

Notre Dame Basketball

1999-2000 Irish Schedule/Results (25-4, 15-1)

NOVEMBER

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|----------|
| 7 Sun. | OHIO ALL-STARS | W, 95-84 |
| 15 Mon. | EOS MALBAS | W, 76-51 |
| 20 Sat. | (7/9) at Toledo | W, 68-52 |
| 27 Sat. | (6/6) at Illinois (15/15) | L, 67-77 |

DECEMBER

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| 1 Wed. | (11/8) BUTLER | W, 77-57 |
| 4 Sat. | (11/8) North Carolina (9/12)# | W, 99-86 |
| 5 Sun.. | (11/8) Liberty# | W, 85-68 |
| 8 Wed. | (7/6) at Purdue (18/16) | L, 61-71 |
| 11 Sat. | (7/5) MICHIGAN STATE | W, 84-54 |
| 19 Sun. | (11/7) at Florida International! | W, 68-62 |
| 27 Mon. | (12/8) USC | W, 74-59 |
| 29 Wed. | (10/8) VALPARAISO | W, 88-65 |

JANUARY

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| 2 Sun. | (10/8) MARQUETTE | W, 75-60 |
| 5 Wed. | (8/6) WEST VIRGINIA* | W, 75-54 |
| 8 Sat. | (8/6) at Georgetown* | W, 82-60 |
| 11 Tue. | (6/6) SETON HALL* | W, 80-52 |
| 15 Sat. | (6/6) SYRACUSE* | W, 71-56 |
| 18 Tue. | (5/6) at Pittsburgh* | W, 67-53 |
| 22 Sat. | (5/6) at Miami* | W, 76-54 |
| 26 Wed. | (5/5) at St. John's* | W, 69-49 |
| 29 Sat. | (5/5) GEORGETOWN* | W, 87-56 |

FEBRUARY

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|---------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Tue. | (5/5) at Providence* | W, 90-60 |
| 5 Sat. | (5/5) BOSTON COLLEGE (18/18)* | W, 72-59 |
| 9 Wed. | (5/5) PITTSBURGH* | W, 81-74 |
| 12 Sat. | (5/5) ST. JOHN'S* | W, 94-51 |
| 16 Wed. | (5/5) at Villanova* | W, 70-52 |
| 19 Sat. | (5/5) at Rutgers (8/11)* | W, 78-74 (OT) |
| 22 Tue. | (5/5) MIAMI* | W, 83-68 |
| 26 Sat. | (5/5) at Connecticut (1/1)*^ | L, 59-77 |

MARCH

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| 5 Sun. | (6/6) Miami% | W, 67-52 |
| 6 Mon. | (5/5) Rutgers (8/10)% | L, 72-81 (OT) |
| 17 Fri. | SAN DIEGO@ | TBA |
| 19 Sun. | NCAA Tournament (Second Round) | 6:35 p.m. |
| 25 Sat. | NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinals (Memphis, Tenn.) | |
| 27 Mon. | NCAA Tournament Regional Final (Memphis, Tenn.) | |
| 31 Fri. | NCAA Women's Final Four Semifinals | |

APRIL

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| 1 Sun. | NCAA Women's Final Four Championship (First Union Center - Philadelphia, PA) |
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*BIG EAST Conference game
 #Wachovia Women's Invitational Tournament
 (Richmond, Va.)
 !Orange Bowl Women's Basketball Fab Four
 (Miami, Fla.)
 ^Hartford Civic Center
 %BIG EAST Tournament
 (Storrs, Conn.)
 @NCAA Tournament (First Round)

() - indicates rankings at time of game in
 Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls.

All times are local



No. 15 San Diego (17-12) at
 No. 2 Notre Dame (25-4)

2000 NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP — MIDEAST REGIONAL, FIRST ROUND

Date: Friday, March 17, 2000

Place: Joyce Center (11.418)

Time: 8:00 p.m. (EST)

Radio: All Notre Dame games are broadcast on WHLY (1620 AM in South Bend).
 Jeremy Gray provides play-by-play for games.

■ Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup

| No. | Name | Hometown | Pos. | Ht. | Cl. | PPG | RPG |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------|------|------|-----|------|-----|
| 32 | Julie Henderson*** | Ann Arbor, MI | F/C | 6-3 | Sr. | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| 00 | Ruth Riley** | Macy, IN | C | 6-5 | Jr. | 16.2 | 7.3 |
| 12 | Danielle Green*** | Chicago, IL | G | 5-8 | Sr. | 11.3 | 3.9 |
| 22 | Alicia Ratay | Lake Zurich, IL | G | 5-11 | Fr. | 14.8 | 5.1 |
| 33 | Niele Ivey** | St. Louis, MO | G | 5-8 | Sr. | 10.8 | 3.6 |

■ Off The Bench

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|----|-------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 3 | Ericka Haney | Toledo, OH | G/F | 6-1 | So. | 6.7 | 3.7 |
| 11 | Karen Swanson | Westlake, OH | G | 5-7 | Fr. | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| 23 | Monique Hernandez | Rio Rancho, NM | G | 5-9 | Fr. | 2.5 | 1.1 |
| 31 | Amanda Barksdale | Friendswood, TX | F | 6-3 | Fr. | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| 41 | Imani Dunbar** | San Angelo, TX | G | 5-7 | Jr. | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| 44 | Meaghan Leahy* | Wilbraham, MA | F | 6-4 | So. | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| 50 | Kelley Siemon** | Edina, MN | F | 6-2 | Jr. | 6.5 | 4.8 |

* - Indicates monograms won

NOTRE DAME FACES SAN DIEGO IN NCAA FIRST ROUND -- Notre Dame earned the No. 2 seed in the Mideast Regional (its highest seed in school history) and is playing host to the first and second rounds of the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. The Irish, 25-4, are making their five consecutive NCAA tournament appearance and will play the No. 15 seed San Diego (17-12).

This will be the first-ever meeting between Notre Dame and the Toreros. The contest marks the second straight year the Irish have opened up NCAA play with a team from the West Coast Conference. In 1999, Notre Dame defeated Saint Mary's (Calif.) 61-57 in the first round of the West Regional in Baton Rouge, La.

Notre Dame owns a 8-6 record in NCAA tournament competition. The Irish have made one Final Four appearance (1997) and advanced to the Sweet 16 in both '97 and 1998.

