

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

Gameday Notes – 2005 BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP GAME vs. Connecticut (Nov. 6; 11:00 a.m. CST; Milwaukee, Wis.)

IN THE SEMIFINALS – The nation's top scoring tandem of Katie Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks both scored again, Jen Buczkowski added the game's key second goal shortly after halftime and the Irish team defense continued its recent domination as 5th-ranked Notre Dame defeated 11th-ranked Marquette, 3-0, in Friday's night BIG EAST women's soccer semifinal at Valley Fields ... the win avenged one of two Notre Dame's two defeats this season, a Sept. 30 loss at Marquette that launched the Irish on their current winning streak ... ND now has amassed a 41-1 scoring edge during the nine-game winning streak while allowing just nine shots on goal (1.0 per game) during that five-week span ... Marquette (17-3-1) managed its only shot on goal in the 8th minute of the game, with the stout Irish defense ultimately allowing just five total shots and no corner kicks.

#5 Notre Dame (18-2-0)	1	2	–	3
#11 Marquette (17-3-1)	0	0	–	0

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 16 (Jen Buczkowski) 31:13; **ND 2.** Buczkowski 7 (Kerri Hanks) 59:44; **ND 3.** Hanks 23 (Scheffter, Lizzie Reed) 69:26.

Shots: ND 4-6 – 10, MARQ 2-3 – 5

Corner Kicks: ND 1-5 – 6, MARQ 2-3 – 5

Saves: ND 1 (Erika Bohn), MARQ 3 (Laura Boyer 3 in 85:31; Christy Smith 0 in 4:29)

Fouls: ND 11, MARQ 14

Offsides: ND 4, MARQ 1

Yellow Card: Katie Kelly (MARQ) 54:30

Attendance: 2,111

SEEKING #8 – Notre Dame is gunning for its eighth BIG EAST title (in 11 seasons) but first since 2001 ... ND and UConn have met in seven previous BIG EAST finals (the Irish have won six, also beating West Virginia for the '01 title).

BLAME IT ON RIO (actually Campinas) – Since making its 2004 preseason training trip to Campinas, Brazil, the ND women's soccer team has racked up a 55-3-3 (.926) overall record spanning the games in Brazil (5-0-1), the '04 NCAA title season (25-1-1), the '05 spring season (7-0-1) and the current 2005 campaign (18-2-0).

SERIES NOTES – ND leads the UConn series 15-4-2 (9-2-1 in past 11), including 9-1-0 at Alumni Field (4-0 earlier this season, recap below) ... the Irish took 2-of-3 from UConn in '04 (1-0 at UConn, 1-2 in BIG EAST title game/at UConn, 2-0 in NCAA 3rd round/at ND) ... prior to the '04 title game, the Irish had won three straight vs. the Huskies (3-1 in '02, 2-0 in '03, 1-0 in '04) ... ND has outshot UConn 83-24 in the past five meetings (37-12 shots on goal, 27-7 CKs) ... the Irish beat UConn twice in '99 – 2-1 in double OT (at ND) and 1-0 in BIG EAST title game (at Rutgers) – followed by a 0-0 tie (when ND was #1) at UConn in '00 ... ND beat the Huskies in the '00 title game, 1-0 at ND (own goal) ... UConn won the '01 game in Storrs (3-1), behind first goals of the season from Casey Zimny and Jennifer Amaio (Alexa Borisjuk also scored, with Amanda Guertin's goal averting the shutout) ... ND came back to beat UConn in '02 (3-1; 17-4 shots, 5-2 CKs) followed by a 2-0 win in '03 ... the Irish have not lost a home BIG EAST game since a 5-4 OT game with UConn in '95 (65-0-1 streak) ... ND tied the '02 game vs. UConn on Katie Thorlakson's first goal of her freshman season (she scored from 16 yards out, after one-timing a Candace Chapman lead pass) before Guertin's corners set up header goals by Randi Scheller and Melissa Tancredi.

SERIES SCORING – ND owns a 44-22 series scoring edge vs. UConn (30-13 in the past 15) ... UConn has scored more than two goals vs. ND just three times (5-4 UC win in '95, 4-3 ND win in '96, 3-1 UC win in '01) and the Irish have held UConn to 0-2 goals in 15 of the past 16 (the Huskies totaled one goal over four games vs. ND in '99 and '00) ... ND owns a 266-125 series shot edge (avg. 19-9) in the past 14 games of the series ... the series has produced low-scoring games (avg. 3.1 combined goals/gm), with one 0-0 game, five 1-0 games, one 1-1 game, three 2-0 games and four 2-1 games (others: 5-4, 4-3, 6-1, 4-2, 3-1, 4-0).

IN THE POLLS – Prior to 2002, both teams had been ranked in the NSCAA poll in the first 15 games of the ND-UConn series, including 10 times in which each team was ranked among the top-5 ... the lower-ranked team is 6-13-2 in previous ND-UConn games, with underdog wins in '95 (#5 UConn over #2 ND, 5-4 in OT), in the '97 NCAA semifinals (#4 UConn 2, #2 ND 1), in the '98 BE title game (#5 ND 1, #3 UConn 0), in '01 (#15 UConn 3, #4 ND 1), in '92 (ND 3, #9 UConn 1) and in the '94 BIG EAST title game (UConn 2, #2 ND 1).

FRIEND OR FOE? – ND senior G **Erika Bohn** is a native of Brookfield, Conn., and played alongside three UConn players on the ODP Region I team: junior F/M **Nikki Cross**, senior D **Alisse Kosloski** and senior M **Kristi Lefebvre** ... ND second-semester freshman F **Kerri Hanks** and UConn junior M **Meghan Schnurr** were two of the top players on the U.S. Under-19 National Team (ND junior M **Jen Buczkowski** also played with that team) ... ND senior F **Katie Thorlakson** played on the Canadian U-19s with UConn sophomore D **Katie Radchuck** and sophomore G **Steph Labbe** ... ND junior D **Christie Shaner** and Kosloski played on the F.C. Parkwood club team ... ND freshman M/F **Brittany Bock** played with Schnurr at U.S. U-19 camp and is a former state ODP and club teammate of freshman F/M **Elizabeth Eng** (ND freshman M/D **Kerry Inglis** also played with Eng on the ODP Region II team) ... ND freshman M/F **Beth Koloup** and UConn freshman F **Brittany Tegeler** were teammates on the Excel.

FRESHMAN FOCUS – The rookie tandem of F **Amanda Cinalli** and M **Ashley Jones** (both are current sophomores) played key roles in all three games vs. UConn during the '04 season ... Cinalli scored late for the 1-0 regular-season win and Jones had her only goal of the '04 season to open the scoring in the BIG EAST title game before adding the big assist on Candace Chapman's gamewinning goal vs. the Huskies in the NCAA third round.

