Irish set milestones with weekend performances

**Mens basketball advances to the Sweet Sixteen**

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Spose Writer

INDIANAPOLIS

Mike Brey won't forget his 44th birthday anytime soon.

As the final seconds of the Irish's 68-60 win ticked off the clock Saturday, Brey pranced around on the sideline of the RCA Dome, swinging his fist through the air before giddily walking over to shake hands with Illinois coach Bill Self. The grin on his face was almost as big as Notre Dame's win over Illinois.

"Tonight, I was probably going to have a beer anyway," the birthday boy said Saturday. "I won't have two." 

Chances are pretty good Brey won't have to buy a drink in South Bend for a while, not after he took a team that spend most of the 1990s in the NIT to the Sweet Sixteen in just three years.

Back in June, back when the memory of a narrow second-round loss in the tourney to Duke was still fresh in the players' minds, the Irish made it their collective mission to advance to the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1987. And when the season began, all the players could talk about was how they weren't satisfied with merely making the NCAA Tournament — they wanted to make some noise in it, too.

"I've been in this game, I lost this game two years in a row and it wasn't something I was willing to have happen again," senior Matt Carroll said. "To do so Saturday, the Irish turned to Mike Brey, who played on a Final Four team at Maryland before transferring. With sharpshooter Matt Carroll plagued by a sore ankle, Miller scored a career-high 23 points, putting the Irish on a collision course with Arizona, the top seed in the West Regional.

When the regular season ended, however, the Irish looked like they were headed for an early exit in the Tournament. They had lost three of their last four games and left the Big East Tournament after a first-round loss against St. John's. But as the Big East Tournament continued in New York, the Irish reined in the formula for the title that enabled them to knock off three top-10 teams in a week in the NCAA Tournament.

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Above: The fencing team gathers to celebrate their national championship win over Penn State.

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Right: Notre Dame Basketball players celebrate as they advance to the Sweet 16 after defeating the Illini Saturday.

**PHOTO BY Tim KACMAR**

**Fencing wins first national title since 1994**

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Maybe Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski should think about taking up a job as a statistics professor.

Before the competition we thought we needed 180 points and it turned out that way," Bednarski said.

Notre Dame won the 2003 NCAA Championships with 182 points. Penn State was second with 179.

That's scary Bednarski did something in one year that former Irish coach Tony Kostelnik couldn't do in seven years at the helm — win a national title.

"It feels great and I'm a little bit tired," Bednarski said. "I lost my voice from giving so many comments. It wasn't easy and we had a lot of great opponents. To win in such great competition, it's a pleasure."

As the competition progressed, everybody knew it would come down to the last round of bouts. Bednarski predicted his team would "see BASKETBALL/page 4... see FENCING/page 4..."
Floating to freedom

Imagine being 60 miles or more away from land, drifting in a small rubber raft with just a straw hat to guard you from the harsh Caribbean sun. Thousands find themselves in this very scenario every year as they attempt to make their way to the United States. Few make it, many die and some are rescued. This spring break, I witnessed such a scene as my cruise ship stopped to rescue five Cubans floating in the distance. In something that appeared to be a black dot, the accounts of people risking their lives for the slight possibility of something better became a reality.

For a moment, nearly all the people on the ship ceased their own activities and gathered on one side to watch the ship rescue the five Cubans. Some made brush comments while others took time to realize how lucky they were to be born in a country that they didn't have to escape.

I have always been hopelessly proud of the United States and its values. Maybe it's because of the numerous family trips to American landmarks like Plymouth Rock, endless battleships and trips to our nation's capital.

I have never been able to articulate these feelings until a friend asked, after I returned from a year abroad, if I would permanently move to another country or give up my citizenship. Without skipping a beat, I replied, "No." I might one day own a summer home in Europe or travel extensively, but I would never relinquish my citizenship. I consider it a true blessing given to me by relatives who made their way through Ellis Island and Canada to make a new home and establish a better life for their posterity.

Off course, we have problems in the United States and there will always be. We are human beings trying to do the best we can. Fortunately, we have the option to raise our voice to change the wrongs and we should take this responsibility seriously.

If I ever forget how privileged I am to live in this country, I hope to remember the five Cubans who risked their lives for a chance at freedom.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Shannon Nelligan at nelli2040@ saintmarys.edu.

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Today's Lunch: Four-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, southern fried chicken, asparagus potatoes, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, baked chicken pollock, Italian rice pilaf, sliced baked potato, tomato sauce, butter mash, butter milk pancakes

Today's Dinner: Vegetable lasagna, Italian marinara, cherry turnover, breadsticks, grilled pork chops, broccoli-rice casserole, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, cherry crisp, grilled tilapia, baked noodle casserole, sweet potatoes

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Meatless baked ziti, meatball strogonoff sauce, supreme pizza, toast stuffed pretzels, pasta primavera, steamed spinach, chicken and dumplings, baked haddock jambalene, teriyaki london broil, whipped potatoes, mashed redskin garlic potatoes, baked potato, cut corn, broccoli cuts, sliced carrots, peas, roasted vegetables

Today's Dinner: Meatless baked ziti, meatball strogonoff sauce, chicken caccioio pasta sauce, supreme pizza, toasted pretzel sticks, noodles romanoff, baked beans, roast beef hash, turkey broccoli bake, pork loin with apple, hot chunky applesauce

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Car towed from Joyce
A student's car was towed from the Joyce Center parking lot Friday for a parking violation.

Employee reports theft of decal
A University employee reported the theft of his parking decal from his vehicle while off campus.

Employee injured
NSP transported an employee from Heslibury to the University Health Center for treatment of a laceration last Friday.

Car towed from Stadium
A University employee's car was towed from the stadium for a parking violation Friday.

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Study Abroad programs comment on the conflict in Iraq

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

The commencement of large-scale military action in Iraq by the United States and Britain stirred a great deal of emotion on Notre Dame's campus in the past week. In addition to anxiety about the well-being of the nation and the soldiers on the battlefields, considerable concern arose about the safety of Notre Dame students spending the semester abroad.

Tom Bogenschild, director of International and Off-Campus Study Programs, said the office of International Study Programs is very concerned about possible hostility toward American students but has not yet put any restrictions on travel or other activities for students abroad.

"We think the local administrators are much better equipped to make those decisions than we are," Bogenschild said.

He added that it is highly unlikely that any programs will close this semester or that students will be forced to return to the United States before the end of the semester.

"Ever since Sept. 11, we've been very concerned about security issues," said Bogenschild.

Those events have increased concern for students participating in the University's program in Washington, D.C. — the only city to which Notre Dame sends students that has been hit by international terrorism.

ISP has also been keeping a close eye on travel advisories from the United States and abroad and has been in contact with international studies programs from other universities.

"We have not heard of any major security problems at any of [Notre Dame's] sites," said Bogenschild.

ISP recently added a "Security Update" link to their website for students and parents to access information on the atmosphere abroad. The U.S. State Department and various American embassies have also been sending information to students.

"We have been receiving advisories from the State Department all semester," Padraig McDermott, a junior who is spending the semester in London, said. "And the London Program sent us an e-mail about precautions to be taken on our spring break, as well as a strong suggestion that we might avoid ourselves of the opportunity to travel inside the United Kingdom, and not further abroad."

All of the students contacted for this story said they still feel safe and welcome in their host countries and that they do not have any plans to return home early due to the recent developments in the Middle East.

With the closure of the Jerusalem Program, the ISP site that is closest to the war in Iraq is in Cairo, Egypt. Junior Terry Fitzgibbons is participating in the Cairo Program, and said that he feels very safe in the Arab nation and has felt no hostility from any Egyptians.

"Because there are a lot of visitors and foreign students in Cairo, people here always ask you where you're from," said Fitzgibbons. "When I tell them, they usually sigh and smile at the same time, and [say] they like me but they don't like the American government." Fitzgibbons said he receives messages from the American embassy to avoid crowds and to vary his patterns.

