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# GAME DAY



NOTRE DAME  
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NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
1957-1958  
MEXICO CITY

NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
1959-1960  
MEXICO CITY

NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
1961-1962  
MEXICO CITY

NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
1963-1964  
MEXICO CITY

NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
1965-1966  
MEXICO CITY

NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
1967-1968  
MEXICO CITY

NCAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
1969-1970  
MEXICO CITY

NOTRE DAME





- The Joyce Center begins its 31st season of hosting exciting Irish women's basketball action in 2007-08.
- The Irish have compiled a 299-79 (.791) record since they began playing at the Joyce Center in 1977.
- Notre Dame had a school-record 51-game home winning streak from 1998-2002, as well as a 25-game Joyce Center winning streak from 2003-04.
- Muffet McGraw has posted a 222-45 (.831) record at the Joyce Center.
- Notre Dame has had 29 winning seasons in 30 years at the Joyce Center.
- Notre Dame enters the 2007-08 campaign having had at least 5,000 fans or more in attendance at 94 of its last 96 home games.
- The Irish have ranked in the top 20 in the nation in attendance in each of the past seven seasons, including a No. 8 ranking and a school-record 7,825 fans per game in 2001-02.
- Each of the 20 largest women's basketball crowds in school history have come during the Muffet McGraw era, with 19 of those games occurring in the past eight seasons.
- Notre Dame has had 15 home games with at least 8,000 fans in attendance, highlighted by the first three sellout crowds (11,418) in school history.
- For the 12th consecutive year, every Irish game, home and away, will be broadcast live on commercial radio in South Bend (ESPN Radio 1490 AM). These broadcasts also can be heard worldwide on Notre Dame's official athletics web site (UND.com), which is the top-ranked college site in the nation in terms of web traffic with more than 45 million page views annually.
- Notre Dame has appeared on television 92 times in the past seven seasons, including 52 nationally-televised games. The Irish are scheduled to play in at least 22 televised games during the 2007-08 regular season, including one on CBS, four on ESPN2/ESPNU, four on CSTV. For the sixth consecutive year, every game in the NCAA Tournament also will be broadcast live on either ESPN or ESPN2.

# NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

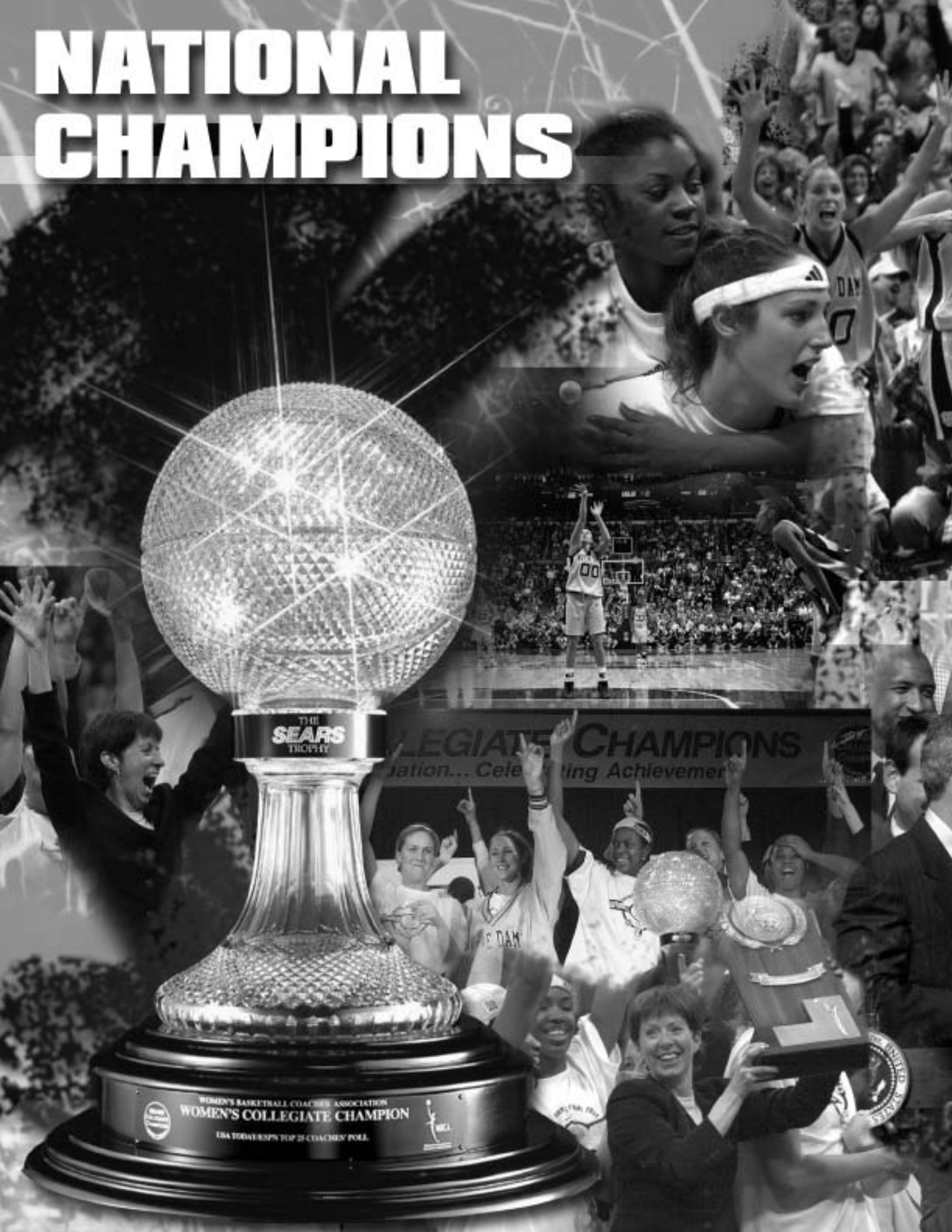


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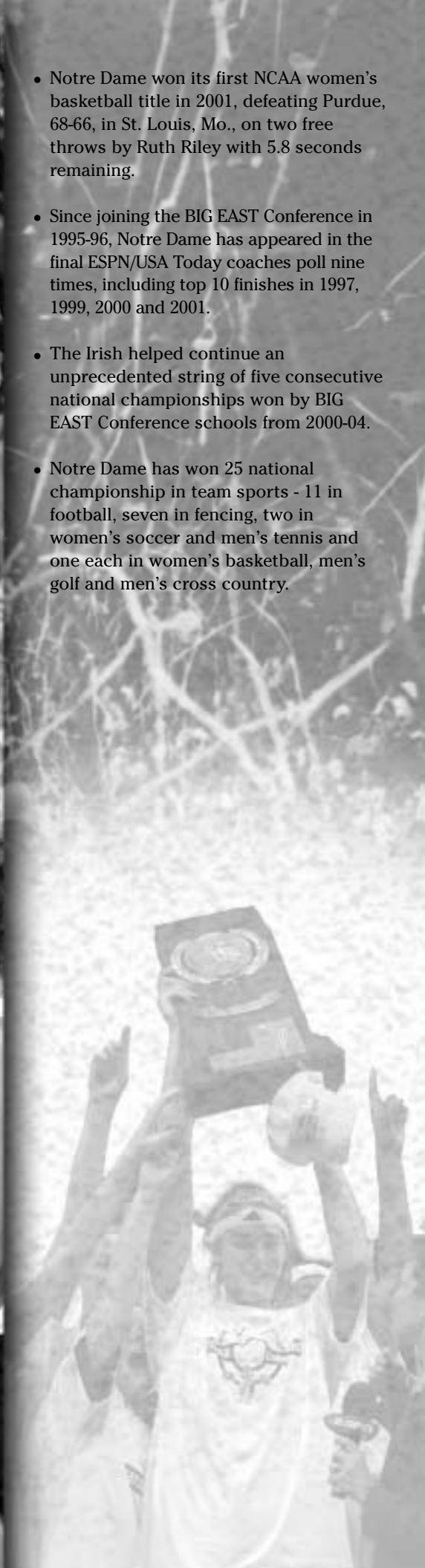
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION  
WOMEN'S COLLEGIATE CHAMPION

USA TODAY/ESPN TOP 25 COACHES' POLL





- Notre Dame won its first NCAA women's basketball title in 2001, defeating Purdue, 68-66, in St. Louis, Mo., on two free throws by Ruth Riley with 5.8 seconds remaining.
- Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995-96, Notre Dame has appeared in the final ESPN/USA Today coaches poll nine times, including top 10 finishes in 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001.
- The Irish helped continue an unprecedented string of five consecutive national championships won by BIG EAST Conference schools from 2000-04.
- Notre Dame has won 25 national championship in team sports - 11 in football, seven in fencing, two in women's soccer and men's tennis and one each in women's basketball, men's golf and men's cross country.



# NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY



NATIONAL COLLEGIATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP

1997 NCAA DIVISION I  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
SEMIFINALIST



NCAA  
FINAL FOUR

1997

WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL



NCAA  
SWEET 16

1997 1998 2000  
2001 2003 2004

WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL





- Notre Dame has made 14 NCAA Tournament appearances, qualifying for “The Big Dance” each of the past 12 seasons.
- The Irish have advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 on six occasions, all in the past 11 years. Only 10 other schools in the country can make that claim.
- Notre Dame reached the NCAA Final Four for the first time in school history in 1997, defeating George Washington, 62-52 in the NCAA East Regional championship game to advance to college basketball’s biggest stage.
- The Irish have posted 13 20-win seasons in the past 14 years and 17 in the 20-year Muffet McGraw era.
- Notre Dame has regularly played (and defeated) some of the other top programs in the country. In the past nine seasons alone, the Irish have posted 42 wins over teams ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, including a school-record seven wins over nationally-ranked teams in both 2003-04 and 2004-05.



# SHAPING THE TOTAL PERSON





- Notre Dame placed four players on the 2006-07 BIG EAST Conference Academic All-Star Team — current players Tulyah Gaines, Melissa Lechlitner, Amanda Tsipis and Erica Williamson. Since joining the conference in 1995-96, Notre Dame has had 33 players named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team a total of 66 times.
- The Irish women's basketball team posted a 3.058 combined team GPA in the spring 2007 semester. That marks the 12th time in the past 14 semesters, that the Irish have had a team GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Notre Dame offers a unique First Year of Studies program to freshmen, allowing them to take a variety of courses at the University and determine which course of study will best suit their needs for the future.
- In 2000, Notre Dame's Student Development Program was one of just four schools selected as having the top student development programs in the nation by the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors Association.
- Leading the way in strength and conditioning, the Irish benefit from more than 25,000 square feet of weight-training facilities, highlighted by the Haggar Fitness Complex that features cutting-edge Hammer Strength plate-loaded machines and the latest in speed, flexibility and agility training. Notre Dame also has a full-time sports nutritionist on staff to help all Irish student-athletes perform consistently at a high level.
- The health and well-being of Notre Dame's women's basketball team is a top priority. Notre Dame's athletics training staff has more than 150 years of combined experience and uses three separate athletics facilities with the most modern medical technology and equipment in the nation. The most recent addition is the 8,300-square foot state-of-the-art Loftus Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center (located inside the Guglielmino Athletics Complex), a center that features two swim exercise pools (one with a treadmill at the bottom) and an enhanced rehabilitation facility. Area orthopedists also join with team physicians to oversee specific needs for all 800 Irish student-athletes.
- The Notre Dame women's basketball team takes pride in giving back to the South Bend community. During the 2006-07 academic year, Irish women's basketball players combined for more than 400 service hours in such diverse activities as reading to grade-school children, home construction and rehabilitation, motivational speaking, basketball clinics and visits to pediatric cancer patients in local hospitals.

## Notre Dame Quick Facts

Location..... Notre Dame, Indiana  
 Founded..... 1842  
 Conference..... BIG EAST  
 Enrollment..... 8,352 (undergraduate)/11,603 (total)  
 Arena (Capacity)..... Joyce Center (11,418) - opened 1968  
 Colors..... Gold and Blue  
 Nickname..... Fighting Irish  
 School Fight Song..... Notre Dame Victory March  
 President..... Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.  
 Provost..... Thomas G. Burish  
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Muffet McGraw (Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77)  
**Record at Notre Dame:** 449-179 (.715) - entering 21st season  
**Overall Record:** 537-220 (.709) - entering 26th season

### Assistant Coaches

Jonathan Tsipis (North Carolina '96).....Fifth season  
 Angie (Potthoff) Barber (Penn State '97).....Third season  
 Niele Ivey (Notre Dame '00).....First season

### Coordinator of Basketball Operations

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### Season Ticket Prices

Individual.....\$66  
 Full-Time Faculty/Staff.....\$54  
 Fan Pack (4 tickets).....\$194  
 Fan Pack - Faculty/Staff (4 tickets).....\$162  
 Triple Threat Pack (Tennessee/UConn/wild card game).....\$15

### Individual Game Ticket Prices

Adult.....\$8  
 Youth/Senior.....\$5\*  
 Notre Dame/St. Mary's/Holy Cross Students.....Free (with ID)  
 \* - youths 21 and younger (with valid ID) and seniors 55 and older

### Ticket Office/Parking Information

The Notre Dame Athletics Ticket Office, managed by assistant athletic director/ticket operations Josh Berlo and associate director of ticketing Maja Hansen, is located on the second floor of the Joyce Center (entrance through Gate 1). Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (ET). Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit cards are accepted. On game days, tickets will be sold at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center. In addition, tickets may be purchased on-line through the official Notre Dame web site ([UND.com](http://UND.com)) by clicking on the "tickets" link at the top of the main page. Parking is free for all Irish women's basketball games in the main Joyce Center lot.

# 2007-08 Schedule

## NOVEMBER

1	Thurs.	SOUTHERN INDIANA (exhibition)	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
5	Mon.	HILLSDALE (exhibition)	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
9	Fri.	(1) MIAMI-OHIO	Notre Dame, Ind.	9 p.m. ET
13	Tues.	(1) WESTERN KENTUCKY/EAST TENN. ST.	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
15-16	Thurs.-Fri.	(1) Preseason WNIT Semifinal/Consolation	Campus sites	TBA
17-18	Sat.-Sun.	(1) Preseason WNIT Final	Campus sites	TBA
20	Tues.	at Central Michigan	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	7 p.m. ET
24	Sat.	BOSTON COLLEGE	Notre Dame, Ind.	Noon ET
27	Tues.	CANISIUS	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET

## DECEMBER

2	Sun.	MICHIGAN	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET
5	Wed.	at Bowling Green	Bowling Green, Ohio	7 p.m. ET
8	Sat.	at Purdue (BTN)	West Lafayette, Ind.	4 p.m. ET
12	Wed.	VALPARAISO	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
21	Fri.	at IUPUI	Indianapolis, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
29	Sat.	SAINT FRANCIS-PA	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET

## JANUARY

2	Wed.	at Richmond	Richmond, Va.	7 p.m. ET
5	Sat.	TENNESSEE (CBS)	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET
8	Tues.	at Louisville* (CSTV)	Louisville, Ky.	7 p.m. ET
13	Sun.	at West Virginia* (ESPNU)	Morgantown, W.Va.	Noon ET
16	Wed.	VILLANOVA*	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
19	Sat.	at Georgetown* (BIG EAST TV)	Washington, D.C.	2 p.m. ET
22	Tues.	DePAUL* (CSTV)	Notre Dame, Ind.	8 p.m. ET
27	Sun.	CONNECTICUT* (ESPN2)	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
30	Wed.	PROVIDENCE*	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET

## FEBRUARY

2	Sat.	at Cincinnati*	Cincinnati, Ohio	3 p.m. ET
10	Sun.	PITTSBURGH* (ESPN2)	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET
13	Wed.	MARQUETTE* (CSTV)	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
16	Sat.	at Syracuse*	Syracuse, N.Y.	7 p.m. ET
19	Tues.	at Rutgers* (CSTV)	Piscataway, N.J.	8 p.m. ET
24	Sun.	at DePaul* (ESPNU)	Chicago, Ill.	1 p.m. CT
27	Wed.	SOUTH FLORIDA*	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET

## MARCH

1	Sat.	SETON HALL*	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET
3	Mon.	at St. John's*	Jamaica, N.Y.	7 p.m. ET
8	Sat.	(1) BIG EAST First Round (BIG EAST TV)	Hartford, Conn.	TBA
9	Sun.	(1) BIG EAST Quarterfinal (ESPNU)	Hartford, Conn.	TBA
10	Mon.	(1) BIG EAST Semifinals (ESPNU)	Hartford, Conn.	6/8 p.m. ET
11	Tues.	(1) BIG EAST Championship (ESPN2)	Hartford, Conn.	7 p.m. ET
22-25	Sat.-Tues.	NCAA First/Second Rounds (ESPN/ESPN2)		
		(Sites: Albuquerque, Baton Rouge, Bridgeport, College Park, Des Moines, Norfolk, Stanford, West Lafayette)		
29- April 1	Sat.-Tues.	NCAA Regionals (ESPN)		
		(Sites: Greensboro, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Spokane)		

## APRIL

6	Sun.	NCAA Semifinals (ESPN)	Tampa, Fla.	7/9:30 p.m. ET
		(St. Pete Times Forum – University of South Florida, host)		
8	Tues.	NCAA Championship Game (ESPN)	Tampa, Fla.	8:30 p.m. ET
		(St. Pete Times Forum – University of South Florida, host)		

\* - indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(1) Preseason WNIT (played at campus sites; teams to play minimum of three games)

(2) BIG EAST Conference Championship (Hartford Civic Center — Hartford, Conn.)

