

YEAR IN REVIEW

VILLANOVA

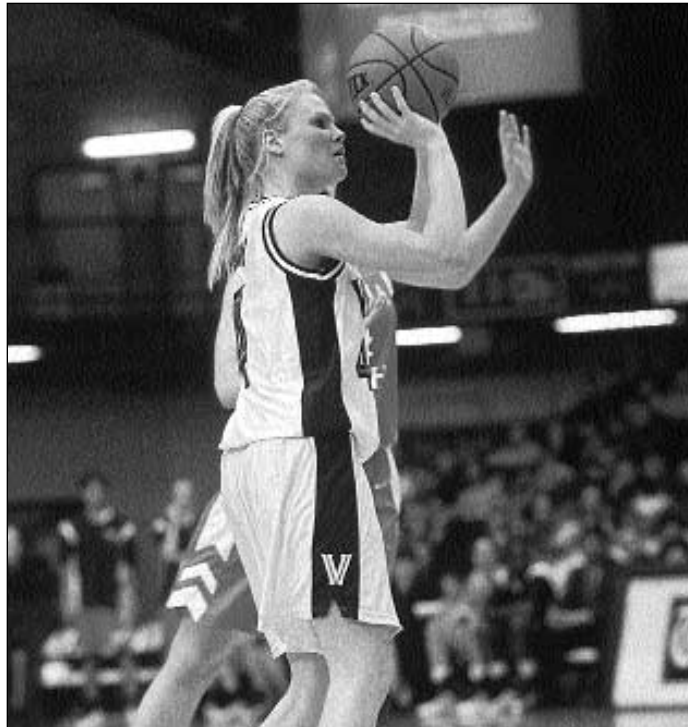


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After a tremendous 2000-01 campaign which saw the Villanova University women's basketball team earn a berth to the NCAA tournament, the 2001-02 squad put together another storybook year. Led by coach Harry Perretta, the Wildcats posted upsets of three top-25 teams, snapped Notre Dame's 51-game home winning streak, claimed the Fairfield University Shehan Classic title and placed five athletes on all-conference and all-league teams. With an impressive 12-4 Big East record, Villanova again earned an invitation to the NCAA tournament, finishing the season with a 20-11 overall record.

For their season opener on Nov. 16, Villanova traveled to State College for an intrastate battle with the No. 19 ranked Penn State Nittany Lions. Villanova opened up a 28-13 first half lead, behind eight points from All-Big East and All-Big Five first-team selection, Trish Juhline. The Nittany Lions countered with an 18-11 run, bringing the score to 39-31 as the teams headed into the locker room for halftime. The second half was all Villanova, as the 'Cats never trailed. With 6:29 to go in the game, Juhline nailed a three-pointer, giving Villanova its largest lead at 24. Penn State cut into the lead, but could not overcome Juhline's 23 total points. All-Big Five selection Mimi Riley tallied 10 assists and seven rebounds in the 74-58 victory.

Staying on the road, Villanova headed north to Bridgeport, Conn. to compete in the Fairfield University Shehan Classic. Against their first round opponent, Quinnipiac University, Villanova came out cold, missing their first four shots and committing three turnovers in the first five minutes. Despite the miscues, the Wildcats hung with the Bobcats behind seven points from All-Big Five second-team honoree Katie Davis and Brandi Harris. With Villanova trailing by one, Davis ignited the 'Cats with three consecutive three point field goals. After Quinnipiac clawed back to tie the game on a three by Kate Keilty, Davis put the 'Cats up for good with a three of her own with 13:13 left in the game. From there, Villanova went on a 27-19 run, leading them to a 62-51 victory. Davis recorded 21 points, with Riley and All-Big Five second-team selection Courtney Mix each adding 13.



Katie Davis earned MVP honors at last year's Shehan Classic held at Fairfield University.

2001-2002 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second-straight year
- Tallied 20 wins or more for the second consecutive year
- Villanova led all of Division I in three-point field goals made with 263
- Registered two wins over Defending National Champion Notre Dame. In the 48-45 win at South Bend in the regular season finale, the Wildcats snapped Notre Dame's 51-game home winning streak
- Junior guard Trish Juhline became the first Wildcat women's basketball player since 1994-95 to earn first team All-Big East honors
- Trish Juhline became the 15th player in Villanova women's basketball history to score 1,000 career points
- Senior guard Mimi Riley won the Big East Conference Sportsmanship Award
- Trish Juhline and Mimi Riley garnered first team All-Philadelphia Big Five accolades, while Katie Davis and Courtney Mix were named to the second team.

