

# NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER GAME NOTES

## BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME – VERSUS RUTGERS

Storrs, Conn. (Morrone Stadium) ... Sunday, Nov. 5; 2:00 p.m. EST

**IRISH SEEK NINTH BIG EAST TOURNAMENT TITLE** – Notre Dame is one win shy of claiming its ninth BIG EAST Tournament title in women's soccer ... Notre Dame joined the BIG EAST in the 1995-96 academic year and has seen three of its teams combine for 27 BIG EAST postseason titles in that span: women's swimming and diving (10), volleyball (9) and women's soccer (8) ... among the 23 sports currently sponsored by the BIG EAST, there have been only two other teams in the entire league that have totaled eight or more BIG EAST postseason titles since 1995-96: UConn women's basketball (8) and Pittsburgh men's swimming and diving.

**HOW TO FOLLOW THE ACTION** – Sunday's game will be telecast live on four different regional sports networks and delayed on five other stations ... the BIG EAST also will provide live video and audio streaming, linked via [www.bigeast.org](http://www.bigeast.org) and [und.com](http://und.com) ... the following stations will telecast the ND-Rutgers game live: Fox Sports Net New York (FSNY), Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN), FSN Pittsburgh and Cox Sports TV New England ... five other networks will show the game on a delayed basis: Comcast SportsNet Chicago (Nov. 5; 4:30 p.m. CST), ESPN-U (Nov. 5; 10:30 p.m. EST), Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia (Nov. 6; 1:30 a.m. EST), Catch-47, Tampa (Nov. 10; 1:00 p.m. EST), and Insight Channel 2, Louisville (Nov. 11; 7:30 p.m. EST) ... fans are encouraged to check their local listings for other possible re-airings of the game, including a possible telecast on Ohio News Network (ONN) ... the link to the BIG EAST live streaming for the video/audio will be available on the following championship page:

<http://www.bigeast.org/sports/w-soccer/spec-rel/06-bige-w-soccer-champ-central.html> ... GameTracker live stats again will be available (linked off [und.com](http://und.com)), as will the free Irish Alert in-game text messages (sign up on [und.com](http://und.com) women's soccer main page). The Notre Dame Sports Hotline will have a game wrapup (574-631-3000, option 4 and then option 2).

### **MOST BIG EAST POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS (since 1995-96)**

10	Notre Dame women's swimming and diving	1997-2006
9	Notre Dame women's volleyball	1995-98, 2000-02, 2004-05
8	<b>NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER</b>	<b>1995-2001, 2005</b>
8	Connecticut women's basketball	1996-2002, 2005
8	Pittsburgh men's swimming and diving	1997-2004

**ND-RU SERIES NOTES (ND leads 12-1-2)** – Notre Dame tied its first-ever game vs. Rutgers (1-1, at Wisconsin in 1992) but the Irish are 12-1-1 vs. RU in the past 14 meetings (42-3 scoring edge) ... ND is unbeaten in the past five games vs. RU (4-0-1) ... the Irish beat the Knights 4-0 in the first year of the Randy Waldrum era ('99) but have failed to win by more than three goals since '99 (2-0 in 2000, 1-2 in '01, 1-0 in '02/OT, 3-0 in '03, 0-0 in '04, 1-0 in '05/OT, 2-0 in '06) ... the scoreless tie vs. Rutgers in the 2004 NCAA-title season is the only blemish in the current 72-game home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (69-0-1, since mid-1995) ... current national-team midfielder Carli Lloyd, then a freshman, scored twice in the 2001 upset of ND (2-1) ... Kerri Hanks scored in overtime to win the 2005 game at Rutgers (1-0, assisted by Brittany Bock and Katie Thorlakson) ... that game extended ND's unbeaten streak in OT to 19 games (still active, 14-0-6) ... ND finished with an 11-1 edge in shots on goal vs. RU in 2005 ... Rutgers is the only team to play to overtime versus the Irish in ND's past 57 regular-season games (doing so in both '02 and '05).

**RECAPPING THIS YEAR'S EARLIER ND-RU GAME** – Kerri Hanks set up a pair of goals to complete her nine-point weekend that earned her national player-of-the-week honors, providing the primary assists on goals by Brittany Bock and Amanda Cinalli that gave ND a 2-0 victory over visiting Rutgers on senior day at Alumni Field ... a near-capacity crowd of 3,003 was on hand (the top official Sunday home attendance in ND history) ... ND tied a team record by posting its 20th consecutive win in regular-season play ... Jill Krivacek nearly picked up an assist just moments before the opening goal, after pushing a pass that led Hanks into the far right side of the box ... Hanks was ready to strike her shot but stumbled over the ball before covering to slide a pass back to her left ... Bock then smacked a one-timer from 14 yards out ... keeper Erin Guthrie – whose seven saves kept her team within striking distance – got a hand on the hard shot as she dove to her right but she was unable to stop the goal (34:45) ... early in the second half, Courtney Rosen played a short free kick from the right corner and Hanks quickly sent a low cross into the heart of the goal area ... Cinalli was unmarked on the far side and one-timed the ball into the net for the key two-goal cushion (48:23).

