

2004 Notre Dame
Women's Soccer
(2-0-0)

August

27 Baylor W, 7-2
29 Eastern Illinois W, 3-0

September

Notre Dame Adidas Classic

5 SMU vs. Santa Clara 5:00
ND vs. Stanford 7:30
7 SMU vs. Stanford 11:30
ND vs. Santa Clara 1:30
10 at Arizona State 7:00
12 at Texas Tech 1:00
17 at Connecticut* 7:00
19 at Syracuse* 1:00
24 Pittsburgh* 7:30
26 Wis.-Green Bay 1:00

October

1 West Virginia* 7:00
3 Providence* 1:00
8 Villanova* 4:00
10 Georgetown* 1:00
16 Boston College* 7:30
22 Rutgers* 7:30
24 Seton Hall* 1:00
28 at Michigan 3:00
30 BIG EAST Quarterfinals
(campus sites)

November

BIG EAST Champ. (@UConn)

5 Semifinals
7 Final
12 NCAA First Round
(campus sites)
14 NCAA Second Rd (1:00)
(campus sites)
19- NCAA Third Round TBA
21 (campus sites)
26- NCAA Quarterfinals TBA
28 (campus sites)

December

NCAA College Cup
(SAS Stadium; Cary, NC)

3 Semifinals
5 Final

* – BIG EAST Conf. Game

All times local to site

Rankings indicate NSCAA poll

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND Adidas Classic ... Sept. 3 and 5, 2004

Notre Dame Adidas Classic Schedule (at Alumni Field)

Friday, Sept. 3

Southern Methodist vs. Santa Clara 5:00 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Stanford 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 5

Southern Methodist vs. Stanford 11:30 a.m.
Notre Dame vs. Santa Clara 1:30 p.m.

Rankings: Notre Dame is No. 2 in this week's national polls while Santa Clara is ranked as high as 4th (by *Soccer America* and *Soccer Buzz*), Stanford is ranked as high as 13th (by SA) and SMU is 23rd in the *Soccer Buzz* poll.

ELITE FIELD RETURNS TO ALUMNI FIELD – The Notre Dame women's soccer team – fresh off an impressive opening weekend (7-2 vs. Baylor, 3-0 vs. Eastern Illinois), led by BIG EAST player of the week **Katie Thorlakson** – again will play host to one of the nation's top college tournaments of 2004 (Sept. 3 and 5), with the elite field including the No. 2-ranked Irish, 4th-ranked Santa Clara (0-0-1), a Stanford squad (1-0-0) that is ranked as high as 13th and an SMU team (1-0-1) that is #23 in the *Soccer Buzz* poll ... all four teams in the 2004 ND Adidas Classic advanced to the 2003 NAAs while combining for a 61-19-11 record in '03 (ND 20-3-1, SMU 17-3-2, SCU 14-4-6 and Stanford 10-9-2) ... the previous five seasons saw great success for Notre Dame ('99 NCAA runner-up; top-ranked and NCAA semifinalist in '00; ranked No. 2 most of '03), Santa Clara (top-ranked and NCAA semifinalist in '99; '01 NCAA champs; '02 NCAA runner-up) and Stanford (top-ranked for most of '02).

INFORMATION HIGHWAY – Gametracker live stats for all games at Alumni Field (including non-ND games) can be accessed via the main page at www.und.com ... **internet audio** broadcasts also will be provided for this weekend's Notre Dame games and select future games in the 2004 season ... the audio broadcasts are available to College Sports Pass subscribers (see the audio/video link on the und.com main page) ... game recaps continue to be available via the ND Sports **Hotline** at (574) 631-3000 (press "4" for soccer information and then "2" for women's soccer results).

FAMILIAR FOES – The Notre Dame women's soccer team has plenty of history with Stanford and Santa Clara ... in fact, this will mark the fourth time in the last five years that ND was slated to play the Cardinal and Broncos in the same week (also at the 2000 ND Keybank Classic, the '03 SCU Classic and in 2001 with ND's games at SCU and Stanford were called off due to the Sept. 11 attacks) ... Stanford also played in Notre Dame tournaments during the 1992 and '95 seasons while Santa Clara was part of the field in the 2002 ND Classic ... the previous five seasons also featured two NCAA tournament games for ND vs. SCU ('99, '00) and Stanford ('99, '02).

SCOUTING THE CARDINAL – Stanford (1-0-0) is ranked as high as 13th in this week's national polls (by *Soccer America*), after opening with a 3-0 win at No. 24 Utah and now has won its last 17 season openers ... senior F Marcie Ward – who missed the '03 season due to injury – scored twice vs. the Utes, with Leah Tapscott adding a goal (Stanford held 6-2 edges in shots and corner kicks) ... the Cardinal return 7 starters and 16 of 22 letterwinners from their 2003 team that went 10-9-2 overall, finished 3rd in the Pac-10 (5-3-1) and lost to Santa Clara in the 1st round of the NAAs (0-1) ... other top players include senior All-America goalkeeper Nicole Barnhart (0.79 goals-against avg. in '03), senior F Natalie Sanderson (3G-1A in '03) and junior F/M/D Jen Farenbaugh (7G-4A in '03; dnp vs. Utah) ... junior twins Hayley and Lindsey Hunt are among the defensive leaders for the Cardinal ... freshman D Rachel Buehler will miss the 2004 fall season while competing with the U.S. Under-19 National Team (alongside Notre Dame F Kerri Hanks).

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER
BY THE NUMBERS

981:02

Erika Bohn's shutout streak in 2003 (5th in NCAA history)

.716 (26-10-1)

ND's all-time NCAA Tournament winning pct. (2nd in women's soccer history)

277-9-11 (.951)

ND's all-time record when holding opponent to 0-1 goals (82-3-4 since Sept. 9, 1999)

201-3-1 (.983)

ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (105-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995)

96-19-4 (.824)

Randy Waldrum's record at Notre Dame

50

Home win streak vs. BIG EAST teams ('95-)

40-7

1st-half goalscoring edge in '03 (7-0 in '04)

28

All-Americans (since 1994)

24-11-3

ND vs. NSCAA top-25 teams, since 1999

24

ND-record streak w/out all. 2+ gls ('00 and '03)

22

Players who posted GPA of 3.0-plus in 2004 spring semester (13 with 3.4-plus)

17

Number of home states and provinces (plus Iceland and Finland) on 2004 ND roster

17-3-2

All-time record in home tournaments

16

ND's current unbeaten OT streak (12-0-4)

16

Team record for consecutive games without facing a deficit (2003)

12

Notre Dame alums in the WUSA ('01-'03)

13

Academic All-Americans (since 1995)

12

Notre Dame alums who played in the WUSA

8

Players with multiple-goal games in 2003

7

Mary Boland's points (3G-1A) in '03 opener vs. Hartford (most by ND player since '99)

5

National ranking for ND's 2003 freshman class

3.23

Team's cumulative GPA, as of '04 spring term

3

All-time postseason home losses (30 Ws)

2

National ranking for ND's 2004 freshman class

THE ND-STANFORD SERIES – Notre Dame holds a 4-3-1 series edge vs. Stanford (3-1-0 at home), with wins in four meetings (dating back to ND's 1995 NCAA championship season) prior to a 2002 loss (1-0, NCAA round of 16) followed by a 0-0 game at the '03 SCU Classic ... the Irish hold a slim scoring edge in the series (10-8), with the last three games decided by 0-1 goals ... here's a look at the previous eight games:

1992 – The young Irish program (fifth season) drops a 3-0 game to #2 Stanford at the Golden Dome Classic, with goals by Sarah Rafanelli, Jennifer Stephan (2).

1993 – Third-ranked ND's 14-game win streak ends in 3-1 OT loss to #9 Stanford, at the Cardinal Classic ... Michelle McCarthy gives Irish early lead but Rafanelli ties the game and scores in OT, as does Carmel Murphy.

1995 – The #2-ranked Irish set a team record with a 6th straight shutout (2-0), holding #3 Stanford to 4 shots while extending nation's longest regular-season unbeaten streak (32) ... ND opens scoring on rare goal from assist master Holly Manthei while Shannon Boxx (ND Invitational MVP) adds a goal before halftime ... the game marks the return of ND star midfielder Cindy Daws from injury (she helped set up Manthei's goal, minutes after entering).

1996 – Freshman Jenny Streiffer scores twice for the top-ranked Irish in 4-0 win over #18 Stanford, extending ND's road win streak to 14 (24 overall) ... Daws and Monica Gerardo cap a three-goal in flurry in a nine-minute, second-half stretch.

1999 (NCAA round of 16) – Mia Sarkesian scores off the bench in the 81st minute - stopping a clearance and sending 18-yard crossing shot to the upper right corner - as #5 ND holds off #8 Stanford ... the Cardinal were poised to tie in the 83rd minute but Ronnie Fair's PK (after a hand-bal) hits off the left post and stunningly smacks off the right post as well ... Stanford's Kelly Adamson had two near-goals in the 1st half (Vanessa Pruzinsky cleared one off the line, LaKeysia Beene saved a diving header) ... ND posts a 15-9 shot edge (9-6 CKs).

2000 – The #4 Irish beat #10 Stanford at the ND Classic, on an own goal in OT (2-1) ... ND's pressure (18-3 shot edge) forces the GWG ... Carly Smolak makes 15 saves while the Cardinal lose Callie Withers to a red-card in the 82nd minute (after reacting to a foul by pushing down an ND player) ... the regulation goals come on similar sequences, with ND's Amy Warner one-touching her score off a pass from Ashley Dyer in the 35th minute while Kelly Carlson and Celine DeLeon set up a Marcia Wallis' quick counter in the 56th minute ... the game ends when an Anne Makinen pass springs Warner down the right flank ... her low cross is swept away near the right post but the ball deflects off a Stanford player angling back on the play (sliding inside the post with 0:18 left in the first OT).

2001 – A 16-yard crossing shot from Marcia Wallis provides the game's only scoring in the 81st minute, as top-ranked Stanford edges #15 ND in the NCAA round of 16, with a Maloney Field-record 2,629 looking on ... ND All-American Candace Chapman is lost midway through the first half due to a knee injury while Stanford finishes with a narrow 6-5 edge in shots on goal (19-6 in total shots).