One night later on Nov. 25, the Wildcats faced off against Harvard in the tournament's championship game. Harvard jumped out to a 13-5 lead, but the 'Cats came back to tie the score on six points from Juhline and a basket from Jana Rediger. The two teams would rally back and forth with neither team opening up a lead of more than three points. A Mix three-pointer with 3:32 left gave Villanova some much needed momentum as they built a seven point lead heading into halftime. The Crimson were unable to trim the deficit to more than four, as Villanova received 11 second-half points from Davis. A three point play by Harvard's Hana Peltjo closed the gap to eight, but time ran out on the Crimson and Villanova was victorious, 59-51. Davis was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Juhline was selected a member of the All-Tournament team.

On Nov. 28, the Wildcats faced off against cross-town and Big Five rival La Salle in a game played in Tom Gola Arena. The first half of the contest featured eight ties and six lead changes, but with 9:11 left in the half, Riley made a layup, fueling a 19-6 Wildcat run. A Juhline three put the 'Cats up by 15 at the half. The second stanza was all Villanova, as the team opened up a 27 point lead on two free throws from Mix. The Explorers cut the lead to 17, but could not overcome the deficit. Kelly Nash came off the bench to lead the team with 14 points, while Riley and Davis each chipped in 12 points. Mix was busy on the boards, establishing a new career-best with 12 rebounds.

Villanova continued its Big Five portion of the schedule with a December trip to the Liacouras Center on the campus of Temple University. The Wildcats committed 26 turnovers, leading to 20 Temple points and they fell to the Owls 43-35. Harris hit a five-foot jumper to knot the score at 15 with a little over a minute to go in the first half. Villanova shot just 25 percent from the floor and was unable to connect from behind the arc. As play resumed in the second half, the teams traded baskets until Villanova put together a 13-6 run on six points from Juhline. The Owls then countered with an 8-1 run, tying the game on a Christena Hamilton basket with 3:32 left to go. Athena Christoforakis then scored seven of Temple's final eight points, while Villanova was held scoreless. The second half ended with the score 43-35 and Villanova suffered its first defeat of the season. Riley netted 11 points in the loss.

After playing its first five games on the road, the Wildcats' home opener came on Dec. 7, with the St. Joseph's Hawks visiting The Pavilion. Villanova was unable to break back into the win column, falling to the Hawks, 68-62. St. Joe's



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shot 46.2 percent from the floor and never trailed after the 19:12 mark of the first half. Juhline and Rediger led Villanova with four points each in the half. The visitors received 17 points from Susan Moran and 12 from Stephanie Graff to take a 29-18 lead to the half. Behind nine points from Graff, the Hawks went on a 15-7 run and led by 21 with 13:45 left on the clock. Villanova chipped away at the lead and a Riley lay-up had the 'Cats within two with 00:21 to go. That would be as close as Villanova would get as free throws from Moran and Amy Snell put the Hawks up by six as time expired. Riley, Juhline and Rediger all scored in double figures for Villanova, while Graff led the Hawks with 25 points and 15 boards.

With the Wildcats looking to stop their two-game slide, the Pennsylvania Quakers arrived at The Pavilion for a Dec. 11 game. Riley established a new career-high with 23 points, but the Quakers benefited from Jewel Clark's 30 points and 17 rebounds en route to defeating the Wildcats in overtime 69-62. Riley put the 'Cats up by two with 1:40 to go in the game, but Penn tied it up on two free throws from Karen Habrukowich. Villanova once again took a two point lead on a basket by Jen Hilgenberg, but Clark sent the game into overtime by connecting on two free throws. In the overtime frame, Riley scored five quick points to give Villanova the early advantage, but the Quakers were relentless and tied the game at 59 on a Julie Epton layup. Penn took the lead when Amanda Kammes scored, and proceeded to go on a 6-0 run. A three-pointer by Davis cut the Quaker lead to five with 00:17 remaining, but Penn would hang on for the win.

On Dec. 21, Villanova looked to record its first victory in the month of December against the visiting Morgan State Bears. Mix drained a three to open the game, and Villanova never looked back. The Wildcats raced out to a 33-15 halftime lead behind 10 points from Davis. Early in the second half, Villanova gained its largest lead of the game when a Nicole Druckenmiller layup put the 'Cats up by 28. Despite 14 second-half points from guard Erinn Coleman, the Villanova defense forced 20 turnovers on the way to a 69-55 victory. Villanova boasted a balanced offensive attack with Davis finishing with 13, Riley and Hilgenberg tallying 12 and Druckenmiller with 10. Mix tied her career-best with 12 rebounds.