**SEASON OF STREAKS** – Notre Dame enters the BIG EAST championship game with:

- 242 straight wins when taking a 2-0 lead (29 straight when scoring first)
- 29 straight wins when Kerri Hanks scores a goal (spanning all of '05-'06 seasons)
- 23 consecutive games versus BIG EAST teams without a loss (22-0-1)
- 16 straight games holding the opponent to four shots on goal or fewer
- Five straight wins (since 0-0 tie at UConn) and three straight shutouts (since 4-2 game at Villanova)

**WHAT'S AT STAKE** – A win by Notre Dame over Rutgers would:

- Give Notre Dame a 9-1-0 all-time record in the BIG EAST finals and 27-2-0 overall record in the BIG EAST Tournament
- Give the Irish an unbeaten start through 21 games for the fourth time ... the 1994,1997 and 2000 teams all were 23-0-1 before suffering their first losses
- Extend ND's overall record vs. BIG EAST teams to 135-11-4 (.912) since joining the BIG EAST in 1995
- Make the Irish 33-1-1 in their past 35 games (23-0-1 vs. BIG EAST teams), since losing at Marquette on Sept. 30, 2005
- Give the senior class an 87-7-3 career record (.912)
- Improve Randy Waldrum's record in eight seasons at ND to 161-23-6 (.862)
- Give Notre Dame a 36-1-1 record during the past two seasons ('05-'06) when Kim Lorenzen is in the starting lineup (5-2 when she was out in '05 due to illness)

**SEMIFINAL RECAP (ND 2, Marquette 0)** – **Michelle Weissenhofer** and **Brittany Bock** scored second-half goals and the ND defense continued its season-long domination by holding Marquette to four total shots ... ND improved to 10-1-0 in all-time BIG EAST semifinal action ... **Kerri Hanks** assisted on both goals, pushing her season totals to 16 goals and 14 assists as she remains near the top of the national scoring charts ... Marquette managed just two shots on goal in the game – one a harmless kick from well outside the 18-yard box – as ND's team defense maintained its season-long average of allowing fewer than two shots on goal per game (39 total, in 20 GP) ... Weissenhofer and Hanks worked a classic sequence to produce the first goal, after the Irish answered a Marquette counter-attack with their own quick run down the field ... Weissenhofer received the ball near the center circle and quickly made her turn as Hanks instinctively took off on a run for the left corner ... the resulting lead pass sent Hanks into the left side of the box and she was able to pull away from her defender before lifting a cross back into the penalty area ... Weissenhofer had been trailing the play and flicked a header into the far-right sidenetting (63:32) ... Bock's goal sealed the win with 2:20 left to play ... Hanks fed a pass down the center of the attacking third and Weissenhofer popped the ball up in the air, with Bock then trapping the ball and striking a shot that glanced off the charging goalkeeper Laura Boyer and rolled over the endline (87:40).

#### **CAREER SCORING IN THE BIG EAST TOURNAMENT**

Kerri Hanks.....	5G-5A (15 points), GWG, 5 GS
Brittany Bock .....	4G-4A (12 points), GWG, 5 GP/4 GS
Jen Buczkowski.....	3G-5A (11 points), 10 GS
Ashley Jones .....	2G-2A (6 points), 8 GP/2 GS
Amanda Cinalli .....	1G-3A (5 points), GWG (vs. UConn/'05 final), 8 GS,
Michele Weissenhofer .....	1G-2A (5 points), 2 GS
Lizzie Reed.....	1G-2A (4 points), 9 GP/1 GS
Christie Shaner.....	1G-1A (3 points), 10 GS
Susan Pinnick.....	1G-1A (3 points), 5 GP
Kim Lorenzen .....	1G-1A (3 points), 10 GS
Jill Krivacek .....	0G-2A (2 points), 10 GS

#### **ND Career Leaders – Points in BIG EAST Tournament**

24 .....	Katie Thorlakson (2002-05; 8G-8A)
23 .....	Anne Makinen (1997-2000; 9G-5A)
23 .....	Jenny Streiffer (1996-99; 8G-7A)
18 .....	Meotis Erikson (1997-2000; 6G-6A)
16 .....	Monica Gerardo (1995-98; 5G-6A)
15 .....	<b>Kerri Hanks (2005- ;5G-5A)</b>

#### **ND Career Leaders – Assists in BIG EAST Tournament**

8 .....	Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)
7 .....	Jenny Streiffer and Jen Grubb (1996-99)
(5).....	<b>Kerri Hanks, Brittany Bock (2005- )</b>

**POSTSEASON POISE** – Seniors Jen Buczkowski, Kim Lorenzen, Christie Shaner and Jill Krivacek have played in all 22 of ND postseason games during the '03-'06 seasons, with Buczkowski and Lorenzen starting all 22 while Shaner and Krivacek have 20 career postseason starts ... junior Amanda Cinalli already has logged 18 career postseason starts.

#### **CAREER SCORING IN THE POSTSEASON (BIG EAST & NCAA TOURNAMENT)**

Kerri Hanks.....	9G-6A (24 points), 2 GWG, 9 GS
Brittany Bock .....	7G-4A (18 points), GWG, 9 GP/6 GS
Jen Buczkowski.....	5G-6A (16 points), 22 GS
Ashley Jones .....	3G-3A (9 points), 18 GP/2 GS
Amanda Cinalli .....	7G-5A (19 points), 2 GWG, 18 GS
Lizzie Reed.....	1G-2A (4 points), 20 GP/1 GS
Christie Shaner.....	2G-3A (7 points), 22 GP/20 GS
Susan Pinnick.....	2G-2A (6 points), GWG, 9 GP
Kim Lorenzen .....	2G-2A (6 points), 22 GS
Jill Krivacek .....	2G-5A (9 points), GWG, 22 GP/20 GS

**HANKS CONTINUES MONTHLONG SURGE** – Sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** (2A vs. Marquette) has scored (10) or assisted (13) on 70% of ND's goals (23 of 33) since the midpoint of the season (spanning 11 games) ... Hanks could make a run at reaching 20G-20A for the season, a dual milestone that has been reached just 10 times in 18 previous seasons of DI women's soccer (three times by ND players, most recently when Katie Thorlakson had 23G-24 for the 2004 NCAA-title team).