2002 (NCAA round of 16) – Marcia Wallis converts a 16-yard crossing shot with nine minutes left as #1 Stanford emerges with a 1-0 victory over #19 Notre Dame, in NCAA third-round action before a record-setting crowd of 2,629 at Maloney Field ... ND sees yet another major injury to the Irish defense midway through the first half (when All-America Candace Chapman leaves the game with an MCL knee injury) ... Stanford, which had allowed just 4 goals all season, owns a 19-6 shot edge (just 6-5 in shots on goal, 7-4 in CKs) ... ND's Erika Bohn makes 5 saves in possibly her best game of 2002.

2003 – Second-ranked Notre Dame creates several scoring chances but is unable to find the net in a scoreless tie with 16th-ranked Stanford at the Santa Clara Classic ... Notre Dame finishes with a 13-7 shot edge (5-2 in shots on goal), including a near-goal by Amanda Guertin in the 66th minute (Nicole Barnhart's leap tips the ball off the crossbar) ... the game marks just the fourth scoreless tie in the ND program's history ... ND holds the Cardinal to just two total shots in the final 65 minutes of play.

VS. THE PAC-10 – Notre Dame owns a 9-3-1 all-time record vs. Pac-10 schools, with all but one of those games coming vs. Stanford (4-3-1) or Washington (4-0-0) – plus the 8-0 win over UCLA in the 1997 NCAA quarterfinals ... Randy Waldrum's career as a women's soccer coach includes a 4-4-3 record vs. the Pac-10 (2-1-1 vs. Stanford, 1-1 vs. UW, 0-1-1 vs. UCLA, 0-1 vs. USC, 0-0-1 vs. Cal and 1-0 vs. Oregon).

FRIEND OR FOE? (part I.) – Several Notre Dame and Stanford players are former teammates or opponents ... ND junior G **Erika Bohn** was a teammate of Stanford senior G **Nicole Barnhart** with the Olympic Developmental Region I team that toured Europe in 2000 (they also trained together at a U.S. Under-21 National Team camp last summer) ... Bohn played club soccer (in Conn.) on the Yankee United Rage with Stanford senior M **Amy Grady** ... ND senior F **Mary Boland** and junior M **Annie Scheffer** are products of the U.S. Under-19 national-team program, as are the following Stanford players: junior D **Hayley Hunt**, senior F **Natalie Sanderson** and sophomore D/M **Rachel Buehler** (currently training for Under-19 World Championship) ... Boland also played alongside Stanford junior **Jenny Farenbaugh** at the Adidas Cup while Scheffer played with Farenbaugh and three other Stanford players (junior M **Leah Tapscott**, Hayley Hunt and her twin sister, junior D **Lindsey Hunt**) in the ODP Region IV program ... ND sophomore D **Christie Shaner** competed alongside Barnhart, Farenbaugh and Hayley Hunt at two Under-21 National Team camps in '04 and earlier was a teammate of Farenbaugh and the Hunt sisters on the U.S. under-16 and u-17 national teams ... ND sophomore M **Jen Buczkowski** was a teammate of Buehler's in the U-19 program ... Buehler is not playing for Stanford this fall while training with the U.S. for the Under-19 World Championships (Buczkowski elected to return to ND for the '04 season) ... ND freshman M **Ashley Jones** competed in regional pools with two Stanford players (freshman M/F **April Wall** and M/D **Lizzie George**) ... ND sophomore F **Molly Iarocci** and Wall are products of the Sereno Eagles club program (they played one year apart).

Notre Dame Career Stats vs. Stanford

Mary **Boland** – 2 GS, 3 Shots

Melissa **Tancredi** – 2 GS

Jen **Buczkowski** – 1 GS, 2 Shots

Christie **Shaner** – 1 GS, 1 Shot

Kim **Lorenzen** – 1 GS

Gudrun **Gunnarsdottir** – 1 GP

Jenny **Walz** – 1 GP

Katie **Thorlaxson** – 2 GS, 1 Shot

Maggie **Manning** – 2 GP, 1 Shot

Annie **Scheffer** – 1 GS, 1 Shot

Candace **Chapman** – 1 GS

Lizzie **Reed** – 1 GP, 1 Shot

Jill **Krivacek** – 1 GP

Erika **Bohn** – 2 GS, 0-1-1, 3 SV, 1 GA, 0.45 GAA

SCOUTING THE BRONCOS – Santa Clara slipped from 2nd to 4th in the national polls after opening last week with a 2-2 tie at Cal Poly ... senior M Leslie Osborne has been tabbed as a preseason All-American and is one of 25 players named to the 2004 preseason watch list for the MAC Hermann Trophy player-of-the-year award (ND's Melissa Tancredi and Candace Chapman also are on that list) ... SCU standout senior D Jessica Ballweg broke her leg late in the Cal Poly game and likely is out for the year ... Osborne has 36 goals and 33 assists in her SCU career (11G-6A in '03), including the first goal at Cal Poly (Megan Kakadelas also scored) ... SCU returns 9 starters and 23 of 27 letterwinners from its 2003 team that finished 14-4-6 overall, won the West Coast Conference title (6-0-1) and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals (3-0 loss to UNC) ... other top returning players include sophomore G Julie Ryder (0.57 GAA in '03), sophomore F Tina Estrada (7G-4A), sophomore F/M Marian Dalmy (6G-2A) and Kakadelas (4G-5A) ... SCU was top-ranked in '99 but lost to Notre Dame in the NCAA semifinals, later winning the NCAA title in '01 and finishing as runner-up to WCC rival Portland in '02 ... SCU's Buck Shaw Stadium is named in honor of the former SCU football coach who was an All-America football player at Notre Dame during the early 1920s.

ND-SCU SERIES NOTES – Notre Dame owns a 5-3-0 series record vs. Santa Clara (3-1 at home, 2-0 in NCAAs) ... the teams played just twice in the first 11 seasons of the ND program ('88-'98) but Sunday's game will be the seventh ND-SCU game in the past six seasons ('99-'04) ... four of the games in the series have seen one of the teams ranked 1st in the NSCAA poll (ND in '95 and '00, SCU in both '99 games) ... the home team is 5-2-0 in the series (four at ND, three at SCU), with the Irish winning a neutral-site game in the 1999 NCAA semifinals ... recent games in the series have seen flurries of goal, as SCU scored four goals in a 20-minute span for a 4-2 win over the Irish in 1999 while ND posted a 6-1 win over SCU at the 2000 Key Bank Classic and SCU scored four 2nd-half goals vs. the Irish in the 2002 ND Classic ... the series includes regular-season games in '99 (4-2 SCU win) and '00 (6-1 ND win, at Keybank Classic), with the Irish winning rematches in the NCAAs (1-0 in '99 semifinal, 2-1 in OT of 2000 quarterfinal, thanks to Meotis Erikson goal, assisted by then-freshmen/current seniors Randi Scheller and Amanda Guertin) ... other meetings include ND's 1-0 home win in '95, SCU's 3-1 home win in '96, SCU's 4-0 win at the '02 ND Classic (scoreless 1st half) and ND's 2-1 win in '03 (Broncos' first-ever loss at the SCU Classic).

TOURNAMENT TOUGH – Notre Dame owns an 83-25-7 all-time record (.752) in tournament action, including 35-13-6 in regular-season tournaments (17-3-2 at home, with 55-22 scoring edge), 23-1-0 in conference tournaments and 25-11-1 in the NCAAs ... beginning with the 1994 season (which ended with an NCAA runner-up finish), Notre Dame owns a 23-6-3 record in regular-season tournaments – with 17 of those wins coming vs. ranked teams ... since '94, the Irish have lost just six regular-season tournament games: vs. UNC twice (2-0 in '95, in Houston; 3-2 at the '99 KBC), vs. SCU in '96 and '02 (3-1 at Duke, 4-0 at ND), vs. SMU in 1999 (1-0; in Klein, Texas, minus star player [Anne Makinen](#)) and vs. Portland in '02 (1-0, at ND) – with ties vs. UNC (0-0 in '94, in St. Louis), Duke (2-2 in '95, in Houston), UNC again (2-2 at '97 LFC) and Stanford in '03 (0-0, at SCU) ... from 1997-2004, the Irish went 18-4-2 in regular-season tournaments.

RECAPPING THE FIRST EIGHT ND-SCU GAMES

at #6 ND 1, #7 SCU 0 (10/8/95) – Monica Gerardo's goal in the 52nd minute (assisted by Holly Manthei and Michelle McCarthy) provides the only scoring ... SCU holds a 12-7 shot edge and 9-0 corner-kick margin ... Gerardo scores after slipping behind the defense and taking a feed from McCarthy .. SCU's Mikka Hansen clangs a 12-yard shot off the far post in the 27th minute.

at #9 SCU 3, #1 ND 1 (10/13/96) – ND's team-record 24-game win streak ends, in front of a Buck Shaw Stadium record crowd (3,714) ... SCU's Mikka Hansen opens the scoring in the 28th minute before Irish D Kate Fisher knocks home a 25-yard shot shortly before halftime ... Hansen's cross sets up Jacqui Little's header goal in the 58th minute and Samantha Obara's breakaway in the 83rd minute caps the scoring, 10 minutes after ND freshman D was red-carded (forcing the Irish to play with 10 players).

at #1 SCU 4, #6 ND 2 (10/17/99) – SCU scores 4 in an early 9-minute span, before another record crowd (4,051) at Buck Shaw ... Aly Wagner scores twice (first on PK) while Mandy Clemens and Devyn Hawkins (header) round out the scoring spree ... 2nd-half goals by ND's Anne Makinen and Jen Grubb cap the scoring ... the Broncos finish with a 16-8 shot edge and a 6-3 corner-kick margin.