Following an eight day layoff for the holidays, Villanova hosted Rider in the opening round of the PNC Classic. The first half of play featured six lead changes, with the Broncos opening up a seven point gap with 4:44 to go. Heading into halftime, the Wildcats cut the lead to one on a Mix three and then took the lead when Davis stole the ball and converted the fast break layup. Two consecutive baskets from Nash put 'Nova up by five heading into halftime. The Wildcats went on a 26-13 run in the second half, highlighted by three Druckenmiller treys, putting the score at 58-40 with 4:09 to play. The Broncos closed to within 15 on a layup by Tonya Cross, but the Wildcats emerged victorious, 64-48. Stephanie Baker and Mix each posted career highs in rebounds with 16 and 13, respectively. Offensively, Riley's 13 points led Villanova, while Druckenmiller finished with 12.

The win over Rider set the stage for a PNC Classic championship game matchup against the University of Alabama. Looking to win their second in-season tournament, the Wildcats fell to the Crimson Tide, 70-61. The Tide jumped out to a 24-11 lead with 8:23 to go in the half. Villanova used a 13-4 run to close the gap to four, highlighted by six points from Nash. Behind three points from Jamila Johns, Alabama opened up a ten point lead. As the clock wound down, Nash hit her third three of the half, cutting the Tide lead to seven. The teams rallied back and forth throughout the second half until the Crimson Tide opened up a 16 point lead with 6:54 remaining in the game. Villanova made a late run and climbed back to within six on consecutive threes from Nash. With the score at 67-61, Alabama iced the game with three free throws. Nash set a new career high with 20 points and was named to the All-Tournament Team. Mix added 14 points and also received all-tournament honors.

Opening up their Big East portion of the schedule, the Wildcats welcomed the West Virginia Mountaineers to the Pavilion on Jan. 3. With the game tied at six, two Riley free throws put the 'Cats up to stay. Villanova shot 38.5 percent from the floor and received 11 points from Mix to establish a commanding 29-13 halftime lead. Villanova would continue its offensive onslaught with Davis nailing a three, ten seconds into the second half. Two Mix free throws gave Villanova its largest lead of the game at 21 points. Although the Mountaineers shot over 50 percent from the floor in the second half, the Wildcats forced 18 turnovers. Mix led

2001-02 GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11/16	at Penn St.	W, 74-58
11/24	vs. Quinnipiac \$\$	W, 62-51
11/25	vs. Harvard \$\$	W, 59-51
11/28	at La Salle	W, 77-58
12/1	at Temple	L, 35-43
12/7	St. Joseph's	L, 62-68
12/11	Pennsylvania	L, 62-69 (OT)
12/21	Morgan St.	W, 69-55
12/29	Rider !	W, 64-48
12/30	!Alabama (Championship)	L, 61-70
1/3	*West Virginia	W, 59-44
1/6	at *St. John's	W, 61-45
1/9	at *Providence	L, 49-62
1/12	*Notre Dame	W, 60-59
1/16	at *Seton Hall	W, 59-52
1/19	*Connecticut	L, 93-60
1/23	*Boston College	L, 40-60
1/26	at *West Virginia	W, 88-45
1/29	*Miami	W, 80-52
2/2	at *Syracuse	L, 53-61
2/6	at North Carolina	L, 49-45
2/9	at *Rutgers	W, 49-43
2/13	*Pittsburgh	W, 83-59
2/16	*Syracuse	W, 66-62
2/20	at *Georgetown	W, 59-46
2/23	*Virginia Tech	W, 76-64
2/26	at *Notre Dame	W, 48-45
3/4	# Miami	W, 68-49
3/5	# Connecticut	L, 83-39
3/16	% Pepperdine	W, 67-46
3/18	% Oklahoma	L, 66-53

* Big East Conference Games
 \$\$ Fairfield University Shehan Classic
 # Big East Tournament at Rutgers University
 ! PNC Wildcat Classic
 % NCAA Tournament

the way for Villanova, scoring a career-high 20 points in the 59-44 victory. Davis and Riley also finished in double figures with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Kate Bulger was the only Mountaineer to hit double figures, finishing with 14.

Continuing with their conference games, Villanova traveled to St. John's for a contest with the Red Storm. St. John's started the game with a 13-4 run, courtesy of hitting their first five attempts from the floor. Villanova began to heat up as they made their next five field goal attempts. A three pointer from Harris made the score 18-16 and Riley tied it up with two free throws. Jeanine Johnson gave Villanova a one point lead with 1:03 remaining, but the Red Storm countered with two quick baskets to take a 27-24 lead into the locker room. The Wildcats came out inspired in the second half, with Druckenmiller nailing a trey to even the score. Less than a minute later, Riley put the 'Cats up for good with a basket of her own. Behind some sharp shooting and no turnovers, Villanova used a 29-10 run to give it a 19-point advantage with 7:37 remaining in the game. Patrycja Gulak cut the Villanova lead to 15 with 1:14 to go, but time ran out on the Red Storm and Villanova was victorious 61-45. The Wildcats shot 51.9 percent in the second half and received 15 points and nine rebounds from Mix. Riley added 13 and Druckenmiller netted 10 points for the game.