The winner of the Notre Dame-San Diego matchup will face the winner of the matchup between No. 7 George Washington (25-5) and No. 10 UCLA (18-10). The only meeting between the Irish and Colonials occurred in the '97 East Regional championship finale with Notre Dame earning a 62-52 victory in Columbia, S.C. The Irish and Bruins have met on 12 previous occasions with the Bruins holding an 8-4 advantage. UCLA is 2-3 in five appearances at the Joyce Center. The two teams last met on November 14, 1998 at Notre Dame with the Irish coming away with a 99-82 victory. An Irish-Bruin matchup in the second round would mark the second time the two teams have faced each other in NCAA competition. Notre Dame played its first-ever NCAA tournament contest against the Bruins in 1992 in Los Angeles, Calif. and suffered a 92-71 setback.

Coach Muffet McGraw's squad enters the NCAA tournament having won 21 of its last 23 games. Notre Dame has lost only once since December 8, 1999. After having won school-record 20 straight games, the Irish dropped their regular-season finale on the road at Connecticut (77-59) and then lost in overtime to Rutgers (81-72) in the semifinals of the BIG EAST tournament.

Notre Dame ended the BIG EAST regular season with a 15-1 mark and finished second (its highest in school history). Since becoming a BIG EAST member in 1995-96, Notre Dame has advanced to the semifinal game of the league tournament all five sea-

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ASSOCIATED PRESS (Week of Mar. 13)

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| | LW | |
| 1. Connecticut | 1 | |
| 2. Tennessee | 2 | |
| 3. Louisiana Tech | 3 | |
| 4. Georgia | 4 | |
| 5. NOTRE DAME | 5 | |
| 6. Penn State | 7 | |
| 7. Iowa State | 10 | |
| 8. Rutgers | 8 | |
| 9. Santa Barbara | 9 | |
| 10. Duke | 11 | |
| 11. Texas Tech | 6 | |
| 12. Mississippi State | 12 | |
| 13. Purdue | 13 | |
| 14. Old Dominion | 14 | |
| 15. LSU | 15 | |
| 16. Auburn | 16 | |
| 17. Boston College | 17 | |
| 18. Oklahoma | 18 | |
| 19. Virginia | 19 | |
| 20. Oregon | 24 | |
| 21. Arizona | 22 | |
| 22. Tulane | 21 | |
| 23. North Carolina State | 20 | |
| 24. Xavier | NR | |
| 25. Michigan | 25 | |

ESPN/USA TODAY (Week of Mar. 13)

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| 12. LSU | 12 | |
| 13. Old Dominion | 13 | |
| 14. Mississippi State | 14 | |
| 15. Purdue | 15 | |
| 16. North Carolina State | 18 | |
| 17. Boston College | 16 | |
| 18. Auburn | 17 | |
| 19. Virginia | 19 | |
| 20. Arizona | 20 | |
| 21. Tulane | 22 | |
| 22. Oklahoma | 21 | |
| 23. George Washington | 23 | |
| 24. Michigan | 24 | |
| 25. Oregon | NR | |

bold italics indicates 1999-2000 opponent

sons.

This is the seventh consecutive 20-win season for the Irish. Notre Dame reached that mark against Pittsburgh on February 9 in the 22nd game of the season. It marked the second straight year the Irish reached the 20-win plateau in its 22nd game. It is, however, the earliest a Notre Dame team has reached the 20-win mark in the program's history. A year ago, McGraw's team earned its 20th win of the season at Villanova on February 10, 1999.

Notre Dame finished the regular season 13-0 at home and owns a 21-game win streak (a school record) at the Joyce Center. The 13 wins are a school record and mark the first time the Irish have been undefeated at home during the regular season.

The Irish have been ranked in the top 10 of the AP poll 33 of the last 36 weeks, including a school-record 19 consecutive weeks from November 16, 1998 thru November 29, 1999. The Irish have been in the top 10 of the ESPN/USA Today poll for 36 straight weeks.

SERIES RECORD VERSUS SAN DIEGO — This will be the first-ever meeting between the two teams.

RILEY NAMED FIRST TEAM ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-AMERICAN — **Ruth Riley** earned first-team Associated Press All-America honors becoming the first player in the program's history to earn first-team accolades. **Riley** was a second-team choice in 1999 and was Irish player to earn a spot on one of the three teams. Katryna Gaither and Beth Morgan were honorable mention selections in both 1996 and 1997.

RILEY NAMED TO GTE/CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM — In addition to earning AP first-team all-america honors, **Ruth Riley** was a first-team selection to the GTE/CoSIDA Women's Basketball Academic All-America team. **Riley**, a Dean's List student all five semesters at Notre Dame, owns a 3.65 overall grade point average and is enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters as a psychology major. She is the first women's basketball player to earn first-team honors and the fourth Academic All-American in the program's history.

RILEY ONE OF 48 FINALISTS FOR KODAK ALL-AMERICA HONORS — For the second consecutive year, **Ruth Riley** is a finalist for KODAK All-America honors. **Riley**, one of seven representatives from District 1, is vying for a spot on the 10-member squad which will be announced on March 30 in Philadelphia. The seven

representatives from including **Riley** are: Svetlana Abrosimova (Connecticut), Shea Ralph (Connecticut), Cal Bouchard (Boston College), Shawnetta Stewart (Rutgers), Diana Caramanico (Pennsylvania) and Jess Zinobile (St. Francis, Pa.)

McGRAW NAMED NAISMITH COACH OF THE YEAR — For the second consecutive year Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw is a finalist for the Naismith Women's College Basketball Coach of the Year Award presented by the Atlanta Tip-off Club. McGraw is among 15 finalists for the honor which also include: Geno Auriemma (Connecticut), Joe Ciampi (Auburn), Bill Fennelly (Iowa State), Mark French (UC Santa Barbara), Gail Goestenors (Duke), Sue Gunter (Louisiana State), Andy Landers (Georgia), Rene Portland (Penn State), Marsh Sharp (Texas Tech), C. Vivian Stringer (Rutgers), Pat Summitt (Tennessee) and Kay Yow (North Carolina State).

NOTRE DAME EARNS SEVENTH STRAIGHT 20-WIN SEASON — Notre Dame's 25 wins in 1999-2000 marks the seventh consecutive 20-win season. McGraw's squad has reached that mark in 11 of the 13 seasons she has been with the program. Notre Dame's 20 wins in the 22nd game of the season equals the fastest the Irish squad has reached that mark, but the earliest in terms of date. Notre Dame has won 20 or more games in 15 of its 23 seasons. The 25 victories in 29 games marks the most by an Irish team in terms of date and time.

RILEY, RATAY CLAIM TWO OF BIG EAST'S TOP HONORS — **Ruth Riley** and **Alicia Ratay** earned two of the BIG EAST's top honors as **Riley** was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, while **Ratay** was named the Rookie of the Year. **Riley** also was the only a unanimous first-team all-BIG EAST selection for the second consecutive year, while **Ratay** was the only unanimous choice on the all-rookie team. In addition, **Niele Ivey** copped second-team all-conference hon-

IRISH ON SAINT PATRICK'S DAY — Notre Dame will be playing on Saint Patrick's Day for the second time in the 23-year history of the program. Both times the Irish have played on March 17 have occurred during the second round of the NCAA tournament and are 1-1 in those contests.

