2006 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

at Michigan (Sunday, Sept. 17; 1:00 EDT)

IRISH HEAD TO MICHIGAN FOR ANOTHER TELEVISED GAME – The top-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team (7-0-0) will play a televised game for the third straight Sunday, at Michigan on Sunday, Sept. 17 (1:00 EDT) ... the game will be televised live by Detroit-based Comcast Local and also can air on various Comcast affiliates (live and delayed; check local listings) ... ND holds an 11-2 series edge vs. Michigan ... the Irish are riding a 348-minute shutout streak and have scored 13 straight unanswered goals (since Santa Clara claimed an early lead in that Sept. 3 showdown of top-ranked teams ... ND is 14-0-0 in Sunday games during the past two seasons (67-4 scoring edge) and has racked up 76 second-half goals (2.4/gm) spanning the 2005 and '06 season ...the Irish opened the weekend with a 5-0 win at DePaul on Sept. 15, led by the scoring of Chicago-area natives Michele Weissenhofer (2G-1A) and Brittany Bock (1G-2A) ... fans are reminded of the new Irish Alert text-messaging system for women's soccer in-game updates (see the Irish Alert link on the und.com women's soccer page) ... the ND Sports Hotline also will have a postgame wrapup after every game (574-631-3000, then option 4 and then option 2).

QUICK KICKS - A win over Michigan would give ND an 8-0-0 start for the seventh time ... the 2000 team opened 16-0-0, the '04 team 15-0-0, the '96 team 13-0-0, the '93 and '94 teams 9-0-0, and the '95 team 8-0-0 ... the win at DePaul extended ND's second-longest scoring streak to 43 games, with the Irish reaching five goals for the 13th time in the past two seasons ... the Irish second-half domination this season now includes a 18-0 scoring margin over the final 45 minutes ... ND has allowed just 19 shots on goal all season (2.7/gm), with Santa Clara (10) accounting for more than half of those opponent SOG ... the other six opponents have scraped together just nine shot on goal between them ... the senior class now is 74-7-2 during their four-year careers at Notre Dame, with Buczkowski appearing in all 83 of those games ... junior F Amanda Cinalli (19th; 24G) and sophomore F Kerri Hanks (15th; 34G) give the 2006 Irish squad two players who rank among ND's top-20 career goalscorers ... the Irish have rolled up a 29-4 corner-kick margin in the 1st half this season ... ND has posted 9-plus corner kicks in four of five games this season (including three games with 11) ... Notre Dame is No. 1 in the NSCAA coaches poll for the seventh season in its history (also '94, '95, '96, 2000, '04 and '05) ... the Irish now are 54-5-2 when playing as the top-ranked team in the NSCAA poll (38-2-2 in the regular season) ... ND is No. 1 in rankings by the NSCAA, Soccer Times (which polls 16 top coaches) and Soccer Buzz (women's soccer website) while Soccer America still has the Irish second and Florida State (5-0-0) in the top spot ... Notre Dame led the nation in scoring during the 2005 season (4.40 goals/gm) and currently ranks third nationally with 3.71 gpg (behind West Virginia's 4.33 and UTEP's 4.14) ... Michele Weissenhofer leads the nation with nine assists... ND also entered the week ranked 24th in team goals-against avg. (0.33, now 0.29) and is one of just 11 teams (among nearly 300 nationwide) that have yet to suffer a loss or tie ... 10 ND players have combined on the team's 26 goals ... see www.mgoblue.com for info. on Michigan.

SERIES NOTES (ND 11, UM 2) – Notre Dame won the first nine meetings with Michigan before UM's pair of wins in the 2004 season (3-2 at ND, 1-0 at ND in NCAA 2nd round), with the Irish then winning at UM late in '04 (4-0) and at home in '05 (3-0) ... ND has won all four games at UM (11-1 scoring edge) and owns a 37-11 overall scoring edge in the series ... the first nine games of the series were as follows: 4-3 in '89 (@ND), 5-0 in '97 (@ND), 1-0 in '98 (2 OT, @UM), 3-0 in '98 (@ND, NCAA 2nd round), 4-1 in '99 (@ND), 5-1 in '00 (@UM), 3-1 in '00, NCAA 2nd round (@ND), 2-1 in '01 (@ND, OT) and 1-0 in '02 (@UM) ... prior to the '04 game, the previous four ND-UM games were decided by a single goal ... the series includes six one-goal games (four won by ND) ... ND has scored 3-plus goals in eight games vs. UM ... former ND forward Amanda Guertin scored gamewinning goals vs. UM in 2000, '01 and '02.

ND Career Stats vs. Michigan

Lauren Karas 1 GS (win), 2 SV, 0 GA

THE LAST MEETING (at ND 3, UM 0; 9/18/05) – Jen Buczkowski scored her second career gamewinning goal vs. the Wolverines while Katie Thorlakson assisted on ND's first two goals, with Maggie Manning and Susan Pinnick adding goals in the 3-0 win ... ND racked up a 23-3 edge in total shots (9-2 in shots on goal; also 9-0 in corner kicks) ... ND turned in its dominating effort despite the absence of three injured starters (D Kim Lorenzen, M Jill Krivacek and G Erika Bohn) ... Brittany Bock had header assists on the first two goals (all three goals featured assists via headers, including a double-header sequence with Christie Shaner and Buczkowski, after a Katie Thorlakson corner kick).

FRIEND OR FOE? — Several Notre Dame and Michigan players are former teammates: ND goalkeeper Lauren Karas and her counterpart from Michigan, Megan Tuura (ODP Region III); ND's Brittany Bock and Courtney Rosen with UM's Danielle Underwood (ODP Region II); ND's Carrie Dew along with UM's Candice McLaughlin and Jamie Artsis (Cal-South ODP); ND's Amanda Clark and Michele Weissenhofer with UM's Niki Moran (Eclipse Select); ND's Molly larocci and UM's Lauren Field (Sereno Golden Eagles); and ND's Amber Lattner and UM's Madison Gates (Syracuse Blitz).

CHALLENING SLATE – Notre Dame opened its season facing four teams (Iowa State, Ole Miss, USC and Santa Clara) that played in the 2005 NCAAs, with another (SMU) last weekend.