On Jan. 9, the Wildcats took their two game Big East win streak to Alumni Hall on the campus of Providence College. Villanova got off to a 15-7 lead against the Friars on a Druckenmiller three-point field goal. Providence mounted a comeback and took a 17-15 lead, courtesy of a Ryan Kilgore three. In the

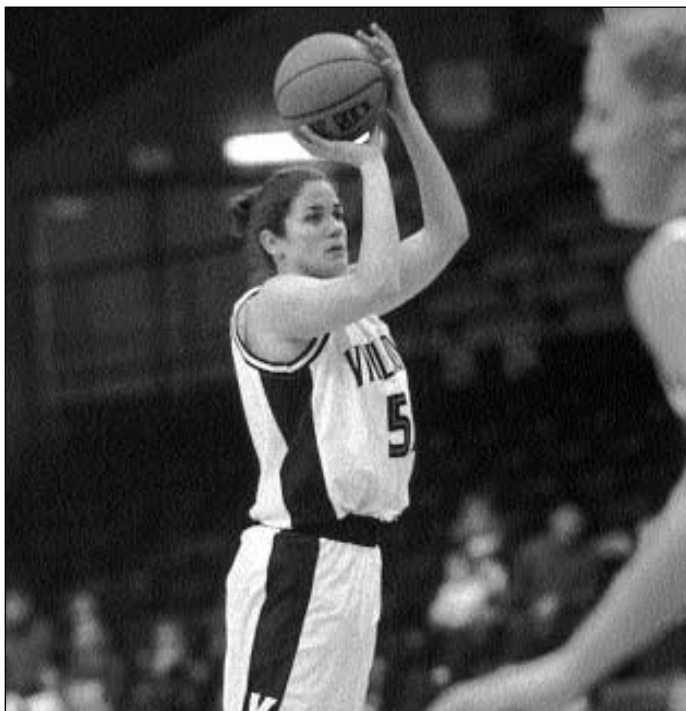


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final eight minutes of the first half, neither team could gain more than a three point lead. With 34 seconds left and Villanova leading 25-24, Kacee Wheeler hit a shot that gave the Friars a one-point halftime lead. Providence shot 40 percent from the field and connected on 4-6 three pointers. Wheeler's shot proved to be pivotal, as the Friars maintained the lead. Accurate shooting helped Providence extend their lead to as much as 13. Druckenmiller's 12 points would not be enough as Villanova suffered its first conference loss, 62-49.

Eager to rebound from the Providence loss, Villanova hosted the defending National Champion Notre Dame Fighting Irish at The Pavilion. With the game tied at 23 and 3:05 left in the first half, Alicia Rattay scored six points to give the Irish a 31-25 lead at halftime. An exciting first half of play featured six lead changes and two ties. The excitement would continue into the second half as Notre Dame jumped out to a 42-31 lead. Davis sparked the 'Cats with consecutive threes and a Mix jumper with 9:29 left to go brought Villanova to within one. Notre Dame countered with an 11-1 run, extending their lead to 10. Juhline drained a three and sunk two free throws to cut the Irish lead to five, and Davis hit another three to bring 'Nova to within two. Baskets from Ericka Haney and Teresa Borton gave Notre Dame a six point advantage with 1:50 left to go. After calling a timeout, Villanova responded with a three point play from Mix. Riley's layup with 25 seconds left cut the Irish lead to one, and Riley played the hero by draining a baseline jumper with two seconds remaining to give Villanova a thrilling 60-59 victory. Villanova shot 52 percent in the second half and saw Juhline, Davis, Riley and Mix all score in double figures. More impressively, Villanova only committed eight turnovers for the game. This was Juhline's first game back after missing six contests with a broken foot.

Four days later on Jan. 16, the Seton Hall Pirates welcomed the Wildcats to South Orange. Villanova kept its momentum going with a 59-52 win over the Pirates. The win improved 'Nova's record to 10-5 overall and 4-1 in Big East play. Down 38-37 with 7:54 left in the game, Baker hit a three point field goal to put the Wildcats up for good. An Ashley Bush layup with 5:09 remaining brought Seton Hall to within five, but the Villanova defense would hold the



Stephanie Baker was a key figure in Villanova's 20-11 season in 2001-02.

Pirates. Juhline led the 'Cats with 18 points, while Riley scored 11 and Baker finished with 10.

