



NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S SOCCER

FIGHTING IRISH MEDIA

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VIRGINIA (7-3-2, 2-1-1) VS. NOTRE DAME (6-4-2, 2-2)

GAME INFORMATION

	Thursday, Oct. 5 7 p.m. ET	Klockner Stadium
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THE SERIES

All-Time vs. UVA	ND is 1-4	Last: 0-1, Virginia (Oct. 9, 2016)
Away	ND is 1-2	Last: 2-1, Notre Dame (Sept. 24, 2015)











THE COACHES

	Head Coach	At School (Years)	Overall (Years)
ND	Theresa Romagnolo	47-18-10 (4th)	72-40-13 (7th)
UVA	Steve Swanson	269-81-40 (17th)	373-144-51 (27th)

BY THE NUMBERS

1	Notre Dame needs one goal to equal its 2016 scoring total (26 goals). The Irish own 25 goals on the year.
2	Notre Dame's two ACC wins are tied for the third-most in the league. The Irish are 2-2 in ACC play and are seventh overall in the standings.
4	Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo is in her fourth season with the Irish. The Washington graduate owns a record of 47-18-10 at Notre Dame.
5	Sophomore Jennifer Westendorf has totaled five goals in 2017 and is one goal shy of equaling her single-season career high (six).
7	Seven of Notre Dame's 2017 opponents are featured in the United Soccer Coaches Poll, including No. 3 South Carolina, No. 4 Duke, No. 5 North Carolina, No. 13 Virginia, No. 15 Wake Forest, No. 16 Florida State and No. 17 Ohio State.
13	Notre Dame checks in at No. 13 in the most recent RPI. The Irish own the third-best RPI in the ACC behind North Carolina (No. 3) and Duke (No. 4).
14	Notre Dame's Natalie Jacobs (8 G) and Sandra Yu (6 G) have combined to score 14 of Notre Dame's 25 goals this season.
16	Graduate student Sandra Yu's 16 points in 2017 are a career high. The midfielder has totaled six goals and four assists so far this season. Yu has doubled her previous career high in points (eight), set in 2015.
18	The Irish have totaled 18 second-half goals and have limited their opponents to seven goals in the period.
19	Irish sophomore Natalie Jacobs leads the Irish with a career-high 19 points on eight goals and three assists this season.
25	The Irish are looking to appear in their 25th straight NCAA Championship. Notre Dame owns 12 trips to the College Cup and three NCAA titles.
30	Notre Dame celebrates its 30th anniversary this season. The Irish have gone 539-114-38 in program history.
194	Notre Dame ranks third in the ACC with 194 shots through 12 matches.

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	ND Rk	Opp Rk	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Score
Aug. 18	18	--	Butler	Notre Dame, IN		T, 0-0 (20T)
Aug. 20	18	--	Ball State	Notre Dame, IN		W, 4-0
Aug. 25	24	--	Minnesota	Iowa City, IA		T, 1-1 (20T)
Aug. 27	24	--	at Iowa	Iowa City, IA	BTN +	W, 2-0
Sep. 1	--	11	South Carolina	Notre Dame, IN		L, 0-1 (20T)
Sep. 3	--	--	Santa Clara	Notre Dame, IN		W, 4-1
Sep. 8	--	--	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH		L, 1-2 (20T)
Sep. 10	--	--	at Toledo	Toledo, OH		W, 4-0
Sep. 16	--	11	at Clemson*	Clemson, SC		W, 4-2
Sep. 21	--	4	Duke*	Notre Dame, IN		L, 0-3
Sep. 24	--	24	NC State*	Notre Dame, IN		W, 4-0
Sep. 29	22	20	Wake Forest*	Notre Dame, IN		L, 1-2
Oct. 5	--	13	at Virginia*	Charlottesville, VA		7 p.m.
Oct. 8	--	--	Syracuse*	Notre Dame, IN		1 p.m.
Oct. 14	--	--	Virginia Tech*	Notre Dame, IN		7 p.m.
Oct. 19	--	16	at Florida State*	Tallahassee, FL		7 p.m.
Oct. 22	--	--	at Miami*	Coral Gables, FL		Noon
Oct. 26	--	5	at UNC*	Chapel Hill, NC		6 p.m.
Oct. 29	--	--	ACC Quarterfinal	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 3	--	--	ACC Semifinal	Charleston, SC		TBA
Nov. 5	--	--	ACC Final	Charleston, SC		TBA
Nov. 17	--	--	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 19	--	--	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 24	--	--	NCAA Quarterfinal	Campus Sites		TBA
Dec. 1	--	--	NCAA Semifinal	Orlando, FL		TBA
Dec. 3	--	--	NCAA Championship	Orlando, FL		TBA