"We were asked not to go downtown near the protests," Fitzgibbons said. "Staying out of the way of the protests, I haven't felt threatened."

In spite of heightened tensions abroad, Fitzgibbons added that he is still happy to be witnessing the events from another nation.

"I'm witnessing history," he said. "And this is history, for better or for worse."

Tom Marotta, a junior spending the semester in Shanghai, China, said he feels very well-versed in his host country, despite military conflict with Iraq.

"I haven't felt any animosity from either the Chinese authorities or the average Chinese person on the street," said Marotta. "I have been asked my opinion about the war by Chinese students and heard some good ideas from other Americans being asked their opinions. Most Chinese are against the war and anti-Bush, but still pro-American.

"I've had more hostile conversations with my fellow American students here about how the United States ought to proceed," Marotta said. Unlike Fitzgibbons and Marotta, students in the London Program find themselves among America's most loyal allies.

"That also exposes them to a greater terrorist threat."

With the bulk of imminent terrorist attacks, it is hard to view London as the safest place to be," Dominic Paschel, a junior who is spending the semester in London, said. McDermott said he will be returning early due to the recent developments in the region.

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**Split**

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made up of faculty and administrators and voted on academic issues such as the proposal to change this department.

Prior to the vote on the proposal, the members of the council debated the possible changes to the Economics Department.

"There were a number of questions raised about the meaning of the proposal. There was no strong dissent at the meeting and a number of people spoke in favor of [the proposed change]," said Mooney.

The Department of Economics in the bottom 25 percent of national programs.

Under the new guidelines, undergraduate students will be offered a single major, while graduate students will eventually choose one area to specialize in. "There will be a core curriculum for all graduate students," said Mooney.

The two departments will each have a separate faculty and be responsible for their own organization and faculty hiring. "Each department will operate as a separate unit," said Jensen.

Each will also have its own standards.

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Carol Mooney
University vice president

**Fencing**

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round of bouts. Bednarski prepared his team for that situation the entire year and they came through when it counted the most.

"I think it was very decisive in the end because we had done a lot of hard work throughout the whole year," Bednarski said. "Our fencers were stronger. If you want to win the gold medal, you have to be strong at the end of the game, not only at the beginning when everyone is fresh."

That decisiveness and fighting ability exemplified by the Irish can be attributed to simplifying a team.

"I think it's just been outstanding this year," Destanie Milo said. "The team dynamic has been just being outstanding this year."

Destanie Milo
Sabre captain

Although it might not have had anything to do with the new hairstyles the players sported — the Irish shaved their heads two nights before a narrow first-round victory over Wisconsin-Milwaukee Thursday — Notre Dame played Saturday with an intensity that had been missing since March. And when the final horn sounded and the Irish bounced around the court in celebration, a mission the Irish began back in June had finally been accomplished.

"I'm really happy that this group set a goal and achieved it," Brey said. "I think it's just another feather in our cap as a basketball program, and it says that we are back as a legitimate big-time basketball program."

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**Basketball**

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December. And they found it.

"That wasn't us, we're not that type of team. We didn't have an edge," Miller said. "We got our edge back, and we've got to make sure we keep that edge heading out to California."

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Junior sabre

made a big difference in the end having everyone working together to take the pressure off the individuals," senior epee captain Jan Viviani said.

It also helps to have a coach who could double as a psychic statistician.

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IRAQ

Allied troops hit setbacks on road to Baghdad

Associated Press

AN NASIRIYAH

Iraq used ambushes and even fake surrenders to kill and capture U.S. troops Sunday, inflicting the first significant casualties on the allied forces driving toward Baghdad, U.S. officials said.

Up to nine Marines died and a dozen U.S. soldiers were taken prisoner in surprise engagements with Iraqis at An Nasiriyah, a southern city far from the forward positions of the allied forces.

On the third day of the ground war, any expectation that Iraqi defenders would simply fold was gone. "They are not a beaten force," said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "This is going to get a lot harder." 

By noon, the U.S.-British coalition fought to within 100 miles of Baghdad and tended to a growing northern front.

Baghdad came under heavy air attack Sunday, even as a mosque blared "Allahu Akbar" and "Thanks be to God," perhaps to boost morale.

Allied soldiers came under attack in a series of raids, U.S. officials said, with one group of Iraqis waving the white flag of surrender and opening up with artillery fire; another group appearing to welcome coalition troops but then attacking them.

Lt. Gen. John Abizaid of U.S. Central Command said a faked surrender near An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the Euphrates River northwest of Basra, set off the "sharpest fighting we've seen in the war thus far." Up to nine Marines died before the Americans prevailed, he said.

Twelve U.S. soldiers were missing and presumed captured by Iraqis in an ambush on an army supply convoy at An Nasiriyah, Central Command said.

"We, of course, will be much more cautious in the way that we view the battlefield as a result of some of these incidents," Abizaid said.

Some of the missing prisoners were from Fort Bliss, Texas, said Jean Offutt, an Army spokeswoman at the base, where families members gathered Sunday night.

"The mood, of course, is very tragic," she said.

U.S. and British officials said some of the stiffest resistance was coming from paramilitary guerrillas known as the Fedayeen Saddam and from Saddam Hussein's personal security forces.

"We are men who know that they will have no role in the building of a new Iraq and they have no future," said Peter Wall, chief of staff to the British military contingent in the U.S.-led coalition.

"We have an Iraqi general officer, two Iraqi general officers that we have taken prisoner, and they are providing us with information," Abizaid said.

If the plant is confirmed as a chemical weapons factory, it would be the first find by the U.S.-led invasion force validating U.S. allegations that Iraq still has weapons of mass destruction.

"I know that Saddam Hussein is losing control of his country," Bush said upon his return from the Camp David retreat in Maryland. "We are slowly but surely achieving our objective." 

He demanded that U.S. prisoners of war be treated humanely.

With allies closing in, Iraqi leaders appealed for a united Arab front to condemn the invasion but knew they wouldn't get it. "There is no hope in these rulers," Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said.

But Russia and Chinese foreign ministers reasserted their view that the invasion has no legal basis and asked for an immediate halt.

U.S. military finds suspected Iraqi chemical plant

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. troops have found a suspected chemical factory in Iraq and officials are trying to determine late Sunday whether it was involved in making chemical weapons, U.S. officials said.

The ground war has moved to the city of Najaf, which U.S. troops reached Sunday on a push to Baghdad, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. Central Command said in a statement that troops were examining "sites of interest," but did not elaborate. The statement said reports describing the discovery as a chemical weapons factory were "premature."

President Bush and other U.S. officials say riding Saddam Hussein's regime of chemical and biological weapons is the main objective of the war.

Saddam's government denies it has weapons of mass destruction.

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"We have been questioned about chemical weapons," a U.S. weapons inspector said.

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U.S. Army medics and soldiers in southern Iraq carry a U.S. soldier wounded in combat against Iraqi forces to a helicopter for a medical evacuation Sunday. Senior U.S. defense officials confirmed that about 10 U.S. troops were missing in southern Iraq.

Cheatons appear to okay constitution

Chechens appear to okay constitution

Voters in Chechnya appeared to approve a constitution Sunday that the Kremlin hopes will bring stability to the separatist region after nearly a decade of bloodshed. The Kremlin and Chechnya's Moscow-appointed administration have portrayed the referendum as a key step toward peace and a return to normal life in the region, which since 1994 has experienced two wars and an interim period marked by lawlessness.

Mexican drug lord charged over weekend shootout

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Mexican drug lord overcharging on road to Baghdad

U.S. soldier held in attack on own troops

U.S. soldier held in attack on own troops

A U.S. soldier most likely acted out of resentment Sunday when he threw grenades into tents at a 101st Airborne Division command center, killing a fellow serviceman, an Army spokesman said.

