



ND BIG EAST

Conference

Since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, Notre Dame has won more conference championship titles (67) than any other school in league history.

The BIG EAST Conference moves into 2005-06 with an emphasis on the word "Big" as the league becomes the largest Division I-A conference in the nation with 16 outstanding academic and athletic institutions. The goal of the BIG EAST always has been to compete at the highest level and to do so with integrity and sportsmanship.

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

BIG EAST institutions reside in nine of the nation's 33 largest media markets, including New York, Chicago,

Philadelphia, Washington, Tampa, Pittsburgh, Hartford, Milwaukee and Cincinnati. With the incoming members, the BIG EAST markets will contain almost one fourth of all television households in the U.S.

Since opening its doors in 1979, the league has won 25 national championships in six different sports, and 123 student-athletes have won individual national titles. Last year, Providence's Kim Smith won the NCAA women's cross country championship, and the Notre Dame women's soccer team took the 2004 national title.

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

The BIG EAST always has been able to boast that some of its best students are also some of its best athletes. More than 300 student-athletes have earned Academic All-America honors.

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

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

The BIG EAST continues to thrive in the basketball arena. In 2003-04, Connecticut became the first school in NCAA history to win the men's and women's NCAA titles in the same season. With the Syracuse men and the UConn women grabbing NCAA crowns the previous year, the BIG EAST also became the first conference in NCAA history to win the men's and women's titles in consecutive seasons. In fact, the BIG EAST has won five of the last six women's basketball crowns and three of the last seven men's titles.

Whether it's the student-athletes or the league as a whole, moving proactively has been a consistent strategy for the conference that was formed in 1979. The BIG EAST has continually turned challenges into opportunities to bolster its strength.

In the spring of 2001, the BIG EAST added women's lacrosse to its growing list of sports. The inaugural women's golf championship was held in the spring of

2003, followed by the first women's rowing championship in '05.

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

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

Any successful organization needs outstanding leadership. Michael Tranghese, the league's first full-time employee, and for 11 years the associate to Dave Gavitt, moved into the commissioner's chair in 1990. In his first year, he administered the formation of The BIG EAST Football Conference.

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

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

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

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

Notre Dame BIG EAST Titles

Since joining the BIG EAST in 1995-96, Notre Dame has won more conference championship titles (67) than any other school:

Baseball

2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

Women's Cross Country

2002, 2003

Men's Cross Country

1997, 1999, 2001, 2004

Women's Golf

2003, 2004

Men's Golf

1995, 1996, 1997, 2004, 2005

Rowing

2004, 2005

Women's Soccer

1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

Men's Soccer

1996, 2003

Softball

1999, 2000, 2002, 2003

Women's Swimming & Diving

1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

Men's Swimming & Diving

2005

Women's Tennis

1996, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005

Men's Tennis

1996, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2005

Women's Indoor Track & Field

2002

Men's Indoor Track & Field

2003, 2005

Men's Outdoor Track & Field

2000, 2003, 2004

Volleyball

1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004



The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving won its first BIG EAST championship in 2005, dethroning eight-time defending champion Pittsburgh.



DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

After peaking at a program-best first, Notre Dame finished 16th in the final standings released in the 2004-05 United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

Notre Dame was among 12 schools to earn a top-20 finish for the fifth straight year. Irish programs finished 11th in 2000-01, 13th in '01-'02 and '02-'03, and 19th in '03-'04. The other schools with that distinction include five from the Pacific-10 Conference (Stanford, UCLA, California, Arizona State and Arizona) and two each from the Big Ten (Michigan and Ohio State) and Southeastern (Florida and Georgia) conferences, plus Big-12 team Texas and North Carolina of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

FALL

Fall NCAA competition earned the Irish 337 points based on their NCAA title in women's soccer (100 points), their fourth-place finish in women's cross country (80 points), their 11th-place finish in men's cross country (57 points) and their second-round NCAA appearances in both men's soccer and volleyball (50 points each).

Notre Dame finished the fall seasons in first place – marking the first time in the 12-year history of the program that Notre Dame ranked number one. The highest ranking for the Irish prior to 2004-05 had been third in the final fall standings in both 1996-97 and 2002-03.



Current senior Molly Huddle has earned All-America accolades on seven occasions.



Notre Dame placed 16th in the 2004-05 NACDA Directors' Cup competition.

WINTER

Winter competition netted Notre Dame 203 points – based on its NCAA combined men's and women's championship in fencing (50 points), a 24th-place NCAA finish in women's swimming and diving (49.5 points), a 20th-place NCAA finish in men's indoor track and field (53.5 points) and a second-round NCAA appearance in women's basketball (50 points).

SPRING

Spring sports play netted 248 points, thanks to NCAA participation in baseball (tied for 17th, 50 points based on regional runner-up finish), women's golf (52nd, 21 points), men's golf (tied for 37th, 35 points), softball (tied for 17th, 50 points based on regional appearance), women's tennis (tied for 17th, 50 points), men's tennis (tied for 33rd, 25 points) and women's track and field (55th, 17 points).

HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01, 13th in 2001-02, tied for 13th in 2002-03 and 19th in 2003-04.

Twenty-four of Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports have scored points for the Irish in the NACDA Cup. Leading the way are the men's and women's fencing programs, which have used 10 consecutive top-three finishes at the NCAAs to contribute 766 points since fencing was added to the NACDA Cup in 1995-96.

Women's soccer is next, having contributed 751.5 points, highlighted by seven national-semifinal appearances and a pair of titles ('95, '04). It also stands as one of two teams – along with women's volleyball – to have scored points in the NACDA Cup in all 12 years. Ten of Notre Dame's sports have contributed points on 10 or more occasions, while 17 have scored in at least half of the NACDA-Cup competitions.

The Directors' Cup competition honors institutions that maintain athletic programs that seek to achieve success in many sports, both men's and women's. Begun in 1993-94 for Division I by NACDA and *USA Today*, the program was expanded in 1995-96 to include Divisions II, III, and the NAIA. Each institution is awarded points in a pre-determined number of sports for men and women (10 each in Division I). The overall champion is the institution that records the highest number of points in their division's United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup standings.

**The 2004-05 Final
NACDA Directors' Cup
Standings**

1.	Stanford	1,238.75
2.	Texas	1,074
3.	UCLA	1,067
4.	Michigan	1,064.25
5.	Duke	1,021.25
6.	Florida	979.25
7.	Georgia	970
8.	Tennessee	960.25
9.	North Carolina	940.5
10.	Southern California	902.25
11.	Arizona State	838.25
12.	Ohio State	834.25
13.	Virginia	808.5
14.	Washington	797.25
15.	California	792.5
16.	Notre Dame	788
17.	Auburn	781
18.	Arizona	739
19.	Wisconsin	686.75
20.	Penn State	657.25





Kelley Siemon played a pivotal role in helping Notre Dame win a share of its first BIG EAST regular-season title in 2000-01.

