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THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

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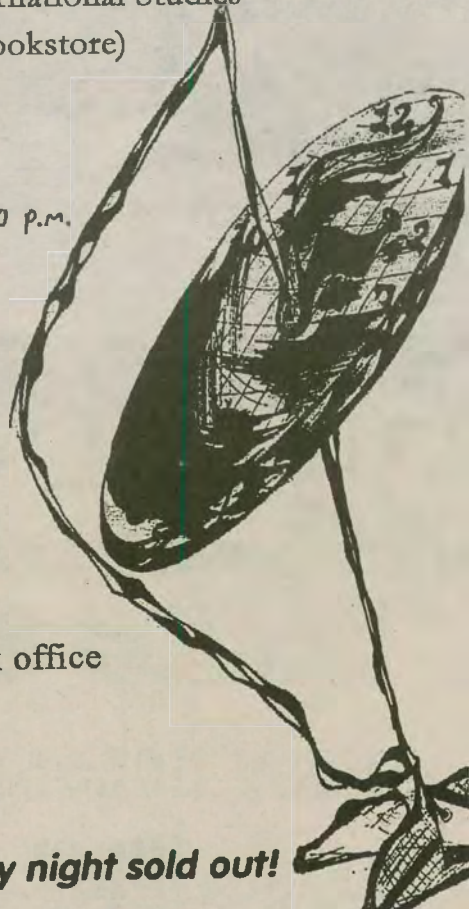
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Junior Troy Murphy rips a rebound away from a Cincinnati player earlier this season. A pre-season favorite for Player of the Year Honors, Murphy will lead the Irish into tonight's game.

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"I think our No. 1 key is going to have to be our defense in shutting down their shooters," Irish guard Matt Carroll said. "They've got a lot of big guys, and we're going to have to play consistent defense the whole game."

While the Commodores 3-point shooting percentage is well below Notre Dame's nationally leading 54 percent; the Commodores are still averaging about eight 3-pointers per game. Notre Dame sharp shooters Carroll, David Graves and Martin Ingelsby have fans expecting the ball to drop through the net every time they let one loose from behind the arc, but 3-point shooting won't be enough for an Irish victory.

"We really have to be able to defend their 3-point shots," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "That gives them momentum and gets their building going, their home court crowd."

"I hope we just don't come down and shoot 3s on each other because we certainly want to get touches to our big guys down low, Troy [Murphy] and Ryan [Humphrey] and Harold [Swanagan]."

Vanderbilt should challenge Notre Dame on the boards with five players on its roster who are 6-foot-7 or taller. Williams averages nearly 10 boards per game and is helped by LaPointe's contributions.

Defensive rebounding in the second half against No. 17

Cincinnati last Saturday helped Notre Dame pull out the victory. Humphrey and Murphy, Notre Dame's power tandem down low, average 9.3 and 8.3 rebounds apiece, respectively.

"Rebounding and defense are the keys to winning any game," Humphrey said, "When we play defense, our offense will take care of itself."

Notre Dame fell short in its last two matches with Vanderbilt, despite Graves going for a career-high 33 points a year ago. The Irish would like nothing more than to strike back at the Commodores.

"Whenever you lose to somebody the year before," Carroll said, "you always want to go out and beat them. Especially losing to them in the way that we lost to them, that makes you just want to beat them even more."

The Vandy homecourt advantage won't make the Irish search for revenge any easier.

Memorial Gymnasium is the only Division I arena that has team benches beneath the baskets instead of along the sidelines. The arena, with a seating capacity of 14,100, is a loud one that throws opposing teams off balance.

"This is going to be a tougher challenge than Cincinnati," Brey said. "People don't really understand that, but we're going to have to play on their homecourt. Our demeanor and our communication is going to have to be excellent, because we're not going to be able to hear."

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