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2008-09 ND Women's Basketball: Game 13

#12/6 Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (11-1 / 0-0 BIG EAST) vs.
Seton Hall *Pirates* (11-1 / 0-0 BIG EAST)

◆ **DATE:** January 3, 2009 ◆ **RADIO:** Pulse FM (96.9/92.1)
◆ **TIME:** Noon ET ◆ **UND.com**
◆ **AT:** South Orange, N.J. ◆ **Bob Nagle, p-b-p**
Walsh Gymnasium (2,600) ◆ **LIVE STATS:** UND.com
◆ **SERIES:** ND leads 16-4 ◆ **TEXT ALERT:** UND.com
◆ **1ST MTG:** SHU 62-55 (12/11/93) ◆ **TICKETS:** (973) 275-4255
◆ **LAST MTG:** ND 70-55 (3/1/08)



2008-09 Schedule

11-1 / 0-0 BIG EAST

N5	Gannon (exhibition)	W, 96-30
N16	(16/14) @ LSU (24/22) ^{1-ESPN2}	W, 62-53
N19	(15/15) Evansville	W, 96-61
N23	(15/15) @ Boston College	W, 102-54
N25	(14/10) Georgia Southern	W, 85-36
N29	(14/10) Michigan State (24/rv)	W, 78-72
D2	(11/8) @ Eastern Michigan	W, 83-63
D7	(11/8) Purdue (17/20)	W, 62-51
D10	(8/8) @ Michigan ^{BTN}	L, 59-63 ^{OT}
D13	(8/8) @ Valparaiso ^{ESPN360/FC}	W, 63-55
D20	(13/7) Loyola-Chicago	W, 89-45
D28	(12/6) @ Charlotte ^{ESPN}	W, 68-61
D30	(12/6) @ Vanderbilt (20/19)	W, 59-57

J3	• @ Seton Hall	Noon ET
J6	• @ DePaul ^{CBS CS}	8:00 CT
J10	• Georgetown	7:00 ET
J13	• @ Marquette ^{CBS CS}	8:00 CT
J17	• St. John's	2:00 ET
J24	• @ Villanova	2:00 ET
J27	• Rutgers ^{CBS CS}	8:00 ET
J31	• Cincinnati	2:00 ET
F3	• @ Pittsburgh	7:00 ET
F8	• DePaul ^{ESPN}	2:00 ET
F11	• Louisville	7:00 ET
F17	• @ South Florida	7:00 ET
F22	• @ Connecticut ^{ESPN}	2:00 ET
F24	• Syracuse	7:00 ET
F28	• @ Providence	2:00 ET
M2	• West Virginia	3:30 ET
M6	BIG EAST 1st Round ²	TBA
M7	BIG EAST 2nd Round ^{2-BETV}	TBA
M8	BIG EAST Quarterfinal ^{2-ESPN}	TBA
M9	BIG EAST Semifinal ^{2-ESPN}	6/8:00 ET
M10	BIG EAST Final ^{2-ESPN}	7:00 ET
M22	NCAA 1st Round ^{3-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M24	NCAA 2nd Round ^{3-ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
M28	NCAA Regional Semifinal ^{4-ESPN}	TBA
M29	NCAA Regional Semifinal ^{4-ESPN}	TBA
M30	NCAA Regional Final ^{4-ESPN}	TBA
M31	NCAA Regional Final ^{4-ESPN}	TBA
A5	NCAA National Semifinals ^{5-ESPN}	TBA
A7	NCAA Championship Game ^{5-ESPN}	TBA

Storylines

- ◆ Notre Dame has won nine of its 13 BIG EAST openers since joining the conference in 1995-96.
- ◆ The past four games between the Irish and Seton Hall at Walsh Gymnasium have been decided by six points or less.

Most media outlets have labeled the BIG EAST as the nation's toughest conference and No. 12/6 Notre Dame will step into that gauntlet on Saturday when it opens league play with a noon (ET) tipoff at Seton Hall. It also will be the third stop on a four-game road swing for the Irish, their longest stretch away from home in six years.

Notre Dame (11-1) is coming off one of the more remarkable games in program history, rallying from 18 points down in the second half to post a 59-57 win at No. 20/19 Vanderbilt on Tuesday night. The Irish used a 22-0 run to take the lead and then successfully defended VU's last-second shot to earn their fourth win over a ranked opponent this season.

Sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski** and senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** each scored a team-high 12 points, with 10 of Bruszewski's 12 markers coming in the second half. Junior guard **Melissa Lechlitner** added 11 points for the Irish.

Rankings

- ◆ Notre Dame is ranked 12th in the latest Associated Press poll and sixth in the current ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.
- ◆ Seton Hall is not ranked.

Web Sites

- ◆ Notre Dame: <http://www.UND.com>
- ◆ Seton Hall: <http://www.shupirates.com>
- ◆ BIG EAST: <http://www.bigeast.org>

Setting The Standard

Under the guidance of 22nd-year head coach **Muffet McGraw**, Notre Dame has evolved into one of the country's leading women's basketball powers. The Irish have appeared in 15 NCAA Tournaments (including a current streak of 13 in a row) and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 seven times in the past 12 years. Notre Dame also has reached the NCAA Women's Final Four twice, winning college basketball's ultimate prize with the 2001 national championship.

In its history, Notre Dame has developed nine All-Americans, 10 WNBA players (including seven draft picks in the past eight years) and four USA Basketball veterans (eight medals won). Now in their 32nd season in 2008-09, the Irish own an all-time record of **649-288 (.693)**.

Notre Dame Head Coach Muffet McGraw

Saint Joseph's '77

- ◆ 22nd season at Notre Dame
 - 485-189 (.720) at Notre Dame.
 - 573-230 (.714) in 27 years as head coach.

NOTES

- ◆ 2001 consensus National Coach of the Year
- ◆ Four-time Naismith Coach of the Year finalist
- ◆ Four-time conference Coach of the Year
 - BIG EAST Conference (2001)
 - Midwestern Collegiate Conference (1991)
 - North Star Conference (1988)
 - East Coast Conference (@ Lehigh) (1983)

Notre Dame's Probable Starting Lineup (c = captain)

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	PPG	RPG	Other	Notes
32	Becca Bruszewski	F	6-1	So.	9.7	4.3	1.8 apg	• Team-high .544 FG% (8th in BIG EAST)
52	Erica Williamson	C	6-4	Jr.	4.3	4.1	0.8 bpg	• Near double-double vs. Loyola (9p, 8r)
20	Ashley Barlow (C)	G	5-9	Jr.	12.4	5.3	2.7 spg	• 6.3 rebounds, 4.0 assists past 3 gms
23	Melissa Lechlitner (C)	G	5-7	Jr.	11.0	2.1	2.8 apg	• Also owns team-best 1.31 A/T/O ratio
24	Lindsay Schrader (C)	G	6-0	Sr.	13.1	6.7	2.6 apg	• 14.5 ppg., 7.8 rpg., .600 FG% past 4

Off the Bench For the Irish

1	Erica Solomon	F	6-2	Fr.	7.3	4.6	1.5 bpg	• t-6th in BIG EAST (top frosh) in blocks
10	Kellie Watson	F	6-2	Fr.	6.0	3.0	0.8 apg	• .405 3FG% (17-42) 12th in BIG EAST
12	Fraderica Miller	G	5-10	Fr.	1.9	0.7	1.1 spg	• Best gm of year vs. Loyola (7p, 5r, 3s)
14	Devereaux Peters	F	6-2	So.	7.3	4.3	2.0 bpg	• Out for season (torn ACL left knee @ BC)
21	Natalie Novosel	G	5-11	Fr.	6.1	2.8	1.5 apg	• BIG EAST Frosh of Week (12p @ CHAR)
22	Brittany Mallory	G	5-10	So.	8.1	3.3	2.9 apg	• Out for season (torn ACL left knee @ UM)
44	Alena Christiansen	G	5-7	Jr.	1.0	1.0	1.0 spg	• Walk-on added to roster Dec. 19

Pronunciations: Alena (uh-LAY-nuh); Bruszewski (broo-SHEFF-skee); Fraderica (fruh-DARE-uh-kuh); Lechlitner (LECK-light-ner); Novosel (KNOW-vuh-sell)

(x) = numbers before opponent name indicate ND rank in AP/ESPN-USA Today polls; numbers after are opponent rank.

- = BIG EAST Conference game
- 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)
- 2 = BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn.)
- 3 = NCAA First/Second Rounds (Notre Dame, Ind.)
- 4 = Regionals to be played at: Berkeley (Calif.), Oklahoma City, Raleigh (N.C.) and Trenton (N.J.)
- 5 = NCAA Women's Final Four (St. Louis, Mo.)

ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU = Game to be televised on ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU
ESPN360/FC = Game televised on ESPN360.com/ESPN Full Court
CBS CS = Game to be televised on CBS College Sports
BETV = Game to be televised on BIG EAST TV package
BTN = Game televised on Big Ten Network
NOTE: All regular-season home games not scheduled for commercial TV broadcast will air live on UND.com.

All games will be broadcast live on South Bend's Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) and worldwide on the Internet at UND.com.

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A Quick Look At The Fighting Irish

Following two seasons of impressive growth and development, Notre Dame has constructed a firm foundation upon which to build its next championship contender. The Irish enter the 2008-09 season on the heels of a seventh trip to the NCAA Sweet 16 and a highly-competitive effort in that regional semifinal that has players, coaches and followers optimistic that even greater success may be on the horizon.

Notre Dame has three starters and seven monogram winners returning this season from a squad that ranked among the top 10 in the country in scoring offense (8th - 76.2 ppg) and scoring margin (10th - +14.6 ppg) a year ago. The Irish also have many of the pieces back from the '07-08 club that led the BIG EAST in steals for the second consecutive year (school-record 397, 11.68 per game) and forced an opponent-record 737 turnovers.

Perhaps it's no surprise that Notre Dame's present upward mobility has coincided with the arrival of its current junior class, including guards and co-captains **Ashley Barlow** and **Melissa Lechlitner**. Barlow earned honorable mention all-BIG EAST status last year and is the team's top returning scorer (12.1 ppg), while also setting the defensive tone with a team-high 68 steals last season. Meanwhile, Lechlitner (5.5 ppg, 2.6 ppg) assumes the mantle of leadership from the point guard position after two consistent years as a reliable understudy to Tulyah Gaines.

The Irish also should benefit from the veteran experience and guidance of senior guard and co-captain **Lindsay Schrader**, who joined Barlow on last year's BIG EAST honorable mention squad after logging 10.3 points and a team-high 6.2 rebounds per game. She earned similar sta-

tus this fall in preseason voting by the conference coaches and gives Notre Dame a unique blend of toughness and determination that has become the common thread running through the team's recent resurgence.

The Irish sophomore class proved to be an exceptional complement to their predecessors last season, led by forward **Devereaux Peters** (9.0 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 2.0 bpg), who was a BIG EAST All-Freshman Team choice despite missing the final 11 games of the year with a knee injury. Guard **Brittany Mallory** (6.3 ppg, 34 3FG) joined Peters on the conference's all-rookie squad, while forward **Becca Bruszewski** (5.0 ppg, 2.5 rpg) may be the team's most improved player heading into this season after a scintillating three-game NCAA Tournament performance that included a season-high 16 points against both SMU and Tennessee.

Potent Notables About The Irish

- Notre Dame is among the nation's winningest programs during the past 12 seasons (1996-97 to present), ranking seventh with 303 victories.

Winningest Teams (1996-97 to present)

408	Connecticut
398	Tennessee
356	Duke
324	Louisiana Tech
319	Old Dominion
313	Purdue
◆303	NOTRE DAME
291	UC Santa Barbara
283	Texas Tech

- Notre Dame has ranked among the top 20 in the nation in attendance each season of the past eight seasons. This year, the program has averaged 7,268 fans for its first five home games. The Irish also have drawn 5,000-or-more fans to 115 of their last 117 home games, including six Joyce Center sellouts of 11,418 (most recently on Dec. 7, 2008 vs. Purdue).

- The Irish have become a regular fixture in the WNBA Draft in recent years, as seven Notre Dame players have been selected in the past eight seasons. **Charel Allen** was the most recent Irish player to be chosen, going to the Sacramento Monarchs in the third round (43rd overall pick) of the 2008 WNBA Draft. Allen, **Megan Duffy** (New York) and **Ruth Riley** (San Antonio) all were active in the league during the '08 season, with all three teams making the playoffs (San Antonio made the WNBA Finals, while New York was the Eastern Conference runner-up). Three of Notre Dame's eight WNBA alums have won a total of four league championships — Riley won a pair of crowns with the Detroit Shock (2003 Finals MVP, 2006), **Coquese Washington** toiled for the 2000 Houston Comets, while **Jacqueline Batteast** was Riley's teammate on the '06 title-winning squad in Detroit.

- For the third year in a row, the Irish posted a perfect 100-percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), according to figures released by the NCAA in October 2008. Notre Dame also was one of only four teams with a perfect '07 GSR to advance to the 2008 NCAA Sweet 16 (joining Oklahoma State, Tennessee and Vanderbilt). Furthermore, since **Muffet McGraw** became the Irish head coach in 1987, every Notre Dame women's basket-

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Media Services

The official Notre Dame athletics web site contains schedules, rosters, updated statistics and some historical information from previous seasons. High-resolution color headshots and action photos of Notre Dame players, coaches and staff are available upon request.

Official Notre Dame athletics web site:

- <http://www.UND.com>

In-Season Interview Policy

All requests for Notre Dame player, coach or staff interviews must be made through **Chris Masters** and 24 hours' notice is appreciated. Please be aware that student-athletes' academic obligations always take precedence before any interview requests.

Media members also may speak to Irish team personnel before or after practice sessions. While most practices are open to the media, some may be closed at the coaching staff's discretion — contact **Chris Masters** for the latest practice schedule and availability.

On game days, no interviews will be granted with any Notre Dame player or coach prior to competition.

Credentials / Parking

Season credentials will be issued to all media covering the Irish on a regular basis. Please note — any Notre Dame men's basketball season credential also offers access to all Irish women's basketball games.

For single-game credentials, contact **Chris Masters** no later than 24 hours before tipoff. Credential requests may be submitted via phone, fax or e-mail. Passes will be left at the media will call entrance (Gate 1) of the Joyce Center.

Parking is free for all Irish women's basketball games in the large lot south of the Joyce Center. Due to construction in the vicinity of the arena, there are no designated parking lots or specific parking passes for media members.

Credentials remain the property of the University of Notre Dame and may be revoked at any time.

Game Notes

Notre Dame's game notes package is completed and made available on-line through the official Irish athletics web site during the season, usually at least one day prior to tipoff. Notre Dame's game notes are in Adobe PDF format and will be distributed via *electronic means only* (e-mail or web). Fax distribution is by request only.

Please contact **Chris Masters** if you wish to be added to the e-mail distribution list for Notre Dame's regular women's basketball releases.

Gameday Services

Gameday packages containing game notes, programs and other information will be available in the press box prior to all home contests. A pre-game meal also will be served in the arena level media room (exit court via Gate 8 ramp behind visitors' bench, make first right, enter first door on right) beginning 75 minutes before tipoff.

A bank of statistics monitors is located on press row for the media's convenience. Final statistics books include an official NCAA box score and play-by-play. Telephone, copier and fax services are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Joyce Center also offers wireless Internet capability — check with **Chris Masters** for access.

Post-Game Interviews

Following each Notre Dame home game, Irish head coach **Muffet McGraw** and selected players, followed by the visiting head coach and selected players, will be available to speak with the media. Post-game press conferences are held in the Hammes Basketball Auditorium, located between Gates 1 & 2 on the first floor of the Joyce Center (exit floor via Gate 1 ramp to right of press row, go straight and turn right at the Notre Dame women's basketball office; auditorium entrance will be on your left).

Media members should submit player requests for post-game interviews to **Chris Masters** at the final media timeout of the second half.

LAST IRISH GAME

#12/6 Notre Dame 59, #20/19 Vanderbilt 57
December 30, 2008
Memorial Gymnasium (Nashville, Tenn.)

Notre Dame (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	29	5-9	1-2	1-3	7	2	4	12
Williamson	11	1-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	3	2
Barlow	35	2-11	0-4	2-2	9	4	2	6
Lechlitner	35	5-10	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	11
Schrader	32	6-10	0-0	0-0	8	3	2	12
Solomon	21	4-4	0-0	0-1	7	2	3	8
Watson	20	2-7	2-6	0-0	4	2	0	6
Miller	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Novosel	13	1-5	0-1	0-0	3	0	1	2
Team					5			
Totals	200	26-61	4-15	3-6	45	14	17	59

Vanderbilt (57)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Tuomi	29	9-13	0-0	2-4	9	0	2	20
Wirth	40	4-14	4-9	0-1	6	1	2	12
Risner	40	3-4	0-0	0-2	9	5	2	6
Mooney	20	3-11	0-2	3-4	2	3	0	9
Marsh	27	1-5	0-3	0-0	1	1	3	2
Chisholm	11	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	2
Rhoads	20	1-4	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	2
Gibbs	13	2-7	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	4
Team					2			
Totals	200	24-62	4-17	5-11	34	13	12	57

Notre Dame 24 35 — 59
Vanderbilt 36 21 — 57

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.6, Vanderbilt 38.7. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 26.7, Vanderbilt 23.5. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, Vanderbilt 45.5. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 19, Vanderbilt 11. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4, Vanderbilt 1. **Steals:** Notre Dame 2, Vanderbilt 11 (Wirth 4). **Attendance:** 4,374.





2008-09 Standings (through Jan. 2)

Table with columns: Team, BIG EAST (W, L), Overall (W, L). Rows include Connecticut, Louisville, Florida, St. John's, Notre Dame, Seton Hall, DePaul, Syracuse, Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Rutgers, Cincinnati, Georgetown, Marquette, Villanova, Providence.

(n) Ranking in Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today polls

Player of the Week

Table listing player names and dates: Nov. 24 (Angel McCoughtry), Dec. 1 (Renee Montgomery), Dec. 8 (Shavonte Zellous), Dec. 15 (Angel McCoughtry), Dec. 22 (Shavonte Zellous), Dec. 29 (Angel Robinson).

Freshman of the Week

Table listing player names and dates: Nov. 24 (Kandice Green), Dec. 1 (Kellie Watson), Dec. 8 (Kellie Watson), Dec. 15 (Kandice Green), Dec. 22 (Da'Shena Stevens), Dec. 29 (Natalie Novosel).

Upcoming BIG EAST Games

Table listing game dates and opponents: Saturday, January 3; Sunday, January 4; Tuesday, January 6; Wednesday, January 7; Saturday, January 10; Sunday, January 11.

- indicates BIG EAST Conference game
All times Eastern and subject to change

Around the BIG EAST

ball player that has completed her athletic and academic eligibility at the University has graduated (a 57-for-57 success rate).

A Quick Look At Seton Hall

Seton Hall (11-1) is off to its best start in 14 years and can equal the top debut in school history with a win over Notre Dame on Saturday. The Pirates carry a seven-game winning streak into this weekend's matchup and are 8-0 this season at Walsh Gymnasium.

SHU last played on Wednesday afternoon, dominating Norfolk State, 95-43 at home. Senior forward Noteisha Womack had a season-high 25 points and 15 rebounds to lead five Pirates who scored in double figures.

Womack has eight double-doubles this season and leads the country in rebounding (13.9 rpg.), while also ranking second on the team in scoring (15.7 ppg.) and tops in field goal percentage (.535). Sophomore guard Ebonie Williams is scoring a team-best 16.5 ppg., due in part to a team-high .407 three-point mark.

Head coach Phyllis Mangina is in her 24th season at her alma mater with a 337-334 (.502) career record (4-16 against Notre Dame).

The Notre Dame-Seton Hall Series

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Seton Hall, 16-4, including four of the past five. After the Pirates won the first two series games, Notre Dame reeled off 12 consecutive victories before SHU returned to the win column on Feb. 8, 2004, with a 51-45 win in South Orange.

The Last Time ND And Seton Hall Met

Charel Allen scored 22 points and No. 14 Notre Dame made all eight of its free throws in the final 1:25 to beat Seton Hall 70-55 on March 1, 2008 at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame led by as many as 14 in the first half, but the Pirates closed to 36-27 at halftime when Ebonie Williams hit a 15-foot jumper with a second left. Then Nicole Emery hit a pair of 3-pointers for the Pirates to start the second half and cut the lead to 36-33.

The Irish extended the lead back to seven later when Melissa Lechlitner hit a 3, but Emery answered with another 3 to cut Notre Dame's lead to 46-42.

The Irish regained control with a 12-2 run. Lechlitner started it with a drive inside, followed by a 16-foot jumper, and capped it with a long pass to Tulyah Gaines for a fastbreak layup to give Notre Dame a 58-44 lead.

The Pirates closed to 62-54 on a three-point play by Emery and another free throw by her with 1:26 left. But the Irish went 8-for-8 from the free-throw line while Seton Hall went 1-of-4 and failed to make another basket.

Lechlitner finished with 11 points, six assists and five rebounds, while Lindsay Schrader added 10 points for the Irish.

Emery led the Pirates with a career-high 23 points, 11 more than her previous high of 12 points against Georgetown last season. Williams finished with 20 points.

Other Notre Dame-Seton Hall Series Tidbits

- Five of the past eight series matchups have

LAST IRISH GAME vs. SETON HALL

#14 Notre Dame 70, Seton Hall 55
March 1, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Seton Hall (55)

Player stats for Seton Hall: Harris, Emery, Brown, Rhodin, Williams, Joseph, Sullivan, Gaskin, Team, Totals.

Notre Dame (70)

Player stats for Notre Dame: D'Amico, Gaines, Allen, Tsipis, Schrader, Barlow, Mallory, Lechlitner, Williamson, Team, Totals.

Seton Hall 27 28 - 55
Notre Dame 36 34 - 70

FG Pct: Seton Hall 34.0, Notre Dame 47.9. 3-PT FG Pct: Seton Hall 31.3, Notre Dame 28.6. FT Pct: Seton Hall 66.7, Notre Dame 73.3. Turnovers: Seton Hall 18, Notre Dame 19. Blocked Shots: Seton Hall 1, Notre Dame 6 (Williamson 3). Steals: Seton Hall 13 (Brown, Rhodin 3), Notre Dame 12 (Allen 3). Attendance: 7,556.

been decided by six points or less, including Notre Dame's last visit to Walsh Gymnasium (a 64-61 victory on Jan. 2, 2007).

- The past four series games in South Orange each have been decided by six points or less, with Notre Dame winning three out of four.
The Irish have limited the Pirates to 61 points or less in 16 of the past 17 series games, with the lone exception being SHU's 74-61 win on Jan. 7, 2006 at the Joyce Center.
The coaching matchup between Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw and Seton Hall's Phyllis Mangina dates back more than a quarter century to McGraw's previous tenure at Lehigh (1982-87), when her teams split a pair of games with Mangina's SHU clubs.
Irish sophomore guard Brittany Mallory and Seton Hall freshman forward Kandice Green are no strangers to one another, having played regularly during their high school days in Baltimore - Mallory's McDonogh School and Green's St. Frances Academy are in the same conference, with the schools playing a minimum of twice annually; McDonogh and St. Frances also met in the 2007 IAAM A Conference title game with St. Frances pulling out a 68-63 win. However, a rematch will not be in the cards on Saturday, as Mallory is out for the season with a torn ACL in her left knee.

Blowing The Lid Off The BIG EAST

Notre Dame is 9-4 (.692) in BIG EAST Conference since it joined the league for the 1995-96 season. The Irish also have won seven of their last nine BIG EAST lidlifters, including an 82-74 win at Louisville last season.





Saturday's game will mark the third consecutive time (and eighth overall) that Notre Dame has opened BIG EAST play on the road, having gone 4-3 in its previous seven outings. The Irish have won the past two times they have started the conference season on the road, also pulling out a 64-61 win at Seton Hall in 2006-07.

Calling Our Travel Agent

Notre Dame is in the midst of one of its most challenging schedule stretches in recent memory, playing six out of seven games on the road from Dec. 10-Jan. 6. The last time the Irish faced such an extended regular-season road test was Nov. 17-Dec. 5, 1996, when they played seven consecutive games away from the Joyce Center (four road, three neutral), with the first three games coming in the final three rounds of the Preseason WNIT.

This year's stretch includes four consecutive road games beginning earlier this week with trips to Charlotte (W, 68-61) and No. 20/19 Vanderbilt (W, 59-57) and continuing through next Tuesday at DePaul. The last time Notre Dame played four consecutive road games in the regular season was Nov. 29-Dec. 11, 2002, when the Irish went 3-1 at USC (69-57 win), Valparaiso (74-68 win), Arizona State (81-52 win) and DePaul (75-59 loss).

Nostradamus In High Heels

With the Irish trailing at No. 20/19 Vanderbilt, 36-24, at halftime on Tuesday night, Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** calmly walked into the locker room and assured her team that they were about to pull off one of the greatest comebacks in school history. As it turned out, she was right on the money.

After the Commodores expanded their lead to 18 points on two occasions (the last at 46-28 with 15:56 to play), Notre Dame went to work, blitzing Vanderbilt with a 22-0 run over the next 8:40 to take the lead. VU tied the game at 50-50, but the Irish then went on top for good on a layup by sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski** with 4:06 left, capping the improbable rally.

The previous school-record comeback had been 16 points, which took place on March 30, 2001, at the NCAA Women's Final Four in St. Louis, when Notre Dame erased a 47-31 deficit late in the first half and charged past Connecticut, 90-75 on the way to the program's first national championship.

Piping Hot Turnovers

After forcing an opponent-record 737 turnovers (21.7 per game) last season, Notre Dame is at it again early this year, causing 266 turnovers (22.2 per game) in its first 12 outings.

