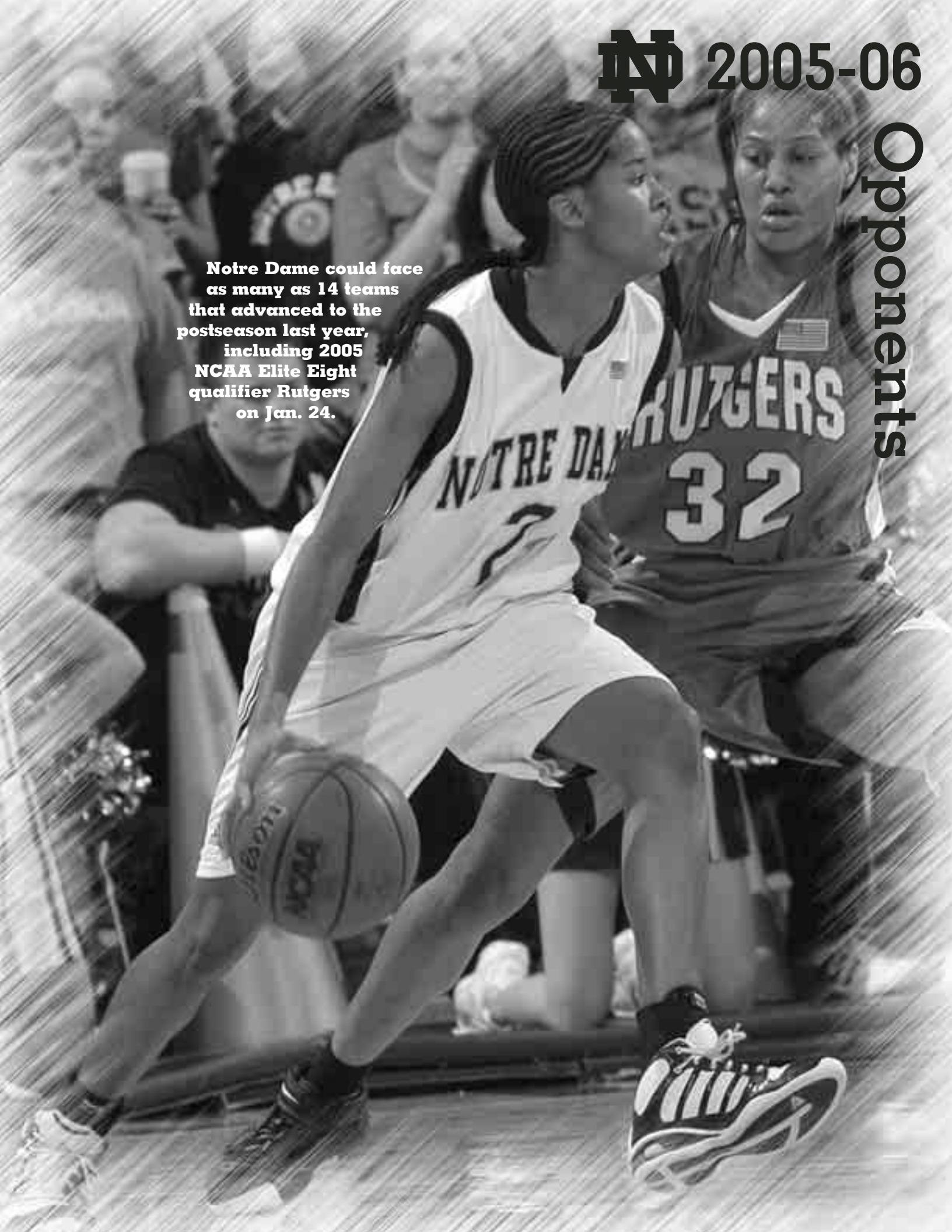


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Opponents

Notre Dame could face as many as 14 teams that advanced to the postseason last year, including 2005 NCAA Elite Eight qualifier Rutgers on Jan. 24.



Michigan Wolverines

Friday, Nov. 18 • 9 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Series Tied 6-6

Location: Ann Arbor, Mich.
Founded: 1817
Enrollment: 39,031
Colors: Maize and Blue
Conference: Big Ten
Arena (Capacity): Crisler Arena (13,751)



Athletics Director: William C. Martin
Head Coach: Cheryl Burnett (Kansas '81)

Record at UM (Yrs.): 19-40 (2)
Career Record (Yrs.): 338-176 (17)
Associate Head Coach: Karen Rapiere (Southwest Missouri State '93)
Assistants: Lynette Robinson (Illinois '82), Shannon Gage (Southwest Missouri State '99)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 5-23 (1-15/11th)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/3
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Janelle Cooper (F, So., 5-10); Kelly Helvey (F/G, Jr., 5-11); Ta'Shia Walker (F, So., 6-0)

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Notes: Notre Dame is 20-8 (.714) all-time in season openers, including a current nine-game winning streak and 15-3 (.833) mark in the Muffet McGraw era ... the Irish also are 20-8 (.714) in home openers, including an active 10-game winning streak and 14-4 (.778) record under McGraw ... Michigan is the first of four Big Ten Conference opponents on this year's Notre Dame schedule, and the only one coming to the Joyce Center (Indiana, Wisconsin and Purdue follow on the road) ... the last time the Irish played four Big Ten opponents in one season was 2003-04, when they went 1-3, defeating Wisconsin and falling to Michigan State, Purdue and Penn State, the last in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen ... Notre Dame hasn't played four Big Ten opponents in the regular season since the 1996-97 campaign, when the Irish went 2-2 (d. Iowa 61-50 in Preseason WNIT second round; d. Indiana 71-63; l. Purdue 73-58; l. Wisconsin 81-69) ... Michigan will be making its first visit to the Joyce Center since March 19, 2001, when the Irish defeated the Wolverines, 88-54 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament en route to the national championship ... Notre Dame is 43-22 (.662) all-time against teams from the state of Michigan, but lost its last two games against Michigan schools (both to Michigan State in 2003 and 2004); last Michigan team the Irish defeated was Western Michigan (71-48 on Dec. 12, 2002 at the Joyce Center) ... the unusual 9 p.m. (ET) tip time was necessitated by the Syracuse football pep rally; it's the second consecutive year the Irish have opened with a 9 p.m. game (defeated Illinois State, 92-73 on Nov. 12, 2004 in the first round of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT) ... although Notre Dame is facing UM for the first time since Cheryl Burnett became the Wolverines' head coach, the Irish played Burnett-coached Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State) in the opening round of the 1998 NCAA Tournament (W, 78-64 on March 13, 1998 in Lubbock, Texas) ... Burnett also led SMS to the 2001 NCAA Final Four in St. Louis, where it was joined by Notre Dame, which won its first national championship.

Western Michigan Broncos

Sunday, Nov. 20 • 2 p.m. ET
Kalamazoo, Mich. • University Arena
Notre Dame Leads Series 7-0

Location: Kalamazoo, Mich.
Founded: 1903
Enrollment: 29,732
Colors: Brown and Gold
Conference: Mid-American (West Division)
Arena (Capacity): University Arena (5,421)



Athletics Director: Kathy Beauregard
Head Coach: Ron Stewart (Indiana '71)
Record at WMU (Yrs.): 118-118 (8)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Ryan Bragdon (Washington '01), Mary Randall-Marchese (Grand Valley State '00), Skyler Young (Western Michigan '05)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 10-18 (7-9/4th West)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/2
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Maria Jillian (G, Sr., 5-9); Carrie Moore (G, Jr., 5-9); Casey Rost (G, Sr., 5-9); Kate Verseput (F, Sr., 6-1)

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Notes: Despite the fact their campuses are only 75 miles apart, Notre Dame and Western Michigan have played one another just seven times previously, with the last meeting coming on Dec. 12, 2001 (a 71-48 Irish win at the Joyce Center) ... Notre Dame is making its first trip to Kalamazoo since Dec. 2, 1985, when the Irish posted a 94-65 victory ... Notre Dame has averaged 76.1 points in seven games vs. WMU, having topped 70 points six times ... conversely, the Broncos have averaged 55.3 points in the series with the Irish, while scoring more than 60 points only twice and never more than 65 points ... Notre Dame is 26-14 (.650) all-time against Mid-American Conference opponents, including an 11-5 (.688) mark and active eight-game winning streak against that conference in the Muffet McGraw era (most recent win: 73-49 on Dec. 30, 2004 at Northern Illinois) ... seventh-year Notre Dame associate head coach Coquese Washington is a native of Flint, Mich. ... Michigan has produced more Irish women's basketball players (14) than any other state in the 29-year history of the program — Indiana is next with 13 players.

Indiana Hoosiers

Wednesday, Nov. 23 • 7 p.m. ET
Bloomington, Ind. • Assembly Hall
Notre Dame Leads Series 5-3

Location: Bloomington, Ind.
Founded: 1820
Enrollment: 38,903
Colors: Cream and Crimson
Conference: Big Ten
Arena (Capacity): Assembly Hall (17,456)



Athletics Director: Rick Greenspan
Head Coach: Sharon Versyp (Purdue '88)
Record at IU (Yrs.): First Year
Career Record (Yrs.): 98-51 (5)
Assistants: Jody Benner (Maine '92), Martin Clapp (Murray State '89), Nadine Morgan (James Madison '03)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 10-18 (3-13/9th)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/2
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Leah Enterline (G, Jr., 5-9); Angela Hawkins (F, Sr., 6-3); Cyndi Valentin (G, Sr., 5-8)

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Notes: Notre Dame and Indiana will tangle for the first time since Dec. 11, 1996, when the Irish claimed a 71-63 victory at the Joyce Center behind 25 points from Beth Morgan and a double-double (24p, 10r) from Katryna Gaither ... it also is Notre Dame's first visit to Assembly Hall since Nov. 24, 1995, when the Irish prevailed 82-73, behind 31 points and 14 rebounds from Gaither ... this year's game will be Notre Dame's last before the Thanksgiving holiday — the Irish are 8-5 (.615) all-time in their last pre-Thanksgiving game, although they didn't regularly open their season prior to the holiday until 1996 (6-3 since then, including last year's 69-47 win over Colorado State at the Joyce Center) ... the Irish are 102-31 (.767) all-time against fellow Indiana schools, posting a winning record against all other Hoosier State schools except Ball State (1-2) and Purdue (5-13) ... Bloomington was home to Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer and two-time All-American Beth Morgan; her father, Bob, also was a long-time baseball coach at IU ... first-year Indiana head coach Sharon Versyp is a native of Mishawaka, Ind., located minutes from the Notre Dame campus, and was named Indiana Miss Basketball in 1984 while attending Mishawaka High School ... IU fifth-year senior forward Jenny DeMuth is from Highland, Ind., and graduated from Highland High School.