1997-98

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

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

1998-99

BIG EAST	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	17-1	29-5
Rutgers	17-1	29-6
NOTRE DAME	15-3	26-5
Boston College	12-6	22-8
Georgetown	10-8	18-12
Villanova	9-9	14-14
Miami	9-9	15-14
St. John's	7-11	13-18
Syracuse	6-12	10-17
West Virginia.....	5-13	10-17
Providence	4-14	5-22
Pittsburgh.....	3-15	8-19
Seton Hall.....	3-15	6-21

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

1999-00

BIG EAST	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	16-0	36-1
NOTRE DAME	15-1	27-5
Rutgers	12-4	26-8
Boston College	12-4	26-9
Georgetown	9-7	17-13
Villanova	7-9	15-15
Miami	7-9	14-15
Pittsburgh	7-9	16-13
St. John's	5-11	11-18
Seton Hall.....	5-11	11-16
Providence	5-11	10-17
Syracuse	3-13	10-18
West Virginia.....	1-15	6-22

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

2000-01

BIG EAST	BIG EAST	Overall
NOTRE DAME	15-1	34-2
Connecticut	15-1	32-3
Rutgers	13-3	23-8
Virginia Tech.....	11-5	22-9
Villanova	11-5	22-9
Seton Hall	9-7	16-12
Boston College.....	7-9	14-15
Georgetown	6-10	17-15
Syracuse	6-10	12-15
Miami	6-10	13-15
Providence	4-12	11-17
St. John's	3-13	8-20
Pittsburgh.....	3-13	9-18
West Virginia.....	3-13	6-22

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

2001-02

BIG EAST	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	16-0	39-0
NOTRE DAME	13-3	20-10
Boston College	12-4	23-8
Villanova	12-4	20-11
Miami	10-6	19-12
Virginia Tech	9-7	21-11
Syracuse	9-7	18-13
Providence	7-9	13-15
Seton Hall.....	6-10	15-14
West Virginia.....	6-10	14-14
Rutgers	5-11	9-20
Georgetown	4-12	12-16
Pittsburgh.....	3-13	8-19
St. John's	0-16	3-24

Tournament Champion: Connecticut

2002-03

BIG EAST	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	16-0	37-1
Rutgers	13-3	21-8
Villanova	12-4	28-6
Boston College	12-4	22-9
Virginia Tech.....	10-6	22-10
NOTRE DAME	10-6	21-11
Miami	8-8	18-13
Seton Hall	7-9	14-15
Georgetown	6-10	15-14
Syracuse	5-11	10-18
Pittsburgh.....	4-12	12-16
West Virginia.....	4-12	15-13
Providence	3-13	9-18
St. John's	2-14	8-19

Tournament Champion: Villanova

2003-04

BIG EAST	BIG EAST	Overall
Connecticut	14-2	31-4
NOTRE DAME	12-4	21-11
Villanova	12-4	23-7
Miami	11-5	22-7
Boston College	11-5	27-7
West Virginia.....	10-6	21-11
Rutgers	10-6	21-12
Virginia Tech.....	10-6	23-8
Georgetown	7-9	13-15
Seton Hall	6-10	15-15
St. John's	4-12	10-18
Syracuse	3-13	6-21
Pittsburgh.....	2-14	6-20
Providence	0-16	4-23

Tournament Champion: Boston College

2004-05

BIG EAST	BIG EAST	Overall
Rutgers	14-2	28-7
NOTRE DAME	13-3	27-6
Connecticut	13-3	25-8
Boston College	10-6	20-10
Villanova	10-6	19-12
Georgetown	7-9	12-16
West Virginia.....	7-9	21-13
St. John's.....	7-9	20-11
Seton Hall.....	6-10	14-14
Pittsburgh.....	5-11	13-15
Syracuse	4-12	13-16
Providence	0-16	1-27

Tournament Champion: Connecticut





The 2004-05 All-BIG EAST Conference First Team (from left): Meg Bulger (West Virginia), Jacqueline Batteast (Notre Dame), Jessalyn Deveny (Boston College), Megan Duffy (Notre Dame), Cappie Pondexter (Rutgers) and Ann Strother (Connecticut).

2004-05 BIG EAST Conference Awards

Player of the Year

Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame

Freshman of the Year

Matee Ajavon, Rutgers

Coach of the Year

C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers

Defensive Player of the Year

Chelsea Newton, Rutgers

Most Improved Player

Michelle Campbell, Rutgers

Sportsmanship Award

Jennifer Hilgenberg, Villanova

Scholar-Athlete Award

Ashley Bush, Seton Hall

All-BIG EAST First Team

Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
 Meg Bulger, West Virginia
 Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
Megan Duffy, Notre Dame
 Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
 Ann Strother, Connecticut

All-BIG EAST Second Team

Jackie Adamshick, Villanova
 Matee Ajavon, Rutgers
 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
 Liad Suez, Villanova
 Kia Wright, St. John's

All-BIG EAST Third Team

Ashley Bush, Seton Hall
 Michelle Campbell, Rutgers
 Clare Droesch, Boston College
 Charde Houston, Connecticut
 Chelsea Newton, Rutgers

All-BIG EAST Honorable Mention

Jessica Moore, Connecticut
 Barbara Turner, Connecticut
 Mercedes Walker, Pittsburgh

BIG EAST All-Freshman Team

Matee Ajavon, Rutgers
Charel Allen, Notre Dame
 Charde Houston, Connecticut
 Kieraah Marlow, Georgetown
 Mercedes Walker, Pittsburgh

BIG EAST All-Tournament Team

Matee Ajavon, Rutgers
Megan Duffy, Notre Dame
 Jessica Moore, Connecticut
 Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers
 Ann Strother, Connecticut

BIG EAST Tournament

Most Outstanding Player

Barbara Turner, Connecticut

2004-05 BIG EAST Weekly Awards

Player of the Week

Nov. 22....Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame
 Nov. 29.....Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
 Yolanda Paige, West Virginia
 Dec. 6Meg Bulger, West Virginia
 Dec. 13.....Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
 Sherell Sowho, West Virginia

Dec. 20....Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame

Dec. 27Monique Blake, Seton Hall
 Meg Bulger, West Virginia
 Jan. 3Jessalyn Deveny, Boston College
 Jan. 10.....Jackie Adamshick, Villanova
 Monique Blake, Seton Hall
 Jan. 17Meg Bulger, West Virginia

Jan. 24Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame

Jan. 31Ashley Bush, Seton Hall
 Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers

Feb. 7Greeba Barlow, St. John's

Feb. 14....Jacqueline Batteast, Notre Dame

Feb. 21Cappie Pondexter, Rutgers

Feb. 28.....Teresa Borton, Notre Dame

Freshman of the Week

Nov. 22Sara Antolick, Syracuse
 Nov. 29Andrea Peterson, St. John's
 Dec. 6.....Charde Houston, Connecticut
 Dec. 13.....Shamika Jackson, Boston College
 Dec. 20Matee Ajavon, Rutgers
 Dec. 27.....Kieraah Marlow, Georgetown

Jan. 3.....Matee Ajavon, Rutgers

Jan. 10.....Essence Carson, Rutgers

Jan. 17.....Matee Ajavon, Rutgers

Charde Houston, Connecticut

Jan. 24Charde Houston, Connecticut

Mercedes Walker, Pittsburgh

Jan. 31Kieraah Marlow, Georgetown

Vaida Sipaviciute, Syracuse

Feb. 7Charel Allen, Notre Dame

Feb. 14Matee Ajavon, Rutgers

Feb. 21Mercedes Walker, Pittsburgh

Feb. 28.....Kieraah Marlow, Georgetown



2004-05 BIG EAST Conference Final Standings

BIG EAST Standings

Pl.	Team	Conference			Overall		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
1.	Rutgers*	14	2	.875	28	7	.800
2.	NOTRE DAME*	13	3	.813	27	6	.818
	Connecticut*\$	13	3	.813	25	8	.758
4.	Boston College*	10	6	.625	20	10	.667
	Villanova^	10	6	.625	19	12	.613
6.	Georgetown	7	9	.438	12	16	.429
	West Virginia^	7	9	.438	21	13	.618
	St. John's^	7	9	.438	20	11	.645

BIG EAST Standings

Pl.	Team	Conference			Overall		
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
9.	Seton Hall	6	10	.375	14	14	.500
10.	Pittsburgh	5	11	.313	13	15	.464
11.	Syracuse	4	12	.250	13	16	.448
12.	Providence	0	16	.000	1	27	.037

NOTE: Teams listed in order of seeding for BIG EAST Championship

\$ - BIG EAST Tournament champion

* - NCAA Tournament participant

^ - WNIT participant

BIG EAST Team Statistics - All Games

Scoring Offense

School	GP	Pts.	PPG
Connecticut	33	2330	70.6
West Virginia	34	2305	67.8
Boston College	30	2013	67.1
NOTRE DAME	33	2188	66.3
St. John's	31	2012	64.9
Rutgers	35	2212	63.2
Georgetown	28	1757	62.8
Pittsburgh	28	1749	62.5
Villanova	31	1816	58.6
Syracuse	29	1676	57.8
Seton Hall	28	1486	53.1
Providence	28	1239	44.2