(CBS) Game to be televised live nationally on CBS

(ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU) Games to be televised live nationally on ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU

(CSTV) Games to be televised live nationally on College Sports Television/CSTV

(BTN) Game to be televised live regionally on Big Ten Network

(BIG EAST TV) Games to be televised live regionally as part of BIG EAST-Regional Sports Networks package (check local listings)

NOTE: All home games not scheduled for commercial TV broadcast will air live on UND.com

All times local to site // Dates and times subject to change

All home games listed in **BOLD CAPS** and played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418) in Notre Dame, Ind.



The Notre Dame Sports Information Office welcomes interest in the Notre Dame women's basketball program by the media and looks forward to serving members of the media during the upcoming season. We will make every effort to ensure your working experience is enjoyable. The following are some guidelines to help with your coverage of Notre Dame women's basketball:

**Media Credentials:** Credentials are only issued to accredited members of the working media. Admission will be granted to media members holding either a Notre Dame men's or women's basketball credential only. Spouses, children and guests are not permitted in the press row area. Work space on press row is limited and passes will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for credentials should be faxed to Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, at (574) 631-7941, at least 24 hours prior to each game. Media passes will be left at the Joyce Center Media Will Call table, located inside Gate 1.

**Photo Credentials:** Photo passes will be issued by Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, to accredited members of the media and those individuals on special assignment. All requests must be made at least 24 hours prior to each game. Photographers are not allowed to shoot from in front of or behind team benches, the scorer's table or press row. Photographers wishing to use strobes must contact Chris Masters at least 72 hours prior to each game to obtain approval.

**Radio Broadcasts:** The radio rights to Notre Dame basketball games are owned by Notre Dame Sports Properties. Visiting

radio stations planning to originate from the Joyce Center must contact Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, at least 72 hours prior to each game in order to obtain approval for the broadcast and proper credentials. One analog line and one ISDN line are available for use by visiting radio stations, with priority given to the flagship broadcast outlet. Additional broadcast lines should be ordered through University telecommunications coordinator Carolyn Rush at (574) 631-2700.

**Telephones:** A battery of telephones are available on press row for general use by visiting media. Members of the media should indicate their interest in the use of these phones upon submission of their credential requests to Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, who will handle their coordination.

Personal phones can be ordered at individual seats by contacting University telecommunications coordinator Carolyn Rush at (574) 631-2700. A fax machine, staffed by the Notre Dame Sports Information Office, is available for use by media members as well.

Please coordinate any particular filing needs through Chris Masters or another member of the Notre Dame Sports Information Office.

**Press Row Services:** Programs, media guides and flip cards will be available prior to the start of each game. Complete box scores and play-by-play sheets will be distributed to the media at halftime and at the end of the game. A bank of statistics monitors also is located on press row and will continually be updated throughout the game. Drinks and a light meal will be served approximately 90 minutes before tipoff in the media room (located to the right of the Gate 8 ramp behind the visitors' bench as you exit the court).

**Post-Game Press Conferences:** Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw and players, along with the visiting head coach and players, will be available to the media following a 10-minute "cooling-off" period. Press conferences will be held in the Joyce Center auditorium, located adjacent to Gate 1 on the first floor of the arena. Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to Chris Masters no later than the four-minute mark of the second half.

**In-Season Interview Policy:** All requests for Notre Dame player or coach interviews must be made through Chris Masters, Assistant Sports Information Director, at (574) 631-8032. Please provide at least 24 hours notice for all interview requests and be aware that the student-athlete's academic obligations will always take precedence. Interviews may also be done in person following practice. Since practice times vary, please contact Chris Masters for an updated schedule. On game days, no interviews will be granted prior to competition.

**Joyce Center:** Notre Dame plays all of its home games at the Joyce Center on the University of Notre Dame campus. From the Indiana Toll Road (I-80/90), use exit 77 to South Bend. From the stoplight at the end of the off-ramp, turn right onto US 31/933, followed by an immediate left turn at the first stoplight (Douglas Road). Proceed east to the next stoplight and turn right on Juniper Road. The Joyce Center will be approximately one-half mile down Juniper Road on the left side (across from the football stadium). Parking is free for the media in the main Joyce Center lot located south of the arena.

## All Irish Women's Basketball Games To Be Broadcast Live On Radio In South Bend

For the 12th consecutive year, all Notre Dame women's basketball games will be broadcast on commercial radio in South Bend, and for the eighth year in a row, the Irish will be heard on the Artistic Media Partners (AMP) network. South Bend's ESPN Radio 1490 AM once again will be serving as the home for Notre Dame women's basketball. The official Notre Dame athletics web site ([UND.com](http://UND.com)) also will carry free live Irish women's basketball radio broadcasts this year, adding free live video streaming for all home games not carried by commercial television.

The 2007-08 season will be the eighth for **Sean Stires** as the play-by-play voice of Notre Dame women's basketball and baseball. A native of Salina, Kan., Stires has been behind the microphone to call the women's basketball team's 2001 national championship and 2003 and 2004 NCAA Sweet 16 runs, as well as the baseball team's College World Series berth in 2002 during his first seven years in South Bend. In addition, he hosts an hour-long weekly sports talk show on South Bend's ESPN Radio 1490 AM, as well as local pre-game coverage of Notre Dame football on ESPN Radio 1490 AM and U93-FM (92.9).



## Notre Dame Enjoys Record-Setting TV Coverage In 2007-08

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will have a minimum of 22 games on television during the 2007-08 regular season. This year's Irish TV slate, which includes nine nationally-televised contests and all 16 home games, is the most extensive in the program's 31-year history and puts Notre Dame among the nation's elite in terms of television coverage. It also will mark the seventh consecutive season that the Irish will have at least eight games on broadcast television. Entering the '07-08 season, Notre Dame has made a total of 92 televised appearances in the previous six campaigns, an average of more than 15 broadcasts per year, and additional games this season could be selected to be shown on either a regional or local basis, with further announcements pending.

The premier game on the Irish television docket this season is the Jan. 5 matchup with Tennessee at the Joyce Center, a game that will air live nationally on CBS at 2 p.m. ET. Notre Dame will be seen on the Tiffany Network for the third time in program history, following a 1997 road game at Ohio State and a 2003 home contest vs. Purdue.

For the second consecutive season, Notre Dame will play at least four times on the ESPN family of networks. The Irish have been tapped for a pair of home games on ESPN2 — the Jan. 27 contest against Connecticut (7 p.m. ET), and the Feb. 10 game against Pittsburgh (2 p.m. ET), a matchup that will air as part of the network's annual "February Frenzy" coverage, designed to mimic the regionalized format ESPN and ESPN2 will use for their early-round NCAA Tournament package. What's more, Notre Dame's road games at West Virginia (Jan. 13, noon ET) and DePaul (Feb. 24, 2 p.m. ET/1 p.m. CT) will be broadcast live to a national audience on ESPNU.

In addition, the Irish will make four national appearances on the BIG EAST-CSTV Game of the Week package — Jan. 8 at Louisville, Jan. 22 vs. DePaul, Feb. 13 vs. Marquette and Feb. 19 at Rutgers. The Louisville and Marquette games will tip off at 7 p.m. ET, while the DePaul and Rutgers contests will start at 8 p.m. ET. CSTV (College Sports Television) now is available on most cable systems around the country, including Comcast Cable in South Bend (digital tier Channel 418),

and also can be seen on satellite via DirecTV (Channel 610) or DISH Network (Channel 152).