USC Women of Troy

Sunday, Nov. 27 • 2 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 6-1



Location: Los Angeles, Calif.
Founded: 1880
Enrollment: 32,000
Colors: Cardinal and Gold
Conference: Pacific-10
Arenas (Capacity): Los Angeles Sports Arena (15,509); Lyon Center (1,200)

Athletics Director: Mike Garrett
Head Coach: Mark Trakh (Long Beach State '81)
Record at USC (Yrs.): 20-11 (1)
Career Record (Yrs.): 219-134 (12)
Assistants: Jody Wynn (USC '96), Derek Wynn (Cal State Fullerton '96), Kai Felton (Randolph-Macon '00)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 20-11 (12-6/T-2nd)
Postseason: NCAA second round (d. Louisville 65-49; l. Michigan State 61-59)
Final Ranking: 22nd (ESPN/USA Today)
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/2
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Brynna Cameron (G, So., 5-10); Meghan Gnekow (G, Sr., 5-11); Camille LeNoir (G, So., 5-6)

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Notes: Notre Dame has won the past six meetings with USC, all since the series resumed in the 1999-2000 season ... the Irish have won all three series games against the Women of Troy at the Joyce Center by an average of 13 points per game ... last year's four-point Notre Dame victory in Los Angeles was the closest in the series since USC's lone victory (69-53 on Jan. 2, 1985, in Fullerton, Calif.) ... the Irish are 16-15 (.516) all-time against Pac-10 Conference opponents, although they have won 13 of their last 16 games against that league ... the Women of Troy are the only Pac-10 foe on Notre Dame's schedule this season ... the Irish have two southern California natives on their roster — senior co-captain and forward Courtney LaVere (Ventura), and junior forward Crystal Erwin (Rancho Cucamonga) — while sophomore guard Tulyah Gaines spent much of her youth in Burbank, Calif., and attended John Burroughs High School for three years before moving to North Las Vegas, Nev., and graduating from Cheyenne High School ... Notre Dame volleyball head coach Debbie (Landreth) Brown was twice named national player of the year while helping USC win the 1976 and '77 AIAW national championships; Brown also received the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award in January 2003.

Current Irish vs. USC:

Allen	1 GP/0 GS, 6.0 PPG. (6 TOTAL), 4.0 RPG. (4), 1.0 APG. (1), .667 FG% (2-3), .500 FT% (2-4)
D'Amico	1 GP/0 GS, 5.0 PPG. (5), 3.0 RPG. (3), 0.0 APG. (0), 1.000 FG% (2-2), 1.000 FT% (1-1)
Duffy	3 GP/2 GS, 8.7 PPG. (26), 3.0 RPG. (9), 3.3 APG. (10), .350 FG% (7-20), .167 3FG% (1-6), .917 FT% (11-12)
Erwin	2 GP/0 GS, 7.0 PPG (14), 2.0 RPG. (4), 0.5 APG. (1), .667 FG% (6-9), .500 FT% (2-4)
Gaines	1 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG (2), 1.0 RPG. (1), 2.0 APG. (2), .500 FG% (1-2)
Gray	2 GP/1 GS, 4.5 PPG (9), 3.0 RPG. (6), 1.0 APG. (2), .375 FG% (3-8), .000 3FG% (0-1), .500 FT% (3-6)
LaVere	3 GP/2 GS, 4.3 PPG (13), 4.0 RPG. (12), 0.7 APG. (2), .316 FG% (6-19), .000 3FG% (0-1), .333 FT% (1-3)

Iona Gaels

Tuesday, Nov. 29 • 7 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 1-0



Location: New Rochelle, N.Y.
Founded: 1940
Enrollment: 2,980
Colors: Maroon and Gold
Conference: Metro Atlantic Athletic (MAAC)
Arena (Capacity): Hynes Athletics Center (TBD)

Athletics Director: Patrick Lyons
Head Coach: Anthony Bozzella (Seton Hall '88)
Record at Iona (Yrs.): 14-68 (3)
Career Record (Yrs.): 168-201 (13)
Assistants: Christi Abbate (Binghamton '97), Mandy Myers (Long Island '02), Monge Codio, Jr. (Southampton '06)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 6-22 (4-14/10th)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Toni Horvath (G, Jr., 5-5); Regan Pettijohn (C, Jr., 6-1); Jessica Smith (F, So., 6-3); Melissa Yeagley (G, Sr., 5-7)

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Notes: Iona is the first of two new opponents on the 2005-06 Notre Dame schedule, joining Arkansas State (Dec. 17 in Las Vegas) ... the last time the Irish faced a first-time opponent, they defeated Middle Tennessee, 59-46 on March 23, 2004, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame's last loss to a first-time opponent came on Dec. 7, 2003, an 85-74 setback at Washington ... the Irish are 35-2 (.946) all-time against teams from the state of New York, including an 18-0 mark at the Joyce Center, winning by an average margin of 25.1 points per game ... in fact, in those 18 home wins, only two have been by single-digit margins (71-66 vs. Syracuse on Dec. 8, 1990; 72-65 vs. St. John's on Jan. 26, 2005).

Wisconsin Badgers

Sunday, Dec. 4 • 1:30 p.m. CT
Madison, Wis. • Kohl Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 4-2



Location: Madison, Wis.
Founded: 1848
Enrollment: 41,595
Colors: Cardinal and White
Conference: Big Ten
Arena (Capacity): Kohl Center (17,142)

Athletics Director: Barry Alvarez
Head Coach: Lisa Stone (Iowa '84)
Record at UW (Yrs.): 22-33 (2)
Career Record (Yrs.): 397-151 (20)
Assistants: Donna Freitag (Iowa '83), Tasha McDowell (St. Ambrose '97), Stephanie Schmitz (Drake '03)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 12-16 (5-11/8th)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Jolene Anderson (G, So., 5-8); Janese Banks (G, So., 5-10); Annie Nelson (F, Sr., 6-1)

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Notes: Notre Dame makes its first visit to Madison since Nov. 22-24, 2000, when the Irish downed UW and Georgia en route to the championship of the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge ... the last time the teams met, Notre Dame posted an 82-64 victory at the Joyce Center on Dec. 4, 2003, behind standout performances from the two current Irish senior co-captains — a career-high 25 points from guard Megan Duffy (including 6-of-10 on three-pointers) and 22 points from forward Courtney LaVere ... in that same game, UW guard Stephanie Rich tied a Joyce Center opponent record with 12 assists ... Duffy and Wisconsin sophomore guard Jolene Anderson both spent this past summer playing for gold medal-winning USA Basketball squads — Duffy was a co-captain on the World University Games Team, while Anderson was a member of the U19 World Championship Team ... UW sophomore guard Janese Banks is a native of Indianapolis and graduate of Ben Davis High School ... first-year Wisconsin assistant coach Tasha McDowell came to Madison from UC Santa Barbara — her last game on the Gauchos' bench was a 61-51 loss to Notre Dame in the first round of last year's NCAA Tournament.

Current Irish vs. Wisconsin:

Duffy	1 GP/1 GS, 25.0 PPG. (25), 2.0 RPG. (2), 7.0 APG. (7), .667 FG% (8-12), .600 3FG% (6-10), .750 FT% (3-4)
Erwin	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG (0), 1.0 RPG. (1), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-1)
Gray	1 GP/0 GS, 3.0 PPG (3), 1.0 RPG. (1), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-1), .000 3FG% (0-1), .750 FT% (3-4)
LaVere	1 GP/1 GS, 22.0 PPG (22), 9.0 RPG. (9), 1.0 APG. (1), .563 FG% (9-16), .571 FT% (4-7)



Purdue Boilermakers

Wednesday, Dec. 7 • 7 p.m. ET
West Lafayette, Ind. • Mackey Arena
Purdue Leads Series 13-5

Location: West Lafayette, Ind.
Founded: 1869
Enrollment: 38,712
Colors: Old Gold and Black
Conference: Big Ten
Arena (Capacity): Mackey Arena (14,123)



Athletics Director: Morgan Burke
Head Coach: Kristy Curry (Northeast Louisiana '88)
Record at Purdue (Yrs.): 153-44 (6)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Kelly Curry (Texas A&M '90), Katrina Merriweather (Cincinnati '01), Jannon Roland (Purdue '03)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 17-13 (9-7/5th)
Postseason: NCAA second round (d. New Mexico 68-56; l. Tennessee 75-54)
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/3
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Katie Gearlds (G/F, Jr., 6-1); Erin Lawless (F, Jr., 6-2); Shorika Webb (G, Sr., 5-9); Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton (F, So., 6-2)

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Notes: Notre Dame and Purdue have met each season since 1991-92, with the exception of the 1998-99 campaign ... their last two match-ups have been part of the BIG EAST/Big Ten Challenge, with each side claiming a victory on its home floor (Purdue 76-63 in 2004; Notre Dame 86-69 in 2005) ... the 86 points scored and 17-point winning margin by the Irish last year were the largest on the Notre Dame side in series history ... Purdue won the first six games in the series, but since the Irish joined the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96, the results have been nearly even (Purdue leads 7-5) ... Notre Dame is still looking for its first win at Mackey Arena, having lost on each of its previous seven visits to West Lafayette ... the 70-point mark could be a tip as to the winner in the series, with at least one team reaching that level in 14 of 18 games and winning each time ... the Irish have faced Purdue four times in postseason play, splitting those four NCAA Tournament games, although Notre Dame's biggest win is undoubtedly its 68-66 victory in the 2001 NCAA championship game in St. Louis ... Notre Dame and Purdue hold the distinction as the only teams from the same state ever to play for the NCAA championship.