Jan. 19th brought the No.1-ranked and undefeated Connecticut Huskies to The Pavilion. Connecticut shot 61 percent from the floor and 62 percent from behind the arc en route to a 93-60 win. Villanova led by three early in the game, but the Huskies' stellar shooting performance took over as they rolled to a 53-34 halftime lead. Connecticut opened up as much as a 41-point lead and had five players score in double figures in the victory. Leading the way for the Wildcats was Juhline, who tallied 21 points. Riley scored 10 points and handed out four assists.

With their seventh consecutive game against a Big East opponent, Villanova faced off against the visiting Boston College Eagles. Davis hit a three to put the 'Cats up by four early in the first half, but the Eagles used seven points from Kim Mackie and a clutch three-pointer from Nicole Conway to take a four point lead into the locker room. In the second half, Boston College received 11 points from Brianne Stepherson and 10 from Mackie to pull away from Villanova and win the game 60-40. The Wildcats shot just 22 percent from the floor in the second half and were outscored 20-6 in the paint. Davis was the high scorer for Villanova with 15 points, while Riley added 11.

Looking to break their two-game losing streak, the Wildcats headed for Morgantown, West Virginia for the second meeting of the season against the Mountaineers. Villanova got out of the gates quickly, connecting on 11-of-19 attempts from beyond the three-point arc. Juhline hit four of her five attempts from downtown, notching 16 first-half points. Davis and Druckenmiller each drained two treys as the 'Cats built a 47-26 halftime lead. Villanova dominated the second half, extending their lead to 79-43 on a Nash three with 3:04 remaining. Juhline recorded a career-best 28 points and the Wildcats fell one three pointer shy of the Big East record of 18.

On Jan. 29, the Miami Hurricanes headed north for a game against the Wildcats to be held at The Pavilion. With an 80-52 win over Miami, Villanova upped its record to 12-7 and 6-3 in the Big East. Davis set a new career-high in points with 27 and drained a career-best seven three-pointers. Villanova never trailed in the contest and forced 19 turnovers, which they converted into 18 points. The Wildcats took a 32-20 lead into halftime and used a 17-8 run to put away the Hurricanes.

For its first game in the month of February, Villanova traveled to Syracuse for a battle with the Orangewomen. Syracuse opened up the game with a 10-0 run, but Villanova clawed back to take a one-point lead on the three by Juhline. The lead was short-lived as Chine Nwagbo converted a three-point play to put the Orangewomen up by two, on the way to a six-point lead. After trading baskets, Villanova made a run with Baker scoring four points, Mix adding two and Davis putting the 'Cats up by one with a three. Julie McBride answered with a bucket and Jazmine Wright nailed a three to give Syracuse a 27-23 lead heading into halftime. Syracuse would not trail again as they outscored the Wildcats 34-30 in the second half to seal a 61-53 victory. Riley was lost in the first half after spraining her ankle. Mix led the Wildcats with 14 points and Druckenmiller added 12.

Villanova then packed their bags and headed south for a non conference showdown with the No. 24 North Carolina Tarheels. Playing without Riley, the Wildcats came close to upsetting their nationally ranked foe. Down by four at halftime, the Wildcats never trailed by more than four for the rest of the game. 'Nova took over the lead at the 6:17 mark of the second half when Mix sank two free throws. The Tar Heels then countered with a 6-0 run to regain a 45-40 lead. Juhline swished two free throws with 40 seconds remaining to bring Villanova within two, but Candace Sutton hit a layup with 13 seconds left in the game to seal the Tar Heels' 49-45 win.

After returning from North Carolina, the Wildcats headed to Piscataway, New Jersey for a game with Big East foe Rutgers. Trailing 31-29 with 16:30 left to go in the game, Mix drained a clutch three-pointer to give Villanova its first lead since the 11:18 mark of the first half. The basket would give the Wildcats the momentum they needed as Juhline hit three consecutive treys to extend the Wildcat lead to 10. The Scarlet Knights countered with a rally, cutting Villanova's lead to 45-43 on a three-point play from Davalyn Cunningham. In her first game back since spraining her ankle, Riley netted six points in the final 1:28 to lift 'Nova to a 49-43 victory. The win improved the Wildcats' record to 13-9 and 7-4 in the Big East. Juhline led the Wildcats with 16 points and Riley chipped in 11 points.



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On Feb. 13, the Pittsburgh Panthers visited The Pavilion. The game started off with six lead changes within the first eight minutes. A layup from Riley gave the 'Cats a lead they would not relinquish. Behind 12 points each from Juhline and Druckenmiller and 20 points off Panther turnovers, Villanova raced out to a 47-24 halftime lead. A 23-14 Villanova second half run put the score at 70-40. A Baker three-pointer gave Villanova a 32 point lead, the Wildcats' largest of the afternoon. The clock expired on the Panthers and Villanova had its second consecutive victory, 83-59. Five different Wildcats scored in double figures, with Juhline leading the way with 19. Druckenmiller and Riley added 12, while Baker and Mix tallied 11.