1996 NCAA Tournament Second Round (Lubbock, Tex.)

Texas Tech 82, Notre Dame 67

1997 NCAA Tournament Second Round (Austin, Tex.)

Notre Dame 86, Texas Tech 83

Irish All-Time vs. 1999-2000 Opponents

| Team | Record |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Boston College | 5-3 |
| Butler | 19-6 |
| Connecticut | 0-11 |
| Florida International | 1-0 |
| Georgetown | 13-1 |
| Illinois | 1-4 |
| Liberty | 2-0 |
| Marquette | 21-4 |
| Miami | 10-2 |
| Michigan State | 4-6 |
| North Carolina | 1-0 |
| Pittsburgh | 8-0 |
| Providence | 7-0 |
| Purdue | 2-9 |
| Richmond | 1-0 |
| Rutgers | 6-7 |
| St. John's | 9-0 |
| Seton Hall | 8-2 |
| Syracuse | 11-1 |
| Toledo | 3-2 |
| USC | 1-1 |
| Valparaiso | 13-0 |
| Villanova | 10-3 |
| West Virginia | 7-0 |
| Total | 163-62 (.724) |

NOTRE DAME POLL WATCHING
(Week By Week)

| Date | AP | ESPN/USA Today |
|-----------|----|----------------|
| Preseason | 8 | 9 |
| Nov. 15 | 7 | 9 |
| Nov. 22 | 6 | 6 |
| Nov. 29 | 11 | 8 |
| Dec. 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Dec. 13 | 11 | 7 |
| Dec. 20 | 12 | 8 |
| Dec. 27 | 10 | 8 |
| Jan. 3 | 8 | 6 |
| Jan. 10 | 6 | 6 |
| Jan. 17 | 5 | 6 |
| Jan. 24 | 5 | 5 |
| Jan. 31 | 5 | 5 |
| Feb. 7 | 5 | 5 |
| Feb. 14 | 5 | 5 |
| Feb. 21 | 5 | 5 |
| Feb. 26 | 6 | 6 |
| Mar. 6 | 5 | 5 |
| March 13 | 5* | 6 |

*all-time regular-season high

ors.

Riley also was named to the all-tournament team 19.0 points and 10.5 rebounds.

BIG EAST TOURNAMENT REVIEW —

• **Quarterfinal — Notre Dame 67, Miami 52:** Ruth Riley recorded her sixth double-double of the season as she scored 18 points and tied her season-high with 14 rebounds as the Irish earned a spot in the BIG EAST tournament semifinals for the fifth consecutive year with its victory over the Hurricanes. It was Notre Dame's fourth consecutive win over Miami as Riley led all scorers and rebounders in the contest. Niele Ivey and Danielle Green also scored in double figures with 13 and 12 points, respectively. In addition, Green also grabbed seven rebounds in the game. Notre Dame held Miami to just 34.4 percent shooting from the field and owned its largest rebounding advantage of the season (46-26).

• **Semifinal — Rutgers 81, Notre Dame 72 (ot):** The final outcome was decided in overtime for the second time this season, but this time it was the Scarlet Knights who prevailed. The Irish, who defeated the Scarlet Knights 78-74 on the road in overtime on February 19, owned a nine-point lead (58-49) with 4:06 remaining in the contest. Rutgers then went on an 12-0 run to take a 61-58 lead with 42 seconds remaining in the game on Shawnetta Stewart's three-point play. Notre Dame ended its nearly four-minute scoring drought with Alicia Ratay's two free throws that pulled the Irish to within one (61-60). Stewart added another free throw before Danielle Green nailed two foul shots with 10 seconds remaining in the contest. The Scarlet Knights outscored Notre Dame 81-62 in overtime. Ruth Riley scored 20 points as all five Irish players, for the first time this season, scored in double figures. Ratay finished with 15 points, while Julie Henderson and Niele Ivey added 12 points and each and Danielle Green 10. Notre Dame was outrebounced 39-27 in the contest, the largest differential of the season. The Irish shot 63.6 percent from the field in the second half, but just 28.6 in the overtime session.

NOTRE DAME MAKES ANOTHER RUN INTO MARCH MADNESS — Under Muffet McGraw, the Irish have had a habit of finishing the season strong. Since McGraw's first season in 1987-88, Notre Dame has compiled a 41-23 (.641) mark in March. In addition, in each of McGraw's 13 seasons, Notre Dame has ended the season on a roll. Below is a look at Notre Dame's March record in the McGraw era as well as the way the Irish ended the season.

| Season | W-L | Down The Stretch |
|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 1987-88 | 2-1 | Won eight of final 10 games |
| 1998-89 | 5-2 | Won six of final eight games |
| 1989-90 | 4-0 | Won final 12 games |
| 1990-91 | 3-3 | Won 22 of final 28 games |
| 1991-92 | 3-3 | Won eight of final 11 games |
| 1992-93 | 2-2 | Won eight of final 11 games |
| 1993-94 | 3-1 | Won 11 of final 13 games |
| 1994-95 | 4-2 | Won 15 of final 18 games |
| 1995-96 | 3-2 | Won nine of final 12 games |
| 1996-97 | 6-2 | Won 21 of final 24 games |
| 1997-98 | 3-2 | Won 19 of final 25 games |
| 1998-99 | 2-2 | Won 17 of last 21 games |
| 1999-00 | 1-1 | Won 21 of last 23 games |
| Total | 41-23 | |

TOUGH TO SCORE ON — Notre Dame's defense currently is yielding just 61.8 points per game to its opponents in 29 games overall, and in its 16 BIG EAST wins, has given up just 59.3 ppg. In its last 21 games, only four opponents on five occasions (Pittsburgh on Feb. 9, Rutgers on Feb. 19 and March 6, Miami on Feb. 22 and Connecticut on Feb. 26) have scored more than 63 points. The Irish held St. John's in their first meeting back on January 26 to 49 points, the fewest yielded by an opponent this season.

BIG CROWDS — Notre Dame averaged 3,090 fans this season in its 13 home games. The 7,530 who attended the win over St. John's on Feb. 12 was the second largest in school history. The largest crowd to see a women's basketball game at the Joyce Center is 8,134 (vs. Tennessee on January 12, 1992).