NOTRE DAME AMONG THE NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

Michele Weissenhofer	. 1st in assists (8, entering the week; now 9)
Notre Dame	. 3rd in goals per game (3.50; now 3.71)
Notre Dame	. 24th in goals-against average (0.33; now 0.29)
Notre Dame	. 3rd-most goals in a game (9, vs. Iowa State)
Notre Dame	one of just 11 D-I teams (among nearly 300) that have yet to lose or tie (as of 9/15 games)

THE MAIN ATTRACTION – The first season of the Randy Waldrum era (1999) saw Notre Dame play in front of the two biggest crowds in college soccer history (14,006 for the NCAA semifinal win over Santa Clara and 14,110 two days later in the title game vs. UNC, both at San Jose's Spartan Stadium) ... the Waldrum era also has seen Notre Dame attract noteworthy record-setting crowds at Santa Clara (4,051), Nebraska (3,702), Stanford (2,629), Marquette (2,034), Arizona State (1,505) and Vermont (1,436):

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99 NCAA Final vs. UNC	Spartan Stadium (San Jose)	12/3/99	14,110	largest in college women's soccer history
'99 NCAA Semi vs. SCU	Spartan Stadium (San Jose)	12/1/99	14,006	largest in college w. soccer history, before 12/3
at Santa Clara	Buck Shaw Stadium	10/17/99	4,051	most ever for regular-season game at BSS
at Nebraska	Abbott Field	11/28/99	3,702	NCAA quarterfinal (biggest crowd in UN history)
at Stanford	Maloney Field	11/23/02	2,629	NCAA third-round game; Maloney Field record
at Marquette	Valley Fields	9/30/05	2,034	most in Valley Fields history
at Arizona State	Sun Devil Soccer Stadium	9/10/04	1,505	biggest crowd in SDSS history
at Vermont	Centennial Field	8/28/05	1,436	largest in UVm history
Others of Note				
at Portland	Merlo Field	11/25/05	4,892	NCAA quarters (one of top Merlo Field crowds)
at Portland	Merlo Field	9/17/00	3,548	ND won 1-0 to clinch #1 ranking
at Connecticut	Morrone Stadium	10/22/00	2,494	game ended in 00 tie
at TCU	Rosenthal Stadium	9/8/06	2,053	second-biggest home crowd in TCU history
at Connecticut	Morrone Stadium	10/21/01	2,017	Huskies beat the Irish 3-1
at Texas Tech	Fuller Stadium	9/12/05	1,755	one of biggest crowds in TT soccer history
at Mississippi	Ole Miss Soccer Stadium	8/27/06	1,421	3rd-biggest crowd ever at Ole Miss soccer
'00 NCAA semi vs. UNC	Spartan Stadium (San Jose)	12/1/00	8,596	Tar Heels beat the Irish 2-1
'04 NCAA semi vs. SCU	SAS Stadium (Cary, NC)	12/3/04	8,325	Irish beat the Broncos 1-0
'04 NCAA final vs. UCLA	SAS Stadium (Cary, NC)	12/5/04	7,644	Irish beat the Bruins 4-3 in PKs (1-1 after OT)

BIG-GOAL SCORER – Senior defensive midfielder **Jill Krivacek** has scored just eight goals in her ND career but five of them have come in key situations, each giving the Irish their first goal of the game (all in the second half):

Jill Krivacek's Clutch Goals

0/31/03	Scored early in Second riali to open scoring in 3-0 win over wake Forest (at occurr)
11/14/04	Headed in a 90th-minute Katie Thorlakson corner kick to best Wisconsin in NCAA second round (1-0)
10/21/05	Her opening goal in the 58th minute opened the gates for a 4-0 win over Villanova

9/3/06 Scored tying goal in 64th minute to spark 3-goal spurt in span of 8:55 vs. Santa Clara (1-1)

9/8/06 Scored early in second half to open scoring in 2-0 win at TCU, after shift to attacking midfield role (same as vs. SCU)

SET-PLAY SUCCESS – Notre Dame's 34 overall goals this fall (including the two exhibition games) have included 11 goals set up by set plays (at least one in eight of the nine games), via corner kicks, free kicks or throw-ins.

PLENTY OF WEAPONS – Notre Dame's 26 goals this season have come from 10 different players: Amanda Cinalli (4), Jill Krivacek (3), Kerri Hanks (6), Michele Weissenhofer (4), Lizzie Reed (2), Brittany Bock (2), Susan Pinnick, Claire Gallerano (the first goal of her four-year ND career), Amanda Clark and Molly Iarocci ... the Irish also picked up a score in the opener vs. Iowa State on an own goal.

THE LITTLE HELPER – Freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer already has totaled a nation-leading eight assists ... she had 2A vs. both lowa State and USC, plus the throw-in that led to the GWG at Ole Miss, the primary assist on Amanda Cinalli's gamewinning goal vs. Santa Clara, assists on both goals at TCU and her ninth assist of the season at DePaul (near her hometown of Naperville, III.) ... Weissenhofer is on pace for 23 assists in the 18-game regular season, which would rank as the sixth-most assists ever in a season by an ND player (prior to tacking on any postseason assists) ... Holly Manthei (3) and Katie Thorlakson (2) are the only ND players ever to total more than 23 assists in the season ... the 5-foot-4 Weissenhofer's eight assists already are nearly double Cinalli's freshman-year total in 2004 (5) while Thorlakson had just 3A as a freshman in 2002 (she finished with 73 for her career, 2nd-most in NCAA history) ... Kerri Hanks had 15A in 2005, as part of her 71-point All-America rookie season ... the ND record for assists by a freshman is 30, by Manthei in 1994 (Manthei is the NCAA all-time assist leader, with 129) ... Weissenhofer is on pace to make a run at Manthei's ND freshman record, as her current pace (1.3 assists/gm) would yield 32 assists in 25 games played ... only three players in Division I women's soccer history have reached 30 assists in a season, including ND alums Manthei (44 in 1996, 34 in 1997, 30 in 1994) and Thorlakson (35 in 2005).

ACADEMIC ELITE – The Notre Dame women's soccer program's academic tradition just keeps getting better and better, with the team's 3.42 GPA in the 2006 semester representing the best among Notre Dame's 26 varsity programs ... several players will be top candidates for Academic All-America honors, led by junior D Ashley Jones and her 3.96 cumulative GPA as an accounting major (her 19 classes so far have produced 17 A grades and a pair of A-minuses) ... other top candidates for Academic All-America include senior M Jen Buczkowski (3.39, marketing), senior D Kim Lorenzen (3.43, finance), senior D Christie Shaner (3.44, design), sophomore M Brittany Bock (3.45, business) and sophomore D Carrie Dew (3.33, business).

TALENT CONCENTRATION – The Irish entered the 2006 season fielding a roster that has tightened up a bit on its geographical reach ... the team now includes six players from Texas (most notably sophomore F Kerri Hanks, junior G Lauren Karas and freshman D Haley Ford) while six all hail from the Chicago area: the senior trio of midfielder Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek and center back Kim Lorenzen, plus the former Neuqua Valley High School teammates Brittany Bock (soph. M) Amanda Clark (fr. D/M) and Michele Weissenhofer (fr. F) ... the roster also includes three players from southern California – junior D Ashley Jones, sophomore D Carrie Dew and freshman G Kelsey Lysander – who all could find themselves in the starting lineup.

BLAME IT ON RIO (actually Campinas) – Since making its 2004 preseason training trip to Campinas, Brazil, the Notre Dame women's soccer team has racked up a 72-4-3 (.930) overall record spanning the games in Brazil (5-0-1), the 2004 NCAA title season (25-1-1), the 2005 and 2006 spring seasons (7-0-1; 6-0-0), the 2005 campaign (22-3-0) and the 6-0 start in 2006.

