: Notre Dame 31.4, Seton Hall 36.7. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 28.6, Seton Hall 25.0. FT Pct: Notre Dame 64.7, Seton Hall 76.5. Turnovers: Notre Dame 16, Seton Hall 14. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 8 (Batteast, Borton 3), Seton Hall 4. Steals: Notre Dame 8 (LaVere 3), Seton Hall 8 (Bush 5). Attendance: 1,112.



Following an emotional Senior Day ceremony prior to the game, Notre Dame came out ice cold, misfiring on 12 of its first 13 shots. Seton Hall took full advantage of the Irish shooting woes, jumping out to a pair of 12-point leads, the last at 19-7 with 6:44 to go in the first half. The lead remained in double digits for another two minutes, before Notre Dame scored six of the last eight points in the period to slice the Pirate edge to 27-21 at the half.

The Irish (17-9, 9-6 BIG EAST) wiped their deficit clean in the opening three minutes of the second half, going on an 8-2 run. The spurt was highlighted by Ratay's record-breaking three-pointer at the 18:42 mark. **Teresa Borton** added a layup to tie the game at 29-29 with 17:49 to play.

Seton Hall (13-12, 7-8) halted the Notre Dame charge and rebuilt a 36-33 lead two minutes later when Charlene Thomas knocked down a baseline jumper. However, the Irish counterpunched with 9-0 run, punctuated by a three-pointer from Batteast at the 10:59 junction. The Pirates then offered their own rally, scoring seven straight points to retake a 43-42 lead with just over nine minutes to go.

From there, neither team led by more than three points, with eight ties and nine lead changes down the stretch. At times, it seemed like a giant chess game, with every Seton Hall move being matched by Notre Dame. The Pirates took a 56-53 lead on a Lindqvist triple with 2:59 to play, but Ratay answered with her own trey 15 seconds later. Langelier then hit two free throws which were countered with a Ratay layup, tying the game at 58-58 with 1:14 to play.

Notre Dame forced a turnover on Seton Hall's next possession, but could not cash in when Ratay missed a jumper in the lane and Borton fouled LaNedra Brown on the rebound with 29.7 seconds left. Brown then made both of her free throws to give the visitors their last lead of the day and set up the frantic final half-minute.

After a SHU timeout, Notre Dame worked the ball to Batteast at the top of the key. She drove the lane and at the last second, she dished off to a wide-open LaVere and the freshman made no mistake, knotting the score at 60-60. The Pirates got the ball to halfcourt and called timeout in front of their bench with 3.8 seconds left. However, Seton Hall's plans were foiled when Flecky tipped away the inbounds pass and Brown fouled her as the pair scrambled for the loose ball.

Flecky, a 63-percent foul shooter, gave Irish fans a momentary scare on her first free throw, banging it hard off the heel of the rim before settling through the iron. Her second shot was true as well, giving Notre Dame its third double-digit comeback victory of the '02-03 season.

OTHER NOTRE DAME-SETON HALL SERIES NOTES

- After winning two of its first three games against Notre Dame and averaging 67 points per game, Seton Hall has lost 11 of its last 12 contests with the Irish and has averaged only 51.0 points in those games.
- The series has had two distinct chapters to it, with the first three (1994-96) and the last three (2002-04) all decided by nine points or less. In fact, two of those games went to overtime and the past three contests have seen a scant 4.3 ppg. margin of victory.
- By contrast, the intervening nine matchups (1996-2002) all were decided by at least 11 points, with Notre Dame winning each time by an average margin of 30.7 points per game.
- In the 13 series games since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96, the Irish have scored less than 62 points in a game only once against Seton Hall (their most recent matchup, a 51-45 SHU win). Conversely, the Pirates have topped the mark just once, falling 88-79 in overtime to the Irish in their first conference matchup on Jan. 2, 1996 in South Orange, N.J.
- After losing its first home game against Seton Hall, Notre Dame has won the past six matchups at the Joyce Center, all coming since the Irish joined the BIG EAST. During that six-game home winning streak against the Pirates, Notre Dame has outscored SHU by an average of 27 points per game (77.3-50.3) and only the most recent contest (a 62-60 Irish win) was decided by single digits.
- Last year's 51-45 Seton Hall victory also led to a dubious distinction for Notre Dame. It was just the second time in school history the Irish did not have a single player score in double figures. The only other time that happened was on Feb. 3, 1978 at Marquette.

BLOWING THE LID OFF THE BIG EAST

Notre Dame is 6-3 (.667) in BIG EAST Conference openers since it joined the league for the 1995-96 season. The Irish have won four of their last five BIG EAST lidlifters, but are coming off a 76-73 loss at Georgetown in last year's conference opener. In that game, Notre Dame held a six-point lead and was at the foul line with 43 seconds to go before the Hoyas went on a 11-2 game-ending run to pull out the victory.

IRISH MEDIA POLICIES

MEDIA CONTACT

Notre Dame assistant sports information director **Chris Masters** is the primary media contact for Irish women's basketball. He may be reached in his office at (574) 631-8032, via cell phone at (574) 532-4166 or e-mail at masters.5@nd.edu.

IN-SEASON INTERVIEW POLICY

All requests for Notre Dame player or coach interviews must be made through **Chris Masters** and 24 hours' notice should be allowed when scheduling interviews. Media members also may speak to Irish team personnel following practice sessions. While most practices are open to the media, some may be closed at the staff's discretion — contact **Chris Masters** for the latest practice schedule. On game days, no interviews will be granted prior to competition.

POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES

Following each Irish home game, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players, followed by the visiting head coach and selected players, will be available to speak with the media. Press conferences will be held in the Joyce Center auditorium, located adjacent to Gate 1 on the first floor of the arena. Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to **Chris Masters** no later than the four-minute mark of the second half.

MEDIA SERVICES

- Credentials for all Notre Dame women's basketball games must be submitted to **Chris Masters** at least 24 hours prior to each game. Media passes will be left at the Joyce Center Media Will Call table, located inside Gate 1.
- Media should park in the lots located immediately south of the Joyce Center (no charge).
- Media members wishing to receive Notre Dame women's basketball game notes and press releases in PDF form via e-mail should send requests to **Chris Masters** at masters.5@nd.edu.
- Notre Dame's official athletics department web site can be found at www.und.com, with extensive offerings including live audio for all Irish women's basketball games (home and away), as well as real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home games.



**BIG EAST STANDINGS
(through games of Jan. 1)**

Pl.	Team	BIG EAST	Overall
1.	St. John's	0-0	11-0
2.	NOTRE DAME	0-0	11-1
3.	Boston College	0-0	9-1
	West Virginia	0-0	9-1
5.	Rutgers	0-0	7-2
6.	Pittsburgh	0-0	8-3
	Seton Hall	0-0	8-3
	Syracuse	0-0	8-3
9.	Connecticut	0-0	6-3
10.	Villanova	0-0	7-4
11.	Georgetown	0-0	5-5
12.	Providence	0-0	1-10

**BIG EAST
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 22... Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
 Nov. 29 Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
 Dec. 6 Meg Bulger, West Virginia
 Dec. 13 Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
 Sherell Sowho, West Virginia
Dec. 20 .. Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
 Dec. 27 Monique Blake, Seton Hall
 Meg Bulger, West Virginia

**BIG EAST
FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK**

Nov. 22 Sara Antolick, Syracuse
 Nov. 29 Andrea Peterson, St. John's
 Dec. 6 Charde Houston, Connecticut
 Dec. 13 Shamika Jackson, Boston College
 Dec. 20 Matee Ajavon, Rutgers
 Dec. 27 Kieraah Marlow, Georgetown

Sunday's game with Seton Hall will mark the first time since the 2000-01 season that the Irish have opened the BIG EAST season at home. That year, Notre Dame defeated Villanova, 64-33 on Dec. 6, 2001, en route to a 15-1 conference record and a share of its first-ever BIG EAST regular-season title.

GETTING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT AT HOME

Notre Dame is 6-3 (.667) in BIG EAST Conference home openers since it joined the league in time for the 1995-96 season. The Irish also have won four of their last five BIG EAST lidlifters at the Joyce Center, including a 53-40 win over No. 16/15 Virginia Tech to begin last year's home league docket.

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

Notre Dame is 20-7 (.741) all-time in its first game of a new calendar year, including a 6-2 (.750) mark when that first January game takes place at home. The Irish also are 8-1 (.889) in such games since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, and 7-1 (.875) when the first game of the new year falls on Jan. 2. Ironically, two of those Jan. 2 games came against Seton Hall, with Notre Dame winning both times on the road (88-79 in overtime in 1996; 87-47 in 1997).

During the past decade (1995-2004), the Irish have celebrated the new year with a victory nine times. In that time, the only blemish on the Notre Dame record has been a 71-54 loss to No. 7/6 Purdue on Jan. 4, 2003 at the Joyce Center.

THE BEAST OF THE BIG EAST

Notre Dame is 124-28 (.816) 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 80 of their last 98 regular-season conference games, have finished either first or second in the BIG EAST eight times in their nine-year membership, and claimed a share of their first-ever regular-season conference championship in 2001.

When including postseason competition (BIG EAST and NCAA tournaments), Notre Dame is 137-37 (.787) against league opponents — when factoring in these 21 postseason tilts, the Irish are 69-7 (.908) at home, 55-24 (.696) on the road and 13-6 (.684) at neutral sites all-time vs. BIG EAST foes.

POLLING PLACE

Notre Dame is 172-41 (.808) all-time when it is ranked in the Associated Press poll at tipoff (the Irish are sixth entering Sunday's game against Seton Hall). When playing at home, Notre Dame has been especially strong, going 79-9 (.898) as a ranked host after opening this season with a 6-1 record at the Joyce Center. Conversely, the Irish are 69-24 (.742) all-time when they play on the road as a ranked team.

Upon closer inspection, Notre Dame has been very sharp when it's ranked in the top 10 of the AP poll. The Irish are 97-16 (.858) as a top-10 squad, including a 46-3 (.939) record at home. In fact, prior to its Dec. 2 overtime loss to then-No. 15 Michigan State, Notre Dame had a 41-game home winning streak when it was ranked in the AP top 10, dating back to December of 1998.

ROAD WARRIORS

The Irish are off to a 5-0 start on the road this season, marking just the second time in school history Notre Dame has won its first five true road games of the year. Only the 2000-01 team managed to win more than five road games to open the season, going on a 10-game road winning streak before losing at Rutgers, 54-53.

Accenting Notre Dame's play on the road has been its defensive prowess. The Irish are holding opponents to 50.0 ppg., a .316 field goal percentage (90-for-285) and a .163 three-point percentage (14-for-86) away from home and have not allowed more than 59 points in a road game this year.