Fifteen other soldiers, including the division commander, were wounded — at least three of them seriously — in the early Sunday attack at Camp Pennsylvania, the rear base for the 101st near the Iraqi border. The 101st is based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

U.S. protests Russia-Iraq weapons deal

State Department protested Sunday that Russian companies sold sensitive military equipment to Iraq in the run-up to U.S. led war against Saddam Hussein's regime. Three Russian firms are helping the Iraqi military deploy electronic jamming equipment against U.S. planes and bombs in violation of United Nations sanctions.

TV holds off on airing captured soldiers

U.S. television networks spent hours weighing Sunday whether to air video footage, shown elsewhere in the world, of what appeared to be American prisoners of war in Iraq. The images were picked up from Iraqi television by the Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said the Geneva Conventions make it illegal for prisoners to be pictured and humiliated. That left network executives with agonizing decisions involving both manners of taste and the question of whether they were letting the Pentagon influence their independent news-gathering decisions. All of the networks said they would not show video of what was said to be an Iraqi Morgue containing American bodies, saying the material was neither newsworthy nor appropriate for airing. However, both CNN and NBC have aired a still image of bodies that could not be identified.

World News Briefs

National News Briefs
Former NFL player shares faith, virtues

By HIMANSHU KOTHARI

Former New York Giants player Chris Godfrey, founder of Life Athletics, spoke about his experience with service as part of the Blessing Unto Others lecture series Sunday.

Godfrey talked of his journey from football to faith.

"I decided to quit the NFL after nine years and did not know what to do from then on," Godfrey said.

At that point, a friend of his who knew a law professor at Notre Dame suggested law school, which brought him to Notre Dame in 1998, where he searched for his vocation.

"None of us are happy unless we are doing what we are meant for doing, our vocation," Godfrey said.

Between volunteering for various programs and finding his vocation to law, Godfrey formed "Life Athletics." The program is endorsed by more than 300 Olympic-level professional athletes.

"Its goal is to bring out to people from middle school to college," Godfrey said. "It is based on living a life by the principals of virtue, abstinence and respect for life."

He said people nowadays feel that a sexual relationship is "not a big deal."

"Our faith teaches us that we can only find ourselves in the giving of ourselves," Godfrey said. "The only context that justifies a sexual relationship is the commitment of marriage, for otherwise there is the possibility of a break-up, which leaves one emotionally and spiritually heartbroken and at times unable to bond with other individuals."

Citing a study, Godfrey said people who engage in premarital sex are more likely to be divorced later in life. Godfrey said that abortion was not the answer to an unwanted pregnancy.

"Abortion is never the answer, it cannot change the fact that the child wanted to exist. It harms a child's life and the parents. If a mother is willing to kill her own child what guarantee does she have to securing her own life or those of others?" Godfrey said.

Godfrey emphasized the reason marriage is unique is their ability to love. He said he believes that people listen to his organization because the spokespeople are icons and ambassadors of the sporting world. Godfrey publicizes the program by introducing it into the curriculum of certain schools and organizes sports camps where he teaches students about virtue.

"Parents need to talk to their kids about these issues and married people need to live by the same virtues as single people. All virtues are expressions of love," Godfrey said.

Chris Godfrey
former New York Giants player

Hallahan appoints chief of staff

By MATT BRAMANTI
New Wine

Student body president-elect Pat Hallahan appointed freshman Emily Chin as his chief of staff for the 2003-2004 academic year.

"With Emily and the group we've put together, we can be effective in addressing students' concerns."

Emily Chin
2003-04 chief of staff

Pat Hallahan
student body president-elect

Hallahan echoed the sentiment. "She's only a freshman and she's been very involved and active already," he said.

"She comes in with a level of experience that not many freshmen have," Chin said.

Chin said her focus would be on fulfilling the campaign promises she helped Hallahan and Lao engineer, including improved communication with University officers, academic programming and working to bring dances back into the residence halls.

"Opening the lines of communication" is vital to "creating more of a respect for the student body from the administration," Chin said. The new officers hope to unify student opinion on the dance issue in order to present a cohesive case to university leaders.

"Once that opinion is demonstrated through Student Senate and Hall Presidents Council resolutions, it shows a unified support that we can take to the officers and board of trustees," Lao said.

"We're hoping to get some type of compromise with the administration — or at least some type of response about why they turn the [fall] dances away," Chin said.

During the election campaign, the Hallahan-Lao ticket called on university administrators to make the results of teacher and course evaluations available to students. Chin said the measure would accomplish her goal of improving teaching quality.

She also plans to spearhead more academically oriented events, including a lecture series featuring distinguished Notre Dame faculty and alumni.

Chin characterized the transition from Libby Bishop's presidency as "smooth."

In February, Hallahan resigned as Bishop's chief of staff in protest of her report to the Board of Trustees, which he called "watered down.

Hallahan attributed the disagreement to a difference in leadership style.

"I've been a friend of Libby's for a long time and I still will be," Hallahan said.

Chin agreed, saying the incoming and outgoing presidents are on great terms.

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In Brief

War in Iraq hurting French economy

"In the last year, or rather in the last six months, I think the Iraqi events have already created negative consequences that France regrets now," French economy minister Francis Mer told LCI television and RTL radio. "I'm not saying that to deny the intensity of the Iraqi problems, but the main part of the negative consequences from the Iraqi crisis is behind us," he said. According to a survey by the IFOP agency published Sunday in the press, 50 percent of French people worry the war will aggravate economic and other problems in France.

Airlines cancel flights in time of war

Canadian air carriers Lufthansa canceled flights to several destinations in the Middle-East for Thursday and Friday. Singapore Airlines said it was suspending 65 weekly flights due to "sofomnet demand." Air New Zealand and Air Canada reported passengers were canceling their own flights or asking to postpone them because of the war.

The international body overseeing aviation prepared to route commercial flights around Iraq. Flights will be diverted to the north or south, depending on the area of conflict, the international Air Transport Association said.

U.S. wants FedEx to repay 9-11 funds

The federal government is demanding that FedEx Express repay $31.6 million in funds to offset losses from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. But FedEx says the U.S. Department of Transportation owes the Memphis company $18 million. The money is part of $25 billion that was given under the Airline Safety and System Stabilization Act to help the industry recover from the grounding of all flights after the Sept. 11 attacks.

U.S. plans to send a team of engineers to Iraq to help get the oil flowing. Among the team's tasks, they might never see. Exporting Iraqi crude left the shuttered wells in the Basra area in the south and around Kirkuk in the north have stopped pumping.

The world's oil markets have hardly noticed. Oil prices have dropped from nearly $40 a barrel in mid-February for future delivery to $27 on Friday for oil to be delivered in May. The reason: There is plenty of oil. For weeks, Saudi Arabia has pumped as much as 9.5 million barrels a day — 1.5 million barrels above its quota set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Also, Saudi Arabia is said to have 56 million barrels in storage and in tankers already on the high seas. Other OPEC members have stepped up production as well.

Uncertainty continues in wartime

The start of the war doesn't wipe away all the potentially stock-tanking uncertainty from Wall Street. Plenty of market-rattling unknowns still abound, most having to do with the potential fallout of war on American consumers and businesses — and the global economy.

"The uncertainty that's still out there is less like a veil and more like a curtain," said Tim O'Neill, chief economist at BMO Financial Group in Toronto. "When it comes to the conduct of the war itself," while most economists say the war itself won't damage the economy, it could exacerbate many of the problems already weighing on the sluggish economy.

In the buildup to war, consumer confidence plunged and retail sales began to slow. Corporate executives further reduced their spending, which has been weak through most of the economic downturn over the last three years. Now with war here, questions loom over how war — especially a prolonged battle — will affect the psyche of businesses and consumers.
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Chicago wins best picture; Brody, Kidman win acting awards

Associated Press

The raucous, dazzle-musical satire "Chicago" won the Academy Award for best picture Sunday, while top acting honors struck a more somber note: Adrien Brody as a Holocaust survivor in "The Pianist," and Nicole Kidman as a suicidal novelist Virginia Woolf in "The Hours." In a ceremony overshadowed by the U.S.-led war in Iraq, "Chicago" became the first musical to win best picture. "Chicago" won the top Oscar and also took home the most trophies, six. Its other awards were supporting actress for Catherine Zeta-Jones, and four technical honors including costume design and art direction.

