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Women's Soccer Quick Facts

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2007 PREVIEW



Junior forward

Kerri Hanks – the

2006 Hermann

Trophy recipient –

still has two

seasons left in her

college soccer

career, after

compiling the

third-most points

(137; 50G-37A) ever

by a Division I

player in her first

two seasons.



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2006 Record

25-1-1 overall
10-0-1 BIG EAST Conference
(regular-season/tournament champions)

2006 NCAA Championship

(5-1-0, Runner-Up)
Notre Dame 7, Oakland 1
Notre Dame 1, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 0
Notre Dame 3, Colorado 0
Notre Dame 4, Penn State 0
Notre Dame 2, Florida State 1
North Carolina 2, Notre Dame 1

Returning Starters (7)

Kerri Hanks (Jr., F)
Amanda Cinalli (Sr., F/M)
Brittany Bock (Jr., M)
Carrie Dew (Jr., D)
Michele Weissenhofer (So., F)
Ashley Jones (Sr., D/M)
Lauren Karas (Sr., G)

Monogram Winners Returning/Lost

16/8

2007 Captains

Amanda Cinalli

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS – In the past 12 years, Notre Dame players have been voted CoSIDA Academic All-Americans more than any other Division I women's soccer team – with 18 total selections (see p. 114). **Jen Renola** and **Amy VanLaecke** were second-team selections in '95 and first-teamers in '96. Renola was named Academic All-American of the Year for the '96-'97 women's fall/winter at-large team (covering eight sports). **Jenny Streiffer** was the only sophomore named to the first team in '97 and was second-team in '98. **Vanessa Pruzinsky** – who graduated with a 4.0 GPA as a chemical engineering major – became the 14th ND sophomore in any sport to earn Academic All-America honors while joining Streiffer as two of only five Irish sophomores ever named first team (2000 senior **Meotis Erikson** was a third-team pick). Pruzinsky was the second Notre Dame student-athlete ever to be first team Academic All-America as a sophomore and junior ('01) while **Monica Gonzalez** (second team) joined Renola as the second Irish soccer player to couple All-America and Academic All-America honors in the same season ('01). Pruzinsky in 2003 became the first D-I women's soccer player ever named first team Academic All-America three times (also Academic All-American of the Year), with second-teamers **Erika Bohn** and **Mary Boland** completing the first three D-I women's soccer teammates ever to be Academic All-Americans in the same year. Bohn then was a first-team honoree in 2004, with **Annie Schefter** named second team – and each was a first-teamer in their senior season (2005), giving Bohn the rare three-year Academic All-America distinction while she and Schefter became just the third set of D-I women's soccer teammates ever to be first team Academic All-Americans in the same year. Most recently, current senior D/M **Ashley Jones** was a 2006 first team Academic All-American (in recognition of her 3.96 cumulative GPA, as an accounting major).

ALL-AMERICANS – Dating back to 1994, when Notre Dame reached its first NCAA championship game, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America has honored the Irish with 37 All-America selections (see pp. 106-113; only North Carolina has more in that 13-year

span, with 41). Eleven Notre Dame players – including current junior forward **Kerri Hanks** – have been first team All-Americans, led by three four-year All-Americans: midfielder **Holly Manthei** ('94-'97), defender **Jen Grubb** ('96-'99) and midfielder **Anne Makinen** ('97-'00). Notre Dame's 2005 team featured four All-Americans.

BIG CROWDS COAST-TO-COAST – Notre Dame has a tradition of drawing record-setting crowds, including the largest in NCAA women's soccer history for the 1999 College Cup final (14,110), in San Jose, Calif. The Irish played in front of 14,006 two days earlier at Spartan Stadium, in the '99 semifinals. A Nebraska-record crowd of 3,702 watched the Irish and Huskers play to a four-overtime tie in the 1999 NCAA quarterfinals while a regular-season record 4,051 fans were in attendance when Notre Dame traveled to top-ranked Santa Clara earlier in 1999. A Maloney Field record crowd of 2,629 saw Notre Dame play at top-ranked Stanford in the 2002 NCAA third round while the presence of the Irish for the 2005 NCAA quarterfinal at Portland produced a quick sell-out (4,892), several days before the game.

CLASH (and rematch) OF THE TITANS – Notre Dame and North Carolina are entrenched atop many statistical lists in the Division I women's soccer record book. The heavyweights met to decide the 2006 NCAA title, producing a matchup of teams tied for the top spot in the NSCAA coaches poll. That game also marked the first time that both teams have entered the NCAA final with 25-plus wins (ND 25-0-1; UNC 26-1-0). In another rare twist, the Irish and Tar Heels will have an immediate rematch of the title game – in a 2007 preseason exhibition at Notre Dame's Alumni Field.

CLASS ACTS – Notre Dame's class of 1998 – led by All-Americans **Holly Manthei** and **Kate Sobrero** – helped the Irish post a .921 win percentage from 1994-97 (91-6-4), the best four-year record in the program's history. The 2006 seniors then compiled the most career wins (92-8-3) ever by a Notre Dame class, with their .908 career win pct. ranking second in the program's history. Two other classes have won more than 90 percent of their games, with the class of '97 winning 90.3 pct. (87-8-3; '93-'96) while the class of '99 won 90.1% (89-8-4; '95-'98).

COACHING EXCELLENCE – Notre Dame's **Randy Waldrum** – the first three-time BIG EAST women's soccer coach of the year (1999, 2000, and 2003, plus '04) – was a finalist for national coach-of-the-year honors in 2003, '04 and '06 after masterfully guiding the Irish to three of the most dominant seasons in the program's history. Waldrum's seven career regional coach-of-the-year honors include three in the past four seasons, more than any other coach in the country (in either men's or women's Division I soccer).

Waldrum has taken three different Notre Dame teams to the NCAA title game ('99, '04, '06; also 2000 semifinalist). Only six Division I women's soccer coaches have guided more teams to the NCAA semifinals while only two have taken more teams into the title game than Waldrum, who owns the fourth-best career win percentage in Division I women's soccer history (.773/273-74-18; third among active coaches). He has directed Notre Dame to the most wins (72-5-2; .924) of any women's soccer program over the past three seasons (2004-06). Waldrum's Notre Dame teams have combined to go 49-16-2 versus NSCAA top-25 opponents while producing 17 All-Americans and 12 Academic All-Americans.



Randy Waldrum was presented a signed ball after his 200th career win as a college women's soccer coach (2-1 vs. Miami; Nov. 2, 2003).

Brazil

(summer 2004)



The Notre Dame women's soccer team's 2004 national title season was a four-month odyssey that saw the Irish go 30-1-2 overall – 25-1-1 in the college season, after a 5-0-1 mark on the preseason training trip in Campinas, Brazil (featuring a 16-3 scoring edge versus top semi-pro teams from the Sao Paulo area). The games attracted many curious local spectators and included the traditional exchange of gifts and the taking of a group photo. The Irish enjoyed great camaraderie at the wonderful five-star Vitoria Hotel and soaked in the atmosphere at first-division Brazilian men's professional games held at Ponta Preta and Guarani. Meals included Brazil's many exotic and tasty forms of pizza and the unique Brazilian steakhouses that featured table-top carvings of a variety of entrees. Notre Dame also took a trip to Brazil prior to the 2000 season and went on to similar success when the 2000 NCAA schedule rolled around (23-1-1; NCAA semifinalist; ranked number one).