Field Goal Percentage

School	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Boston College	758	1578	.480
Connecticut	878	1913	.459
West Virginia	869	1948	.446
Rutgers	849	1964	.432
NOTRE DAME	789	1829	.431
Villanova	682	1630	.418
St. John's	729	1832	.398
Georgetown	644	1646	.391
Syracuse	625	1606	.389
Seton Hall	556	1519	.366
Pittsburgh	606	1679	.361
Providence	480	1382	.347

Scoring Defense

School	GP	Pts.	PPG
Rutgers	35	1794	51.3
Connecticut	33	1696	51.4
Villanova	31	1635	52.7
Seton Hall	28	1536	54.9
Boston College	30	1680	56.0
NOTRE DAME	33	1876	56.8
Syracuse	29	1774	61.2
West Virginia	34	2084	61.3
St. John's	31	1906	61.5
Georgetown	28	1819	65.0
Pittsburgh	28	1844	65.9
Providence	28	1997	71.3

3-Point Field Goal Percentage

School	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.
Boston College	116	291	.399
West Virginia	206	543	.379
NOTRE DAME	77	210	.367
St. John's	135	383	.352
Villanova	198	576	.344
Syracuse	147	434	.339
Providence	100	300	.333
Connecticut	179	545	.328
Rutgers	117	357	.328
Georgetown	127	391	.325
Pittsburgh	133	446	.298
Seton Hall	66	245	.269

Rebounding

School	GP	Rebs.	RPG
Pittsburgh	28	1198	42.8
Connecticut	33	1329	40.3
St. John's	31	1237	39.9
Seton Hall	28	1089	38.9
NOTRE DAME	33	1267	38.4
Georgetown	28	1070	38.2
Boston College	30	1116	37.2
Syracuse	29	1050	36.2
West Virginia	34	1215	35.7
Rutgers	35	1163	33.2
Villanova	31	946	30.5
Providence	28	821	29.3

Free Throw Percentage

School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
NOTRE DAME	533	720	.740
Boston College	381	516	.738
Villanova	254	353	.720
St. John's	419	597	.702
Seton Hall	308	439	.702
Rutgers	397	567	.700
West Virginia	361	534	.676
Connecticut	395	585	.675
Syracuse	279	433	.644
Pittsburgh	404	633	.638
Georgetown	342	541	.632
Providence	179	294	.609

BIG EAST Team Statistics - Conference Games

Scoring Offense

School	GP	Pts.	PPG
Connecticut	16	1133	70.8
Boston College	16	1032	64.5
West Virginia	16	1023	63.9
NOTRE DAME	16	1018	63.6
Rutgers	16	1010	63.1
Georgetown	16	970	60.6
St. John's	16	945	59.1
Villanova	16	922	57.6
Syracuse	16	898	56.1
Pittsburgh	16	895	55.9
Seton Hall	16	806	50.4
Providence	16	698	43.6

Scoring Defense

School	GP	Pts.	PPG
Rutgers	16	774	48.4
Connecticut	16	775	48.4
Villanova	16	842	52.6
NOTRE DAME	16	866	54.1
Seton Hall	16	882	55.1
Boston College	16	914	57.1
St. John's	16	982	61.4
West Virginia	16	999	62.4
Syracuse	16	1034	64.6
Georgetown	16	1041	65.1
Pittsburgh	16	1059	66.2
Providence	16	1182	73.9

Rebounding

School	GP	Rebs.	RPG
Connecticut	16	649	40.6
NOTRE DAME	16	631	39.4
Pittsburgh	16	619	38.7
St. John's	16	616	38.5
Seton Hall	16	613	38.3
Boston College	16	593	37.1
Georgetown	16	582	36.4
Rutgers	16	536	33.5
Syracuse	16	534	33.4
West Virginia	16	529	33.1
Villanova	16	481	30.1
Providence	16	450	28.1



BIG EAST Team Statistics - Conference Games (cont.)

Field Goal Percentage

School	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Boston College	381	811	.470
Connecticut	424	943	.450
Rutgers	395	911	.434
West Virginia	386	893	.432
NOTRE DAME	370	874	.423
Villanova	351	847	.414
Georgetown	353	900	.392
Syracuse	336	866	.388
Pittsburgh	328	909	.361
St. John's	340	943	.361
Seton Hall	294	851	.345
Providence	267	812	.329

3-Point Field Goal Percentage

School	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.
Boston College	62	157	.395
West Virginia	97	249	.390
Connecticut	87	259	.336
Syracuse	85	254	.335
Villanova	101	305	.331
Providence	58	178	.326
Georgetown	67	211	.318
St. John's	68	216	.315
NOTRE DAME	31	99	.313
Rutgers	54	174	.310
Pittsburgh	68	234	.291
Seton Hall	40	153	.263

Free Throw Percentage

School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Boston College	208	273	.762
Villanova	119	163	.730
NOTRE DAME	247	344	.718
St. John's	197	280	.704
Connecticut	198	282	.702
Syracuse	141	204	.691
Seton Hall	178	259	.687
Rutgers	166	243	.683
Georgetown	197	299	.659
Providence	106	162	.654
West Virginia	154	237	.650
Pittsburgh	171	283	.604



BIG EAST Individual Statistics - All Games

Scoring

Player, School	GP	Pts.	PPG
1. Meg Bulger, WVU	34	663	19.5
2. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	33	559	16.9
3. Kia Wright, SJU	29	428	14.8
4. Cappie Pondexter, RU	27	397	14.7
5. Shauna Snyder, PC	27	362	13.4
6. Mercedes Walker, UP	26	347	13.3
7. Jackie Adamshick, VU	31	410	13.2
8. Ann Strother, UC	33	427	12.9
9. Ashley Bush, SHU	28	362	12.9
10. Liad Suez, VU	31	399	12.9

Rebounding

Player, School	GP	Rebs.	RPG
1. Mercedes Walker, UP	26	236	9.1
2. Kieraah Marlow, GU	28	242	8.6
3. Angela Clark, SJU	31	258	8.3
4. Ashley Bush, SHU	28	233	8.3
5. Jennifer Brown, UP	28	227	8.1
6. Varda Tamoulianis, GU	27	213	7.9
7. Monique Blake, SHU	27	210	7.8
8. Chineze Nwagbo, SU	29	220	7.6
9. Chakhia Cole, WVU	34	248	7.3
10. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	33	218	6.6

Field Goal Percentage (min. 5.0 made per game)

Player, School	FGM	FGA	Pct.
1. Mercedes Walker, UP	133	272	.489
2. Meg Bulger, WVU	247	537	.460
3. Cappie Pondexter, RU	148	322	.460
4. Jackie Adamshick, VU	160	375	.427
5. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	208	505	.412
6. Ashley Bush, SHU	149	372	.401
7. Shauna Snyder, PC	141	408	.346

3-Point Field Goal Pct. (min. 2.0 made per game)

Player, School	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.
1. Meg Bulger, WVU	88	197	.447
2. Sherrell Sowho, WVU	67	171	.392
3. Ann Strother, UC	85	218	.390

Free Throw Percentage (min. 2.5 made per game)

Player, School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
1. Megan Duffy, ND	137	153	.895
2. Cappie Pondexter, RU	68	86	.791
3. Brooke Queenan, BC	79	100	.790
4. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	127	162	.784
5. Chelsea Newton, RU	83	106	.783
6. Kia Wright, SJU	109	140	.779
7. Kieraah Marlow, GU	91	124	.734
8. Chineze Nwagbo, SU	77	106	.726
9. Cheron Taylor, UP	75	110	.682
10. Mercedes Walker, UP	81	133	.609

Assists

Player, School	GP	Asst.	APG
1. Yolanda Paige, WVU	34	297	8.74
2. Megan Duffy, ND	33	178	5.39
3. Sarah Marshall, BC	30	128	4.27
4. Amy Kunich, UP	28	119	4.25
5. Mary Lisicky, GU	26	104	4.00
6. Kia Wright, SJU	29	115	3.97
7. Clare Drosch, BC	30	105	3.50
8. Matee Ajavon, RU	35	121	3.46
9. Liad Suez, VU	31	106	3.42
10. Rochelle Coleman, SU	29	97	3.34

Megan Duffy ranked second in the BIG EAST with 5.39 assists per game last season. She also led the league in steals (2.73 spg.) and free throw percentage (school-record .895, also fourth in the nation).

