



100th
Season 
2004-2005



2004-05 Notre Dame Basketball

A STORIED TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE ON THE HARDCOURT

NOTRE DAME.

Just the mention of the name evokes visions of legends. National championships, NCAA tournament appearances — and a penchant for upsets of top-ranked opponents.

National coaches and players of the year and All-Americans — all plying their trade on a legendary home court where the best teams in college basketball routinely leave with losses.

Academic All-Americans, NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners — and eventual National Basketball Association standouts. It's all part of the folklore that makes up the tradition of Notre Dame basketball. The Irish program boasts the numbers to place it in the elite of college basketball nationally.



Moose Krause



David Rivers



Pat Garrity

VICTORIES

Entering the 2004-05 season, the Irish have amassed 1,548 wins in 99 seasons and a .645 all-time winning percentage — with both numbers ranking near the top on a national basis. Notre Dame fielded its first basketball team in 1898 and the team began consistent play with the 1907-1908 season. Success came immediately to the program as the Irish posted winning records from 1907-08 through 1916-1917.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Irish won the Helms Foundation National Championship in 1927 and again in 1936, when a young sophomore named Ray Meyer (later to become a Hall of Fame coach at DePaul) came off the bench.

NCAA APPEARANCES

The Irish have been a consistent player in the NCAA Championship, making 27 trips to the event and reaching the Final Four in 1978. The 27 NCAA appearances rank among the top 10 figures in the history of the tournament, behind the likes of Kentucky, UCLA and North Carolina. Notre Dame also has made seven National Invitation Tournament trips and has advanced to the championship game three times, including its most recent appearance in 2000.

UPSETS

The Irish have been involved in many of college basketball's most memorable games. Upsets and surprises have been the norm. Perhaps the most memorable came on Jan. 19, 1974, when Notre Dame's Dwight Clay hit a jump shot with 29 seconds left as the Irish defeated UCLA by a 71-70 score and ended the Bruins' 88-game winning streak, the longest in college hoop history. In all, Notre Dame has upset the current number-one-ranked team in the Associated Press poll on nine occasions, matched only by UCLA. Former Irish coach Digger Phelps was the architect of seven of those wins — and he remains the individual all-time leader in that category (North Carolina's Dean Smith is second with five).



ALL-AMERICANS

Troy Murphy became Notre Dame's sixth two-time consensus All-American, and first since Adrian Dantley in 1974-75 and 1975-76, in 2001. He is the latest to add to the lengthy list of Irish players earning All-America distinction. John Moir was a three-time consensus All-American in 1936, '37 and '38 and is just one of 18 players in the history of college basketball to earn that distinction — along with fellow Notre Dame stars Edward "Moose" Krause (1932-34) and Paul Nowak (1936-38). Only Kentucky has produced more consensus All-Americans than Notre Dame in the history of college basketball.

RECORDS

One of the most prolific scorers in college basketball history was Austin Carr, who played for the Irish from 1968-71 and still is the school's all-time leading

scorer with 2,560 career points. Carr is the holder of the record for most points in one NCAA Championship game with 61 against Ohio University in a first-round game in 1970. Carr still stands among the leading scorers in the history of college basketball and still boasts three of the top five single-game scoring performances in NCAA Championship history.

ON TO THE NBA

Notre Dame also has made its presence known in the National Basketball Association, ranking among the national leaders in active players on numerous occasions in recent years, with 19 overall first-round selections. John Paxson, a two-time Irish All-American in the early 1980s, hit a winning three-point field goal with 3.6 seconds in the sixth game of the 1993 NBA Finals to give the Chicago Bulls their third straight World Championship. The Minnesota Timberwolves' LaPhonso Ellis (then with the Denver Nuggets) was named to the NBA All-Rookie team in '93 — and Monty Williams ('94), Pat Garrity ('98), Troy Murphy ('01) and Ryan Humphrey ('02) have followed as recent first-round draft picks. Notre Dame was one of just four schools that produced a first-round draft pick in both '01 and '02.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Three national players of the year have come from Notre Dame in John Moir (1936), Austin Carr (1971) and Adrian Dantley (1976). Meanwhile, Digger Phelps twice earned national coach-of-the-year honors, in 1974 and 1987.

Notre Dame has made an immediate impact on the BIG EAST Conference since joining the league in 1995-96 having had three player-of-the-years in three



of the last five years. Troy Murphy joined an elite group of past conference standouts as he became just the fourth player in BIG EAST history to earn the award twice in both 2001 and 2000. He was the league's rookie-of-the-year in 1999, while Pat Garrity was named the BIG EAST player of the year in 1997 as a junior. Chris Thomas, the 2002 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year, was named national freshman of the year by *Basketball Times* and *Basketball News*.