The current senior class could make a run at the respective records held by the classes of 1998 and 2006, as the 2007 seniors enter their final season with a .924 career win pct. (narrowly ahead of the .921 record) and a 72-5-2 career record that is 21 wins shy of that mark.

CONFERENCE COMMAND – Notre Dame owns a 120-7-4 (.931) all-time record in 16 years of regular-season conference games ('91-'94 in Midwestern Collegiate Conference, since '95 in BIG EAST), plus 32-2-0 (.941) in all conference tournaments. The Irish are 106-8-4 (.915) in all BIG EAST regular-season games (27-2-0 in BIG EAST Tournament), including cross-divisional and four versus UConn (2-1-1; '00-'03) that were not part of the league schedule. Prior to a 2000 tie with UConn (0-0), the Irish won 26 straight versus BIG EAST foes while a 2-1 loss at Rutgers in 2001 ended a 34-game unbeaten streak against the BIG EAST. Since joining the league, the Irish are 135-11-4 (.913) in all games versus

BIG EAST teams, including three NCAA games vs. UConn (2-0 win in '95 NCAA quarterfinals, 2-1 loss in '97 NCAA semifinals, 2-0 win in '04 third round). Notre Dame's 150 games against BIG EAST teams since '95 include a 592-69 scoring edge. Notre Dame enters 2007 riding a 12-year, 72-game home unbeaten streak (71-0-1) versus BIG EAST teams, plus an active 24-game overall unbeaten streak against BIG EAST opposition (23-0-1).

COVER GIRL – Former Notre Dame All-American **Kate Sobrero** has won NCAA and World Cup titles, each time appearing on a national magazine cover. *Soccer America* featured Sobrero on a 1995 cover after she was named the College Cup's defensive MVP, as the Irish shut out top-ranked North Carolina and undefeated Portland to win the title. After playing a key role as a starting defender on the U.S. team that won the 1999 World Cup, Sobrero (lower right) was part of a celebration photo on the cover of *Time*. Sobrero – who now goes by her married name Markgraf – returned to the spotlight in 2004, combining with former Notre

Dame midfielder Shannon Boxx as top starters for the Olympic gold-medal team (both are likely starters for the 2007 World Cup).

DYNAMIC DUOS – A pair of 2003 seniors – forwards **Amanda Guertin** (48) and **Amy Warner** (37) – combined for 85 career goals, the sixth-highest goalscoring classmates in Notre Dame history. Tops on that list are the 150 by 1999 seniors **Jenny Heft** (80) and **Jenny Streiffer** (70), followed by 124

from 2000 seniors **Anne Makinen** (65) and **Meotis Erikson** (59) and the 114 by 1996 seniors **Michelle McCarthy** (59) and **Rosella Guerrero** (55). Other top tandems have included 112 goals by 1998 seniors **Monica Gerardo** (73) and **Shannon Boxx** (39) and 95 from 1996 seniors **Cindy Daws** (61) and **Amy VanLaecke** (34). Heft (19) and Streiffer (15) combined for 34 game-winning goals to tie the Notre Dame classmates record set by McCarthy (18) and Guerrero (16), followed by two others pairs with 29 GWGs: Makinen (16) and Erikson (13), and Guertin (18) and Warner (11). Current juniors **Kerri Hanks** (137 pts; 50G-37A, 12 GWG) and **Brittany Bock** (64 pts; 24G-16A, 6 GWG) already have combined for 74 goals, 53 assists, 201 points and 18 GWGs.

FANTASTIC FOUR – Notre Dame featured one of the nation's top forward rotations in 2003, producing four double-digit goalscorers for the first time since 1999: seniors **Amy Warner** (10G-12A) and **Amanda Guertin** (11G-6A), junior **Mary Boland** (12G-4A) and sophomore **Katie Thorlakson** (10G-11A). The 2005 team matched that feat as Thorlakson (18), freshmen **Kerri Hanks** (28) and **Brittany Bock** (12), and sophomore **Amanda Cinalli** (10) each had 10-plus. Notre Dame again was the nation's first team with four double-digit goalscorers in 2006: Hanks (22), freshman **Michele Weissenhofer** (18), Bock (12) and Cinalli (11). All but three of the past 17 Irish teams have featured three or more double-digit scorers (four in '94, '98, '99, '03, '05 and '06; six in '93, '96; seven in '97). Double-digit scorers in 1997 included: Anne Makinen (23), Meotis Erikson (22), Jenny Streiffer (20), Jenny Heft (20), Shannon Boxx (13), Monica Gerardo (10) and Monica Gonzalez (10).



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Time
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Notre Dame Women's Soccer By The Numbers

14,110	NCAA-record attendance (ND-UNC, 1999 title game)
1,909	Average 2006 home attendance (third in the nation)
967:02	Erika Bohn's shutout streak in 2003 (5th in NCAA history)
.764	Notre Dame's all-time NCAA Tournament home win pct. (40-12-1)
349	Randy Waldrum's career college soccer coaching victories
341-9-13	ND's all-time record when holding opponent to 0-1 goals (.957)
249-3-1	All-time record when scoring three-plus goals (.986)
247	Win streak when taking a 2-0 lead (pre-2007; 270-0-1 all-time)
166-246	Waldrum's record at ND (.862)
140	Goals scored by 1996 team
137	Kerri Hanks' point total in '05 and '06 (3rd-most D-I history after 2 yrs)
129	Holly Manthei's career assists (NCAA record)
110	Goals by 2005 team (led nation)
92	'06 seniors career wins (ND record)
80	Jenny Heft's career goals
72	Active home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (71-0-1)
72	Cindy Daws' record pts. in season
71	'05 point total for Hanks/Thorlakson
70	Katie Thorlakson's 2004 point total
70-3-3	Notre Dame's record in past 76 regular-season games (pre-'07)
55	ND-record scoring streak (1997-99)
49	Scoring streak from '04-'06 (2nd-best)
48-15-3	Notre Dame's record versus NSCAA top-25 teams (1999-2006)
47	ND records held by Hanks (pre-'07)
39	Consecutive wins when scoring first goal of game (ended in 2004)
37	All-Americans (since 1994)
27-2	Notre Dame's all-time record in the BIG EAST Tournament
27	Thorlakson's 2004 postseason point total (9G-9A), an ND record
26	Player home states in the Waldrum era (plus Canada, Finland, Iceland)
25	Record streak of not allowing multiple goals (in 2000 and 2003)
23-3-2	Record in home tournaments
20	Players (of 27) who posted GPA of 3.0 or higher in the 2007 spring semester (11 with 3.4-plus)

'FAR & WIDE – Notre Dame's 2007 roster includes players from 10 states while the program's all-time roster canvasses 30 states and three foreign countries. A sampling of Notre Dame's student-athlete population in 004-05 included nearly 800 individuals from 44 states (all but Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming) and 20 countries.

