



The Players

**Senior co-captain
Courtney LaVere
needs 115 points
in her final
season to reach
the 1,000-point
mark for
her career.**

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#2 Charel Allen

Sophomore • 5-11

Guard

*Monessen, Pa.
Monessen H.S.*

OVERVIEW: Athletic wing player who has shown versatility with slashing drives to basket and solid perimeter game ... has excellent court sense and rebounding ability for a player of her size ... not fazed by pressure situations, showing an uncanny knack to hit big shots in the clutch against top-quality opposition ... continues to recover from left knee injury suffered in final game last season ... should be cleared to resume workouts with team around start of fall practice in October ... much of her performance and playing time this season will be dictated by her ongoing recovery and return to game shape ... talent, work ethic and positive attitude give her all the tools to grow into an elite player at the college level.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2004-05):

Ranked fourth on team in scoring and third in rebounding (first among Irish freshmen and reserves) ... showed poise of a veteran in pressure situations, going 20-for-20 at the free throw line in the final five minutes of regulation and overtime ... scored 14 points and grabbed team-high six rebounds in collegiate debut vs. Illinois State ... plucked eight rebounds (second on team) in victory over Nebraska ... came off bench to score 16 points (14 in the second half), including two critical three-pointers in Preseason WNIT semifinal win vs. No. 6 Duke ... made all three of her shots, finishing with six points and five rebounds in Preseason WNIT title game vs. No. 10/9 Ohio State ... pinched season-high five steals against Colorado

State ... scored six points for fourth consecutive game and added season-high nine rebounds at Valparaiso ... tallied seven points, five rebounds and three assists before fouling out against No. 15 Michigan State ... rang up team-high 14 points (7-12 FG) in only 16 minutes at Dayton ... logged eight points and three rebounds in conference debut vs. Seton Hall ... knocked down first four shots vs. No. 16 Connecticut, finishing with eight points and six rebounds in 28 minutes ... piled up eight points and matched season high with 32 minutes played against 20th-ranked Purdue ... poured in season-high 17 points (6-9 FG, 2-2 3FG) and added five rebounds at Syracuse ... scored 11 points (5-6 FG) at No. 9/10 Connecticut, including five in a row during the final four minutes to help seal first-ever Irish victory at Gampel Pavilion ... added nine points and five rebounds in win over No. 16/13 Boston College ... chalked up 16 points (7-11 FG) in homecoming game at Pittsburgh ... carded 14 points, six rebounds and career-high four assists vs. Georgetown ... amassed eight points (4-8 FG), five rebounds and three assists against West Virginia ... led team with near double-double (14 points, nine rebounds) at Seton Hall; also went 8-for-8 at the free throw line, including four in a row inside the final minute ... collected 11 points vs. West Virginia in BIG EAST Championship quarterfinal victory ... scored seven points in NCAA Tournament debut vs. UC Santa Barbara ... suffered season-ending



left knee injury (torn ACL) in NCAA second-round loss vs. Arizona State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 26.1 points, 10.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 6.4 steals per game with a .351 three-point field goal percentage during her outstanding prep career ... two-time Associated Press Pennsylvania Class A Player of the Year (2003, 2004) ... three-time Associated Press first-team all-state selection (2002, 2003, 2004) ... four-time Street & Smith's honor-

Miscellaneous Career Stats

Double-doubles	0
Double-figure scoring games	9
20-point games	0
Double-figure rebound games	0
5-assist games	0
5-steal games	1



Allen's Career Highs

- Points**
7 at Syracuse (1/19/05)
- Rebounds**
9, twice (MR: at Seton Hall, 3/1/05)
- Assists**
4 vs. Georgetown (2/12/05)
- Field Goals**
7, twice (MR: at Pittsburgh, 2/5/05)
- Field Goal Attempts**
13 vs. Duke (11/17/04)
- Three-Point Field Goals**
2, twice (MR: at Syracuse, 1/19/05)
- Three-Point Field Goal Attempts**
2, twice (MR: at Syracuse, 1/19/05)
- Free Throws**
8 at Seton Hall (3/1/05)
- Free Throw Attempts**
8, twice (MR: at Seton Hall, 3/1/05)
- Steals**
5 vs. Colorado State (11/22/04)
- Blocked Shots**
2, twice (MR: vs. Colorado State, 11/22/04)
- Minutes Played**
32, three times (MR: at Pittsburgh, 2/5/05)

a senior ... during her four-year career at Monessen High School, team posted a 100-19 (.840) record ... earned Special Performance Award as a freshman in 2001 after setting a WPIAL postseason record with 39 points in Class A championship game ... rated No. 27 in nation by Blue Star Index.

PERSONAL DATA: Born July 23, 1986 in Monessen, Pa. ... oldest of four children ... fourth Pennsylvania native to play for Notre Dame and the first in 13 years ... enrolled in Mendoza College of Business as a business administration major ... is the first Notre Dame women's basketball player ever to wear No. 2.

CAREER HONORS: 2005: BIG EAST All-Freshman Team ... BIG EAST Freshman of the Week (Feb. 7).

GETTING TO KNOW ...

CHAREL ALLEN

My favorite food is anything chicken.

My dream date would be Hines Ward of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was my dad.

My favorite cartoon is Proud Family.

My favorite cereal is Cinnamon Toast Crunch.

My favorite hobby other than basketball is anything that involves relaxation.

The toughest arena I have ever played in is the RAC at Rutgers.

My favorite NBA team is the Detroit Pistons.

My favorite NBA player is Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers.

My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is Hines Ward of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

My favorite non-basketball pro team is the Pittsburgh Steelers.

I wear #2 because #21 was taken when I came here.

The best part about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player is playing for Coach McGraw.

I chose to attend Notre Dame because of my coaches and teammates.

I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by doing whatever my coaches need or tell me to do.

able mention All-American (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004) ... AAU 16-and-under All-American (2003) ... two-time Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Pittsburgh Tribune-Review Class A Player of the Year (2003, 2004) ... two-time Valley Independent Mid-Mon Valley Player of the Year (2003, 2004) ... second-highest scorer in Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) history and fifth-highest scorer in state annals with 3,110 points ... one of eight players in Pennsylvania high school history with 3,000 career points, joining the likes of Kelly Mazzante and Michelle Marciniak ... also plucked 1,247 rebounds in her illustrious career ... as a senior, she averaged 26.1 points, 8.1 rebounds, 5.4 assists and 5.1 steals per game with a .378 three-point percentage while leading her team to a 29-2 record and the Class A state title (first for WPIAL school since 1983 and second all-time) ... averaged 29.3 ppg. in eight postseason games ... also had 26 20-point games and nine 30-point games as



CHAREL ALLEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg
2004-05	33-0	794-24.1	87-199	.437	7-16	.438	72-85	.847	48	89	137	4.2	63-1	47	60	11	39	253	7.7





#33 Melissa D'Amico

Sophomore • 6-5

Center

Manorville, N.Y.
William Floyd H.S.



man season and has continued to make strides in her development during summer workouts ... has nearly unlimited potential and will likely be a regular contributor down low for the Irish in 2005-06.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2004-05):

Scored first collegiate basket on putback and grabbed season-high five rebounds against Illinois State ... had three points and tied season high with five rebounds in victory over Nebraska ... notched two points and two rebounds, while playing strong post defense in Preseason WNIT title game vs. No. 10/9 Ohio State ... tallied three points and blocked a shot against Colorado State ... registered five points (including old-fashioned three-point play) in win at USC ... played 13 minutes (two points) at Valparaiso ... had a blocked shot and two rebounds in three minutes vs. No. 15 Michigan State ... turned in best night of young career at Dayton with season highs of 12 points, 6-8 FG and 19 minutes played ... rang up season-high three blocked shots at Northern Illinois ... had two points and a rebound in conference debut vs. Seton Hall ... scored four points and grabbed two rebounds against Syracuse ... contributed four points (2-3 FG) in four minutes vs. No. 16/13 Boston College ... added three points and two rebounds in 12 minutes at Pittsburgh ... canned nifty reverse layup and chalked up a block and assist vs. West Virginia ... had two points and a rebound in her NCAA tournament debut, a first-round victory vs. UC Santa Barbara.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 20.7 points per game as a senior, ranking seventh on Long Island and tops among Long Island seniors ... fifth-team all-state selection (2004) ... four-time all-League 1 pick (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004) ... all-Suffolk County honoree (2004) ... averaged 16.8 points, 9.1 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game while scoring in double digits in every game as a junior ... attended 2003 adidas Top Ten Camp and was subsequently singled out by *USA Today* for its "Stock on the Rise" list

OVERVIEW: Agile, multi-faceted post player who will have opportunity to make significant impact this season ... long arms and soft touch around the basket make her a threat on the blocks ... also has shown ability to step outside and hit mid-range jumper ... tremendous asset at defensive end of the court with her shot-blocking and rebounding capabilities ... displayed solid growth during her fresh-

Miscellaneous Career Stats

Double-doubles	0
Double-figure scoring games	1
20-point games	0
Double-figure rebound games	0
5-block games.....	0



D'Amico's Career Highs

- Points**
12 at Dayton (12/9/04)
- Rebounds**
5, twice (MR: vs. Nebraska, 11/14/04)
- Assists**
1, four times (MR: vs. West Virginia, 2/26/05)
- Field Goals**
6 at Dayton (12/9/04)
- Field Goal Attempts**
8 at Dayton (12/9/04)
- Three-Point Field Goals**
None
- Three-Point Field Goal Attempts**
None
- Free Throws**
2 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)
- Free Throw Attempts**
4 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)
- Steals**
1, three times (MR: at Valparaiso, 11/30/04)
- Blocked Shots**
3 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)
- Minutes Played**
19 at Dayton (12/9/04)



... competed in the inaugural adidas/EA Sports Superstar Game (2004) ... played on Long Island Renegades AAU team that finished 17th at 2002 AAU national championship ... played on all-star team that traveled to China and took on several