EXTENDING THE DEFENSE

In the past nine games, Notre Dame has limited its opponents to a .189 three-point percentage (28-for-148), after Irish foes were shooting .333 from beyond the arc (17-for-51) in the first three games of the

IRISH IN THE POLLS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in both of the major national Top 25 polls during the 2004-05 season:

Week	AP	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	10	11
Nov. 15	11	10
Nov. 22	6	6
Nov. 29	3	3
Dec. 6	7	5
Dec. 13	7	5
Dec. 20	7	5
Dec. 27	6	4



**NOTRE DAME LEADS IN
USSA DIRECTORS' CUP
STANDINGS**

Notre Dame stands atop the third set of fall sports standings released in the 2004-05 United States Sports Academy (USSA) Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

This marks the first time in the 12-year history of the program that Notre Dame has been ranked first in the Directors' Cup standings. Previously, the highest the Irish had placed was second in the prior set of the 2004-05 fall standings.

Fall NCAA competition so far has earned the Irish 337 points based on their NCAA title in women's soccer (100 points), their fourth-place finish in women's cross country (80 points), their 11th-place finish in men's cross country (57 points) and their second-round appearances in men's soccer and volleyball (50 points each).

Yet to come are the final point totals in football. The final fall standings will be available Jan. 11.

Stanford (332 points) is second in the competition, thanks to its NCAA title in women's volleyball, a runner-up finish in men's water polo and a fifth-place finish in women's cross country. Third is Duke, followed by UCLA and Maryland.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in field hockey, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's water polo.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01, 13th in 2001-02, tied for 13th in 2002-03 and 19th in 2003-04.

Here are the current standings:

1.	NOTRE DAME	337
2.	Stanford	332
3.	Duke	327
4.	UCLA	297
5.	Maryland	280
6.	Michigan	279
7.	Colorado	275
8.	Ohio State	240
9.	Wake Forest	225
10.	Wisconsin	213

season. On Dec. 9, Notre Dame held Dayton to an opponent season-low .071 three-point percentage (1-for-14), with the Flyers missing their final 13 three-point attempts.

For the season, Notre Dame leads the BIG EAST in three-point percentage defense, holding opponents to a .226 mark (45-for-199) from long range.

THE SEASON FOR SHARING

One of the key elements in Notre Dame's early success has been its penchant for distributing the ball well. In fact, the Irish have 202 assists (16.8 avg.; fourth in the BIG EAST) on 305 field goals made (25.4 per game) in their first 12 outings, including a Preseason WNIT-record 29 handouts in the season opener vs. Illinois State. Junior guard **Megan Duffy** leads the way at 4.5 assists per game (sixth in the BIG EAST), with at least five dimes in six contests this season, including a career-high 10 assists vs. Washington on Dec. 11.

LOTS OF FREE STUFF

When given the opportunity, Notre Dame has taken advantage of its trips to the free throw line this season. The Irish lead the BIG EAST Conference and are 12th nationally (as of Dec. 20), shooting 77.3 percent from the charity stripe. In fact, they set a school record by going a perfect 18-for-18 on Nov. 30 at Valparaiso, which also matches the best mark by any team in the country this season.

Notre Dame has been led at the gift line by junior guard **Megan Duffy** (.907, 49-54), freshman guard **Charel Allen** (.857, 24-28) and senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** (.852, 52-61). Duffy currently leads the BIG EAST and is tied for 11th in the nation in free throw percentage, while Batteast has shown the greatest improvement among all Irish players this season with better than a 22-percent jump from last year's career low .627 mark.

One side note about Duffy's free throw prowess — the Irish junior struggled at the line early in her freshman season, shooting just 59.3 percent (16-27) during her first 15 collegiate games. However, in the 61 games since then (Jan. 20, 2003 to present), Duffy is connecting at an .859 clip (164-191) on her foul shots. She also has made 57 of her last 63 free throws (.905) in the past 18 Irish games, dating back to Feb. 28, 2004.

CHARGING FROM THE GATE

Notre Dame is off to a 11-1 start for only the second time in school history. In 2000-01, the Irish won their first 23 games of the season and ascended to the No. 1 ranking before falling at Rutgers, 54-53.

Notre Dame's 7-0 start this season also marks the second time ever that the Irish have opened with seven consecutive victories. Here's a peek at the best starts in Notre Dame women's basketball history:

Season	Opening record	Final record (result)
2000-01	23-0	34-2 (NCAA champion)
2004-05	7-0	??
1998-99	6-0	26-5 (NCAA second round)
1977-78	5-0	13-4 (IAIAW Tournament)
2002-03	4-0	21-11 (NCAA Sweet Sixteen)
1993-94	4-0	22-7 (NCAA first round)

WINNING TEN-DENCIES

With its 50-47 win at Marquette on Dec. 19, Notre Dame recorded its 10th victory of the season, marking the earliest calendar date ever that the Irish have reached double-digit victories. The 2000-01 squad previously held that distinction, getting its 10th win on Dec. 21, 2000, ironically also at Marquette (75-56).

BEAT THE CLOCK

At Marquette on Dec. 19, senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** did something that no other Irish player had done in nearly a decade — hit a game-winning shot at the buzzer. Batteast buried a three-pointer from the right wing as time expired to give Notre Dame a 50-47 victory over the Golden Eagles. Prior to Batteast's heroics, the last time an Irish player won a game at the horn was Jan. 14, 1995, when Letitia Bowen hit a putback as time ran out to give Notre Dame a 67-65 triumph at Detroit.

McGRAW'S MILESTONES

Entering this season, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** had the opportunity to reach three career coaching milestones. Here's a look at her progress toward each landmark:



2004-05 IRISH HONORS

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

Basketball News Preseason Player of the Year
 State Farm/WBCA Wade Trophy Watch List
 Naismith Trophy Watch List

John R. Wooden Women's Award Watch List
 Preseason All-American:

- first team (Associated Press)
- first team (*Lindy's Annual*)
- first team (*Basketball News*)
- second team (*Gballmag.com*)
- "Terrific 10" (*Street & Smith's*)
- John R. Wooden Women's Award (*top 30*)

ESPN.com top five wings in country

BIG EAST Preseason Player of the Year

Preseason first-team all-BIG EAST (*unanimous*)

Bayer Advantage® Senior CLASS Award nominee

Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT MVP

BIG EAST Player of the Week (Nov. 22, Dec. 20)

Megan Duffy (Jr., Dayton, Ohio)

Preseason second-team all-BIG EAST

Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT All-Tournament Team

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.	2/10/02	#16 Boston Coll.	W, 60-44	9,676
4.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
5.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
6.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
7.	2/14/04	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
8.	1/13/04	#4 Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574
9.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
10.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
11.	1/20/03	#3 Connecticut	L, 53-72	8,265
12.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134
13.	11/18/01	Valparaiso	W, 42-35	7,960
14.	1/5/02	Providence	W, 72-66	7,804
15.	2/26/02	Villanova	L, 45-48	7,785
16.	2/19/02	West Virginia	W, 72-63	7,709
17.	1/18/03	Rutgers	L, 61-64	7,697
18.	2/13/02	St. John's	W, 66-31	7,677
19.	12/9/01	USC	W, 62-49	7,595
20.	2/12/00	St. John's	W, 94-51	7,530

* indicates capacity crowd // rankings are from AP poll

Boldface indicates game played this season

- Winningest basketball coach at Notre Dame — picked up 394th victory with the Irish on Dec. 19 at Marquette, passing longtime men's coach Digger Phelps (393 wins from 1971-91).
- 400th victory at Notre Dame — needs five wins (current record: 395-150, .725)
- 500th victory overall — needs 17 wins (current record: 483-191, .717)

THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS RECAP

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** proved to Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** that she and her teammates could play after a long layoff.

Batteast scored 21 points to lead the sixth-ranked Irish to a 73-49 win over Northern Illinois on Thursday night at the Convocation Center in DeKalb, Ill. Notre Dame (11-1) hadn't taken the court since Dec. 19 and McGraw was concerned that her team would be rusty.

"I was worried we might lose our edge," she said.

Batteast sparked an early 12-0 run that gave the Irish a 17-6 lead. The Huskies (2-8) cut Notre Dame's lead to seven points several times in the first half, but could get no closer.

The Irish led 36-26 at halftime and opened the second half with a 20-9 run. With the victory, Notre Dame improved to 5-0 on the road this season.

Freshman guard **Tulyah Gaines** added 12 points for the Irish, and Notre Dame's bench outscored the Huskies' reserves 25-11. The Irish also outscored Northern Illinois 28-8 in the paint.

Northern Illinois guard Stephanie Raymond led the Huskies with 15 points, while Kristin Wiener added 14 for NIU, which struggled with its shooting. In fact, minus Wiener's 4-for-9 effort, the Huskies' starting lineup shot just 5-for-34 (.147) in the contest.

NOTING THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS VICTORY

- Notre Dame moves to 11-1 this season, marking only the second time in school history the Irish have won 11 of their first 12 games (they went 23-0 to start the 2000-01 season).
- This year's club also joins the '00-01 squad as the only Notre Dame teams ever to win their first five true road games of the season (the 2000-01 team won its first 10 road contests).
- The Irish now are 8-5 all-time against Northern Illinois, including a 4-3 mark in DeKalb.
- Notre Dame held the Huskies to their lowest point total in series history while also recording the largest margin of victory in the rivalry — there had previously been three 23-point wins in the series.
- Notre Dame has won its last eight games against current Mid-American Conference teams, dating back to 1995 when NIU beat the Irish, 87-64, in DeKalb.
- Thursday's game also was the last of four for Notre Dame this season against teams it used to play in the old North Star Conference; the Irish also have defeated Valparaiso, Dayton and Marquette and are now 111-23 (.828) all-time against former NSC schools, including wins in 23 of their last 24 matchups.
- Notre Dame held NIU to opponent season lows of 13 field goals and a .236 field goal percentage.
- Conversely, the Irish shot better than 50 percent from the field for the third time this season (.510, 25-for-49).
- For the first time this season, all 11 Irish players cracked the scoring column, with freshman walk-on guard **Amanda Tsipis** completing the feat on two free throws in the final five seconds.
- Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** collected her fifth 20-point game of the season and 26th of her career, tying her with former teammate Alicia Ratay (1999-2003) for fifth place in school history.
- Batteast also registered her 83rd double-figure scoring game, pushing her into sole possession of fifth place in that category, ahead of Karen Robinson (82 from 1987-91); Ratay is next in that department with 95.
- Freshman guard **Tulyah Gaines** set new career highs with 12 points (previously had five at Dayton on Dec. 9) and seven rebounds (previously grabbed two on two occasions); Gaines is the ninth different Notre Dame player to score in double figures in a game this season.
- Senior center **Teresa Borton** reached a personal milestone vs. NIU, grabbing her 500th career rebound; she also tied her career bests with a game-high four assists and three steals.

