

Notre Dame vs. Villanova
Game Notes
March 2, 2009

- This is the third Big Monday game for Notre Dame this season. The Irish hosted Marquette (1/26) and Villanova (3/2), while also visiting Louisville (2/12) for Big Monday contests.
- Sophomore guard/forward Tyrone Nash recorded his first career start for the Irish.
- Senior forward Zach Hillesland had his third non-start of the season, due to a sternum injury suffered against Connecticut on Saturday.
- The first half saw six ties and eight lead changes.
- For just the second time this season, the Irish entered the half with the score tied. The only other halftime tie was against Cincinnati (37-37) on Feb. 4.
- Notre Dame is now 0-2 this season after being tied at halftime.
- Junior forward Luke Harangody scored in double figures for seventh consecutive game and the 26th time overall this season.
- Senior guard Ryan Ayers scored in double figures for the 15th time this season. He hit at least seven three-pointers for the third time this season (vs. South Dakota (9) on Dec. 2 and Providence (7) on Feb. 21), and scored 20-plus points for the third game (vs. South Dakota (35) and Providence (28)).
- Nash set a new career high with 11 rebounds.
- Notre Dame has faced 12 ranked opponents this season, the most by any Irish team during the regular season in the program's 104-year history.
- The 60 points scored by the Irish were the lowest offensive output for Notre Dame this season.