GETTING TO KNOW ... MELISSA D'AMICO

- My favorite food is** Italian.
- My favorite TV show is** Will & Grace.
- The last DVD I bought was** The Bodyguard.
- My dream date would be** Jason Kidd of the New Jersey Nets.
- My nickname is** Mel.
- If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be** someone short.
- The one woman I idolize is** my mom.
- When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was** my high school coach, Ed Miller.
- When I was a kid, my favorite bedtime story was** "I'll Love You Forever, I'll Like You For Always."
- My favorite cartoon is** The Angry Beavers.
- My favorite cereal is** Cinnamon Toast Crunch.
- My favorite quote is** "Don't let success go to your head; don't let failure go to your heart."
- My favorite hobby other than basketball is** going to the beach when I'm home.
- My favorite actor is** Will Ferrell.
- The toughest arena I have ever played in is** Gampel Pavilion at UConn.
- My favorite vacation spot is** Aruba.
- My favorite TV sports personality is** Dick Vitale.
- My favorite NBA players are** Jason Kidd of the New Jersey Nets and Patrick Ewing (retired).
- The actress who would play me in a movie about my life is** Jessica Biel.
- My favorite movie is** The Notebook.
- My favorite magazine is** People.
- The best player I have ever faced is** Jessica Davenport of Ohio State.
- My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is** Mia Hamm, formerly of the U.S. Women's Soccer Team.
- My favorite non-basketball pro team is** the New York Yankees.
- Not many people know this but** my family is short.
- My favorite video game is** Duck Hunt on Nintendo.
- The singer I'd most like to tour with would be** Mariah Carey.
- I wear #33 because** it was Patrick Ewing's number with the Knicks.
- My pre-game ritual is** to talk to my mom, listen to music and pray.
- The best part about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player is** the fans.
- I chose to attend Notre Dame because** there is a balance of athletics and academics, and I also loved the team and coaches.
- I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by** doing everything I possibly can.

Chinese professional teams in August 2002 ... ranked 47th by All-Star Girls Report and 91st by Blue Star Index ... also played on tennis team in high school, lettering all four years at No. 1 doubles.

PERSONAL DATA: Born May 10, 1986 in Brookhaven, N.Y. ... younger of two children ... the seventh Notre Dame player to come from the state of New York and the first since Staten Island native Diana Braendly (1995-99) ... at 6-foot-5, she is the tallest player on this year's Irish roster ... also matches Ruth Riley (1997-2001) and

Majenica Rupe (1989-93) as the tallest players in Notre Dame women's basketball history ... enrolled in College of Science and a science-business major ... some former Notre Dame players who wore No. 33 include Shari Matvey, Majenica Rupe, Rosanne Bohman and 2001 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award winner Niele Ivey.

MELISSA D'AMICO'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts Avg
2004-05	26-0	159-6.1	21-48	.438	0-0	.000	7-16	.438	15	22	37	1.4	34-0	4	14	12	3	49 1.9



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OVERVIEW: Candidate for National Player of the Year, BIG EAST Player of the Year and All-America honors ... returns for second year as team captain in '05-06 ... one of the elite point guards in the nation and arguably the top returning point guard in the BIG EAST this season ... unmatched work ethic, intelligence and team-first attitude have allowed her to enjoy immense growth at the college level ... leadership skills and court awareness on par with any player in the country, regardless of position ... has worked hard to diversify her game, molding into a multi-dimensional offensive threat as a passer and scorer ... the ultimate "gym rat" who is never satisfied with her performance and is always looking for ways to improve ... cagey southpaw who is equally strong with both hands and has been known to make shots with her off (right) hand if the situation arises ... also emerged as top-notch defender, having led BIG EAST and ranked among top 50 in nation in steals last year ... thrives in pressure situations, having guided Notre Dame to consecutive NCAA Sweet Sixteen berths in 2003 and '04, as well as 14 wins over ranked opponents (five vs. top-10 foes) in the past two years alone.

SUMMER 2005: Served as co-captain on USA World University Games Team, helping United States to a perfect 7-0 record and the gold medal (tournament held in Izmir, Turkey) ... started all seven games for Team USA, averaging 6.1 points and 2.1 assists per game with a team-best .400 three-point percentage (tied for eighth among all players in 20-team tournament) ... led team in scoring twice, tossing in 14 points in opener vs. the Czech Republic and adding a game-high 13 points in preliminary round finale vs. Poland ... also dished out game-high six assists against Poland and game-best four assists in quarterfinal vs. Taiwan ... directed high-powered U.S. offense that averaged 97.4 ppg., recorded four 50-point wins and set a USA World University Games record with a +43.1 ppg. victory margin.

JUNIOR SEASON (2004-05): Ranked among NCAA leaders in free throw percentage (fourth), assists (28th) and steals (44th) ...

Miscellaneous Career Stats

Double-doubles	2
Double-figure scoring games	40
20-point games	5
Double-figure assist games	4
5-assist games	36
5-steal games	5



#13 Megan Duffy

Senior • 5-7

Guard

Dayton, Ohio

Chaminade-Julienne H.S.

led BIG EAST Conference in free throw percentage (.895) and steals (2.73 spg.), while ranking second in assists (5.39 apg.), seventh in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.73) and 14th in scoring (12.3 ppg.) ... broke single-season school record for free throw percentage (previously .882 by Alicia Ratay in 2001-02) and minutes average (37.0; previously 35.1 by Mary Gavin in 1986-87) ... narrowly missed breaking single-season mark for total minutes, finishing second with 1,222 minutes played (record is 1,227 by Beth Morgan in 1996-97) ... fifth on Notre Dame single-season steals list with 90 thefts (record is 95 by Niele Ivey in 1999-2000) ... played at least 40 minutes in a game nine times ... had 15 games with two or fewer turnovers ... averaged 14.6 points and 4.9 assists per game with a .506 FG% and .512 3FG% vs. ranked opponents ... sparkled in the postseason, averaging 19.5 ppg. with a .579 FG% and .611 3FG% in four games ... had 12 points (4-7 FG, 2-3 3FG) and dished out eight assists with only two turnovers in win over Illinois State ... tallied 15 points and seven assists in Preseason WNIT semifinal vs. No. 6 Duke; also made 9-of-10 FT, including 7-of-8 in final 3:10 ... scored 15 points (5-7 FG, 3-4 3FG) and handed out six assists in Preseason WNIT title game vs. No. 10/9 Ohio State ... picked up game-high 15 points (6-6 FT), five assists and career-best seven steals against Colorado State ... scored 12 points (8-8 FT), including four key free throws in final half-



minute of victory at USC ... poured in 20 points (including 500th of her career) with no turnovers in 39 minutes at Valparaiso ... registered 19 points while playing all 45 minutes (a career high) in overtime loss vs. No. 15 Michigan State ... notched first career double-digit assist game with 10 handouts against Washington ... matched career high with seven steals at Marquette ... shared



Duffy's Career Highs

Points

25 vs. Wisconsin (12/4/03)

Rebounds

8 vs. Villanova (3/9/03)

Assists

11 vs. Rutgers (1/23/05)

Field Goals

8 vs. Wisconsin (12/4/03)

Field Goal Attempts

14 vs. St. John's (1/26/05)

Three-Point Field Goals

6 vs. Wisconsin (12/4/03)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

10 vs. Wisconsin (12/4/03)

Free Throws

11 at St. John's (2/17/04)

Free Throw Attempts

13 at St. John's (2/17/04)

Steals

7, three times (MR: at Connecticut, 1/30/05)

Blocked Shots

1, four times (MR: vs. Arizona State, 3/21/05)

Minutes Played

45 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)

game-high scoring honors vs. Syracuse with 17 points (6-11 FG, 3-6 3FG), while adding six assists ... poured in 19 points (17 in first half), including 3-4 3FG, and added six assists in victory over No. 20 Purdue ... passed out career-high 11 assists with three turnovers (8 A, 1 TO in second half) vs. No. 6/7 Rutgers ... had first career double-double (14p, 10a) vs. St. John's; first Irish player with back-to-back 10+-assist games since Niele Ivey against Valparaiso and Arizona in November 2000 ... collected 12 points (4-4 FT in last three minutes) and tied career high with seven steals in historic win at No. 9/10 Connecticut ... dished out all of her game-high nine assists in the first half at Pittsburgh; also had no turnovers in first half (two in second) ... carded 17 points (9-10 FT) and seven assists without a turnover against Georgetown ... tallied 14 points (4-6 FG, 2-4 3FG) in loss at No. 10 Rutgers ... had second career double-double with 12 points and 10 assists vs. West Virginia (her fourth double-digit assist game of year — most by an Irish player since Niele Ivey had five in 2000-01) ... nearly had double-double vs. WVU in BIG EAST quarterfinal victory, finishing with 15 points (5-6 FG, 2-3 3FG) and nine assists ... turned in gritty performance vs. No. 13/14 Connecticut in BIG EAST semifinal, scoring 16 of her 21 points in second half while trying to rally Irish back into contention ... rang up 18 points, including a spectacular off-

handed baseline jumper with 1:24 remaining to help lift Irish past UC Santa Barbara in NCAA Tournament opener ... charted season-high 24 points (6-12 FG, 3-6 3FG, 9-10 FT) in NCAA second-round loss to No. 24 Arizona State ... closed out season in fine form, averaging 15.2 points and 4.9 assists with a .514 FG% (37-72) and .474 3FG% (18-38) in her last nine games.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2003-04):