**NEARING 30-30 MILESTONE** – **Kerri Hanks** has totaled 117 points in 45 career games played, with her 44 goals and 29 assists leaving her one assist shy of becoming the 11th all-time Notre Dame player to reach 30 career goals and 30 assists (70G-71A in her career)... by posting an assist in the BIG EAST final or in the NCAA opener, Hanks would reach 30G-30A faster than any previous ND player with the exception of Jenny Streiffer (who reached 30G-30A in her 39th career game) ... the other quickest ND players to 30-30 include Anne Makinen (48 games; 65G-56A), Cindy Daws (50; 61G-67A), Katie Thorlakson (62; 55G-73A) and Monica Gerardo (68; 73G-44A) ... the other five ND players in the 30-30 club include Meotis Erikson (59G-43A), Shannon Boxx (39G-57A), Michelle McCarthy (59G-38A), Alison Lester (45G-36A) and Rosella Guerrero (55G-32A) ... **WEIS CHOICE** – Freshman F **Michele Weissenhofer** was not rated by the nation's "experts" as one of the nation's top freshmen heading into the 2006 season but the speedy flip-throw specialist has led the nation in assists all season and went over 40 points (12G-17A) with her 1G-1A in the semifinal win over Marquette ... the only three ND freshmen who have totaled more assists in a season – Holly Manthei (30, in '94), Jenny Streiffer (22, in '96) and Cindy Daws (20, in '93) – went on to noteworthy college careers ... Manthei was a four-year All-American and is the NCAA career assist leader (144) ... Streiffer was a two-time All-American and two-time Academic All-American who joins former UNC great Mia Hamm as the only D-I players ever to surpass 70G-70A in their careers ... Daws was a three-time All-American and her senior-year honors in 1995-96 included the Hermann Trophy and the Honda Broderick Cup (presented to the nation's top collegiate female athlete).

**SUNDAY, BLOODY SUNDAY** – The Irish remain unbeaten in 2005-06 during Sunday games (22-0-0; with 21 of those being the second game of the weekend) while outscoring the opponents 91-4 in those games (as opposed to an 18-2-0 record and 74-11 scoring edge in the first games of a weekend).

**BOCK-TO-BOCK** – Sophomore F/M **Brittany Bock** had a pair of set-player header goals in last week's BIG EAST quarterfinals. St. John's before adding a goal that capped the 2-0 semifinal win over Marquette ... Bock has totaled six goals in her past seven games played.

**SHUTDOWN D** – The win over Marquette was ND's 16th of the season, just two shy of tying that team record ... the Irish have held 16 straight opponents to 0-4 shots on goal and have allowed more than three opponent SOGs just twice all season (15 of 20 games with 0-2 opponent SOGs).

**SECOND-HALF SURGE** – Notre Dame's pair of goals in the win over Marquette give the Irish a 44-2 second-half scoring edge this season ... Villanova, at the time ranked as high as #9 in the nation, is the only team to score a second-half goal vs. ND this season, doing so on its home field in a 4-2 loss to ND.

**IRISH UNBEATEN AT 20-GAME MARK FOR FIFTH TIME** – Notre Dame has reached the 20-game mark with an unbeaten record for the fifth time in the past 13 seasons and for the second time in the career of the senior class, who similarly helped the 2004 national-title team start 19-0-1 ... the 1994, '97 and 2000 teams share the Irish record for best undefeated start, at 23-0-1.

**TOURNEY-TESTED** – Notre Dame is 26-2-0 (.929) in all-time BIG EAST Tournament play, including 10-1-0 in the semifinal and 8-1-0 in nine previous championship games.

**MISSING RIVAL** – Notre Dame's previous nine trips to the BIG EAST championship game have featured eight games versus UConn, with the Irish beating the Huskies in 1995 (1-0, at Rutgers), 1996 (4-3, at ND), 1996 (6-1, at RU), 1998 (1-0, at UConn), 1999 (4-2, at RU), 2000 (1-0, at ND) and 2005 (5-0, at Marquette) ... UConn rallied to beat ND in the 2004 title game (2-1, at UConn) while the Irish used a late goal to defeat West Virginia in the 2001 final (2-1, at RU) ... after facing each other in six straight BIG EAST finals, ND and UConn now have met in just two of the past six BIG EAST title games ('04 and '05).

**SPARKED BY DEFEAT** – Since losing at Marquette midway through the 2005 season, Notre Dame has gone 32-1-1 in its past 34 games (only loss was to eventual 2005 NCAA champion Portland), with a 124-11 scoring margin in those games ... 10 of the goals allowed in that 34-game span have come from top-25 opponents (two by Yale, three by Portland, one each by Mississippi, Santa Clara and West Virginia, and two by Villanova) ... ND now has logged 23 straight games versus BIG EAST opponents without a loss (22-0-1), dating back to the Marquette loss.

