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IRISH COACHING STAFF



Mike Brey became just the third coach in BIG EAST Conference history — joining Lou Carnesecca of St. John's and P.J. Carlesimo of Seton Hall — to win conference coach-of-the-year honors in consecutive seasons as the recipient in both 2007 and 2008.

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Two-Time BIG EAST Coach of the Year —
2007 & 2008

Record at Notre Dame: 167-86 (.660)/8 seasons
Overall Record: 266-138 (.658)/13 seasons

Mike Brey's name has become synonymous with Notre Dame basketball and success. Entering his ninth season along the Irish sidelines, Brey has brought a feeling of confidence and stability to a program with a long and storied tradition.

His positive demeanor as a players' coach and his willingness to become an involved, active and valued member for the entire University community, has made him the perfect member at Notre Dame.

Following two of the most successful seasons in the 103-year history of the Notre Dame basketball program, Brey and the Irish are poised to earn a spot among the nation's elite.

Selected by his coaching peers as the BIG EAST Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2008, Brey is just the third coach in BIG EAST history — following Lou Carnesecca of St. John's in 1985 and 1986 and P.J. Carlesimo of Seton Hall in 1988 and 1989 — to win the coaching accolade in back-to-back years.

His selection as BIG EAST coach of the year in '08 marked the third such honor during his 13-year career as he was named America East Co-Coach of the Year in 1997 when he was the head coach at the University of Delaware.

Over the course of the past two seasons, Notre Dame has compiled a 49-16 overall record for 75.4 winning percentage and 25-9 (.735) mark in BIG EAST play, marking the best two-year record in terms of wins and winning percentage since the Irish joined the BIG EAST in 1995-96.

Consistency has been the hallmark of Brey's tenure at

Notre Dame, guiding the Irish to five 20-win campaigns in eight seasons and 10 or more wins in BIG EAST play on five occasions.

Brey owns a 167-86 (.662) record during his career along the Irish sidelines and is 266-138 (.658) overall as a head coach. Notre Dame has registered an 80-50 (.615) record in BIG EAST regular-season play and is 83-58 (.589) all-time when including conference tournament games.

Most impressive is that over the course of the last 41 BIG EAST regular-season contests, Brey's Irish are 30-11 (.732).

Brey engineered one of the most successful campaigns in Notre Dame history in 2007-08 as he guided his team to a 25-8 record (third most wins in school history) and a program-best 14-4 record in BIG EAST play. The Irish tied for second in the final regular-season standings after being chosen ninth in the Coaches' Preseason Poll. The 25 wins were the most ever under Brey and most since the 1973-74 campaign when that Irish team finished with a 26-3 mark. Notre Dame also led the nation a year ago in assists at 18.4 per game.

Since his arrival, Brey has put his signature on the Irish basketball program. After eight successful campaigns, he has a BIG EAST Conference championship banner, four NCAA tournament appearances and a trip to the Sweet 16 in 2003 to his credit. His teams have averaged better than 20 wins per season and have won better than 66-percent of their contests.

The Irish made history in '07-'08 as they completed their second straight season undefeated at home. It marked the first time in the 40-year history of the Joyce Center that a Notre Dame team had been undefeated at home in consecutive campaigns and the first time in conference history that a BIG EAST team finished undefeated at home in back-to-back seasons.

The Irish finished last year with a 17-0 record at home, following an 18-0 mark (school record for wins) in '06-'07. Notre Dame owns a 37-game win streak at the Joyce Center heading into the upcoming campaign — the second-longest win streak nationally. The Irish also have won 18 consecutive BIG EAST home games, a mark that is just two shy of the conference's all-time home court win streak of 20 games held by Pittsburgh.

A 21-year veteran of the collegiate ranks, he was the head coach at Delaware from 1995-2000 and an assistant coach at Duke University from 1987-95.

He has mentored two BIG EAST player-of-the-year honorees during his tenure — Troy Murphy in '01 and Luke Harangody in '08. He has had at least one player earn all-conference honors in each of his eight seasons and has coached eight first-team all-BIG EAST selections. Each of the past two seasons, Notre Dame has had two players earn first-team honors.

He is the only coach in the 103-year history of the program to lead his teams to three consecutive 20-win seasons and three straight NCAA tournament berths in his first three seasons. Brey also is just the second coach (the other being Digger Phelps) in school history to register five 20-win campaigns in his first eight years.

In 13 years as a head coach, seven of his teams have

Brey Quick Facts

Born:

March 22, 1959, in Bethesda, Md.

Family:

Married to wife Tish ... They are the parents of two children — Kyle (21) and Callie (18).

Education:

Graduated from DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md. in 1977 ... Attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La. (1977-80) ... Graduated from George Washington University in 1982 with bachelor's degree in physical education.

Playing Experience:

Two-year letter winner at De Matha High School, helping the team to a 55-9 mark ... Played three years at Northwestern State University (1977-80) ... Played one year at George Washington University (1981-82) and was named team captain and most valuable player for the Colonials.

Coaching Background:

Assistant coach at DeMatha High School under Morgan Wootten 1982-87 ... Assistant coach at Duke University under Mike Krzyzewski 1987-95 ... Head coach at University of Delaware 1995-2000 ... Head coach at University of Notre Dame 2000-present.

advanced to the NCAA tournament and have made 11 overall postseason appearances, including four in the NIT.

From 1997-2003, Brey guided his teams at both Notre Dame and Delaware to six consecutive 20-win seasons. His 1999-2000 Blue Hen squad and 2002-03 and 2006-07 Irish teams posted 24 wins, registering 24-8, 24-10 and 24-8 records, respectively. He was honored in 2003 by the NABC as its District 10 Coach of the Year.

The 2006-07 campaign proved to be one of Brey's finest coaching efforts as he took a squad that was picked to finish 11th in the BIG EAST Preseason Coaches poll and guided that team to a 24-8 record and 11-5 mark in BIG EAST play following a 16-14 record and 6-10 campaign in league play the previous season. The Irish finished fourth in the final conference regular-season standings to earn a first-round bye in the BIG EAST Championship and advanced



Mike Brey shakes hands with his former mentor Mike Krzyzewski before the start of Notre Dame's NCAA second-round game versus defending national champion Duke on March 16, 2002, in Greenville, S.C.



Over the last 41 BIG EAST regular-season contests, Mike Brey and the Irish have rolled to an impressive 30-11 record for a .732 winning percentage that have resulted in 18 consecutive conference victories at home — the second longest win streak in BIG EAST history.

to the semifinals of the tournament for just the second time in school history. The 11-5 BIG EAST mark at the time matched the best record and most wins by a Notre Dame team since becoming a league member in 1995-96.

Notre Dame also was the only team in the BIG EAST to finish the season undefeated at home (18-0). It marked the most wins at the Joyce Center since its opening in 1968-69 and the third undefeated season for an Irish team at home during the regular season.

His recruiting impact already has been felt on the Notre Dame program with the enrollment of McDonald's and Parade All-Americans — Chris Thomas in the fall of 2001, Torin Francis in 2002 and current Irish senior Luke Zeller in 2005. In addition, Thomas and Zeller, both Indiana natives, won the prestigious Mr. Indiana Basketball award and are the only two recipients of the honor to come to Notre Dame.

Regarded as a true gentleman in the game today, Brey traveled to Kuwait in May of 2007 as part of Operation Hardwood IV, an event sponsored by the United Service

Organization (USO) and Armed Forces Entertainment. For the Irish head coach, being amongst the service men and women proved to be a life-changing and powerful experience.

In '08, he was the recipient of the inaugural Skip Prosser award named after the late Wake Forest head coach and one of Brey's closest friends in the coaching profession.

NCAA Success at Notre Dame

Prior to Brey's arrival, Irish teams had not received an NCAA tournament bid in more than a decade. Before the berth in 2001, Notre Dame's last back-to-back NCAA appearances were in 1989 and 1990.