Notre Dame will play at least two regionally-televised games during the upcoming season — Dec. 8 at Purdue (4 p.m. ET on Big Ten Network) and Jan. 19 at Georgetown (2 p.m. ET on the BIG EAST-Regional Sports Networks (RSN) Game of the Week broadcast). The Georgetown game will air on various RSNs nationwide (also attainable through DirecTV or DISH

Network), including live coverage on the network's flagship carrier, SportsNet New York, which reaches nearly 12 million homes in the nation's No. 1 media market. For the past several years, the BIG EAST-RSN Game of the Week has been carried in the South Bend market on WHME-TV (Channel 46), with clearance for this season still pending.

Outside of the commercial television agreements, Notre Dame is slated to show its remaining 11 home games (as well as both exhibition contests) live free of charge on its official athletics web site, UND.com. The Irish had seven games broadcast live on the Internet last season through the Fighting Irish All-Access package on UND.com, which has consistently ranked as the No. 1 CSTV Online university web site in the country with more than four million page views per month.

Besides its regular-season TV slate, nearly every one of Notre Dame's postseason contests will be televised live nationally on the ESPN family of networks, with only the BIG EAST



Notre Dame will offer one of the nation's top women's basketball TV packages in 2007-08, with a school-record 22 regular-season games scheduled to be televised live.

Championship first-round games shown regionally on the BIG EAST-RSN package. The conference tournament quarterfinals and semifinals will air on ESPNU, while the BIG EAST title game will be shown on ESPN2. What's more, ESPN and ESPN2 will show all 63 games from the 2008 NCAA Tournament, which gets underway March 22 and culminates with the NCAA national championship game April 8 from the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Fla.

### Inside Notre Dame Sports

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** and the 2007-08 Irish also will be featured regularly throughout the season on "Inside Notre Dame Sports", a half-hour magazine-style show co-hosted by **Chuck Freeby** and **Bob Nagle** of LeSea Broadcasting's flagship station, WHME-TV (Channel 46 in South Bend). The show, which airs Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. (ET) in the South Bend viewing area, spotlights several Notre Dame teams each week with in-studio guests and on-site interviews.

In addition, LeSea's stations in Colorado Springs, Denver, Honolulu, Indianapolis, New Orleans and Tulsa may air the show in their areas (check local listings).

"Inside Notre Dame Sports" also may air nationally on College Sports Television (CSTV) at selected times. Consult CSTV's web site ([www.cstv.com](http://www.cstv.com)) for the latest broadcast information.

This marks the 11th consecutive year McGraw and the Irish women's basketball program have been spotlighted weekly on television, making it one of the longer running shows of its kind in the nation. For more information on the show, contact Freeby or Nagle at (574) 291-8200.

### 2007-08 Notre Dame Women's Basketball On Television

Dec. 8	Notre Dame at Purdue	BTN	4 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 5	Tennessee at Notre Dame	CBS	2 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 8	Notre Dame at Louisville	CSTV	7 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 13	Notre Dame at West Virginia	ESPNU	Noon (ET)
Jan. 19	Notre Dame at Georgetown	BETV*	2 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 22	DePaul at Notre Dame	CSTV	8 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 27	Connecticut at Notre Dame	ESPN2	7 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 10	Pittsburgh at Notre Dame	ESPN2	2 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 13	Marquette at Notre Dame	CSTV	7 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 19	Notre Dame at Rutgers	CSTV	8 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 24	Notre Dame at DePaul	ESPNU	1 p.m. (CT)

\* - BIG EAST television package (check local listings for availability)

NOTE: All home games not listed above will air live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (UND.com)

Broadcast times and outlets are subject to change (check UND.com for latest information)

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## Media Following the Irish

### Wire Service

#### Associated Press

(Tom Coyne)  
South Bend Tribune Building  
225 West Colfax Avenue  
South Bend, IN 46626  
(574) 288-1649  
Fax (574) 236-1765

### Print Media

#### South Bend Tribune

(Forrest Miller)  
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South Bend, IN 46626  
(574) 235-6316  
Fax (574) 235-6091

#### Irish Sports Report

(Bob Wieneke)  
225 West Colfax Avenue  
South Bend, IN 46626  
(574) 235-6161  
Fax (574) 239-2646

#### Blue & Gold Illustrated

(Lou Somogyi)  
1605 North Home  
Mishawaka, IN 46545  
(574) 255-9800  
Fax (574) 255-9700

#### Irish Eyes Magazine

(Denise Skwarcan/Alan Tieuli)  
21 Merriam Way  
Upton, MA 01568  
(508) 529-6781  
Fax (508) 519-6553

#### Notre Dame Observer

(Jay Fitzpatrick/Bill Brink)  
LaFortune Student Center  
Notre Dame, IN 46556  
(574) 631-7471/4543  
Fax (574) 631-6927

#### Notre Dame Scholastic

LaFortune Student Center  
Notre Dame, IN 46556  
(574) 631-7569  
Fax (574) 631-9648

#### Elkhart Truth

(Ben Ford)  
Communicana Building  
P.O. Box 487  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
(574) 674-6337  
Fax (574) 294-3895

#### Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette

(Michael Rothstein)  
**Fort Wayne News-Sentinel**  
(Reggie Hayes)  
600 West Main  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
(260) 461-8533  
Fax (260) 461-8648

#### Chicago Tribune

(Brian Hamilton)  
435 North Michigan  
Chicago, IL 60611  
(312) 222-3423  
Fax (312) 828-9392

#### Chicago Sun-Times

(Neil Hayes)  
401 North Wabash  
Chicago, IL 60611  
(312) 321-2663  
Fax (312) 321-2833

#### Indianapolis Star

(David Woods)  
307 North Pennsylvania  
Indianapolis, IN 46206  
(317) 633-9180  
Fax (317) 633-9209

#### Grand Rapids Press

(Bob Becker)  
Press Plaza-Vandenberg Center  
Grand Rapids, MI 49502  
(616) 459-1400  
Fax (616) 459-1502

#### Daily Herald

(Patricia Babcock McGraw)  
155 East Algonquin Road  
P.O. Box 280  
Arlington Heights, IL 60006  
(847) 427-4300  
Fax (847) 427-1301

#### USA Today/USA Today Online

(Dick Patrick)  
dpatrick@usatoday.com  
1000 Wilson Boulevard  
22nd Floor  
Arlington, VA 22229  
1-800-872-3410 ext. 7103  
Online Fax (703) 907-4465

### Television

#### WN DU-TV (NBC)

(Jeff Jeffers/Angelo Di Carlo)  
P.O. Box 1616  
South Bend, IN 46634  
(574) 631-1616/1239  
Fax (574) 631-2916

#### WSBT-TV (CBS)

(Greg Carroll/Pete Byrne/Carolyn Manno)  
300 West Jefferson  
South Bend, IN 46601  
(574) 233-3141  
Fax (574) 288-6630

#### WSJV-TV (FOX)

(Dean Huppert/Allison Hayes)  
59096 County Road 7 South  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
(574) 679-4545/293-9227  
Fax (574) 294-1324

#### WHME-TV (LeSea)

(Chuck Freeby/Bob Nagle)  
61300 Ironwood Road  
South Bend, IN 46625  
(574) 291-8200  
Fax (574) 291-9043

### Radio

#### ESPN Radio 1490 AM (flagship)

#### WNDV U93 (92.9 FM)

(Sean Stires)  
3371 Cleveland Rd. Extension  
Suite 310  
South Bend, IN 46628  
(574) 273-9300  
Fax (574) 273-9090

#### WSBT-AM

(Darin Pritchett/Rick Carter)  
300 West Jefferson  
South Bend, IN 46601  
(574) 233-3141  
Fax (574) 288-6630