Played in all 32 games for the Irish, starting 31 times and averaging a team-high 33.3 minutes per outing (broke teammate Jacqueline Batteast's record for average minutes by a Notre Dame sophomore) ... led team in assists (3.9) and ranked second in scoring (9.9 ppg.) ... placed among Top 10 in BIG EAST in assists (9th), free throw percentage (7th - .819) and assist/turnover ratio (7th - 1.36) ... had team-high .404 three-point percentage, which would have led BIG EAST, but did not made enough treys to qualify for ranking (min. 2.0 per game) ... had 14 games with five or more assists this season ... had 17 double-figure scoring games, including two 20-point efforts ... scored eight points and knocked down pair of three-pointers in season-opening win over Auburn ... tallied 13 points (2-3 3FG) in (then) career-best 43 minutes at Colorado ... collected nine points, six rebounds and career-high tying seven assists vs. Valparaiso ... chalked up seven points and six assists at Michigan State ... pumped in 14 points (all in second half) at Tennessee ... exploded for career-high 25

points (19 in first half) vs. Wisconsin, setting personal bests with 8-12 FG, 6-10 3FG and seven assists (tied) ... contributed 17 points and career-high nine assists at Washington ... scored eight points and tied season best with three steals vs. Dayton ... tallied 12 points, seven assists and three more steals vs. USC ... made season-high five of six free throws and added game bests of four assists and three steals in 38 minutes at Colorado State ... rang up game highs of 18 points and seven assists against Marquette ... tied for team-high honors with 15 points (6-12 FG) at Purdue ... registered game-high 22 points (6-10 FG, 4-8 3FG) at Georgetown ... dished out game-best seven assists against Virginia Tech ... had game-high seven assists in win over Connecticut ... distributed game-best six assists at West Virginia, but was held scoreless for first time all season ... had balanced effort with five points, five rebounds and five assists at Syracuse ... carded 10 points and five rebounds vs. Villanova, and buried game-tying three-pointer with 2:02 left ... compiled 14 points, season-high six rebounds and five assists at Miami — also hit five of six free throws in final 57 seconds to seal win ... scored game-high 16 points (including go-ahead off-handed jumper with 2:02 left) and matched career high with four steals in a 40-minute effort vs. Boston College ... logged 11 points (6-6 FT) and five assists in rematch win over Georgetown ... tallied 11 points (4-5 FG, 3-3 3FG) and game-high six assists against Providence ... scored game-high 17 points at St. John's, burying career-best 11 of 13 free throws (8 of 10 in final 3:01) ... piled up 10 points (hit all three of her three-point tries), five assists and three steals in rematch with Miami ... registered 14 points (5-9 FG, 2-3 3FG) and game-high four assists at Rutgers ... registered 16 points in NCAA first round win vs. Southwest Missouri ... in 11 games vs. Top 25 teams, she averaged 10.1 ppg. with a .459 three-point percentage (17-37).

FRESHMAN SEASON (2002-03):

Appeared in all 32 games, starting five times for the Irish, averaging 23.4 minutes per outing ... carded 3.0 points and 2.2 assists per game ... dished out four assists without a turnover in college debut vs. Cleveland State ... scored first college basket at USC ... grabbed five rebounds and distributed game-high seven assists at Arizona State (most by Irish freshman since Alicia Ratay vs. Butler in '99) ... carded three points at DePaul ... notched five



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points, including season-best 3-4 FT vs. Temple ... had game-high four assists and season-high four steals vs. IPFW ... canned three free throws in four tries vs. Colorado State ... buried first two three-point field goals of career and scored six points at Marquette ... tallied four points vs. Miami ... distributed game-high six assists at St. John's ... added team-high five assists vs. Connecticut ... made first career start at Villanova, recording three assists in 34 minutes ... played (then) career-high 37 minutes at Boston College, making a three-pointer for her only score of the night ... made four clutch free throws in final 24 seconds and added four assists vs. West Virginia ... scored four points at Virginia Tech ... scored career-high 12 points (9-10 FT) vs. Pittsburgh ... knocked down 2-2 FG (1-1 3FG) at Syracuse ... grabbed career-high eight rebounds in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Villanova ... was a key contributor in Notre Dame's run to NCAA Sweet Sixteen, averaging 6.7 points per game ... had big game in NCAA second-round contest at Kansas State, notching 10 points and five rebounds — also canned two critical three-pointers and hit four free throws in final minute to seal victory ... made 29 of last 32 (.906) free throws (began year shooting 16-27 from line).

HIGH SCHOOL: Earned honorable mention All-America recognition from *Street & Smith's* and *USA Today* following her junior and senior seasons ... averaged 14 points and 5.8 assists per game in final prep campaign, leading Chaminade-Julienne High School to the No. 1 ranking in the USA Today Super 25 poll, a spot it held for seven weeks ... senior season was cut short when she suffered a season-ending knee injury in the 13th game ... four-time all-state and all-city selection ... four-year team captain ... finished her high school career averaging 15.1 points, 4.0 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 3.0 steals per game ... scored 1,436 points in her tenure at CJHS ... holds single-game school records for points (37), assists (10) and steals (8), as well as single-season school record for assist average (5.8) ... guided squad to 1999 state championship and regional crowns in '99 and 2001 ... also

GETTING TO KNOW ... MEGAN DUFFY

- My favorite food is** ice cream.
- My favorite TV shows are** The O.C and SportsCenter.
- My dream date would be** Michael Jordan.
- My nicknames are** Duff, Lil' Bit, or Duffers.
- If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be** Tiger Woods.
- When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was** my dad.
- When I was a kid, my favorite bedtime story was** "Green Eggs & Ham."
- My favorite cartoon is** The Simpsons.
- My favorite cereal is** Lucky Charms.
- My favorite quote is** the Serenity Prayer.
- My favorite hobby other than basketball is** sleeping.
- My favorite actor is** Jim Carrey.
- I try to model my game after** Sue Bird.
- The toughest arena I have ever played in is** the RAC at Rutgers.
- My favorite vacation spot is** California.
- My favorite TV sports personality is** Dick Vitale.
- My favorite WNBA team is** the Minnesota Lynx.
- My favorite WNBA player is** Jacqueline Batteast.
- The actress who would play me in a movie about my life is** Reese Witherspoon.
- My best friend on another college team is** Brandie Hoskins at Ohio State.
- My favorite movie is** Remember the Titans.
- My favorite magazine is** Glamour.
- The best player I have ever faced is** Diana Taurasi of Connecticut.
- My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is** Tiger Woods.
- My favorite non-basketball pro team is** the Cincinnati Reds.
- Not many people know this but** I hate bugs.
- The band I'd most like to tour with would be** U2.
- The best gift to get from a guy is** trust.
- I wear #13 because** it is the luckiest number ever, and I was born on Friday the 13th.
- My pre-game ritual is** shower, eat, shoot, pray, play.
- The best part about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player is** winning.
- I chose to attend Notre Dame because** it represents academic and athletic excellence.
- I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by** playing like the best point guard in the country.

was a four-year all-city selection on the CJHS boys' golf team, serving as team captain her final two seasons ... that squad won regional titles in 1998 and 1999 ... played six seasons with AAU Dayton Lady HoopStars, helping team win three AAU national championships (1996, 1998, 2000) and six consecutive Ohio state titles (1996-2001) ... received 2002 Ræ Burick Women in Sports Award, presented to top female high school athlete in Ohio's Miami Valley ... National Honor Society member.

PERSONAL DATA: Born July 13, 1984 in Kettering, Ohio ... younger of two children ... enrolled in College of Arts and Letters with a double major in psychology and computer applications ... earned Dean's List honors the past three semesters, including 3.917 GPA during the spring 2005 term ... three-time BIG EAST Academic All-Star (2003-05) ... earned a certificate of merit after participating in the 2004 Notre Dame Student-

Athlete Leadership Institute ... some former Irish players who wore No. 13 include current Notre Dame deputy athletics director Missy Conboy and Trena Keys.

CAREER HONORS: 2006: Preseason candidate list for State Farm Wade Trophy and Wooden Women's Award. **2005:** Associated Press honorable mention All-America ... Kodak/WBCA All-Region I (All-America Team finalist) ... first-team all-BIG EAST ... BIG EAST Championship All-Tournament Team ... Preseason WNIT All-Tournament Team ... CoSIDA Academic All-District V Second Team ... BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team. **2004:** BIG EAST Most Improved Player ... honorable mention all-BIG EAST ... BIG EAST Player of the Week (Dec. 8) ... BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team. **2003:** BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team.

MEGAN DUFFY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg
2002-03	32-5	748-23.4	22-91	.242	7-35	.200	45-59	.763	9	51	60	1.9	59-1	73	78	1	26	96	3.0
2003-04	32-31	1066-33.3	93-231	.403	46-114	.404	86-105	.819	11	82	93	2.9	56-0	125	92	1	45	318	9.9
2004-05	33-33	1222-37.0	110-252	.437	50-125	.400	137-153	.895	7	94	101	3.1	50-0	178	103	2	90	407	12.3
TOTALS	97-69	3036-31.3	225-574	.392	103-274	.376	268-317	.845	27	227	254	2.6	165-1	376	273	4	161	821	8.5





#34 Crystal Erwin

Junior • 6-2

Forward

Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
St. Paul H.S.