Exactly half of those turnovers have come via Irish steals, with Notre Dame registering 133 thefts (11.1 per game) after leading the BIG EAST Conference in that category each of the past two seasons.

Long Distance Defense

One of the focal points of Notre Dame's pre-season workouts was improving its three-point defense, after opponents shot .355 from beyond the arc last year. So far, it would appear that emphasis in practice has paid off.

Notre Dame In the Polls

Associated Press Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			08-09	All Time
Nov. 1, 2008 (Pre)	374	16	1	160
Nov. 17, 2008	459	15	2	161
Nov. 24, 2008	579	14	3	162
Dec. 1, 2008	669	11	4	163
Dec. 8, 2008	784	8	5	164
Dec. 15, 2008	598	13	6	165
Dec. 22, 2008	609	12	7	166
Dec. 29, 2008	607	12	8	167
SEASON HIGHS	784	8		

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

Week	Points	Rank	Weeks Ranked	
			08-09	All Time
Nov. 5, 2008 (Pre)	294	14	1	152
Nov. 18, 2008	367	15	2	153
Nov. 25, 2008	464	10	3	154
Dec. 2, 2008	539	8	4	155
Dec. 9, 2008	559	8	5	156
Dec. 16, 2008	550	tie-7	6	157
Dec. 23, 2008	581	6	7	158
Dec. 30, 2008	588	6	8	159
SEASON HIGHS	588	6		

Notre Dame was ranked eighth in the country as of Dec. 22 (and is now second in the BIG EAST) in three-point percentage defense this season, holding opponents to a .241 percentage (40-of-166) from long range. What's more, in the first 12 games, the best any Irish opponent has managed to connect from outside of the 19-9 arc was the 35.7-percent efficiency posted by Charlotte (5-of-14) on Dec. 28.

Deep Thoughts

Notre Dame also has found its shooting eye from the three-point line this season, connecting at a .371 clip from distance (53-of-143) to rank fifth in the BIG EAST and 11th in the country (as of Dec. 22).

Notre Dame was particularly prolific from the arc in a four-game stretch from Nov. 19-29, making 29 treys in that span (seven in wins over Evansville and Boston College, six vs. Georgia Southern and nine vs. Michigan State).

One has to go back seven years to find the last time Notre Dame made more than 29 combined three-pointers in a four-game span. From Nov. 21-Dec. 2, 2001, Notre Dame was lights-out from the arc at Colorado State (7), at Arizona (7), home vs. Army (10) and at a neutral site vs. Michigan (8).

In addition, the nine three-pointers and 25 attempts against Michigan State on Nov. 29 were the most for Notre Dame in a single game since March 3, 2002, when the Irish went 10-for-26 from beyond the arc in an 84-79 loss to Syracuse in the BIG EAST Championship quarterfinals at Piscataway, N.J.

Spreading The Wealth

Notre Dame has seen seven different players lead the team in scoring this season, with five of the Irish leading scorers registering a career-scoring high — **Becca Bruszewski** at Boston College (18), **Brittany Mallory** vs. Georgia Southern (19), **Kellie Watson** vs. Michigan State (18), **Natalie Novosel** at Eastern Michigan (18) and **Melissa Lechlitner** vs. Purdue (19). The

National Polls

Associated Press Poll

• December 29, 2008: Poll #8

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ◆Connecticut (45)	11-0	1,125	1
2 North Carolina	13-0	1,078	2
3 Texas A&M	10-0	1,002	3
4 Texas	11-0	976	4
5 Oklahoma	9-2	947	5
6 Duke	10-1	864	6
7 Baylor	11-1	823	7
8 Tennessee	9-2	779	8
9 Auburn	12-0	741	9
10 ◆Louisville	12-1	729	10
11 Stanford	9-3	701	11
12 NOTRE DAME	10-1	607	12
13 California	8-2	599	13
14 Maryland	10-2	543	14
15 ◆Rutgers	7-2	538	15
16 Virginia	11-2	427	16
17 Ohio State	10-2	401	17
18 Florida	11-1	349	18
19 ◆Pittsburgh	9-2	300	19
20 ◆Vanderbilt	11-2	236	20
21 Oklahoma State	9-2	212	21
22 Kansas State	11-0	200	22
23 Georgia Tech	10-2	159	23
24 South Dakota State	12-1	146	25
25 New Mexico	11-1	31	—

Others Receiving Votes: TCU 28, Marist 18, ◆DePaul 14, ◆Purdue 11, Oregon State 11, Wisconsin 10, ◆South Florida 6, Wake Forest 6, Mississippi State 3, Old Dominion 2, Nebraska 2, UCLA 2, ◆St. John's 1, Xavier 1, San Diego State 1.

ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches' Poll

• December 30, 2008: Poll #8

Team (First-Place Votes)	Rec	Pts	LW
1 ◆Connecticut (31)	11-0	775	1
2 North Carolina	13-0	743	2
3 Texas A&M	10-0	704	3
4 Texas	11-0	677	4
5 Oklahoma	9-2	642	5
6 NOTRE DAME	10-1	588	6
7 Baylor	11-1	584	7
8 Stanford	9-3	506	8
9 California	9-2	490	9
10 Auburn	13-0	483	10
11 Duke	10-1	481	11
12 Tennessee	9-2	445	12
13 ◆Louisville	12-1	442	13
14 ◆Rutgers	8-2	378	14
15 Virginia	11-2	333	15
16 Maryland	10-2	319	16
17 Ohio State	10-2	288	17
18 Kansas State	11-0	249	18
19 ◆Vanderbilt	11-2	206	19
20 Florida	12-1	187	20
21 South Dakota State	13-1	165	21
22 ◆Pittsburgh	9-2	126	23
23 Oklahoma State	9-2	79	24
24 Georgia Tech	10-2	52	25
25 New Mexico	11-1	25	—

Others Receiving Votes: Wake Forest 20, Arizona State 17, Iowa State 10, ◆DePaul 8, TCU 8, Xavier 8, Marist 7, Houston 6, Gonzaga 5, Wisconsin 5, ◆Purdue 3, UCLA 3, Florida 2, Georgia 2, South Alabama 2, ◆South Florida 1, Mississippi State 1.

LW = last week

◆ = 2008-09 Notre Dame opponent





Seton Hall Series

Notre Dame Leads Series 16-4

Date	Site	Result	Score
12/11/93	Notre Dame	L	55-62
11/26/94	South Orange	L	60-65 (ot)
1/2/96	South Orange	W	88-79 (ot)
3/4/96	Storrs, Conn. ¹	W	69-58
1/2/97	South Orange	W	87-47
2/22/97	Notre Dame	W	75-61
1/31/98	Notre Dame	W	91-35
1/20/99	South Orange	W	87-47
2/6/99	Notre Dame	W	77-49
1/11/00	Notre Dame	W	80-52
1/21/01	South Orange	W	72-47
1/9/02	Notre Dame	W	79-45
2/2/02	South Orange	W	65-60
3/1/03	Notre Dame	W	62-60
2/8/04	South Orange	L	45-51
1/2/05	Notre Dame	W	54-33
3/1/05	South Orange	W	41-35
1/7/06	Notre Dame	L	61-74
1/2/07	South Orange	W	64-61
3/1/08	Notre Dame	W	70-55

¹ = BIG EAST Championship (Semifinal)

Series Scoring	Total	Average
Notre Dame	1,382	69.1
Seton Hall	1,076	53.8

Current Win Streak: Notre Dame - 2 games
Muffet McGraw vs. Seton Hall: 17-5
Phyllis Mangina vs. Notre Dame: 4-16
McGraw vs. Mangina: McGraw leads 17-5
ND Biggest Win: 56 (91-35 on 1/31/98)
SHU Biggest Win: 13 (74-61 on 1/7/06)
ND Longest Win Streak: 12 (1996-2003)
SHU Longest Win Streak: 2 (1993-94)

THE TALE OF THE TAPE

	ND	SHU
Overall/BIG EAST record	11-1/0-0	11-1/0-0
AP/ESPN-USA Today rank	12/6	—

SCORING

Points scored per game	75.5	77.9
Points allowed per game	55.9	57.2
Field goal percentage	.463	.444
Three-point percentage	.371	.320
Free throw percentage	.676	.708

REBOUNDING

Rebounds per game	40.6	45.4
Opponent rebs. per game	35.8	30.8
Rebounding margin	+4.8	+14.6

OTHER

Assists per game	15.4	14.7
Turnovers per game	17.3	17.3
Assist/turnover ratio	0.89	0.85
Blocked shots per game	4.9	3.8
Steals per game	11.1	9.8

other team-leading scorers this season have been junior guard **Ashley Barlow**, who has set the pace for the Irish three times, and senior guard **Lindsay Schrader**, who has posted her first team-high scoring games of the year in Notre Dame's last three outings, including a season-high 19 points at Charlotte on Dec. 28.

For the season, 10 of the 12 players on Notre Dame roster have scored in double figures at least once, with freshman guard **Fraderica Miller** aiming to join that club (along with walk-on junior guard **Alena Christiansen**, who was added to the Irish roster on Dec. 19).

More On The Balance Beam

Notre Dame was ranked among the top 50 in 13 of a possible 18 NCAA team statistical categories (as of Dec. 22). Included in that count are eight top 25 rankings, paced by a No. 8 rank in field goal percentage (currently .463) and three-point percentage defense (.241), and No. 10 in scoring offense (75.5 ppg.).

At the same time, only one Irish player is appearing in the top 50 of the 10 NCAA individual statistical rankings — junior guard **Ashley Barlow** stood 22nd in the nation in steals (as of Dec. 22), now with 2.7 per game.

Thirty Deeds

Last year, the Irish tied a school record with 10 wins by 30-or-more points. It would seem Notre Dame is intent on challenging that mark this season, having won four games this season by at least 35 points — a first in school history.

Just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Irish posted two of the larger winning margins in the program's record books, rolling to a 48-point victory at Boston College (102-54), followed by a 49-point win at home over Georgia Southern (85-36).

In fact, the only time Notre Dame logged a larger combined margin of victory in consecutive games than its Thanksgiving Eve 97-point spread was Nov. 24-25, 1989, at the UCF Rotary Classic in Orlando, Fla., when the Irish downed Liberty (113-35) and host Central Florida (81-61) by a combined 98 points.

A Start We Can Believe In

Notre Dame's 11-1 start matches the second-best 12-game debut in school history, with the Irish also winning 11 of their first 12 games to begin the 2004-05 and 2007-08 seasons.

The only time a Notre Dame squad started better than this year's club was 2000-01, when the Irish opened the season with a school-record 23 consecutive wins en route to the program's first No. 1 ranking and eventually, its first national championship.

Four of Notre Dame's wins this season have come against ranked opponents, marking just the first time in school history the Irish have registered four non-conference Top 25 victories in the regular season. The four ranked wins also currently represent half of the BIG EAST Conference's eight Top 25 wins during the 2008-09 non-conference schedule.

Polling Station

Notre Dame is ranked 12th in this week's Associ-

ated Press poll, holding steady from last week's ranking. It's the 28th consecutive AP poll appearance for the Irish, who moved into the Top 10 for the ninth time in the past 13 seasons (1996-97 through 2008-09) with their No. 8 ranking on Dec. 8.

Notre Dame also now has been ranked in the AP poll for 167 weeks during the program's 32-year history, with every one of those appearances coming in the **Muffet McGraw** era (since 1987-88). McGraw ranks 13th among all active NCAA Division I head coaches for weeks in the AP poll, and also stands 25th all-time in that category.

In addition, the Irish earned their 28th consecutive ranking in Tuesday's ESPN/USA Today/WBCA coaches' poll, remaining at a season-high sixth for the second consecutive week. It's the highest ranking for Notre Dame in the coaches poll since the week of Jan. 12, 2005, when the Irish also checked in at No. 6. The Irish have appeared in the coaches' poll for 159 weeks during its history (all coming during McGraw's tenure).

More Polling Data

Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is one of 24 people in NCAA Division I women's basketball history who have both played for and coached a team that has appeared in the Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Besides her 167 AP poll appearances while coaching at Notre Dame, McGraw was the starting point guard at Saint Joseph's (Pa.) as a senior in 1977, helping the Hawks rise to No. 3 in the nation. Of the 24 people on this list, 13 currently are NCAA Division I head coaches (see accompanying chart).

Novosel Named BIG EAST Freshman Of The Week

Freshman guard **Natalie Novosel** was chosen as the BIG EAST Conference Freshman of the Week, it was announced Monday by the conference office. It's the first career weekly honor for Novosel, who is the second Irish player selected for the award this season, joining two-time recipient **Kellie Watson** (Dec. 1 & 8).

This also marks the first time since 2001-02 that Notre Dame has had multiple players receive the BIG EAST Freshman of the Week award — that season, **Jacqueline Batteast** claimed the honor a school-record-tying six times, while **Katy Flecky** garnered it twice.

AP Poll Appearances Active D-I Coaches

- Summitt (Tenn) 550
- Landers (UGa) 431
- Stringer (RU) 384
- Blair (TAMU) 198
- ◆McGraw (ND) 167
- Larry (ODU) 146

All-Time D-I Coaches

- Landers (UGa) 431
- Conradt (Texas) 395
- Sanderford (WKU) 182
- Washington (KU) 176
- ◆McGraw (ND) 167

NOTE: through Dec. 29 AP poll

AP Poll Appearances As Player & Coach (active coaches only)

- Amanda Butler (Florida)
- June Daugherty (Wash. St.)
- Nell Fortner (Auburn)
- MaChelle Joseph (Ga. Tech)
- Wendy Larry (ODU)
- Joanne McCallie (Duke)
- Kathy McConnell-Miller (Colo.)
- ◆Muffet McGraw (ND)
- Kim Mulkey (Baylor)
- Kathy Olivier (UNLV)
- Bev Smith (Oregon)
- Dawn Staley (S. Carolina)
- Charli Turner Thorne (Ariz. St.)

NOTES: only current teams listed ... all coaches shown have made AP poll with current teams except Daugherty (did so at Boise State and Washington), Olivier (UCLA) and Staley (Temple) ... Butler, Larry, Olivier and Smith are coaching at their alma maters.





Novosel played a pivotal role in Sunday's 68-61 win at Charlotte, coming off the bench to score 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting, while adding five rebounds (four offensive) and a season-high four steals in 30 minutes. She also came up with four points and a crucial defensive rebound in the final 30 seconds to help thwart a late 49er rally and secure the victory.

Game #12 Recap: Vanderbilt

Sophomore forward **Becca Bruszewski** scored 10 points in the second half and No. 12/6 Notre Dame completed the largest comeback in program history with a 59-57 victory over No. 20/19 Vanderbilt on Tuesday night at Memorial Gymnasium in Nashville.

Vanderbilt (11-3) had a chance to tie, but **Jessica Mooney's** driving layup bounced off the rim as time expired.

The Fighting Irish trailed by 18 (44-26) with 17:41 to play but outscored the Commodores 22-0 over the next 9:24.

Bruszewski's layup with 8:36 left put Notre Dame (11-1) in front for the first time since it led 4-2 in the opening minutes.

The Irish led by as many as four five times in the closing minutes, but a turnover with four seconds left led to Mooney's last-second shot.

Notre Dame had a 27-13 rebounding advantage (10-5 at the offensive end) in the second half and 45-34 overall. Barlow led the team with a season-high nine, senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** had eight and Bruszewski and freshman forward **Erica Solomon** each had seven.

The Irish went 4-for-7 from 3-point range over the final 15:44 after missing their first eight from beyond the arc. Freshman forward **Kellie Watson** made two, and junior guard **Melissa Lechlitner** made one during the 22-0 run. Bruszewski made the last with 3:29 remaining after Vanderbilt pulled to 52-51.

Notre Dame pressured Vanderbilt into 10-of-29 shooting (34.5 percent) in the second half, and **Christina Wirth**, who made four three-pointers in the opening half, was held scoreless for the final 20 minutes.

Bruszewski and Schrader led Notre Dame with 12 points each and Lechlitner added 11.

Vanderbilt's **Hannah Tuomi** led all scorers with 20 points.

Noting The Vanderbilt Game

- In their previous school-record comeback over Connecticut in the 2001 NCAA Final Four semifinals (March 30, 2001 in St. Louis), the Irish trailed the Huskies, 47-31 with two minutes left in the first half, before outscoring UConn, 59-28 the rest of the way.
- Notre Dame used a 22-0 second-half run to highlight its rally at Vanderbilt, but it wasn't even its longest string of unanswered points this season — on Nov. 25, Notre Dame reeled off 27 consecutive points in the second half of an 85-36 win over Georgia Southern at the Joyce Center.
- Prior to this season, Notre Dame had never defeated an SEC opponent on its home floor — the Irish now have two victories at SEC schools in the past six weeks, having also downed #24/22 LSU, 62-53 in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 16.

- This marks the second time in school history Notre Dame has defeated multiple SEC opponents in the same season, having also done in 2000-01 (d. Georgia, 75-73, in Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge final at Madison, Wis.; d. Vanderbilt, 72-64, in NCAA Midwest Regional final at Denver).
- The Irish move to 3-1 all-time against Vanderbilt, picking up their first-ever win over the Commodores in Nashville.
- Notre Dame trailed at the half for the first time all season, and was held to its second-lowest first-half point total of the season (23 vs. Purdue on Dec. 7).
- Notre Dame has held 11 of 12 opponents to 63 points or fewer, including three of four Top 25 opponents to 57 points or fewer (only exception in both cases was a 78-72 win over #24 Michigan State on Nov. 29).
- The Irish limited Vanderbilt to a .387 field goal percentage after the Commodores came into the game ranked fifth in the nation in that category with a .477 percentage at tipoff.
- Bruszewski tied her career high with seven rebounds (twice before, most recently on Jan. 5, 2008, vs. Tennessee).
- Barlow collected a season-high nine rebounds (previous was eight on Nov. 25 vs. Georgia Southern).
- Solomon posted her second perfect shooting night of the season, having gone 5-for-5 on the way to a season-high 15 points on Nov. 23 at Boston College.
- Notre Dame had at least three double-figure scorers for the 11th time in 12 games this season, going 11-0 in those games.

Peters, Mallory Out For Season

Sophomores **Devereaux Peters** and **Brittany Mallory** will miss the remainder of the 2008-09 season after each player suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her left knee. Peters' injury occurred in the first half of Notre Dame's win at Boston College on Nov. 23. Meanwhile, Mallory went down in the opening minute of overtime on Dec. 10 at Michigan. Both players are expected to undergo corrective surgery in the coming weeks before beginning their respective rehabilitation programs.

Peters had played in only three games at the time of her injury, while Mallory had seen action in seven games. Thus, both players appear to meet the guidelines for the NCAA's hardship waiver (Rule 14.2.4; sometimes informally referred to as a "medical redshirt") that stipulates a petitioning student-athlete may not have played in more than 30 percent of a team's scheduled number of regular-season games (Notre Dame is slated to play 28 regular-season games in 2008-09).

Both players are expected to petition for the NCAA hardship waiver. If granted, both Peters and Mallory will maintain three years of athletic eligibility beginning with the 2009-10 season.

Christiansen Joins Irish Roster

With the injuries to **Devereaux Peters** and **Brittany Mallory**, Notre Dame added junior walk-on guard **Alena Christiansen** to its roster on Dec. 19. The Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native made her collegiate debut the following afternoon against

2008-09 Trends

Day of the Week	
Sunday	4-0
Monday	0-0
Tuesday	3-0
Wednesday	1-1
Thursday	0-0
Friday	0-0
Saturday	3-0

Time of Game	
Day games (before 6 p.m. local time)	7-0
Night games (6 p.m. or later local time)	4-1

Location	
Home games	5-0
Road games	6-1
Neutral site games	0-0

Halftime score	
Leading at the half	9-1
Tied at the half	2-0
Trailing at the half	0-0

Individual scoring	
Two or fewer double-figure scorers	0-1
Three double-figure scorers	5-0
Four double-figure scorers	4-0
Five or more double-figure scorers	2-0

Rebounding margin	
Grab more rebounds than opponents	7-0
Grab same number of rebounds as opponents	1-0
Grab fewer rebounds than opponents	3-1

Field goal shooting	
Higher pct. than opponent	9-1
Lower pct. than opponent	1-0
Same pct. as opponent	1-0
Shoot 45% or better	5-1
Shoot less than 45%	6-0
Hold opponent under 40%	8-0

Free throw margin	
Make more free throws	8-0
Make same number of free throws	0-0
Make fewer free throws	3-1

Turnovers	
Commit fewer turnovers	6-0
Commit same number of turnovers	1-1
Commit more turnovers	4-0

Miscellaneous	
Vs. Top 25 (AP or ESPN/USA Today polls)	4-0
On television	3-1
In white jerseys	5-0
In alternate white jerseys	0-0
In blue jerseys	6-1
In green jerseys	0-0

Margin of Victory	
1-5 points	1-1
6-10 points	4-0
11-15 points	1-0
16-20 points	1-0
21+ points	4-0
In overtime games	0-1

Conference Affiliation	
Atlantic Coast	1-0
Atlantic 10	1-0
BIG EAST	0-0
Big Ten	2-1
Horizon League	2-0
Mid-American	1-0
Missouri Valley	1-0
Southeastern	2-0
Southern	1-0

Month	
November	5-0
December	6-1
January	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0





Academics

Notre Dame Student-Athletes Rank Among Nation's Best

Whether measured by the federal government in its Department of Education report (the 18th edition came out this fall) or by the NCAA through its newer Graduation Success Rate (GSR) numbers, graduation rates for Notre Dame student-athletes rank among the national leaders in all major categories among all major football-playing colleges and universities.

Notre Dame led the nation in the GSR ratings for all student-athletes (at 98, tied with the United States Naval Academy), while also ranking first in both the GSR and federal standings for female student-athletes (100 GSR, 93 federal) — as well as first in the federal listing for black student-athletes (84). Both the federal graduation-rate figures and the GSR numbers for Notre Dame student-athletes found the Irish ranked fourth or better nationally in five major categories among the 119 football-playing institutions in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A).

Listing all student-athletes in all sports, Notre Dame tied for first among the Bowl Subdivision football schools in the GSR figures, initiated in 2005 by the NCAA. The University's 98 percent GSR for all its student-athletes matched that for the U.S. Naval Academy. Using the federal formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 89 percent of its student-athletes, second-best in the nation.

Notre Dame graduated 93 percent of all women competing in varsity athletics, to rank first among its peer institutions (tied with Northwestern) based on the federal calculations. Among men, Notre Dame's 87 percent federal rate was second, while the school also graduated 84 percent of its black student-athletes, ranking first based on the federal rate.

In the GSR standings, in addition to its number-one ranking for all student-athletes, Notre Dame tied for first among female student-athletes at 100 (Vanderbilt and the U.S. Naval Academy also finished at 100), second among male student-athletes at 97 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 98), and second among black student-athletes at 96 percent (behind the Naval Academy at 98).

The NCAA also calculated graduation rates over a 10-year period (student-athletes who entered from 1992-93 through 2001-02). During those 10 years, Notre Dame had 627 student-athletes who exhausted their eligibility — and 100 percent of them graduated within the allotted six-year period, a figure only Northwestern can match.

Academic All-Americans

Entering the 2008-09 academic year, Notre Dame ranks second in the nation with 201 Academic All-America® selections, including 32 in the past three years alone. The Academic All-America® Program is administered by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), whose membership votes on the award winners, and the program is sponsored by ESPN *The Magazine*.

The Notre Dame women's basketball program has produced five Academic All-America® honorees in its 32-year history, with those five players winning a total of seven citations. In addition, two-time first-team Academic All-America® pick **Ruth Riley** was tapped as the 2001 Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Member of the Year, as well as the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year. Riley also is one of only 10 student-athletes in Notre Dame history to earn All-American and Academic All-America® honors twice in her career.

Megan Duffy was the latest honoree in 2006, when she was named a first-team Academic All-America® selection, becoming the second Irish player ever to attain that distinction. Duffy graduated in May 2006 with a 3.576 grade-point average (GPA) and a degree in psychology and computer applications from Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters. She also garnered dean's list honors in four of her final five semesters (spring 2004, fall 2004, spring 2005, fall 2005).

ND Women's Basketball Academic All-Americans

Megan Duffy	2006 (First Team)
Maggie Lally	1980, 1981 (Second Team)
Shari Matvey	1981 (Second Team)
Ruth Riley	2000, 2001* (First Team)
Mary Beth Schueth	1983 (Second Team)

* = also Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Member of the Year and Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year

Loyola-Chicago, logging one point, one rebound and one steal in five minutes.

A supplemental biographical sketch on Christiansen can be found in the players' section of these game notes.

Half And Half

During the past nine seasons, Notre Dame has been nearly unbeatable when it has the lead at halftime. The Irish are 155-15 (.912) since the start of the 2000-01 campaign when they go into the dressing room with the lead, including wins in 83 of their last 92 such contests.

This season, Notre Dame is 9-1 when up at the break, losing only in overtime at Michigan on Dec. 10.

Last year, the Irish went 22-2 when they led at the break, failing only to do so in their two postseason losses (BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Pittsburgh, NCAA Oklahoma City Regional semifinal vs. Tennessee), although the UT lead marked the first time Notre Dame was up on the Lady Vols at the half in 20 series games.

The Best Offense Is A Good Defense...

During the past 14 seasons (1995-96 to present), Notre Dame has discovered that a solid defensive effort can almost certainly guarantee a victory. In fact, since the beginning of the 1995-96 season (Notre Dame's first in the BIG EAST Conference), the Irish have an amazing 191-12 (.941) record when they hold their opponents below 60 points in a game.

Notre Dame has added seven more wins to that ledger this year with wins over LSU, Boston College, Georgia Southern, Purdue, Valparaiso, Loyola-Chicago and Vanderbilt.