Rankings reflect the opponents' rank at time of game for past opponents | All times Eastern | *ACC | # exhibition



2017 IRISH ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Brooke Littman	Goalkeeper	5-8	So	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif./Rancho Palos Verdes
2	Katie Uhler	Midfielder/Forward	5-9	Sr	San Antonio, Texas/Saint Mary's Ha
3	Natalie Ward	Defender	5-4	Jr	Newport Beach, Calif./Newport Harbor
4	Sammi Fisher	Midfielder	5-6	Fr	Simi Valley, Calif./Grace Brethren
5	Alexis Martel-Lamothe	Midfielder/Defender	5-10	So	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Collège Catholique Samuel-Genest
6	Samantha Zepponi	Defender	5-4	So	Sebastapol, Calif./Analy High School
7	Karin Muya	Forward	5-6	Sr	London, England/Burntwood School
8	Sabrina Flores	Defender/Midfield	5-3	Jr	Livingston, N.J./Livingston
9	Natalie Jacobs	Forward	5-8	So	Coto de Caza, Calif./Tesoro
10	Jennifer Westendorf	Forward	5-9	So	Grayson, Ga./Grayson High School
11	Shannon Hendricks	Midfielder/Defender	5-5	Jr	Granger, Ind./Marian
12	Camryn Dyke	Midfielder	5-7	Fr	Littleton, Colo./Valor Christian
13	Ginny McGowan	Defender	5-7	Sr	Lake Forest, Ill./Lake Forest
14	Eva Hurm	Forward	5-6	Fr	Upper Saddle River, N.J./Northern Highlands Regional
15	Ann Marie Niro	Midfielder	5-5	Jr	Barrington, Ill./Barrington
16	Sandra Yu	Midfielder	5-4	Gs	Strongsville, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit
17	Rachel Heard	Defender	5-8	Jr	Decatur, Ga./St. Pius X Catholic
19	Jenna Winebrenner	Defender	5-7	Fr	Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill
20	Bailey Cartwright	Forward/Midfield	5-5	Fr	Connellsville, Pa./Greensburg Central Catholic
21	Erin Ospeck	Forward	5-4	Fr	Danville, Calif./Carondelet
22	Megan McCashland	Midfielder	5-7	Sr	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southwest
24	Megan McLaughlin	Midfielder	5-7	So	Granger, Ind./Penn
25	Monica Flores	Defender	5-3	Sr	Livingston, N.J./Livingston
26	Kate O'Connor	Midfielder	5-7	Fr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Tesoro High School
28	Kaitlin Klawunder	Forward	5-9	Sr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita
29	Taylor Klawunder	Midfielder	5-10	Sr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita
31	Paige Crowley	Defender	5-8	Sr	Los Gatos, Calif./Saint Francis
32	Meghan Doyle	Forward	5-11	Sr	Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna
33	Lexi Nicholas	Goalkeeper	5-7	Sr	Pleasanton, Calif./Amador Valley

Theresa Romagnolo - Head Coach
 Dawn Siergiej - Assistant Coach
 Nate Norman - Assistant Coach
 Kerri Casper - Director of Operations
 Joe Nagle - Equipment Manager

Pronunciation Guide

Eva Hurm – "EE-va"
 Kaitlin Klawunder – "CLAW-vunder"
 Taylor Klawunder – "CLAW-vunder"
 Alexis Martel-Lamothe – "Ah-lex-ee Mar-tel La-möth"
 Ginny McGowan – "JIN-ny Mc-GOW-in"
 Karin Muya – "MOO-yuh"
 Ann Marie Niro – "NIGH-row"
 Katie Uhler – "YOU-ler"
 Samantha Zepponi – "Zeh-PO-ny"
 Theresa Romagnolo – "tuh-RAY-sa row-mah-NO-low"
 Dawn Siergiej – "SER-gay"