Three days later, the Wildcats faced off in a home game against the Orangewomen from Syracuse. Eager to avenge the earlier loss, Villanova received 10 first-half points from Juhline and Druckenmiller and Baker added six as 'Nova took a 31-28 lead into the locker room. Two Druckenmiller free throws extended the Wildcat lead to nine with 14:18 remaining, but Syracuse used a 9-1 run to pull within one. Shannon Perry scored five of the Orangewomen's next eight points, as Syracuse led by as many as seven. Villanova came back to tie it on a three from Davis, and took a three-point lead on free throws from Juhline and Baker. With 2:41 to go in the game, Syracuse tied the game on three Jamie James free throws. Mix put 'Nova up by two on a layup with 26 seconds remaining in the game, and two Davis free throws preserved the 66-62 win. Despite four Orangewomen scoring in double figures, Villanova benefited from a balanced offensive attack. Juhline finished the game with 17, Riley 16 and Baker 10.

After the Syracuse win, Villanova traveled to Washington, D.C. for a conference game with the Georgetown Hoyas. The Wildcats extended their win streak to four with a 59-46 win over the Hoyas. With Villanova trailing by two with 16:13 remaining in the first half, Druckenmiller hit a three to put the 'Cats ahead for good. Nine Wildcats scored points in the first half, as Villanova rolled to victory. Juhline tallied 18 points for the 'Cats and Mix added 11 points and nine rebounds in the victory. Baker had a strong game in the paint, collecting 11 rebounds.

On Feb. 23, Villanova hosted the Hokies from Virginia Tech for the last home game of the season. Senior point guard Riley made the most of her last game at The Pavilion, scoring a career-high 34 points and setting the highest individual point total for the season in the Big East. The Wildcats sent their seniors out in style with a 76-64 win. Villanova controlled the game from the opening tap, opening up a 31-14 lead with 7:51 to go in the first half. 'Nova shot 55.6 percent compared to Virginia Tech's 34.8 percent, propelling it to a 39-25 halftime lead. Riley had 17 points at the break on six-of-eight shooting from the field. Although Virginia Tech outscored the Wildcats 39-37 in the second half, the first half deficit was too much for the Hokies to overcome. Virginia Tech mounted a comeback and got to within five with 11:26 remaining in the game, but could not take over the lead. The victory was Villanova's fifth in a row.

On the road for their last regular season game, Villanova traveled to the Joyce Center in South Bend for their second meeting of the year with the Fighting Irish. Notre Dame jumped out to an early 8-3 lead, but the 'Cats came back to take a seven point advantage on a three pointer from Jen Hilgenberg with 3:06 to go. Six straight points from Alicia Ratay cut the Villanova lead to 27-26 as the teams broke for halftime. The second half of action featured four lead changes and three ties. Notre Dame took a 43-42 lead with 3:30 remaining in the game, but Riley hit a baseline jumper to put 'Nova up by one. Riley then scored four points down the stretch to open up a five-point lead with 1:02 left. Ratay sunk two free throws to cut the Irish deficit to three with 48 seconds remaining, but the Irish could not get any closer and Villanova swept the season series from the defending national champions with a 48-45 win. Behind Riley's 15 points, Villanova's win snapped Notre Dame's amazing 51-game home win streak.

Villanova's 12-4 Big East record earned them a berth in the conference tournament, held at Rutgers' Louis Brown Athletic Center. The No. 4 seeded Wildcats squared off against the fifth-seeded Miami Hurricanes in the quarterfinals. In an intense first half, the lead changed hands six times and was tied four times. With the clock winding down, Riley made a layup to give the 'Cats a 30-29 lead at the half. Davis led Villanova with eight points at the break. Miami took a five point lead early in the second half, but 'Nova came back to tie the game on a Davis three and a Juhline jumper. With 16:33 to go in the game, the Wildcats took the lead for good on a Juhline layup. The Hurricanes shot 26 percent from the floor and fell to

Villanova, 68-49. Juhline led Villanova with 22 points and Davis added 19.

The victory over Miami allowed the Wildcats to advance to the semi-finals and face off against national power Connecticut. The Huskies shot 66 percent from the floor to take a 49-17 lead into the locker room. Connecticut outscored 'Nova in the paint 24-4, while receiving 16 points from Diana Taurasi. UConn continued its hot shooting as they outscored Villanova 34-22 in the second half for a commanding 83-39 victory. The only Wildcat to score in double figures was Juhline, who netted 14 points. Mix turned in a balanced effort with nine points and five rebounds.