SPORTSVIEW.TV PRESEASON WNIT REWIND

Punctuated by emotional second-half rallies in the semifinal and final, Notre Dame won four consecutive games to claim the 2004 Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT championship. The Irish capped off their season-opening charge with a 66-62 victory over No. 10/9 Ohio State in the title game, scoring the final



2004-05 IRISH TRENDS

Day of the Week	
Sunday	2-0
Monday	1-0
Tuesday	1-0
Wednesday	1-0
Thursday	2-1
Friday	2-0
Saturday	2-0
Time of Game	
Day games (before 6 p.m local time)	2-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	9-1
Location	
Home games	6-1
Road games	5-0
Neutral site games	0-0
Halftime score	
Leading at the half	9-0
Trailing at the half	2-1
Tied at the half	0-0
Rebounding margin	
Grab more rebounds than opponents	7-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	3-1
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	1-0
Field goal shooting	
Higher pct. than opponent	10-0
Lower pct. than opponent	1-1
Shoot 45% or better	4-0
Shoot less than 45%	7-1
Hold opponent under 40%	8-1
Free throw margin	
Make more free throws	10-0
Make fewer free throws	1-1
Make same number of free throws	0-0
Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers	6-1
Commit more turnovers	4-0
Commit same number of turnovers	1-0
Miscellaneous	
Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	2-1
On television	2-1
In white jerseys	6-1
In blue jerseys	5-0
In green jerseys	0-0
In overtime games	0-1
Margin of Victory	
1-5 points	3-0
6-10 points	1-1
11-15 points	2-0
16-20 points	2-0
21+ points	3-0
Conference Affiliation	
BIG EAST	0-0
Atlantic Coast	1-0
Atlantic 10	1-0
Big Ten	1-1
Big 12	1-0
Conference USA	1-0
Mid-American	1-0
Mid-Continent	1-0
Missouri Valley	1-0
Mountain West	1-0
Pac-10	2-0
Month	
November	7-0
December	4-1
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0

12 points of the contest to erase an eight-point Buckeye lead with a little more than five minutes remaining. That win came on the heels of a 76-65 semifinal conquest of No. 6 Duke, a victory that also saw Notre Dame come back from an eight-point deficit late in the second half.

Senior All-America forward **Jacqueline Batteast** was named the tournament Most Valuable Player after averaging 21.5 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.3 assists with a .507 field goal percentage in the four-game series. Batteast was at her best in the final two games, scoring a game-high 17 points vs. Duke (including a personal 10-0 run that put the Irish ahead for good) and then rolling up a career-best 32 points in the championship game against Ohio State. In that latter contest, she had another 10-point run in the first half and later scored seven of her team's last 12 points, including the go-ahead jumper with 2:45 to play. However, her biggest contribution came with two seconds remaining, when she raced from beyond the top of the key all the way to the deep corner, blocking OSU's potential game-tying three-pointer to cement Notre Dame's title.

Not to be overlooked, junior guard **Megan Duffy** earned a place on the Preseason WNIT all-tournament team after recording 15.0 points and 6.0 assists per game with a .500 field goal percentage (.600 from beyond the arc). She was the catalyst for an Irish offense that averaged nearly 77 points per game and dished out better than 20 assists per night in the tournament, including a Preseason WNIT-record 29 assists in the first round vs. Illinois State.

HALF AND HALF

Over the past five seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 86-7 (.925) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead. Notre Dame has added nine wins to that count this season (Illinois State, Nebraska, Ohio State, Colorado State, USC, Valparaiso, Dayton, Washington and Northern Illinois).

THE BEST OFFENSE IS A GOOD DEFENSE ...

During the past decade, 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 137-6 (.958) record when they hold their opponents to less than 60 points in a game. That count includes this season's wins over Nebraska, Colorado State, USC, Valparaiso, Dayton, Washington, Marquette and Northern Illinois.

... 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 past decade (1995-96 to present), the Irish are 89-3 (.967) 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 tacked another win to that ledger with its opening-night 92-73 win over Illinois State.

NOTRE DAME AMONG RECENT WINS LEADERS

Notre Dame has won 213 games over the past nine seasons, which is tied for the seventh-most wins of any school in the country during that time. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since the start of the 1996-97 campaign (totals through games of Dec. 31):

TEAM	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05	Total
1. Connecticut	33	34	29	36	32	39	37	31	6	277
2. Tennessee	29	39	31	33	31	30	33	31	8	265
3. Louisiana Tech	31	31	30	31	31	25	31	29	5	243
4. Duke	19	24	29	28	30	31	35	30	13	239
5. (tie) Old Dominion	34	29	28	29	21	28	21	25	4	219
(tie) Purdue	17	23	34	23	31	24	29	29	8	219
7. (tie) NOTRE DAME	31	22	26	27	34	20	21	21	11	213
(tie) Santa Barbara	24	27	26	30	22	26	27	27	4	213
9. Texas Tech	20	26	30	28	25	20	29	25	8	211

SWEET SUCCESS

Notre Dame is one of only five schools in the country to have appeared in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen six times in the past eight seasons (1997-2004). The others are Connecticut (eight times), Tennessee (eight times), Duke (seven times) and Louisiana Tech (seven times).



2004-05 IRISH INSIGHTS

- Several members of the Irish women's basketball team have attached a tiny medallion to their shoestrings with an engraving of the Guardian Angel on one side, while the other features an etching of St. Michael (a saint believed to protect warriors and guide them to victory in battle). The medallion was presented to them by a campus priest just before the start of the season.
- For the first time in the 28-year history of the Notre Dame women's basketball program, a player will wear jersey No. 1 (**Tulyah Gaines**) and No. 2 (**Charel Allen**) this season. The only remaining NCAA-approved jersey numbers an Irish player has never worn are No. 51, No. 53 and No. 54.
- Junior guard **Megan Duffy** does most things in her life right-handed, including eating, writing and swinging a golf club (she was a four-time all-city selection in high school). About the only thing she does left-handed? Shoot a basketball, which she's done quite well for the Irish for the past two seasons.
- Two Irish players — senior **Jacqueline Batteast** and junior **Courtney LaVere** — have designs on entering the broadcasting industry when their playing days are over. In fact, LaVere spent this past summer as an intern in the sports department at WNDU-TV, the NBC affiliate in South Bend.
- A close look at the shoes of sophomore guard **Breona Gray** reveals the words "Big Granny." Gray has dedicated this season to the memory of her late grandmother, Viola Johnson, whom she and her family affectionately knew as "Big Granny."
- Senior center **Teresa Borton** has developed into an accomplished amateur photographer during her stay at Notre Dame. In fact, on more than one occasion, Borton has been spotted among the crowd of shutterbugs on the baseline at Irish men's basketball games.

THE GOLD STANDARD

The Irish are one of just six teams nationwide to have an active streak of 11 consecutive 20-win seasons. The others in these elite club are Tennessee (28), Texas Tech (15), Louisiana Tech (13), Old Dominion (13) and Connecticut (11).

NOW THAT'S A HOME COURT ADVANTAGE

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 119 of their last 129 games (.922) at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center. Notre Dame also has a 69-7 (.908) home record in BIG EAST Conference play.

The Irish have been particularly strong when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 53 of their last 56 non-BIG EAST contests (.946) at the Joyce Center, dating back to the 1994-95 season. The only three losses in that span all came against Big Ten Conference teams — Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69), Purdue in 2003 (71-54) and Michigan State in 2004 (82-73 in OT).

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, posting a 269-71 (.791) record at the venerable facility. In three of the past five seasons (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Irish were a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season.

JAMMIN' THE JOYCE

Beginning with its national championship season of 2000-01, Notre Dame has ranked in the top 15 in the nation in attendance each of the past four years, and early returns indicate this season will be no different. According to the Dec. 27 unofficial national attendance rankings (as compiled by the University of Wisconsin Sports Information Office), Notre Dame is 15th in the nation with an average of 4,949 fans per game.

All of the top 20 crowds in the Irish record book have occurred during the 18-year tenure of head coach **Muffet McGraw** (1987-present). And, as more evidence of Notre Dame's rapid elevation to "hot ticket" status in South Bend, 19 of the top 20 crowds in school history have been recorded in the past six seasons (1999-2000 to present), including 12 audiences of 8,000 or more fans, and 56 of the past 58 home games with at least 5,000 fans filing into the Joyce Center.

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

The Irish are scheduled to make at least 13 appearances on regional or national television during the 2004-05 season (additional broadcasts may be announced at a later date).

Notre Dame made its TV debut this season on Nov. 20 when it defeated No. 10/9 Ohio State, 66-62 in the championship game of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT. That contest was shown globally via broadband Internet connection at www.sportsview.tv, as well either live or delayed on several Comcast SportsNet outlets nationwide. The American Forces Network, which broadcasts to more than one million U.S. service men and women in 176 countries, also aired the game.

The Irish returned to the airwaves Dec. 2 when they dropped an 82-73 overtime decision to No. 15 Michigan State on College Sports Television (CSTV). That was the first of three Notre Dame games that will air nationally on the fledgling cable network, which has signed an agreement with the BIG EAST Conference to carry a national women's basketball Game of the Week eight times in 2004-05. The Irish also will face Connecticut on Jan. 12 at the Joyce Center and visit Boston College on Feb. 15 in front of the CSTV cameras.

In addition, Notre Dame is scheduled to play twice on ESPN2 this season. On Jan. 16, the Irish will battle Purdue in the second annual BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge at the Joyce Center. Two weeks later on Jan. 30, Notre Dame travels to Storrs, Conn., to meet Connecticut at Gampel Pavilion.

The BIG EAST also has added two Irish games to its regional television package this season. Notre Dame will visit Villanova on Jan. 9 and will play host to Rutgers on Jan. 23, both on BIG EAST Television. Among those affiliates carrying the BETV package are Comcast SportsNet outlets in Chicago, Philadelphia and the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as Fox Sports Net outlets in New York, New England and Pittsburgh. Exact clearances will be made available closer to game time.

Comcast Local (based in Detroit) is the latest television outlet to select Notre Dame women's basketball games for broadcast. The newly-formed network will air five Irish games this season — at USC (Nov. 26), and home games vs. Washington (Dec. 11), St. John's (Jan. 26), Georgetown (Feb. 12) and West Virginia (Feb. 26). Comcast Local can be seen in South Bend on Comcast Cable channel 3.



NOTRE DAME ON THE AIRWAVES

Once again this season, every Irish women's basketball game (home and away) airs on the flagship stations of the Artistic Media Partners (AMP) Network — WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1580) and WNDV-AM (1490) in South Bend. Veteran broadcaster and AMP sports director **Sean Stires** is now in his fifth season handling the play-by-play for Notre Dame. The Irish also can be heard on the Internet at Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.und.com) by subscribing to College Sports Pass, which gives listeners full multimedia access to a variety of Irish athletics events for only \$6.95 per month.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

For the fourth time in school history (all during the **Muffet McGraw** era), Notre Dame will have three players sharing the captain's duties this year. Senior forward **Jacqueline Batteast**, senior center **Teresa Borton** and junior guard **Megan Duffy** all were accorded the honor based upon a vote of their teammates prior to the season. All three are serving as captains for the first time in their respective careers.