**MOST D-I WOMEN'S SOCCER WINS DURING THE PAST FOUR SEASONS** (2003-06; as of Nov. 4 games)  
1. North Carolina ..... 90-3-3  
2. Notre Dame ..... 86-7-3 (.911 win pct.; 2nd ND history behind .921/91-6-4, '94-'97)

3. UCLA.....	76-14-5
4. Portland.....	74-10-8
Penn State.....	74-10-6

**MOST D-I WOMEN'S SOCCER WINS DURING THE PAST THREE SEASONS** (2004-06; as of Nov. 4 games)

1. Notre Dame .....	66-4-2 (.931 win pct.; ND four-year record is .921)
2. North Carolina .....	63-3-3 (.935)
3. Portland.....	56-7-6
UCLA.....	56-12-2
5. Penn State.....	55-7-3
6. Texas A&M.....	50-15-3
7. Santa Clara .....	49-14-5

**HOUSE OF HORRORS?** – The Irish have met with mixed results at Morrone Stadium (mostly vs. UConn) ... ND's 8-2-3 all-time record at Morrone Stadium includes 3-2-3 vs. UConn (1-1-0 in BIG EAST finals), 3-0-0 in BIG EAST semifinals vs. other teams and 2-0-0 at the 2003 UConn Classic .. ND is just 4-2-2 at Morrone Stadium during the eight-year Randy Waldrum era (1-2-2 vs. UConn in those games), compared to 156-21-4 in all other venues (.873) in the Waldrum era.

**FORD STEPS IN, LOREZTEN CONTINUES TO LEAD** – Friday's semifinal saw freshman **Haley Ford** again start alongside senior **Kim Lorenzen** at one of the central defender spots, in place of injured sophomore **Carrie Dew** (the 2006 BIG EAST defensive player of the year and one of 33 current candidates for the Hermann Trophy) ... Lorenzen's steady play and calm leadership played a key role in the shutout of Marquette, as Notre Dame totaled a 19-4 edge in total shots and owned a clear margin in quality scoring chances.

**BUZZING ALONG** – Senior M Jen Buczkowski has appeared in all 96 games from 2003-06, the fifth-longest streak of consecutive games played in the ND record book (Meotis Erikson and Shannon Boxx had 101 straight GP, Jen Renola and Kate Fisher 100 straight) ... Buczkowski's 90 career starts rank 11th in ND history ... three seniors on Waldrum's first ND team totaled more than 90 career starts (Jen Grubb with 100 and Jenny Streiffer and Kara Brown with 99 each) ... the only other Waldrum-era player with more career starts than Buczkowski is Vanessa Pruzinsky, who totaled 94 starts in her five-year career ('99-'03) ... Buczkowski is tied with Pruzinsky, current ND volunteer assistant coach Lindsey Jones and Jenny Heft for 11th on the ND career games played list ... senior left back Christie Shaner has logged 93 straight games played (7th in ND record book) and is tied with Thorlakson and Monica Gonzalez for 14th on the career GP list with 95 ...

**SUPER SENIORS** – The ND senior class pushed its career win pct. to .912 (86-7-3) while keeping pace with North Carolina (90-3-3) as the nation's two winningest senior classes ... the ND seniors still have yet to be outshot in a game during their career (avg. shot margin of 23-5)... the eight seniors have combined for 551 career games played (340 starts) while helping post 64 shutouts from '03-'06 ... the ND junior class now owns a .931 career win pct. from 2004-06 (66-4-2).

**VETERAN LEADERS** – Left back **Christie Shaner** and center back **Kim Lorenzen** (181 comb. GP/162 starts) form the veteran core of the Irish defense, combining for 183 career games played and 164 starts ... Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek similarly have 184 combined GP and 148 GS, as leaders of the Irish midfield.

**NOTRE DAME CAREER GAMES PLAYED**

1. Meotis Erikson (1997-2000; forward) .....	101 (of 101)
Shannon Boxx (1995-98; midfielder) .....	101 (101)
10. Kate Sobrero (1994-97; D) .....	97 (101)
<b>11. Jen Buczkowski (2003- ; M) .....</b>	<b>96 (96)</b>
Vanessa Pruzinsky (1999-2003; D).....	96 (117)
Lindsey Jones (1998-2001; M/D) .....	96 (97)
Jenny Heft (1996-99; F).....	96 (102)
<b>15. Christie Shaner (2003- ; D) .....</b>	<b>94 (96)</b>
26. Michelle McCarthy (1992-95; F) .....	89 (91)
<b>27. Kim Lorenzen (2003- ; D) .....</b>	<b>88 (96)</b>
<b>Jill Krivacek (2003- ; M) .....</b>	<b>88 (96)</b>
<b>29. Lizzie Reed (2003- ; M/D/F).....</b>	<b>87 (96)</b>

**NOTRE DAME CONSECUTIVE GAMES PLAYED**

1. Meotis Erikson (1997-2000) and Shannon Boxx (1995-98).....	101 (of 101)
3. Kate Fisher (1993-96) and Jen Renola (1993-96) .....	98 (98)
<b>5. Jen Buczkowski (2003- ).....</b>	<b>96 (96)</b>
6. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05).....	95 (97)
<b>7. Christie Shaner (2003- ).....</b>	<b>93 (96)</b>

## **NOTRE DAME HEAD COACH RANDY WALDRUM QUOTES (Nov. 3, after win over Marquette)**

**On the game's first score** – “That was a world-class goal and we actually had made a mistake in their counter-attack. They kind of got in behind us but we won it back and countered out. Hanks made a great run, showing that great ability to make such sophisticated runs. When she got it in the left corner, all you need is one chance from her and it was a great delivery and then great finish on the score. You can't watch a game between Chelsea and Man-United and see goals better than that. It was a great turning point in the game.”