Current Irish vs. Purdue:

Allen	1 GP/0 GS, 8.0 PPG. (8 TOTAL), 2.0 RPG. (2), 2.0 APG. (2), .200 FG% (2-10), 1.000 3FG% (1-1), .750 FT% (3-4)
D'Amico	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 1.0 RPG. (1), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-2)
Duffy	4 GP/2 GS, 9.5 PPG. (38), 0.8 RPG. (3), 2.5 APG. (10), .440 FG% (11-25), .400 3FG% (6-15), 1.000 FT% (10-10)
Erwin	2 GP/1 GS, 3.0 PPG (6), 3.5 RPG. (7), 0.5 APG. (1), .300 FG% (3-10)
Gaines	1 GP/0 GS, 7.0 PPG (7), 2.0 RPG. (2), 2.0 APG. (2), .750 FG% (3-4), .500 FT% (1-2)
Gray	2 GP/1 GS, 4.5 PPG (9), 2.5 RPG. (5), 3.0 APG. (6), .364 FG% (4-11), .250 3FG% (1-4), .000 FT% (0-1)
LaVere	4 GP/3 GS, 8.8 PPG (35), 4.8 RPG. (19), 0.0 APG. (0), .467 FG% (14-30), .700 FT% (7-10)
Tsipis	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0)

Arkansas State Lady Indians

Saturday, Dec. 17 • 2:30 p.m. PT
Duel in the Desert
Las Vegas, Nev. • Cox Pavilion
First Meeting

Location: Jonesboro, Ark.
Founded: 1909
Enrollment: 10,508
Colors: Scarlet and Black
Conference: Sun Belt (East Division)
Arena (Capacity): Convocation Center (10,038)



Athletics Director: Dr. Dean Lee
Head Coach: Brian Boyer (Missouri Western '93)
Record at ASU (Yrs.): 96-81 (6)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Jodi Davis (Illinois College '96), Rebecca Chilton Peoples (Prescott College '97), Tanya Ray (St. Mary's '99)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 21-11 (11-3/2nd East)
Postseason: WNIT quarterfinals (d. Mississippi State 78-61, d. Arkansas 98-84; l. Iowa 66-52)
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/4
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Ali Carter (G, Sr., 5-9); Adrienne Davie (C, Jr., 6-3); Rudy Sims (G, Jr., 5-7)

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Notes: Notre Dame and Arkansas State will play one another for the first time in an opening-round Gray Division game at the Duel in the Desert (North Carolina State vs. Utah is the other Gray Division contest; host UNLV, Jackson State, Texas A&M and Detroit Mercy comprise the Scarlet Division field) ... Notre Dame is 2-0 all-time against current members of the Sun Belt Conference, having won at Florida International (68-62) on Dec. 19, 1999, and downing Middle Tennessee at home, 59-46, on March 23, 2004, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament ... the Irish have never faced a team from the state of Arkansas ... the game with Arkansas State also will represent Notre Dame's first-ever contest in the state of Nevada ... ASU is one of potentially 14 Irish opponents this season who advanced to postseason play last year ... Arkansas State is making its second consecutive appearance in the Duel in the Desert, having split match-ups with No. 12 Texas Tech (L, 87-53) and Western Michigan (W, 75-43) last year at UNLV's Cox Pavilion ... Notre Dame has won 10 of its last 11 regular-season tournament games, highlighted by last year's Preseason WNIT title (only loss: 67-63 in overtime at Colorado in championship game of 2003 WBCA Classic) ... the Duel in the Desert in Las Vegas represents a homecoming opportunity for two Notre Dame players — junior guard Breona Gray (Bishop Gorman HS) and sophomore guard Tulyah Gaines (Cheyenne HS) — although Gaines grew up in Burbank, Calif., and moved to North Las Vegas prior to her senior year of high school; Gray and Gaines are the first two Nevada residents ever to play for the Irish women's basketball program.

North Carolina State Wolfpack

Sunday, Dec. 18 • Noon/2:30 p.m. PT
Duel in the Desert (possible opponent)
Las Vegas, Nev. • Cox Pavilion
Notre Dame Leads Series 1-0

Location: Raleigh, N.C.
Founded: 1887
Enrollment: 29,637
Colors: Red and White
Conference: Atlantic Coast
Arena (Capacity): Reynolds Coliseum (12,400)



Athletics Director: Lee Fowler
Head Coach: Kay Yow (East Carolina '64)
Record at NCSU (Yrs.): 617-289 (30)
Career Record (Yrs.): 674-308 (33)
Associate Head Coach: Stephanie Glance (Rollins '85)
Assistants: Jenny Palmateer (North Carolina State '93), Trena Trice-Hill (North Carolina State '87)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 21-7 (10-4/3rd)
Postseason: NCAA first round (l. Middle Tennessee 60-58)
Final Ranking: 21st (AP)
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/3
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Marquetta Dickens (G, Jr., 6-0); Ashley Key (G, Jr., 6-0); Billie McDowell (G, Sr., 5-9); Tiffany Stansbury (C, Sr., 6-3)

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Notes: North Carolina State plays Utah in the other opening-round game in the Gray Division of the Duel in the Desert ... should Notre Dame face the Wolfpack, it would be the second time in series history ... back on Nov. 20, 1996, the Irish downed N.C. State, 64-53 in the third-place game of the Preseason WNIT at the Thomas Assembly Center on the Louisiana Tech campus in Ruston, La. (the Preseason WNIT consolation game no longer exists) ... Notre Dame is 38-14 (.731) all-time against the current Atlantic Coast Conference alignment ... the last time Notre Dame played an ACC opponent (other than new member Boston College, which was formerly in the BIG EAST) was Nov. 17, 2004, when the Irish defeated Duke, 76-65 at the Joyce Center in the semifinals of the Sportsview.tv Preseason WNIT ... Notre Dame is 7-1 all-time against teams from the Tarheel State, with the only loss being an 80-62 setback to Duke on Nov. 22, 1997.



Utah Utes

Sunday, Dec. 18 • Noon/2:30 p.m. PT
Duel in the Desert (possible opponent)
Las Vegas, Nev. • Cox Pavilion
Notre Dame Leads Series 1-0

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah
Founded: 1850
Enrollment: 28,437
Colors: Crimson and White
Conference: Mountain West
Arena (Capacity): Jon M. Huntsman Center (15,000)



Athletics Director: Dr. Chris Hill
Head Coach: Elaine Elliot (Boise State '77)
Record at Utah (Yrs.): 463-186 (22)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Carolyn DeHoff (Arizona State '91), Matt Legerski (Utah '01), Daron Park (Montana State '94)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 26-8 (12-2/T-1st)
Postseason: NCAA second round (d. Iowa State 73-61; l. Stanford 88-62)

Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/1
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Deanne Hanchett (C, So., 6-3); Jessica Perry (F, So., 6-3); Kim Smith (F, Sr., 6-1); Shona Thorburn (G, Sr., 5-10)

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Notes: Utah is slated to meet North Carolina State in the opening round of the Duel in the Desert's Gray Division ... should Notre Dame face Utah, it would be the second match-up between the teams ... the last time they met, the Irish defeated the Utes, 69-54 in the 2001 NCAA Sweet Sixteen at the Pepsi Center in Denver ... Notre Dame has an abbreviated history against the current Mountain West Conference alignment, going 6-2 (.750) against that league ... the majority of the Irish games against the MWC have come vs. Colorado State (3-1), with the Rams the only Mountain West squad Notre Dame has played more than once ... Notre Dame and Utah both played in last year's NCAA Tournament at the Save Mart Center in Fresno, Calif., although the teams were in different regions; both teams also lost in the second round to Pac-10 Conference opponents (Notre Dame to Arizona State; Utah to Stanford) ... Utah senior forward Kim Smith and senior guard Shana Thorburn have joined Irish senior guard Megan Duffy on several preseason watch lists for national player-of-the-year honors and all three players are returning All-Americans.

Valparaiso Crusaders

Wednesday, Dec. 28 • 2 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 18-0

Location: Valparaiso, Ind.
Founded: 1859
Enrollment: 3,900
Colors: Brown and Gold
Conference: Mid-Continent
Arena (Capacity): Athletics-Recreation Center (5,000)



Athletics Director: Mark LaBarbera
Head Coach: Keith Freeman (Huntington '86)
Record at VU (Yrs.): 193-128 (11)
Career Record (Yrs.): 322-175 (17)
Associate Head Coach: Steve Bruce (Ohio Wesleyan '81)
Assistants: Andrea Bloodworth (Calvin '98), Christian Papp (Valparaiso '01)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 18-10 (12-4/T-2nd)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/5
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Lauren Bechtold (G, Sr., 5-4); Tamra Braun (C, Jr., 6-4); Betsy Rietema (F, Jr., 6-1)

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Notes: Notre Dame is taking on Valparaiso for the seventh consecutive season, although this year's game is the latest on the calendar since the first game in the current run (an 88-63 Irish win at the Joyce Center on Dec. 29, 1999) ... Notre Dame's unblemished 18-0 record vs. Valparaiso is the best against a single opponent in Irish women's basketball history ... the Crusaders are one of four foes on Notre Dame's 2005-06 schedule that the Irish have never lost to (others are Pittsburgh, Providence and St. John's) ... Notre Dame is 21-0 all-time against Mid-Continent Conference teams ... the Irish have scored 70 points in nine of their last 11 games against Valparaiso, narrowly missing that mark last year in a 69-59 win ... at the same time, the Crusaders have never scored more than 68 points in a game against Notre Dame and have surpassed 60 points on three times in 18 meetings ... three of the past four series games have been decided by 10 points or less, with the closest margin in that span being a 74-68 Irish win on Dec. 4, 2002, at Valparaiso ... Notre Dame set a school record by going a perfect 18-18 from the foul line in last year's win over Valparaiso ... Notre Dame played its first-ever varsity women's basketball game at the Joyce Center against Valparaiso on Dec. 3, 1977, defeating the Crusaders, 48-41 (the Irish spent their first three seasons playing at the AIAW Division III level).