Brey's teams have fared well in their five NCAA trips. In '01, as the No. 6 seed in the Midwest Region, Notre Dame defeated No. 11 seed Xavier, 83-71, and then dropped a 69-56 decision to No. 3 seed Mississippi.

Earning a No. 8 seed in the South Region in '02, Notre Dame dismantled No. 9 seed Charlotte, 82-63, in the first round before falling to top-ranked and defending national



Notre Dame registered the most wins during the Mike Brey era in 2007-08 as the Irish finished with a 25-8 record (third most wins in school history) and a program-best 14-4 record in BIG EAST play.

champion Duke, 84-77, in second-round action.

In '03, Brey and the Irish were focused on getting past the first weekend of basketball in March. Ranked for most of the season, Notre Dame earned a No. 5 seed in the West Region and played its first two NCAA games at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The Irish escaped with a 70-69 victory over No. 12 seed Wisconsin-Milwaukee in its first-round game and then beat No. 4 seed Illinois 68-60 for their first Sweet 16 appearance since 1987.

Notre Dame made its fourth appearance in seven seasons under Brey in '07 by earning an at-large berth as the No. 6 seed in the Midwest Region.

Last season, the Irish received an at-large bid as the No. 5 seed in the East Region and earned a first-round victory over No. 12 seed George Mason.

Making Notre Dame into a BIG EAST Contender

Brey has guided the Irish to success in the BIG EAST Conference, leading his teams to a 80-50 regular-season mark (.615). In seven of the last eight seasons, Notre Dame has won nine or more games and posted 10-plus wins in five of those seasons. Only the Irish and Pittsburgh have produced winning records in seven of the last eight years, while only the Panthers and Connecticut Huskies have had more 10-win seasons in league play (six) than Notre Dame (five).

Prior to the 2005-06 campaign, Notre Dame and Syracuse owned the distinction of being the only two schools to post winning conference records from 2000-05. Before being named head coach prior to the start of the 2000-01 campaign, Irish teams were just 35-53 (.398) in their first five seasons in the league.

Less than nine months after Brey was named head coach, Notre Dame captured its first BIG EAST regular-season title with an 11-5 record in league play. The 11 conference wins were the most by an Irish team since becoming a league member in 1995-96 as Brey's squad clinched the league crown with a week remaining in the regular season.

Under Brey, Notre Dame was the only BIG EAST school to win 10-plus games from 2000-03 (his first three seasons). The Irish posted an 11-5 record in 2000-01 and 10-6 marks in both 2001-02 and 2002-03. In addition, the Irish were

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University of Notre Dame - Head Coach (2000-present)

Season	Record	BIG EAST (Finish)	Postseason
2000-01	20-10	11-5 (first place - West Division)	BIG EAST quarterfinals (first-round bye) NCAA Midwest Regional second round
2001-02	22-11	10-6 (second place - West Division)	BIG EAST semifinals (first-round bye) NCAA South Regional second round
2002-03	24-10	10-6 (tied for third place - West Division)	BIG EAST first round NCAA West Regional round of 16
2003-04	19-13	9-7 (seventh place)	BIG EAST quarterfinals National Invitation Tournament third round
2004-05	17-12	9-7 (sixth place)	BIG EAST first round National Invitation Tournament first round
2005-06	16-14	6-10 (tied for 11th place)	BIG EAST first round National Invitation Tournament second round
2006-07	24-8	11-5 (fourth place)	BIG EAST semifinals (first-round bye) NCAA Midwest Regional first round
2007-08	25-8	14-4 (tied for second place)	BIG EAST quarterfinals (first-round bye) NCAA East Regional second round
Totals	167-86 (.661); 80-50 (.615)		

University of Delaware - Head Coach (1995-2000)

Season	Record	America East (Finish)	Postseason
1995-96	15-12	11-7 (fourth place)	America East quarterfinals
1996-97	15-16	8-10 (fifth place)	America East quarterfinals
1997-98	20-10	12-6 (first place)	America East champion NCAA Midwest Regional first round
1998-99	25-6	15-3 (first place)	America East champion NCAA East Regional first round
1999-2000	24-8	14-4 (third place)	America East Runner-Up National Invitation Tournament first round
Totals	99-52 (.656); 60-30 (.667)		

Duke University - Assistant Coach (1987-95)

Season	Record	ACC (Finish)	Postseason
1987-88	28-7	9-5 (third place)	ACC Tournament champion NCAA national semifinals
1988-89	28-8	9-5 (second place)	ACC Tournament runner-up NCAA national semifinals
1989-90	29-9	9-5 (second place)	NCAA runner-up
1990-91	32-7	11-3 (first place)	ACC Tournament runner-up NCAA champion
1991-92	34-2	14-2 (first place)	ACC Tournament champion NCAA champion
1992-93	24-8	10-6 (third place)	NCAA second round
1993-94	28-6	12-4 (first place)	NCAA runner-up
1994-95	13-18	2-14 (ninth place)	
Totals	216-65 (.769); 76-44 (.633)		



Mike Brey and his wife Tish are active members of the South Bend/Mishawaka area and have raised nearly 1.5 million dollars for the Coaches vs. Cancer Program and the American Cancer Society in South Bend.

the only league team that played in the NCAA tournament in '01, '02 and '03.

The Irish's 21 BIG EAST wins were matched only by Connecticut and Boston College during the two-year period from 2000-02.

Brey's 31 BIG EAST regular-season wins in his first three seasons were, at the time, the third-most (tying him with Rollie Massimino of Villanova) by a coach in his first three seasons in the league.

Despite posting 9-7 records during the 2003-04 and 2004-05 campaigns, the Irish fell short of an NCAA tournament berth on both occasions. Notre Dame was the only team from one of the six major conferences (ACC, BIG EAST, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC) to have a winning record in league play and not receive an NCAA bid in each of those two seasons.

Notre Dame's 6-10 BIG EAST record in 2005-06 marked the first losing season under Brey. After beginning

the conference regular season 1-8, Notre Dame went 5-2 down the stretch to earn a spot in the 12-team BIG EAST Tournament field. The 10 BIG EAST losses were by a combined 35 points (3.5 per game).

The Irish rebounded in '06-'07 to finish 11-5 in BIG EAST regular-season play and advanced to the semifinals of the league championship at New York's Madison Square Garden for just the second time in school history. The Irish earned their semifinal appearance with an 89-83 quarterfinal victory over Syracuse and then bowed out to eventual tournament champion Georgetown, 84-82, in the semifinals in what many considered one of the greatest tournament games in conference history. The 12 wins over BIG EAST foes (11 during the regular season and one in the conference championship) marked the most by a Notre Dame team over league foes prior to last season's program-best 14-4 record.

Players Excel Under His Tutelage

Brey's track record of developing players has been evident when BIG EAST honors have been announced. In each of his eight seasons, he has had at least one player earn all-conference honors. In all, eight players have been selected for first-team honors during his eight-year tenure.

For the second straight year in '08, Notre Dame placed two players on the all-conference first team — Harangody and Kyle McAlarney — and was one of just two schools (the other being Connecticut) that had two players earn a spot on the first team.

The previous year in '07 marked the first time in school history that Irish had two players earn first-team all-league honors when Russell Carter and Colin Falls were selected, while Harangody and Tory Jackson garnered all-rookie team accolades. It marked the biggest award haul for the Irish in its 13-year history of being a BIG EAST member.

Chris Quinn, who played for the Irish from 2002-06, copped first-team BIG EAST honors in '06 and was named the recipient of the league's Sportsmanship Award. In addition, Quinn was named a first-team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America honoree, the school's first Academic All-America selection since 1998. He also was named to the Associated Press honorable mention All-America team.

In '05, Chris Thomas became the first Irish player to earn all-conference honors all four years when he was named a third-team selection. He also was a third-team honoree in '02 and a second-team selection in both '03 and '04. A

two-time Associated Press honorable mention honoree, he was named the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year in '02, in addition to being selected the league's all-rookie team. Thomas also became Notre Dame's first selection to the BIG EAST Championship all-tournament team, while Carter would join him on that list in 2007.

