

Media Information

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) - <i>opened 1968</i>
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
Executive Vice President	John Affleck-Graves
NCAA Faculty Representative	Don Pope-Davis

Athletics Department

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Athletics Director	Jack Swarbrick (Notre Dame '76)
Deputy AD/Legal Affairs	Missy Conboy (Notre Dame '82)
Sr. Assoc. AD/Media Relations	John Heisler (Missouri '77)
Sr. Assoc. AD/External Affairs	Bill Scholl (Notre Dame '79)
Assoc. AD/Student Dev. (WBB)	Mike Karwoski (Cent. Conn. '90)
Assoc. AD/Business Operations	Tom Nevala (Notre Dame '90)
Asst. AD/Ticket Operations	Josh Berlo (Massachusetts '00)
Asst. AD/Joyce Center	Brian Boulac (Notre Dame '63)
Asst. AD/Sports Info. Dir.	Bernadette Cafarelli (Notre Dame '83)
Asst. AD/Facilities	Mike Danch (Notre Dame '67)
Asst. AD/Compliance	Lisa Deibler (Notre Dame '96)
Asst. AD/Monogram Club	Jim Fraleigh (Notre Dame '88)
Asst. AD/Student Development	Charmelle Green (Utah '91)
Asst. AD/Employee Services	Jody Sadler (Notre Dame '93)
Asst. AD/Game Management	Tony Yelovich (Tampa '64)

Women's Basketball Staff

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Head Coach

Muffet McGraw (Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77)

Record at Notre Dame: 474-188 (.716) - entering 22nd season

Overall Record: 562-229 (.710) - entering 27th season

Associate Head Coach

Jonathan Tsipis (North Carolina '96)Sixth season

Assistant Coaches

Angie (Potthoff) Barber (Penn State '97)Fourth season

Niele Ivey (Notre Dame '00)Second season

Coordinator of Basketball Operations

Stephanie Menio (Pittsburgh '04)Fourth season

Administrative Assistant..... Tinaia Scott

Athletics Trainer
 Anne Marquez |

Strength & Conditioning Coach
 Craig Cheek |

Academic Counselor.....
 Chad Grotegut |

Equipment Manager
 Kathy Speybroeck |

Student Managers
 Anna Jones, Caitlin Madden |

Notre Dame Sports Information

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Senior Staff Assistant Carol Copley

Notre Dame Ticket Information

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Season Ticket Prices

Individual\$58

Full-Time Faculty/Staff\$46

Fan Pack (4 tickets).....\$162

Fan Pack - Faculty/Staff (4 tickets)\$130

Triple Threat Pack (pick 3 regular-season home games)\$15

Individual Game Ticket Prices

Adult\$8

Youth/Senior.....\$5*

Notre Dame/St. Mary's/Holy Cross StudentsFree (with ID)

* - youths 21 and younger (with valid ID) and seniors 55 and older

2009 NCAA Championships - First & Second Rounds*

Adult\$32

Youth/Student.....\$22

* - all-session packages only (everyone is required to have a ticket, regardless of age)

Ticket Office/Parking Information

The Notre Dame Athletics Ticket Office, managed by assistant athletic director/ticket operations Josh Berlo, 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) 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.

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2008-09 Schedule

NOVEMBER

5	Wed.	GANNON (exhibition)	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
16	Sun.	(1) at LSU (ESPN2)	Baton Rouge, La.	1:30 p.m. CT
19	Wed.	EVANSVILLE	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
23	Sun.	at Boston College	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	2 p.m. ET
25	Tues.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
29	Sat.	MICHIGAN STATE	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET

DECEMBER

2	Tues.	at Eastern Michigan	Ypsilanti, Mich.	7 p.m. ET
7	Sun.	PURDUE	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET
10	Wed.	at Michigan (BTN)	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7 p.m. ET
13	Sat.	at Valparaiso	Valparaiso, Ind.	1:35 p.m. CT
20	Sat.	LOYOLA-CHICAGO	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET
28	Sun.	at Charlotte (ESPNU)	Charlotte, N.C.	2 p.m. ET
30	Tues.	at Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	7 p.m. CT