OVERVIEW:

Exceptionally strong post player who is not afraid to mix it up in the paint ... matured quickly last season and shared time in starting lineup at power forward ... brings energy boost and additional confidence to floor every time she suits up ... superb leaper who attacks the glass ... tough, hard-nosed defender who rarely budes on the block ... has worked hard during offseason to sharpen her offensive skills ... also took on added leadership role during summer workouts ... as she continues to harness and channel her tremendous potential, she will be a major impact player this season.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2004-05):

One of team's most improved players ... chalked up 10 points (5-7 FG) and added six rebounds in season opener vs. Illinois State ... grabbed four rebounds and turned momentum in team's favor with physical post play vs. No. 6 Duke ... rang up 12 points on a career-high 6-of-9 shooting in victory over Colorado State ... had successful homecoming to southern California with nine points (4-5 FG) in 19 minutes at USC ... made first career start at Valparaiso, scoring four points in 13 minutes ... erupted for 20

points (9-15 FG) and team-high three steals vs. No. 15 Michigan State ... snared six rebounds in victory at Dayton ... set new career high with 24 points (9-9 FG) and added seven rebounds in 34 minutes vs. Washington; her field goal percentage also tied Joyce Center record and matched second-best performance in school history ... collected eight rebounds in conference opener vs. Seton Hall ... pulled down seven rebounds against Syracuse ... scored team-high 11 points (3-6 FG, 5-6 FT) before fouling out in second half against No. 16 Connecticut ... grabbed nine rebounds in victory over No. 6/7 Rutgers ... registered first career double-double with 14 points and career-high 10 rebounds vs. St. John's ... tallied six points and two

assists against West Virginia ... had solid BIG EAST Championship, averaging 6.0 points and 5.0 rebounds while making five of nine shots in two games ... picked off six rebounds in NCAA first-round victory vs. UC Santa Barbara.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2003-04):

Only freshman to play in all 32 games for the Irish ... led Notre Dame freshmen in total minutes ... scored first career point on free throw vs. Auburn ... made first

career field goal and added three rebounds at Colorado ... scored four points (2-3 FG) and grabbed two rebounds vs. Valparaiso ... added three points at Michigan State ... contributed five points and five rebounds at Tennessee ... erupted for game- and season-high 13 points, including 7-of-8 free throws, and matched personal best with five rebounds vs. Dayton ... chipped in with five points against USC ... provided key support off bench at Colorado State, logging six points and four rebounds in 23 minutes ... tied her season high with five rebounds at Purdue ... chalked up six points and four rebounds at Georgetown ... went 3-3 from the field and scored seven points at Syracuse ... turned in solid all-around game with seven points (3-4 FG), three rebounds and two assists at Miami ... had four points and three rebounds in rematch vs. Georgetown ... made three of four shots and had six points at Seton Hall ... carded eight points and four rebounds against Providence ... scored nine points (3-3 FG, 3-4 FT) at Pittsburgh ... came away with three steals and two assists in rematch vs. Miami ... posted .511 field goal percentage (24-47) in BIG EAST games ... registered seven points, five rebounds, and season-high four steals while playing season-high 25 minutes in NCAA second round vs. Middle Tennessee ... dished out personal-best (and team-high) three assists in NCAA regional semifinal against Penn State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 22.3 points, 13.4 rebounds and 3.1 blocks per game during her prep career at St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif. ... averaged double-doubles during her junior (24.9 ppg., 14.9 rpg.) and senior years (21.2 ppg., 10.2 rpg.) ... holds school records for career points (2,720), rebounds (1,630) and blocks (380), as well as single-season points (869) in 2002 ... Parade All-America Fourth Team (2003) ... WBCA Honorable Mention All-America (2003) ... McDonald's All-American (2003) ... Street & Smith's All-America (Third Team - 2002; honorable mention - 2001) ... USA Today Super 25

Miscellaneous Career Stats

Double-doubles	1
Double-figure scoring games	7
20-point games	2
Double-figure rebound games	1
5-steal games	0
5-assist games	0



GETTING TO KNOW ... CRYSTAL ERWIN

My favorite foods are chicken, lasagna and anything Chinese.
My favorite TV shows are The Cosby Show and A Different World.
The last DVD I bought was Poetic Justice.
My dream date would be Jammal Boothe (my fiancé).
My nickname is Mama.
If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be Shaq.
The one woman I idolize the most is Maya Angelou.
When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was my daddy.
When I was a kid, my favorite lullaby was Goodnight Sweetheart (my dad's own song).
My favorite cartoon is Recess.
My favorite cereals are Froot Loops, Apple Jacks and Honey Combs.
My favorite quote is "Greater is he that is in me, than he that is in the world."
My favorite hobby other than basketball is reading African-American fiction.
My favorite actress is Sanaa Lathan.
The toughest arena I have ever played in is the RAC at Rutgers.
My favorite vacation spot is my home.
My favorite TV sports personality is Dick Vitale.

My favorite NBA player is Shaq.
The actress who would play me in a movie about my life is Eve (from "Barbershop").
My favorite movie is Love and Basketball.
My favorite magazine is Vibe.
My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is Serena Williams.
My favorite non-basketball pro team is the Denver Broncos.
Not many people know this but I'm a very sweet person and I cry when I watch sappy movies.
My favorite video game is Grand Theft Auto.
The singer I'd most like to tour with would be Gwen Stefani.
The best gift to get from a guy is a diamond ring.
I wear #34 because it is a very dominant number.
My pre-game ritual is calling my parents and brother.
The best part about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player is the support we get from the fans, the University and the community.
I chose to attend Notre Dame because I wanted a new experience.
I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by being the best leader I can be.

Erwin's Career Highs

Points
24 vs. Washington (12/11/04)
Rebounds
10 vs. St. John's (1/26/05)
Assists
3, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/2/05)
Field Goals
9, twice (MR: vs. Washington, 12/11/04)
Field Goal Attempts
15 vs. Michigan State (12/2/04)
Three-Point Field Goals
None
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts
None
Free Throws
7 vs. Dayton (12/13/03)
Free Throw Attempts
9, twice (MR: vs. St. John's, 1/26/05)
Steals
4 vs. Middle Tennessee (3/23/04)
Blocked Shots
1, 15 times (MR: vs. West Virginia, 3/6/05)
Minutes Played
34 vs. Washington (12/11/04)

Preseason All-American (2003) ... USA Today Junior All-American (2002) ... adidas Top Ten Camp underclass All-Star (2001), upperclass All-Star (2002) ... Showtime Nationals All-American (2002) ... California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) 4AA Southern Section Player of the Year (2003) ... CIF 4AA All-State First Team (2002, 2003) ... Cal-Hi Sports Division IV All-State First Team (2002) ... Whittier Daily News Area Player of the Year (2002, 2003) ... attended 2002 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival as member of West Team.

PERSONAL DATA: Born Jan. 1, 1985 in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. ... oldest of two children ... is engaged to marry Jammal Boothe, a U.S. Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton in California who currently is serving in Iraq ... one of two California natives on this year's Irish roster, joining senior Courtney LaVere ... enrolled in College of Arts and Letters as a film, television and theater major ... some former Notre Dame players who wore No. 34 include Jane Politiski, Janice Crowe and Majenica Rupe.

CAREER HONORS: 2004: Preseason BIG EAST Co-Freshman of the Year.



CRYSTAL ERWIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg
2003-04	32-0	353-11.0	42-94	.447	0-0	.000	22-42	.524	26	41	67	2.1	72-2	15	45	7	23	106	3.3
2004-05	33-17	579-17.5	67-162	.414	0-0	.000	40-71	.563	51	75	126	3.8	82-4	29	55	8	18	174	5.3
TOTALS	65-17	932-14.3	109-256	.426	0-0	.000	62-113	.549	77	116	193	3.0	154-6	44	100	15	41	280	4.3





**#1 Tulyah
Gaines**

Sophomore • 5-7

Guard

North Las Vegas, Nev.
Cheyenne H.S.



OVERVIEW: Explosive point guard who could find her way into starting lineup at times this season, sliding All-American Megan Duffy to the shooting guard spot ... focal point in Notre Dame's transition game ... sharp and creative

passer who opens up numerous scoring opportunities for her teammates ... has developed reliable outside jumper to regularly complement her slashing drives to the basket ... excellent defender with quick hands to keep opposition off balance ... made good strides during her freshman season and continued that growth during 2005 summer workouts.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2004-05): Missed much of summer while recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery ... made college debut in Preseason WNIT opener vs. Illinois State, only to be sidelined after five minutes of action with neck injury (subsequently missed four games) ... returned after injury absence to log two points, two rebounds and two steals at USC ... grabbed two rebounds in victory at Valparaiso ... dished out two assists against No. 15 Michigan State ... scored five points in 16 minutes at Dayton ... dis-

tributed a season-best four assists against Washington ... had two points and two rebounds at Marquette ... charted personal-best 12 points (4-6 FG, 4-5 FT) and seven rebounds in 27 minutes at Northern Illinois ... came up with career-high three steals in win over Seton Hall ... picked up two assists and a steal against No. 16 Connecticut ... tallied seven points (3-4 FG), two assists and two rebounds in 13 minutes against No. 20 Purdue ... scored four points in nine minutes of victory at No. 9/10 Connecticut ... added four points, three rebounds and tied career high with three steals against No. 16/13 Boston College ... contributed three points (3-4 FT) and three assists at Pittsburgh ... offered up nine points (3-4 FG), two assists and two steals in win at Providence ... nearly came up with first career double-double in home finale vs. West Virginia, finishing with eight points (2-3 FG, 4-4 FT) and career-high nine rebounds in 22 minutes.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 20.5 points, 4.0 assists, 3.8 steals and 3.6 rebounds per game in her senior season at Cheyenne High School ... ranked second in scoring and sixth in assists among southern Nevada Class 4A players ... 2004 Gatorade Nevada Player of the Year ... first-team all-Sunset League (Northwest Division) in 2004 ... honorable mention all-state pick by Las Vegas Sun (2004) ... averaged 18.9 points and 5.1 assists per game as junior at Burroughs High School in Burbank, Calif. ... earned first-team all-CIF Southern Section Division 2A honors ... two-time Street & Smith's honorable men-

Miscellaneous Career Stats

Double-doubles	0
Double-figure scoring games	1
20-point games	0
Double-figure rebound games	0
5-assist games	0
Double-figure assist games	0



GETTING TO KNOW ... TULYAH GAINES

My favorite food is my grandma's mac & cheese.

My favorite TV show is That's So Raven.

The last DVD I bought was Martin Lawrence: You So Crazy.

My dream date would be Morris Chestnut.

My nickname is LaLa.

If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be Diddy.

The one woman I idolize the most is Oprah.