RILEY HAS HIGH SCHOOL NUMBER RETIRED — Notre Dame junior Ruth Riley had her high school number "25" retired at North Miami High School (Indiana) on Thurs., Jan. 6. The Macy, Ind., native was a standout in three sports — basketball, volleyball and track. She is the first such athlete from her high school to have her number retired.

FOLLOW RUTH ON THE WEB — A website highlighting the season accomplishments of Irish junior center Ruth Riley has been created on the official Notre Dame athletic department website (www.und.com). Information (season and career statistics and audio updates) can be found at www.und.com/ruthriley.

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Series Record vs. San Diego
First Meeting

Series Record vs. George Washington
Notre Dame leads 1-0
Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 1-0

| Date | Site | Score |
|---------|---------------|---------|
| 3-24-97 | Columbia, SC* | W 62-52 |

Series Record vs. UCLA
UCLA leads 8-4
Home: 3-2 Away: 1-5 Neutral: 0-1

| Date | Site | Score |
|----------|-----------------------|---------|
| 12-5-81 | Notre Dame, IN | L 45-50 |
| 11-26-82 | Chicago, IL* | L 54-82 |
| 1-30-83 | Los Angeles, CA | L 54-84 |
| 12-3-83 | Notre Dame, IN | W 70-61 |
| 12-30-84 | Los Angeles, CA | L 51-78 |
| 12-21-85 | Notre Dame, IN | L 67-73 |
| 1-5-87 | Los Angeles, CA (ot) | L 65-67 |
| 12-22-89 | Notre Dame, IN | W 61-60 |
| 11-30-90 | Los Angeles, CA | L 75-89 |
| 3-18-92 | Los Angeles, CA# | L 71-92 |
| 11-30-97 | Los Angeles, CA (2ot) | W 93-91 |
| 11-14-98 | Notre Dame, IN | W 98-82 |

*Orange Crush Classic at Rosemont Horizon
#NCAA Tournament (First Round)

IRISH ALL-TIME VS. 2000 NCAA TOURNAMENT FIELD

| Team | Record |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Arizona | 1-0 |
| Boston College | 5-3 |
| Brigham Young | 1-0 |
| Connecticut | 0-11 |
| Duke | 3-1 |
| George Washington | 1-0 |
| Georgia | 0-2 |
| Illinois | 1-4 |
| Iowa State | 1-0 |
| Kent | 1-0 |
| Liberty | 2-0 |
| Louisiana State | 1-2 |
| Louisiana Tech | 1-2 |
| Marquette | 21-4 |
| Michigan | 5-5 |
| Montana | 0-1 |
| Nebraska | 0-1 |
| North Carolina State | 1-0 |
| Oklahoma | 0-1 |
| Old Dominion | 1-5 |
| Penn State | 0-3 |
| Purdue | 2-9 |
| Rutgers | 6-7 |
| St. Joseph's (Pa.) | 1-1 |
| Southern Methodist | 1-1 |
| SW Missouri State | 1-0 |
| Tennessee | 0-13 |
| Texas | 1-1 |
| Texas Tech | 1-1 |
| UCLA | 4-8 |
| Vanderbilt | 1-1 |
| Virginia | 0-2 |
| Wisconsin-Green Bay | 1-1 |
| Youngstown State | 1-0 |
| Overall | 66-92 |

IRISH ACHIEVE FIRST-EVER UNDEFEATED SEASON AT HOME — Notre Dame's win over Miami on Tuesday night marked a school-record 13th for the Irish at home in 1999-2000. The Irish finished with a perfect 13-0 at the Joyce Center, which marks the first in the 23-year history of the program that a Notre Dame team has finished undefeated at home.

IRISH TOUGH AT HOME AGAINST BIG EAST FOES — Notre Dame has compiled a 42-3 (.933) record against BIG EAST opponents at the Joyce Center since joining the league in 1995-96. All three of those losses have been to Connecticut. Notre Dame was a perfect 9-0 at the Joyce Center in league action during the 1996-97 campaign.

21 AND COUNTING — Notre Dame won its 16th consecutive home game (a school record) with its 71-56 victory over Syracuse on January 15. The current win streak stands at 21 with the 83-68 victory over Miami on Feb. 22. The former mark of 15 was set on two previous occasions before the current win streak. The 19-game Joyce Center streak began on December 10, 1998 when the Irish defeated Villanova 63-62. That win followed a 106-81 setback to Connecticut on December 8, 1998 which snapped a 15-game win streak.

SNAPPED AT 20 — Notre Dame's loss at Connecticut on February 20 snapped a school-record 20-game win streak for the Irish. The Irish established the new school mark (previously 15) on February 19 with its 81-74 victory over Pittsburgh.

HELPING PUT THE BIG IN THE BIG EAST — During its

four-plus seasons as a member of the BIG EAST Conference, Notre Dame has proven to be one of the league's most dominant teams. The Irish have a 74-14 record (84.1 percent) in regular season games and a 9-5 mark (64.3 percent) in BIG EAST tournament action for an overall record of 83-19 (81.4 percent) against league opponents. Of Notre Dame's 19 league losses, 11 have come against Connecticut. The Irish have lost to four other teams in the BIG EAST — Rutgers (three times), Boston College (twice), Villanova and Miami. All of the losses to those teams have come on the road.

A BIG ASSIST — For the second straight year, **Niele Ivey** has dished off 100-plus assists and has 472 in her career which places her fifth on the all-time Irish career assist list. **Ivey** reached the 400-assist mark against Pittsburgh on January 18 and is just the fifth Notre Dame player with 400-plus assists. **Ivey** has 186 assist this season, topping the 181 she had last year for her season high. She ranks 13th nationally with a 6.4 assist-per-game average and has dished off eight or more assists in 10 of Notre Dame's last 22 games. **Ivey** has dished off 10 or more assists in four games this season.

RILEY STREAK SNAPPED — **Ruth Riley's** streak of 79 consecutive games started was snapped as she missed her first start in nearly two-plus seasons. The junior has started all but seven of the 92 games she has played in during her career. Her first career start came in the seventh game of her freshman season at Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., on December 8, 1997.

RATAY ADDS ANOTHER 20-POINT PERFORMANCE — **Alicia Ratay** has six (tying her with **Ruth Riley**) 20-point performances this season. Her most recent 20-point outing came against Rutgers on February 19 as she scored 26 points against the Scarlet Knights, which included a career-high seven three-point field goals. **Ratay's** five other 20-plus efforts were against North Carolina (32 points), Florida International (27) and Georgetown (23), Pittsburgh (20) and St. John's (28).

RATAY NOTCHES SECOND DOUBLE-DOUBLE — **Alicia Ratay** notched her second double-double of the season in the overtime win at Rutgers on February 19 as she scored 26 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. It was her second double-double in three games; her first came against Pittsburgh (on Feb. 9) just three games ago when she scored 28 and had a career-high 12 boards.