IRISH ADD TWO PLAYERS DURING EARLY SIGNING PERIOD

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** has announced that **Lindsay Schrader**, a 6-0 guard from Bartlett, Ill., and **Chandrica Smith**, a 6-1 forward from Stone Mountain, Ga., have chosen to continue their careers with the Irish, signing National Letters of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2005.

With the additions of Schrader and Smith, Notre Dame's newest recruiting class is ranked 16th in the nation by *Blue Star Index*. That marks the ninth consecutive year the Irish have had a top-20 class, according to that publication, which makes Notre Dame one of only three schools in the nation that can claim that distinction (Connecticut and Tennessee are the others).

Schrader has been widely regarded as one of the top all-around players in the state of Illinois while attending Bartlett High School the past three seasons. She is a three-time all-state selection, a two-time Illinois Miss Basketball finalist, and a two-time *Street & Smith's* All-America selection who has averaged 20.1 points, 9.8 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 1.8 blocks per game in her prep career. Her finest all-around season came as a junior in 2003-04, when she averaged 20.8 ppg., 10.8 rpg. and 2.0 bpg. while earning first-team all-state honors from the Associated Press, *Chicago Tribune* and *Champaign News-Gazette*. She also was a sixth-team All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and was a finalist for Illinois Miss Basketball honors, an award she will likely contend for once again this season.

On the summer camp circuit, Schrader was an Underclass All-Star at the 2002 adidas Top Ten Camp, before attending the Nike All-America Camp in both 2003 and 2004. She is ranked among the top 30 high school seniors in the nation by three separate recruiting services — *Blue Star Index* (14th), *All-Game Sports* (21st) and *All-Star Girls Report* (26th overall — eighth among shooting guards).

In addition, Schrader made a significant impact at the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs. Playing for the North Team that won the silver medal, she ranked third at the Festival in scoring (14.8 ppg.) and rebounding (8.6 rpg.), as well as second in field goal percentage (.542). All three figures were team highs, as were her 2.2 steals per game. For her efforts, Schrader was invited to attend the 2004 USA Women's Junior World Championship Qualifying Team Trials, where she was one of 17 finalists for the 12-player team that won the gold medal this past August.

Smith currently attends Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., where she transferred prior to her senior season. Previously, she was a standout at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga., where she averaged 12.5 points, 8.1 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2.4 blocks per game with a .620 field goal percentage. She also was a key component in the Jaguars' run to a 32-1 record and the Georgia 5A state championship last year. In fact, during her first three prep seasons, her teams posted a combined 89-7 (.927) record with three trips to the Georgia state championship and one state title.

Smith herself has received numerous accolades during her high school career. She is a two-time honorable mention All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and was a *Student Sports* All-American in 2004. In addition, she attended the adidas Top Ten Camp three consecutive years and was named to its prestigious all-star team all three years (Underclass All-Star in 2002 & 2003; Upperclass All-Star in 2004). Last season, she was an honorable mention 5A all-state selection and a first-team all-county choice. She is ranked as high as 29th in the nation among high school seniors by *All-Star Girls Report*.

Like Schrader, Smith also attended the 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs. Playing for the South Team, she averaged 5.4 points and 2.6 rebounds per game, scoring a personal-best 13 points in the bronze-medal game victory over the East squad.

GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks second among Division I-A institutions in five major student-athlete graduate rate categories — overall, football, men, women and African-American — according to the latest statistics released in October by the NCAA.

The federally mandated 2004 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1994 and 1997 at Division I institutions, including 117 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.

Among student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, 99 percent earned their degrees. The national average was 84 percent.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 87 percent of its student-athletes, second only to Duke University at 90 percent, and tied with Northwestern and Stanford Universities. The national average for Division I-A schools is 61 percent.

In August 2003, the NCAA presented an Academic Achievement Award to Notre Dame for its best-in-the-nation one-year graduation rate of 92 percent for all student-athletes who enrolled in 1996.

Notre Dame also graduated 71 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally, and Irish football players graduated at a 77 percent rate, to rank eighth.

All Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	90%
2.	(tie) Notre Dame	87
	(tie) Northwestern	87
	(tie) Stanford	87

Female Student-Athletes

1.	Northwestern	96%
2.	Duke	95
3.	Notre Dame	94

Male Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	88%
2.	Stanford	84
3.	Notre Dame	82



IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Total Points

4. Alicia Ratay (1999-2003)	1,763
5. Karen Robinson (1987-91)	1,590
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	1,589
7. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	1,546

Scoring Average

3. Ruth Riley (1997-01)	15.8
4. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	15.2
5. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	14.5

Three-Point Field Goals Made

7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	92
8. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	85
9. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	82
10. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	71

Three-Point Field Goals Attempted

7. Jeneka Joyce (2000-04)	241
8. Coquese Washington (1989-93)	231
9. Sherri Orlosky (1990-94)	216
10. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	194

Field Goal Percentage (min. 400 att.)

5. Krissi Davis (1987-91)	.579
6. Carrie Bates (1981-85)	.553
7. Teresa Borton (2001-pres.)	.535 (291-544)
8. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	.533

Free Throw Percentage (min. 75 att.)

1. Alicia Ratay (1999-2003)	.872
2. Megan Duffy (2002-present)	.826 (180-218)
3. Mollie Peirick (1994-98)	.819
4. Beth Morgan (1993-97)	.814

Rebounds

3. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	986
4. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	853
6. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	830

Rebounding Average (min. 6.5 per game)

1. Leticia Bowen (1991-95)	8.8
2. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	8.1
Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	8.1
4. Heidi Bunek (1985-89)	7.8

Blocked Shots

3. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	141
4. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	137
5. Shari Matvey (1979-83)	133
6. Trena Keys (1982-86)	124
7. Teresa Borton (2001-present)	115

Double-Doubles

1. Katryna Gaither (1993-97)	40
2. Ruth Riley (1997-2001)	36
3. Jacqueline Batteast (2001-present)	35
4. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-85)	32

Boldface indicates current players

MUFFET MCGRAW SIGNS CONTRACT EXTENSION THROUGH 2010-11 SEASON

On Nov. 6, Notre Dame announced that **Muffet McGraw** has signed a two-year extension to continue as head coach of the Notre Dame women's basketball program through the 2010-11 season.

McGraw, who is now in her 18th season with the Irish, most recently signed a four-year contract extension in July 2002 that took her through the 2008-09 season. Her first 17 seasons at Notre Dame have been highlighted by 15 20-win campaigns (including a current string of 11 straight), 11 NCAA tournament appearances (including a current streak of nine straight) and the 2001 NCAA title. Entering the 2004-05 season, she had a 384-149 (.720) record at Notre Dame.

In 2003-04, McGraw skillfully guided her team to a 21-11 record and a second consecutive berth in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen (the fourth for the Irish in five years). McGraw's charges placed second in the BIG EAST Conference, their eighth top-two finish since joining the league nine years ago. In addition, the Irish went 15-0 at home, their third perfect record at the Joyce Center in the past five seasons, and extended their overall home win streak to 20 games, the second-longest in school history and eighth-longest active string in the nation heading into the 2004-05 campaign.

McGraw has continued to enhance her reputation as one of the nation's outstanding big-game coaches and tacticians, piloting Notre Dame to a school-record seven wins over top 25 teams during the 2003-04 regular season. During her 17-year tenure with the Irish, McGraw has compiled 40 victories over nationally-ranked opponents, including 30 in the past six seasons (an average of five per year).

Under McGraw's guidance, the past nine years have been the most successful in Notre Dame's history as the Irish have compiled an impressive 225-69 (.765) record, including a sparkling 124-28 (.816) regular-season mark in BIG EAST play, the best winning percentage in league history. Notre Dame also has averaged 25 victories per campaign during that span, with two 30-win seasons to its credit. The Irish have won at least one NCAA tournament game every season over that time, advancing to the Sweet Sixteen six times (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004) and the Final Four twice (1997 and 2001).

BIG EAST CONFERENCE APPROVES BASKETBALL STRUCTURE FOR 2005-06

The Presidents of the BIG EAST Conference institutions have approved all recommendations by the league's athletic directors relating to the structure of men's and women's basketball beginning in the 2005-06 academic year. The approvals were made at the Presidents' annual meeting held in Philadelphia on Nov. 9.

The recommendations include maintaining a 12-team postseason conference championship tournament and a one-division regular season structure. The men's and women's teams will continue to play 16-game regular season league schedules.

In 2005-06, the BIG EAST will include 16 schools. The new members will be: University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, University of Louisville, Marquette University and University of South Florida. While the tournament format will be the same for the men and women, the formula for regular season scheduling will be different. The men's teams will play 13 opponents with three repeat matchups to reach 16 league games. The women's teams will meet each opponent once and have one repeat opponent.

For regular season scheduling, the conference office will determine prior to each season which matchups will be repeated. The factors in making the repeat games will be television, rivalries and geography.

BIG EAST men's teams have captured the last two NCAA crowns and three of the last six. BIG EAST women's teams have won the last five NCAA titles. The BIG EAST conducts its men's championship at Madison Square Garden in New York. The women's championship is played at the Hartford Civic Center in Hartford, Conn.

PROMOTIONAL CORNER

Here's a rundown of some upcoming promotions and giveaways at future Notre Dame women's basketball games this season (additional promotions and giveaways may be added at a later date):

- Jan. 2 vs. Seton Hall — Adidas bracelets (first 5,000 fans); Red Panda acrobat will perform
- Jan. 5 vs. Syracuse — Notre Dame women's basketball license plates (first 2,000 fans)
- Jan. 12 vs. Connecticut — Glowing t-shirts (first 2,000 fans); Project Playground will perform



NEXT GAME: SYRACUSE

Notre Dame will continue the opening week of BIG EAST Conference play Wednesday when they play host to Syracuse in a 7 p.m. (ET) contest at the Joyce Center. It will be the first of two meetings this season between the Irish and Orange, who are slated to tangle in upstate New York on Jan. 19.

Syracuse (8-3) already has exceeded its six-win total from last season and has registered eight non-conference victories for the first time since 1989-90. The Orange have remained exclusively in the Northeast part of the country for their non-league schedule, visiting the state of Connecticut three times among their five road games to date (wins at Yale, Quinnipiac and Sacred Heart). SU's three losses have come at the hands of Massachusetts (52-51), Kent State (60-49) and Auburn (48-35). The Orange welcome Pittsburgh to town Sunday in the BIG EAST opener for both teams.