**On Kerri Hanks as a playmaker** – “Hanks is developing greater vision to find teammates – it's something she's starting to hone in on and it puts her on that short list of the top players in the country. It's great to have a player who can score so many goals but who also set up her teammates. We always talk about finding players who have a great 'soccer brain' and who think about the game so tactically. Kerri is one of those players who 'get it' and tonight her runs were great, all of her free kicks from even 40 yards out were dangerous. She was on the money with her services and we put them under a lot of pressure with set pieces.”

**On Kim Lorenzen's value to the team** – “Tonight you saw what I've been saying all along – that Kim Lorenzen is the player we can't do without. It's something that we see all the time. She had great covering position all night and she really has embraced the leadership of the team, especially with that back four. ... It's really frustrating to see a player like Kim go through her whole career playing at a high level and never get any sort of postseason recognition from the BIG EAST. It's as if our team gets punished for being good, because some players are going to be in the spotlight and they usually end up being the award winners. But we have plenty of others among the best in the conference. We always are going to have some great players be overlooked – but they all realize there is a bigger prize out there for the team as a whole and they just care about winning.”

**On the start of the game** – “We started off a little slow and I was concerned at the beginning that Marquette's energy level was higher than ours. But once we got past the first 15 minutes, we played very well. We created a ton of chances and one of the things we didn't want to do was let them get in behind us. I was pretty pleased with that, although we made some bad decisions with the ball that created some counter chances for them. At the end of the day, we at least kept them in front of us. I thought Marcus [Roeders] really had his team ready to play. They are a hard team to play, very athletic, and they were prepared to play tonight. They are very tough off the counter-attack and did a really good job overall.

**On Haley Ford's start at central back** – “We've got to give Haley Ford some time to settle in at center back, because she has played mostly outside in the back this year and it's going to take a little bit of time to get that communication down with Kimmy Lorenzen. We still may end up with Christie Shaner playing some at the central spot but Haley gives you great pace at the position. Ultimately, that's what we recruited her for was to play centrally in the back.

**On the rotating of the forwards** – “It's a hard balance to want to rest players for a possible game on Sunday versus just worrying on the game at hand. We wanted a little more of a presence holding the ball up front and Courtney Rosen has done that for us, similarly to what Brittany Bock does. Courtney gives you another player up front who is comfortable on the ball and can strike a hard shot. Susan Pinnick has played well the past few weeks and really has done a good job simplifying things. If we've got the depth to do it, we need to be giving the starting forwards a little bit of a break. ... Amanda Clark was really good tonight, coming on to play in that defensive midfield spot in what was a very physical game. It's hard to find time in the midfield right now. She did a great job in giving Jill Krivacek some rest. Defensively, Clark is so good for us and as a great ballwinner.”

**On Amanda Cinalli's adjustment to the midfield** – “Amanda Cinalli gives us a different presence – to our midfield, because she is so mobile and athletic. She is so good running at people off the dribble. I've always liked to have something a little different with the players at each position. But there still will be times when we move her back up front. She clearly is developing into more of a playmaker out of the midfield. ... Cinalli's personality is all about the team and you will never hear from her about not getting an honor or not getting the attention. It's players like her that make good teams so good. You've always got to have players that do some special things for your team – like with Kerri Hanks as a pure goalscorer – but you also need ones like Cinalli and Clark who just want to do whatever the team needs. Cinalli never gets caught up in that other stuff. She just gives 100% all the time and you are not going to win championships without a handful of players on your team like that.

**Looking back at the previous week** – “It was a difficult week going into the quarterfinal game because of the makeup game with Cincinnati. It threw off our rhythm, with three games in five days to go along with a tough stretch of exams for many of the players. So we gave them two days off, because we thought it would be most beneficial at this time of the season. ... Looking back to last Sunday's game, St. John's is a much improved team from two years ago when we played them. It was a game where we could have scored two or three more goals. Our finishing could have been better. Our kids adjusted to the physical game and the opponent trying to take us out of what we like to do. You can see through the RPIs that everybody in the conference is better now and that's great for the conference. Ian [Stone] did a good job with his team this year.

**On the recent set-play goals** – “The set-play success that we are starting to rediscover is huge. In the 2004 championship season, we scored 12 goals in the NAACs and four of them came on set pieces. This is a good time of year to be creating better opportunities off the set pieces. That really be a difference-maker.

**On Sunday's final** – “I was impressed with Rutgers and their resiliency to come back versus West Virginia. That has to be a concern for us, because they have shown the temperament to come back in a big game. Rutgers made some good adjustments as the game went on. In the regular season, they played us tough and are a difficult team to break down. They have some players offensively that can hurt you – it should be a great final.”

