

BIG EAST

Conference



Notre Dame won the BIG EAST Conference Commissioner's Trophy for women's athletics, signifying the league's top all-around athletics program, every year from 1997-2003.

After celebrating its 25th anniversary a year ago, the BIG EAST Conference moves forward in 2004-05 with new members poised to join a conference that gives unequivocal importance to providing student-athletes with opportunities to excel against the nation's best.

In 2005-06, the league will add five new members: the University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, the University of Louisville, Marquette University and the University of South Florida.

Since opening its doors in 1979, the league has won 24 national championships in six different sports and 122 student-athletes have won individual national titles. The BIG EAST always has been able to boast that some of its best students are also some of its best athletes. More than 300 student-athletes have earned Academic All-America honors.

In 2003-04, three BIG EAST student-athletes were named the national scholar-athlete of the year in their respective sports – Connecticut's Emeka Okafor in men's basketball, Notre Dame's Vanessa Pruzinsky in women's soccer and St. John's Chris Wingert in men's soccer.

BIG EAST student-athletes also have continued their success after leaving the classrooms and playing fields. Former Connecticut women's basketball standout Dr. Leigh Curl was inducted into the Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 1999. Former Georgetown men's basketball star Dikembe Mutombo was named a winner of the President's Service Award, the highest honor in the U.S. for volunteer service.

The BIG EAST continued to thrive on the playing fields and in the playing arenas in 2003-04. In basketball, Connecticut won the men's and women's NCAA titles. With the Syracuse men and the UConn women also grabbing NCAA crowns the previous season, the BIG EAST became the first conference in NCAA history to win the men's and women's titles in consecutive seasons. In fact, the BIG EAST has won the last five women's basketball titles.

Also in '03-04, St. John's played in the NCAA men's soccer national championship game while Connecticut made it to the women's soccer final and Georgetown played in its third women's NCAA lacrosse semifinal in the last four years. Providence placed third in women's cross country and league member Syracuse won the national title in men's lacrosse, though it is not a BIG EAST sport.

Whether it's the student-athletes or the league as a whole, moving proactively has been a consistent strategy for the conference that was formed in 1979.

In the spring of 2001, the BIG EAST added



The Notre Dame men's tennis team celebrated its fourth BIG EAST title in 2004.

women's lacrosse to its growing list of sports. The inaugural women's golf championship was held in the spring of 2003.

The BIG EAST became a reality on May 31, 1979, following a meeting of athletic directors from Providence College, St. John's, Georgetown and Syracuse. Seton Hall, Connecticut and Boston College completed the original seven-school alliance.

While the membership has both increased and changed, the focus of the BIG EAST has not wavered. The conference reflects a tradition of broad-based programs, led by administrators and coaches who place a constant emphasis on academic integrity. The BIG EAST Conference has enjoyed a leadership role nationally. Its student-athletes own significantly high graduation rates, and their record of scholastic achievement notably shows a balance between intercollegiate athletics and academics.

Any successful organization enjoys outstanding leadership. Michael

Tranghese, the league's first full-time employee, and for 11 years the associate to Dave Gavitt,

moved into the commissioner's chair in 1990. In his first year, he administered the formation of the BIG EAST football conference.

BIG EAST sports attract the interest of followers in the nation's largest media markets including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh and Hartford. When the new schools are added in 2005-06, the BIG EAST markets will contain almost one-fourth of all television households in the U.S.



The league has long been considered a leader in innovative concepts in promotion and publicity, particularly regarding television. Those efforts have resulted in unparalleled visibility for BIG EAST student-athletes. The conference has long-range television contracts with CBS, ESPN and ABC.

While BIG EAST basketball games are regular sellouts at campus and major public arenas, including the annual BIG EAST Championship in Madison Square Garden, attendance figures also are significant at BIG EAST soccer, women's basketball and baseball games.

More than 500 BIG EAST athletes have earned All-America recognition and dozens have won individual NCAA national championships. The BIG EAST has been well represented in U.S. or foreign national and Olympic teams. Several athletes earned gold medals in each of the last five summer Olympiads.

The BIG EAST has its headquarters in Providence, where the conference administers to more than 5,500 athletes in 23 sports.

Notre Dame BIG EAST Titles

Since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, Notre Dame has won more conference championship titles (57) than any other school:

Baseball
2002, 2003, 2004

Women's Cross Country
2002, 2003

Men's Cross Country
1997, 1999, 2001

Women's Golf
2003, 2004

Men's Golf
1995, 1996, 1997, 2004

Rowing
2004

Women's Soccer
1995, 1996, 1997, 1998,
1999, 2000, 2001

Men's Soccer
1996, 2003

Softball
1999, 2000, 2002, 2003

Women's Swimming & Diving
1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001,
2002, 2003, 2004

Women's Tennis
1996, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003

Men's Tennis
1996, 1999, 2002, 2004

Women's Indoor Track & Field
2002

Men's Indoor Track & Field
2003

Men's Outdoor Track & Field
2000, 2003, 2004

Volleyball
1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000,
2001, 2002



The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, USA Today and the United States Sports Academy began sponsorship of the NACDA Directors' Cup competition in 1993-94.

The program, formerly sponsored by Sears, honors institutions maintaining a broad-based program and achieving success in many sports, both men's and women's. The program was expanded in 1995-96 to include Divisions II and III and NAIA.

Each institution is awarded points in a pre-determined number of sports for men and women. The overall champion is the institution that records the highest number of points in its division's Directors' Cup standings. The winner receives a Waterford crystal trophy.

The University of Notre Dame achieved its ninth top-25 finish in the 11-year history of the Directors' Cup all-sports competition, finishing 19th in the final standings for 2003-04.

Spring sports play netted the Irish 231 points, thanks to NCAA participation in women's lacrosse (tie for 9th place, 25 points), women's golf (55th, 18 points), men's tennis (tie for 33rd, 25 points), women's tennis (tie for 17th, 50 points), men's golf (tie for 34th, 38 points), softball (tie for 33rd, 25 points) and baseball (tie for 17th, 50 points, based on regional championship appearance).



In just two seasons, Molly Huddle has earned All-America accolades on seven occasions.



Notre Dame placed 19th in the 2003-04 NACDA Directors' Cup competition.

Winter competition meant 275 points for Notre Dame based on NCAA Championship finishes in fencing (3rd place, 85 points), women's track and field (21st, 52 points), women's swimming and diving (25th, 49 points), women's basketball (tie for 9th, 64 points, based on regional semifinal appearance) and hockey (tie for 9th, 25 points, based on regional semifinal appearance).

Fall NCAA competition earned the Irish 199 points based on their 10th-place finish in the NCAA Women's Cross Country Championships (60 points), their second-round appearance in NCAA women's soccer (50 points), their third-round NCAA appearance in men's soccer (64 points, highest total ever in that sport for Notre Dame) and their NCAA first-round women's volleyball appearance (25 points).

Notre Dame, champion Stanford, and Duke (18th) were the three highest-ranked private institutions in the final standings.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th

Did You Know?

Notre Dame has finished in the top 25 of the NACDA Directors' Cup nine times in the 11 years of the program.

in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th again in 2000-01 and 13th in 2001-02 and 2002-03.

Twenty-four of Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports have scored points for the Irish in the NACDA Cup competition. Leading the way are the men's and women's fencing programs, which have used nine consecutive top-three finishes at the NCAAs to contribute 716 points since fencing was added to the NACDA Cup in 1995-96. (Only one point total is awarded for men's and women's fencing due to the NCAA Championships being a combined event.) Women's soccer is next, having contributed 651.5 points, highlighted by six national semifinal appearances and the 1995 national title. It also stands as one of three teams – along with volleyball and softball – to have scored NACDA Cup points in all 11 years. Ten of Notre Dame's sports have contributed points on nine or more occasions, while all but eight have scored points in more than half of the NACDA Cup competitions.