JANUARY

3	Sat.	at Seton Hall*	South Orange, N.J.	Noon ET
6	Tues.	at DePaul* (CBS CS)	Chicago, Ill.	8 p.m. CT
10	Sat.	GEORGETOWN *	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
13	Tues.	at Marquette* (CBS CS)	Milwaukee, Wis.	8 p.m. CT
17	Sat.	ST. JOHN'S*	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET
24	Sat.	at Villanova*	Villanova, Pa.	2 p.m. ET
27	Tues.	RUTGERS* (CBS CS)	Notre Dame, Ind.	8 p.m. ET
31	Sat.	CINCINNATI*	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET

FEBRUARY

3	Tues.	at Pittsburgh*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	7 p.m. ET
8	Sun.	DEPAUL* (ESPNU)	Notre Dame, Ind.	2 p.m. ET
11	Wed.	LOUISVILLE*	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
17	Tues.	at South Florida*	Tampa, Fla.	7 p.m. ET
22	Sun.	at Connecticut* (ESPNU)	Hartford, Conn.	2 p.m. ET
24	Tues.	SYRACUSE*	Notre Dame, Ind.	7 p.m. ET
28	Sat.	at Providence*	Providence, R.I.	2 p.m. ET

MARCH

2	Mon.	WEST VIRGINIA*	Notre Dame, Ind.	3:30 p.m. ET
6	Fri.	(2) BIG EAST First Round	Hartford, Conn.	TBA
7	Sat.	(2) BIG EAST Second Round (BETV)	Hartford, Conn.	TBA
8	Sun.	(2) BIG EAST Quarterfinal (ESPNU)	Hartford, Conn.	TBA
9	Mon.	(2) BIG EAST Semifinals (ESPNU)	Hartford, Conn.	6/8 p.m. ET
10	Tues.	(2) BIG EAST Championship (ESPN)	Hartford, Conn.	7 p.m. ET
22	Sun.	NCAA FIRST ROUND	Notre Dame, Ind.	TBA
24	Tues.	NCAA SECOND ROUND	Notre Dame, Ind.	TBA
28-31	Sat.-Tues.	NCAA Regionals (Sites: Berkeley, Calif.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Raleigh, N.C.; Trenton, N.J.)		

APRIL

5	Sun.	NCAA Women's Final Four (Scottrade Center - Missouri Valley Conference, host)	St. Louis, Mo.	TBA
7	Tues.	NCAA Championship Game (Scottrade Center - Missouri Valley Conference, host)	St. Louis, Mo.	TBA

* - indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(1) State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Pete Maravich Assembly Center - Baton Rouge, La.)

(2) BIG EAST Conference Championship (XL Center - Hartford, Conn.)

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

(CBS CS) Game to be televised live on CBS College Sports

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

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

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.

Covering the Irish

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 Hammes 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: The University of Notre Dame women's basketball plays all of its home games at the Joyce Center on the 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 exit ramp, turn right onto Indiana SR 933 and proceed south for three stoplights, passing the Notre Dame nine-hole golf course on your left. At the third stoplight (Angela Blvd.), turn left and proceed east one mile through two more stoplights. After the second stoplight (Eddy Street), take the second left turn onto Leahy Drive. Continue north into the parking lots located south of the Joyce Center. Parking is free for all Notre Dame women's basketball games in those main parking lots — due to construction in the Athletics Quad during the '08-09 season, there is no designated media parking area.

All Irish Women's Basketball Games to be Broadcast Live on Radio in South Bend

For the 13th consecutive year, all Notre Dame women's basketball games will be broadcast on commercial radio in South Bend. The 2008-09 season signals the return for the Irish to the LeSEA Broadcasting Network and South Bend stations Pulse FM (96.9/92.1), which reach a listening area of approximately 1.5 million people across northern Indiana and southwest Michigan. The official Notre Dame athletics web site (*UND.com*) also carries all Irish women's basketball radio broadcasts this year, as well as free live video webcasts for all home games not shown by commercial television.