# TALE OF THE TAPE

	<b>ND</b>	<b>RUTGERS</b>
2006 Record (BIG EAST)	19-0-1 (10-0-1)	15-2-3 (8-1-2)
2005 Record	22-3-0	10-92-2
Starters Returning from 2005	8	7
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	17/8	14/6
Recent Games	3-0 vs. St. John's 2-0 vs. Marquette	1-1 vs. UConn (advance on PKs) 3-2 vs. West Virginia
<b>Goals Per Game</b>	<b>3.12 (63)</b>	<b>1.68 (34)</b>
Goals-Against Average	0.25 (5)	0.38 (8)
Avg. Scoring Margin	+2.87 (+58)	+1.30
<b>Shots Per Game</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>13.8</b>
Shots Allowed Per Game	5.2	8.5
<b>Shot Margin</b>	<b>+17.4</b>	<b>+5.3</b>
Shots On Goal Allowed Per Game	1.9	3.2
Shooting Percentage	.139	.123
Shots Per Goal	7.2	8.1
Shots on Goal per Goal	3.1	3.5
Corner Kicks Per Game	6.5	4.0
Corner Kicks Allowed Per Game	2.5	2.8
Average Corner-Kick Margin	+4.0	+1.2
Save Percentage	.872	.882
Shutouts	16	14
Games w/ 0-1 GA	19	18
Games w/ 2 GA	1	2
Games w/ 3-plus GA	0	0
<b>Overtime Record</b>	<b>0-0-1</b>	<b>1-0-3</b>
<b>One-Goal Game Record</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>7-1</b>
<b>Wins By 3-Plus Goals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>
Home Games	9-0-0	8-1-2
All Road Games	10-0-1	7-1-1
1st-Half Scoring	19-3	14-6
<b>2nd-Half Scoring</b>	<b>44-2</b>	<b>19-2</b>
Fouls Per Game	13.7	8.0
Yellow Cards/Red	16/0	4/1
<b>Players with 10+ Goals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Players with 5+ Goals	4	3
Players with Goals	14	11
<b>Players with 20+ Points</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
Players with 10+ Points	6	4
Players with Points	18	16
Seniors	8	7
Freshmen	10	9
<b>Top Scorers</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Rutgers</b>
	Kerri Hanks, So., F (16G-14A, 46 pts) Michele Weissenhofer, Fr., F (12G-17A, 41 pts) Brittany Bock, So., F/M (9G-4A, 22 pts) Amanda Cinalli, Jr., M/F (8G-4A, 20 pts)	Alicia Hall, So., M (8G-1A, 17 pts) Gina DeMaio, Fr., M (4G-6A, 14 pts) Karla Schacher, Fr., F (5G-3A, 13 pts) Jennifer Anzivino, Fr., M (5G-2A, 12 pts)
<b>Goalkeeper</b>	Lauren Karas, Jr. (0.29 GAA, 30 SV, 19 GP)	Erin Guthrie (0.39 GAA, 56 SV, 20 GP)

### **NOTRE DAME VERSUS BIG EAST TEAMS (since 1995)**

Regular Season .....	106-8-4 (.915)
	<i>(includes cross-divisional games and games outside the BE schedule)</i>
BIG EAST Tournament .....	26-2-0 (.929)
	<i>(8-0 in the quarterfinals, 10-1 in the semifinals, 8-1 in the final)</i>
NCAAs.....	2-1-0
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>134-11-4 (.913)</b>

### **NOTRE DAME IN THE POSTSEASON**

MCC Tournament .....	4-0-0 (all on road)
BIG EAST Tournament .....	26-2-0
	<i>(12-0-0 at home; 14-2-0 in away/neutral games)</i>
NCAA Tournament .....	35-11-1
	<i>(28-3-0 at home; 7-8-1 in away/neutral games)</i>
All Postseason Games .....	<b>65-13-1 (.829)</b>
	<b><i>(40-3-0 at home/.930; 25-10-1/.708 in away/neutral)</i></b>

**A TRUE WINNER** – Sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** has scored (5) or assisted (6) on 11 of ND's 19 game-winning goals this season ... Hanks also has scored (11) or assisted (9) on roughly half (20) of ND's 41 gamewinning goals during the past two seasons ... her 11 career GWGs and 31 career game-winning points put her on a four-year pace to break those ND records, held by Jenny Heft (19 GWGs) and Katie Thorlakson (56 GWP) ... Hanks has points in eight of nine postseason games during her career, scoring goals in seven of those postseason games ... freshman F **Michele Weissenhofer** has scored (2) or assisted (6) on eight game-winning goals this season and has points in 16 of 20 games this season.

**SCORE 15 GOALS, GIVE ONE UP** – The Irish now have totaled nearly a 15-to-1 ratio of goals scored to goals allowed (63-5) ... ND's season goal total is 24 more than its opponents' combined shots on goal vs. the Irish this season (39).

**SITUATIONAL SUCCESS** – The Irish have posted 42 straight wins when taking a 2-0 lead (265-0-1 all-time record when up 2-0) and have won 29 straight when scoring first ... ND is 66-5-3 all-time when playing as the #1-ranked team in the NSCAA coaches poll.

**FANTASTIC FOUR** – The fearsome foursome of **Kerri Hanks** (16-14), **Michele Weissenhofer** (12-17), **Brittany Bock** (9-4) and **Amanda Cinalli** (8-4) have combined for 45 goals, 39 assists and 122 points this season ... ND is on the verge of having four (or more) double-digit goalscorers for the eighth time in its history but first time since 2003.

**RACKING UP THE W's** – Junior G **Lauren Karas** is 30-1-1 in her ND career and owns a 0.29 season goals-against avg. that ranks 2nd in the nation and would set the ND record (LaKeysia Beene had a 0.36 GAA in 1997).

**LATE WAKEUP CALLS** – Notre Dame has enjoyed a halftime lead in just nine of its 20 games this season but owns the 44-2 second-half scoring margin ... ND trailed Santa Clara and West Virginia at halftime (1-0) and was tied with Mississippi at the break (1-1) ... eight other games have been scoreless at halftime (vs. USC, TCU, SMU, Michigan, Louisville, UConn, Georgetown and Marquette).

**MAN WITH THE PLAN** – Randy Waldrum's eight-year record at ND (160-23-6/.862) includes a .779 win pct. in "big games" (vs. NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponents; 60-16-3).