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Statistics

Steals

Player, School	GP	Stls.	SPG
1. Megan Duffy, ND	33	90	2.73
2. Kia Wright, SJU	29	68	2.34
3. Matee Ajavon, RU	35	77	2.20
4. Ashley Bush, SHU	28	61	2.18
5. Chelsea Newton, RU	33	70	2.12
6. Bethany LeSueur, GU	28	56	2.00
7. Meg Bulger, WVU	34	65	1.91
8. Aja Parham, BC	30	56	1.87
9. Cappie Pondexter, RU	27	49	1.81
10. Sherrell Sowho, WVU	32	58	1.81

Blocked Shots

Player, School	GP	Blks.	BPG
1. Vaida Sipraviciute, SU	29	64	2.21
2. Varda Tamoulianis, GU	27	57	2.11
3. Teresa Borton, ND	33	57	1.73
4. Monique Blake, SHU	27	43	1.59
5. Charde Houston, UC	33	49	1.48
6. Ayanna Phillip, SHU	28	38	1.36
7. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	33	43	1.30
8. Jana Rediger, VU	31	37	1.19
9. Ramika McGee, WVU	32	38	1.19
10. Sherrell Sowho, WVU	32	36	1.12

3-Point Field Goals Made

Player, School	GP	3FG	3FG/G
1. Meg Bulger, WVU	34	88	2.59
2. Ann Strother, UC	33	85	2.58
3. Sherrell Sowho, WVU	32	67	2.09
4. Liad Suez, VU	31	59	1.90
5. Katie Histed, UP	23	43	1.87
6. Shauna Snyder, PC	27	49	1.81
7. Rochelle Coleman, SU	29	47	1.62
8. Jackie Adamshick, VU	31	49	1.58
9. Lauren Kohn, SU	29	45	1.55
Jessica Richter, SU	29	45	1.55

Assist/Turnover Ratio (min. 3.0 assists per game)

Player, School	Asst.	TO	A/TO
1. Yolanda Paige, WVU	297	97	3.06
2. Betsy McManus, WVU	99	41	2.41
3. Sarah Marshall, BC	128	55	2.33
4. Liad Suez, VU	106	46	2.30
5. Kristin Heidloff, GU	84	46	1.83
6. Mary Lisicky, GU	104	60	1.73
7. Megan Duffy, ND	178	103	1.73
8. Ann Strother, UC	106	70	1.51
9. Cappie Pondexter, RU	84	60	1.40
10. Clare Drosch, BC	105	76	1.38





Teresa Borton was among the BIG EAST's top shot blockers in 2004-05, ranking third in that category with 1.73 blocks per game.

BIG EAST Individual Statistics – Conference Games

Scoring

Player, School	GP	Pts.	PPG
1. Meg Bulger, WVU	16	297	18.6
2. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	16	253	15.8
3. Kia Wright, SJU	16	235	14.7
4. Mercedes Walker, UP	15	217	14.5
5. Cappie Pondexter, RU	16	226	14.1
6. Shauna Snyder, PC	15	211	14.1
7. Jackie Adamshick, VU	16	220	13.8
8. Ashley Bush, SHU	16	220	13.8
9. Liad Suez, VU	16	202	12.6
10. Matee Ajavon, RU	16	201	12.6

Rebounding

Player, School	GP	Rebs.	RPG
1. Mercedes Walker, UP	15	143	9.5
2. Ashley Bush, SHU	16	141	8.8
3. Kieraah Marlow, GU	16	134	8.4
4. Monique Blake, SHU	15	118	7.9
5. Angela Clark, SJU	16	124	7.8
6. Chakhia Cole, WVU	16	120	7.5
7. Varda Tamoulianis, GU	15	109	7.3
8. Jennifer Brown, UP	16	115	7.2
9. Clare Droesch, BC	16	109	6.8
10. Chineze Nwagbo, SU	16	107	6.7

Field Goal Percentage (min. 5.0 made per game)

Player, School	FGM	FGA	Pct.
1. Mercedes Walker, UP	82	164	.500
2. Cappie Pondexter, RU	85	173	.491
3. Charde Houston, UC	80	171	.468
4. Meg Bulger, WVU	113	247	.457
5. Jackie Adamshick, VU	86	209	.411
6. Ashley Bush, SHU	86	216	.398
7. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	92	233	.395
8. Shauna Snyder, PC	81	242	.335

3-Point Field Goal Pct. (min. 2.0 made per game)

Player, School	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.
1. Meg Bulger, WVU	38	84	.452
2. Ann Strother, UC	43	110	.391
3. Sherell Sowho, WVU	31	85	.365
4. Shauna Snyder, PC	34	94	.362

Free Throw Percentage (min. 2.5 made per game)

Player, School	FTM	FTA	Pct.
1. Megan Duffy, ND	57	64	.891
2. Chineze Nwagbo, SU	40	48	.833
3. Ashley Bush, SHU	47	57	.825
4. Kia Wright, SJU	62	80	.775
5. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	61	79	.772
6. Kathrin Ress, BC	43	56	.768
7. Kieraah Marlow, GU	43	59	.729
8. Mercedes Walker, UP	53	84	.631
9. Varda Tamoulianis, GU	38	66	.576
10. Bethany LeSueur, GU	45	85	.529

Assists

Player, School	GP	Asst.	APG
1. Yolanda Paige, WVU	16	116	7.25
2. Megan Duffy, ND	16	99	6.19
3. Rochelle Coleman, UC	16	75	4.69
4. Matee Ajavon, RU	16	67	4.19
5. Amy Kunich, UP	16	63	3.94
6. Clare Droesch, BC	16	62	3.88
7. Sarah Marshall, BC	16	61	3.81
8. Kristin Heidloff, GU	16	60	3.75
9. Betsy McManus, VU	16	60	3.75
10. Cappie Pondexter, RU	16	53	3.31

Steals

Player, School	GP	Stls.	SPG
1. Megan Duffy, ND	16	44	2.75
2. Kia Wright, SJU	16	38	2.38
3. Chelsea Newton, RU	14	33	2.36
4. Aja Parham, BC	16	34	2.12

5. Ashley Bush, SHU	16	32	2.00
6. Cappie Pondexter, RU	16	31	1.94
7. Chakhia Cole, WVU	16	31	1.94
8. Matee Ajavon, RU	16	30	1.88
9. Bethany LeSueur, GU	16	30	1.88
10. Meg Bulger, WVU	16	29	1.81

Blocked Shots

Player, School	GP	Blks.	BPG
1. Vaida Sipaviciute, SU	16	39	2.44
2. Varda Tamoulianis, GU	15	33	2.20
3. Charde Houston, UC	16	35	2.19
4. Teresa Borton, ND	16	27	1.69
5. Jana Rediger, VU	16	25	1.56
6. Monique Blake, SHU	16	21	1.40
7. Jacqueline Batteast, ND	16	22	1.38
8. Essence Carson, RU	16	20	1.25
9. Ayanna Phillip, SHU	16	20	1.25
10. Christine Whitt, SHU	15	18	1.20
Ramika McGee, WVU	15	18	1.20

3-Point Field Goals Made

Player, School	GP	3FG	3FG/G
1. Ann Strother, UC	16	43	2.69
2. Meg Bulger, WVU	16	38	2.38
3. Shauna Snyder, PC	15	34	2.27
4. Sherell Sowho, WVU	15	31	2.07
5. Liad Suez, VU	16	31	1.94
6. Rochelle Coleman, SU	16	27	1.69
7. Jessica Richter, SU	16	27	1.69
8. Asia Carroll, SHU	16	25	1.56
9. Kristin Heidloff, GU	16	25	1.56
10. Jackie Adamshick, VU	16	24	1.50
Lauren Kohn, SU	16	24	1.50
Katie Histed, UP	12	18	1.50

Assist/Turnover Ratio (min. 3.0 assists per game)

Player, School	Asst.	TO	A/TO
1. Betsy McManus, VU	60	22	2.73
2. Liad Suez, VU	49	20	2.45
3. Sarah Marshall, BC	61	28	2.18
4. Yolanda Paige, WVU	116	55	2.11
5. Megan Duffy, ND	99	50	1.98
6. Kristin Heidloff, GU	60	35	1.71
7. Mary Lisicky, GU	46	32	1.44
8. Cappie Pondexter, RU	53	37	1.43
9. Rochelle Coleman, SU	75	58	1.29
10. Clare Droesch, BC	62	48	1.29



Jacqueline Batteast finished second in the conference in scoring (16.9 ppg.), seventh in blocks (1.3 bpg.) and 10th in rebounding (6.6 rpg.) last year.