Basketball Times and *Basketball News* named Thomas, who was part of Brey's first recruiting class at Notre Dame, the national freshman of the year following his sensational rookie campaign.

From 2001-03, Notre Dame produced a first-team BIG EAST selection in each of those three seasons. In Brey's first season, Troy Murphy shared co-BIG EAST player-of-the-year honors and was a unanimous first team selection. In

Brey Coaching Milestones...

First game as a head coach —

November 27, 1995
Delaware 100, Washington (Md.) 58
(Newark, Del.)

First win —

November 27, 1995
Delaware 100, Washington (Md.) 58
(Newark, Del.)

50th win —

March 7, 1998
Delaware 66, Boston University 58
(Newark, Del.)

First NCAA tournament game —

March 13, 1998
Purdue 95, Delaware 56
(NCAA Midwest Regional First Round —
Chicago, Ill.)

100th career win —

November 18, 2000
Notre Dame 104, Sacred Heart 58
(Notre Dame, Ind.)

200th career win —

February 19, 2005
Notre Dame 62, Providence 61
(Providence, R.I.)

100th win at Notre Dame —

February 16, 2005
Notre Dame 70, Georgetown 64
(Notre Dame, Ind.)

First game as head coach at Notre Dame —

November 18, 2000
Notre Dame 104, Sacred Heart 58
(Notre Dame, Ind.)

First win over a ranked opponent —

November 25, 2000
Notre Dame 69, #16/13 Cincinnati 51
(Indianapolis, Ind.)

First win over a top 10 opponent —

January 23, 2001
Notre Dame 74, #11/8 Syracuse 60
(Notre Dame, Ind.)

First win over a top five opponent —

December 8, 2002
Notre Dame 98, #2/2 Texas 92
(Washington, D.C.)

First NCAA tournament win —

March 16, 2001
Notre Dame 83, Xavier 71
(NCAA Midwest Regional First Round —
Kansas City, Mo.)



Mike Brey pictured with former Irish great Adrian Dantley and DeMatha coaching legend Morgan Wootten in Springfield, Mass., in September 2008 at Dantley's induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

addition, he was a consensus All-America selection for the second time in his career.

Ryan Humphrey followed Murphy as a first-team selection in '02 as he also went on to earn second-team All-America honors from *Basketball News*. Matt Carroll, who concluded his career as the school's career three-point scoring leader, continued the streak in '03 and also garnered AP honorable mention All-America honors.

David Graves was a BIG EAST honorable mention selection in '02 (the third Irish player to earn all-conference honors that season) as was Torin Francis in '04 in his freshman season. As a freshman, Francis also became the second Irish player under Brey to be named to the all-rookie team.

Notre Dame was one of only four schools (the others were Duke, Indiana and Stanford) to have a player selected in the first round of the '01 and '02 NBA drafts. In the '02 draft, Humphrey was chosen as the 19th pick overall, while Murphy was the 14th player drafted in '01.

The Notre Dame Years

Brey's inaugural season at Notre Dame after being named the program's 17th head coach on July 14, 2000 could qualify as nothing short of a whirlwind.

In his debut on the Irish sidelines on Nov. 18, the 48-year-old Rockville, Md., native, led the Irish to a 104-58 victory over Sacred Heart to earn his 100th career coaching victory. Brey guided his team to 19 wins during the regular season, the most by an Irish first-year coach, and also became just the second coach in school history to take his team to the NCAA tournament in his first season. Notre Dame finished with a 20-10 record overall and an 11-5 mark in BIG EAST play as the Irish captured the West Division crown.

En route to the divisional crown, Notre Dame notched eight consecutive league wins and five straight road victories for the first time as a BIG EAST member. The Irish also produced three wins over top-10 teams (Georgetown, Boston College and Syracuse) for the first time since the 1991-92 campaign.

His squad finished 19th in the final AP ranking (and were ranked as high as 10th at one time during the season) for the program's first ranking on a national basis since '89.



Mike Brey's Irish teams are 80-50 overall (.615) in BIG EAST regular-season play during his eight-year tenure and have posted five seasons with 10 or more wins.

Mike Brey vs. All Opponents

Opponents	W	L
Alabama	3	1
Albany	1	0
American	4	0
Arizona	0	2
Army	3	0
Baylor	0	1
Belmont	1	0
Boston College	3	1
Boston University	7	5
Brown	1	0
Bucknell	2	1
Butler	0	1
Canisius	4	0
Central Michigan	0	1
Charleston Southern	2	0
Charlotte	1	0
Cincinnati	3	0
The Citadel	2	0
Clemson	0	1
College of Charleston	0	1
Colgate	4	0
Columbia	1	0
Connecticut	3	8
Cornell	1	0
Creighton	0	1
Delaware State	4	0
DePaul	7	3
Drexel	6	5
Duke	0	2
Duquesne	1	0
Eastern Michigan	1	0
Elon	1	0
Florida	1	0
Florida International	1	0
Fordham	1	0
Furman	1	0
George Mason	2	0
Georgetown	6	8
George Washington	0	1
Georgia Tech	0	1
Hartford	6	4
Harvard	1	0
Hawaii-Pacific	1	0
Hofstra	10	4
Holy Cross	0	1
Howard	2	0
Illinois	1	0
Indiana	1	4
IPFW	3	0
IUPUI	1	0
Kansas State	1	0
Kentucky	0	4
Lafayette	3	0
Lehigh	1	0
Long Island	2	0
Louisville	1	2
Loyola (Chicago)	1	0
Maine	6	6
Marist	1	0
Marquette	3	5
Marshall	0	1
Maryland	2	0
Miami (Florida)	2	0
Miami (Ohio)	1	1
Michigan	0	3
Mississippi	0	1
Monmouth	2	0
Morehead State	1	0
Mount St. Mary's	1	0
New Hampshire	10	1
Niagra	1	0
North Carolina State	0	1
North Florida	1	0
Northeastern	8	2
Northern Illinois	2	0
Oregon	0	1
Pittsburgh	6	7
Portland	1	0
Providence	7	1
Purdue	1	1
Quinnipiac	1	0
Rider	3	2
Rutgers	8	4
Sacred Heart	1	0
San Francisco	1	0
Samford	1	0
St. John's	5	3
St. Joseph's (Pa.)	0	2
St. Louis	1	0
Seton Hall	8	3
Siena	1	0
South Florida	3	1
Stony Brook	1	0
Syracuse	5	9
Tennessee	0	1
Tennessee Chattanooga	2	0
Tennessee Tech	1	0
Texas	1	0
Towson	12	2
UCLA	1	1
Valparaiso	1	0
Vanderbilt	3	0
Vermont	7	4
Villanova	4	6
Virginia	0	3
Virginia Tech	3	0
Washington (Md.)	3	0
Washington State	0	1
West Virginia	11	1
Western Illinois	1	0
Widener	3	0
Winston-Salem	1	0
Winthrop	0	1
Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1	0
Wofford	1	0
Xavier	1	0
Youngstown State	1	0
TOTALS	266	135

During the 2001-02 campaign, the Irish finished with a 22-11 record and 10-6 mark in the West Division, good for second place in the final regular-season standings. Notre Dame earned a first-round bye in the conference post-season tournament and advanced to the semifinals of the championship for the first time, after posting its first-ever BIG EAST tournament victory in the quarterfinal round.

The 2002-03 campaign marked just the sixth time at that point — and first since 1986-87 — a Notre Dame team had won 24 or more games. In recording a 24-10 record, the Irish defeated five top-10 opponents for the first time in school history. Those victories over top-10 teams also were the most by any school that season. The wins over those schools included a string of three straight (No. 10 Marquette, No. 8 Maryland and No. 2 Texas) in a six-day stretch in early December of '02. It also marked the first time in school history that Notre Dame defeated three consecutive top-10 opponents. After those three victories, the Irish made their season debut in the Associated Press ranking at No. 10 after being unranked prior to that point. It was the third-highest leap in the polls since the ranking began including 25 teams. In defeating the defending

national champion Terrapins and the Longhorns, Notre Dame captured the prestigious BB&T Classic in Washington, D.C.