NOTRE DAME: "Home of the Assist Masters" – Freshman Michele Weissenhofer's quick start to the 2006 season includes an NCAA-leading nine assists, putting her on an early pass to become Notre Dame's next great playmaker ... seven players in NCAA Division I women's soccer history have totaled 66-plus career assists and more of them (4) have played for Notre Dame than all other teams combined (3) ... ND's assist elte include **Holly Manthei** (NCAA-record 129 assists from 1995-98), 2005 senior **Katie Thorlakson** (2nd, 73), **Jenny Streiffer** (4th, 71; 1996-99) and **Cindy Daws** (7th, 67; 1993-96) and ... Thorlakson is the only player among the four from ND who has played the bulk of her career at forward (Manthei and Daws were midfielders; Streiffer shifted fom M to F midway through her career) ... the NCAA record book also now includes four ND names in the top-5 for assists in a season: Manthei (44 in '96, 34 in '97, 30 in '94) and Thorlakson (35 in '05) ... former UNC great Mia Hamm had 33 assists in 1992.

AVOIDING THE PITFALLS – Many of the nation's top teams already have been tripped up with at least one loss or tie in the first couple weeks of the 2006 season ... there are some 300 teams in Division I women's soccer but only 11 (as of the Sept. 15 games) have yet to suffer a loss or tie, including Notre Dame and two other BIG EAST teams (West Virginia and Villanova) ... here are the only remaining teams with perfect record:

Villanova	8-0-0	next game: 9/19 vs. Cogate
Notre Dame	7-0-0	next game: 9/17 at Michigan
West Virginia	7-0-0	next game: 9/17 vs. Virginia
Missouri	7-0-0	next game: 9/17 vs. WisMilwaukee (at Univ. Wisconsin)
<u>Navy</u>	7-0-0	next game: 9/17 vs. Columbia
Old Dominion	6-0-0	next game: 9/16 vs. Campbell
Manhattan	6-0-0	next game: 9/17 vs. at LaSalle
Akron	6-0-0	next game: 9/17 vs. St. Bonaventure
Florida State	5-0-0	next game: 9/17 vs. Florida Atlantic
Mississippi Valley State	5-0-0	next game: 9/17 vs. South Alabama

FOUR YEARS OF DOMINATION

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003-06
Record	20-3-1	25-1-1	22-3-0	7-0-0	74-7-2
(Regular Season)	18-1-1	17-0-1	16-2-0	7-0-0	59-3-2
(Postseason)	2-2-0	8-1-0	6-1-0	—	16-4-0
Goals Per Game	3.04	2.54	4.40	3.71	3.43
Goals-Against Average	0.49	0.51	0.60	0.29	0.46
Avg. Scoring Margin	+2.55	+2.03	+3.80	+3.42	3.00
Shots Per Game	19.0	20.6	22.9	21.6	21.2
Shots Allowed/Game	4.8	5.7	5.0	5.4	5.2
Shot Margin	+14.2	+14.9	+17.9	+16.2	+16.0
Shot On Goal Per Game	10.3	10.2	12.3	10.1	10.7
Shots On Goal Allowed/Game	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7	2.4
Shots-On-Goal Margin	+8.1	+7.6	+10.1	+7.4	+8.3
Shooting Percentage	.160	.126	.192	.172	.163
Shots Per Goal	6.2	8.0	5.2	5.8	6.3
Shots on Goal per Goal	3.4	3.9	2.8	2.7	3.2
Corner Kicks Per Game	4.7	5.9	7.0	8.1	6.4
Corner Kicks Allowed Per Game	3.1	1.8	1.7	2.8	2.4
Average Corner-Kick Margin	+1.6	+4.1	+5.3	+5.3	+4.0
Save Percentage Shutouts Games w/ 0-1 GA Games w/ 2 GA Games w/ 3-plus GA	.774 15 22 1 1	.803 16 24 3 0	.722 17 21 2 2	.895 5 7 0	.804 53 74 6 3
Overtime Record	2-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-2
1-Goal Game Record	4-3	10-1	1-1	1-0-0	16-5
Wins By 3-Plus Goals	11	9	21	3	44
Wins By 5-Plus Goals	5	2	10	2	19
Home Games	13-2-0	14-0-1	13-0-0	3-0-0	43-2-1
All Road Games	7-1-1	11-1-0	9-3-0	4-0-0	31-5-1
1st-Half Scoring	40-7	32-4	51-8	8-2	131-26
2nd-Half Scoring	31-5	38-10	58-7	18-0	145-22
Fouls Per Game	14.2	12.3	11.2	14.7	12.8
Yellow Cards (Red)	12 (0)	17 (0)	16 (0)	5 (0)	50 (0)

SILVER STREAKS

²³³ – consecutive wins when claiming a 2-0 lead (256-0-1 all-time)

^{83 –} the senior class never has been outshot in a game during their ND careers (74-7-2 record in those games)

^{43 –} current scoring streak, second-longest in the program's history and longest since the late 1990s (the 1997-99 teams combined to score in 55 straight)

³¹ – current home unbeaten streak (30-0-1), longest in the program's 19-year history and 5th-longest in the NCAA Division I record book (only UNC and Santa Clara have compiled longer home unbeaten streaks)

^{22 –} consecutive wins at Alumni Field (since 0-0 vs. Rutgers in 2004)

^{19 –} unbeaten streak in overtime (14-0-5, since 1999)

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

.772 (35-10-1) ND's all-time NCAA Tournament win pct. (2nd in women's soccer history) 237-3-1 (.986) ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (139-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995)

Win streak when taking 2-0 lead (256-0-1 all-time)
Total minutes that ND trailed in 2005 season

148-23-5 (.855) Randy Waldrum at ND

65-0-1 Home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams **60-3-2** Record in past 65 regular-season games

39 (ended vs. UConn in '04 BE title game; now 72-2-0 in past 74) – consecutive wins when scoring first

43 Active scoring streak (2nd in ND history) 39-14-3 vs. NSCAA top-25 in Waldrum era

35 All-Americans (since 1994)

27 Games with 0-1 goals allowed in 2005-06

23 Players who posted GPA of 3.0-plus in 2005 spring semester (11 with 3.4-plus)

23-1-0
23 Wins in 2005-06 by 3-plus goals (in 30 GP)
22-2-0 All-time record in BIG EAST Tournament
20 Players who started in 2005 season

Notre Dame's current unbeaten OT streak (14-0-5)Academic All-Americans (since '95; most in nation)

15 Number of home states and provinces (plus Finland) on 2005 Notre Dame roster

Notre Dame alums in the WUSA (2001-03)
Starters left from 2004 national champs
4.40 2005 scoring average (goals/gm; led nation)
Record in NCAA quarterfinals (since '94)
National ranking for 2003 freshman class