Current Irish vs. Valparaiso:

Allen	1 GP/0 GS, 6.0 PPG. (6 TOTAL), 9.0 RPG. (9), 2.0 APG. (2), .250 FG% (1-4), 1.000 FT% (4-4)
D'Amico	1 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG. (2), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0), .333 FG% (1-3)
Duffy	3 GP/2 GS, 10.0 PPG. (30), 4.0 RPG. (12), 4.3 APG. (13), .450 FG% (9-20), .333 3FG% (2-6), .909 FT% (10-11)
Erwin	2 GP/1 GS, 4.0 PPG. (8), 2.0 RPG. (4), 0.0 APG. (0), .500 FG% (4-8), .000 FT% (0-2)
Gaines	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 2.0 RPG. (2), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-2)
Gray	2 GP/1 GS, 3.0 PPG. (6), 2.0 RPG. (4), 1.5 APG. (3), .333 FG% (3-9)
LaVere	2 GP/1 GS, 6.5 PPG. (13), 5.0 RPG. (10), 1.0 APG. (2), .455 FG% (5-11), .500 FT% (3-6)

Tennessee Lady Volunteers

Saturday, Dec. 31 • 2 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Tennessee Leads Series 16-0

Location: Knoxville, Tenn.
Founded: 1794
Enrollment: 25,650
Colors: Orange and White
Conference: Southeastern
Arena (Capacity): Thompson-Boling Arena (24,535)



Athletics Director: Joan Cronan
Head Coach: Pat Summitt (Tennessee-Martin '74)
Record at UT (Yrs.): 882-172 (31)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Holly Warlick (Tennessee '81), Nikki Caldwell (Tennessee '94), Dean Lockwood (Spring Arbor '82)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 30-5 (13-1/2nd)
Postseason: NCAA national semifinals (d. Western Carolina 94-43; d. Purdue 75-54; d. Texas Tech 75-59; d. Rutgers 59-49; l. Michigan State 68-64)
Final Ranking: 3rd (AP) / 3rd (ESPN/USA Today)
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Nikki Anosike (C, So., 6-4); Tye'sha Fluker (C, Sr., 6-5); Shanna Zolman (G, Sr., 5-10)

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Notes: Tennessee makes its first visit to the Joyce Center since Jan. 7, 1994 (a 105-70 win for the Lady Vols) ... UT remains the lone opponent Notre Dame has never defeated in a series of five games or more ... the closest game in the series came on Jan. 12, 1992, at the Joyce Center, when Tennessee edged the Irish, 85-82 ... Notre Dame is 6-26 (.188) all-time against Southeastern Conference schools, although it has split its last six games with the SEC ... the last Irish win over an SEC school came on Nov. 14, 2002 (77-64 vs. Auburn at the WBCA Classic in Boulder, Colo.) ... Notre Dame is 20-57 (.260) all-time in 10 series against former NCAA champions, with 500 or better records vs. USC (6-1), North Carolina (2-0) and Texas (1-1) ... the Irish are 5-1 (.833) all-time when playing on New Year's Eve and have won their last five Dec. 31 games, most recently winning at Marquette, 75-68 in 2002 ... only one Notre Dame player in the 29-year history of the program has come from Tennessee — Oak Ridge native Tricia McManus earned three monograms from 1979-81 ... Tennessee senior guard Shanna Zolman is a resident of Syracuse, Ind., and is Indiana's all-time leading prep scorer with 3,085 points while playing at Wawasee High School ... Tennessee strength and conditioning coach Heather Mason held a similar post at Notre Dame from 1998-2003 ... Irish freshman guard Lindsay Schrader (Bartlett, Ill.) and UT redshirt freshman forward Candace Parker (Naperville, Ill.) are the two most recent Illinois Miss Basketball selections.

Current Irish vs. Tennessee:

Duffy	2 GP/1 GS, 8.0 PPG. (16 TOTAL), 2.5 RPG. (5), 0.5 APG. (1), .375 FG% (6-16), 4.00 3FG% (2-5), 1.000 FT% (2-2)
Erwin	1 GP/0 GS, 5.0 PPG. (5), 5.0 RPG. (5), 1.0 APG. (1), .250 FG% (2-8), .333 FT% (1-3)
Gray	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 2.0 RPG. (2), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-1), .000 3FG% (0-1)
LaVere	2 GP/1 GS, 12.5 PPG. (25), 9.0 RPG. (18), 0.5 APG. (1), .455 FG% (10-22), .000 3FG% (0-1), .714 FT% (5-7)



**St. John's
Red Storm**

Wednesday, Jan. 4 • 7 p.m. ET
Jamaica, N.Y. • Carnesecca Arena
Notre Dame Leads Series 15-0

Location: Jamaica, N.Y.
Founded: 1870
Enrollment: 19,000 
Colors: Red and White
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Carnesecca Arena (6,008)

Athletics Director: Chris Monasch
Head Coach: Kim Barnes Arico (Montclair State '93)
Record at SJU (Yrs.): 38-48 (3)
Career Record (Yrs.): 132-120 (9)
Assistants: Jonath Nicholas (Trinity '97), Joe Tartamella (James Madison '01), Shannon Farley (Adelphi '01)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 20-11 (7-9/T-6th)
Postseason: WNIT second round (d. Delaware 48-42; l. West Virginia 68-63)
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Danielle Chambers (F, Sr., 6-0); Angela Clark (F, Jr., 6-1); Andrea Peterson (G, So., 5-8); Tara Walker (G, Sr., 5-9); Kia Wright (G, Jr., 5-8)

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Notes: St. John's is one of three BIG EAST Conference opponents Notre Dame has never lost to with a minimum of five games played (others are Pittsburgh at 15-0 and Providence at 13-0) ... the 65 points scored by the Red Storm last season were a series-high for SJU and the only time it has scored more than 60 points in 15 series games with Notre Dame ... meanwhile, the Irish have never scored fewer than 66 points in any game against St. John's ... last year's 72-65 Notre Dame win was the closest of the series, with every prior game having been decided by at least 13 points in favor of the Irish ... Notre Dame has won all seven of its previous games on the SJU campus by at least 13 points with an average winning margin of 23 points per game ... the Irish are 7-3 (.700) in BIG EAST openers, having won five of their last six conference lidlifters ... Notre Dame is 21-7 (.750) all-time in its first game of a new calendar year, including a 9-1 (.900) mark since joining the BIG EAST ... Irish sophomore center Melissa D'Amico is a resident of Manorville, N.Y., and graduated from William Floyd High School.

Current Irish vs. St. John's:
Allen 1 GP/0 GS, 8.0 PPG. (8 TOTAL), 6.0 RPG. (6), 2.0 APG. (2), .375 FG% (3-8), .667 FT% (2-3)
D'Amico 1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 1.0 RPG. (1), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-1)
Duffy 4 GP/2 GS, 8.3 PPG. (33), 2.3 RPG. (9), 5.8 APG. (23), .233 FG% (7-30), .214 3FG% (3-14), .850 FT% (17-20)
Erwin 2 GP/1 GS, 7.0 PPG (14), 5.0 RPG. (10), 1.0 APG. (2), .600 FG% (6-10), .222 FT% (2-9)
Gaines 1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG (0), 2.0 RPG. (2), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-1)
Gray 2 GP/1 GS, 5.0 PPG (10), 2.0 RPG. (4), 1.5 APG. (3), .333 FG% (4-12), 1.000 FT% (2-2)
LaVere 4 GP/1 GS, 11.3 PPG (45), 4.5 RPG. (18), 0.8 APG. (3), .487 FG% (19-39), 1.000 3FG% (1-1), .750 FT% (6-8)

**Seton Hall
Pirates**

Saturday, Jan. 7 • 1 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 14-3

Location: South Orange, N.J.
Founded: 1856
Enrollment: 9,700
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Walsh Gymnasium (2,600)



Athletics Director: Joe Quinlan
Head Coach: Phyllis Mangina (Seton Hall '81)
Record at SHU (Yrs.): 288-285 (20)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Marlin Chinn (Hampton '92), Cathy Andruzzi (Queens '74), Dana Wynne (Seton Hall '97)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 14-14 (6-10/9th)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/4
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Monique Blake (F, Jr., 6-0); Heta Korpivaara (G/F, Jr., 6-2)

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Notes: After dropping the first two series games with Seton Hall, Notre Dame has won 14 of the past 15 meetings with the Pirates, all of which have come under the BIG EAST Conference banner ... Notre Dame has allowed just 48.6 points per game to Seton Hall in their last 14 match-ups, including 39.7 points by SHU in the past three series games ... since the Irish joined the BIG EAST in 1995-96, they have scored less than 62 points just three times in 15 games vs. Seton Hall, but those were the last three series games ... conversely, the Pirates have topped the 62-point level only once in those 15 games (an 88-79 loss to Notre Dame on Jan. 2, 1996) ... in last year's 41-35 win at Seton Hall, the Irish tied two school records — fewest points allowed in a BIG EAST road game and fewest points scored in any road game ... the coaching match-up between Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw and Seton Hall's Phyllis Mangina dates back more than 20 years to McGraw's previous tenure at Lehigh from 1982-87, where her teams split two games vs. Mangina's SHU clubs.

Current Irish vs. Seton Hall:
Allen 2 GP/0 GS, 11.0 PPG. (22 TOTAL), 6.0 RPG. (12), 1.0 APG. (2), .400 FG% (4-10), .000 3FG% (0-1), .875 FT% (14-16)
D'Amico 1 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG. (2), 1.0 RPG. (1), 0.0 APG. (0), 1.000 FG% (1-1)
Duffy 4 GP/3 GS, 3.7 PPG. (15), 2.5 RPG. (10), 2.3 APG. (9), .185 FG% (5-27), .133 3FG% (2-15), .750 FT% (3-4)
Erwin 3 GP/1 GS, 4.0 PPG (12), 3.3 RPG. (10), 0.7 APG. (2), .333 FG% (5-15), 1.000 FT% (2-2)
Gaines 2 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG (0), 2.5 RPG. (5), 1.0 APG. (2), .000 FG% (0-6)
Gray 3 GP/2 GS, 2.3 PPG (7), 3.7 RPG. (11), 1.3 APG. (4), .118 FG% (2-17), .000 3FG% (0-1), .429 FT% (3-7)
LaVere 4 GP/1 GS, 10.3 PPG (41), 4.0 RPG. (16), 0.8 APG. (3), .432 FG% (16-37), .643 FT% (9-14)
Tsipis 1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-1)

**Marquette
Golden Eagles**

Tuesday, Jan. 10 • 7 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 26-4

Location: Milwaukee, Wis.
Founded: 1881
Enrollment: 11,000
Colors: Blue and Gold
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Al McGuire Center (4,000)



Athletics Director: Bill Cords
Head Coach: Terri Mitchell (Duquesne '89)
Record at MU (Yrs.): 169-98 (9)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Jon Cain (Valparaiso '84), Michelle Nason (Bradley '95), Cara Consuegra (Iowa '01)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 18-12 (8-6/7th C-USA)
Postseason: WNIT first round (l. Nebraska 66-57)
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/2
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Danielle Kamm (F, Jr., 6-2); Carolyn Kieger (G, Sr., 5-6); Jasmine McCullough (F, Jr., 6-1); Christina Quaye (C, Jr., 6-1)

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Notes: Notre Dame and Marquette are back in the same conference for the third time, having briefly squared off as members of both the North Star (1986-88) and Midwestern Collegiate (1989-91) Conferences ... Notre Dame's 26 series wins and 30 series games played are the most against one opponent in school history ... the Golden Eagles' record books include two additional MU victories, both of which came in 1976, prior to Notre Dame's program achieving varsity status in 1977-78 (52-47 on Feb. 4 in Milwaukee; 45-41 on Feb. 28 at Notre Dame) ... the Irish have scored 70 points against Marquette on 21 occasions, all in the past 24 meetings ... Notre Dame has won the last nine meetings in the series and 25 of the past 26, although the past three have been decided by a combined 18 points (6.0 ppg.) ... last year's 50-47 Irish win in Milwaukee on a Jacqueline Batteast three-pointer at the horn was Notre Dame's first buzzer-beating win since 1995 ... Marquette head coach Terri Mitchell was an assistant with the Golden Eagles the last time they defeated Notre Dame on Dec. 1, 1992 (66-62 in Milwaukee) ... Mitchell is a former member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Board of Directors and served as that body's Division I Legislative Chair, a post now held by Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw.