#5 ND 1, #1 SCU 0 (12/3/99, NCAA semifinal, San Jose) – SCU fails to cash in a 17-3 shot advantage (plus 7-1 on corner kicks) while Ali Lovelace scores in the 75th minute ... fellow freshman Nancy Mikacenic sets up the goal with a mid-field header on a kick from SCU 'keeper Crystal Gordon ... Lovelace races down the left side and rolls a crossing shot past Gordon's outstretched body for her fourth goal of '99 (all in the postseason) ... LaKeysia Beene makes seven saves for the Irish while stopping several other tough crosses and thru-balls ... 14,006 fans at Spartan Stadium represent the largest crowd ever to see an NCAA women's soccer semifinal or final.

at #4 ND 6, #2 SCU 1 (9/8/00) – Anne Makinen has a hand in half of the goals for ND while drawing postgame praise from SCU coach Jerry Smith as "the best overall player in college soccer" ... SCU plays without two top players, D Danielle Slayton (U.S. Olympic team) and M Aly Wagner (quad pull) ... Meotis Erikson notches the game's first goal on a clever move in the 18th minute ... after SCU senior F Kathleen Celio scores, a patented thru-ball from Makinen sets up another tricky Irish goal-this time from speedy Amy Warner ... with SCU pressing for the equalizer midway through the second half, Makinen's outlet springs Amanda Guertin for the critical third Irish goal ... the hosts tack on three more scores in the final 10 minutes, including a PK from Makinen and a pair of goals from junior reserve Kelly Tulisaiak ... Liz Wagner makes six timely saves for the biggest win of her first season as the Irish starter (until the next ND-SCU game) ... the game marks the first time SCU is outshot in 19 games and is the most goals by a SCU opponent in 20 years (ND also becomes the first SCU opponent with 20-plus shots since '94).

at #1 ND 2, #24 SCU 1, OT (11/24/00, NCAA quarterfinal) – Meotis Erikson scores in the 5th minute of OT, sending the top-ranked Irish on to the NCAA semifinals for the sixth time in seven seasons ... SCU forces OT in dramatic fashion (on an Anna Kraus blast from outside the box, in the 88th minute) and dominates the scoring chances (18-4 shots, 9-3 CKs) but Liz Wagner makes several fantastic stops as part of her eight saves ... the highly-physical game features 19 fouls by each team ... ND plays most of the game without ace defensive M Ashley Dryer (injured in 26th minute) ... two freshmen set up the GWG, as Amanda Guertin chases down a loose ball in the left corner and threads a pass down the endline ... Randi Scheller then keeps the ball moving through the penalty area and Erikson converts at the near left post ... Erikson earlier sets up the first goal with a pass to Ali Lovelace, who ripped a crossing shot from the top left corner of the box in the 17th minute.

#13 SCU 4, at #6 ND 0 (9/6/02) – USC transfer Megan Kakadelas scores the first goal and had the primary assist on another score five minutes later as SCU breaks open a tight game ... ND holds a 7-5 CK edge while SCU owns the shot edge (13-9) ... ND ace defender Vanessa Pruzinsky returns from injury but plays only the first half ... SCU then takes advantage of her departure by scoring four 2nd-half goals ... Kristi Candau (2) and Micaela Esquivel also score (vs. Lauren Kent) .. the game ends ND's scoring streak at 31 games and represents the program's largest margin of defeat ever at home (first home shutout loss since '92).

#2 ND 2, at #18 SCU 1 (9/21/03) – The Irish defense limits SCU to one shot on goal and one corner kick while Katie Thorlakson and Mary Boland assist on each other's goals to hand the Broncos their first-ever loss in the SCU Classic ... Thorlakson, named the tournament's offensive MVP, provides the leftside cross that Boland sweeps into the far side of the goal while and later bangs home Boland's deflected shot at the left post for the 76th-minute gamewinner ... Marian Dalmy's goal in the 63rd minute ultimately would be one of just two times all season that a team came back to tie the Irish ... the game is played in intense heat, with clever substitution by ND allowing Amy Warner to rest before returning to initiate the GWG sequence ... ND holds a 14-5 overall shot edge (6-1 in CKs).

Notre Dame Career Stats vs. Santa Clara

Katie **Thorlakson** – 2 GP, 1 GS, 1G-1A, 1 GWG, 3 Shots

Melissa **Tancredi** – 2 GS (1 at F, 1 at D), 1 Shot

Miranda **Ford** – 2 GP, 1 Shot

Candace **Chapman** – 1 GS, 1 Shot

Jen **Buczowski** – 1 GS

Maggie **Manning** – 1 GP, 1 Shot

Jill **Krivacek** – 1 GP

Kate **Tulisaiak** – 1 GP

Mary **Boland** – 2 GP, 1 GS, 1G-1A, 6 Shots

Gudrun **Gunnarsdottir** – 2 GP, 1 GS

Annie **Schefter** – 1 GS, 2 Shots

Kim **Lorenzen** – 1 GS

Christie **Shaner** – 1 GS

Lizzie **Reed** – 1 GP

Jenny **Walz** – 1 GP

Erika **Bohn** – 1 GS, 1-0-0, 1 GA

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REUNION – The ND-SCU game will feature several players who competed in the 2002 Under-19 World Championship ... the exciting tournament was capped by a 1-0 U.S. win over Canada in the title game, with 47,000 fans in attendance at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium ... current ND junior F **Katie Thorlakson** was a key playmaker for Canada while current ND senior D/F **Candace Chapman** was named all-tournament, playing mostly right back with Canada while also shifting into the central midfield ... three current SCU seniors – forwards **Leslie Osborne** and **Megan Kahadelas** (assist on winning goal vs. Canada) and D **Jessica Ballweg** – played for the U.S. squad that racked up a 26-2 scoring edge ... current ND junior M **Annie Schefter** was on track to be a starter for the U.S. team but was sidelined with a season-ending ACL knee injury in late July of 2002.

ND Home Tournament History

1992 (Golden Dome Classic)

#3 Stanford 3, Central Florida 1
#20 ND 1, #14 Wisconsin 1
Central Florida 2, #14 Wisconsin 2
SMU 3, #20 Notre Dame 0

1993 (Golden Dome Classic)

SMU 2, Wisconsin 1
#3 Notre Dame 3, #6 N.C. State 0
Wisconsin 2, #6 N.C. State 0
#3 Notre Dame 5, SMU 2

1995 (Adidas Classic)

#3 Stanford 3, #9 Vanderbilt 0
#2 Notre Dame 3, #19 Michigan St. 0
Vanderbilt 2, Michigan State 0
#2 Notre Dame 2, #3 Stanford 0
MVP: Shannon Boxx, M (ND)

1996 (Adidas Classic)

#13 Wash. 2, #12 William & Mary 0
#2 Notre Dame 3, #14 Wisconsin 1
#12 Will. & Mary 1, #14 Wis. 0
#2 Notre Dame 4, #13 Wash. 0
Offensive MVP: Holly Manthei (M, ND)
Defensive MVP: Kate Sobrero (D, ND)

1997 (Adidas/Footlocker Classic)

#6 Portland 3, #5 Duke 0
#1 North Carolina 2, #2 ND 2
#1 North Carolina 1, #6 Portland 0
#2 Notre Dame 5, #5 Duke 0
Offensive MVP: Anne Makinen (M, ND)
Defensive MVP: Lorrie Fair (D, UNC)

1998 (Key Bank Classic)

#25 Wake Forest 4, Missouri 1
#3 Notre Dame 3, Indiana 1
Missouri 3, Indiana 2
#3 Notre Dame 3, Wake Forest 0
Offensive MVP: Anne Makinen (M, ND)
Defensive MVP: Jen Grubb (D, ND)

1999 (Key Bank/Adidas Classic)

Duke 2, #4 Connecticut 0
#1 North Carolina 3, #7 ND 2 (OT)
#1 North Carolina 3, #4 UConn 1
#7 Notre Dame 4, Duke 1
Offensive MVP: Kim Patrick (F, UNC)
Def. MVP: Lindsay Stoecker (D, UNC)

2000 (Key Bank/Adidas Classic)

#10 Stanford 3, #6 Connecticut 0
#4 Notre Dame 6, #2 Santa Clara 1
#2 Santa Clara 2, #6 UConn 1 (OT)
#4 Notre Dame 2, #10 Stanford 1 (OT)
Offensive MVP: Anne Makinen (M, ND)
Defensive MVP: Carly Smolak (G, Stan)

2001 (Key Bank/Adidas Classic)

#10 Connecticut 2, #25 Hartford 1 (OT)
#4 Notre Dame 2, #8 Penn State 1
#8 Penn State 2, #10 Connecticut 0
#4 Notre Dame 2, #25 Hartford 0
Off. MVP: Christie Welsh (F, PSU)
Def. MVP: Vanessa Pruzinsky (D, ND)

2002 (Notre Dame Classic)

#18 Portland 2, Clemson 0
#12 Santa Clara 4, #6 Notre Dame 0
#12 Santa Clara 4, Clemson 2
#18 Portland 1, #6 Notre Dame 0
Off. MVP: Christine Sinclair (F, UP)
Def. MVP: Candace Chapman (D, ND)

2003 (Notre Dame Classic)

Rutgers 2, Oklahoma 1
#5 Notre Dame 3, #13 Arizona State 1
#13 Arizona State 5, Oklahoma 1
#5 Notre Dame 5, Oklahoma 1
Off. MVP: Jen Buczkowski (M, ND)
Def. MVP: Vanessa Pruzinsky (D, ND)

FRIEND OR FOE (part II.)? – Several Notre Dame and Santa Clara players are former teammates ... three ND sophomores – M **Jen Buczkowski**, M **Jill Krivacek** and D/M **Kim Lorenzen** – have extensive ties to SCU sophomore G **Julie Ryder**, as teammates on the Illinois ODP and Region II ODP teams, plus the Eclipse Select club team that reached the national semifinals in the summer of '04 (Buczkowski and Ryder also were teammates in the summer of '04 with the W-League's Chicago Cobras) ... ND senior F **Mary Boland** and junior M **Annie Scheffer** are products of the U.S. Under-19 National Team, as are three Santa Clara players: F **Leslie Osborne**, D **Jessica Ballweg** and forward F **Megan Kakadelas** (a transfer from USC and the 2001 Pac-10 rookie of the year) ... ND sophomore D **Christi Shaner** trained with Osborne at Under-19 National Team camps and was coached in previous national-team events by SCU's **Jerry Smith** ... ND sophomore F **Molly Iarocci** and Santa Clara F **Tiffany Roberts** were club teammates with the Sereno Eagles ... finally, ND freshman M **Ashley Jones** was a longtime ODP teammate of two current SCU freshmen: M **Brittany Klein** and F **Meagan Snell**.