4.00 Semester GPAs posted by Ashley Jones in 2004 and '05 fall semesters (3.96 cum. GPA)

3.42 Team's 2006 spring semester GPA (best among ND's 26 varsity teams)

Multiple NCAA-title teams (UNC, ND, Portland)
 National ranking for 2004 freshman class

SENIOR SALUTE

- Notre Dame's eight-member senior class has helped the Irish compile a 74-7-2 record spanning the 2003-06 seasons, for the 2nd-best four-year win pct. (.904) in ND history, behind the classes of 1998 (.921; from 1994-97) ... a win over Michigan would push the senior class's win pct. to .905
- Midfielder **Jen Buczkowski** is a two-time All-American, was one of the final-15 candidates for the 2005 M.A.C. Hermann Trophy and has been picked to repeat as BIG EAST midfielder of the year
- Defender **Christie Shaner** could become ND's fifth player ever named to the all-BIG EAST team four times (2nd team in 2003 and '05; 3rd team in 2004) others are Jen Grubb, Anne Makinen, Amy Warner and Candace Chapman and was tabbed the BIG EAST preseason defender of the year for the 2006 season
- Four of the seniors previously have earned all-BIG EAST honors: Buczkowski (1st team in 2004 and '05), Shaner, defensive midfielder **Jill** Krivacek (3rd tam in 2004, also defensive MVP of 2005 BIG EAST Tournament) and F/M **Lizzie Reed** (3rd team in 2005)
- Buczkowski, Shaner, Krivacek and defender **Kim Lorenzen** all played key roles during the 2004 national-title season (Lorenzen at right back, Shaner at left back)
- The seniors have helped ND post a .937 win pct. (58-3-2) in regular-season games from 2003-06 while going 43-2-1 overall at home (.946) and helping set the ND record for home unbeaten streak (31/30-0-1, with 22 straight wins; both are active streaks)
- The seniors have combined to log 481 career games played (293 starts) with the Irish: Buczkowski (83/78 starts), Shaner (82/74), Reed (78/21), Lorenzen (76/66), Krivacek (75/48), defensive midfielder **Claire Gallerano** (41/6), forward **Molly larocci** (28/0) and goalkeeper **Nikki Westfall** (18/1) ... Buczkowski, Shaner, Reed, Lorenzen and Krivacek have combined for 394 GP (287 starts) and could become the first five teammates from the same ND class all to appear in at last 90 career games ... Shaner and Lorenzen (158 combined GP/140 starts) form the veteran core of the Irish defense, as do Buczkowski and Krivacek (158 GP/126 GS) for the midfield
- The eight players own an average cumulative GPA os 3.44, with all eight players above a 3.2 and seven at 3.39 or higher while combining to pursue seven different majors (Gallerano 3.56 cumulative GPA/American studies major; larocci 3.55/management; Westfall 3.47/entrepreneurship and Spanish; Shaner 3.44/design; Reed 3.44/finance; Lorenzen 3.43/finance; Buczkowski 3.39/marketing; Krivacek 3.20/marketing)
- The seniors have played their roles in ND averaging 3.43 goals per game (and a 0.46 GAA) during their careers, with 53 shutouts and 21 other games with 1 GA in their 83 games (282-48/+235 overall scoring edge)
- Have allowed three-plus goals in a game just three times (in 81 games)
- Lorenzen is ND's first solo team captain since the program's first season (1988) and the Irish are 24-1-0 during the past two seasons when she is in the starting lineup (5-2 when she did not start in 2005, due to illness), with the lone loss in a recent Lorenzen start coming to eventual 2005 NCAA champion Portland

SCORING STREAK HITS 43 GAMES – Notre Dame is riding a 43-game scoring streak that ranks second-longest in the progam's history and tops in the eight-year Randy Waldrum era ... the longest scoring streak in ND women's soccer history is 55 games (8/29/97-9/17/99), with the third-longest being 36 games (10/19/95-12/6/96) ... the current scoring streak dates back to the scoreless tie with Rutgers on Oct. 22, 2004 ... ND now has scored in 57 of its past 58 games, spanning the 2004-06 seasons (the 2003 team ended its season with a 1-0 loss to Michigan in the second round of the NCAAs).

SUNDAY, BLOODY SUNDAY – The Irish remain unbeaten in 2005-06 during Sunday games (14-0-0; with 13 of those being the second game of the weekend) while outscoring the opponents 67-4 in those games (as opposed to a 15-3-0 record and 69-13 scoring edge in the first games of a weekend) ... the past nine Sunday games have yielded a 41-3 combined scoring margin for the Irish (7-0 vs. Seton Hall, 6-0 vs. Providence, 6-1 and 6-0 vs. Georgetown, 5-0 vs. #15 UConn, 3-0 vs. #25 Michigan State in NCAA 2nd round, 2-1 at #24 Mississippi, 3-1 vs. #1 Santa Clara and 3-0 at SMU).

TWO TO WATCH – Notre Dame sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** and senior M **Jen Buczkowski** again were among the 25 players named to the Hermann Trophy watch list for the 2006 season, with Hanks also collecting various preseason All-America honors (plus BIG EAST preseason offensive player of the year) ... Hanks and Buczkowski join two UNC players (F Heather O'Reilly and M Laurie Chalupny) and Nebraska M Brittany Timko as the only returners from the final-15 Hermann candidates in 2005 ... Hanks (the preseason BIG EAST offensive player of the year) and Buczkowski (picked to repeat as midfielder of the year) were joined by senior D Christie Shaner (the league's preseason defensive player of the year), junior F Amanda Cinalli and sophomore M Brittany Bock in comprising five of the 11 players who were named to the 2006 preseason all-BIG EAST team.

WHO'S BACK, WHO'S GONE – Notre Dame lost four key regulars from the 2005 team, in All-Americans Katie Thorlakson (forward) and Candace Chapman (right back), along with the Academic All-America duo of goalkeeper Erika Bohn and midfielder Annie Schefter, from the 2005 team that went 22-3-0, led the nation in scoring (4.40 goals per game) and allowed just 54 shots on goal all season ... top returners include two other All-Americans, senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski and sophomore forward Kerri Hanks, who both were among the final-15 candidates for the 2005 Hermann M.A.C. Trophy ... six others return who have received all-BIG EAST honors, among them: versatile senior defender Christie Shaner, senior midfielder Jill Krivacek, junior forward Amanda Cinalli, sophomore midfielder Brittany Bock, sophomore central defender Carrie Dew and senior utility player Lizzie Ree ... the only returning starter who has yet to be honored by the BIG EAST is the highly underrated Kim Lorenzen, a senior center back who will serve as the team's solo captain in 2006 ... top candidates to fill the open starting spots include three juniors – forward Susan Pinnick, outside back Ashley Jones and goalkeeper Lauren Karas – plus freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer ... the netminder position is most up-for-grabs, with senior Nikki Westfall and freshman Kelsey Lysander also firmly in the mix.