The 2003-04 Final NACDA Directors' Cup Standings

1.	Stanford	1,337.3
2.	Michigan	1,226.3
3.	UCLA	1,178.8
4.	Ohio State	1,026.5
5.	Georgia	1,005.3
6.	Florida	993.25
7.	North Carolina	952
8.	Washington	919.5
9.	California	899.5
10.	Texas	880.25
11.	LSU	867.75
12.	Arizona	799
13.	Penn State	795.5
14.	Tennessee	755.75
15.	Oklahoma	728.75
16.	Texas A&M	714
17.	Arizona State	708
18.	Duke	706.5
19.	Notre Dame	705
20.	Minnesota	687





Niele Ivey helped lead the Irish to a share of their first-ever BIG EAST regular-season title in 2000-01.

1997-98

BIG EAST	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	17-1	34-3
NOTRE DAME	12-6	22-10
Villanova	12-6	19-10
Boston College	11-7	17-11
West Virginia.....	7-11	12-16
St. John's	4-14	6-21
BIG EAST 6	BIG EAST	Overall
Rutgers	14-4	22-10
Miami	13-5	19-10
Syracuse	7-11	12-15
Providence	6-12	10-17
Seton Hall.....	6-12	8-19
Georgetown	5-13	9-19
Pittsburgh.....	3-15	6-21

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

1998-99

BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	17-1
Rutgers	17-1
NOTRE DAME	15-3
Boston College	12-6
Georgetown	10-8
Villanova	9-9
Miami	9-9
St. John's	7-11
Syracuse	6-12
West Virginia.....	5-13
Providence	4-14
Pittsburgh.....	3-15
Seton Hall.....	3-15

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

1999-00

BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	16-0
NOTRE DAME	15-1
Rutgers	12-4
Boston College	12-4
Georgetown	9-7
Villanova	7-9
Miami	7-9
Pittsburgh	7-9
St. John's	5-11
Seton Hall.....	5-11
Providence	5-11
Syracuse	3-13
West Virginia.....	1-15

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

2000-01

BIG EAST	Overall
NOTRE DAME	15-1
Connecticut	15-1
Rutgers	13-3
Virginia Tech.....	11-5
Villanova	11-5
Seton Hall	9-7
Boston College.....	7-9
Georgetown	6-10
Syracuse	6-10
Miami	6-10
Providence	4-12
St. John's	3-13
Pittsburgh.....	3-13
West Virginia.....	3-13

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

2001-02

BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	16-0
NOTRE DAME	13-3
Boston College	12-4
Villanova	12-4
Miami	10-6
Virginia Tech	9-7
Syracuse	9-7
Providence	7-9
Seton Hall.....	6-10
West Virginia.....	6-10
Rutgers	5-11
Georgetown	4-12
Pittsburgh.....	3-13
St. John's	0-16

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

2002-03

BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	16-0
Rutgers	13-3
Villanova	12-4
Boston College	12-4
Virginia Tech.....	10-6
NOTRE DAME	10-6
Miami	8-8
Seton Hall	7-9
Georgetown	6-10
Syracuse	5-11
Pittsburgh.....	4-12
West Virginia.....	4-12
Providence	3-13
St. John's	2-14

Tournament Champion: Villanova

2003-04

BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	14-2
NOTRE DAME	12-4
Villanova	12-4
Miami	11-5
Boston College	11-5
West Virginia.....	10-6
Rutgers	10-6
Virginia Tech.....	10-6
Georgetown	7-9
Seton Hall	6-10
St. John's	4-12
Syracuse	3-13
Pittsburgh.....	2-14
Providence	0-16

Tournament Champion: Boston College

1995-96

BIG EAST 6	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	17-1	34-4
NOTRE DAME	15-3	25-8
Villanova	13-5	21-7
Boston College	7-11	10-17
West Virginia.....	7-11	12-15
St. John's	4-14	6-21
BIG EAST 7	BIG EAST	Overall
Providence	9-9	12-15
Miami	9-9	14-13
Syracuse	9-9	14-14
Seton Hall	9-9	16-13
Rutgers	8-10	13-15
Georgetown	7-11	12-15
Pittsburgh.....	3-15	6-24

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

1996-97

BIG EAST 6	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	18-0	33-1
NOTRE DAME	17-1	31-7
Boston College	13-5	18-10
West Virginia.....	11-7	19-12
Villanova	8-10	14-14
St. John's	3-15	5-22
BIG EAST 7	BIG EAST	Overall
Georgetown	9-9	17-11
Miami	8-10	15-14
Rutgers	8-10	11-17
Providence	8-10	13-14
Seton Hall.....	7-11	10-17
Syracuse	4-14	6-21
Pittsburgh.....	3-15	8-22

Tournament Champion: Connecticut





Sharpshooting guard Alicia Ratay was a six-time BIG EAST Rookie of the Week selection in 1998-99.

BIG EAST Player of the Year

Ruth Riley2000-01

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year

Jacqueline Batteast2001-02
Alicia Ratay1999-2000

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year

Ruth Riley1998-99
1999-2000
2000-01

BIG EAST Most Improved Player

Megan Duffy2003-04
Kelley Siemon2000-01

All-BIG EAST First-Team Selections

Jacqueline Batteast2003-04
Katryna Gaither1995-96
1996-97
Niele Ivey2000-01
Beth Morgan1995-96
1996-97
Alicia Ratay2001-02
Ruth Riley1998-99
1999-2000
2000-01

All-BIG EAST Second-Team Selections

Jacqueline Batteast2001-02
2002-03
Niele Ivey1999-2000
Sheila McMillen1998-99

All-BIG EAST Third-Team Selections

Niele Ivey1998-99
Mollie Peirick1997-98
Alicia Ratay2000-01

All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention Selections

Megan Duffy2003-04
Alicia Ratay2002-03
Kelley Siemon2000-01

BIG EAST All-Freshman Team Selections

Jacqueline Batteast2001-02
Courtney LaVere2002-03
Alicia Ratay1999-2000
Ruth Riley1997-98

BIG EAST All-Tournament Team Selections

Katryna Gaither1996, 1997
Sheila McMillen1999
Beth Morgan1996, 1997
Alicia Ratay2001
Ruth Riley1999, 2000, 2001
Kelley Siemon2001

BIG EAST Player of the Week Honorees

Jacqueline BatteastDecember 29, 2003
Megan DuffyDecember 8, 2003

Katryna GaitherNovember 25, 1996
December 2, 1996
January 9, 1996
January 16, 1996
January 13, 1997
Danielle GreenNovember 23, 1998
Niele IveyDecember 15, 1997
November 16, 1998
February 8, 1999
January 17, 2000
November 27, 2000
Sheila McMillenFebruary 22, 1999
Beth MorganDecember 4, 1995
February 2, 1997
Alicia RatayFeb. 18, 2002
Feb. 25, 2002
Feb. 17, 2003
Ruth RileyDecember 29, 1998
January 11, 1999
February 1, 1999
December 6, 1999
February 21, 2000
January 1, 2001
January 8, 2001
January 22, 2001
February 12, 2001
Kelley SiemonFebruary 7, 2000