With their 19-10 record, Villanova received its second-straight invitation to the NCAA Tournament. As the No. 9 seed in the West Region, the Wildcats traveled to Norman, Oklahoma to meet the No. 8 seeded Pepperdine Waves. Behind 18 points and five assists from Riley, Villanova recorded a 67-46 win, advancing them to the second round of the tournament for the third time in school history. Villanova never trailed in the game, taking a 26-16 lead into the locker room. The Wildcats improved to 16-0 on the season when leading at halftime. The Waves cut 'Nova's lead to six at the 15:13 mark of the second half, but the Wildcats went on a 15-4 run, capped by two Mix free throws that put the game out of reach for Pepperdine. Once again, Villanova displayed a balanced offensive attack getting 18 points from Riley, 16 from Davis and 10 from Baker. Mix finished the evening with seven points, 10 boards and four assists.

Two days later on March 18, the Wildcats took to the court against the No. 1 seeded Oklahoma Sooners. Playing on their home court, the Sooners jumped out to a 24-13 lead on a bucket from Lanisha Caulfield with 11:38 remaining in the half. Two three pointers by Juhline sparked a 14-4 Villanova run, as the Wildcats came to within one. A clutch three by Rosalin Ross swung the momentum back to Oklahoma and it took a 42-29 halftime lead. The Wildcats could not solve the Sooners in the second half, as Oklahoma emerged victorious, 66-53. For the second-straight game, Riley finished with 18 points and Juhline added 11.

The 2001-02 Wildcats enjoyed a successful season culminating with exposure in the national spotlight. With three starters returning in 2002-03 and an extremely talented freshman class, Villanova has the offensive firepower and the defensive prowess to lead the Wildcats back to the national stage. It will be difficult to replace Riley's leadership and Baker's post play, but with the postseason experience gained last season, Villanova will continue to build upon its winning foundation.



Mimi Riley and Stephanie Baker were honored in a Senior Day ceremony before their final home game versus Virginia Tech.



2001-02 STATISTICS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	(20-11)	(8-5)	(8-4)	(4-2)
CONFERENCE	(12-4)	(6-2)	(6-2)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(8-7)	(2-3)	(2-2)	(4-2)

SUMMARY	OVERALL STATISTICS										CONFERENCE STATISTICS									
	GP-GS	Min/G	FG%	3PT%	FT%	R/G	A/G	STL	BLK	PTS/G	GP-GS	Min/G	FG%	3PT%	FT%	R/G	A/G	STL	BLK	PTS/G
Trish Juhline	24-19	31.9	.404	.391	.778	3.1	2.7	28	10	13.6	13-9	31.6	.444	.429	.828	3.1	2.5	16	4	15.2
Mimi Riley	30-29	34.3	.448	.269	.745	3.8	4.8	35	2	12.3	16-16	33.3	.447	.321	.712	3.4	4.5	24	2	12.2
Katie Davis	31-30	31.6	.407	.376	.808	3.9	1.8	47	15	10.5	16-16	32.7	.366	.333	.852	3.4	2.1	26	10	9.6
Courtney Mix	31-11	30.0	.366	.329	.632	6.9	3.1	47	31	8.4	16-7	30.6	.394	.371	.660	6.4	3.1	18	16	9.0
Nicole Druckenmiller	31-30	17.6	.303	.310	.563	2.5	0.8	9	4	5.0	16-16	19.4	.330	.346	.500	2.9	1.1	7	1	6.2
Stephanie Baker	31-30	24.6	.368	.211	.608	5.5	0.8	16	39	4.4	16-16	25.8	.406	.217	.640	5.1	1.0	11	19	4.6
Jennifer Hilgenberg	31-0	9.1	.365	.292	.818	1.2	0.2	16	3	3.1	16-0	7.9	.385	.556	.875	0.8	0.2	5	0	3.1
Kelly Nash	31-1	9.6	.340	.321	.000	0.6	0.5	4	5	3.0	16-0	7.4	.343	.364	.000	0.6	0.3	1	0	2.3
Jana Rediger	30-0	8.3	.316	.000	.565	1.8	0.1	2	10	1.6	15-0	7.4	.292	.000	.750	1.5	0.1	0	6	1.1
Brandi Harris	28-0	7.3	.246	.220	.444	0.8	0.6	14	0	1.5	14-0	5.9	.263	.200	.500	0.5	0.4	8	0	1.0
Jeanine Johnson	26-0	5.4	.375	.000	.778	1.0	0.1	4	1	1.0	12-0	5.3	.375	.000	.000	0.9	0.2	3	1	0.5
Rebecca Earl	13-0	1.5	.500	.500	.000	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.5	4-0	1.8	1.000	1.000	.000	0.3	0.3	0	0	0.8
Sarita Hatcher	11-0	1.6	.250	.000	.500	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.4	6-0	1.8	.333	.000	.500	0.2	0.0	0	0	0.5
Total	31		.379	.332	.692	33.7	14.9	222	120	60.9	16-16		.394	.357	.726	31.1	14.9	119	59	61.9
Opponents	31		.402	.361	.753	35.3	10.7	143	58	56.6	16-16		.413	.404	.793	33.8	10.6	67	29	55.8

