



NOTRE DAME

Women's Basketball 2011-12

2001 NCAA Champions • 2011 NCAA National Finalist
1997 NCAA Final Four • 9 NCAA Sweet 16 Berths

2011-12 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

General Information

Location.....Notre Dame, Indiana 46556
 Founded1842
 Enrollment 8,363 (undergraduate) / 11,731 (total)
 Nickname Fighting Irish
 ColorsGold and Blue
 ConferenceBIG EAST
 Arena (capacity).....Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (9,149)
 President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.
 Vice President/Athletics Director..... Jack Swarbrick
 Senior Deputy Athletics Director/SWAMissy Conboy
 Associate Athletics Director/WBB Administrator..... Jill Bodensteyner

Coaching Staff

Head Coach Muffet McGraw (Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77)
 Record at Notre Dame.....556-211 (.725) / 25th season
 Career Record644-252 (.719) / 30th season
 Associate Head Coach.....Jonathan Tsipis (North Carolina '96)
 Associate Coach Carol Owens (Northern Illinois '90)
 Assistant CoachNiele Ivey (Notre Dame '00)
 Coordinator of Basketball Operations.... Stephanie Menio (Pittsburgh '04)
 Associate Director of Operations & Technology
 Angie Potthoff (Penn State '97)
 Administrative Assistant..... Tina Scott

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Basketball History

Seasons of Basketball..... entering 35th
 First Season of Basketball (record) 1977-78 (13-4)
 All-Time Record..... 720-310 (.699)
 Record at Purcell Pavilion/Joyce Center 354-88 (.801)
 Record in BIG EAST Conference..... 201-63 (.761)
 NCAA Championship Appearances 18
 Most Recent Appearance (finish) 2011 (National Finalist)
 Best Finish..... National Champion (2001)

2010-11 Season In Review

Overall Record..... 31-8
 BIG EAST Conference Record (finish) 13-3 (tie-2nd)
 BIG EAST Championship Results Finalist
 def. Louisville (63-53), quarterfinals
 def. DePaul (71-67), semifinals
 lost at Connecticut (64-73), championship
 NCAA Championship National Finalist
 def. Utah (67-54), first round
 def. Temple (77-64), second round
 def. Oklahoma (78-53), regional semifinal
 def. Tennessee (73-59), regional final
 def. Connecticut (72-63), national semifinal
 lost to Texas A&M (70-76), national championship
 Final Poll Rankings 9th (AP)/2nd (ESPN/USA Today)

2011-12 Outlook Information

Monogram Winners Returning (9)

Natalie Novosel***5-11, Sr., G, 15.1 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 1.9 spg.
 Skylar Diggins**5-9, Jr., G, 15.0 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 4.8 apg.
 Devereaux Peters****6-2, Grad., F, 11.9 ppg., 7.5 rpg., 1.7 bpg.
 Kayla McBride* 5-11, So., G, 8.7 ppg., 3.3 rpg.
 Brittany Mallory**** 5-10, Grad., G, 7.1 ppg., 2.7 apg.
 Natalie Achonwa*6-3, So., F, 6.9 ppg., 5.3 rpg.
 Kaila Turner** 5-8, Jr., G, 2.7 ppg., 1.7 apg.
 Fraderica Miller***5-10, Sr., G, 1.9 ppg., 2.1 rpg.
 Ariel Braker*6-1, So., F, 1.6 ppg., 2.2 rpg.
 * - monograms earned

Monogram Winners Graduated (2)

Becca Bruszewski**** 6-1, F, 8.9 ppg., 5.3 rpg.
 Mary Forr* 5-11, F, 1.5 ppg., 0.7 rpg.

Starters Returning (4)

Natalie Novosel***5-11, Sr., G, 15.1 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 1.9 spg.
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Incoming Freshmen (3)

Madison Cable5-11, G, Mt. Lebanon, Pa. (Mt. Lebanon HS)
 Whitney Holloway..... 5-4, G, Plainfield, Ill. (Montini Catholic HS)
 Markisha Wright... 6-2, F, Des Moines, Iowa (Des Moines East HS)

Media Information

Flagship Radio.....Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) in South Bend
 Play-by-Play ..Bob Nagle (574-291-8200; bnagle@leseas.com)
 Local NewspaperSouth Bend Tribune
 Beat Writer..... Curt Rallo (574-235-6161, crallo@sbtinfo.com)





2011-12 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTERS

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School)
4	Skylar Diggins	G	5-9	Jr.-2V	South Bend, Ind. (Washington)
11	Natalie Achonwa	F	6-3	So.-1V	Guelph, Ontario (St. Mary's Catholic)
12	Fraderica Miller	G	5-10	Sr.-3V	Atlanta, Ga. (The Marist School)
14	Devereaux Peters	F	6-2	Grad.-4V	Chicago, Ill. (Fenwick)
15	Kaila Turner	G	5-8	Jr.-2V	Joliet, Ill. (Marian Catholic)
21	Natalie Novosel	G	5-11	Sr.-3V	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
22	Brittany Mallory	G	5-10	Grad.-4V	Baltimore, Md. (McDonogh School)
23	Kayla McBride	G	5-11	So.-1V	Erie, Pa. (Villa Maria Academy)
44	Ariel Braker	F	6-1	So.-1V	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. (Grosse Point North)
	Madison Cable	G	5-11	Fr.-HS	Mt. Lebanon, Pa. (Mt. Lebanon)
	Whitney Holloway	G	5-4	Fr.-HS	Plainfield, Ill. (Montini Catholic)
	Markisha Wright	F	6-2	Fr.-HS	Des Moines, Iowa (Des Moines East)

NOTE: players are listed by their academic class year

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Coaching Staff

Name	Position	Year at ND	Alma Mater
Muffet McGraw	Head Coach	25th	Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77
Jonathan Tsipis	Associate Head Coach	9th	North Carolina '96
Carol Owens	Associate Coach	12th*	Northern Illinois '90
Niele Ivey	Assistant Coach	5th	Notre Dame '00
Stephanie Menio	Coordinator of Basketball Ops.	7th	Pittsburgh '04
Angie Potthoff	Assoc. Dir. Ops./Technology	7th	Penn State '97

* - Owens is in second season of second tenure at Notre Dame, having also served on staff from 1996-2005

Pronunciation Guide

Natalie Achonwa	uh-CHAWN-wuh
Ariel Braker	BREAK-er
Niele Ivey	knee-ELL
Stephanie Menio	MANY-oh
Fraderica Miller	fruh-DARE-uh-kuh
Natalie Novosel	KNOW-vuh-sell
Devereaux Peters	DEV-er-oh
Kaila Turner	KAY-luh
Jonathan Tsipis	SIP-iss
Markisha Wright	marr-KEY-shuh
Guelph	GWELF
Joliet	joe-lee-ETT
McDonogh School	muck-DONE-uh
Montini Catholic	mon-TEE-knee

Roster Breakdown

By Class

Seniors/Graduate Students.....	4
Juniors.....	2
Sophomores.....	3
Freshmen.....	3

By Position

Forwards.....	4
Guards.....	8

By State/Province

Illinois.....	3
Pennsylvania.....	2
Indiana.....	1
Iowa.....	1
Georgia.....	1
Kentucky.....	1
Maryland.....	1
Michigan.....	1
Ontario (Canada).....	1

By Height

Achonwa.....	6-3
Peters.....	6-2
Wright.....	6-2
Braker.....	6-1
Cable.....	5-11
McBride.....	5-11
Novosel.....	5-11
Mallory.....	5-10
Miller.....	5-10
Diggins.....	5-9
Turner.....	5-8
Holloway.....	5-4