The 2008-09 season also marks the return of **Bob Nagle** as the "Voice of the Fighting Irish", with the veteran broadcaster settling back behind the microphone he manned from 1996-97 through 1998-99. In that initial stint, Nagle described all the action of Notre Dame's first NCAA Final Four appearance, as well as a run to the NCAA Sweet 16 the following year. He also was instrumental in covering the formative seasons of the legendary Irish senior class of 2001 that would culminate their careers with the program's first national championship.

A longtime sports broadcaster at WHME-TV 46 in South Bend and co-host of "Inside Notre Dame Sports," a weekly magazine show devoted to Irish athletics, Nagle has been a well-known award-winning media personality in the South Bend community for more than two decades, and is in high demand as a banquet emcee and commercial spokesman. He also covers a myriad of high school sports for WHME-TV, including weekly live broadcasts of prep football and basketball.



Irish on Television

Notre Dame Television Package Among Nation's Best in 2008-09

The University of Notre Dame women's basketball team will have a minimum of 19 games on television during the 2008-09 regular season. This year's Irish TV slate, which includes eight nationally- or regionally-televised contests and all 13 regular-season home games, is one of the most extensive in the program's 32-year history and keeps Notre Dame among the nation's elite in terms of television coverage.

It also will mark the eighth consecutive season that the Irish will have at least eight games on broadcast television. Notre Dame has made a total of 118 TV appearances in the previous eight campaigns, an average of nearly 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 year is the season opener at '08 NCAA Final Four participant LSU on Nov. 16 in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic, a game that will air live nationally on ESPN2 at 1:30 p.m. CT (2:30 p.m. ET in South Bend). Notre Dame will be making its first visit to Baton Rouge, La., since the 1999 NCAA Tournament, when the Lady Tigers ousted the Irish in the second round, 74-64 at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

The LSU game is the first of four regular-season appearances for Notre Dame on the ESPN family of networks. Three other Irish games will be broadcast live on ESPNU -- the Dec. 28 non-conference game at Charlotte, as well as BIG EAST games on Feb. 8 vs. DePaul (home) and Feb. 22 vs. Connecticut (away at Hartford's XL Center). All three games slated for ESPNU coverage will tip off at 2 p.m. (ET).

In addition, the Irish are in line to make three national appearances on CBS College Sports (formerly CSTV) as part of that network's BIG EAST Game of the Week package -- Jan. 6 at DePaul, Jan. 13 at Marquette and Jan. 27 vs. Rutgers. The DePaul and Marquette games will tip off at 8 p.m. CT (9 p.m. ET), while the Rutgers contest will start at 8 p.m. ET. CBS College Sports 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 one regionally-televised game during the upcoming season, with its Dec. 10 visit to Michigan airing live around the Midwest on the Big Ten Network. The Irish made their inaugural appearance on that outlet last year, posting a 61-48 win at Purdue.

Outside of the commercial television agreements, Notre Dame is slated to show its remaining 11 home games (as well as its Nov. 5 exhibition contest against Gannon) live free of charge on its official athletics web site, UND.com. The Irish have had 20 games broadcast live on the Internet during the past two seasons through the Fighting Irish All-Access package on UND.com, which has consistently ranked as one of the top two CBS College Sports Online university web sites in the country with 35 million page views annually.

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 Championship second-round games (March 7) shown regionally on the BIG EAST-Regional Sports Networks package (check local listings). The conference tournament quarterfinals and semifinals (March 8-9) will air on ESPNU, while the March 10 BIG EAST title game will be shown on ESPN (7 p.m. ET). What's more, ESPN and ESPN2 will show all 63 games from the 2009 NCAA Tournament, which gets underway March 21 (Notre Dame will host NCAA first- and second-round games on March 22 & 24 at the Joyce Center) and culminates with the NCAA national championship game April 7 from the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Mo., the site of Notre Dame's 2001 NCAA title game victory over Purdue.



Notre Dame will offer one of the nation's top women's basketball TV packages in 2008-09, with at least 19 regular-season games scheduled to be televised live, including four appearances on the ESPN family of networks.

Inside Notre Dame Sports

Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw and the 2008-09 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 CBS College Sports at selected times. Consult the CBS CS web site (www.sportline.com/cbscollegesports) for the latest broadcast information.

This marks the 12th 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.