50-50 PROPOSITION – Midfielder **Anne Makinen's** three assists at Georgetown (10/6/2000) made her the 13th Division I women's soccer player ever to reach the 50-goals, 50-assists plateau – joining former ND greats **Jenny Streiffer** (70G-71A, '96-'99) and **Cindy Daws** (61G-67A, '93-'96), and followed later by **Katie Thorlakson** (55G-73A; '02-'05). Makinen ended four assists shy (65G-56A) of becoming the sixth 60-60 player – a group that includes Streiffer, Daws, Carin Jennings (102G-60A; UC Santa Barbara, '83-'86), Mia Hamm (103G-72A; UNC, '89-'93) and Mandy Clemens (67G-65A; Santa Clara, '96-'99). Streiffer and Hamm are the only members of the 70-70 club, with the 50-50 club now including 18 players. Current ND player **Kerri Hanks** (50G-37A) needs just 13 assists for the rare accomplishment of reaching 50-50 in her junior season.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS – Since 1993, Notre Dame opponents making their first visit to Alumni Field have lost to the Irish 44 times, with only three wins for the opposition and one tie (44-3-1; .927). Notre Dame's record in all series openers – regardless of site – is 80-25-2 (.757), including 47-5-0 since 1993 and 27-2-0 in the Randy Waldrum era (since '99; with 18 straight series-opening wins dating back to the start of '03). The Irish are 53-8-0 in all series openers played at home (28-3-0 since '93). In the third round of the 2001 NAAs, Harvard became the 14th straight team to drop a series opener to Notre Dame, with Penn State, Hartford and Eastern Illinois (NAAs) losing series openers versus the Irish in '01, followed by Virginia Tech in 2002, five others (Arizona State, Indiana State, North Texas, Oklahoma and Western Kentucky) in 2003, Baylor and Texas Tech in 2004, six teams in 2005 (New Hampshire, Vermont, Florida, Gonzaga, DePaul, South Florida) and five more in 2006 (Iowa State, USC, Oakland, Colorado, Florida State). The Irish are 8-1-0 in series openers in the NAAs. Princeton and Oklahoma State will make their first trips to Alumni Field (and face ND for the first time) in 2007.

FLIP-THROW – Current sophomore forward **Michele Weissenhofer** has brought a unique weapon to Notre Dame's offensive attack, as her "flip" throw-in style turns a typically boring part of the game into a fan-favorite activity. The spunky Weissenhofer – whose flip-throws typically feature keen accuracy and far-post, 40-yard distance – was a youth gymnast/soccer player who began practicing the flip-throw at the age of six, after watching a friend of her mother performing the throw.



4.0 FOCUS – Defender **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (pictured) – dubbed by Irish head coach Randy Waldrum as his most focused and "on-task" player in 25 years of coaching – became the third Notre Dame chemical engineering major ever to graduate with a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average (the previous two did so in '63 and '74). Pruzinsky also was the first female student ever to earn an "A" in the introduction to chemical engineering course.

Recent Academic All-America forward **Mary Boland** concluded her studies at Notre Dame with her third 4.0 semester in the spring of 2005 (yielding a 3.90 cumulative GPA, as a psychology major) while two freshmen on the 2004 NCAA championship team – **Ashley Jones** (fall) and **Jannica Tjeder** (spring) – each posted 4.0 semesters in the 2004-05 academic year. Jones has gone on to add three more 4.0 semesters (including both junior-year terms), as the accounting major enters her senior year with a 3.975 cumulative GPA that is comprised of 26 "A" grades and a pair of A-minuses.

FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS, PART I – In 25 seasons, only 22 Division I women's soccer players have been named to the NSCAA All-America team four times, with Notre Dame players comprising three of the past 10. Notre Dame, UNC and Portland are the only programs to produce multiple players who have been four-year NSCAA All-Americans. The Irish players include midfielder **Holly Manthei** ('94-'97), defender **Jen Grubb** ('96-'99) and midfielder **Anne Makinen** ('01) while UNC's are April Heinrichs ('83-'86), Kristine Lilly ('89-'92), Tisha Venturini ('91-'94) and Cindy Parlow ('95-'98), and Portland's include Shannon MacMillian ('92-'95), Christine Sinclair ('01; '03-'05) and Lindsey Huie ('02-'05).

The first four-time All-Americans included California's Leslie Gallimore ('82-'85), Heinrichs, UCSB's Carin Jennings and George Mason's Lisa Gmitter (all '83-'86). Others from the 1980s were Betsy Ready (Boston College) and Kristen Bowsher of UMass (both '84-'87), Colorado College's Janine Szpara ('85-'88) and Linda Hamilton ('87-'90; N.C. State/UNC).

Six were four-time All-Americans in the 1990s: Manthei, Grubb, Venturini, Parlow, MacMillan, and William & Mary's Natalie Neaton ('92-'95). Santa Clara's Danielle Slaton and UConn/UCLA player Mary-Frances Monroe joined the list in '01, followed by Penn State's Christie Welsh in '02 and BYU's Aleisha Cramer-Rose in '03. Manthei, Makinen, Venturini, Monroe and Huie are the only midfielders while Grubb is one of five full-time defenders on the list. Heinrichs, Jennings, Venturini, Parlow and Makinen are the only four-year All-Americans who also are in the 50-goal/50-assist club.



FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS, PART II. – **Anne Mäkinen** in 2000 became the 16th Notre Dame student-athlete (now 26) to earn All-America honors in four years (for the same sport/event). Recent additions to that group include baseball pitcher Aaron Heilman ('01), distance runner Ryan Shay ('02) and men's fencers Ozren Debic and Jan Viviani ('03), plus men's fencer Michal Sobieraj and women's fencers Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament (all in '04), and then three in 2007 (fencers Patrick Ghattas and Valerie Providenza and distance runner Molly Huddle). Mäkinen and Heilman are two of just five to do so in a team-oriented sport, as are soccer players **Holly Manthei** ('98) and **Jen Grubb** ('00) and basketball player Kevin O'Shea ('50). Others include cross country's Oliver Hunter ('43) and Mike McWilliams ('93), men's fencers Mike Sullivan ('79), Charles Higgs-Coulthard ('87), Yehuda Kovacs ('89), Leszek Nowosielski ('91), Jeremy Siek ('97) and Luke LaValle ('99), and women's fencers Molly Sullivan ('88), Myriah Brown ('99), Sarah Walsh ('99) and Magda Krol ('00).

FRESHMAN FIRSTS – Current junior forward **Kerri Hanks** had a record-setting debut season in 2005 (see p. 44) that included tying the Notre Dame record for goals in a season (28, 4th-most ever by a Division I freshman). She was Notre Dame's first freshman since 1999 to be named an NSCAA All-American and was the first freshman since 1997 (from any school) to be in the final group of candidates (15, in 2005) for the Hermann/M.A.C. player-of-the-year awards.

