

2007 Notre Dame Women's Soccer
(19-4-2; 11-0-0 BIG EAST)

(polls based on highest ranking)

August

preseason exhibitions

19	#1 North Carolina	T, 2-2
23	vs. #11 Virginia (in Ft. Wayne)	W, 3-1
31	Michigan (Comcast Local)	T, 0-0

September

2	at #7 Florida (Sun Sports)	W, 2-0
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Santa Clara Classic

7	at #3 Santa Clara	L, 1-7
9	vs. #5 Stanford	L, 1-2 (OT)

Inn at Saint Mary's ND Soccer Classic

14	Washington St. 1, #16 Oklahoma St. 0	
	Notre Dame 4, Princeton 2	
16	Washington State 2, Princeton 1 (OT)	
	#16 Oklahoma State 2, ND 1 (OT)	
21	DePaul*	W, 4-0
23	#14 Penn State (ESPN-U)	L, 1-2
28	at #25 Louisville*	W, 1-0
30	Cincinnati	W, 6-1

October

5	at Syracuse*	W, 4-1
7	at St. John's*	W, 3-0
12	Georgetown*	W, 3-0
14	Villanova*	W, 5-0
19	Providence*	W, 4-0
21	#13 Connecticut*	W, 2-1 (OT)
26	at Seton Hall*	W, 3-1
28	at Rutgers*	W, 3-1

November

4	Rutgers (BIG EAST Quarters)	W, 2-0
9	vs. Georgetown (BE Semi's)	W, 2-0
11	at #12 West Virginia (BE Final)	T, 1-1
	(CSTV/BIG EAST affiliates)	

NCAA First Round (Alumni Field)

16	Illinois 1, Louisville 0 (OT)	
	Notre Dame 3, Loyola Chicago 3 0	

NCAA Second Round (Alumni Field)

18	Illinois	W, 2-0
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NCAA Round-of-16

24	at #4 North Carolina	W, 3-2
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NCAA Quarterfinals

30	vs. Duke	W, 3-2
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December

NCAA College Cup (College Station, TX)

7	vs. #14 Florida State	4:00
	(live on ESPN2 and ESPNU)	
9	Final (vs. UCLA/USC winner)	1:00

* – BIG EAST Conference Game

All times local to site

Rankings indicate highest poll

NOTRE DAME 2007 WOMEN'S SOCCER

NCAA Semifinal – vs. Florida State

Friday, Dec. 7 (4:00 p.m. central)

Aggie Soccer Complex; College Station, Texas

The Notre Dame women's soccer team (19-4-2) – riding one of the nation's longest unbeaten streaks (16-0-1) – will take on Florida State (17-5-3) in an NCAA semifinal rematch, on Friday, Dec. 7, at Texas A&M University ... the game will kick off at 4:00 p.m. central and be shown live on both ESPN2 and ESPNU ... the winner will advance to the championship game on Sunday, Dec. 9, versus the winner of Friday's second semifinal between UCLA and USC (the title game will be televised live on ESPN2, at 1:00 p.m.) ... ND and FSU also met in the 2006 NCAA semifinals, with the Irish winning that hard-fought battle (2-1) that also was the first meeting of the series between the teams ... this marks only the second time in the 26-year history of the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship that teams have faced each other in the semifinals during back-to-back NCAA tournaments ... the Irish are appearing in the semifinals for the ninth time in the past 14 seasons and are looking to reach the title game for the seventh time in that 14-year span (1994-2007) ... in addition to the TV broadcast, the other usual ways to follow the action also are available (GameTracker, Irish Alert text messages/signup up on und.com, hotline/574-631-3000) ... ND advanced through the first two rounds with home wins over Loyola Chicago (3-0) and Illinois (2-0) before winning in the round-of-16 at North Carolina (3-2) and topping Duke in the quarterfinals (3-2) ... FSU's tournament run has featured wins over Kennesaw State (3-0), LSU (4-0), Texas (4-0) and Connecticut (3-2, OT), all at home.

STREAKS LIVE ON ... – Notre Dame enters the FSU game with:

- 262 consecutive wins when taking a 2-0 lead (275-0-1 all-time)
- 79 straight wins when scoring 3-plus goals (161-0 in the past 162)
- A 17-game unbeaten streak (50-10 scoring edge; 2.6 shots on goal allowed per gm)

ND QUICK NOTES

• The Irish rank 11th in the nation in scoring (2.56 goals/gm), 10th in shutouts (12) and 3rd in wins (19) ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** leads the nation in assists (20) and now ranks 4th in points (48) while being one of two players in all of D-I with 14-plus goals and 14-plus assists ... junior M/F **Brittany Bock** ranks 11th nationally in goals (16) and senior **Lauren Karas** is 35th with a 0.71 season goals-against avg.

• The Irish tied West Virginia in the BIG EAST final(1-1) but WVU won the PK shootout (5-3, after 9 kicks) ... ND earlier ran away with the BIG EAST National Division title, the 11th time that the Irish have won a BIG EAST regular-season title (all but '98, '02) ... the Irish now are 29-2-1 in all-time BIG EAST Tournament games (9 straight wins) and own a 38-game unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (36-0-2; since mid-'05), the 4th-longest conference unbeaten streak in D-I women's soccer history and longest by any team since 2001 ... ND has played 70 consecutive games vs. BIG EAST teams without being outshot.

• ND returned seven starters and four top reserves from its 2006 team (25-1-1) that spent most of the season ranked #1 and reached the NCAA title game ... junior center back Carrie Dew (the 2006 BIG EAST defensive player of the year) steadily has returned to her elite form, after undergoing ACL knee surgery late in the 2006 season – while the team's other starting center back (sophomore Haley Ford) has been sidelined for the past two months due to a hamstring injury ... sophomore F **Michele Weisenhofer** (nation's #2 scorer in '06) has been slowed recently by an ankle injury, as has senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** (dnp 5 games) due to her own hamstring problem.

• This marks the ninth time in the past 14 seasons (1994-2007; all but '98, '01-'03 and '05) that ND has reached at least the semifinal round in the NCAAs, the second-most semifinal appearances in that 14-year span

• ND's senior class owns the most wins (91 each) in the nation over the past four seasons (UNC, with 89, is the only other team with a senior class that has more than 80 or career wins) ...

• Notre Dame's 10-week unbeaten streak includes limiting the opponents to 120 shots (7.1/gm), 44 shots on goal (2.6) and 42 corner kicks (2.5). The Irish have trailed for only 72 minutes during the streak (4.6% of the time) and have not been behind since early in the regular-season finale at Rutgers (a span of 708 minutes without trailing).

• The Irish are 44-12-1 (.781) all-time in the NCAAs, including 35-3-0 at home (.921).

TALE OF THE TAPE (2007 SEASON)

[NCAA rank in brackets]

NOTRE DAME

FLORIDA STATE

Previous Meeting (series opener)	2-1 win (2006 NCAA semi's; Cary, NC)	
All-Time Record in NCAAs	[2] 44-12-1/.781 (15 years)	[5] 20-6-2/.750 (8 years)
2007 Record (Conf.)	[3] 19-4-2 (11-0-0 BIG EAST)	[12] 17-5-3 (6-2-2 ACC)
Current Streak	16-0-1 (since Sept. 28)	7-1-0 (since Nov. 1)
2006 Records	25-1-1 (10-0-1)	18-4-4 (5-2-3)
Starters Returning from 2006	7	6
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	16/8	14/10
vs. Virginia	W, 3-1 (exhib.; in Ft. Wayne)	T, 1-1 (A)
vs. North Carolina	T, 2-2 (exhib.; H); W, 3-2 (A)	L, 1-2/OT (H); L, 0-1 (N)
vs. Connecticut	W, 2-1/OT (H)	W, 3-2/OT (H)
vs. Duke	W, 3-2 (H)	T, 1-1 (A)
Combined Common Opponents	4-0-1 (3H/1A/1N; 13-8 scoring)	1-2-2 (2H/2A/1N; 6-7 scoring)
Goals Per Game	[11] 2.56 (64)	[2] 3.15 (78)
Goals-Against Average	[94] 0.98 (25)	[58] 0.85 (22)
Avg. Scoring Margin	+1.6 (+39)	+2.3 (+56)
Shots Per Game	17.0	16.9
Shots Allowed/Game	7.5	11.0
Shot Margin	+9.5	+5.9
Shots On Goal Allowed/Game	2.8	3.2
Shooting Pct.	.151	.185
Shots Per Goal	6.6	5.4
Shots on Goal per Goal	3.2	2.5
Corner Kicks/Game	4.4	5.4
Goals Off Corner Kicks	6	N.A.
Corner Kicks Allowed/Game	2.6	3.8
Average Corner-Kick Margin	+1.8	+1.6
Save Percentage	.643	.794
Shutouts	[10] 12	[10] 12
Games w/ 0-1 GA	18	17
Games w/ 2 GA	6	5
Games w/ 3-plus GA	1	3
Overtime Record	1-2-2	1-2-3
One-Goal Game Record	4-3	4-5
Wins By 3-Plus Goals	8	11
Wins By 5-Plus Goals	2	4
Home Games	11-2-1	12-1-0
All Road Games	8-2-1	5-4-3
1st-Half Scoring	27-8	42-6
2nd-Half Scoring	36-15	35-14
Fouls Per Game	13.2	7.8
Yellow Cards/Red	20/0	4/1
Players with 10+ Goals	2	2
Players with 5+ Goals	5	5
Players with Goals	12	14
Players with 30+ Points	2	2
Players with 20+ Points	2	2
Players with 10+ Points	8	8
Players with Points	17	15
Seniors/Freshmen	5/8	4/8
Top Scorers	[4] Kerri Hanks, Jr., F (14G-20A, 48 pts) Brittany Bock, Jr., F/M (16G-4A, 36 pts) Michele Weissenhofer, So., F (8G-3A, 19 pts) Susan Pinnick, Sr., F/M (5G-3A, 13 pts) Amanda Cinalli, Sr., F/M (3G-6A, 12 pts) Rose Augustin, Fr., F (5G-1A, 11 pts) Ashley Jones, Sr., M/D (3G-5A, 11 pts) Elise Weber, Jr., D (2G-7A, 11 pts)	[1] Mami Yamaguchi, Jr., M (23G-17A, 63 pts) Sanna Talonen, Fr., F (17G-5A, 39 pts) Kirsten van de Ven, Sr., M (7G-4A, 18 pts) Amanda DaCosta, Fr., M (5G-8A, 18 pts) Erika Sutton, Jr., M (5G-3A, 13 pts) Katrin Schmidt, Jr., D (1G-10A, 12 pts) Rachel Lim, Fr., D (4G-3A, 11 pts) Marissa Kazbour, Fr., M (3G-5A, 11 pts)
Goalkeepers	[35] Lauren Karas, Sr. (0.71 GAA, 27 SV, 18 GP)	[67] Erin McNulty, Fr. (0.85, 75 SV, 25 GP)

INSIDE THE NUMBERS – As noted in the “Tale of the Tape” comparison chart of the Notre Dame and FSU women’s soccer teams (see previous page), there are several key statistical differences between the teams, there are even more categories in which the teams have similar (and often identical) numbers:

NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY – Notre Dame owns the second-best all-time win pct. (.781; 44-12-1) in the 26-year history of the NCAA Women’s Soccer Championship, trailing only North Carolina (.927; 94-7-1) ... UCLA is next on that list at .767 (34-10-10, followed by Portland (.755; 40-12-30 and Florida State (.750; 20-6-2).

HOT STREAKS – The Irish are riding a 17-game unbeaten streak (16-0-1) that dates back to late September while the Seminoles are 7-1-0 since early November.

VETERAN LEADERS – Notre Dame returned seven starters and 16 of 24 letterwinners from its 2006 NCAA runner-up squad (25-1-1) while FSU has six starters and 14 of 24 letterwinners back from its NCAA semifinalist squad.

COMMON FOES – The teams faced four common opponents this season (including exhibitions), with the Irish going 4-0-1 vs. those teams (three at home, one away, one neutral; 13-8 scoring edge) while FSU was 1-2-2 vs. those common opponents (two home, two away, one neutral; outscored 7-6) ... ND tied UNC (2-2) and beat Virginia (3-1; in Ft. Wayne) during 2007 exhibition play before coming back to beat UConn in overtime (2-1), then winning ay UNC in the NCAA third round (3-2) and topping Duke in the quarterfinals (also 3-2) ... FSU’s regular-season games included a 2-1 home loss to UNC, a 1-1 tie at UVa and a 1-1 tie at Duke, plus a loss to UNC in the ACC final (1-0) and a 3-2 win over UConn in the NCAA quarterfinals.

HIGH-POWERED ATTACKS – FSU ranks second nationally with 3.15 goals per game (78 total) while the Irish are 11th at 2.56 (64) ... the goals-against stats are closer (ND has allowed 25 total goals for a 0.98 goals-against avg. while FSU has a 0.85 GAA and has allowed 22 goals by the opposition).

SHOT CHARTS – The teams have attempted virtually the same number of total shots this (425 by ND, 422 by FSU; 17.0 and 16.9 per game) ... the Irish have the clear edge on the other end of the field, allowing only 7.5 shots pe game (compared to 11.0 by FSU) ... when it comes to quality shots allowed, the teams are closer as ND has allowed only 2.8 shots on goal per game and FSU is allowing 3.2 SOG/gm.

SHARPSHOOTERS – The Seminoles are the more efficient shooters, with a .185 team shooting pct. and an avg. of 5.4 shots per goal (also 2.5 SOG per goal) ... ND owns only a .151 shot pct. and has needed 6.6 shots per goal (3.2 SOG/ goal).

CORNERED – FSU is averaging more corner kicks than ND (5.4 to 4.4 per game) but the Seminoles also allow more CKs than the Irish (3.8 to 2.6/gm).

IN THE NETS – Similar to its edge in shot pct., FSU also has the better team save pct. (.794, to ND’s .643) ... both teams have 12 shutouts while ND has held 18 of its 25 opponents to 0-1 goals (FSU has 17 games with 0-1 GA) ... the Irish have allowed more than two goals in only one game this season (way back in game #3) while the Seminoles have given up a big goal number (3-plus) three times.

WIN MARGINS – Each team already has battled in five-plus overtime games (ND is 1-2-2, FSU 1-2-3) and both have similar records in one-goal games (ND 4-3; FSU 4-5) ... the Seminoles have rolled to 11 wins this season by margins of three or more goals (ND has eight) while FSU also owns four wins by five-plus goals (to ND’s two).

HOME & AWAY – Both teams were strong at home (ND 11-2-1; FSU 12-1-0) but FSU is barely above .500 in all of its road games this season (5-4-3) compared to an 8-2-1 mark by the Irish in all road games (including neutral sites).

HALF & HALF – FSU has dominated first-half scoring this season (42-6, to ND’s 27-8) while the team’s are nearly identical in the second half (ND 36-15, FSU 35-14).

FOUL PLAY – The Irish are averaging nearly twice as many fouls (13.2/gm) as the Seminoles (7.8) and have totaled 20 yellow cards to FSU’s four.

SCORING STARS – Both teams have two players with double-digit goals and each has five with five-plus goals ... 14 FSU players have scored goals this season (to 12 for ND) ... the similarities extend even further, as both teams have two players with 30-plus points, two with 20-plus and eight with double-digit points (ND has 17 total players with points, FSU has 15).

ROSTER MAKEUP – The Irish have five seniors on their roster (FSU has four) while both teams have eight freshmen.

ALL-AROUND TALENTS – FSU junior midfielder Mami Yamaguchi (23G-17A) and ND junior forward Kerri Hanks (14G-20A) are the only players in the nation with 14-plus goals and 14-plus assists ... only four other players in all of Division I have reached double-digit goals and assists this season, most notably UCLA’s Lauren Cheney (22G-11A) and Portland’s Michelle Enyeart (12G-15A).

WRAPUP NOTES FROM QUARTERFINAL WIN OVER DUKE (3-2)

The nation's premier forward trio was on display on Friday night, Nov. 30, at Alumni Field, as **Kerri Hanks**, **Brittany Bock** and **Michele Weissenhofer** – who now have combined for 130 career goals and 97 assists – dazzled a spirited and hearty crowd while combining for all of the Notre Dame women's soccer team's goals and a pair of assists, in a hard-fought 3-2 NCAA quarterfinal win over visiting Duke. The Irish claimed a 2-0 lead early in the second half only to see the determined visitors quickly tie the game with a pair of goals in a span of five minutes. But the decisive score came in the 78th minute, after Hanks took a pass from Amanda Cinalli and sent home the final goal on a shot from the right edge of the box.

Notre Dame's nine trips to the NCAA semifinals since 1994 are second-most in the nation, only two behind North Carolina's 11 and one ahead of Portland's eight semifinal trips over the past 14 seasons. The Irish now are 44-12-1 all-time in the NCAAs (.781), including 35-3-0 at home (.921).

Passes from Hanks and Bock set up Weissenhofer's goal in the 20th minute but the Irish had several near-misses during the rest of the opening half and took a tenuous 1-0 lead into the intermission (ND now is 51-2-1 in its past 54 games when scoring first). Hanks then delivered the 12th corner-kick assist of her career and Bock had the finish on the play in classic fashion, outjumping goalkeeper Allison Lipsher for her 20th career header goal and a 2-0 lead in the 52nd minute. Kelly Hathorn then scored after a corner-kick rebound sequence and CJ Ludemann launched a 22-yard rocket shot that tied the game with 28 minutes left in the second half.

Notre Dame never has lost when claiming a 2-0 lead (285-0-1; including 262 consecutive wins dating back to 1991) and rarely has even allowed a team to tie the game after falling behind the Irish by a 2-0 score. In fact, 175 consecutive teams that had faced 2-0 deficits versus Notre Dame had failed to forge a tie - until the Blue Devils suddenly pulled off that feat in a span of only 4:22. UConn was the previous team to tie the Irish after falling behind 2-0, doing so back in the 1996 BIG EAST title game (ND led that game 3-0, UConn tied it 3-3, and the Irish went on to win 4-3).

This will mark the fifth trip to the College Cup final weekend during the nine-year tenure of Irish head coach **Randy Waldrum** (1999-2007). Only five coaches in Division I women's soccer history have taken more of their teams to the College Cup semifinals than Waldrum, who could join even more exclusive company should Notre Dame defeat FSU in the semifinals. A win in that game would put Waldrum in the NCAA for the fourth time, which would tie UConn's Len Tsantiris for second all-time behind UNC's Anson Dorrance (UCLA's Jillian Ellis also has taken her team to three NCAA title games).

The College Cup festivities will hold extra meaning for Waldrum - an Arlington native who founded the women's soccer program at Baylor – along with his assistant coaches (Dawn Greathouse and Ben Waldrum, the coach's son) and seven Irish players who all are Texas natives. Most notably, Dallas-area products Hanks (Allen) and senior goalkeeper **Lauren Karas** (Flower Mound) are former standouts with the powerhouse Dallas Texans club program while junior midfielder **Becca Mendoza** (Garland) played for the crosstown rival Dallas Sting. Two other former Texans stars – sophomore center back Haley Ford (Midland) and freshman forward Taylor Knaack (Arlington) - currently are sidelined by injuries, with the team's other Texas natives including a pair of reserve outside backs who are Plano natives, junior Ashley Galovic (Plano/Solar S.C.) and senior Jennie Bireley (Andromeda S.C.).

Notre Dame's all-time roster includes 21 all-time Texas natives, third-most from any state (narrowly behind the 23 from California and 22 from Indiana). The program's notable alums from the lone star state have included the likes of early scoring leader Stephanie Porter (Spring/Klein HS; '90-'93), defender Tiffany Thompson (Houston/Cypress Creek; '91-'94), All-America/Academic All-America defender Monica Gonzalez (Richardson/Plano East; '97-'01), ND career goals-against avg. leader (0.57) Liz Wagner (Spring/Klein; '98-'01), and clutch goalscorer Amanda Guertin (Grapevine HS; '00-'03).

Hanks, Karas and Mendoza will have the rare chance to play on the big stage of the College Cup final weekend while also competing in their home state. Through Notre Dame's previous eight trips to the College Cup semifinals (and/or final) - four of them held in North Carolina, three in California and one in Portland, Ore. - only five Irish players similarly have experienced the thrill of playing those games in their home state (all California natives): midfielders Cindy Daws (Northridge) and Shannon Box (Torrance), goalkeepers Jen Renola (Los Gatos) and LaKeysia Beene (Gold River), and forward Monica Gerardo (Simi Valley). Daws and her fellow southern California natives Boxx and Gerardo joined Nor-Cal native Renola on the 1996 Irish squad that reached the 1996 NCAA title game (held at Santa Clara) while Beene played relatively near her hometown during the '99 semifinals and final game (held in San Jose).

The NCAA quarterfinal game saw senior midfielder **Ashley Jones** come off the bench to log her 104th career game with the Irish, placing her first on the Notre Dame career games played list and tying her for second in the NCAA record book. Cinalli appeared in her 99th career game and will head to the College Cup as the leader of a senior class that has gone 91-9-4 (.894) in its four seasons with the Irish, including 18-2-0 in the NCAAs and 51-2-2 in games played at Alumni Field. The fourth-year players on the 2007 team are the sixth senior class in Notre Dame history - but the first since 2000 - to advance to the College Cup semifinals three or more times in their careers (also done by the 1996-2000 senior classes).

WRAPUP NOTES FROM QUARTERFINAL WIN OVER DUKE (p. 2)

Duke (10-6-7) nearly became the first team to take the lead on Notre Dame during the 2007 postseason, after getting an early counter-attack chance down the right side of the field. CJ Ludemann had a good angle for her shot from the top right corner of the box, but Karas had come off her line and dove to her right to make the huge save in the game's fifth minute.

The Blue Devils would have only two shots on goal the rest of the night, but both of them found the net when the game quickly became tied. Notre Dame finished the game with a 15-8 edge in total shots, 8-3 in shots on goal and 7-2 in corner kicks. The Irish now have outscored the opposition 50-10 in the 17-game unbeaten streak while allowing only 120 shots (7.1/gm), 44 shots on goal (2.6) and 42 corners (2.5) during that 10-week span.

Hanks registered her 19th assist of the season and 56th of her three-year career in the game's 20th minute, after playing the ball to Bock, who quickly turned and charged down the center of the field before threading a pass into the top of the penalty area. The leftfooted Weissenhofer received the ball with pressure but was able to squre free on the left side before driving a low, rightfooted shot past the charging `keeper and into the right side of the net (19:30). The score gives Weissenhofer four goals during the NCAAs, matching her combined total from the regular season (4) and the BIG EAST Tournament (0). After enduring an 11-game goal drought while battling back from an ankle injury, the sophomore forward now has posted goals in three straight games and (prior to the goals by Bock and Hanks) had scored four of her team's past six goals.

Several frustrating near-goals in the first half nearly came back to haunt the Irish, despite adding the goal by Bock shortly after halftime. Hanks provided the corner-kick service on an outswinger from the right flag and Bock leaped high with Lipsher just a couple feet off the goal line. The header carried squarely under the center of the crossbar for Bock's team-leading 16th goal of the season and the 40th in her three seasons with the Irish (51:39).

Bock now is tied with Gerardo atop the Notre Dame list for career goals in the NCAAs (10), followed by Hanks, Weissenhofer and Heft with nine each. Notre Dame's battle-tested offensive foursome - comprised of Bock, Hanks, Weissenhofer and Cinalli (8) - impressively has combined for 36 career goals during NCAA Tournament play.

Seven of Bock's past eight goals have come on headers and she maintains her pace of one goal per game played during the current unbeaten streak (15G in 15 GP; DNP vs. Rutgers in the BIG EAST quarters and vs. Illinois in the NCAA second round). Her 20 career header goals now include five as a freshman, seven as a sophomore and eight this seasons (she also has four rare header assists in her career). Bock entered the week ranked 14th among the nation's goalscoring leaders.

Notre Dame has scored six goals off corner-kick sequences this season and Hanks has been involved in four of them, with three CK assists and another goal scored directly on the corner. Her 185 career points with the Irish include 50 (15G-20A) that have come on set-play/dead-ball situations: eight free-kick assists (three in '07), 12 CK assists, seven free-kick goals (two in '07), seven penalty-kick goals (5-of-5 in '07) and the CK goal. Her 50 points this season include 22 that have come from the above categories (7G-6A).

Bock was subbed out after her goal and watched as Duke jumped back in the game by capitalizing on a corner-kick rebound sequence that included the initial service from Jane Alukonis before Ludemann worked the ball to Hathorn in the middle of the box. The resulting shot into the lower right corner of the goal (57:55) cut the deficit in half but the game would be tied just a few minutes later.

Short passes from Elisabeth Redmon and Alukonis set up Ludemann for her shot from outside the top right corner of the box. Ludemann had enough space to uncork a shot that bent into the far-left sidenetting for her fifth goal of the season (62:17). Bock then returned to the Irish lineup, after an 11-minute rest that saw the game go from 2-0 to 2-2.

Cinalli's 36th career assist proved to be a huge play, as she beat a pair of Duke defenders to the ball outside the top of the penalty area and played Hanks down the right side. Hanks took the pass in stride and made a couple quick touches before launching a slipping shot that was headed for the far post. Weissenhofer was being marked tightly as she made a near-post run and slid in at the top of the six-yard box. The ball then appeared to skip past Weissenhofer, the defender and Lipsher (who possibly was thrown off by Weissenhofer's sliding motion) and the shot carried on into the net for the gamewinner (77:35), giving Hanks 14 goals for the season and 64 in her career.

Kerri Hanks – who is on pace to graduate in May but could return in the fall of 2008 for her final season of eligibility – departed Alumni Field on Friday night with several more Notre Dame records to add to her overflowing soccer resume. The junior forward now owns Irish records for career shots (355), career postseason points (57; 16G-25A), career postseason gamewinning points (15; 4 GWG-7 GWA), career points in the NCAAs (32; 9G-14A) and career gamewinning points in the NCAAs (10; 3 GWG-4 GWA) while the goal on Friday added to another record she already held (now with 18 career postseason goals). Hanks has registered points in 20 of 23 postseason games during her college career and now is tied for 13th in NCAA history with 57 career assists (leaving her 3A shy of becoming the sixth D-I player ever to reach the 60G-60A career milestone). She would rank as the career assist leader at 308 of the 314 current D-I programs but stands only fifth on an impressive list of all-time Notre Dame assist leaders (she also is behind four former UNC players and one each from Jacksonville, Santa Clara, UConn and UC Santa Barbara on the NCAA career assists list). The four-point night gives Hanks 185 career points to rank sixth in the Notre Dame record book, passing former teammate Katie Thorlakson (183) and now only one behind 2000 Hermann Trophy winner Anne Makinen (186), three shy of Jenny Heft and '96 Hermann winner Cindy Daws (both 199), and five behind the program's #2 all-time point leader Monica Gerardo (190; with Jenny Streiffer's 211 being the ND record).

