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By advancing to the finals in its first-ever ACC Women's Basketball Tournament, top-seeded and nationally second-ranked Notre Dame moved to 31-0 and set the standard for the longest winning streak in program history, surpassing the previous mark of 30 straight wins set last season.

At 31-0, Notre Dame improved on the best start in program history, bettering the 23-0 debut by the 2000-01 team.

With a win over the 14th-ranked Wolfpack, the Fighting Irish defeated their 10th ranked opponent of the season and their fourth in the past five games. Notre Dame will face yet another ranked opponent in Sunday night's ACC Tournament title game in either second-seeded/10th-ranked Duke or sixth-seeded/13th-ranked North Carolina.

Since the start of the 2011-12 season, Notre Dame owns a 37-5 (.881) record against ranked teams.

The Fighting Irish are now 3-0 all-time versus NC State. Saturday's game marked the first between the schools in postseason play.

Notre Dame will enter Sunday night's ACC Tournament Championship Game with a 10-1 all-time record when playing in the state of North Carolina, including wins in each of its last seven such games. The Fighting Irish are 21-2 (.913) all-time against North Carolina schools, including an active 11-game winning streak.

The Fighting Irish will play in their fourth straight conference tournament championship game after reaching the Big East finals in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

With her team-high 16 points on Saturday night, Notre Dame sophomore guard Jewell Loyd scored in double figures for the 36th straight game, extending the second-longest streak in program history.

The Fighting Irish had four double-figure scorers for the 22nd time this season, improving to 97-5 in such games over the past five seasons, including wins in 67 of the last 68 contests.

With two assists, Notre Dame freshman guard Lindsay Allen has 118 for the season, breaking the previous school record of assists by a rookie set by Mary Gavin, who had 116 in 1984-85.

NC State was without the services of second team All-ACC selection Markeisha Gatling in Saturday evening's game. The senior center injured her knee in Friday's quarterfinal versus Syracuse. Gatling is averaging 17.6 points and 7.1 rebounds per game.

Freshman guard Miah Spencer was the Wolfpack's leading scorer with 11 points. Spencer has now scored in double figures in 13 games this season, including in six consecutive.

NC State's Kody Burke, a second team All-ACC selection and recipient of the ACC's Weaver-James-Corrigan postgraduate scholarship, completed the ACC Tournament averaging a double-double with 12.5 pts and 10 rebounds per game.