**SHUTDOWN DEFENSE** – Notre Dame's strong team defense has limited its opponent to 39 combined shots on goal this season, in 20 games (1.95/gm) ... Santa Clara uncorked 10 SOG vs. the Irish on Sept. 3 (in a showdown of #1-ranked teams) but the other 19 opponents have combined for just 29 SOG (1.5/gm) ... ND has held five teams without a shot on goal, including Rutgers (also USC, TCU, Louisville and Providence), with four others limited to 1 SOG, six held to 2 SOG and three totaling 3 SOG (St. John's had 4 SOG, most by any 2006 opponent other than SCU).

**FRONTRUNNERS** – The senior class has faced just 18 total deficits (in 16 games) during their 96-game career, with those deficits accounting for only 6.4% of the minutes from 2003-06 (558:01 of 8,745:49) ... ND has trailed for just 120:26 in the 2006 season (in three games, all vs. top- 25 teams).

**JONES ADVANCES TO ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA BALLOT** – Junior right back **Ashley Jones** (3.96 cumulative GPA, as an accounting major) has been named to the CoSIDA third team Academic All-District V team and now advances to the official Academic All-America ballot for the second straight year... senior left back **Christie Shaner** (3.47; design) and senior M **Jen Buczkowski** (3.45; marketing) each were named second team Academic All-District for the second time in their careers ... sophomore F **Brittany Bock** (3.45; business) and senior center back **Kim Lorenzen** (3.47; finance) rounded out ND's five nominations for the CoSIDA academic honors ... Jones, Shaner, Buczkowski and Lorenzen also recently were nominated for the NSCAA Scholar-Athlete awards.

**FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS** – In its past 85 games when scoring first (2-1 loss to UConn in '04 BIG EAST title game; 4-1 loss at Marquette in '05), ND has gone 83-2-0 and is 43-1-0 in the past 44 when scoring first, including 29 straight wins.

**OFFENSIVE MACHINE** – Stretching from '92-'06, the Irish have scored in 95.2% of their games (338 of 355).

**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 3-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) ... other Waldrum-era big wins over NSCAA top-25 teams have come 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).

**Notre Dame Career Points (G-A)**

1. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99) .....	211 (70-71)
12. Alison Lester (1990-93).....	126 (45-36)
13. Amanda Guertin ('00-'02).....	123 (48-27)
14. <b>Kerri Hanks</b> (2005- ) .....	117 (45-28)
20. Jen Grubb (1996-99).....	83 (15-53)
21. <b>Amanda Cinalli</b> (2004- ).....	82 (28-26)
22. Stacia Masters (1993-96).....	74 (24-26)
23. <b>Jen Buczkowski</b> (2003- ).....	72 (20-32)

**ND Freshmen with 10-Plus Goals**

1. <b>Kerri Hanks ('05)</b> .....	28
7. Alison Lester ('90) .....	14
Suzie Zilvitis ('88) .....	14
9. Stacia Masters ('93) .....	13
Rosella Guerrero ('92).....	13
11. <b>Brittany Bock ('05)</b> .....	12
<b>Michele Weissenhofer ('06)</b> .....	12

**ND Freshman Assist Leaders**

1. Holly Manthei ('94) .....	30
2. Jenny Streiffer ('96).....	22
3. Cindy Daws ('93).....	20
4. <b>Michele Weissenhofer ('06)</b> .....	17

**ND Freshman Point Leaders**

1. <b>Kerri Hanks ('05)</b> .....	71/28-15
6. Holly Manthei ('94) .....	48/9-30
7. <b>M. Weissenhofer ('06)</b> .....	41/12-17

**ND Freshmen w/ 12-Plus Goals and Assists**

Jenny Streiffer ('96).....	22G-22A
Cindy Daws ('93).....	16G-20A
<b>Kerri Hanks ('05)</b> .....	28G-15A
<b>M. Weissenhofer ('06)</b> .....	12G-17A
Anne Makinen ('97) .....	23G-12A
Meotis Erikson ('97) .....	22G-12A
Jenny Heft ('96).....	12G-12A

## **BIG EAST POSTSEASON AWARD NOTES**

Eight Notre Dame women's soccer players received 2006 all-BIG EAST Conference honors ... leading the way for the Irish were three of the major award winners, with sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** repeating as offensive player of the year, sophomore center back **Carrie Dew** taking defensive player-of-the-year honors and freshman F **Michele Weissenhofer** becoming the program's sixth player to be named rookie of the year .. each of the above three players was named first team all-BIG EAST, as was senior M **Jen Buczkowski** ... ND's players on the second team included sophomore **Brittany Bock** and junior **Amanda Cinalli** (who each have split time this season at forward and midfielder) while senior left back **Christie Shaner** was named to the third team ... senior M **Jill Krivacek** rounded out the Notre Dame selections, as an honorable mention all-BIG EAST pick ... Shaner joined an elite group of five all-time Notre Dame players who have been first team all-BIG EAST in each of their four seasons ... Buczkowski and Cinalli each collected their third career all-BIG EAST honor while Hanks, Dew and Krivacek each were tabbed all-BIG EAST for the second time ... Dew and Krivacek recently joined Hanks and Buczkowski among the 33 players who currently are being considered for the prestigious M.A.C Hermann Trophy.

**OFFENSIVE MVP REPEATERS** – The 12 years of the BIG EAST women's soccer awards now have included five who have repeated as offensive player of the year (and only two other players who have received the award) ... in addition to Hanks, the repeat honorees include: UConn's Kerry Connors in 1995 and '96; Seton Hall's Kelly Smith in '97 and '98; WVU's Katie Barnes in 2001 and '01; and ND's Katie Thorlakson in '04 and '05.