When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was my daddy.

When I was a kid, my favorite bedtime story was "I'll Love You Forever, I'll Like You For Always."

My favorite cartoon is Proud Family.

My favorite cereal is Apple Jacks.

My favorite quote is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

My favorite hobby other than basketball is reading.

My favorite actress is Sanaa Lathan.

The toughest arena I have ever played in is the RAC at Rutgers.

My favorite vacation spot is my grandma's house in California.

My favorite WNBA team is the Los Angeles Sparks.

My favorite WNBA player is Dawn Staley of the Houston Comets.

The actress who would play me in a movie about my life is Sanaa Lathan.

My best friends on other college teams are Erin Myrick at Texas Tech, and Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood at Tennessee.

My favorite movie is Sister Act 2.

My favorite magazine is Sister 2 Sister.

My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is Gail Devers.

The group I'd most like to tour with would be Destiny's Child.

I wear #1 because I used to be in love with Penny Hardaway.

My pre-game ritual is to call my mom and she prays with me.

I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by improving ... PERIOD!

Gaines' Career Highs

Points
12 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)

Rebounds
9 vs. West Virginia (2/26/05)

Assists
4 vs. Washington (12/11/04)

Field Goals
4 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)

Field Goal Attempts
6 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)

Three-Point Field Goals
None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts
None

Free Throws
4, twice (MR: vs. West Virginia, 2/26/05)

Free Throw Attempts
5 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)

Steals
3, twice (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/2/05)

Blocked Shots
1 at Pittsburgh (2/5/05)

Minutes Played
27 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)

tion All-American (2002, 2003) ... Los Angeles Times first-team all-area choice ... three-time all-Foothill League selection (2001-03) ... set Burroughs High School record for assists in one season (122 in 2003) ... earned a bronze medal at 2003 USA Youth Development Festival with West Team after averaging 6.0 ppg. in five-game tourney ... guided her AAU team to national championships in 2000 (13-and-under) and 2002 (15-and-under) ... ranked 25th in nation by All Game Sports, 52nd by Blue Star Index and 61st by All-Star Girls Report ... also competed in track throughout her high school career ... was a Nevada state finalist in triple jump in

2004, helping team to state runner-up finish in Class 4A ... also broke Burroughs High School record for triple jump in 2003.

PERSONAL DATA: Born Oct. 4, 1986 in Fontana, Calif. ... oldest of two children ... comes from athletic family — uncle, Sam Cash, played basketball at UC Riverside; cousin, Sami Cash, played volleyball at UC Irvine; and cousin, Jere Boykin played soccer at Oklahoma State ... one of two Las Vegas-area residents on this year's Irish roster, joining junior Breona Gray ... enrolled in College of Arts and Letters, but has not yet declared a major ... is the first Notre Dame women's basketball player ever to wear No. 1.



TULYAH GAINES' CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg
2004-05	29-0	398-13.7	21-63	.333	0-0	.000	27-42	.643	17	40	57	2.0	39-0	31	56	1	24	69	2.4





#32 Breona Gray

Junior • 5-9

Guard

*Las Vegas, Nev.
Bishop Gorman H.S.*

OVERVIEW: Quick, athletic guard who has matured rapidly in her first two seasons at Notre Dame ... aggressive at both ends of the court with a motor that never seems to stop ... worked hard the past two summers to polish her game ... developed an efficient offensive game, including a reliable mid-range jumper ... remains a top-notch defender who already has matched up with some of the top guards in the country ... gained valuable experience as member of starting lineup last season and should contend for a starting role again in 2005-06.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2004-05):

Was one of team's most improved players while becoming an everyday starter for the first time ... came up with four points, six rebounds and career-high three steals in victory over Illinois State ... piled up 12 points and career-high tying seven rebounds vs. Nebraska ... had six points vs. No. 6 Duke ... six rebounds and three assists vs. No. 10/9 Ohio State (third six-rebound game in four Preseason WNIT outings) ... canned first career three-point field goal in win over Colorado State ... buried clutch jumper with shot clock winding down in final minute to help seal win at USC ... collected six points and three rebounds in victory at Valparaiso ... distributed four assists in career-best 35 minutes against No. 15 Michigan State ... rolled up 12 points (all in second half) in win at Dayton ... scored 11 points (5-6 FG)



and grabbed five rebounds in 31 minutes vs. Washington ... erupted for career-high 17 points (6-12 FG) and tied personal best with seven rebounds vs. Syracuse ... dished out career-best five assists and knocked down second career three-pointer against No. 20 Purdue ... put up eight points and three assists vs. St. John's ... contributed eight points (including 2 FT in

final second) and five rebounds in win at No. 9/10 Connecticut ... added eight points (4-5 FG) at Providence ... nailed two important free throws with 23 seconds remaining in win at No. 25/22 Boston College ... notched six points and five rebounds in regular-season finale at Seton Hall ... returned to double figures with 11 points (3-4 FG, 5-6 FT) and six rebounds in BIG EAST quarterfinal victory vs. West Virginia ... registered 10 points (4-8 FG) and had key steal and breakaway layup with 2:24 left to help clinch NCAA first-round victory over UC Santa Barbara.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2003-04):

Appeared in 29 games for the Irish, averaging 2.2 points and 1.6 rebounds in 11.4 minutes per game ... saw four minutes vs. Auburn and grabbed two rebounds ... played seven minutes vs. Valparaiso, collecting one rebound ... dented scoreboard for first time with four points in five minutes at Michigan State ... played eight minutes at Tennessee, pulling down two rebounds ... connected on three of four free throws in seven minutes vs. Wisconsin ... turned in strong all-around effort with nine points (4-8 FG) and five rebounds in 25 minutes vs. Dayton ... carded five points and four rebounds against USC ... notched four points and five rebounds at Colorado State ... grabbed season-best six rebounds against Marquette ... had four points and two rebounds at Purdue ... added three points and two steals at Georgetown ... logged two points and two rebounds in 22 minutes vs. Villanova ... scored four points

Miscellaneous Career Stats

Double-doubles	0
Double-figure scoring games	7
20-point games	0
Double-figure rebound games	0
5-assist games	1
5-steal games	0



GETTING TO KNOW ... BREONA GRAY

My favorite food is cheeseburgers.
My favorite TV shows are all the Law & Order shows.
My dream date would be Dee Brown at the University of Illinois.
If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be Oprah.
When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was Mitch Mitchell.
My favorite cereal is Frosted Flakes.
My favorite hobbies other than basketball are shopping and sleeping.
My favorite actor is Denzel Washington.
The toughest arena I have ever played in is the RAC at Rutgers.
My favorite NBA team is the Miami Heat.
My favorite NBA player is Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat.
The actress who would play me in a movie about my life is Angela Bassett.
My favorite movie is Madea.
The best player I have ever faced is Cappie Pondexter of Rutgers.

My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is David Beckham.
My favorite video game is the original Super Mario Brothers.
The singer I'd most like to tour with would be Alicia Keys.
My pre-game ritual is to take a nap and listen to slow music.
The best part about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player is the recognition from our family, friends and fans who support us throughout the season.
I chose to attend Notre Dame because it is a school that has the complete package, from school to basketball. Plus, no one can take away my degree and the game of basketball that I have learned from a great institution.
I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by pushing myself and my teammates to our absolute limits and beyond, because that is only going to make our team stronger and even more united. Also, I am going to step up my game and leadership role from the past two years and become a more complete player.

Gray's Career Highs

Points
17 vs. Syracuse (1/5/05)
Rebounds
7, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/5/05)
Assists
5 vs. Purdue (1/16/05)
Field Goals
6, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/5/05)
Field Goal Attempts
13 vs. Nebraska (11/14/04)
Three-Point Field Goals
1, twice (MR: vs. Purdue, 1/16/05)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts
3 at Purdue (1/4/04)
Free Throws
5, twice (MR: vs. West Virginia, 3/6/05)
Free Throw Attempts
7 vs. Syracuse (1/5/05)
Steals
3, three times (MR: vs. Boston College, 2/2/05)
Blocked Shots
1, four times (MR: at Providence, 2/9/05)
Minutes Played
35, twice (MR: at Villanova, 1/9/05)

at Miami ... had four points on perfect shooting night (1-1 FG, 2-2 FT) in second Georgetown matchup ... logged first career blocked shot at Seton Hall ... picked up two points and two rebounds at Pittsburgh ... collected five points (2-2 FG) in second meeting with Miami ... erupted for season-high 11 points in the regular-season finale vs. Syracuse, knocking down all four of her shots from the field — seven of her points came in a game-clinching 9-4 run early in the second half.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 16.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per game during her prep career at Bishop Gorman High School, including 17 ppg. and 6.8 rpg. as a senior ... four-time all-state selection (first team - 2001; honorable mention - 2000, 2002, 2003) ... leading scorer in southern Nevada as sophomore in 2001 (21.7 ppg., 521 points) ... 2003 Sunset League MVP ... one of three players in school history to score more

than 1,600 career points ... guided team to state semifinals three times in four-year career ... also an accomplished track star, winning Nevada state championship in 400-meter run in 2002 after placing second in same event in 2001.

PERSONAL DATA: Born Jan. 2, 1985 in Las Vegas, Nev. ... oldest of two children ... joins sophomore Tulyah Gaines as the first Nevada residents ever to play for Notre Dame ... cousin, Vanesha Bailey, played soccer at the University of Arizona ... mother, Dedra Edmond, is a blackjack dealer at the Aladdin Casino in Las Vegas ... spent time as volunteer coach for Nevada Special Olympics, as well as Candlelighters Children's Cancer Center ... attended same high school (Bishop Gorman) as current Notre Dame junior women's tennis players Catrina and Christian Thompson ... enrolled in College of Arts and Letters with a double



major in sociology and computer applications ... team representative on Notre Dame Student-Athlete Advisory Council and school representative on BIG EAST SAAC ... some former Notre Dame players who wore No. 32 include Jane Politiski, Comalita Haysbert and Julie Henderson.