NATIONAL TEAMERS – Notre Dame's 2006 squad boasts three (Jen Buczkowski, Amanda Cinalli and Kerri Hanks) who have played with the U.S. Under-21 National Team, two others – Brittany Bock and Carrie Dew – who will be reporting a couple weeks late after wrapping up play with Team USA at the Under-20 World Championship, and two more (Susan Pinnick and Courtney Rosen) who are products of the Under-17 National Team.

CLIMBING THE RECORD BOOKS – **Kerri Hanks** has pushed her career point total to 84 (34G-16A), recently passing Stacia Masters, Stephanie Porter and Jen Grubb into 19th on the ND career points list (next up is Jodi Hartwig, with 87) ... Jenny Streiffer and Anne Makinen share the ND record for quickest to 100 points (40 games), with Hanks needing 16 points in her next seven games to break that record ... Hanks is averaging nearly 3.0 points per game for her career (2.63), well ahead of Streiffer's ND record (2.11) ... Hanks also is averaging 1.07 goals/gm for her career (Jenny Heft holds that record, at 0.83).

GOAL GIRL – Kerri Hanks has posted multiple goals in nine of her 32 games with the Irish and has scored the first goal of the game 10 times ... she has scored in 11 of the past 15 official fall games but had a rare three-game goal drought before 2G in the SMU game.

SPRINT TO 30 – Kerri Hanks already owned the ND records for being the quickest player to 10 career goals (4 games) and 20 career goals (18; also 2nd-fastest to 20G in a season) ... her pair of goals in the 2005 opener vs. Iowa State then lade her the quickest to 30G, reaching that mark in 26 career games to finish just ahead of the pace set by Anne Makinen (who scored her 30th in her 27th game, during the 1998 season) ... Hanks is the 16th all-time ND player to reach the 30-goal mark ... others among ND's quickest to 30 goals have included Monica Gerardo (36 games), Jenny Streiffer (38), Michelle McCarthy (41), Jenny Heft (44), Rosella Guerrero (44) and Meotis Erikson (44) ... other 30-goal scorers in ND history are Susie Zilvitis (47 games), Amy VanLaecke (50), Amanda Guertin (53), Alison Lester (53), Cindy Daws (54), Katie Thorlakson (56), Amy Warner (56) and Shannon Boxx (67).

GOALS IN BUNCHES – Notre Dame scored three or more goals in 11 straight games in 2005, besting the team record of eight straight games with three-plus goals ... the Irish now have notched three-plus goals in 25 of the 32 games during the 2005-06 seasons, are 26-0-0 in 2005-06 when scoring multiple goals and have posted 26 wins the past two seasons by a margin of 3-plus goals (all but the 1-0 overtime game at Rutgers. 2-1 win at Mississippi, 3-1 win over Santa Clara and the 2-0 win at TCU).

SHOOTING FOR THE TOP – Notre Dame's senior class has yet to experience a game in which the Irish have been outshot, a stretch of 83 games that includes a 74-7-2 record during that 2003-06 span ... ND has held the shot edge in all 32 games of the 2005-06 seasons and in 80 of the past 83, with three teams managing to tie the Irish in shots during that four-year span: UCLA in the 2004 NCAA title game (11-1), Boston College in the 2003 BIG EAST semifinals (6-6) and Arizona State early in the 2003 season (11-11).

DRIVE FOR FIVE – The 9-0 win over lowa State in the 2006 opener marked the 10th time in the 2005-06 seasons that ND has scored five-plus goals, followed by the recent 5-0 win at DePaul ... the Irish scored 3-plus goals in 11 straight games in 2005, blowing away the record (8) set by four previous ND teams (last in '98).

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET - Attacking Players

Pos. Player (Yr.; Hometown) **Notes**

F/M #5 Amanda Cinalli (Jr.; Maple Hts, OH)

Member of 2006 U.S. Under-21 National Team

2005: 3rd Team all-BIG EAST; 2004: Fr. All-Amer. (SA)/1st Tm All-BE

- 2006 stats: 4G-1A, 6 GP/5 GS ... national player of the week (Top Drawer Soccer) after 1G (header) vs. USC, 2G-1A vs. Santa Clara ... scored game-tying goal at #24 Ole Miss (2-1)
- Career stats: 24G (19th ND history)-23A, 71 points (23rd) ... 59 GP/51 GS ... 9 GWG Prep All-American; U.S. U-17 Nat'l Team
- 2005 stats: 10G-17A (5th in nation), 37 points (3rd in BE) ... 25 GP/20 GS ... 4 GWG (vs. FL, G'town, UConn/BET, Valpo/NCAAs)
- 2004 stats: 10G-5A, 25 points ... 27 GP/24 GS ... 4 GWG (1-0 at UConn and Villanova; in NCAAs vs. Eastern Illinois and Portland) '05 notes: 2G vs. Valpo; G-2A vs. NH; G-A vs. FL, SHU, UConn/BET, Yale ... 2A vs. UVm, Cin., GU/BET ... G vs. Gon., GWA-UConn \ '04 notes: became first ND freshman to score 1st goal of season and fourth ND player to score first 2G in opener (vs. Baylor)

F #2 Kerri Hanks (So.; Allen, TX)

Hermann Trophy Final-15 Semifinalist: BIG EAST Rookie of the Year

- 2006 stats: 6G-1A (3 GWG; 34 shots) in 7 GS; 2G in 9-0 win over lowa State (quickest goal ever in ND opener, 1:19), GWG at Ole Miss (2-1), 2G at SMU (GWG), 1G-1A at DePaul (GWA)
- Career: 34G-16A, 84 points, 169 shots (5.3/gm) ... 32 GP/29 GS ... 9 GWG ... ND is 22-0-0 when she scores ('05 and '06)
- '05 stats: 28G (3rd in nation; 4th all-time by Div.-I freshman)-15A (8th in nat.), 71 pts (2nd nat.), 135 shots ... 25 GP/22 GS ... 6 GWG Soccer America '05 nat'l player of the week/BIG EAST POW (3G-1A vs. UNH, 4G vs. UVm; ND record w/ 7G in consecutive games) BE POW (G-A vs. Cin., G vs. Lou.) ... 2-time BE rookie of week (G vs. Florida, 2G vs. Md.; 1A vs. Villanova, 1G-2A vs. G'town) Notes: 7-gm goal streak in '05; quickest @ND to 10G (4 GP), 20G (20) and 30 G (26); tied ND record w/ 4G-gm (vs. UVm); OT goal at RU; 2G-2A vs. DePaul; 2G-1A vs. GU (BET); 2G vs. Yale (all '05)

2004 signee; led U.S. U-19s w/ 22G (30 GP); USYS national Golden Boot (top scorer) Award in '03, '05

M #9 Jen Buczkowski (Sr.; Elk Grove, IL) Hermann Trophy Final-15 ('05); BIG EAST '05 Mid. of Yr. ('04-'05 All-Amer.) • '06 stats: 7 GS, 542 min. (2nd on tm; 77/gm); all-tour. ND Classic (2-0 USC, 3-1 SCU) "Pulls all the strings" for ND offense Played every minute w/ U.S. U-21 Nordic Cup champs ('05)