FRONTRUNNERS – Prior to Michigan's goal in the final regular-season game of 2003, Notre Dame had not faced a deficit for nearly two months and 16-plus games (longest in ND history). The only previous time the 2003 team had trailed came in the third game, for 7:18 versus ASU (3-1 win). Notre Dame ended up trailing for less than one percent of the minutes in 2003 (187) while only two teams came back to tie the Irish that season. The 2006 NCAA runner-up team matched the 2003 team's record by playing 16 consecutive games without a deficit. The Irish trailed early against West Virginia (Sept. 29, 2006) before nine straight weeks without a deficit ended in the title-game loss to UNC. Prior to 2003, the program's record streak for not facing a deficit was 14 games in 1997 (Sept. 21-Nov. 16). The top-ranked 2000 squad did not face a deficit for the first 13 games (BC then led for 28 minutes, in a 3-1 ND win). The 2000 team added six more games without trailing before falling behind UNC late in the NCAA semifinals (2-1 loss). The 2004 national champs also rarely trailed (in just four of 27 games) while the 2005 team trailed for a total of only 153 minutes.

GERTY'S GOALS – Former Notre Dame forward **Amanda Guertin**'s 10-game goalscoring streak in 2001 ranked third-longest in D-I women's soccer history (now 6th), behind U.S. National Team member Brandi Chastain (15, with Santa Clara in 1990) and former Hartford player Maria Kun (11, in '97). Guertin scored 10 of Notre Dame's final 16 goals in 2001 and had points in 15 of the final 17 games. She also scored in 2002 NCAA wins over Ohio State and



Anne Mäkinen is one of five all-time D-I players with 50-plus goals, 50-plus assists and four All-America seasons.

Purdue, yielding an ND-record seven-game postseason goal streak – and her four career overtime goals (one each season) doubled the previous Irish record. Her 12 career postseason goals are seventh in the ND record book.

GOALS-A-PLENTY – The Irish scored in 55 consecutive games from Aug. 29, 1997, to Sept. 17, 1999, before a 1-0 loss to SMU (All-American Anne Mäkinen did not play due to commitments with Finland's national team). Notre Dame scored in 98 of 101 games in Mäkinen's career and injuries limited her play in the other shutout losses (2-0 vs. UNC in '99 NCAA final, 0-0 tie at UConn in 2000). Notre Dame's previous record was a 36-game scoring run from Oct. 19, 1995-Dec. 6, 1996 (ended in 1-0 OT loss to UNC in title game). Stretching from '92-'04, the Irish scored in 94.9% of their games (297 of 313). Since '94, the Irish have scored in 307 of 321 (.956; three title-game shutouts) – with goals in 228 of 237 regular-season games (.962) in that 13-year stretch. Notre Dame saw its 31-game scoring streak (then third-best in Irish history) end in 2002 while the second-longest scoring streak (50 games) ended in 2006.

GREAT GRADES – Notre Dame women's soccer consistently has performed at a high level on the field and in the classroom. That certainly was the case in 2004-05, with a 25-1-1 record and national title followed by a 3.38 team GPA in the 2004 fall semester and a 3.35 in the spring of 2005 (second-best among all ND varsity teams). More on-field success (22-3-0) and top semester GPAs (3.36 in '05 fall; 3.42 in '06 spring) followed in 2005-06. The Irish then turned in another 25-1-1 season in 2006 and returned to the title game, followed by a 3.20 team GPA in the 2006 fall term and a 3.30 in the '07 spring. The women's soccer players ended the 2007 spring term with a 3.32 cumulative team GPA (fourth-best of any ND team).

Notre Dame Women's Soccer By The Numbers

- 20 Active unbeaten streak in overtime games (14-0-6; since 1999)
- 19 Shutouts by 2006 team (led nation)
- 19 Players who started games during 2004 NCAA championship season
- 18 Academic All-Americans (since '95)
- 16 Team record for consecutive games without deficit ('03 and '06)
- 14 Current players who have won club and/or ODP national titles
- 14 Katie Thorlakson's 2005 point streak (ND record)
- 13 Kerri Hanks' active point streak (pre-2007)
- 12 Notre Dame alums who played in the WUSA
- 10 Amanda Guertin's goalscoring streak in 2001 season
- 10 Katie Thorlakson's points (4G-2A) vs. St. John's in 2004 (ND record)
- 10 Home states on 2007 roster
- 8 NCAA College Cup semifinal trips
- 8 Katie Thorlakson's points (3G-2A) vs. Santa Clara in 2004 (most ever at ND vs. a top-25 team)
- 7 Starters returning from 2006 team
- 7 Consecutive BIG EAST tournament titles (1995-2001)
- 6 Seasons with number-one ranking
- 5 National players of the year
- 4.00 Cumulative GPA by defender Vanessa Pruzinsky (1999-2003), as a chemical engineering major
- 4.00 Semester GPAs posted in 2004-05 by Ashley Jones, Jannica Tjeder and Mary Boland
- 4 Current ND sophomores whose teams played at 2006 USYS Under-18 club nationals
- 3.975 Ashley Jones' current cumulative GPA (four 4.0s; 26 As, 2 A-minuses)
- 3.32 Team's cumulative GPA, following 2007 spring semester
- 3 Penalty-kick saves made by Erika Bohn in 2004 NCAA title game
- 3 Teams with multiple NCAA titles (UNC, ND, Portland)
- 2 National ranking for Notre Dame's 2004 freshman class
- 2 USYS Golden Boot Awards won by Kerri Hanks (in 2003 and 2005)
- 0:51 Quickest 3-goal span in NCAA history (vs. Georgetown, in '05)
- 0.41 Bohn's 2004 NCAA-leading GAA

Memorable Moments

The Notre Dame women's soccer team closed out the 1990s with the second-most wins in the country (196), capping a decade that saw the Irish rise from regional obscurity to NCAA champions. Here's a look at top moments from the 1990s – and beyond:

Oct. 28, 1990: Notre Dame posts the program's first win over a ranked opponent (4-0 vs. 24th-ranked Xavier).

Oct. 15, 1991: At 10-0-2, the Irish earn their first national ranking (16th).

Nov. 13, 1993: After a rise to third in the polls, Notre Dame makes its first NCAA Tournament appearance (a first-round loss).

Oct. 2, 1994: The Irish end UNC's NCAA-record 92-game win streak (0-0, in St. Louis).

Oct. 24, 1994: At 15-0-1, Notre Dame is voted number one for the first time and ends the regular season top-ranked.

Nov. 5, 1995: Amy VanLaecke scores to give the Irish the BIG EAST Conference title in their first year in the league, avenging a rare home loss to UConn in the regular season.

Dec. 1, 1995: The Irish blank nine-time defending champ and host UNC in the NCAA semi's (1-0) to reach their second NCAA final.

Dec. 3, 1995: Notre Dame wins the NCAA title by shutting out undefeated Portland, 1-0 in triple overtime on a Cindy Daws free kick.

Oct. 4, 1996: Freshman Jenny Streiffer scores twice in a 2-1 overtime victory as Notre Dame becomes the first team ever to defeat UNC in consecutive meetings.

Dec. 6, 1996: Three goals early in the second half produce a 3-2 comeback win over Portland, securing a third trip to the finals.

Nov. 9, 1997: Freshman Anne Makinen's hat trick versus Connecticut (6-1) gives the Irish their third straight BIG EAST title.

Nov. 8, 1998: Makinen again burns UConn in the BIG EAST final (82nd-minute goal; 1-0).