...But Sometimes You Have To Score If You Want To Win

Not resting solely on its defensive laurels, Notre Dame also seemingly has found the magic mark when it comes to outscoring its opponents. During the past 14 seasons (since 1995-96), the Irish are 119-4 (.967) when they score at least 80 points in a game. The only blemishes on that record are a pair of overtime losses to Texas A&M (88-84) and Michigan State (87-83) in 1995, a 106-81 loss to Connecticut in 1998, and an 81-80 loss to DePaul in 2008.

Notre Dame has scored at least 80 points in five games this year, winning each time. Last season, the Irish won 14 of 15 games when reaching the 80-point mark.

Now That's A Home Court Advantage

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success has been its stellar play at home. In fact, the Irish have been virtually untouchable at home in recent years, winning 167 of their last 188 games (.888) at the 11,418-seat Joyce Center, including winning streaks of 51 and 25 games in that span. Notre Dame also has a 93-15 (.861) record in BIG EAST Conference play at the Joyce Center, sporting a 31-game league winning streak at home before it ended with a 48-45 loss to Villanova in the '02 home finale.

The Irish have been particularly strong

when it comes to non-conference games at home, winning 76 of their last 82 non-BIG EAST contests (.927) at the Joyce Center, dating back to the 1994-95 season. Four of the losses in that span came at the hands of Big Ten Conference opponents — Wisconsin in 1996 (81-69), Purdue in 2003 (71-54), Michigan State in 2004 (82-73 OT) and Indiana in 2006 (54-51) — with the other two defeats coming to Tennessee in 2005 (62-51) and 2008 (87-63). The Purdue loss also snapped a 33-game non-conference home winning streak which began after the UW setback.

Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center, posting a 317-82 (.794) record at the venerable facility. Three times (1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2003-04), the Irish went a perfect 15-0 at home, setting a school record for home wins in a season.

Crowded House

The Dec. 7 home game against No. 17/20 Purdue was officially sold out, representing the sixth women's basketball sellout (11,418 capacity) in school history and the third in the past two seasons. It also was the first time in the 22-game series between the Irish and Boilermakers that an on-campus game has sold out.

Last year, Notre Dame sold out its games against Tennessee and Connecticut, and nearly did the same for the Michigan contest, drawing 10,825 fans for that game.

A full rundown of the top crowds in Joyce Center history can be found in the sidebar on page 9 of this notes package.

Irish Have New Home On The Dial

On Aug. 27, 2008, the Notre Dame athletics department announced it had partnered with the LeSEA Broadcasting Network, making Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) the new radio home of Notre Dame women's basketball in the South Bend market.

LeSEA now originates all Notre Dame women's basketball games, with those events carried on Pulse FM (96.9/92.1), marking the first time since the 1998-99 season that the Irish are heard on an FM station. Combined, these two stations blanket the nation's No. 89 media market (South Bend-Elkhart), covering a 21-county area in northern Indiana and southwest Michigan that contains more than 1.35 million listeners (better than 800,000 in the greater South Bend area alone). All told, Notre Dame's new women's basketball network stretches from Kalamazoo, Mich., to the north, North Judson, Ind., to the west, Macy, Ind., (home of former Irish All-America center **Ruth Riley**) to the south, and LaGrange, Ind., to the east.

Women's basketball game broadcasts also continue to be streamed live and free of charge on Notre Dame's official athletics Web site (UND.com) through the Fighting Irish All-Access multimedia package.

The new agreement includes extensive Notre Dame athletics promotion aired on a combination of the LeSEA stations.





Bob Nagle, the voice of Notre Dame women's basketball from 1996-97 through 1998-99 (including the program's first NCAA Final Four berth in 1997), returns as the play-by-play voice of the Irish this season.

Notre Dame On The Small Screen

Notre Dame will have at least 20 regular-season games televised during the upcoming 2008-09 season. Highlighting this year's broadcast schedule are eight nationally-televised Irish women's basketball contests, including five games on the ESPN family of networks (most recently the Dec. 28 game at Charlotte, which aired live on ESPN) and three others on CBS College Sports.

In addition, Notre Dame continues to expand its broadcast reach globally on the Internet. All 11 Irish regular-season home games not selected for commercial TV coverage will air live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site, *UND.com*, via the site's free multimedia package, Fighting Irish All-Access.

This year's TV slate continues a recent trend that has seen the Irish become a regular fixture on television. Beginning with the NCAA championship season of 2000-01 and continuing through this year, Notre Dame has played in 124 televised games, including 74 that were broadcast nationally.

Oh Captain, My Captain

Senior guard **Lindsay Schrader** and junior guards **Ashley Barlow** and **Melissa Lechlitrer** are team captains for the 2008-09 season. All three players are serving as captains for the first time in their careers, and each received the captain's honor following a vote of their teammates prior to the season.

Irish In The Pink (Zone) All Season Long

Notre Dame is proud to be a participant in the second annual Pink Zone initiative, created by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) in order to heighten breast cancer awareness and raise money for research towards finding a cure for the disease.

Throughout the 2008-09 season, the Irish will take part in several activities centered around the Pink Zone initiative, including:

- **Open Practice/Tip-Off Luncheon** - On Oct. 19, the Irish open the doors to one of their pre-season practice sessions and allowed approximately 600 season ticket holders to watch the team prepare for the upcoming season. A luncheon with the team followed and a total of \$3,311 was raised.
- **Three-Point Pledge** - Fans can pledge an amount to donate for every three-pointer the Irish make this season. Pledge cards are available at the Joyce Center Gate 10 marketing table prior to each home game.
- **Beanie Bears/Calendars** - The Irish are collecting a \$5 donation for every special-edition Notre Dame women's basketball beanie bear and team calendar sold during the season.
- **T-Shirt Sales** - Specially-commissioned "Irish Believe" pink t-shirts are on sale in the Hammes Bookstore and Varsity Shop on

the Notre Dame campus. Proceeds from the sales of the t-shirt will go to breast cancer awareness and research.

- **Brittany and Becca's Class** - Sophomores **Brittany Mallory** and **Becca Bruszewski** currently are taking a management class in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business under the guidance of **Chuck Lennon**, an Irish women's basketball season ticket holder, as well as Associate Vice President for University Relations and Executive Director of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. This class has been focusing on ways to help promote and enhance the Pink Zone initiative on the Notre Dame campus and rolled out their ideas at the Dec. 7 Purdue game.
- **Pink Zone Challenge** - The Irish women's basketball program has challenged some of the other top-drawing teams in the country to a friendly fund-raising competition to see which school can raise the most money for breast cancer awareness and research during the WBCA's designated Pink Zone games (Feb. 13-22, 2009). A total of 15 schools from among the top 20 in last year's final NCAA attendance rankings have committed for this inaugural challenge — Baylor, Connecticut, Duke, LSU, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri State, New Mexico, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Penn State, Purdue, Tennessee, Texas Tech and Vanderbilt. The school raising the most money during their specific Pink Zone game will earn the first-ever Pink Zone Challenge Trophy, to be commissioned by Notre Dame and awarded during the WBCA National Convention, to be held April 3-7, 2009, at the NCAA Women's Final Four in St. Louis.
- **Game Day (Feb. 8 vs. DePaul)** - The Irish have selected their Feb. 8 home game against DePaul as Notre Dame's Pink Zone game, presented by Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. The Irish will take the court in white, pink and navy uniforms, specially-designed by the school's official athletics apparel provider, adidas. The first 2,000 fans in attendance will receive a free pink Irish t-shirt, compliments of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, and pink pom-poms, balloons and posters will fill the crowd. In addition, breast cancer survivors will be recognized on the court during a special halftime ceremony. What's more, should Notre Dame sell out this game, the Irish will donate an additional \$10,000 to the Pink Zone initiative.

Proceeds from all of Notre Dame's Pink Zone events this season will go to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, as well as three local charities — Women's Task Force, Young Survivors Group and Secret Sisters Society. For more information on the WBCA's Pink Zone initiative, log on to the WBCA's official web site at www.wbca.org.

ND To Host NCAA Tourney Games in 2009

Notre Dame's Joyce Center will serve as one of 16 host sites for first- and second-round games in this year's NCAA Championship on March 22 & 24.

All-session tickets for this year's NCAA Championship games at the Joyce Center are available by contacting the Notre Dame athletics ticket office (574-631-7356).

2008-09 Signees

University of Notre Dame head women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw has announced that two talented high school student-athletes have chosen to continue their academic and athletic careers with the Irish, signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2009 **Skylar Diggins**, a 5-9 guard from South Bend, Ind., and a student-athlete at Washington High School, and **Kaila Turner**, a 5-8 guard from Joliet, Ill., and a student-athlete at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, Ill., both made their official commitments to Notre Dame during the early signing period, which ended Nov. 19.

A smooth, high-scoring southpaw who already is one of the top 20 all-time scorers in the storied history of Indiana high school basketball, Diggins is considered by all major recruiting services to be the top guard in this year's high school senior class and is rated as high as No. 2 in the nation (*Blue Star Basketball*). In addition, *All-Star Girls Report*, *Dan Olson Collegiate Girls Basketball Report* and ESPN Hoopurguz each rank Diggins third in the country, with Hoopurguz awarding her that outlet's highest marks ever for a point guard.

Meanwhile, Turner is a speedy, athletic player who can fill either guard position. She is ranked among the top 20 players at her position by all major recruiting services and is among the top 100 players in the nation overall, peaking a No. 82 by both *Blue Star Basketball* and *All-Star Girls Report*.

The combination of Diggins and Turner has given Notre Dame a Top 25 recruiting class for the 13th consecutive year. *All-Star Girls Report* rates the incoming Irish duo as the No. 7 class in the country, while *Dan Olson Collegiate Girls Basketball Report* has the Notre Dame pair rated 13th, ESPN Hoopurguz positions them at No. 15, and *Blue Star Basketball* ranks the Irish tandem at No. 18. Only two other schools in the country (Connecticut and Tennessee) came into the 2008-09 early signing period with a 12-year streak like the Irish.

A capsule look at the newest additions to the Notre Dame women's basketball program follows:

SKYLAR DIGGINS, 5-9, G (South Bend, Ind./Washington)

Statistics/Records: Entering fourth year as starter at Washington High School (combined record of 76-6, .927) in South Bend, Ind., where she has played for coaches Marilyn Coddens and Maurice Scott ... started 81 of 82 games she played in during in her first three seasons ... helped team reach Indiana Class 4A state championship game each year (won title in her sophomore season of 2006-07) ... career averages (entering senior season) of 24.8 points, 5.6 rebounds, 5.4 assists, 4.1 steals and 1.3 blocks per game ... holds school records for career points (2,036, 19th in state history), single-season points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks ... career single-game highs of 43 points, 17 rebounds (Indiana Class 4A state championship game record), 11 assists and nine blocks ... enjoyed extensive AAU career playing for South Bend Soldiers and The Family.

USA Basketball: Two-time USA Basketball gold medalist ... started all five games at 2008 FIBA U18 Americas Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina, leading United States to perfect 5-0 record and gold medal; averaged 10.8 ppg. (second on team), 3.2 rpg., 3.6 apg. (first on team) and 2.0 spg. (tied-first on team).

Awards/Honors: Two-time high school All-American by *Parade Magazine* (first team 2008; third team 2007) and EA Sports (first team 2008; second team 2007) ... *USA Today* All-USA Team (2008) ... *USA Today* All-Underclass Team (2006) ... 2008 Gatorade State Player of the Year ... MaxPreps Indiana Player of the Year/first-team All-American (2008) ... three-time Associated Press all-state selection (first team in 2007, 2008; third team in 2006) and coaches' all-state choice (first team 2007, 2008; second team 2006) ... three-time *South Bend Tribune* Metro All-Area selection (2006, 2007, 2008).

KAILA TURNER, 5-8, G (Joliet, Ill./Marian Catholic)

Statistics/Records: Three-year starter at Marian Catholic High School (combined record of 75-20, .789) in Chicago Heights, Ill., where she is coached by Annie Basic ... career averages of 10.0 ppg., 3.2 rpg., 2.5 apg., with .343 3FG% (81-236) ... played AAU ball for Illinois Wolverines 16U Black, where she was coached by Ron Newquist.

Awards/Honors: Second-team Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) all-state (2008) ... *Times of Northwest Indiana* Illinois Player of the Year (2008) ... two-time first-team all-area selection by *Times of Northwest Indiana*, *Illinois Times* and *Daily Southtown* (2007, 2008).

Notre Dame Incoming Class of 2009

Skylar Diggins	5-9, G, South Bend, Ind. (Washington HS)
Kaila Turner	5-8, G, Joliet, Ill. (Marian Catholic HS)



**G Ashley Barlow**

Dec. 19	Naismith Trophy Watch List
Nov. 24	BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll

G Natalie Novosel

Dec. 29	BIG EAST Freshman of the Week
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G Lindsay Schrader

Oct. 23	Preseason Honorable Mention All-BIG EAST
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F Kellie Watson

Dec. 1	BIG EAST Freshman of the Week
Dec. 8	BIG EAST Freshman of the Week

2008-09 Awards

Notre Dame has played in the NCAA Championship on its home floor five times before, most recently defeating Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State) and Middle Tennessee in 2004 to make the program's sixth NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. All told, the Irish are 6-1 in NCAA tourney play at the Joyce Center, winning six in a row since an 81-76 first-round loss to Minnesota in 1994.

Irish Fans Crave Another Big Mac Attack

After a wildly-successful debut last season, Notre Dame is bringing back its "Big Mac" promotion for 2008-09, offering fans a coupon for a free Big Mac from South Bend-area McDonald's restaurants if the Irish score at least 88 points in a home game.

It hasn't take long for the burger watch to fire back up again this year, as Notre Dame has topped the 88-point mark three times — in its lone exhibition game (96-30 over Gannon on Nov. 5), as well as regular season games against Evansville (96-61 on Nov. 19) and Loyola-Chicago (89-45 on Dec. 20).

Last year, the Irish reached the magic number eight times, doing so in both exhibition wins, along with regular-season victories over Miami (Ohio), Boston College, Canisius, Valparaiso, Marquette and South Florida.

It should come as no surprise that in the short history of the promotion, the Notre Dame player with the most "Big Mac" baskets shares the same initials with the tasty burger — sophomore guard **Brittany Mallory**, who was sent the crowd home happy (and presumably with full bellies) four times.

This season, it's been the Irish freshmen who have taken on the "Big Mac" mantle of responsibility, with guard **Natalie Novosel** doing the honors in the Gannon exhibition and Loyola-Chicago game, and forward **Erica Solomon** putting Notre Dame over the top against Evansville.

Joyce Center Arena Renovation Underway

On Sept. 13, 2008, groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Purcell Pavilion, including the Joyce Center arena addition and renovation, were held to kick off the first phase of the two-year project to upgrade the home for Notre Dame basketball and volleyball.

The first phase of the project, that began in September 2008, involves construction of a new three-story structure at the south end of the arena. That structure will include a new three-story lobby, the Notre Dame ticket operations (approximately 4,500 square feet) and a varsity shop to sell apparel and souvenirs (approximately 3,000 square feet), in addition to a new club seating and hospitality area.

Replacement of the existing Joyce Center arena seating, including installation of chair-back seating throughout the arena, is expected

to take place after the University's Commencement Exercises in May 2009. The entire project is scheduled for completion in January 2010. The arena is expected to re-open by mid-October 2009, in time for the start of the basketball season and the end of the volleyball season.

The University announced in October 2007 that this \$26.3 million project had received a \$12.5 million leadership gift from Notre Dame alumnus and Trustee **Philip J. Purcell III**, the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley.

Exterior changes to the Joyce Center that began taking shape in September include a new, three-story addition on the south end of the current structure. The third floor area will include the stadium club/hospitality area. The first-floor addition will include almost 4,500 square feet for ticket offices (including four exterior and 10 interior tickets windows), 3,000 square feet for the varsity shop, as well as a completely new main entrance and lobby situated between Gates 8 and 10. The new entrance will feature graphics and theming that highlight Notre Dame's competing athletic programs.

Changes to the interior of the Joyce Center arena include:

- New, blue chair-back seating from top to bottom of the arena, including all-new upper-arena sections. All seating will be replaced in the lower bowl (including platform seats), and the wooden bleachers in the upper bowl will be removed and replaced with treads and risers and permanent arena seats. The exchange of the bleacher sections for chair back seats will change the capacity from the current 11,418 to approximately 9,800.
- A stadium club/hospitality area (approximately 16,500 square feet) in the south end of the arena, with a separate, private entry and with premium club seating for nearly 800 fans (that figure is part of the projected 9,800 capacity). Included in this area will be food service and restroom facilities.
- New fixed concession areas, increased numbers of women's restrooms and increased handicapped seating options.
- The interior seating changes provide an opportunity to consider new options for student seating. Students currently sit in both lower- and upper-arena sections behind the basket on the east end of the arena.

Next Game: DePaul

Notre Dame wraps up its four-game road trip Tuesday with an 8 p.m. CT (9 p.m. ET) game at BIG EAST Conference rival DePaul. The contest, which is the first of a home-and-home series with the Blue Demons this season, will be televised live to a national cable audience by CBS College Sports.

DePaul (12-2) is receiving votes in both major polls this week and is riding a seven-game winning streak as it heads to No. 10/13 Louisville for its BIG EAST opener Saturday afternoon.

ND's "Big Mac Baskets"**2008-09**

*Gannon	Novosel FT
Evansville	Solomon FG
Loyola-Chicago	Novosel FG

2007-08

*S. Indiana	Williamson FG
*Hillsdale	Mallory FT
Miami (Ohio)	Barlow FG
Boston Coll.	Mallory FG
Canisius	Mallory 3FG
Valparaiso	Mallory FT
Marquette	Allen FG
So. Florida	Schrader FG

* - exhibition game

Top Joyce Center Crowds

Rk.	Date	Opponent	Result	Atten.
T1.	1/15/01	#1 Connecticut	W, 92-76	11,418*
T1.	2/24/01	Georgetown	W, 65-53	11,418*
T1.	12/31/05	#1 Tennessee	L, 51-62	11,418*
T1.	1/5/08	#3 Tennessee	L, 63-87	11,418*
T1.	1/27/08	#1 Connecticut	L, 64-81	11,418*
T1.	12/7/08	#17 Purdue	W, 62-51	11,418*
7.	12/2/07	Michigan	W, 77-46	10,825
8.	2/10/02	#16 Boston College	W, 60-44	9,676
9.	3/19/01	Michigan (NCAA)	W, 88-54	9,597
10.	12/3/06	Indiana	L, 51-54	9,494
11.	1/4/03	#7 Purdue	L, 54-71	9,483
12.	1/26/02	#16 Virginia Tech	W, 64-57	8,878
13.	2/10/08	#15 Pittsburgh	W, 81-66	8,831
14.	2/14/04	Providence	W, 81-51	8,760
15.	1/13/04	#4 Connecticut	W, 66-51	8,574
16.	1/29/02	Syracuse	W, 71-46	8,571
17.	3/17/01	Alcorn St. (NCAA)	W, 98-49	8,553
18.	1/20/03	#3 Connecticut	L, 53-72	8,265
19.	2/19/06	#8 Connecticut	L, 64-79	8,193
20.	1/12/92	#2 Tennessee	L, 82-85	8,134

* = indicates capacity crowd // rankings from AP poll

Boldface indicates game played this season





Notre Dame on the BIG EAST Conference and NCAA statistical leaderboards

Individual Statistics

Category	BIG EAST - All Games		NCAA Division I	
	Rank	Leader	Rank	Leader
Scoring (Top 30 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)				
Lindsay Schrader	13.1	23	22.2, Shavonte Zellouts, PITT	— 26.4, Gabriela Marginean, Drexel
Ashley Barlow	12.4	26		—
Field Goal Percentage (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)				
Becca Bruszewski	.544	8	.659, Tina Charles, UCONN	— .709, Carolyn Swords, Boston College
Lindsay Schrader	.519	11		62
Free Throw Percentage (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)				
Ashley Barlow	.875	t-3	.920, Brittany Ray, RU	— 1.000, Katie King, Utah
3-Point Field Goal Percentage (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)				
Kellie Watson	.405	12	.500, Xenia Stewart, PITT	— .517, Shaqwedia Wallace, Temple
Steals (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)				
Ashley Barlow	2.7	4	4.4, Angel McCoughtry, LOU	22 4.7, Angel McCoughtry, Louisville
Blocked Shots (Top 15 BIG EAST / Top 100 NCAA)				
Erica Solomon	1.5	t-6	2.6, Brittany Denson, USF	— 5.6, Louella Tomlinson, Saint Mary's (Calif.)
Defensive Rebounds (Top 15 BIG EAST)				
Lindsay Schrader	4.7	13	7.8, Noteisha Womack, SHU	not kept
Minutes Played (Top 10 BIG EAST)				
Ashley Barlow	32.2	10	37.0, Kahla Roudebush, CIN	not kept

Conference stats through Jan. 2 // NCAA stats through Dec. 21
bold = BIG EAST leader OR NCAA Top 25

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Team Statistics

Category	BIG EAST - All Games		NCAA Division I	
	Rank	Leader	Rank	Leader
Scoring Offense	75.5	6	92.1, South Florida	10 92.4, Connecticut
Scoring Defense	55.9	10	49.9, West Virginia	31 48.4, LSU
Scoring Margin	+19.6	7	+36.2, Connecticut	11 +36.8, Connecticut
FT Percentage	.676 (161-238)	12	.753, Villanova	145 .837, Air Force
FG Percentage	.463 (346-748)	3	.555, Connecticut	8 .554, Connecticut
FG Pct. Defense	.360 (251-698)	8	.331, Pittsburgh	33 .307, Texas A&M
3-Point FG Pct.	.371 (53-143)	5	.411, Pittsburgh	11 .440, Saint Mary's (Calif.)
3-Point FG Pct. Def.	.241 (40-166)	2	.2408, St. John's	8 .175, Texas A&M
3-Point FG Made	4.4	t-13	9.0, South Florida	184 9.5, Fresno State
Rebounding	40.6	10	47.3, Pittsburgh	not kept
Opponent Rebounding	35.8	12	28.5, Rutgers	not kept
Rebounding Margin	+4.8	10	+15.4, Pittsburgh	64 +16.5, Baylor
Offensive Rebounds	14.3	10	19.4, South Florida	not kept
Defensive Rebounds	26.3	9	29.3, Connecticut	not kept
Blocked Shots	4.9	5	6.1, Pittsburgh	35 8.0, Mississippi State
Assists	15.4	5	23.5, Connecticut	42 23.9, Connecticut
Steals	11.1	4	15.2, South Florida	21 16.1, South Florida
Turnover Margin	+4.9	4	+14.3, South Florida	13 +15.6, South Florida
Turnover Average	17.3		not kept	74 10.7, Samford
Assist/Turnover Ratio	0.89	8	1.8, Connecticut	35 1.74, Connecticut
Personal Fouls	16.0		not kept	59 12.0, La Salle
Won-Loss Percentage	.917		not kept	17 1.000, eight tied

Conference stats through Jan. 2 // NCAA stats through Dec. 21
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2008-09 University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Results

Overall Record: 11-1 (Home: 5-0, Away: 6-1, Neutral: 0-0); BIG EAST Conference Record: 0-0

----- Notre Dame Highs -----

Date	ND NR	Opp NR	Opponent	Time/Result	Streak	Record	BEC	Scorer	Rebounder	Assists	Attendance
Nov. 16	16/14	24/22	at LSU ^{1-ESPN2}	W 62-53	W1	1-0		Barlow-19	two with 6	Lechlitner-5	7,954
Nov. 19	15/15		EVANSVILLE	W 96-61	W2	2-0		Barlow-19	Schrader-7	Mallory-6	5,696
Nov. 23	15/15		at Boston College	W 102-54	W3	3-0		Bruszewski-18	Williamson-7	Barlow-6	1,567
Nov. 25	14/10		GEORGIA SOUTHERN	W 85-36	W4	4-0		Mallory-19	Barlow-8	two with 4	6,192
Nov. 29	14/10	24/rv	MICHIGAN STATE	W 78-72	W5	5-0		Watson-18	Watson-6	Barlow-6	6,710
Dec. 2	11/8		at Eastern Michigan	W 83-63	W6	6-0		Novosel-18	Schrader-10	Novosel-4	649
Dec. 7	11/8	17/20	PURDUE	W 62-51	W7	7-0		Lechlitner-19	Schrader-10	two with 4	11,418 (c)
Dec. 10	8/8		at Michigan ^{BTN}	L 59-63 (ot)	L1	7-1		Barlow-14	two with 5	three with 3	1,377
Dec. 13	8/8		at Valparaiso ^{ESPN360/FC}	W 63-55	W1	8-1		Lechlitner-18	Solomon-7	two with 2	2,046
Dec. 20	13/7		LOYOLA-CHICAGO	W 89-45	W2	9-1		three with 13	two with 8	Schrader-5	6,323
Dec. 28	12/6		at Charlotte ^{ESPNU}	W 68-61	W3	10-1		Schrader-19	Schrader-9	Barlow-4	1,587
Dec. 30	12/6	20/19	at Vanderbilt	W 59-57	W4	11-1		two with 12	Barlow-9	Barlow-4	4,374
Jan. 3			• at Seton Hall	Noon ET							
Jan. 6			• at DePaul ^{CBS CS}	8 p.m. CT							
Jan. 10			• GEORGETOWN	7 p.m. ET							
Jan. 13			• at Marquette ^{CBS CS}	8 p.m. CT							
Jan. 17			• ST. JOHN'S	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 24			• at Villanova	2 p.m. ET							
Jan. 27			• RUTGERS ^{CBS CS}	8 p.m. ET							
Jan. 31			• CINCINNATI	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 3			• at Pittsburgh	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 8			• DEPAUL ^{ESPNU}	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 11			• LOUISVILLE	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 17			• at South Florida	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 22			• at Connecticut ^{ESPNU}	2 p.m. ET							
Feb. 24			• SYRACUSE	7 p.m. ET							
Feb. 28			• at Providence	2 p.m. ET							
March 2			• WEST VIRGINIA	3:30 p.m. ET							

BIG EAST Championship (Hartford, Conn. — XL Center)

March 6	First Round	TBA
March 7	Second Round ^{BIG EAST TV}	TBA
March 8	Quarterfinals ^{ESPNU}	TBA
March 9	Semifinals ^{ESPNU}	6/8 p.m. ET
March 10	Final ^{ESPN}	7 p.m. ET

NCAA Championship — First & Second Rounds (Notre Dame, Ind. — Joyce Center)

March 22	First Round ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA
March 24	Second Round ^{ESPN/ESPN2}	TBA

NCAA Regionals (Berkeley, Calif./Oklahoma City, Okla./Raleigh, N.C./Trenton, N.J.)