SUNDAY, BLOODY SUNDAY – The Irish will be hoping to extend their Sunday domination this season in the upcoming BIG EAST title-game matchup vs. UConn ... ND is 9-0-0 on Sunday this season, with a 45-2 scoring edge (compared to 9-2-0 and 42-8 in Friday games) ... all but one of the Sunday games this season was the second game of the weekend.

TALE OF THE TAPE

ND

UCONN

'05 Record (BIG EAST)
2004 Record
Starters Returning from '04
Letterwinners Returning/Lost
Recent Games

18-2-0 (10-1-0)
25-1-1
9
23/4
6-0 vs. Georgetown
3-0 vs. Marquette

15-3-2 (10-1-0)
18-7-1
8
17/9
1-1 vs. Rutgers (4-2 PKs)
1-0 vs. West Virginia (2 OT)

Goals Per Game

4.50 (90)

1.67 (35)

Goals-Against Average

0.50 (10)

0.96 (20)

Avg. Scoring Margin

+4.00 (+80)

+0.71

Shots Per Game

23.9

16.3

Shots Allowed Per Game

4.1

9.6

Shot Margin

+19.1

+6.7

Shots On Goal Allowed Per Game

1.8

5.1

Shooting Percentage

.194

.107

Shots Per Goal

5.2

9.3

Shots on Goal per Goal

2.8

4.3

Corner Kicks Per Game

7.2

3.9

Corner Kicks Allowed Per Game

1.6

3.2

Average Corner-Kick Margin

+5.6

+0.7

Save Percentage

.722

.804

Shutouts

14

9

Games w/ 0-1 GA

18

16

Games w/ 2 GA

1

2

Games w/ 3-plus GA

1

2

Overtime Record

1-0-0

3-0-2

One-Goal Game Record

1-1

10-1

Wins By 3-Plus Goals

17

4

Home Games

10-0-0

7-0-2

All Road Games

8-2-0

8-3-0

1st-Half Scoring

41-5

17-9

2nd-Half Scoring

48-5

15-11

Fouls Per Game

10.6

8.5

Yellow Cards/Red

11/0

3/0

Players with 10+ Goals

2

0

Players with 5+ Goals

7

4

Players with Goals

15

9

Players with 20+ Points

5

0

Players with 10+ Points

9

6

Players with Points

19

15

Seniors

8

8

Freshmen

6

10

Top Scorers

ND

UConn

Kerri Hanks, Fr., F (23G-14A, 60 pts)
Katie Thorlakson, Sr., F (16G-26A, 58 pts)
Amanda Cinalli, So., F/M (6G-14A, 24 pts)
Brittany Bock, Fr., M (8G-7A, 23 pts)

Brittany Taylor, Fr., F/M (8G-1A, 17 pts)
Elizabeth Eng, Fr., F/M (6G-5A, 17 pts)
Brittany Tegeler, Fr., F (6G-2A, 14 pts)
Megan Schnur, So., M (3G-6A, 12 pts)

Goalkeeper

Erika Bohn, Sr. (0.50 GAA, 8 SV, 12 GP)

Stephanie Labbem Fr., G (0.91 GAA, 56 SV, 20 GP)

CAREER STATS VS. UCONN – Current ND players have scored 11 career goals vs. UConn, by: senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (4G-3A), 5th-year D/F **Candace Chapman** (also 1A), junior M/F **Lizzie Reed**, sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** (also 1A), sophomore M/D **Ashley Jones** (also 1A), senior M **Annie Schefter** (also 1A), junior M **Jen Buczkowski** and freshman D **Carie Dew** ... Thorlakson (11 career pts vs. UConn) assisted on the Jones goal in the BIG EAST title game while Jones assisted on Chapman's goal vs. UConn in the '04 NAAs ... current junior D **Christie Shaner** assisted on Reed's goal vs. UConn in '03 ... other players with points in the '05 win over UConn included Thorlakson (2A), Schefter (A), Cinalli (A), Chapman (A) and freshman M **Brittany Bock** (A).

RECAPPING THE EARLIER 2005 MEETING (ND 4, UConn 0; Alumni Field; Oct. 14) – **Katie Thorlakson** (1G-2A) factored into three of the goals to lead ND in one of its most dominating wins ever versus a top-10 opponent, as the 6th-ranked Irish handed 10th-ranked Connecticut a 4-0 Friday night in front of 2,310 fans at a spirited Alumni Field ... UConn was held without a shot until 14 minutes remained and the Huskies' only shot of goal came in the 83rd minute of play ... that harmless tap by Nikki Cross ended a 245-minute stretch in which the Irish did not surrender a shot on goal, dating back to early in the Oct. 7 game at Rutgers ... ND finished with a 26-3 margin in shots, 15-1 in shots on goal and 9-4 in corner kicks. The Irish entered the night as the nation's top-scoring team (4.36 goals per game) and now have totaled 65 goals for the season while allowing just 66 shots by their opponents (32 on goal) in the 15 games ... senior M **Annie Schefter** opened the scoring in the 22nd minute, sending home her first goal of the season ... junior **M Jen Buczkowski** and freshman D **Carrie Dew** also scored ... Thorlakson set up the first goal with a low service from the left flank. ... sophomore F **Amanda Cinalli** volleyed the ball at the right side of the box and it carried to the far post – with Schefter crashing in for a shot into the left side of the net (21:34). ... the Irish stretched their lead early in the second half, on a play set up by Thorlakson's rightside corner kick ... 5th-year D **Candace Chapman** tracked down the ball at the top of the box and sent it back near the right endline for Thorlakson, who showed her tremendous playmaking skill by surveying the penalty area before threading a driven ball towards the near post ... Buczkowski was unmarked and beat 'keeper Stephanie Lavve with a shot into the right side of the net (59:07). ... freshman M **Brittany Bock** set up the third goal with one of her patented driven balls through traffic and down the center of the field ... Thorlakson raced free into the right side of the box and nailed the low shot inside the far post for the 3-0 lead (68:01). ... Dew's goal capped the scoring in the 81st minute ... Schefter supplied the corner kick service and the rookie sent her header into the right side of the net for the 4-0 final (80:45).