Notre Dame leads its all-time series with Syracuse, 16-2, including an 8-0 mark at home. The Irish and Orange played twice last season, with Notre Dame winning on both occasions (64-35 at Syracuse; 54-33 at the Joyce Center).

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 December 20) and BIG EAST Conference statistics report (through games of January 1) — **bold** indicates league/national leaders:

Team Rankings	NCAA	BIG EAST
Scoring Offense		6th at 69.8
Scoring Defense		8th at 57.8
Scoring Margin		6th at +12.0
FT Percentage	12th at .770	1st at .773
FG Percentage		6th at .441
FG Percentage Defense		5th at .351
3-Point FG Percentage		5th at .355
3-Point FG Pct. Defense	not kept	1st at .226
Rebounding		8th at 38.8
Rebounding Defense	not kept	8th at 36.9
Rebounding Margin		8th at +1.9
Blocked Shots	22nd at 5.5	2nd at 5.42
Assists		4th at 16.83
Steals		2nd at 10.25
Turnover Margin	not kept	3rd at +2.83
Assist/Turnover Ratio	not kept	4th at 1.04
Individual Rankings	NCAA	BIG EAST
Scoring	Batteast, 27th at 19.1	Batteast, 2nd at 19.3 Duffy, 20th at 11.9
Rebounding		Batteast, 11th at 6.9
FG Percentage		Batteast, 9th at .463
Assists		Duffy, 6th at 4.50 Batteast, 9th at 3.50
FT Percentage	Duffy, 11th at .923	Duffy, 1st at .907 Batteast, 3rd at .852
Steals		Duffy, 1st at 2.83
3-Point FG Per Game		Duffy, 12th at 1.50
Blocked Shots		Borton, 4th at 1.83 Batteast, 11th at 1.08
Assist/Turnover Ratio		Batteast, 9th at 2.00 Duffy, 12th at 1.69

FIRST BIG EAST COACHES TELECONFERENCE SLATED FOR JAN. 10

The BIG EAST Conference women's basketball coaches will hold three media teleconferences during the 2004-05 season, the first of which is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 10. The others will be held Feb. 7 and March 3 (prior to the BIG EAST Championship). Each of the 12 league head coaches will be available for 5-10 minutes in a pre-arranged format.

Media representatives wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact Notre Dame assistant SID **Chris Masters** (574-631-8032) or BIG EAST director of communications/women's basketball contact **Rachel Margolis** (401-453-0660) for the teleconference phone number.

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

- 11:00 a.m. - Mike Carey, West Virginia
- 11:07 a.m. - Phyllis Mangina, Seton Hall
- 11:14 a.m. - Cathy Inglese, Boston College
- 11:21 a.m. - Susan Yow, Providence
- 11:28 a.m. - Terri Williams-Flournoy, Georgetown
- 11:35 a.m. - Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame**
- 11:42 a.m. - Agnus Berenato, Pittsburgh
- 11:49 a.m. - Harry Perretta, Villanova
- 11:56 a.m. - Kim Barnes-Arico, St. John's
- 12:03 p.m. - Keith Cieplicki, Syracuse
- 12:10 p.m. - Geno Auremma, Connecticut
- 12:20 p.m. - C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers

NOTRE DAME VS. SETON HALL

2004-05 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 11-1 (Home: 6-1, Away: 5-0, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----											
Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 12	10/11		(1) ILLINOIS STATE	W 92-73	W1	1-0		LaVere-18	three with 6	Duffy-8	6,190
Nov. 14	10/11		(1) NEBRASKA	W 73-57	W2	2-0		Batteast-24	Borton-11	Batteast-7	5,370
Nov. 17	11/10	6/6	(1) DUKE	W 76-65	W3	3-0		Batteast-17	LaVere-11	two with 7	3,094
Nov. 20	11/10	10/9	(1) OHIO STATE (ITV)	W 66-62	W4	4-0		Batteast-32	Gray-6	Duffy-6	3,925
Nov. 22	6/6		COLORADO STATE	W 69-47	W5	5-0		Duffy-15	Batteast-9	Batteast-7	5,115
Nov. 26	6/6		at USC (COM)	W 60-56	W6	6-0		Batteast-18	three with 5	Batteast-4	3,085
Nov. 30	3/3		at Valparaiso	W 69-59	W7	7-0		Batteast-25	Batteast-10	Duffy-4	2,214
Dec. 2	3/3	15/15	MICHIGAN STATE (CSTV)	L (ot) 73-82	L1	7-1		Erwin-20	two with 9	two with 4	5,544
Dec. 9	7/5		at Dayton	W 65-39	W1	8-1		Allen-14	Batteast-7	Duffy-5	2,517
Dec. 11	7/5		WASHINGTON (COM)	W 72-58	W2	9-1		Erwin-24	Batteast-10	Duffy-10	5,407
Dec. 19	7/5		at Marquette	W 50-47	W3	10-1		Batteast-27	Batteast-10	two with 3	2,573
Dec. 30	6/4		at Northern Illinois	W 73-49	W4	11-1		Batteast-21	Gaines-7	Borton-4	2,149
Jan. 2			SETON HALL*	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 5			SYRACUSE*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 9			at Villanova* (BETV)	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 12			CONNECTICUT* (CSTV)	8 p.m. ET							
Jan. 16			(2) PURDUE (ESPN2)	5 p.m. ET							
Jan. 19			at Syracuse*	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 23			RUTGERS* (BETV)	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 26			ST. JOHN'S* (COM)	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 30			at Connecticut* (ESPN2)	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 2			BOSTON COLLEGE*	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 5			at Pittsburgh*	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 9			at Providence*	7:30 p.m. ET							
Feb. 12			GEORGETOWN* (COM)	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 15			at Boston College* (CSTV)	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 19			at Rutgers*	Noon ET							
Feb. 26			WEST VIRGINIA* (COM)	2 p.m. ET							
March 1			at Seton Hall*	7 p.m. ET							
<u>BIG EAST Championship (Hartford Civic Center - Hartford, Conn.)</u>											
March 5			First Round	TBA							
March 6			Quarterfinals (CSTV)	TBA							
March 7			Semifinals (CSTV)	6/8 p.m. ET							
March 8			Championship (ESPN)	7 p.m. ET							
<u>NCAA Tournament - First & Second Rounds (Campus sites TBA)</u>											
March 19-20			First Round (ESPN/ESPN2)								
March 21-22			Second Round (ESPN/ESPN2)								
<u>NCAA Regionals (East - Philadelphia, Pa.; Midwest - Chattanooga, Tenn.; Midwest - Kansas City, Mo.; West - Tempe, Ariz.)</u>											
March 26-27			Semifinals (ESPN)								
March 28-29			Finals (ESPN)								
<u>NCAA Final Four (RCA Dome - Indianapolis, Ind.)</u>											
April 3			National Semifinals (ESPN)								
April 5			National Championship Game (ESPN)								

* BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (held at campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(ITV) Game televised live on Internet at www.sportsview.tv

(COM) Game to be televised live on Comcast Local (Detroit)

(CSTV) Game to be televised live on College Sports Television

(ESPN/ESPN2) Game to be televised live on ESPN or ESPN2

(BETV) Game to be televised live on BIG EAST Conference television package

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

CAPS indicates home game played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418)

2004-05 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	47,183	3,932	6,190 (ISU - 11/12)
Home:	34,645	4,949	6,190 (ISU - 11/12)
Away:	12,538	2,508	3,085 (USC - 11/26)
Neutral:	0	0	0

2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

Overall Record: 11-1 (Home: 6-1, Away: 5-0, Neutral: 0-0)

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Batteast, Jacqueline	12-12	402-33.5	87-188	.463	5-14	.357	52-61	.852	24	59	83	6.9	27-0	42	21	13	16	231	19.3
Duffy, Megan	12-12	439-36.6	38-93	.409	18-45	.400	49-54	.907	3	34	37	3.1	19-0	54	32	0	34	143	11.9
LaVere, Courtney	7-6	139-19.9	22-50	.440	0-1	.000	12-21	.571	7	25	32	4.6	13-0	9	12	7	8	56	8.0
Erwin, Crystal	12-6	238-19.8	39-76	.513	0-0	.000	12-23	.522	19	25	44	3.7	36-2	11	18	5	10	90	7.5
Allen, Charel	12-0	284-23.7	31-72	.431	2-6	.333	24-28	.857	20	36	56	4.7	30-1	22	24	7	15	88	7.3
Borton, Teresa	12-12	279-23.3	33-63	.524	0-0	.000	22-30	.733	31	36	67	5.6	38-0	16	21	22	9	88	7.3
Gray, Breona	12-12	310-25.8	31-76	.408	1-2	.500	12-16	.750	12	34	46	3.8	15-0	24	29	1	17	75	6.3
Gaines, Tulyah	8-0	111-13.9	6-20	.300	0-0	.000	11-13	.846	5	8	13	1.6	10-0	10	22	0	7	23	2.9
D'Amico, Melissa	11-0	99-9.0	13-32	.406	0-0	.000	5-12	.417	11	14	25	2.3	22-0	2	9	9	3	31	2.8
Powers, Susie	10-0	107-10.7	4-19	.211	1-8	.125	0-0	.000	5	11	16	1.6	3-0	11	4	1	4	9	0.9
Tsipis, Amanda	5-0	17-3.4	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0	4	0.8
Team									21	25	46	3.8			3				
Notre Dame	12	2425	305-691	.441	27-76	.355	201-260	.773	158	307	465	38.8	213-3	202	195	65	123	838	69.8
Opponents	12	2425	247-704	.351	45-199	.226	155-218	.711	180	263	443	36.9	219-5	156	229	37	98	694	57.8

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 24, Opponents 33

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	379	456	3	-- 838
Opponents	308	374	12	-- 694

Current Notre Dame Players — Career Statistics vs. Seton Hall

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
LaVere, Courtney	2-0	50-25.0	10-24	.417	0-0	.000	8-11	.727	2	5	7	3.5	4-0	1	5	1	3	28	14.0
Batteast, Jacqueline	4-3	126-31.5	13-49	.265	3-10	.300	15-25	.600	7	23	30	7.5	10-0	9	15	4	3	44	11.0
Borton, Teresa	4-2	95-23.8	14-24	.583	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	9	12	21	5.3	12-1	3	4	6	4	31	7.8
Erwin, Crystal	1-0	11-11.0	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	2-0	0	1	0	1	6	6.0
Duffy, Megan	2-1	56-28.0	1-9	.111	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	0	4	4	2.0	3-0	3	6	0	1	3	1.5
Gray, Breona	1-0	19-19.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	2.0	2-0	1	0	1	1	1	1.0
Powers, Susie	1-0	3-3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