HALL OF FAME

Five members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame have Notre Dame roots, including former coaches George Keogan and Elmer Ripley, former All-American and athletic director Edward "Moose" Krause, former Irish sports information director and NBA commissioner J. Walter Kennedy — and Ray Meyer.

OLYMPIANS

The Irish have produced three Olympic team members in Vince Boryla (1948), Adrian Dantley (1976) and Bill Hanzlik (1980).





Bill Laimbeer

ACADEMICS

Off the court, the numbers are even more impressive. Over the last 42 years, every player (114 in all) who has entered Notre Dame on a men's basketball scholarship and remained in school for four years has received his degree. That tally includes six players who have earned COSIDA Academic All-America honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America, including Pat Garrity who was named the men's basketball Academic All-American of the Year in 1998. Notre Dame has produced four winners of the prestigious NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship,

including 1998 recipient Garrity, John Paxson, Bob Arnzen and Gary Novak.

FACILITIES

The current home of the Fighting Irish is the Joyce Center, which is named for Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., who was the long-time executive vice president of the University and was chairman of the Faculty Board in Control of Athletics. The Joyce Center has served as homecourt for the Irish for the past 36 years and on nine occasions has been the home to an Irish victory over the current top-ranked and unbeaten team, the eventual NCAA champion or the defending NCAA champion.



Dwight Clay



LaPhonso Ellis

ATTENDANCE

Several of the top 10 college basketball regular season crowds in history have involved Notre Dame. Student fan interest has been particularly intense on campus, highlighted by the 1977 upset of top-ranked San Francisco when the Irish student body was voted MVP by NBC Sports.

EXPOSURE

Currently part of BIG EAST Conference contracts with CBS Sports and ESPN, Notre Dame has been a regular on the television scene through its earlier long-term relationship with NBC Sports, plus numerous other games televised by CBS, ABC and ESPN. The Irish also have their own Notre Dame Basketball Radio Network. Notre Dame will make a 11 appearances on national television during the 2004-05 campaign. Since the 2000-01 campaign, Notre Dame has appeared on national television 52 times.

NATIONAL SCHEDULE

No program in the country has made better use of its national schedule to gain exposure than Notre Dame. As an independent, the Irish historically played the best teams from the best conferences in major markets from New York to Los Angeles. Now, with their current affiliation with the BIG EAST, the Irish continue to play traditional rivals like Indiana, in addition to recent trips to the Preseason NIT (1986, 1990 and again in 1999), Maui Classic (1993), Sugar Bowl Tournament (1992), Far West Classic (1994) and Great Alaska Shootout (1998).

No other university in the nation can boast as many tales of victory, valor and glory as Notre Dame. Its athletic history is laced with legendary lore of countless heroes who overcame seemingly insurmountable

odds to lead the Irish on in the face of adversity. Notre Dame's penchant for pulling upsets and winning despite the odds endeared the school to sports fans from all walks of life across the country. Notre Dame became the nation's team — even today thousands of "subway alumni" are just as loyal Irish boosters as graduates of the University.

Perhaps the most significant fact about Notre Dame's athletic tradition is that it is an ongoing process. The special spirit and mystique that characterized Irish football teams under Knute Rockne still are evident in today's squads in every sport.

Today, Notre Dame basketball is in the hands of third-year head coach Mike Brey. His basketball bloodlines include noteworthy stops at tradition-rich De Matha High School, his alma mater, and Duke University where he was a part of six NCAA Final Four appearances in eight seasons and back-to-back national championships in 1991 and '92.

But the University of Notre Dame's tradition is far more than tales of basketball glories. It's a special story woven through the years by an extraordinary spirit and intangible mystique that continues to shine as brightly as the Golden Dome on a sunny afternoon.

Notre Dame's tradition is its future as well as its past. Its historically underdog spirit combined with the University's ongoing philosophy of combining the pursuit of both academic and athletic excellence makes Notre Dame an institution bent on achievement at all levels.

The history never fades at Notre Dame, the list of tales and heroes continues to grow.



Mike Brey

THE UNIVERSITY

MODEL SETTING FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

When Father Edward Sorin started his school in the northern Indiana wilderness, he had only \$300, three log buildings badly in need of repair and a vision of establishing a liberal arts school to meet the growing educational needs of the frontier. He dreamed of building a great university, and in 1842 he founded the University of Notre Dame.

Just as with the Notre Dame basketball program, the University itself has come a long way since its simple beginning — but few of its priorities have changed. Father Sorin's dream has become reality, as the quality education he envisioned remains the lifeblood of the University.

Notre Dame makes only one promise to potential student-athletes — that they will have the opportunity to partake of that ingrained academic heritage.

When Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., became the University's president in 1952, he aimed at making Notre Dame the nation's leading Catholic university. When he retired in 1987, his dream also had become a reality. Father Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., elected president in 1987, now leads the University into the front rank of American institutions of higher learning.

Notre Dame, which annually is ranked among the top 20 universities in the nation, graduates 94 percent of all students who enroll, a standard surpassed by only Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

That degree of success has been matched by Notre Dame student-athletes in general and the basketball program in particular. Since 1962, all 114 student-athletes who have been awarded basketball scholarships at Notre Dame and remained in school for four years have graduated, for a remarkable 100 percent rate.

An education at Notre Dame involves far more than varied classroom experiences. Notre Dame's philosophy always has been to offer a chance to learn about the world as well as academic affairs. Students who leave Notre Dame generally are passionately concerned as well as professionally competent.

Overall, Notre Dame student-athletes have combined to earn 152 CoSIDA Academic All-America honors — second most in the nation — including a school-record 12 in 1996-97. The basketball program alone has produced 10 CoSIDA Academic All-America selections, among them two-time honorees Pat Garrity and John Paxson. Additionally, four Irish basketball players have earned NCAA post-graduate scholarships. The NCAA annually selects a Silver Anniversary team of former student-athletes who have achieved at the highest level in the 25 years since their graduation from college and Notre Dame's list of Silver Anniversary honorees includes basketball All-American Dick Rosenthal.

The list of those who have played their Notre Dame experiences into successful careers both on and off the field keeps growing.

A number of factors contribute to Notre Dame's sterling record with its student-athletes. The University boasts an intimate campus with about 8,261 undergraduates and an attractive faculty-to-student ratio that promotes individual attention.

The First Year of Studies program provides students the opportunity to gain a



Kelly Tripucka

wide-ranging liberal arts background before choosing a specific major. A progressive advising program — run not by the athletic department but by the University administration — enables the University to follow the academic progress of all student-athletes on a regular basis, with tutorial services available to provide additional needed assistance.

Although Notre Dame is a Catholic university, it welcomes members of every religion and minority group. A true education exists not solely in the classroom, but in everyday interactions. At Notre Dame, students experience college life with peers that hail from all 50 states and many foreign countries.

Students are afforded opportunities to listen to and often interact with a wide variety of international authorities who visit the campus to share their thoughts and talents.



Dwight Clay, Notre Dame vs. UCLA, 1974



Monty Williams



Austin Carr



THE CAMPUS HOME OF THE IRISH

The University of Notre Dame's institutional mission is to attain the highest standards of excellence in teaching, scholarship and selected fields of research in a community of learning. Part of this community includes the University's highly successful intercollegiate athletics program, which is centered on many of the same goals that also are at the core of the University's mission.

The ideal Notre Dame experience includes wide-ranging extracurricular and interpersonal experiences that students accumulate during their four years on campus, and the foundation of these experiences lies in the concept of on-campus residential living—a fundamental part of daily Notre Dame life.

With no fraternities or sororities at Notre Dame, life

revolves around the 27 residence halls — with athletes spread out indiscriminately among them. There are older, more traditional dorms like Sorin and Morrissey Halls as well as newer, contemporary structures like Keough and O'Neill. Women comprise approximately half of the student body. Athletes live, eat and attend classes in the same dormitories, dining halls and classrooms as every other student at the University.

The camaraderie produced by the residence halls is key to life at Notre Dame. Almost all social, intramural athletic and other activities revolve around the dormitories — with most students remaining in a hall for all four years.

The campus itself basically is closed to traffic, making it a serene setting of grass and sidewalks. Two lakes on the northwest edge add to the beautiful backdrop of the 1,250-acre grounds.

Intertwined with Notre Dame's basic concept of residentiality is the importance placed on balancing academic pursuits with sports and recreation — at all levels. All members of the Notre Dame community can take a cue from the school's president, Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C, a former Notre Dame basketball monogram winner who remains an avid fan, as evidenced by his continued participation in the sport throughout

the various campus courts.

The average incoming Notre Dame student owns an impressive list of high school accomplishments and the current median SAT score for incoming freshmen is in the 1341 range. But just as impressive is the fact that 80 percent of the incoming students in the fall of 2004 had

earned a letter while participating in varsity athletics while in high school.

The by-product of such a well-rounded student body is a campus stocked with students who routinely make the transition from gifted student to gifted athlete. Not surprisingly, *Sports Illustrated* named Notre Dame as its No. 2 "jock school" in a 1997 study of the nation's student bodies and the *Sporting News* ranked Notre Dame fourth on the 2003 Report Card.