BIG EAST Freshman of the Week Honorees

Jacqueline BatteastDecember 3, 2001
December 10, 2001
December 17, 2001
December 7, 2002
January 28, 2002
February 11, 2002
Diana BraendlyFebruary 12, 1996
Katy FleckyFebruary 25, 2002
Ericka HaneyFebruary 22, 1999
Sherisha HillsNovember 30, 1998
Courtney LaVereMarch 3, 2003
Alicia RatayDecember 6, 1999
December 20, 1999
January 10, 2000
February 7, 2000
February 14, 2000
February 21, 2000
Ruth RileyJanuary 12, 1998
January 19, 1998
January 26, 1998

BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team

Jeannine Augustin1995-96
1996-97
Jacqueline Batteast2003-04
Teresa Borton2001-02
2002-03
2003-04
Diana Braendly1995-96
1997-98
1998-99
Megan Duffy2002-03
2003-04
Imani Dunbar1999-2000
Stacy Fields1995-96
Katy Flecky2001-02
2003-04
Danielle Green1995-96
1998-99

Monique Hernandez2000-01
2003-04
Kari Hutchinson1997-98
Adrienne Jordan1995-96
1996-97
Jeneka Joyce2000-01
2001-02
2002-03
2003-04
Jill Krause2001-02
2002-03
Sheila McMillen1998-99
Beth Morgan1995-96
Mollie Peirick1997-98
Carey Poor1995-96
Susie Powers2003-04
Alicia Ratay1999-2000
2000-01
2001-02
2002-03
Ruth Riley1997-98
1998-99
1999-2000
2000-01
Le'Tania Severe2000-01
2001-02
2002-03
2003-04
Karen Swanson1999-2000
2000-01
2001-02
2002-03
Anne Weese2003-04
Kelsey Wicks2001-02



2003-04 BIG EAST Conference Awards



Jacqueline Batteast was a first-team all-BIG EAST selection after ranking among the top 10 in the conference in five different statistical categories.

Player of the Year

Diana Taurasi, Connecticut

Freshman of the Year

Meg Bulger, West Virginia

Coach of the Year

Mike Carey, West Virginia

Defensive Player of the Year

Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown

Most Improved Player

Megan Duffy, Notre Dame

Sportsmanship Award

Sherri Brown, St. John's

Scholar-Athlete Award

Courtney Mix, Villanova

All-BIG EAST First Team

Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame

Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown
 Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
 Tamara James, Miami
 Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
 Diana Taurasi, Connecticut

All-BIG EAST Second Team

Kate Bulger, West Virginia
 Amber Jacobs, Boston College
 Ieva Kublina, Virginia Tech
 Courtney Mix, Villanova
 Barbara Turner, Connecticut

All-BIG EAST Third Team

Chanivia Broussard, Miami
 Julie McBride, Syracuse
 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
 Ann Strother, Connecticut
 Liad Suez, Villanova

All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention

Megan Duffy, Notre Dame
 Latoya Kincaid, Pittsburgh
 Yalonda McCormick, Miami

BIG EAST All-Freshman Team

Monique Blake, Seton Hall
 Meg Bulger, West Virginia
 Angela Clark, St. John's
 Lauren Kohn, Syracuse
 Heta Korpivaara, Seton Hall
 Liz Sherwood, Connecticut

BIG EAST All-Tournament Team

Amber Jacobs, Boston College
 Dawn McCullouch, Rutgers
 Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
 Kathrin Ress, Boston College
 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia

BIG EAST Tournament MVP

Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College

2003-04 BIG EAST Weekly Awards

Player of the Week

- Nov. 24Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown
 Tamara James, Miami
- Dec. 1Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown
 Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
- Dec. 8.....Megan Duffy, Notre Dame**
 Amber Jacobs, Boston College
- Dec. 15Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
 Liad Suez, Villanova
- Dec. 22Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown
- Dec. 29....Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame**
- Jan. 5Amber Jacobs, Boston College
 Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
- Jan. 12Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
 Liad Suez, Villanova
- Jan. 19.....Julie McBride, Syracuse
- Jan. 26Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown
 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
- Feb. 2.....Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown
 Chelsea Newton, Rutgers
- Feb. 9.....Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
- Feb. 16Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
 Barbara Turner, Connecticut
- Feb. 23.....Tamara James, Miami
- March 1Rebekkah Brunson, Georgetown

Freshman of the Week

- Nov. 24Angela Clark, St. John's
- Dec. 1Angela Clark, St. John's
- Dec. 8Angela Clark, St. John's
- Dec. 15Heta Korpivaara, Seton Hall
- Dec. 22Angela Clark, St. John's
- Dec. 29.....Kirby Copeland, Virginia Tech
- Jan. 5Meg Bulger, West Virginia
- Jan. 12Lauren Kohn, Syracuse
- Jan. 19Lauren Kohn, Syracuse
 Meg Bulger, West Virginia
- Jan. 26Meg Bulger, West Virginia
- Feb. 2Meg Bulger, West Virginia
- Feb. 9Meg Bulger, West Virginia
 Angela Clark, St. John's
- Feb. 16Meg Bulger, West Virginia
 Heta Korpivaara, Seton Hall
- Feb. 23Liz Sherwood, Connecticut
- March 1Sarah Marshall, Boston College



Megan Duffy was tapped as the BIG EAST's Most Improved Player and also earned honorable mention all-conference laurels in 2003-04.



2003-04 BIG EAST Conference Final Standings

BIG EAST Standings

PL.	Team	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
1.	Connecticut*	14	2	.875	31	4	.886
2.	NOTRE DAME*	12	4	.750	21	11	.656
	Villanova*	12	4	.750	23	7	.767
4.	Miami*	11	5	.688	22	7	.759
	Boston College*	11	5	.688	27	7	.794
6.	West Virginia*	10	6	.625	21	11	.656
	Rutgers*	10	6	.625	21	12	.636
	Virginia Tech*	10	6	.625	23	8	.742

BIG EAST Standings

PL.	Team	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
9.	Georgetown	7	9	.438	13	15	.464
10.	Seton Hall^	6	10	.375	15	15	.500
11.	St. John's	4	12	.250	10	18	.357
12.	Syracuse	3	13	.188	6	21	.222
13.	Pittsburgh	2	14	.125	6	20	.231
14.	Providence	0	16	.000	4	23	.148

* NCAA Tournament participant

^ WNIT participant

Regular Season Champion: Connecticut

BIG EAST Tournament Champion: Boston College

BIG EAST Team Statistics - All Games

Scoring Offense

School	GP	Pts.	PPG
Connecticut	35	2642	75.5
Miami	29	2139	73.8
Boston College	34	2385	70.1
West Virginia	32	2201	68.8
NOTRE DAME	32	2054	64.2
St. John's	28	1793	64.0
Virginia Tech	31	1969	63.5
Georgetown	28	1764	63.0
Rutgers	33	2063	62.5
Villanova	30	1820	60.7
Seton Hall	30	1739	58.0
Pittsburgh	26	1484	57.1
Providence	27	1483	54.9
Syracuse	27	1437	53.2

Field Goal Percentage

School	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Connecticut	965	1961	.492
Boston College	882	1804	.489
Miami	800	1761	.454
West Virginia	814	1855	.439
NOTRE DAME	746	1729	.431
Rutgers	774	1817	.426
Villanova	675	1593	.424
Virginia Tech	707	1680	.421
Georgetown	644	1642	.392
St. John's	641	1641	.391
Providence	577	1479	.390
Seton Hall	667	1729	.386
Pittsburgh	528	1419	.372
Syracuse	523	1455	.359