NOTRE DAME VS. SETON HALL

2004-05 Single Game Highs & Lows

Team Superlatives

Notre Dame High	Notre Dame Low	Category	Opponent High	Opponent Low
92 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	50 at Marquette (12/19/04)	Points/Game	82 by Michigan State (12/2/04)	39 by Dayton (12/9/04)
50 (2nd) vs. Duke (11/17/04)	22 (1st) at Dayton (12/9/04)	Points/Half	41, twice (MR: 1st by Michigan State, 12/2/04)	14 (1st) by Dayton (12/9/04)
37 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	16 at Marquette (12/19/04)	Field Goals Made	25, twice (MR: by Duke, 11/17/04)	13 by Northern Illinois (12/30/04)
72 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	46 at Marquette (12/19/04)	Field Goal Attempts	68 by Duke (11/17/04)	49 by Colorado State (11/22/04)
.604 vs. Washington (12/11/04)	.347 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	FG Percentage	.446 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	.236 by Northern Illinois (12/30/04)
5, twice (MR: vs. Duke, 11/17/04)	0, twice (MR: vs. Washington, 12/11/04)	3-Point FG Made	7 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	1 by Dayton (12/9/04)
10 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	3, twice (MR: vs. Washington, 12/11/04)	3-Point FG Attempts	22 by Northern Illinois (12/30/04)	12 by Ohio State (11/20/04)
1.000 vs. Duke (11/17/04)	.000, twice (MR: vs. Washington, 12/11/04)	3-Point FG Percentage	.368 by Nebraska (11/14/04)	.071 by Dayton (12/9/04)
20, twice (MR: at NIU, 12/30/04)	10 at Dayton (12/9/04)	Free Throws Made	29 by Michigan State (12/2/04)	7 by USC (11/26/04)
27 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	15 at Dayton (12/9/04)	Free Throw Attempts	33 by Michigan State (12/2/04)	10 by Dayton (12/9/04)
1.000* at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	.619 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	FT Percentage	.879 by Michigan State (12/2/04)	.412 by USC (11/26/04)
49 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	31 at Marquette (12/19/04)	Rebounds	54*** by Michigan State (12/2/04)	27 by Valparaiso (11/30/04)
29** vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	11, twice (MR: at Marquette, 12/19/04)	Assists	18 by Illinois State (11/12/04)	6 by USC (11/26/04)
20 vs. Colorado State (11/22/04)	5 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)	Steals	13 by Ohio State (11/20/04)	3 by Nebraska (11/14/04)
12 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	1 vs. Washington (12/11/04)	Blocked Shots	11*** by Duke (11/17/04)	0, twice (MR: by USC, 11/26/04)
23 at USC (11/26/04)	10 at Valparaiso (11/30/04)	Turnovers	29 by Colorado State (11/22/04)	7 by Valparaiso (11/30/04)
23 vs. Illinois State (11/12/04)	13, twice (MR: vs. Colo. State, 11/22/04)	Fouls	21, three times (MR: by Michigan State, 12/2/04)	12 by Dayton (12/9/04)

* - school record // ** - Preseason WNIT record // *** - Joyce Center opponent record

Individual Superlatives

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Points Scored	32 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	25 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Field Goals Made	11 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	8, twice (MR: by Cara Wright of Dayton, 12/9/04)
Field Goal Attempts	25 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	20 by Christina Quaye of Marquette (12/19/04)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	1.000 (9-9*) by Crystal Erwin vs. Washington (12/11/04)	.700 (7-10) by Jessica Davenport of Ohio State (11/20/04)
3-Point Field Goals Made	3, three times (MR: by Megan Duffy vs. Michigan State, 12/2/04)	3, three times (MR: by Mary Basic of NIU, 12/30/04)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	6, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy vs. Michigan State, 12/2/04)	9 by Stephanie Raymond of Northern Illinois (12/30/04)
3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)	1.000 (2-2) by Charel Allen/Megan Duffy vs. Duke (11/17/04)	1.000 (2-2), twice (MR: by Kristin Haynie of MSU, 12/2/04)
Free Throws Made	10 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	10, three times (MR: by Stephanie Raymond of NIU, 12/30/04)
Free Throw Attempts	12 by Jacqueline Batteast vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	15 by Katie Donovan of Illinois State (11/12/04)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)	1.000 (8-8), twice (MR: by Jacqueline Batteast at Marquette, 12/19/04)	1.000 (9-9) by Jessica Davenport of Ohio State (11/20/04)
Rebounds	11, twice (MR: by Courtney LaVere vs. Duke, 11/17/04)	13 by Liz Shimek of Michigan State (12/2/04)
Assists	10 by Megan Duffy vs. Washington (12/11/04)	7 by Katie Boone of Valparaiso (11/30/04)
Steals	7, twice (MR: by Megan Duffy at Marquette, 12/19/04)	4, six times (MR: by Keishonda Williamson of NIU, 12/30/04)
Blocked Shots	6 by Teresa Borton vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	7** by Alison Bales of Duke (11/17/04)
Turnovers	9 by Megan Duffy vs. Ohio State (11/20/04)	7, twice (MR: by Camille LeNoir of USC, 11/26/04)
Minutes Played	45 by Megan Duffy vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)	45 by Lindsay Bowen of Michigan State (12/2/04)

* - Joyce Center record // ** - opponent record

2004-05 Notre Dame Game-by-Game Statistics

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs.		PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.			Off-Def-Tot							
(1) NOTRE DAME (6,190)	37-70	.529	5-10	.500	13-21	.619	20-20-40	23	29	18	4	15	92	
vs. Illinois State	25-56	.446	4-15	.267	19-29	.655	15-19-34	20	18	25	0	7	73	
(1) NOTRE DAME (5,370)	28-65	.431	1-7	.143	16-21	.762	16-33-49	14	19	11	5	5	73	
vs. Nebraska	21-65	.323	7-19	.368	8-15	.533	14-23-37	17	12	9	1	3	57	
(1) NOTRE DAME (3,094)	26-63	.413	5-5	1.000	19-22	.864	17-25-42	13	21	16	6	9	76	
vs. Duke	25-68	.368	6-17	.353	9-12	.750	18-21-39	21	15	21	11	5	65	
(1) NOTRE DAME (3,925)	23-53	.434	3-6	.500	17-21	.810	14-22-36	16	12	18	8	8	66	
vs. Ohio State	23-52	.442	2-12	.167	14-17	.824	9-19-28	20	15	16	4	13	62	
NOTRE DAME (5,115)	24-58	.414	2-8	.250	19-26	.731	14-22-36	13	18	16	8	20	69	
vs. Colorado State	18-49	.367	2-13	.154	9-12	.750	10-26-36	19	12	29	2	9	47	
NOTRE DAME	21-51	.412	0-3	.000	18-24	.750	7-29-36	20	12	23	5	10	60	
at USC (3,085)	23-66	.348	3-19	.158	7-17	.412	18-24-42	21	6	25	0	10	56	
NOTRE DAME	24-58	.414	3-8	.375	18-18	1.000	18-25-43	16	11	10	3	6	69	
at Valparaiso (2,214)	23-56	.411	2-16	.125	11-15	.733	11-16-27	15	12	7	2	7	59	
Notre Dame (5,544)	25-72	.347	3-8	.375	20-27	.741	18-25-43	22	15	16	12	9	73	
vs. MICHIGAN STATE	24-67	.358	5-17	.294	29-33	.879	20-34-54	21	14	20	2	12	82	
NOTRE DAME	27-58	.466	1-6	.167	10-15	.667	11-25-36	15	14	16	2	8	65	
at Dayton (2,517)	15-52	.288	1-14	.071	8-10	.800	13-22-35	12	12	26	5	5	39	
NOTRE DAME (5,407)	29-48	.604	0-3	.000	14-20	.700	11-27-38	19	25	20	1	10	72	
vs. Washington	21-62	.339	5-20	.250	11-14	.786	16-12-28	16	17	14	3	10	58	
NOTRE DAME	16-46	.348	1-6	.167	17-20	.850	6-25-31	20	11	13	6	11	50	
at Marquette (2,573)	16-56	.286	4-15	.267	11-19	.579	20-27-47	17	13	19	3	5	47	
NOTRE DAME	25-49	.510	3-6	.500	20-25	.800	6-29-35	22	15	18	5	12	73	
at Northern Illinois (2,149)	13-55	.236	4-22	.182	19-25	.760	16-20-36	20	10	18	4	12	49	

Winners listed in ALL CAPS // Attendance listed in parentheses next to home team (where applicable)

* - BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(3) BIG EAST Conference Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

NOTRE DAME VS. SETON HALL**2004-05 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists**

Opponent	Gaines	Allen	Powers	Tsipis	Borton	Duffy	Batteast	Gray	D'Amico	Erwin	LaVere
(1) ILLINOIS STATE	0-0-0	14-6-3	3-2-4	2-0-0	11-5-2	15-1-8	13-5-3	4-6-2	2-5-0	10-6-2	18-2-5
(1) NEBRASKA	DNP	2-8-3	0-2-0	0-0-0	13-11-1	7-5-3	24-6-7	12-7-2	3-5-0	1-2-1	11-2-2
(1) DUKE	DNP	16-3-3	DNP	DNP	7-6-1	15-3-7	17-5-7	6-2-2	DNP	2-4-1	13-11-0
(1) OHIO STATE	DNP	6-5-1	DNP	DNP	4-4-1	15-3-6	32-4-0	4-6-3	2-2-0	0-1-0	3-5-1
COLORADO STATE	DNP	6-4-1	0-2-2	0-0-0	9-5-0	15-1-5	14-9-7	3-2-0	3-0-1	12-2-1	7-6-1
at USC	2-1-2	6-4-1	0-0-0	DNP	2-5-1	12-4-2	18-5-4	4-2-2	5-3-0	9-3-0	2-5-0
at Valparaiso	0-2-0	6-9-2	0-1-0	DNP	6-9-1	20-5-4	25-10-1	6-3-3	2-0-0	4-2-0	DNP
MICHIGAN STATE	0-0-2	7-5-3	0-0-0	DNP	9-9-2	19-5-0	16-9-4	2-4-4	0-2-0	20-5-0	DNP
at Dayton	5-1-0	14-2-2	2-6-3	0-0-1	8-4-0	5-2-5	7-7-0	12-1-2	12-4-0	0-6-1	DNP
WASHINGTON	2-0-4	2-3-1	0-0-0	DNP	10-3-2	6-4-10	17-10-4	11-5-2	0-1-0	24-7-2	DNP
at Marquette	2-2-0	4-2-0	2-2-1	DNP	3-2-1	5-2-3	27-10-3	5-3-2	0-0-0	2-3-1	DNP
at Northern Illinois	12-7-2	5-5-2	2-1-1	2-0-0	6-4-4	9-2-1	21-3-2	6-5-0	2-3-1	6-3-2	2-1-0

Home games in ALL CAPS

* - BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT (campus sites)

(2) BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge (Notre Dame, Ind.)