Current Irish vs. Marquette:
Allen 1 GP/0 GS, 4.0 PPG. (4 TOTAL), 2.0 RPG. (2), 0.0 APG. (0), .200 FG% (1-5), 1.000 FT% (2-2)
D'Amico 1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-2)
Duffy 3 GP/2 GS, 9.7 PPG. (29), 2.3 RPG. (7), 3.7 APG. (11), .350 FG% (7-20), .364 3FG% (4-11), .786 FT% (11-14)
Erwin 2 GP/1 GS, 2.5 PPG (5), 2.5 RPG. (5), 0.5 APG. (1), .200 FG% (1-5), .750 FT% (3-4)
Gaines 1 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG (2), 2.0 RPG. (2), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-2), 1.000 FT% (2-2)
Gray 2 GP/1 GS, 3.5 PPG (7), 4.5 RPG. (9), 1.0 APG. (2), .500 FG% (3-6), .500 FT% (1-2)
LaVere 2 GP/2 GS, 16.0 PPG (32), 8.0 RPG. (16), 2.0 APG. (4), .500 FG% (11-22), .909 FT% (10-11)



Louisville Cardinals

Saturday, Jan. 14 • 1 p.m. ET
Louisville, Ky. • Freedom Hall
Louisville Leads Series 2-1



Location: Louisville, Ky.
Founded: 1798
Enrollment: 22,000
Colors: Red, Black and White
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Freedom Hall (18,865)

Athletics Director: Tom Jurich
Head Coach: Tom Collen (Bowling Green '77)
Record at UofL (Yrs.): 42-19 (2)
Career Record (Yrs.): 171-52 (7)
Assistants: Timothy Eatman (Talladega '88), Zenarae Antoine (Colorado State '98), Greg Collins (Louisville '88)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 22-9 (11-3/2nd C-USA)
Postseason: NCAA first round (I. USC 65-49)
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Jazz Covington (C, Jr., 6-2); Jessica Huggins (G, Sr., 5-4); Katie Olson (G, Jr., 6-2); Missy Taylor (F, Jr., 6-3)

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Notes: Notre Dame and Louisville will play for the first time since Feb. 21, 1994, when the Irish posted a 69-54 victory at Cardinal Arena, getting a game-high 21 points from Beth Morgan and 16 from Katura "Tootie" Jones ... that game marked Notre Dame's only prior visit to Louisville (the Irish have never played at historic Freedom Hall), not to mention their lone trip to the state of Kentucky ... while Notre Dame has not faced UofL in 12 years, the Irish have squared off with Cardinals' head coach Tom Collen recently — on Nov. 21, 2001, Collen's former team, Colorado State defeated the Irish, 72-66 in Fort Collins, Colo. ... Louisville junior forward Jazz Covington played alongside Notre Dame senior guard Megan Duffy at the 2005 USA Basketball Women's National Team Trials ... Louisville junior forward Missy Taylor is from Connorsville, Ind., and played on the same AAU team (Dayton Lady Hoopstars) with Duffy.

DePaul Blue Demons

Tuesday, Jan. 17 • 7:30 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Saturday, Feb. 12 • 4 p.m. CT
Chicago, Ill. • DePaul Athletic Center
DePaul Leads Series 14-9



Location: Chicago, Ill.
Founded: 1898
Enrollment: 24,300
Colors: Royal Blue and Scarlet
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): DePaul Athletic Center (3,000)

Athletics Director: Jean Lenti Ponsetto
Head Coach: Doug Bruno (DePaul '73)
Record at DPU (Yrs.): 348-210 (19)
Career Record (Yrs.): 388-240 (21)
Assistants: Candis Blankson (DePaul '01), Samantha Williams (Auburn '96), Sarah Kustok (DePaul '04)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 26-5 (13-1/1st C-USA)
Postseason: NCAA second round (d. Virginia Tech 79-78; I. Liberty 88-79)
Final Ranking: 17th (AP)/20th (ESPN/USA Today)
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/2
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Erin Carney (F, So., 6-0); Allie Quigley (G, So., 5-11); Jenna Rubino (G, Jr., 6-0); Khara Smith (F, Sr., 6-2)

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Notes: Notre Dame and DePaul begin their second stint in the same conference, having also faced off as members of the North Star Conference from 1983-88 ... the Notre Dame-DePaul series is one of only 11 in Irish history spanning at least 20 games ... both head coaches have ties to the now-defunct Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL) — Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw was a point guard for the California Dreams in 1979, while DePaul's Doug Bruno spent two years (1978-80) as head coach and director of player personnel for the Chicago Hustle ... Bruno is the new president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), while McGraw was one of his appointments to the WBCA Board of Directors, assuming the title of Division I Legislative Chair ... Notre Dame freshman guard Lindsay Schrader (Bartlett, Ill.) is the 10th Illinois native to play for the Irish, and the ninth to come from the Chicagoland area (others include NCAA career three-point percentage leader Alicia Ratay of Lake Zurich and Chicago Roosevelt product Danielle Green) ... Schrader also is the reigning Illinois Miss Basketball, having claimed that honor by the sixth-largest margin (374 points) since the award was created in 1986.

Current Irish vs. DePaul:
Duffy 1 GP/0 GS, 3.0 PPG. (3 TOTAL), 0.0 RPG. (0), 2.0 APG. (2), .333 FG% (1-3), .000 3FG% (0-1), .500 FT% (1-2)
LaVere 1 GP/0 GS, 11.0 PPG (11), 4.0 RPG. (4), 1.0 APG. (1), .400 FG% (4-10), .750 FT% (3-4)

Georgetown Hoyas

Saturday, Jan. 21 • 4 p.m. ET
Washington, D.C. • McDonough Arena
Notre Dame Leads Series 19-2



Location: Washington, D.C.
Founded: 1789
Enrollment: 13,164
Colors: Blue and Gray
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): McDonough Arena (2,400)

Athletics Director: Bernard Muir
Head Coach: Terri Williams-Flournoy (Penn State '91)
Record at GU (Yrs.): 12-16 (1)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Niki Reid (Georgetown '93), Ty Evans (Wisconsin-Whitewater '95), Beth Dickinson (Fordham '04)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 12-16 (7-9/T-6th)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/5
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Kate Carlin (F/G, Jr., 6-0); Kristin Heidloff (G, So., 5-7); Bethany LeSueur (G, Sr., 5-11); Kieraah Marlow (F, So., 5-10)

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Notes: Since Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST in 1995-96, the Irish are 15-1 vs. Georgetown (8-0 at home) ... the Hoyas' lone win in the series came in the last match-up at McDonough Arena (76-73) when GU went on an 11-2 run in the final 43 seconds to erase a six-point deficit ... there have been just two single-digit margins in the series since the Irish moved to the BIG EAST (also 67-63 on Jan. 25, 1997 at the Joyce Center) ... Notre Dame has scored 70 points in 16 of 21 career games vs. Georgetown, while the Hoyas have hit that mark only three times (once in 16 BIG EAST games) ... GU senior guard Leslie Tyburski is from Hammond, Ind. ... first-year Georgetown athletics director Bernard Muir formerly served as deputy athletics director at Notre Dame (2000-05).

Current Irish vs. Georgetown:
Allen 1 GP/0 GS, 14.0 PPG. (14 TOTAL), 6.0 RPG. (6), 4.0 APG. (4), .556 FG% (5-9), 1.000 FT% (4-4)
Duffy 4 GP/4 GS, 13.0 PPG. (52), 1.8 RPG. (7), 3.5 APG. (14), .423 FG% (11-26), .389 3FG% (7-18), .958 FT% (23-24)
Erwin 3 GP/0 GS, 4.0 PPG (12), 4.0 RPG. (12), 0.3 APG. (1), .357 FG% (5-11), .500 FT% (2-4)
Gaines 1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG (0), 3.0 RPG. (3), 1.0 APG. (1), .000 FG% (0-2)
Gray 3 GP/3 GS, 4.0 PPG (12), 1.0 RPG. (3), 0.3 APG. (1), .667 FG% (4-6), .000 3FG% (0-1), .667 FT% (4-6)
LaVere 4 GP/1 GS, 3.8 PPG (15), 2.3 RPG. (9), 1.0 APG. (4), .263 FG% (5-19), .625 FT% (5-8)



**Rutgers
Scarlet Knights**

Tuesday, Jan. 24 • 7:30 p.m. ET
New Brunswick, N.J.
Louis Brown Athletic Center
Rutgers Leads Series 12-9

Location: New Brunswick, N.J.
Founded: 1766
Enrollment: 35,000
Color: Scarlet
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Louis Brown Athletic Center (8,000)



Athletics Director: Robert E. Mulcahy III
Head Coach: C. Vivian Stringer (Slippery Rock '71)
Record at RU (Yrs.): 203-111 (10)
Career Record (Yrs.): 723-246 (33)
Associate Head Coach: Jollette Law (Iowa '90)
Assistants: Carlene Mitchell (Kansas State '96), Sue Wicks (Rutgers '04)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 28-7 (14-2/1st)
Postseason: NCAA regional final (d. Hartford 62-37; d. Temple 61-54; d. Ohio State 64-58; l. Tennessee 59-49)
Final Ranking: 9th (AP) / 7th (ESPN/USA Today)
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Matee Ajavon (G, So., 5-8); Michelle Campbell (F, Sr., 6-2); Essence Carson (G, So., 6-0)

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Notes: Notre Dame will be making its fifth trip to the Louis Brown Athletic Center in the past six seasons; the only time they didn't play at Rutgers during that span was 2002-03, but the Irish still visited the RAC that season for the BIG EAST Championship ... neither team has won more than three consecutive series games ... in three of the past five meetings, the winning team has overcome a double-digit deficit; most recently, it was the Irish who pulled off the feat, erasing a 13-point deficit to win, 63-47 on Jan. 23, 2005, at the Joyce Center ... neither team has broken the 70-point barrier in a regulation game since a 77-57 RU win on Feb. 13, 1999 ... nearly half (10) of the 21 series games have been decided by single-digit margins, including two overtime contests ... four of the past seven series games have seen margins of six points or fewer ... Notre Dame senior guard Megan Duffy and Rutgers senior guard Cappie Pondexter were co-captains on the 2005 USA World University Games Team that went 7-0 and won the gold medal this past summer in Izmir, Turkey ... Duffy was the BIG EAST Most Improved Player in 2003-04 before handing off that honor to RU senior forward Michelle Campbell last season.