Scoring Defense

School	GP	Pts.	PPG
Villanova	30	1587	52.9
Connecticut	35	1884	53.8
Virginia Tech	31	1737	56.0
Seton Hall	30	1737	57.9
Boston College	34	1972	58.0
NOTRE DAME	32	1871	58.5
Rutgers	33	1931	58.5
West Virginia	32	1969	61.5
Georgetown	28	1734	61.9
Miami	29	1885	65.0
Syracuse	27	1784	66.1
Pittsburgh	26	1792	68.9
St. John's	28	1941	69.3
Providence	27	1884	69.8

Three-Point Field Goal Percentage

School	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.
Connecticut	246	636	.387
West Virginia	202	543	.372
Boston College	126	339	.372
Villanova	226	628	.360
NOTRE DAME	122	343	.356
Rutgers	106	305	.348
Virginia Tech	82	245	.335
Miami	130	389	.334
Providence	88	268	.328
St. John's	153	468	.327
Pittsburgh	113	347	.326
Georgetown	97	326	.298
Syracuse	178	623	.286
Seton Hall	78	296	.264

Rebounding

School	GP	Rebs.	RPG
Seton Hall	30	1236	41.2
Georgetown	28	1113	39.8
Connecticut	35	1376	39.3
Miami	29	1112	38.3
Virginia Tech	31	1170	37.7
St. John's	28	1049	37.5
NOTRE DAME	32	1192	37.2
West Virginia	32	1145	35.8
Rutgers	33	1150	34.8
Pittsburgh	26	895	34.4
Boston College	34	1167	34.3
Providence	27	859	31.8
Syracuse	27	817	30.3
Villanova	30	903	30.1

Free Throw Percentage

School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Boston College	495	644	.769
West Virginia	371	498	.745
Miami	409	563	.726
Virginia Tech	473	654	.723
Villanova	244	352	.693
Connecticut	466	680	.685
Pittsburgh	315	460	.685
NOTRE DAME	440	647	.680
Syracuse	213	319	.668
St. John's	358	540	.663
Providence	241	367	.657
Rutgers	409	623	.657
Georgetown	379	591	.641
Seton Hall	327	513	.637

BIG EAST Team Statistics - Conference Games

Scoring Offense

School	GP	Pts.	PPG
Connecticut	16	1208	75.5
Miami	16	1145	71.6
Boston College	16	1073	67.1
West Virginia	16	1070	66.9
Rutgers	16	1021	63.8
Georgetown	16	1016	63.5
Virginia Tech	16	997	62.3
NOTRE DAME	16	991	61.9
St. John's	16	980	61.2
Villanova	16	949	59.3
Pittsburgh	16	888	55.5
Seton Hall	16	863	53.9
Syracuse	16	839	52.4
Providence	16	826	51.6

Scoring Defense

School	GP	Pts.	PPG
Villanova	16	832	52.0
NOTRE DAME	16	840	52.5
Connecticut	16	861	53.8
Virginia Tech	16	877	54.8
Seton Hall	16	928	58.0
Rutgers	16	947	59.2
Boston College	16	954	59.6
Georgetown	16	1002	62.6
West Virginia	16	1021	63.8
Miami	16	1059	66.2
Syracuse	16	1066	66.6
Pittsburgh	16	1137	71.1
St. John's	16	1144	71.5
Providence	16	1198	74.9

Rebounding

School	GP	Rebs.	RPG
Connecticut	16	639	39.9
Seton Hall	16	627	39.2
Georgetown	16	625	39.1
Miami	16	615	38.4
NOTRE DAME	16	594	37.1
Virginia Tech	16	582	36.4
St. John's	16	576	36.0
Pittsburgh	16	560	35.0
West Virginia	16	546	34.1
Rutgers	16	538	33.6
Boston College	16	528	33.0
Syracuse	16	500	31.2
Providence	16	492	30.8
Villanova	16	464	29.0





BIG EAST Individual Statistics - All Games

BIG EAST Team Statistics - Conference Games (cont.)

Field Goal Percentage

School	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Connecticut	441	901	.489
Boston College	377	795	.474
NOTRE DAME	358	806	.444
Miami	419	951	.441
Virginia Tech	370	848	.436
Rutgers	390	894	.436
Villanova	352	818	.430
West Virginia	393	929	.423
Georgetown	371	937	.396
St. John's	340	901	.377
Providence	326	876	.372
Seton Hall	334	912	.366
Syracuse	315	869	.362
Pittsburgh	317	888	.357

Three-Point Field Goal Percentage

School	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.
Connecticut	116	302	.384
Villanova	127	333	.381
Boston College	57	150	.380
NOTRE DAME	57	154	.370
West Virginia	105	290	.362
Rutgers	54	153	.353
Miami	76	225	.338
Pittsburgh	68	207	.329
St. John's	77	236	.326
Georgetown	56	177	.316
Virginia Tech	34	112	.304
Syracuse	94	334	.281
Providence	42	151	.278
Seton Hall	27	133	.203

Free Throw Percentage

School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Boston College	262	342	.766
West Virginia	179	237	.755
Miami	231	312	.740
Virginia Tech	223	306	.729
Villanova	118	169	.698
Pittsburgh	186	268	.694
Connecticut	210	307	.684
NOTRE DAME	218	324	.673
St. John's	223	333	.670
Georgetown	218	334	.653
Syracuse	115	177	.650
Seton Hall	168	262	.641
Providence	132	207	.638
Rutgers	187	301	.621

Scoring

Player, School	GP	Pts.	PPG
1. Rebekkah Brunson, GU	28	535	19.1
2. Cappie Pondexter, RU	33	592	17.9
3. Tamara James, UM	28	464	16.6
4. Julie McBride, SU	27	441	16.3
5. Jessalyn Deveny, BC	34	555	16.3
6. Diana Taurasi, UC	35	568	16.2
7. Jacqueline Batteast, ND32	512	16.0	
8. Chanivra Broussard, UM	29	440	15.2
9. Kim MacMillan, SJU	28	414	14.8
10. Amber Jacobs, BC	32	469	14.7

Rebounding

Player, School	GP	Rebs.	RPG
1. Rebekkah Brunson, GU	28	336	12.0
2. Jacqueline Batteast, ND32	276	8.6	
3. Angela Clark, SJU	28	240	8.6
4. Shaquana Wilkins, UM	29	247	8.5
5. Gayle Nwafili, PC	24	199	8.3
6. Latoya Kincaid, UP	26	190	7.3
7. Jessica Moore, UC	35	247	7.1
8. Courtney Mix, VU	30	209	7.0
9. Erin Gibson, VT	31	215	6.9
10. Ieva Kublina, VT	31	204	6.6

Field Goal Percentage

Player, School	FGM	FGA	Pct.
1. Barbara Turner, UC	177	330	.536
2. Jessalyn Deveny, BC	203	394	.515
3. Tamara James, UM	170	340	.500
4. Chanivra Broussard, UM	175	359	.487
5. Rebekkah Brunson, GU	206	425	.485
6. Sherell Sowho, WVU	160	343	.466
7. Diana Taurasi, UC	197	432	.456
8. Jacqueline Batteast, ND204	451	.452	
9. Latoya Kincaid, UP	135	305	.443
10. Gayle Nwafili, PC	120	277	.433

Three-Point Field Goal Percentage

Player, School	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.
1. Kate Bulger, WVU	92	234	.393
2. Diana Taurasi, UC	85	218	.390
3. Mary Lisicky, GU	68	178	.382
4. Kim MacMillan, SJU	93	252	.369