CALIFORNIA GIRLS – Notre Dame's all-time playing roster includes 20 California natives (most from any state), led by All-Americans **LaKeysia Beene**, **Cindy Daws**, **Jen Renola** and **Rosella Guerrero** (plus current U.S. National Team standout **Shannon Boxx**) ... the 2004 roster includes northern California native **Miranda Ford** (a D/M from Portola Valley and Palo Alto HS) and two midfielders from southern California: senior **Sarah Halpenny** (Glendale/Immaculate Heart HS) and freshman **Ashley Jones** (Westlake Village/Westlake HS) ... ND assistant coach Dawn Greathouse was a goalkeeper with the WUSA's San Jose CyberRays during the 2002 and '03 seasons (Beene and former ND defender Kelly Lindsey also played for the Cyber Rays) ... here's a look at some of ND's top all-time players from California:

- G **LaKeysia Beene** (Gold River), played with San Jose CyberRays and U.S. National Team, All-American at ND
- M **Shannon Boxx** (Torrance), standout defensive midfielder with WUSA's San Diego Spirit, N.Y. Power's '03 MVP, then named to all-tournament team at 2003 World Cup and won gold medal with U.S. at 2004 Olympics
- M **Cindy Daws** (Northridge), the 1996 national college player of the year
- F **Monica Gerardo** (Simi Valley), played two-plus seasons with WUSA's Washington Freedom, now an assistant at University of Pittsburgh
- F **Rosella Guerrero** (Sacramento), clutch goalscorer and one of senior leaders of 1995 NCAA title team, an All-American at ND
- G **Michelle Lodyga** (Mission Viejo), one of early leaders of Irish program
- G **Jen Renola** (Los Gatos), shutouts in all four 1995 NCAA games, NSCAA '96 player of the year
- D **Ashley Scharff** (Danville), starter on back line for '95 NCAA champs

SCOUTING THE MUSTANGS – SMU (1-0-1) checks in at #23 in the *Soccer Buzz* poll, after opening with a 4-0 win over TCU and a 2-2 tie at Oklahoma ... freshman Marisa Scheida scored twice in the opening weekend, with four others adding single goals ... SMU returned 8 starters but just 11 of 22 letterwinners from its 2003 team that went 17-3-2 overall, finished 1st in the WAC (7-1-0) and played to penalty kicks in the 1st round of the NAAs (1-1, with Texas A&M advancing) ... SMU's Suzanne Collins and ND sophomore F Becky Tweneboah were teammates with the Boca Blaze club program ... Notre Dame won the 1995 NCAA title with 1-0 victories over UNC and Portland ... the other team at the 1995 NCAA semifinals? – SMU.

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET

Pos.	Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
F	#10 Mary Boland (Sr.; Hudson, OH)	2nd Team Academic All-American in 203; owns 3.90 cum. GPA as psychology major '04 stats: 2 GP/1 GS '03 stats: 12G-4A (28 pts), 5 GWG, 21 GP/15 GS career: 19G-6A (44 pts), 6 GWG, 52 GP/36 GS
F	#7 Katie Thorlakson (Jr.; Langley, BC)	Tied ND record with 7 points in a half vs. Baylor (2G-3A) First ND player ever to score or assist on team's first 5 goals in a game '04 stats: 2G-4A (8 pts), GWG, 2 GS '03 stats: 10G-11A (31 pts), 4 GWG, 24 GP/19 GS career: 16G-18A (50 pts), 6 GWG, 45 GP/39 GS
F	#5 Amanda Cinalli (Fr.; Maple Heights, OH)	2-year prep All-American and member of U.S. Under-17 National Team '04: 2G-2A (6 pts), 2 GS 37G-26A as sr. at Laurel HS (40G-17A as jr.); played for W-League's Ft. Wayne Fever (summer '04)
D/F	#8 Candace Chapman (Sr.; Ajax, ONT)	Preseason All-American and named to MAC Hermann Trophy watch list '04 stats: 3G (6 pts), 2 GP '02 stats: 3G-5A (11 pts), GWG, 19 GS Career (inj. in '03): 9G-7A (25 pts), 3 GWG, 42 GP/39 GS
F	#13 Maggie Manning (Jr.; Lake Oswego, OR)	2G in 2003 opener vs. Hartford '04 stats: 2 GP ... '03: 4G-2A (10 pts), 22 GP/3 GS career: 5G-4A (14 pts), 42 GP/6 GS
M	#9 Jen Buczkowski (So.; Elk Grove, IL)	Preseason all-BIG EAST pick for 2004 '04 stats: 2G-2A (6 pts), 2 GS '03 stats: 4G-6A (14 pts), 24 GP/23 GS career: 6G-7A (19 pts), 26 GP/25 GS
M	#11 Annie Schefter (Jr.; Yakima, WA)	Scored to open scoring vs. Eastern Illinois (3-0); dad Rob was ND tennis player '04 stats: 1G-1A, GWG, 2 GS ... '03: 4G-5A (13 pts), GWG, 24 GP/19 GS career (inj. in '02): 5G-6A, 2 GWG, 26 GP/21 GS
M	#12 Ashley Jones (Fr.; Westlake Village, CA)	ND's 3rd-leading scorer on Brazil trip (2G-3A) '04: 2 GP/1 GS (vs. EIU) Won 2004 national titles with both state ODP (Cal-South) and club team (Southern Calif. United)
F/M	#3 Jannica Tjeder (Fr.; Espoo, Finland)	ND's 2nd-leading scorer on Brazil trip (3G-2A) '04: 1 GS (vs. Baylor) Member of Finland's U-21, U-19 nat'l teams; MVP of '03 Finnish Women's Champ. league (9G-13A, 18 GP)
DM	#24 Jill Krivacek (So.; Geneva, IL)	2nd-half GWG vs. Wake Forest in '03(3-0) '04 stats: 2 GP/1 GS ... '03: 2G-2A (6 pts), GWG, 23 GP/6 GS 78 career goals at Rosary HS; strong def. mid. skills
M/F	#15 Lizzie Reed (So.; Franklin Lakes, NJ)	Scored in '03 win over UConn (as F); 126 career goals as a prep '04 stats: 2 GP/1 GS ... '03 stats: 2G-1A, 23 GP/8 GS prep All-American; member of ODP national runner-up (NJ)
D	#18 Christie Shaner (So.; Ambler, PA)	2nd Team all-BIG EAST/Co- Rookie of Year, SCU Classic Def. MVP (all '03) '04 stats: 2 GS ... '03 stats: 1G-3A (5 pts), 23 GP/20 Career: 1G-3A (5 pts), 25 GP/22 GS
D/M	#4 Kim Lorenzen (So.; Naperville, IL)	ND Classic all-tournament ('03); versatile, has trained at F, M and D '04 stats: 1A, 2 GS ... '03 stats: 23 GP/20 GS Teamed with Buczkowski and Krivacek on 2003 ODP national champs (IL)
D	#17 Melissa Tancredi (Sr.; Ancaster, ONT)	2003 All-American and BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year '04: 1A, 2 GS ... '03: 4G-5A (13 pts), GWG, 21 GP/20 GS career: 12G-9A (33 pts), 2 GWG, 57 GP/48 GS
D	#2 Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Sr.; Seltjarnarnes, Iceland)	Member of Icelandic National Team '04: 2 GS ... '03: 18 GP/11 GS ... career: 44 GP/23 GS Slowed by knee/ankle inj. in '02, broken arm in '03 (missed 4 games)
D	#20 Kate Tulisiak (Sr.; Medina, Ohio)	Strong offseason in 2004 spring and summer (W-League, Ohio Internationals) '04: 2 GP ... '03: 2 GP (inj.) ... career: 22 GP/4 GS Sister Kelly was a forward with the Irish from 1998-2001
D/M	#14 Jenny Walz (Jr.; Bloomington, Illinois)	Named W-League all-star in summer of '04 (with Fort Wayne Fever) '04: 2 GP ... '03: dnp (inj.) ... career: 1A, 19 GP/2 GS Missed '03 due to ACL knee injury; prep M making move to outside back
D	#28 Miranda Ford (Jr.; Portola Valley, CA)	Versatile player who also has seen time in the midfield during her ND career '04: 2 GP ... '03: 8 GP ... career: 1G, 23 GP/4 GS One of 20 California natives to play for the Notre Dame women's soccer
G	#1 Erika Bohn (Jr.; Brookfield, CT)	2nd Team Academic All-American in '03 (owns 3.63 GPA, as design major) '04 stats: 0.00 GAA, 3 SV, 0 GA, 2 GS (2-0-0) '03 stats: 0.49 GAA, 35 SV, 11 GA, 24 GS (20-3-1), 11 solo ShO car.: 0.81 GA, 95 SV, 34 GA, 46 GP/45 GS (34-10-1), 15 solo ShO
G	#0 Nikki Westfall (So.; Waterville, OH)	Just 5 GA while playing entire '04 spring season (5-1-1); saved PK in Brazil '04 stats: 1 GP (vs. EIU), 0 GA, 14:10 ... '03: 0.56, 4 SV, 1 GA, 7 GP (116:24) 0.76 GAA in '02 at Anthony Wayne HS (0.88 career)

WALDRUM NEARING 100TH ND WIN – Sixth-year ND head coach Randy Waldrum posted his 200th career win as a Division I women's head coach in the 2-1 game vs. Miami on Nov. 2, 2003 ... he now owns a **203-69-16** mark (.733) in 15 combined seasons at Tulsa, Baylor and Notre Dame ... the Irish are **96-19-4** (.824) in the six-year Waldrum era, including 80-15-3 in the last 98 games (since losing 4-2 at SCU on Oct. 17, 1999) ... Waldrum repeated as BIG EAST coach of the year in 2000 and then became the first three-time BIG EAST women's soccer coach of the year (in '03) ... in '99, he became the only coach in the history of the NCAA women's soccer championship to lead a team to the title game in his first season as that team's head coach ... he was the fourth first-year coach to take his team to the NCAA semifinals, beating top-ranked and unbeaten Santa Clara in San Jose ... Waldrum's 24-year record as a **college head coach** (men's and women's) is **279-124-23** (.682) ... his women's soccer record includes 61-36-9 in six years at Tulsa, 46-14-3 in three seasons at Baylor ... Waldrum is ranked 8th among active women's coaches for career win pct. (min. 10 Div. I seasons).