Breona Gray will get a chance to play in her hometown of Las Vegas Dec. 17-18 when the Irish participate in the *Duel in the Desert*.

NOVEMBER

Tue. 1	Houston Jaguars at Connecticut (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 1	Indianapolis at Notre Dame (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 2	Ohio Girls Basketball Report at Cin. (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 5	Bishops at Syracuse (exh.)	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 5	Bloomfield College at Seton Hall (exh.)	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 5	Cardinal Stretch at Marquette (exh.)	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 5	St. Xavier at DePaul (exh.)	TBA
Sun. 6	Simon Fraser at Connecticut (exh.)	2:00 p.m.
Wed. 9	EA Sports at USF (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 10	Ferris State at Notre Dame (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 10	Findlay at Cincinnati (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 10	Team Concept at St. John's (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 11	Le Moyne College at Syracuse (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 11	California (Pa.) at Pittsburgh (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 12	Preseason WNIT Round One (Storrs, Conn.)	
	Marist at Connecticut	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 12	Chicago Challengers at DePaul (exh.)	TBA
Sun. 13	Miami Sun at USF (exh.)	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 13	Wisconsin - Stout at Marquette (exh.)	2:00 p.m.
Mon. 14	Preseason WNIT Quarterfinal	
	Connecticut vs. Chattanooga/Indiana St.	7:30 p.m.
Tue. 15	OGBM Legends at Pittsburgh (exh.)	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 17	Preseason WNIT Semifinal	
	Connecticut vs. TBA	7:30 p.m.
Fri. 18	Vermont Tournament (Burlington, Vt.)	
	Pittsburgh vs. William & Mary	6:00 p.m.
Fri. 18	DePaul Tournament (Chicago, Ill.)	
	Harvard at DePaul	8:30 p.m.
Fri. 18	UCF Tournament (Orlando, Fla.)	
	West Virginia vs. Texas-San Antonio	TBA
Fri. 18	Boston University at St. John's	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 18	Sacred Heart at Providence	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 18	Syracuse at Manhattan College	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 18	Villanova at Marist	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 18	Michigan at Notre Dame	9:00 p.m.
Fri. 18	Marquette at Evansville	TBA
Sat. 19	USF Image Depot Classic (Tampa, Fla.)	
	Texas-Arlington at USF	4:00 p.m.

Sat. 19	Seton Hall Classic (Orange, N.J.)	
	Florida at Seton Hall	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	DePaul Tournament (Chicago, Ill.)	
	Consolation/Championship game	6:30/8:30 p.m.
Sat. 19	UCF Tournament (Orlando, Fla.)	
	West Virginia vs. Central Florida	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	Vermont Tournament (Burlington, Vt.)	
	Pittsburgh vs. Colgate/Vermont	6/8:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	St. Francis (Pa.) at Cincinnati	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	NY/NJ Gazelle AAU at Rutgers (exh.)	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	Preseason WNIT Final	
	Connecticut vs. TBA	
Sun. 20	USF Image Depot Classic (Tampa, Fla.)	
	Tennessee-Martin at USF	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	Seton Hall Classic (Orange, N.J.)	
	St. Francis at Seton Hall	4:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	UC Santa Barbara at Louisville	12:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	St. John's at Army	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	Syracuse at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	Georgetown at Savannah State	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	Villanova at Penn State	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	Oakland at Marquette	3:00 p.m.
Sun. 20	Notre Dame at Western Michigan	2:00 p.m.
Mon. 21	Yale at Providence	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 22	Akron at Pittsburgh	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 23	East Tennessee at Cincinnati	6:00 p.m.
Wed. 23	Jacksonville at USF	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 23	Mount St. Mary's at Georgetown	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 23	Providence at Northeastern	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 23	St. John's at Monmouth	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 23	Syracuse at Niagara	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 23	Notre Dame at Indiana	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 25	Montana State Tournament (Bozeman, Mont.)	
	Marquette vs. Northern Colorado	6:00 p.m.
Fri. 25	Hawaii Rainbow Wahine Classic (Honolulu, Hawaii)	
	DePaul vs. Eastern Michigan	9:30 p.m.
Fri. 25	Rhode Island Tournament (Kingston, R.I.)	
	Villanova vs. Mississippi	TBA
Fri. 25	FIU Tournament (Miami, Fla.)	
	Seton Hall vs. American/Western Michigan	TBA
Fri. 25	Junkanoo Jam (Grand Bahama Island)	
	Rutgers vs. North Florida	TBA
Fri. 25	Middle Tennessee State Classic (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)	
	Louisville vs. Eastern Kentucky	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	Ball State Tournament (Muncie, Ind.)	
	Georgetown vs. North Dakota State	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	Pittsburgh Thanksgiving Classic (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	
	Towson at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	Best Western Classic (Tampa, Fla.)	
	UMBC at USF	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	Rhode Island Tournament (Kingston, R.I.)	
	Villanova vs. Consolation/Championship	TBA/TBA
Sat. 26	FIU Tournament (Miami, Fla.)	
	Seton Hall vs. TBA	TBA
Sat. 26	Junkanoo Jam (Grand Bahama Island)	
	Rutgers vs. N.C. State/Iowa State	TBA
Sat. 26	Hawaii Rainbow Wahine Classic (Honolulu, Hawaii)	
	DePaul vs. TBA	TBA
Sat. 26	Montana State Tournament (Bozeman, Mont.)	
	Marquette vs. Montana State/Boise State	6:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	Middle Tennessee State Classic (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)	
	Louisville vs. Georgia Southern	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	Providence at St. Peter's	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	Detroit at Cincinnati	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 26	Fordham at West Virginia	TBA
Sun. 27	Pittsburgh Thanksgiving Classic (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	
	Missouri at Pittsburgh	12:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Ball State Tournament (Muncie, Ind.)	
	Georgetown vs. Championship/Consolation	12/2:00 p.m.



2006 NCAA Tournament Dates and Sites

FIRST/SECOND ROUNDS

March 18 & 20 (Sat. & Mon.)

Chicago, Ill. (Allstate Arena)
Denver, Colo. (Pepsi Center)
Nashville, Tenn. (Memorial Gym)
Tucson, Ariz. (McKale Center)

March 19 & 21 (Sun. & Tues.)

Norfolk, Va. (Constant Convo. Ctr.)
Trenton, N.J. (Sovereign Bank Arena)
University Park, Pa. (Bryce Jordan Ctr.)
West Lafayette, Ind. (Mackey Arena)

REGIONALS

March 25 & 27 (Sat. & Mon.)

Albuquerque, N.M.
(The Pit — 15,683 capacity)

San Antonio, Texas
(SBC Center — 18,500 capacity)

March 26 & 28 (Sun. & Tues.)

Bridgeport, Conn.
(Arena at Harbor Yard — 9,091 capacity)

Cleveland, Ohio
(Quicken Loans Arena — 20,000 capacity)

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

April 2 & 4 (Sun. & Tues.)