Notre Dame climbed to as high as fifth in the polls and finished the season 20th in the AP ranking and 15th in the ESPN/USA Today Poll. The success for the Irish in the '03 NCAA tournament was notable as the Irish earned the No. 5 seed in the West Region, marking the highest seed for a Notre Dame team since '87. Notre Dame won a pair of games — 70-69 vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee and 68-60 vs. Illinois — to reach the Sweet 16 for the first time since the '86-'87 campaign.

In all eight seasons under Brey, Notre Dame has advanced to the postseason. From 2004-06, the Irish played in the National Invitation Tournament. His 2003-04 and 2004-05 teams narrowly missed making the NCAAs with the '03-'04 squad finishing with a 19-13 record overall and 9-7 mark in BIG EAST play, while the '04-'05 unit was 17-12 and 9-7 in the BIG EAST. The '05-'06 team advanced to the second round of the NIT and finished with a 16-14 overall record and 6-10 mark in the BIG EAST.



A true players' coach, Mike Brey has been widely respected by Irish players both past and present.

His Coaching Pedigree

In 13 seasons as a head coach, Brey's teams have won three conference titles.

And while the accomplishments of the past eight seasons and in his coaching career are impressive, one can't help but be captivated by his contagious enthusiasm and genuine sincerity. He's a man whose basketball bloodlines are as impressive as any young coach in the collegiate ranks today.

Brey has a true passion for the game. He is an individual who appreciates the bonds and relationships he forms with his players, and a coach who understands the impact he can have on a player's life. He is, in no uncertain terms, a man who cares about the young men he coaches.

Reared in a home with two parents as educators, coaching appears to have been a natural profession for Brey to pursue. Associations with legendary coaches Morgan Wootten and Mike Krzyzewski have molded his philosophy and strengthened his foundation as a man and coach who is destined to continue Notre Dame's return to national prominence.

A former player and assistant coach for Wootten at DeMatha High School and a veteran of eight seasons as an assistant on the bench next to Krzyzewski at Duke, where he helped the Blue Devils to six NCAA Final Four appearances and two national championships, success has been an integral part of Brey's life as both a player and coach.

Having missed out on the Irish head coaching vacancy in March of 1999, Brey earned another shot at the only coaching job he coveted while the head coach at Delaware. When Matt Doherty left for the University of North Carolina in July after just one season, Brey was the man targeted by Notre Dame for the post.

The Delaware Years

Brey led Delaware to unprecedented success during his five-year tenure as the Blue Hens' head coach from 1995-2000 including postseason bids in each of his last three seasons Brey has brought to Notre Dame a wealth of basketball experience and all the characteristics necessary for success.

In the span of five seasons at Delaware, he guided the Blue Hens to success never before experienced in the program's history. His five years at Delaware combined to produce a 99-52 record for Brey, including a 60-30 mark in America East competition.

Prior to his arrival at the Newark, Del., school, Delaware had made only two previous trips to the NCAA tournament — but doubled that total in his third and fourth seasons. In 1997-98, Brey copped co-America East coach-of-the-year honors after his team finished with a 20-10 overall record and won the America East Conference title with a 12-6 mark. The Blue Hens earned the No. 15 seed in the NCAA Midwest Regional and lost to Purdue in the first round.

That campaign signaled what would be the first of three consecutive 20-win seasons for Brey at Delaware, a first in the program's history. In Brey's first two seasons, the Blue Hens were 30-28, finishing with a 15-12 mark in 1995-96 and 15-16 in 1996-97.

In his fourth season at Delaware, he guided the Blue Hens to a 25-6 record, the second-most wins in school history. For the second straight year, Brey's squad won the America East regular-season crown (finishing with a 15-3 record) and tournament title. As the No. 13 seed in the NCAA East Regional, the Blue Hens pushed 20th-ranked Tennessee to the final buzzer, but fell 62-52. In 1999-2000, Delaware finished 24-8 (14-4 in conference play) and received a bid to the National Invitation Tournament, losing to Villanova in the first round.

His teams' on-court success during those five seasons helped set Delaware attendance records as well. The Blue Hens in 1998-99 averaged a record 4,815 fans (in 5,000-seat Bob Carpenter Center), including nine sellouts. Then in 1999-2000, they topped that figure with a 4,989 average

and a dozen sellouts.

In Brey's five seasons with the Blue Hens, Delaware ranked as the only America East team to finish in the top half of the league standings in each of those seasons. His .659 winning percentage over the last eight years ranks as the second-best in the country (behind only Michigan State's Tom Izzo) among those Division I head coaches who took over programs in 1995-96.

Success for Brey's teams at Delaware were not limited to the court. While at Delaware, every senior who completed his eligibility graduated. Mike Pegues, an all-America East forward, was a third-team Academic All-American and America East Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 1997-98.

Still regarded as a popular figure at the University, Brey was inducted into the Delaware Athletic Hall of Fame in November of 2007.

The Duke Experience

Prior to taking over at Delaware, Brey served under Krzyzewski at Duke for eight seasons beginning in 1987-88. During that time, he saw the Blue Devils advance to six NCAA Final Fours, four national title games and claim the NCAA championship in both 1991 and 1992. The Blue Devils finished with a combined 216-65 record (.769) during his eight seasons and won 24 or more games in seven of those campaigns.

During his tenure at Duke, he recruited and worked daily with four of the greatest players in that program's history — Danny Ferry, Christian Laettner, Bobby Hurley and Grant Hill.

The DeMatha Years

Prior to entering the collegiate ranks, Brey previously spent five seasons as an assistant coach at his high school alma mater, DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., under Wootten before taking the assistant's post at Duke. He served as DeMatha head junior varsity coach and varsity assistant beginning in 1982. During the five years, DeMatha combined to finish 139-22 while claiming four league crowns and two city titles — as well as a number-one ranking by *USA Today* in 1984.

As a player, he played for two seasons at DeMatha and helped the Stags finish with a combined 55-9 record. Brey received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from DeMatha in October of 2003.

An Active Member of the Coaches vs. Cancer Program

Mike Brey's dedication and involvement with the Coaches vs. Cancer (CVC) Program continues to produce record-setting numbers in the South Bend and Michiana areas. With a record \$293,000 raised during 2007-08, Notre Dame ranks as a leader among universities and colleges across the country in funds raised for CVC and the American Cancer Society.

Since 2002, Brey and his wife Tish have raised nearly \$1.5 million for the South Bend/Michiana community's fight against cancer. The couple has always been generous with their time and support for the program dating back to when Brey was the head coach at Delaware. While at the Newark, Del., school, they were actively involved in the CVC cause and helped make Delaware one of the top fundraising schools in the country.

Brey was the recipient of the 2003 CVC Champion Award, given annually by the CVC National Council and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He has been a national board member of the Council since February of '03.

He and Tish have been honored with several awards for their efforts in the community and were recipients of the '07 Franklin D. Roosevelt Award presented by the March of Dimes for their volunteer service to the South Bend area.



Mike Brey and all of the members of the traveling party of Operation Hardwood IV pose with US Army Commander Ben Lacy (far right), who graduated from Notre Dame with a master's degree in 2000, prior to taking a flight to Camp Buehring. (USO photo by Mike Theiler)



In the championship game, Mike Brey coached in full military army fatigues. (USO photo by Mike Theiler)

An Athletic Family

A standout guard in college, he played three seasons at Northwestern Louisiana State (now Northwestern State) from 1977-80, leading the team in assists and steals all three years. He still ranks fifth at the school in all-time assists with 311, while his 180 assists during his sophomore season in 1978-79 rank as the fourth best single-season total in school history.

Brey played his final collegiate season at George Washington, transferring to the Washington, D.C., school following the 1979-80 season. After sitting out the 1980-81 season, he averaged 5.0 points and 4.8 rebounds in his senior season with the Colonials. He served as team captain and earned team MVP honors in his only year of competition at the school.