SCOUTING THE IRISH – The 2004 Notre Dame squad features 23 former letterwinners and nine players with significant starting experience, among them senior D/F **Candace Chapman** (who missed the '03 season due to injury) ... the Irish spent most of the 2003 season ranked No. 2 in the nation and raced out to an 18-0-1 record before losing to Michigan in the regular-season finale (3-2), Boston College in the BIG EAST semifinals (2-1) and Michigan again in the second round of the NAACAs (1-0, with the Wolverines converting their only shot on goal) ... returning starters include senior **Mary Boland** (Academic All-American, 12G-4A in '03) and junior **Katie Thorlakson** (Canadian Under-19 National Team; 10G-11A in '03) at the forward positions, plus a pair of proven midfielders who are former U.S. Under-19 National Team standouts – junior **Annie Scheffter** (4G-5A in '03) and sophomore **Jen Buczkowski** (4G-6A in '03) – to go along with junior goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** (Academic All-American; 0.49 GAA and 967-minute shutout streak in '03) and three defenders: fifth-year **Melissa Tancredi** (All-American; 4G-5A in '03) and the sophomore duo of **Christie Shaner** ('03 BIG EAST rookie of the year, 1G-3A) and **Kim Lorenzen** (20 GS in '03) ... other top returners include senior D **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** (Icelandic National Team), sophomore M/F **Lizzie Reed** (2G-1A in '03) and sophomore defensive M **Jill Krivacek** (2G-3A in '03) ... the four players lost from the 2003 senior class included frontrunners **Amy Warner** (All-American; 37G-25A career, 10G-12A in '03) and **Amanda Guertin** (48G-27A in career, 11G-6A in '03), attacking midfielder **Kimberly Carpenter** (6G-5A in '03) and left back **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (94 career GS) ... ND's domination in 2004 included 20 more goals scored (73) than opponent shots on goal (53) ... ND's freshman class is rated No. 2 by *Soccer Buzz* and 4th by *Soccer America* ... four of the freshmen had impressive debuts during the preseason training tour in Brazil: F **Amanda Cinalli** (prep All-American, U.S. Under-17 National Team), F/M **Jannica Tjeder** (Finland Under-21 National Team), M **Ashley Jones** and G **Lauren Karas** ... top scorers in the Brazil tour (5-0-1; 16-3 scoring edge) included Chapman (4G), Thorlakson (6A), Tjeder (3G-2A) and Jones (2G-3A) ... leading scorers after the opening wins over Baylor (7-2) and Eastern Illinois (3-0): Thorlakson (2G-4A), Chapman (3G), Buczkowski (2G-2A) and Cinalli (2G-2A).

TANCREDI, CHAPMAN TABBED FOR TOP NATIONAL HONORS – Two ND women's soccer players have received top preseason billing from various national organizations, as fifth-year central defender **Melissa Tancredi** (Ancaster, Ont.) and senior right back **Candace Chapman** (Ajax, Ont.) are among 12 players named to the *Soccer Buzz* preseason All-America squad while both also are among the 25 players named to the 2004 preseason watch list for the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy national player-of-the-year award ... Tancredi also was one of 11 players named to *Soccer America*'s 2004 preseason All-America team ... Tancredi was a *Soccer Buzz* first team All-American in '03, also receiving second team All-America honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America ... Chapman – who also could play at forward or midfield in '04 – had been an NSCAA second team All-American in 2002 before missing the '03 season due to an ACL knee injury ... Tancredi – who like Chapman has starred for the Canadian National Team – could prove to be the nation's top defensive player in 2004, with Tennessee senior Keeley Dowling representing the only other defender on both the SA and SB preseason All-America teams ... Tancredi, Chapman, Dowling and Virginia's Becky Sauerbrunn are the only defenders on the MAC Hermann Trophy watch list ... Tancredi is one of nine players listed on both the SA and SB preseason All-America teams, with others including Dowling, midfielders Carli Lloyd (Rutgers), Lindsey Huie (Portland), Leslie Osborne (Santa Clara) and Lori Chalupny (North Carolina), Portland forward Christine Sinclair and the UNC forward tandem of Lindsay Tarpley and Heather O'Reilly ... ND joined UNC and Portland as teams with multiple players on the *Soccer Buzz* "Elite 12" preseason All-America team while the Irish were one of five teams with multiple players on the MAC Hermann Trophy watch list (as were UNC, Portland, Texas and Virginia) ... Chapman was on the 2003 watch list (prior to suffering her season-ending injury) while Tancredi and former ND forward Amy Warner later were included on the list of the final 15 candidates for the 2003 MAC Hermann Trophy.

IRISH PICKED TO WIN BIG EAST; TANCREDI, BUCZKOWSKI TAKE PRESEASON HONORS – The Notre Dame women's soccer team is the preseason favorite to win the 2004 BIG EAST Conference regular-season championship, with the Irish previously winning eight regular-season and seven tournament titles in nine BIG EAST seasons ... fifth-year All-America central defender **Melissa Tancredi** was picked to repeat as the BIG EAST defensive player of the year and was joined by sophomore midfielder **Jen Buczkowski** on the 11-player 2004 preseason all-BIG EAST team ... ND senior F **Mary Boland** was overlooked on the preseason all-BIG EAST team (as selected by the league's coaches), despite earning first team all-BIG EAST and NSCAA second-team all-region honors in 2003 ... sophomore D **Christie Shaner** – the league's co-rookie of the year and a second-team all-BIG EAST pick in '03 – also failed to crack the 2004 preseason list, which includes just two defenders (Tancredi and Villanova's Michelle Biehl) among the 11 players.

THORLAKSON NAMED BIG EAST PLAYER OF THE WEEK – Notre Dame junior F Katie Thorlakson was named the BIG EAST Conference women's soccer player of the week, after playing a role in eight of Notre Dame's 10 goals during wins over Baylor (7-2) and Eastern Illinois (3-0) ... her seven points in the first half of the Baylor game ranks as one of the top performances in Notre Dame's storied history ... Thorlakson also was one of 11 players named to *Soccer Buzz* "Elite Feet" national team of the week (*Soccer America* has yet to name its team of the week) ... Thorlakson tied an ND with seven points (3G-2A) in the first half of the Baylor game while becoming the first ND women's soccer player ever to score or assist on the team's first five goals in a game ... she then set up all three goals in the win over Eastern Illinois, including the primary assist on the game's first goal ... a standout with Canada's Under-19 National Team, Thorlakson earlier totaled a team-best six assists during Notre Dame's preseason training trip to Brazil.

RECORD-SETTING OPENER – Here's a look at the historical significance behind Katie Thorlakson's seven-point half vs. Baylor:

- Her seven points vs. Baylor are tied for most by a ND player during the six-year Randy Waldrum era ... just two other Waldrum-era players have totaled seven points in a game (both with 3G-1A): Jenny Streiffer vs. Miami on Oct. 24, 1999, and current senior forward Mary Boland in the '03 opener vs. Hartford (Aug. 29, at the UConn Classic) ... the last time an ND player totaled more than seven points in a game was Anne Makinen's eight-point effort vs. Syracuse (3G-2A) on Nov. 1, 1998 ... Streiffer holds the Irish record for points in a game (9; 2G-5A), at Providence on Aug. 31, 1996.
- Thorlakson also is the first ND player to score or assist on five-plus goals during a game in six years, dating back to Makinen's eight-point game vs. Syracuse in '98 ... in between, the Irish had played 123 straight games without seeing an ND player factor into five-plus goals in the same game.
- It had been six years since an ND player racked up seven points in a half, as current University of Pittsburgh assistant coach Monica Gerardo (who was on campus this summer as an instructor at the ND Soccer Camps) scored goals 2-4 and assisted on the fifth (by Jenny Heft) as part of the 6-0 halftime lead at Providence on Oct. 11, 1998 (8-0) ... eight years earlier, Tasha Strawbridge had collected her seven points during the second half of a 12-1 win over Valparaiso (Sept. 14, 1990) ... Strawbridge scored the first goal of the half for a 7-1 lead, later assisting on the ninth goal (by Denise Chabot) before adding goals 10 and 11.
- No previous ND player had registered a point on the first five goals in a game before Thorlakson's dizzying display ... it had been five years since an ND player even had opened a game with points on the team's first four goals ... eight times previously, an ND player has scored or assisted on the first four goals of a game: Suzie Zilvitis vs. Alma on Oct. 13, 1989 (goal-goal-assist-assist; 6-0 final); Lester at Indiana on Sept. 14, 1993 (G-G-A-A for 4-0 lead; 5-1 final); Guerrero one week later (Sept. 17, 1993) versus Michigan State (A-A-G-G; 6-0); Lester again that season at Ohio State on Oct. 23, 1993 (G-G-A-G; 6-0); Michelle McCarthy with the eventual NCAA championship squad vs. St. John's on Sept. 3, 1995 (A-G-A-G; 9-0); Holly Manthei vs. Ohio State on Nov. 1, 1996 (A-A-G-A; 7-0), and again at Villanova on Sept. 28, 1997 (A-A-A-A; 4-0); and Meotis Erikson vs. Seton Hall, in the BIG EAST semifinals at Rutgers on Nov. 5, 1999 (A-G-G-A; 5-0).