COVERING THE IRISH

COACHING STAFF GAMEDAY LOCATIONS

Coach	Title	Season
Theresa Romagnolo	Head Coach	4th season
Dawn Siergiej	Assistant Coach	15th season
Nate Norman	Assistant Coach	1st season
Kerri Casper	Director of Operations	1st season

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STUDENT-ATHLETE AVAILABILITY

Game Day	Post-Game	Time	20 minutes after the game
		Location	On the field
Wednesday	Media Availability	Time	Approx. 3-3:45 p.m. ET
		Location	Alumni Stadium
		Notes	Player and coach requests must be coordinated with Megan Golden in advance of Wednesday's availability.

ROAD TRIPPIN'

The Irish are scheduled to play their lone road match in a five-game stretch as they face No. 13 Virginia at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday at Klockner Stadium in Charlottesville, Va. Notre Dame will play its fifth ranked opponent in as many ACC games, and the Irish will try to win their third conference match this season.

SERIES HISTORY: CAVALIERS

The Irish own a 1-4 all-time record against the Cavaliers, including a 1-2 mark at Klockner Stadium. The teams last met on Oct. 9, 2016, when Virginia defeated the Irish 1-0. Notre Dame's last trip to Klockner Stadium ended 2-1 in favor of the Irish on Sept. 24, 2015.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Notre Dame women's soccer celebrates its 30th anniversary during the 2017 season. In the program's history, the Irish have gone 539-114-38. Over the past 29 seasons, Notre Dame has made 24 appearances in the NCAA Championship. The Irish have competed in 12 College Cups and have won three national titles.

STORYLINES

NO REST FOR THE WEARY

Notre Dame is set to face its fifth straight ranked opponent, all of which are ACC teams. The Irish have gone 2-3 against ranked opponents this season, including a record of 2-2 in four matchups within the conference. Notre Dame has six remaining regular-season contests, including three against top-25 teams.

CAREER YEAR FOR YU

After missing her first two seasons due to injury, Sandra Yu returned to the program as a graduate student and has recorded a career-high 16 points in 2017. Yu already has doubled her previous career high in points (eight), set in 2015. Yu has started all of Notre Dame's contests over the past two-plus seasons (2015-17), tallying 28 points on 11 goals and six assists in her career. In 2016, Yu totaled 45 shots, including 21 shots on goal (.467). Yu also competed on the United States U-23 Women's National Team this past summer.

SECOND-HALF MAGIC

Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 18-7 in the second half this season. The Irish have entered halftime in a scoreless tie six times and in a 1-1 tie twice in 2017. Notre Dame has scored four goals in the second half three times this season against Ball St., Santa Clara and Toledo.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Notre Dame hits the road for its fifth true road match of the season and its second within ACC play. The Irish own a 3-1 record on the road thus far and are 3-1-1 away from home. Notre Dame will look to knock off its second ranked opponent on the road after defeating No. 11 Clemson 4-2 at Riggs Field in its last road match. In 2016, the Irish wrapped up the season with a 3-1-4 record on the road.

ACC PRESEASON PREDICTIONS

After winning a regular-season ACC Championship in 2016, Notre Dame was predicted to finish fifth overall in the conference's preseason coaches' poll. Sandra Yu and Jennifer Westendorf were selected to the Preseason All-ACC Team, leaving the Irish tied with North Carolina for the second-most selections (trailing only Florida State's four).

SCORING IN BUNCHES

Notre Dame has gone 6-1 in games decided by two-plus goals. The Irish offense has scored four goals on five occasions this season, turning in dominant performances in such matches. Overall, Notre Dame is just one goal away from its 2016 scoring total (26 goals). As a team, the Irish have been most successful in regulation, with all six of their wins coming in the first 90 minutes.

THE ACC LEADERBOARD

Twelve matches into the season, the Irish rank among the leaders in several offensive statistical categories. Notre Dame ranks third in the ACC with 194 shots, while Virginia (202) and Boston College (195) rank first and second, respectively. Notre Dame is second in the conference in assists (25) and tied for second in points (75) and goals (25).