#10 Connecticut	0	0	-	0
#6 Notre Dame	1	3	-	4

ND 1. Annie Schefter 1 (Amanda Cinalli, Katie Thorlakson) 21:34; **ND 2.** Jen Buczkowski 5 (Thorlakson, Candace Chapman) 59:07; **ND 3.** Thorlakson 12 (Brittany Bock) 68:01; **ND 4.** Carrie Dew 2 (Schefter) 80:45

Shots: UConn 0-3 – 3, ND 13-13 – 26

Corner Kicks: UConn 1-3 – 4, ND 3-6 – 9

Saves: UConn 11 (Stephanie Lavve 9, team 2), ND 1 (Lauren Karas 0, Erika Bohn 1)

Fouls: UConn 10, ND 7

Offsides: UConn 0, ND 1

Yellow Cards: None

Attendance: 2,310

RECAPPING THE 2004 ND-UCONN MEETINGS

• **ND 1, at UConn 0; Sept. 7** – Kate Tulisiak picked an ideal time for the first point of her career, intercepting a pass and providing the end-line cross as Amanda Cinalli scored in the 84th minute on a slick night ... ND finished with an 18-7 edge in total shots (9-2 shots on goal, 4-1 CKs) ... UConn stayed in the game thanks to a handful of counterattack chances and the strong play of Megan Jessee (6 saves) ... the Irish hit the crossbar twice and had two other shots cleared off the line by UConn defenders ... Tulisiak anticipated a pass from her right back position and raced in to intercept the ball, running on to the endline before driving a low cross into the box ... Annie Schefter played a “dummy” move on the pass and Cinalli was finishing the middle, taking a touch before quickly sending a shot into the right corner (83:34).

• **at UConn 2, ND 1; Nov. 7** (BE title game) – Ashley Jones scored her first goal of '04 early in the 2nd half but Kristen Graczyk found the net twice in the final 20 minutes ... the game ended the 4th-longest unbeaten start in ND history and marked the first time a team had come from behind to beat the Irish since Oct. 19, 2002 (ND had been 39-0-0 when scoring first, since that 3-2 loss to BYU in '02) ... UConn cashed in its own two quality scoring chances, with the Irish owning a 13-5 edge in total shots and 5-0 in corners ... Katie Thorlakson battled on the right endline before sending a cross into the penalty area ... Jones was running onto the play at the top of the six-yard box and angled her body for a right-footed volley in the open net (46:13) ... Graczyk tied the game in the 71st minute (on a 20-yard, leftfooted shot that found the upper left corner), ending ND's 17-0 scoring streak that dated back to the early moments of the Oct. 22 game vs. Seton Hall ... that goal also ended Erika Bohn's shutout streak at 639 minutes ... Graczyk scored the gamewinner with 3:12 left in regulation, heading in Karyn Reviere's cross from the right endline ... that goal marked the first time the Irish had allowed multiple goals in 17 games and also handed ND just its 5th deficit of the season (spanning just 85 minutes) ... ND sophomore left back and two-time all-BIG EAST performer Christie Shaner left the game in the 64th minute due to a leg injury ... ND had been 13-0-0 on the opponent's field in '03 and '04 and also had been 18-1-0 in '03 and '04 when playing two days after a previous game.

• **at ND 2, UConn 1; Nov. 20** (NCAA 3rd round) – The Irish avenged their only loss of the season while improving to 8-1-0 in all-time NCAA round-of-16 games ... the ND defense allowed just two shots on goal and a single corner kick, with Candace Chapman and Katie Thorlakson continuing their goalscoring blitz ... ND's steady pressure broke through in the 66th minute, as Chapman headed in a leftside cross from Ashley Jones ... Thorlakson sent an 82nd-minute PK under the center of the crossbar after Amanda Cinalli was taken down in the penalty area ... ND finished with a 24-4 edge in total shots, plus 10-2 in shots on goal and 9-1 in corner kicks.

SEMIFINAL POSTGAME COMMENTS FROM ND HEAD COACH RANDY WALDRUM – "At the end of the day, you want to see how your team is going to be performing at the right time of year and we are excited about our progress as we continued into the postseason. You can't put all your energy into thinking about a revenge game and things like that. We've been in this situation of pressure-packed postseason games so many times before and our players know what it takes to perform at a high level when it matters most. That will continue to be the challenge on Sunday and on into the NCAAAs - but we are very pleased with how we are playing right now, in all facets. We didn't talk much last time about the players we were missing but you saw tonight, with Jill [Krivacek] and Kim [Lorenzen], what great factors they can be. Erika [Bohn] didn't have much to do tonight, because we were so good in front of her."

SENIOR FORWARD KATIE THORLAKSON – "We were very focused on coming out and playing well tonight – we like to win when it matters. We had a very strong night from our back line. We kept the ball out of that end for most of the night and our defenders just dominated, especially in the air."

POSTSEASON POISE – The Irish improved to 23-2-0 (.920) all-time in the BIG EAST Tournament, including 8-1-0 in the semifinal round ... Notre Dame also has won nearly 80 percent of its games (55-15-3, .774) during the Waldrum era (since '99) when facing an NSCAA top-25 (39-13-3) and/or postseason opponent.

THE X FACTOR – ND now is 13-0-0 with a 68-3 scoring edge in games started by junior central back Kim Lorenzen this season. Lorenzen's past 10 starts have produced nine shutouts for the Irish, with a 46-1 scoring margin in those games.

SHUTOUT CITY – Notre Dame registered its 14th shutout of 2005 (nine of the past 10) and 30th during the past two seasons.

RECAPPING THE FRIDAY-NIGHT GOALS

#1 – Katie Thorlakson rocketed in her 16th goal of the season and 53rd of her career in the game's 32nd minute, taking a pass from junior M Jen Buczkowski outside the upper left corner of the box and making a quick turn inside before driving home a 25-yard shot ... the low blast skipped into the far-right sidenetting (31:13) for the 1-0 lead.

#2 – Buczkowski added her own score early in the second half (she also had scored Notre Dame's lone goal in the earlier meeting with Marquette) ... freshman F Kerri Hanks struck a corner kick from the left flag and Buczkowski flicked in a header at the near post for her seventh goal of the season and 18th of her Notre Dame career (59:55).

#3 – Hanks scored her 23rd goal of the season in the 70th minute, converting on a tricky trap-and-volley sequence while moving into a share for third on the Irish single-season goal charts ... 5th-year right back Candace Chapman set the play in motion with a pass back to Annie Schefter on the right flank ... the senior midfielder then showed her serving skills by lifting the ball into the heart of the penalty area for Hanks – who trapped the ball, volleyed it out of the air and sent her shot into the lower right corner of the net. (69:26).

A GREAT WINNER OF GAMES – Katie Thorlakson's score vs. Marquette proved to be her 17th career gamewinning goal for Thorlakson ... she now holds the Irish record for career gamewinning points with 53 (including 19 gamewinning assists) ... the senior forward has scored (4) or assisted (9; an ND record) on 13 of Notre Dame's 18 gamewinning goals this season.

SCORING STREAK HITS 31 – Katie Thorlakson's goal extended Notre Dame's scoring streak to 31 games, tied for the 3rd-longest in the program's history.

FIRST-GOAL WINNERS - The Irish now are 62-2-0 in their past 64 games when scoring first, with one of those failures to hold the lead coming earlier this season in the loss to Marquette (the other was the '04 BIG EAST title game vs. UConn).