NOTRE DAME FRESHMAN CLASS RATED SECOND IN NATION –The Notre Dame women's soccer program once again has added a recruiting class that ranks among the best in the nation ... the *Soccer Buzz* women's soccer website ranked ND's incoming class as the 2nd-best in the nation while *Soccer America* magazine placed the Irish 5th on its list of the nation's top 2004 classes ... the six Notre Dame letter-of-intent signees for the 2004 season include four highly-regarded forwards – **Amanda Cinalli** (Maple Heights, Ohio), **Kerri Hanks** (Allen, Texas), **Susan Pinnick** (South Bend, Ind.) and **Jannica Tjeder** (Espoo, Finland) – plus midfielder **Ashley Jones** (Westlake Village, Calif.) and goalkeeper **Lauren Karas** (Flower Mound, Texas) ... Hanks is the leading scorer for the U.S. Under-19 National Team while Cinalli and Pinnick have been members of the U.S. Under-17 National Team, with each of those three players earning high school All-America honors ... each of the five U.S. signees is a member of her respective Olympic Development Regional team, with Karas formerly a member of the U.S. Under-16 National Team player pool while Jones is a member of the Southern California United club program that won the national title (as did her ODP squad) ... Tjeder is one of the top young players in Finland, playing for her national under-21, u-19 and u-17 teams.

RECRUIT RANKINGS HISTORY – Notre Dame's 2004 roster is comprised of some of the top-ranked recruiting classes during each of the last four seasons ... in fact, ND joins North Carolina and Virginia as the only teams to have their recruiting classes in the *Soccer Buzz* top 15 during each of the last four seasons (ND also was 14th in '01, 9th in '02 and 5th in '03; UNC was 2nd-1st-6th-3rd from '01-'04; and UVa 1st-3rd-11th-12th from '01-'04) ... ND and UNC are the only teams to be in the *Soccer Buzz* top-15 classes every year since 1998, the first year of the *SB* recruiting class rankings (ND also was 11th in '98, 4th in '99 and 9th in '00; UNC 2nd-1st-2nd from '98-'00) ... *Soccer America* has ranked the nation's top 10 classes since 2002, with ND and UNC being the only teams that have been in the *SA* top 10 every year from '02-'04 (ND's classes also were ranked 9th by *SA* in '02 and 5th in '03, UNC 1st in '02 and 6th in '03) ... Notre Dame and Texas (3rd in '03 and '04) are the only teams to attract *Soccer America* top-5 classes in each of the last two seasons ... *Soccer Buzz*'s top-15 recruiting classes for 2004 are as follows: Texas A&M, ND, UNC, Penn State, Texas, Clemson, Portland, Maryland, Ohio State, California, Villanova, Virginia, Michigan, Illinois and Santa Clara ... *Soccer America*'s top-10 list for '04 includes A&M, UNC, Texas, PSU, ND, Nebraska, OSU, Portland, Florida and California.

A NEW FANTASTIC FOUR? – Notre Dame boasted possibly the nation's top forward rotation in 2003 – with **no other team** among the nation's 294 Division I women programs able to boast **four double-digit goalscorers** (prior to the '03 postseason) ... ND's 2003 players with 10-plus goals included seniors **Amy Warner** (10G-12A) and **Amanda Guertin** (11G-6A), junior **Mary Boland** (12G-4A) and sophomore **Katie Thorlakson** (10G-11A) ... two players who could step into the frontrunner void caused by the graduation of Warner and Guertin are senior **Candace Chapman** (3G already in '04) and freshman **Amanda Cinalli** (2G-2A) ... Penn State was the only team among the nation's top-50 scoring teams that could claim even three double-digit goalscorers heading into the '03 NAAs (Tiffany Weimer with 19, Joanna Lohman with 15, Heidi Drummond with 11; no other PSU player has more than three goals) ... the Irish **had four double-digit goalscorers for the first time since 1999**, with each player also owning 28-32 points ... 10 of the past 14 ND teams have featured three or more double-digit scorers (four in '94, '98, '99 and '03, six in '93 and '96, seven in '97) ... the four double-digit scorers in '99 included Jenny Heft (20), Jenny Streiffer (19), Meotis Erikson (14) and Anne Makinen (13) ... the '97 team racked up 135 goals, led by: Makinen (23), Erikson (22), Streiffer (20), Heft (20), Shannon Boxx (13), Monica Gerardo (10) and Monica Gonzalez (10).

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN – Four members of the Notre Dame women's soccer team will not compete with the Irish in 2004 due to various reasons ... freshman F **Kerri Hanks** – rated by *Soccer America* as the nation's No. 4 signee in 2004 and part of the nation's No. 2-ranked freshman class (per *Soccer Buzz*, No. 4 class per *SA*) – is training with the U.S. for the Under-19 World Championship (Nov. 10-27 in Thailand) and will enroll at Notre Dame next spring ... three others – fifth-year M **Randi Scheller** (hip), freshman F **Susan Pinnick** (neck/back, suffered in club team van accident) and freshman M **Kelly Simon** (shoulder surgery) – are sidelined due to injuries ... Hanks, like her classmates Hanks and Amanda Cinalli, was a high school All-American (she also played alongside Pinnick on the U.S. Under-17 National Team) ... junior F **Katie Thorlakson** also will play in the Under-19 World Championship (with Canada) but is slated to play with the Irish for most of the season (all but those three weeks in November) ... sophomore M **Jen Buczkowski** was a starting D with the U.S. Under-19s but elected to return to Notre Dame for the 2004 fall season.

READY TO ROLL – Current senior **Mary Boland** scored in the opener during each of her first three seasons with the Irish (vs. Penn State in '01, Providence in '02 and Hartford in '03) and joined Rosella Guerrero ('96) as the second Notre Dame player ever to score in three openers (none has scored in four) ... Boland failed to score in the 2004 opener vs. Baylor and could be due for a breakout weekend at the ND Classic (she has yet to register a goal or assist this fall, spanning the six-game trip to Brazil and the games vs. Baylor and Eastern Illinois).

FAR & WIDE – Notre Dame's 2004 roster includes players from 13 states, two Canadian provinces, Iceland and Finland ... the program's all-time roster canvasses 30 states and three foreign countries ... Notre Dame's student-athlete population in the '02-'03 academic year included nearly 800 individuals from 47 states (all but Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada) and 20 countries.

BALANCED DOMINANCE – The 2003 Notre Dame women's soccer team joined national champ UNC as the only teams in the top five of final NCAA leaders for scoring (3rd; 3.04 goals per game) and goals-against avg. (5th; 0.49).

GOALS-A-PLENTY – Stretching from '92-'04, the Irish have scored in 94.8% of their games (273 of 288) ... since '94, the Irish have scored in 232 of 244 (.951; three shutouts in NCAA title games) – with goals in 178 of 185 regular-season games (.962) during that 11-year stretch ... Notre Dame saw its 31-game scoring streak (3rd-best in Irish history) end in 2002.

MAGIC NUMBERS – Reaching the three-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win in ND women's soccer history, with a 201-3-1 record (.983) in those games (105-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995) ... Notre Dame also is 276-9-11 (.951) in all-time games when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals ... the program's 16-year history includes just 290 goals allowed in 368 games (0.79 GA per game), with the Irish holding the opponent to 0-1 goals in 81% of those all-time games (297) while allowing three-plus goals just 33 times (9%; 4-28-1) ... Notre Dame has surrendered four-plus goals just 12 times (three since '95).

PRIMETIME PLAYERS – Notre Dame won 75 percent of its "big games" during the first five seasons of the Randy Waldrum era ('99-'03), posting a 38-12-3 record when facing an NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponent.

OPENING WIN – Notre Dame kicked off its 2004 season by beating Baylor, 7-2 ... junior F **Katie Thorlakson** tied the ND record for points in a half (7; 2G-3A) while becoming the first player in the program's history ever to score or assist on the first five goals of a game ... ND placed all but six of its 32 shots on frame and held an 8-1 edge in corner kicks ... freshman F **Amanda Cinalli** scored the first two goals (she later added an assist) while senior **Candace Chapman** added two scores early in the 2nd half for a 7-0 lead ... other players with points included sophomore M **Jen Buczkowski** (1G-2A), sophomore D/M **Kim Lorenzen** (1A), junior M **Annie Scheffter** (1A) and senior D **Melissa Tancredi** (1A) ... ND now owns a 15-2-0 all-time record in season openers (11-1 in the last 12, five straight wins).

RECORD-BOOK RUMBLINGS – **Amanda Cinalli's** opening goal vs. Baylor made her just the 4th freshman ever to score ND's first goal of a season, with the others including Margaret Jarc ('89; 4-1 vs. St. Joseph's), Rosella Guerrero ('92; 3-4 vs. N.C. State) and current senior Mary Boland ('01; 2-1 vs. Penn State) ... Cinalli also became the 4th ND player ever to score the team's first two goals in a season, with the others including Alison Lester ('91; 2-0 vs. Mercyhurst) and Guerrero twice ('92; 3-4 vs. N.C. St. and then in 12-0 win over LaSalle in '93) ... **Katie Thorlakson's** 2G-3A vs. Baylor tied the ND record for points in a half (7) shared by Tasha Strawbridge (3G-1A vs. Valparaiso in '90) and Monica Gerardo (3G-1A at Providence in '98) ... no previous ND player had registered points on the first five goals in a game, with eight former ND players scoring/assisting on the first four goals in a game: Suzie Zilvitis vs. Alma in '89 (G-G-A-A; 6-0); Lester at Indiana (G-G-A-A; 5-1) and vs. Ohio State (G-G-A-G; 6-0) in '93; Guerrero vs. MSU in '93 (A-A-G-G; 6-0); Michelle McCarthy vs. in '95 (A-G-A-G; 9-0); Holly Manthei vs. OSU in '96 (A-A-G-A; 7-0), and at Villanova in '97 (A-A-A-A; 4-0); and Meotis Erikson vs. Seton Hall, in the '99 BIG EAST semifinals at Rutgers (A-G-G-A; 5-0) ... Boland failed to score in a season opener for the first time in her ND career (she and Guerrero share the ND record by scoring in three season openers).