#### WHME-AM

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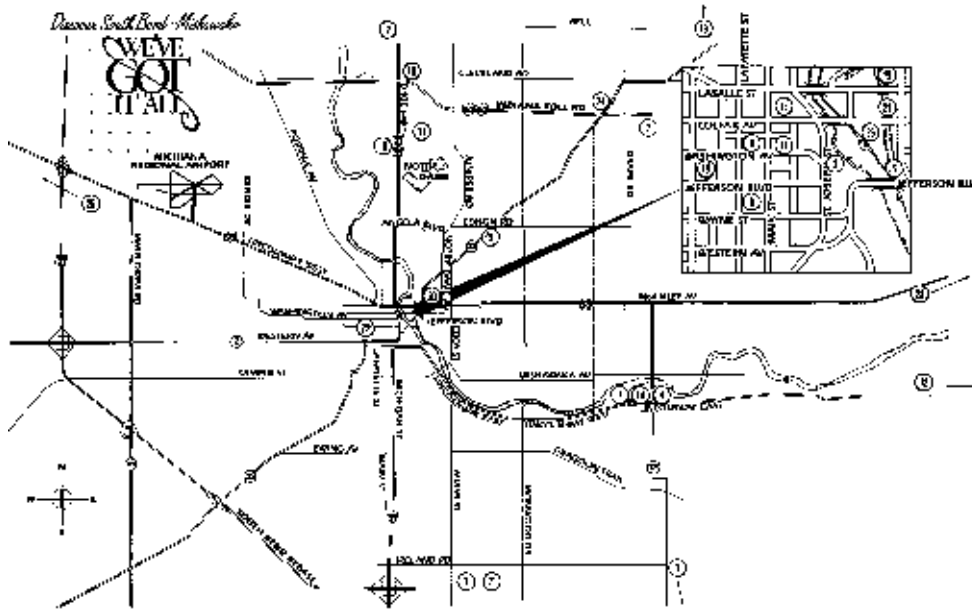
#### WVFI-AM

University of Notre Dame  
P.O. Box 532  
Notre Dame, IN 46656  
(574) 631-5379

### Electronic Media

#### CSTV Online/UND.com

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Notre Dame, IN 46556  
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(574) 631-2238 (Nolan)  
(760) 431-8221 (Carlsbad, Calif.)



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9. Jamison Inn
10. KOA Campgrounds
11. Marriott Hotel
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13. Morris Civic Auditorium
14. 100 Center
15. Queen Anne Inn
16. Ramada Inn
17. Howard Johnson's
18. Signature Inn
19. Basil's
20. St. Joseph's Medical Center
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24. University Park Mall
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27. Convention and Tourism Division

## South Bend Directory of Services

### Hotels/Motels

Bed 'N Breakfast Registry 2305 Wilson Ave.....	574-232-0774
Carlton Lodge 420 West University Drive, Mishawaka .....	574-271-2520
Comfort Inn and Suites 5640 North Main St., Mishawaka .....	574-247-4000
Comfort Suites U.S. 31/933 North at Cleveland Rd .....	574-272-1500
Courtyard by Marriott 4825 North Main St., Mishawaka .....	574-273-9900
Days Inn Motel 2754 Lincoln Way East, Mishawaka .....	574-256-2300
Nationwide Toll-Free Reservations .....	800-329-7466
Fairfield Inn 425 W. University Drive, Mishawaka .....	574-273-2202
Hampton Inn and Suites 52709 U.S. 31/933 .....	574-277-9373
Hampton Inn 445 W. University Dr., Mishawaka .....	574-273-2309
Holiday Inn Downtown 213 W. Washington St.....	574-232-3941
Holiday Inn Express 6701 North Main St., Granger.....	574-271-1700
Howard Johnson's 130 U.S. 31/933.....	574-272-7900
The Inn at Saint Mary's 53993 U.S. 31/933 .....	574-232-4000
Jamison Inn 1404 Ivy Road .....	574-277-9682
Marriott 123 N. St. Joseph .....	574-234-2000
Nationwide Toll-Free Reservations .....	800-228-9290
The Morris Inn (on the Notre Dame campus) .....	574-631-2000
Motel 6 52624 US 31/933. ....	574-272-7072
Quality Inn and Suites 4124 Lincoln Way West .....	574-288-3800
Ramada Inn 52890 U.S. 31/933. ....	574-272-5220
Nationwide Toll-Free Reservations .....	800-228-2828
Residence Inn by Marriott 716 N. Niles Ave. ....	574-289-5555
Studio Plus at South Bend 4715 North Main, Mishawaka .....	574-255-8031
Super 8 Motel 4124 Ameritech Drive, Mishawaka.....	574-243-0200
Varsity Clubs of America 3800 North Main, Mishawaka .....	574-277-0500

### Airlines

Michiana Regional Transportation Center 4535 Terminal Dr. . .	574-233-2185
Allegiant Air (Reservations and Information) .....	702-505-8888
Cape Air (Reservations and Information).....	800-352-0714

Continental Connection (Reservations and Information) .....	800-523-3273
Delta Connection (Reservations and Information) .....	800-221-1212
Northwest AirlinK (Reservations and Information) .....	800-225-2525
United Express (Reservations and Information).....	800-241-6522

### Car Rental Companies

Alamo Rent A Car .....	888-426-3296
Avis Rent A Car .....	800-831-2847
Budget Rent A Car .....	800-527-7000
Enterprise Rent A Car.....	800-736-8222
Hertz Rent A Car .....	800-654-3131
National Car Rental .....	888-868-6203

### Bus Lines

Cardinal Charters and Tours.....	800-348-7487
Greyhound Bus Lines .....	574-287-6541
Royal Excursions .....	888-527-3779
Transpo (public transit).....	574-233-2131
United Limo (to/from O'Hare Airport) .....	574-254-5000

### Limousine Services

Airport Limo Michiana Regional Transportation Center.....	574-277-1095
McGann Exec. Limousine Service 2313 E. Edison .....	574-232-1418

### Rail Lines

Amtrak 2702 W. Washington .....	800-872-7245
South Shore Line 33E US Hwy 12 Chesterton .....	800-356-2079
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Michiana & American Taxi 510 E. Colfax.....	574-233-4040
Mishawaka Cab, Inc. 14463 Day Road .....	574-259-5554
Roseland Cab Co. ....	574-277-1095

## Notre Dame Women's Basketball Record in the Joyce Center

Year	W	L
1977-78	5	1
1978-79	5	0
1979-80	5	4
1980-81	6	7
1981-82	9	4
1982-83	11	2
1983-84	9	5
1984-85	11	1
1985-86	9	4
1986-87	7	6
1987-88	9	2
1988-89	10	1
1989-90	10	3
1990-91	11	2
1991-92	7	7
1992-93	8	5
1993-94	9	5
1994-95	9	2
1995-96	11	1
1996-97	11	1
1997-98	12	1
1998-99	12	1
1999-00	15	0
2000-01	15	0
2001-02	13	1
2002-03	9	4
2003-04	15	0
2004-05	14	2
2005-06	8	5
2006-07	14	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>79</b>
		<b>(.791)</b>

## Overtime Games at the Joyce Center

### • Record: 7-5

#### December 8, 1979

Michigan 66, Notre Dame 60

#### February 25, 1982

Nebraska 89, Notre Dame 88 (2OT)

#### March 6, 1983

Notre Dame 68, Dayton 64

#### March 9, 1983

Notre Dame 63, Indiana 61

#### January 9, 1992

Notre Dame 76, Dayton 70 (2OT)

#### December 30, 1992

Notre Dame 78, Georgetown 72

#### March 21, 2004

Notre Dame 69, Missouri St. 65 (NCAA)

#### December 2, 2004

Michigan State 82, Notre Dame 73

#### January 10, 2006

Notre Dame 67, Marquette 65

#### January 28, 2006

South Florida 68, Notre Dame 64

#### February 7, 2006

Villanova 69, Notre Dame 65

#### November 13, 2006

Notre Dame 85, Bowling Green 81

Notre Dame's Joyce Center, in its 40th year of service to the University, serves as a multipurpose sports complex, a theatre and concert hall, a convention center and an office building. Under one of the \$8.6-million structure's two white domes is the south arena, home to both the men's and women's basketball teams.

The building was renamed in 1987 to honor Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., Notre Dame's executive vice president from 1952 until his retirement in 1987. Formerly known as the ACC, the structure is now referred to as the Joyce Center.

Designed by Ellerbe Architects of St. Paul, Minn., the Joyce Center was conceived at the outset as a combination athletic-civic center, and \$1.8 million alone was contributed by persons in the Michiana area. The Center's distinctive domes, covered with a white vinyl roofing material stretched over steel ribbing, rise just east of Notre Dame's football stadium. The building is both wider and longer than the famous stadium and encloses more area than Houston's Astrodome. In all, the structure covers 10 acres of ground.

The south arena's design makes it capable of doubling as a basketball court and an 11,000-seat auditorium. Including bleacher seats, the arena holds 11,418 for basketball games. In recent seasons, the facility has been home to some of the largest women's basketball crowds in the country, including the first three sellouts in school history (2001 vs. Connecticut and Georgetown; 2005 vs. Tennessee).

In addition, 19 of the 20 largest crowds ever to attend an Irish women's basketball game have come within the past eight seasons, and all during the tenure of head coach Muffet McGraw. Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in average attendance over the past seven seasons, finishing 10th in 2006-07 with an average of 6,364 fans per game.