March 28-29	Regional Semifinals ^{ESPN}	TBA
March 30-31	Regional Finals ^{ESPN}	TBA

NCAA Women's Final Four (St. Louis, Mo. — Scottrade Center)

April 5	National Semifinals ^{ESPN}	TBA
April 7	National Championship ^{ESPN}	TBA

• = indicates BIG EAST Conference game

(c) = indicates capacity crowd

NR = national ranking (listed as Associated Press/ESPN-USA Today)

ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU = Game to be televised live on ESPN, ESPN2 or ESPNU

ESPN360/FC = Game televised live on ESPN360.com/ESPN Full Court

CBS CS = Game to be televised live on CBS College Sports

BIG EAST TV = Game to be televised live as part of BIG EAST-Regional Sports Networks package

BTN = Game televised live on the Big Ten Network

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

Home games listed in ALL CAPS and played at Joyce Center (capacity 11,418)

2008-09 ATTENDANCE

	Totals	Avg.	High
All Games:	55,893	4,658	11,418 (12/7 - PUR)
Home:	36,339	7,268	11,418 (12/7 - PUR)
Away:	19,554	2,793	7,954 (11/16 - LSU)
Neutral:			





2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — All Games

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Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Schrader, Lindsay	12-12	370-30.8	67-129	.519	1-1	1.000	22-33	.667	24	56	80	6.7	18-0	31	32	6	18	157	13.1
Barlow, Ashley	10-9	322-32.2	46-109	.422	11-35	.314	21-24	.875	17	36	53	5.3	16-0	30	27	1	27	124	12.4
Lechlitner, Melissa	12-12	379-31.6	54-119	.454	10-22	.455	14-18	.778	8	17	25	2.1	18-0	34	26	2	15	132	11.0
Bruszewski, Becca	12-12	290-24.2	49-90	.544	6-13	.462	12-21	.571	13	39	52	4.3	35-2	22	29	6	16	116	9.7
*Mallory, Brittany	7-3	154-22.0	21-45	.467	7-20	.350	8-13	.615	5	18	23	3.3	15-0	20	9	1	11	57	8.1
*Peters, Devereaux	3-1	61-20.3	11-16	.688	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	3	10	13	4.3	6-0	5	4	6	5	22	7.3
Solomon, Erica	12-0	207-17.3	30-64	.469	0-0	.000	28-42	.667	25	30	55	4.6	22-0	10	17	18	8	88	7.3
Novosel, Natalie	12-0	219-18.3	24-52	.462	1-9	.111	24-32	.750	17	17	34	2.8	15-0	18	24	1	13	73	6.1
Watson, Kellie	12-0	202-16.8	22-67	.328	17-42	.405	11-18	.611	9	27	36	3.0	15-1	9	17	8	7	72	6.0
Williamson, Erica	12-11	172-14.3	16-48	.333	0-0	.000	19-25	.760	18	31	49	4.1	20-0	4	14	10	4	51	4.3
Miller, Fraderica	7-0	44-6.3	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	3	2	5	0.7	11-0	2	3	0	8	13	1.9
Christiansen, Alena	1-0	5-5.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-4	.250	1	0	1	1.0	1-0	0	0	0	1	1	1.0
Team									28	33	61						5		
Notre Dame	12	2425	346-748	.463	53-143	.371	161-238	.676	171	316	487	40.6	192-3	185	207	59	133	906	75.5
Opponents	12	2425	251-698	.360	40-166	.241	129-171	.754	152	277	429	35.8	213-7	144	266	38	101	671	55.9

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 34, Opponents 18 // * - out for season (knee injury)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	428	475	3	— 906
Opponents	323	341	7	— 671

2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Past 5 Games

Overall Record: 4-1 (Home: 1-0, Away: 3-1, Neutral: 0-0)

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Schrader, Lindsay	5-5	161-32.2	28-47	.596	1-1	1.000	9-11	.818	12	23	35	7.0	9-0	12	11	2	6	66	13.2
Lechlitner, Melissa	5-5	164-32.8	28-56	.500	4-9	.444	4-5	.800	2	6	8	1.6	8-0	7	10	0	6	64	12.8
Bruszewski, Becca	5-5	129-25.8	23-40	.575	3-7	.429	3-10	.300	5	17	22	4.4	16-1	9	14	1	8	52	10.4
Barlow, Ashley	5-4	167-33.4	19-48	.396	1-11	.091	10-11	.909	9	18	27	5.4	9-0	16	17	1	10	49	9.8
Novosel, Natalie	5-0	95-19.0	10-23	.435	0-2	.000	9-13	.692	7	7	14	2.8	7-0	6	13	0	7	29	5.8
Solomon, Erica	5-0	87-17.4	11-25	.440	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	12	11	23	4.6	7-0	3	8	6	4	27	5.4
*Mallory, Brittany	1-1	34-34.0	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	1	4	5	5.0	2-0	3	2	0	2	5	5.0
Watson, Kellie	5-0	102-20.4	6-33	.182	5-22	.227	6-10	.600	4	10	14	2.8	5-0	4	11	4	2	23	4.6
Miller, Fraderica	2-0	21-10.5	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	3	2	5	2.5	5-0	2	1	0	4	7	3.5
Williamson, Erica	5-5	60-12.0	5-18	.278	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	6	9	15	3.0	5-0	1	6	6	2	15	3.0
Christiansen, Alena	1-0	5-5.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-4	.250	1	0	1	1.0	1-0	0	0	0	1	1	1.0
Team									12	16	28						2		
Notre Dame	5	1025	135-301	.449	15-55	.273	53-81	.654	74	123	197	39.4	74-1	63	95	20	52	338	67.6
Opponents	5	1025	110-286	.385	21-84	.250	40-56	.714	62	111	173	34.6	75-2	62	107	13	43	281	56.2

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 11, Opponents 5 // * - out for season (knee injury)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	170	165	3	— 338
Opponents	145	129	7	— 281

**2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Home Games****Overall Record: 5-0**

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Barlow, Ashley	4-4	117-29.3	18-49	.367	6-18	.333	12-13	.923	9	15	24	6.0	5-0	12	6	0	10	54	13.5
Schrader, Lindsay	5-5	138-27.6	26-51	.510	0-0	.000	9-15	.600	9	24	33	6.6	6-0	18	14	3	7	61	12.2
Lechlitner, Melissa	5-5	141-28.2	22-41	.537	5-11	.455	7-10	.700	2	4	6	1.2	5-0	16	7	1	5	56	11.2
Watson, Kellie	5-0	104-20.8	16-43	.372	12-26	.462	6-8	.750	6	15	21	4.2	6-0	5	8	3	6	50	10.0
Bruszewski, Becca	5-5	110-22.0	19-32	.594	5-8	.625	2-3	.667	7	13	20	4.0	11-1	11	12	4	7	45	9.0
*Mallory, Brittany	4-1	90-22.5	13-29	.448	3-12	.250	6-9	.667	3	8	11	2.9	10-0	13	4	0	8	35	8.8
Solomon, Erica	5-0	89-17.8	11-25	.440	0-0	.000	12-17	.706	10	15	25	5.0	11-0	4	4	6	3	34	6.8
Novosel, Natalie	5-0	83-16.6	10-23	.435	0-6	.000	10-11	.909	5	6	11	2.2	5-0	9	7	1	6	30	6.0
*Peters, Devereaux	1-1	17-17.0	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	3-0	1	1	1	0	6	6.0
Williamson, Erica	5-4	75-15.0	7-22	.318	0-0	.000	13-16	.813	8	18	26	5.2	9-0	2	3	4	1	27	5.4
Miller, Fraderica	3-0	31-10.3	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	3	2	5	1.7	7-0	2	2	0	5	11	3.7
Christiansen, Alena	1-0	5-5.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-4	.250	1	0	1	1.0	1-0	0	0	0	1	1	1.0
Team									10	7	17						1		
Notre Dame	5	1000	150-328	.457	31-82	.378	79-111	.712	74	130	204	40.8	79-1	93	69	23	59	410	82.0
Opponents	5	1000	97-282	.344	15-64	.234	56-75	.747	69	120	189	37.8	97-3	58	128	17	40	265	53.0

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 16, Opponents 5 // * - out for season (knee injury)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Total
Notre Dame	195	215	— 410
Opponents	125	140	— 265

2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Statistics — Road Games**Overall Record: 6-1 (Away: 6-1, Neutral: 0-0)**

Player	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	OR	DR	Tot.	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts.	Avg.
Schrader, Lindsay	7-7	232-33.1	41-78	.526	1-1	1.000	13-18	.722	15	32	47	6.7	12-0	13	18	3	11	96	13.7
Barlow, Ashley	6-5	205-34.2	28-60	.467	5-17	.294	9-11	.818	8	21	29	4.8	11-0	18	21	1	17	70	11.7
Lechlitner, Melissa	7-7	238-34.0	32-78	.410	5-11	.455	7-8	.875	6	13	19	2.7	13-0	18	19	1	10	76	10.9
Bruszewski, Becca	7-7	180-25.7	30-58	.517	1-5	.200	10-18	.556	6	26	32	4.6	24-1	11	17	2	9	71	10.1
*Peters, Devereaux	2-0	44-22.0	8-11	.727	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	2	7	9	4.5	3-0	4	3	5	5	16	8.0
Solomon, Erica	7-0	118-16.9	19-39	.487	0-0	.000	16-25	.640	15	15	30	4.3	11-0	6	13	12	5	54	7.7
*Mallory, Brittany	3-2	64-21.3	8-16	.500	4-8	.500	2-4	.500	2	10	12	4.0	5-0	7	5	1	3	22	7.3
Novosel, Natalie	7-0	136-19.4	14-29	.483	1-3	.333	14-21	.667	12	11	23	3.3	10-0	9	17	0	7	43	6.1
Williamson, Erica	7-7	97-13.9	9-26	.346	0-0	.000	6-9	.667	10	13	23	3.3	11-0	2	11	6	3	24	3.4
Watson, Kellie	7-0	98-14.0	6-24	.250	5-16	.313	5-10	.500	3	12	15	2.1	9-1	4	9	5	1	22	3.1
Miller, Fraderica	4-0	13-3.3	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	4-0	0	1	0	3	2	0.5
Team									18	26	44						4		
Notre Dame	7	1425	196-420	.467	22-61	.361	82-127	.646	97	186	283	40.4	113-2	92	138	36	74	496	70.9
Opponents	7	1425	154-416	.370	25-102	.245	73-96	.760	83	157	240	34.3	116-4	86	138	21	61	406	58.0

Deadball Rebounds: Notre Dame 18, Opponents 13 // * - out for season (knee injury)

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Notre Dame	233	260	3	— 496
Opponents	198	201	7	— 406



2008-09 Single Game Highs & Lows

Team Superlatives

NOTRE DAME HIGH	NOTRE DAME LOW	CATEGORY	OPPONENT HIGH	OPPONENT LOW
102 at Boston College (11/23/08)	59, twice (MR: at Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)	Points/Game	72 by Michigan State (11/29/08)	36 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
53 (2nd) at Boston College (11/23/08)	20 (2nd) at Michigan (12/10/08)	Points/Half	38, twice (MR: 2nd by EMU, 12/2/08)	17 (1st) by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
42 at Boston College (11/23/08)	21, twice (MR: vs. Purdue, 12/7/08)	Field Goals Made	28 by Michigan State (11/29/08)	12 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
79 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	47 at LSU (11/16/08)	Field Goal Attempts	68 by Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	50 by Loyola (12/20/08)
.646 at Boston College (11/23/08)	.344 vs. Purdue (12/7/08)	FG Percentage	.444 by Michigan (12/10/08)	.214 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
9 vs. Michigan State (11/29/08)	1 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)	3-Point FG Made	6 by Evansville (11/19/08)	0 by LSU (11/16/08)
25 vs. Michigan State (11/29/08)	4 at LSU (11/16/08)	3-Point FG Attempts	22 by Valparaiso (12/13/08)	4 by LSU (11/16/08)
.875 at Boston College (11/23/08)	.111 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)	3-Point FG Percentage	.357 by Charlotte (12/28/08)	.000 by LSU (11/16/08)
25, twice (MR: vs. Loyola, 12/20/08)	3 at Vanderbilt (12/30/08)	Free Throws Made	22 by Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	2 by Boston College (11/23/08)
40 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	6, twice (MR: at Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)	Free Throw Attempts	28 by Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	3 by Boston College (11/23/08)
.917 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	.500 at Vanderbilt (12/30/08)	FT Percentage	.889 by Charlotte (12/28/08)	.455 by Vanderbilt (12/30/08)
60 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	31 at Michigan (12/10/08)	Rebounds	48 by Michigan State (11/29/08)	22 by Boston College (11/23/08)
23, twice (MR: at Boston Coll., 11/23/08)	7 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)	Assists	17 by Charlotte (12/28/08)	7 by Ga. Southern (11/25/08)
17, three times (MR: vs. Loyola, 12/20/08)	2 at Vanderbilt (12/30/08)	Steals	11, twice (MR: by Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)	5 by Boston College (11/23/08)
8, twice (MR: at Valparaiso, 12/13/08)	2, twice (MR: vs. Loyola, 12/20/08)	Blocked Shots	6, three times (MR: by Michigan, 12/10/08)	1, twice (MR: by Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)
23 at Michigan (12/10/08)	8 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	Turnovers	31, twice (MR: by Loyola, 12/20/08)	11 by Vanderbilt (12/30/08)
24 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	11 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)	Fouls	31 by Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	10 by Michigan (12/10/08)

Individual Superlatives

	NOTRE DAME	OPPONENT
Points Scored	19, five times (MR: by Lindsay Schrader at Charlotte, 12/28/08)	34 by Aisha Jefferson of Michigan State (11/29/08)
Field Goals Made	9 by Becca Bruszewski at Boston College (11/23/08)	14 by Aisha Jefferson of Michigan State (11/29/08)
Field Goal Attempts	18 by Ashley Barlow vs. Evansville (11/19/08)	28 by Aisha Jefferson of Michigan State (11/29/08)
Highest FG Percentage (min. 5 made)	1.000 (6-6) by Melissa Lechlitner vs. Loyola (12/20/08)	.909 (10-11) by Stephany Skrba of Michigan (12/10/08)
3-Point Field Goals Made	6* by Kellie Watson vs. Michigan State (11/29/08)	4, twice (MR: by Christina Wirth of Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)
3-Point Field Goal Attempts	9 by Kellie Watson vs. Michigan State (11/29/08)	12 by Mary Lawson of Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)
3-Point FG Percentage (min. 2 made)	1.000 (3-3) by Brittany Mallory at Boston College (11/23/08)	.667 (2-3), three times (MR: by Traci Ray of Charlotte, 12/28/08)
Free Throws Made	6, twice (MR: by Erica Solomon at Eastern Michigan, 12/2/08)	10 by Cassie Schrock of Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)
Free Throw Attempts	10 by Erica Solomon at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	14 by Cassie Schrock of Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)
Free Throw Percentage (min. 3 made)	1.000 (4-4), six times (MR: by Lindsay Schrader at Charlotte, 12/28/08)	1.000 (7-7) by Jessica Minnfield of Michigan (12/10/08)
Rebounds	10, twice (MR: by Lindsay Schrader vs. Purdue, 12/7/08)	15 by Lauren Kenney of Valparaiso (12/13/08)
Assists	6, three times (MR: by Ashley Barlow vs. Michigan St., 11/29/08)	9 by Traci Ray of Charlotte (12/28/08)
Steals	7 by Ashley Barlow at Boston College (11/23/08)	4, four times (MR: by Christina Wirth of Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)
Blocked Shots	4 by Erica Solomon at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)	4 by Shana McKinney of Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)
Turnovers	5, four times (MR: by Ashley Barlow at Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)	7 by Jessica Minnfield of Michigan (12/10/08)
Minutes Played	40 by Melissa Lechlitner at Valparaiso (12/13/08)	45 by Jessica Minnfield of Michigan (12/10/08)

* - tied ND Joyce Center record

**2008-09 Notre Dame Game-By-Game Team Statistics**

Opponent (Attendance)	Overall		3-Point		FT-A	Pct.	Rebs. Off-Def-Tot	PF-DQ	A	TO	B	S	Pts
	FG-A	Pct.	FG-A	Pct.									
(1) NOTRE DAME	21-47	.447	2-4	.500	18-27	.667	10-28-38	17-0	9	21	4	12	62
at LSU (7,954)	18-53	.340	0-4	.000	17-21	.810	9-23-32	19-1	10	18	2	11	53
NOTRE DAME (5,696)	39-79	.494	7-19	.368	11-12	.917	14-22-36	17-0	23	8	7	17	96
vs. Evansville	20-54	.370	6-18	.333	15-19	.789	15-27-42	15-0	9	31	2	6	61
NOTRE DAME	42-65	.646	7-8	.875	11-16	.688	12-24-36	12-0	23	18	6	17	102
at Boston College (1,567)	25-59	.424	2-6	.333	2-3	.667	9-13-22	18-0	12	28	3	5	54
NOTRE DAME (6,192)	32-57	.561	6-13	.462	15-22	.682	8-33-41	15-0	16	14	6	9	85
vs. Georgia Southern	12-56	.214	2-14	.143	10-15	.667	14-19-33	17-0	7	24	2	8	36
NOTRE DAME (6,710)	28-66	.424	9-25	.360	13-19	.684	14-18-32	19-0	21	15	6	9	78
vs. Michigan State	28-66	.424	2-13	.154	14-17	.824	22-26-48	19-0	16	24	6	9	72
NOTRE DAME	28-72	.389	2-7	.286	25-40	.625	22-38-60	24-1	16	18	8	10	83
at Eastern Michigan (649)	18-68	.265	5-20	.250	22-28	.786	13-31-44	31-3	12	16	6	9	63
NOTRE DAME (11,418)	21-61	.344	5-12	.417	15-21	.714	17-30-47	14-1	14	18	2	7	62
vs. Purdue	20-56	.357	2-7	.286	9-12	.750	8-27-35	19-1	16	18	4	10	51
Notre Dame	26-57	.456	3-6	.500	4-6	.667	10-21-31	17-1	11	23	3	12	59
at MICHIGAN (1,377)	24-54	.444	4-19	.211	11-13	.846	11-23-34	10-0	11	23	6	9	63
NOTRE DAME	26-59	.441	1-9	.111	10-14	.714	13-26-39	11-0	7	19	8	9	63
at Valparaiso (2,046)	21-63	.333	5-22	.227	8-11	.727	16-23-39	12-0	11	18	2	8	55
NOTRE DAME (6,323)	30-65	.462	4-13	.308	25-37	.676	21-27-48	14-0	19	14	2	17	89
vs. Loyola-Chicago	17-50	.340	3-12	.250	8-12	.667	10-21-31	27-2	10	31	3	7	45
NOTRE DAME	27-59	.458	3-12	.250	11-18	.611	12-22-34	15-0	12	20	3	12	68
at Charlotte (1,587)	24-57	.421	5-14	.357	8-9	.889	10-25-35	14-0	17	24	1	8	61
NOTRE DAME	26-61	.426	4-15	.267	3-6	.500	18-27-45	17-0	14	19	4	2	59
at Vanderbilt (4,374)	24-62	.387	4-17	.235	5-11	.455	15-19-34	12-0	13	11	1	11	57

Winners listed in ALL CAPS // Attendance listed next to home team (where applicable)

1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

2008-09 Notre Dame Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Solomon	Watson	Miller	Peters*	Barlow	Novosel	Mallory*	Lechlitner	Schrader	Bruszewski	Christiansen^	Williamson
(1) at LSU	6-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	12-6-2	19-5-0	2-2-0	DNP	2-5-5	13-6-1	6-3-0		2-4-1
EVANSVILLE	4-3-2	3-2-2	2-0-0	6-4-1	19-6-0	6-3-4	11-2-6	11-2-4	12-7-4	18-4-0		4-1-0
at Boston College	15-1-1	3-3-0	0-0-0	4-3-2	10-2-6	7-2-2	14-4-2	8-3-4	13-4-2	18-2-4		10-7-0
GEORGIA SOUTHERN	12-5-0	7-2-1	2-0-0		13-8-2	7-4-1	19-2-3	7-0-4	8-6-4	6-5-1		4-6-0
MICHIGAN STATE	12-4-2	18-6-2	DNP		14-5-6	0-0-0	2-2-2	6-1-3	15-2-1	5-4-4		6-4-1
at Eastern Michigan	12-9-2	5-3-0	2-0-0		DNP	18-8-4	3-3-2	15-3-3	17-10-3	5-6-2		6-5-0
PURDUE	0-8-0	13-6-0	DNP		DNP	4-1-1	3-5-2	19-3-4	13-10-4	6-6-2		4-7-1
at Michigan	8-2-0	3-1-0	DNP		14-5-3	2-1-0	5-5-3	9-2-1	8-4-3	10-3-1		0-2-0
at Valparaiso	5-7-0	1-2-0	DNP		15-3-1	0-2-1		18-3-2	14-6-1	8-6-2		2-2-0
LOYOLA-CHICAGO	6-5-0	9-5-0	7-5-2		8-5-4	13-3-3		13-0-1	13-8-5	10-1-4	1-1-0	9-8-0
at Charlotte	0-2-1	4-2-2	DNP		6-5-4	12-5-2		13-3-2	19-9-0	12-5-0	DNP	2-1-1
at Vanderbilt	8-7-2	6-4-2	0-0-0		6-9-4	2-3-0		11-0-1	12-8-3	12-7-2	DNP	2-2-0

Home games in ALL CAPS // Games started in **boldface**

DNP = did not play // * - out for season (knee injury) // ^ - added to roster Dec. 19

1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)



2008-09 Miscellaneous Statistics

	ALL GAMES	vs. BIG EAST OPPONENTS
Most First Half Points Scored	49, twice (MR: at Boston College, 11/23)	
Most First Half Points Allowed	36 by Vanderbilt (12/30)	
Most Second Half Points Scored	53 at Boston College (11/23)	
Most Second Half Points Allowed	38, twice (MR: by Eastern Michigan, 12/2)	
Fewest First Half Points Scored	23 vs. Purdue (12/7)	
Fewest First Half Points Allowed	17 by Georgia Southern (11/25)	
Fewest Second Half Points Scored	20 at Michigan (12/10)	
Fewest Second Half Points Allowed	19 by Georgia Southern (11/25)	

Largest Leads

Notre Dame: 55 — 78-23 (8:05, 2nd) vs. Georgia Southern (ND 85-36), 11/25

Opponent: 18, twice — 44-26 (17:41, 2nd) and 46-28 (15:56, 2nd) by Vanderbilt (ND 59-57), 12/30

Largest Deficit Overcome in a Win: 18, twice — 44-26 (17:41, 2nd) and 46-28 (15:56, 2nd) at Vanderbilt (ND 59-57), 12/30 (*school record*)

Largest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Win: 12 — 36-24 at Vanderbilt (ND 59-57), 12/30

Largest Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 5 — 40-35 (18:07, 2nd) at Michigan (UM 63-59 ot), 12/10

Largest Halftime Lead Surrendered in a Loss: 1 — 36-35 at Michigan (UM 63-59 ot), 12/10

Halftime Leads: ND: 10 (ND Record — 9-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Rebound Advantage: ND: 7 (ND Record — 7-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 4 (ND Record — 3-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Ties: 1 (ND Record — 1-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Bench Scoring Advantage: ND: 10 (ND Record — 9-1; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST) // Opponents: 2 (ND Record — 2-0; 0-0 vs. BIG EAST)

Notre Dame Margin: +156 points, +13.0 ppg. (ND — 327 pts., 27.3 ppg.; Opponents — 171 pts., 14.3 ppg.)

Point Differential	2	4	6	7	8	9	11	20	35	44	48	49
Notre Dame Wins	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Notre Dame Losses	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Starting Lineups (F-C-G-G-G) & W-L Marks

	ALL GAMES	vs. BIG EAST OPPONENTS
Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader	8-0	
Bruszewski, Williamson, Lechlitner, Mallory, Schrader	2-1	
Bruszewski, Peters (F), Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader	1-0	

Complete Games Played: 1 (Lechlitner 1) // Opponents: 2

Most Minutes: 40 (Melissa Lechlitner at Valparaiso, 12/13)

Charges Taken: 9 (Williamson 4, Watson 3, Barlow 1, Novosel 1) // Opponents: 12

Most Charges Taken (Game): 1, nine times (MR: Natalie Novosel/Erica Williamson at Vanderbilt, 12/30)

Shot Clock Violations Forced: 11 // Opponents: 5

Most Shot Clock Violations Forced (Game): 3 at Michigan, 12/10

Scoring

Double-Figure Games: 44 (Schrader 10, Barlow 7, Lechlitner 7, Bruszewski 6, Solomon 4, Mallory 3, Novosel 3, Watson 2, Peters 1, Williamson 1) // Opponents: 23

20-29-Point Games: 0 // Opponents: 2

30-39-Point Games: 0 // Opponents: 1

Game-High Honors*: 11 (Lechlitner 3, Barlow 2, Novosel 2, Schrader 2, Bruszewski 1, Mallory 1)

Team-High Honors*: 15 (Schrader 3, Barlow 3, Lechlitner 3, Bruszewski 2, Novosel 2, Mallory 1, Watson 1)

Rebounding

Double-Figure Games: 2 (Schrader 2) // Opponents: 4

Game-High Honors*: 8 (Schrader 4, Barlow 2, Williamson 2)

Team-High Honors*: 15 (Schrader 6, Barlow 3, Williamson 2, Mallory 1, Peters 1, Solomon 1, Watson 1)

Assists

Double-Figure Games: 0 // Opponents: 0

Game-High Honors*: 8 (Barlow 2, Lechlitner 2, Schrader 2, Mallory 1, Novosel 1)

Team-High Honors*: 17 (Barlow 5, Lechlitner 4, Schrader 4, Mallory 2, Bruszewski 1, Novosel 1)

Double-Doubles

Points/Rebounds: 2 (Schrader 2 - EMU, PUR) // Opponents: 4

* = totals may not add up to games played due to ties



The Last Time It Happened...