Nov. 19, 1999: Mia Sarkesian's third goal of the season, in the 81st minute, beats Stanford in the NCAA third round (1-0).

Nov. 28, 1999: Four OTs are not enough as the ND-Nebraska goes to PKs, with Kelly Lindsey's conversion (6th round) and LaKeysia Beene's save ending the marathon.

Dec. 3, 1999: The team's final win of the decade comes at the NCAA semifinals in San Jose, 1-0 over top-ranked and unbeaten Santa Clara (75th-minute goal by Ali Lovelace).

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HERMANN TROPHY – Notre Dame is one of two schools to produce three-plus different recipients of the prestigious Hermann Trophy, presented to the national player of the year and now known as the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Award. Midfielders **Cindy Daws** (1996) and **Anne Makinen** (2000) were the first Irish players to receive the Hermann (each also was awarded the former M.A.C. Award) while current junior forward **Kerri Hanks** in 2006 became the first sophomore (in men's or women's soccer) to receive the Hermann.

HOME SWEET HOME – The Irish enter their 18th season at Alumni Field in 2007 with a 193-14-3 (.926) record at the facility (153-10-3 in last 166) – highlighted by active streaks of 32 straight wins and 41 games without a loss (40-0-1) at home, both third-best in the NCAA record book. Notre Dame also is coming off a 2006 season that saw Alumni Field draw the nation's fourth-highest average attendance (1,901), highlighted by three crowds of 3,000-plus. Notre Dame previously compiled a 29-game home winning streak (6th NCAA history) from 1999-2001 and a 28-game home win streak from '92-'95, with both of those marks also representing the top home unbeaten streaks prior to the current run. Eight of the past 10 home losses have been by a single goal. Notre Dame's all-time record at Alumni Field versus teams not ranked in the NSCAA top 25 is 130-4-2 (63-10-1 vs. ranked teams), with 78 straight home wins over unranked teams from 1990-2001, before a 2-2 game with Wisconsin. The Irish played at Moose Krause Field from 1988-89.

LAST-MINUTE HEROES – The first 16 Notre Dame women's soccer seasons saw the Irish win in the final minute just twice – but it happened twice more in the 2004 national-title season (both at the end of regulation), as **Jen Buczkowski** scored with 0:44 left at Georgetown (2-1) and **Jill Krivacek** headed in a **Katie Thorlakson** corner kick to beat Wisconsin with 0:53 left in that NCAA second-round matchup (1-0). It had been 10 years since an Irish player won a game in the final minute, by **Michelle McCarthy** with 0:25 left in overtime (119:35) of a 4-3 comeback versus William & Mary (9/11/95). The only other to score a final-minute GWG was future All-American **Ragen Coyne** (89:24; vs. Wright State in '92).

MAGIC NUMBERS – Scoring three goals has been virtually an automatic win in Notre Dame women's soccer history, with a 249-3-1 record (.986) in those games (151-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995). Notre Dame also is 341-9-13 (.957) when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals.

Most impressively, Notre Dame is 270-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead and is unbeaten in its past 247 when going ahead 2-0 (dating back to a 3-3 tie with Vanderbilt on Sept. 15, 1991). The past 160 opponents to face a 2-0 deficit versus the Irish have failed to even force a tie, something achieved by just two opponents in Notre Dame history: Connecticut in the 1995 BIG EAST Conference title game (Irish led 2-0, later tied 2-2 and 3-3, ND won 4-3) and Duke late in 1993 (3-2 ND win, in Houston).

The program's 19-year history includes just 328 goals allowed in 445 games (0.74 GA per game), with the Irish holding the opponent to 0-1 goals in 82 percent of those all-time games (366) while allowing three-plus goals only 35 times (8%; 4-30-1). Notre Dame has surrendered four-plus goals just 13 times in the program's history (only four times since 1995).

MEDIA GUIDE AWARDS – The Notre Dame women's soccer media guide consistently has ranked among the best in the nation, as judged by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Most recently, the 2002 and 2003 guides both were rated second in the nation by CoSIDA judges while the 2006 media guide finish third in the ratings.

MILESTONES – The most recent milestone in Notre Dame women's soccer history came on Sept. 15, 2006, when Lizzie Reed scored the 1,500th goal:

Goals	Player (Game, Date)
1st	Mimi Suba (ND 5, IUSB 0; 9/1/88; 32:01)
100th	Susie Zilvitis (ND 6, Alma 0; 10/13/89)
500th	Monica Gerardo (ND 9, SJU 0; 9/3/95)
1,000th	Jenny Streiffer (ND 5, Pitt 0; 10/10/99)
1,500th	Lizzie Reed (ND 5, DePaul 0; 9/15/06)

Wins	Game	Date
1st	ND 5, IUSB 1	9/1/88
50th	ND 1, William & Mary 0	10/11/91
100th	ND 1, Washington 0	10/14/94
200th	ND 2, Nebraska 1	11/20/98
300th	ND 3, Texas Tech 0	9/12/03

NCAA CHAMPIONS – The shootout victory over UCLA in the 2004 championship game made Notre Dame the second Division I women's soccer program ever to win multiple NCAA titles, with the Irish previously winning the title in 1995. Notre Dame also ranks second in all-time NCAA championship game appearances (6) while the program's eight trips to the College Cup semifinals (all from 1994-2006) trail only UNC and Santa Clara (UNC is the only team with more College Cup semifinal trips since 1994).

Despite not making its first NCAA Tournament appearance until 1993, Notre Dame now ranks ninth in all-time NCAA trips (13) and is among a short list of four teams that have appeared in every NCAA Tournament since 1993 (others include UNC, SCU and UConn). The Irish also own the second-best NCAA Tournament winning pct. in Division I women's soccer history (.764; 40-12-1). See pages 96-101 for recaps of the NCAA title seasons.



1995 NCAA Champions



2004 NCAA Champions



Shannon Boxx



(from left) Monica Gonzalez, Kate Sobrero and Monica Gerardo



LaKeysia Beene

NATIONAL TEAMS – Three former Notre Dame players – defender **Kate Sobrero**, defensive midfielder **Shannon Boxx** and goalkeeper **LaKeysia Beene** – have been starters with the U.S. National Team in the current decade, with Sobrero and Boxx starting at the 2003 World Cup and 2004 Olympics (see pp. 102-104) and both likely to be 2007 World Cup starters. Six current Irish players – plus eight departed seniors from the 2004-06 teams – have been active with various national-team programs. Versatile player **Candace Chapman** (2001-05) and forward **Katie Thorlakson** ('06 grad.) were teammates on Canada's U-19 National Team and now are regulars with Canada's full national team. Midfielder **Jen Buczkowski** ('07) and goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** ('06) were members of the U.S. U-21 National Team that won the 2005 Nordic Cup while Buczkowski previously played with the Under-19s, as did current junior forward **Kerri Hanks** (now with U-21s, which is shifting to U-23), junior midfielder **Brittany Bock** and former midfielder **Annie Scheffer** ('06). Bock also competed with the U.S. at the U-20 World Championship in Russia, alongside her classmate and central defender **Carrie Dew** (both now are in the U-21 player pool). Junior midfielder **Rebecca Mendoza** is a member of Mexico's national team while former ND defender **Monica Gonzalez** was a founding member of Mexico's women's national team and captained its historic quarterfinal finish at the 2004 Olympics (former ND forward **Monica Gerardo** also was a founding member of the Mexican team). Three seniors from the 2004 NCAA champs – defenders **Melissa Tancredi** (Canada) and **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** (Iceland) and forward **Mary Boland** (U.S. U-19s) – also have earned national-team duty, as have current senior **Amanda Cinalli** (U-21s; '06 and '07 Nordic Cup) and sophomore **Michele Weissenhofer** (U-20s/21s; '07 Nordic Cup champs, with Cinalli).