Veteran character actor Chris Cooper won as best supporting actor for his role as a toothless poacher in "Adaptation." Brody's victory was something of a surprise, as was the awarding of the best-director Oscar to Roman Polanski, also for "The Pianist." Polanski has been an exile from the United States since he raped a minor in 1969. He avoided sentencing for having sex with a 13-year-old girl.

"The Pianist" also won the award for best screenplay, for Ronald Harwood, giving it a total of three, while Pedro Almodovar earned the original screenplay prize for "Talk to Her." World events sparked several emotional highlights, including Brody's tearful speech and an acceptance by President Bush by filmmaker Michael Moore, winner of a supporting-actor award for his film "Bowling for Columbine.

"Chicago" came in with a leading 13 nominations, followed by "Troyan," with 12. "Chicago" was adapted from the Broadway revue "Chicago" and grossed a modest $5.5 million, was a surprise winner for animated feature "The Incredibles," which earned her an Oscar nomination. Kidman emerged as a big star in her own right later that year with "Moulin Rouge," which earned her a best-actress Oscar nomination, and the horror hit "The Others." In "The Hours," Kidman played suicidal author Virginia Woolf, wearing a fake nose to capture the look of the writer. Her performance won as best actress, as did Chris Cooper, for his role as a Jewish survivor in "The Pianist." Cooper has worked extensively with his wife, actress Barbara Hershey, who also won an Oscar for best supporting actress in 1992, for " Places in the Heart."

"Why do you come to the Academy Awards? Because the world is in such turmoil," Kidman said. "Because art is important. It is possible without the blueprint of peace." Cooper said he was honored to be the first Jewish man to win an Oscar for his role in "Chicago." Cooper, a veteran character actor whose credits include "American Beauty" and "Lone Star," was an outsider to the crowd. "My experience making this film made me very aware of the sadism and the dehumanization of war, and the repercussions of war," he said, "whether you believe in God or Allah, may he watch over you, and let's pray for a peaceful resolution." Brody said, fighting back tears: "I am so happy after drawing a standing ovation.

Documentary winner "Fahrenheit 9 / 11" took a moment to defend Moore's alternately hilarious and horrifying examination of gun violence in America.

About a family of Jews who leave Germany before World War II and settle on a farm in Kenya. "The Pianist" took home the most trophies of the evening, including best picture, best screenplay, best director and three acting awards.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Best actor Adrien Brody ("The Pianist") poses with best actress Nicole Kidman ("The Hours") at the 75th Academy Awards in Hollywood.


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The Observer

March 24, 2003

This is peace?

According to a news story by Amy Webb in yesterday’s Indianapolis Star: "about 140 war protestors gathered in Monument Circle on Saturday afternoon, compared to "nine Bush administration supporters in Army fatigues." That’s funny. I was in Indianapolis on Saturday afternoon (though not for the protests, or the basketball game; I had too much work to content to listen on the radio as the Irish whipped the Illini in the Battle of the Schools with "Fighting" Mascots). I drove by Monument Circle, and I didn’t see 140 protestors. I know — I counted. There were exactly seven. Those who stood on the other side, literally and metaphorically speaking, numbered about 20.

Now, I didn’t get to Monument Circle until about 4:30 p.m., so perhaps I arrived too late to pass by the more populated part of the anti-war demonstration. Maybe the other 133 protestors had to go to work, or maybe they hopped over to Starbucks to grab a latte or something.

The more likely explanation is that they got bored, since there was no action. Many of the people who publicly oppose the war call themselves "activists" to deceive themselves and others by pretending that when they do something offensive or outrageous, they’re helping to affect action. The problem is, as more and more people support military action to oust Saddam Hussein and disarm Iraq, the "activists" stoop to more and more extreme tactics. Although they congratulate each other on their creativity on Internet sites, and share tales of their arrests like how they earned merit badges, they may unintentionally drive more normal people away from their causes.

I want to make an important distinction here, and an apology. In my last column, I lumped peaceful protestors in with the nutballs for the sake of effect, and I apologize for that, since they’re nothing alike. I regret misidentifying that similarity, and painting people who are anti-war with so broad a brush. I really do respect people who demonstrate peacefully, for this or any other reason. They’re exercising the same First Amendment rights that I have, and I respect them. I may disagree with the members of the Notre Dame community who held candlelight vigils at the Grotto or the peaceful demonstrators in Indianapolis, but I have absolutely nothing about their actions.

However, the anti-war movement does have some real whack-jobs. To find them, we have to escape "middle America" and go to places where you have to smash windows and get arrested to get your message across. The members of the movement, are far more orderly. Fifteen thousand people attended the Rally For America in Auburn, Ind., 120 miles northeast of Indianapolis. They gathered, prayed, sang songs and chanted and although they didn’t realize it, they served as a stark contrast to the outrageous behavior at many "peace" demonstrations.

Meanwhile, at least things were calm in Indianapolis. Except for the IRA Dome — I heard that place was rau­uous.

Mike Marchand, ’01, Notre Dame in the Sweet 16 in his NCAA Tournament bracket. If he didn’t look absolutely ridiculous with no hair, he would have shared his head to support the Irish ballers. His e-mail address is Marchand.3@nd.edu.

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NDToday/Observer Poll Question
Do you think people should protest the war in Iraq?
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Quote of the Day
"Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon, which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Civil rights activist
The last few days have been long. I am mentally exhausted. The United States and Britain started the war in Iraq. I have lived in a village in an area known as the "triangle" for 22 months. I finally felt comfortable, certain about my place and comfortable in the relationshionships that I established.

Maite Uranga

Life in Africa

Work was easy. The volunteers in Mauritania prepared for this since early September. We all knew exactly what we were supposed to do and when. From what I see and hear, everything went exactly as planned. Really, in many ways it has so far been anti-climactic. I had expected to get into the swing of things, but there appears to be a coldness in the weeks leading up to the first day. Perhaps there is the lack of complete support (that most people did not show after the Sept. 11 attacks) to offset the cold reactions.

Today is Friday and my region choose to stay close to home on the advice of our host families. This war is so remote, to me. This is the first time we had a break out a week early for spring break to cut down on protests. The police made all the European and American expatriates check in at their local police station. This day before all started, we went to the police station and learned about safety and security. They gave us multiple cell phone numbers, including a direct line to the police chief and promise of police protection whenever and wherever we needed it. After that, as Americans living outside the mayor's office and then the prefect's office. Both were in meetings. When they saw four Americans kidnap in hiding, they cleared out the room.

Suddenly many of the shop owners who I saw nearly every day in the market, make me nervous. Many have turban and beards. Even after living here for two years, I realize how deeply rooted something like this is perhaps largely as a result of the American media using turbans and beards as the stereotypical representation of violence. I see pictures of American tanks rolling across the desert and it looks like it could all be about a half mile from my house here.

I listen to the BBC on my radio, I heard about protests and riots in Islamic countries that started after the first Friday prayer. At the end of the week, the call to the Mosque went off in my village. About half an hour later I heard the sounds of a crowd. My heart dropped. I asked my Mom across the compound what it was and she said it was the soccer game. Every time my cell phone rings, I say, it is knowing that Saddam has used such weapons on his own people in the past and it is therefore feasible to assume that he could use them on the rest of the world and to sell them to terrorist organizations.

While Ms. Needles believes that the Iraqi people do have the desire to be liberated, it is our understanding that Saddam has not been able to fulfill this desire. Clear evidence that the Iraqi population is succeeding in their work is that the U.S. troops have been able to implement a peaceful settlement. The United States has been able to do this by using diplomacy. Saddam Hussein has become a legitimate threat to the United States and to the world.