Brey hails from an athletic family that still remains actively involved in high school and collegiate athletics. His father Paul was a high school athletics director in Maryland, while his mother, the former Betty Mullen, was the women's swim coach at George Washington, and perhaps the family's most accomplished athlete. She attended Purdue University and swam for the AAU team in West Lafayette while attending school. For a time, she held the world record in the 100-yard and 100-meter butterfly events and competed with the U.S. team at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. She still competes in

masters swimming events and is a member of the Indiana Swimming Hall of Fame, located in Indianapolis.

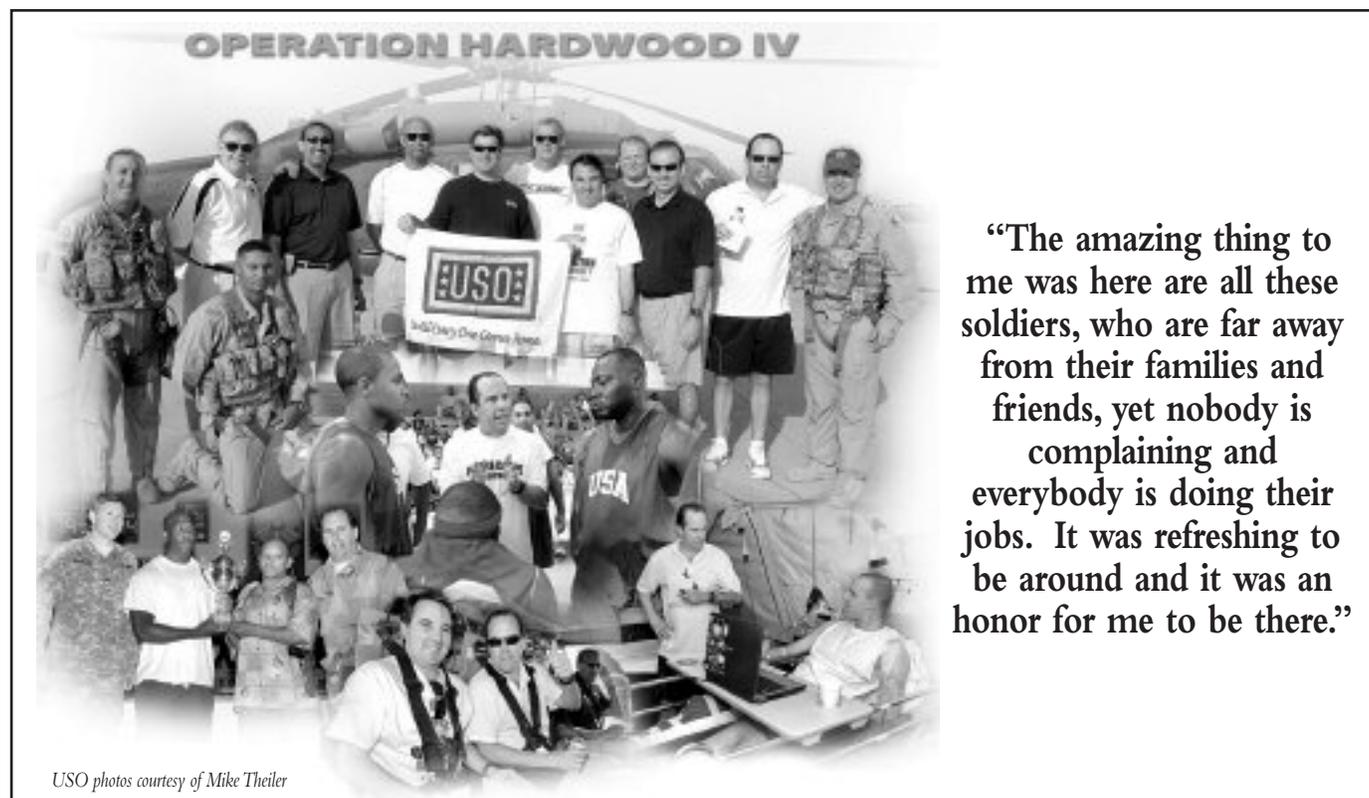
His mother also was a Purdue majorette and was present in Notre Dame Stadium on Oct. 7, 1950, when the 19th-ranked Boilermakers upset the top-ranked Irish 27-14 in football. In addition, her brother Jack Mullen played guard at Duke on that school's first Atlantic Coast Conference championship team in 1960.

Brey's younger sister, Brenda, swam competitively at LSU and is a physical education teacher in the Rockville area. His younger brother, Shane, was a former high school standout at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Md.

Brey is currently in his second of a three-year term on the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Rules Committee and was elected to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Board of Directors in April '08.

He also received a Notre Dame honorary monogram in December of 2006.

Born March 22, 1959, Brey is a 1982 graduate of George Washington, with a degree in physical education. He is married to the former Tish Schlapo, formerly a volleyball standout at George Washington and assistant volleyball coach at Delaware. The couple has two children — Kyle, 21 (born Jan. 11, 1987) and Callie, 18 (born April 5, 1990). Kyle was an all-star tight end at Penn High School and now is the starting tight end at the University of Buffalo.



USO photos courtesy of Mike Theiler

“The amazing thing to me was here are all these soldiers, who are far away from their families and friends, yet nobody is complaining and everybody is doing their jobs. It was refreshing to be around and it was an honor for me to be there.”

Irish head coach Mike Brey was part of an eight-man delegation that traveled to Kuwait from May 22-28, 2007 representing Operation Hardwood IV, an event sponsored by the United Service Organization (USO) and Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE).

Brey and a team of service members were joined during the six-day trip by Ed Conroy of The Citadel, Jim Crews of Army, Dennis Felton of Georgia, ESPN analyst Fran Fraschilla, Mike Lonergan of Vermont, Reggie Minton of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the late Skip Prosser of Wake Forest.

For five days, basketball and competition provided a refuge from the pressures of war for the service men and women. But for Brey, being in Kuwait and in the Persian Gulf

was a life-changing and powerful experience; one that offered a new perspective on the men and women who risk their lives each day to serve, protect and defend our country.

Upon returning and reflecting on his journey, he readily admits that it ranks as one of the top-five experiences of his life.

A championship atmosphere surrounded the final day of competition when Brey's team squared off and lost to a squad coached by Prosser in the title game. But the final score did not reflect the whole experience; it was more than just about winning and losing, it was about teamwork.

SEAN KEARNEY

SEAN KEARNEY Associate Head Coach Scranton '81

Sean Kearney, one of the most respected and well-liked coaches in the coaching ranks, begins his 22nd season as a college coach in 2008-09 and his ninth as the associate head coach at Notre Dame.

Regarded as one of the top associates in the game today, he has been head coach Mike Brey's lead assistant since the two began coaching together at the University of Delaware following Brey's appointment to the top post at the Newark, Del., school in 1995. When Brey left Delaware to take the head coaching job at Notre Dame, he brought with him the only top assistant he had known as a head coach — Kearney.

The combination of Brey and Kearney has been a winning one both at Notre Dame and Delaware for the past 13 years. The two have combined for 266 victories and a nearly 65.8 winning percentage, seven NCAA tournament appearances, and four National Invitation Tournament appearances and a BIG EAST West Division championship in 2001.

Over the course of the last eight seasons, Notre Dame has posted a 167-86 record for a 61.4 winning percentage and advanced to the postseason in each of those seasons, including four NCAA tournament trips and a berth in the Sweet 16 in 2003. The Irish have posted five 20-win campaigns and finished with an 80-50 record in BIG EAST regular-season play that includes five seasons with 10-plus wins.

Last season, Notre Dame rolled to a final 25-8 record (third most wins in school history) and a program-best 14-4 mark in BIG EAST play. Over the course of the past two campaigns, Irish teams have compiled a 49-16 (.754) combined overall record and a 25-9 (.735) regular-season BIG EAST mark.