Free Throw Percentage

Player, School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
1. Jessalyn Deveny, BC	119	136	.875
2. Amber Jacobs, BC	116	137	.847
3. Dawn Chriss, VT	87	104	.837
4. Shemika Stevens, SJU	77	93	.828
5. Ieva Kublina, VT	95	115	.826
6. Le'Tania Severe, ND	97	118	.822
7. Megan Duffy, ND	86	105	.819
8. Carrie Mason, VT	79	88	.798
9. Diana Taurasi, UC	89	112	.795
10. Cappie Pondexter, RU	120	156	.769

Assists

Player, School	GP	Asst.	APG
1. Yolanda Paige, WVU	32	253	7.91
2. Yolanda McCormick, UM	29	157	5.41
3. Diana Taurasi, UC	35	170	4.86
4. Shemika Stevens, SJU	28	122	4.36
5. Courtney Mix, VU	30	130	4.33
6. Amber Jacobs, BC	32	138	4.31
7. Cappie Pondexter, RU	33	141	4.27
8. Julie McBride, SU	27	114	4.22
9. Megan Duffy, ND	32	125	3.91
10. Melissa Langelier, SHU	30	107	3.57

Steals

Player, School	GP	Stls.	SPG
1. Yolanda McCormick, UM	29	93	3.21
2. Shemika Stevens, SJU	28	62	2.21
3. Chanivra Broussard, UM	29	64	2.21
4. Ashley Bush, SHU	30	60	2.00
5. Tamara James, UM	28	55	1.96
Bethany LeSueur, GU	28	55	1.96
7. Sherell Sowho, WVU	32	62	1.94
8. Carrie Mason, VT	31	58	1.87
9. Julie McBride, SU	27	49	1.81
Kristin Quinn, PC	27	49	1.81

Blocked Shots

Player, School	GP	Blks.	BPG
1. Ieva Kublina, VT	31	73	2.35
2. Rebekkah Brunson, GU	28	50	1.79
3. Jana Rediger, VU	30	47	1.57
4. Courtney Mix, VU	30	42	1.40
5. Courtney LaVere, ND	32	41	1.28
6. Shaquana Wilkins, UM	29	37	1.28
7. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	32	38	1.19
8. Chanivra Broussard, UM	29	33	1.14
9. Monique Blake, SHU	30	34	1.13
10. Sherell Sowho, WVU	32	34	1.06

Three-Point Field Goals Made

Player, School	GPFGM	3FG/G	
1. Kim MacMillan, SJU	28	93	3.32
2. Kate Bulger, WVU	32	92	2.88
3. Diana Taurasi, UC	35	85	2.43
Mary Lisicky, GU	28	68	2.43
5. Liad Suez, VU	30	58	1.93
6. Lauren Kohn, SU	27	52	1.93
7. Sherell Sowho, WVU	32	61	1.91
8. Julie McBride, SU	27	51	1.89
9. Kelly Nash, VU	30	55	1.83
10. Yolanda McCormick, UM	29	52	1.79

Assist/Turnover Ratio

Player, School	Asst.	TO	A/TO
1. Courtney Mix, VU	130	26	5.00
2. Yolanda Paige, WVU	253	102	2.48
3. Diana Taurasi, UC	170	83	2.05
4. Mary Lisicky, GU	88	55	1.60
5. Cappie Pondexter, RU	141	91	1.55
6. Barbara Turner, UC	105	71	1.48
7. Megan Duffy, ND	125	92	1.36
8. Amber Jacobs, BC	138	108	1.28
9. Le'Tania Severe, ND	104	89	1.17
10. Yolanda McCormick, UM	157	136	1.15

Double-Doubles

Player, School	GP	DD
1. Rebekkah Brunson, GU	28	18
2. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	32	13
3. Shaquana Wilkins, UM	29	10
4. Angela Clark, SJU	28	9
5. Gayle Nwafili, PC	24	7
6. Chineze Nwagbo, SU	27	5
Jessica Moore, UC	35	5
Latoya Kincaid, UP	26	5
Erin Gibson, VT	31	5
Kerri Gardin, VT	31	5



BIG EAST Individual Statistics - Conference Games

Scoring

Player, School	GP	Pts.	PPG
1. Rebekkah Brunson, GU	16	326	20.4
2. Tamara James, UM	15	263	17.5
3. Cappie Pondexter, RU	16	275	17.2
4. Julie McBride, SU	16	262	16.4
5. Chanivia Broussard, UM	16	253	15.8
6. Jessalyn Deveny, BC	16	247	15.4
7. Jacqueline Batteast, ND 16	246	15.4	
8. Kate Bulger, WVU	16	245	15.3
9. Kim MacMillan, SJU	16	236	14.8
10. Latoya Kincaid, UP	16	221	13.8

Rebounding

Player, School	GP	Rebs.	RPG
1. Rebekkah Brunson, GU	16	181	11.3
2. Shaquana Wilkins, UM	16	148	9.2
3. Jacqueline Batteast, ND 16	141	8.8	
4. Gayle Nwafili, PC	16	132	8.2
5. Angela Clark, SJU	16	121	7.6
6. Jessica Moore, UC	16	119	7.4
7. Danielle Chambers, SJU	16	114	7.1
8. Latoya Kincaid, UP	16	112	7.0
9. Courtney Mix, VU	16	110	6.9
10. Monique Blake, SHU	16	105	6.6

Field Goal Percentage

Player, School	FGM	FGA	Pct.
1. Barbara Turner, UC	80	138	.580
2. Tamara James, UM	94	176	.534
3. Rebekkah Brunson, GU	124	250	.496
4. Jessalyn Deveny, BC	82	173	.474
5. Jacqueline Batteast, ND 93	198	.470	
6. Liad Suez, VU	83	177	.469
7. Chanivia Broussard, UM	97	209	.464
8. Gayle Nwafili, PC	84	200	.420
9. Latoya Kincaid, UP	81	201	.403
10. Cappie Pondexter, RU	99	251	.394

Three-Point Field Goal Percentage

Player, School	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.
1. Kelly Nash, VU	36	81	.444
2. Mary Lisicky, GU	39	97	.402
3. Kate Bulger, WVU	49	124	.395
4. Diana Taurasi, UC	38	98	.388
5. Kim MacMillan, SJU	50	134	.373

Free Throw Percentage

Player, School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
1. Jessalyn Deveny, BC	69	79	.873
2. Shemika Stevens, SJU	56	65	.862
3. Amber Jacobs, BC	54	65	.831
4. Le'Tania Severe, ND	43	52	.827
5. Megan Duffy, ND	47	58	.810
6. Tamara James, UM	51	63	.810
7. Ieva Kublina, VT	42	54	.778
8. Yolanda Paige, WVU	40	52	.769
9. Latoya Kincaid, UP	59	79	.747
10. Cappie Pondexter, RU	61	84	.726

Assists

Player, School	GP	Asst.	APG
1. Yolanda Paige, WVU	16	131	8.19
2. Yolanda McCormick, UM	16	91	5.69
3. Diana Taurasi, UC	16	78	4.88
4. Cappie Pondexter, RU	16	76	4.75
5. Shemika Stevens, SJU	16	70	4.38
6. Julie McBride, SU	16	69	4.31
7. Courtney Mix, VU	16	68	4.25
8. Megan Duffy, ND	16	63	3.94
9. Amber Jacobs, BC	14	55	3.93
10. Le'Tania Severe, ND	16	56	3.50

Steals

Player, School	GP	Stls.	SPG
1. Yolanda McCormick, UM	16	56	3.50
2. Tamara James, UM	15	38	2.53
3. Ashley Bush, SHU	16	34	2.12
Chanivia Broussard, UM	16	34	2.12
5. Cappie Pondexter, RU	16	32	2.00
6. Shemika Stevens, SJU	16	31	1.94
7. Diana Taurasi, UC	16	30	1.88
Julie McBride, SU	16	30	1.88
9. Courtney Mix, VU	16	29	1.81
Rebekkah Brunson, GU	16	29	1.81

Blocked Shots

Player, School	GP	Blks.	BPG
1. Ieva Kublina, VT	16	40	2.50
2. Courtney Mix, VU	16	27	1.69
3. Jana Rediger, VU	16	26	1.62
4. Shaquana Wilkins, UM	16	23	1.44
5. Courtney LaVere, ND	16	22	1.38
6. Jacqueline Batteast, ND 16	21	1.31	



During BIG EAST play, Jeneka Joyce ranked eighth in the conference with 1.85 three-pointers made per game.