A TRUE 90-MINUTE, ALL-AROUND TALENT – Katie Thorlakson entered the week having scored (now 16) or assisted (26) on more goals (now 42) than any other player in the country and briefly claimed the team lead with 58 points, only to be passed by Kerri Hanks when the freshman notched an assist and goal in the second half.

PAINTED INTO A CORNER – Jen Buczkowski's flick marked the 12th time this season that the Irish have scored on a corner-kick set play (Katie Thorlakson has six of the CK assists).

IT TAKES TWO – Notre Dame has won 223 consecutive games when claiming a 2-0 lead, dating back to a 1991 tie with Valparaiso.

THREE IS HOME FREE – Friday's third goal all but clinched the victory, as the Irish now are 132-1-0 in their past 133 games when scoring three-plus goals (including 46 consecutive wins when scoring at least three goals, dating back to the middle of the '02 season).

GOALS IN BUNCHES – Notre Dame now has scored three or more goals in each of the past seven games, one shy of matching the team record of eight straight games with three-plus goals ... the Irish have notched three-plus goals in 17 of the 20 games this season, are 17-0-0 in '05 when scoring multiple goals and have posted 17 wins this season by a margin of three-plus goals (all but the 1-0 overtime game at Rutgers).

GOALSCORING ROYALTY – Jenny Heft (29, in '98) and Cindy Daws (26, in '96) are the only Notre Dame players who have scored more goals in a season than Kerri Hanks (23), who also has tied the Irish record for goals by a freshman (Anne Makinen also scored 23 times as a rookie, in '97).

NINE-GAME WIN STREAK – The current win streak marks the 12th time in ND history that the Irish have won nine-straight in the regular season ... a win on Sunday's would produce the program's 10th all-time double-digit win streak ... the winning streak ties for fourth-longest in the seven-year Randy Waldrum era (behind win streaks of 6 games in 2000, 15 in '04 and 12 in '03) ... the current nine-game win streak includes a 41-1 scoring edge, plus 225-33 in shots (avg. 25.0-3.7), 124-9 in shots on goal (13.8-1.0) and 70-17 in CKs (7.8-1.9) ... the Irish have dominated the second half during the streak (27-1 scoring edge, 67-4 in SOGs).

SHOOTING FOR THE TOP – Notre Dame's junior class has yet to experience a game in which the Irish have been outshot, a span of 71 games that includes a 63-6-2 record during that '03-'05 span ... ND has held the shot edge in all 20 games this season and in 68 of the past 71, with three teams managing to tie the Irish in shots during that three-year span: UCLA in the '04 NCAA title game (11-1), Boston College in the '03 BIG EAST semifinals (6-6) and Arizona State early in the '03 season (11-11).

POTENT PAIR – Kerri Hanks (60) and Katie Thorlakson (58) moved closer to becoming just the fourth set of D-I teammates with 60 points in the same season ... they are one of seven sets of all-time teammates with at least 58 points in a season, a distinction also owned by Anne Makinen and Meotis Erikson (both with 58) from the '97 season and by three ND teammates on the 1996 team: Cindy Daws (72), Streiffer (66) and Monica Gerardo (59) Hanks now ranks fifth on the Notre Dame single-season points list, second-best among Irish freshmen behind Jenny Streiffer's 66 points in 1996 ... two more points from Thorlakson's will make Notre Dame's current dynamic duo just the fourth set of D-I teammates to have reached 60 points in the same season (first since the Daws and Streiffer in '96) ... see more on the Dynamic Duo later in these notes. Thorlakson pushed her career postseason point total to 40 (13 goals-14 assists), tied for second on that Notre Dame list and three shy of Makinen's record (15G-13A, in postseason action from 1997-2000). She enters Sunday's championship riding a nine-game point streak that includes 27 points (7G-13A) during that span. It marks the third time in Thorlakson's history that she has compiled a point streak of nine games or longer, with an earlier nine-game point streak in '04 and a 12-game point streak from '04-'05 (no other player in ND history has more than one career point streak of nine-plus games).

DYNAMIC DUO UPDATE – Hanks (60; 23G-13A) and Thorlakson (58; 16G-26A) now have combined for 118 points, 39 goals and 40 assists (with an avg. of 5.90 pts/gm as a tandem) ... the only other sets of D-I teammates on record with 58-plus points in the same season include the following six: SMU's Danielle Garrett (83) and Courtney Linex in '95; ND's Daws (72), Streiffer (66) and Gerardo (59) in '96; UNC's Mia Hamm (97) and Kristine Lilly (65) in '92; UConn's Sara Whalen (64) and Jen Carlson (59) in '97; Florida's Abby Wambach (62) and Sarah Yohe (58) in '99; and ND's Makinen and Erikson (both with 58) in '97 ... Hanks is 5th on the ND single-season points list, one behind Heft's 1998 total ... Thorlakson is 7th on that list, one behind Gerardo's 1996 point total ... Thorlakson's nine gamewinning assists this season gives her another ND record (her 17 gamewinning points in '05 rank 4th in the ND record book) ... she is 4G shy of becoming the first D-I player ever with multiple 20G-20A seasons (23G-24A in '04) ... Thorlakson scored on her only shot in Friday's game and is scoring every 3.8 shots she takes this season (16-for-61) ... Hanks has seven 1st-goals this season (4th in ND history) while Thorlakson has opened the scoring in six games (5th) ... the Irish are 14-0-0 this season when Hanks scores (she has points in 17 of the 20 games) ... Thorlakson and Hanks now have combined to score 23 goals in back-to-back seasons ... Hanks had four shots on Friday and now has 119 for the season (8 shy of Thorlakson's ND record) ... Thorlakson has points in 28 of the past 31 games (17 in '05) and has scored/assisted on 56% of ND's games during the past two seasons (89 of 160) ... she remains 7th on the ND career points list (170, seven behind Holly Manthei) and 9th in goals (53, two behind Rosella Guerrero), also 4th in career GWGs (17, two shy of record) and 4th with 13 first goals ... she is one of 13 D-I players ever to reach 53G-53A in the same season and logged her 90th career game with the Irish (22nd in the ND record book) ... her 40 career postseason pts trail only Makinen in the ND record book (43) while her 13 postseason goals rank 5th (Makinen and Gerardo share that record, with 15) ... Thorlakson's 22 career pts and 8 goals in BET play also are 2nd-most in ND history (Makinen holds those records, with 23 pts and 9G in the BET).