Kearney has been instrumental in the resurgence of the Irish basketball program. His primary focus is with the development of Notre Dame's post players. In addition, he coordinates the program's national recruiting efforts.

Kearney has aided in the development of first-round NBA Draft picks Troy Murphy in 2001 and Ryan Humphrey in 2002. Also under his tutelage, 2006 graduate Torin Francis earned BIG EAST all-conference honors two

of his four seasons (as an all-rookie team selection in 2003 and all-conference honorable mention choice in 2004) and finished his career as one of only seven players in school history with better than 1,000 career points and 900 rebounds.

Forward Luke Harangody was named BIG EAST Player of the Year in '08 after becoming just the second player in conference history to lead the league in both scoring and rebounding. Following the 2006-07 campaign, Harangody was named to the league's all-rookie team.

Promoted to associate head coach prior to the start of the 1998-99 Blue Hen season, he helped Delaware to four NCAA tournament appearances (1992, '93, '98 and '99) overall during his eight-year tenure at the school. Kearney and Brey combined for a 99-52 (.656) record from 1995-2000 and registered at least 20 wins in each of the final three years they spent at Delaware, a first in that school's history.

While at Delaware, Kearney was instrumental in developing the Blue Hens' post players. Three of the players he worked with — Greg Smith, Spencer Dunkley and Mike Pegues — combine to hold over 20 Blue Hen records.

Notre Dame is the sixth coaching stint for Kearney, and fifth in the collegiate ranks. No stranger to the BIG EAST, Kearney previously served as an assistant under Rick Pitino at Providence for one year (1986-87) and also coached at Northwestern (1988-91) under Bill Foster.

Kearney began coaching in 1981 as an assistant at his alma mater, Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, Pa. From 1981-86, he spent five years working with his former high school coach, Bud Gardler. While coaching at Cardinal O'Hara, he was employed as a senior systems analyst for Cigna. It was during that time that Kearney joined the staff of the prestigious Five Star Basketball Camps. That association helped him move on to the college coaching ranks.

His collegiate coaching career began in dramatic fashion at Providence College. During his only season at the Providence, R.I. school, the Friars advanced to the Final Four of the '87 NCAA tournament in New Orleans by winning the Southeast Regional championship, marking the school's second Final Four appearance.

After Pitino moved to the New York Knicks of the National Basketball Association, Kearney became an assistant under longtime head coach Herb Magee at Division II power Philadelphia Textile (now Philadelphia University).



After just one season, he moved to Northwestern.

Kearney, who graduated with honors from the University of Scranton in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in political science, was a four-year member of the Royals' basketball team. In his final two seasons, Scranton finished with consecutive 18-11 records. He was a member of teams that won three Middle Atlantic Conference titles and earned three NCAA Division III playoff appearances. As a senior, he averaged 4.2 assists per game.

Born Nov. 14, 1959, he is married to the former Kimberly Lancaster. The couple has two daughters, Erin, a junior in high school, and Shannon, a high school freshman.

Kearney Quick Facts

Born:

November 14, 1959, in Darby, Pa.

Family:

Married to the former Kimberly Lancaster ... The couple has two children — Erin (16) and Shannon (14).

Education:

Graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, Pa. in 1977 ... Graduated with honors from University of Scranton (Pa.) in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Playing Experience:

Played at Cardinal O'Hara High School ... Played four years at University of Scranton (1977-81) ... The Royals won three Middle Atlantic Conference titles and made three NCAA Division III playoff appearances.

Coaching Background:

Assistant coach at Cardinal O'Hara High School under Bud Gardler (1981-86) ... Assistant coach at Providence College under Rick Pitino (1986-87) ... Assistant coach at Philadelphia Textile under Herb Magee (1987-88) ... Assistant coach at Northwestern University under Bill Foster (1988-91) ... Assistant coach at the University of Delaware under Steve Steinwedel (1991-95) and Mike Brey (1995-98) ... Associate head coach at the University of Delaware under Mike Brey (1998-2000) ... Associate head coach at University of Notre Dame under Mike Brey (2000-present).



Sean and Kim Kearney on the Notre Dame campus with their daughters Erin and Shannon.

ANTHONY SOLOMON Assistant Coach Virginia '87

Anthony Solomon, who served as an assistant coach on the Irish coaching staff from 2000-03, returned to Notre Dame in May of 2008 to begin his second stint as a member of head coach Mike Brey's coaching staff in 2008-09. He replaced Gene Cross who left in April after being named head coach at the University of Toledo.

Solomon will have responsibilities working with the Irish guards in addition to helping coordinate Notre Dame's national recruiting efforts with associate head coach Sean Kearney.

Solomon departed Notre Dame following the conclusion of the 2002-03 campaign when he was named head coach at St. Bonaventure University and served in that capacity through the conclusion of the 2006-07 campaign. In 2007-08, Solomon was a member of the University of Dayton men's basketball staff. He helped the Flyers to a 23-11 record last season and a spot in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament. In addition, Dayton was ranked for four weeks during the season and climbed to as high as 14th in the polls.

Solomon was a key part of Brey's first staff when he became head coach at Notre Dame in July of 2000. Solomon was an instrumental part in Notre Dame resurgence from 2000-03 at the national level as Irish teams compiled a 66-31 record for a 68.0 winning percentage and a 31-17 mark (.646) in BIG EAST play. The Irish advanced to the NCAA tournament each of those three seasons, including an appearance in the 2003 Sweet 16 for the first time by an Irish team since 1987. Notre Dame was the only BIG EAST team to advance to NCAA tournament competition and win 10 or more games each of those three seasons.

In his first year on the Irish coaching staff, Notre Dame won the 2000-01 BIG EAST West Division title - the school's first league crown since becoming a conference member in 1995.

Prior to Solomon's three-year stint at Notre Dame, he was a member of the Clemson staff in 1998 as an assistant athletic director for basketball operations and was promoted to assistant coach in June of 2000 and served as one of the two assistants responsible for off-campus recruiting. In his role with the Tigers, he was responsible for all internal operations of the basketball program and served as a liaison to the athletic administration. In addition, Solomon aided in on-campus recruiting.

In his first season at Clemson, the Tigers finished with a 20-15 record and advanced to the finals of the National Invitation Tournament, marking the first appearance in a championship game by a Tiger team in the postseason. No stranger to being an assistant in a major college basketball conference, Solomon spent six years in the Atlantic Coast Conference coaching at Virginia, his alma mater, and Clemson.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Delaware under Mike Brey's predecessor, Steve Steinwedel, in 1988-89. He then moved to Bowling Green the following season and spent three seasons (1989-92) there, helping the Falcons reach the National Invitation Tournament on two occasions.

Solomon then took a position as an assistant at Manhattan College for the 1992-93 campaign. It was there that he experienced coaching in the NCAA tournament after the Jaspers earned a berth in the 64-team field as champions of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Following that one season, Solomon moved to the University of Richmond for the 1993-94 campaign, before returning to his alma mater. He coached at Virginia under Jeff Jones from 1994-98, serving as coordinator of recruiting and player development and as head coach of Virginia's junior varsity team. During Solomon's tenure at Virginia, the Cavaliers advanced to the NCAA tournament twice, including a trip to the Elite Eight in 1995, when the team tied for the regular season ACC crown.

Solomon enrolled at Virginia as a student in the fall of 1983, earned a basketball scholarship and was a four-year letterwinner. Virginia made three NCAA tournament appearances, earned one NIT berth and won 78 games during his four-year tenure. Solomon was a member of the '84 team that advanced to the NCAA Final Four in Seattle, Wash.

A 1983 graduate of Warwick High School in Newport News, Va., Solomon helped his team to a 23-1 record and the Peninsula District championship his senior year, while garnering second-team all-state honors. He was named most valuable player in the district in both '82 and '83.

He also played for Boo Williams' AAU team and was named its most valuable player, a distinction he shares most notably with J.R. Reid, Alonzo Mourning and Allen Iverson.