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Nov. 16	Notre Dame at LSU	ESPN2	1:30 p.m. (CT)
Dec. 10	Notre Dame at Michigan	Big Ten Network	7 p.m. (ET)
Dec. 28	Notre Dame at Charlotte	ESPNU	2 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 6	Notre Dame at DePaul	CBS College Sports	8 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 13	Notre Dame at Marquette	CBS College Sports	8 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 27	Rutgers at Notre Dame	CBS College Sports	8 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 8	DePaul at Notre Dame	ESPN2	2 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 22	Notre Dame at Connecticut	ESPNU	2 p.m. (ET)
March 7	BIG EAST Second Round	BIG EAST TV*	TBA
March 8/9	BIG EAST Quarterfinals/Semifinals	ESPNU	TBA
March 10	BIG EAST Championship	ESPN	7 p.m. (ET)

* - 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)

Media Outlets

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South Bend Tribune

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South Bend, IN 46601
(574) 235-6316
Fax (574) 235-6091

Irish Sports Report

(Bob Wieneke)
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Blue & Gold Illustrated

(Lou Somogyi)
1605 North Home Street
Mishawaka, IN 46545
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Irish Eyes Magazine

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Elkhart Truth

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WSBT-TV (CBS)

(Greg Carroll/Pete Byrne/
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South Bend, IN 46601
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WSJV-TV (FOX)

(Dean Huppert/Allison Hayes)
58096 County Road 7
Elkhart, IN 46517
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Fax (574) 294-1324

WHME-TV (LeSEA)

(Chuck Freeby/Bob Nagle)
61300 Ironwood Road
South Bend, IN 46614
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Radio

Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) (flagship)

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South Bend, IN 46614
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Fax (574) 291-9043

WSBT-AM

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

ESPN Radio 1490 AM

WNDV U93 (92.9 FM)
3371 Cleveland Rd. Extension
Suite 310
South Bend, IN 46628
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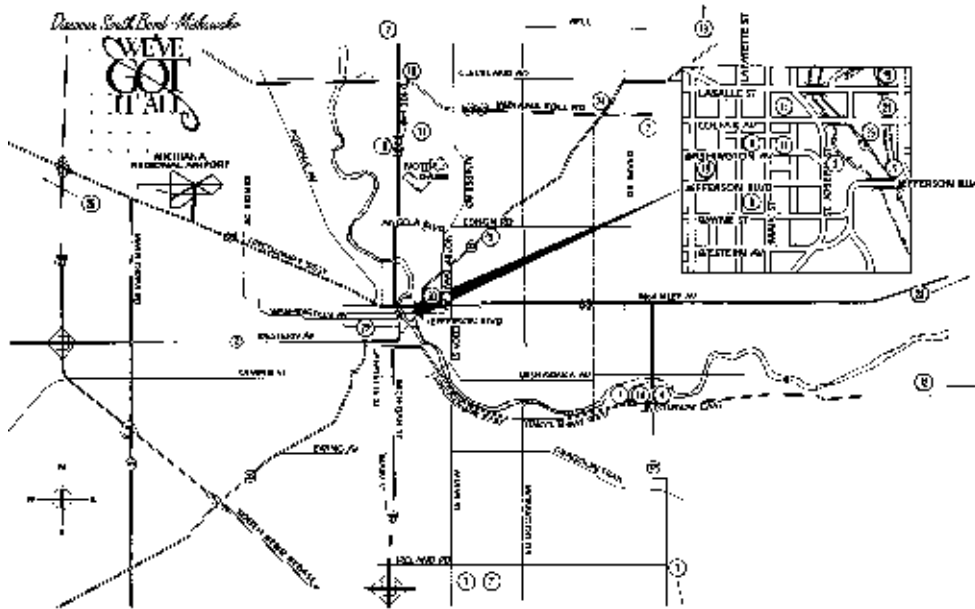
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Visiting South Bend