(3) BIG EAST Conference Championship (Hartford, Conn.)

2004-05 Miscellaneous Statistics

	<u>All Games</u>
Most First Half Points Scored	48 vs. Illinois State (11/12)
Most First Half Points Allowed	41 by Michigan State (12/2)
Most Second Half Points Scored	50 vs. Duke (11/17)
Most Second Half Points Allowed	41 by Illinois State (11/12)
Fewest First Half Points Scored	22 at Dayton (12/9)
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	14 by Dayton (12/9)
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	27 at Marquette (12/19)
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	23, twice (MR: by Northern Illinois, 12/30)

Largest Leads

ND: 29, three times — 86-57 (5:19, 2nd) and 88-59 (4:35, 2nd) vs. Illinois State (ND 92-73), 11/12; 71-42 (3:23, 2nd) at Northern Illinois (ND 73-49), 12/30
 Opponent: 13 — 43-30 (19:34, 2nd) by Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot), 12/2

Biggest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 8, twice — 41-33 (15:30, 2nd) vs. Duke (ND 76-65), 11/17; 62-54 (5:18, 2nd) vs. Ohio State (ND 66-62), 11/20

Biggest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 2 — 28-26 by Duke (ND 76-65), 11/17

Biggest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 6 — 67-61 (0:32, 2nd) vs. Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot), 12/2

Biggest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: None

Halftime Leads: ND: 9 (ND Record — 9-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 3 (ND Record — 2-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Rebound Advantage: ND: 7 (ND Record — 7-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 4 (ND Record — 3-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Bench Scoring Advantage: ND: 8 (ND Record — 8-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 4 (ND Record — 3-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 0 (ND Record — 0-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

ND Margin: +46 points, +3.8 ppg. (ND — 191 pts., 15.9 ppg.; Opponents — 145 pts., 12.1 ppg.)

<u>Point Differential</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>26</u>
ND Wins	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ND Losses	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Starting Lineups (F-F-C-G-G) & W-L Marks All Games

Batteast, LaVere, Borton, Duffy, Gray 6-0

Batteast, Erwin, Borton, Duffy, Gray 5-1

Complete Games Played: 4 // Opponents: 4

Most Minutes (overtime): 45 (Megan Duffy vs. Michigan State, 12/2)

Most Minutes (regulation): 40, three times (Megan Duffy vs. Duke, 11/17; Duffy vs. Ohio State, 11/20; Jacqueline Batteast at Marquette, 12/19)

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 36 (Batteast 10, Duffy 7, Erwin 4, Allen 3, Borton 3, Gray 3, LaVere 3, D'Amico 1, Gaines 1) // Opponents: 25

20-29-Point Games: 7 (Batteast 4, Erwin 2, Duffy 1) // Opponents: 5

30-39-Point Games: 1 (Batteast 1) // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 9 (Batteast 7, Duffy 1, Erwin 1)

Team-High Honors*: 12 (Batteast 7, Erwin 2, Allen 1, Duffy 1, LaVere 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 5 (Batteast 3, Borton 1, LaVere 1) // Opponents: 4

Game-High Honors*: 6 (Batteast 4, Borton 1, LaVere 1)

Team-High Honors*: 17 (Batteast 7, Borton 3, Gray 2, LaVere 2, Allen 1, Erwin 1, Gaines 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 1 (Duffy 1) // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 10 (Duffy 5, Batteast 4, Borton 1)

Team-High Honors*: 15 (Duffy 7, Batteast 6, Borton 1, Gray 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 5 (Batteast 3 - VALPO, UW, MARQ; Borton 1 - NEB; LaVere 1 - DUKE) // Opponents: 3

* - totals may not add up to games played due to ties

The Last Time It Happened ...

Notre Dame recorded a

30-point win was on 2/25/04 — ND 93, Miami 58 (35 points)*
 40-point win was on 11/26/02 — ND 107, Cleveland State 65 (42 points)*
 50-point win was on 3/4/01 — ND 89, Georgetown 33 (56 points) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Storrs, Conn.*)
 30-point loss was on 3/17/02 — Tennessee 89, ND 50 (39 points) (*NCAA Mid-east Region Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot

60% on FGs was on 12/11/04 — 60.4% (29-48) vs. Washington (ND 72-58)*
 65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
 90% on FTs was on 11/30/04 — 100.0% (18-18) at Valparaiso (ND 69-59) (**school record**)

Notre Dame

won 10 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (*across two seasons*)
 • lost 5 games in a row (*one season*) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight
 scored 100 points was on 11/26/02 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)*
 • scored 100 points on the road never
 • scored 100 points at a neutral site was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (*Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.*)
 • scored 100 points & lost never
 allowed 100 points was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)*
 scored less than 50 points was on 3/27/04 (Penn State 55, ND 49) (*NCAA East Regional Semifinal at Hartford, Conn.*)
 allowed less than 50 points was on 12/30/04 (ND 73, Northern Illinois 49)
 played an overtime game was on 12/2/04 (Michigan State 82, ND 73 - ot)*
 • played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
 rallied from a double-digit deficit to win was on 3/1/03 — 12 points (5-17, 8:56, 1st; 7-19, 6:44, 1st) vs. Seton Hall (ND 62-60)*
 won on a "last second" shot was on 12/19/04 (ND 50, Marquette 47 — Jacqueline Batteast three-pointer at 0:00)
 lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
 had five double-figure scorers was on 11/12/04 (ND 92, Illinois State 73) — Courtney LaVere 18, Megan Duffy 15, Charel Allen 14, Jacqueline Batteast 13, Teresa Borton 11, Crystal Erwin 10*
 had six double-figure scorers was on 11/12/04 (ND 92, Illinois State 73) — Courtney LaVere 18, Megan Duffy 15, Charel Allen 14, Jacqueline Batteast 13, Teresa Borton 11, Crystal Erwin 10*
 had seven double-figure scorers was on 2/6/97 (ND 90, Syracuse 73) — Rosanne Bohman 16, Mollie Peirick 15, Katryna Gaither 14, Kari Hutchinson 11, Sheila McMillen 11, Beth Morgan 11, Jeannine Augustin 10

had no double-figure scorers was on 2/8/04 (Seton Hall 51, ND 45)

had two double-figure rebounders was on 3/21/04 (ND 69, SMS 65 - ot) — Courtney LaVere 13, Jacqueline Batteast 11* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)

had two players with "double-doubles" was on 3/21/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (17 pts., 11 reb.) & Courtney LaVere (11 pts., 13 reb.) vs. SMS (ND 69-65 - ot)* (*NCAA East Region First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)

had three players with "double-doubles" was on 12/21/95 — Beth Morgan (28 pts., 11 reb.), Katryna Gaither (27 pts., 14 reb.) & Carey Poor (10 pts., 10 reb.) at Michigan State (MSU 87-83 - ot)

had two 20-point scorers was on 11/30/04 (ND 69, Valparaiso 59) — Jacqueline Batteast 25, Megan Duffy 20

had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*

made 10 three-point field goals was on 3/3/02 (Syracuse 84, ND 79) — 10-26 (38.5%) on threes (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)

committed 10 turnovers or less was on 11/30/04 (ND 69, Valparaiso 59) — 10 turnovers

committed 25 turnovers or more was on 1/28/04 (ND 59, Miami 50) — 26 turnovers

forced 25 turnovers or more was on 12/9/04 (ND 65, Dayton 39) — 26 turnovers

An Irish player had

25 points was on 12/19/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (27) at Marquette (ND 50-47)

30 points was on 11/20/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (32) vs. Ohio State (ND 66-62)*

35 points was on 2/22/00 — Ruth Riley (36) vs. Miami (ND 83-68)*

40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)

15 rebounds was on 2/23/03 — Jacqueline Batteast (18) at Connecticut (UC 77-59)

20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

10 assists was on 12/11/04 — Megan Duffy (10) vs. Washington (ND 72-58)*

5 blocks was on 12/2/04 — Teresa Borton (6) vs. Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot)*

5 steals was on 12/19/04 — Megan Duffy (7) at Marquette (ND 50-47)

a "double-double" was on 12/19/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (27 pts., 10 reb.) at Marquette (ND 50-47)

a "triple-double" was on 2/15/90 — Sara Liebscher (17 pts., 12 reb., 10 asst.) vs. Detroit (ND 99-58)*

20 pts & 10 rebs was on 12/19/04 — Jacqueline Batteast (27 pts., 10 reb.) at Marquette (ND 50-47)

20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25 pts., 20 reb.) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)

An opposing player had

25 points was on 11/12/04 — Katie Donovan (25), Illinois State (ND 92-73)*

30 points was on 1/28/98 — Jen Beisel (30), Villanova (VU 70-54)*

35 points was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)

10 rebounds was on 12/2/04 — Liz Shimek (13) and Kristin Haynie (10), Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot)*

15 rebounds was on 12/22/03 — Ebony Hoffman (16), USC (ND 73-62)*

20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)

10 assists was on 12/4/03 — Stephanie Rich (12), Wisconsin (ND 82-64)*

5 blocks was on 11/17/04 — Alison Bales (7), Duke (ND 76-65)*

5 steals was on 3/23/04 — Keisha McClinic (6), Middle Tennessee (ND 59-46)* (*NCAA East Region Second Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)

a "double-double" was on 12/2/04 — Kristin Haynie (17 pts., 10 reb.), Michigan State (MSU 82-73 - ot)*

a "triple-double" was on 1/24/89 — Diana Vines (23 pts., 11 reb., 12 stl.), DePaul (DPU 83-62)

* - Notre Dame home game

2004-05 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 10 #7/5 Notre Dame 72, Washington 58
December 11, 2004
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Washington (58)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Bell	26 4-10 0-0 0-0 6 1 4 8
Watson	25 4-11 0-2 0-1 1 3 0 8
Hicks	21 2-6 0-1 2-2 4 3 0 6
Burt	33 5-10 3-7 3-3 3 1 1 16
O'Neill	28 2-5 2-5 0-0 4 3 3 6
Craddock	10 0-3 0-2 0-0 1 0 2 0
Florence	12 0-1 0-0 0-1 0 2 1 0
Banks	16 2-7 0-2 2-3 2 1 2 6
Castro	5 0-2 0-1 0-0 2 2 0 0
Clark	2 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 1 0 0
O'Hara	17 2-6 0-0 4-4 2 0 3 8
Plouffe	5 0-1 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
Team	
Totals	200 21-62 5-20 11-14 28 17 16 58

Notre Dame (72)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Batteast	32 7-13 0-0 3-5 10 4 4 17
Erwin	34 9-9 0-0 6-9 7 2 3 24
Borton	26 5-7 0-0 0-0 3 2 4 10
Duffy	39 2-5 0-2 2-2 4 10 1 6
Gray	31 5-6 0-0 1-2 5 2 0 11
Gaines	15 0-3 0-0 2-2 0 4 2 2
Allen	17 1-4 0-1 0-0 3 1 4 2
Powers	2 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 0
D'Amico	4 0-1 0-0 0-0 1 0 1 0
Team	
Totals	200 29-48 0-3 14-20 38 25 19 72

Washington	25	33	--	58
Notre Dame	36	36	--	72

FG Pct: Washington 33.9, Notre Dame 60.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Washington 25.0, Notre Dame 0.0. **FT Pct:** Washington 78.6, Notre Dame 70.0. **Turnovers:** Washington 14, Notre Dame 20. **Blocked Shots:** Washington 3, Notre Dame 1. **Steals:** Washington 10 (Burt 4), Notre Dame 10 (Duffy 3). **Attendance:** 5,407.