SIEMON PROVIDES A SPARK OFF THE BENCH — **Kelley Siemon** has been a spark for the Irish off the bench this season. She is averaging 6.5 points and 4.8 rebounds this season. **Siemon** recorded her first double-double of the season (and second of her career) against Boston College on February 5 when she scored 11 points and grabbed a

IRISH IN THE NCAA STATISTICS

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|-----------------------|--|
| Ruth Riley — | Field Goal Pct. (7th) Blocked Shots (5th) |
| Niele Ivey — | Assists (13th) |
| Alicia Ratay — | 3pt. Field Goal Pct. (6th) |
| Team — | Field Goal Pct. (2nd) 3 pt. Field Goal Pct. (4th) Won-Lost Pct. (10th) Field Goal Pct. Defense (6th) Rebound Margin (14th) Scoring Margin (6th) Scoring Offense (20th) |

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Irish Record

By Day

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| On Sundays: | 4-0 |
| On Mondays: | 1-1 |
| On Tuesdays: | 4-0 |
| On Wednesdays: | 6-1 |
| On Thursdays: | 0-0 |
| On Fridays: | 0-0 |
| On Saturdays: | 10-2 |

By Time

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|--------------------|------|
| Night Games: | 14-2 |
| Day Games: | 11-2 |

By Location

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Home Games: | 13-0 |
| Road Games: | 9-3 |
| Neutral Games: | 3-1 |

By Halftime Score

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Lead at halftime: | 25-1 |
| Trail at halftime: | 0-3 |
| Tied at halftime: | 0-0 |

By Rebound Margin

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Outrebounding opponents: | 23-1 |
| Outrebounded by opponents: | 2-2 |
| Same number of rebounds | 0-1 |

By Field Goal Shooting

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Shoot better from field: | 25-2 |
| Shoot worse from field: | 0-2 |
| Shoot same from field: | 0-0 |
| Shoot 50% or better: | 14-1 |
| Shoot less than 50%: | 11-3 |
| Keep opponents under 50%: | 25-3 |
| Keep opponents under 40%: | 21-0 |

By Free Throw Margin

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Hit more free throws: | 17-0 |
| Hit fewer free throws: | 7-4 |
| Same number of free throws: | 1-0 |

By Turnovers

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| Commit fewer turnovers: | 10-0 |
| Commit more turnovers: | 14-4 |
| Commit same number of turnovers: | 1-0 |

By Margin

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|--------------------------|------|
| One-point games: | 0-0 |
| Two-point games: | 0-0 |
| Three-point games: | 0-0 |
| Four-point games: | 1-0 |
| 5-10 point games: | 2-3 |
| 11-20 point games: | 13-1 |
| 21-30 point games: | 7-0 |
| 31+point games: | 2-0 |

By Conference

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|-----------------------------|------|
| Mid-American | 1-0 |
| Big Ten | 1-2 |
| Midwestern Collegiate | 1-0 |
| Atlantic Coast | 1-0 |
| Big South | 1-0 |
| Sun Belt | 1-0 |
| Pac 10 | 1-0 |
| Mid-Continent | 1-0 |
| Conference USA | 1-0 |
| BIG EAST | 16-2 |

By Month

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| In November | 1-1 |
| In December | 7-1 |
| In January | 9-0 |
| In February | 7-1 |
| In March | 1-1 |

career-high 14 rebounds. That game was preceded by a personal-best 23 points versus Providence which marked the second 20-point performance in her two-plus seasons at Notre Dame. Against the Friars, **Siemon** hit 10-of-12 shots from the field and nailed three-of-six attempts from the charity stripe. She also grabbed seven rebounds in the contest and dished off three assists in 28 minutes of action. Her only other 20-point outing came during her freshman year at UCLA when she scored 20 points against the Bruins in a double overtime victory on November 30, 1997.

GREEN HITS 1,000-POINT MARK — **Danielle Green** became the 16th player in Notre Dame women's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point mark against Pittsburgh on February 9. The senior guard has 1,063 career points and owns a 9.4 career scoring average. **Green** is the second player this season to reach the milestone; earlier in the season, junior **Ruth Riley** became Notre Dame's 15th 1,000-point scorer earlier this season.

RILEY IN DOUBLE FIGURES — **Ruth Riley** has failed to score in double figures in just four games this season — Toledo (0 points), West Virginia (9 points), Providence (8 points) and Connecticut (4 points). After being held scoreless for the first time in her career (64 games) in the season opener against Toledo, **Riley** came back to score in double figures in 10 consecutive games. She has scored, along with freshman **Alicia Ratay**, 20-plus points six times. **Riley** netted her season-high against Miami on Feb. 22 as she scored 36 points. She leads the team in scoring as she is averaging 16.2 ppg. **Riley** has scored in double figures in 71 of 92 career games.

RILEY'S DOUBLE-DOUBLES — **Ruth Riley**, who led Notre Dame and the BIG EAST Conference with 12 double-doubles last season, registered her sixth double-double of the season against Miami (18 points and 14 rebounds) in the quarterfinals of the BIG EAST tournament, which marked her third double in five games. Against Miami on Feb. 22, she scored 36 points to go along with 12 rebounds. In the overtime win at Rutgers on Feb. 19, she had 26 points and tied her season-high with 14 rebounds. **Riley's** other double-doubles this season have come against Georgetown (18 points, 13 rebounds), Seton Hall (17 points, 13 rebounds) and Pittsburgh (12 points, 14 rebounds). She has 27 career double-doubles and has grabbed 10 or more rebounds 28 times in her career.

FRESHMAN FOLLIES — Freshman guard **Alicia Ratay** is second on the team in scoring (14.8) and second in rebounding (5.2). **Ratay**, the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and a six-time BIG EAST rookie-of-the-week honoree, has topped the 20-point mark six times this season, including a 32-point performance against North Carolina which marked just the second 30-point performance by an Irish rookie in the 22-year history of the program. **Ratay** has led the Irish in scoring 10 times this season and has tied for game-high scoring on two other occasions. She also has reached double figures in 19 contests this season.

IRISH CAPTURE WACHOVIA WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL — Notre Dame captured the Wachovia Women's Invitational Tournament in Richmond, Va., as the Irish beat North Carolina and Liberty in the seventh annual event. The tournament is recognized as one of the most prestigious in-season events.