Rebekkah Brunson, GU	16	21	1.31
Monique Blake, SHU	16	21	1.31
9. Chanivia Broussard, UM	16	20	1.25
10. Jennifer Brown, UP	14	17	1.21

Three-Point Field Goals Made

Player, School	GP	FGM	3FG/G
1. Kim MacMillan, SJU	16	50	3.12
2. Kate Bulger, WVU	16	49	3.06
3. Mary Lisicky, GU	16	39	2.44
4. Diana Taurasi, UC	16	38	2.38
5. Kelly Nash, VU	16	36	2.25
6. Ann Strother, UC	16	31	1.94
7. Liad Suez, VU	16	30	1.88
8. Jeneka Joyce, ND	13	24	1.85
9. Lauren Kohn, SU	16	29	1.81
Sherell Sowho, WVU	16	29	1.81

Assist/Turnover Ratio

Player, School	Asst.	TO	A/TO
1. Courtney Mix, VU	68	15	4.53
2. Yolanda Paige, WVU	131	50	2.62
3. Diana Taurasi, UC	78	39	2.00
4. Cappie Pondexter, RU	76	39	1.95
5. Mary Lisicky, GU	50	30	1.67
6. Megan Duffy, ND	63	47	1.34
7. Le'Tania Severe, ND	56	44	1.27
8. Kristina Baugh, PC	54	49	1.10
9. Amber Jacobs, BC	55	50	1.10
10. Yolanda McCormick, UM	91	83	1.10



Speedy guard Le'Tania Severe ranked among the top 10 in the BIG EAST in free throw percentage and assist/turnover ratio last season.





2005 NCAA Tournament Dates and Sites

March 19 & 21; March 20 & 22
First/Second Rounds
At predetermined campus sites

March 26 & 28; March 27 & 29
NCAA Regionals

East - Philadelphia, Pa.
The Liacouras Center
(Capacity 10,206)
Temple University - host

Midwest - Chattanooga, Tenn.
McKenzie Arena
(Capacity 12,000)
UT-Chattanooga - host

Midwest - Kansas City, Mo.
Municipal Auditorium
(Capacity 9,827)
UMKC - host

West - Tempe, Ariz.
Wells Fargo Arena
(Capacity 14,184)
Arizona State University - host

April 3 & 5
NCAA Women's Final Four
Indianapolis, Ind.
RCA Dome
(Capacity 28,937)
Butler University - co-host
Horizon League - co-host



Notre Dame has ranked in the Top 10 in the nation in attendance each of the last three seasons. In 2002-03, the Irish drew 9,483 fans to the Joyce Center for their matchup with Purdue.

NOVEMBER

Wed. 3	Premier Sports at Notre Dame (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 5	Foreign Team at Villanova	(exh.)
	5 Premier Players at Connecticut (exh.)	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 6	Hoosier Lady Stars at Notre Dame (exh.)	Noon
Sun. 7	Syracuse AAU at Syracuse (exh.)	Noon
Mon. 8	Netherlands Natl. Team at Georgetown (exh.)	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 10	Turkish National Team at Rutgers (exh.)	7:30 p.m.
Thu. 11	Basketball Travelers at St. John's (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 12	Basketball Travelers at Seton Hall (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
	12 Russian Jr. Nat. Team at Pittsburgh (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
	12 WNIT Round One (Notre Dame, Ind.)	
	Illinois State at Notre Dame	9:00 p.m.
Sat. 13	NWBL at Providence (exh.)	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 14	WNIT Round Two	
	Notre Dame vs. Nebraska/Western Illinois	
	14 TBD at West Virginia (exh.)	2:00 p.m.
Mon. 15	UMMC-Ekaterinburg at Georgetown (exh.)	7:30 p.m.
Tue. 16	Houston Jaguars at Connecticut (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 17	WNIT Semifinals	
	Notre Dame vs. TBA	
	17 Ohio Legends at Pittsburgh (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 18	West Coast All-Stars at Rutgers (exh.)	7:30 p.m.
Fri. 19	Seton Hall Basketball Classic (South Orange, N.J.)	
	La Salle at Seton Hall	6:00 p.m.
	19 Providence at Holy Cross	7:00 p.m.
	19 Niagara at Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
	19 UNC Greensboro at West Virginia	7:00 p.m.
	19 Buffalo at Connecticut	7:30 p.m.
	19 George Washington at Georgetown	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 20	St. Bonaventure Tournament (St. Bonaventure, N.Y.)	
	St. John's vs. Camisius	4:00 p.m.
	20 WNIT Finals	
	Notre Dame vs. TBA	
	20 Seton Hall Basketball Classic (South Orange, N.J.)	
	Consolation Game/Championship Game	1:00 p.m./3:00 p.m.
	20 Spartan Classic (East Lansing, Mich.)	
	Boston College vs. Western Michigan	1:00 p.m.
	20 Rider at Rutgers	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 21	St. Bonaventure Tournament (St. Bonaventure, N.Y.)	
	St. John's vs. St. Bonaventure/Colgate	2:00 p.m./4:00 p.m.
	21 Penn State at Villanova	1:00 p.m.
	21 Spartan Classic (East Lansing, Mich.)	
	Boston College vs. Michigan St./Central Conn. State	1:00 p.m./3:30 p.m.
	21 Fordham at Providence	2:00 p.m.
	21 Syracuse at Yale	2:00 p.m.
	21 Jimmy V Classic (Raleigh, N.C.)	
	Connecticut vs. North Carolina	2:30 p.m.

TIME

Mon. 22	Georgetown at Utah	9:00 p.m.
	22 Colorado State at Notre Dame	7:00 p.m.
	22 Northwestern at West Virginia	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 23	Villanova at Fairfield	6:30 p.m.
	23 Pittsburgh at North Carolina A&T State	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 24	Manhattan College at Syracuse	Noon
	24 Quinnipiac at Boston College	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 25	Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)	
	Rutgers vs. South Dakota State	3:30 p.m.
Fri. 26	UNC Wilmington Tournament (Wilmington, N.C.)	
	St. John's vs. Norfolk State	7:00 p.m.
	26 UNC Greensboro Tournament (Greensboro, N.C.)	
	Pittsburgh vs. South Carolina State	
	26 U. of Texas, San Antonio Tournament	
	(San Antonio, Texas) Seton Hall vs. Arizona St.	6:00 p.m.
	26 FIU/Herald Thanksgiving Tournament (Miami, Fla.)	
	West Virginia vs. Wichita State	7:00 p.m.
	26 Notre Dame at USC	10:00 p.m.
	26 Airport University Thanksgiving Tournament	
	(Albuquerque, N.M.) Providence vs. Gonzaga	8:00 p.m.
	26 Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)	
	Rutgers vs. Oregon State	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 27	UNLV Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.)	
	Villanova vs. North Carolina	5:00 p.m.
	27 U. of Texas, San Antonio Tournament	
	(San Antonio, Texas)	
	Seton Hall vs. Texas- San Antonio	5:00 p.m.
	27 UNC Wilmington Tournament (Wilmington, N.C.)	
	St. John's vs. UNC Wilmington/Longwood	5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
	27 UNC Greensboro Tournament (Greensboro, N.C.)	
	Pittsburgh vs. TBA	
	27 Delaware at Georgetown	2:00 p.m.
	27 Boston College at Massachusetts	4:00 p.m.
	27 FIU/Herald Thanksgiving Classic (Miami, Fla.)	
	W. Virginia vs. Elon or Florida Int'l.	5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
	27 Airport University Thanksgiving Tournament	
	(Albuquerque, N.M.) Providence vs. UNM or Missouri	8:00 p.m./10:00 p.m.
	27 Paradise Jam (St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands)	
	Rutgers vs. Kentucky	3:30 p.m.
Sun. 28	UNLV Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.)	
	Consolation Game/Championship Game	5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.
	28 Syracuse at Quinnipiac	2:00 p.m.
Tue. 30	Notre Dame at Valparaiso	8:05 p.m.