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NOTRE DAME HEAD COACH RANDY WALDRUM – “It was a great game and when you get down to eight teams, everybody is going to be good. Hats off to Duke, after going down two away from home and coming back. I felt like we could be dangerous when we got the ball forward, but what a great game. ... I don't know that we've had any other team in the history of this program that has struggled with the won-loss results so much early in the season and regrouped in this fashion, making it all the way back to the College Cup for the semifinals. Back in mid-September when we were 3-4-1, we basically sat down with the girls and told them that we could not lose any more games. We gave away too many games early in the season. To come back and run off the stretch we have is a great feeling. It was fitting that Duke came back and tied it, and then you saw our character to come back and win it. I was very proud of them tonight, in particular for the seniors. ... Nobody ever got discouraged when Duke came back. It was two big mistakes we made. We gave away a corner and they scored off a dead-ball situation, which always happens in tight games like this. And then on the second goal by Ludemann, she struck a ball with no pressure on her and hit a great shot. We should have closed that quicker and not given her that shot to strike the ball. But give credit to the kids, we didn't lose control of the game. ... It was great to see Hanks get the last goal, she has had such a great year for us. ... Cinalli kind of epitomizes the day. She dove in and dug a ball out right before the two Duke defenders could get it and tapped it into space for Hanks. Kerri did a great job of cutting it in and creating a great angle for herself. She is the best finisher in the county if you give her chances like that. ... We still have work to do to get where we want to be. Considering the start that we had, I'm proud of the way we have been resilient and not given up. The players have shown what they are made of to come back like this.”

DUKE HEAD COACH ROBBIE CHURCH – “What a terrific side Notre Dame is and we wish them the best of luck. We hope they win it all. Randy does a phenomenal job here. They are a handful and came out and really pressured us early in the match. We have not seen that much pressure since we played North Carolina in the middle of October. We did not handle it really well in the first half. We made some adjustments and got more aggressive in the second half. We had to press and try to win more first- and second-balls. ... When it went to 2-0, we just wanted to get one back and put the pressure back on them. Then we really started to press hard and were winning balls in the midfield and running at their back line. The first goal put the pressure back on them and then CJ just buried that shot. She's had three of four goals like that this season. The game was on at that point but give them credit for coming back and seizing the momentum. We spent a lot of energy tying the game up and then tried to put some fresh, but inexperienced, legs in there. ... On the final goal, one of our backs got turned and then the ball got played across the six. ... The Notre Dame events staff did a fantastic job with the field. It's tough to come up here and you are facing a great side in Notre Dame. I'm just proud of the effort and heart that our girls showed during the course of the 90 minutes.”

NOTRE DAME JUNIOR FORWARD KERRI HANKS – “Over the course of the season, we have learned how to play with each other and learn from our mistakes and it pays off. ... I want to win a national championship. To win it for our seniors will mean everything. ... Duke such a good team and they play so many good teams in the ACC. We went in at halftime and knew that one or two goals would not do it. It was amazing how we came back to get the final goal. I believe in our team and everybody just trusts each other and we did it. ... Duke did great to come back and tie the game. We have had to battle so many times this season and we knew what it took to get the lead back. We played our hearts out and that's what counts. I'm just so proud of the team that we get to go to the 'final four' again. ... Duke is a great team and you can't let down. We made two mistakes and it cost us. We had so many opportunities in the first half but only had the one goal. We knew we had to keep going, play with our hearts and pressure all the time. We had faith and pulled it off. ... Every time Amanda Cinalli steps on the field she is going to give you her best game ever. She is going to be so positive and encouraging and cheer us up. She is amazing, on and off the field. She is one of the best leaders I've ever seen.

NOTRE DAME SOPHOMORE FORWARD MICHELE WEISSENHOFER – “Brittany played a great ball and I cut it back, saw where the goalkeeper was and placed it in the right corner. It was with my right foot, just like the two goals at UNC. ... I am more confident in myself over the past few weeks and am just so happy for the team and how we are playing. We all are more confident and unified right now because we are nearing the end of a common goal. ... We like to keep the game's entertaining and that was the case tonight when they came back and tied it. Their second goal was a great shot but there are little moments in games where you can't turn your back on the opponent. We have to stay focused on everything throughout the game and finish it out.”

NCAA ROUNDUP – Next week's ND-FSU game will mark only the second time in the 26-year history of the NCAA women's soccer tournament that teams have faced each other in the semifinals during consecutive years (UNC beat Santa Clara in the '96 and '97 semi's, 2-1 in both games) ... the Irish are 6-2-0 in eight previous NCAA semifinal games (vs. five different teams), with 1-0 wins over Portland in '94 and UNC in '95, a 3-2 win over UP in '96, a 2-1 loss to UConn in '97, a 1-0 win over SCU in '99, a 2-1 loss to UNC in 2000, a 1-0 win over SCU in '04 and the 2-1 win over FSU in '06 ... in addition to Notre Dame (18-2-0), the other top records during NCAA Tournament play over the past four seasons (2004-07) include UCLA (18-3-0), UNC (12-2-1), FSU (11-2-2) and Portland (13-3-1) ... the four remaining teams in the 2007 NAAs include one that was a #1 seed in its quadrant of the bracket (UCLA), another that was the #2 seed from its grouping (USC), a #3 seed (FSU) and a #4 (ND) ... the Irish now are 8-2-1 in NCAA quarterfinal games (28-11 scoring edge) ... a win over FSU would send ND to the NCAA title game for the seventh time since 1994 (second only to UNC's nine titles games since '94, with no other team having more than three title-game appearances in the 14-year span).

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GIVING THANKS FOR HANKS – Hanks now has scored (17) or assisted (16) on 33 gamewinning goals in her ND career ... her 50 career GW points remain third in the ND record book, one behind Streiffer and six back of Thorlakson's record ... Hanks has points in 63 of 77 total games with the Irish while maintaining the ND records for career points per game (2.40) and goals per game (0.83, tied with Heft) ... her career avg. of 0.74 assists/gm ranks sixth in the NCAA record book ... Hanks has scored (1) or assisted (5) on six GWGs in ND's past eight wins ... she is nearing a third straight season with 50 points (48; 14G-20A) and has joined former greats Holly Manthei, Thorlakson and Daws as the only ND players ever to have 20-plus assists in multiple seasons (also 22 in '06) ... her 64 career goals still are fifth in ND history, one behind Makinen ... her 57 assists are tied with Boxx for fifth in the ND record book ... recent UNC players Kacey White (58) and Lindsay Tarpley (59) are right above Hanks on the NCAA career assists list ... Streiffer (19), Michelle McCarthy (19) and Amanda Guertin (18) are the only ND players ever to total more career gamewinning goals than Hanks (17) ... Hanks is 3A shy of joining the exclusive 60G-60A club that includes: former UNC great Mia Hamm (103G-72A), ND's Streiffer (70G-71A) and Daws (61G-67A), UC Santa Barbara alum Carin Jennings (102G-60A) and former SCU player Mandy Clemens (67G-65A) ... Thorlakson (23) is the only ND player with more career assists in the postseason than Hanks (21) and more career assists in the NCAAs (15, to 14 for Hanks) ... Hanks, Bock and Cinalli each have four career GWGs in the postseason (Weissenhofer owns that ND record with six while Gerardo has five) ... Gerardo and Weissenhofer share the ND record for career GWGs in the NCAAs (4), followed by Hanks, Cinalli and Guertin (3) ... Thorlakson saw Hanks surpass her ND records for career points in the postseason (53) and in the NCAAs (29), and for career GW points in the postseason (14) and in the NCAAs (9) ... Daws was the previous ND recordholder for career shots (354).

POSTSEASON POSSE – The fantastic foursome of Hanks (18G-21A), Bock (15G-8A), Cinalli (10G-7A) and Weissenhofer (11G-2A) now has combined for 54 career goals and 38 assists in postseason play, with 36 of those goals and 18 assists coming in the NCAAs (Hanks 9G-11A, Bock 10G-3A, Cinalli 8G-4A and Weissenhofer 9G) ... in addition to sharing the ND record for career goals in the NCAAs (10), Bock also ranks second in the ND record book with 15 career postseason goals (behind Hanks) and is fourth all-time in career NCAA Tournament points (23, one behind Gerardo) ... Bock's 38 career post-season points are sixth in ND history (one shy of Streiffer, two back of Gerardo and five behind Makinen) ... Cinalli remains ninth on that list with 27 career postseason points and is third in ND history with nine career GW points in the NCAAs (3 GWG-3 GWA) ... Cinalli (34G-32A) and Bock (40G-20A) landed on 100 career points on the same night, joining 15 previous ND players in that century club ... Bock moved into 14th on the ND career goals list, three behind Susie Zilvitis ... Bock is the 26th ND player ever to reach 20G-20A in her career.

DOUBLE DYNAMIC DUOS – The ND-FSU game will feature two of the nation's top scoring tandems, in Hanks and Bock (30G-21A, 81 points, 12 GWGs between them) and the FSU pair of Mami Yamaguchi (23G-17A, 63 pts, 5 GWG) and Sanna Talonen (17G-5A, 39 pts, 6 GWG) that has combined for 40G-22A, 102 pts and 11 GWGs ... UCLA also has a noteworthy duo in Lauren Cheney (22G-11A, 55 pts, 9 GWG) and Danesha Adams (15G-8A, 38 pts, 5 GWG), with their combined totals including 37G-19A, 93 pts and 14 GWGs ... Hanks (64) and Bock (40) have combined for 104 career goals, still the fifth-most ever by ND classmates ... their 29 career GWGs (17 for Hanks, 12 for Bock) are tied for the third-most ever by classmates at ND, behind the 35 for McCarthy (19) and Rosella Guerrero (16) and the 34 y Heft (19) and Streiffer (15) ... Hanks and Bock have combined on 10 goals this season (each with G/A on those 10 plays).

SENIOR SALUTE – Former UNC player Robin Confer (107; '94-'97) is the only D-I player ever to log more career games played than Jones (104) ... former UNC player Rebekah McDowell ('96-'99) and Penn State alum Bonnie Young ('98-'01) are tied with Jones for second on the NCAA career GP list ... Jones and Cinalli have tied Buczkowski and Christie Shaner (100) for the most combined games played by ND classmates (203) ... the 2007 seniors are one win shy of tying the 2006 seniors (92) for most career wins at ND (the '97 seniors also had 91 career wins) ... the '07 seniors are tied for having the 15th-most career wins of any senior class in D-I women's soccer history (behind ND's '06 seniors and 13 former UNC senior groups) ... Cinalli's next game will make her the ninth ND player ever to appear in 100 or more games ... in addition to ND (91-9-4), the other 2007 senior classes with the most career wins are UNC (89-7-1) and UCLA (80-14-4). ...

QUICK KICKS – The Irish are one victory shy of reaching 20 wins for the fifth straight season and 12th time in the past 14 years ... the 17-game unbeaten streak ranks ninth-longest in ND history and is fifth-best in the Waldrum era (behind a 26-game unbeaten streak in '06, a 24-game in 2000, a 20-game in '04 and a 19-game in '03) ... ND also is riding a 24-game scoring streak that ranks fifth in the ND record book ... the Irish have been outshot in the unbeaten streak only once (by UNC) and have trailed for a total of only 72 minutes (4.7% of the time) ... ND has not trailed for the entire 2007 postseason (seven games) and has gone a total of 708 minutes since its previous deficit (early in the regular-season finale at Rutgers) ... Santa Clara remains the only team to score more than two goals vs. ND all season ... the Irish own 79 consecutive wins when scoring three-plus goals (161-1-0 in the past 162 when scoring three-plus) ... ND also has played 79 straight home games without being outshot ... ND now is 7-3-1 in the all-time series with Duke ... the Irish are 16-2-0 this season when leading at the half and 18-2-1 when outshooting the opponent ... ND ended with a 40-10 scoring edge at home this season, led by Hanks (11G-10A, 4 GWG) and Bock (9G-2A, 4 GWG) ... Waldrum's career record as a D-I women's soccer coach now stands at 292-78-19 (.775), including 185-28-8 (.855) at ND ... Karas improved her career record with the Irish to 54-4-2 (.917), the top win pct. ever by an ND goalkeeper.

WRAPUP NOTES FROM ROUND-OF-16 WIN AT NORTH CAROLINA (3-2)

- Sophomore F **Michele Weissenhofer** and senior G **Lauren Karas** led the way with multiple clutch plays, in the hard-fought victory at Fetzer Field.
- Weissenhofer's pair of goals and assist represents one of only four times in Notre Dame women's soccer history that an Irish player has totaled five or more points versus a top-five opponent, and she is the first on that short list to do so during NCAA Tournament play.
- Notre Dame became the first team to score three-plus goals vs. UNC in seven years and the first to do so in an NCAA Tournament setting since 1990.
- ND's fourth-year players now have compiled the most career victories (90-9-4) of any senior class from the current 314 Division I teams, leaving them two victories shy of tying the Irish record for career wins by a graduating class.
- The Irish also now own the nation's best record during the past four NCAA Tournaments (17-2-0), with four straight trips to at least the quarterfinals (the 2004 team won the NCAA title while the 2006 squad was runner-up).
- The Irish overcame the midgame loss of junior left back **Elise Weber**, who went down with an injury late in the second half ... Weber, an all-BIG EAST selection and one of 12 defenders nationwide who were on the Hermann Trophy ballot, was replaced by freshman Stephanie Sohn for the final minutes of the opening half but senior **Ashley Jones** then did a solid job at left back in the second half .. Jones— who has appeared in all 103 of ND's games in her career (tying the ND record for career GP) – has played mostly midfield this season but also has extensive experience playing at outside back.
- Weissenhofer's rightside flip-throw assisted on **Brittany Bock's** 15th goal of the season – and her 19th career goal on a header – in the 13th minute of play, but the score then quickly changed to 2-0 before the spirited contingent of Irish fans had settled back into their seats at Fetzer Field ... UNC (19-4-1) turned over possession on the ensuing kickoff and **Kerri Hanks** fired the ball back towards the UNC penalty area, with Weissenhofer alertly chasing the play and driving a low shot into the vacated net after goalkeeper Ashlyn Harris mishandled the bouncing ball.
- The goals came only 14 seconds apart, representing the quickest back-to-back scores ever in NCAA Tournament play (also second-quickest in any ND game; see two-goal flurry notes and charts later in release) ... it also dramatically ended a series of slow starts to games this season for the Irish, who had totaled only four goals during the first 15 minutes of their 2007 games prior to facing UNC ... Bock's goal was the third-quickest for the Irish all season and the earliest in a game since mid-September ... the only ND goals this season that have come earlier than Bock's opening goal vs. UNC (12:41) were Bock's diving header at Florida in game-2 (6:28; Sept. 2) and a penalty kick by Hanks three weeks later vs. DePaul (7:43; Sept. 21).
- The goals by Bock and Weissenhofer easily represented ND's earliest 2-0 lead of the season, doing so in half the time that it took to go ahead 2-0 on Georgetown in the BIG EAST semifinals (when Bock and Rose Augustin, interestingly enough, scored 38 second apart in the 25th minute).
- The UNC game actually mared the third straight weekend that the Irish had scored quick back-to-back goals, with two scores coming in a span of 1:15 during the NCAA opener to cap that 3-0 win over Loyola Chicago.
- UNC – which had outscored the opposition 25-2 in the first half of its 23 previous games this season – jumped right back in the game early in the second half, when Allie Long sent home a penalty kick, but Weissenhofer struck again on a breakaway in the 61st minute ... UNC again battled back, with Nikki Washington heading in a free-kick service, but the veteran goalkeeper Karas and the ever-improving Irish back line made the key plays down the stretch for the 3-2 win.
- Notre Dame (3-9-2) joins Santa Clara (4-14-0) as the only teams ever to defeat UNC more than twice ... UNC had owned a decided advantage in recent years, going 6-1-0 vs. the Irish in the past seven meetings (dating back to the 1996 NCAA championship game) ... ND does own a 2-1-0 series margin vs.UNC in games played at Fetzer Field, including a 1-0 win in the 1995 NCAA semifinals.
- Karas had a strong all-around game that included coming up with five saves – several of the game-changing variety – while freshman right back **Julie Scheidler** also made a huge clear off the line to deny a UNC chance following an early leftside corner-kick service ... Scheidler and the rest of ND's four-player defender group have come a long way since the Irish and Tar Heels played to a 2-2 tie in the 2007 preseason ... most notably, junior center back **Carrie Dew** steadily has returned to her elite form after undergoing ACL knee surgery that forced her to miss each of the previous two games versus UNC (including the 2-1 loss in the 2006 NCAA final) while Weber has emerged as one of the nation's top outside backs and freshman **Lauren Fowlkes** has settled in alongside Dew as the other starting back (due to Haley Ford's hamstring injury that has held her out for the past 20 games).
- North Carolina, which had won eight one-goal games this season, saw its unbeaten streak end at 13 games (12-0-1).

WRAPUP NOTES FROM ROUND-OF-16 WIN AT NORTH CAROLINA (3-2; continued)

- Weissenhofer – whose primetime moments with the Irish include notching a hat trick in the 2006 NCAA quarterfinal win over Penn State – now has totaled six career game-winning goals in postseason play, already the most postseason GWGs ever by an ND player (besting Monica Gerardo's five, from 1995-98).
- North Carolina suffered only its seventh all-time loss in NCAA Tournament play (spanning 26 seasons) ... Sunday's game marked the first time all season that the Tar Heels had allowed multiple goals while the 2-0 deficit was the first faced by UNC since early in the 2006 season (vs. Connecticut) ... Florida State was the previous team to score three times versus the Tar Heels (a 3-2 FSU win, on Oct. 17, 2000) while one has to go all the way back to Nov. 11, 1990, to find the previous time that UNC surrendered three goals in an NCAA Tournament game (a 4-3 Tar Heels win over N.C. State).
- The hosts nearly jumped on top in the second minute of Sunday's game, following a leftside corner kick from Casey Nogueira. The ball carried to the far post and Whitney Engen sent a sharp header back across the face of the goal ... Karas was shifting to her left and was unable to make the save but Scheidler was guarding the post on the other side and one-timed the ball off the line to avert the early deficit (1:08).
- Weissenhofer – slowed for most of the season due to an ankle injury – proved to be a clutch goalscorer during the 2006 postseason and now has scored game-winning goals in each of Notre Dame's past two games (after totaling no points over the previous nine games and going 12 games without scoring a goal) ... she quickly impacted the UNC game with a flip-throw from the right side, just 10 yards up from the corner-kick flag ... the line-drive throw sailed into the heart of the penalty area and Bock was in position at the top of the six-yard box for a flick-header into the far-left side of the goal (12:41) ... nearly half of Bock's career goals (19 of 39) have come on headers, including seven this season.
- All but one of Bock's 15 goals this season (and all three of her assists) have come during the current unbeaten streak (15-0-1) and she is averaging a goal per game played during that span (14G, 14 GP; did not play in postseason games vs. Rutgers or Illinois) ... Bock has totaled nine career goals in NCAA Tournament play (12 GP/10 GS), tying her with Jenny Heft ('96-'99) and only one back of the Irish record held by Gerardo (who had 10 career goals in the NAAs).
- UNC was unable to control the ensuing kickoff and Hanks sent the ball in the other direction ... veteran left back Ariel Harris then tried to play a back pass to the 'keeper Harris, who could not hold onto the bouncing ball near the top of the box ... Weissenhofer stunningly swooped into the area, chested the ball down to herself and touched it out to the right before firing into the vacated net for her sixth goal of the season and 24th of her career (12:55).
- The hosts had a developing chance early in the second half, when a pass was cut back into the top of the box for junior midfielder Yael Averbuch ... with Averbuch preparing to possibly crack one of her deadly shots, sophomore M **Courtney Rosen** slanted over and appeared to deflect the bouncing ball off her shoulder ... a hand-ball was called and UNC was awarded a penalty kick .. Long – who lost to Notre Dame as a member of Penn State's team during the 2006 NCAA quarterfinals – surveyed the kick while standing at the top edge of the box before striking a well-placed shot into the left side of the goal for a 2-1 game (46:05).
- Rosen totaled only one goal and one assist during the 2007 regular season but she now has three key assists during 2007 postseason action ... her most recent timely pass came in the 61st minute vs. UNC, on a driven thru-ball off her powerful left foot ... UNC's three-player back line was pushed up high but Weissenhofer sprinted free on the left side, beating the offside trap and outracing Robin Gayle as she tried to cut off the angle ... the 'keeper Harris – who had allowed only six goals all season, prior to facing the Irish – came off her line to challenge but Weissenhofer used her natural left foot to send a 15-yard shot into the right sidenetting, restoring the two-goal cushion (60:19).
- Notre Dame failed to properly defend a UNC free kick 10 minutes later, as fifth-year center back Jessica Maxwell struck the ball from 40 yards out on the left side ... the service took a high bounce in the center of the penalty area and Karas elected to stay back on her line, with Washington then rushing in and leaping for a header that looped over the 'keeper for her seventh goal of the season (69:18), with most of them coming in the past couple weeks.
- Karas twice saved dangerous second-half shots by Washington (in the 66th and 86th minutes), with the first coming when she went down to her right and pushed a low shot around the post ... that stop later would seem routine when compared to what transpired in the final minute of play ... with the clock ticking under 30 seconds remaining, UNC somehow had a quick counter-attack chance down the center of the field ... Nogueira was racing free into the attacking third but the battle-tested Karas – now 54-4-2 in her Irish career (after the win over Duke) – made the decision to charge out to the top of the box ... with the 'keeper approaching, Nogueira tried a shot from just outside the top of the box ... Karas was sliding forward but was able to reach up and deflect the ball with her left hand ... the Irish defense then got the clear before watching the final 24 seconds tick off the clock.

ND IN THE NCAAs – The Irish are 44-12-1 all-time in the NCAAs (.781; 2nd-best pct. behind UNC) ... the recent NCAA round-of-16 game was the first ND-UNC meeting in the NCAAs that has come earlier than the semifinals ... ND's 18-2-0 combined record in the 2004-07 NCAA Tournaments is best by any team in that four-year span, with others of note including UCLA (18-3-0), Florida State (11-2-2), Portland (13-3-1) and UNC (12-2-1),) ... the Irish now are 11-2-0 all-time in the NCAA round-of-16 (35-9 scoring edge in those games) ... the win over Duke has sent ND to the NCAA semifinals for the ninth time (UNC has made 23 semifinal trips, Santa Clara 10 and Portland 8) ... the leaders in NCAA semifinal appearances from 1994-2007 include UNC (11), ND (9), Portland (8) and SCU (7) ... the Irish now are 3-2-1 in NCAA Tournament games played on the opponent's field ... the Irish have claimed NCAA titles in 1995 and 2004, joining UNC and Portland as the only repeat winners in the history of the tournament ... ND lost its first-ever NCAA Tournament game (2-1 vs. George Mason, in 1993; played in Madison, Wis.), a first-round game in the old 32-team format ... ND reached at least the final-32 in all 14 of its previous trips to the NCAAs and is made its 13th round-of-16 appearance (also now set for its 11th trip to the quarterfinals in the past 14 years, plus eight College Cup/semifinal appearances and NCAA runner-up finishes in 1994, '96, '99 and 2006, in addition to the titles in '95 and '04) ... since the NCAA field expanded to 64 teams in 2001, ND has gone 6-0-0 in the first round with a 27-2 scoring edge in those games.

JONES LOGS CAREER GAME #104/SENIOR SALUTE – Senior M/D **Ashley Jones** still has yet to miss a game in her ND career while passing current ND volunteer assistant **Jen Buczkowski** (103) or the Irish record with 104 career games played ... only three players in the 26-year history of Division I women's soccer have logged 104 or more career games: former UNC players Robin Confer (107; 1994-97) and Rebeka McDowell (104; 1996-99) and Penn State alum Bonnie Young (104; 1998-2001) ... ND senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** now owns 99 career games played, tied for eighth in the ND record book ... the only ND classmates with comparable combined career games played are Buczkowski and Christie Shaner (100), with 203 (matching the combined total of Jones and Cinalli) ... Jones and Cinalli have helped the Irish go 91-9-4 (.894) over the past four seasons, making them the nation's winningest senior class for the current season ... the only senior classes to win more games at ND have been the 2006 seniors (92-8-3), while the 1997 seniors were 91-6-4 ... among current teams, UNC's seniors ended up with an 89-10-4 career record (no other current senior class has more than 80 career wins) ... the 91 career wins are tied for 16th in NCAA D-I women's soccer history, behind the 2006 ND seniors and 14 from UNC.

WEISS GAL – Sophomore F **Michele Weissenhofer** (now 26G-20A) had 2G-1A in the NCAA round-of-16 at #4 UNC, becoming the 25th member of Notre Dame's 20G-20A club (she had 17A as a freshman) ... her six career game-winning goals in the postseason (an ND record) include the first goal in the second-round win over Illinois (2-0), plus goals in 2006 vs. Marquette (2-0; BIG EAST semifinal), Rutgers (4-2; BIG EAST final), Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1-0; NCAA second round) and Penn State (4-0; NCAA quarterfinals) ... the only other players in ND history with five-plus points vs. top-5 opponents include Katie Thorlakson (3G-2A vs. #5 Santa Clara; 9/5/04), Anne Makinen (3G vs. #4 UConn in 1997 BIG EAST title game, held at Rutgers) and Rosella Guerrero (3G in 1992 opener at N.C. State) ... Weissenhofer has three career games with five or more points and two have come in the NCAAs (also the 3G vs. Penn State in the '06 NCAA quarterfinals; earlier had 2G-2A in '06 opener vs. Iowa State) ... in addition to setting the ND record for career GWGs in postseason play, Weissenhofer has tied Gerardo's ND record for career GWGs in the NCAAs (4) ... she already ranks sixth on the ND list for career points in the NCAAs (19) while her nine career goals in NCAA Tournament play are only one shy of that Irish record (shared by Gerardo and Brittany Bock) ... Weissenhofer also had the primary assist on Cinalli's goal that opened the scoring in the exhibition game vs. UNC earlier this season.

BOCK THE ROCK – Notre Dame's potent 2007 roster includes four of the top postseason scorers in the program's history (Kerri Hanks, Brittany Bock, Amanda Cinalli and Michele Weissenhofer) ... Bock's 10 career goals in the NCAAs suddenly have tied Monica Gerardo's ND record while her 23 career points in the NCAAs (10G-3A) trail only Katie Thorlakson (29), Hanks (28) and Gerardo (24) ... Bock also owns 15 total postseason goals in her career (trailing only the 18 totaled by Hanks) and has 38 career postseason points (6th) ... she last week reached the 100 career points milestone (40G-20A) and now is 13th on the ND career goals list.