THE NEXT STEP

AFTER NOTRE DAME

The overwhelming majority of Notre Dame student-athletes meet with success following their days as undergraduates. This is particularly true for the Irish basketball program, whose graduates have moved on to storied careers in such fields as professional basketball, business, medicine, law.



Ryan Humphrey

One of the most visible links to past Notre Dame heroes is participation in the National Basketball Association. All told, 57 Notre Dame players have been selected in the NBA draft, 19 of them in the first round.

John Paxson ('91, '92 and '93 with Chicago Bulls), Bill Laimbeer ('89 and '90) with Detroit Pistons and Bill Hassett ('50 with Minneapolis Lakers) all played



Pat Garrity



Dick Rosenthal

on NBA championship teams — while Laimbeer won the NBA rebounding title in '86 and Adrian Dantley led the NBA in scoring in '81 and '84. Dozens more players, such as Ken Barlow, David Rivers and Tim Kempton, have established themselves in European professional leagues.

In addition to distinguishing themselves on the courts, former Notre Dame greats such as LaPhonso Ellis, Paxson and Rivers have been instrumental in making contributions to their communities, local charities, and to the University. Ellis has established the LaPhonso D. Ellis Scholarship Fund to provide assistance to Notre Dame students from East St. Louis (Ill.) Lincoln or East St. Louis Senior High School. He also has been intimately involved in a variety of charitable causes in the Denver and Atlanta areas as a member of the NBA Nuggets, Hawks and Heat.

Despite the limelight enjoyed by the group of Notre



John Paxson

Dame players who have played professional basketball, hundreds of other former Irish players have gone on to make their mark in other walks of life.

A common thread throughout the experience of all Notre Dame graduates is their discovery of the University's national — and international — following and support. And if a student, as an undergrad, doesn't come to appreciate the national nature of Notre Dame as an institution, he certainly will after graduation.

Notre Dame's wide-ranging Alumni Association features more than 100,000 alumni divided into 230 alumni clubs located in all 50 states and nearly 20 foreign countries. Notre Dame's alumni are interested in University athletics, but also have a deep commitment to community service and continuing education.

The Alumni Association also has set up a network at the local level to help match graduates with professional opportunities, proving once again that long

after the roar of the Notre Dame crowd has faded and the graduation exercises have concluded, Notre Dame is still there to help.

Former Notre Dame basketball players Mark Kelly and Mike Mitchell serve their alma mater through the Notre Dame National Monogram Club on its Board of Directors.

The Notre Dame athletic department also provides unique programs to student-athletes through the growing Student Development Program, which was one of four schools to earn a program of excellence award from the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors Association. Created in 1996, the Student Development Program provides all Notre Dame student-athletes with assistance in personal development, community service and career development. Specific offerings include workshops and advising in the areas of public speaking, resume writing, job interview training and dealing with the challenges of being a prospective professional athlete. Student Development also sponsors mentoring dinners, where current student-athletes can with alumni from various segments of the business world.



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Troy Murphy

THE EXPOSURE

UNMATCHED ANYWHERE

Thanks to its national image and schedule, its enviable history and tradition and its long list of exploits on the athletic fields, Notre Dame's sports programs receive more exposure and publicity than any others in the nation.

Notre Dame's basketball exposure over the last few decades is unmatched. As a member of the BIG EAST Conference, the Irish currently are part of league contracts with CBS Sports, ESPN and ESPN Regional to televise basketball games. Prior to Notre Dame joining the BIG EAST in 1995, the Irish were a staple on NBC Sports' schedule of nationally-televised contests. The weekly "Inside Irish Basketball with Mike Brey" reaches more than 33 million households.

Notre Dame will make 11 national television appearances in 2003-04. Over the last 16 years alone (1988-89 season through 2003-2004), Notre Dame has made more than 130 national appearances on CBS, NBC, ABC and ESPN.

Notre Dame has enjoyed the benefits of being affiliated with a radio network for all its basketball games since 1988-89. On the information highway, Notre Dame maintains an athletic department website at www.und.com. Real-time statistics are available via the website for home events in a number of Notre Dame sports, including basketball. The Notre Dame basketball portion of the site includes contents of the team's media guide, press releases, audio clips and photos, as well as internet access to live radio broadcasts at all games.

In terms of fan interest, Notre Dame was part of what was then the largest paid regular-season crowd in the history of college basketball when 68,112 fans filled the Louisiana Superdome in 1990 to see the Irish face LSU. In fact, Notre Dame has been involved in five of the top 10 regular-season crowds of all-time in college basketball.

Student interest on campus traditionally has been a strong point, dating back to the days of the cozy Notre Dame Fieldhouse — and culminating in 1977 when the Irish defeated 29-0 San Francisco in the Joyce Center and NBC Sports selected the Irish student body as the game's most valuable player.