Notre Dame recorded a...

30-point win was on 12/20/08 — ND 89, Loyola-Chicago 45 (44 points)*
 40-point win was on 12/20/08 — ND 89, Loyola-Chicago 45 (44 points)*
 50-point win was on 11/20/07 — ND 94, Central Michigan 41 (53 points)
 30-point loss was on 3/17/02 — Tennessee 89, ND 50 (39 points) (*NCAA Mideast Region Second Round at Knoxville, Tenn.*)

Notre Dame shot...

60% on FGs was on 11/23/08 — 64.6% (42-65) at Boston College (ND 102-54)
 65% on FGs was on 2/12/97 — 68.0% (34-50) vs. Boston College (ND 91-64)*
 90% on FTs was on 11/19/08 — 91.7% (11-12) vs. Evansville (ND 96-61)*

Notre Dame...

won 10 games in a row was from 11/20/07 thru 1/2/08 — 10 straight
 won 15 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 won 20 games in a row was from 11/17/00 thru 2/14/01 — 23 straight
 lost 5 games in a row was from 3/21/91 thru 11/24/91 — 5 straight (across two seasons)
 • lost 5 games in a row (one season) was from 2/16/82 thru 3/6/82 — 5 straight
 scored 100 points was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54)
 • scored 100 points at home was on 11/26/02 (ND 107, Cleveland State 65)*
 • scored 100 points at a neutral site was on 11/24/89 vs. Liberty (ND 113-35) (*Rotary Classic at Orlando, Fla.*)
 • scored 100 points & lost never
 allowed 100 points was on 12/8/98 (Connecticut 106, ND 81)*
 scored less than 50 points was on 1/27/07 (Connecticut 64, ND 47)
 allowed less than 50 points was on 12/20/08 (ND 89, Loyola-Chicago 45)*
 played an overtime game was on 12/10/08 (Michigan 63, ND 59 - ot)
 • played a multiple-overtime game was on 11/30/97 (ND 93, UCLA 91 - 2ot)
 rallied from a double-digit deficit to win was on 12/30/08 — 18 points (44-26, 17:41, 2nd/46-28, 15:56, 2nd) at Vanderbilt (ND 59-57) (**school record**)
 gave up a double-digit deficit and lost was on 3/9/08 — 12 points (14-2, 11:04, 1st) vs. Pittsburgh (PITT 64-53) (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Hartford, Conn.*)
 won on a "last second" shot was on 12/5/07 (ND 86, Bowling Green 84 - ot — Charel Allen jumper at 0:00.8 in overtime)
 lost on a "last second" shot was on 1/12/02 (Villanova 60, ND 59 — Mimi Riley jumper at 0:00.4)
 had five double-figure scorers was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — Becca Bruszewski 18, Erica Solomon 15, Brittany Mallory 14, Lindsay Schrader 13, Ashley Barlow 10, Erica Williamson 10
 had six double-figure scorers was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — Becca Bruszewski 18, Erica Solomon 15, Brittany Mallory 14, Lindsay Schrader 13, Ashley Barlow 10, Erica Williamson 10
 had seven double-figure scorers was on 1/19/08 (ND 104, Georgetown 86) — Ashley Barlow 21, Brittany Mallory 15, Charel Allen 14, Melissa Lechlitner 13, Lindsay Schrader 12, Becca Bruszewski 10, Erica Williamson 10
 had no double-figure scorers was on 2/8/04 (Seton Hall 51, ND 45)
 had two double-figure rebounders was on 3/23/08 (ND 75, SMU 62) — Ashley Barlow 12, Charel Allen 11 (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region First Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 had two players with "double-doubles" was on 3/23/08 (ND 75, SMU 62) — Ashley Barlow (20p, 12r) & Charel Allen (14p, 11r) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region First Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 had three players with "double-doubles" was on 1/26/05 (ND 72, St. John's 65) — Crystal Erwin (14p, 10r), Megan Duffy (14p, 10a) & Jacqueline Batteast (10p, 10r)*
 had two 20-point scorers was on 12/6/06 (ND 67, Purdue 58) — Breona Gray 22, Tulyah Gaines 20*
 had three 20-point scorers was on 1/7/99 (ND 111, West Virginia 90) — Danielle Green 28, Sheila McMillen 26, Ruth Riley 23*
 had a "point-a-minute" scorer (min. 10 minutes) was on 11/23/08 (ND 102, Boston College 54) — Erica Solomon 15p/14m
 made 10 three-point field goals was on 3/3/02 (Syracuse 84, ND 79) — 10-26 (38.5%) on threes (*BIG EAST Championship Quarterfinal at Piscataway, N.J.*)
 committed 10 turnovers or less was on 11/19/08 (ND 96, Evansville 61) — 8 turnovers*
 committed 25 turnovers was on 12/30/06 (Tennessee 78, ND 54) — 29 turnovers
 forced 25 turnovers was on 12/20/08 (ND 89, Loyola-Chicago 45) — 31 turnovers*

An Irish player had...

25 points was on 3/25/08 — Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 30 points was on 3/25/08 — Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 35 points was on 3/25/08 — Charel Allen (35) vs. Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 40 points was on 1/30/99 — Ruth Riley (41) at Providence (ND 97-59) (**school record**)
 15 rebounds was on 1/13/07 — Erica Williamson (18) at South Florida (USF 87-78 - ot) (**school freshman record**)
 20 rebounds was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (20) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)
 10 assists was on 2/26/05 — Megan Duffy (10) vs. West Virginia (ND 82-57)*
 5 blocks was on 11/9/07 — Devereaux Peters (5) vs. Miami (Ohio) (ND 98-50)* (*Preseason WNIT First Round at Notre Dame, Ind.*)
 5 steals was on 11/23/08 — Ashley Barlow (7) at Boston College (ND 102-54)
 a "double-double" was on 12/7/08 — Lindsay Schrader (13p, 10r) vs. Purdue (ND 62-51)*
 a "triple-double" was on 2/15/90 — Sara Liebscher (17p, 12r, 10a) vs. Detroit (ND 99-58)* (**only triple-double in school history**)
 20 pts & 10 rebs was on 3/23/08 — Ashley Barlow (20p, 12r) vs. SMU (ND 75-62) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Region First Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 20 pts & 20 rebs was on 1/20/88 — Heidi Bunek (25p, 20r) at DePaul (DPU 80-77)
 a 4-point play was on 2/16/03 — Alicia Ratay (2:24, 1st) at Providence (ND 67-61)
 a halfcourt shot was on 1/2/07 — Breona Gray (0:00, 1st) at Seton Hall (ND 64-61)

An opposing player had...

25 points was on 11/29/08 — Aisha Jefferson (34), Michigan State (ND 78-72)*
 30 points was on 11/29/08 — Aisha Jefferson (34), Michigan State (ND 78-72)*
 35 points was on 1/16/95 — Angela Simpson (37), Northwestern State (La.) (NSU 103-93) (*NWIT Semifinal at Amarillo, Texas*)
 10 rebounds was on 12/13/08 — Lauren Kenney (15), Valparaiso (ND 63-55)
 15 rebounds was on 12/13/08 — Lauren Kenney (15), Valparaiso (ND 63-55)
 20 rebounds was on 1/8/89 — Wendy Scholtens (20), Vanderbilt (VU 86-64)
 10 assists was on 1/27/08 — Keti Swannier (11), Connecticut (UCONN 81-64)*
 5 blocks was on 3/25/08 — Courtney Paris (5), Oklahoma (ND 79-75, ot) (*NCAA Oklahoma City Second Round at West Lafayette, Ind.*)
 5 steals was on 1/13/08 — Ashley Powell (6), West Virginia (WVU 56-50)
 a "double-double" was on 12/13/08 — Lauren Kenney (11p, 15r), Valparaiso (ND 63-55)
 a "triple-double" was on 2/7/06 — Liad Suez-Karni (14p, 10r, 10a), Villanova (VU 69-65 - ot)*

* = indicates Notre Dame home game



2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 1 #16/14 Notre Dame 62, #24/22 LSU 53
State Farm Tip-Off Classic
 November 16, 2008
 Maravich Assembly Ctr. (Baton Rouge, La.)

GAME 2 #15 Notre Dame 96, Evansville 61
 November 19, 2008
 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

GAME 3 #15 Notre Dame 102, Boston College 54
 November 23, 2008
 Conte Forum (Chestnut Hill, Mass.)

Notre Dame (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	19	1-3	0-0	4-4	3	0	4	6
Williamson	19	0-3	0-0	2-3	4	1	3	2
Barlow	35	7-13	2-4	3-4	5	0	2	19
Lechlitner	36	1-6	0-0	0-0	5	5	0	2
Schrader	33	5-12	0-0	3-5	6	1	2	13
Solomon	11	1-3	0-0	4-6	2	0	3	6
Watson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Miller	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Peters	28	6-7	0-0	0-3	6	2	2	12
Novosel	17	0-0	0-0	2-2	2	0	1	2
Team					5			
Totals	200	21-47	2-4	18-27	38	9	17	62

LSU (53)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Morris	14	1-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	3	2
Barrett	23	1-6	0-0	4-6	4	0	1	6
Graham	29	0-5	0-1	0-0	9	2	5	0
Hughes	16	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	0
Hightower	30	3-12	0-1	0-0	1	3	3	6
Eason	24	2-5	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	4
Riley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Kelly	16	2-3	0-0	6-6	1	0	0	10
Jones	17	4-9	0-1	0-0	2	1	1	8
Dunning	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	1	2
Black	7	2-2	0-0	3-5	3	0	1	7
Turnbow	20	3-6	0-0	2-2	3	1	1	8
Team					5			
Totals	200	18-53	0-4	17-21	32	10	19	53

Notre Dame	24	38	-	62
LSU	24	29	-	53

FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.7, LSU 34.0. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, LSU 0.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, LSU 81.0. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 21, LSU 18. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 4 (Peters 3), LSU 2. **Steals:** Notre Dame 12 (Schrader, Peters 3), LSU 11 (Hightower 4). **Attendance:** 7,954.

NOTES: Notre Dame squares its all-time series with LSU at 2-2, while all four games have been decided by 10 points or less ... the Irish earn their first-ever win over LSU in Baton Rouge, and avenge their 1999 NCAA Tournament second-round loss to the Lady Tigers (74-64) at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center ... Notre Dame registers its first-ever win over a Southeastern Conference (SEC) opponent on its home floor, and its first victory inside an SEC arena since March 24, 1997, when the Irish downed George Washington, 62-52, in the NCAA East Regional final at South Carolina's former home, the Frank McGuire Center, in Columbia, S.C. ... Notre Dame collects its first victory over an SEC opponent since Nov. 14, 2003, when the Irish opened that season with a 77-64 win over No. 22/25 Auburn at the WBCA Classic in Boulder, Colo. ... that Auburn victory also marked the last time Notre Dame opened with a ranked opponent — the Irish have won the past three times they have tipped off the season against a Top 25 foe, having also downed No. 6 UCLA, 99-82, at the Joyce Center to begin the 1998-99 campaign ... overall, Notre Dame is 24-8 (.750) in season openers and now has won 14 consecutive season lidlifers, going a combined 19-3 (.864) in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present) ... the Irish continue to sparkle in regular-season tournament play, improving to 22-5 (.815) in their last 27 regular-season tourney games, starting with the 1996-97 season ... Notre Dame became the fourth non-conference school to defeat LSU at home in the past 13-plus seasons (1995-96 to present) — the others were Purdue and Michigan (in OT) in 2001-02 and Connecticut twice (2006-07 and 2007-08) ... what's more, the Irish handed the Lady Tigers their first loss in a home opener since Nov. 23, 1981, when McNeese State shaded LSU, 75-74 ... Notre Dame picks up its first win in the state of Louisiana since the first round of the 1999 NCAA Tournament, when it downed Saint Mary's (Calif), 61-57 ... the 53 points allowed by Notre Dame were the fewest they have given up to a ranked opponent since Feb. 15, 2005, when they earned a 54-47 win at No. 25/22 Boston College ... LSU went 0-for-4 from beyond the arc, a first for Notre Dame opponent since Dec. 2, 2007, when IUPUI was 0-for-10 ... Peters enjoyed a successful return to action, a little more than nine months after suffering a torn ACL in her left knee ... Bruszewski made her first career start on Sunday ... Lechlitner made her second career start and first as the primary point guard.

Evansville (61)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Jennings	29	2-8	1-2	2-2	1	1	1	7
Novosel, S.	22	2-6	0-2	3-4	5	1	3	7
Austin	24	4-9	1-2	1-2	3	1	2	10
Barrett	22	4-10	2-6	0-1	5	0	2	10
Gallagher	31	3-8	0-2	2-2	5	3	1	8
Sickles	13	3-5	1-1	3-4	7	0	2	10
Falkenstein	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Batey	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Sperka	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Nakane	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Singleton	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Bamberger	27	2-5	1-3	2-2	4	2	2	7
Benson	8	0-1	0-0	2-2	4	0	1	2
Team					3			
Totals	200	20-54	6-18	15-19	42	9	15	61

Notre Dame (96)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Peters	17	3-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	3	6
Bruszewski	19	7-9	2-2	2-2	4	0	2	18
Barlow	31	7-18	3-5	2-2	6	0	1	19
Lechlitner	26	5-9	1-2	0-0	2	4	1	11
Schrader	26	5-8	0-0	2-2	7	4	1	12
Solomon	15	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	2	3	4
Watson	13	1-8	1-4	0-0	2	2	1	3
Miller	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Novosel, N.	21	3-7	0-2	0-0	3	4	1	6
Mallory	20	5-10	0-4	1-2	2	6	3	11
Williamson	8	0-1	0-0	4-4	1	0	1	4
Team					2			
Totals	200	39-79	7-19	11-12	36	23	17	96

Evansville	31	40	-	61
Notre Dame	49	37	-	96

FG Pct: Evansville 37.0, Notre Dame 49.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Evansville 33.3, Notre Dame 36.8. **FT Pct:** Evansville 78.9, Notre Dame 91.7. **Turnovers:** Evansville 31, Notre Dame 8. **Blocked Shots:** Evansville 2 (S. Novosel 2), Notre Dame 7 (Watson 2). **Steals:** Evansville 6 (Gallagher 3), Notre Dame 17 (Bruszewski, Barlow 4). **Attendance:** 5,696.

NOTES: Notre Dame wins its home opener for the 14th consecutive year (coinciding exactly with its membership in the BIG EAST Conference) and improves to 24-8 (.750) all-time in Joyce Center lidlifers ... the Irish move to 25-2 (.926) against the current Missouri Valley Conference alignment, including a 12-1 (.923) record at home; the Irish also are 16-1 against current MVC schools in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present) ... Notre Dame stretches its series lead over Evansville to 19-1 (10-0 at home) in its first game against the Purple Aces since Feb. 12, 1994 (an 89-62 Irish win in Evansville) ... Notre Dame's 96 points also were a series high-water mark, three more than in its 93-48 victory on Jan. 20, 1994, at the Joyce Center ... the Irish added to their ongoing totals when leading at halftime (147-14, .913, since the start of the 2000-01 season) and scoring at least 80 points (115-4, .966, beginning with the 1995-96 campaign) ... Notre Dame now has won 72 of its last 78 non-conference home games (.923) ... the Irish also move to 112-32 (.778) all-time against other in-state opponents, including a 54-11 (.831) record at home; what's more, Notre Dame has won 12 of its last 15 games against Indiana schools ... the Irish connected on 7-of-19 three-point attempts, their highest number of treys made and attempted in a game since Jan. 16, 2007 (7-of-22 against St. John's at the Joyce Center) ... in just her second career start, Bruszewski tossed in a career-high 18 points (7-9 FG), including a pair of first-half three-pointers after going 1-for-2 from distance her entire freshman year ... Mallory dished out a career-high six assists without a turnover in 20 minutes ... the Irish had five double-figure scorers for the first time this season; they were 9-0 in such games last year ... in the sisterly battle between Irish freshman guard Natalie Novosel and UE senior center Shannon Novosel, "big sis" narrowly edged out a lead in the scoring (7-6) and rebounding (5-3) columns, while Natalie held the upper hand in assists (4-1); Shannon played 22 minutes, while Natalie saw 21 minutes of action.

Notre Dame (102)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	26	9-13	0-1	0-0	2	4	1	18
Williamson	19	4-8	0-0	2-2	7	0	2	10
Barlow	26	4-5	2-2	0-0	2	6	1	10
Lechlitner	23	3-9	2-2	0-0	3	4	1	8
Schrader	26	6-10	0-0	1-1	4	2	1	13
Solomon	14	5-5	0-0	5-7	1	1	0	15
Watson	12	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	0	1	3
Miller	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0
Peters	16	2-4	0-0	0-0	3	2	1	4
Novosel	17	3-4	0-0	1-2	2	2	1	7
Mallory	15	5-5	3-3	1-2	4	2	1	14
Team					5			
Totals	200	42-65	7-8	11-16	36	23	12	102

Boston College (54)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Rusin	23	5-9	1-2	0-0	1	4	3	11
Murphy	18	1-5	0-0	0-0	3	1	3	2
Swords	28	8-14	0-0	0-0	7	1	3	16
Jones	16	2-4	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	4
Picco	33	5-9	1-3	1-1	2	0	1	12
Brown	14	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Thoman	15	0-2	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	0
Pratt	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Johnson	15	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Gill	8	0-4	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1
Nickson	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Whitehurst	17	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	4
Wilson	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Team					2			
Totals	200	25-59	2-6	2-3	22	12	18	54

Notre Dame	49	53	-	102
Boston College	25	29	-	54

FG Pct: Notre Dame 64.6, Boston College 42.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 87.5, Boston College 33.3. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 68.8, Boston College 66.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 18, Boston College 28. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 6 (Peters 2), Boston College 3. **Steals:** Notre Dame 17 (Barlow 7), Boston College 5. **Attendance:** 1,567.

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to a 3-0 start for the first time since the 2005-06 season ... after going 30 seasons without scoring in triple digits on an opponent's home floor, the Irish have now done it in consecutive seasons, also winning at Georgetown, 104-86, on Jan. 19, 2008 ... Notre Dame's 48-point margin of victory is its largest since a 53-point win (94-41) at Central Michigan on Nov. 20, 2007; it's also the third-largest winning margin ever on an opponent's home floor (second-largest of the 22-year Muffet McGraw era) behind the CMU game and an 84-27 win at Valparaiso on Jan. 21, 1982 ... the Irish posted consecutive 95-point games for the first time in school history and back-to-back 90-point games for the first time since Jan. 23, 26 & 30, 1999, when they reeled off a school-record three in a row (99-60 vs. St. John's, 94-61 at Syracuse, 97-59 at Providence); it's also the eighth time in school history Notre Dame has posted consecutive 90-point outings, all in the McGraw era ... the combined 198 points in the past two games are the most for the Irish since Jan. 2 & 7, 1999, when they chalked up 204 points in wins at Georgetown (93-61) and home vs. West Virginia (111-90) ... Notre Dame hands Boston College its largest margin of defeat ever at home, eclipsing a 43-point loss to Central Connecticut State on Feb. 26, 1976 (a game played at BC's original home, the Roberts Center); BC's previous largest loss at its current home, Silvio O. Conte Forum (which opened in 1988), had come on Dec. 12, 1992, a 104-65 loss to Ohio State ... Notre Dame registers the second-highest point total ever by a visitor at Conte Forum, topped only by OSU's 104 points in that 1992 victory ... the six double-figure scorers are the most for the Irish since Jan. 19, 2008, when they had seven reach double digits in that 104-86 win at Georgetown ... the Irish earn their first victory in an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) arena since Nov. 30, 1996, when they logged a 76-69 win at Georgia Tech in the title game of the Comfort Inn Downtown Classic ... Notre Dame improves to 12-6 all-time against Boston College and earns back-to-back wins at Conte Forum for the first time in series history ... since the teams split the first six games in the series, Notre Dame has won nine of the past 12 ... the 102 points and 48-point victory margin both were series highs ... Bruszewski tied her career high with 18 points, while Barlow set career bests with seven steals and six assists (tied).





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GAME 4

#14/10 Notre Dame 85, Georgia Southern 36
November 25, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Georgia Southern (36)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Ogburn	25	4-8	0-0	0-0	4	0	3	8
Geiger	31	0-7	0-1	2-2	3	0	0	2
Whitney	27	1-7	1-3	3-4	2	4	2	6
Rivens	25	4-7	0-1	0-0	3	1	1	8
Melson	24	2-12	1-4	3-4	4	0	1	8
Navarro	14	0-4	0-1	0-0	3	1	1	0
Nelson	16	0-5	0-3	0-0	3	1	3	0
Tate	19	0-2	0-0	2-3	3	0	3	2
Ivy	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Youngblood	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Green	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Williams	10	0-1	0-1	0-0	2	0	2	0
McKenzie	3	1-2	0-0	0-2	3	0	1	2
Team					3			
Totals	200	12-56	2-14	10-15	33	7	17	36

Notre Dame (85)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	18	3-4	0-0	0-0	5	1	0	6
Williamson	13	2-5	0-0	0-2	6	0	1	4
Barlow	25	5-9	1-3	2-2	8	2	0	13
Lechlitner	25	3-7	1-2	0-0	0	4	2	7
Schrader	25	4-7	0-0	0-0	6	4	0	8
Solomon	19	3-4	0-0	6-9	5	0	2	12
Watson	20	3-7	1-2	0-0	2	1	2	7
Miller	10	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3	2
Novosel	21	1-3	0-2	5-6	4	1	2	7
Mallory	24	7-10	3-4	2-3	2	3	3	19
Team					3			
Totals	200	32-57	6-13	15-22	41	16	15	85

Georgia Southern 17 19 — 36
Notre Dame 37 48 — 85

FG Pct: Georgia Southern 21.4, Notre Dame 56.1. **3-PT FG Pct:** Georgia Southern 14.3, Notre Dame 46.2. **FT Pct:** Georgia Southern 66.7, Notre Dame 68.2. **Turnovers:** Georgia Southern 24, Notre Dame 14. **Blocked Shots:** Georgia Southern 2 (Ogburn 2), Notre Dame 6 (Schrader, Solomon 2). **Steals:** Georgia Southern 8 (Melson 3), Notre Dame 9 (Mallory 2). **Attendance:** 6,192.

NOTES: The Irish improve to 38-5 (.884) against first-time opponents since 1995-96, and stretch their current winning streak against new foes to 13 in a row, dating back to the 2001-02 season ... Notre Dame posts back-to-back wins by at least 48 points for the first time in school history ... the Irish also notch their third consecutive 35-point win, which likewise, is a first in the 32-year history of the program ... the 49-point margin of victory is the largest for Notre Dame in a home game since March 17, 2001, when the Irish defeated Alcorn State at home, 98-49 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament (an event they eventually won to secure the program's first national championship) ... Notre Dame's defense allowed just 36 points, the fewest given up by the Irish in a game since March 1, 2005, when Notre Dame earned a 41-35 win at Seton Hall; it's the fewest opponent points at the Joyce Center since Jan. 2, 2005, when the Irish downed SHU, 54-33 ... Notre Dame went on a staggering 27-0 run midway through the second half, the second-longest run of consecutive points in school history — on Jan. 18, 1997 against Pittsburgh at the Joyce Center, the Irish went on a 31-0 run in the first half en route to a 65-49 win ... Notre Dame held Georgia Southern to a .214 field goal percentage, the lowest by an Irish opponent since Dec. 22, 2001, when Marquette shot just .185 (10-of-54) in a 60-33 Irish win at the Joyce Center ... Georgia Southern did not have a single player score in double figures, the first time the Notre Dame defense has managed that feat since Nov. 20, 2007, when Central Michigan's leading scorer had eight points in a 94-41 Irish win at Mount Pleasant, Mich. ... for the second time in four games this season, every Notre Dame player in uniform got into the scoring column (also vs. Evansville on Nov. 19) ... Mallory scored a career-high 19 points, topping her old high-water mark of 15 set on Jan. 19, 2008, at Georgetown; she had narrowly missed her career-high point total two days earlier at Boston College, finishing with 14 points ... Barlow extended her streak of double-digit scoring games to nine, dating back to last year; she also plucked a season-high eight rebounds against Georgia Southern ... Solomon scored in double figures for the second time in as many games, while adding a season-best five rebounds to her 12 points.