VIVA BRAZIL! – Notre Dame's 2004 training trip in Campinas, Brazil (Aug. 10-19), featured a 5-0-1 record and 16-3 scoring edge vs. top semi-professional women's teams from the Sao Paulo area ... the games – which attracted many curious local spectators – included the traditional exchange of gifts and group photos ... the Irish also enjoyed great camaraderie at the wonderful five-star Vitoria Hotel and soaked in the atmosphere at first-division Brazilian men's professional games held at Ponta Preta and Guarani ... meals included Brazil's many exotic and tasty forms of pizza and the unique Brazilian steakhouses that featured table-top carvings of a variety of entrees ... leading scorers on the trip included senior D/F **Candace Chapman** (4G), junior F **Katie Thorlakson** (6A) and the freshman duo of **Jannica Tjeder** (3G-2A) and **Ashley Jones** (2G-3A).

GREAT GRADES – The Notre Dame women's soccer team consistently has performed at a high level on the field and in the classroom and that certainly was the case in 2003-04, with a 20-3-1 record followed by a 3.28 team GPA in the '03 fall semester and then a 3.32 GPA in the spring of '04 (when 22 of 25 players posted a GPA of 3.0 or better, with 13 at 3.4-plus). The 2004 team includes two Academic All-Americans – senior forward Mary Boland (3.90 cumulative GPA, psychology major) and junior goalkeeper Erika Bohn (3.63, design) – with other candidates for that honor in '04 including junior midfielder Annie Scheffer (3.73, pre-professional studies and psychology) and senior defender Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (3.31, finance).

FIRST-TIME VISITORS – Since 1993, Notre Dame opponents making their first visit to Alumni Field now have lost to the Irish 37 times, with just three wins for the opposition and one tie (37-3-1; .915 ... Notre Dame's all-time record in series openers is 67-25-2, including 34-5-0 since 1993 and 47-8-0 in all series openers played at home (21-3-0 since '93).

HOME SWEET HOME – The Irish own a 152-14-2 all-time record (.910) record at the facility (128-10-2 in last 140) – highlighted by a 29-game home winning streak (5th NCAA history) from '99-'01 ... eight of ND's last 10 home losses have been by a single goal ... ND's all-time record at Alumni Field vs. teams not in the NSCAA top-25 poll is 108-4-1 (44-10-1 vs. ranked teams) ... junior F **Katie Thorlakson** has totaled 26 points at Alumni Field during the past two seasons ('03-'04; 9G-8A, 3 GWG) while junior M **Annie Scheffer** has scored all five of her career goals (3 GWG) with the Irish at home (also 3 of her 5 assists) ... sophomore M **Jen Buczkowski** (6G-7A) has notched 19 of her 20 career points with ND in the confines of Alumni Field.

FIRST-HALF FORTRESS – The Notre Dame defense has been particularly stingy in the first half the past four seasons ('01-'04), allowing just 22 goals in the first half of 67 games (0.33/gm), including a 47-7 first-half scoring edge spanning the 2003 and '04 seasons.

WINNING TRADITIONS – Several current ND women's soccer players led their clubs and state Olympic Development teams to elite status before becoming part of another winning tradition with the Irish women's soccer program ... seven members of the current sophomore class helped their teams post top national finishes in 2003 ... the current freshman class lived up to the standard set by their predecessors ... most notably, **Ashley Jones** completed the rare double of winning 2004 national titles with her California South state ODP team and her Southern California United club. Her classmate **Kerri Hanks** earlier won the Golden Boot Award as the tournament's top scorer with the '03 Dallas Texans national champs while **Lauren Karas** earned the Golden Glove Award with North Texas at the 2004 ODP nationals (her team lost to Jones and Cal-South, 1-0) ... finally, newcomer **Susan Pinnick** led the Carmel Commotion to a runner-up finish at the 2003 USYSA under-17 nationals while **Kelly Simon** was a member of the St. Louis-based Busch Soccer Club that was the 2001 and '02 national runner-up.

TURNAROUND SUCCESS – Notre Dame is **11-0** during the past two seasons ('03-'04) when playing a regular-season games two days after a previous game (31-2 scoring edge) ... the Irish were just 4-5 (18-16 scoring edge) in 2002 regular-season "bounceback" games ... the 2003 bounceback games included the big 2-1 win at Santa Clara.

HALF & HALF – The Irish have been **equally dominant in the first (47-7)** and **second half (34-7)** during the past two seasons ('03-'04), after managing just a 12-10 first-half scoring edge in '02.

NATIONAL TEAMS – Three former Notre Dame players – defender **Kate Sobrero Markgraf**, goalkeeper **LaKeysia Beene** and defensive midfielder **Shannon Boxx** – recently have been starters with the U.S. National Team, with Sobrero and Boxx starting for the 2003 World Cup and 2004 Olympic teams ... nine current members of the Notre Dame program have been active with various national-team programs ... those players include **Candace Chapman** and **Melissa Tancredi** (starters with Canada's full national team) and Chapman and **Katie Thorlakson** with Canada's Under-19 National Team. Four others – **Annie Schefter**, **Mary Boland**, **Jen Buczkowski** and **Kerri Hanks** – have been starters with the U.S. Under 19 National Team (Buczkowski elected not to compete in the upcoming Under-19 World Championship) while **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** is a member of Iceland's national team and **Jannica Tjeder** has been a regular with Finland's Under-17, -19 and -21 national teams ... former Notre Dame defender **Monica Gonzalez** is a founding member of Mexico's women's national team and captained Mexico in its historic appearance at the 2004 Olympics (former Irish forward **Monica Gerardo** also was a founding member of the Mexican team).

GOAL PATROL – Notre Dame players have combined for **14 multiple-goal games** over the course of 26 games in the past two seasons ('03-'04; compared to just five in all of '02), by 10 different players: **Mary Boland** vs. Hartford (3) and ASU (2) in '03, **Maggie Manning** and **Amanda Guertin** vs. Hartford in '03 (both with 2, with Guertin doing so again vs. Georgetown), **Jen Buczkowski** vs. Oklahoma in '03(2), **Katie Thorlakson** and **Annie Schefter** vs. Western Kentucky in '03 (both with 2, then Thorlakson at Rutgers), **Melissa Tancredi** vs. North Texas in '03 (2), **Amy Warner** at Seton Hall in '03 (3) – and most recently three different players with two goals in the 2004 opener vs. Baylor: **Amanda Cinalli**, Thorlakson and **Candace Chapman**.

20-SOMETHING – Notre Dame has posted 20-plus wins in eight of the last 10 years ... the 1996 team posted an ND-record 24 wins, with 23 wins in 1994, '97 and '00, 21 wins in '95, '98 and '99, and 20 in 2003.

FRONTRUNNERS – Stanford holds the distinction of being one of just four teams to hold a lead on Notre Dame during the past 31 games (dating back to the final month of the 2002 season) ... since losing a 3-2 game to BYU on Oct. 19, 2002, Notre Dame has trailed in just five games for a total of 186:27 (or 6.6% of the time, spanning 2,829:29) ... the only teams to hold leads on the Irish during that span include: Stanford (for 9:02, in 2002 third-round game at Maloney Field, 1-0), Arizona State (lead 1-0 for 7:18, ND wins 3-1), Michigan (lead 1-0 for 1:01, then retake lead for final 58:17 and win 3-1), Boston College (2-1 Eagles win in BIG EAST semifinals, lead for 82:28) and Michigan again in the 2nd round of the '03 NCAAAs (lead for 28:22 in 1-0 game) ... prior to the regular-season goal by Michigan in '03, ND **had not faced a deficit for nearly two months and 16-plus games**, the longest streak in the program's history ... Santa Clara and Miami (BIG EAST quarterfinal) were the only teams to come back and tie the Irish in '03 (ND retook the lead for good 12 minutes later vs. SCU) ... the previous team record for longest streak without facing a deficit was a 14-game stretch in 1997, starting with a 5-0 win over Duke (9/21, after trailing two days earlier in a 2-2 tie vs. UNC) ... the '97 streak continued through a 6-1 win over UConn in the BIG EAST title game (11/9) and ended one week later, when Cincinnati opened the scoring in a first-round NCAA Tournament game (ND dominated for a 7-1 win) ... the '97 team spent all season ranked No. 2 in the NSCAA poll ... ND's 2000 squad earned the top ranking after seven games and did not face a deficit for the first 13 games (BC scored first and led for 28 minutes, in a 3-1 ND win) ... that team added six more games without trailing before falling behind UNC in the 82nd minute of the NCAA semifinals (2-1 loss).

CLUTCH CANADIAN – Sophomore F **Katie Thorlakson** (Langley, B.C.) picked key times for all four of her game-winning goals in 2003 ... two of her GWGs in '03 came vs. top-15 teams (#10 Santa Clara and #15 Connecticut), plus the overtime goal vs. Villanova and the early strike at Rutgers (3-0) ... she also is the only current ND player with multiple career goals vs. UConn (her goal tied the '02 game, 1-1, in a 3-1 win) ... the '02 ND-UConn game proved to be a key turning point for the program, with current senior **Melissa Tancredi** making the full-time move from F to central D while Thorlakson shifted permanently from M to F ... since those **key shifts**, the Irish are **28-5-1** in their last 34 games.

QUICK-STRIKE ARTISTS – Notre Dame has scored in the first seven minutes of nine games during the past two seasons ('03-'04; total of 10 "quick-strike" goals in that 26-game span) ... **Mary Boland** is responsible for three of those early scores while seven others each have scored one quick goal in '03 or '04 ... the quickest goals in '03 came vs. West Virginia (1:24; Boland volley on long serve from Melissa Tancredi), at Seton Hall (1:30; **Amy Warner** near-post shot after taking pass from Jill Krivacek) and twice at Rutgers (2:44 by **Katie Thorlakson** from close range, after leftside pass from Warner; and at 3:53 on **Tancredi** header, via Thorlakson corner kick) – while the second game of the '04 season saw **Annie Schefter** score vs. Eastern Illinois at 4:35 ... other quick-strike goals by ND in 2003 came vs. Hartford (6:32; **Boland** puts back own rebound, after classic 5-player combination sequence that includes right endline cross from Warner), vs. Oklahoma (5:58; **Jen Buczkowski** knocks in rebound after flurry in box), at Santa Clara (5:03; **Boland** on lunging poke after leftside service from Katie Thorlakson), vs. North Texas (4:28; **Amanda Guertin** shot from top of the box via short pass from Warner) and vs. Georgetown (5:39; **Kimberly Carpenter** redirects Vanessa Pruzinsky shot).