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Notre Dame owns a 5-0 record on Sunday in 2017. The Irish have played on Thursday once (0-1), on Friday five times (0-3-2), on Saturday once (1-0) and on Sunday five times (5-0). All five of Notre Dame's Sunday victories have come in the afternoon, three of which were at home (Ball St., Santa Clara and NC State) and two of which were on the road (at Iowa and at Toledo).

TOPDRAWERSOCCER.COM HONOR

Sophomore Jennifer Westendorf was named to TopDrawerSoccer.com's Women's Preseason Best XI Second Team. Westendorf was a 2016 All-ACC Freshman Team and 2016 All-ACC Second Team selection. Westendorf has passed her 2016 point total (13) and is one goal away from matching her single-season career high (six).

SPLIT STATS/HIGH-LOW

THE RECORD WHEN...			
Split Stat...	2017 Irish		
	Record (W-L-T)		
Home	3	3	1
Away	3	1	0
Neutral	0	0	1
vs. Atlantic Coast Conference	2	2	0
vs. teams ranked in top 25	2	3	0
vs. teams ranked in top 10	0	1	0
vs. teams ranked in top 5	0	1	0
vs. unranked opponents	4	1	2
Both teams are ranked	0	1	0
Neither team is ranked	2	1	0
ND is ranked higher	2	0	2
Opponent is ranked higher	2	3	0
In August	2	0	2
In September	4	4	0
In October			
In November			
In December			
Afternoon Matches	5	0	0
Night Matches	1	4	2
Decided by one goal or fewer	0	3	2
Decided by two goals or more	6	1	0
Scoring first	5	0	1
Opponent scores first	1	4	0
Leading at halftime	3	0	0
Tied at halftime	3	3	2
Trailing at halftime	0	1	0
Scoring one goal	0	2	1
Scoring two goals	1	0	0
Scoring three or more goals	5	0	0
Allowing zero goals	4	0	1
Allowing one goal	1	1	1
Allowing two goals	1	2	0
Allowing three or more goals	0	1	0
In extra time	0	2	2
Coming off a loss	3	0	0

SINGLE-MATCH HIGHS/LOWS				
Stat...	Team/Athlete	Opponent	Record	Date
Most goals scored...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89
Most goals vs. ranked opponent...	Notre Dame	vs. #2 Santa Clara	6	9/8/00
	Notre Dame	vs. No. 25 Maryland	6	9/4/05
Goals in a season opener...	Notre Dame	at Providence	14	8/31/96
Shots in a match...	Notre Dame	vs. IU-South Bend	59	9/26/90
Corner kicks in a match...	Notre Dame	at Loyola-Chicago	21	10/20/93
	Notre Dame	vs. Tulsa	15	9/1/00
Goalscorers in a match...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	12	10/10/89
Winning margin...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89
Margin of defeat...	Notre Dame	vs. UNC	6	9/4/09
Quickest goal scored...	Michelle McCarthy	vs. Xavier	0:15	10/8/93
Quickest goal in season opener...	Kerri Hanks	vs. Iowa State	1:19	8/26/06
Quickest goal in second half...	Amy VanLaecke	vs. Wisconsin	45:12	11/24/96
Goals in a match...	Melissa Henderson	vs. DePaul	4	10/21/11
Goals in first half...	Melissa Henderson (+9 others)	vs. Central Mich.	3	10/21/11
Goals in second half...	Melissa Henderson (+3 others)	vs. DePaul	3	10/21/11
Goals in season opener...	Kerri Hanks (+7 others)	vs. UNH	3	8/26/05
Shots in a match...	Amanda Guertin	vs. Pittsburgh	14	10/4/02
Points in a match...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. St. John's	10	10/31/04
Points in season opener...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. UNH	8	2005
Points in first half...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. Baylor	7	8/27/04
	Monica Gerardo	vs. Providence	7	10/11/98
Points in second half...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. Santa Clara	7	9/5/04
	Tasha Strawbridge	vs. Valparaiso	7	9/5/04
Assists in a match...	Holly Manthei	vs. Villanova	6	11/3/96
Assists in a half...	Jen Grubb	vs. Wisconsin	4	10/14/97
	Holly Manthei	vs. Villanova	4	11/3/96
	Kara Brown	vs. Seton Hall	4	10/27/96
Saves in a match...	Michelle Lodyga		22	1989
Highest combined score...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89