UPDATED INDIVIDUAL NOTES – Buczkowski posted 1G-1A for the second straight game (after just 1G-0A in the previous six) ... her 19G-24A leave her one goal shy of joining current teammates Thorlakson and Candace Chapman among ND players who have reached 20G-20A in their careers (she would be the 21st all-time) ... Lorenzen's 13 starts also have featured a 319-44 shot edge (avg. 24.5-3.4), plus 185-15 in shots on goal (14.2-1.2) and 94-22 in CKs (7.2-1.7) ... Waldrum's ND teams now have won better than 85% of their games from '99-'05 (137-22-5, .851) ... Buczkowski and Schefter have appeared in all 71 games during the past three seasons, Shaner in 70 of the 71 (68 straight) ... Chapman logged her 87th career game with the Irish, including 47 straight (36 consecutive starts) ... Schefter has 3G-3A in the past six games (after 0G-8A in the previous 29) ... Bohn has faced just two shots on goal since returning from her injury (spanning 401 minutes of game action) ... Bohn now has made 78 career starts, second all-time among ND 'keepers behind Jen Renola's 98 ... Bohn's current 0.48 season goals-against avg. would rank 4th in ND history.

UPDATED TEAM NOTES – ND still has trailed in just two games all season for a total of 77 minutes (4.3% of the 1,805 total minutes) ... the Irish posted their 60th all-time victory in postseason play (60-12-1, .829) ... the only ND teams with longer scoring streaks that the current 31-game streak spanned 55 games from '97-'99 and 36 games from '95-'96 ... the Irish also have scored in 45 of the past 46 games ... the ND players have combined to log 1,146 career games played (687 starts) ... the Irish are 121-11-3 (.907) in all games vs. BIG EAST teams since joining the conference in '95 ... ND owns a 48-5 scoring edge in the 2nd half this season (15-1 in 2nd half of past four games) ... the Irish have held 18 teams to 0-1 goals this season (40 of ND's past 43 opponents, and 64 of 71 in the past three seasons, have been kept from scoring multiple goals) ... ND's all-time record now is 337-59-17 (.837).

TEAM STATS IN THE ND RECORD BOOK – The '05 ND team is poised to take its spot among the tops in the program's storied history ... the team is on pace for the best stats of the Waldrum era ('99-'05) in scoring margin (+80), goals/gm (4.50), players with goals (15), players with pts (19), goalscoring accuracy (5.2 shots per goal), shots per game, corners per game – and fewest shots (4.1), SOG (1.8) and CKs (1.2) allowed per game, plus the best shot (+19.2), SOG (+10.9) and CK (+5.6) margins of the Waldrum era ... the team's 90 goals (nine more than the opponents' 81 combined shots, 36 on goal) are most by an ND team since the '99 team had 98 (Waldrum's first year) ... the +80 scoring margin (90-10) is best of the Waldrum era and best since '98 (+83) ... ND's 4.50 goals/gm ranks 3rd in ND history and best since the '97 team (5.45) ... 15 ND players have scored goal in '05 (most since 15 did so in '97) while 19 have registered points (2nd-best in ND history, best since 20 had points in '96) ... Hanks and Thorlakson are the program's first pair of players with 15-plus goals since Heft and Streiffer in '99 ... the team's five players with 20-plus points are the most since '99 (6) ... ND is scoring at a rate of one goal per every 5.2 shots (4th all-time, best since 4.4 in '96) ... the Irish are averaging 23.2 shots per game (4th all-time, best since 26.8 in '98), 12.7 shots-on-goal/gm (3rd, best since 12.8 in '00) and 7.2 corners/gm (best since 10.5 in '97) ... defensively, the Irish own an 0.50 season goals-against avg. (4th-best, best since 0.39 in '00) and are on pace to set ND record for fewest shots allowed (4.1 per game; standing record is 4.0 in '97) and fewest shots on goal allowed (1.8/gm; record is 2.1 in '97) ... ND has allowed just 1.6 CKs per game (2nd-best all-time; 1.2 in '97) ... the team's season stat margins include +19.2 in shots (2nd all-time, behind 20.0 in '98), +10.9 in SOG (on pace to break record of 10.4 in '96) and +5.6 in CKs (2nd all-time, behind 8.4 in '98).

FIVE ND PLAYERS NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT – BOHN, SCHEFTER AND JONES ADVANCE O NATIONAL BALLOT –

Three Notre Dame women's soccer players – senior G **Erika Bohn** (Brookfield, Conn.), senior M **Annie Schefter** (Yakima, Wash.) and sophomore D/M **Ashley Jones** (Westlake Village, Calif.) – have been named to the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District V first team and now advance to the Academic All-America ballot ... 5th-year outside back **Candace Chapman** (Ajax, Ontario) and junior midfielder **Jan Buczkowski** (Elk Grove, Ill.) were second team Academic All-District picks, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America ... junior D **Christie Shaner** (Ambler, Pa.) also was nominated but failed to be selected among the 22 total players that received Academic All-District V honors ... Shaner was a second team Academic All-District V selection in 2004 and currently owns a 3.37 GPA as a design major.

ELITE GROUP – Notre Dame joined Portland as the only women's soccer teams to place three or more players on the national ballot, with the official CoSIDA Academic All-America team to be announced on Nov. 22 ... Bohn – bidding for her third Academic All-America honor – owns a 3.67 cumulative grade-point average as an art studio major and is a top candidate for Academic All-American of the Year ... Schefter joined Bohn in earning 2004 Academic All-America honors and carries a 3.76 GPA as a double major in pre-professional studies and psychology. Jones has the chance to be a rare sophomore Academic All-American, thanks to a 3.963 GPA as an accounting major (including a 4.0 during the 2004 fall semester) ... Chapman is concluding her degree requirements as a sociology and computer applications major, with a 3.23 cumulative GPA. Buczkowski – who earned first team Academic All-District honors as a sophomore – carries a 3.28 GPA as a business marketing major ... the above players have helped lead the way for an Irish team that leads the nation in scoring (4.50 goals per game) while ranking 14th in goals-against average (0.50). ... the Irish own an 87-10 scoring edge and have totaled more goals than opponent shots (81, just 36 on goal) ... ND has posted 14 shutouts (3rd in the nation), have held 18 opponents to 0-1 goals and have scored three-plus goals in 17 games this season ... ND heads into Sunday's BIG EAST title game riding a nine-game winning streak, outscoring the opposition 41-1 during that streak while allowing just nine shots on goal (1.0 per game) in the five-week span ... the Irish have trailed in just two games all season, for a total of only 77 minutes.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TRADITION – The Notre Dame women's soccer program's stellar scholar-athlete tradition includes two Academic All-Americans of the Year (goalkeeper Jen Renola in '96, defender Vanessa Pruzinsky in '03) and 15 total Academic All-America selections in the previous 11 seasons (most from any school in that span) ... Notre Dame's 2003 team became the first in Division I women's soccer history ever to produce three Academic All-Americans in the same season: Pruzinsky (1st team), Bohn (2nd team) and forward Mary Boland (2nd team).