Solomon, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in rhetoric and communication studies, is married to the former Tracy Coleburn, a former track standout at Virginia. The couple has two daughters, Maya Anne and Kamra Mae, and a son Anthony Jr.



Solomon Quick Facts

Born:

December 1, 1964 in Newport News, Va.

Family:

Married to wife Tracy ... They have three children, Maya Anne (12), Kamra Mae (10) and Anthony, Jr. (6).

Education:

Graduated from Warwick High School in Newport News, Va., in 1983 ... Graduated from the University of Virginia in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in rhetoric and communication studies.

Playing Experience:

Second team all-state selection at Warwick High in 1983 ... Played four years at the University of Virginia (1983-87) ... The Cavaliers made one NIT appearance and three NCAA tournament appearances in that span, including a trip to the Final Four in Seattle, Wash., in 1984.

Coaching Background:

Graduate assistant at University of Delaware under Steve Steinwedel 1988-89 ... Assistant coach at Bowling Green State University under Jim Larranaga 1989-92 ... Assistant coach at Manhattan College under Fran Fraschilla 1992-93 ... Assistant coach at the University of Richmond under Bill Dooley 1993-94 ... Assistant coach at the University of Virginia under Jeff Jones 1994-98 ... Assistant athletic director for basketball operations at Clemson University 1998-00 ... Assistant coach at Clemson University under Larry Shyatt April 2000 to July 2000 ... Assistant coach at University of Notre Dame under Mike Brey 2000-03 ... Head basketball coach at St. Bonaventure University 2003-07 ... Assistant coach at University of Dayton under Brian Gregory 2007-08 ... Assistant coach at University of Notre Dame 2008-present.



The Solomon Family - Maya, Anthony, A.J., Tracy, and Kamra.

ROD BALANIS

ROD BALANIS Assistant Coach

Georgia Tech '93

Rod Balanis begins his ninth season as a member of the Notre Dame men's basketball program and fourth as an assistant coach. He was promoted to assistant coach in May of 2003 after serving for three years as the coordinator of men's basketball operations. He works primarily with the Irish guards.

This is Balanis' second stint as an assistant coach at the collegiate level. Prior to coming to Notre Dame at the start of the 2000-01 campaign, he spent four years as an assistant coach at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y.

For the past two seasons, Balanis has helped mentor Irish guards Kyle McAlarney and Tory Jackson. McAlarney ranked as one of the nation's top three-pointers shooters and set the Notre Dame single-season mark with 108 three-pointers in 2007-08, in addition to garnering first-team all-BIG EAST honors. Jackson has finished as the BIG EAST assist leader in both his freshman and sophomore seasons and was named to the BIG EAST All-Rookie Team in 2007.

Over the course of the past two seasons, Notre Dame has finished with an overall record of 49-16 and 25-9 mark in BIG EAST regular-season play. The Irish registered the third-highest win total in school history in '07-'08 with a 25-8 ledger and a program-best 14-4 record en route to tying for second in the final BIG EAST regular-season standings.

In his first season at Colgate, Balanis had the opportunity to coach and work with Adonal Foyle, a seven-year member of the NBA's Golden State Warriors. Foyle, the eighth overall pick in the '97 NBA Draft, finished his career as the NCAA's all-time career shot-blocking leader.

Balanis played at Georgia Tech for Bobby Cremins from 1990-94, enrolling at the Atlanta, Georgia school in the fall of 1989. He was red-shirted his freshman season (1989-90) after sustaining injuries in a car accident prior to attending Georgia Tech.

Balanis was part of teams which made four trips to the NCAA tournament and appeared in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) once. The Ramblin' Wreck reached the Sweet 16 twice in that five-year span and earned a berth in the '90 Final Four held that year in Denver, Colo.

Off the court, the Williamsburg, Va., native excelled in the classroom, earning Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Honor Roll recognition. The Boy Scouts of America also honored him for his outstanding character and citizenship when he was named "Peach of an Athlete" in '93.

Following graduation, Balanis went to Greece, where he played professionally for Aris Thessolniki of the Greek First Division during the 1994-95 season. He then became a sales representative for the Riddell Corporation in the Washington-Baltimore area prior to beginning his first coaching stint at Colgate.

Balanis graduated from DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., in 1988 after an outstanding prep career playing for legendary coach Morgan Wootten. Irish head coach Mike Brey was an assistant at DeMatha at the time Balanis was attending the school. He helped the Stags to an 84-16 record and nine tournament titles during the course of his four seasons. He also set the school's single-game assist mark when he had 14 in one game.

In Balanis' senior year, DeMatha finished 30-3 and was ranked as the top prep team in the Washington, D.C. area by the Washington Post and fifth nationally by USA Today. Balanis was that team's second-leading scorer, averaging 11.3 points per game. The highlight, of the '87-'88 season was when DeMatha defeated No. 1 ranked Archbishop Molloy (N.Y.) High School, 68-66, as Balanis out-duelled the Stanners' Kenny Anderson down the stretch. Balanis and Anderson would later become teammates at Georgia Tech. In the classroom at DeMatha, Balanis had a 4.0 grade point average, graduating fifth in his class.

Balanis hails from a family with coaching roots at the collegiate level as his father, George, was the head basketball coach at William & Mary from 1974-77.

Born March 21, 1970, Balanis graduated with honors from Georgia Tech with a bachelor's degree in management. He and his wife, the former Liz Barker, were married in August of 2002. She was the assistant women's tennis coach at Notre Dame for six years and now serves as a volunteer assistant with the program. Currently a teaching professional at the South Bend Racquet Club, Liz was a standout player at Wake Forest. In 2002, she was named to the ACC 50th Anniversary Women's Tennis team as one of the top players in conference history. The couple has two sons, Andrew George, (born in May of 2005), and Lukas Lowell (born in November of 2007).



Balanis Quick Facts

Born:

March 21, 1970 in Williamsburg, Va.

Family:

Married to the former Liz Barker in August of 2002 ... They have two sons Andrew George (born in May of 2005) and Lukas Lowell (born in November of 2007).

Education:

Graduated from DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md. in 1988 ... Graduated from Georgia Tech in 1993 with bachelor's degree in management with honors.

Playing Experience:

Helped DeMatha High School to an 84-16 record while he was there ... Played four years at Georgia Tech (1990-94) ... The Ramblin' Wreck made one NIT appearance and four NCAA tournament appearances in that span, including two trips to the Sweet 16 and an appearance in the 1990 NCAA Final Four in Denver, although Balanis was medically redshirted that season ... Played professionally in Greece for Aris Thessolniki of the Greek First Division (1994-95).

Coaching Background:

Volunteer assistant at Colgate University under Jack Bruen (1996-97) ... Assistant coach at Colgate University under Jack Bruen (1997-98) and Emmett Davis (1998-2000) ... Coordinator of men's basketball operations at the University of Notre Dame under Mike Brey in 2000-03 ... Assistant coach at the University of Notre Dame under Mike Brey (2003-present).



The Balanis Family — Rod, Liz, Andrew and Lukas.

MARTIN INGELSBY
Coordinator Of
Basketball Operations
Notre Dame '01

Martin Ingelsby, a standout point guard for the Notre Dame men's basketball team from 1997-2001, is in his sixth year as the coordinator of basketball operations. He plays an integral role in the overall day-to-day operation of the Irish basketball program.

Ingelsby returned to his alma mater after serving as an assistant coach at Wagner College during the 2002-03 campaign. While on the Seahawks' staff, he worked primarily with the guards and was extensively involved in the team's scouting and recruiting efforts. Wagner, which finished with a 21-11 overall record and 14-4 conference mark, had its most successful season in school history in '02-'03, winning both the Northeast Conference regular-season and conference titles. In addition, the Seahawks earned the school's first-ever NCAA tournament berth.