ND-UNC SERIES NOTES – The recent quarterfinal game between Notre Dame and North Carolina was the third meeting between the teams in less than 12 months (they played to a 2-2 tie at ND in an exhibition game earlier this season, plus the 2006 NCAA final won 2-1 by UNC) ... the three goals are the most ND ever has scored vs. UNC (the Irish had 2G vs. UNC in '96, '97 and '99) ... the higher-ranked team is only 6-5-2 in the series (the teams were co-#1 entering the 2006 title game) ... UNC's all-time record (629-20-18) includes only 10 opponents that have totaled at least two games vs. the Tar Heels that were not losses (wins or ties) ... ND is one of those teams and owns the best win pct. from that group (.286: 3-9-2), followed by Santa Clara's .222 (4-14) ... all other teams (besides ND and SCU) are only 25-625-17 vs. UNC (.050), with ND and SCU accounting for more than 40% of the all-time wins over UNC ... ND now is the only team that has played five different games vs. UNC without losing (three wins, two ties).

IRISH MAKE HISTORY WITH TWO GOALS IN 14 SECONDS

Extensive research into the record books has confirmed that the goals in last week's win over UNC by **Brittany Bock** and **Michele Weissenhofer** – separated by only 14 seconds – are the quickest back-to-back goals by the same team in the 26-year history of the NCAA women's soccer tournament ... it also is tied for the 11th-fastest back-to-back goals in any D-I women's soccer game and is the second-quickest in the 20-year history of the ND women's soccer program, bested only by the scores from classmates Anne Makinen and Meotis Erikson in a 12-second span of a 1998 win over Georgetown ... here's a look at the many levels of unique status that surround Notre Dame's two-goal flurry at UNC:

- No previous game in NCAA Tournament history (including the other 55 games this season) has seen goals scored by one team so quickly in back-to-back fashion ... entering the 2007 season, there were 23 entries in the NCAA record book for D-I women's soccer teams that scored back-to-back goals in 16 seconds or quicker and none of them happened in the NCAAs ... there also were entries for 18 games that have seen opposing teams score within 15 seconds or quicker (again, none of them coming in the NCAAs) ... interestingly, the NCAA record for quickest back-to-back goals by opposing teams (0:06) is shared by two games and one of them involves another BIG EAST team - Connecticut - which saw Kristen Graczyk's goal vs. Yale on Nov. 1, 2001, answered right away by a goal from Yale's Chandra King.

- Prior to the ND-UNC game, the quickest back-to-back goals in the 2007 NCAAs had been scored by Georgia (0:26) in its first-round win over Alabama A&M (by Rachel Barstow at 69:49 and Mariah Krase at 70:15, to cap that 6-1 win) ... one of Notre Dame's fellow BIG EAST teams owns the third-quickest goal sequence of the 2007 NCAAs - by West Virginia's Ashley Banks (75:08) and Deana Everett (75:36) in the second-round win over James Madison (2-0).

- Aside from the Bock-Weissenhofer quick strike, the only quicker back-to-back goals in Notre Dame history came more than nine years ago, in an 8-0 home win over Georgetown on Oct. 4, 1998 ... Makinen ripped home a 21-yard, far-post shot from the top right corner of the box (72:09; the ball hit off the left post and went in) and Erikson then scored at 72:21, after stripping the ball away on a quick Georgetown goal kick and firing a shot into the upper right corner ... Makinen and Erikson, like Weissenhofer, were budding sophomore stars at the time of their record-setting two-goal flurry.

- Notre Dame actually has registered quick back-to-back goals in each of the past three weeks ... in the BIG EAST semifinal win over Georgetown on Nov. 9, Bock (28:16) and Rose Augustin (28:54) scored 38 seconds apart for the only goals in that game (the 38-second span ranks 19th in ND history) ... one week later (Nov. 16), Carrie Dew and Bock scored only 75 seconds apart for the final two goals in the NCAA first-round win over Loyola Chicago (3-0) ... Bock was in the thick of things for the third straight week at UNC, heading in a flip-throw from Weissenhofer at the 12:41 mark (Kerri Hanks then capitalized on UNC's faulty kickoff and fired the ball down the center of the field, setting up the goal for the hustling Weissenhofer after the keeper failed to control the ball at the top of the box).

- Based on the NCAA record-book listings (heading into the 2007 season), Notre Dame and Mississippi are the only D-I teams ever to score back-to-back goals in 14 seconds or quicker during two different games (ND's are in the '98 game vs. GU and last week at UNC) ... the goals by Makinen and Erikson are tied for seventh-quickest (0:12) in the NCAA record book, with five of the six higher on the list featuring both goals by the same player ... in yet another BIG EAST connection, Rutgers and Notre Dame share the record for quickest back-to-back goals by teammates in a game involving two D-I opponents (RU's Carli Lloyd and Keri Lages scored 12 seconds apart, in a 2001 game vs. La Salle) ... two Drake players scored 11 seconds apart in 1998, but that came vs. North Dakota State (a non D-I team at the time) ... the Bock- Weissenhofer sequence is tied for the fourth-quickest ever by D-I women's soccer teammates ... there have been only four quicker back-to-back goals in D-I games during the current decade (two of them done by the same player) ... here is the updated list:

Quickest Back-To-Back Goals by One Team in Division I Women's Soccer History

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| (1) | 0:05 | Fresno State vs. Cal State Bakersfield, 9/9/97 (both goals by Jill Pearson)* |
| | 0:05 | Northwestern vs. Aurora, 9/25/94 (both goals by Stephanie Erickson) * |
| (3) | 0:10 | Mississippi vs. Memphis, 9/13/05 (both goals by Christine Liberto) |
| | 0:10 | BYU vs. Wyoming, 10/21/99 (both goals by Maren Hendershot) |
| (5) | 0:11 | Drake vs. North Dakota State, 9/17/06 (goals by Karissa Brown and Sarah Foote) * |
| | 0:11 | Mississippi vs. Chattanooga, 9/5/98 (both goals by Sarah Wong) |
| (7) | 0:12 | Rutgers vs. La Salle, 9/17/01 (goals by Carli Lloyd and Keri Lages) |
| | 0:12 | Notre Dame vs. Georgetown, 10/4/98 (goals by Anne Makinen and Meotis Erikson) |
| (9) | 0:13 | Navy vs. Drexel, 9/7/03 (both goals by Amelia Sheveland) |
| | 0:13 | Wisconsin-Green Bay vs. Arkansas, 10/1/99 (both goals by Kim Woldt) |
| (11) | 0:14 | Notre Dame vs. North Carolina, 11/24/07 (goals by Brittany Bock and Michele Weissenhofer) |

* – indicates non-Division I opponent

TWO-GOAL FLURRIES (p. 2)

- Notre Dame's 20-year history of Division I women's soccer includes 28 times when the Irish have scored back-to-back goals in 45 seconds or quicker ... those 28 sets of quick-strikes include two times when ND has scored quick back-to-back goals twice in the same game: vs. Tri-State in 1989 (0:17 span and later in 0:31) and in 1998 vs. Wisconsin (in 0:20 and 0:45) ... the 28 pairs of quick-strike goals also include two times (both in the BIG EAST quarterfinals) when the Irish have scored three quick back-to-back goals: vs. St. John's in 2003 (56:27 by Lizzie Reed; 57:02 and 57:45 by Katie Thorlakson) and vs. Georgetown in 2005 (by Bock at 65:55, Thorlakson at 66:15 and Annie Scheffter at 66:46) ... ND's three goals in a span of 0:51 vs. GU in that '05 game represent the NCAA record for quickest three back-to-back goals by one team (ND scored three in 1:18 in the '03 game vs. SJU).
- Bock has been part of three different quick-strike sequences (among the 28 listed below): vs. Georgetown in '05 and then vs. GU and UNC in '07 ... Thorlakson shows up on that list six times, followed by Cindy Daws (5), Monica Gerardo (4), Bock (3) and Jenny Heft (3)
- There had been only one previous game in ND women's soccer history where the Irish scored back-to-back goals in 45 seconds or quicker when facing a top-25 opponent: in the 1996 win over #13 Washington (4-0 win capped by goals from Gerardo and Daws, in 37-second span of 78th/79th minutes).
- The 28 quick-strike sequences listed below include only three others that have come on the opponent's field: at Indiana in 1993 (0:17; by Alison Lester and Daws); at Boston College in 1996 (0:34; by Jen Grubb and Shannon Boxx); and at Louisville in 2005 (own-goal and PK by Kerri Hanks).
- Many of the games on the ND quick-strike list came in blowouts (and often at the end of those games) ... in fact, all of the other 23 games on the list were decided by more than one goal and only one had a two-goal margin (the 2-0 win over GU in the '07 BIG EAST semifinals)
- There are only three other games on the list when the two-goal flurry has opened the scoring: vs. Xavier in 1995 (ND went on to an easy 6-0 win); vs. Villanova in the 1997 BIG EAST semifinals (7-0); and the 2005 game at Louisville, which saw ND suddenly go up 2-0 right before halftime (en route to a 3-0 win) ... the '93 game at IU was 1-0 before the Irish struck twice early in the second half (5-1 final) ... Georgetown tied ND in the final game of the '05 regular season (1-1) but the Irish answered with three goals in 51 seconds (6-1 final).
- Two-thirds of the quick-strike sequences (18 of 28) have come in the second half ... of the 10 in the first half, only two have come earlier in a game than Bock-Weissenhofer at UNC (13th minute): the 1989 game vs. non Division-I opponent Tri-State and the 1997 BIG EAST semifinal vs. Villanova (both in the 6th/7th minutes).

Quickest Back-To-Back Goals in Notre Dame Women's Soccer History

- (1) 0:12 – vs. Georgetown, 10/4/98 (8-0) ... goals by Anne Makinen (72:09) and Meotis Erikson (72:21) for 6-0 lead
- (2) **0:14 – at #4 UNC, 11/24/07 (3-2), NCAA rd-16 ... goals by Brittany Bock (12:41), Michele Weissenhofer (12:55) for 2-0 lead**
- (3) 0:17 – vs. Tri-State, 10/10/89 (17-0) ... goals by Joy Sisolak (5:47) and K.T. Sullivan (6:04) for 2-0 lead ... *note that the Irish later had back-to-back goals 31 seconds apart in this game (see below)*
0:17 – at Indiana, 9/10/93 (5-1) ... goals by Alison Lester (50:24) and Cindy Daws (50:41) for 3-0 lead
0:17 – vs. G'town, 10/30/05 (6-0), BIG EAST quarters ... goals by Kerri Hanks (67:47) and Katie Thorlakson (68:04) for 5-0 lead
- (6) 0:18 – vs. St. John's, 9/3/95 (9-0) ... goals by Monica Gerardo (50:29) and Michelle McCarthy (50:47) for 6-0 lead
- (7) 0:19 – vs. Villanova, 11/7/97 (7-0), BE semi's (@Rutgers) ... goals by Meotis Erikson (5:46), Jenny Streiffer (6:05) for 2-0 lead
- (8) 0:20 – vs. Wisconsin, 10/30/98 (6-1) ... goals by Jenny Streiffer (65:07) and Jenny Heft (65:27) for 4-1 lead ... *note that the Irish later scored back-to-back goals in a span of 45 seconds in this game (see below)*
0:20 – vs. Georgetown, 10/23/05 (6-1) ... goals by Brittany Bock (65:55) and Katie Thorlakson (66:15) for 3-1 lead ... *note that the Irish scored again 31 seconds later (see below) for three goals in span of 51 seconds (the quickest 3-goal span in the NCAA record book); also note that one week later, ND scored two goals in a span of 17 seconds vs. the Hoyas (listed above)*
- (10) 0:24 – vs. Cincinnati (7-1), 9/25/94 ... goals by Rosella Guerrero (67:08) and Cindy Daws (67:32) for 5-1 lead
- (11) 0:27 – vs. Rutgers (6-0), 10/20/96 ... goals by Cindy Daws (82:01) and Stacia Masters (82:28) for 6-0 lead
- (12) 0:28 – vs. Xavier (6-0), 10/25/95 ... goals by Amy VanLaecke (20:05) and Monica Gerardo (20:33) for 2-0 lead
- (13) 0:29 – vs. Loyola Chicago (9-0), 10/7/94 ... goals by Michelle McCarthy (28:20) and Julie Maund (28:49) for 4-0 lead
- (14) 0:31 – vs. Tri-State (17-0), 10/10/89 ... goals by Kristin Kirwan (75:03) and Theresa Forst (75:44) for 17-0 lead ... *note that the Irish earlier had back-to-back goals 17 seconds apart in this game (see above)*
0:31 – vs. Georgetown, 10/23/05 (6-1) ... goals by Katie Thorlakson (66:15) and Annie Scheffter (66:46) for 3-1 lead ... *note that the Irish also had a goal 20 seconds before Thorlakson's score (see above) for three goals in span of 51 seconds (the quickest 3-goal span in the NCAA record book)*
- (16) 0:32 – vs. Miami, 11/2/99 (5-0), BIG EAST quarterfinal ... goals by Jenny Heft (73:53) and Ali Lovelace (74:25) for 4-0 lead
- (17) 0:34 – at Boston College, 9/1/96 (6-0) ... goals by Jen Grubb (64:21) and Shannon Boxx (64:55) for 6-0 lead
- (18) 0:35 – vs. St. John's, 10/31/03 (7-0), BIG EAST quarterfinal ... goals by Lizzie Reed (56:27) and Katie Thorlakson (57:02) for 5-0 lead ... *note that the Irish also had another goal by Thorlakson 43 seconds later (see below), for three goals in span of 1:18*
- (19) 0:37 – vs. #13 Washington, 9/8/96 (4-0) ... goals by Monica Gerardo (77:34) and Cindy Daws (78:11) for 4-0 lead
- (20) **0:38 – vs. G'town, 11/9/07 (2-0), BE semi's (at WVU) ... goals by Brittany Bock (28:16), Rose Augustin (28:54) for 2-0 lead**
- (21) 0:39 – vs. Northwestern, 10/13/90 (11-1) ... goals by Susie Zilvitis (34:19) and Stephanie Porter (34:58) for 5-0 lead
- (22) 0:40 – vs. Valparaiso, 9/14/90 (12-1) ... goals by Alison Lester (34:40) and Margaret Jarc (35:00) for 4-0 lead
0:40 – vs. Detroit, 10/23/94 (6-1) ... goals by Cindy Daws (31:43) and Tiffany Thompson (32:23) for 5-0 lead
- (24) 0:41 – vs. West Virginia, 10/25/96 (11-0) ... goals by Kara Brown (57:07) and Monica Gerardo (57:48) for 8-0 lead
- (25) 0:43 – vs. St. John's, 10/31/03 (7-0), BIG EAST quarterfinal ... goals by Katie Thorlakson (57:02 and 57:45) for 6-0 lead ... *note that the Irish also had a goal by Lizzie Reed (see above) 0:35 before Thorlakson's first goal, for three goals in span of 1:18*
- (26) 0:44 – at Louisville, 9/25/05 (3-0) ... own goal (43:33) and penalty kick by Kerri Hanks (44:17) for 2-0 lead
0:44 – vs. St. John's, 10/12/01 (7-0) ... goals by Ashley Dryer (67:05) and Kim Carpenter (67:49) for 6-0 lead
- (28) 0:45 – vs. Wisconsin, 10/30/98 (6-1) ... goals by Jenny Heft (80:04) and Iris Lancaster (80:49) for 6-1 lead ... *note that the Irish scored two goals in a span of 20 seconds earlier in this game (see above)*

PUMPED-UP POSTSEASON PRODUCTION – The goals in the BIG EAST semifinal by **Brittany Bock** and **Rose Augustin**, separated by only 38 seconds, marked the fourth-quickest back-to-back goals in the program’s 94 all-time postseason games (second-fastest ever away from home) – with the record then being set in the NCAA round-of-16 when Bock and **Michele Weissenhofer** scored 14 seconds apart (the fastest back-to-back goals, by any team, in the 26-year history of the NCAA Tournament) ... the past three weeks actually have seen ND account for three different two-goal flurries that rank among the top-12 in the program’s postseason history, as **Carrie Dew** and Bock scored in a span of 1:15 to cap the 3-0 win over Loyola Chicago in the first round of the NCAAs ... the previous ND record for quickest back-to-back goals in a postseason game was two years ago versus Georgetown, as Hanks (67:47) and Katie Thorlakson (68:04) scored only 17 seconds apart for a 5-0 lead in that eventual 6-0 BIG EAST quarterfinal win ... 10 years ago in the 1997 BIG EAST semifinals, Meotis Erikson (5:46) and Jenny Streiffer (6:05) scored 19 seconds apart for a quick 2-0 lead in that 7-0 win ... the 1999 BIG EAST quarterfinals saw Jenny Heft (73:53) and Amy VanLaecke (74:25) score in a 32-second span for a 4-0 lead (5-0 final) ... two of the three quick back-to-back goals mentioned above happened earlier in the postseason than the Bock-Augustin sequence (the Erikson-Streiffer goal flurry also was in the semi’s and is the only one listed above that happened earlier in the game than Bock-Augustin) ... two years ago in the regular-season game versus Georgetown, Bock scored the first of three goals in a 51-second span vs. the Hoyas (setting the NCAA record for quickest three-goal sequence by one team) ... ND won that game 6-1, with Bock’s goal (65:55) followed by scores from Thorlakson (66:15) and Annie Scheffter (66:46) ... here’s a look at some of the quickest back-to-back goal in Notre Dame postseason history:

Quickest Back-To-Back Goals In Notre Dame Postseason History (94 games)

0:14 ... 2007 NCAA round-of-16 at North Carolina (2-0)..... Brittany Bock (12:41) and Michele Weissenhofer (12:55) for 2-0 lead
 0:17.... 2005 BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown (6-0, at ND)..... **Kerri Hanks** (67:47) and Katie Thorlakson (68:04) for 5-0 lead
 0:19.... 1997 BIG EAST semifinal vs. Villanova (7-0, at Rutgers)..... Meotis Erikson (5:46) and Jenny Streiffer (6:05) for 2-0 lead
 0:32.... 1999 BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Miami (5-0, at ND)..... Jenny Heft (73:53) and Amy VanLaecke (74:25) for 4-0 lead

0:38 ... 2007 BIG EAST semifinal vs. G’town (2-0, at WVU)Brittany Bock (28:16) and Rose Augustin (28:54) for 2-0 lead
 0:48.... 2004 NCAA first round vs. E. Illinois (4-0, at ND) Kim Lorenzen (61:47) and Candace Chapman (62:35) for 4-0 lead
 0:49.... 1994 MCC semi’s vs. Xavier (10-0, in Indianapolis) Rosella Guerrero (13:40) and Michelle McCarthy (14:29) for 2-0 lead
 0:57.... 1999 NCAA first round vs. Dayton (5-1, at ND)Heft (66:10) and Kara Brown (67:07) for 3-1 lead

1:05.... 1997 NCAA second round vs. Nebraska (6-0, at ND)..... Anne Makinen (23:39) and Holly Manthei (24:44) for 3-0 lead
 1:07.... 1994 MCC semifinals vs. Xavier (10-0, in Indianapolis) Julie Maund (19:50) and Guerrero (20:56) for 5-0 lead
 1:13.... 1993 MCC final at Xavier (4-0) Stacia Masters (73:25) and Guerrero (74:38) for 4-0 lead
1:15 ... 2007 NCAA first round vs. Loyola Chicago (3-0) Carrie Dew (57:51) and Brittany Bock (59:06) for 2-0 lead

1:37.... 1998 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Syracuse (5-1, at UConn) Makinen (55:15) and Kelly Lindsey (56:52) for 5-0 lead
 1:40 – 1995 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Rutgers (3-0, at Seton Hall).....Monica Gerardo (59:44) and Manthei (61:24) for 3-0 lead
 1:48.... 2003 NCAA first round vs. Loyola Chicago (5-0, at ND)Christie Shaner (42:35) and Jen Buczkowski (44:23) for 4-0 lead
 1:48.... 2006 NCAA first round vs. Oakland (7-1, at ND)Molly Iarocci (82:32) and **Susan Pinnick** (84:20) for 6-1 lead

1:50.... 1998 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Syracuse (5-1, at UConn)Gerardo (34:38) and Shannon Boxx (36:28) for 3-0 lead
 1:51.... 1996 NCAA first round vs. Indiana (8-1, at ND)Heft (75:49) and (77:40) for 8-1 lead
 1:58.... 1994 MCC semifinals vs. Wright State (7-0, in Indianapolis).....Masters (39:44) and Jody Hartwig (41:42) for 7-0 lead

NOTRE DAME-DUKE SERIES AND NCAA QUARTERFINAL NOTES

• Notre Dame now is 8-2-1 in NCAA quarterfinal appearances (8-1-0 at home), with both losses coming versus Portland (2-1 at home in '98 and 3-1 at UP in '05) ... the team’s other eight NCAA quarterfinal results have included wins over William and Mary ('94; 2-1), Connecticut ('95; 2-0), Maryland ('96; 2-0), UCLA ('97; 8-0), Santa Clara (2000; 2-1/OT), Portland ('04; 3-1) and Penn State ('06; 4-0), plus the 1-1 tie at Nebraska in 1999 (ND advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks) ... the Irish have compiled a 28-11 scoring margin in NCAA quarterfinal action, with four shutouts and four other games with one goal allowed ... Portland owns six of the 11 goals ever scored versus the Irish in NCAA quarterfinal games (ND’s scoring margin is 20-3 in the other seven quarterfinals).

• Notre Dame and Duke now have met 11 times (the Irish lead the series, 7-3-1) but the most recent matchup between the teams came way back on Sept. 5, 1999, a 4-1 home win by Notre Dame in the second game of the Randy Waldrum era ... interestingly, two days prior to that game Notre Dame and North Carolina had battled in a double-overtime game that was won by the Tar Heels, 3-2.

• Two other ND-Duke games have been played at Alumni Field, with the Blue Devils winning in 1992 (2-1) while the Irish won the 1997 meeting (5-0) ... Notre Dame now owns a 28-15 scoring margin in a series that also includes two games played at Duke (4-0 loss in 1990; 2-0 win in '96) and five neutral-site games: a 2-0 Duke win in 1989 (at Virginia); a 3-2 ND victory in 1993 (played in Houston); a 5-0 Irish win in 1994 (played in St. Louis); a 2-2 tie in 1995 (again played in Houston); and a 3-0 ND win in a 1998 game that was held at UNC.

• ND owns a 36-15-3 all-time record (.690) vs. teams that currently comprise the Atlantic Coast Conference women’s soccer grouping, with a 19-2-1 mark at Alumni Field versus current ACC teams ... when excluding its records versus UNC (3-9-2) and Duke (6-3-1), the Irish are 26-3-3 against all other ACC teams ... the other losses have come at Virginia (2-0, in '89), at North Carolina State (4-3, in '92) and versus Boston College in the 2003 BIG EAST semifinals (2-1; at Rutgers) ... UNC joins Duke as the only ACC teams to post a win (or tie) versus Notre Dame at Alumni Field (UNC played to a 2-2 tie at ND in '97 and then won the OT game in '99).

NOTRE DAME VETERANS CAREER POSTSEASON STATS (BIG EAST and NCCA)

Kerri Hanks	18G (ND record)-21A (57 pts), 4 GWG, 6 GWA, 23 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 9G-11A (29 pts), 3 GWG, 4 GWA, 14 GS</i>
Brittany Bock	15G-8A (38 pts), 22 GP/19 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 10G-3A (23 pts), 12 GP/11 GS</i>
Amanda Cinalli	10G-7A (27 pts), 2 GWG, 32 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 8G-4A (20 pts), GWG, 20 GS</i>
Michele Weissenhofer	11G-2A (24 pts), 6 GWG, 14 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 9G-1A (19 pts), 4 GWG, 10 GS</i>
Ashley Jones	3G-6A (12 pts), GWG, 32 GP/12 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 2A, 20 GP/7 GS</i>
Susan Pinick	3G-3A (9 pts), 23 GP/1 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 2G-2A (6 pts), 14 GP</i>
Courtney Rosen	1G-4A (6 pts), 15 GP/5 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 1G-2A (4 pts), 10 GP/4 GS</i>
Elise Weber	2A, 12 GS (4 Big Ten Tournament, 1 NCAAs/at Wisconsin) <i>in the NCAAs: 5 GS</i>
Carrie Dew	1G, 14 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 1G, 8 GS (injured in 2006)</i>
Amanda Clark	16 GP/9 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 10 GP/6 GS</i>
Haley Ford	9 GP/7 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 6 GS</i>
Becca Mendoza	14 GP/3 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 8 GP/1 GS</i>
Kerry Inglis	2 GP <i>in the NCAAs: 2 GP</i>
Lauren Karas	0.68 GAA, 14-1-1, 10 GA, 34 SV, 1,327 min., 20 GP/16 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 0.78 GAA, 9-1-0, 8 GA, 22 SV, 919 min., 12 GP/10 GS</i>
Kelsey Lysander	2.54 GAA, 1 GA, 2 SV, 35:30, 3 GP <i>in the NCAAs: 0.00 GAA, 0 SV, 20:38 min., 2 GP (vs. Oakland; Loyola Chicago)</i>

FRIEND OR FOE? – A handful of Notre Dame and Florida State players have past history as teammates playing for various teams in the Midwest ... ND freshmen **Erica Iantorno** and **Brittany Johnson** played on the Chicago-based Eclipse Select team with FSU's **Jessica Price** while ND sophomores **Michele Weissenhofer** and **Amanda Clark** were teammates with **Lauren Switzer** on the older Eclipse team that won 2004 and '05 national club titles ... ND juniors **Brittany Bock** and **Elise Weber** were members of older Eclipse teams ... ND freshman **Julie Scheidler** and FSU's **Margo McAuley** were teammates on the Carmel Heat club team ... note that the ND players also have extensive ties to members of the USC and UCLA squads (those friend-or-foe listings will be included in gamenotes updates later in the week).