A TEAM OF TRUE STUDENT-ATHLETES – Notre Dame followed up its 2004 national championship by posting an impressive 3.38 team GPA during the '04 fall semester and then a 3.35 in the spring of '05 (ranking as the second-best '05 spring GPA among ND's 26 varsity sports).

Here are additional updated bio. notes on the four Academic All-District honorees:

Erika Bohn (3.68 GPA, art studio major; senior goalkeeper; Brookfield, CT) – nation's only non-senior to receive first team Academic All-America honors in 2004 (after earning 2nd-team honors in '03) ... named 3rd team all-BIG EAST for 2005 season ... owns 0.48 season goals-against avg. that would be leading the BIG EAST and ranked 14th in the nation (she has not logged the minimum minutes, after missing month due to ankle injury) ... the strong ND defense has caused her to face just two shots on goal since returning from injury (in 401 minutes of action) ... her 0.66 career GAA trails only Liz Wagner (0.57, '98-'01) and LaKeysia Beene (0.63, '96-'99) in the ND record book ... also ranks 3rd in ND history for career wins (61-12-2) and minutes played (6,391) while her 78 starts are 2nd only to Jen Renola's 98 ... made penalty-kick save late in regulation and then two more in shootout of 2004 NCAA title-game win over UCLA (earning College Cup defensive MVP honors) ... member of U.S. Under-21 National Team that won the 2005 Nordic Cup ... led nation in 2004 GAA (0.41) before posting 3.80 GPA in '04 fall term ... logged a 967-minute shutout streak in '03 that ranks 5th in NCAA history ... third-year member of ND Athletic Department's Academic Honors faculty mentoring program ... team leader of various Life Skills volunteer service events ... owns 61-6-2 record in her past 69 overall decisions with the Irish (since 3-2 loss to BYU on 10/19/02), allowing just 32 goals in that 69-game stretch (44 with 0 GA, 19 with 1 GA) ... prior to the first '03 loss to Michigan, she logged 29 consecutive games with the Irish (24 fall, 5 spring) without allowing multiple goals (previously by BYU in '02) ... since the BYU game, she has limited the opponent to 2-1 goals in 60 of her past 65 fall games (46 with 0 GA, 14 with 1 GA) ... ranked 5th in nation with 0.49 GAA in '03 ... earned NSCAA 2nd team all-Great Lakes Region honors in '03 ... first called into U.S. Under-21 training camps during the summer of '04.

Annie Schefter (3.77 GPA, pre-professional studies and psychology double major; senior midfielder; Yakima, WA) – collected 2nd team Academic All-America honors as a junior in 2004 ... has appeared in all 20 games during '05 season, starting 15 while ranking as team's 7th-highest scorer with 13 points (3G-7A) ... entered week ranked 9th among BIG EAST players in assists ... all three of her '05 goals (plus 3A) have come in the past six games ... totaled 1G-1A in back-to-back wins over #10 Connecticut (4-0) and Providence (6-0) ... also has '05 assists in wins over #11 Florida (4-1), Gonzaga (4-1) and #11 Marquette in BIG EAST semifinal (3-0) ... prospective medical school student who has played all 71 games in '03-'05 (11G-19A/41 points, 56 GS), with the Irish going 63-6-2 in that three-year stretch (she did not play in '02 due to injury) ... helped win 2004 NCAA title before posting 3.72 GPA in '04 fall semester (3.88 in '05 spring) ... former member of U.S. U-19 National Team ... serves as co-captain of '05 captain ... two-year member of ND Athletic Department's Academic Honors faculty mentoring program ... ranked as 5th-leading scorer on '04 NCAA championship team (4G-7A).

Ashley Jones (3.96 GPA, accounting major; sophomore defender/midfielder; Westlake Village, CA) – emerged as starting left back for significant portion of '05 season, after serving as one of top midfielders for '04 NCAA champs ... had impressive stint as defensive starter, after junior central back Kim Lorenzen was sidelined due to illness (Christie Shaner then moved from left back to a central role) ... has appeared in all 20 games of the '05 season, making 10 starts while scoring in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown (6-0) ... posted 4.0 GPA in fall of '04, 3.93 in '05 spring ... has played in all 47 games of ND career, helping Irish go 43-3-1 in that span... tied ND record for games played in a season (27, in '04) ... all four of her assists in '04 set up gamewinning goals ... scored for 1-0 lead in '04 BIG EAST title game vs. UConn ... member of ND Athletic Department's Academic Honors faculty mentoring program.

ACADEMIC HONOREES (cont.)

Jen Buczkowski (3.28 GPA, marketing major; junior midfielder; Elk Grove, IL) – 2004 All-American who serves as driving force of the ND midfield ... named a first team Academic All-District selection as a sophomore in '04 ... recognized as the 2005 BIG EAST midfielder of the year while repeating as a 1st team all-BIG EAST honoree ... logged every minute for U.S. Under-21 National Team that won 2005 Nordic Cup ... named to 2005 watch list for Hermann Trophy (national player of the year) ... ranks 5th on 2005 team with 21 points (7G-7A), entering the week 9th among BIG EAST players in assists ... totaled 1G-1A in ND's first two rounds of '05 BIG EAST Tournament (6-0 quarterfinal vs. Georgetown, 3-0 semifinal vs. Marquette) ... also earlier had 1G-1A vs. Gonzaga and DePaul ... has played every game of career (71; 66 GS), helping ND go 63-6-2 from '03-'05 ... on verge of becoming ND program's 21st all-time player with 20G-20A (19G-24A) ... finished 18th in nation with 11A in '04 ... 3rd-leading scorer for '04 NCAA champs (8G-11A), setting ND record with 27 GP ... scored in final minute for 2-1 win at Georgetown in '04 before scoring in 80th minute to beat Boston College (1-0) ... also picked up GWG at Michigan (4-0) and vs. BC in '04 BIG EAST semifinal (2-0) ... earned Freshman All-American honors in 2003 ... former member of U.S. Under-19 National Team ... totaled 4G-6A in '03.