1. Amish Acres
2. Budgeteer Inn
3. Century Center/Studebaker Museum/Art Center
4. Doc Pierce's Restaurant
5. East Bank Emporium Restaurant/Shops
6. First Interstate Bank
7. Hacienda Mexican Restaurant
8. Holiday Inn — Downtown South Bend
9. Ivy Court Inn & Suites
10. KOA Campgrounds
11. Marriott Hotel
12. The New Mishawaka Inn
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
21. Scottsdale Mall
22. Tippecanoe Place Restaurant
23. United Limo
24. University Park Mall
25. Watson's Collectibles
26. South Bend Brewery
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
Ivy Court Inn & Suites 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
Continental Connection (Reservations and Information)	800-523-3273

Delta Connection (Reservations and Information)	800-221-1212
Northwest Airlinck (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	574-262-4406
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

The last remaining electric-powered commuter rail line in the country, running daily between South Bend and Chicago.

Taxi Services

A-Yellow Cab Co. 710 N. Niles Ave.	574-233-9333
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
2007-08	13	3
TOTALS	312	82
		(.792)

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 41st 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 ten 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 eight seasons, finishing ninth in 2007-08 with an average of 7,016 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.

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

Top 10 Women's Basketball Crowds at the Joyce Center

	Date	Opponent	Result	Attendance
1.	Jan. 15, 2001	Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418 (capacity)
	Feb. 24, 2001	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418 (capacity)
	Dec. 31, 2005	Tennessee	L, 51-62	11,418 (capacity)
	Jan. 5, 2008	Tennessee	L, 63-87	11,418 (capacity)
	Jan. 27, 2008	Connecticut	L, 64-81	11,418 (capacity)
6.	Dec. 2, 2007	Michigan	W, 77-46	10,825
7.	Feb. 10, 2002	Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676
8.	Mar. 19, 2001	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
9.	Dec. 3, 2006	Indiana	L, 51-54	9,494
10.	Jan. 4, 2003	Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483



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 eight seasons (including a school-record 7,825 in 2001-02), and have had crowds of 5,000 fans or more at 110 of their last 112 home games.

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 the floor in its main reception area consists of the exact same court upon which Notre Dame won the 2001 NCAA championship at the Savvis Center in St. Louis.

The 2008-09 home season will mark the final one for the Irish in the Joyce Center's current configuration. The arena will undergo an extensive renovation during the summer of 2009, including the installation/replacement of all chairback seats, and the addition of suites and high-definition video screens. The upgrades are expected to be completed in time for the 2009-10 season.

Notre Dame Series Records in the Joyce Center

Alabama0-1	Geo. Washington1-0	Missouri State1-0	South Carolina0-1
Alcorn State1-0	Georgia0-1	Mount St. Joseph.....1-0	South Dakota0-1
Arizona1-0	Goshen2-0	Nebraska1-1	South Florida.....2-1
Army.....1-0	Grace1-0	Northern Illinois4-1	Stanford.....0-1
Augustana1-0	Illinois1-1	Northwestern1-0	Syracuse10-0
Ball State.....1-0	Illinois-Chicago4-1	Oakland1-0	Taylor2-0
Boston College8-0	Illinois State.....1-1	Ohio State.....1-0	Temple2-0
Boston University0-1	Indiana3-3	Old Dominion.....1-1	Tennessee0-8
Bowling Green2-0	Iona1-0	Penn State0-1	TCU1-0
Butler10-3	IPFW2-0	Pittsburgh8-0	Toledo2-0
Canisius.....1-0	IUPUI1-0	Prairie View A&M....1-0	UCLA3-2
Central Michigan.....1-1	Iowa State1-0	Providence.....8-0	USC4-0
Cincinnati2-0	Kent State1-0	Purdue.....4-4	Valparaiso10-0
Clark.....1-0	La Salle2-2	Purdue-Calumet1-0	Vanderbilt1-0
Cleveland State3-0	LSU1-0	Rice1-0	Villanova7-2
Colorado State2-0	Louisiana Tech0-1	Richmond1-0	Virginia Tech3-0
Concordia1-0	Louisville1-1	Rutgers5-3	Washington1-0
Connecticut.....2-7	Loyola (Ill.)10-1	St. Ambrose4-0	W. Kentucky1-0
Dayton10-3	Loyola (Md.)1-0	St. Francis (Ill.)1-1	W. Michigan6-0
DePaul7-6	Marion1-1	St. Francis (Pa.)1-0	West Virginia8-0
Detroit.....12-0	Marquette17-1	St. John's8-0	Wisconsin1-1
Duke2-0	Maryland.....0-2	St. Joseph's (Ind.)2-0	UW-Milwaukee1-0
Duquesne1-0	Miami (Fla.)6-2	Saint Louis3-1	Wright State1-0
East Carolina1-0	Miami (Ohio)2-2	Saint Mary's.....5-0	Xavier8-2
E. Michigan1-0	Michigan7-1	San Diego1-0	Total312-82 (.792)
Evansville9-0	Michigan State.....2-4	San Francisco.....1-0	
Fordham1-0	Middle Tenn.1-0	Seton Hall8-2	
Georgetown.....11-0	Minnesota0-1	SMU1-0	