Junior center **Ruth Riley** was named MVP of the tournament in addition to being selected along with freshman **Alicia Ratay** to the all-tournament team. **Riley** scored 32 points (the third 30-point performance of her career) against Liberty in the championship game as she connected on 12-of-14 shots from the field and was a perfect eight-for-eight from the free throw line. In addition, she had seven rebounds and two blocked shots in 29 minutes of action. Against North Carolina, she registered 12 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots in 28 minutes. For the tournament she averaged 22.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots. **Riley** also was 17-of-22 (.773) from the field and a perfect 10-for-10 from the charity stripe.

Ratay had the first 30-point performance of her career, and second-ever by a Notre Dame freshman, when she tossed in 32 points on a 12-for-15 shooting performance against North Carolina. The Irish rookie also hit six-of-eight from three-point range. In the championship tilt, she was the only other Notre Dame player in double figures as she netted 17 points, grabbed four rebounds and dished off five assists playing a season-high 36 minutes. For the tournament, she averaged 24.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.5 steals. **Ratay** shot 18-of-25 (.720) percent from the field and was seven-for-11 (.636) from three-point range.

NOTRE DAME VS. NO. 1 — In its 23-year history, Notre Dame has faced the number-one ranked team nine times. The Irish are 0-9 all-time against No. 1. Notre Dame has played Connecticut four times when the Huskies have been ranked number one.

POLL WATCHING— Notre Dame is fifth in the Associated Press poll and sixth in the ESPN/USA Today ranking. McGraw's squad has been ranked in the top 10 of the AP poll 33 of the last 36 weeks over the past two seasons. The Irish slipped out of the top 10 (after a school-record 19 consecutive weeks there) on November 29, 1999; prior to that, Notre Dame had held a spot in the top 10 of every poll dating back to November 16, 1998.

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1999-2000 BIG EAST STANDINGS (through games of March 16)

| | BIG EAST Record | Overall Record |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Connecticut | 16-0 | 30-1 |
| NOTRE DAME | 15-1 | 25-4 |
| Rutgers | 12-4 | 22-7 |
| Boston College | 12-4 | 25-8 |
| Georgetown | 9-7 | 17-12 |
| Villanova | 7-9 | 15-14 |
| Miami | 7-9 | 14-15 |
| Pittsburgh | 6-9 | 16-12 |
| St. John's | 5-11 | 11-18 |
| Seton Hall | 5-11 | 11-16 |
| Providence | 5-11 | 10-17 |
| Syracuse | 3-13 | 10-18 |
| West Virginia | 1-15 | 6-22 |

1999-2000 BIG EAST WEEKLY AWARDS

Player of the Week:

| | |
|---------|--|
| Nov. 22 | Becky Gottstein (BC) Jen Gombotz (PC) |
| Nov. 29 | Shea Ralph (UC) |
| Dec. 6 | Ruth Riley (ND) Swin Cash (UC) |
| Dec. 13 | Becky Gottstein (BC) Katie Smrcka-Duffy (GU) |
| Dec. 20 | Cal Bouchard (BC) Shawnetta Stewart (RU) |
| Dec. 27 | Shanetta Stewart (RU) Svetlana Abrosimova (UC) |
| Jan. 3 | Becky Gottstein (BC) Monika Roberts (PC) |
| Jan. 10 | Sue Bird (UC) |
| Jan. 17 | Jenea Skeeters (VU) Niele Ivey (ND) |
| Jan. 24 | Beth Record (SU) |
| Jan. 31 | Latasha Thompson (SJU) Alissa Murphy (BC) |
| Feb. 7 | Kelley Siemon (ND) Katie Smrcka-Duffy (GU) |
| Feb. 14 | Jamie Cournoyer (BC) |
| Feb. 21 | Ruth Riley (ND) Svetlana Abrosimova (UC) |
| Feb. 28 | Shawnetta Stewart (RU) |

Rookie of the Week:

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|---------|---|
| Nov. 22 | Amanda Papuga (UM) |
| Nov. 29 | Shannon Perry (SU) Trish Juhline (VU) |
| Dec. 6 | Alicia Ratay (ND) |
| Dec. 13 | Santia Jackson (GU) |
| Dec. 20 | Alicia Ratay (ND) |
| Dec. 27 | Kennitra Johnson (UC) |
| Jan. 3 | Mandy Wittenmyer (UP) |
| Jan. 10 | Alicia Ratay (ND) Brooke Stewart (UP) |
| Jan. 17 | Alicia Hartlaub (UM) |
| Jan. 24 | Shannon Perry (SU) |
| Jan. 31 | Aiysha Smith (SJU) |
| Feb. 7 | Alicia Ratay (ND) Mandy Wittenmyer (UP) |
| Feb. 14 | Alicia Ratay (ND) Trish Juhline (VU) |
| Feb. 21 | Alicia Ratay (ND) |
| Feb. 28 | Mandy Wittenmyer (UP) |

Coach Muffet McGraw's squad has now been ranked 34 consecutive weeks in the top 10 of the ESPN/USA Today ranking. Notre Dame has earned a top 25 ranking for a school-record 38 consecutive weeks, breaking the old mark of 24 weeks set from February 5, 1996 thru March 10, 1997.

HEAD COACH MUFFET MCGRAW — Notre Dame head coach **Muffet McGraw** is in her 13th season with the Irish and 17th as a collegiate coach. She has guided Notre Dame to four straight NCAA tournament appearances and six overall. **McGraw** led the Irish to the 1997 Final Four as her team claimed the East Regional championship. In 1998, **McGraw's** squad finished with a 22-10 mark and advanced to the Sweet 16. In 12-plus seasons at Notre Dame, she has a record of 286-114 (.715), and in 17-plus campaigns overall, her teams have registered a 374-155 (.707) ledger. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, she spent five seasons at Lehigh where she compiled an 88-41 record for a .683 winning percentage. Last season, **McGraw**, after guiding the Irish to their sixth consecutive 20-win season, was named as a finalist for the Naismith Women's Basketball and Associated Press coach-of-the-year awards.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER MAGAZINE TO FOLLOW IRISH ALL SEASON — Annette John-Hall, a feature writer for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* will be following head coach Muffet McGraw, a native of Pottsville, Pa., and the Irish all season long and feature them in the magazine section of that publication. She will file stories throughout the season on McGraw and her squad. Hall has already written four features thus far with the fifth installment scheduled for sometime in March.

IRISH GET 200TH WIN AT JOYCE CENTER — Notre Dame earned its 200th win at the Joyce Center against Valparaiso on December 29. Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, the Irish own a 209-65 mark for a .763 winning percentage. Notre Dame set a new school record with its 16th consecutive home victory at the Joyce Center against Syracuse on January 15. The last time the Irish lost at home was on December 8, 1998.