Jacqueline Batteast and the Irish will face Syracuse twice during a two-week stretch in the month of January.



2004-05 BIG EAST Notes

• UCONN THREE-PEATS FOR BIG EAST'S FIFTH NCAA TITLE

Connecticut won its fifth overall and third straight national championship with a semifinal victory over Minnesota (67-58) and a title game win over Tennessee (70-61) in New Orleans. UConn (31-4) became the first Division I team to play in five straight Final Fours and is now 4-0 in NCAA title games. The BIG EAST has won each of the last five national championships - UConn (2000, '02, '03, '04) and Notre Dame (2001).

• HUSKIES x 2 Connecticut became the first NCAA Division I school to have both its men's and women's teams win the national title in the same year. While the UConn women earned their fifth title, the men captured their second championship.

• TAURASI SHINES IN NEW ORLEANS

UConn's Diana Taurasi was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Final Four for the second straight year. The Naismith Player of the Year scored 18 points in the semifinal game and 17 against the Lady Vols. Taurasi joins Cheryl Miller (USC) and Chamique Holdsclaw (Tennessee) as the only players to win the Most Outstanding Player award twice.

• EAST REGIONAL SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD

The BIG EAST Conference hosted the East Regional at the Hartford Civic Center on March 27 & 29. An East Regional record crowd of 14,855 watched UConn defeat Penn State for a trip to New Orleans. That attendance figure also ranks second all-time for any regional game. The semifinal figure of 14,253 ranks second for an East Regional and the total attendance (29,108) moves into second on the regionals two-session list.

• TAURASI EARNS NAISMITH HONOR

On March 23, Connecticut senior guard Diana Taurasi became the fifth two-time winner of the Naismith Award. The three-time All-American is the first BIG EAST player to win the award more than once after earning the honor as a junior.

• BIG EAST LED NATION WITH EIGHT NCAA BIDS

The BIG EAST Conference was the only league to land eight teams in the 2004 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. The BIG EAST is only the second conference to accomplish the feat as the SEC placed eight in 1999 and 2002. Boston College, Connecticut, Notre Dame, Miami, Rutgers, Villanova, Virginia Tech and West Virginia all earned bids.

DECEMBER

Table with columns for Day, Date, Home Team, Away Team, and Time. Lists games from Dec 1 to Dec 13.





2004-05 BIG EAST Notes

• THREE (AND THREE) IN SWEET 16

Three BIG EAST women's teams advanced to the Sweet 16. Boston College (Midwest), Connecticut (East) and Notre Dame (East) won their first and second round games to reach the region semifinals. This was BC's second straight Sweet 16 appearance. UConn played in its 12th region semifinal and the Irish played in the Sweet 16 for the sixth time in eight seasons. Three BIG EAST men's teams (UConn, Pittsburgh and Syracuse) also reached region semifinals.

Year - Sweet 16 Teams

1997-98

Connecticut, Notre Dame, Rutgers

1999-00

Connecticut, Notre Dame, Rutgers

2002-03

Boston College, Connecticut, Notre Dame, Villanova

2003-04

Boston College, Connecticut, Notre Dame

• BOSTON COLLEGE WINS FIRST BIG EAST TITLE

Boston College defeated Rutgers 75-57 to win the 2004 BIG EAST Championship on March 9 at the Hartford Civic Center. The fifth-seeded Eagles posted victories over No. 12 seed Syracuse (64-36), No. 4 Miami (65-53) and No. 1 Connecticut (73-70) to reach the final. BC became the first BIG EAST team to win the title by winning four games.

• **LUCKY SEVEN** For the first time in league history, the seventh-seeded team in the BIG EAST Championship advanced to the semifinals for three straight years. This past season, the seventh-seeded Rutgers fell to Boston College in the Championship final. Syracuse marched to the semis in 2002 and Miami made it in 2003. All three seven-seeds earned NCAA Tournament bids following their conference tournament runs.

• SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

Boston College shot 53.1 percent (102-192) from the field in its four games of the BIG EAST Championship. The Eagles also set the tournament single-game field goal percentage record, shooting 63.0 percent (29-46) in the semifinal win over UConn. In that game, the two teams set a tournament record with the highest combined shooting percentage at 60.2 percent (56-93). The Huskies shot 57.4 percent (27-47).

• UCONN WINS 11TH STRAIGHT REGULAR SEASON TITLE

With a 14-2 record in conference play, UConn won its 11th straight BIG EAST regular season title. The Huskies have won or shared 14 titles in 22 seasons of BIG EAST play.

JANUARY

		TIME
Sun.	2 BOSTON COLLEGE at WEST VIRGINIA	2:00 p.m.
	2 Georgetown at Clemson	2:00 p.m.
	2 Rutgers at Texas	2:00 p.m.
	2 PITTSBURGH at SYRACUSE	1:00 p.m.
	2 CONNECTICUT at ST. JOHN'S	2:00 p.m.
	2 PROVIDENCE at VILLANOVA	2:00 p.m.
	2 SETON HALL at NOTRE DAME	2:00 p.m.
Tue.	4 ST. JOHN'S at PITTSBURGH	7:00 p.m.
	4 PROVIDENCE at CONNECTICUT	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	5 BOSTON COLLEGE at GEORGETOWN	7:00 p.m.
	5 SYRACUSE at NOTRE DAME	7:00 p.m.
	5 LSU at Rutgers	7:30 p.m.
Thu.	6 WEST VIRGINIA at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	8 Tennessee at Connecticut	2:00 p.m.
	8 GEORGETOWN at SETON HALL	2:00 p.m.
	8 RUTGERS at ST. JOHN'S	2:00 p.m.
	8 WEST VIRGINIA at PROVIDENCE	2:00 p.m.
	Toyota Capital Classic (Charleston, W. Va.)	
Sun.	9 NOTRE DAME at VILLANOVA	2:00 p.m.
Tue.	11 Marshall vs. West Virginia	5:30 p.m.
	11 PITTSBURGH at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	12 CONNECTICUT at NOTRE DAME	7:00 p.m.
	12 PROVIDENCE at SYRACUSE	7:00 p.m.
	12 SETON HALL at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.
	12 VILLANOVA at BOSTON COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
Thu.	13 GEORGETOWN at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	15 SETON HALL at WEST VIRGINIA	2:00 p.m.
	15 Boston College at Stanford	5:00 p.m.
	15 VILLANOVA at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.