Candace Chapman (3.24 GPA, sociology and computer applications double major; 5th-year right back; Ajax, ONT) – named 2005 BIG EAST defensive player of the year, repeating an honor she earned as a sophomore in '02 ... joined former ND player Jen Grubb and UConn alum Sara Whalen as only players to repeat as BIG EAST defensive player of the year ... fourth ND player to be named all-BIG EAST four times (1st team as a defender in '01, '02 and '04; missed '03 due to injury and was 3rd team all-BE as a forward in '04) ... joins Grubb ('96-'99), M Anne Makinen ('97-'00) and F Amy Warner ('00-'03) as ND players who have been all-BIG EAST four times ... five ND players have been 1st team all-BIG EAST three-plus times: M Holly Manthei ('95-'97), Grubb, Makinen, Warner and Chapman ... combined with senior F Katie Thorlakson as fourth set of teammates in BIG EAST history ever named the offensive and defensive player of the year ... named a 2005 preseason All-American and also named to be watch list for the Hermann Trophy (national player of the year) ... ranks 3rd on '05 team with 1,414 minutes played (71/gm) ... ranks 8th on '05 team with 12 points (2G-8A), including 1G-1A in 4-0 win over UConn and goal vs. Villanova (4-0) ... ranks 4th among BIG EAST player in assists ... starter with the Canadian National Team ... earned 2002 All-America honors ... 20th ND player ever to reach 20G-20A in her career (20G-23A), in 87 GP and 75 GS ... carries active streaks of 47 consecutive games played and 36 starts ... joins freshman central back Carrie Dew as only ND players to start every game in '05 ... 2nd-leading scorer for '04 NCAA champs (12G-8A; ND record 27 GP) ... scored gamewinning goals in '04 NCAAAs vs. UConn (2-0) and Santa Clara (1-0, semifinal) ... named to '04 College Cup all-tournament team ... serves as 2005 team co-captain ... member of Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Christie Shaner (3.37 GPA, design major; junior left back; Ambler, PA) – picked up third team all-BIG EAST honors in '05 after earning 2nd team in 2003 and 3rd team in '04 ... ranks 2nd on '05 team with 1,490 minutes played (75/gm) ... defensive standout who has helped amass 63-6-2 record in '03-'05 (70 GP/68 consecutive; 64 GS) ... earned 2nd team Academic All-District V honors in '04 ... named BIG EAST rookie of the year in '03 ... helped win '04 NCAA title before posting 3.53 semester GPA ... helped ND lead nation in '04 with 16 shutouts (4th with 0.51 GAA) ... set ND record with 27 GP in season ('04) ... called into 2004 U.S. Under-21 National Team camps ... has studied Portugese. ... scored header goal to open scoring at #20 West Virginia in '094 (3-1), adding another header score in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. St. John's (7-0).

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER SETS RECORDS WITH FOUR MAJOR AWARDS AND 10 ALL-CONFERENCE HONOREES

Notre Dame became the first women's soccer team ever to earn four of the BIG EAST Conference major awards, with those players leading the way as the Irish also earned distinction as the first team ever to produce 10 all-BIG EAST performers in the same season.

Senior forward earned BIG EAST offensive player of the year, the fourth ever to repeat that honor, while fifth-year right back Candace Chapman picked up her second career BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-year award (also in '02) - becoming the third player ever to repeat the defensive honor.

Junior Jen Buczkowski added the BIG EAST's top midfielder award and freshman forward Kerri Hanks became the Notre Dame program's fifth player to earn the BIG EAST rookie-of-the-year award.

The above four Irish players collected first team all-BIG EAST honors while two others were second-team picks: freshman midfielder Brittany Bock and junior defender Christie Shaner (her third career all-BIG EAST honor). Senior goalkeeper Erika Bohn, sophomore forward Amanda Cinalli and junior forward/midfielder Lizzie Reed were third team all-BIG EAST selections, with freshman central defender Carrie Dew adding honorable mention designation.

BIG FOUR – The 2005 Notre Dame team became the first ever to produce four major BIG EAST award winners: senior F Katie Thorlakson (top offensive player), 5th-year right back Candace Chapman (top defensive player), junior Jen Buczkowski (top midfielder) and freshman F Kerri Hanks (rookie of the year) ... five previous teams featured three major awards winners, including three ND teams led by BIG EAST coach of the year Randy Waldrum: in 1999 (defensive player Jen Grubb, rookie Vanessa Pruzinsky), in '03 (defensive player Melissa Tancredi, rookie Christie Shaner) and in '04 (Thorlakson and Tancredi) ... no previous ND player had featured more than two players among the BIG EAST major award winners ... UConn's 1995 team featured the BIG EAST coach (Len Tsantiris), offensive (Kerry 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 Kelly Smith was named the league's top rookie and offensive player of the year ...

FOUR-TIME HONOREES – Chapman is the fourth ND player to be named all-BIG EAST four times (she was 1st team as a defender in '01 and '02, then missed '03 due to injury and was 3rd team all-BE as a forward in '04) ... 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) ... Warner was a 1st-teamer in '00, '02 and '03 and a 2nd-team pick in '01 ... five ND players have been 1st team all-BIG EAST three-plus times: Manthei ('95-'97), Grubb, Makinen, Warner and Chapman.

COUNT TO 10 – Notre Dame's 2005 squad is the first ever to produce 10 all-BIG EAST selections, besting the nine from the '96 Irish squad ... Marquette was second with six selections on the 2005 all-BIG EAST teams while UConn and West Virginia had five each (the four semifinalists accounted for 26 of the 38 total selections) ... ND teams have yielded the five highest all-BIG EAST totals in the history of the awards, as the 1995, '97 and '98 teams all featured eight honorees ... in addition to the four major award winners (all 1st team), ND's other 2005 all-BIG EAST performers include a pair of 2nd-teamers (freshman M Brittany Bock and junior D Christie Shaner), plus three from the 3rd team: senior G Erika Bohn, sophomore F Amanda Cinalli and junior F/M Lizzie Reed ... freshman central defender Carrie Dew rounded out the ND's picks as an honorable-mention selection ... Notre Dame's impressive 1996 roster included six all-BIG EAST 1st-teamers – senior M Cindy Daws, freshman D Jen Grubb, junior M Holly Manthei senior G Jen Renola, junior D Kate Sobrero, freshman M Jenny Streiffer – plus three more on the second team: sophomore M Shannon Boxx, sophomore F Monica Gerardo and senior F Amy VanLaecke.

FANTASTIC FROSH – Hanks, Bock and Dew comprise the first group of three ND freshmen ever to receive all-BIG EAST honors ... the '95-'97 ND teams each featured a pair of freshmen who were all-BIG EAST selections: Boxx (2nd team) and Gerardo (1st) in '95; F Meotis Erikson and M Anne Makinen in '96 (both 1st team); and Grubb and Streiffer in '97 (both 1st team) ... Hanks is the ninth ND freshman to be a 1st team all-BIG EAST pick, joining Gerardo, Erikson, Makinen, Grubb, Streiffer, F Amy Warner ('00), Chapman ('01) and Cinalli ('04) in that distinction ... Hanks and Bock are the first pair of ND freshmen to be on the all-BIG EAST 1st/2nd teams since Grubb and Streiffer in '97 ... a total of 13 ND freshmen now have earned all-BIG EAST honors (those mentioned above, plus Shaner as a 2nd-team pick in '03).

FORWARD TRIO – Thorlakson, Cinalli and Hanks are the fifth trio of forwards from the same team to earn all-BIG EAST honors, including three 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, and then Thorlakson, Chapman and Hanks in '04. Connecticut also produced three 1st-team forwards in 1995 (Jana Carabino, Kerry Connors and Christy Rowe).