Boston, Mass.
(TD Banknorth Garden — 18,500 capacity)
Harvard University - co-host
Northeastern University - co-host



BIG EAST
CONFERENCE

SIX PLAYERS NAMED PRESEASON CANDIDATES FOR THE 2005-06 WOODEN WOMEN'S AWARD

The BIG EAST had six players named as preseason candidates for the 2005-06 Wooden Women's Award presented by Applied Materials. Rutgers' fifth-year senior Cappie Pondexter, a two-time Wooden Award national ballot finalist, Connecticut seniors Ann Strother and Barbara Turner, DePaul senior Khara Smith, Louisville junior Jazz Covington and Notre Dame senior Megan Duffy were all named to the preseason list. Pondexter was placed on preseason ballot for third straight year.

The list is composed of 30 student-athletes who, based on last year's individual performances and team records, are the early frontrunners for college basketball's most coveted trophy. These top 30 candidates are comprised of returning players, although transfers, freshmen and other players who excel throughout the season will be evaluated and considered for both the Midseason Top 20 List and the National Ballot.

FOUR PLAYERS NAMED PRESEASON CANDIDATES FOR THE 2005-06 STATE FARM WADE TROPHY

The BIG EAST had four players named preseason candidates for the 2005-06 State Farm Wade Trophy, presented by the WBCA. Connecticut senior Ann Strother, Rutgers senior Cappie Pondexter and DePaul senior Khara Smith are all repeat candidates on the preseason ballot. Notre Dame senior Megan Duffy appears on the ballot for the first time.

A national awards committee consisting of leading basketball coaches, journalists and basketball administrators announced the list. The list is comprised of 25 student-athletes who are selected based on the following criteria: game and season statistics, leadership, character, effect on their team and overall playing ability.

DUFFY AND PONDEXTER LEAD TEAM USA TO GOLD MEDAL AT WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

Seniors Megan Duffy of Notre Dame and Cappie Pondexter of Rutgers helped lead the United States past Serbia-Montenegro, 79-63, on Aug. 19, 2005, for the gold medal at the World University Games in Izmir, Turkey. The last time Team USA competed in the event was in 2001, when the United States finished 7-1 and claimed the gold medal after beating host China (87-69).

The victory improved the USA's record at the WUGs to 82-15. The USA women have medaled in 13 of 14 World University Games competitions in which they have officially participated, and have won gold six times, silver six and bronze once.

LARGEST D-I BASKETBALL CONFERENCE IN THE NATION

With the addition of Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville, Marquette and South Florida, the BIG EAST Conference becomes the largest Division I women's basketball conference in the country. The league now consists of 16 teams, two more than the next highest membership of any conference. The Atlantic 10 sponsors 14 teams, while the ACC, Big 12, Colonial Athletic, Conference USA and MAC and Southeastern Conferences hold a membership of 12 schools. All but the Big 12, MAC and Southeastern Conferences made changes to their rosters for the upcoming academic year.



Tulyah Gaines and her Irish teammates will face four Big Ten Conference teams in the first month of the season, including trips to Indiana, Wisconsin and Purdue.

Sun. 27	Best Western Classic (Tampa, Fla.) USF vs. Championship/Consolation	12:00/2:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Hawaii Rainbow Wahine Classic (Honolulu, Hawaii) DePaul vs. TBA	TBA
Sun. 27	Sacred Heart at Syracuse	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Niagara at St. John's	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Southern California at Notre Dame	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Connecticut at Cleveland State	5:30 p.m.
Tue. 29	Colgate at Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 29	Iona at Notre Dame	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 29	Quinnipiac at Providence	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 29	Bethune-Cookman at Rutgers	7:30 p.m.
Tue. 29	Louisville at Western Kentucky	8:00 p.m.
Wed. 30	Cincinnati at Xavier	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 30	Fairleigh Dickinson at St. John's	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 30	Georgetown at Fordham	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 30	Seton Hall at St. Joseph's	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 30	Duquesne at Pittsburgh	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 30	Robert Morris at West Virginia	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 30	DePaul at Wis.-Milwaukee	8:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

Thu. 1	Hartford at Connecticut	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 1	George Washington at Villanova	7:30 p.m.
Fri. 2	Northwestern Tournament (Chicago, Ill.) St. John's vs. Wake Forest	6:30 p.m.
Fri. 2	Navy at Providence	5:00 p.m.
Fri. 2	Pittsburgh at Penn State	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 2	USF at North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 2	Marquette at Wisconsin	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 3	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, Iowa) Rutgers vs. San Jose State	TBA
Sat. 3	Northwestern Tournament (Chicago, Ill.) St. John's vs. Consolation/Championship	2/4:00 p.m.
Sat. 3	Brigham Young at Seton Hall	2:00 p.m.

Sat. 3	Appalachian State at Georgetown	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 3	Eastern Illinois at Cincinnati	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 3	Purdue at DePaul	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 3	West Virginia at UNC-Greensboro	TBA
Sun. 4	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, Iowa) Rutgers vs. Northwestern/Miami (Ohio)	TBA
Sun. 4	Indiana at Louisville	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 4	Providence at Fordham	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 4	Pennsylvania at Villanova	3:00 p.m.
Sun. 4	Rhode Island at Marquette	3:00 p.m.
Sun. 4	Syracuse at Canisius	4:00 p.m.
Sun. 4	Notre Dame at Wisconsin	2:30 p.m.
Mon. 5	Jimmy V Classic (Hartford, Conn.) North Carolina at Connecticut	7:30 p.m.
Tue. 6	RUTGERS at PROVIDENCE	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 6	ST. JOHN'S at MARQUETTE	8:00 p.m.
Tue. 6	Pittsburgh at Robert Morris	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 7	DE PAUL at USF	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 7	Virginia at Seton Hall	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 7	Notre Dame at Purdue	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 8	SYRACUSE at PITTSBURGH	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 8	CONNECTICUT at VILLANOVA	7:30 p.m.
Thu. 8	Georgetown at Kentucky	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 9	Marquette at Penn State	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 9	Old Dominion at Rutgers	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 10	Massachusetts at Syracuse	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 10	Michigan State at USF	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 10	Providence at Rhode Island	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 10	St. Peter's at Seton Hall	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 10	West Virginia at Houston	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 10	Wisconsin-Green Bay at DePaul	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 10	Xavier at Louisville	TBA
Sun. 11	St. John's at Hofstra	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 11	St. Joseph's at Villanova	1:00 p.m.
Sun. 11	Fordham at Cincinnati	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 11	Rutgers at Princeton	TBA
Mon. 12	Northern Illinois at DePaul	8:00 p.m.
Wed. 14	Texas-Arlington at Cincinnati	4:00 p.m.
Wed. 14	Rutgers at Mississippi	TBA
Thu. 15	Northern Colorado at Louisville	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 17	Las Vegas Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.) Notre Dame vs. Arkansas State	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 17	Binghamton at Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 17	Indiana at Cincinnati	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 17	Stony Brook at St. John's	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 17	St. Francis (Pa.) at DePaul	4:00 p.m.
Sat. 17	West Virginia at Duquesne	TBA
Sun. 18	Las Vegas Tournament (Las Vegas, Nev.) Notre Dame vs. NC State/Utah	3:00/5:30 p.m.
Sun. 18	St. Thomas Aquinas at Rutgers (exh.)	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 18	Seton Hall at Miami (Ohio)	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 18	Wis.-Milwaukee at Marquette	3:00 p.m.
Mon. 19	San Juan Shootout (San Juan, Puerto Rico) USF vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaquez	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 19	Caribbean Classic (Cancun, Mexico) Louisville vs. Texas Tech	TBA
Mon. 19	Cleveland State at West Virginia	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 19	Holy Cross at Connecticut	7:00 p.m.
Mon. 19	Pittsburgh at Pepperdine	10:00 p.m.
Tue. 20	San Juan Shootout (San Juan, Puerto Rico) USF vs. Northern Arizona	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 20	Caribbean Classic (Cancun, Mexico) Louisville vs. Western Michigan	TBA
Tue. 20	Syracuse at Albany	5:00 p.m.
Tue. 20	Georgetown at Delaware	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 20	Seton Hall at Wright State	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 20	Toledo at Cincinnati	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 20	DePaul at Loyola-Chicago	TBA
Tue. 20	Villanova at LaSalle	TBA
Wed. 21	San Juan Shootout (San Juan, Puerto Rico) USF vs. Colorado	9:00 p.m.
Wed. 21	Providence at Harvard	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 21	Kennesaw State at West Virginia	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 21	South Dakota State at Marquette	8:00 p.m.