HOME SWEET HOME — Since its inaugural season in 1977-78, Notre Dame has played all of its games at the Joyce Center. The Irish own a 209-65 mark for a .763 winning percentage since that first season. Currently, the Irish are 13-0 at home and have won 21 straight home games dating back to the 1998-99 campaign. The 13 victories are a school record for home wins and the first time a Notre Dame team has been undefeated at home during the regular season. During the last four-plus seasons, Coach Muffet McGraw's squad is 59-4 (.937) at the Joyce Center.

LINEUP SHAKEUP — In the 29 games played this season, Notre Dame has used eight different starting lineups. Below is a listing of the starting lineups and ND's record with that starting five. The lineup of **Julie Henderson, Ruth Riley, Danielle Green, Alicia Ratay** and **Niele Ivey** has been what Coach Muffet McGraw has used 15 of the last 16 games. That lineup suffered its first loss of the season 77-59 on Feb. 26 at Connecticut.

- Haney, Siemon, Riley, Ratay and Ivey** — (1-0)
- Haney, Ratay, Riley, Green and Ivey** — (0-1)
- Henderson, Riley, Ratay, Ivey and Dunbar** — (3-1)
- Haney, Henderson, Riley, Ratay and Ivey** — (5-0)
- Haney, Siemon, Riley, Ratay and Dunbar** — (1-0)
- Riley, Green, Ratay, Ivey and Siemon** — (1-0)
- Henderson, Riley, Green, Ratay and Ivey** — (13-2)
- Henderson, Siemon, Green, Ratay and Ivey** — (1-0)

HOT SHOOTING — Notre Dame is hitting 49.8 percent of its shots from the field this season (823-1651), including a season-high 63.3 percent (31-49) against Georgetown on January 29. The Irish shot better than 60 percent in one other game this season — Liberty (62.7 percent). In 15 of its 29 games, Notre Dame has shot better than 50 percent from the field. The Irish shot a season-low 40.7 percent against Connecticut as they hit just 22-of-54 from the field.

COLD SHOOTING — Connecticut connected on 51.7 percent of its shots from the field in Notre Dame's last regular-season contest which marked the first time this year that an opponent had shot better than 50-percent from the field. The Irish have limited its 28 foes to just 35.4 percent from the field. Five of those teams on six different occasions have shot under 30 percent — Butler (.265), West Virginia (.265), St. John's (.239 and .231), Georgetown (.269) and Villanova (.293). Illinois, a team the Irish faced in the second game of the season, shot 47.5 percent (the highest of any opponent). In 24 games, Notre Dame's opponents have shot under 40 percent.

RILEY REACHES 1,000-POINT — Junior center **Ruth Riley** became the 15th player in Notre Dame women's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point plateau this season. **Riley** reached the mark in the first half of Notre Dame's win over Florida International on December 19. The 6-5 Macy, Ind., native has 1,353 career points in 92 career games for a 14.7 career scoring average. Currently, **Riley** is eighth on the Irish career scoring list. She needs just 41 points to move into seventh on the all-time scoring list ahead of Mary Beth

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1999-2000 BIG EAST AWARDS

BIG EAST Player of the Year:

Shea Ralph — Connecticut

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year:

Alicia Ratay — Notre Dame

BIG EAST Co-Coaches of the Year:

Geno Auriemma — Connecticut

Traci Waites — Pittsburgh

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year:

Ruth Riley — Notre Dame

BIG EAST Most Improved :

Jamie Cournoyer — Boston College

Target/BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete of the Year:

Cal Bouchard — West Virginia



ALL-BIG EAST First Team

Svetlana Abrosimova — Connecticut

Cal Bouchard — Boston College

Shea Ralph — Connecticut

Ruth Riley — Notre Dame*

Shawnetta Stewart — Rutgers

ALL-BIG EAST Second Team

Sue Bird — Connecticut

Niele Ivey — Notre Dame

Tasha Pointer — Rutgers

Jenea Skeeters — Villanova

Katie Smrcka-Duffy — Georgetown

ALL-BIG EAST Third Team

Swin Cash — Connecticut

Jamie Cournoyer — Boston College

Alissa Murphy — Boston College

Beth Record — Syracuse

Tamika Williams — Connecticut

ALL-BIG EAST Rookie Team

Trish Juhlne — Villanova

Kennitra Johnson — Connecticut

Shannon Perry — Syracuse

Alicia Ratay — Notre Dame*

Mandy Wittenmyer — Pittsburgh

*unanimous selection



BIG EAST All-Tournament Team

Shawnetta Stewart — Rutgers

Tammy Sutton-Brown — Rutgers

Ruth Riley — Notre Dame

Svetlana Abrosimova — Connecticut

Swin Cash — Connecticut

Most Outstanding Player:

Tamika Williams — Connecticut

*unanimous selection

Schueth who played for the Irish from 1979-83 and finished her career with 1,373 career points.

RILEY GRABS 700TH REBOUND — Ruth Riley has 705 rebounds and is one of just eight players to reach the 700-rebound plateau, a group that includes current administrative assistant Letitia Bowen's school-record's 999 rebounds from 1991-95. Riley reached another milestone against Syracuse on January 15 when she grabbed her 600th career rebound. At the time, she was one of 10 players in Notre Dame history to achieve that mark. **Riley is one of just seven Irish players to score 1,000 points and grab 700 rebounds.**

A PERFECT 10 — Ruth Riley, who has made 123 of her 152 free throw attempts this season (.809), was a perfect 10-for-10 from the charity stripe against Georgetown. It marked a personal best for the Irish junior who earlier this season hit eight-of-eight from the line against Liberty en route to a 32-point performance. Riley's free throw shooting percentage has improved dramatically from a year ago as she made just 69.0 percent of her attempts. She was 18-of-23 from the line against Miami on Feb. 22. The 18 free throws made and 23 attempted were both Notre Dame and BIG EAST single-game records.

GREEN GAINS STARTING ROLE — Senior guard Danielle Green, who had come off the bench earlier in the season, has started the last 17 games for the Irish and has been in the starting lineup in 18 of the 26 games she has played. She is the team's third leading scorer averaging 11.3 ppg., and has scored in double figures in 16 of the last 22 games she has played. Green has scored in double figures in 17 games overall this season.

DOUBLE DIPPER — Guard Niele Ivey had her fourth double-double of the season in Notre Dame's win over Seton Hall on January 11 as she scored 14 points and dished off 10 assists. It was the eighth double-double of her career and the eighth time she has dished off 10 or more assists in a game. Her other double-doubles this season have come against North Carolina (17 points, 13 assists), Michigan State (14 points, 11 assists) and Marquette (19 points, 12 assists).