PLAYING THE BEST – Notre Dame has played some of its best soccer vs. ranked opponents, going 24-11-3 vs. NSCAA ranked teams in the Randy Waldrum era (since '99) ... that trend held true in 2001 (5-1-0): 2-1 vs. Penn State, 2-0 vs. Hartford, 2-1 vs. West Virginia, 3-0 vs. Miami, 0-3 at UConn, 2-1 vs. Michigan ... the Irish posted 2002 wins over #25 Maryland (5-2), #8 UConn (3-1), #13 Michigan (1-0) and #14 Purdue (3-1) ... over the course of the '01-'03 seasons, Notre Dame owned an 11-7-1 record vs. NSCAA top-25 teams (39-6-1 vs. unranked teams), including 2003 wins over #16 Santa Clara (2-1), #8 West Virginia (2-0) and #15 UConn (2-0) and a scoreless tie vs. #24 Stanford.

GOING THE DISTANCE – Notre Dame is unbeaten in its last 16 overtime games (12-0-4), since the 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC in the '99 opener ... that team went on to post a 2-1, double-OT win at UConn and played to a 1-1 tie at Nebraska in the NCAA quarter's (adv. on PKs) ... the 2000 team had OT wins over Stanford, at West Virginia and vs. Santa Clara in the NCAA quarter's (all 2-1), also playing to 0-0 at UConn ... '01 featured an unprecedented five OT games (2-1 vs. Indiana, Villanova, WVU and Michigan; 2-2 vs. Wisconsin) while the '02 team added 1-0 OT wins over Rutgers and BC ... the '03 team has played to a scoreless tie with Stanford (at SCU) before posting overtime wins over Villanova (1-0) and Miami (2-1, in BIG EAST quarterfinals).

SHARING THE WEALTH IN OT – Notre Dame's 11 overtime wins in the six-year Randy Waldrum era include goals from seven players (plus an own goal vs. Stanford in '00): **Anne Makinen** (vs. UConn in '99), **Amanda Guertin** (ND record 4; vs. WVU in '00, Michigan in '01, BC in '02 and Miami in '03), **Meotis Erikson** (vs. SCU in '00 NCAA quarter's), **Kelly Tulisniak** (vs. IU in '01), **Amy Warner** (2; vs. VU in '01, Rutgers in '02), **Mia Sarkesian** (vs. WVU in '01) and **Katie Thorklakson** (vs. Vill. in '03).

GREAT STARTS – The 2003 season saw Notre Dame go unbeaten after 19 games for the fourth time in the program's history ... here's a look at the other longest season-opening unbeaten streaks in the ND record book:

Year	Start (Scoring)	Notes
1994	24 games (104-11)	went 23-0-1 before losing to UNC in NCAA title game (5-0)
1997	24 games (134-7)	again fashioned 23-0-1 record before losing to UConn in NCAA semifinals (2-1)
2000	24 games (75-8)	another familiar record (23-0-1) precedes a 2-1 loss to UNC in the NCAA semifinals
2003	19 games (63-5)	scoreless tie vs. Stanford only non-win during 18-0-1 start, before 3-2 loss to Michigan
1996	13 games (66-6)	started 13-0-0 prior to 3-1 loss at Santa Clara
1991	12 games	twice-tied team (10-0-2) drops 1-0 game at UMass
1995	10 games	opened 9-0-1 before losing to UConn (5-4 in OT)

CONFERENCE CALL – Notre Dame's all-time record in regular-season conference games is 95-7-2 (.923; 76-7-2/.906 in BIG EAST) ... the Irish are 52-1 in home games vs. BIG EAST teams, with 49 straight home wins over BIG EAST teams since a 5-4 OT loss to UConn in '95 (239-16 scoring edge, 36 shutouts, 13 with 1 GA) ... since '95, ND's overall record vs. BIG EAST teams now is 94-9-2 (.905; 1-1-0 vs. UConn in NCAAs).

BOHN ON A ROLL – Junior G **Erika Bohn** is 33-4-1 in her last 38 starts with the Irish (32-3-1 last 36), allowing just 19 goals in that 38-game stretch (23 shutouts, 13 with 1 GA) ... that 38-game span includes a 4-1 mark to close the 2002 season, a 5-0 showing in the 2003 spring season, the 20-3-1 record in the fall of '03 and four wins this fall (two in Brazil) ... her only losses in that stretch: the 2002 season-ending loss at top-ranked Stanford, with the only goal coming in the 81st minute; the 3-2 loss to Michigan in the final game of the '03 regular season (UM's final two goals came on corner-kick breakdowns by the ND defense), a 2-1 loss to Boston College in the '03 BIG EAST semifinals and the 1-0 loss to Michigan in the '03 NCAAs ... prior to the first loss to Michigan in '03, Bohn had logged 29 consecutive games with the Irish (24 fall, 5 spring) without allowing multiple goals (previously done by BYU on Oct. 19, 2002).

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win in ND history, with the Irish 201-3-1 all-time (.983) when scoring 3-plus, losing to N.C. State in the '92 opener (4-3), UConn in '95 (5-4, OT) and at Georgetown in '02 (4-3), plus a 3-3 tie vs. Vanderbilt in '91... the Irish had won 88 straight when scoring 3-plus, before the GU loss (now 105-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995) ... ND is 277-9-11 (.951) in all-time games when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals, including tough 1-0 losses in '02 to eventual NCAA champ Portland and top-ranked Stanford ... prior to the UP loss, the Irish had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, playing minus Finnish national teamer Anne Makinen) ... the program's 16-year history includes just 290 goals allowed in 368 games (0.79 GA per game) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 71 all-time games (19%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in just 33 all-time games (9%; including two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal) ... 91% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 goals (ND is just 4-28-1 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

FIRST-HALF FORTRESS – The Notre Dame defense has been particularly stingy in the first half the past four seasons, allowing just 22 goals in the first half of those 67 games ... the first half in '02 featured little scoring (12-10 ND edge), compared to a 40-7 first-half edge in 2003 (plus 7-0 in 2004).

GAME #1 (Aug. 27; Alumni Field)

BAYLOR 0 2 - 2**#3 NOTRE DAME** 5 2 - 7

ND 1. Amanda Cinalli (Katie Thorlakson) 12:49; **ND 2.** Cinalli (Thorlakson, Kim Lorenzen) 21:02; **ND 3.** Thorlakson (Jen Buczkowski) 38:21; **ND 4.** Buczkowski (Thorlakson, Annie Scheffer) 40:11; **ND 5.** Thorlakson (-) 41:11; **ND 6.** Candace Chapman (Cinalli) 49:02; **ND 7.** Chapman (Buczkowski, Melissa Tancredi) 54:41; **BAY 1.** Ginny Rosario-Tull (-) 84:29; **BAY 2.** Margaret Kaderli (Anna Schuch) 87:59.

Shots: BAY 4-5 - 9, ND 21-11 - 32.**Corner Kicks:** BAY 0-1 - 1, ND 3-5 - 8.**Saves:** BAY 18 (Ashley Holder 15, team 3), ND 3 (Erika Bohn 2, with 0 GA in 45:00; Lauren Karas 1, with 2 GA in 45:00).**Fouls:** BAY 20, ND 12.**Offsides:** BAY 0, ND 5.**Yellow Card:** Kristin Ruef (BAY) 9:40.

Katie Thorlakson tied the ND record for points in a half (7) while becoming the first player in the program's history ever to score or assist on the first five goals of a game ... she then handed off the 5-0 halftime lead to her teammates and the Irish quickly scored twice more en route to the opening-day win ... ND now has won 11 of its last 12 season openers and five straight ... the Irish showed good marksmanship and strong finishing, placing all but six of their 32 shots on frame while converting on seven of their first 25 total shots ... ND held a 32-9 shot edge and 8-1 margin in corner kicks ... **Amanda Cinalli** opened the scoring with goals in the 13th and 22nd minutes ... a three-minute stretch late in the opening half then saw three more goals, as Thorlakson and **Jen Buczkowski** took turns setting up each other's goals ... **Candace Chapman**, who is returning from an ACL knee injury that held her out for all of the '03 season, scored twice early in the second half to further extend the cushion ... the Irish used 22 players in the game, with Baylor averting the shutout in the 85th minute and scoring again with two minutes left to play ... Cinalli is the fourth ND freshman ever to score ND's first goal in a season and also became the fourth ND player ever to score the team's first two goals in a season.

GAME #2 (Aug. 29; Alumni Field)

EASTERN ILLINOIS 0 0 - 0**#3 NOTRE DAME** 2 1 - 3

ND 1. Annie Scheffer 1 (Katie Thorlakson) 4:35; **ND 2.** Jen Buczkowski 2 (Amanda Cinalli) 29:31; **ND 3.** Candace Chapman 3 (-) 72:27.

Shots: EIU 1-1 - 2, ND 16-22 - 38.**Corner Kicks:** EIU 1-0 - 1, ND 7-7 - 14.**Saves:** EIU 20 (Tiffany Groene 18, team 2), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 1, Nikki Westfall 0).**Fouls:** EIU 4, ND 11.**Offside:** EIU 0, ND 3.**Yellow Card:** Morgan Frericks (EIU) 87:10.

Katie Thorlakson continued her torrid start to the 2004 season by setting up all three goals and the Irish again led the statistics in dominating fashion (38-2 in shots, 14-1 in corner kicks) ... ND held EIU to one shot on goal, with the Irish logging 48 m minutes without allowing a shot while playing the final 76 minutes without allowing a corner kick ... **Annie Scheffer's** first goal of the season provided an early lead before **Jen Buczkowski** sent home a header for her second goal of '04 ... **Candace Chapman** scored in the second half for her third goal of the weekend ... Thorlakson officially was credited with only one assist but she also played a key role in the second and third goals (she played a leading role in all eight goals that were scored when she was on the field during the weekend's action) ... 10 ND players combined on the 38-shot attack, including eight with three-plus shots.