SCORING	OVERALL STATISTICS										CONFERENCE STATISTICS									
	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3PT%	FT-FTA	FT%	PTS	PTS/G	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3PT%	FT-FTA	FT%	PTS	PTS/G				
Trish Juhline	115-285	.404	61-156	.391	35-45	.778	326	13.6	67-151	.444	39-91	.429	24-29	.828	197	15.2				
Mimi Riley	138-308	.448	14-52	.269	79-106	.745	369	12.3	72-161	.447	9-28	.321	42-59	.712	195	12.2				
Katie Davis	105-258	.407	73-194	.376	42-52	.808	325	10.5	49-134	.366	33-99	.333	23-27	.852	154	9.6				
Courtney Mix	82-224	.366	23-70	.329	74-117	.632	261	8.4	50-127	.394	13-35	.371	31-47	.660	144	9.0				
Nicole Druckenmiller	53-175	.303	39-126	.310	9-16	.563	154	5.0	34-103	.330	27-78	.346	4-8	.500	99	6.2				
Stephanie Baker	49-133	.368	8-38	.211	31-51	.608	137	4.4	26-64	.406	5-23	.217	16-25	.640	73	4.6				
Jennifer Hilgenberg	35-96	.365	7-24	.292	18-22	.818	95	3.1	15-39	.385	5-9	.556	14-16	.875	49	3.1				
Kelly Nash	33-97	.340	27-84	.321	0-0	.000	93	3.0	12-35	.343	12-33	.364	0-0	.000	36	2.3				
Jana Rediger	18-57	.316	0-1	.000	13-23	.565	49	1.6	7-24	.292	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	17	1.1				
Brandi Harris	15-61	.246	9-41	.220	4-9	.444	43	1.5	5-19	.263	3-15	.200	1-2	.500	14	1.0				
Jeanine Johnson	9-24	.375	0-0	.000	7-9	.778	25	1.0	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	6	0.5				
Rebecca Earl	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	6	0.5	1-1	1.000	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	3	0.8				
Sarita Hatcher	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	4	0.4	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	0.5				
Total	655-1726	.379	263-791	.332	314-454	.692	1887	60.9	342-869	.394	147-412	.357	159-219	.726	990	61.9				
Opponents	614-1527	.402	110-305	.361	418-555	.753	1756	56.6	320-775	.413	57-141	.404	195-246	.793	892	55.8				

TOTALS	OVERALL STATISTICS										CONFERENCE STATISTICS									
	O-REB	D-REB	TOTAL	PF	FO	A	TO	A/TO	Hi Pts	O-REB	D-REB	TOTAL	PF	FO	A	TO	A/TO	Hi Pts		
Trish Juhline	18	57	75	36	0	65	37	1.8	28	9	31	40	20	0	32	14	2.3	28		
Mimi Riley	45	69	114	54	0	144	69	2.1	34	21	34	55	20	0	72	27	2.7	34		
Katie Davis	35	85	120	68	2	55	46	1.2	27	18	37	55	33	1	34	20	1.7	27		
Courtney Mix	94	120	214	70	4	96	41	2.3	20	43	60	103	25	0	50	20	2.5	20		
Nicole Druckenmiller	19	59	78	32	0	25	27	0.9	12	14	33	47	16	0	17	16	1.1	12		
Stephanie Baker	43	126	169	78	0	26	29	0.9	12	13	68	81	41	0	16	17	0.9	11		
Jennifer Hilgenberg	13	23	36	25	0	7	17	0.4	12	4	9	13	12	0	3	7	0.4	8		
Kelly Nash	6	14	20	30	0	17	21	0.8	20	5	5	10	16	0	5	10	0.5	6		
Jana Rediger	22	32	54	42	0	3	12	0.3	10	10	12	22	14	0	2	6	0.3	5		
Brandi Harris	5	17	22	17	0	18	21	0.9	8	2	5	7	8	0	5	11	0.5	6		
Jeanine Johnson	10	16	26	15	0	3	11	0.3	5	4	7	11	8	0	2	5	0.4	2		
Rebecca Earl	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1.0	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0.0	3		
Sarita Hatcher	0	2	2	0	0	1	5	0.2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0.0	2		
Total	360	685	1045	467	6	461	350	1.3	88	165	333	498	213	1	239	164	1.5	88		
Opponents	305	788	1093	463	-	333	434	0.8	93	146	394	540	219	7	170	225	0.8	93		

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