Notre Dame will open the home portion of its 2005-06 BIG EAST Conference schedule on Jan. 7 against Seton Hall.


BIG EAST LANDS SEVEN PLAYERS IN THE 2005 WNBA DRAFT

The BIG EAST landed seven women's basketball standouts in the 2005 WNBA Draft held on April 16. The conference's highest pick, West Virginia's Yolanda Paige, came in the second round, 16th overall by Indiana Fever. Five of the league's six picks came during the second round, while new BIG EAST member DePaul's Jenni Dant added a seventh selection for the conference early in the third round.

Paige was drafted by the Indiana Fever in the second round, the 16th overall selection. Notre Dame All-America forward Jacqueline Batteast was selected by the Minnesota Lynx in the second round, the 17th overall selection, making her the second-highest WNBA Draft pick in school history behind Ruth Riley's fifth overall selection in the 2001 WNBA Draft.

Rutgers guard Chelsea Newton was a second-round selection (22nd pick overall) of the Sacramento Monarchs and RU center Rebecca Richman was a third-round pick (36th overall) by the New York Liberty. UConn's Jessica Moore and Ashley Battle were selected on back-to-back picks in the second round, with Moore being selected by the Charlotte Sting with the 24th pick overall just prior to Battle being selected 25th overall by the Seattle Storm. DePaul's Dant was selected by the Houston Comets as the 28th overall pick.

The BIG EAST has had 34 players drafted to the WNBA, and 39 overall drafted including the now-defunct ABL dating back to 1996. The total of six players drafted ties for the second most taken in a single year (2000, 2002). The most players drafted from the BIG EAST were 10 in 2001.

WBCA ADDS ALL-STAR LIST OF COACHES TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) President Doug Bruno, also head coach of new BIG EAST member DePaul, announced his appointments and the election results for the WBCA Board of Directors. Bruno officially began his two-year term as the 19th President of the WBCA on Sept. 1, 2005. As president, Bruno will be primarily responsible for supervising board members as the principal elected officer of the board.

BIG EAST coaches Geno Auriemma of Connecticut, Muffet McGraw of Notre Dame and C. Vivian Stringer of Rutgers were elected as part of the 13 new additions to the WBCA Board of Directors. The term is a two-year stint, as Auriemma and Stringer will chair the Division I/At-Large and McGraw will serve as the body's NCAA Division I Legislative Chair.

DePAUL WILL HOST NCAA FIRST & SECOND ROUND ACTION IN 2006; UCONN, PITT TO HOST IN 2007

New BIG EAST member DePaul University will host the first and second rounds of the 2006 NCAA Division I Championship. The games will be played at the Allstate Arena (15,700) in Chicago on March 18 & 20.

The NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee selected Connecticut and Pittsburgh as two of the eight host sites for the first- and second-

Thu. 22	Pittsburgh at San Diego State	5:00 p.m.	Tue. 3	LOUISVILLE at SYRACUSE	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 22	Cincinnati at Dayton	5:00 p.m.	Tue. 3	RUTGERS at CINCINNATI	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 22	American at Georgetown	7:30 p.m.	Tue. 3	PITTSBURGH at DE PAUL	9:00 p.m.
Thu. 22	Hofstra at Connecticut	7:00 p.m.	Tue. 3	Fairfield at Villanova	7:30 p.m.
Thu. 22	Quinnipiac at Syracuse	7:00 p.m.	Wed. 4	NOTRE DAME at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 22	DePaul at Northwestern	8:00 p.m.	Wed. 4	GEORGETOWN at CONNECTICUT	7:30 p.m.
Thu. 22	Villanova at Temple	TBA	Wed. 4	Virginia at Marquette	8:00 p.m.
Wed. 28	Surf & Slam Holiday Classic (San Diego, Calif.)		Sat. 7	VILLANOVA at LOUISVILLE	1:00 p.m.
	St. John's vs. Duke	11:00 p.m.	Sat. 7	ST. JOHN'S AT GEORGETOWN	3:00 p.m.
Wed. 28	Valparaiso at Notre Dame	2:00 p.m.	Sat. 7	CINCINNATI at PROVIDENCE	2:00 p.m.
Wed. 28	Wagner at Providence	7:00 p.m.	Sat. 7	WEST VIRGINIA at SYRACUSE	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 28	Missouri State at DePaul	8:00 p.m.	Sat. 7	DE PAUL at MARQUETTE	8:00 p.m.
Wed. 28	Georgetown at Florida Atlantic	7:00 p.m.	Sat. 7	SETON HALL at NOTRE DAME	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 28	Louisville at Kentucky	TBA	Sat. 7	Rutgers at Michigan State	12:00 p.m.
Wed. 28	North Florida at USF	TBA	Sat. 7	Connecticut at Tennessee	2:00 p.m.
Thu. 29	Syracuse at Cornell	1:00 p.m.	Sun. 8	USF at PITTSBURGH	2/3:00 p.m.
Thu. 29	Albany at Connecticut	7:00 p.m.	Tue. 10	CONNECTICUT at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 29	Hartford at Seton Hall	7:00 p.m.	Tue. 10	MARQUETTE at NOTRE DAME	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 29	Cincinnati at Oregon State	7:00 p.m.	Tue. 10	LOUISVILLE at WEST VIRGINIA	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 30	Surf & Slam Holiday Classic (San Diego, Calif.)		Tue. 10	SYRACUSE at VILLANOVA	7:30 p.m.
	St. John's at San Diego/Montana St.	TBA	Wed. 11	PITTSBURGH at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 30	St. Bonaventure at Pittsburgh	2:00 p.m.	Wed. 11	PROVIDENCE at GEORGETOWN	7:30 p.m.
Fri. 30	Clemson at Georgetown	8:00 p.m.	Wed. 11	RUTGERS at USF	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 30	St. Francis (Pa.) at Louisville	7:00 p.m.	Thu. 12	CINCINNATI at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.
Fri. 30	Texas at Rutgers	7:00 p.m.	Sat. 14	MARQUETTE at SYRACUSE	1:00 p.m.
Fri. 30	Villanova at Manhattan College	7:00 p.m.	Sat. 14	NOTRE DAME at LOUISVILLE	1:00 p.m.
Fri. 30	USF at LSU	8:00 p.m.	Sat. 14	PROVIDENCE at PITTSBURGH	2:00 p.m.
Fri. 30	Rice at Marquette	8:00 p.m.	Sat. 14	ST. JOHN'S at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 31	Army at Connecticut	12:00 p.m.	Sat. 14	SETON HALL at RUTGERS	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 31	Providence at St. Francis (N.Y.)	2:00 p.m.	Sat. 14	VILLANOVA at DE PAUL	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 31	Tennessee at Notre Dame	2:00 p.m.	Sat. 14	GEORGETOWN at WEST VIRGINIA	TBA
			Sun. 15	USF at CINCINNATI	2:00 p.m.
JANUARY			Mon. 16	LSU at Connecticut	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 1	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at West Virginia	1:00 p.m.	Tue. 17	DE PAUL at NOTRE DAME	7:30 p.m.
Mon. 2	USF at Florida International	7:00 p.m.	Wed. 18	GEORGETOWN at LOUISVILLE	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 3	WEST VIRGINIA at SETON HALL	12:30 p.m.	Wed. 18	SETON HALL at PROVIDENCE	7:00 p.m.





rounds of the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. The 64-team field will be divided into eight eight-team sites with games being held at the Hartford Civic Center and the Peterson Events Center in Pittsburgh. The 2007 tournament will mark the 16th time in 18 years that Connecticut has hosted a part of the NCAA Tournament. The 2007 tournament will be the first time Pittsburgh has hosted NCAA Tournament games.