Current Irish vs. Rutgers:

Allen	2 GP/0 GS, 4.5 PPG. (9 TOTAL), 5.5 RPG. (11), 0.5 APG. (1), .333 FG% (2-6), .833 FT% (5-6)
D'Amico	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0)
Duffy	5 GP/4 GS, 7.4 PPG. (37), 1.8 RPG. (9), 3.6 APG. (18), .458 FG% (11-24), .385 3FG% (5-13), .769 FT% (10-13)
Erwin	4 GP/2 GS, 1.5 PPG (6), 3.3 RPG. (13), 0.5 APG. (2), .200 FG% (2-10), .500 FT% (2-4)
Gaines	2 GP/0 GS, 0.5 PPG (1), 2.5 RPG. (5), 0.5 APG. (1), .000 FG% (0-2), .500 FT% (1-2)
Gray	4 GP/2 GS, 2.5 PPG (10), 2.0 RPG. (8), 0.3 APG. (1), .444 FG% (4-9), 1.000 FT% (2-2)
LaVere	5 GP/4 GS, 10.8 PPG (54), 6.0 RPG. (30), 0.8 APG. (4), .467 FG% (21-45), .000 3FG% (0-2), .667 FT% (12-18)

**South Florida
Bulls**

Saturday, Jan. 28 • Noon ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 2-0

Location: Tampa, Fla.
Founded: 1957
Enrollment: 41,392
Colors: Green and Gold
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Sun Dome (10,411)



Athletics Director: Doug Wollard
Head Coach: Jose Fernandez (Florida International '94)
Record at USF (Yrs.): 60-83 (5)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Associate Head Coach: Harry Elifson (Northern Iowa '86)
Assistants: Jeff Osterman (Siena '92), Amy Wright (Arkansas '01)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 21-11 (9-5/5th C-USA)
Postseason: WNIT second round (d. Florida 61-56; l. Wake Forest 78-63)
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/4
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Sharon Cambridge (C, Sr., 6-2); Jessica Dickson (F, Jr., 5-11); Ezria Parsons (F, Sr., 6-0); Rachael Sheets (G, Jr., 5-11)

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Notes: Notre Dame will be playing USF for only the third time ever and the first time since the 1998 season ... last season marked the first time the Irish did not play a Florida school since the 1994-95 campaign ... Notre Dame is 17-3 (.850) all-time against teams from the Sunshine State, including a 7-2 (.778) record at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame freshman guard Lindsay Schrader (Bartlett, Ill.) and USF freshman guard Shantia Grace (Sarasota, Fla.) were the Gatorade Player of the Year in their respective states last season ... Notre Dame and USF don't have much of an athletic history, with a grand total of 15 games having been played between the two schools in any sport, prior to this season (nine of those contests came on the softball diamond, where USF leads 5-4) ... Notre Dame freshman forward Chandrica Smith and USF senior forward Tristen Webb both are natives of Stone Mountain, Ga.

**Syracuse
Orange**

Tuesday, Jan. 31 • 7 p.m. ET
Syracuse, N.Y. • Carrier Dome
Notre Dame Leads Series 18-2

Location: Syracuse, N.Y.
Founded: 1870
Enrollment: 10,750
Color: Orange
Conference: BIG EAST
Arenas (Capacity): Mandle Fieldhouse (9,500); Carrier Dome (33,000)



Athletics Director: Dr. Daryl Gross
Head Coach: Keith Cieplicki (William & Mary '85)
Record at SU (Yrs.): 19-37 (2)
Career Record (Yrs.): 146-90 (7)
Associate Head Coach: Matt Luneau (Johnson State '91)
Assistants: Quentin Hillsman (St. Mary's (Md.) '93), Mary McKissack (Siena '03)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 13-16 (4-12/11th)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/6
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Vaida Sipaviciute (C, So., 6-4)

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Notes: Notre Dame is 8-1 all-time at Syracuse and will be visiting central New York for the fourth consecutive season ... this year marks the first time the Orange are playing the majority of their home games at the Carrier Dome, and thus the first game ever for the Irish women's basketball program at the venue ... the last time the Notre Dame men's basketball team played at the Carrier Dome (Feb. 5, 2005), it helped set an NCAA record for attendance at an on-campus venue (33,199) ... after the teams split the first two series games, Notre Dame has won 17 of the past 18 contests with Syracuse, including all 14 regular-season games ... the only SU win since the Irish joined the BIG EAST came at the 2002 conference tournament, when the Orange upset Notre Dame, 84-79, in New Brunswick, N.J. ... the Irish have scored 70 points in 16 of 20 series games with SU, while the Orange have topped that mark only twice in the series (most recently in the '02 BIG EAST Championship) ... Notre Dame's average winning margin over SU has been 19.8 points per game, with a slightly larger spread at Syracuse (20.4 ppg.) ... in the past five games, the Irish have limited the Orange to 48.2 points per game ... SU freshman forward Keri Laimbeer is the daughter of former Notre Dame men's basketball player Bill Laimbeer ('79), currently the head coach of the WNBA's Detroit Shock (whose roster includes former Irish All-America center Ruth Riley).

Current Irish vs. Syracuse:

Allen	2 GP/0 GS, 8.5 PPG. (17 TOTAL), 4.0 RPG. (8), 0.5 APG. (1), .462 FG% (6-13), 1.000 3FG% (2-2), .750 FT% (3-4)
D'Amico	2 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG. (4), 1.0 RPG. (2), 0.5 APG. (1), .400 FG% (2-5)
Duffy	5 GP/3 GS, 8.8 PPG. (44), 4.4 RPG. (22), 3.8 APG. (19), .536 FG% (15-28), .429 3FG% (6-14), 1.000 FT% (8-8)
Erwin	4 GP/2 GS, 3.5 PPG (14), 3.3 RPG. (13), 0.0 APG. (0), .417 FG% (5-12), .500 FT% (4-8)
Gaines	2 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG (0), 1.5 RPG. (3), 1.5 APG. (3), .000 FG% (0-2), .000 FT% (0-2)
Gray	4 GP/2 GS, 7.0 PPG (28), 3.5 RPG. (14), 1.5 APG. (6), .435 FG% (10-23), .667 FT% (8-12)
LaVere	5 GP/0 GS, 7.0 PPG (35), 3.4 RPG. (17), 1.2 APG. (6), .471 FG% (16-34), 1.000 3FG% (1-1), .500 FT% (2-4)
Tsipis	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0)



Providence Friars

Saturday, Feb. 4 • 1 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 13-0



Location: Providence, R.I.
Founded: 1917
Enrollment: 3,700
Colors: Black and White with Silver
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Alumni Hall/Mullaney Gymnasium (2,620)

Athletics Director: Robert G. Driscoll, Jr.
Head Coach: Phil Seymour (Canisius '89)
Record at PC (Yrs.): First Year
Career Record (Yrs.): First Year
Assistants: A.G. Hall (North Carolina Central '98), Waynetta Veney (East Carolina '00), Kerri Reaves (Marquette '96)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 1-27 (0-16/14th)
Postseason: None
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/3
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Kristina Baugh (G, Jr., 5-7); Kristen Brown (C, So., 6-0); Allie Gard (G, Sr., 5-7); Shauna Snyder (F, Jr., 5-10)

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Notes: Notre Dame's 13-0 record vs. Providence is one of three unblemished records against BIG EAST Conference opponents in Irish history (min. five games played) ... Notre Dame has scored 90 points in six of its 13 series games with PC ... conversely, the Friars have reached the 70-point threshold just three times ever vs. Notre Dame and have hit the 60-point mark only twice in the past 10 games with the Irish ... Notre Dame has won 11 of its 13 series games with Providence by double-figure margins, including last year's 75-57 conquest at Alumni Hall/Mullaney Gymnasium ... the Irish are the only visiting school with an undefeated record at Providence, going 7-0 all-time on the road against the Friars ... Notre Dame has averaged 82.7 points and won by an average of 24 points in six previous games vs. Providence at the Joyce Center.