Candace Chapman
Canadian National Team



Melissa Tancredi
Canadian National Team



Katie Thorlakson
Canadian National Team



Gudrun Gunnarsdottir
Icelandic National Team



Rebecca Mendoza
Mexican Nat'l Team



Jen Buczkowski
U.S. Under-21 Team



Amanda Cinalli
U.S. Under-21 Team



Kerri Hanks
U.S. Under-21 Team



Erika Bohn
U.S. Under-21 Team



Michele Weissenhofer
U.S. Under-21 Team



Brittany Bock
U.S. Under-21 Team



Carrie Dew
U.S. Under-21 Team



Mary Boland
U.S. Under-19 Team



Annie Scheffer
U.S. Under-19 Team

Memorable Moments

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Sept. 16-17, 2000: Meotis Erikson opens the scoring vs. Washington (5-0) and host Portland (1-0), as ND rises to number one.

Nov. 24, 2000: Erikson's OT goal vs. Santa Clara sends ND back to the College Cup semi's.

Sept. 25, 2001: Mia Sarkesian completes an early four-player, free-kick combination as 4th-ranked Irish edge #3 Nebraska (1-0).

Sept. 15, 2002: The rally at #25 Maryland includes five ND goals in 25 minutes, after a 2-0 deficit (5-2). Candace Chapman's shift to the midfield sparks the comeback, as does Melissa Tancredi's pair of header goals.

Sept. 21, 2003: Katie Thorlakson and Mary Boland assist on each other's goals to help the Irish hand Santa Clara its first-ever loss at the SCU Classic (2-1).

Nov. 2, 2003: Amanda Guertin's goal beats Miami in the BIG EAST quarterfinals, as the Irish stay unbeaten in 16 straight OT games.

Sept. 5, 2004: Katie Thorlakson (3G-2A) factors into all of the goals in a 5-2 win over 4th-ranked Santa Clara.

Nov. 26, 2004: Amanda Cinalli (2G) and Thorlakson (1G-2A) pace the NCAA quarterfinal win over #6 Portland, sending the Irish to their seventh College Cup final weekend.

Dec. 3, 2004: Candace Chapman completes a memorable extended give-and-go with Thorlakson, as the Irish outlast Santa Clara (1-0) in the NCAA semifinals.

Dec. 5, 2004: Erika Bohn makes a PK save late in regulation and adds two saves in the shootout, as the Irish edge UCLA for the NCAA title (1-1; 4-3 in six penalty kicks).

Nov. 6, 2005: ND claims its eighth BIG EAST Tournament title with a 5-0 win over #15 Connecticut, one of the program's most convincing wins ever versus a top-15 foe.

Sept. 3, 2006: Amanda Cinalli (2G-1A) earns national player-of-the-week honors after leading the 3-1 comeback win over Santa Clara (ND and SCU were #1 in different polls).

Sept. 29, 2006: The Irish complete another 3-1 comeback (vs. #6 West Virginia), in front of a spirited crowd of 3,056.

Nov. 5, 2006: Two quick Kerri Hanks' goals help top Rutgers for the BIG EAST title (4-2).

Dec. 1, 2006: Michele Weissenhofer's hat trick and three assists from Hanks power Notre Dame past 8th-ranked Penn State (4-0) and on to the College Cup semifinals for the eighth time.

Dec. 3, 2006: Courtney Rosen and Jill Krivacek are the unlikely goalscorers as the Irish use a 2-1 win over #5 Florida State to advance to their sixth NCAA title game.



Notre Dame has not lost an overtime game since early in the 1999 season (14-0-6), with Amanda Guertin's four OT goals (one every season from 2000-03) including the shot that ended the 2003 BIG EAST quarterfinal versus Miami, 2-1 (Guertin is pictured, second from right).

OVER(TIME) ACHIEVERS – Notre Dame enters 2007 riding a 20-game unbeaten stretch in overtime (14-0-6), dating back to a 3-2, double-OT loss to North Carolina in the 1999 opener. That 1999 team went on to post a 2-1, double-OT win at UConn and a 1-1 tie at Nebraska in the NCAA quarterfinals (advanced on PKs). The 2000 team had OT wins over Stanford, at West Virginia and vs. Santa Clara in the NCAA quarterfinals (all 2-1), plus a 0-0 tie at UConn. The 2001 season saw an ND-record five OT games (2-1 vs. Indiana, Villanova, WVU and Michigan; 2-2 vs. Wisconsin) while the 2002 team added 1-0 OT wins over Rutgers and Boston College. The 2003 team tied Stanford (0-0, at SCU) before posting OT wins over Villanova (1-0) and Miami (2-1; BIG EAST quarters) while the 2004 team tied Rutgers (0-0) and beat UCLA in the NCAA title game (1-1; 4-3 on PKs) before the 2005 team won in OT at Rutgers (1-0), plus a 0-0 tie at UConn in 2006. The 14 overtime wins in the first eight years of the Randy Waldrum era include goals from eight players (own goal vs. Stanford in 2000; PKs to decide '04 NCAA title vs. UCLA): Anne Makinen (vs. UConn, '99), Amanda Guertin (ND record 4; vs. West Virginia in '00, Michigan in '01, BC in '02, Miami in '03), Meotis Erikson (vs. SCU, '00 NCAA quarters), Kelly Tulisak (vs. Indiana, '01), Amy Warner (2; vs. Villanova in '01, Rutgers in '02), Mia Sarkesian (vs. WVU, '01), Katie Thorlakson (vs. Villanova, '03) and Kerri Hanks (vs. RU, '05).

NUMBER-ONE NOTES – Notre Dame has been ranked number one in the NSCAA coaches poll during six of the past 14 seasons: the final two months in 1994; the final month in '96; the final 11 weeks of 2000; six weeks in 2004; the first three weeks in '05; and 11 weeks in 2006. Notre Dame was the only team in the NSCAA top spot every season from 2004-06. The Irish own a 74-6-3 all-time record (50-2-3 in regular season) as the top-ranked team.

NUMBER-ONE SIGN RETURNS – A new look was brought to the night sky on the northeast corner of the Notre Dame campus on Oct. 12, 2000 – and again early in the 2004 season, plus during most of 2006 – as the traditional, lighted numeral one was placed atop Grace Hall, in honor of the women's soccer team's ascension to the number-one ranking (an unprecedented four ND teams were top-ranked in 2000-01, including women's basketball, men's fencing and baseball). The eight-foot sign had not appeared since the Irish won the 1995 NCAA women's soccer NCAA championship. The sign, built by Fr. Bob Malone and a group of seminarians, originally went up at Moreau Seminary (at the north end of St. Joseph's Lake) in 1974, following Notre Dame's 1973 national championship football season. It later moved to Howard Hall before shifting to the roof of Grace Hall. The sign was displayed at the end of the 1988 national-title football season and returned in parts of the 1989, '90 and '93 football campaigns (and again from 2002-06, for the Irish fencing teams).