BREONA GRAY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg
2003-04	29-0	330-11.4	24-58	.414	0-10	.000	17-27	.630	13	32	45	1.6	25-0	8	25	2	13	65	2.2
2004-05	33-33	788-23.9	69-188	.367	2-6	.333	40-57	.702	35	75	110	3.3	31-0	54	54	2	41	180	5.5
TOTALS	62-33	1118-18.0	93-246	.378	2-16	.125	57-84	.679	48	107	155	2.5	56-0	62	79	4	54	245	4.0





#41 Courtney LaVere

Senior • 6-3

Forward

*Ventura, Calif.
Buena H.S.*



ence in the paint this year ... formidable defender who matches up well and relies on excellent fundamentals ... has battled back from knee surgery last November that hampered her development in 2004-05 ... when healthy, she has capability to be one of the truly dominant posts, not only in the BIG EAST Conference, but nationally as well ... also will be looked upon to provide extensive leadership, having played pivotal role in Notre Dame's 69-28 record with two NCAA Sweet Sixteen berths (2003, 2004) during her career.

JUNIOR SEASON (2004-05): Led six players in double figures with 18 points (8-11 FG) and career-high tying five assists against Illinois State ... scored 11 points against Nebraska despite playing just 12 minutes with foul trouble ... chalked

OVERVIEW: Co-captain and versatile post player who meshes solid inside game with ability to face up and hit outside jumper ... strong with either hand and isn't afraid of contact ... one of team's top returning rebounders and will be counted on to provide steady and consistent pres-

up first double-double of season (seventh of career) with 13 points and game-high 11 rebounds vs. No. 6 Duke ... had five rebounds and three blocks in Preseason WNIT championship game victory over No. 10/9 Ohio State ... picked up seven points and six rebounds in win over Colorado

State ... logged two points and five rebounds before leaving with sprained ankle late in victory at USC ... underwent arthroscopic knee surgery Nov. 30 to repair torn meniscus in her left knee originally suffered in Duke contest (missed five games) ... returned to action Dec. 30 at Northern Illinois, scoring two points in nine minutes ... had six points and three rebounds in 19 minutes off the bench against Seton Hall ... contributed eight points and four rebounds vs. No. 16 Connecticut ... posted second double-double of year with 13 points (6-10 FG) and game-high 10 rebounds at Syracuse ... scored five of nine points vs. No. 6/7 Rutgers in final seven minutes (including go-ahead bucket) during Irish comeback victory ... turned in one of her best games since knee surgery with team-high 14 points (6-10 FG) in victory at No. 9/10 Connecticut ... added seven points and team-high four assists against No. 16/13 Boston College ... tallied game-high 17 points (7-11 FG) and added eight rebounds in victory at Pittsburgh ... returned to starting lineup at Providence, scoring 10 points (5-9 FG) and adding team-high three steals ... chipped in with eight points, six rebounds and two blocks at No. 10 Rutgers ... carded eight points and four rebounds against West Virginia ... scored 11 points in BIG EAST semifinal against No. 13/14 Connecticut ... dropped in 10 points (5-10 FG) and plucked seven rebounds in NCAA first-round victory vs. UC Santa Barbara (essentially her hometown college which had heavily recruited her) ... added eight points, three blocks and three steals in NCAA second-round loss to No. 24 Arizona State.

SOPHOMORE SEASON (2003-04): Appeared in all 32 games for the Irish, starting 17 times and averaging 22.2 minutes per outing ... led team and ranked fifth in BIG EAST in blocks (1.28 bpg.) ... third on team in scoring (8.6 ppg.), second in rebounding (4.5 rpg.) and fourth in steals (1.13 spg.) ... scored in double figures 13 times ... had one double-double ... col-

Miscellaneous Career Stats	
Double-doubles	8
Double-figure scoring games	43
20-point games	6
Double-figure rebound games	8
5-block games.....	1



The Players

lected eight points and five rebounds vs. Auburn ... posted 11 points, six rebounds and three blocks against Valparaiso ... tied for team-high honors with 12 points and shot .667 (6-9) from floor at Michigan State ... added eight points and game-high seven rebounds at Tennessee ... rang up season highs of 22 points (9-16 FG) and nine rebounds against Wisconsin, scoring 18 points in the second half ... nearly posted double-double at Washington with nine points and team-high nine rebounds ... pulled down game-high seven rebounds vs. Dayton ... carded career-high four steals against USC ... registered her fourth double-figure scoring game of the year with 16 points (6-11 FG) against Marquette ... logged six rebounds and season-high four blocks at Purdue ... played critical role in win over Connecticut, coming off bench to score 14 points (4-7 FG), including first three-pointer of year (second of career) in 33 minutes ... carded 10 points (4-8 FG) and four rebounds at West Virginia ... posted third straight double-digit game with 10 points (5-9 FG) at Syracuse ... tallied team-high 15 points (6-11 FG, 1-1 3FG) and three steals at Miami ... chalked up 11 points against Boston College ... collected 12 points (6-10 FG) and six rebounds vs. Providence ... knocked down six of seven shots (season-best .857 FG%) and finished with 13 points at Pittsburgh ... turned in repeat performance four nights later vs. Miami with 13 points on six of seven shooting — also tied season high by swatting four shots ... returned to starting lineup at Rutgers and pulled down team-high seven rebounds ... ranked fifth in BIG EAST with 1.38 blocks per game during conference action ... scored eight points in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers ... registered first double-double of season in first round of NCAA tournament vs. Southwest Missouri State, with 11 points and career-high 13 rebounds, along with three assists and three blocks ... also scored two key baskets in overtime to help Irish ice victory ... had three blocked shots and two steals in NCAA second-round win vs. Middle Tennessee ... carded eight points and five rebounds (all offensive) in NCAA regional semifinal against Penn State.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2002-03):

Played in all 32 games for the Irish, starting 10 times, and averaging 22.6 minutes per outing ... ranked second on team in scoring (12.4 ppg.), rebounding (5.6 rpg.) and field goal percentage (.486) ... placed

among Top 20 in BIG EAST in scoring, rebounding and double-doubles (5) ... also chipped in 0.84 blocks per game ... piled up 18 points (5-8 FG, 8-12 FT), seven rebounds and five assists in college debut vs. Cleveland State (most points by ND rookie in first game since Alicia Ratay's 18 vs. Toledo in '99) ... collected four rebounds at Valparaiso ... notched nine points and six rebounds at Arizona State ... registered 11 points and four rebounds at DePaul ... carded 16 points and nine rebounds vs. Temple ... scored game-high 20 points and snatched six rebounds vs. IPFW ... logged first career double-double with game highs of 17 points (6-11 FG) and 11 rebounds vs. Tennessee ... made first career start at Marquette, collecting second straight double-double (16 points, game-high 12 rebounds) and adding season-high five blocks ... notched third double-double in as many games with game highs of 23 points (8-11 FG) and 10 rebounds vs. Purdue (points were also season high) ... contributed 12 points (6-9 FG) and six rebounds vs. Miami ... posted fourth double-double at St. John's with 19 points (7-12 FG) and 10 rebounds ... posted game highs with season-best 23 points and nine rebounds vs. Rutgers ... collected 12 points and six rebounds vs. Connecticut ... came off bench to notch fifth double-double with 20 points and season-high 12 rebounds at Villanova — also made 12-16

LaVere's Career Highs

Points	23, twice (MR: vs. Rutgers, 1/18/03)
Rebounds	13 vs. Southwest Missouri State (3/21/04)
Assists	5, twice (MR: vs. Illinois State, 11/12/04)
Field Goals	9, three times (MR: vs. Wisconsin, 12/4/03)
Field Goal Attempts	16, three times (MR: vs. Wisconsin, 12/4/03)
Three-Point Field Goals	1, five times (MR: at Syracuse, 1/19/05)
Three-Point Field Goal Attempts	2 vs. Penn State (3/27/04)
Free Throws	12 at Villanova (1/25/03)
Free Throw Attempts	16 at Villanova (1/25/03)
Steals	4 vs. USC (12/22/03)
Blocked Shots	5 at Marquette (12/31/02)
Minutes Played	36 at Marquette (12/31/02)

free throws, setting Notre Dame freshman record for free throws made ... carded eight points and team-high six rebounds at Virginia Tech ... contributed 13 points and canned first career three-point field goal in reserve role against St. John's ... added nine points at Providence ... booked 13 points at Connecticut ... registered team-high 14 points vs. Pittsburgh ... collected game-high 20 points vs. Seton Hall, including game-tying layup with 7.8 seconds remaining ... notched 10 points at Syracuse ... earned game-high scoring honors with 18 points (8-10 FG) in BIG EAST tourney opener vs. Pittsburgh ... added 12 points in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Villanova ... was major factor in Notre Dame's run to NCAA Sweet Sixteen, averaging 11.7 points and 5.7 rebounds in three-game stretch ... logged 15 points in NCAA first-round win over Arizona ... carded 14 points and team-high eight rebounds in NCAA second-round victory at Kansas State.

HIGH SCHOOL: Third-team *Parade* All-America selection ... also earned All-America status from WBCA, McDonald's, *USA Today*, *Street & Smith's* and Student Sports ... garnered Nike All-America honors following her junior and senior seasons ... participated in WBCA and McDonald's All-America games ... won





GETTING TO KNOW ... COURTNEY LAVERE

My favorite food is any authentic Mexican dish.

My favorite TV shows are Laguna Beach and The O.C.

The last DVD I bought was Million Dollar Baby.

My dream date would be Matt O'Bringer from "Notre Dame Icon."

My nicknames are Malibu or Court.

If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be my mom.

The one woman I idolize is Laura Bush.

When I was a kid, the people who helped me develop my game were my dad and my brothers.