Notre Dame All-Time in the NCAA Semifinals

1994	W	1-0	vs. #7 Portland	at Portland
1995	W	1-0	vs. #1 North Carolina	at UNC
1996	W	3-2	vs. #3 Portland	at Santa Clara
1997	L	1-2	vs. #3 Connecticut	in Greensboro, N.C.
1999	W	1-0	vs. #1 Santa Clara	in San Jose
2000	L	1-2	vs. #5 North Carolina	in San Jose
2004	W	3-1	vs. #4 Santa Clara	in Cary, N.C.
2006	W	2-1	vs. #5 Florida State	in Cary, N.C.
2007			vs. #14 Florida State	at Texas A&M

Totals 6-2-0 13-8

QUICK NOTES FROM SECOND-ROUND WIN OVER ILLINOIS

- The Irish topped the Fighting Illini 2-0, despite playing without their leading goal-scorer (junior **Brittany Bock**; 14G-3A)
- With Bock held out of action due to a minor injury, two other veteran frontrunners – senior **Amanda Cinalli** and sophomore **Michele Weissenhofer** – stepped up to the occasion by combining on the first goal midway through the opening half. ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** then forced an own-goal with her cross from the right side, giving the Irish a 2-0 lead shortly before the intermission.
- Weissenhofer – who had 18 goals as a freshman but has been slowed this season by injury – quickly sent her low shot inside the left post for her fifth goal of the season and first since late Sept. ... Cinalli (who has battled her own nagging injuries) and Weissenhofer had combined for no points in the previous nine games but each now looks to lend their veteran skills to next weekend's challenge and future games that would follow if the Irish emerge with the third-round win.
- The goal held up as the fifth postseason gamewinner in Weissenhofer's young career, tying Monica Gerardo for the most postseason GWGs ever by an Irish player (her three career GWGs in the NAAs were one shy of that Gerardo record) ... note that Weissenhofer then had the GWG the next week at UNC.
- Cinalli – who has four postseason GWGs of her own – now picked up her 26th career postseason point (now 27; 10G-7A).
- Illinois nearly tied the game on a corner-kick header in the 42nd minute ... All-American Ella Masser took the corner from the right flag and Jackie Santacaterina flicked a header from the top of the six-yard box ... senior 'keeper **Lauren Karas** saw the play developing and turned in one of the biggest saves of her career, lunging back and to her right to snatch the ball at waist level.
- Notre Dame now is 29-3-0 in series openers during the nine-year Randy Waldrum era and the Irish now are 9-1-0 all-time when playing a series opener in the NCAA ... Illinois became the latest in a long string of visiting teams that have failed to beat the Irish in their first official game vs. ND at Alumni Field (teams are 4-44-1 in such games, dating back to 1993) ... Oklahoma State remains the only first-time visitor among the past 19 to leave with a win over Notre Dame.

WINNINGEST TEAMS OF CURRENT DECADE ('00-'07; prior to NCAA semi's)

North Carolina	182-13-8	.921 win pct.	22.8 wins per season
Notre Dame	164-24-7	.859 win pct.	20.5 wins per season
Penn State	159-25-14	.838 win pct.	19.9 wins per season
UCLA	157-27-8	.838 win pct.	19.6 wins per season
Portland	152-27-9	.832 win pct.	19.0 wins per season

WINNINGEST TEAMS OF THE 1990s (1990-99)

1. North Carolina	216-7-3	.962 win pct.	21.6 wins per yr.
2. Notre Dame	196-27-11	.861 win pct.	19.6 wins per yr.

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

3,412	Record ND crowd for 2007 exhibition vs. UNC
.781 (44-12-1)	ND's all-time NCAA Tournament win pct. (2nd in women's soccer history)
368	Randy Waldrum's career college coaching wins
262-3-1 (.987)	ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (158-1-0 since 10/6/95)
262	Win streak when taking 2-0 lead (280-0-1 all-time)
184-28-8 (.855)	Randy Waldrum's record at ND
79	Home unbeaten streak vs. the BIG EAST(78-0-1)
62	Games with 0-1 goals allowed in 2005-07 (of 77)
58	ND records held by Kerri Hanks
51-19-4	vs. NSCAA top-25 in Waldrum era
42-2-1	Record in '05-'07 when Kerri Hanks scores
37	All-Americans (since 1994)
36	Consec. wins when scoring first (now 51-2-1)
35	Career goals (15)/asts (20) by Hanks on set plays
33	Wins in 2005-07 by 3-plus goals (in 77 GP)
29-2-1	All-time record in BIG EAST Tournament
21	Overtime unbeaten streak (14-0-7; 1999-2007)
20	Academic All-Americans (since '95; most in nation)
20	Career header goals by Brittany Bock (8 in 2007)
18	Career postseason goals by Hanks (ND record)
14	Current players who have won club/ODPnat'l titles
13	Recent point streak by Hanks (ended vs. ILL)
12	Notre Dame alums in the WUSA (2001-03)
11	BIG EAST regular-season titles (all but '98, '02)
10	Home states on 2007 roster
9	BIG EAST tournament titles (1995-2001; 2005-06)
8	NCAA College Cup semifinal trips
7	Starters returning from 2006 team
6	Michele Weissenhofer's career GWG in postseason (ND record)
4.0	Semester GPAs posted four times by Ashley Jones (3.98 cum. GPA/accounting major)
4	Consecutive BE offensive players of the year
3.32	Team's cumulative GPA (after '07 spring term)
3	All-time D-I players to reach 50G-50A as juniors (ND's Jen Streiffer, Kerri Hanks; UNC's Mia Hamm)
3	Consecutive seasons ranked #1 ('04-'06)
3	Multiple NCAA-title teams (UNC, ND, Portland)
1	Starters left from 2004 national champs (Cinalli)

TEXAS PIPELINE – The lone star state has deep ties to Notre Dame women’s soccer (three coaches and six current players are Texas natives):

- Ninth-year ND head coach **Randy Waldrum** is a native of Irving, played at Midwestern State (Wichita Falls, Texas) from '77-'80, coached the men’s teams at Austin College ('82) and Texas Wesleyan ('88), and coached the Baylor women from '96-'98 (he also was the Texas Longhorns club’s director of coaching from '87-'89) ... he owns a .775 career winning percentage as a college women’s soccer head coach that ranks him second among active D-I coaches and third all-time (292-78-19; includes six years at Tulsa and three at Baylor) ... Waldrum’s career record includes a 185-28-8 mark at ND (.855), with a 52-20-3 mark (.713) vs. NSCAA top-25 teams.

- Fifth-year assistant **Dawn Greathouse** is an Allen native, played for Waldrum as the starting 'keeper at Baylor, and starred for Texas Longhorns and Region III/North Texas ODP.

- The third member of the Irish coaching staff, **Ben Waldrum**, is in his fifth season as a member of his father’s staff ... the younger Waldrum played with: Midway HS in Hewitt (38G-21A in three-year varsity career, all-state as senior), North Texas ODP, Ft. Worth United (state semifinalist), West Texas A&M (three seasons included '00 team that finished 6th in nation) and the A-League’s El Paso Sidekicks of the MISL ('02 and '03).

- Junior F **Kerri Hanks** (Allen) – a 2004 signee who did not enroll at ND until the spring of '05, due to U-19 World Championship training with the U.S. – earned the USYS’s Golden Boot Award as the tournament’s top scorer with the '03 Dallas Texans ... she won the Golden Boot again in '05 as the Texans lost the girls-19 title game in PKs ... Hanks totaled 47 goals in two seasons at Allen HS before her U-19 duty (she set the Allen record for single-season goals, a mark previously held by Greathouse).

- Senior G **Lauren Karas** (Flower Mound HS) also has starred for the Dallas Sting and Texans club teams, plus Region III and North Texas ODP (she earned the Golden Glove Award with North Texas at the 2004 ODP nationals).

- Junior M **Becca Mendoza** (Garland) was a standout at North Garland HS (77G-58A in first three seasons) and helped lead the Dallas Sting to a 3rd-place finish at 2005 USYS Nationals (girls-18) while also playing for North Texas ODP in '03 and '04 (she dnp in '05 due to duties with Mexican National Team, as she holds dual citizenship).

- Sophomore defenders **Haley Ford** (Midland) and **Ashley Galovic** (Plano East HS) also are part of a Texas contingent that accounts for more than one-fourth of ND’s 2007 roster ... Ford spent most of her youth-soccer career making a roundtrip commute of nearly 12 hours to compete with teams in the Dallas area (she captained the Dallas Texans to the 2006 USYS national title) ... Galovic played for the Solar Soccer Club (giving the 2006 Irish team players from the Texans, Sting and Solar).

- The most recent additions to the Texas Pipeline include senior outside back **Jennie Bireley** (Plano) and freshman forward **Taylor Knaack** (Arlington) ... Knaack was a four-year all-conference player at Martin HS, a member of North Texas state ODP from 2002-04 and was a leading member of the Dallas Texans from 2001-07 ... she helped lead her Texans team to the 2004 and 2006 USYS national semifinals (the team was North Texas champs from 2004-06) ... Knaack suffered a knee injury in the final regular-season game for the Texans last spring (forcing her to miss all of the current ND season) ... Bireley previously played at Iowa State (2003-04) and UT-Dallas (2005) before enrolling at Notre Dame in the fall of 2006 ... she then earned a walk-on spot on the ND roster, after an impressive stint with the Irish during the 2007 spring season ... Bireley was a member of North Texas ODP from 1998-2001 and captained the Andromeda Soccer Club while also serving as a senior captain for the dominant team at Ursuline Academy.

- Notre Dame’s all-time playing roster includes 21 Texas natives (nearly the most from any state, behind only the 23 from California and 22 from Indiana) ... in addition to those on the current roster, the program’s notable Texas products have included: early scoring leader **Stephanie Porter** ('90-'93; Spring/Klein HS); steady midfielder **Tiffany Thompson** ('91-'94; Houston/Cypress Creek HS); clutch 'keeper **Liz Wagner** ('98-'01; Spring/Klein HS); All-America/Academic All-America defender **Monica Gonzalez** ('97-'01; Richardson/Plano East HS); and high-scoring forward **Amanda Guertin** ('00-'03; Grapevine HS).

NOTRE DAME’S RECORD IN 2007 WHEN ...

Leading at halftime	16-2-0	losses to Stanford (1-2/OT) and Penn State (1-2)
Tied at halftime	2-0-2	
Leading or tied at halftime	18-2-2	
Trailing at halftime	1-2-0	
Outshooting opponent	18-2-1	losses to Oklahoma State (1-2) and Penn State (1-2/OT) (19 straight games outshooting opponent)
Outshot by opponent	1-3-0	consecutive games vs. Florida, Santa Clara, Stanford (win at UNC)
More corner kicks than opp.	14-2-1	losses to Santa Clara and Oklahoma State
Same CKs as opponent	3-0-0	
More/same CKs as opp.	17-2-1	
Fewer CKs than opponent	2-2-1	

NCAA Tournament All-Time Winning Percentage

1. North Carolina	.927	94-7-1
2. Notre Dame	.781	44-12-1

NCAA Championship Seasons

1. North Carolina	18	
2. Notre Dame	2	1995, 2004
Portland	2	

others: George Mason, Florida and Santa Clara

Most NCAA Title Game Appearances

1. North Carolina	21
2. Notre Dame	6
3. Connecticut	4

Most NCAA Title Games From 1994-2006

1. North Carolina	9
2. Notre Dame	6
3. Portland/UCLA	3

Most College Cup/Semifinal Trips

1. North Carolina	23
2. Santa Clara	10
3. Notre Dame	9
4. Portland	8

Most College Cup/Semifinal From 1994-2007

1. North Carolina	11
2. Notre Dame	9
3. Portland	8
4. Santa Clara	7

Most NCAA Quarterfinal Appearances From 1994-2007

12	UNC
11	ND
11	Santa Clara
10	Portland

Most NCAA Round-of-16 Appearances From 1993-2007

15	UNC
13	ND, UConn and Portland

Most Trips to the NCAA Round-of-32 From 1993-2007

15	ND and UNC
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NSCAA All-Americans Since 1994 (TBA for 2007)

1. North Carolina	41
2. Notre Dame	37
3. Portland	26

CoSIDA Academic All-Americans From 1995-2007

1. Notre Dame	20
2. North Carolina	14

Hermann Trophy Recipients

1. North Carolina	6 players (8 awards)	
2. Notre Dame	3 players	Cindy Daws (1996), Anne Makinen (2000), Kerri Hanks (2006)
3. Portland	2 players (3 awards)	

Hermann Trophy Recipients since 1996

1. Notre Dame	3 players	Cindy Daws (1996), Anne Makinen (2000), Kerri Hanks (2006)
2. North Carolina	2 players (3 awards)	
3. Santa Clara	2 players	
4. Portland	1 player (2 awards)	

Most Trips to the NCAA College Cup Semifinals

1. Anson Dorrance (UNC)	23
2. Jerry Smith (Santa Clara)	10
3. Clive Charles (Portland)	7
Len Tsantiris (UConn)	7
5. Randy Waldrum (ND)	5 (1999, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007)
Jillian Ellis (UCLA)	5

Most Trips to the NCAA College Cup Semifinals from 1999-2007

1. Anson Dorrance (UNC)	6
2. Randy Waldrum (ND)	5 (1999, 2000, 2004, 2006, 2007)
Jillian Ellis (UCLA)	5
4. Jerry Smith (Santa Clara)	4

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2. Randy Waldrum (ND)	3 (1999, 2004, 2006)
3. Jillian Ellis (UCLA)	3
4. Jerry Smith (Santa Clara)	2

NOTRE DAME 2007 ROAD STATS (for all games away from home)

8-2-1 record	(11-2-1 in home games)
24-15 scoring margin	(40-10 in home games)

Road Scoring Leaders

Brittany Bock	7G-2A	16 pts	3 GWGs	(9G-2A, 20 pts, 4 GWGs in home games)
Kerri Hanks	3G-10A	16 pts	1 GWG	(11G-10A, 32 pts, 4 GWGs in home games)
Susan Pinnick	3G-2A	8 pts	2 GWGs	(2G-1A, 5 pts, 1 GWG in home games)
Michele Weissenhofer	3G-1A	7 pts	1 GWG	(5G-2A, 12 pts, 1 GWG in home games)
Elise Weber	2G-3A	7 pts	0 GWGs	(0G-4A, 4 pts in home games)

note: Amanda Cinalli totaled 10 points at home this season (2G-6A) but has only two points on the road (GWG vs. Louisville)

Notre Dame All-Time NCAA Tournament Games Played On Opponent's Field (3-2-1)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>NCAA Ranking (at time of game)</i>
11/18/94	Semifinal	at Portland	W	1-0	ND 1, Portland 7
12/1/95	Semifinal	at North Carolina	W	1-0	ND 4, UNC 1
11/28/99	Quarterfinal	at Nebraska	T	1-1	ND 5, Nebraska 4 (ND adv. 4-3 on PKs)
11/23/02	Round-of-16	at Stanford	L	0-1	ND 19, Stanford 1
11/25/05	Quarterfinal	at Portland	L	1-3	ND 2, Portland 6
11/24/07	Round-of-16	at North Carolina	W	3-2	ND 11, UNC 4

PLAYING THE FIELD – Notre Dame owned a 5-4-1 record in the 2007 regular season vs. teams in the 2007 NCAA field, posting wins over Florida (2-0), Connecticut (2-1/OT), Louisville (1-0) and Georgetown (3-0; 2-0) – plus the 1-1 tie at WVU in the BIG EAST title game and losses to Stanford (1-2/OT), Penn State (1-2), Santa Clara (1-7) and Oklahoma State (1-2) ... the Irish also tied North Carolina (2-2) and beat Virginia (3-1) during 2007 preseason exhibitions.

TOP SCORING DUOS IN THE NATION (among top-25 teams); prior to NCAA semifinals

FLORIDA STATE

Mami Yamaguchi	23 goals	17 assists	63 points	5 game-winning goals
Sanna Talonen	17 goals	5 assists	39 points	6 game-winning goals
Combined	40 goals	22 assists	102 points	11 GWGs

UCLA

Lauren Cheney	22 goals	11 assists	55 points	9 game-winning goals
Daneshia Adams	15 goals	8 assists	38 points	5 game-winning goals
Combined	37 goals	19 assists	93 points	14 GWGs

NOTRE DAME

Kerri Hanks	14 goals	20 assists	48 points	5 game-winning goals
Brittany Bock	16 goals	4 assists	36 points	7 game-winning goals
Combined	30 goals	24 assists	84 points	12 GWGs

MISSOURI

Kristin Andrighetto	14 goals	9 assists	37 points	4 game-winning goals
Michelle Collins	12 goals	6 assists	30 points	3 game-winning goals
Combined	26 goals	15 assists	67 points	7 GWGs

PENN STATE

Katie Schoepfer	15 goals	6 assists	36 points	7 game-winning goals
Aubrey Aden-Buie	12 goals	2 assists	26 points	5 game-winning goals
Combined	27 goals	8 assists	62 points	12 GWGs

ANOTHER DYNAMIC DUO – Notre Dame junior F **Kerri Hanks** now has been part of three different potent scoring pairs during her ND career, first with **Katie Thorlakson** in 2005, then with current sophomore **Michele Weissenhofer** in 2006, and now with fellow junior **Brittany Bock** in the current season ... Hanks became the first player in the nation this season with double-digit goals and assists (13G-18A), with her 48 total points now ranking fourth in the nation while her 20 assists are the most among the nation's players ... Bock has totaled 36 points this season (16G-4A) and ranks 11th among the nation's goalscoring leaders in 2007 ... Bock's 10 goals during BIG EAST play this season were the most in the league ... Hanks (vs. DePaul) and Bock (at Syracuse) combined for two of the four hat tricks in BIG EAST games during the 2007 regular season.

PICK YOUR POISON

2005	Katie Thorlakson (18G-35A; 71 pts)	and Kerri Hanks (28G-15A; 71 pts)	combined: 46G-50A (142 pts)
2006	Hanks (22G-22A; 66 pts)	and Michele Weissenhofer (18G-17A; 53 pts)	combined: 40G-39A (119 pts)
2007	Hanks (14G-20A; 48 pts)	and Brittany Bock (16G-4A; 36 pts)	combined: 30G-24A (84 pts)

CAREER GOALS BY NOTRE DAME CLASSMATES

150	1996-99	Jenny Heft (80)	Jenny Streiffer (70)
124	1997-2000	Anne Makinen (65)	Meotis Erikson (59)
114	1992-95	Michelle McCarthy (59)	Rosella Guerrero (55)
112	1995-98	Monica Gerardo (73)	Shannon Boxx (39)
104	2005-07	Kerri Hanks (64)	Brittany Bock (40)

CAREER GAME-WINNING GOALS BY NOTRE DAME CLASSMATES

36	1992-95	Michelle McCarthy (19)	Rosella Guerrero (16)
34	1996-99	Jenny Heft (19)	Jenny Streiffer (15)
29	2005-07	Kerri Hanks (17)	Brittany Bock (12)
29	2000-03	Amanda Guertin (18)	Amy Warner (11)
29	1997-2000	Anne Makinen (16)	Meotis Erikson (13)

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Notre Dame women's soccer senior M/D **Ashley Jones** (Westlake Village, Calif.) last week was named to the 11-player *ESPN The Magazine* first team Academic All-America list for the second straight year while junior M/F **Brittany Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) was named to the third team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA ... Notre Dame joined North Carolina (two second-teamers) and Penn State (second- and third-teamer) as the only women's soccer teams with multiple players on the 2007 Academic All-America team ... Bock now has a strong chance to join goalkeeper **Jen Renola** (in 1995 and '96) and defender **Monica Gonzalez** (in 2001) as ND women's soccer players who have coupled All-America and Academic All-America honors in the same season (M/F **Jenny Streiffer** was a two-year All-American and two-time Academic All-American, but never in the same season).

Jones – who carries a 3.98 cumulative grade-point average as an accounting major – has appeared in all 104 games of her Notre Dame career (an ND record; 2nd in D-I history) while helping the Irish go 91-9-4 (.894) in that four-year span ... she follows former defender **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (2000, '01, '03) and goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** ('04, '05) as the third Notre Dame women's soccer player ever to be named a first team Academic All-American in multiple seasons ... Jones is tied for sixth on the 2007 team with 11 points (3 goals, 5 assists) and has helped spark the team on its current 17-game unbeaten streak (16-0-1; 19-4-2 overall).

Bock is one of the final-15 candidates for the 2007 Hermann Trophy and recently was named the BIG EAST Conference co-player of the year for the 2007 season, after leading the conference with 10 goals during BIG EAST play (her 16G rank 11th in all of D-I this season) ... the converted midfielder has totaled 15 of her 16 goals this season over the course of her past 15 games played ... Bock owns a 3.25 cumulative GPA as a business marketing major and has been a member of various United States youth national teams in recent years.

The Notre Dame women's soccer program's unmatched tradition of Academic All-America excellence now includes 20 selections during the past 13 seasons (the most honors from any D-I women's soccer team in that span) ... seven Notre Dame women's soccer players now have combined for 11 first-team Academic All-America honors, with the Irish program producing at least one first-teamer in eight of the past 12 years ... at least one Notre Dame women's soccer player has been named Academic All-America in 11 of the past 13 seasons (all but '99 and '02).

ND earlier had four players named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District V team, as Jones and Bock were named to the first team while senior F/M **Susan Pinnick** (South Bend, Ind.) and sophomore M/D **Amanda Clark** (Naperville, Ill.) were second-team selections ... Notre Dame's total of four players earning first- or second-team Academic All-District honors was tied with two other teams for second-most in the most in the country, spanning the eight CoSIDA districts and more than 300 Division I women's soccer programs ... Jones and Bock made Notre Dame one of 17 teams nationwide with multiple players on the respective first team Academic All-District lists.

Pinnick carries a 3.86 cumulative GPA, as an accounting major, and ranks fourth on the '07 team in scoring with 13 points (5G-3A), contributing all but one of those points during the unbeaten streak ... Clark (a 3.44 student, as a business major) has settled in as Notre Dame's starting defensive midfielder and has appeared in all 52 games during the past two years (including starts in all 25 games this season).

Jones and Bock helped the Notre Dame women's soccer squad compile a 3.30 team GPA during the 2007 spring semester, representing one of the top GPAs posted by any of Notre Dame's 26 varsity teams during the 2006-07 academic year.

This marks the eighth season – including four of the past five (all but 2006) – that multiple Notre Dame women's soccer players have been named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (also 1995, 1996, 2000 and 2001).

The eight teams remaining in the 2007 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship field include two– Notre Dame and West Virginia – that feature players who were among the 33 total Academic All-America honorees ... Jones joined Stanford defender Rachel Buehler and West Virginia forward Ashley Banks as the only first team Academic All-Americans whose teams were still alive in the NCAA round-of-16.

The BIG EAST had the most players (5) among the 33 Academic All-Americans: Jones, Banks, Bock, Louisville goalkeeper Joanna Haig (1st team) and Marquette goalkeeper Laura Boyer (3rd team) ... the Academic All-Americans include six others who faced the Irish this season: Buehler, Penn State forward Aubrey Aden-Buie and midfielder Zoe Bouchelle, Oklahoma State defender Niccole Grimaldi and two from UNC (goalkeeper Anna Rodenbough and midfielder Yael Averbuch).

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HISTORY – ND women's soccer players now have combined for 20 All-America honors during the past 13 seasons (most by any D-I women's soccer program during that span) ... seven ND women's soccer players have combined for 10 first team Academic All-America honors, with the Irish program producing at least one first-teamer in eight of the past 12 years ... at least one ND women's soccer player has been named Academic All-America in 11 of the past 13 seasons (all but '99 and '02) ... the program easily could have laid claim to honorees in the other two years, as **Jenny Streiffer** somehow was passed over in her 1999 All-America season (despite previously being an Academic All-American in '97 and '98) while an injury to **Vanessa Pruzinsky** prevented her from earning her third straight Academic All-America honor in '02 (which instead came in '03) ... ND's honorees include three who have been multiple-year first teamers: standout defender Pruzinsky (2000, '01 and '03), goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** ('04, '05) and M/D **Ashley Jones** ('06, '07) ... the program's other first team Academic All-Americans have included goalkeeper **Jen Renola** ('96), forward **Amy VanLaecke** ('96), M/F **Jenny Streiffer** ('97) and midfielder **Annie Scheffer** ('05) ... CoSIDA did not begin naming an exclusive women's soccer Academic All-America team until 2001 ... prior to 2001, women's soccer was part of the fall and winter "at-large" program, a highly selective process that honored soccer players as part of a larger sampling that included multiple sports ... Renola was recognized as the 1996 CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year for fall and winter "at-large" sports while Pruzinsky was the Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer in 2003, when she returned for a fifth year of eligibility as a graduate student after graduating in May of 2003 with a 4.0 cumulative GPA (the first female student at Notre Dame ever to do so as a chemical engineering major) ... more than half (11 of 20) of the ND women's soccer Academic All-Americans have been first-team honorees ... those receiving second-team honors have included Renola and VanLaecke in 1995, Streiffer in '98, defender **Monica Gonzalez** in 2001, Bohn in '03, forward **Mary Boland** in '03, and Scheffer in '05 ... forward **Meotis Erikson** was named a third team Academic All-American in 2000 (as was M/F **Brittany Bock** in '07) ... Pruzinsky, Bohn and Boland in 2003 became the first group of three D-I women's soccer teammates ever named Academic All-American for the same season.

THREE IRISH PLAYERS AMONG 15 HERMANN TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

Three Notre Dame women's soccer players – matching the most from any team – are among the 15 semifinalists for the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy national player-of-the-year award, as announced this week by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America ... the ND players among the final-15 candidates for the prestigious award include junior forward **Kerri Hanks** (the 2006 Hermann recipient), senior forward/midfielder **Amanda Cinalli** and junior M/F **Brittany Bock** ... three men's and three women's finalists for the respective 2007 Hermann Trophies will be announced on Friday, Dec. 14, in conjunction with the semifinal rounds of the 2007 NCAA Men's College Cup ... the winners then will be announced at a banquet at the MAC in St. Louis, on Friday, Jan. 11.

Notre Dame currently is the only school with final-15 candidates for both the men's and women's Hermann Trophy awards, as Irish senior forward **Joe Lapira** is a semifinalist for the 2007 men's award ... Hanks and Lapira in 2006 became the first players from the same school ever to sweep the Hermann Trophy awards in the same year.

Hanks is the only player to be among the final-15 Hermann Trophy candidates in each of the past three seasons and is one of five players who are making repeat appearances as semifinalists (others include UCLA's Danesha Adams, UNC's Yael Averbuch, Portland's Stephanie Lopez and Texas A&M's Ashlee Pistorius ... UCLA joins Notre Dame with three players among the final-15 candidates for the 2007 Hermann Trophy while North Carolina (2) is the only other team with multiple players on the list.

Notre Dame joins UCLA, Portland, West Virginia and Florida State as teams that are set to compete in the NCAA quarterfinals with players on their rosters who are Hermann Trophy semifinalists.

Notre Dame players have combined to be named to the Hermann Trophy final-15 list a total of nine times over the past three seasons (2005-07), representing the most semifinalists from one team during that three-year span (followed by UNC with seven semifinalists from 2005-07, UCLA with six and Portland with five). The six Irish players who have combined for the nine semifinalist honors over the past three years include Hanks ('05-'07), midfielder Jen Buczkowski ('05-'06), forward Katie Thorlakson ('05), defender Candace Chapman ('05), Bock ('07) and Cinalli ('07).

The six-year history of the combined M.A.C./Hermann award has seen Notre Dame produce multiple players among the final-15 candidates in each of the past five years. In 2003, forward Amy Warner and center back Melissa Tancredi made the list while 2004 saw Thorlakson and Tancredi advance to the final-15 M.A.C./Hermann list that season.