RILEY NOTCHES FOURTH 30-POINT PERFORMANCE — Ruth Riley's 36-point performance against Miami marked the fourth 30-point performance of her career and second of the season. Her first 30-point effort this year was against Liberty in the championship game of the Wachovia Women's Invitational on Dec. 5 as she scored 32 points. Riley had two 30-plus efforts last season, both against Providence College, as she scored 36 and a school-record 41.

A ROOKIE RARITY — Alicia Ratay's 32-point performance against North Carolina was the first 30-point outing of her brief career and marked just the second time an Irish freshman has scored better than 30 points in a game. The only other Notre Dame rookie to record a 30-point performance was Michelle Marciniak as she scored 33 versus Georgia in a 90-86 loss on December 8, 1991.

NON-CONFERENCE LOSSES A RARITY — Notre Dame's loss to Purdue marked just the second loss the Irish had suffered to a non-conference opponent during the regular season in two seasons. The Irish were a perfect 8-0 against non-conference foes during the 1998-99 regular season. When Notre Dame lost to Illinois on November 27, it marked the first regular season loss to a non-conference opponent in 12 games. Heading into its matchup with the Illini, Notre Dame's last non-conference regular-season loss was to Wisconsin (89-77) on December 8, 1997.

RATAY NETS 18 IN DEBUT — Freshman guard Alicia Ratay, a first-team Parade High School All-American, scored 18 points in her collegiate debut. It was the most by an Irish rookie in her first college game since Michelle Marciniak scored 16 points in an 86-70 loss to Penn State on November 22, 1991. Ratay's five field goals were all from three-point range as she hit five-of-eight field goals from beyond the arc.

RILEY HELPS USA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTURE SILVER MEDAL — Ruth Riley was one of 12 players selected to the 1999 World University Games Team. She and 1999 graduate Sheila McMillen (now an assistant coach at Western Michigan) were among the 44 players invited to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the five-day tryout. The team, coached by Penn State's Rene Portland, took home the silver medal after posting a 4-2 mark in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, site of the basketball competition. Riley appeared in all nine games with the USA and started five of those contests and was the team's third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder as she averaged 9.3 points and 5.2 rebounds, with a .630 field-goal percentage. At a tournament in Madrid Spain prior to the start of the World University Games, the USA Women's Basketball squad posted a 3-0 mark and captured first-place. During those three games, she averaged 7.3 points and 5.3 rebounds. This was Riley's second stint with the USA Women's basketball program. In the summer of 1998, she was a member of the USA Women's Basketball Select Team.

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Freshman Alicia Ratay ranks third on the all-time freshman scoring list in terms of points and scoring average.

Scoring (Points)

| | |
|--|------------|
| 1. Shari Matvey (1979-80) | 529 |
| 2. Beth Morgan (1992-93) | 518 |
| 3. Alicia Ratay (1999-00) | 430 |
| 4. Michelle Marciniak (1991-92) | 381 |
| 5. Ruth Riley (1997-98) | 368 |
| 6. Mary Beth Schueth (1981-82) | 326 |
| Margaret Nowlin (1988-89) | 326 |
| 7. Carrie Bates (1981-82) | 311 |
| 8. Jenny Klauke (1980-81) | 264 |
| 9. Sandy Botham (1984-85) | 262 |
| Trena Keys (1982-83) | 262 |

Scoring (Average)

| | |
|--|-------------|
| 1. Beth Morgan (1993-94) | 17.9 |
| 2. Shari Matvey (1979-80) | 17.6 |
| 3. Alicia Ratay (1999-00) | 14.8 |
| 4. Margaret Nowlin (1988-89) | 13.0 |
| Mary Beth Schueth (1981-82) | 13.0 |
| 6. Carrie Bates (1981-82) | 12.4 |
| 7. Michelle Marciniak (1991-92) | 12.3 |
| 8. Ruth Riley (1997-98) | 11.5 |
| 9. Carol Lally (1977-78) | 10.7 |
| 10. Trena Keys (1982-83) | 10.5 |

SIEMON TOURS WITH BIG EAST TEAM — Junior **Kelley Siemon** averaged 6.6 points and 4.6 rebounds in helping the BIG EAST/Nike Women's Basketball All-Stars to a 4-1 record in a '99 summer tour of Belgium and Germany. **Siemon** scored 14 points in the win over Aalst (Division) and had seven points and eight rebounds in a win over the Belgian Junior National Team. The team was coached by Boston College's Cathy Inglese.

IRISH SIGN TWO — Notre Dame signed two players listed among the top 40 prep players in the country during the early signing period. Jeneka Joyce, a 5-9 shooting guard from Topeka, Kan., and Le'Tania Severe, a 5-9 point guard from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., were rated 26th and 40th, respectively, by *Blue Star Basketball*.

Current Notre Dame Players Career Statistics in the NCAA Tournament

| Player | G-GS | Min-Avg. | FG-FGA | Pct. | 3FG-FGA | Pct. | FTM-FTA | Pct. | Reb. | RPG. | PF-FO | A | APG | Pts | PPG | Hi |
|---------------|----------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Dunbar | 4-0 | 10-2.5 | 0-2 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 2 | 0.5 | 3-0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Green | 7-2 | 147-29.4 | 21-46 | .457 | 0-1 | .000 | 10-17 | .588 | 20 | 2.9 | 13-0 | 5 | 0.5 | 52 | 5.5 | 19 |
| Henderson | 10-0 | 89-8.9 | 7-16 | .438 | 0-0 | .000 | 3-4 | .750 | 14 | 1.4 | 14-0 | 3 | 0.0 | 19 | 4.0 | 4 |
| Haney | 2-0 | 36-18.0 | 4-8 | .500 | 0-0 | .000 | 1-2 | .500 | 10 | 5.0 | 2-0 | 7 | 0.0 | 9 | 4.5 | 5 |
| Ivey | 3-3 | 91-30.3 | 10-17 | .588 | 2-4 | .500 | 6-8 | .750 | 11 | 3.7 | 7-0 | 10 | 3.3 | 28 | 9.3 | 12 |
| Leahy | 2-0 | 3-1.5 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 1 | 0.5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Riley | 5-5 | 110-22.0 | 36-50 | .720 | 0-0 | .000 | 18-22 | .818 | 39 | 7.3 | 18-1 | 6 | 1.2 | 90 | 17.5 | 23 |
| Siemon | 5-5 | 134-26.8 | 16-32 | .500 | 0-0 | .000 | 13-21 | .619 | 35 | 7.0 | 17-2 | 3 | 0.8 | 45 | 8.8 | 12 |
| Totals | — | 620 | 94-171 | .480 | 2-6 | .333 | 51-74 | .689 | 132 | — | 74-3 | 34 | — | 243 | — | 23 |