• Career stats: 18G-23A, 59 pts ... 83 GP/78 GS ... 6 GWG • 2005 stats: 7G-7A, 21 pts (8th BE) ... 25 GP/23 GS ... 2 GWG

• 2004 stats: 8G-11A, 27 pts (4th BE) ... 27 GP/25 GS ... 4 GWG (90th-minute at G'town; 2 vs. BC; at Michigan)

2005 notes: ND Classic def. MVP ... 1G-1A vs. Gonzaga, DePaul, G'town (BET), Marq. (BET) ... 1G vs. Mich., Marq., PC ... 1A vs. Md. 1st team all-BIG EAST in '04; U.S. U-19 team; 69G-52A in 3-yr HS career; nation's #6 recruit in '03; prep All-American

M #10 Brittany Bock (So.; Naperville, IL)

U.S. U-20 National Team ('06); 2nd-team all-BIG EAST ('05)

- 2006 stats: 2G-2A (6 pts), GWG, 3 GP/1 GS ... header goal vs. TCU, 1G-1A vs. DePaul (GWG) ... dnp first 4 games (U-20s)
- Career stats: 14G-11A (38 pts), GWG ... 27 GP/18 GS

Versatile talent who can dominate as forward, att. mid. or def. mid

• 2005 stats: 12G-9A, 33 points (4th BE) ... 24 GP/17 GS

Top '05 games: NCAA gls vs. Valpo, Yale, Portland; 1G-2A BE final vs. UConn, 2G vs. UNH, SHU ... OT asst at RU ... 2A vs. GU/BET Former U.S. U-16/U-17/U-19 player ... 24G as prep sr. (state champs) ... national champ w/ Illinois ODP ('03)

F/M #17 Susan Pinnick (Jr.; South Bend, IN)

Missed 2004 due to injury (club team van accident)

- 2006 stats: 1G-2A (4 pts), 7 GP/1 GS (at Ole Miss) ... 1G-1A s. Iowa State), 1A vs. DePaul
- Career stats: 8G-5A (21 points), 31 GP/2 GS
- 2005 stats: 7G-3A, 17 pts, 24 GP/1 GS (vs. Gon.) Goals vs. UNH (GW), Gon., Mich., USF, SHU, UConn/BET, Yale (GW) Prep All-American; U.S. U-17 Nat'l Team ... 76G-36A at St. Joe's HS; club Carmel Commotion was '03 nat'l r-up ('05 semi's)

F #7 Michele Weissenhofer (Fr.; Naperville, IL)

Top scorer for Eclipse Select ('04 and '05 national champs)

- 2006 stats: 4G-9A (1st in nation), team-best 17 points, 7 GP/5 GS
- '06: 2G-2A vs. ISU, GWA at Ole Miss (BE rookie of wk); 2A vs. USC, GWA vs. SCU (ND Cl. all-tour.), 2A at TCU, 2G-1A vs. DePaul Led 2005 Neuqua Valley HS team (state champs) with 26 goals

F/M #15 Lizzie Reed (Sr.; Franklin Lakes, NJ)

2005: 3rd team All-BIG EAST

- 2006 stats: 2G (vs. Iowa State and DePaul)-1A (vs. DP), 6 GP
- Career stats: 7G-7A, 21 points ... 78 GP (3rd-most on team)/21 GS
- 2005 stats: 2G-3A, 7 pts ... 23 GP/3 GS (vs. UVm, Gon., USF)
- Goals vs. SHU and PC; assists vs. UNH, UVm, Marg. (BET) • 2004 stats: 1G-2A, 4 points ... 28 GP/11 GS ... GWA at WVU (3-1), 1G-1A vs. SJU in BE quarters Prep All-American

M #20 Rebecca Mendoza (So; Garland, TX) Member of Mexican Nat'l Team ... nation's #16 recruit (Student Sports) • 2006 stats: 1A (vs. Iowa State), 7 GP/3 GS (vs. Ole Miss, TCU and SMU) • Career Stats: 1G-1A, 21 GP/4 GS

• 2005 stats: 1G (vs. GU), 15 GP (late arrival/nat'l team) Helped Dallas Sting reach '05 USYS nat'l semi's ... 77G-58A in 3 HS yrs

F #23 Molly larocci (Jr.; Carefree, AZ) Her father Tony Iarocci was catcher with ND baseball team 2006 stats: 1G (vs. SMU), 1A (vs. ISU), 3 GP ... Career: 2G-3A, 27 GP ... 2005 stats: 2A, 6 GP Arizona HS player of the year