A native of Berwyn, Pa., Ingelsby starred for Notre Dame from 1997-2001 and was the starting point guard for three seasons. As a senior in 2000-01, he averaged 8.2 points and a team-best 6.4 assists as a starter in all 30 games. Ingelsby led the Irish to the BIG EAST West Division title, the school's first-ever conference title. He guided Notre Dame to a 20-10 overall record and an 11-5 league record. In addition, the Irish advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament after earning a berth in the 65-team field for the first time in more than a decade in head coach Mike Brey's first season.

Ingelsby ranks among the Irish career leaders in six categories. The former captain stands third in three-point field goal percentage (.424); fourth in assists (526); seventh in three-point field goals made (167) and three-point field goals attempts (394); tied for seventh in career games played (123); and eighth in steals (136). He also finished with career averages of 6.8 points and 4.3 assists.

Ingelsby led Notre Dame in assists in three of his four seasons. In addition to his senior campaign, he was the Irish starting point guard as a freshman and sophomore. A 27-game starter during his freshman season (1997-98), he had a team-leading 150 assists and earned a spot on the '98 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.

As a sophomore, Ingelsby started 27 of 30 games and led the team in assists (122), while committing just 70 turnovers



— one every 11.2 minutes. In his junior year, he averaged 4.7 points and helped the Irish to the championship game of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) and a final 22-15 mark.

Ingelsby was a two-time member of the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team and was the recipient of the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award in his senior season.

Ingelsby enjoyed a stellar prep career at Archbishop Carroll in Philadelphia where he finished his career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,425 points and led his teams to an 80-12 combined record (.869) during his three years as a varsity member.

Following his senior year in 1997, he won the prestigious Markwood Award, given annually to the top high school player in the Philadelphia area, and was the Gatorade player of the year for Philadelphia. Ingelsby also was named MVP of the South Catholic League as a senior and was a McDonald's All-America honorable mention selection.

A three-time all-Catholic League pick, Ingelsby engineered Archbishop Carroll to an average of nearly 27 victories in each of his three seasons as a starter. In his sophomore season, his team finished with a 24-4 mark and won the Philadelphia Catholic League championship. Records of 28-5 and 28-3 in his junior and senior campaigns, respectively, followed that season.

Ingelsby's father, Tom, standout guard at Villanova from 1970-73, was his high school coach. The elder Ingelsby was the starting guard alongside Chris Ford on the Villanova team that lost to UCLA in the 1971 NCAA championship game. He also played for the Atlanta Hawks during the 1973-74 season and the Spirits of St. Louis in the ABA in 1974-75. An uncle, Ed Hastings, also played basketball at Villanova, while another uncle, Robert Devine, played basketball at Notre Dame from 1956-58 and served as team captain during his senior year.

The oldest of five children, he graduated from the Mendoza College of Business with a bachelor's degree in marketing in May of 2001. Following his graduation, he served a one-year internship in the Notre Dame Athletic Department during the '01-'02 school year. A younger sister, Colleen, is currently a senior at St. Joseph's (Pa.) University and is a member of the women's lacrosse team.

He married the former Colleen Fitzgerald, a senior counselor in the office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes, in June of 2007. The couple resides in South Bend.

Ingelsby Quick Facts

- Born:**
November 24, 1978 in Media, Pa.
- Family:**
Married to the former Colleen Fitzgerald in June of 2007.
- Education:**
Graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1997 ... Graduated from Notre Dame in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business.
- Playing Experience:**
Four year monogram winner at Notre Dame (1997-2001) and starting point guard for three years ... Co-captain of 2000-01 squad that captured BIG EAST West Division regular-season crown and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament ... Ranks among Notre Dame's career leaders in six categories ... Member of the 1999-2000 squad which advanced to the championship game of the National Invitation Tournament ... Concluded his career with averages of 6.8 points and 4.3 assists ... 1998 BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.
- Coaching Background:**
Assistant Coach at Wagner College under Dereck Wittenburg during the 2002-03 season ... Coordinator of Men's Basketball Operations at the University of Notre Dame under Mike Brey from 2003-present.



Colleen and Martin Ingelsby.

Athletic Trainer

WILLIAM "SKIP" MEYER

William "Skip" Meyer is in his 30th year at Notre Dame and is the longtime trainer for the Irish men's basketball program, spanning more than 800 games during his career.

A native of Torrington, Conn., Meyer joined the Notre Dame staff after serving a three-year stint as trainer at Lehigh University. While at the Bethlehem, Pa., institution, Meyer worked with the baseball, basketball and football teams.

Meyer, who attends to the health care and treatment of all Irish varsity athletes, attended Central Connecticut State College. He received an A.S. degree in recreation and a bachelor's of science degree in health and physical education in 1974. While at Central Connecticut, he served as a student trainer.

Meyer obtained a master's of education degree from Trenton State College in 1976 while working as a graduate assistant student trainer. In addition to his responsibilities as an assistant trainer, he teaches a variety of courses in the Notre Dame physical education department.

He is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine and a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Meyer was acknowledged for his dedication and service to the University's athletics programs when the Notre Dame Monogram Club awarded him an honorary monogram in June of 2003. He and his wife, the former Pam Colangelo of Torrington, Conn., are the parents of a son, Christopher (a recent graduate of Jacksonville University and currently an MBA student there), and daughter, Lindsey (a junior at Indiana University-South Bend).



Strength And Conditioning Director

TONY ROLINSKI

Tony Rolinski, who is in his 11th year at Notre Dame, is in his third year as associate director of strength and conditioning following five years as coordinator. Previous to that, he had served for three years as an assistant strength coach.

Prior to his arrival on the Notre Dame strength and conditioning staff, Rolinski was the head strength and conditioning coach at Duquesne University during the 1997-98 school year, where he implemented strength programs for 20 varsity sports.

Rolinski develops and supervises the strength and conditioning programs for the Notre Dame basketball and hockey teams and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Joyce Center weight room.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Rolinski received his bachelor's degree in health education with a minor in exercise science from Penn State in 1991. From 1994-96, while earning his master's degree in exercise physiology at the University of Pittsburgh, he served as an intern on the Panther football program staff where he assisted with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program. Following his stint at Pittsburgh, Rolinski was the head strength and conditioning coach at North Hills High School in Pittsburgh (1996-97).

He also has earned certifications from the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (SCCC) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (CSCSC).

Born December 10, 1968, Rolinski and his wife, the former Julie Connolly, have two daughters, Alexis and Jaclyn, and two sons, Jake and Jared.



Director Of Academic Services For Student Athletes

PAT HOLMES

Pat Holmes was appointed Reese Carol LaBar Director of the Academic Services for Student-Athletes at Notre Dame in January of 2003. He and his staff provide counseling, guidance and tutoring for more than 700 student-athletes. Holmes serves as the primary counselor for the men's basketball and women's tennis programs.

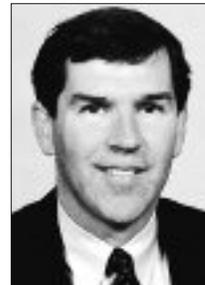
Prior to his appointment, he was a counselor for five years in the office. During that time, he also worked with the men's swimming, men's tennis, fencing, softball, rowing and football teams.

Under Holmes' direction, Notre Dame student-athletes have achieved unprecedented success. During the past two years 32 student-athletes have earned Academic All-America recognition. In 2005-06 a school-record 14 Irish athletes earned *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America accolades, including '06 graduate Chris Quinn who was a first team selection. The 2007-08 school year saw eight student-athletes garner Academic All-America honors, while two individuals were awarded NCAA Postgraduate scholarships.

Holmes received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Notre Dame in 1979.

Following graduation, he served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and taught at the high school level. He then spent eight years as director for the Higher Achievement Program (HAP), a supplemental educational program for gifted students in the poorest neighborhoods of Washington, D.C. His responsibilities included developing and directing HAP's Follow Through Program, which helped place students into academically challenging educational programs and supported them once they were enrolled.

Holmes and his wife, Tish, are the parents of five children — Kelly (a sophomore at Loyola University in Chicago), Patrick (a Notre Dame freshman), Christopher, Mary Kate and Kiely.



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