**FRESHMAN HONORS** – Weissenhofer is the 10th ND freshman to be named 1st team all-BIG EAST (five others also have been forwards), with others including: F Monica Gerardo ('95), M Jenny Streiffer ('96), D Jen Grubb ('96), M Anne Makinen ('97), F Meotis Erikson ('97), F Amy Warner ('00), D Candace Chapman ('01), Cinalli ('04, at F) and Hanks ('05).

**BEST OF THE BEST** – The 2005 Notre Dame team became the first ever to produce four major BIG EAST award winners: Thorlakson (top offensive player), Chapman (top defensive player), Buczkowski (top midfielder) and Hanks (rookie of the year) ... the 2006 ND honorees marked the sixth time that one team has taken home three major awards winners, including three other ND teams led by BIG EAST coach of the year Randy Waldrum: in 1999 (defensive player Grubb, rookie Vanessa Pruzinsky), in '03 (defensive player Melissa Tancredi, rookie Shaner) and in '04 (Thorlakson and Tancredi) ... UConn's 1995 team featured the BIG EAST coach (Len Tsantiris), offensive (Connors) and defensive (Sara Whalen) player of the year ... the 1997 season saw Seton Hall's Betty Ann Kempf named coach of the year while Smith was named the league's top rookie and offensive player of the year.

**EIGHT IS ENOUGH?** – Notre Dame is the only team ever to total eight or more all-BIG EAST selections in the same season, doing so six different times ... ND's 10 all-BIG EAST selections in 2005 is the most ever by one team, besting the nine from the '96 Irish squad ... the 1995, '97, '98 and '06 ND teams each have featured eight all-BIG EAST honorees ... West Virginia and UConn were second with five selections each on the 2006 all-BIG EAST teams, followed by Villanova with four and Louisville and Rutgers with three each (the four semifinalists accounted for 18 of the 34 total selections) ... ND's impressive 1996 roster included six all-BIG EAST 1st-teamers – senior M Cindy Daws, freshman D Grubb, junior M Holly Manthei, senior G Jen Renola, junior D Kate Sobrero, freshman M Streiffer – plus three more on the second team: sophomore M Shannon Boxx, sophomore F Gerardo and senior F Amy VanLaecke (there were no 3rd-team or honorable-mention picks in '96).

**FOUR-TIME HONOREES** – Shaner is the fifth ND player to be named all-BIG EAST four times (2nd team in '03 and '05; 3rd team in '04 and '06) ... Grubb ('96-'99) and Makinen ('97-'00) each were 1st team all-BIG EAST in four straight seasons (the first players from any BIG EAST team ever to earn that distinction) ... F Amy Warner was a 1st-teamer in '00, '02 and '03 and a 2nd-team pick in '01 while Chapman was 1st team in '01, '02 and '05 (all at D), plus 3rd team in '04 (as a F; she missed '03 due to injury) ... six ND players have been 1st team all-BIG EAST three-plus times: Manthei ('95-'97), Grubb, Makinen, Warner, Chapman and Buczkowski ('04-'06).

**FORWARD TRIO** – Hanks, Weissenhofer and Cinalli/Bock are the sixth trio of forwards from the same team to earn all-BIG EAST honors, including four others from ND: Streiffer, Gerardo (both 1st team) and VanLaecke (2nd team) in '96 followed by Jenny Heft, Gerardo (both 1st team) and Streiffer (2nd team) in '98, then Thorlakson, Chapman and Hanks in '04, and most recently Thorlakson, Hanks and Cinalli in '05 ... Connecticut also produced three 1st-team forwards in 1995 (Jana Carabino, Connors and Christy Rowe).

**ONE-TWO PUNCH** – Hanks and Dew pulled off the offensive/defensive double that had been achieved just three times previously in the 12-year history of the BIG EAST women's soccer awards (three straight by ND): by Connors and Whalen with the '95 and '96 UConn teams and then by Thorlakson and Tancredi in '04 and Thorlakson and Chapman in '05.

**OVERLOOKED STANDOUT** – Senior center back **Kim Lorenzen**, a four-year starter, once again was overlooked for all-BIG EAST honors, despite serving as Notre Dame's solo team captain in 2006 and being the backbone of a defense that now has allowed just five goals and 39 shots on goal in 20 games this season.

**BIG EAST AWARD HISTORY** – A total of 25 ND players now have combined for 46 first team all-BIG EAST honors since '95, with that group including eight defenders combining for 15 first-team awards, four midfielders (12 awards), 10 forwards (16 awards) and four 'keepers ... Irish players now have combined to win eight of the past 10 BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-year awards ... ND's previous recipients include Sobrero ('97) and Grubb ('98, '99), Chapman ('01, '05) and Tancredi ('03, '04) ... previous ND freshmen to be named the BIG EAST rookie of the year include: Gerardo ('95), Streiffer ('96), Pruzinsky ('99), Shaner ('03) and Hanks ('05).

**DYNAMIC DUO** – Notre Dame produced a pair of 1st-team forwards for the fourth consecutive season (Thorlakson and Hanks in '05; Thorlakson and Cinalli in '04; Warner and Mary Boland in '03).

**REPEAT AFTER ME** – ND's eight honorees include seven who earned previous all-BIG EAST honors: Buczkowski (1st team in '04 and '05), Shaner (2nd team in '03 and '05; 3rd team in '04), Cinalli (1st team in '04, 2nd team in '05), Hanks (1st team in '05), Bock (2nd team in '05), Krivacek (3rd team in '04) and Dew (honorable mention in '05).