West Virginia forward Ashley Banks also is among the final-15 candidates for the 2007 Hermann Trophy, making the BIG EAST one of three conferences in the nation with multiple teams that have players on the semifinalist list.

Hanks (Allen, Texas) in 2006 became the youngest player by class year – male or female – ever to receive the Hermann Trophy. She was the nation's first player to reach double-digit goals and assists during the 2007 season, with only five players joining her in that distinction (from the 313 other Division I teams). Hanks (13G-18A) leads the nation in assists and ranks fourth in total points (44) while joining Florida State's Mami Yamaguchi (23G-16A) as the only D-I players this season with 12-plus goals and 12-plus assists. Earlier this season, Hanks became the third Division I women's soccer player ever to reach 50 career goals and 50 assists prior to her senior season (now 63 goals and 55 assists, which already ranks 18th on the NCAA career assists list).

Bock (Naperville, Ill.) - named the BIG EAST Conference 2007 co-offensive player of the year - joins Hanks to form one of the nation's top-scoring tandems. All but two of Bock's 33 points this season (15G-3A) have come during Notre Dame's current 16-game unbeaten streak, in 14 games played (11G-3A). She led the BIG EAST with 10 goals during conference play while her 15 goals currently rank 14th in the nation and are the fourth-most by any player among the five teams still competing in the NCAAs. Bock was named the national player of the week in back-to-back weeks during a midseason stretch that saw her post matching nine-point weekends (4G-1A): first at Syracuse (3G) and St. John's (1G-1A) and then at home versus Georgetown (2G) and Villanova (2G-1A). Nearly half of Bock's career goals with the Irish (19 of 39) have come on headers, including seven this season (most recently the goal that opened the scoring in the 3-2 NCAA round-of-16 win at UNC).

Cinalli (Maple Hts, Ohio), slowed by a midseason hamstring injury, has totaled three goals and five assists in 2007 while appearing in 19 of the 24 games. The four-year starter has led the way for Notre Dame's current senior group that has helped the Irish total 90 wins during the 2004-07 seasons (making them the nation's winningest senior class for the current season). Cinalli (34G-31A) joins Hanks and Bock (39G-19A) in giving Notre Dame three players with 30-plus career goals, making the 2007 squad the first Irish team since 1999 with that distinction. One of 12 Notre Dame players ever to reach 30 career goals and 30 assists, Cinalli has appeared in 98 career games and is close to becoming the seventh Notre Dame player ever to log 100 career games.

All but one of the 15 semifinalists for the 2007 Hermann Trophy (all except Portland's Lopez) are forwards or midfielders. Notre Dame junior left back Elise Weber (Elk Grove, Ill.) earlier was one of 54 candidates (12 of them defenders) on the final ballot for the 2007 Hermann Trophy.

Notes on Notre Dame's Hermann Trophy history follow on the next page, see und.com press release and/or end of this weekly release for updated bios on the three Irish semifinalists:

FANTASTIC FOURS – The 2005 quartet of Thorlakson, Chapman, Buczkowski and Hanks marked the fifth time in ND women's soccer history (first since '99) that four players from the same Irish women's soccer team have been placed on the elite final-10/15 list for the MAC or Hermann awards (also in '97, '98 and '99), with those honors merging in 2002 ... each of those three previous seasons did not feature four Irish players on the final 10/15 lists for both the M.A.C. and Hermann ... the 1996 season saw two ND seniors (M Cindy Daws and G Jen Renola) join a pair of juniors (M Holly Manthei and D Kate Sobrero) on the MAC final-15 list but Daws and Manthei were the only Irish players on the similar Hermann final-15 list ... then, in '97, four ND players again were on the MAC final-15: Manthei, Sobrero, sophomore D Jen Grubb and sophomore M Jenny Streiffer (Manthei and Makinen, then a sophomore M, were among the final-10 for the Hermann in '97) ... in 1998, Streiffer, Grubb and Makinen were joined by junior 'keeper LaKeysia Beene on the Hermann final-15 list (Streiffer, Grubb and Beene also were on the '98 MAC final-15 while Makinen was not eligible for the award that year due to a restriction of foreign players that has since been lifted) ... finally, in '99, four ND players – Beene, Grubb, Makinen and Streiffer – were among the final-15 for the M.A.C. Award while each of those players (with the exception of Grubb) were among the Hermann final-15 in '99.

AND THE WINNER IS ... – Former ND midfielders Cindy Daws ('96) and Anne Makinen ('00) both swept the Hermann and MAC awards during their senior seasons while Kerri Hanks then received the MAC Hermann Trophy in 2006 ... Daws earlier was one of three finalists for the 1994 Hermann and among the top-four in the 1994 MAC voting, later joining Manthei among the three finalists for the Hermann during the 1995 national championship season ... Manthei then was among the four finalists for the 1997 MAC award, Makinen was one of five finalists for the 1998 Hermann and Thorlakson was one of three finalists for the 2005 MAC Hermann Trophy.

NEARLY 15 YEARS OF ELITE-LEVEL TALENT – The past 14 seasons, dating back to ND's first appearance in an NCAA championship game (1994), have seen Irish players named to the Hermann and/or M.A.C. final 15/10 list 35 times (counting each player just once per season): Cindy Daws in 1994; Daws and Holly Manthei in 1995; Daws, Manthei, Jen Renola and Kate Sobrero in 1996; Jen Grubb, Manthei, Makinen, Sobrero and Jenny Streiffer in 1997; LaKeysia Beene, Grubb, Anne Makinen and Streiffer in 1998 and again in '99; Makinen in 2000; junior D Vanessa Pruzinsky in 2001 (MAC); Melissa Tancredi and Amy Warner in 2003; Tancredi and Katie Thorlakson in 2004; jen Buczkowski, Candace Chapman, Kerri Hanks and Thorlakson in 2005; Buczkowski and Hanks in 2006; and Hanks, Amanda Cinalli and Brittany Bock in 2007.

CONFERENCE COMMAND – Notre Dame is riding a 13-year, 79-game home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EASTopponents (78-0-1; tie vs. Rutgers in 2004) and has an active 38-game overall unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (36-0-2, since a 2005 loss at Marquette) ... ND's all-time record in BIG EAST regular-season games is 117-8-4 (.921), plus 29-2-1 in the BIG EAST Tournament and 2-1-0 in NCAA Tournament games vs. BIG EAST teams (all vs. UConn) – for an overall 13-year record of 148-11-5 (.918) vs. BIGEAST teams.

LONGEST CONFERENCE UNBEATEN STREAKS IN NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY

55	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 23, 1994 to Sept. 1, 2000	55-0-0
50	Florida	Southeastern Conference	Sept. 26, 1997 to Oct. 14, 2001	50-0-0
41	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 30, 1987 to Sept. 1, 1994	
38	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference	Oct. 25, 2005 to present	36-0-2
38	Fairfield	Metro Atlantic Conference	Oct. 16, 1996 to Oct. 1, 2000	
37	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference	Oct. 19, 1995 to Oct. 16, 1998	36-0-1
36	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 12, 2002 to Oct. 9, 2005	
34	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference	Oct. 25, 25, 1998 to Sept 30, 2001	34-0-0

* Note: the above streaks include regular-season and conference tournament games (they do not include NCAA Tournament games) ... note that ND's 20-game win streak vs. BIG EAST teams (ended vs. WVU) was the 13th-longest all-time conference winning streak in D-I women's soccer history and 4th in the ND program's history (behind 36 straight BIG EASTwins from 1995-98, 26 from 1998-2000 and 24 from 1991-95)

MAGIC NUMBERS – The three-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win for Notre Dame, with the Irish 262-3-1 all-time (.987) when scoring three-plus, losing to N.C. State in '92 (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 160-1-0 since 10/6/95) ... ND is 358-9-14 (.958) all-time when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals (162-3-7 since 9/9/99), including 83-0-4 spanning the 2004-07 seasons ... the Irish suffered 1-0 losses in 2002 (vs. eventual NCAAchamp Portland) and '03 (at #1 Stanford) ... prior to the Portland loss, ND 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 All-American Anne Makinen) ... the program's 20-year history includes only 353 goals allowed in 470 games (0.75 GA/gm) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 85 games (18.1%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in only 36 all-time games (7.7%; including the 7-1 loss to Santa Clara, two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal) ... 92.3% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 goals, with a 386-30-18/.910 record in those games (ND is only 4-31-1/.125 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

IT TAKES TWO – ND's lone loss of 2004 saw the Irish claim a 1-0 lead at UConn in the BIG EAST title game ... the Irish had several cracks at the magical 2-0 cushion that has proven to be insurmountable in the 20-year history of ND women's soccer (UConn rallied for the 2-1 win) ... the Irish now are **285-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead** and have **won 262 straight** games when stretching out to a 2-0 cushion, dating back to Sept. 15, 1991 (when Vanderbilt ultimately forced a 3-3 tie) ... there have been only three other games in the program's history when the Irish gave up a 2-0 lead (but still went on to win): a 4-3 win over UConn in the '96 BIG EAST final (the Irish led 3-0), a 3-2 win over Duke at a 1993 tournament in Houston and last week's 3-2 win over Duke in the NCAA quarterfinals ... prior to that game, 175 straight opponents that had face a 2-0 deficit vs. the Irish had been unable to even tie the score (since '96 BIG EAST final).

2007 ALL-BIG EAST NOTES

- Notre Dame women's soccer junior **Brittany Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) was named the BIG EAST Conference co-offensive player of the year, sharing that honor with West Virginia senior forward Ashley Banks ... Bock – a converted midfielder who was shifted to forward midway through the 2007 season – was joined on the all-BIG EAST first team by Irish junior forward **Kerri Hanks** (Allen, Texas) while junior left back **Elise Weber** (Elk Grove, Ill.) was a third-team selection.

- The BIG EAST has recognized Notre Dame players with the top offensive honor in each of the past four years, as Katie Thorlakson was tabbed for the award in 2004 and '05 while Hanks was the 2006 recipient ... this marks the first time in BIG EAST women's soccer history that two different offensive players of the year (Hanks and Bock) are competing on the same team.

- Bock's midseason shift to forward sparked the Irish on their current 17-game unbeaten streak, delivering several clutch goals in games when Notre Dame's postseason fate was hanging in the balance ... she was named national player of the week in consecutive weeks (for Oct. 1-7 and 8-14), after totaling 4G-1A in each of those weeks ... in the 3-1 win at Syracuse on Oct. 5, Bock became the sixth ND player ever to score the first three goals in a game ... her five-game goal streak from Sept. 30-Oct. 14 is the longest by an Irish player this season ... two days after that goal streak ended, Bock scored one of the most important goals of the season – heading in a left-flank service from Weber for the 2-1 overtime win over 13th-ranked Connecticut (she also had a header goal to open the scoring in the 2-0 BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown) ... Bock led the BIG EAST during the regular season with 10 goals in league action while her 23 points in BIG EAST play (10G-3A) narrowly trailed Hanks (25) and Banks (24) ... Bock currently leads the BIG EAST with 16 total goals (good for 11th in the nation) ... her team-best seven gamewinning goals are the most by a BIG EAST player this season (as were her 4 GWGs in league play).

- Notre Dame's early forecasts for the 2007 season included plenty of depth at the forward position, but that depth gradually eroded due to injuries suffered by several players (including former all-BIG EAST selections Amanda Cinalli and Michele Weissenhofer). ... promising incoming freshman Taylor Knaack was injured late in her club season during the spring of 2007 and has missed all of the current season following ACL knee surgery ... Cinalli suffered a hamstring injury in late Sept. and the senior captain only recently returned to her stellar all-around form, after missing five games and playing on a limited basis in several others ... Weissenhofer – the team's flip-throw specialist who ranked second behind Hanks among the nation's 2006 scoring leaders (18G-17A) – has been slowed for most of the season by an ankle injury suffered in mid-Sept. ... even the early hamstring injury suffered by sophomore center back Haley Ford (who has been sidelined for 19 straight games) has impacted the ND attack, as freshman Lauren Fowlkes (a natural midfielder) logged some quality minutes as a forward during the first few weeks of the season ... instead, Fowlkes has spent the past 19 games as one of the starting center backs, taking her own scoring prowess out of the equation for the Notre Dame offense ... with Weissenhofer (8), Cinalli (3) and Fowlkes (2) combining for only 13 goals all season, Bock's timely scoring in the second half of the season has taken on even greater significance ... during ND's 3-4-1 start to the season (with Bock playing primarily at her natural midfield spot), the Irish were outscored 15-14 and were outshot in three of those eight games while trailing for 157 minutes (22% of the time) ... Bock's full-time switch to forward coincided with the second game of the win streak (Sept. 30, vs. Cincinnati) and has helped produce the dominating two-month stretch that has seen the Irish rattle off a 16-0-1 record ... ND owns a 50-10 scoring edge in the unbeaten streak, has not been outshot in any of those games and has trailed for only 72 minutes (4.6% of the time) since losing to Penn State on Sept. 23.

- Bock followed up her hat trick at Syracuse by posting a goal and assist later that weekend in the 3-0 win at St. John's ... one week later, she turned in a pair of two-goal games in wins over Villanova (5-0) and Georgetown (3-0), adding an assist versus the Wildcats for her second straight nine-point week (4G-1A in each) ... half of Bock's goals this season (8 of 16) and in her career (20 of 40) have come on headers, in addition to four rare header assists during her three seasons with the Irish ... she also has reached the 20G-20A milestone for her career (40G-20A, including 4A in '07).

- Bock was a second team all-BIG EAST pick in her first two seasons with the Irish and will have the chance in 2008 to become the sixth ND women's soccer player ever to be a four-year all-BIG EAST performer (since ND joined the league in 1995) ... players who already own that distinction include D Jen Grubb (1996-99), M Anne Makinen (1997-2000), F Amy Warner (2000-03), D/F Candace Chapman (2001-02, '04-'05) and D Christie Shaner (2003-06) ... Hanks and Bock join the above five among 15 all-time ND players who have been named all-BIG EAST three-plus times ... the other three-time honorees include: F Monica Gerardo (1995-96, '98), M Holly Manthei (1995-97), D Kate Sobrero (1995-97), M Shannon Boxx (1995-97), M/F Jenny Streiffer (1996, '98-'99), G LaKeysia Beene (1997-99), M Jen Buczkowski (2004-06) and F/M Amanda Cinalli (2004-06).

- Notre Dame and West Virginia now share the most BIG EAST offensive player-of-the-year selections, with four each (UConn and Seton Hall have three) ... that group does not include former ND midfielders Cindy Daws and Anne Makinen, who each earned the Hermann Trophy during their senior seasons (1996 and 2000, respectively) but failed to receive BIG EAST player of the year.

- Notre Dame has produced a pair of first team all-BIG EAST forwards in each of the past five seasons, with other recent dynamic duos including: Kerri Hanks and Michele Weissenhofer in 2006; Katie Thorlakson and Hanks in 2005; Thorlakson and Amanda Cinalli in 2004; and Amy Warner and Mary Boland in 2003.

- A total of 25 Notre Dame players now have combined for 48 first team all-BIG EAST honors since 1995, with eight defenders combining for 15 first-team awards, four midfielders (13 awards), 11 forwards (17 awards) and two goalkeepers (three awards).

- Despite not repeating as BIG EAST offensive player of the year, Hanks did play a key role in her teammate Bock receiving the honor ... Hanks (14G-20A) recently became the nation's first player with double-digit goals this season and – as the reigning Hermann Trophy recipient (national player of the year) – typically is the player that opposing defenses try to target, due to her equal danger as a scorer and set-up player ... the Irish now boast a pair of potent forwards who present a tough matchup dilemma for any opposing team.

ALL-BIG EAST NOTES (cont.)

• Hanks – one of seven ND players ever named first team all-BIG EAST in three or more seasons (also '05 and '06) – is one of three players in NCAA Division I women's soccer history ever to reach 50 career goals (63) and 50 assists (52) prior to her senior year while her 44 points are most in the BIG EAST this season (4th in the nation) ... she had a 13-game point streak that ended in the NCAA second round and has scored (4) or assisted (11) on 15 of ND's past 24 goals.

• Weber's 11 points (2G-7A; including the cross on Bock's header that Beat UConn in OT) make her one of the top-scoring defenders in the BIG EAST this season and in Notre Dame women's soccer history ... a transfer from Wisconsin who was a top flank midfielder with the Badgers, Weber joins Hanks as two of three Irish players to start all 24 games this season ... she has played a key role for a Notre Dame defense that has allowed only one opponent to score more than two goals in a game all season ... Weber also has helped the Irish allow only 10 goals in the current 17-game unbeaten streak while limiting the opposition to 44 shots on goal (2.6/gm) and 42 corner kicks (2.5/gm) in that 17-game span.

• Hanks joins four-time honorees Jen Grubb and Anne Makinen and four who have been three-time recipients (Holly Manthei, Amy Warner, Candace Chapman and Jen Buczkowski) as the Notre Dame players with the most career first team all-BIG EAST seasons.

IRON WOMAN – Senior M **Ashley Jones** has yet to miss a game in her four-year ND career and will be looking to log game #105 on Friday vs. Florida State (which add to her ND record and place her alone in second in NCAA history) ... current ND volunteer assistant Jen Buczkowski played in 103 games with the Irish (from 2003-06) ... senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli**, who recently missed five games due to a hamstring injury, is tied for ninth on the ND career games played list (99).

MOST CAREER GAMES PLAYED IN NCAA DIVISION-I WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY

107	Robin Confer	UNC	1994-97	107 consecutive GP
104	Ashley Jones	ND	2004-07	104 consecutive GP
104	Bonnie Young	Penn State	1998-2001	
104	Rebekah McDowell	UNC	1996-99	
103	Jen Buczkowski	ND	2003-06	103 consecutive GP
103	Megan Mills	Penn State	1998-2001	
103	Jen Carlson	UConn	1997-2000	
103	Karina LeBlanc	Nebraska	1997-2000	
103	Cindy Parlow	UNC	1995-98	

PUNCHING THE CLOCK – The top all-time Notre Dame duos for most career game played among classmate include:

203	Ashley Jones (104)	Amanda Cinalli (99)
203	Jen Buczkowski (103)	Christie Shaner (100)
200	Jenny Streiffer (100)	Jen Grubb (100)
199	Shannon Boxx (101)	Monica Gerardo (98)

SUPER SENIORS – Notre Dame's senior class now owns a career record of 91-9-4 (.894), spanning the 2004-07 seasons ... the 91 wins are tied for the second-most ever by an ND class, behind the 2006 seniors (92-8-3/.908; '03-'06) and matching the 1997 seniors (91-6-4/.921; '94-'97) ... the 2007 seniors can tie their predecessor's ND record with a win over FSU ... **Amanda Cinalli** is the only four-year starter in the senior class while **Ashley Jones** also has been a four-year regular (**Lauren Karas** was the backup keeper in '04 and '05 while F/M **Susan Pinnick** did not play due to injury in 2004 and D **Jennie Bireley** is a first-year walk-on this season).

SUPER SENIORS, PART II – Here's an updated look at the nation's winningest senior classes (prior to NCAA round-of-16):

Notre Dame	91-9-4
North Carolina	89-7-1
UCLA	80-14-4
Penn State	79-12-8
Portland	78-12-5

ND QUICK NOTES

• The Irish held Loyola Chicago without a shot for 58 minutes of game time ... Loyola's Katie Heidenreich became the first opponent to uncork a shot on goal versus the Irish in 84 minutes of game action, dating back to the first-half goal scored by West Virginia in last week's BIG EAST title game.

• The Irish scored twice in a 75-second span for the final 3-0 margin vs. Loyola Chicago.

Notre Dame Records Set or Tied By Kerri Hanks in 2007 Season

Career Postseason Goals	18
Career Postseason Points	57 (18G-21A)
Career Points Per Game	2.38 (entered season with record, at 2.64)
Career Goals Per Game	0.83 (entered season with record, at 0.96)
50 Career Goals/50 Assists Prior to Senior Season	Shares that distinction with Jenny Streiffer
Assists in an NCAA Tournament Game	3 vs. Loyola Chicago (done four times previously at ND)
Multiple Career NCAA Games with 3-Plus Assists	2 (also 2006 quarterfinal vs. Penn State)
Career Shots	356
Career Postseason Game-Winning Points	15 (4 GWG-7 GWA)
Career Points in the NCAAs	32 (9G-14A)
Career Gamewinning Points in the NCAAs	10 (3 GWG-4 GWA)

Notre Dame Records Within Kerri Hanks' Grasp

8 Career Postseason Game-Winning Assists (shared by Thorlakson and Holly Manthei)	Hanks has 7 career GWA in the postseason
4 Game-Winning Assists in One Postseason (shared by Hanks in '06; Thorlakson in '05)	Hanks has 3 GWA in the 2007 postseason

Note: Hanks also ranks sixth on the ND career points list (185), only one back of Anne Makinen, four behind both Daws and Jenny Heft, and five behind Monica Gerardo (190; 2nd) ... her 64 career goals are fifth in ND history (one behind Makinen) ... her 57 career assists are fifth in ND history (10 behind Daws).

SET-PLAY SUCCESS – Set-plays/dead-ball situations now have accounted for 50 (15G-20A) of Kerri Hanks' 185 career points (64G-57A), representing nearly one-third of her points with the Irish (27%) ... 15 of her career goals have come on free kicks (7), penalty kicks (7-of-7) or directly on a corner kick (1) while 20 of her assists have come via corner-kick (12) or free-kick (8) services:

KERRI HANKS SET-PLAY AND DEAD-BALL SCORING (15G-20A, 50 points; 4 gamewinning goals, 7 GWA)

	Free-Kick Assists	Corner-Kick Assists	Free-Kick Goals	Corner-Kick Goals (direct)	Penalty-Kick Goals	Total Plays
2005	1	1	0-of-0	0	0	5 (3G-2A; 8 pts)
2006	4	8	2-of-2	0	2-2	16 (4G-12A; 20 pts)
2007	3	3	5-of-5	1	5-5	14 (8G-6A; 22 pts)
TOTAL	8 (3 GWA)	12 (4 GWA)	7-of-7 (3 GWG)	1	7-of-7 (1 GWG)	35 (15G-20A; 50 pts) (4 GWG) (7 GWA)

PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO GOAL – Hanks has totaled seven career goals with the Irish on direct free kicks, including back-to-back games at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic ... both kicks came from similar spots on the field, roughly 25-30 yards out on the left side ... Hanks opted to go low to the near post in the Friday-night game with Princeton, drilling the shot into the lower-left corner as 'keeper Maren Dale was unable to slide over in time ... two days later, Hanks showed the tremendous depth and variety in her ballstriking ability by curling the kick over the wall and into the upper right corner (tying the game with Oklahoma State) ... Hanks also has scored direct free-kick goals during her ND career vs. Vermont and Louisville in 2005 (both on the road), at home in 2005 vs. Georgetown, and twice in the 2006 NCAAs (first round vs. Oakland, third round vs. Colorado; both at home) ... Hanks – who also had an endline assist on Michele Weissenhofer's goal vs. Princeton – was named the offensive MVP of the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic.

SCORING MACHINE – Hanks has totaled 15 career multiple-goal games with the Irish and Notre Dame now is 42-2-1 when she scores at least one goal (24-6-1 when she does not score a goal) ... her career scoring averages now include 2.40 points and 0.83 goals per game, still on pace to break or tie the Notre Dame records held by Jenny Streiffer (2.11 ppg) and Jenny Heft (0.83 gpg).

NCAA DIVISION I CAREER ASSISTS PER GAME

1. Holly Manthei (ND; '94-'97)	1.29 (129 A; 100 GP)
2. Marit Foss (Jacksonville; '97-'00)	0.88 (70A; 80 GP)
3. Mia Hamm (UNC; '89-'90; '92-'94)	0.78 (72A; 92 GP)
4. Katie Thorlakson (ND; '02-'05)	0.77 (73A; 95 GP)
5. Carin Jennings (UCSB; '83-'86)	0.76 (69A; 79 GP)
6. Kerri Hanks (ND; '05-)	0.74 (57A; 77 GP)

NCAA DIVISION I CAREER ASSISTS

Note: the below 17 players include six from ND and five from UNC

1. Holly Manthei (ND; '94-'97)	129
2. Katie Thorlakson (ND; '02-'05)	73
3. Mia Hamm (UNC; '89-'90; '92-'93)	72
4. Jenny Streiffer (ND; '96-'99)	71
Alyssa Ramsey (UNC; '00-'03)	71
6. Marit Foss (Jacksonville; '97-'00)	70
7. Cindy Daws (ND; '93-'96)	67
8. Mandy Clemens (SCU; '96-'99)	65
9. Jennifer Tietjen (UConn; '95-'98)	64
10. Carin Jennings (UCSB; '83-'86)	60
11. Lindsay Tarpley (UNC; '02-'05)	59
12. Kacey White (UNC; '02-'05)	58
13. Shannon Boxx (ND; '95-'98)	57
Kaye Brownlee (Furman; '98-'01)	57
Debbie Keller (UNC; '93-'96)	57
Jennifer Lalor (SCU; '92-'94, '96)	57
Kerri Hanks (ND; '05-)	57

HANKS HAS RARE NO-POINT GAME – Junior F **Kerri Hanks** had points in each of the final 13 games during the 2006 season but failed to extend that point streak into 2007 (in the 0-0 opener with Michigan) ... the 13-game point streak ended up one shy of the ND record set by Katie Thorlakson at the end of the 2005 season ... Hanks went on to register points in games 2-9 this season (none at Louisville) and then had another 13-game point streak that ended in the NCAA second round vs. Illinois (she now has points in 33 of the past 37 games) ... Hanks also had no official points in the win at UNC, although her alert pass led to the second goal as ND scored twice in 14 seconds ... the previous time that Hanks had gone without points in back-to-back games was early in the 2006 season, at Michigan (Sept. 17) and vs. Louisville (Sept. 24) ... since those two games, Hanks has points in 37 of the past 42 games ... she has points in 62 of her 76 career games played with the Irish (82%), including points streaks of 13-13-9-7-6-4-4-2-2 ... the only other times Hanks has gone without points in back-to-back games of her ND career was a three-game stretch early in 2006 (vs. USC, Santa Clara and at TCU; Sept. 1-8).

HAT-TRICK MASTER – Hanks scored three times in the 4-0 win over DePaul earlier this season, for her fifth career hat trick with the Irish ... Hanks is tied with former standouts Rosella Guerrero ('92-'95) and Monica Gerardo ('95-'98) for second on the ND career hat tricks list, one shy of the record (6) held by 2000 graduate Jenny Heft ... Hanks – who has 15 points in three career games versus DePaul (6G-3A) – has posted two hat tricks during BIG EAST play (also vs. Seton Hall in '06) ... she opened her college career at the Vermont Classic with three goals against New Hampshire and then had 4G two days later versus the host Catamounts, with her other hat trick coming against Oakland in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Tournament.