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET - Defensive Players

Pos. Player (Yr.; Hometown) **Notes** Defensive MVP - 2005 BIG EAST Tournament; 2004: 3rd Team All-BIG EAST DM #24 Jill Krivacek (Sr.; Geneva, IL) • '06: 3G-2A, 8 pts ... 7 GS ... GT goal vs. SCU (BE def. player of week), GT assist at Miss., GW header at TCU ... early 1G-1A vs. ISU • Career: 8G-11A, 27 pts (2G-5A in post.)... 74 GP/48 GS ... 4 GWG Imposing 5-foot-11 presence helps ND dominate in the air • 2005 stats: 2G-4A, 8 points ... 18 GP/12 GS ... GWG ... dnp 7 gm (Sept. 11-Oct. 2; bruised knee) • 2004 stats: 1G-2A, 4 points ... 27 GP/23 GS 90th-minute CK header beat Wisconsin in NCAA 2nd round (1-0) '05 notes: goal in opener vs. UNH; pts in final week of reg.-season vs. Vill. (GWG; 4-0), G'town (1A); 1A vs. G'town (BE quarters) 3-time All-BIG EAST Pick (2nd team in '03 and '05; 3rd team in '04) LB #18 Christie Shaner (Sr.; Ambler, PA) • 2006 stats: 7 GS, 481 minutes (4th on team; 69/gm) Preseason BIG EAST defensive player of the year • Career stats: 3G-8A, 15 points ... 82 GP (80 straight)/72 GS ... team-high 4,095 minutes played during 2004-05 seasons (79/gm) • 2005 stats: 5A (vs. FL, Mich., UConn/BET, Yale, Port.) ... 25 GP/24 GS ... 1,886 minutes played (2nd on team), 75 min./gm • 2004 stats: 2G ... 25 GP/21 GS ... 82 minutes/gm (2nd on team) Header goals vs. WVU (3-1) and St. John's (BE QF) Career notes: '05 nat'l team of week (SA; 9/19) and BE def. POW (10/10); '04 2nd-team Acad. All-District '04 (3.46 GPA, design major) One of nation's hardest tacklers; called into U.S. U-21 camps ('04); nation's #22-rated recruit in '03 (SA); prep All-American CD #4 Kim Lorenzen (Sr.; Naperville, IL) ND is 21-1-0 in her '05-'06 starts (104-9 scoring edge, 48 opp. SOG) • 2006 stats: 4 GS; 3rd on team with 525 minutes played (75 per game) • Career stats: 3G-4A, 10 points ... 76 GP/66 GS 2003 ODP nat'l ODP champs (Illinois), with Buczkowski, Krivacek and Bock • 2005 stats: 19 GP/18 GS ... missed six games (Sept. 9-25) due to mononucleosis... central D starter (right back in '03, '04) • 2004 stats: 3G-4A ... 10 points ... 27 GP/21 GS, GWG (at West Virginia, 3-1) 2004 notes: gamewinning assist vs. BC (1-0), 1G-1A vs. St. John's (BE quarterfinal), goal vs. Eastern Illinois in NCAAs U.S. U-20 Team ('06); U.S. Select-23 Nat'l Team ('05); Hon.-Ment. all-BE CD #19 Carrie Dew (So.; Encinitas, CA) • 2006 stats: 3 GP/1 GS (vs. DePaul) ... dnp 4 gms during U-20s • Career stats: 3G, 28 GP/26 GS • 2005 stats: 3G (vs. Maryland, Cin., UConn) ... 25 GS (Chapman only other to start every game) ... team-high 2,097 minutes (84/gm) ND and SCU Classic all-tour. teams 5-foot-9 ... U.S. U-16/U-17 nat'l teams ... nat'l champ w/ S.D. Surf ('03), Cal-South ODP ('04) RB #12 Ashley Jones (Jr.; Westlake Village, CA) One of three ND players w/ 4.0 sem. GPA in '04-'05 • 2006 stats: 7 GS, GWA vs. SCU; 2nd on team w/ 541 min. (77/gm) Acad. All-America candidate (3.96 cum. GPA/accounting) • Career stats: 2G-6A, 10 pts (2G-3A in post.) ... 59 GP/22 GS Key midfield reserve as freshman; emerged as left back in '05 • 2005 stats: 1G (vs. GU/BET)-1A (vs. UConn/BET), 25 GP/10 GS (at LB) All-tournament at '05 Vermont and SCU Classics All her '04 assists set up GW goals (vs. TX-Tech, BC twice, UConn in NCAAs) • 2004 stats: 1G-4A, 6 points ... 27 GP/6 GS Notes: goal in BE title gm vs. UConn (1-2) ... ND's #3 scorer on '04 Brazil trip (2G-3A) ... '04 nat'l titles w/ Cal-So. ODP, SoCal United D/M #7 Amanda Clark (Fr.; Naperville, IL) Captain of Eclipse Select (2004 and '05 national champs) • '06 stats: GWG (vs. USC), 7 GP/6 GS; 481 min. (69/gm; 4th on tm) Versatile, hard-nosed player (can play DM, outside/center D) DM #21 Claire Gallerano (Sr.; Dallas, TX) • 2006 stats: 1G (vs. ISU), 1A (vs. SMU), 5 GP/1 GS (vs. TCU) Career stats: 1G-1A, 41 GP/6 GS Missed '05 spring (ankle injury)

• 2005 stats: 17 GP/4 GS (vs. Vermont, South Florida, Seton Hall, Providence)

• 2004 stats: 15 GP/1 GS (vs. TX-Tech)

D #8 Haley Ford (Fr.; Midland, TX) • 2006 stats: 7 GP/1 GS (vs. TCU)

Captain of 2006 USYS national U-18 club champions (Dallas Texans) Regularly commuted nearly 12 hours roundtrip as youth-soccer player (Midland to Dallas)

D #26 Ashley Galovic (Fr.; Plano, TX)

Outside back who played for Solar Soccer Club Joins Hanks, Gallerano, Karas, Mendoza and Ford as Texas natives on 2006 team

• 2006 stats: 4 GP

Most Valuable GK at ND Classic (BIG EAST Honor Roll)

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

• 2006 stats: 0.38 GAA ... 14 SV, 2 GA (.875 save pct.) ... 6 GP/5 GS (ISU, USC, SCU), 6-0-0 ... career-best 9 SV vs. SCU (3-1)

• Career stats: 0.67 GAA ... 44 SV/13 GA ... 32 GP/19 GS (18-1-0)

• 2005 stats: 0.60 GAA ... 19 SV/6 GA ... 18 GP/9 GS (8-1-0; wins over Mich., UConn)

BG EAST '05 GK of week (7 SV vs. Louis.) Gold Glove w. NTX ('04 ODP Nat's)

Dallas Texans product ('03 national champs)

• 2004 stats: 1.24 GAA ... 11 SV/5 GA ... 8 GP/5 GS (4-0; win at ASU, off bench vs. Pitt)

G #13 Kelsey Lysander (Fr.; San Diego ,CA)

• 2006 stats: 3 GP/2 GS (vs. Iowa State/win and TCU), 3 SV

Helped lead San Diego Surf to 2006 USYS national semifinals

GOLDEN GIRL - Notre Dame is 22-0-0 in the 2005-06 seasons when Kerri Hanks scores a goal.

TEN WITH SIX – The Irish have scored six-plus goals in 10 games spanning the 2005-06 seasons, versus: New Hampshire (11-1), Vermont (7-0), Maryland (6-0), DePaul (6-0), Seton Hall (7-0), Providence (6-0), Georgetown (6-1; 6-0 in BE quarters), Valparaiso (6-0; NCAA first round) and Iowa State (9-0).

FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS – Notre Dame owns a 70-2-0 record in its past 72 games when scoring first (2-1 loss to UConn in '04 BIG EAST title game; 4-1 loss at Marquette in '05) ... Amanda Cinalli and Jen Buczkowski each opened the scoring in five games games of the 2004 season (Katie Thorlakson had three 1st-goals in '04, Candace Champan two) ... Chapman scored to open the scoring for ND twice in '04 after the opponent scored first (Cinalli did so once) ... Kerri Hanks had eight first goals in 2005, followed by Thorlakson (6), Cinalli (3), Buczkowski (2), Carrie Dew (1), Annie Schefter (1) and Jill Krivacek (1) ... Hanks added her ninth career first-goal in the 2006 opener vs. Iowa State and her 10th in the win at SMU (Amanda Clark and Krivacek have the other 2006 first-goals).

NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK <u>Career Goals Per Game (G/GP)</u> 1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	
Career Points Per Game (P/GP) 1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	2.63 (84/32) 2.11 (211/100)
Career Points (G-A) 1. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99) 2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98) 3. Jenny Heft (1996-99) Cindy Daws (1993-96) 5. Anne Makinen (1997-2000) 6. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	190 (73-44) 189 (80-29) 189 (61-67) 186 (65-56)
18. Jodi Hartwig (1991-94)	84 (34-16) 83 (15-53) 75 (31-13) 74 (24-26)
Notre Dame Career Goals 1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	73 70
14. Amy Warner (2000-03)	34 34 27 27

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win for ND, with the Irish 236-3-1 all-time (.985) when scoring 3-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 140-1-0 since 10/6/95) ... ND is 325-9-12 (.957) all-time when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals (127-3-5 since 9/9/99), including 50-0-1 spanning the 2004-06 seasons ... the Irish suffered 1-0 losses in 2002 (vs. eventual NCAA champ Portland) and '03 (at #1 Stanford) ... prior to the UP 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 19-year history includes just 316 goals allowed in 422 games (0.75 GA/gm) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 76 games (18%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in just 35 all-time games (8%; including two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal) ... 92% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 goals, with a 346-26-15/.913 record in those games (ND is just 4-30-1/.129 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

IT TAKES TWO – Notre Dame'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 19-year history of ND women's soccer (instead, UConn rallied for the 2-1 win) ... the Irish now are 256-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead and have won 233 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 two 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 title game (the Irish led 3-0) and a 3-2 win over Duke at a 1993 tournament in Houston ... the past 146 opponents to face a 2-0 deficit vs. the Irish have been unable to even tie the score (since the 1996 BIG EAST title game).

PUNCHING THE CLOCK – Senior M **Jen Buczkowski** has appeared in all 83 games over the past four seasons (ND is 74-7-2 in that stretch) while senior D **Christie Shaner** has played in 82 of 83 (80 straight, dnp vs. ASU in '03) ... three of Shaner's classmates had played in 55 of 56 games with ND before missing action at the 2005 SCU Classic: D **Kim Lorenzen** (had played 45 straight; dnp vs. Indiana State in '03), F/M **Lizzie Reed** (had played 44 straight/now 60 of 63; dnp vs. West Virginia in '02) and DM **Jill Krivacek** (had played 40 straight; dnp vs. UConn in '03) ... Lorenzen (mononucleosis) missed six straight games in 2005 while Krivacek (bruised knee) missed seven before returning in the game at Rutgers ... two juniors – D **Ashley Jones** and F/M **Amanda Cinalli** – have appeared in all 59 games the past two seasons, helping ND rack up a 55-3-1 record (.941) in that span, which would put them on pace to be the winningest class in ND history (along with G Lauren Karas; the team's other third-year player, as F Susan Pinnick, did not play in 2004 due to injury and F Kerri Hanks was at the U-19 World Championship) ... the top four-year win pct. in ND history is .921 (91-6-4), from 1994-97.

FRONTRUNNERS – Since a 3-2 loss to BYU on Oct. 19, 2002, ND has trailed in just 15 of 87 games for 474:27 (6.2% of 7,669:44), going 77-8-2 in that 87-game stretch ... five of ND's 15 deficits in that span have been 11 minutes or shorter while only six teams have led the Irish more than 40 minutes over that 86-game stretch (in '03 vs. Michigan for 60 and Boston College for 83; in '04 vs. Pittsburgh for 41; and for 64 at Marquette in '05, plus 77 in the quarterfinal loss at Portland; and for 51 minutes last week vs. Santa Clara) ... following the Pittsburgh deficit, no team had held a lead on the Irish for more than 40 minutes in a span of 28 games (prior to the '05 loss at Marquette) ... Marquette, Portland and Santa Clara are the only teams among the past 61 opponents that have led ND for more than 45 minutes (dating back to the 2003 BIG EAST semifinal vs. BC).

TRENDSETTERS – Here's a look at some of the Notre Dame players' scoring and games-played trends:

Jen Buczkowski	83 straight GP (entire career; 74-7-2 team record)
Christie Shaner	80 consecutive GP (82 of 83 GP in career)
Lizzie Reed	has played in 68 of past 72 games (78 of 83 GP in career)
Amanda Cinalli	59 consecutive GP (entire career); points in 13 of past 19 GP (10G-10A)
Ashley Jones	59 consecutive GP (entire career; 54-4-1 team record)
Kerri Hanks	goals in 22 of 32 games at ND (pts in 25); goals in 11 of past 15 ND fall games
Brittany Bock	27 points (10G-7A) in past 14 games with ND (pts in 14 of past 16 GP)
	joined Candace Chapman as only players to start all 25 games in 2005

NOTRE DAME CAREER HIGHS

Player	Goals	Assists	Points	
Kerri Hanks (all '05)	4 (vs. Vermont)	2 (vs. DePaul, PC, GU)	8 (4G. vs. Vermont)	
Jen Buczkowski	2 (vs. OK and LOY in '03)	2 (vs. BAY, SHU, SJU in '04)	5 (2G-1A vs. Oklahoma in '03)	
Amanda Cinalli	2 (vs. Baylor and Portland in '04)	2 (vs. Michigan in '04)	5 (2G-1A vs. BAY '04, SCU '06)	
	(Valparaiso in '05; SCU in '06)	(in '05 vs. UNH, UVm, CIN, GU/BET)		
Brittany Bock	2 (vs. UNH and SHU in '05)	2 (vs. Mich. in '05; DePaul in '06)	4 (2G vs. UNH in '05)	
		(G'town and UConn/both '05 BET)	(1G-2A vs. UC/'05 BET and DP '06)	
			(2G UNH and SHU in '05)	
Kim Lorenzen			3 (1G-1A vs. St. John's in '04)	
Lizzie Reed			3 (1G-1A vs. St. John's in '04)	
Susan Pinnick			3 (1G-1A vs. Seton Hall in '05)	
M. Weissenhofer ('06) Lauren Karas	6 vs. Iowa State (2G-2A) 9 saves vs. Santa Clara ('06), 7 vs. L	2 vs. Iowa State and DePaul Louisville ('05)	2 vs. ISU, USC and TCU	

GOING THE DISTANCE IN OT – Notre Dame is unbeaten in its past 19 overtime games (14-0-5) and 14-1-5 in overtime games during the Randy Waldrum era (which began with a 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC) ... prior to the 0-0 game vs. Rutgers in 2004, the Irish played 18 straight non-OT games (longest since the '97 and '98 teams combined for 31 straight non-OT games) and the Irish now have played to OT just twice in their past 51 regular-season games (46-4-1 in that stretch) ... ND has played to OT in just three of its past 62 games (0-0 vs. Rutgers, on 10/22/04; 1-1 in the 2004 NCAA title game vs. UCLA/4-3 in PKs; 1-0 at Rutgers on 10/7/05) ... ND's 14 OT wins in the Waldrum era include goals from eight players (with an ND-record four from Grapevine, Texas, native Amanda Guertin, plus two by her classmate Amy Warner).

OFFENSIVE MACHINE – Stretching from 1992-2006, the Irish have scored in 95.3% of their games (326 of 342) ... since 1994, ND has scored in 288 of 301 (.957; three shutouts in NCAA title games) – with goals in 215 of 223 regular-season games (.964) in that 13-year stretch ... ND saw its 31-game scoring streak (3rd-best in Irish history) end in 2002 and now is riding a 43-game scoring streak (2nd-best in ND history).