OSCARS SWEEP – The women's soccer team in 2006-07 became the first varsity pro-

gram ever to produce recipients of Notre Dame's Byron Kanaley, Francis Patrick O'Connor and Chris Zorich awards in the same year. **Kim Lorenzen** was one of five seniors to receive the Kanaley (given to exemplary student-athlete leaders) while **Amanda Cinalli** was the female recipient of the O'Connor (recognizing team spirit/inspiration) and **Claire Gallerano** received the Zorich (for community service). The women's soccer team also received the Trophy Award (presented to a varsity team for its community service excellence). Three years earlier, women's soccer had become the first varsity program to produce recipients of all three honors (at any time), with the totals now including six Kanaley recipients, two O'Connor honorees and two who have received the Zorich Award (see p. 116).

POLL POSITION – Heading into the 2002 season, the Notre Dame women's soccer team had been ranked in the top seven of every NSCAA poll since Sept. 14, 1993 (ultimately 98 straight polls). The Irish now have been ranked 1st-3rd in 98 of 152 polls spanning the previous 13 seasons and have been among the top five in 122 of the past 152 polls (also in the top eight of 147, or all but five weeks spanning 13 years).

Notre Dame's spots in the past 152 NSCAA polls include: 35 weeks at #1; 45 at #2; 18 at #3; and 12 at #4 – with the Irish cracking the top two spots in 12 of the past 17 seasons (in the top three spots during 12 of the past 13 years). Notre Dame earned the NSCAA preseason number-one ranking for the first time in 2005, after being second in five previous preseason polls (1995-98 and 2000; see chart in next column).

NSCAA Polls – Before and After

Year	Preseason	Final (reg. season)
1993	12	3
1994	3	1
1995	2	4
1996	2	1
1997	2	2
1998	2	4
1999	7	5
2000	2	1
2001	4	6
2002	7	19
2003	6	3
2004	3	2
2005	1	6
2006	5	2
2007	2	?

PRIMETIME PLAYERS – Notre Dame won nearly 80 percent of its "big games" in the first eight seasons of the Randy Waldrum era (1999-2006), posting a 70-17-3 record when facing an NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponent.

REGULAR-SEASON STREAK – Sparked by its 4-2 loss at top-ranked Santa Clara on Oct. 17, 1999, Notre Dame won 20 consecutive regular-season games (its final four in '99 and first 16 of 2000, followed by a 0-0 tie at UConn). That streak included a 78-10 scoring edge and bested the team record of 18 straight regular-season wins (Oct. 19, 1995-Oct. 11, 1996). Notre Dame pushed its regular-season unbeaten streak to 31 (29-0-2) in 2002 before a 2-1 loss at Rutgers, one shy of the team-record for regular-season unbeaten streak (30-0-2; 10/17/93-10/1/95). The Irish logged 27 regular-season games without a loss (26-0-1) from 10/20/96-9/11/98 and enter 2007 with a 70-3-3 mark (.941) in the past 76 regular-season games (since late in 2002), including an active streak of 25 regular-season games without a loss (24-0-1).



REUNION OF CHAMPIONS – The 1995 NCAA championship women's soccer team held an on-campus reunion in April of 2005, corresponding with the banquet celebrating the 2004 NCAA-title season. The 1995 players in attendance included: (front row, from left) Laura Vanderberg, Megan Middendorf O'Sullivan and Michelle McCarthy Restovich; (back row, from left) Holly Manthei Doyle, Ashley Scharff Iorio, Shannon Boxx, Julie Maund, Monica Gerardo, Jen Renola, Amy VanLaecke and Jean McGregor Ansourian.

SCORELESS TIES A RARITY – The 0-0 game at UConn on Oct. 21, 2000 (and a similar game in Storrs on Oct. 13, 2006) are two of only six scoreless ties in Notre Dame history – in nearly 450 games. Those UConn games, a 2003 game with Stanford (at SCU) and a 2004 game versus Rutgers are Notre Dame's only scoreless ties since 1994, with others against Dayton in 1991 and North Carolina in '94, in St. Louis (ending UNC's NCAA-record 92-game win streak).

70-70 (DYNAMIC DUO) – Notre Dame's **Kerri Hanks** (28G-15A) and **Katie Thorlakson** (18G-35A) both totaled 71 points in 2005, the second time in Division I women's soccer history that teammates have topped 70 points in the same season. SMU's 1995 duo of Danielle Garrett Fotopoulos (32G-19A, 83 pts) and Courtney Linex (31G-15A, 77 pts) are the only other pair with the 70-70 distinction. Hanks was part of another dynamic duo in 2006, as she and freshman **Michele Weissenhofer** (53 points; 18G-17A) turned in a rare 1-2 teammate finish atop the NCAA scoring list (Hanks had 66 points, on 22G-22A).

SEVEN STRAIGHT TITLES – Notre Dame's streak of seven straight BIG EAST women's soccer titles from 1995-2001 rates sixth-longest ever in a BIG EAST sport and second among nine "team-based" sports, behind UConn women's basketball (9; '94-'02) and matching Pittsburgh's volleyball streak from 1988-94. Pittsburgh won 10 straight in men's swimming and diving ('83-'92; also eight from '97-'04) and nine straight in women's swimming and diving ('83-'91) while Boston College won eight men's tennis titles from '81-'88. Notre Dame women's swimming and diving owns 11 straight BIG EAST titles ('97-'07).

SHUTOUT CITY – Notre Dame's 10-game shutout streak in 2003 (956 minutes) ranks fifth in NCAA history and blew away the Irish record (726, in '95). The only teams in Division I women's soccer history to post more consecutive shutouts are the 1998 Santa Clara team (16), two North Carolina squads (13 in '89, 12 in

'87) and the 1984 N.C. State team (12). Notre Dame set a team record with a nation-leading 19 shutouts in 2006 (7th-most in NCAA history).

SISTER ACT – Forward **Kelly Tulisiak** ('02) and defender **Kate Tulisiak** ('05) were the first set of sisters to play for Notre Dame women's soccer and the 19th set of sisters to monogram in the same Notre Dame sport. There now have been 31 letter-winning (same-sport) sister combinations at Notre Dame from 11 sports, also: tennis (7), swimming and diving (5), fencing (4), golf (3), lacrosse (3), basketball (2), volleyball (2), softball (2), field hockey and cross country.

STRONG STARTERS – Notre Dame's 2000 start (16-0-0) bested the Irish record for season-opening win streak (13-0-0, '96; the 2006 team went 14-0-0 before a tie). The 1996 team had a 66-6 scoring edge and five wins over ranked teams in the first 13 games, before losing 3-1 at Santa Clara. During its 16-0-0 start, the 2000 Irish beat four ranked teams (56-5 scoring edge). The 2006 team went deeper into its season without a loss (25-0-1) than any previous Notre Dame squad (the 1994, 1997 and 2000 teams all were 23-0-1 before losing while the '04 team opened 19-0-1 and the '03 team 18-0-1).