When I was a kid, my favorite bedtime story was "The Babysitters Club."

My favorite cartoon is Recess.

My favorite cereal is Cap'n Crunch.

My favorite quote is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

My favorite hobby other than basketball is SHOPPING!!

My favorite actor is Will Ferrell.

I try to model my game after former Notre Dame forward, Kelley Siemon.

The toughest arena I have ever played in is Bramlage Coliseum at Kansas State.

My favorite vacation spot is the Bahamas.

My favorite NBA/WNBA teams are the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Sparks.

The actress who would play me in a movie about my life is Paris Hilton.

My best friend on another college team is Ann Strother at Connecticut.

My favorite movies are Old School and Love and Basketball.

My favorite magazine is Us Weekly.

The best players I have ever faced are Diana Taurasi of Connecticut and Anne Weese of Notre Dame.

My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is Andy Roddick.

My favorite non-basketball pro team is the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Not many people know that I have an obsession with purses and shoes.

The best gifts to get from a guy are a hand-picked flower and a card.

I wear #41 because that was the number I was given as a freshman in high school.

My pre-game ritual is eat, listen to music and pray.

The best parts about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player are my teammates and the fans.

I chose to attend Notre Dame because of the great academic and athletic tradition.

I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by being a great leader and setting a great example for the team.

McDonald's Team-Ball competition with fellow Notre Dame signee (and current senior) Torin Francis ... averaged 26.5 points, 11.4 rebounds and 3.5 blocks per game as a senior at Buena High School — also shot 57 percent from the field and 71 percent from the foul line ... two-time all-state pick ... four-time all-city and all-conference selection ... named 2002 Ventura County Player of the Year and California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section Co-Player of the Year ... finished high school career with 1,897 points (second in school history), 1,029 rebounds (third in school history) and 303 blocks (first in school history) ... also holds BHS single-game records for points (45) and blocks (9), as well as single-season marks for points (741), scoring average (26.5) and

blocks (99) ... as a junior, helped lead her team to No. 1 ranking in *USA Today* Super 25 for much of the 2000-01 season ... named 1999 California Freshman of the Year by Cal-Hi Sports ... member of BHS student government her final two years, serving as senior class vice-president in 2001-02 ... graduated with 3.8 grade-point average.

PERSONAL DATA: Born Nov. 18, 1983 in Ventura, Calif. ... youngest of three children ... comes from an athletic family — father Marty played basketball at the University of Redlands and brother Matt played volleyball at Pepperdine ... teams

with junior Crystal Erwin as the two California natives on Irish roster (first since 1997) ... enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters as a double major in film, television & theater and computer applications ... spent summer of 2004 as an intern in the sports department at South Bend's NBC affiliate, WNDU-TV ... only the second Notre Dame player to wear No. 41, following Imani Dunbar.

CAREER HONORS: 2005: BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team. **2003:** BIG EAST All-Rookie Team ... BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (March 3).

COURTNEY LAVERE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg
2002-03	32-10	723-22.6	151-311	.486	1-3	.333	95-136	.699	81	99	180	5.6	88-5	21	80	27	19	398	12.4
2003-04	32-17	709-22.2	113-274	.412	3-10	.300	47-85	.553	61	84	145	4.5	87-1	30	75	41	36	276	8.6
2004-05	28-16	583-20.8	88-190	.463	1-6	.167	34-59	.576	34	76	110	3.9	61-2	37	57	28	26	211	7.5
TOTALS	92-43	2015-21.9	352-775	.454	5-19	.263	176-280	.629	176	259	435	4.7	236-8	88	212	96	81	885	9.6





#11 **Amanda Tsipis**

Sophomore • 5-9

Guard

Perry, Ohio
Perry H.S.

OVERVIEW: Second-year guard who has won respect from Irish players, coaches and fans alike for her determination, work ethic and dedication to team success ... has been valuable asset, providing depth in the Notre Dame backcourt ... intelligent player who learns new concepts quickly and is able to apply them on the floor ... solid perimeter shooter and has good touch from the foul line ... presence will be key with a smaller Irish roster this season.

FRESHMAN SEASON (2004-05): Scored first collegiate basket on baseline jumper late in season-opening victory vs. Illinois State ... tallied first career assist in win at Dayton ... converted both of her free throw attempts (first of her career) at Northern Illinois ... grabbed first career rebound and played career-best five minutes at Pittsburgh ... knocked down foul-line jumper in final minute of victory vs. West Virginia in home finale.

HIGH SCHOOL: Four-year letter-winner in both basketball and soccer at Perry High School in Perry, Ohio ... averaged 12.9 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game during her prep career ... ranks as second-leading scorer in school history with 1,216



single-season three-point percentage (.431) and career three-point percentage (.366) ... was a three-time all-state and all-district selection and a our-time all-conference choice ... also was a finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award in the state of Ohio ... helped her team post a 79-15 record during her career, winning three consecutive district titles from 2002-04 ... also was a three-time all-district honoree in soccer ... was co-valedictorian of her high school class, posting straight A's and a 4.2 grade-point average ...

points ... had best season of her career as a senior in 2003-04, averaging 18.3 points, 5.7 rebounds and 5.9 assists per game with a .502 field goal percentage and .431 three-point ratio ... holds nine school records, including single-season free throw percentage (.844), career free throw percentage (.735),

member of National Honor Society.
PERSONAL DATA: Born April 8, 1986 in Middleburg Heights, Ohio ... oldest of three children ... family has long basketball tradition — father, Dean, was a cager at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland; grandfather, Lou, played basketball

Miscellaneous Career Stats

Double-doubles	0
Double-figure scoring games	0
20-point games	0
Double-figure rebound games	0
5-assist games	0
Double-figure assist games	0



Tsipis' Career Highs

- Points**
2, three times (MR: vs. West Virginia, 2/26/05)
- Rebounds**
1 at Pittsburgh (2/5/05)
- Assists**
1 at Dayton (12/9/04)
- Field Goals**
1, twice (MR: vs. West Virginia, 2/26/05)
- Field Goal Attempts**
1, five times (MR: vs. West Virginia, 2/26/05)
- Three-Point Field Goals**
None
- Three-Point Field Goal Attempts**
None
- Free Throws**
2 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)
- Free Throw Attempts**
2 at Northern Illinois (12/30/04)
- Steals**
None
- Blocked Shots**
None
- Minutes Played**
5 at Pittsburgh (2/5/05)

GETTING TO KNOW ... AMANDA TSIPIIS

- My favorite food is** pasta.
- My favorite TV shows are** The O.C. and Friends.
- The last DVD I bought was** The Notebook.
- My dream date would be** Brad Pitt.
- My nicknames are** Sip or Sippers.
- If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be** Lance Armstrong.
- The one woman I idolize is** Linda Staley.
- When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was** my dad.
- When I was a kid, my favorite bedtime story was** "I Love You This Much."
- My favorite cereal is** granola.
- My favorite quote is** "The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that comes their way."
- My favorite hobbies other than basketball are** playing soccer or just hanging out with my family or friends.
- My favorite actor is** Brad Pitt.
- I try to model my game after** Sue Bird.
- The toughest arena I have ever played in is** the RAC at Rutgers.
- My favorite vacation spot is** the Dominican Republic.
- My favorite NBA team is** the Cleveland Cavaliers.
- My favorite NBA player is** LeBron James.
- The actress who would play me in a movie about my life is** Julia Roberts.
- My best friends on other college teams are** Mary Herendeen at Case Western Reserve and Courtney Kolesar at Marist.
- My favorite movie is** Remember the Titans.
- My favorite magazine is** Cosmo.
- The best players I have ever faced are** all of my teammates.
- My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is** Lance Armstrong.
- My favorite non-basketball pro team is** the Cleveland Indians.
- Not many people know that** I was a valedictorian of my high school class.
- My favorite video game is** Sonic the Hedgehog.
- The singer I'd most like to tour with would be** Kenny Chesney.
- The best gifts to get from a guy are** something homemade or jewelry!
- I wear #11 because** it was my AAU number.
- My pre-game ritual is** to try and keep everything consistent and get ready the same way.
- The best parts about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player are** the team and the experiences.
- I chose to attend Notre Dame because** it is a prestigious school both academically and athletically.
- I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by** working as hard as I possibly can.



for the Greek National Team at the age of 15, had a standout career at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and went on to play professionally in Greece; aunt, Luann Damiris, was a three-sport letterwinner (basketball, volleyball, track) at Baldwin-Wallace; and uncle, Jonathan, is assistant women's basketball coach at Notre Dame ... one of two Ohio natives on this year's Irish roster, joining senior Megan Duffy ... enrolled in

Mendoza College of Business as a business administration major ... some former Irish players who wore No. 11 include Sara Liebscher (who currently works at Notre Dame as assistant director for development in athletics advancement), Jeannine Augustin and another Ohio guard, Westlake native Karen Swanson.

CAREER HONORS: 2005: BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team.