GAME 5

#14/10 Notre Dame 78, #24/rv Michigan State 72
November 29, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Michigan State (72)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Jefferson	34	14-28	1-5	5-7	11	1	2	34
Keane	30	4-9	0-4	2-2	2	4	4	10
DeHaan	27	2-10	0-0	0-0	9	2	2	4
Thomas	37	2-2	0-0	2-3	4	4	3	6
Johnson, M.	16	1-7	1-3	0-0	4	2	0	0
Piechowski	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Washington	22	0-3	0-1	0-0	4	3	1	0
Schiffauer	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Johnson, L.	12	2-2	0-0	3-3	6	0	1	7
Aitch	13	2-4	0-0	2-2	3	0	4	6
Team					5		1	
Totals	200	28-66	2-13	14-17	48	16	19	72

Notre Dame (78)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	24	2-4	1-1	0-0	4	4	3	5
Williamson	21	2-4	0-0	2-2	4	1	2	6
Barlow	38	4-16	2-10	4-5	5	6	3	14
Lechlitner	31	1-6	0-3	4-6	1	3	0	6
Schrader	28	7-14	0-0	1-2	2	1	4	15
Solomon	19	5-8	0-0	2-4	4	2	3	12
Watson	20	6-10	6-9	0-0	6	2	1	18
Novosel	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Mallory	16	1-4	0-2	0-0	2	2	3	2
Team					4			
Totals	200	28-66	9-25	13-19	32	21	19	78

Michigan State 34 38 — 72
Notre Dame 39 39 — 78

FG Pct: Michigan State 42.4, Notre Dame 42.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Michigan State 15.4, Notre Dame 36.0. **FT Pct:** Michigan State 82.4, Notre Dame 68.4. **Turnovers:** Michigan State 24, Notre Dame 15. **Blocked Shots:** Michigan State 6 (DeHaan 3), Notre Dame 6 (Bruszewski, Williamson, Solomon 2). **Steals:** Michigan State 9 (Keane 4), Notre Dame 9 (Barlow 3). **Technical Fouls:** MSU bench, Keane (MSU). **Attendance:** 6,710.

NOTES: Notre Dame picks up its second win over a ranked opponent in five games this season ... the Irish are off to a 5-0 start for the first time since 2005-06, when they opened with a 6-0 record ... Notre Dame earns its first win over Michigan State since Dec. 11, 1999, when the Irish downed the Spartans, 84-54 at the Joyce Center ... MSU still leads the all-time series 8-5, although the margin is just 4-3 in South Bend ... seven of the 13 games in the series have been decided by single digits ... Notre Dame collects its 10th win in its last 14 games against Big Ten Conference opponents, moving to 37-46 (.446) all-time against that conference and 16-11 (.593) at home ... the Irish also chalk up their eighth consecutive win over a Michigan school, rising to 51-19 (.729) all-time and 21-13 (.618) at home against the Great Lakes State ... Notre Dame jumps to 19-13 (.594) all-time in its first game after Thanksgiving with an 8-3 (.727) mark at home ... the Irish have made a combined 29 three-pointers in their last four games, the most in a four-game stretch for Notre Dame since Nov. 21-Dec. 2, 2001, when they canned 32 treys in games at Colorado State (7), at Arizona (7), home vs. Army (10) and vs. Michigan at Grand Rapids, Mich. (8) ... Notre Dame's nine three-pointers and 25 three-point attempts against Michigan State are the most for the Irish in a single game since March 3, 2002, when they went 10-for-26 from beyond the arc in an 84-79 loss to Syracuse in the quarterfinals of the BIG EAST Championship at Piscataway, N.J. ... Watson tied the Notre Dame Joyce Center record for three-pointers in a game, which had been set six times before by four different players (most recently on Dec. 4, 2003, by Megan Duffy on 10 attempts in an 82-64 win over Wisconsin); Duffy's six triples vs. UW also marked the last time a Notre Dame player hit that many shots from distance in any game ... Watson is the fourth different player to lead the Irish in scoring in as many games; only Barlow has finished with team-high scoring honors more than once this year ... Barlow tied her career high with six assists, a mark she last set less than a week ago on Nov. 23 at Boston College ... Barlow also extended her streak of double-digit scoring games to 10 in a row, dating back to last year ... Solomon scored in double figures for the third consecutive game, averaging 13.0 points with a .765 field goal percentage (13-of-17) in that span ... Notre Dame has had at least three double-figure scorers in all five games this season, with four or more for the third time ... Bruszewski tied her career highs with four assists (last set in last weekend's Boston College game) and two blocks (last set on March 3, 2008 at St. John's).

GAME 6

#11/8 Notre Dame 83, Eastern Michigan 63
December 2, 2008
Convocation Center (Ypsilanti, Mich.)

Notre Dame (83)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	27	1-10	0-1	3-4	6	2	4	5
Williamson	17	2-5	0-0	2-4	5	0	2	6
Mallory	15	1-6	0-3	1-2	3	2	2	3
Lechlitner	36	6-13	0-1	3-3	3	3	4	15
Schrader	35	7-17	0-0	3-6	10	3	1	17
Solomon	23	3-9	0-0	6-10	9	2	2	12
Watson	10	1-1	1-1	2-4	3	0	5	5
Miller	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2
Novosel	33	6-10	1-1	5-7	8	4	3	18
Team					13			
Totals	200	28-72	2-7	25-40	60	16	24	83

Eastern Michigan (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Johnson	22	0-6	0-0	2-2	4	0	3	2
Lawson	27	5-13	4-12	0-0	1	2	5	14
McKinney	11	3-6	0-0	0-0	3	0	5	6
Schrock	38	3-11	0-0	10-14	14	3	2	16
James	28	3-13	1-6	2-2	2	2	0	9
Land	10	0-2	0-0	2-3	3	0	2	2
Simmons	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Huntley-Rogers	19	1-7	0-1	4-5	0	3	4	6
Wills	14	2-5	0-1	0-0	2	2	1	4
Davis	16	0-2	0-0	0-0	6	0	2	0
Redditt	10	1-2	0-0	2-2	2	0	5	4
Vantil	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0
Gibson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Team					6			
Totals	200	18-68	5-20	22-28	44	12	31	63

Notre Dame 37 46 — 83
Eastern Michigan 25 38 — 63

FG Pct: Notre Dame 38.9, Eastern Michigan 26.5. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 28.6, Eastern Michigan 25.0. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 62.5, Eastern Michigan 78.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 18, Eastern Michigan 16. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 8 (Solomon 4), Eastern Michigan 6 (McKinney 4). **Steals:** Notre Dame 10 (Williamson, Schrader, Novosel 2), Eastern Michigan 9 (Schrock 4). **Attendance:** 649.

NOTES: Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan were playing one another for the first time in more than 24 years (Nov. 30, 1984 - a 70-59 Irish win in Ypsilanti) ... the Irish lead the all-time series with EMU, 3-0, with two of those victories coming on the road ... Notre Dame is off to its best start since a similar 6-0 debut in 2005-06 ... the Irish pick up their 17th consecutive win against current Mid-American Conference schools and are 34-14 (.708) all-time against the present MAC alignment (19-5, .792, in the 22-year Muffet McGraw era) ... Notre Dame also collects its ninth consecutive win over a Michigan school, rising to 52-19 (.732) all-time against the Great Lakes State and 32-7 (.821) in the McGraw era ... Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan combined for a Convocation Center-record 104 rebounds in the contest ... the Irish pulled down 60 rebounds in the victory, their highest total on the glass since Nov. 26, 2001, when they also grabbed 60 boards in an 89-57 win over Army at the Joyce Center ... Notre Dame's 40 free throw attempts were the most for the Irish in one game since Dec. 4, 2002, when they went 30-for-40 from the stripe in a 74-68 win at Valparaiso ... Notre Dame's +16 rebounding margin was an exact 180-degree turn from its last game against 24th-ranked Michigan State (32-48) ... Novosel became the fifth different high scorer in six games for the Irish this season; she also was the second Notre Dame rookie in as many games to toss in a game-high 18 points (Watson vs. Michigan State on Nov. 29) ... in addition, Novosel became the 10th different Irish player to score in double figures at least once this year, with Miller still aiming to reach that mark ... Schrader notched her fifth career double-double and first of the year, with season highs of 17 points and 10 rebounds; it was her first double-double since Feb. 27, 2008, when she piled up 17 points and 13 rebounds in a win over South Florida at the Joyce Center ... Lechlitner added a season-best 15 points, her best offensive day since late in her freshman season (16 points at Providence on Feb. 17, 2007) ... playing in front of a numerous family members and supporters less than one hour from her hometown of Oak Park, Mich., Solomon narrowly missed her first career double-double, "settling" for 12 points and season highs of nine rebounds and four blocked shots ... collectively, the four Irish freshmen accounted for 37 points at Eastern Michigan ... Mallory drew her first career starting assignment, becoming the second Irish player to earn her first career start this year (Bruszewski).



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GAME 7 #11/8 Notre Dame 62, #17/20 Purdue 51
December 7, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

GAME 8 Michigan 63, #8 Notre Dame 59 (OT)
December 10, 2008
Crisler Arena (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

GAME 9 #8 Notre Dame 63, Valparaiso 55
December 13, 2008
Athletics-Recreation Ctr. (Valparaiso, Ind.)

Purdue (51)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Freeman	33	5-12	0-0	2-2	3	2	0	12
Wisdom-Hylton	35	8-19	0-0	2-4	10	3	1	18
Campbell	21	0-4	0-0	3-4	5	1	4	3
Howell	28	2-3	2-3	0-0	2	2	2	6
Mioton	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Bogdanova	16	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	3	4
Rayburn	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	2
Malone	34	1-7	0-2	2-2	3	6	5	4
Guyton	7	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2
Poston	6	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0
Team					3			
Totals	200	20-56	2-7	9-12	35	16	19	51

Notre Dame (62)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	26	3-7	0-1	0-1	6	2	5	6
Williamson	15	1-4	0-0	2-2	7	1	4	4
Mallory	30	0-5	0-2	3-4	5	2	1	3
Lechlitner	38	7-13	2-3	3-4	3	4	2	19
Schrader	36	5-14	0-0	3-6	10	4	0	13
Solomon	19	0-7	0-0	0-0	8	0	2	0
Watson	24	4-6	3-4	2-2	6	0	0	13
Novosel	12	1-5	0-2	2-2	1	1	0	4
Team					1			
Totals	200	21-61	5-12	15-21	47	14	14	62

Purdue	22	29	-	51
Notre Dame	23	39	-	62

FG Pct: Purdue 35.7, Notre Dame 34.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Purdue 28.6, Notre Dame 41.7. **FT Pct:** Purdue 75.0, Notre Dame 71.4. **Turnovers:** Purdue 18, Notre Dame 18. **Blocked Shots:** Purdue 4 (Wisdom-Hylton 2), Notre Dame 2. **Steals:** Purdue 10 (Malone 4), Notre Dame 7 (Mallory, Novosel 2). **Attendance:** 11,418 (capacity).

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to its best start since the 2004-05 season (also 7-0) ... the Irish pick up their third win over a Top 25 team in their first seven games this season, the first time they have done that since 1998-99 ... Notre Dame extends its winning streak over Purdue to a series-long three games and has won four of its last five meetings with the Boilermakers ... in the past three matchups, the Irish have held Purdue to its three lowest point totals in the series ... the Boilermakers still lead the overall series, 14-8, although Notre Dame has taken a 5-4 lead in games played at the Joyce Center ... the sellout crowd of 11,418 was not only the sixth in school history (third in the past two seasons), but also the first in 18 on-campus games between Notre Dame and Purdue (the 2001 NCAA title game in St. Louis also was sold out) ... the Irish have won 11 of their last 15 games against Big Ten Conference opponents, including both matchups this season (also Michigan State on Nov. 29) ... Notre Dame has led at the half in its last six games, while the season-opening win at LSU was tied at halftime ... the Irish knocked down at least five three-pointers for the fifth time in the past six games ... Notre Dame has posted a plus-28 rebound margin in its last two games, following a minus-16 spread against Michigan State ... Schrader notched her second consecutive double-double, becoming the first Irish player to do that in back-to-back games since Dec. 11 & 19, 2004, when Jacqueline Batteast pulled off that feat at home against Washington and at Marquette ... Lechlitner scored a career-high 19 points and became the sixth different player to lead Notre Dame in scoring this season (all in the past six games) ... Mallory earned her second consecutive start and the first of her career at home.

Notre Dame (59)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	23	4-5	0-0	2-4	3	1	5	10
Williamson	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0
Mallory	34	2-5	1-2	0-0	5	3	2	5
Lechlitner	32	4-11	1-1	0-0	2	1	3	9
Schrader	38	4-7	0-0	0-0	4	3	1	8
Solomon	14	4-9	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	8
Watson	18	1-4	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	3
Barlow	37	7-13	0-1	0-0	5	3	3	14
Novosel	19	0-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	2
Team					6			
Totals	225	26-57	3-6	4-6	31	11	17	59

Michigan (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Skrba	31	10-11	0-0	0-0	3	1	1	20
Benson	34	3-6	1-4	1-2	8	1	0	8
Queen	37	0-5	0-2	1-2	3	1	3	1
Hicks	34	3-10	0-4	2-2	3	2	2	8
Minnfield	45	4-13	1-5	7-7	6	5	2	16
Boylan	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2
Phillips	14	1-5	0-1	0-0	4	1	1	2
Reynolds	18	2-3	2-3	0-0	1	0	1	6
Team					6			
Totals	225	24-54	4-19	11-13	34	11	10	63

Notre Dame	36	20	3	-	59
Michigan	35	21	7	-	63

FG Pct: Notre Dame 45.6, Michigan 44.4. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 50.0, Michigan 21.1. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 66.7, Michigan 84.6. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 23, Michigan 23. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 3, Michigan 6 (Skrba, Hicks 2). **Steals:** Notre Dame 12 (Barlow 4), Michigan 9 (Skrba, Hicks 3). **Attendance:** 1,377.

NOTES: Notre Dame played its first overtime game since March 25, 2008, when the Irish downed No. 14/13 Oklahoma, 79-75 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at West Lafayette, Ind. ... the loss at Michigan is the first for the Irish in OT since Jan. 13, 2007, when they dropped an 87-78 decision at South Florida ... Notre Dame sees its season-opening seven-game winning streak snapped after matching the second-best start in school history ... the Irish fall to 9-7 all-time against Michigan and also had their three-game series win streak come to an end, with the Wolverines earning their first victory over Notre Dame since Dec. 2, 2001 (78-63 at the Women's College Basketball Showcase in Grand Rapids, Mich.) ... UM has historically had the upper hand over the Irish in Ann Arbor, improving to 5-2 all-time against Notre Dame at Crisler Arena ... the verdict bucked a series trend that had seen the Irish go 8-0 when holding the Wolverines to fewer than 65 points ... it was the second overtime game in the series, along with a 66-60 UM win on Dec. 8, 1979, in South Bend ... the loss also marked just the third time in the past 31 opportunities that Notre Dame has lost after leading at halftime ... the Irish committed a season-high 23 turnovers ... Notre Dame's four free throws were its fewest from the foul line since Nov. 16, 2007, when the Irish also made four foul shots at Maryland ... Notre Dame's six free throw attempts were its fewest in its BIG EAST Conference era (1995-96 to present) ... the last time the Irish visited the free throw line so infrequently was March 10, 1995, when they went 5-of-6 in an 87-64 loss at Northern Illinois in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference Tournament semifinals ... Barlow returned to action and scored a team-high 14 points, extending her streak of double-figure scoring games to 11 in a row, going back to last season ... Bruszewski posted her third double-digit scoring night of the year.

Notre Dame (63)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Bruszewski	29	4-8	0-1	0-2	6	2	2	8
Williamson	8	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2
Barlow	38	6-11	1-3	2-3	3	1	0	15
Lechlitner	40	7-16	0-2	4-4	3	2	2	18
Schrader	36	6-8	0-0	2-2	6	1	2	14
Solomon	23	2-8	0-0	1-1	7	0	2	5
Watson	19	0-5	0-3	1-2	2	0	2	1
Novosel	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0
Team					8			
Totals	200	26-59	1-9	10-14	39	7	11	63

Valparaiso (55)

Player	min	fg-a	3fg-a	ft-a	reb	ast	pf	tp
Kenney	31	4-9	0-0	3-4	15	4	1	11
Litka	32	3-15	2-10	0-0	4	0	3	8
Zabielewicz	16	3-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	6
Kulaga	39	4-13	2-6	2-2	5	3	1	12
Hochstetler, La.	38	3-10	1-5	1-2	5	2	2	8
Adams	4	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Farris	23	1-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	2	3
Emig	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0
Varnier	12	3-4	0-0	1-1	1	0	0	7
Team					5			
Totals	200	21-63	5-22	8-11	39	11	12	55

Notre Dame	32	31	-	63
Valparaiso	24	31	-	55

FG Pct: Notre Dame 44.1, Valparaiso 33.3. **3-PT FG Pct:** Notre Dame 11.1, Valparaiso 22.7. **FT Pct:** Notre Dame 71.4, Valparaiso 72.7. **Turnovers:** Notre Dame 19, Valparaiso 18. **Blocked Shots:** Notre Dame 8 (Solomon 3), Valparaiso 2 (Kenney 2). **Steals:** Notre Dame 9 (Lechlitner, Solomon 3), Valparaiso 8 (Kulaga 4). **Attendance:** 2,046.

NOTES: Notre Dame remains unbeaten in 22 series games against Valparaiso, the most wins against one opponent without a loss in school history ... the Irish also improve to 10-0 all-time at the Athletics-Recreation Center, with this being the fourth consecutive series game at the ARC that was decided by 10 points or fewer (and six of the past eight series games overall) ... Notre Dame has held Valparaiso to 60 points or fewer in 20 of 22 series games, while the Irish have scored at least 60 points in 15 of 22 games (including 13 of the past 15) ... Notre Dame's 22 wins over the Crusaders are the most against an Indiana opponent in school history ... the Irish move to 102-14 (.879) all-time against current Horizon League members, including a 44-9 (.830) record on the road ... Notre Dame's three-point defense continues to be stout this season, with the Irish holding Valparaiso to a .227 mark (5-of-22) and limiting all nine opponents this season to a combined .228 three-point percentage (28-of-123); specifically, the Irish held the Horizon League's top three-point shooter, Valparaiso's Aimee Litka, to 2-of-10 from beyond the arc ... Notre Dame had at least three double-figure scorers for the eighth time in nine games this season, going 8-0 in those contests ... the Irish held their sixth opponent this year to less than 40 percent shooting, moving to 6-0 in those games ... the Irish have led at the half in their last eight games, going 7-1 in that time ... Lechlitner scored in double figures for the third time in four games, finishing one point off her career high (Dec. 7 vs. No. 17/20 Purdue) ... Barlow scored in double digits for the 12th consecutive game, dating back to last year ... Schrader posted her seventh double-figure scoring game in nine outings this year, and is shooting .667 (10-of-15) from the floor in her last two games ... Solomon registered a season-high three steals and tied her season best with 23 minutes played, while winding up one block off her personal high (set at Eastern Michigan on Dec. 2); Solomon also has been a force on the glass of late, averaging 6.0 rebounds in her last four games ... Irish head coach Muffet McGraw coached the 800th game of her career, improving to 570-230 (.713) in 27 seasons, the past 22 at Notre Dame.





2008-09 Notre Dame Women's Basketball Box Scores

GAME 10

#13/7 Notre Dame 89, Loyola-Chi. 45
December 20, 2008
Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)

Loyola (45)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include VanBogaert, Boeke, Collins, McCloskey, Hylton, Finnegan, Marshall, Randle, Ayoub, Samplawski, Pauley, Sebetic, Kortekamp, Lucas, Team, and Totals.

Notre Dame (89)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Miller, Novosel, Christiansen, Team, and Totals.

Summary table for Loyola vs Notre Dame with columns: Loyola, Notre Dame, and values for 21, 42, 45, 47, 24, 89.

FG Pct: Loyola 34.0, Notre Dame 46.2. 3-PT FG Pct: Loyola 25.0, Notre Dame 30.8. FT Pct: Loyola 66.7, Notre Dame 67.6. Turnovers: Loyola 31, Notre Dame 14. Blocked Shots: Loyola 3 (VanBogaert 3), Notre Dame 2 (Williamson 2). Steals: Loyola 7 (Samplawski 2), Notre Dame 17 (Miller, Novosel 3). Attendance: 6,323.

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to a 9-1 start for the fourth time in the past five seasons and the sixth time in school history (others were 1998-99, 2000-01, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2007-08) ... the Irish also now have won 10 consecutive home games ... Notre Dame is 76-6 (.927) in its last 82 non-conference home games, dating back to the 1994-95 season ... Notre Dame posts its fourth win by 35+ points this season, extending its own school record ... Notre Dame's 26-point halftime lead was its largest this season ... the Irish win their 13th consecutive game heading into the Christmas break and are 23-9 (.719) all-time in their final pre-Yuletide contest ... Notre Dame also has won 21 consecutive games coming off the final exam break (no games held between exams and Christmas in 1994 and 1997), with the last loss coming on Dec. 21, 1985 (73-67 vs. UCLA at home) ... Notre Dame improves to 21-3 all-time against Loyola and picks up its 14th consecutive win over the Ramblers, as well as its 20th in the past 21 series meetings; the 21 series victories tie for the sixth-most against one opponent in Notre Dame women's basketball history ... the 44-point margin of victory and Loyola's 45 points were series highs/lows ... Notre Dame moves to 103-14 (.880) all-time against the current Horizon League membership and has won 28 consecutive games against that league's present alignment (13 in a row at the Joyce Center) ... Schrader became the seventh different Irish player to own at least a share of the team scoring lead this season ... Lechlitner's perfect 6-for-6 shooting day was the best by a Notre Dame player since Schrader went 6-for-6 at Wisconsin on Dec. 4, 2005; it's also the best by an Irish player at the Joyce Center since Dec. 11, 2004 against Washington, when Crystal Erwin went 9-for-9 en route to a career-high 24 points ... Williamson pulled down a season-high eight rebounds, while Miller had season bests of seven points, five rebounds, three steals and two assists in 17 minutes ... Barlow had her 12-game double-figure scoring streak snapped with eight points vs. Loyola in a season-low 23 minutes; it was her first single-digit scoring game since March 1, 2008, against Seton Hall at the Joyce Center (six points) ... junior walk-on guard Alena Christiansen made her collegiate debut, logging one point, one rebound and one steal in five minutes; Christiansen was added to the Irish roster Dec. 19.

GAME 11

#12/6 Notre Dame 68, Charlotte 61
December 28, 2008
Halton Arena (Charlotte, N.C.)

Notre Dame (68)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Novosel, Team, and Totals.

Charlotte (61)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Floyd, Spriggs, McCallum, Ray, Jones, Hargraves, McAdoo, Coward, Burgin, Team, and Totals.

Summary table for Notre Dame vs Charlotte with columns: Notre Dame, Charlotte, and values for 31, 37, 68, 29, 32, 61.

FG Pct: Notre Dame 45.8, Charlotte 42.1. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 25.0, Charlotte 35.7. FT Pct: Notre Dame 61.1, Charlotte 88.9. Turnovers: Notre Dame 20, Charlotte 24. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 3 (Solomon 2), Charlotte 1. Steals: Notre Dame 12 (Novosel 4), Charlotte 8 (McCallum 4). Attendance: 1,587.

NOTES: Notre Dame is off to a 10-1 start or better for the fourth time in school history and the second consecutive season (also 2000-01 when the Irish started 23-0, 2004-05 when they opened 13-1, and last year when they began 12-1) ... this was the first-ever meeting between Notre Dame and Charlotte ... the Irish improve to 39-5 (.886) against first-time opponents since joining the BIG EAST Conference (1995-96 to present), including wins in 19 of 20 games this decade and 14 in a row ... Notre Dame moves to 11-2 (.846) all-time against teams from the state of North Carolina, including a 3-1 record on the road; the Irish were playing their first game in the Tar Heel State since Nov. 22, 1997 (an 80-62 loss at 19th-ranked Duke) ... Notre Dame rises to 65-18 (.783) all-time against the current Atlantic 10 Conference alignment, including a 29-10 (.744) record on the road and a current 12-game overall winning streak against the A-10 ... the Irish lift their record in the first game after Christmas to 21-11 (.656), with a 9-5 (.643) record on the road and 15-7 (.682) mark in the Muffet McGraw era (1987-88 to present) ... Notre Dame now has led at halftime in its last 10 games, going 9-1 in that stretch ... for the 10th time in 11 games this season, the Irish held their opponent to 63 points or fewer (one exception was 78-72 win over #24 Michigan State on Nov. 29 at the Joyce Center) ... Notre Dame had at least four players score in double figures for the sixth time this season (6-0 record) with four other games in which the Irish had three double-digit scorers (4-0 record); however, no Notre Dame player has scored more than 19 points in a game this season ... Schrader scored a season-high 19 points and added a season-high-tying three steals, while narrowly missing her third double-double of the season (although she did knock down her first three-pointer on her first attempt of the year) ... Novosel posted her second consecutive double-figure scoring game with 12 points, while adding a season-high four steals ... Lechlitner notched her fifth double-digit scoring game in the past six outings (and sixth of the season), while Bruszewski collected her third double-figure game in the past four contests (and fifth of the season).

GAME 12

#12/6 Notre Dame 59, #20/19 Vanderbilt 57
December 30, 2008
Memorial Gymnasium (Nashville, Tenn.)

Notre Dame (59)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Bruszewski, Williamson, Barlow, Lechlitner, Schrader, Solomon, Watson, Miller, Novosel, Team, and Totals.

Vanderbilt (57)

Table with columns: Player, min, fg-a, 3fg-a, ft-a, reb, ast, pf, tp. Rows include Tuomi, Wirth, Risper, Mooney, Marsh, Chisholm, Rhoads, Gibbs, Team, and Totals.

Summary table for Notre Dame vs Vanderbilt with columns: Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, and values for 24, 35, 59, 36, 21, 57.