Sun.	16 ST. JOHN'S at GEORGETOWN	2:00 p.m.
	16 SYRACUSE at PITTSBURGH	2:00 p.m.
	BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge	
	Rutgers at Ohio State	3:00 p.m.
	Purdue at Notre Dame	5:00 p.m.
Mon.	17 Texas at Connecticut	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	19 NOTRE DAME at SYRACUSE	7:00 p.m.
	19 PITTSBURGH at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.
	19 GEORGETOWN at VILLANOVA	7:30 p.m.
Thu.	20 WEST VIRGINIA at BOSTON COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
	20 PROVIDENCE at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	22 PITTSBURGH at GEORGETOWN	2:00 p.m.
	22 SYRACUSE at ST. JOHN'S	Noon
Sat.	22 SETON HALL at CONNECTICUT	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	23 WEST VIRGINIA at VILLANOVA	2:00 p.m.
	23 BOSTON COLLEGE at PROVIDENCE	2:00 p.m.
	23 RUTGERS at NOTRE DAME	2:00 p.m.
Wed.	26 CONNECTICUT at PITTSBURGH	7:00 p.m.
	26 RUTGERS at BOSTON COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
	26 ST. JOHN'S at NOTRE DAME	7:00 p.m.
	26 SYRACUSE at WEST VIRGINIA	7:00 p.m.
	26 SETON HALL at GEORGETOWN	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	29 PITTSBURGH at BOSTON COLLEGE	1:00 p.m.
	29 VILLANOVA at SYRACUSE	1:00 p.m.
	29 GEORGETOWN at PROVIDENCE	2:00 p.m.
	29 ST. JOHN'S at SETON HALL	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	30 WEST VIRGINIA at RUTGERS	Noon
	30 NOTRE DAME at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.



Notre Dame will play host to Purdue in the second BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge before an ESPN2 national television audience on Jan. 16 at the Joyce Center.





Notre Dame plays five of its final seven games on the road, ending with a trip to Seton Hall on March 1.

FEBRUARY

		TIME					
Wed.	2	BOSTON COLLEGE at NOTRE DAME	7:00 p.m.	Sat.	19	GEORGETOWN at WEST VIRGINIA	2:00 p.m.
	2	GEORGETOWN at SYRACUSE	7:00 p.m.		19	NOTRE DAME at RUTGERS	Noon
	2	PROVIDENCE at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.		19	SETON HALL at BOSTON COLLEGE	1:00 p.m.
	2	VILLANOVA at PITTSBURGH	7:00 p.m.		19	PROVIDENCE at PITTSBURGH	2:00 p.m.
Thu.	3	RUTGERS at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.		19	ST. JOHN'S at VILLANOVA	2:00 p.m.
Sat.	5	SETON HALL at VILLANOVA			19	SYRACUSE at CONNECTICUT	2:00 p.m.
	5	WEST VIRGINIA at GEORGETOWN	2:00 p.m.	Tue.	22	VILLANOVA at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.
	5	NOTRE DAME at PITTSBURGH	2:00 p.m.		22	GEORGETOWN at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.
	5	ST. JOHN'S at BOSTON COLLEGE	2:00 p.m.		22	PROVIDENCE at WEST VIRGINIA	7:00 p.m.
	5	CONNECTICUT at PROVIDENCE	7:30 p.m.		22	BOSTON COLLEGE at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.
Sun.	6	SYRACUSE at RUTGERS	2:00 p.m.		22	PITTSBURGH at CONNECTICUT	7:30 p.m.
Tue.	8	ST. JOHN'S at WEST VIRGINIA	7:00 p.m.	Fri.	25	RUTGERS at PITTSBURGH	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	9	RUTGERS at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.	Sat.	26	VILLANOVA at GEORGETOWN	2:00 p.m.
	9	BOSTON COLLEGE at CONNECTICUT	7:30 p.m.		26	ST. JOHN'S at PROVIDENCE	2:00 p.m.
	9	NOTRE DAME at PROVIDENCE	7:30 p.m.		26	WEST VIRGINIA at NOTRE DAME	2:00 p.m.
	9	SYRACUSE at VILLANOVA	7:30 p.m.		26	CONNECTICUT at BOSTON COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	12	VILLANOVA at WEST VIRGINIA	2:00 p.m.		26	SETON HALL at SYRACUSE	7:00 p.m.
	12	BOSTON COLLEGE at SYRACUSE	1:00 p.m.	Mon.	28	PITTSBURGH at PROVIDENCE	7:30 p.m.
	12	GEORGETOWN at NOTRE DAME	2:00 p.m.				
	12	PITTSBURGH at ST. JOHN'S	2:00 p.m.	MARCH			TIME
Sun.	13	PROVIDENCE at SETON HALL	2:00 p.m.	Tue.	1	BOSTON COLLEGE at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.
	13	CONNECTICUT at RUTGERS	5:00 p.m.		1	CONNECTICUT at WEST VIRGINIA	7:00 p.m.
Tue.	15	NOTRE DAME at BOSTON COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.		1	NOTRE DAME at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	16	RUTGERS at SYRACUSE	7:00 p.m.		1	RUTGERS at VILLANOVA	7:30 p.m.
	16	WEST VIRGINIA at PITTSBURGH	7:00 p.m.		1	SYRACUSE at GEORGETOWN	7:30 p.m.
	16	CONNECTICUT at GEORGETOWN	7:30 p.m.				
	16	VILLANOVA at PROVIDENCE	7:30 p.m.				

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BIG EAST games in CAPS


2004-05 BIG EAST Notes

• **SETON HALL IN WNIT** For the second straight year, Seton Hall earned a spot in the WNIT. The Pirates defeated George Mason (61-56) in overtime in the first round and lost in OT at Saint Joseph's (68-61) in the second round.

• **NOTRE DAME TO TAKE PART IN THE PRESEASON WNIT** For the first time since 1996, and only the second time in school history, the Notre Dame women's basketball team will take part in the Preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT). The Irish have been selected to host Illinois State on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Joyce Center in the opening round of the 16-team event.

• **CARRYING STREAKS INTO THE 2004-05 SEASON** Notre Dame will enter the 2004-05 campaign with a 20-game home winning streak, the eighth-longest active run in the nation and the second-longest in school history. Villanova carries a 13-game home win streak into this season tied for 11th in the nation with Kansas State. Texas owns the longest streak at 36 games.

• **FOUR BIG EAST PLAYERS NAMED TO WOODEN LIST** A total of four BIG EAST women's basketball players have been named to the 30-member team of the Women's John R. Wooden Award Preseason All-America list. Notre Dame's Jacqueline Batteast, Rutgers' Cappie Pondexter and Connecticut's Ann Strother and Barbara Turner are all candidates for the Wooden Award, which honors the national player of the year. The Wooden Award will be presented on April 9 at The Los Angeles Athletic Club and will be televised live on CBS. Last year marked the first season in which a Wooden women's national player of the year was selected.

• **BIG EAST HAD MOST POSTSEASON SQUADS - AGAIN!** The BIG EAST Conference had 19 men's and women's teams participating in postseason play this year, more than any league in America. In addition to the eight women's NCAA bids and the WNIT berth, the men had 10 teams continue their seasons. The BIG EAST was one of three conferences to place six men's teams in the NCAA Championship. Additionally, four teams were chosen for the NIT. This marks the second straight year the BIG EAST led the nation in combined men's and women's postseason bids, having earned 19 last year as well.

• **THE BIG EAST IS LESS TWO TEAMS** Miami and Virginia Tech left the BIG EAST for the Atlantic Coast Conference at the end of the 2003-04 academic year. Miami began competing in the BIG EAST in 1991-92. Virginia Tech's first basketball season in the league was 2000-01.



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