Such ardent fan support has helped the Irish build a daunting homecourt advantage. Notre Dame compiled a 51-game home winning streak from 1998-2002, the longest in school history and (at the time) the 10th-longest in NCAA history. The Irish also had a 25-game home winning streak from Feb. 2003-Dec. 2004.

The north arena is the home of Irish ice hockey and is also a multipurpose sports center. Virtually every sport at Notre Dame — varsity, club or intramural — can play or practice in either the fieldhouse, the arena, the five auxiliary gymnasiums or the several work areas provided throughout the spacious building.

In 1985, the Rolfs Aquatic Center opened on the east side of the Joyce Center. The 4.5-million-dollar facility houses a 50-meter Olympic-size pool (25 yards in width) and spectator seating for 400.

In addition to these areas, the Joyce Center also contains the administrative and business side of the increasingly complex collegiate sports operation. Ticket offices are lodged inside, along with offices for coaches and athletic administrators as well as sports information and media facilities.

## Top 10 Women's Basketball Crowds at the Joyce Center

	Date	Opponent	Result	Attendance
1.	Jan. 15, 2001	Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418 ( <i>capacity</i> )
	Feb. 24, 2001	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418 ( <i>capacity</i> )
	Dec. 31, 2005	Tennessee	L, 51-62	11,418 ( <i>capacity</i> )
4.	Feb. 10, 2002	Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676
5.	Mar. 19, 2001	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
6.	Dec. 3, 2006	Indiana	L, 51-54	9,494
7.	Jan. 4, 2003	Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
8.	Jan. 26, 2002	Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
9.	Feb. 14, 2004	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
10.	Jan. 13, 2004	Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574



The Notre Dame women's basketball locker room was renovated prior to the 1999-2000 season.



Part of the reason for Notre Dame's success at home has been its loyal and ever-growing fan base — the Irish have ranked in the top 20 in the nation in attendance for each of the past seven seasons (including a school-record 7,825 in 2001-02), and have had crowds of 5,000 fans or more at 94 of their last 96 home games.

These offices and facilities are located in a central complex that joins the two arenas and in general houses the people and machinery common to both. A spacious concourse also is contained in this core area, as is a tastefully appointed Monogram Room, surrounded by small meeting rooms. On the lower level of the concourse there are several thousand lockers, a faculty exercise room, a golf driving range, squash and handball courts and a central kitchen for catering and concessions.

The Joyce Center has undergone a number of recent renovations beginning in 1994, including repainting and addition of new lighting and sound systems — including theatrical, event and house lighting and audio components — a new artificial floor and new bleachers — all for the fieldhouse in the north dome. In addition, all concessions stands in the entire building have been reconfigured.

In 2005, both the men's and women's basketball programs moved into newly-constructed offices located adjacent to Gates 1-2. The women's basketball office holds special significance, as part of its floor in its main entrance consists of the exact same court upon which Notre Dame won the 2001 NCAA championship at the Savvis Center in St. Louis.

### Notre Dame Series Records in the Joyce Center

Alabama .....0-1	Geo. Washington....1-0	Minnesota .....0-1	SMU .....1-0
Alcorn State.....1-0	Georgia .....0-1	Missouri State .....1-0	South Carolina.....0-1
Arizona .....1-0	Goshen .....2-0	Mount St. Joseph ..1-0	South Dakota .....0-1
Army .....1-0	Grace.....1-0	Nebraska .....1-1	South Florida.....1-1
Augustana .....1-0	Illinois .....1-1	Northern Illinois ...4-1	Stanford .....0-1
Ball State .....1-0	Illinois-Chicago .....4-1	Northwestern .....1-0	Syracuse.....10-0
Boston College .....7-0	Illinois State .....1-1	Oakland .....1-0	Taylor .....2-0
Boston University....0-1	Indiana .....3-3	Ohio State .....1-0	Temple .....2-0
Bowling Green.....2-0	Iona .....1-0	Old Dominion .....1-1	Tennessee .....0-7
Butler .....10-3	IPFW .....2-0	Penn State .....0-1	TCU .....1-0
Central Michigan.....1-1	IUPUI .....1-0	Pittsburgh .....7-0	Toledo .....2-0
Cincinnati.....2-0	Iowa State.....1-0	Prairie View A&M ...1-0	UCLA .....3-2
Clark .....1-0	Kent State.....1-0	Providence.....7-0	USC .....4-0
Cleveland State .....3-0	La Salle .....2-2	Purdue .....44	Valparaiso .....9-0
Colorado State .....2-0	LSU .....1-0	Purdue-Calumet ...1-0	Vanderbilt.....1-0
Concordia.....1-0	Louisiana Tech .....0-1	Rice .....1-0	Villanova.....6-2
Connecticut .....2-6	Louisville .....1-1	Richmond.....1-0	Virginia Tech .....3-0
Dayton .....10-3	Loyola (Ill.).....10-1	Rutgers .....5-3	Washington .....1-0
DePaul.....7-5	Loyola (Md.) .....1-0	St. Ambrose .....4-0	W. Michigan .....6-0
Detroit.....12-0	Marion .....1-1	St. Francis (Ill.) .....1-1	West Virginia .....8-0
Duke .....2-0	Marquette .....16-1	St. John's .....8-0	Wisconsin.....1-1
Duquesne .....1-0	Maryland .....0-2	St. Joseph's (Ind.) 2-0	UW-Milwaukee.....1-0
East Carolina .....1-0	Miami (Fla.) .....6-2	Saint Louis .....3-1	Wright State.....1-0
E. Michigan .....1-0	Miami (Ohio).....1-2	Saint Mary's.....5-0	Xavier .....8-2
Evansville.....9-0	Michigan.....6-1	San Diego .....1-0	<b>Total .....299-79 (791)</b>
Fordham .....1-0	Michigan State.....2-4	San Francisco .....1-0	
Georgetown .....11-0	Middle Tenn. ....1-0	Seton Hall .....7-2	

**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS** – Notre Dame ranks second all-time in the number of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-Americans produced since 1952. Entering the 2007-08 school year, 193 student-athletes at the University have earned Academic All-America recognition throughout the years. During the past eight years, Notre Dame has had more Academic All-Americans - 68 - than any other university or college, including two women's basketball players: center Ruth Riley who earned first-team Academic All-America honors for the third consecutive year in 2001, and guard Megan Duffy, who also was a first-team Academic All-America pick in 2006. Maggie Lally, a four-year letterwinner with the women's basketball program from 1978-81, was Notre Dame's first female Academic All-American, earning second-team honors in both 1980 and 1981. Notre Dame women's basketball alumnae Shari Matvey and Mary Beth Schueth, also second-team honorees in 1981 and 1983, respectively, join Lally on the Academic All-America list. In 2005-06, Notre Dame had 14 Academic All-America selections, including five first-teamers.

**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR** – In addition to becoming just the fifth Notre Dame student-athlete to be a three-year Academic All-American, Ruth Riley also joined football center Tim Ruddy (1993), women's soccer goalkeeper Jen Renola (1996-97 fall/winter "at-large" sports) and men's basketball forward Pat Garrity (1997) as the fourth Irish student-athlete to be named Academic All-American of the Year for a respective sport or program. Riley — an eight-time Dean's List student who graduated with a 3.64 GPA as a psychology and sociology major — then earned the highest honor in the nation, as the Academic All-American of the Year for all Division I sports (other finalists included Purdue quarterback Drew Brees and Duke men's basketball player Shane Battier). Riley recently completed her seventh season in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and her first with the San Antonio Silver Stars.

**ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICANS** – Seven Notre Dame women's basketball players have earned Associated Press All-America honors. Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, who finished their Irish careers first and second, respectively, on the Irish career scoring list, were the school's first two All-Americans as they copped honorable mention honors in both 1996 and 1997. As a sophomore, Ruth Riley was a third-team AP selection in 1999 and she then became the first-ever first-team AP All-American in Notre Dame history (in 2000, and again in 2001). Alicia Ratay was a two-time AP All-American, garnering honorable mention laurels in 2000 and 2002. Niele Ivey became the program's fifth AP All-American, earning third-team honors after her stellar 2000-01 season. Jacqueline Batteast, was a two-time AP All-America choice, picking up honorable mention recognition in 2003-04 and third-team laurels in 2004-05. Megan Duffy was the latest addition to this list, having garnered AP honorable mention All-America citations in '04-05 and '05-06.