SPRINT TO 60 – The timely 86th-minute, game-tying goal by Hanks vs. Connecticut (directly on a corner kick, with ND going on to win 2-1) produced her 60th career goal with the Irish ... Hanks reached that milestone in 68 games played, quicker than any of the previous five Irish players who topped 60 goals ... Jenny Heft had been the only other ND player to reach 60 goals prior to her senior season (as a junior), doing so in her 70th career game and likewise in memorable fashion (Heft's 60th career goal forged a late tie with Portland in the 1998 NCAA quarterfinals but the Pilots then scored for the 2-1 win) ... Hanks also is one of 19 D-I players ever to reach 50 career goals and 50 assists (63G-55A), joining former ND standout Jenny Streiffer and UNC alum Mia Hamm as the only ones to reach the 50G-50A milestone as juniors.

HANKS QUICK NOTES – Has points in all but three of her 23 career postseason games with the Irish and is the first Notre Dame player ever to have three assists in an NCAA game twice during her career ('06 quarterfinal vs. Penn State; '07 first round vs. Loyola Chicago) ... ND's 58 all-time NCAA Tournament games have produced only three other times in which an ND player had a 3-assist game (none with 4-plus) ... has surged to 13th place on NCAA career assists list (three out of 10th place) ... her 57 career assists would rank first at 308 of the 314 D-I programs but are good for only 5th-best in ND's storied history ... the only other D-I teams that have a career assist leader with more assists than Hanks are UNC (4), Jacksonville, Santa Clara, UConn and UC Santa Barbara and Furman ... has quickly moved within striking distance (64G-57A) of becoming sixth D-I player ever to reach 60 career goals and 60 assists (Daws had 61G-67A; Streiffer 70G-71A) ... has nearly same total of gamewinning goals (17) as gamewinning assists (16) in her ND career, for 50 GW points (trails only Thorlakson's 56 and Streiffer' 51 as the ND all-time leaders in GW pts) ... nearing 50 points for the season (48; 14G-20A) and has joined Holly Manthei, Thorlakson and Daws as only ND players ever to have multiple seasons with 20-plus assists (also had 22A in 2006) ... has the game-winning assists in five of ND's past eight victories (plus a GWG in that span) ... has totaled 11 multiple-assist games in her ND career.

NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK UPDATE

Career Points (G-A)

1. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	211 (70-71)
2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	190 (73-44)
3. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	189 (61-67)
Jenny Heft (1996-99)	189 (80-29)
5. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	186 (65-56)
6. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	185 (63-55)
15. Susie Zilvitis (1988-91)	112 (43-26)
16. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	100 (34-32)
Brittany Bock (2005-)	100 (40-20)

Career Points Per Game (pts/GP)

1. Kerri Hanks ('05-)	2.40 (185/77)
2. Jenny Streiffer ('96-'99)	2.11 (211/100)

Career Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	80
2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	73
3. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	70
4. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	65
5. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	64
13. Susie Zilvitis (1988-91)	43
14. Brittany Bock (2005-)	40

Career Goals Per Game (gls/GP)

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	0.83 (64/77)
Jenny Heft (1996-99)	0.83 (80/96)

Career Assists

4. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	67
5. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	57

Career Hat Tricks

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	6
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	5

Career Game-Winning Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	19
Michelle McCarthy(1992-95)	19
3. Amanda Guertin (2000-03)	18
4. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	17
Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	17
Kerri Hanks (2005-)	17
11. Brittany Bock (2005-)	12

Career Game-Winning Assists

1. Holly Manthei (1994-97)	25
2. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	22
3. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	21
4. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	18
5. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	16

Career Game-Winning Points

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	56 (17 GWG-22 GWA)
2. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	51 (15 GWG-21 GWA)
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	50 (17 GWG-16 GWA)

Career Shots

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	355
2. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	354

Career First Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1999-99)	19
Kerri Hanks (2005-)	19

Career Postseason Goals (BIG EAST and NCAAs)

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	18
2. Katie Thorlakson (2003-06)	15
A. Makinen/M. Gerardo	15
Brittany Bock (2005-)	15
6. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	14
Jenny Heft (1996-99)	14
8. Amanda Guertin (2000-03)	13
9. Meotis Erikson (1997-2000)	12
Shannon Boxx (1995-98)	12
11. Michele Weissenhofer ('06-)	11
12. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	9

note: Hanks and Bock own the Notre Dame record for combined postseason goals by classmates (31)

Career Postseason Points

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	57 (18G-21A)
2. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	53 (15G-23A)
3. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	43 (15G-13A)
4. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	40 (15G-10A)
5. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	39 (14G-11A)
6. Brittany Bock (2005-)	38 (15G-8A)
7. Meotis Erikson (1997-2000)	36 (11G-14A)
8. Holly Manthei (1994-97)	33 (5G-23A)
Cindy Daws (1993-96)	33 (10G-13A)
10. Meotis Erikson (1997-2000)	31 (14G-3A)
11. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	27 (9G-9A)

Career Postseason Assists

1. Thorlakson/Holly Manthei ('94-'97)	23
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	21

Career Postseason Gamewinning Goals

1. Michele Weissenhofer ('06-)	6
2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	5
3. Cinalli/Bock/Hanks	4

Career Postseason Gamewinning Points

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	15 (4 GWG – 7 GWA)
2. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	14 (3 GWG – 8 GWA)
3. Michele Weissenhofer (2006-)	12 (6 GWG)
Brittany Bock (2005-)	12 (4 GWG – 4 GWA)
5. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	10 (4 GWG – 2 GWA)

Career Points in the NCAAs

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	32 (9G-14A)
2. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	29 (7G-15A)
3. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	24 (10G-4A)
4. Brittany Bock (2005-)	23 (10G-3A)
5. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	20 (8G-4A)
Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	20 (6G-8A)
7. Michele Weissenhofer (2006-)	19 (9G-1A)

Career Goals in the NCAAs

1. Gerardo ('95-'98)/ Bock ('05-)	10
3. Jenny Heft ('96-'99)/ Hanks ('05-)	9
Michele Weissenhofer (2006-)	9
6. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	8

Career Assists in the NCAAs

1. Thorlakson/Holly Manthei ('94-'97)	15
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	14

Career Gamewinning Goals in the NCAAs

1. Weissenhofer/Gerardo	4
3. Cinalli ('04-)/Hanks ('05-)	3

Career Gamewinning Points in the NCAAs

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	10 (3 GWG – 4 GWA)
2. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	9 (1 GWG – 7 GWA)
3. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	8 (3 GWG – 2 GWA)

TALE OF TWO SEASONS (2007, then and now ...)

DURING 3-4-1 START

DURING 17-GAME UNBEATEN STREAK

14 (1.8/gm)	Goals Scored	50 (2.9/gm)
15 (1.9/gm)	Goals Allowed	10 (0.6/gm)
-1	Scoring Margin	+40 (+2.3/gm)
140 (17.5/gm)	Shots	285 (16.8/gm)
69 (8.6/gm)	Shots Allowed	118 (6.9/gm)
+71 (+8.9/gm)	Shot Margin	+167 (+9.9/gm)
62 (7.8/gm)	Shots On Goal	134 (8.4/gm)
26 (3.3/gm)	SOG Allowed	41 (2.6/gm)
+36 (4.5/gm)	SOG Margin	+93 (+5.8/gm)
44 (5.8/gm)	Corner Kicks	67 (3.9/gm)
24 (3.0/gm)	CKs Allowed	42 (2.5/gm)
+20 (2.8/gm)	CK Margin	+25 (+1.4/gm)
157 min. (22% of time)	Time Trailed	72 min. (4.6% of time; none in postseason)
3	Games Outshot	1
1G (2 pts), GWG	Brittany Bock	15G-4A (34 pts), 6 GWG
6G-4A(16 pts), 2 GWG	Kerri Hanks	8G-16A (32 pts), 3 GWG, 6 GWA
2G-1A(5 pts), 6 GP	Michele Weissenhofer	6G-2A (14 pts), GWG
1A, 6 GP	Susan Pinnick	5G-2A (12 pts), 4 GWG
0 pts, 8 GP	Rose Augustin	5G-1A (11 pts)
1G (2 pts)	Ashley Jones	2G-5A (9 pts), GWG
1G-2A(4 pts)	Elise Weber	1G-5A (7 pts)
1A, 8 GP	Becca Mendoza	3G (6 pts)
2G-3A(7 pts)	Amanda Cinalli	1G-3A (5 pts), 12 GP
1.58 GAA, 6 GA, 4 SV, 342 min.	Lauren Karas	0.50 GAA, 8 GA, 29 SV, 1,440 min.

NOTRE DAME VETERANS CAREER HIGHS

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Kerri Hanks	4 (vs. Vermont in '05) 3 (vs. UNH in '05; vs. Seton Hall/Oakland in '06; vs. DePaul in '07)	3 ('06-Penn St.; '07-Loy. Chicago) 2 ('05-vs. DePaul, PC, G'town; '06-vs. Pitt, Rutgers, Marquette)	8 (4G vs. Vermont in '05) 7 (3G-1A-UNH '05, SHU/OAK '06)
Amanda Cinalli	2 (vs. Baylor and Portland in '04, Valpo '05, SCU '06, Princeton '07)	2 (2004 vs. Michigan, '05-UNH, UVm, CIN, GU/BET)	5 (2G-1A vs. Baylor in 2004, SCU in '06, Princeton in '07)
Brittany Bock	3 (at SYR in '07; 2 (vs. UNH and SHU in '05; vs. SJU/CU in '06; LOY in '07)	2 (vs. Mich. in '05; DePaul in '06) (G'town and UConn/both '05 BET) (G'town and VILL in '07)	6 (3G vs. SYR '07, 5 (2G-1A vs. VILL '07)
Susan Pinnick			3 (1G-1A-SHU in '05, OAK '06)
Ashley Jones	2 (vs. Rutgers/'06 BET; at SJU '07)		
M. Weissenhofer	3 vs. Penn State ('06) 2 vs. Iowa St., DP, Pitt (all '06), 2 vs. CIN, UNC (both '07)	2 vs. ISU, USC, TCU (all 2006)	6 vs. Iowa State ('06; 2G-2A) 5 vs. UNC ('07; 2G-1A)
Becca Mendoza	2 vs. Villanova ('07)		

Lauren Karas – 9 saves vs. Santa Clara ('06), 7 vs. Louisville ('05)

BOCK REPEATS AS NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK – Notre Dame junior F **Brittany Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) repeated as both the national and BIG EAST women's soccer player of the week, after duplicating her production from the previous week by totaling four goals and an assist in wins over Georgetown and Villanova (on Oct. 12 and 14) – producing one of the top two-week scoring tears in the history of ND women's soccer ... with players from 313 Division I women's soccer teams to choose from, *Soccer America* honored Bock as the nation's top player for the week – a rare back-to-back distinction in the world of collegiate soccer (the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and *Top Drawer Soccer* both tabbed Bock the nation's top player the previous week) ... Bock also joined former teammate Katie Thorlakson and recent West Virginia standout Christie Abbott as the only BIG EAST players – spanning ND's 13 years in the league (1995-2007) – to be named the league's top offensive player in consecutive weeks.

BIG-TIME PLAYERS – Five different Notre Dame women's soccer players have been named national players of the week during the past two seasons, with the others including **Amanda Cinalli**, **Carrie Dew**, **Michele Weissenhofer** and **Kerri Hanks** (all in 2006).

GOALS KEEP COMING – One week after scoring the first three goals in the 4-1 win at Syracuse (followed two days later by 1G-1A in a 3-0 game at St. John's), Bock was bidding for another hat trick in the game vs. Georgetown ... the first goal came midway through the opening half, following Michele Weissenhofer's flip-throw from the right side ... Bock was stationed near the top of the six-yard box and headed the ball in traffic, with the shot ricocheting into the far-left side of the goal (24:03) ... a classic combination sequence provided her second score, capping the 3-0 win over GU ... senior M Ashley Jones played a pass from the center of the field and freshman forward Erica Iantorno raced into the right side of the box before one-touching a short pass to her left ... Bock was in position to convert a low one-timer from 10 yards out (68:31) ...

Two days later, Bock scored twice in the first half vs. Villanova to make yet another run at a hat trick ... junior F Kerri Hanks assisted on the first goal with a free kick from outside the right edge of the penalty box ... Bock was planted in the center of the penalty area and all-BIG EAST goalkeeper Jillian Loyden charged out in an attempt to box the ball away – but Bock had inside position and sharply snapped her 10-yard header into the vacated net (24:01) ... freshman right back Julie Scheidler sliced through the center of the field to set up the second goal, sending a pass to junior left back Elise Weber on the left flank ... Weber then teed up a deep cross from the edge of the attacking third and Bock executed a twisting header on the far-right side, near the top of the six-yard box ... Loyden had shifted far to her left and shuffled back inside the post before jumping up for what appeared to be a routine save – but the knuckler glanced off her hands and into the right side of the net ... Bock completed her nine-point weekend by assisting on the third goal in the 5-0 win over VU ... the crisp combination sequence saw Bock provide a short entry pass from the right side before freshman F Rose Augustin pulled off a quick sweep-tap on the ball that sent Jones into the right side of the six-yard box, with the shot deposited into the far-left side of the net.

TWO-WEEK TEAR – Bock joined an elite list of six Notre Dame players who have totaled eight or more goals over the span of four games (done a total of eight times) ... current junior Kerri Hanks (10) and fellow forward Monica Gerardo (9) are the only ND players ever to amass more goals over a four-game span than Bock's eight ... the best two-week scoring tear in ND women's soccer history still belongs to Hanks, who opened her college career in 2005 (Aug. 28, 30; Sept. 2, 4) by totaling 10 goals over the course of games versus New Hampshire (4; 11-1, at UVm), at Vermont (3; 6-0), vs. #11 Florida (1; 4-1) and vs. #25 Maryland (2; 6-0) ... Gerardo similarly started her ND career in 1995 (Sept. 2, 3, 7, 10) by racking up nine goals in action vs. Providence (2; 7-0), St. John's (2; 9-0), at Indiana (4; 7-0) and at #13 Wisconsin (1; 1-0) ... one year later in '96, Gerardo matched herself with nine goals spaced over four games (Oct. 25, 27; Nov. 1, 3) against West Virginia (2; 11-0), Seton Hall (4; 10-0), Ohio State (1; 7-0) and Villanova (2; 10-1) ... near the end of her career in '98, Gerardo then totaled eight goals in another four-game span (Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11) vs. Butler (1; 5-0), Georgetown (2; 8-0), at Boston College (2; 3-1) and at Providence (3; 8-0) ... midfielder Cindy Daws joined Gerardo with a memorable scoring tear during the 1996 season (her senior year) ... Daws actually had a five-game goal streak (3-3-0-2-3) that featured three different hat tricks and eight goals over the four-game span at either end ... she started that tear with hat tricks vs. Rutgers (Oct. 20; 6-0) and West Virginia (Oct. 25; 11-0) before scoring twice two games later vs. Ohio State (Nov. 1; 7-0; no goals in 10-0 win over Seton Hall on Oct. 27) – and for good measure adding a hat trick in the next game vs. Villanova (Nov. 3; 10-1) ... starting with the OSU game, Daws actually had eight goals over another four-game stretch that overlapped the earlier one (not counted among the eight in this list) – as she added a goal in the BIG EAST semifinal vs. Villanova (Oct. 9; 7-0) and scored twice in the title game vs. UConn (Oct. 10; 4-3) ... Meotis Erikson, like Gerardo and Hanks, also had her two-week tear as a freshman (in 1997), with a goal at Wisconsin (Oct. 14; 10-0) followed by hat tricks at Syracuse (Oct. 19; 8-0) and vs. Seton Hall (Oct. 24; 7-1), plus another goal vs. #5 UConn (Oct. 26; 1-0) ... most recently, Thorlakson totaled eight goals in a four-game span of her junior season in 2004 (Oct. 24, 28, 31; Nov. 5), vs. Seton Hall (1; 3-1), at Michigan (2; Oct. 28), vs. St. John's (4; Oct. 31) and vs. Boston College (1; Nov. 5, at UConn).

FOUR AND FOUR – Of the eight two-week tears listed above, only three of them have seen the player total four-plus goals in the first two games and also four-plus over the course of games 3 and 4: Gerardo ('95), Erikson ('97) and Bock ... that means that Bock is the first ND player in 10 years to score four or more goals in back-to-back 2-game spans ... five of the two-week tears listed above came on consecutive weekends (Fri.-Sun.), as Thorlakson's span actually covered three weeks (Sun.-Thur.-Sun.-Fri.), Erikson's first game in her streak was a Tuesday, and Gerardo's third game in the '95 streak came on a Thursday – meaning that Bock is the only ND player ever with four-goal efforts in back-to-back weekends (Fri.-Sun.) ... six of the above scoring tears included at least one road swing (all but Gerardo and Daws in '96).

BIG EAST BACK-TO-BACK POW – In addition to **Brittany Bock's** consecutive honors, only two other players in the past 13 seasons (since 1995) have been named the BIG EAST offensive player of the week in back-to-back weeks (excluding co-honorees): former Notre Dame forward **Katie Thorlakson** (Aug. 30 and Sept. 6, 2004; as a junior) and former West Virginia forward Christie Abbott (Sept. 8 and 15, 2003; as a senior).

HEADSTRONG – Half of junior M/F **Brittany Bock's** career goals with the Irish (20 of 40) have come on headers, including seven in 2006 (four in the '06 postseason) and eight in 2007 ... seven of Bock's past eight goals have come on headers ... Bock's diving header opened the scoring in the 2-0 early-season win at #7 Florida and her far-post header on the left-flank service from Elise Weber ended the OTwin over #13 UConn (2-1) ... she also has four rare header assists in her career ... Bock – who had a header assist in the 2006 NCAA semifinal vs. Florida State and then a header goal in the title game vs. UNC – closed the 2006 season with nine goals in the final 13 games ... she tied for the 2006 team lead in game-winning goals (6) and totaled five goals in the 2006 postseason ... Bock has 5G-5A in eight career BIG EAST Tournament games and she has reached 100 points for her career (40G-20A) ... after a seven-game goal drought in nearly the entire month of September (Sept. 3-28), Bock now has totaled 15 goals in her past 15 games (with a career best five-game goalscoring streak and goals in nine of her past 12 games played) ... her 13 gamewinning goals over the past two seasons are the most by any ND player.

HAT TRICK HISTORY – The first 54 hat tricks in ND history had featured only four times when an Irish player scored the first three goals of the game, but five of the past six ND hat tricks now have seen the same player score goals 1-2-3: Kerri Hanks at Vermont in 2005, vs. Seton Hall in 2006 and vs. DePaul in 2007; Michele Weissenhofer vs. Penn State in the 2006 NCAA quarterfinals; and Brittany Bock this season at Syracuse ... Hanks (Sept. 21, vs. DePaul) and Bock are the first ND teammates to post hat tricks in the same regular season since Amy Warner (vs. Providence) and Meotis Erikson (vs. Georgetown) did so during the 2000 season ... Weissenhofer (Nov. 24, 2006), Hanks and Bock each have turned in hat tricks over the span of ND's past 15 games, stretching back to the late stages of the 2006 postseason ... Michelle McCarthy scored the first three goals vs. Loyola Chicago in 1992, as did Rosella Guerrero vs. SMU in 1993 and Jenny Heft twice in her career (1997 vs. UCLA; 1998 vs. Wake Forest) ... Hanks (at UVm) and Bock are the only ND players ever to score goals 1-2-3 in a road game ... the 23 ND players who have combined on the 60 all-time hat tricks include: Heft (6), Hanks (5), Guerrero (5), Monica Gerardo (5), McCarthy (4), seven players with three each (Susie Zilvitis, Stephanie Porter, Alison Lester, Cindy Daws, Anne Makinen, Jenny Streiffer and Erikson) and three with two HTs each (Amy VanLaecke, Warner and Katie Thorlakson), plus single hat tricks from Shannon Sullivan, Margaret Jarc, Tasha Strawbridge, Stacia Masters, Shannon Boxx, Mary Boland, Weissenhofer and Bock.

TRACKING THE HAT TRICK – The 4-1 win at Syracuse saw **Brittany Bock** become the 23rd different Notre Dame player ever to post a hat trick in a game (vs. Syracuse) ... she is one of only six Irish players ever to score the first three goals in a game ... Bock – who has shifted from midfielder to forward in recent weeks, due to injuries suffered by her teammates Taylor Knaack, Michele Weissenhofer and Amanda Cinalli – opened the scoring at Syracuse 32 seconds before halftime ... junior left back Elise Weber took a pass from senior M Ashley Jones and sent a low cross from the left side, with Bock then converting a 10-yard shot into the upper left corner of the net ... early in the second half, Jones supplied the lead pass that sprung Bock for a breakaway shot into the right side of the net ... Bock completed her hat trick less than two minutes later, sending the ball past the charging goalkeeper after taking a leftside pass from freshman Erica Iantorno ... Bock beat the Syracuse defenders to the ball at the top of the 18-yard box and slid her shot past the 'keeper Eliza Bennett-Hatton for the 3-0 lead ... two days later at St. John's, Bock extended her goal streak to three games (matching the longest of her career) while reaching the 30 career goals milestone ... junior center back Carrie Dew initiated the first goal sequence at SJU with a 75th-minute pass to Jones in the 75th minute ... Jones then crossed the ball from the left side and Bock converted a short flick near the left edge of the box, assisting on a shot by Hanks inside the near-left post ... Bock found the net 11 minutes later, after short passes from the left provided by Jones and Hanks – with Bock drilling a 15-yard shot into the far-right side of the net.

THREE WITH 30 – The depth of Notre Dame's potent offense can be seen in the fact that the Irish have three players with 30-plus career goals, the first Notre Dame team since 1999 that can make that claim ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** has totaled 64 goals in her three seasons while senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** has sent home 34 goals in four seasons with the Irish and junior M/F **Brittany Bock** has 40 in her three years (sophomore F **Michele Weissenhofer** also has racked up 26 goals in her young ND career) ... the first season of the Randy Waldrum era (1999) featured four different players who had 30-plus career goals: Jenny Heft (finished season with 80), Jenny Streiffer (70), Anne Makinen (46) and Meotis Erikson (46) ... ND had three or more players with 30-plus career goals on its team every season from 1995-99 (also three in '95 and '96, four in '97 and six in '98) ... the record-setting 1998 offense finished the season with six players who had 30-plus career goals: Monica Gerardo (73), Heft (60), Streiffer (51), Shannon Boxx (39), Makinen (38) and Erikson (32).

BOCK QUICK NOTES

- Brittany Bock has totaled 15 goals in her past 15 games played and owns seven gamewinning goals this season, one shy of the Notre Dame record shared by Katie Thorlakson (in 2004) and Michelle McCarthy (in 1994) ...
- Bock has double-digit goals in eight career games with the Irish (four in the past 13 games; also has 6 GWG in that span) ...
- Bock ranks 6th on the ND list for career postseason points (38; 15G-8A) ... her 100 career points (40G-20A; 16G-4A in '07) are 16th in ND history while Bock's 40 goals rank 14th in the ND record book ...

GOING THE DISTANCE IN OT – Notre Dame is 15-3-7 in overtime during the Randy Waldrum era (since 1999) and had a 21-game unbeaten streak in OT(14-0-7) spanning the 1999-2007 seasons ... ND's 15 overtime wins in the Waldrum era include OT goals from nine players (led by an ND-record four career OT goals from Amanda Guertin) ... prior to this season's 2-1 win over UConn (which ended on a Brittany Bock header), Kerri Hanks was the only current ND player who had scored an overtime goal (2005, at Rutgers).

WALDRUM NOW NATION'S SECOND-WINNINGEST COACH – After weathering the 3-4-1 start to this season, Notre Dame ninth-year head coach Randy Waldrum now owns a .775 career winning percentage as a college women's soccer head coach that ranks him second among active D-I coaches and third all-time (292-78-19; includes six years at Tulsa and three at Baylor) ... UNC's Anson Dorrance is first on the list (.941; 647-32-19; includes three pre-NCAA/AIAW seasons), followed by former Portland coach Clive Charles (.799; 226-52-13), Florida's Becky Burleigh (.772; 311-83-25; coached previously at Barry), Waldrum and Santa Clara's Jerry Smith (.771; 339-90-30) ... in a 20-day span earlier this season, Waldrum matched wits with three of the other top active coaches (ND tied UNC in a 1-1 exhibition, won 2-0 at Florida and lost 7-1 at SCU) and then guided his team to the NCAA third-round win at UNC (3-2) ... Waldrum's career record includes a 185-28-8 mark at ND (.855), with a 52-20-3 mark (.713) vs. NSCAA top-25 teams.

CLOSING THE DEAL – Stretching back to the middle of the 2005 season, ND is 51-2-1 in its past 54 games when scoring first (only losses were earlier this season to Stanford and Penn State, both 2-1, plus the 1-1 tie at West Virginia).

'KEEPING THE FAITH – Senior goalkeeper **Lauren Karas** (54-4-2) owns a .917 career win pct. (on pace for ND record) and a 0.61 career goals-against avg. (just shy of the ND record, 0.57, held by Liz Wagner) ... Karas has compiled a 0.50 GAA during the current 15-game unbeaten streak.

STAYING IN THE GAME – Notre Dame's 2007 season has included 12 shutouts, six games with 1 GA and only one in which the opponent has scored more than two goals ... aside from the recent 3-2 wins over UNC and Duke, the Irish have not allowed two goals by an opponent during the current 17-game unbeaten streak (since the 2-1 loss to Penn State, on Sept. 23) ... ND limited its opponents to 0-1 goals in 20 straight games before edging UNC 3-2.

NOTRE DAME SEASON OVERVIEW

- All four of Notre Dame's losses this season (and one of the ties) have come to teams that were ranked in the national top-25 ... the Irish posted noteworthy road wins at Florida and Louisville (plus the tie at West Virginia) while suffering two losses in the Bay Area versus top-ranked teams (Stanford and Santa Clara).

- Three of Notre Dame's four losses have been by 2-1 scores (two of them in overtime) ... the Irish have won seven times by a margin of three or more goals.

- Notre Dame has totaled 12 shutouts while holding four other teams to one goal ... Santa Clara is the only team to score more than two goals versus the Irish all season.

- Since solidifying its back line, Notre Dame is riding a 17-game unbeaten streak (16-0-1) ... the Irish allowed 15 goals in their 3-4-1 start but have allowed only 10 goals in the 17-game unbeaten streak (including two by UNC and Duke, and one each by UConn and WVU).

- The unbeaten streak includes a 50-10 scoring edge, nine shutouts, six games with one goal allowed, only 44 shots on goal by the opponents (2.6/gm) and only 42 corner kicks allowed (2.5/gm).