NOTES: Notre Dame takes a 2-1 series lead over Washington, in what was the Huskies' first-ever visit to South Bend ... the Irish also continue their recent success against Pac-10 opponents, winning for the 13th time in the past 15 games against teams from that league (2-0 this year with a Nov. 26 win at USC) ... Notre Dame shot a season-best .604 from the floor (29-for-48), the best single-game shooting percentage by an Irish team since Feb. 27, 2001 (.635 at Pittsburgh) ... Notre Dame's first five baskets came from five different starters and the Irish starting lineup combined to shoot .700 (28-for-40) from the field ... Notre Dame's 25 assists on 29 field goals (.862) is the best assist percentage in a game for the Irish since Jan. 2, 2000, when Notre Dame had 26 assists on 29 baskets (.897) in a 75-60 win over Marquette ... The Irish are 9-1 after 10 games for the third time in school history - the others were 1998-99 (9-1) and 2000-01 (10-0) ... Notre Dame had four double-figure scorers for the fourth time this season, but first since they did so in each of their first three games (vs. Illinois State, Nebraska and #6 Duke) ... with her 9-for-9 shooting performance, sophomore forward Crystal Erwin tied an 18-year-old Joyce Center record previously set by Sandy Botham vs. Evansville on Feb. 28, 1986; the only Irish player with a better shooting night than Erwin and Botham was Karen Robinson, who went 12-for-12 on the road at Saint Louis on Jan. 14, 1989 ... Erwin finished with a career-high 24 points, breaking the freshly-minted mark of 20 points she set nine days earlier on Dec. 2 in an overtime loss to then-#15 Michigan State ... Erwin also plucked a career-best seven rebounds, one more than her previous high which she had done twice before (most recently two nights earlier at Dayton) ... junior guard Megan Duffy dished out a career-high 10 assists, breaking her personal standard of nine assists which she set in last year's game at Washington (Dec. 7, 2003) ... Duffy also is the first Irish player to record 10 assists in a game since Niele Ivey also had 10 handouts vs. Connecticut on Jan. 15, 2001 at the Joyce Center ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast notched her second double-double of the season (34th of her career) with 17 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

GAME 11 #7/5 Notre Dame 50, Marquette 47
December 19, 2004
Al McGuire Center (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Notre Dame (50)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Batteast	40 9-16 1-3 8-8 10 3 2 27
Erwin	26 1-5 0-0 0-0 3 1 4 2
Borton	22 1-1 0-0 1-2 2 1 4 3
Duffy	39 1-7 0-2 3-4 2 3 0 5
Gray	22 2-5 0-0 1-2 3 2 1 5
Gaines	12 0-2 0-0 2-2 2 0 1 2
Allen	15 1-5 0-0 2-2 2 0 3 4
Powers	17 1-3 0-1 0-0 2 1 1 2
D'Amico	7 0-2 0-0 0-0 0 0 4 0
Team	
Totals	200 16-46 1-6 17-20 31 11 20 50

Marquette (47)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Osagie	26 0-2 0-0 0-2 7 0 2 0
McCullough	29 1-4 0-1 0-0 3 1 3 2
Quaye	29 6-20 1-3 7-11 8 2 4 20
Kieger	40 2-9 1-3 2-2 4 6 1 7
Kamm	26 3-6 1-3 0-0 2 0 4 7
Shirley	6 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 0 1 0
Kovalenko	19 2-8 0-0 2-4 6 1 1 6
Juedes	25 2-7 1-5 0-0 6 3 1 5
Team	
Totals	200 16-56 4-15 11-19 47 13 17 47

Notre Dame	23	27	--	50
Marquette	24	23	--	47

FG Pct: Notre Dame 34.8, Marquette 28.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 16.7, Marquette 26.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 85.0, Marquette 57.9. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 13, Marquette 19. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 6 (Borton 3), Marquette 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 11 (Duffy 7), Marquette 5 (Osagie 3). **Attendance:** 2,573.

NOTES: Notre Dame picks up its 10th win of the season, the earliest the Irish have ever reached double-digit victories (in terms of the calendar); in 2000-01, Notre Dame got its 10th win on Dec. 21, ironically also at Marquette ... the Irish are now 4-0 on the road, marking just the fourth time in school history they have won their first four true road games in a season (also 1982-83, 1998-99 and 2000-01) ... Notre Dame jumps to 26-4 all-time against Marquette, the most victories against one opponent in school history ... the Irish also have won 25 of their last 26 matchups with the Golden Eagles, although the past three encounters have been decided by an average of only 6.0 ppg. ... Notre Dame is 110-23 (.827) all-time against former members of the North Star Conference (which included ND from 1983-88), including wins in 22 of their last 23 such matchups ... Notre Dame has won 12 of its last 13 games against Conference USA squads and is 49-21 (.700) all-time against that league, although the majority of those games came vs. Marquette, which will join the BIG EAST next season ... the Irish have held six of their last seven opponents to less than 60 points, including three games of under 50 points ... with the win over Marquette, Irish head coach Muffet McGraw registered her 394th victory at Notre Dame, passing former ND men's coach Digger Phelps for the most victories ever by a Notre Dame basketball coach (Phelps posted a 393-197 mark from 1971-91) ... the last-second three-pointer by senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast was unusual for Notre Dame, which had not had a buzzer-beating victory since Jan. 14, 1995, when Letitia Bowen hit a putback at the horn to win at Detroit, 67-65 ... Batteast notched her third double-double of the season and 35th of her career with game highs of 27 points and 10 rebounds ... in addition, she moved into fifth place on Notre Dame's career rebounding list with 827 caroms, one more than Margaret Nowlin (826 from 1988-92) ... Batteast also scored her 1,500th career point on a layup 30 seconds into the game, becoming only the seventh player in school history to eclipse that milestone ... junior guard Megan Duffy tied her career high with seven steals, part of 11 thefts by Notre Dame.

GAME 12 #6/4 Notre Dame 73, No. Illinois 49
December 30, 2004
Convocation Center (DeKalb, Ill.)

Notre Dame (73)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Batteast	30 8-12 1-1 4-4 3 2 3 21
Erwin	17 2-6 0-0 2-3 3 2 4 6
Borton	23 1-2 0-0 4-4 4 4 3 6
Duffy	25 3-8 2-5 1-2 2 1 3 9
Gray	25 3-6 0-0 0-0 5 0 0 6
Gaines	27 4-6 0-0 4-5 7 2 2 12
Allen	19 2-4 0-0 1-1 5 2 3 5
Powers	12 1-1 0-0 0-0 1 1 0 2
Tsipis	4 0-1 0-0 2-2 0 0 0 2
D'Amico	9 0-1 0-0 2-4 3 1 4 2
LaVere	9 1-2 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 2
Team	
Totals	200 25-49 3-6 20-25 35 15 22 73

Northern Illinois (49)	
Player	min fg-a 3fg-a ft-a reb ast pf tp
Wilson	11 0-3 0-0 0-0 1 1 2 0
Wiener	33 4-9 0-0 6-9 3 3 5 14
Williamson	18 0-5 0-2 0-0 6 0 2 0
Raymond	39 2-14 1-9 10-12 8 2 2 15
Basic	37 3-12 3-7 0-0 4 4 1 2 9
Uptmor	22 2-3 0-0 1-2 3 0 4 5
Sillar	15 0-2 0-1 0-0 0 1 1 0
Lowe	13 1-3 0-0 2-2 4 0 1 4
Verdegan	12 1-4 0-3 0-0 3 2 1 2
Team	
Totals	200 13-55 4-22 19-25 36 10 20 49

Notre Dame	36	37	--	73
Northern Illinois	26	23	--	49

FG Pct: Notre Dame 51.0, Northern Illinois 23.6. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, Northern Illinois 18.2. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 80.0, Northern Illinois 76.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 18, Northern Illinois 18. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 5 (D'Amico 3), Northern Illinois 4. **Steals:** Notre Dame 12 (Borton 3), Northern Illinois 12 (Williamson 4). **Attendance:** 2,149.

NOTES: Notre Dame moves to 11-1 this season, marking only the second time in school history the Irish have won 11 of their first 12 games (they went 23-0 to start the 2000-01 season) ... This year's club also joins the '00-01 squad as the only Notre Dame teams ever to win their first five true road games of the season (the 2000-01 team won its first 10 road contests) ... the Irish now are 8-5 all-time against Northern Illinois, including a 4-3 mark in DeKalb ... Notre Dame held the Huskies to their lowest point total in series history while also recording the largest margin of victory in the rivalry - there had previously been three 23-point wins in the series ... Notre Dame has won its last eight games against current Mid-American Conference teams, dating back to 1995 when NIU beat the Irish, 87-64, in DeKalb ... Thursday's game also was the last of four for Notre Dame this season against teams it used to play in the old North Star Conference; the Irish also have defeated Valparaiso, Dayton and Marquette and are now 111-23 (.828) all-time against former NSC schools, including wins in 23 of their last 24 matchups ... Notre Dame held NIU to opponent season lows of 13 field goals and a .236 field goal percentage ... conversely, the Irish shot better than 50 percent from the field for the third time this season (.510, 25-for-49) ... for the first time this season, all 11 Irish players cracked the scoring column, with freshman walk-on guard Amanda Tsipis completing the feat on two free throws in the final five seconds ... senior All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast collected her fifth 20-point game of the season and 26th of her career, tying her with former teammate Alicia Ratay (1999-2003) for fifth place in school history ... Batteast also registered her 83rd double-figure scoring game, pushing her into sole possession of fifth place in that category, ahead of Karen Robinson (82 from 1987-91); Ratay is next in that department with 95 ... freshman guard Tulyah Gaines set new career highs with 12 points (previously had five at Dayton on Dec. 9) and seven rebounds (previously grabbed two on two occasions) ... senior center Teresa Borton reached a personal milestone vs. NIU, grabbing her 500th career rebound; she also tied her career bests with a game-high four assists and three steals.