AMANDA TSIPIIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg
2004-05	12-0	32-2.7	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	0.1	1-0	1	2	0	0	6	0.5



OVERVIEW: Aggressive, confident guard who has potential to be significant contributor right away ... showed tremendous versatility during prep career, playing all five positions at various times ... physical presence who can post up on the blocks or step away from the basket and hit three-point shot ... creative player who opens up additional scoring opportunities for teammates ... also has shown strong rebounding ability ... displays intense work ethic and desire to succeed ... sharp court awareness and basketball IQ make her a multi-dimensional threat and excellent complement to returning veterans on Notre Dame's 2005-06 roster.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 20.7 points, 10.0 rebounds, 3.0 steals, 2.1 assists and 2.1 blocks per game with a .490 field goal percentage during her career at Bartlett High School ... Illinois Miss Basketball (2005) — voting margin (374 points) was sixth-largest since award was first presented in 1986 (previous winners include Tamika Catchings, Cappie Pondexter and Candace Parker) ... Illinois Gatorade Player of the Year (2005) ... McDonald's All-American (2005), scoring nine points (4-7 FG) in McDonald's High School All-America Game played at Notre Dame's Joyce Center ... WBCA High School All-American (2005), scoring 10 points in WBCA High School All-America Game played in conjunction with NCAA Women's Final Four in Indianapolis ... third-team Parade All-American (2005) ... three-time *Street & Smith's* All-American (2002, 2003, 2005) ... Nike All-America Camp (2003, 2004) ... adidas Top Ten Camp Underclass All-American (2002) ... four-time all-state selection (first team in 2004 and 2005; second team in 2003; honorable mention in 2002) ... three-time Chicago Sun-Times all-area team (2003, 2004, 2005) ... four-time *Daily Herald* all-area team (2002, 2003, co-captain 2004, co-captain 2005) ... set school records and ranks among top 35 in Illinois prep history for career points (2,422), rebounds (1,175), field goals made (951), field goals attempted (1,939) and free throws attempted (478), appearing in the top 10 of the latter three categories ... also has school records for assists (252), steals (346) and blocks (240), as well as points in a game (38 vs. St. Viator in 2003) ... scored in double figures 114 times in 117 career games, including streak of 72 consecutive double-digit games (eighth in state history) ... also had nine career 30-point games (five as a senior) ... as a senior, she averaged 22.1 points, 10.6 rebounds, 2.7 steals and



#24 Lindsay Schrader

Freshman • 6-0

Guard

Bartlett, Ill.
Bartlett H.S.

2.6 blocks per game with a .480 field goal percentage while leading Bartlett to a 30-5 record and a berth in the Class AA state title game (BHS lost to top-ranked Peoria Richwoods, 52-48, despite 18 points and a tournament-record 18 rebounds from Schrader) ... Bartlett posted a 96-27 (.780) record during her career, including an 81-14 (.853) mark in her final three seasons ... earned silver medal at 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival with North Team after ranking among top three at the tournament for scoring (14.8 ppg. - third), rebounding (8.6 rpg. - third) and field goal percentage (.542 - second) ... one of 17

finalists for the 2004 USA Women's Junior World Championship Qualifying Team Trials that went on to win gold medal ... rated among top 30 by three separate recruiting services — Blue Star Index (14th), All-Game Sports (21st) and All-Star Girls Report (26th - eighth among shooting guards).

PERSONAL DATA: Born Feb. 24, 1987 in Winfield, Ill. ... youngest of three children ... brother, Kevin, is a sophomore outfielder/pitcher on the baseball team at Cincinnati ... the 10th Illinois native to join the Irish women's basketball program; besides Schrader, eight others have come from the Chicagoland area, including such notables as NCAA career three-point percentage record holder Alicia Ratay (Lake Zurich, 1999-2003), Danielle Green (Chicago, 1995-2000) and Diondra Toney (Chicago, 1985-89) ... enrolled in First Year of Studies program at Notre Dame ... some former Irish players who wore No. 24 include Janice Crowe, Theresa Mullins and Andrea Alexander.

GETTING TO KNOW ... LINDSAY SCHRADER

My favorite foods are mashed potatoes, cookies and anything from Panda Express.

My favorite TV shows are Dawson's Creek and Friends.

The last DVD I bought was The Notebook.

My dream date would be either Keith Urban or Tim McGraw.

My nicknames are Schrader or Lindsay Lou.

If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be Faith Hill.

When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was my shooting coach, Jeff John.

My favorite cartoon is the movie "Finding Nemo."

My favorite cereals are Raisin Bran Crunch and Frosted Mini-Wheats.

My favorite quote is "Take nothing for granted."

My favorite hobbies other than basketball are going to the movies and hanging out with friends.

My favorite actresses are Julia Roberts and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

I try to model my game after Diana Taurasi.

My favorite vacation spots are Canada or Hawaii.

My favorite WNBA team is the Los Angeles Sparks.

My favorite NBA and WNBA players are Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers and Diana Taurasi of the Phoenix Mercury.

My favorite movie is too hard to pick, because I just love all movies.

My favorite magazines are People and Sports Illustrated.

The best players I have ever faced are Courtney Paris (now at Oklahoma) and Abby Waner (now at Duke).

My favorite non-basketball pro team is the Chicago Cubs.

Not many people know that I love country music and I like to dance.

My favorite video game is Grand Theft Auto.

The singer or group I'd most like to tour with would be Keith Urban or Rascal Flatts.

The best gifts to get from a guy are something he wrote or made, or flowers.

I wear #24 because it's my birthday (Feb. 24, 1987).

My pre-game ritual is before every high school game, I would give my bracelet to my mom and she would give me a kiss. I also take a nap before every game.

The best parts about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player are the coaches, my teammates and the fans.

I chose to attend Notre Dame because it has great academics and athletics, plus it is close to home.

I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by playing great defense and contributing on offense. I'm also going to rebound, always play 110 percent, show an attitude of never giving up and be fearless.





#21 Chandrica Smith

Freshman • 6-1

Forward

*Stone Mountain, Ga.
Oak Hill Academy (Va.)*

OVERVIEW: Athletic, fluid wing player who can play any number of positions ... combination of long arms and leaping ability allow her to play bigger than her 6-1 frame ... runs the floor well and thrived in up-tempo systems throughout her high school career ... possesses ability to square up and knock down outside jumper, slash to the basket, or post up on the block ... solid defender and rebounder whose quickness will be asset in press situations ... has chance to make early contributions for the Irish during her freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL: Averaged 11.1 points, 6.1 rebounds, 2.4 steals and 1.7 blocks per game with a .565 field goal percentage during her high school career ... teams had a combined 117-13 (.900) record in her four-year prep tenure ... two-time Street & Smith's honorable mention All-American (2003, 2004) ... Student Sports All-American (2004) ... three-time adidas Top Ten Camp All-Star (Underclass - 2002, 2003; Upperclass - 2004) ... Nike All-America Camp (2003) ... National Association of Christian Athletes (NACA) Division I All-Tournament Team (2005) ... honorable mention Georgia Class 5A all-state (2004) ... first-team all-DeKalb County (2004) ... first-team all-area (2004) ... played her final prep season at Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson, Va., collecting 17.5



points, 6.2 rebounds, 4.5 assists, 2.3 steals and 1.5 blocks per game with a .540 field goal percentage (.611 on three-pointers) ... named team's offensive MVP after helping Oak Hill to a 20-6 record and third-place finish at the 25-team, invitation-only NACA Division I National Tournament ... spent two seasons (2002-03 and 2003-04) at Stephenson High School in Stone Mountain, Ga., averaging 12.5 points, 8.1 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 2.4 blocks per game with a .620 field goal percentage at the school ... helped Lady Jaguars make consecutive trips to Georgia Class 5A championship game, including winning state title her junior year (2004) ... Stephenson posted a 69-3 (.958) record during Smith's two-year tenure at school ... began prep career at Wesleyan High School in Norcross, Ga., averaging 6.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game with a .531 field goal percentage as a freshman ... field goal percentage mark remains third-best single-season figure in school

history ... helped Lady Wolves to 28-4 record and their first-ever Georgia Class A state title ... earned bronze medal at 2004 USA Basketball Youth Development Festival with South Team after averaging 5.4 points and 2.6 rebounds per game ... rated as high as No. 29 in nation by All-Star Girls Report.

PERSONAL DATA: Born Feb. 25, 1987 in Atlanta, Ga. ... second of three children ... second Georgia native ever to suit up for Notre Dame, joining Marietta product Michelle O'Haren (played only in program's first varsity season of 1977-78) ... talented musician who plays piano and saxophone ... enrolled in First Year of Studies program at Notre Dame ... some former Irish players who wore No. 21 include current associate coach Coquese Washington, Notre Dame's career scoring leader Beth Morgan, and two-time All-American (and current member of the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx) Jacqueline Batteast.

GETTING TO KNOW ... CHANDRICA SMITH

My favorite food is mac and cheese.

My favorite TV show is Friends.

The last DVD I bought was Finding Nemo.

My dream date would be Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat.

My nickname is Dreek.

If I could switch places with one person for a day, it would be Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The one woman I idolize is Oprah.

When I was a kid, the one person who helped me develop my game was my dad.

My favorite cartoon is Family Guy.

My favorite cereal is Cap'n Crunch.

My favorite quote is "To whom much is given, much is expected."

My favorite hobby other than basketball is talking on the phone.

I try to model my game after Swin Cash.

My favorite vacation spot is home.

My favorite TV sports personality is Magic Johnson.

My favorite NBA team is the Miami Heat.

My favorite NBA players are Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat and Kevin Garnett of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

My favorite movie is Dumb and Dumber.

My favorite magazine is Cosmo.

My favorite non-basketball pro athlete is Venus Williams.

My favorite non-basketball pro team is the Boston Red Sox.

My favorite video game is Super Mario Brothers.

The best gift to get from a guy is a pair of shoes.

I wear #21 because I like Kevin Garnett.

My pre-game ritual is to listen to music.

The best part about being a Notre Dame women's basketball player is the fans.

I chose to attend Notre Dame because I love the team and the coaches.

I'm going to help Notre Dame win the 2006 national championship by giving my all every time I step on the floor.



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University Athlete Busted for Betting

Player out one year, could be permanent ineligibility

Two student-athletes have been filed against two charges have been filed against two investigate student-athletes, alleging the two in point shaving and illegal gambling incidents that occurred in the late

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is conducting an investigation of the events, which could lead to penalties for the institution. The indictments issued today went far beyond the collegiate body's investigation, charging the two former athletes with conspiring to fix games. One of those charged appeared today at a press conference. She would say only that she was cooperative and that her involvement in the

The two were charged with interfering with the outcome of the games. Both were paid to play in a game in Nevada by bookmakers. They would lose by more than the point spread.