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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 2008-09 school year, 201 student-athletes at the University have earned Academic All-America recognition throughout the years. During the past nine years, Notre Dame has had more Academic All-Americans - 76 - 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.

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 eighth season in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and her second with the San Antonio Silver Stars.

ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICANS – Eight 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, while Megan Duffy was a two-time AP honorable mention All-America choice in '04-05 and '05-06. Charel Allen is the most recent addition to the list, picking up honorable mention accolades in 2007-08.



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 eight 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; 6,364 fans in 2006-07; and 7,016 fans last year, representing the eight highest single-season averages in the program's history. All told, 19 of the 20 biggest Irish women's basketball crowds have come in the past 10 years (including five sellouts, two of which occurred last year), 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 110 of its last 112 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 93 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 166-50 (.769) record in regular-season BIG EAST Conference games during its first 13 seasons in the BIG EAST (1996-2008), holding the second-best regular-season winning percentage of any school in conference history. Throughout their 31-year history, the Irish own an all-time record of 296-76 (.796) 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 a 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 standout 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. He recently led Detroit to a third WNBA title in 2008.



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 five 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.

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 scor-



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

ing 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 2008, 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 57-for-57 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 19 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 2008-09 season includes student-athletes from seven different states, stretching to various corners of the nation. The current roster includes three players from Indiana and two from Illinois and Michigan, with the other states represented by the 2008-09 Irish including Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland and North Carolina. During the 22-year tenure of Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw, players from 27 different states (including the 2008-09 newcomers) have played for the Irish women’s basketball program – the above seven states plus California, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The all-time Notre Dame women’s basketball roster (including the current freshman class) contains 139 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 (16), 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 percentage 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.

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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.

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 13 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 12 years. During that time (1997-98 to present), the Irish have attracted Top 25 classes each season. This year's incoming group (Fraderica Miller, Natalie Novosel, Erica Solomon and Kellie Watson) was rated the ninth-best freshman class in the nation by *Dan Olson Collegiate Girls Basketball Report*. Notre Dame's stellar recruiting efforts are coordinated by associate head 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 14 of the past 15 seasons and in 18 of 21 seasons during the tenure of head coach Muffet McGraw.

TOURNAMENT TESTED – Notre Dame has felt right at home in tournament situations during the past 12 years. Starting with the 1997-98 season, the Irish have won 14 of their last 16 regular-season tournament games, including a four-game run to the 2004 Preseason WNIT title. The only Irish losses during this current stretch were 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 — and a 75-59 loss at Maryland on Nov. 16, 2007, in the semifinals of the Preseason WNIT.

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 292 games (24.3 per season) during the past 12 seasons (1996-97 to 2007-08), 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	396
2.	Tennessee	388
3.	Duke	345
4.	Louisiana Tech	317
5.	Old Dominion	314
6.	Purdue	304
7.	NOTRE DAME	292
8.	UC Santa Barbara	287
9.	Texas Tech	274

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (WNBA) – Notre Dame has seen seven of its players taken in the WNBA Draft during the past eight seasons, including 2008 All-America guard Charel Allen, who was a third-round choice that year (43rd overall) by the Sacramento Monarchs, where she helped that squad advance to the '08 Western Conference playoffs.

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 Western Conference finals in '07 and then on to the WNBA Finals (for the first time in team history) in 2008.

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 '05 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, currently at Florida Gulf Coast University.

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.