FG Pct: Notre Dame 42.6, Vanderbilt 38.7. 3-PT FG Pct: Notre Dame 26.7, Vanderbilt 23.5. FT Pct: Notre Dame 50.0, Vanderbilt 45.5. Turnovers: Notre Dame 19, Vanderbilt 11. Blocked Shots: Notre Dame 4, Vanderbilt 1. Steals: Notre Dame 2, Vanderbilt 11 (Wirth 4). Attendance: 4,374.

NOTES: Notre Dame set a school record by rallying from 18 points down in the second half to win (trailed 44-26 and 46-28, the latter with 15:56 remaining) ... in their previous school-record comeback over Connecticut in the 2001 NCAA Final Four semifinals (March 30, 2001 in St. Louis), the Irish trailed the Huskies, 47-31 with two minutes left in the first half, before outscoring UConn, 59-28 the rest of the way ... Notre Dame used a 22-0 second-half run to highlight its rally at Vanderbilt, but it wasn't even its longest string of unanswered points this season -- on Nov. 25, Notre Dame reeled off 27 consecutive points in the second half of an 85-36 win over Georgia Southern at the Joyce Center ... the Irish improve to 4-0 against AP Top 25 opponents this season, accounting for half of the BIG EAST's eight wins over ranked teams this season (no other conference team has more than one) ... prior to this season, Notre Dame had never defeated an SEC opponent on its home floor -- the Irish now have two victories at SEC schools in the past six weeks, having also downed #24/22 LSU, 62-53 in the State Farm Tip-Off Classic on Nov. 16 ... this marks the second time in school history Notre Dame has defeated multiple SEC opponents in the same season, having also done in 2000-01 (d. Georgia, 75-73, in Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge final at Madison, Wis.; d. Vanderbilt, 72-64, in NCAA Midwest Regional final at Denver) ... the Irish move to 3-1 all-time against Vanderbilt, picking up their first-ever win over the Commodores in Nashville ... Notre Dame trailed at the half for the first time all season, and was held to its second-lowest first-half point total of the season (23 vs. Purdue on Dec. 7) ... Notre Dame has held 11 of 12 opponents to 63 points or fewer, including three of four Top 25 opponents to 57 points or fewer (only exception in both cases was a 78-72 win over #24 Michigan State on Nov. 29) ... the Irish limited Vanderbilt to a .387 field goal percentage after the Commodores came into the game ranked fifth in the nation in that category with a .477 percentage at tipoff (they were at .482 in the last NCAA rankings on Dec. 22) ... Bruszewski tied her career high with seven rebounds (twice before, most recently on Jan. 5, 2008, vs. Tennessee) ... Barlow collected a season-high nine rebounds (previous was eight on Nov. 25 vs. Georgia Southern) ... Solomon posted her second perfect shooting night of the season, having gone 5-for-5 on the way to a season-high 15 points on Nov. 23 at Boston College ... Notre Dame had at least three double-figure scorers for the 11th time in 12 games this season, going 11-0 in those games.



#1 Erica Solomon

Forward • 6-2 • Fr.-HS • Oak Park, Mich. (Detroit Country Day School)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is "Rock" after her middle name (Raquel).
- ◆ Graduated from same high school that produced NBA standouts Chris Webber and Shane Battier, as well as former Irish All-America women's soccer player/current U.S. National Team member Kate (Sobrero) Markgraf, among others.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a successful high jumper, setting school record in the event (5 ft., 6 in.).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all 12 games this season, averaging 7.3 points and 4.6 rebounds per game (third on team in latter category) ... leads team and is tied for sixth in BIG EAST in blocked shots (1.5 bpg.) ... also has attempted team-high 42 free throws.
- ◆ Made college debut in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at No. 24/22 LSU, chalking up six points in 11 minutes.
- ◆ Turned in "point-a-minute" performance in third collegiate game at Boston College, finishing with season-high 15 points (5-5 FG, 5-7 FT) in just 14 minutes.
- ◆ Played 19 minutes vs. Georgia Southern (12 points, season-high 6-9 FT) and five rebounds.
- ◆ Tossed in 12 points (5-8 FG) in 19 minutes against #24 Michigan State.
- ◆ Extended double-digit scoring streak to four games with 12 points (6-10 FT) at Eastern Michigan, adding season highs of nine rebounds, four blocks and 23 minutes.
- ◆ Grabbed eight rebounds against #17/20 Purdue.
- ◆ Collected five points, seven rebounds, three blocks and season-high three steals at Valparaiso; had layup, two blocks and key steal in final five minutes to help preserve win.
- ◆ Picked up six points and five rebounds in win over Loyola-Chicago.
- ◆ Played key role in win at #20/19 Vanderbilt with eight points (4-4 FG) and seven rebounds in 21 minutes off the bench; also blocked potential game-tying shot with 49 seconds left and came up with rebound, allowing Irish to come down and hit important insurance bucket.



Career Highs

Points

Career.... 15 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Rebounds

Career.... 9 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Assists

Career..... 2, four times (MR: at Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)

Field Goals

Career.... 5, twice (MR: vs. MSU, 11/29/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 9, twice (MR: at Michigan (12/10/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... None

Free Throws

Career.... 6, twice (MR: at EMU, 12/2/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.... 10 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Steals

Career..... 3 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.... 4 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 23, twice (MR: at Valparaiso, 12/13/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 4/4
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-block games 0/0
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Solomon's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	12-0	207-17.3	30-64	.469	0-0	.000	28-42	.667	25	30	55	4.6	22-0	10	17	18	8	88	7.3
TOTALS	12-0	207-17.3	30-64	.469	0-0	.000	28-42	.667	25	30	55	4.6	22-0	10	17	18	8	88	7.3

#10 Kellie Watson

Forward • 6-2 • Fr.-HS • Ionia, Mich. (Ionia HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ BIG EAST Freshman of the Week (Dec. 1, Dec. 8)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Reigning Michigan Miss Basketball, the first to ever attend Notre Dame — although the Irish had 14 Michigan natives on their all-time roster prior to this season, the highest any of them had ever finished in the Miss Basketball balloting (1981-2007) was third by Kathy Barron (1983) and Jeannine Augustin (1992); ironically, Watson's fellow Irish freshman, Erica Solomon finished second in last year's Michigan Miss Basketball voting.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was two-time all-state softball player who set school single-season records for doubles (86) and triples (27), while leading team to a regional title.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all 12 games this season, averaging 6.0 points and 3.0 rebounds per game ... ranks 12th in BIG EAST with .405 three-point field goal percentage.
- ◆ Saw action in first college game, playing final minute of State Farm Tip-Off Classic victory at No. 24/22 LSU.
- ◆ Collected three points and season highs of two assists, two blocks and two steals in home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Scored seven points against Georgia Southern.
- ◆ Exploded for season-high 18 points (6-9 3FG) in 20 minutes vs. #24 Michigan State, canning first five three-pointers of game (last three in span of 1:32); six three-pointers tied the Notre Dame Joyce Center record (most by an Irish player in five years) and were two off the school record ... also grabbed season-high six rebounds against MSU.
- ◆ Registered 13 points (4-6 FG, 3-4 3FG) and season-high-tying six rebounds against #17/20 Purdue ... keyed first-half surge with three triples in 4:17 span to close period.
- ◆ Hit three-pointer with 3:24 left in overtime to give Irish lead at Michigan.
- ◆ Tallied nine points and five rebounds in season-high 27 minutes vs. Loyola-Chicago.
- ◆ Ignited 22-0 second-half run in comeback win at #20/19 Vanderbilt with pair of three-pointers (her only two baskets of the game).



Career Highs

Points

Career....18 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)

Rebounds

Career....6, twice (MR: vs. Purdue, 12/7/08)

Assists

Career....2, four times (MR: at Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)

Field Goals

Career.....6 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 12 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....6 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)
(tied ND Joyce Center record)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....9 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)

Free Throws

Career..... 4 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 6 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Steals

Career....2, twice (MR: vs. Loyola-Chi., 12/20/08)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 2 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 27 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 2/2
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games 0/0
 (noted in season/career format)

Watson's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	12-0	202-16.8	22-67	.328	17-42	.405	11-18	.611	9	27	36	3.0	15-1	9	17	8	7	72	6.0
TOTALS	12-0	202-16.8	22-67	.328	17-42	.405	11-18	.611	9	27	36	3.0	15-1	9	17	8	7	72	6.0

#12 Fraderica Miller

Guard • 5-10 • Fr.-HS • Ellenwood, Ga. (The Marist School)

Did You Know?

- ◆ First name is pronounced “fruh-DARE-uh-kuh” ... nickname is “Fred”.
- ◆ Was a rare spring signee, the first for Notre Dame since Breona Gray committed to the Irish in the spring of 2003 out of Las Vegas’ Bishop Gorman High School.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school – ran track & field, competing primarily in sprints (100m/200m/400m).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in seven games this season, averaging 1.9 points, 0.7 rebounds and 1.1 steals per game.
- ◆ Saw limited action in first two road games at #24/22 LSU and Boston College, notching a steal at BC.
- ◆ Scored first career points on breakaway layup and added a steal vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Played 10 minutes vs. Georgia Southern, chalking up two points and picking up a steal for third consecutive game.
- ◆ Had steal and score in win at Eastern Michigan.
- ◆ Turned in best effort of season to date against Loyola-Chicago with personal bests of seven points (3-5 FG), five rebounds, three steals and two assists in 17 minutes.
- ◆ Gave Irish spark off the bench at #20/19 Vanderbilt with steal late in first half.



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 7 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 5 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Assists

Career..... 2 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Field Goals

Career..... 3 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 5 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....None

Free Throws

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 5 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Steals

Career..... 3 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....None

Minutes Played

Career.... 17 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 0/0
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure assist games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Miller's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	7-0	44-6.3	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	3	2	5	0.7	11-0	2	3	0	8	13	1.9
TOTALS	7-0	44-6.3	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	3	2	5	0.7	11-0	2	3	0	8	13	1.9

#14 Devereaux Peters

Forward • 6-2 • So.-1V • Chicago, Ill. (Fenwick HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ First name is pronounced “DEV-er-OH” ... nickname is “Dev”.
- ◆ Has a 77-inch (6-foot-5) wingspan which, if turned vertically, would be taller than any player on Irish roster (junior center Erica Williamson is 6-foot-4); in fact, only one BIG EAST Conference player is taller than Peters’ wingspan — Pittsburgh freshman center Shawnice “Pepper” Wilson stands 6-foot-6.
- ◆ Peters’ alma mater, Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., holds a special place in Notre Dame athletics history, having produced numerous Irish greats in several sports — the most notable is 1953 Heisman Trophy John Lattner.
- ◆ One of two Irish players who had an uncle play professional football — Peters’ uncle, Tom Seabron, played linebacker at Michigan and was a fifth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 1979; Ashley Barlow’s uncle, Ron, was a fullback at Kansas State and was selected by the New York Jets in the 1965 American Football League redshirt draft.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ **Out for season (torn ACL - left knee).**
- ◆ Appeared in three games (one start) this season, averaging 7.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game with .688 field goal percentage and six blocks (2.0 per game).
- ◆ Made successful return from April 2008 knee surgery (torn ACL) in season opener at No. 24/22 LSU, coming off bench to play 28 minutes, notching 12 points (6-7 FG), team-high six rebounds, three blocks and three steals.
- ◆ Earned starting nod for home opener vs. Evansville, registering six points and four rebounds in 17 minutes.
- ◆ Collected four points, three rebounds, two blocks and two steals in only 16 minutes at Boston College ...injured left knee at 13:04 of first half (four minutes after entering), but feeling little discomfort, returned to play 12 minutes later in game.
- ◆ Upon returning to South Bend, underwent MRI which discovered a torn ACL in her left knee, an injury that will sideline her for the remainder of the 2008-09 season ... she is expected to petition for an NCAA hardship waiver (having played less than 30 percent of her team’s regular-season games), and if granted, she would retain three years of eligibility.



Career Highs

Points
Career..... 15 vs. Villanova (1/16/08)

Rebounds
Career..... 12 vs. Connecticut (1/27/08)

Assists
Career.... 4 vs. Saint Francis-Pa. (12/29/07)

Field Goals
Career.... 6, three times (MR: at LSU, 11/16/08)

Field Goal Attempts
Career..... 15 at Maryland (11/16/07)

Three-Point Field Goals
Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts
Career.....None

Free Throws
Career..... 8 at Richmond (1/2/08)

Free Throw Attempts
Career..... 10 at Richmond (1/2/08)

Steals
Career..... 7 vs. Villanova (1/16/08)

Blocked Shots
Career..... 5 vs. Miami-Ohio (11/9/07)

Minutes Played
Career..... 34 at Maryland (11/16/07)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/1
 Double-figure scoring games..... 1/15
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/1
 5-block games 0/1
 5-steal games..... 0/1
(noted in season/career format)

Peters’ Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	23-2	468-20.3	82-157	.522	0-0	.000	42-56	.750	57	72	129	5.6	78-5	23	40	45	39	206	9.0
2008-09	3-1	61-20.3	11-16	.688	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	3	10	13	4.3	6-0	5	4	6	5	22	7.3
TOTALS	26-3	529-20.3	93-173	.538	0-0	.000	42-59	.712	60	82	142	5.5	84-5	28	44	51	44	228	8.8

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Devereaux Peters

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU ¹	28	6-7	0-0	0-3	2	4	6	2	2	2	3	3	12
N19	Evansville [^]	17	3-5	0-0	0-0	1	3	4	3	1	1	1	0	6
N23	@ Boston College	16	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	1	2	1	2	2	4
N25	Georgia Southern	Did not play (injured)												
N29	#24/rv Michigan State	Did not play (injured)												
D2	@ Eastern Michigan	Did not play (injured)												
D7	#17/20 Purdue	Did not play (injured)												
D10	@ Michigan	Did not play (injured)												
D13	@ Valparaiso	Did not play (injured)												
D20	Loyola-Chicago	Did not play (injured)												
D28	@ Charlotte	Did not play (injured)												
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt	Did not play (injured)												
J3	• @ Seton Hall													

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Peters in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	9-2	161-17.9	30-58	.517	0-0	.000	22-29	.759	18	34	52	5.8	37-4	8	15	13	16	82	9.1
TOTALS	9-2	161-17.9	30-58	.517	0-0	.000	22-29	.759	18	34	52	5.8	37-4	8	15	13	16	82	9.1

#20 Ashley Barlow

Guard • 5-9 • Jr.-2V • Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ Naismith Trophy Watch List
- ◆ BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 24)

Did You Know?

- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Lindsay Schrader and Melissa Lechlitner); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Worked diligently during the summer to sharpen her perimeter shooting skills (more range and quicker release), spending early part of offseason in hometown of Indianapolis ... worked out with several elite-level players from the area including 2008 first-round NBA draft pick George Hill of the San Antonio Spurs (who played his college ball at IUPUI).
- ◆ Pictured on Midwest regional cover of *Sports Illustrated's* 2008-09 College Basketball Preview issue, along with Irish men's basketball sharpshooting senior guard Kyle McAlarney; Notre Dame was one of six schools to have both its teams featured on the regional covers, along with Connecticut, Pittsburgh, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Arizona State.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in 10 games (nine starts) this year, standing second on team in scoring (12.4 ppg.) and rebounding (5.3 rpg.), along with a team-high 2.7 steals per game ... ranks 26th in BIG EAST in scoring, fourth in steals (also 22nd in NCAA as of Dec. 22) and tied for third in free throw percentage (team-best .875).
- ◆ Scored game-high 19 points (7-13 FG, 2-4 3FG) in State Farm Tip-Off Classic win at No. 24/22 LSU, including 10 in 14-4 Irish run early in second half.
- ◆ Took game-high scoring honors in home opener vs. Evansville, ending up with 19 points (3-5 3FG), six rebounds and four steals.
- ◆ Posted balanced effort at Boston College, chalking up 10 points (4-5 FG, 2-2 3FG) and career highs of seven steals and six assists (tied).
- ◆ Contributed 13 points and game-high eight rebounds in win over Georgia Southern.
- ◆ Stuffed stat sheet against #24 Michigan State to the tune of 14 points, career-high-tying six assists, five rebounds and three steals in career-high-tying 38 minutes ... sidelined in final minute of play after taking knee to head during loose-ball scramble.
- ◆ Did not play against Eastern Michigan and #17/20 Purdue while recovering from knock to head vs. Michigan State.
- ◆ Returned to action in a reserve role at Michigan, coming off bench to register team highs of 14 points (7-13 FG), five rebounds and four steals.
- ◆ Back in starting lineup at Valparaiso, tallying 15 points (6-11 FG) in career-high-tying 38 minutes; put Irish ahead to stay on jumper in lane with 5:18 left and rattled home a three-pointer at 4:31 mark as part of game-ending 13-5 run.
- ◆ Able to gain significant rest vs. Loyola-Chicago, playing season-low 23 minutes and collecting eight points, five rebounds and four assists; had 12-game double-figure scoring streak snapped (first single-digit scoring day since March 1, 2008, vs. Seton Hall (six points)).
- ◆ Collected season-high nine rebounds at #20/19 Vanderbilt.
- ◆ Averaging 6.3 rebounds and 4.0 assists in past three games.



Career Highs

Points

Career.....23 vs. DePaul (1/22/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 12 vs. SMU (3/23/08)

Assists

Career....6, four times (MR: vs. MSU, 11/29/08)

Field Goals

Career....8, three times (MR: vs. DePaul, 1/22/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 18 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career....3, eight times (MR: vs. Evansville, 11/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career....10 vs. Michigan St. (11/29/08)

Free Throws

Career.... 13 vs. Prairie View (12/28/06)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.... 13 vs. Prairie View (12/28/06)

Steals

Career....7 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Blocked Shots

Career....1, six times (MR: at Michigan, 12/10/08)

Minutes Played

Career....38, three times (MR: at Valparaiso, 12/13/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/4
 Double-figure scoring games..... 7/43
 20-point games..... 0/6
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/5
 5-assist games 2/4
 5-steal games..... 1/6
(noted in season/career format)

Barlow's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	32-3	810-25.3	110-254	.433	19-58	.328	90-109	.826	79	94	173	5.4	80-3	61	70	3	63	329	10.3
2007-08	34-32	898-26.4	136-290	.469	27-89	.303	111-138	.804	64	95	159	4.7	86-2	64	60	2	68	410	12.1
2008-09	10-9	322-32.2	46-109	.422	11-35	.314	21-24	.875	17	36	53	5.3	16-0	30	27	1	27	124	12.4
TOTALS	76-44	2030-26.7	292-653	.447	57-182	.313	222-271	.819	160	225	385	5.1	182-5	155	157	6	158	863	11.4

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Ashley Barlow

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	35	7-13	2-4	3-4	0	5	5	2	0	4	0	2	19
N19	Evansville [^]	31	7-18	3-5	2-2	2	4	6	1	0	1	0	4	19
N23	@ Boston College [^]	26	4-5	2-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	6	2	0	7	10
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	25	5-9	1-3	2-2	2	6	8	0	2	1	0	1	13
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	38	4-16	2-10	4-5	3	2	5	3	6	2	0	3	14
D2	@ Eastern Michigan	Did not play (injured)												
D7	#17/20 Purdue	Did not play (injured)												
D10	@ Michigan	37	7-13	0-1	0-0	3	2	5	3	3	2	1	4	14
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	38	6-11	1-3	2-3	1	2	3	0	1	4	0	2	15
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	23	2-6	0-0	4-4	2	3	5	1	4	2	0	2	8
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	34	2-7	0-3	2-2	0	5	5	3	4	4	0	2	6
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	35	2-11	0-4	2-2	3	6	9	2	4	5	0	0	6
J3	• @ Seton Hall													

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Barlow in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	16-2	408-25.5	62-137	.453	13-34	.382	35-49	.714	34	44	78	4.9	44-2	29	36	1	26	172	10.8
2007-08	16-14	433-27.1	55-133	.414	10-40	.250	55-69	.797	33	42	75	4.7	44-1	30	35	2	31	175	10.9
TOTALS	32-16	841-26.3	117-270	.433	23-74	.311	90-118	.763	67	86	153	4.8	88-3	59	71	3	57	347	10.8

#21 Natalie Novosel

Guard • 5-11 • Fr.-HS • Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ BIG EAST Freshman of the Week (Dec. 29)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Last name is pronounced “NO-vuh-sell” ... nickname is “Nasty”, coined during her high school career, both for her determination and gritty demeanor on the court and her ability to make extraordinary (aka “nasty”) plays look routine.
- ◆ She is the first Irish women’s basketball player ever to come from the state of Kentucky ... she shares the same prep alma mater as former Notre Dame men’s basketball player David Graves (1999-2002).
- ◆ Has two siblings who also are currently playing college basketball — older sister, Shannon, is a senior all-conference center at the University of Evansville (whom the Irish defeated on Nov. 19), while twin brother, Nathan, is a freshman forward at the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all 12 games this season, averaging 6.1 points and 2.8 rebounds per game.
- ◆ Made college debut in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at No. 24/22 LSU, playing 17 minutes and notching two points and two rebounds.
- ◆ Tallied six points and season-high four assists in season-best 21 minutes of home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Tossed in seven points (3-4 FG) at Boston College.
- ◆ Added seven points (5-6 FT) and four rebounds against Georgia Southern.
- ◆ Led the way to victory at Eastern Michigan with season highs of 18 points (6-10 FG), eight rebounds and four assists in 33 minutes.
- ◆ Shared game-high scoring honors against Loyola-Chicago with 13 points (5-8 FG), while adding three assists and three steals.
- ◆ Posted second consecutive double-figure scoring game at Charlotte, coming off bench to notch 12 points (4-8 FG) and season-high four steals.



Career Highs

Points

Career.... 18 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Rebounds

Career.... 8 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Assists

Career.... 4, twice (MR: at EMU, 12/2/08)

Field Goals

Career.... 6 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 10 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.... 1 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.... 2, three times (MR: vs. Purdue, 12/7/08)

Free Throws

Career.... 5, twice (MR: at EMU, 12/2/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 8 at Charlotte (12/28/08)

Steals

Career..... 4 at Charlotte (12/28/08)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 1 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 33 at Eastern Michigan (12/2/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 3/3
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Novosel's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	12-0	219-18.3	24-52	.462	1-9	.111	24-32	.750	17	17	34	2.8	15-0	18	24	1	13	73	6.1
TOTALS	12-0	219-18.3	24-52	.462	1-9	.111	24-32	.750	17	17	34	2.8	15-0	18	24	1	13	73	6.1

#22 Brittany Mallory

Guard • 5-10 • So.-1V • Baltimore, Md. (McDonogh School)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is “Chip”, which she gained during summer school prior to her freshman year — its origin is a bit fuzzy and depends on which of her teammates you’re talking to.
- ◆ Earned certificate of merit for participation in Notre Dame’s Rosenthal Leadership Institute during the 2007-08 academic year.
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a two-time honorable mention All-America lacrosse midfielder and was named to the 2006 high school All-Tewaaraton Team; in fact, she was actively recruited by several Division I schools to play lacrosse, but chose to focus solely on basketball at Notre Dame.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ **Out for season (torn ACL - left knee).**
- ◆ Appeared in seven games (three starts, first of her career) this season, averaging 8.1 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game ... also had 2.22 assist/turnover ratio.
- ◆ Delivered 11 points (5-10 FG) and career-high six assists in 20 minutes during home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Had nearly perfect shooting day at Boston College (5-5 FG, 3-3 3FG, 1-2 FT), finishing with 14 points in 15 minutes.
- ◆ Poured in career-high 19 points (7-10 FG, 3-4 3FG) against Georgia Southern while also posting her third consecutive double-figure scoring game (longest streak of her young career).
- ◆ Made first career start at Eastern Michigan, finishing with three points in 15 minutes.
- ◆ Started against #17/20 Purdue and played (then) career-high 30 minutes, chalking up three points and five rebounds.
- ◆ Remained in starting lineup at Michigan, logging five points and five rebounds in career-best 34 minutes ... suffered left knee injury 56 seconds into overtime and did not return.
- ◆ Upon returning to South Bend, underwent MRI which discovered a torn ACL in her left knee, an injury that will sideline her for the remainder of the 2008-09 season ... she is expected to petition for an NCAA hardship waiver (having played less than 30 percent of her team’s regular-season games), and if granted, she would retain three years of eligibility.