*The Detroit Shock won their second WNBA title in 2006, thanks in large part to the contributions of Notre Dame All-Americans Ruth Riley (left) and Jacqueline Batteast (center).*

**ATTENDANCE** – Notre Dame has ranked in the top 20 in the nation in home attendance each of the past seven seasons, averaging 6,376 in 2000-01, a school-record 7,825 in 2001-02, 7,132 fans in 2002-03; 6,650 fans in 2003-04; 5,830 fans in 2004-05; 6,601 fans in 2005-06; and 6,364 fans last year, representing the seven highest single-season averages in the program's history. Of the 20 largest home crowds in Notre Dame women's basketball history, five came from the 2000-01 national championship season, highlighted by sellouts (11,418) for the historic Jan. 15 upset of then-No. 1 Connecticut and the final regular-season home game versus Georgetown (Feb. 24). All told, 19 of the 20 biggest Irish women's basketball crowds have come in the past eight years (including a third sellout on Dec. 31, 2005, vs. Tennessee that sold out a school-record 19 days before tipoff), with all 20 taking place during the 20-year tenure of Muffet McGraw (1987-2005). In addition, Notre Dame has welcomed crowds of 5,000 fans or more to 94 of its last 96 home games (the only two not on the list came in the final two rounds of the 2004 Preseason WNIT vs. Duke and Ohio State, when the location of games wasn't announced until 48 hours before tipoff and no pre-sale tickets were allowed).

**BIG EAST CONFERENCE** – Notre Dame took a landmark step on July 1, 1995, when the Irish officially became a member of the BIG EAST Conference. Notre Dame had been a member of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference for women's basketball and most of its Olympic sports for a number of years, and the Irish also have held various league affiliations in hockey and men's lacrosse. The entry into the BIG EAST, however, marked the first time that the Irish men's basketball program had any type of conference affiliation. The announcement of the BIG EAST's invitation to Notre Dame came on July 10, 1994. The BIG EAST currently sponsors championships in 22 sports, with Notre Dame participating in all

but one of them (field hockey, which the school does not offer). Since the 1995-96 school year, its first as a league member, the Irish have won 86 conference titles, raising the bar to a new level in 2005-06 with a conference-record 13 team titles.

**CONFERENCE COMMAND** – Notre Dame posted a 155-45 (.775) record in regular-season BIG EAST Conference games during its first 12 seasons in the BIG EAST (1996-2007), holding the second-best regular-season winning percentage of any school in conference history. Throughout their 30-year history, the Irish own an all-time record of 285-71 (.801) in regular-season conference games, including 43-11 in five seasons of North Star Conference play (1983-88) and 87-15 in seven Midwestern Collegiate Conference seasons (1988-95).

**DETROIT SHOCK** – Thanks to three Notre Dame graduates, the WNBA's Detroit Shock went from "worst to first" in 2003, winning the league championship and coming back to do it all over again in 2006. Center Ruth Riley, who won an NCAA title with the Irish in 2001, started for Detroit during both of their championship runs and was instrumental in the Shock's three-game series win in the 2003 WNBA Finals over the two-time champion Los Angeles Sparks. In fact, Riley poured in a career-high 27 points in the third and deciding game and was rewarded for her efforts by being named the Finals MVP. That made Riley the first and only women's basketball ever to be named the Most Valuable Player of the Finals at both the college and professional levels.

Forward Jacqueline Batteast helped Detroit hoist the hardware again in 2006, coming over to the squad from Minnesota via a pre-season trade and lending significant contributions in a reserve role.

The other Notre Dame connection in Detroit's championship seasons was its head coach — 1979 ND graduate Bill Laimbeer. The former Irish stand-

out was a two-time NBA champion with the legendary "Bad Boys" Detroit Pistons and assumed the head coaching duties with the WNBA's Shock midway through the 2002 season.

**FINAL FOUR** – Notre Dame's magical 1997 campaign culminated with the Irish earning a first-ever appearance in the NCAA Final Four. The event was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and played at the 16,714-seat Riverfront Coliseum, with Xavier University serving as the host school. The other Final Four participants that year were eventual national champion Tennessee, Old Dominion and Stanford. The Irish lost their semifinal matchup to the Lady Vols, 80-66. Notre Dame returned to the Final Four in 2001, playing in front of sellout crowds (20,551) at the Savvis Center in St. Louis (with the Missouri Valley Conference serving as tournament host). The Irish staged the largest comeback in Final Four history (16 points) to post a convincing 90-75 win over BIG EAST rival Connecticut in the NCAA semifinals before beating Purdue in a thrilling championship game, 68-66.

**GOLD MEDAL** – In the summer of 2007, point guard Melissa Lechlitner became the third Irish women's basketball player (past or present) in four years to earn a gold medal in international competition. Lechlitner appeared in all nine games for the USA U19 World Championship Team, helping that squad to a perfect 9-0 record while averaging 4.6 points and 1.4 assists per game. She also shared team-high honors with an .808 free throw percentage and set USA records for free throws made and percentage in a single game with a 10-for-10 effort from the line in a second-round win over South Korea.



Melissa Lechlitner (shown here with former Irish assistant coach Carol Owens) became the third Notre Dame player in four years to win a gold medal in international competition when she was a member of the undefeated 2007 USA U19 World Championship Team.

In 2005, Megan Duffy won a gold medal with the USA World University Games Team, starting all seven games while helping the Americans to a 97.4 ppg. scoring average and a U.S.-record +43.1 ppg. winning margin. Duffy herself averaged 6.1 points and 2.1 assists per game, registering team-high scoring totals against the Czech Republic (14 points) and Poland (13 points).

Former Notre Dame All-America center Ruth Riley celebrated her 25th birthday in style on Aug. 28, 2004, as she and her U.S. Olympic teammates defeated Australia, 74-63, to win the gold medal at the Athens Olympics. Riley became one of just six players in women's basketball history to win an NCAA, WNBA and Olympic title. She played in seven of Team USA's eight games during the 2004 Olympics, averaging 3.4 points and 2.4 rebounds per game.

Beth Morgan, Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer, was the first Irish women's basketball player to compete in the World University Games after being the first player named to a USA Women's basketball squad. In 1997, she played on the World University Games team which captured the gold medal in Italy.

#### **GRADUATION RATES REPORT**

– According to figures released by the NCAA in October 2007, Notre Dame has a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), making the Irish one of just 23 Division I-A women's basketball programs in the nation who can make that claim. In fact, every single Notre Dame women's basketball player has graduated who completed her athletic and academic eligibility since head coach Muffet McGraw arrived on campus in 1987 (a perfect 53-for-53 success rate).

**HARDWARE HAUL** – Notre Dame's Ruth Riley collected plenty of awards to fill her trophy case, making her possibly the most-decorated student-athlete (in terms of number and variety of awards) in Notre Dame athletics history. Most notably, Riley was named the 2000-01 national player of the year by the Naismith Foundation and the Associated Press (among others) while also earning the nation's top academic award, as the Academic All-American of the Year for all Division I sports (as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America). She averaged 19 points and eight rebounds per game in 2000-01 before graduating with a 3.64 grade-point average as a psychology and sociology major.

Riley became just the fifth Notre Dame student-athlete – and the third in 35 years – to earn Academic All-America honors during three years and she is the only Notre Dame basketball player – men's or women's – to be a first team AP All-American and a first team Academic All-American. Her trophy haul also included a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and she became the first Notre Dame student-athlete to receive Notre Dame's Kanaley Award and Chris Zorich Award in the same year. The Kanaley Award recognizes senior student-athletes who have been most exemplary as students and leaders while the Zorich Award recognizes contributions to the University and the community.

Riley – who also received one of the NCAA's Today's prestigious Top VIII Awards in December 2001 – is one of 20 all-time Notre Dame student-athletes to be named All-America and Academic All-America while also earning a postgraduate scholarship. She is one of six from that group to

also help their teams win national championships, while Riley and women's soccer goalkeeper Jen Renola ('95) are the only ND student-athletes ever to lead their teams to a national title while also earning All-America, Academic All-America, NCAA postgraduate scholarship and the Kanaley Award (Renola is ND's only other recipient of the NCAA Top VIII Award).

Riley also was named national player of the year by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, Sports Illustrated, Women's Basketball Journal and Basketball Times while being recognized as the BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year, earning her third consecutive BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year honor and being named the BIG EAST Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A consensus first team All-American, she also was named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2001 NCAA Midwest Regional and the 2001 NCAA Final Four.