CONNECTICUT LOOKS TO CONTINUE CONFERENCE SUCCESS IN PRESEASON WNIT

Connecticut will be participating in this year's Preseason WNIT. This marks the third time UConn will be making an appearance in the tournament, having claimed the titles in 1997 and 2001. The BIG EAST has had a team in the WNIT since the tournament's inception in 1994. Seton Hall, Pittsburgh, Boston College, Syracuse and Georgetown have each appeared in the tournament once and Rutgers and Notre Dame have each played twice, with the Irish winning the title last year.

JIMMY V CLASSIC

Connecticut also will play in the Jimmy V Classic for the third time in the last four years, facing off against North Carolina for the second consecutive year. This season, the game will be played in Connecticut, as the last three years have been played in North Carolina. Last season, the Huskies dropped its first game of the year to No. 9 UNC, 71-65, at the RBC Center in Raleigh. In 2002-03, UConn defeated North Carolina State, 78-50, at Reynolds Coliseum on the N.C. State campus.

PROVIDENCE WELCOMES PHIL SEYMORE AS HEAD COACH

During the offseason, Phil Seymore was named the eighth Providence women's basketball head coach. The first-year skipper replaces Susan Yow, who resigned at the conclusion of the 2004-05 season. For the past five years, Seymore has served as an assistant coach for the Friar men's basketball team, helping the squad earn NCAA Tournament berths in 2001 and 2004.

Seymore came to Providence in 2000 after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Richmond for three seasons under head coach John Bellein (who now guides BIG EAST member West Virginia). A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., and a graduate of Canisius College, Seymore began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Canisius in 1983 under his former coach Nick Macarchuk (also a former PC assistant coach).

CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS TO HARTFORD

For the third straight year, the BIG EAST Women's Basketball Championship will be at an off-campus location. The Hartford Civic Center will host the 24th annual event on March 4-7, 2006 in Hartford, Conn. The 16,000-seat arena will serve as the site for the event through 2009.

Wed. 18	ST. JOHN'S at CINCINNATI	7:00 p.m.	Wed. 15	WEST VIRGINIA at CINCINNATI	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 18	SYRACUSE at USF	7:00 p.m.	Wed. 15	PROVIDENCE at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 18	WEST VIRGINIA at VILLANOVA	7:30 p.m.	Wed. 15	DE PAUL at GEORGETOWN	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 18	PITTSBURGH at MARQUETTE	8:00 p.m.	Thu. 16	MARQUETTE at USF	7:00 p.m.
Thu. 19	Temple at Rutgers	7:00 p.m.	Sat. 18	LOUISVILLE at CINCINNATI	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	CINCINNATI at SYRACUSE	1:00 p.m.	Sat. 18	VILLANOVA at PROVIDENCE	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	CONNECTICUT at PITTSBURGH	2:00 p.m.	Sat. 18	ST. JOHN'S at DE PAUL	8:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	DE PAUL at SETON HALL	2:00 p.m.	Sun. 19	SYRACUSE at RUTGERS	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	LOUISVILLE at RUTGERS	2:00 p.m.	Sun. 19	GEORGETOWN at MARQUETTE	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	VILLANOVA at ST. JOHN'S	2:30 p.m.	Sun. 19	CONNECTICUT at NOTRE DAME	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	PROVIDENCE at USF	7:00 p.m.	Sun. 19	PITTSBURGH at WEST VIRGINIA	TBA
Sat. 21	MARQUETTE at WEST VIRGINIA	2:00 p.m.	Tue. 21	USF at LOUISVILLE	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 21	NOTRE DAME at GEORGETOWN	4:00 p.m.	Tue. 21	CINCINNATI at GEORGETOWN	8:00 p.m.
Tue. 24	USF at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.	Wed. 22	NOTRE DAME at WEST VIRGINIA	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 24	NOTRE DAME at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.	Wed. 22	CONNECTICUT at SYRACUSE	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 25	GEORGETOWN at CINCINNATI	7:00 p.m.	Wed. 22	RUTGERS at MARQUETTE	8:00 p.m.
Wed. 25	LOUISVILLE at DE PAUL	6:00 p.m.	Thu. 23	SETON HALL at VILLANOVA	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 25	ST. JOHN'S at PROVIDENCE	7:00 p.m.	Sat. 25	ST. JOHN'S at SYRACUSE	1:00 p.m.
Wed. 25	SYRACUSE at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.	Sat. 25	DE PAUL at PROVIDENCE	2:00 p.m.
Wed. 25	MARQUETTE at VILLANOVA	7:30 p.m.	Sat. 25	GEORGETOWN at VILLANOVA	2:00 p.m.
Wed. 25	West Virginia vs. Marshall at Charleston CC	5:30 p.m.	Sat. 25	LOUISVILLE at SETON HALL	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 28	USF at NOTRE DAME	12:00 p.m.	Sat. 25	NOTRE DAME at CINCINNATI	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 28	PITTSBURGH at VILLANOVA	2:00 p.m.	Sat. 25	WEST VIRGINIA at USF	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 28	SYRACUSE at PROVIDENCE	2:00 p.m.	Sat. 25	MARQUETTE at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 28	RUTGERS at GEORGETOWN	3:00 p.m.	Sat. 25	RUTGERS at PITTSBURGH	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 28	CONNECTICUT at DE PAUL	8:00 p.m.	Mon. 27	CONNECTICUT at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.
Sat. 28	SETON HALL at MARQUETTE	TBA	Tue. 28	PROVIDENCE at LOUISVILLE	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 29	WEST VIRGINIA at ST. JOHN'S	12:00 p.m.	Tue. 28	PITTSBURGH at NOTRE DAME	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 31	CONNECTICUT at LOUISVILLE	7:30 p.m.	Tue. 28	SETON HALL at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 31	DE PAUL at WEST VIRGINIA	7:00 p.m.	Tue. 28	USF at GEORGETOWN	7:30 p.m.
Tue. 31	VILLANOVA at USF	7:00 p.m.	Tue. 28	VILLANOVA at WEST VIRGINIA	7:30 p.m.
Tue. 31	NOTRE DAME at SYRACUSE	7:30 p.m.	Tue. 28	SYRACUSE at DE PAUL	8:00 p.m.
Tue. 31	PROVIDENCE at MARQUETTE	8:00 p.m.	Tue. 28	CINCINNATI at MARQUETTE	8:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Wed. 1	CINCINNATI at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 1	ST. JOHN'S at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 1	GEORGETOWN at PITTSBURGH	TBA
Sat. 4	PROVIDENCE at NOTRE DAME	1:00 p.m.
Sat. 4	DE PAUL at RUTGERS	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 4	USF at ST. JOHN'S	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 4	PITTSBURGH at CINCINNATI	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 4	SETON HALL at GEORGETOWN	3:00 p.m.
Sat. 4	MARQUETTE at LOUISVILLE	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 4	WEST VIRGINIA at CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 7	WEST VIRGINIA at PROVIDENCE	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 7	VILLANOVA at NOTRE DAME	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 7	RUTGERS at CONNECTICUT	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 8	GEORGETOWN at SYRACUSE	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 8	LOUISVILLE at PITTSBURGH	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 8	MARQUETTE at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 8	USF at SETON HALL	7:00 p.m.
Wed. 8	CINCINNATI at DE PAUL	8:00 p.m.
Fri. 10	RUTGERS at WEST VIRGINIA	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	CINCINNATI at VILLANOVA	2:00 p.m.
Sat. 11	PITTSBURGH at USF	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 12	SYRACUSE at LOUISVILLE	12:00 p.m.
Sun. 12	PROVIDENCE at SETON HALL	2:00 p.m.
Sun. 12	NOTRE DAME at DE PAUL	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 12	Connecticut at Texas	3:00 p.m.
Tue. 14	SETON HALL at PITTSBURGH	7:30 p.m.
Tue. 14	VILLANOVA at RUTGERS	7:30 p.m.
Wed. 15	LOUISVILLE at ST. JOHN'S	7:00 p.m.

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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