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 19 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Rebounds

Career.....7, twice (MR: vs. USF, 2/27/08)

Assists

Career..... 6 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Field Goals

Career.....7 vs. Ga. Southern (11/25/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....12 vs. Canisius (11/27/07)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career..... 4 vs. South Florida (2/27/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....8 at St. John’s (3/3/08)

Free Throws

Career.....6 vs. Valparaiso (12/12/07)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....6, twice (MR: vs. Providence, 1/30/08)

Steals

Career.....4 vs. Valparaiso (12/12/07)

Blocked Shots

Career.... 1, three times (MR: at BC, 11/23/08)

Minutes Played

Career.....34 at Michigan (12/10/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 3/9
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 1/1
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Mallory’s Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	33-0	533-16.2	64-187	.342	34-122	.279	46-57	.807	26	46	72	2.2	52-0	29	36	3	42	208	6.3
2008-09	7-3	154-22.0	21-45	.467	7-20	.350	8-13	.615	5	18	23	3.3	15-0	20	9	1	11	57	8.1
TOTALS	40-3	687-17.2	85-232	.366	41-142	.289	54-70	.771	31	64	95	2.4	67-0	49	45	4	53	265	6.6

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Brittany Mallory

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU ¹	Did not play												
N19	Evansville	20	5-10	0-4	1-2	1	1	2	3	6	0	0	2	11
N23	@ Boston College	15	5-5	3-3	1-2	1	3	4	1	2	0	1	0	14
N25	Georgia Southern	24	7-10	3-4	2-3	0	2	2	3	3	3	0	2	19
N29	#24/rv Michigan State	16	1-4	0-2	0-0	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	2	2
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	15	1-6	0-3	1-2	0	3	3	2	2	3	0	1	3
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	30	0-5	0-2	3-4	1	4	5	1	2	1	0	2	3
D10	@ Michigan [^]	34	2-5	1-2	0-0	1	4	5	2	3	2	0	2	5
D13	@ Valparaiso	Did not play (injured)												
D20	Loyola-Chicago	Did not play (injured)												
D28	@ Charlotte	Did not play (injured)												
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt	Did not play (injured)												
J3	• @ Seton Hall													

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Mallory in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	16-0	246-15.4	30-73	.411	21-55	.382	24-30	.800	9	15	24	1.5	24-0	14	20	2	16	105	6.6
TOTALS	16-0	246-15.4	30-73	.411	21-55	.382	24-30	.800	9	15	24	1.5	24-0	14	20	2	16	105	6.6

#23 Melissa Lechlitner

Guard • 5-7 • Jr.-2V • Mishawaka, Ind. (South Bend St. Joseph's HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Last name is pronounced "LECK-light-ner" ... nickname is "Lech".
- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Lindsay Schrader and Ashley Barlow); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Selected to participate in Notre Dame's elite Academic Honors for Student-Athletes program, which pairs qualified student-athletes with faculty mentors in their chosen field of study (Lechlitner maintains a 3.413 cumulative GPA as a psychology major in Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters).
- ◆ Verbally committed to attend Notre Dame midway through her sophomore season of high school (January 2004), a full 22 months before she actually signed her National Letter of Intent and 30 months before she crossed Indiana SR-933 from St. Joseph's High School (located across the southwest corner of the Notre Dame campus) to officially enroll in summer school at the University.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has started all 12 games this season, ranking third on team in scoring (11.0 ppg.) with team-high 2.8 assists per game and 1.31 assist/turnover ratio ... also shooting .455 from three-point line.
- ◆ Made first career start at point guard (second overall start) in season opener at No. 24/22 LSU, notching five assists and five rebounds.
- ◆ Tallied 11 points (5-9 FG) with four assists in home opener vs Evansville.
- ◆ Collected 15 points (6-13 FG) at Eastern Michigan.
- ◆ Led the way to victory over #17/20 Purdue with career-high 19 points (7-13 FG, 2-3 3FG) and four assists ... scored seven consecutive points in final 4:18 to keep Boilermakers at arm's length.
- ◆ Tossed in game-high 18 points at Valparaiso, including 12 in the second half, sparked by three consecutive jumpers in span of 1:20 midway through period; also played career-high 40 minutes, her first career complete game.
- ◆ Got some hard-earned rest against Loyola-Chicago, playing season-low 21 minutes, but still sharing game-high scoring honors with 13 points (6-6 FG), all in first half; perfect shooting day was best by Irish player since Dec. 4, 2005 (Lindsay Schrader went 6-6 at Wisconsin) and best at Joyce Center by ND player since Dec. 11, 2004 (Crystal Erwin went arena-record 9-9 against Washington).
- ◆ Notched 13 points at Charlotte; also had just one turnover in 36 minutes (came on offensive foul in opening three minutes of game).
- ◆ Had 11 points (seven in second half) at #20/19 Vanderbilt and hit critical insurance jumper with 1:53 remaining and Irish up by two.
- ◆ Averaging 14.0 points and .500 field goal percentage (41-of-82) in past seven games.



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 19 vs. Purdue (12/7/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 6 vs. Syracuse (1/20/07)

Assists

Career.....9 vs. St. John's (1/16/07)

Field Goals

Career.....7, three times (MR: at Valparaiso, 12/13/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 16 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career....3, twice (MR: vs. Syracuse, 1/20/07)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....7 vs. St. John's (1/16/07)

Free Throws

Career..... 8 at Providence (2/17/07)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 9 at Providence (2/17/07)

Steals

Career....4, twice (MR: vs. WKU, 11/13/07)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 2 vs. Marquette (2/13/08)

Minutes Played

Career..... 40 at Valparaiso (12/13/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 7/23
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure assist games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 1/10
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Lechlitner's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	31-0	744-24.0	68-198	.343	12-61	.197	47-62	.758	14	49	63	2.0	41-1	83	61	1	40	195	6.3
2007-08	34-1	753-22.1	71-201	.353	8-37	.216	36-47	.766	14	53	67	2.0	40-0	87	68	3	36	186	5.5
2008-09	12-12	379-31.6	54-119	.454	10-22	.455	14-18	.778	8	17	25	2.1	18-0	34	26	2	15	132	11.0
TOTALS	77-13	1876-24.4	193-518	.373	30-120	.250	97-127	.764	36	119	155	2.0	99-1	204	155	6	91	513	6.7

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Melissa Lechlitner

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU^	36	1-6	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	0	5	4	0	1	2
N19	Evansville^	26	5-9	1-2	0-0	1	1	2	1	4	1	0	1	11
N23	@ Boston College^	23	3-9	2-2	0-0	2	1	3	1	4	2	0	3	8
N25	Georgia Southern^	25	3-7	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	1	7
N29	#24/rv Michigan State^	31	1-6	0-3	4-6	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	1	6
D2	@ Eastern Michigan^	36	6-13	0-1	3-3	1	2	3	4	3	3	1	1	15
D7	#17/20 Purdue^	38	7-13	2-3	3-4	1	2	3	2	4	3	0	1	19
D10	@ Michigan^	32	4-11	1-1	0-0	0	2	2	3	1	4	0	0	9
D13	@ Valparaiso^	40	7-16	0-2	4-4	2	1	3	2	2	5	0	3	18
D20	Loyola-Chicago^	21	6-6	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	13
D28	@ Charlotte^	36	6-13	1-3	0-1	0	3	3	2	2	1	0	2	13
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt	35	5-10	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	11

J3 • @ Seton Hall

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Lechlitner in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	15-0	389-25.9	46-114	.404	5-33	.152	22-30	.733	9	22	31	2.1	15-0	48	31	1	18	119	7.9
2007-08	16-1	361-22.6	37-105	.352	2-13	.154	18-23	.783	9	31	40	2.5	18-0	43	30	3	16	94	5.9
TOTALS	31-1	750-24.2	83-219	.379	7-46	.152	40-53	.755	18	53	71	2.3	33-0	91	61	4	34	213	6.9

#24 Lindsay Schrader

Guard • 6-0 • Sr.-2V • Bartlett, Ill. (Bartlett HS)

Awards/Honors

- ◆ Preseason honorable mention all-BIG EAST

Did You Know?

- ◆ One of three captains for Notre Dame this year (along with Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner); all three were selected through a vote of their teammates in the offseason.
- ◆ Only senior on this year's roster, but intends to apply for fifth year of eligibility (missed 2006-07 season with torn ACL); fifth-year application process at Notre Dame takes place after first four years are completed and process is generally considered more stringent and involved than NCAA guidelines.
- ◆ Lone Irish player who came into the 2008-09 season with significant starting experience, having cracked the lineup 60 times in her first two years at Notre Dame.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has started all 12 games this season, leading team in scoring (13.1 ppg.) and rebounding (6.7 rpg.), and ranking second in steals (1.5 spg.) ... ranks 23rd in BIG EAST in scoring and 11th in field goal percentage (.519) ... also has two-double-doubles this year.
- ◆ Gathered 13 points, team-high six rebounds and three steals in season-opening win at No. 24/22 LSU in State Farm Tip-Off Classic.
- ◆ Chalked up 12 points (5-8 FG), game-high seven rebounds and four steals in home opener vs. Evansville.
- ◆ Pitched in 13 points (6-10 FG) at Boston College.
- ◆ Had balanced effort vs. Georgia Southern with eight points, six rebounds, game-high four assists and two blocks.
- ◆ Scored 15 points (7-14 FG) against #24 Michigan State, including eight in the final eight minutes to preserve victory.
- ◆ Notched first double-double of year at Eastern Michigan with 17 points and season-high 10 rebounds.
- ◆ Posted second consecutive double-double in win over #17/20 Purdue with 13 points and season-high-tying 10 rebounds ... first ND player with back-to-back double-doubles since Dec. 11 & 19, 2004 (Jacqueline Batteast vs. Washington and at Marquette).
- ◆ Tallied 14 points (6-8 FG) and six rebounds in win at Valparaiso.
- ◆ Enjoyed significant rest vs. Loyola-Chicago with season-low 23 minutes, but still found time to enjoy the statistical sampler platter with game highs of 13 points, eight rebounds and five assists.
- ◆ Scored game-high (and season-high) 19 points and added nine rebounds at Charlotte, including crucial offensive rebound tip-out in final 20 seconds to help preserve win.
- ◆ Logged team-high 12 points (6-10 FG) and eight rebounds at #20/19 Vanderbilt; also converted acrobatic baseline layup with 19 seconds left and Irish up by two.
- ◆ Averaging 14.5 points and 7.8 rebounds with .600 field goal percentage (24-of-40) in past four games.



Career Highs

Points

Career....29 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Rebounds

Career..... 14 vs. Michigan (11/18/05)

Assists

Career..... 6 vs. Connecticut (1/27/08)

Field Goals

Career....12 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Field Goal Attempts

Career....23 vs. Boston College (3/19/06)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.... 1, six times (MR: at Charlotte, 12/28/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 2 at Rutgers (1/24/06)

Free Throws

Career.... 6, twice (MR: vs. USF, 3/4/06)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 10 at Syracuse (1/31/06)

Steals

Career..... 4 vs. Marquette (2/13/08)

Blocked Shots

Career..... 3 vs. Connecticut (3/5/06)

Minutes Played

Career....40, twice (MR: at Bowling Green, 12/5/07)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 2/6
 Double-figure scoring games..... 10/45
 20-point games..... 0/4
 Double-figure rebound games..... 2/9
 5-assist games 1/5
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Schrader's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2005-06	30-27	858-28.6	127-287	.443	4-7	.571	58-111	.523	36	126	162	5.4	55-1	52	57	11	33	316	10.5
2006-07	Did not play (injured)																		
2007-08	34-33	955-28.1	148-322	.460	1-2	.500	52-80	.650	71	139	210	6.2	44-1	73	63	4	54	349	10.3
2008-09	12-12	370-30.8	67-129	.519	1-1	1.000	22-33	.667	24	56	80	6.7	18-0	31	32	6	18	157	13.1
TOTALS	76-72	2183-28.7	342-738	.463	6-10	.600	132-224	.589	131	321	452	5.9	117-2	156	152	21	105	822	10.8

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Lindsay Schrader

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	33	5-12	0-0	3-5	2	4	6	2	1	5	0	3	13
N19	Evansville [^]	26	5-8	0-0	2-2	0	7	7	1	4	2	1	2	12
N23	@ Boston College [^]	26	6-10	0-0	1-1	1	3	4	1	2	3	1	2	13
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	25	4-7	0-0	0-0	0	6	6	0	4	2	2	1	8
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	28	7-14	0-0	1-2	2	0	2	4	1	3	0	1	15
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	35	7-17	0-0	3-6	3	7	10	1	3	2	0	2	17
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	36	5-14	0-0	3-6	4	6	10	0	4	4	0	1	13
D10	@ Michigan [^]	38	4-7	0-0	0-0	0	4	4	1	3	3	0	1	8
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	36	6-8	0-0	2-2	2	4	6	2	1	2	1	0	14
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	23	5-8	0-0	3-5	3	5	8	1	5	3	0	2	13
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	32	7-14	1-1	4-4	4	5	9	3	0	1	0	3	19
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	32	6-10	0-0	0-0	3	5	8	2	3	2	1	0	12

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1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

Schrader in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2005-06	16-13	442-27.6	63-151	.417	2-5	.400	34-60	.567	19	64	83	5.2	25-0	28	27	5	16	162	10.1
2006-07	Did not play (injured)																		
2007-08	16-15	458-28.6	70-141	.496	0-0	.000	29-39	.744	29	71	100	6.3	22-1	36	31	3	23	169	10.6
TOTALS	32-28	900-28.1	133-292	.455	2-5	.400	63-99	.636	48	135	183	5.7	47-1	64	58	8	39	331	10.3

#32 Becca Bruszewski

Forward • 6-1 • So.-1V • Valparaiso, Ind. (Wheeler HS)

Did You Know?

- Last name is pronounced “broo-SHEFF-skee” ... nickname is “Bruiser”, due to her fearless, physical style of play and her penchant for leaving teammates and opponents black and blue after a practice or game.
- One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school — was a three-time all-state volleyball middle blocker, who still holds school records for career kills (2,042) and blocks (452), as well as single-season kills (657) and blocks (139).

2008-09 Highlights

- Has started all 12 games this season (first starts of her career), averaging 9.7 points and 4.3 rebounds per game with team-high .544 field goal percentage (eighth in BIG EAST).
- Made first career start in State Farm Tip-Off Classic at No. 24/22 LSU, ending up with six points in 19 minutes.
- Scored career-high 18 points (7-9 FG, 2-2 3FG) and added career-best four steals in home opener vs. Evansville.
- Matched career high with 18 points (9-13 FG) at Boston College, while also notching career-best four assists.
- Tied career highs with four assists and two blocks against #24 Michigan State.
- Collected season-high six rebounds at Eastern Michigan.
- Snared six more rebounds despite foul trouble in win over #17/20 Purdue.
- Returned to double figures at Michigan with 10 points (4-5 FG) and three steals before fouling out in final seconds of overtime.
- Had eight points (4-8 FG) and six rebounds in career-high 29 minutes of homecoming win at Valparaiso.
- Tossed in 10 points (4-8 FG, 2-4 3FG) and added career-high-tying four assists against Loyola-Chicago.
- Tallied 12 points (6-10 FG) and five rebounds at Charlotte; hit critical baseline jumper with 55 seconds remaining (three on shot clock) and Irish protecting five-point lead.
- Registered 12 points (10 in second half) and career-high-tying seven rebounds and 29 minutes at #20/19 Vanderbilt ... gave Irish lead for good on layup with 4:06 to play, followed by huge three-pointer 37 seconds later that helped complete ND’s comeback win ... also played pivotal role on defense, helping hold VU’s Christina Wirth (returning first-team all-SEC forward and current Wade Trophy candidate) scoreless in second half.



Career Highs

Points

Career.... 18, twice (MR: at BC, 11/23/08)

Rebounds

Career.... 7, three times (MR: at Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)

Assists

Career.... 4, three times (MR: vs. Loyola, 12/20/08)

Field Goals

Career.... 9 at Boston College (11/23/08)

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 15 vs. Tennessee (3/30/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.... 2, twice (MR: vs. Loyola, 12/20/08)

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 4 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Free Throws

Career..... 6 vs. SMU (3/23/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 7 vs. SMU (3/23/08)

Steals

Career..... 4 vs. Evansville (11/19/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.... 2, twice (MR: vs. MSU, 11/29/08)

Minutes Played

Career.... 29, twice (MR: at Vanderbilt, 12/30/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 6/12
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-block games 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Bruszewski's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	32-0	423-13.2	58-104	.558	1-2	.500	42-54	.778	37	43	80	2.5	58-0	13	31	10	16	159	5.0
2008-09	12-12	290-24.2	49-90	.544	6-13	.462	12-21	.571	13	39	52	4.3	35-2	22	29	6	16	116	9.7
TOTALS	44-12	713-16.2	107-194	.552	7-15	.467	54-75	.720	50	82	132	3.0	93-2	35	60	16	32	275	6.3

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Becca Bruszewski

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	19	1-3	0-0	4-4	0	3	3	4	0	0	0	2	6
N19	Evansville [^]	19	7-9	2-2	2-2	2	2	4	2	0	2	1	4	18
N23	@ Boston College [^]	28	9-13	0-1	0-0	0	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	18
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	18	3-4	0-0	0-0	1	4	5	0	1	3	1	1	6
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	24	2-4	1-1	0-0	1	3	4	3	4	2	2	0	5
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	27	1-10	0-1	3-4	2	4	6	4	2	3	1	1	5
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	26	3-7	0-1	0-1	2	4	6	5	2	4	0	0	6
D10	@ Michigan [^]	23	4-5	0-0	2-4	1	2	3	5	1	4	0	3	10
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	29	4-8	0-1	0-2	1	5	6	2	2	2	1	1	8
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	23	4-8	2-4	0-0	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	2	10
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	25	6-10	0-0	0-1	1	4	5	4	0	4	0	1	12
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	29	5-9	1-2	1-3	1	6	7	4	2	3	0	1	12

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Bruszewski in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2007-08	14-0	171-12.2	21-35	.600	1-2	.500	21-24	.875	14	18	32	2.3	26-0	5	12	5	4	64	4.6
TOTALS	14-0	171-12.2	21-35	.600	1-2	.500	21-24	.875	14	18	32	2.3	26-0	5	12	5	4	64	4.6

#44 Alena Christiansen

Guard • 5-7 • Jr.-SQ • Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons HS)

Overview

Officially added to roster as a walk-on player on Dec. 19 ... talented perimeter scorer who has kept her game sharp while playing in Notre Dame's renowned Bookstore Basketball tournament the past two years ... led team (named "Supreme Court") to semifinal round in 2007 and finals in 2008, where they fell to eventual champion Anthony Travel, whose lineup included current Irish assistant coach Angie (Potthoff) Barber and Sara Liebscher, a former Notre Dame women's basketball player from 1987-91 and currently the University's director of athletics advancement ... Christiansen also earned the Sportsmanship Award following the '08 tournament.

High School

Four-year starter and two-year captain at Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from 2002-06 ... two-time all-state selection (first team in 2005, second team in 2006) ... three-time all-Broward County honoree (2004-06) ... named one of top 20 players in state by *School Sports* in 2005 ... averaged 15.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game as a senior in 2005-06, leading the Redskins to the Florida Class 3A regional semifinal ... also took Broward County Athletic Association (BCAA) three-point shooting title in 2006 ... BCAA and Big 8 All-Star Team selection ... averaged 16.0 points and 3.0 steals per game as a junior, pacing CGHS to 3A regional final ... ranked among top 15 scorers in Broward County each of final two seasons ... lead team in scoring each of final three seasons ... one of handful of players in school history to score at least 1,000 career points ... received Division I scholarship offer to play basketball at Colgate University, but elected to accept admission to Notre Dame (which has been her "dream school" since eighth grade) ... National Honor Society.

Personal Data

Born Jan. 14, 1988, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ... youngest of three children ... first name pronounced uh-LAY-nuh ... daughter of Lynne and Mike Christiansen ... family has long lineage at Notre Dame and/or Saint Mary's, with nine different relatives having graduated from one of the two schools ... brother, Eric, is a 2006 ND graduate, while mother, Lynne, matriculated from SMC in 1972 ... grandfather Frank Mastriana was a 1939 ND graduate ... uncle Ron Mastriana (ND '70), aunts Ruth Mastriana (SMC '81) and Denise DeBartolo York (SMC '72), great-uncle Edward J. DeBartolo Sr. (ND '37), and cousins Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr. (ND '68 - also her godfather) and Jed York (ND '03) also graduated from the universities ... the DeBartolo family and the DeBartolo Corporation have been generous contributors to Notre Dame for many years, including funding for several buildings on campus (DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, DeBartolo Hall and DeBartolo Quad) ... the DeBartolo family also owned the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins when they won Stanley Cup titles in 1991 and 1992, and have owned the NFL's San Francisco 49ers since 1977, helping the franchise to a league-record five Super Bowl titles (Denise DeBartolo York and her husband, John, a 1971 ND graduate, are the franchise's co-chairs, while Jed York is team president) ... eighth Florida resident to join the Irish and the first since Le'Tania Severe (Pembroke Pines/Fort Lauderdale HS) graduated in 2004 ... enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business, where she is a marketing major ... some other Notre Dame players who wore No. 44 include Heidi Bunek, Tootie Jones and Meaghan Leahy.

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Suited up for first time on Dec. 20 vs. Loyola-Chicago and instantly became fan favorite ... played final five minutes, posting first career statistics (one point on 1-4 FT, one rebound, one steal).



Career Highs

Points

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Rebounds

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Assists

Career.....None

Field Goals

Career.....None

Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Free Throws

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career..... 4 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Steals

Career..... 1 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....None

Minutes Played

Career..... 5 vs. Loyola-Chi. (12/20/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/0
 Double-figure scoring games..... 0/0
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/0
 5-assist games 0/0
 5-steal games..... 0/0
(noted in season/career format)

Christiansen's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09	1-0	5-5.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-4	.250	1	0	1	1.0	1-0	0	0	0	1	1	1.0
TOTALS	1-0	5-5.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-4	.250	1	0	1	1.0	1-0	0	0	0	1	1	1.0

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Alena Christiansen

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
D20	Loyola-Chicago	5	0-1	0-1	1-4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
D28	@ Charlotte	Did not play												
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt	Did not play												
J3	• @ Seton Hall													

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Christiansen in the BIG EAST Conference

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2008-09																			
TOTALS																			

First season

First season

#52 Erica Williamson

Center • 6-4 • Jr.-2V • Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg HS)

Did You Know?

- ◆ Nickname is "E".
- ◆ Hosts monthly video magazine show called "E-TV" on Notre Dame's official athletics web site (www.UND.com) that gives behind-the-scenes look at Irish women's basketball program.
- ◆ Team representative on Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).
- ◆ Incredibly dedicated student-athlete who will have amassed enough credit hours at end of spring 2009 term to graduate a full year early if she chooses; in fact, she was on track to graduate in only two and a half years before switching her major last year (from science-business to a double major in film, television & theater and pre-professional studies).
- ◆ One of six Irish basketball players who also competed in another sport in high school (or in Williamson's case, two other sports) — was a goalkeeper in soccer and played first base on softball team at Honeoye Falls-Lima High School in Rochester, N.Y. (family moved to Charlotte prior to senior year when father took job with Bank of America).

2008-09 Highlights

- ◆ Has appeared in all 12 games this season (starting 11), averaging 4.3 points and 4.1 rebounds per game.
- ◆ Posted season-high 10 points (4-8 FG) and added seven rebounds at Boston College.
- ◆ Grabbed six rebounds in win over Georgia Southern.
- ◆ Had six points and four rebounds against #24 Michigan State, and sank two critical free throws with 1:08 remaining after MSU cut the Irish lead to five points.
- ◆ Notched six points and five rebounds at Eastern Michigan.
- ◆ Snagged seven rebounds in victory over #17/20 Purdue.
- ◆ Flirted with double-double vs. Loyola-Chicago, finishing with nine points and season-high eight rebounds.



Career Highs

Points

Career.....16, three times (MR: at DePaul, 2/24/08)

Rebounds

Career.....18 at South Florida (1/13/07)

Assists

Career.....3 vs. South Florida (2/27/08)

Field Goals

Career.....7 vs. Prairie View (12/28/06)

Field Goal Attempts

Career.....12 at Rutgers (2/19/08)

Three-Point Field Goals

Career.....None

Three-Point Field Goal Attempts

Career.....None

Free Throws

Career.....8 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Free Throw Attempts

Career.....12 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Steals

Career.....3 at Syracuse (2/16/08)

Blocked Shots

Career.....5 vs. Central Michigan (11/10/06)

Minutes Played

Career.....36 vs. Oklahoma (3/25/08)

Miscellaneous

Double-doubles 0/2
 Double-figure scoring games..... 1/14
 20-point games..... 0/0
 Double-figure rebound games..... 0/3
 5-block games 0/1
(noted in season/career format)

Williamson's Career Statistics

Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	31-0	516-16.6	64-137	.467	0-0	.000	61-95	.642	59	104	163	5.3	79-1	12	40	39	18	189	6.1
2007-08	34-21	569-16.7	74-158	.468	0-0	.000	71-104	.683	75	75	150	4.4	65-0	20	34	38	13	219	6.4
2008-09	12-11	172-14.3	16-48	.333	0-0	.000	19-25	.760	18	31	49	4.1	20-0	4	14	10	4	51	4.3
TOTALS	77-32	1257-16.3	154-343	.449	0-0	.000	151-224	.674	152	210	362	4.7	164-1	36	88	87	35	459	6.0

2008-09 Game-By-Game Statistics — Erica Williamson

Date	Opponent	Min	FG-FGA	3FG-FGA	FT-FTA	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
N16	@ #24/22 LSU [^]	19	0-3	0-0	2-3	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	2
N19	Evansville	8	0-1	0-0	4-4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
N23	@ Boston College [^]	19	4-8	0-0	2-2	3	4	7	2	0	4	1	0	10
N25	Georgia Southern [^]	13	2-5	0-0	0-2	1	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	4
N29	#24/rv Michigan State [^]	21	2-4	0-0	2-2	1	3	4	2	1	1	2	0	6
D2	@ Eastern Michigan [^]	17	2-5	0-0	2-4	2	3	5	2	0	0	1	2	6
D7	#17/20 Purdue [^]	15	1-4	0-0	2-2	2	5	7	4	1	2	0	0	4
D10	@ Michigan [^]	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	0
D13	@ Valparaiso [^]	8	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
D20	Loyola-Chicago [^]	18	2-8	0-0	5-6	3	5	8	1	0	0	2	1	9
D28	@ Charlotte [^]	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2
D30	@ #20/19 Vanderbilt [^]	11	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	2
J3	• @ Seton Hall													

* = indicates BIG EAST Conference game // ^ = indicates game started
 1 = State Farm Tip-Off Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

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Season	GP-GS	Min.-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-DQ	A	T	B	S	Pts	Avg.
2006-07	16-0	277-17.3	30-71	.423	0-0	.000	33-48	.688	30	59	89	5.6	40-1	8	18	18	10	93	5.8
2007-08	16-13	312-19.5	37-82	.451	0-0	.000	49-70	.700	43	41	84	5.3	30-0	13	18	21	10	123	7.7
TOTALS	32-13	589-18.4	67-153	.438	0-0	.000	82-118	.695	73	100	173	5.4	70-1	21	36	39	20	216	6.8