#### **HOME STATES**

– Notre Dame's 11-player women's basketball roster for the 2007-08 season includes student-athletes from eight different states, stretching to various corners of the nation. The current roster includes three players from Indiana and two from Illinois, with the other states represented by the 2007-08 Irish including Maryland, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania. During the 20-year tenure of Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw, players from 27 different states (including the 2007-08 newcomers) have played for the Irish women's basketball program – the above eight states plus California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame women's basketball roster (including the current freshman class) contains 135 players that hail from 36 different states, the above 27 plus the following from the pre-McGraw era: Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Montana, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Virginia. The most common home states on the Irish all-time women's basketball roster are Indiana (18), Michigan (14), Illinois (11), Ohio (9), Florida (7) and New Jersey (7).

#### **HOME WINNING STREAK**

– Notre Dame put together a 51-game home winning streak from 1998-2002, the longest in school history and (at the time) the 10th-longest in NCAA annals. The Irish defeated three sixth-ranked teams during the streak, downing UCLA and Illinois in 1998-99, and defeating Purdue in 2000-01. The magical run finally came to an end in the final regular-season game of the 2001-02 season, when Villanova edged Notre Dame, 48-45. Undaunted, the Irish built up a 25-game winning streak (second-longest in Notre Dame history) from 2003-04, that ended with an 82-73 overtime loss to Michigan State on Dec. 2, 2004.

#### **NCAA LEADERS**

– Ruth Riley became the first Notre Dame women's basketball player to rank first in an NCAA statistical category, as she led the nation during the 1998-99 campaign in field-goal percentage (school-record .683). Riley also finished with a .632 career field goal percentage, currently tied for 10th in the NCAA record book.

Former Irish shooting guard Alicia Ratay graduated in 2003 with a .476 career shooting percent-



*Alicia Ratay's three-point barrage in a 2000 overtime win at Rutgers, including her two treys in the final 17 seconds of regulation, remains one of the greatest moments in Notre Dame women's basketball history.*

age from three-point range, which broke the old NCAA record (.467) set by 1993 Harvard graduate Erin Maher. Ratay also led the nation in three-point percentage in 2000-01 (.547), setting an NCAA record for long-range efficiency by a sophomore. What's more, Ratay ranks ninth in NCAA history with an .872 career free throw percentage, making her the only player in NCAA Division I annals to rank among the top 10 in both foul shooting and three-point shooting.

As a team, the 1999-2000 Notre Dame squad ranked among the national Top 10 for field-goal percentage (second, .501), three-point percentage (third, .402) and field-goal percentage defense (sixth, .355). The 2000-01 national championship Irish squad led the nation in three-point percentage (.464) and field-goal percentage defense (.336) while ranking second in scoring margin (+21.4 ppg) and fifth in both fewest points allowed per game (55.8) and field-goal percentage (.497). In 2001-02, Notre Dame ranked second in blocked shots (6.3 bpg.) and sixth in field-goal percentage defense (.349).

**PLAYER DEVELOPMENT** – Perhaps no women's basketball program in America can equal the success in developing players into high-caliber athletes that Notre Dame has enjoyed during the last 12 seasons. The Irish have had at least one All-American at all five floor positions during that time (PG Niele Ivey and Megan Duffy; SG Alicia Ratay and Charel Allen; SF Beth Morgan and Jacqueline Batteast; PF Katryna Gaither; C Ruth Riley), and four have gone on to earn other major

national honors during their career. Riley was the consensus 2001 national player of the year, while Ivey and Duffy were the '01 and '06 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award winners (top senior 5-8 and under) and Batteast was the 2002 USBWA National Freshman of the Year.

**RECRUITING REWARDS** – Notre Dame has reaped the benefits of some of the top recruiting classes in the country over the past decade. During that time (1997-98 to present), the Irish have attracted Top 25 classes each season. This year's incoming trio (Becca Bruszewski, Brittany Mallory and Devereaux Peters) was rated the 11th-best freshman class in the nation by Blue Star Basketball. Notre Dame's stellar recruiting efforts are coordinated by assistant coach Jonathan Tsipis.

**THREE-POINT FLURRY** – Former Irish shooting guard Alicia Ratay turned in a memorable long-distance shooting performance versus Rutgers as a freshman, lifting the Irish to a 78-74 overtime win on Feb. 19, 2000, at RU's Louis Brown Athletic Center. Ratay set a BIG EAST record for three-point field goals and three-point percentage in that game, connecting on all seven of her shots from beyond the arc en route to a 26-point game. Adding to that impressive efficiency was the fact that two of her three-pointers came in the final 17 seconds of regulation – after the Irish had trailed 65-59 – sending the game into overtime. Her three-pointer with 0:17 left forged a 65-62 game and Rutgers misfired from the line on a one-and-one chance before Ratay delivered again with just four ticks on the clock, draining a shot from the top of the key with the Rutgers defense closing in. The three-pointers were Ratay's only shots from the floor during the entire game and she also made five of six free throws, including two with 22 seconds left in overtime as the Irish rallied to the win after earlier squandering a 19-point lead.

**20-WIN SEASONS** – The Notre Dame women's basketball program has posted 20-plus wins in 13 of the past 14 seasons and in 17 of 20 seasons during the tenure of head coach Muffet McGraw.

**TOURNAMENT TESTED** – Notre Dame has felt right at home in tournament situations during the past 11 years. Starting with the 1997-98 season, the Irish have won 12 of their last 13 regular-season tournament games, including a four-game run to the 2004 Preseason WNIT title. The only Irish loss during this current stretch was a 67-63 overtime setback at No. 20 Colorado on Nov. 15, 2003 in the finals of the WBCA Classic — a game that saw the Buffaloes sink a desperation 30-footer at the end of regulation to force the extra session.

**TWO THOUSAND CLUB** – Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, who led the Irish to the 1997 NCAA Final Four, proved to be the most prolific scoring combination in Notre Dame and NCAA history, as the duo combined for 4,448 points and 1,608 rebounds from 1993-97. They are the first two players from the same team in NCAA history to each score more than 2,000 career points. Morgan finished as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,322 points while Gaither ended her

career second on the scoring (2,126) chart and third on the rebounding (986) list. They were joined in 2001 by Ruth Riley (2,072 points and 1,006 rebounds), who became the first player to have 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career.

**WINNING NEVER GETS OLD** – Notre Dame has won 267 games (24.3 per season) during the past 11 seasons (1996-97 to 2006-07), representing the seventh-most wins of any school in the country during that span. Here's where the Irish rank in terms of their wins since 1996-97:

	TEAM	TOTAL
1.	Connecticut	360
2.	Tennessee	352
3.	Duke	320
4.	Louisiana Tech	301
5.	Purdue	285
6.	Old Dominion	283
7.	<b>NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>267</b>
8.	UC Santa Barbara	264
9.	Texas Tech	257

**WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (WNBA)** – Notre Dame has seen six of its players taken in the WNBA Draft during the past seven seasons, including 2006 All-America point guard Megan Duffy, who was a third-round choice that year (31st overall) by the Minnesota Lynx.

In 2001, Ruth Riley was a first-round pick (fifth overall) by the Miami Sol, while Niele Ivey went in the second round to the Indiana Fever and Kelley Siemon was a third-round choice of the Los Angeles Sparks. When the Miami franchise folded in December 2002, Riley was the No. 1 overall pick in the WNBA Dispersal Draft, going to the Detroit Shock, whom she promptly led to the '03 and '06 league championships. The following year (2007), Riley was traded to the San Antonio Silver Stars, leading that franchise to the WNBA Western Conference finals.

Meanwhile, Ivey spent four seasons with Indiana before signing with Detroit as a free agent during the 2005 off-season and moving on to the Phoenix Mercury later in the 2005 season.

Siemon elected to forgo a professional career to begin a stint with Athletes in Action and later an assistant coaching career at Liberty University (Lynchburg, Va.). Her teammate, Ericka Haney was taken in the third round of the 2002 WNBA Draft (47th overall) by the Detroit Shock and played professionally for three seasons before following Siemon into the coaching ranks.

In 2005, Jacqueline Batteast was a second-round selection (17th overall) by the Minnesota Lynx. After one season in the upper Midwest, Batteast was traded to the Detroit Shock, where she teamed with Riley to help bring a second WNBA title to the Motor City.

In 2004, Coquese Washington retired after six seasons in the league, a career highlighted by a WNBA title with the Houston Comets in 2000. Former Irish All-Americans Beth Morgan (Cunningham) and Katryna Gaither also spent time in the WNBA during its infancy from 1999-2000.