Ms. Needles claims that the Bush administration has destroyed U.S. foreign relations by ignoring the 'allied forces' in the United Nations. We find this claim to be unfounded since the U.S. is acting with a coalition of more than 40 members strong. It was the United States that secured a U.N. resolution giving them the right to use military force, and all allies of diplomacy had failed, was the only viable option. The U.S. is completely within its rights as a sovereign nation to defend itself against existing and potential threats. While Ms. Needles seems to think that there is no "meaningful" reason to go to war, we believe that the protection of American citizens and the liberation of an oppressed people are certainly meaningful enough.

We don't believe that normally Saddam does nothing. While Ms. Needles believes that we are merely seeing a misguiding reason to go to war, we believe that the protection of American citizens and the liberation of oppressed people are certainly meaningful enough.

A defense of the strike against Iraq

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We would like to establish the purpose of "Operation Persian Gulf War II," hereinafter correctly called Operation Iraqi Freedom. One of the most common protests to the war is "No Blood for Oil," and it seems that a letter by Jessica Needleess on March 21 echoes this sentiment. While it is easy to fall into this trap, this war is actually being waged for the sake of its benefits. It is people from a self-serving dictator that have turned over huge amounts of money and huge amounts of blood.

Iraq owes Russia more than $8 billion in tax payments. While Ms. Needles believes that this war is not an issue, we do not feel so.
Locura Latina: More

This year’s Latin Expressions brings together a wide va

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
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Latin Expressions 2003 is appropriately entitled "Locura Latina." Meaning "madness" or "insanity," Latin Expressions has become an event on campus that can be relied on each year to showcase cultural entertainment at its best. It promises to be no different this year, with an impressive array of talented artists performing dance, singing and poetry acts lined up.

The performance premiered in 1990, with the purpose of raising funds for a scholarship to be presented to a local Latino high school senior who wanted to attend Notre Dame. Now an annual event over a decade old, the participation and attendance level has increased dramatically, making it necessary to move it out of its former small-scale venue of the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. The spirit of the production has changed as well, from a politically charged and angst-ridden performance to a celebration of being Latino at Notre Dame. Locura Latina begins with six couples that dance in both the opening and closing acts. For the organizers, this is one of the most difficult portions of the event to put together, because there are so many talented dancers to choose from. These dancers audition at the same time as the rest of the acts, and are then paired up to open and end the show. There were close to 50 people trying out for only ten openings. With such gifted competition vying for these two performance slots that linger in the minds of the audience, the beginning and ending to Locura Latina should be memorable and exciting. Miguel Luna, a sophomore from Siegfried, and Cecilia Lesmes, a senior from Lewis, are the commissioners in charge choreographing the opening acts and dance in them as well.

Miguel Luna feels that there are multiple objectives and themes in the production as a whole. "It's about understanding the culture a little more, the different types of music and the way things go socially. People can also see that there is diversity at Notre Dame and that anyone can be in [Latin Expressions] because we're open to everybody," Luna said.

Members of last year's Latin Expressions danced to express their appreciation of the Latin culture. Dancers will be performing again this year at the show.

The next act to take the stage is the Irish Dance Group. Co-executive director April Garcia, a sophomore from Lyons, feels that the decision to include the Irish dancers was important not only because of their ability but also because it highlights the diversity of the student body and students who have more than one ethnic background. The Irish dancers were adamant about being as Latino as possible, dancing to Latin music, since the organizers feel that as long as the acts express Latino culture they complement the production as a whole. An interesting aspect of Celtic dancing is that it does have roots with flamenco dancing, making it even more suited for the production.

Marlachi ND, a student-run organization on campus, will be performing twice in Locura Latina. Also performing will be individual dance and singing acts that composed their own acts, and a poetry performance. The poetry reading is focused on the theme of being the Latino woman. Rounding out the first half is Ballet Folklorico. Although the group's instructor is from outside the University, the organization is basically run by students. One of their dances will be from the state of Jalisco in Mexico, "La Negra." Their other dance is to a type of music called norteno, and is usually done in couples.
One of the individual dance acts is an extremely creative dance by three girls, entitled "Malagueña." This is a Brazilian influenced dance, with much "Shakira-style" hip movement. Garcia feels this performance exhibits a central objective of Latin Expressions, which is to present the many faces of Latino culture. A student who knows about both Mexican-American might not know about other parts of Latin background, and can come to the performance to experience new kinds of Latino heritage, as well as students who know nothing about Latino culture.

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Another act that brings variety to the show is Coro Primavera, which is the Spanish choir that generally sings at Spanish Mass. Their participation in the show will include songs that are more contemporary than the ones they would sing in church, since this is an opportunity to expand their repertoire.

There will also be the presentation of the Julian Samora award, which is given to a faculty member who has influenced and helped Latino students at Notre Dame. The recipient of the award is someone who has also contributed to the Latino community in South Bend and at Notre Dame.

A tradition for Latin Expressions is for it to coincide with Spring Visitation Weekend, which is the weekend when the University hosts minority high school students to let them experience a slice of Notre Dame life. There have been objections to lining up cultural events while prospective Notre Dame students, who are deciding whether to attend the University or not, are visiting because it creates a false impression of campus life.

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The organizers emphasize the point of expressing a wide spectrum of forms of Latino culture, so that the Notre Dame community can learn more no matter what, even if they have extensive knowledge about one kind of culture.

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While this is a celebration of Latino culture, all students and members of the community are welcomed and encouraged to attend to learn about the culture. Oftentimes, people have a very narrow view of the Latino culture, which is why the production is set up to expose audience members to a much broader view. The production is an easy outlet not only for participants to show off their skills and knowledge, but also for others to learn and experience new backgrounds.

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These male participants of the Latin Expressions rehearsed late Sunday night, tray a wide spectrum of forms of the Latino culture.
Mens NCAA Basketball Tournament

Big East teams improve to 8-0 in tournament games

Associated Press

Never count out Carmona Anthony and Syracuse’s other freshmen.

And don’t write off the Big East, either. The conference remained unbeaten in the NCAA tournament when Syracuse overcame an 18-point deficit and beat Oklahoma State 68-56 Sunday in the East Regional.

The second-round victory sends the Orangemen to Albany, N.Y., and the round of 16 Friday against the winner of Sunday’s game between Wake Forest and Auburn.

Syracuse (26-5) will be joined by three other teams from the Big East, 8-0 in the tournament. The conference received only four bids to the NCAA, which excluded one of its division winners, Boston College.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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"It's just all joy," James said when asked whether he was relieved that the Irish had capped their stellar four-year run with another title. The 6- foot-5 senior was ruled ineligible by the Ohio High School Athletic for accepting two free T-shirts, jerseys from a Cleveland clothing store. A judge later reinstated him, reducing his punishment to a two-game suspension.

"It was part of my career like a roller coaster," James said. "There was ups and downs, there's been a double loop."

James seemed lose and care-free in the jammed postgame news conference. When asked about his plans, such as whether he'll declare for the NBA draft, James smiled, ducked down to the microphone and said, "What's next is party tonight."

Alton had been beaten 73-40 by the Irish in this season. The Knights weren't about to go out again, knowing the game was going to decide the fate of the season.

"It didn't matter. It was spectacular and just too dominant to be put down," James said. "The only three- time My Basketball in Ohio history was far better than everyone on the court."

James made a pair of free throws to put the Irish up 31-25 with about 57 minutes left in the first half. Baskets were off and on, but the Irish led 56-40 with about 9 minutes left in the game.

"The outcome looked like it was decided, but Alter wasn't done. Alter came within 39-36 with less than a minute to play on a three-point play by Adam Gill."

The game opened with SSVS's usual theatrics. James slipped past his man, took a pass down low and threw down a two-handed dunk 19 seconds in, drawing cheers and gasps from the state-tournament record crowd of 18,454.