- Notre Dame had to replace three starters in the defensive third (center back, left back and defensive midfielder) from its record-setting 2006 defense ... one of the new starters, sophomore center back Haley Ford, has missed 21 straight games due to a hamstring injury ... the current back line includes one junior (Carrie Dew, coming back from ACL surgery), two freshmen and a junior transfer ... the team's new defensive midfielder (Amanda Clark) is a sophomore.

- Nagging injuries to forwards Amanda Cinalli and Michele Weissenhofer produced the need for shifting Brittany Bock to a full-time forward role during the second half of the season .. at the end of the regular season, Notre Dame was one of only seven teams in all of Division I with a pair of double-digit goalscorers (only two of those other teams also were in the top-25) ... Kerri Hanks now has 14G-20A while Brittany Bock has 16G-4A.

PAIR OF RECORD CROWDS HIGHLIGHT START OF 2007 SEASON – Notre Dame's first two home games this season – in the pre-season versus North Carolina (3,412) and the regular-season opener against Michigan (3,264) – are the biggest women's soccer crowds in Alumni Field history ... the attendance for the ND-UNC game is third-highest for any soccer game at Alumni Field and is the most since a 1994 ND-SMU men's soccer game drew 3,502 ... Notre Dame had the fourth-highest home attendance (1,901) of any Division I women's soccer program in 2006, behind Texas A&M, Portland and BYU.

GAME-WINNERS – **Brittany Bock** (7 GWGs), **Kerri Hanks** (5 GWGs) and surging senior **Susan Pinnick** (3 GWGs) have accounted for 15 of the team's 19 game-winning goals this season, all except for the game at Louisville (1-0; GWG by **Amanda Cinalli**), the BIG EAST semifinal vs. Rutgers (2-1; GWG by **Ashley Jones**), the NCAA second-round game with Illinois (2-0; GWG by **Michele Weissenhofer**) and the 3-2 win at UNC in the NCAA third round (winning goal by Weissenhofer) ... Bock had four of her GWGs this season in a span of six games (vs. Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova and UConn).

2-0 TRIUMPHS – Notre Dame still never has lost when claiming a 2-0 lead (285-0-1) and owns 262 consecutive wins when jumping out to a 2-0 cushion (since the 1991 ND team led Vanderbilt 2-0 but ended up tying the Commodores, 3-3).

30-30 – Senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** earlier this season became Notre Dame's 12th all-time player to reach 30 career goals and 30 assists (now 34G-32A) ... Cinalli joined an elite group of ND 30-30 players that includes Jenny Streiffer (70G-71A), Cindy Daws (61-67), Anne Makinen (65-56), Katie Thorlakson (55-73), current junior F **Kerri Hanks** (64-57), Meotis Erikson (59-46), Monica Gerardo (73-44), Shannon Boxx (39-57), Michelle McCarthy (59-38), Alison Lester (45-36) and Rosella Guerrero (55-32).

GOING TO CAROLINA – Following the 3-2 win at UNC in the NCAA round-of-16, the Notre Dame women's soccer program now has gone 9-6-0 in 15 games played in the state of North Carolina (9-3-0 from 1995-2007) ... the 1995 NCAA championship season saw ND beat host UNC and Portland (3 OT) in a pair of 1-0 College Cup games at Fetzer Field ... the Irish then added a pair of top wins at the 1996 Duke tournament (2-1 vs. UNC in OT, 2-0 vs. Duke) but lost to BIG EAST foe Connecticut in the 1997 NCAA semifinal played at UNC Greensboro Stadium (1-2) ... the Irish returned to Fetzer Field for the 1998 UNC tournament (3-0 vs. Duke, 1-5 vs. UNC) but did not play in the state of North Carolina for the next five seasons (1999-2003) before the NCAA final weekends held in Cary to cap the 2004 (1-0 vs. Santa Clara; 0-0/4-3 PKs in title game vs. UCLA) and 2006 seasons (2-1 vs. Florida State; 1-2 vs. UNC in championship game) ... the early years of the ND program included games at Duke (0-4) and UNCG (1-5) in 1990 and at N.C. State in 1992 (3-4).

NOTRE DAME 2007 EARLY RESULT NOTES

- Prior to the 2-1 loss to Stanford, ND had posted 36 straight wins when scoring the game's first goal (dating back to mid-2005).
- The 2-1 OT loss to Oklahoma State halted ND's 43-game home unbeaten streak (41-0-2), third-longest in NCAA history ... that game also marked the first time that the Irish had lost when Hanks has scored a goal (33-1-0, from 2005-07).
- ND's 27-game regular-season unbeaten streak (25-0-2) ended the previous week-end at #3 Santa Clara (7-1; goal by Weissenhofer) ... the home team now is 9-2-0 in the ND-SCU series.
- The Irish then dropped the 2-1 game to Stanford in overtime (at SCU), ending the program's OT unbeaten streak at 21 games (14-0-7; now 15-3-7 in overtime games during the nine-year Randy Waldrum era).
- ND had been nearly perfect in Sunday games over the past three seasons (25-1-0; 2005-07) prior to the losses to Stanford, Oklahoma State and Penn State (all 2-1; the first two in OT).
- The Irish earlier played to a scoreless tie with Michigan in the 2007 regular-season opener, despite a 28-6 edge in shots (10-2 in shots on goal; 10-1 corner-kick margin) ... that game ended ND's home winning streak at 32 games, tied for third-longest D-I history ... the crowd vs. Michigan (3,264) is the largest ever for an official (non-exhibition) ND women's soccer home game ... the Irish held the Wolverines without a shot for 92 straight minutes of game time, stretching into the second OT.
- The ensuing 2-0 win at #7 Florida saw newcomer **Elise Weber** (a transfer from Wisconsin) assist on **Brittany Bock's** early diving header ... following a long weather delay, Weber scored the first goal of her young Irish career to cap the win over the Gators ... that game started 22 minutes late due to rain and play then was halted after 30 minutes of action (lightning strikes and a steady downpour resulted a long delay that ultimately lasted four-and-a-half hours) ... the win over Florida was the 350th of Randy Waldrum's career as a college soccer coach (combined men's and women's totals).
- ND's exhibition games included a 2-2 tie with preseason #1 North Carolina (in a rare quick rematch of the NCAA title game) and a 3-1 win over #11 Virginia (in Ft. Wayne) ... **Amanda Cinalli** scored early vs. UNC and added a pair of goals against UVa ... **Kerri Hanks** also scored vs. UNC (moments after the Tar Heels took a 2-1 lead) while **Lauren Fowlkes** scored on a header vs. UVa game (off a Weissenhofer flip-throw) ... Weissenhofer's short cross helped set up Cinalli's goal vs. UNC while **Amanda Clark's** long free kick sprung Hanks for her goal ... Cinalli's first goal vs. UVa came on a header (assisted by a Hanks free kick) and she later knocked home Weissenhofer's rebounded shot ... the crowd for the UNC game (3,412) was an Alumni Field record for a women's soccer game and is the biggest crowd at the facility since a 1994 ND-SMU men's soccer game drew 3,502 ... there was an unprecedented 1,318 presold tickets for the ND-UNC game.

CINALLI LEADS IRISH TO WIN OVER TIGERS – **Amanda Cinalli** matched her career-high with a five-point game (2G-1A) to help Notre Dame get back on the winning track with the 4-2 victory over Princeton on Sept. 14 ... the win extended ND's four-year home unbeaten streak to 43 games (41-0-2) ... Princeton took the lead in the 22nd minute but Cinalli tied the game four minutes later, just 50 seconds after checking into the midfield ... **Lauren Fowlkes** set up the score on a cross from the left endline, with Cinalli then striking a tricky left-footed shot from the top of the box into the right side of the net for her first goal of the season and 32nd of her four-year career ... **Michele Weissenhofer** later headed in her 20th career goal in the 60th minute, on a classic sequence that included a setup pass from Cinalli and a sharp cross from the left endline by **Kerri Hanks** (her team-leading fourth assist of the season and 41st of her career) ... Hanks later scored directly off a free kick while Cinalli capped the scoring after nudging home Weissenhofer's rightside flip-throw ... Weissenhofer became one of the youngest ND players ever to total 20 career goals, reaching that early milestone in her 32nd career game with the Irish ... she also moved closer to becoming the program's 24th all-time player to reach 20G-20A... Cinalli (33G-27A) moved three assists away from becoming the 12th player in ND women's soccer history to reach the 30G-30A milestone (now 34G-31A) ... she previously had five-point games (2G-1A) vs. Baylor in 2004 (her first career game with the Irish) and vs. Santa Clara in '06 (she also had 2G vs. Portland in the 2004 NCAA quarterfinals and vs. Valparaiso in the 2005 NCAA first round).

FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS – In its past 111 games when scoring first, ND has gone 106-4-1 (.959; 2-1 loss to UConn in '04 BIG EAST title game; 4-1 loss at Marquette in '05; 2-1 OT loss in 2007 to Stanford/at SCU; 2-1 loss in '07 vs. Penn State; 1-1 tie vs. West Virginia in '07 BIG EAST title game) and is 66-3-1 in the past 70 when scoring first, including 36 straight wins before the 2-1 loss to Stanford (now 51-2-1 in the past 54 when scoring first) ... Kerri Hanks posted her ninth career first-goal in the 2006 opener vs. Iowa State, adding four more in 2006 (vs. SMU, Seton Hall and Villanova and Rutgers in the BIG EAST title game) for 13 in her career, plus first goals in 2007 games vs. DePaul, Penn State, St. John's, Providence and West Virginia (her 19 career first goals have tied Jenny Heft's ND record) ... Brittany Bock (6), Michele Weissenhofer (3), Carrie Dew (2) Amanda Clark, Jill Krivacek and Courtney Rosen also accounted for the Notre Dame first-goals in 2006 ... Bock has added seven first goals this season (vs. Florida, Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova, GU in the BET semi's, Loyola Chicago in the NCAA opener and UNC in the NCAA third round), plus first goals from Lauren Fowlkes vs. Stanford, Amanda Cinalli vs. Louisville, Rose Augustin vs. Cincinnati, Elise Weber vs. Seton Hall, Ashley Jones in the BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers, and Weissenhofer vs. Illinois in the NCAA second round and Duke in the quarterfinals.

LONGEST HOME UNBEATEN STREAKS IN DIVISION-I WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY

1. North Carolina 84 (1986-94; 84-0-0)

2. North Carolina 56 (1999-2004)

3. **Notre Dame 43 (2004-07; 41-0-2; ended with 2-1 loss to Oklahoma State on Sept. 16)**

Note: the three longest home winning streaks are UNC's 84 from 1986-95, plus 39 straight home wins by Penn State (from 2001-04) and ND's **32-game streak** from 2004-06 (tied with Santa Clara's 32 straight home wins from 1997-2000) ... ND will enter the 2008 season with a 50-1-2 record (.962) in its past 53 games at Alumni Field

SEASON-OPENER SUCCESS –The Irish lost the first game of the Randy Waldrum era (a 3-2, double-OT game with UNC in 1999) but have not lost a season opener in the eight years since then (47-5 scoring edge), with season-opening victories over Detroit (6-0), #8 Penn State (2-1), Providence (3-0, on road), Hartford (9-1; at UConn), Baylor (7-2), New Hampshire (11-1; at Vermont) and Iowa State (9-0) from 2000-06, followed by the scoreless tie with Michigan in the 2007 opener ... Notre Dame is 17-2-1 in all-time season openers (13-1-1 in the past 15), with the other loss coming at #5 N.C. State in 1992 (3-4).

BEAT THE HEAT– For the second straight season, the Notre Dame women's soccer team faced the tough task of opening at home and then playing later in the weekend on the road, in a warm-weather climate versus a top-25 team ... the 2006 team opened with a 9-0 win over Iowa State and then won the next day at #24 Mississippi (2-1; in 90-degree conditions) ... the 2007 week-one game at Florida (ranked as high as #7 in the preseason polls) presented the Irish with a similar week-one challenge, after opening the regular season two days earlier at home versus Michigan (0-0).

LEADING THE YOUNGSTERS – **Carrie Dew's** leadership of the young ND defense has been a key factor to the team's stronger play in the second half of the season ... the Irish have played three months without the services of the team's other starting center back (sophomore **Haley Ford**, out with a hamstring injury), with Dew helping mentor converted freshman midfielder **Lauren Fowlkes** at the center back spot in the past 12 weeks ... both starting outside backs – junior transfer **Elise Weber** (left) and freshman **Julie Scheidler** (right) – also are newcomers while sophomore **Amanda Clark** is settling into her role as the starting defensive midfielder ... after missing all of the 2006 postseason due to a knee injury, Dew now is the only player currently active in the Irish defense who was among the team's top six defensive players last season – due to the graduation losses of Kim Lorenzen (center back), Christie Shaner (left back) and Jill Krivacek (defensive midfielder), plus Ford's injury and senior Ashley Jones being used more in her natural position of midfield this season (Jones had shifted to being the primary starter at right back in '06).

SCORING COMBINATIONS – Notre Dame's 64 goals this season have included an assortment of 44 different scoring combinations:

- The most common scoring combinations have been: 10goals involving both junior M/F **Brittany Bock** and junior F **Kerri Hanks** (each with a goal or assist on the same goal); five involving Hanks and senior F/M **Susan Pinnick**; five others involving Bock and senior M/D **Ashley Jones**; four involving Hanks and Jones; and four involving Bock and junior left back **Elise Weber**.

- Bock has combined with 11 different teammates on scoring combinations this season: Hanks (10), Jones (5), Weber (4), sophomore F **Michele Weissenhofer** (3), freshman F/M **Rose Augustin** (1), freshman F/M **Erica Iantorno** (2), and one each with sophomore M/D **Amanda Clark**, sophomore M **Courtney Rosen**, freshman center back **Lauren Fowlkes**, freshman right back **Julie Scheidler** and sophomore M **Becca Menodoza** (plus one unassisted goal).

- Hanks has been involved in 10 different scoring combinations, with: Bock (8), Pinnick (5), Hanks (4), three each with Weissenhofer and senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli**, two each with junior center back **Carrie Dew** and Fowlkes, and one with Clark ... Hanks also has scored eight unassisted goals this season (five of them on penalty kicks), with the rest of the team totaling five unassisted scores.

- Pinnick's other scoring combinations include two with sophomore M **Micaela Alvarez** and one each with Weber, Augustin, Rosen, Fowlkes, Dew and freshman D **Rachel VanderGenutgen** ... in addition to those mentioned above, Jones also has a pair of goal combinations with Iantorno and one each with Augustin and Mendoza ... Cinalli and Weissenhofer (teammates on the 2007 U.S. Nordic Cup team) have combined on three goals this season, with Cinalli also joining Augustin and Fowlkes in single scoring plays this season ... Weissenhofer also has combined on a goal with Rosen while Augustin's other scoring plays have involved Weber (2), Rosen, Alvarez and Weber ... Weber also has two scoring combinations with Rosen and another with Scheidler ... the final four scoring combinations have included: Alvarez-VanderGenutgen; Mendoza-Iantorno; Mendoza-Dew; and Iantorno-Alvarez ... Weber, Mendoza, Pinnick, Cinalli and Weissenhofer have scored the other unassisted goals this season.

RARE SCORELESS TIES – Notre Dame's 20-year women's soccer history includes only seven scoreless ties in 470 total games played (1.5%), with two coming at UConn (in 2000 and '06), also vs. Dayton in '91, North Carolina in '94, Stanford in '03, Rutgers in '04 and Michigan in the 2007 opener ... the 0-0 game vs. UNC (in St. Louis)halted the Tar Heels' NCAA-record winning streak at 92 games.

BIG WINS – The 4-1 win over #11 Florida in 2005 marked the seventh time in the Waldrum era (since '99) that the Irish have defeated an NSCAA top-25 foe by three-plus goals, followed by five more in '05: the 4-0 regular-season win over UConn (17th in the coaches poll), two big wins in the BIG EAST Tournament (3-0 vs. #11 Marquette, 5-0 vs. #15 UConn) and NCAA wins over #25 Michigan State (3-0) and #22 Yale (5-2), plus the 2006 NCAA wins over #16 Colorado (3-0) and #8 Penn State (4-0) ... the 2005 season produced the most times (6) in one season that the Irish had defeated top-25 teams by three-plus goals (the '97 team had five "big wins") ... other Waldrum-era big wins over NSCAA top-25 teams: vs. #16 Michigan in '99 (4-1), #2 Santa Clara (6-1) and #15 Washington (5-0, at Portland) in 2000, at #24 Miami in '01 (4-0), at #25 Maryland in '02 (5-2) and vs. #4 SCU in '04 (5-2).

UPDATED PLAYER BIO. CAPSULES

#1 Nikki Weiss (G, Fr.; Redding, CT ... 1.53 GAA, 7 SV/6 GA, 7 GP/3 GS, 353 min.)

Played final 65 minutes in opener vs. Michigan (1 SV; 0-0) and then took tough-luck loss as starter vs. Stanford (1 SV/2 GA; game ended on PK, 2-1 in OT) ... started both games of ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic, with 4-2 win over Princeton (1 GA/0 SV; 64 min.) and 2-1 OTloss to #16 Oklahoma State (2 GA/3 SV.) ... closed 4-1 win at Syracuse (GA, SV; 25 min.) and 3-0 win at St. John's (4 min.), also logging final seven minutes vs. Villanova (SV; 5-0) ... closed exhibition game with preseason #1 UNC (2-2) by logging final 30 minutes, with a save and goal allowed (by Rachel Givan) in that 2-2 tie ... also saved both shots she faced in first 31 minutes of exhibition vs. #11 Virginia (3-1).

#2 Kerri Hanks (F, Jr.; Allen, TX ... 13G-18A, 44 pts, 4 GWG, 24 GS ... 63G-55A, 181 pts, 16 GWG, 76 GP/73 GS)

(also see earlier notes pages) ... her lead pass assisted on Elise Weber's goal to cap 2-0 win at #7 Florida ... added similar assist on Michele Weissenhofer's goal at #3 Santa Clara (7-1 loss) and then played ball back to Lauren Fowlkes to set up game's opening goal vs. #5 Stanford (2-1 loss in OT) ... had left-endline cross on Weissenhofer's header vs. Princeton and later scored on direct free kick in that 4-2 game ... added another free-kick goal that tied game with #16 Oklahoma State (2-1 OTloss) ... posted her fifth career hat trick in 4-0 win over DePaul, with the first goal coming on a header (via Amanda Cinalli's right-endline cross) before a pair of converted penalty kicks ... converted pass from Amanda Cinalli to open scoring against Penn State (2-1 loss) and earn spot on the BIG EAST weekly honor roll (3G-1A) ... her deflected shot set up Cinalli's goal at #25 Louisville (1-0) ... added 1G-1A in 6-1 win over Cincinnati, plus an assist at Syracuse (4-1), the game's first goal at St. John's (3-0), two more assists in the wins over Georgetown (3-0) and Villanova (5-0), a penalty-kick goal vs. Providence (4-0) and the 86th-minute goal scored directly off a leftside corner kick vs. UConn (tied game, ND won 2-1 in overtime) ... named BIG EAST player of the week after 6-point weekend during 3-1 wins at Seton Hall (2A) and Rutgers (1G-2A), assisting on Susan Pinnick's GWGs in each of those games ... had leftside corner-kick assist on goal by Ashley Jones and then converted PK for 2-0 final in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers, then provided leftside give-and-go cross to assist on Brittany Bock's header that opened BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown (2-0) ... poked home chip pass from Courtney Rosen for early go-ahead goal in BIG EAST title game vs. West Virginia (1-1) ... her 3A in NCAA opener vs. Loyola Chicago (3-0) included short pop-up header that led to a Brittany Bock goal, a corner-kick service on Carrie Dew's goal and a thru-ball to set up another Bock goal ... saw her 13-game point streak end two days later vs. Illinois ... had secondary assist on Weissenhofer's goal in quarterfinal win over Duke (1-0) before her rightside corner kick assisted on Bock's header for 2-0 lead ... later took pass from Cinalli and sent home far-post shot from far right side of box for GWG in the Duke game (3-2; 77th minute) ... earlier in season, she ran onto long free kick from Amanda Clark and struck shot inside right post to tie exhibition game with UNC (2-2) ... also had free-kick assist on Cinalli's header in 3-1 exhibition win over #11 Virginia.

#5 Amanda Cinalli (Sr., F/M; Maple Hts, OH ... 3G-6A, 12 pts, GWG, 19 GP/16 GS ... career: 34G-32A, 100 pts, 10 GWG, 99 GP/84 GS)

Appeared in first 89 games of her ND career before missing game at Syracuse due to hamstring injury ... logged 16 minutes two days later at St. John's but then missed four more games due to the lingering injury ... eased back into action during games at Seton Hall and Rutgers before a strong all-around game in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers (when she played both forward and midfield) ... ranks 8th in ND history with 99 career GP ... versatile offensive player who started at forward in first three games (Michigan, Florida and Santa Clara) before shifting to midfield for next three (vs. Stanford, Princeton and Oklahoma State) ... returned to starting forward role in 4-0 win over DePaul and 2-1 loss to Penn State ... her absence for most of Stanford game limited the ND offense in that 2-1 OTloss (she played only the first 20 minutes before leaving after a collision in the air) ... did not start the next game vs. Princeton but made the most out of her 59 minutes, matching her career-high totals for goals (2) and points (1) ... scored on a one-timer leftfooted shot from top of the box to tie game vs. the Tigers (1-1; won 4-2), just a couple minutes after checking in ... also had right-endline cross on header by Kerri Hanks that opened scoring vs. DePaul (4-0) and then fed ball to Hanks to open scoring vs. PSU ... knocked in a deflected shot by Hanks for only goal in 1-0 win at Louisville ... two days later, her run down the left side and deflected shot set up Rose Augustin's far-post goal that opened the scoring vs. Cincinnati (6-1) ... that assist made her the 12th ND player ever to reach 30G-30A in her career (34G-32A) ... her deflected shot assisted on rebound goal by Michele Weissenhofer to open scoring in NCAA second round vs. Illinois (2-0) ... showed her postseason poise with another gamewinning assist in quarterfinals vs. Duke (3-2), winning ball in attacking third and leading Hanks into space on right side (Hanks then sent home the far-post shot) ... one of 17 all-time ND players with 100-plus career points ... her strong preseason included goal that opened scoring in exhibition vs. then-#1 UNC (2-2) before adding pair of goals in 3-1 win over #11 Virginia (she headed in a Hanks' free kick and later knocked home a deflected Weissenhofer shot).

#6 Lauren Karas (Sr., G; Flower Mound, TX)

0.71 GAA, 33 SV/14 GA, 22 GP/21 GS (18-2-1), 1,770 min. ... career: 0.61 GAA, 104 SV/35 GA, 74 GP/60 GS, 5,211 min., 54-4-2

Her 0.61 career GAA is just shy of the ND record held by Liz Wagner (0.57; 1998-2001) ... her .917 career win pct. (54-4-2) is on pace to break the ND record held by Jen Renola (.903; 87-8-3; 1993-96) ... led the BIG EAST with a 0.31 GAA during 2007 league play (3 GA) ... made several big plays in hard-fought win at #7 Florida (2-0; 1 SV) ... played first half in 7-1 loss at #3 Santa Clara (3 GA/2 SV) ... logged final 27 minutes of 4-2 win over Princeton (1 GA) and then picked up her 19th career solo shutout in 4-0 win over DePaul, followed by 2-1 loss to Penn State (SV) ... had a season-high five saves in 3-1 win at Seton Hall (SHU's lone goal came on a free kick double-deflection) ... had best all-around game of her ND career in NCAA round-of-16 win at UNC (3-2), allowing only one goal in a live-ball situation (the other came on a PK) while making five saves and turning in several other clutch plays while controlling the penalty area (rushed off her line to make sliding save at top of box in 90th minute of that game) ... also had a huge first-half save in quarterfinal win over Duke (3-2), on tough counterattack chance ... made a save while logging first 30 minutes in exhibition tie vs. preseason #1 UNC (2-2) ... had a save and goal allowed while playing 31 minutes in the middle of the preseason game vs. #11 Virginia (a 3-1 win).

#7 Amanda Clark (M/D, So.; Naperville, IL ... 25 GP/24 GS ... career: 1A, 52 GP/38 GS)

Started first 22 games this season before coming off the bench vs. Illinois due to minor injury (returned as starter vs. UNC and Duke) ... earned CoSIDA second team Academic All-District V honors, with a 3.44 cumulative GPA as a business major ... fifth on team with 2,011 minutes played (80/gm) ... has settled in as starting defensive midfielder in past 18 games ... has yet to miss a game in her career (52) ... versatile defensive player who opened regular season as starting center back (alongside Haley Ford) before playing next three games as starter at right back ... returned to center back during the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic (alongside Carrie Dew; vs. Princeton and Oklahoma State) ... started at her third different position – defensive midfielder – in 4-0 win over DePaul and 2-1 loss to Penn State (plus all of the current 11-game winning streak) ... had strong all-around defensive game in NCAA round-of-16 win at UNC, while playing lead role in holding potent attacking midfielder Yel Averbuch in check ... her long free kick down the middle of the field sprung Kerri Hanks for game-tying goal (2-2) in exhibition vs. North Carolina.

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#9 Lauren Fowlkes (D/M, Fr.; Lee's Summit, NJ ... 2G-1A, 24 GS)

Yet another versatile player who saw significant minutes at all three field positions during first half of season ... one of three players to start every game while leading team with 2,234 minutes played (89.4/gm) ... has been on the bench for only 67 minutes all season (she has played 97% of the minutes) ... has played every minute (923) of 10 straight games ... emerged as starting center back in past three months, alongside junior Carrie Dew (with sophomore Haley Ford sidelined due to injury) ... her shift to defense has helped solidify the ND back line but also has taken her many offensive skills out of the Irish attack ... opened regular season as starting defensive midfielder vs. Michigan and Florida, then started as attacking midfielder at Santa Clara and was a starting forward vs. Stanford and Princeton – before starting the past 19 games at center back ... scored from the top of box (after drop pass from Kerri Hanks) for 1-0 lead at Stanford (ND lost 2-1 in OT) ... her left-endline cross then assisted on Amanda Cinalli's goal that tied the Princeton game at 1-1 (won 4-2) ... her most recent goal capped 3-1 win at Seton Hall and was set up by a right-side free kick from Hanks and Brittany Bock's flick header (she then trapped the ball and quickly scored at the far post) ... headed in a Michele Weissenhofer flip-throw for the gamewinning goal in preseason game vs. #11 Virginia (3-1).