Current Irish vs. Providence:

Allen	1 GP/0 GS, 6.0 PPG. (6 TOTAL), 7.0 RPG. (7), 2.0 APG. (2), .429 FG% (3-7)
D'Amico	1 GP/0 GS, 1.0 PPG. (1), 2.0 RPG. (2), 0.0 APG. (0), .500 FT% (1-2)
Duffy	3 GP/2 GS, 6.3 PPG. (19), 3.0 RPG. (9), 4.3 APG. (13), .438 FG% (7-16), .556 3FG% (5-9)
Erwin	2 GP/0 GS, 4.0 PPG (8), 3.5 RPG. (7), 1.0 APG. (2), .273 FG% (3-11), .500 FT% (2-4)
Gaines	1 GP/0 GS, 9.0 PPG (9), 0.0 RPG. (0), 2.0 APG. (2), .750 FG% (3-4), .750 FT% (3-4)
Gray	2 GP/1 GS, 4.0 PPG (8), 0.5 RPG. (1), 0.5 APG. (1), .667 FG% (4-6), .000 FT% (0-2)
LaVere	3 GP/1 GS, 10.3 PPG (31), 3.7 RPG. (11), 2.0 APG. (6), .536 FG% (15-28), .167 FT% (1-6)

Villanova Wildcats

Tuesday, Feb. 7 • 6 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 13-7



Location: Villanova, Pa.
Founded: 1842
Enrollment: 6,295
Colors: Blue and White
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): The Pavilion (6,500)

Athletics Director: Vince Nicastro
Head Coach: Harry Perretta (Lycoming '78)
Record at VU (Yrs.): 507-281 (27)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Associate Head Coach: Joe Mullaney (Providence '78)
Assistants: Mary Beth Snell (Villanova '00), Shanette Lee (Villanova '99)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 19-12 (10-6/T-4th)
Postseason: WNIT first round (l. Chattanooga 50-40)
Final Ranking: Not ranked
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/2
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Jackie Adamshick (F, Jr., 6-0); Betsy McManus (G, Sr., 5-6); Liad Suez (F, Sr., 6-2)

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Notes: Although Notre Dame holds the overall series lead vs. Villanova, the Wildcats have won four of the past six games between the clubs, including a 59-54 victory last season ... Notre Dame has had much more success in the series on its home floor, going 6-1 vs. Villanova at the Joyce Center ... exactly half (10) of the 20 games in the series have been decided by eight points or less, with the Irish winning six of those close contests ... the past five series games have been even tighter, decided by a grand total of 13 points (2.6 ppg.) and all five have been in doubt inside the final minute of play ... the last time Villanova visited the Joyce Center on Jan. 24, 2004, the teams combined for the lowest scoring women's basketball game in arena history (ND 38-36); the Irish also set a record for fewest points scored in a win ... Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw is a native of Pottsville, Pa., and a 1977 graduate of Saint Joseph's University; McGraw is a member of three halls of fame in the Philadelphia area — the Saint Joseph's Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (inducted 1986), the Philadelphia Big Five Hall of Fame (inducted 1990) and the SJU Athletics Hall of Fame (inducted 2002) ... Notre Dame senior guard Megan Duffy and Villanova freshman guard Maria Getty both are alums of Chaminade-Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio.

Current Irish vs. Villanova:

Allen	1 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG. (2 TOTAL), 4.0 RPG. (4), 1.0 APG. (1), .500 FG% (1-2)
D'Amico	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 1.0 RPG. (1), 0.0 APG. (0)
Duffy	4 GP/3 GS, 4.5 PPG. (18), 4.3 RPG. (17), 4.0 APG. (16), .438 FG% (7-16), .333 3FG% (1-3), .600 FT% (3-5)
Erwin	2 GP/1 GS, 2.5 PPG (5), 1.0 RPG. (2), 0.5 APG. (1), .500 FG% (1-2), .750 FT% (3-4)
Gaines	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG (0), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0)
Gray	2 GP/1 GS, 4.0 PPG (8), 3.0 RPG. (6), 0.0 APG. (0), .364 FG% (4-11)
LaVere	4 GP/0 GS, 9.5 PPG (38), 5.0 RPG. (20), 0.3 APG. (1), .375 FG% (12-32), .778 FT% (14-18)

Connecticut Huskies

Saturday, Feb. 19 • 7 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Connecticut Leads Series 17-4



Location: Storrs, Conn.
Founded: 1881
Enrollment: 27,579
Colors: National Flag Blue (Navy) and White
Conference: BIG EAST
Arenas (Capacity): Gampel Pavilion (10,167); Hartford Civic Center (16,294)

Athletics Director: Jeffrey Hathaway
Head Coach: Geno Auriemma (West Chester '81)
Record at UConn (Yrs.): 557-111 (20)
Career Record (Yrs.): Same
Associate Head Coach: Chris Dailey (Rutgers '82)
Assistants: Tonya Cardoza (Virginia '91), Jamelle Elliott (Connecticut '96)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 25-8 (13-3/T-2nd)
Postseason: NCAA regional semifinals (d. Dartmouth 95-47; d. Florida State 70-52; l. Stanford 76-59)
Final Ranking: 13th (AP)/10th (ESPN/USA Today)
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/4
Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Ann Strother (G/F, Sr., 6-3); Barbara Turner (F/G, Sr., 6-0); Nicole Wolf (G, Jr.-RS, 6-0)

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Notes: Since Connecticut won the first 11 games in its series with Notre Dame, the rivalry has been virtually even with UConn winning six times and the Irish on four occasions ... Notre Dame's most recent win (65-59 on Jan. 30, 2005 at Gampel Pavilion) was its first ever on the Huskies' home floor, snapping UConn's 112-game BIG EAST regular-season home winning streak and its 55-game winning streak in Storrs ... Notre Dame is one of only two schools (along with Tennessee) to defeat UConn at least three times in the past 12 seasons (1993-94 through 2004-05) ... since 1998-99, Connecticut has lost five times by 15-plus points and Notre Dame has been responsible for three of those losses (twice in 2000-01, once in 2003-04) ... at least one team has been ranked in all 21 meetings, with both ranked on 13 occasions ... either Notre Dame or Connecticut has appeared in eight of the past 11 NCAA Final Fours, winning a combined six national titles ... the 'No. 1 vs. No. 2' match-up at Gampel Pavilion in the 2001 BIG EAST Championship Game (won by the Huskies, 78-76) garnered an 0.96 Nielsen rating (730,914 households) on ESPN2, making it the highest-rated and most-watched women's basketball game in that network's history.

Current Irish vs. Connecticut:

Allen	3 GP/0 GS, 7.3 PPG. (22 TOTAL), 2.0 RPG. (6), 1.0 APG. (3), .563 FG% (9-16), 1.000 3FG% (1-1), .800 FT% (4-5)
D'Amico	2 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0)
Duffy	6 GP/4 GS, 8.2 PPG. (49), 2.7 RPG. (16), 5.0 APG. (30), .400 FG% (14-35), .385 3FG% (5-13), .762 FT% (16-21)
Erwin	4 GP/2 GS, 5.0 PPG (20), 2.5 RPG. (10), 0.3 APG. (1), .467 FG% (7-15), .667 FT% (6-9)
Gaines	3 GP/0 GS, 2.0 PPG (6), 1.3 RPG. (4), 0.7 APG. (2), .286 FG% (2-7), .333 FT% (2-6)
Gray	3 GP/3 GS, 3.3 PPG (10), 2.7 RPG. (8), 1.7 APG. (5), .188 FG% (3-16), 1.000 FT% (4-4)
LaVere	6 GP/2 GS, 12.0 PPG (72), 3.5 RPG. (21), 0.8 APG. (5), .538 FG% (28-52), .500 3FG% (1-2), .652 FT% (15-23)
Tsipis	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0)



West Virginia Mountaineers

Wednesday, Feb. 22 • 7 p.m. ET
Morgantown, W.Va. • WVU Coliseum
Notre Dame Leads Series 13-1

Location: Morgantown, W.Va.
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 25,255
Colors: Old Gold and Blue
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): WVU Coliseum (14,000)



Athletics Director: Ed Pastilong

Head Coach: Mike Carey (Salem '80)

Record at WVU (Yrs.): 71-51 (4)

Career Record (Yrs.): 359-153 (17)

Assistants: Sharrona Reaves (Alabama '95), Chester Nichols (Greenville '97), E.J. Jackson (Slippery Rock '94)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 21-13 (7-9/T-6th)

Postseason: WNIT runner-up (d. Maine 74-59; d. St. John's 68-63; d. Wake Forest 65-52; d. Kentucky 80-75

2OT; l. Southwest Missouri State 78-70)

Final Ranking: Not ranked

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/3

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Meg Bulger (G, Jr., 6-0); Chakhia Cole (G, So., 5-10); Olayinka Sanni (C, So., 6-2)

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Notes: Notre Dame is 5-1 all-time against West Virginia, although the Mountaineers broke through for their first-ever win over the Irish in their last meeting at WVU Coliseum (64-51 on Jan. 17, 2004) ... the Irish have scored 70 points 11 times in the 14-game series with West Virginia ... the Mountaineers have reached the 70-point threshold just twice against Notre Dame and have been held under 60 points on seven occasions ... the series has seen three distinct phases, with the Irish winning the first eight times by 23.0 points per game, before the next four saw a narrow 8.5 ppg. Margin prior to WVU's first win in the series; however, the past two games have been won by the Irish by an average of 18 points per contest ... last year's second game, a 70-59 Irish win in the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinals at the Hartford Civic Center, represented the first-ever neutral-site game in the series ... Jim Bulger, the father of West Virginia junior guard Meg Bulger, was a two-year monogram winner as a quarterback at Notre Dame (1970-71), and was part of ND's 1970 Cotton Bowl champion squad.