James笑脸, Saint-Vincent Mary High School's LeBron James reacts to a last minute basket in the Ohio high school championship.

James笑脸, high school basketball

NHL

Wild clinch their first play-off berth

ST. PAUL, Minn. The Minnesota Wild accomplished two significant things Sunday night. One took 21 seconds, and the other was three years in the making.

Minnesota clinched the first playoff appearance in their 3-year history as Matt Johnson scored 21 seconds into the game to spark a 4-0 victory over the Detroit Red Wings.

Minnesota becomes the third expansion team in the past 30 years to advance to the NHL playoffs in its third season of existence. The San Jose Sharks lost in the 1994 conference semifinals, and the Florida Panthers advanced to the 1996 Stanley Cup finals.

Dwayne Roloson had 33 saves for his fourth shutout of the season as Minnesota extended its winning streak to three games. Detroit had its six-game winning streak snapped.

"We played so well as a team tonight," said Roloson. "There weren't many seconds or three shots, and I saw most of them."

about to get blown out in the third period after taking a pass from Marian Gaborik and finding himself alone in front of the Detroit net. Zatkoff faked a backhand shot, which caused Legace to dive, then lifted a fornhand shot over the goal. The Red Wings' attempts to come back were hampered when they were whistled for a pair of penalties in the final five minutes. Minnesota's Antti Laaksonen scored an empty-net goal with 1:41 to play, and Jeremy Stevenson scored with 18 seconds left to clinch the victory. Afterward, the Red Wings were complimentary of the Wild, whom they face again on Tuesday in Detroit.

"They play a good system like the top teams in the league," said Lou Rohtliebe. "They stick to the system no matter what they do, and it's paid off. They seem to find a way to win a lot of games."

Legace had 17 saves for Detroit.

"Thank you!" and "Congratulations!" to the over 200 students and staff of the Appalachia, Children and Poverty, Holy Cross Missions: Hispanic Ministry, Washington, Migrant, L'Arche, and Living the Gospel of Life Seminar.


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"We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men and women."

-Herman Melville
Tiger Woods shoots out of the rough on the 16th hole in his fourth straight victory at the Bay Hill Invitational. He won the tournament by 11 strokes.

Woods wins Bay Hill for the fourth time in a row

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Not even a nasty bout of food poisoning could stop Tiger Woods from winning the Bay Hill Invitational for the fourth straight year.

So sick that he frequently ducked into the bushes and dropped to his knees, Woods still looked as dominant as ever Sunday with a 4-under 68 to win by 11 strokes, the fourth time in his career he has won by double digits.

Woods became the first player in 73 years to win the same tournament four straight times, and the final margin indicates this one was the easiest of all.

That was hardly the case.

Woods, whose girlfriend collapsed Friday outside the clubhouse with food poisoning, came down with it himself after eating spaghetti on the eve of the final round.

He threw up three times during the first five holes and often stopped in his tracks and doubled over, wining in pain. When he limped in for par on the final hole, he had just enough strength left on a rainy afternoon to raise his right arm and salute the crowd.

Woods finished at 19-under 269 and became the first player since Gene Sarazen in the Miami event four straight times.

Brad Faxon missed a 6-foot par putt on the 18th hole that cost him $189,000. He had a 74 and dropped into a four-way tie for second with Kirk Triplett (70), Kenny Perry (71) and Stewart Cink (72).

An anticipated showdown between Woods and Ernie Els never materialized, with the South African finishing 19 strokes back after a 77 Sunday.

Arnold Palmer owns the Bay Hill Club & Lodge. Woods owns the tournament.

The 11-stroke victory was the largest margin in the 25-year history of Bay Hill, breaking by two the previous mark, set by Fred Couples in 1992.

It matched the third-largest margin in Woods' career, behind his 15-stroke victory in the 2000 U.S. Open and his 12-stroke win in the 1997 Masters. Woods also won at Firestone by 11 shots in 2000, when he could barely see the 18th green because of darkness.

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Woods had the advantage of a five- stroke lead to start the final round, and in the steady rain and sloppy conditions made it difficult for anyone to make a run at him. His job was to make pars, and that's what Woods did.

A poor swing on the par-3 second hole left him 90 feet from the hole, and his first putt came up 15 feet below the cup. Woods made that one for par, then holed a 12-footer for par on the next hole after a weak chip.

Woods ended everyone else's hopes on the par-5 fourth hole with a 230-yard shot from 265 yards in the rain to within 12 feet for eagle.

That increased his lead to eight strokes, and the only thing left to determine was the margin of victory and whether Woods could finish the round. He frequently stopped in his tracks, doubled over in pain and gritted his teeth.

Everyone else was spinning their wheels.

It was the 12th time Woods has won a PGA Tour event by at least four shots.

Woods won for the 37th time in his career, 11th most in history.

He earned $810,000 and again leads the PGA Tour money list with over $2.8 million in just four tournaments, after missing the first five weeks while recovering from knee surgery.

This is only the second time in his career that Woods has won three times before the Masters, and he still has The Players Championship next week.

The other time was 2000, when Woods turned in one of the greatest seasons in golf with nine victories and three straight majors. This is shaping up to be another bonanza.

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The Wizards dropped 1½ games of their team's previous career high of 37 set Feb. 11 against idle Milwaukee for the eighth consecutive season for the first time in nine years, scoring five points in the second overtime as the Wildcats held off the ninth-seeded Bulldogs in a double-overtime thriller against top-seeded Arizona.

If the Wildcats win the national championship, they will always know that this was the one that came a few missed shots by Gonzaga from ruining it all. Salim Stoudamire, quiet most of the intense stretch, committed a turnover with 22 seconds on the clock with the score tied at 104-101, and Jamison hit a 3 with 308 left for a 107-101 lead. The Wizards' 68 points were their most for a half this season, topping their 96-95 win over Gonzaga nearly escape Bulldogs.

Wildcats narrowly escape Bulldogs

Arenas leads Warriors past Wizards

Gilbert Arenas scored a career-high 41 points and Antawn Jamison added 37 points and 11 rebounds as Golden State spoiled Michael Jordan's last game in Oakland, defeating the Washington Wizards 113-107 Sunday night.

Jordan missed two shots down the stretch, committed a turnover with 22 seconds left and was held scoreless on 0-for-4 shooting in the fourth quarter, finishing with 24 points and five rebounds before a sellout crowd of 20,149.

The Wizards missed their first five shots in the fourth, and Arenas made a 3 with 2:22 left to tie the game at 93. Arenas' 3-pointer followed by Bobby Sura's three-point play a minute later made it 104-101, and Jamison hit a 3 with 308 left for a 107-101 lead.

The team that topped the national rankings for 13 weeks couldn't shake the cool, aggressive Bulldogs. The Zags went to the round of 16 three of the last four years, and to the regional finals in 1999. They were anything but rusty for the Wildcats, who shot 52 percent in the first half and still found themselves trailing by three at the break.

Arenas' bench rushes the court in celebration of their 96-95 double-overtime win over Gonzaga after their second round NCAA win. Arizona will meet Notre Dame in the West Regional semifinals.

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Irish split tough weekend series

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

After suffering several close 4-3 defeats to top teams this spring, the Irish finally registered their first big win of the season — without the services of one of their top players.

Senior Brian Farrell, who defeated No. 48 Virginia Tech 5-2, and with the victory the Irish (6-9, 1-0) moved into first place in the Big East. This came one day after the Irish suffered a 6-1 loss to No. 12 Minnesota Saturday.

After being the first Big East opponents for the Irish, and Notre Dame will meet its second and last, regular season conference opponent when the team travels to No. 22 Miami Mar. 30.

The Hurricanes lost to the Hokies 5-2 in Miami earlier in the season, so the Irish are especially pleased with the weekend's accomplishment. For the second match in a row, Notre Dame was also without junior tri-captain Matt Scott, his No. 2 singles player, because he became ill during Saturday's match with Minnesota.