#10 Brittany Bock (M/F, Jr.; Naperville, IL... 16G-4A, 36 pts, 22 GS, 7 GWG ... career: 40G-20A, 100 pts, 13 GWG, 69 GP/59 GS)

Also see notes pages earlier in release for detailed info. on Bock ... ranks 11th nationally in goals (16), averaging a goal per game over her past 15 games played ... one of 17 ND players ever to reach 100 career points ... classic attacking midfielder who also has been used as a defensive midfielder and forward at times this season ... her midseason shift to forward, due to injuries for several teammates, has sparked ND streak ... started at defensive midfielder vs. Princeton and at forward two days later vs. Oklahoma State ... scored on one of her classic diving headers to open scoring at #7 Florida (2-0), connecting on left-flank cross from Elise Weber ... 20 of her 40 career goals with the Irish (8 in '07) have come on headers (plus four rare header assists in her career) ... see earlier notes pages on Bock for info. on her midseason scoring tear (3G at Syracuse, 1G-1A at St. John's, 2G-1A vs. Villanova, 2G vs. Georgetown, OT header that beat #13 UConn, 2-1) ... missed two postseason games due to minor injuries (BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers and NCAA second round vs. Illinois) but returned to score early header on a rightside flip-throw from Michele Weissenhofer, for 1-0 lead at UNC in NCAA round-of-16 (3-2) ... fed ball into box to assist on Weissenhofer's opening goal vs. Duke in quarterfinals, later outjumping the 'keeper for impressive point-blank header goal and 2-0 lead (3-2 final).

11 Michele Weissenhofer (F, So.; Naperville, IL ... 8G-3A, 19 pts, 2 GWG, 23 GP/18 GS ... career: 26G-20A, 72 pts 7 GWG, 50 GP/41 GS) Enters NCAA semifinals on three-game goal streak (4G-1A) ... suffered ankle injury late in the OT loss to #16 Oklahoma State and missed next two games (win over DePaul, loss to #14 Penn State) before coming off the bench vs. #25 Louisville (1-0) and Cincinnati (6-1) ... started final nine regular-season games but did not play more than 65 minutes in a game during that span, while aiming for full return from the injury ... scored pair of goals to cap win over Cincinnati, with one coming on strong leftfooted shot from outside upper right corner of the box (to far left post) and the other coming on a breakaway set up by Carrie Dew's lead pass ... also had 1G-1A (including flip-throw on goal by Amanda Cinalli) in 4-2 win over Princeton and scored in loss at Princeton ... had another flip-throw assist to set up early header goal by Brittany Bock vs. Georgetown (3-0) ... ended nine-game point drought (and 11-game goal drought) by scoring on rebound shot from the top of the box, for 1-0 lead on Illinois in NCAA second round (2-0) ... went on to have huge game (2G-1A) in NCAA round-of-16 win at UNC (3-2), with rightside flip-throw assist on header goal by Brittany Bock in 13th minute before scoring her own goal 14 seconds later (for the fastest back-to-back goals in NCAA Tournament history) ... later cashed in a thru-ball from Courtney Rosen for 3-1 lead in that game (raced down left side and scored into right sidenetting) ... both of her goals at UNC were with her off (right) foot, as was the her goal that opened scoring in NCAA quarterfinal vs. Duke (shot into far-right sidenetting, after taking feed from Bock) ... already owns ND record for career gamewinning goals in the postseason (6) ... her flip-throw assisted on header goal by Lauren Fowlkes in exhibition win over #11 Virginia (3-1).

#12 Ashley Jones (M/D, Sr., Westlake Village, CA... 3G-5A, 11 pts, 25 GP/12 GS ... career: 6G-15A, 27 pts, 104 GP/53 GS)

Has repeated as a CoSIDA first team Academic All-American, with a 3.98 cumulative GPA as an accounting major ... has yet to miss a game in her ND career (104), ranking on the ND games-played list (tied for 2nd in NCAA history) ... shifted to her more natural position of midfield at midseason point and responded with five-game point streak ... has posted her career-high for points in a season (11; 3G-5A) ... had impressive goal in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers, elevating over goalkeeper Erin Gurthrie to connect on a leftside corner kick from Kerri Hanks for a header that went off the bottom of the crossbar and into the net (1-0; won 2-0) ... made three early starts at left back (vs. Michigan, Santa Clara and Oklahoma State) ... has seen significant minutes this season at her natural position of midfield (she converted to outside back in the middle of the 2005 season) ... earlier scored fifth career goal in 4-0 win over DePaul, volleying in right-endline cross from Erica Iantorno ... her career-best five-game point streak included assists vs. Cincinnati (6-1; primary pass on goal by Hanks), Syracuse (4-1; primary pass on score by Brittany Bock for 2-0 lead), St. John's (2A; 3-0; another primary assist on a 2-0 goal from Bock) and Georgetown (3-0; goal by Bock that capped win), plus a goal in 5-0 win over Villanova (3-0) ... played key role in NCAA round-of-16 win at UNC (3-2), shifting to left back in the second half for injured Elise Weber (also played 19 in quarterfinal vs. Duke).

#14 Courtney Rosen (M, So., Brecksville, OH ... 1G-4A, 6 pts, 24 GP/15 GS ... career: 3G-8A, 14 pts, 44 GP/20 GS)

Surging midfielder who has registered three of her four assists this season during postseason play ... had perfectly-placed thru-ball that sent Michele Weissenhofer down the left side for breakaway goal (and eventual gamewinner) at UNC (3-1), in that 3-2 NCAA round-of-16 win ... had similar pinpoint passes for primary assists in BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown (goal by Rose Augustin; capped 2-0 win) and in BIG EAST final vs. West Virginia (goal by Kerri Hanks, for 1-0 lead in 1-1 tie) ... has been battling all season from a foot injury suffered late in the exhibition vs. Virginia (DNP in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers) ... has played primarily as an attacking midfielder this season but can be used as a target player on the forward line (where she played some in 2006) ... has started seven of past 10 games ... alertly reversed the attack to left side, picking up assist as Elise Weber lofted a cross that led to Brittany Bock's far-post header to beat #13 UConn in OT (2-1) ... earlier scored vs. Georgetown (3-0), ripping one of her patented leftfooted shots into the far-right sidenetting for 2-0 lead.

#15 Rose Augustin (F/M, Fr., Silver Lake, OH ... 5G-1A, 11 pts, 25 GP/4 GS)

Newcomer in offensive third who made midfield start at Stanford (ND opened that game in a 4-4-2 formation) and then started at forward vs. DePaul (in place of injured Michele Weissenhofer) ... made start at midfield in that early game at Stanford, with her other starts coming at forward (vs. DePaul, PennState and Cincinnati) ... volleyed in leftside cross from Courtney Rosen to cap scoring in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown (2-0) ... all nine of her points in the regular season (4G-1A) came in a five-game stretch (Sept. 30-Oct. 14) ... opened scoring in 6-1 win over Cincinnati, after nudging in a deflected shot from Amanda Cinalli ... finished a flick from Kerri Hanks at the far-right post for 4-0 lead at Syracuse (4-1) ... had a productive 38-minute stint off the bench in 5-0 win over Villanova, with five-point game (2G-1A) ... had an impressive sweep-tap at right side of box, as part of combination sequence for primary assist on goal by Ashley Jones (shot to far-left side of net) that produced 3-0 lead on VU ... minutes later, she took a pass from Elise Weber and launched booming 30-yard shot into the far-right side of the net, before converting rightside pass from Micaela Alvarez and scoring to the far side to cap the win ... played 11 minutes off the bench in NCAA round-of-16 win over UNC and 11 in quarterfinal win over Duke.

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#16 Micaela Alvarez (M, So., Cranbury, N.J. ... 3A, 9 GP)

Missed all of the 2006 season due to ACL knee surgery but has emerged as one of team's top reserve midfielders ... has made the most of her time on the field this season, with 3A in only 93 minutes played (over nine games played) ... slid pass from right flank into the box, for primary assist on goal by Michele Weissenhofer vs. Cincinnati (5-1; 6-1 final) ... had similar pass from right side that led to Rose Augustin's goal (capping 5-0 win over Villanova) ... kept up her hot streak last week versus Providence, after making run down left side to collect pass out of the back from Rachel VanderGenutgan before crossing perfect lead pass into right side of the box (Susan Pinnick finished the far-post shot to cap that 4-0 win) ... gained NCAA Tournament experience in first round vs. Loyola Chicago (8 min.).

#17 Susan Pinnick (F/M, Sr.; South Bend, IN; 5G-3A, 13 pts, 22 GP/2 GS ... career: 14G-12A, 40 pts, 69 GP/6 GS)

Veteran frontrunner who also can play effectively as an attacking midfielder ... ranks fourth on team in scoring with 13 points ... 12 of her 13 of her points this season have come in the current 17-game unbeaten streak, with GWGs vs. Cincinnati (6-1), Seton Hall (3-1) and Rutgers (3-1), plus an assist at Syracuse (4-1), a goal at St. John's (3-0), an assist vs. Georgetown(3-0) and the goal that capped the 4-0 win over Providence ... also had assist in early game vs. Stanford (2-1 OT loss) ... has made starts this season in road wins over Louisville (1-0; 33 min. played) and Georgetown (2-0; BIG EAST semifinal, at West Virginia; 39 min. played) ... logged 21 minutes off the bench in NCAA round-of-16 win at UNC ... suffered preseason ankle injury that held her out of both exhibitions (vs. UNC and Virginia), plus the regular-season games with Michigan and Florida (also DNP in midseason game vs. UConn but now has appeared in nine straight).

#18 Stephanie Sohn (D, Fr.; Ronkonkoma, NY ... 17 GP)

Has seen time at both center back and right back ... has played this season vs. several top teams, including Michigan (10 min.), Florida (5), Santa Clara (26), Princeton (15), Villanova (10), Georgetown (13; BIG EAST semifinal) and Loyola Chicago (16; NCAA second round) ... has appeared in 11 of the past 13 games (including final two minutes of first half at UNC, in place of injured Elise Weber).

#19 Carrie Dew (D, Jr.; Encinitas, CA... 3A, 24 GP/23 GS ... career: 5G-3A, 63 GP/60 GS)

Missed all of the 2006 postseason due to an ACL knee injury ... saw her first competitive action since the injury by playing 41 minutes in the regular-season opener vs. Michigan ... has gone on to log 2,180 minutes this season (87.2/gm), second-most on the team behind fellow center back Lauren Fowlkes (2,234) ... dangerous set-play threat and strong player in the air who had several near-misses in the 2-1 overtime loss to Oklahoma State ... earlier made rare start at defensive midfield, in 7-1 loss at Santa Clara (ND abandoned that lineup after SCU had built a 3-1 lead) ... has assists this season vs. Cincinnati (6-1), Providence (4-0) and Rutgers (3-1), when her flick header on a Kerri Hanks' leftside free kick set up Susan Pinnick's far-post gamewinner (2-1) ... registered the first postseason points of her career in NCAA opener vs. Loyola Chicago, heading home a leftside corner kick from Hanks for 2-0 lead in that game (3-0) ... also made several key defensive plays to help Irish post 3-2 win at UNC in NCAA round-of-16.

#20 Becca Mendoza (M, Jr.; Garland, TX ... 3G-1A, 7 pts, 25 GP/11 GS ... career: 4G-2A, 10 pts, 58 GP/15 GS)

One of nine ND players to appear in all 25 games this season ... has made starts as an attacking midfielder this season vs. Michigan, Florida, Princeton, Louisville, St. John's, Villanova, Providence, Seton Hall, Rutgers (BIG EAST quarterfinal), Georgetown (BE semifinal) and Illinois (NCAA second round) ... her pass to Erica Iantorno led to right-endline cross and Ashley Jones' volley goal that capped 4-0 win over DePaul ... also scored twice in 4-0 win over Providence and had goal that capped 3-1 win at Rutgers (via a pass from Kerri Hanks) ... logged 25 key minutes off the bench in 3-2 win at UNC in NCAA round-of-16 and then played 19 in quarterfinal vs. Duke (3-2).

#21 Erica Iantorno (F, Fr.; Hinsdale, IL ... 4A, 20 GP)

Entered preseason camp as a candidate to play in the midfield but has been used mostly as a forward, due to ACL knee surgery for her classmate Taylor Knaack and senior Susan Pinnick's early-season nagging ankle injury ... has logged some quality minutes, including 42-minute stint vs. DePaul that included her right-endline cross on goal by Ashley Jones (capping 4-0 win) and a strong shot from the top of the box ... also has posted assists in wins over Syracuse (4-1; primary pass on score by Brittany Bock), Georgetown (3-0; another primary assist on a Bock goal) and Villanova (5-0; on score by fellow freshman Rose Augustin) ... gained NCAA Tournament experience in the first- and second-round games vs. Loyola Chicago and Illinois, in addition to brief stint on the field in round-of-16 at UNC.

#23 Elise Weber (LB, Jr.; Elk Grove, IL ... 2G-7A, 11 pts, 24 GS ... career: 10G-12A, 32 pts, 67 GP/62 GS)

See notes earlier in release on being named to national team of the week ... joins Kerri Hanks and Lauren Fowlkes as only ND players to start all 25 games this season ... has logged 2,044 minutes of game action this season (4th-most on the team; 82/gm) but missed second half of the NCAA round-of-16 win at UNC (due to a leg injury shortly before halftime) ... her seven assists are second-most on the team and second-most by a BIG EAST defender this season while her 11 points rank among the most by an ND defender in recent years ... transfer from Wisconsin and key addition to the defense who has shown the ability to play at both left (primary role) and right back ... also has been shifted into the midfield at times this season ... her left-flank cross set up Brittany Bock's diving header that opened the scoring in 2-0 win at #7 Florida ... also later scored in that game, after making run into right side of box and striking shot inside far-left post ... had cross from similar location as in the Florida game, on Bock's far-post header that beat #13 UConn (2-1, in OT) ... had secondary assist on Bock's GWG vs. Georgetown in BIG EAST semifinal ... earlier scored on a direct free kick to open the scoring in 3-1 win at Seton Hall ... picked up assist that opened scoring in midseason game vs. Penn State (2-1 loss), with pass to Amanda Cinalli (who then fed Kerri Hanks for the score) ... had assist in 4-1 win at Syracuse and pair of assists in 5-0 win over Villanova.

#25 Julie Scheidler (RB, Fr.; Indianapolis, IN ... 1A, 25 GP/20 GS)

Has made steady progress, after emerging as starting right back one month into the season ... one of nine players to appear in all 25 games this season ... has played mostly as an outside back while also seeing some time in the midfield (during first half of season) ... made early starts vs. Princeton, DePaul and Penn State (all at right back) before starting all of the current 17-game unbeaten streak ... had secondary assist on Brittany Bock's second header goal vs. Villanova (2-0; 5-0 final) ... played all 90 minutes in wins over DePaul (4-0) and at Louisville (1-0) while also playing the entire game (93 min.) in OT showdown with #13 UConn (2-1) and then logging 85 minutes in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers (2-0) ... played most of game (76 min.) in NCAA second-round win over Illinois and then logged full 90 minutes in 3-2 third-round win at North Carolina (also played 90 vs. Duke in third round) ... cleared a corner-kick header off the line to avert goal in first minute by the Tar Heels in the round-of-16 game (she was guarding the defense's near-right post).

#27 Brittany Johnson (M, Fr., Pleasant Prairie, WI ... 12 GP) – Promising defensive midfielder who has appeared in games this season versus several top teams (including Michigan, Santa Clara, Princeton, Villanova and Illinois in the NCAA second round).

**GAME #23 – Nov. 12 (NCAA 2nd Round)
Notre Dame 1, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 0**

Notre Dame, Ind. – Michele Weissenhofer scored in fifth minute and top-ranked Notre Dame held on from there, overcoming yet another challenging NCAA second-round game. The Irish set a team record with their 30th consecutive win at home while advancing to the round-of-16 for the 12th time in the past 14 seasons, the second-most appearances in the final-16 during that span. The Irish continued to play with two freshman starters (Haley Ford and Amanda Clark) on the back line, as center back Carrie Dew (injury) and left back Christie Shaner (illness) remained sidelined.

Weissenhofer's 15th goal of the season held up as her fourth gamewinner, with three of those timely scores coming in the postseason. The goal – Notre Dame's third-quickest of the season (4:37) – was set up by Jen Buczkowski's driven ball down the center of the field (leading to her career-best 12th assist of the season). Kerri Hanks then appeared ready to shoot from the top of the box before sending a short thru-ball into the left side. Weissenhofer was angling in from the left and hit the ball with her off-foot, resulting in a shot from the outside of her right foot. The eight-yard shot caught the goalkeeper off-balance and carried into the right side of the net.

Notre Dame improved to 24-0-0 in Sunday games during the 2005 and '06 seasons while posting its 17th shutout of the season and holding the opponent to 0-4 shots on goal for the 19th time. Hanks extended her point streak to nine games (tying her career-best).

Wisconsin-Milwaukee	0	0	-	0
Notre Dame	1	0	-	1

ND 1. Michele Weissenhofer (Kerri Hanks, Jen Buczkowski) 4:37

Shots: UWM 3-4 – 7, ND 5-4 – 9

Corner Kicks: UWM 4-1 – 5, ND 3-2 – 5

Saves: UWM 2 (Erin Kane), ND 2 (Lauren Karas)

Fouls: UWM 8, ND 17 **Offside:** UWM 0, ND 6

Yellow Cards: Brittany Bock (ND), Kim Lorenzen (ND), Claire Pignet (UWM)

**GAME #24 – Nov. 17 (NCAA 3rd Round)
Notre Dame 3, Colorado 0**

Notre Dame, Ind. – Brittany Bock's two first-half goals made Notre Dame the nation's only team with four double-digit goalscorers and Kerri Hanks capped the scoring with her nation-leading 22nd goal of the season, as the Irish advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for the 10th time (third-most of any team, since 1994). Notre Dame (23-0-1) equaled the best undefeated start in the program's history and tied a team record with their 18th shutout of the season, after finishing with a 26-5 edge in total shots (9-0 in shots on goal). It marked the sixth time in 2006 that the Irish held their opponent without a shot on goal.

Bock scored a world-class goal in the 16th minute, with passes from Ashley Jones and Jill Krivacek setting up the quick turn. The 25-yard shot rocketing from the left side and knuckled past the goalkeeper for Bock's sixth gamewinner of the season. Later in the half, she headed home a leftside corner kick from Hanks for her fifth goal of the 2006 postseason.

Hanks capped the scoring in the 89th minute, on a free kick from just beyond the left side of the box. The curving shot carried into the far-right side of the goal, as Hanks became the first player in Notre Dame's storied history to reach 50 career goals prior to her junior season. She also joined Katie Thorlakson as the only Irish players ever to total 60-plus points in multiple seasons. The score gave Hanks a share of the Notre Dame record for career postseason goals (15) and produced the most points in season (61) ever by an ND sophomore.

Colorado suffered a familiar fate, as teams playing Notre Dame are just 3-44-1 since 1993. The Irish improved to 45-5-0 in all series openers since 1993 and 7-1-0 in all-time openers that have come in the NCAAs (also 26-2-0 in all series openers during the Waldrum era and 17-0-0 during the seniors' career). Jen Buczkowski logged her 100th career game, one shy of the Notre Dame record.

#16 Colorado	0	0	-	0
#1 Notre Dame	2	1	-	3

ND 1. Brittany Bock (Jill Krivacek, Ashley Jones) 15:39; **ND 2.** Bock (Kerri Hanks) 33:20; **ND 3.** Hanks (-) 88:18

Shots: CU 3-2 – 5, ND 15-11 – 26

Corner Kicks: CU 2-1 – 3, ND 2-1 – 3

Saves: CU 6 (Kirstin Radlinski 5, team 1), ND 0 (Lauren Karas)

Fouls: CU 8, ND 11 **Offside:** CU 0, ND 1

Yellow Cards: Michelle Wenino (CU), Allison Kidd (CU)



Courtney Rosen (#14) joined Jill Krivacek as the unlikely scoring heroes in the NCAA semifinal win over 5th-ranked Florida State.

**GAME #25 – Nov. 24
NCAA Quarterfinals
Notre Dame 4, Penn State 0**

Notre Dame, Ind. – Michele Weissenhofer became the third Notre Dame freshman ever to post a hat trick in NCAA Tournament play while Kerri Hanks helped set up all four goals (career-high three assists) to become just the 11th Division I player ever to reach 20 goals and 20 assists in the same season. The Irish advanced to the NCAA semifinals for the eighth time, delighting a spirited overflow crowd that sent the Irish senior class off with a 53-2-1 career record at home. Notre Dame improved its all-time home record to 44-3-0, with 14 straight home wins in postseason play.

The win helped set team records for overall unbeaten streak (25, ninth in NCAA history) and shutouts in a season (19). The Irish moved on to the semifinals for the eighth time since 1994, second-most in that span. The 4-0 final represented Notre Dame's largest margin of victory versus a top-25 NCAA Tournament opponent since 1997.

Notre Dame finished with a 27-3 edge in total shots (11-2 in shots on goal) and 9-1 margin in corner kicks. The Irish allowed only one shot in the final 83 minutes (a harmless attempt from 35 yards) and held the visitors without any shot attempts for the final 52 minutes.

The senior class said goodbye to Alumni Field having fashioned a 32-game home winning streak and 41-game home unbeaten streak (both third in the NCAA record book). The win yielded a 91-7-3 career record for the 2006 seniors, matching the most wins ever by a Notre Dame senior class. Jen Buczkowski's final home game also was the 101st of her career, tying that Irish record.

Notre Dame woke up from a scoreless first half to see Weissenhofer score three times in a 12-minute span. Buczkowski's entry pass after a quick reset led to a flick from Hanks before Weissenhofer lifted a six-yard shot into the upper right corner of the net (53:05). The goal held up as her fourth gamewinner of the 2006 postseason, setting the ND record for GWGs in one postseason.

Less than three minutes later, a classic counterattack saw Hanks loft a cross from the right flank before Bock chested the ball down in the center of the field, despite being tightly marked. Her leftfooted shot deflected to the side and Weissenhofer sent the rebound inside the near-left post (the win was ND's 246th consecutive when claiming a 2-0 lead). A leftside free-kick from Hanks later set up Weissenhofer's score from the top of the box, with the net vacated after a collision. Weissenhofer became the second Notre Dame player ever to register a hat trick in the NCAA quarterfinal round or later. Amanda Cinalli later headed in a corner kick from Hanks, who became the first Notre Dame player to post both a hat trick and three-assist game in NCAA Tournament play.

Cinalli's career-best 11th goal of the season gave her 18 career points in the NCAAs (6th in ND history). Hanks (22G-20A) and Weissenhofer (18G-17A) moved into the top spots on the national scoring charts and became the 23rd set of teammates in NCAA history to top 50 points in the same season, with Weissenhofer the second Notre Dame freshman ever to reach 17G-17A.

#8 Penn State	0	0	-	0
#1 Notre Dame	0	4	-	4

ND 1. M. Weissenhofer (Kerri Hanks, Jen Buczkowski); **ND 2.** Weissenhofer (Brittany Bock); **ND 3.** Weissenhofer (Hanks) 65:42; **ND 4.** Amanda Cinalli (Hanks) 71:55

Shots: PS 3-0 – 3, ND 13-14 – 27 **CK:** PS 1-0 – 1, ND 4-5 – 9

Saves: PS 7 (Kate Milstead), ND 2 (Lauren Karas)

Fouls: PS 19, ND 14 **Offside:** PS 0, ND 1

Yellow Cards: Heather Tomko (PS), Akilah Duggan (PS)

**GAME #26 – Dec. 1 (NCAA Semifinals)
Notre Dame 2, Florida State 1**

Cary, N.C. – Courtney Rosen and Jill Krivacek were the unlikely goalscorers, as Notre Dame outlasted 5th-ranked Florida State (2-1) and advanced to the NCAA title game for the sixth time (second-most of any team). The win made Randy Waldrum the third coach in Division I women's soccer history ever to take three or more of his teams to the NCAA championship game (also '99 and '04).

Rosen pounced on a turnover near the upper right corner of the box and faked a defender before blasting a leftfooted shot into the near-right side of the goal (35:32). Three minutes later, Kerri Hanks delivered a rightside corner-kick, with a double-header sequence off Brittany Bock and Krivacek sending the ball into the upper right corner. FSU's India Trotter scored early in the second half but Lauren Karas made some big plays in goal the rest of the way to secure the 12th consecutive win. It marked Notre Dame's 35th consecutive victory when scoring first and 249th straight win when claiming a 2-0 lead.

#5 Florida State	0	1	-	1
#1 Notre Dame	2	0	-	2

ND 1. Courtney Rosen (-) 35:32; **ND 2.** Jill Krivacek (Brittany Bock, Kerri Hanks) 38:21; **FS 1.** India Trotter (Kelly Rowland) 51:22

Shots: FS 2-8 – 10, ND 9-6 – 15 **CK:** FS 5-3 – 8, ND 3-0 – 3

Saves: FS 8 (Ali Mims 7, Libby Gianeskis 1), ND 1 (Karas)

Fouls: FS 13, ND 23 **Offside:** FS 1, ND 3

Yellow Cards: Brittany Bock (ND), Rosen (ND)

**GAME #27 – Dec. 3 (NCAA Final)
North Carolina 2, Notre Dame 1**

Cary, N.C. – The championship game featured teams that shared the top spot in the NSCAA coaches poll, with a sparkling 51-1-1 combined record (ND 25-0-1; UNC 26-1-0) that represented the first time both teams have entered the title game with 25-plus wins. Heather O'Reilly's 18th-minute goal produced Notre Dame's first deficit in 17 games and UNC then went up 2-0 early in the second half, on a goal by Casey Nogueira.

Notre Dame's late push included a goal in the 81st minute by Brittany Bock, who flicked a header from the top of the box after Kerri Hanks' booming free kick down the center of the field. Hanks nearly tied the game in the closing moments, but her free kick near the upper left corner of the box skipped wide of the far-right post.

Hanks set the Notre Dame record for points in one NCAA Tournament (16; 4G-8A) and joined former UNC great Mia Hamm as the only players ever to finish a season as the national leader in goals (22) and assists (22). Jen Buczkowski appeared in her ND-record 103rd career game (4th in NCAA history) while joining Christie Shaner (100) for the most combined games by ND (203). The game featured the nation's winningest senior classes from the 2006 season (UNC 97-3-3; ND 92-8-3).

#1 Notre Dame	0	1	-	1
#1 North Carolina	1	1	-	2

NC 1. Heather O'Reilly (Casey Nogueira) 17:57; **NC 1.** Nogueira (O'Reilly, Whitney Engen) 46:28; **ND 1.** Brittany Bock (Kerri Hanks) 80:30

Shots: ND 10-10 – 20, NC 2-7 – 9 **CK:** ND 0-1 – 1, NC 1-1 – 2

Saves: ND 5 (Lauren Karas),

NC 2 (Anna Rodenbough 1, Ashlyn Harris 1)

Fouls: ND 21, NC 20 **Offside:** ND 6, NC 1

Yellow Cards: Tobin Heath (NC), Ali Hawkins (NC), Amanda Clark (ND), Christie Shaner (ND)