ONE-TWO PUNCH – Thorlakson and Chapman pulled off the offensive/defensive double that had been achieved just three times previously in the 11-year history of the BIG EAST women's soccer awards, by Connors and Whalen with the '95 and '96 UConn teams and then by Thorlakson and Tancredi in '04.

BIG EAST AWARD HISTORY – A total of 23 ND players now have combined for 42 first team all-BIG EAST honors since '95, with that group including seven defenders combining 14 first-team awards, four midfielders (11 awards), nine forwards (14 awards) and four keepers ... Irish players now have combined to win seven of the past nine BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-year awards ... ND's previous recipients include Sobrero ('97) and Grubb ('98, '99), Chapman ('01) and Tancredi ('03, '04).

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

REPEAT AFTER ME – ND's 10 honorees included five who earned previous all-BIG EAST honors: Chapman (1st-team D in '01, '02; 3rd-team F in '04), Thorlakson (1st team in '04), Buczkowski (1st team in '04), Shaner (2nd team in '03, 3rd team in '04) and Cinalli (1st team in '04).

NOTRE DAME POSTSEASON AWARD NOTES – 2005 BIG EAST HONORS (p. 2; Nov. 4, 2005)

• **Katie Thorlakson** – entered the week ranked 1st in the nation in assists (26), 4th in points (56) and 15th in goals (15) ... she is the nation's only player with at least 14G-14A and could become the first ever to post multiple 20G-20A seasons (23G-24A in '04) ... her 56 points ranks 9th in ND history ... has totaled 25 points (6G-13A) during current 8-game point streak ... has G/A on 47% of team's goals in '05 (41 of 87) ... averaging a goal for every 4.0 shots she takes in '04 ... also converting 1G for every 2.3 shots on goal (15 of 35) ... has totaled 15 pts (4G-7A) in six '05 games vs. top-25 teams ... has scored (3) or assists (9) on 12 of ND's 17 gamewinning goals in '05 ... shares ND record with 51 career GW points (16 GWGs, 19 GWAs) ... ranks 8th in NCAA record book with 64 career assists ... her 168 career points rank 7th in ND history (4th with 64A, 9th with 52G) ... set ND record for points in a season opener (2G-4A vs. UNH) ... other top games include 2G-1A vs. #11 Florida and South Florida, 2G-2A vs. DePaul, 1G-3A vs. Georgetown in the BIG EAST quarterfinals and 1G-2A vs. #25 Maryland and Gonzaga ... 17th Div.-I player ever to reach 50G-50A in her career (52G-64A), with five reaching 60-60 ... has appeared in all 89 games of her ND career ... had 24A in '04 and now 26 in '05, joining Manthei as only players in D-I history to post 23-plus assists in multiple seasons ... ranks 4th in ND history with 38 career postseason points (12G-14A) ... leads the BIG EAST in '05 assists while ranking 2nd in points and goals, 3rd in shots (60) and 5th in gamewinning goals (3)

• **Candace Chapman, Christie Shaner and Carrie Dew** – lead an '05 defense that has allowed just 10 goals (0.53 GAA), 76 total shots (4.0/gm), 35 shots on goal (1.8/gm) and 32 corner kicks (1.7/gm) with deficits in just two games (totaling 77 minutes) ... Dew (1,607; 85 per gm), Shaner (1,400; 74/gm) and Chapman (1,324; 70/gm) lead the '05 team in minutes played ... Chapman is the 21st ND player ever to reach 20G-20A in her career (20G-23A), including 2G-8A in '05 ... she ranks 4th on the BIG EAST assists list and carries active streaks of 46 consecutive games played and 35 starts ... Chapman's top scoring games in '05 include 1G-1A vs. UConn (she also scored vs. Villanova) ... Shaner has picked up assists in '05 vs. Florida and Michigan and has logged a team-high 3,609 minutes during the past two seasons (avg. 74/gm) ... Chapman and Dew are the only players to start every game in '05 ... Dew's 3G include scores vs. Maryland, Cincinnati and UConn ... Shaner has appeared in 67 consecutive games (playing in 69 of 70).

• **Kerri Hanks** – ranks 4th in the nation with 22 goals (6th in ND history, one shy of ND freshman record), also 3rd nationally in points (57) and assists (13) ... set ND record for goals in consecutive games (3G-1A vs. UNH, 4G vs. UVm) ... leads the BIG EAST in points, goals and shots (115), also 2nd in assists and gamewinning goals (5) ... her other top games include 1A-1A vs. Cincinnati, 2G vs. Maryland, 2G-2A vs. DePaul ... 1G-2A vs. Georgetown and then 2G-1A vs. GU in the BIG EAST quarterfinals ... tied ND record for goals in a game ... quickest ND player ever to 10G (4 GP) ... scored for 1-0 overtime win at Rutgers.

• **Jen Buczkowski and Brittany Bock** – have led the Irish from the midfield as ND has rolled up an 87-10 scoring edge, plus a 24-4 average margin in shots per game (7-2 avg. corner-kick margin) ... Bock ranks 4th on the team and 5th in the BIG EAST with 23 points (8G-7A), also 7th on the BIG EAST assists list ... Bock's top games include 2G vs. UNH and Seton Hall and 2A vs. Georgetown in the BIG EAST quarterfinals ... also assisted on the Kerri Hanks overtime goal at Rutgers and scored on diving header in regular season vs. GU ... Buczkowski has played all 70 games of her ND career and her 6G-6A in '05 include 1G-1A vs. Gonzaga, DePaul and GU in the quarterfinal game (she also scored vs. Michigan and Marquette).

• **Amanda Cinalli** – ranks 4th on the BIG EAST scoring charts (26 pts, 6G-14A) but was relegated to 3rd team all-BIG EAST honors (after being 1st team in '04) ... her 14A rank 7th in the nation ... has posted '05 gamewinning goals in wins over #11 Florida (1A) and Georgetown ... other top '05 games include 1G-2A vs. UNH.

• **Erika Bohn** – missed month in middle of the season due to ankle injury ... her 0.52 season GAA would be leading BIG EAST and ranked 14th in the nation but she has not logged the minimum minutes ... the stellar ND defense has caused her to face just one shot on goal since returning from injury (in 311 minutes of action).

• **Lizzie Reed** – earned surprise spot on BIG EAST team, as key defensive starters Jill Krivacek and Kim Lorenzen were overlooked by the BIG EAST coaches (both players missed a month due to injury or illness) ... Reed has played in 17 games this season (3 GS), with her 2G-2A including goals vs. Seton Hall and Providence ... ND is 12-0-0 with a 45-2 scoring edge in '05 games started by Lorenzen.