The Irish began the weekend when the bottom two teams claimed the doubles point. The No. 5, pair of senior Brian Farrell and junior Luis Haddock won, 6-2. No. 4, Andrew Dukakov and Grant Reynolds clinched the point. Sophomore Paul McNaughton replaced Scott in the No. 1 doubles match. McNaughton and D'Amico lost 6-2 to the Hokies' Andreas Lauland and Stephane Rod.

After the singles matches were completed the score was tied 2-2 with the remaining matches all straight sets. Senior Brian Farrell registered his first ever upset of a ranked player when he defeated No. 64 Saber Kadiiri to put the Irish within a point of victory. Farrell survived three sets to come out on top, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Then freshman Patrick Buchanan came through with the clutch for the Irish. Playing the No. 5 flight, he topped Michael Kurz, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

With the contest settled, Haddock triumphed over the Hokies' Francis Huit, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Then sophomore Brent D'Amico, playing at No. 2 for just the second time in his career, commanded Laulund in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

Saturday the Irish fell to 1-6 in the Eck Tennis Pavilion after going 10-0 there last season. Haddock posted the sole singles victory for Notre Dame when he defeated No. 63 Thomas Haug. Haddock was also part of the only winning Irish doubles team.

Along with Farrell, he beat Eric Robertson and Avery Ticer, 8-3.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Win streak ends in loss to Tribe

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Irish extended their home winning streak Saturday to three matches as they defeated Iowa 4-3, but No. 3 William and Mary put that streak to an end Sunday with their 4-3 win over the 27th-ranked Irish.

The Irish have only two more home contests on their schedule, and both of those arrive this weekend. Against the Tribe Sunday, Notre Dame started off promising as the Irish pulled out a 2-0 lead.

The Tribe then took the next two singles matches to even out the score and ultimately prevented the upset, as the Irish dropped to 8-7 on the season.

Junior Alicia Salas and freshman Laurens Connolly helped the Irish begin the morning match ahead as they trumped Megan Muth and Lena Sherbakov, 8-2. Then junior Caylan Leslie and freshman Jennifer Smith registered a point-clinching doubles win over Kari Olsen and Lingda Yang.

With Leslie's upset of No. 26 Candice Fuchs, it looked like the day was going to end in favor of the Irish.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Offense lacking as Belles win 1, lose 2 over weekend

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team did as much firepower to the plate this weekend and went 1-2 in an Indianapolis tourney, but they still sit comfortably on a 10-5 overall record.

The Belles defeated Olivet Nazarene University 2-1 in their third game, but lost to the University of St. Francis and Indiana University East on Saturday. In a 1-0 loss to St. Francis, the two teams combined only for five hits. freshman Jackie Zurherr and juniors Katrina Tebbe and Erin Sullivan had the only hits for Saint Mary's.

It was the same story against Judson College for coach Anna Welsh's squad, as the Belles dropped the contest 2-1. Sullivan and Tebbe each had one hit, and freshman Kate Sajewich reached base for the only three hits of the game.

In its third game, the team rose to the occasion against Welsh's alma mater, No. 10 Olivet Nazarene University, where Welsh was an assistant coach in 2001.

Saint Mary's recorded seven hits in a 2-1 victory that saw Sajewich shine on offense and defense for the Belles, giving up only five hits and striking out six.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, following two one-out singles by Susan Kutz and Tebbe, Sajewich drove in both runs with a game-winning, two-run RBI to right center field. Sajewich and Tebbe both had two hits in the game.

The Irish did not play to our potential in the first two games, however we did in game three," Welsh said. "Olivet Nazarene University has a good team and we were able to play a solid seven innings, both defensively and offensively, and behind great pitching by Sawich. That game will prepare us for conference starting Saturday.

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Tournament-tested Miller brings Irish to sweet success

ILLINOIS cut the Notre Dame lead to six on a Brown free throw, but the Irish responded with a Timmerman layup and a Chris Quinn 3-pointer to give the Irish a 22-23 lead with 7:42 remaining in the half.

Notre Dame went up by 12 on another Carroll 3-pointer, before Illinois cut the Irish lead to 42-34 with 1:29 left before halftime.

But Miller answered the Illini run with a long 3-pointer to put the Irish ahead 45-34. Brown missed a layup on Irish' next possession. Thomas then took the ball, raced through the lane and finger rolled a layup with three seconds remaining to put the Irish up 47-34 at the half.

"The way they came out and ran the first half, no one would have been able to beat that Illinois team," coach Bill Self said. "We got a lot of looks. They just didn't fall today."

Carroll couldn't believe the way the Irish shot the ball during the first 20 minutes of the game.

"...I feel like we didn't miss any shots. ... if they're hitting twos and you're hitting threes, you're going to win," Miller said.

Notre Dame guard

In Indianapolis

In a room in a hotel, one senior starter turned to another to ask for help.

Matt Carroll was nursing a sore right ankle — an injury that might have kept lesser men from playing — and trying to do something he'd never done in his college career.

Carroll wanted to advance to the Sweet Sixteen. So he talked to the one player on Notre Dame's team who had.

On the eve of Notre Dame's second-round game against Illinois, Carroll looked at Dan Miller, his roommate on the road, and said, "I've never been there, man. I want to get there so bad."

Miller simply responded, "I'm going to get you there, man.

Games like Saturday's are why Mike Brey originally accepted a senior transfer two years ago, a player who could help fill the leadership void the Irish would suddenly have. This is why Brey said Miller, who has played in 12 NCAA Tournament games and a Final Four, could help the Irish make a run in March.

But even Brey have imagined how much Miller would have provided the late-season leadership the Irish would need to enter the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 1987.

Known more for his scowl than his smile on the basketball court, a player who operates in the shadow of the more prolific Carroll and Chris Thomas. Miller all but carried Notre Dame to its biggest win in a decade by scoring a career-high 23 points.

And he did it in his customary first, talk later manner.

"It was fitting that the oldest guy led us," Brey said.

When Torin Francis tumbled to the ground in the first half after battling for a rebound, Miller reached down to pull the freshman to his feet. When the Irish needed an offensive lift, Miller loosed 3-pointers with deadly accuracy. When Carroll drained a 3-pointer from the corner, Miller simply raised his hands in celebration as he walked backward.

When the Irish dropped out of the Big East, the Irish spent a week trying to figure out Miller not to hang his hat on his jump shot. But after Miller drained 5-of-5 3-pointers in a first-half shooting clinic, the Irish coach could only shake his head in disbelief.

Even Miller wasn't quite sure what to think when his third 3-pointer sailed through the net with 48 seconds to play in the first half, giving the Irish a 45-34 lead. But as he ran back toward midcourt, he shimmered his arms a little bit and a smile briefly crossed his face — a huge display of emotion for a player who sometimes looks like he'd rather be having a root canal instead of playing basketball.

They say experience is one of the most valuable things in the NCAA Tournament, with the last few national champions having teams loaded with senior leaders. They say a talented, youthful team can tumble to a team more accustomed to playing in March.

That might have been true in Notre Dame's game against Illinois, where the Irish started just one senior and the Irish started two, including one with Final Four experience and one with a burning desire to reach the Sweet Sixteen for the first time in his career.

But after the game, as the final seconds ticked down while Brey excitedly pumped his fist and the Irish hopped around in a mass bear hug, Miller simply stood by himself, staring at the ceiling, thinking thoughts that nobody else could know.

In short, while the rest of the Irish celebrated, Miller looked like a man who had been there before.

And a man who isn't content just by making the second weekend of the tournament.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Maggie Jordan didn't win a bout against 20 previous attempts. But she saved her first win of the day for the perfect time.

With the national championship still undecided, the Irish were ahead by less than five points when Jordan and teammate Stephanie O'Neill in the last round of the women's saber competition.

Milo had won her first bout, but Jordan dropped her first one when her pivot ball was out. Jordan won 5-2.