Current Irish vs. West Virginia:

Allen	2 GP/0 GS, 9.5 PPG. (19 TOTAL), 3.0 RPG. (6), 1.5 APG. (3), .438 FG% (7-16), .000 3FG% (0-2), 1.000 FT% (5-5)
D'Amico	2 GP/0 GS, 1.0 PPG. (2), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.5 APG. (1), .500 FG% (1-2)
Duffy	5 GP/4 GS, 6.2 PPG. (31), 2.2 RPG. (11), 6.0 APG. (30), .429 FG% (9-21), .417 3FG% (5-12), .889 FT% (8-9)
Erwin	3 GP/0 GS, 3.7 PPG (11), 2.0 RPG. (6), 0.7 APG. (2), .444 FG% (4-9), .750 FT% (3-4)
Gaines	2 GP/0 GS, 6.0 PPG (12), 5.5 RPG. (11), 1.0 APG. (2), .600 FG% (3-5), .750 FT% (6-8)
Gray	3 GP/2 GS, 4.7 PPG (14), 2.3 RPG. (7), 0.7 APG. (2), .667 FG% (4-6), .857 FT% (6-7)
LaVere	5 GP/3 GS, 7.4 PPG (37), 3.8 RPG. (19), 1.0 APG. (5), .500 FG% (16-32), .000 3FG% (0-1), .417 FT% (5-12)
Tsipis	2 GP/0 GS, 1.0 PPG. (2), 0.0 RPG. (0), 0.0 APG. (0), 1.000 FG% (1-1)

Cincinnati Bearcats

Saturday, Feb. 25 • 2 p.m. ET
Cincinnati, Ohio • Fifth Third Arena
Notre Dame Leads Series 1-0

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
Founded: 1819
Enrollment: 34,000
Colors: Red and Black
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Fifth Third Arena (13,176)



Athletics Director: Bob Goin

Head Coach: Laurie Pirtle (Ohio State '80)

Record at UC (Yrs.): 278-275 (19)

Career Record (Yrs.): 361-291 (22)

Assistants: Bret McCormick (Rio Grande '82), Dawn Hoosier (Cincinnati '95), Priscilla Rickenbacker (North Carolina Wesleyan '85)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 9-19 (4-10/T-10th C-USA)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Ashley Brown (F, So., 6-0); Micah Harvey (G, Sr., 5-7); Emy Ogide (F, So., 6-2); Karen Twehues (G, Jr., 6-0)

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Notes: Notre Dame has not played Cincinnati since Feb. 13, 1982, when the Irish downed the Bearcats, 67-58 at the Joyce Center on the strength of 17 points from Mary Beth Schueth and 15 markers from Laura Dougherty ... the 14 years and 12 days between games easily marks the longest hiatus for any opponent on this year's Irish schedule, and one of the longest in school history (record: 24 years, 10 months, 27 days vs. IPFW) ... Notre Dame is 63-16 (.797) all-time against Ohio schools, including a 33-9 (.786) mark away from home ... the majority of those Ohio games have come vs. Dayton (22-6) and UC's crosstown rival, Xavier (20-3), both teams Notre Dame has faced during its membership in either the North Star or Midwestern Collegiate Conferences ... the Irish have won six consecutive games against Ohio schools since a 74-67 loss at Ohio State on Jan. 4, 1997 ... this year's visit to Cincinnati is the first for Notre Dame since March 28, 1997, when the Irish faced Tennessee in the NCAA Final Four at Riverfront Coliseum (L, 80-66) ... three former members of the Notre Dame women's basketball family now are living in Cincinnati and working at Xavier — head coach Kevin McGuff (former ND assistant), assistant coach Kristin (Knapp) Cole (former ND player) and administrative assistant Niele Ivey (former ND player) ... Notre Dame senior guard Megan Duffy is a native of Dayton, graduated from Chaminade-Julienne High School, and played for the Dayton Lady Hoopstars AAU program that won six consecutive Ohio state titles (1996-2001) and three national championships (1996, 1998, 2000) ... Cincinnati freshman guard Kahla Roudebush is from Noblesville, Ind., and was a member of the 2005 Indiana All-Star Team.

Pittsburgh Panthers

Tuesday, Feb. 28 • 7 p.m. ET
Notre Dame, Ind. • Joyce Center
Notre Dame Leads Series 15-0

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.
Founded: 1787
Enrollment: 33,796
Colors: Blue and Gold
Conference: BIG EAST
Arena (Capacity): Petersen Events Center (12,508)



Athletics Director: Jeff Long

Head Coach: Agnus Berenato (Mount St. Mary's '80)

Record at Pitt (Yrs.): 19-35 (2)

Career Record (Yrs.): 302-299 (21)

Assistants: Jeff Williams (Howard '87), Caroline McCombs (Youngstown State '98), Shea Ralph (Connecticut '01)

2004-05 Record (Conf./Finish): 13-15 (5-11/10th)

Postseason: None

Final Ranking: Not ranked

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/5

Returning Starters (Pos., Yr., Ht.): Vika Sholokhova (F, So., 6-4); Mercedes Walker (C, So., 6-3)

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Notes: The Pittsburgh game will serve as Notre Dame's Senior Night; the Irish are 23-5 (.821) all-time in their final regular-season home game, including wins in 15 of the past 16 and 16 of 18 in the Muffet McGraw era ... Notre Dame is unbeaten in 15 series meetings with Pittsburgh, making the Panthers one of three BIG EAST Conference opponents the Irish have played at least five times and have never lost to (others are Providence at 13-0 and St. John's at 15-0) ... besides those three conference foes, Notre Dame also is undefeated all-time against non-conference opponent Valparaiso (18-0) ... 10 of the 15 series games have been decided in Notre Dame's favor by double-digit margins, including last year's 75-47 win in the Steel City ... the Irish have scored 65 points in each of their 15 series games against Pittsburgh, while the Panthers have reached that standard in five games against Notre Dame ... the Pittsburgh campus has been very favorable to Notre Dame, which has the best record (8-0) of any visiting team in Panther women's basketball history ... McGraw and her Pittsburgh counterpart, Agnus Berenato, have coached against one another eight times previously, with McGraw winning all eight match-ups — five of those came when McGraw was Lehigh and Berenato at Rider in the early 1980s ... Notre Dame sophomore guard Charel Allen is a native of Monessen, Pa., located outside of Pittsburgh ... Notre Dame coordinator of basketball operations Stephanie Menio is a 2004 graduate of Pittsburgh.

Current Irish vs. Pittsburgh:

Allen	1 GP/0 GS, 16.0 PPG. (16 TOTAL), 3.0 RPG. (3), 3.0 APG. (3), .636 FG% (7-11), 1.000 FT% (2-2)
D'Amico	1 GP/0 GS, 3.0 PPG. (3), 2.0 RPG. (2), 0.0 APG. (0), 1.000 FG% (1-1), .500 FT% (1-2)
Duffy	4 GP/2 GS, 5.5 PPG. (22), 3.5 RPG. (14), 3.0 APG. (12), .125 FG% (2-16), .111 3FG% (1-9), .850 FT% (17-20)
Erwin	2 GP/1 GS, 8.5 PPG (17), 4.0 RPG. (8), 0.5 APG. (1), .455 FG% (5-11), .875 FT% (7-8)
Gaines	1 GP/0 GS, 3.0 PPG (3), 2.0 RPG. (2), 3.0 APG. (3), .000 FG% (0-3), .750 FT% (3-4)
Gray	2 GP/1 GS, 1.0 PPG (2), 3.0 RPG. (6), 1.5 APG. (3), .143 FG% (1-7)
LaVere	4 GP/0 GS, 15.5 PPG (62), 4.5 RPG. (18), 0.3 APG. (1), .675 FG% (27-40), .615 FT% (8-13)
Tsipis	1 GP/0 GS, 0.0 PPG. (0), 1.0 RPG. (1), 0.0 APG. (0), .000 FG% (0-1)



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Notre Dame will play 14 regular-season games away from the Joyce Center during the 2005-06 campaign. All travel plans are tentative and are subject to change. For the latest travel information, contact Assistant Sports Information Director **Chris Masters** at (574) 631-8032. As a reminder, all interviews with Irish players and coaches on the road must be coordinated through Masters and no interviews may be conducted on game days prior to competition.

Trip No. 1

WESTERN MICHIGAN (Nov. 19-20)

The Irish will travel via chartered bus to Kalamazoo, Mich., on Saturday, Nov. 19 and will stay at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Sunday.

Radisson Plaza at Kalamazoo Center (Kalamazoo)(269) 343-3333

Trip No. 2

INDIANA (Nov. 22-23)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Bloomington, Ind., on Tuesday, Nov. 22 and will stay at the Courtyard by Marriott in Bloomington. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Wednesday.

Courtyard by Marriott (Bloomington)(812) 335-8000

Trip No. 3

WISCONSIN (Dec. 3-4)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Madison, Wis., on Saturday, Dec. 3 and will stay at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Sunday.

Hilton Madison Monona Terrace (Madison)(608) 255-5100

Trip No. 4

PURDUE (Dec. 6-7)

The Irish will travel via chartered bus to West Lafayette, Ind., on Tuesday, Dec. 6 and will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn in West Lafayette. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Wednesday.

Hilton Garden Inn (West Lafayette)(765) 743-2100

Trip No. 5

DUEL IN THE DESERT (Dec. 15-19)

The Irish will travel via commercial airline to Las Vegas, on Thursday, Dec. 15 and will stay at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas. The team will return to Notre Dame following a practice session on Monday.

Embassy Suites (Las Vegas)(702) 893-8000

Trip No. 6

ST. JOHN'S (Jan. 3-4)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to New York City on Tuesday, Jan. 3 and will stay at the LaGuardia Airport Marriott in Queens. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Wednesday.

LaGuardia Airport Marriott (Queens)(718) 565-8900

Trip No. 7

LOUISVILLE (Jan. 13-14)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Louisville, Ky., on Friday, Jan. 13 and will stay at the Marriott Louisville Downtown. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Saturday.

Marriott Louisville Downtown (Louisville)(502) 627-5045

Trip No. 8

GEORGETOWN (Jan. 20-21)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Washington, D.C., on Friday, Jan. 20 and will stay at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Va. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Saturday.

Key Bridge Marriott (Arlington)(703) 524-6400

Trip No. 9

RUTGERS (Jan. 23-24)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Newark, N.J., on Monday, Jan. 23 and will stay at the Somerset Marriott in Somerset, N.J. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Tuesday.

Somerset Marriott (Somerset)(732) 560-0500

Trip No. 10

SYRACUSE (Jan. 30-31)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Syracuse, N.Y., on Monday, Jan. 30 and will stay at the Wyndham Hotel in East Syracuse, N.Y. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Wednesday.

Wyndham Hotel (East Syracuse)(315) 432-0200

Trip No. 11

DEPAUL (Feb. 11-12)

The Irish will travel via chartered bus to Chicago on Saturday, Feb. 11 and will stay at the Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Hotel. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Sunday.

Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Hotel (Chicago)(773) 380-9600

Trip No. 12

WEST VIRGINIA (Feb. 21-22)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Morgantown, W.Va., on Tuesday, Feb. 21 and will stay at the Euro-Suites Hotel in Morgantown. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Wednesday.

Euro-Suites Hotel (Morgantown)(304) 598-1000

Trip No. 13

CINCINNATI (Feb. 24-25)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday, Feb. 24 and will stay at the Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter in Covington, Ky. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following the game on Saturday.

Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter (Covington)(859) 261-2900

Trip No. 14

BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP (March 3-8)

The Irish will fly via chartered airline to Hartford, Conn., on Friday, March 3 and will stay at a hotel to be determined. The team will return to Notre Dame immediately following its final game at the BIG EAST Championship.