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HOCKEY

Irish blow lead, ousted from playoffs by Buckeyes

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

DETOUR
For Notre Dame to stand a chance against No. 13 Ohio State in the CCHA Super Six, they knew they had to stop talented Buckeye center and first-team all-CCHA member R.J. Umberger. They did just that, keeping Umberger off the scoreboard all game and forcing him into taking penalties. Unfortunately, they didn’t count on senior forward T.J. Latorre and freshman defender Nate Guenin stepping up for the Buckeyes.

Latorre scored his first goal of the season and Guenin scored just his second of the year. which would end up being the eventual game-winner, to lead the No. 3 seed Buckeyes to a 3-2 victory over the No. 6 seed Irish at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit on Thursday afternoon.

A little more than six minutes into the third period and with the score tied 2-2, forward Paul Caponigri skated the puck down the left side of the ice before centering to Guenin, who had jumped into the play from the right point. Irish goaltender Morgan Cey tried to get back into position, but Guenin was able to wrist the shot above his glove.

"Obviously, we’re very disappointed in the locker room right now," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "I thought we played well tonight. I liked where we were at the end of the second period. I thought we were checking them well," Poulin said. "We built a game plan around stopping R.J. Umberger, and I thought our guys, particularly Aaron Gill and John Wrbowski, did a great job doing that."

It was the Irish who had the most offensive pressure early in the first period, before the Buckeyes came back with an offensive flurry of their own, but neither team was able to score. The Irish outshot the Buckeyes 9-8 in the period.

The Buckeyes came out strong at the start of the second period and finally cracked the scoreboard a little more than two and a half minutes in. Forward Dave Steckel went a beautiful pass to junior Chris Olsgard who remained untouched. Olsgard lowed the puck down the right side of the ice before centering back to Latorre, who beat Cey low for a 1-0 lead.

The goal ended Cey’s shutout streak at 147:19, an impressive feat that spanned four hockey games and included two shutouts. He had blanked the opposition since the 15:25 mark of the third period in the opening game of the Miami Series on March 14.

The Irish kept up its offensive pressure and managed to tie the game six and a half minutes later when sophomore forward Brad Wanchulak scored his second goal of the season after sloppy puck handling by Ohio State netminder Mike Betz.

Freshman forward Mike Walsh beat a Buckeye defense­man to the puck and tried to center to junior forward Rob Globke. Betz came out of goal to make the pass away, but Wanchulak was trailing the play and shot the loose puck into the net.

The Irish gained the lead five minutes later, after a terrific individual effort by senior forward Connor Dunlop. Dunlop blocked a pass by a Buckeye defenseman and then carried the puck down in the left side. He saw Globke coming through the point and made a cross-ice pass to get him the puck. Globke then went around Betz before beating the goalie high with a wrist shot.

The Irish were unable to end the second period with the lead, however. With a little more than two minutes left in the period, Kesler poked a loose puck in the crease between Cey’s pads to tie the game at 2-2. Notre Dame out­shot the Buckeyes 8-5 in the period.

The third period was all Buckeyes as Cey made several nice point-blank stops before Guenin’s game-winning goal. The Irish were outshot 9-3 in the final period and 25-22 for the game.

Notre Dame had a great chance to win the game at 1:16 when sophomore forward Michael Chin, Connor Dunlop, Evan Nielsen, Jake Wingard, John Wrbowski and Tony Zasowski played their last game in an Irish uniform.

"This is a tough way to end my career," Nielsen, who is also a captain, said. "I’ve had a good four years here. I’ve made a lot of friends and had some great experiences. That’s what I want to take away from Notre Dame." Cey, who was a crucial factor in Notre Dame’s first round upset of Miami of Ohio, commented on his team’s season following the disappointing loss, the third straight year that the Irish have been ousted in the first round of the Super Six.

"Getting to the Joe [Louis Arena] was really expected of us this year. As the year progressed, I think a lot of people thought we had a disappointing season, but we stuck together through the ups and downs," Cey said.

The Irish return 20 players next season, including team­leading scorers Globke and number-one goaltender Cey.

"There’s a lot of really talented guys coming back next year," Nielsen said.

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Irish survive, thanks to leadership and persistence

MANHATTAN, Kan. If Notre Dame proved anything in its 70-62 victory against Arizona Saturday night, it was simply that the NCAA tournament is all about surviving.

Sure, the Irish could have given it a seeing-to in the first half en route to shooting an atrocious 19.4 percent. But there was Jacqueline Batteast's 1-for-16 performance from the field. (For those scoring at home, that equates to an impressive 3.9 percent shooting percentage.) And yes, Notre Dame was outrebounded 52-43, including giving up a 28-15 edge on the offensive glass.

But the only stat that matters in this tournament is wins.

Advantage Notre Dame.

Despite only shooting 29.1 percent for the game and looking sloppy at times with six shot clock turnovers, the Irish upset the Wildcats to advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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Sure, the Irish could have given it a seeing-to in the first half en route to shooting an atrocious 19.4 percent. But there was Jacqueline Batteast's 1-for-16 performance from the field. (For those scoring at home, that equates to an impressive 3.9 percent shooting percentage.) And yes, Notre Dame was outrebounded 52-43, including giving up a 28-15 edge on the offensive glass.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Shaved Irish scalp Illini

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When asked what he thought about his team shaving their heads before the NCAA tournament, Notre Dame coach Mike Brey could only shake his head and laugh.

"If they play offense, I don't care what they do," Brey said. The Irish did just that Saturday afternoon against Illinois, and now they're advancing to the Sweet Sixteen for the first time since 1987.

Dan Miller had 23 points, including five first-half 3-pointers, and Notre Dame held their second straight opponent to under 35 percent shooting, en route to a 68-60 victory over the Illini.

"Our defense won the basketball game for us today," said Brey, who celebrated his 44th birthday Saturday. "It's an area where we know we needed to be better at if we wanted to win any game in this tournament. Chris Thomas added 17 points, including three 3-pointers, and Matt Cloer limped his way to 11 points for the Irish, who will face top-seeded Arizona Thursday in Anaheim, Calif.

"This is huge for our program," Brey said. "In the summer, we talked about playing on the second weekend. I'm happy this group set a goal and achieved it. They should be proud of themselves."

Brey also credited the superb play of Miller, who has played in 12 NCAA tournament games in his college career, as the difference in the basketball game.

"Dan Miller was fabulous and that's one of the reasons we invested in him," Brey said. "He's made us an overall tougher team. There's no question he has talked in our locker room on what it takes to advance. He has helped us take the next step."

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The Irish jumped out to an early 8-0 lead on 3-pointers by Miller and Carroll and two Torin Francis free throws. Francis, who scored 23 against Wisconsin-Milwaukee Thursday, was held to only two points, but did pull down 14 rebounds for the Irish.

Brown then knocked down a jumper and a 3-pointer to cut the Irish lead to 8-5. Notre Dame extended their lead to nine, at 16-7, when Thomas nailed another 3-pointer. The Irish drilled 11 of their 16 3-pointers in the first half.

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish knock off Wildcats

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MANHATTAN, Kan. - Just when it seemed no one on the court could hit a shot, Alicia Ratay found hers and sent Notre Dame into the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the eighth straight year. The Irish guard overcame a poor first half of shooting to score 20 points, including three second-half 3-pointers, and grabbed nine rebounds to lead 11th-seeded Notre Dame to an upset victory over sixth-seed- ed Arizona 59-47 Sunday night at Kansas State University. Notre Dame will now host Kansas State for a spot in the Sweet Sixteen Tuesday.

"She played, probably, her most complete game of this season," said Irish coach Muffet McGraw, who picked up her 450th victory as Notre Dame's head coach. "Defensively, we called her number every single time down the floor for awhile there. Rebounding, stealing — she did it all tonight. Obviously, it was great to see her step up like that as a senior."