THREE-YEAR TEAR – Notre Dame's 2003 (20-3-1) and '04 (25-1-1) teams combined for a 45-4-2 record and .902 two-year win pct. that was fourth-best in ND history (surpassed by the .914 combined pct., 47-4-1, in 2004 and '05, with the same combined pct. for 2005 and '06). The program's best two-year record is 47-3-1

(.932, in 1996 and '97) – but the 2004-06 Irish squads combined for the top three-year tear in the program's history (.924; 72-5-2). Notre Dame's previous high-water mark for combined record over a three-year span was 68-5-3 (.915), from 1994-96 and also 1995-97.

UNBEATEN SEASONS – Notre Dame's quest for undefeated seasons in 2000, '04 and '06 had the Irish gunning for a rare feat. Only three of the past 13 NCAA champs – UNC in '97 (27-0-1) and '04 (27-0-0), Portland in '05 (23-0-1) – have claimed the title without a loss. Notre Dame has posted five undefeated regular seasons – 17-0-1 in 1994 (NCAA runner-up), 2000 (semifinalist), '04 (champion) and '06 (runner-up), plus 18-0-1 in '97 (semifinalist) – and earned the top NCAA seed in '94 and 2000.

VERSUS NO. 1 – Notre Dame has played the nation's number-one team 12 times and lost that matchup only seven times. The Irish are 3-7-2 against NCAA top-ranked teams, with eight of those games coming versus North Carolina.

WHITE HOUSE – Notre Dame's 2004 NCAA title team was honored at a White House ceremony on May 13, 2005 (see pp. 100-101). Senior captain **Mary Boland** presented President Bush with a replica ND jersey (right) as part of the festivities. The Irish also received a special tour of the Capitol, as guests of Congress members with Notre Dame ties.



(from left) Jen Buczkowski, Kim Lorenzen and Jill Krivacek



Claire Gallerano



Susan Pinnick and Kerri Hanks



Ashley Jones and Carrie Dew



(from left) Brittany Bock, Kerry Inglis, Nikki Westfall and Christie Shaner



Michele Weissenhofer (left) and Amanda Clark

WINNING TRADITIONS – Several recent Notre Dame players (including 14 of 27 on the '07 roster) have led their clubs and state Olympic Development teams to elite status before (and after) becoming part of another winning tradition with the Irish women's soccer program. Five members of the 2006 senior class helped their teams post top national finishes in 2003. **Jen Buczkowski**, **Jill Krivacek** and **Kim Lorenzen** – plus current junior **Brittany Bock** (who earned the tournament's Golden Boot Award) – were members of the Illinois ODP squad that won the 2003 ODP national title (besting future ND classmate **Lizzie Reed** and her N.J. squad in the title game) while **Claire Gallerano** (and current junior **Kerri Hanks**) helped the Dallas Texans win the 2003 U.S. Youth Soccer (USYS) u-18 national title. **Christie Shaner's** Bucks Challenge squad also advanced to the four-team nationals in 2003 but narrowly missed the u-19 final. The current seniors lived up to the standard of their predecessors. **Ashley Jones** completed the rare double of winning 2004 national titles with both her Cal-South ODP team (she and current junior **Carrie Dew** were captains of that team) and with her So-Cal United club while goalkeeper **Lauren Karas** earned the Golden Glove Award with North Texas at the 2004 ODP nationals (her team lost to Jones, Dew and Cal-South, 1-0). Another current member of the senior class, **Susan Pinnick**, led the Carmel Commotion to a 2003 national runner-up finish (u-17s). Among the current juniors, Dew played for the 2003 u-16 national champs (San Diego Surf) and Bock twice was a national runner-up – with Illinois ODP in 2005 and with the Windy City Pride in '04 (u-18).

The summer of 2005 saw Hanks collect her second career Golden Boot Award while helping the Texans nearly win the u-19 title (lost in PKs), with Pinnick and the Commotion also making a return to nationals. Current junior **Becca Mendoza** and her Dallas Sting squad also were in Orlando, as one of the four 2005 finalists in the u-18 division. Four Irish players – Shaner, her fellow 2007 graduate **Nikki Westfall**, Bock and current junior **Kerry Inglis** – were key members of the F.C. Indiana team that won the 2005 Women's Professional Soccer League (WPSL) and Open Cup titles while 2006 graduate **Katie Thorlakson** helped the Vancouver Whitecaps win the 2004 W-League title (see p. 61 for data in chart form). Current sophomores **Amanda Clark** and **Michele Weissenhofer** played for the Eclipse Select team that won u-16 and u-17 national titles (in 2004 and '05). The four teams at the 2006 u-18 nationals featured four members of the current sophomore class: Clark and Weissenhofer (Eclipse), **Kelsey Lysander** (San Diego Surf) and **Haley Ford**, who captained the Dallas Texans '88 team to the national title (their classmate **Rachel VanderGenutgen** then won the 2007 u-19 title with the Carmel Cyclones). Four current freshmen have played for youth national championship teams: **Lauren Fowlkes** (K.C. Dynamos; 2001/u-14), **Brittany Johnson** and **Erica Iantorno** (both with Eclipse; 2006/u-17), and **Stephanie Sohn** (Eastern N.Y. ODP; 2005).



Lauren Karas



Brittany Bock



Haley Ford

During its first 19 years as a varsity sport, Notre Dame women's soccer has developed into one of the elite programs in the nation. Just as impressively, the former players from the Notre Dame women's soccer program have achieved postgraduate success on a high level, in wide-reaching endeavors:

Player (Years)	Postgraduate Endeavors
Kerri Bakker (1997-2000)	Optometric doctor with private practice in ophthalmologic setting; graduated from Pennsylvania College of Optometry
LaKeysia Beene (1996-99)	Attending University of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law; played with U.S. National Team; WUSA all-star (San Jose CyberRays)
Kathleen Birmingham-Burkhart (1988)	GM of Greenough Consulting (Boston); MBA from Babson College; was president of East Dock Financial (Boston)
Erika Bohn (2002-05)	Current assistant coach at Xavier (Ohio); attended 2006 tryouts and earned roster spot on U.S. women's team handball national team
Mary Boland (2001-04)	Teaching with AmeriCorp program in Philadelphia
Shannon Boxx (1995-98)	Starting defensive midfielder with U.S. National Team; MVP of WUSA's New York Power ('03), formerly with San Diego Spirit
Kara Brown (1996-99)	Teacher and coach at boarding school in East Hampton, Mass.; helped Boston Renegades win W-League national title
Jen Buczkowski (2003-06)	Current volunteer assistant coach with the 2007 Notre Dame women's soccer team; U.S. Under-21/U-23 National Team player pool
Kimberly Carpenter (2000-03)	Attending Indiana medical school (first two years at USB); master's degree in biology (Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne/IPFW)
Denise Chabot-Karkos (1989-92)	Vice president of marketing planning for TD Banknorth (Portland, Maine); has worked in advertising in Chicago, Boston and Portland, Maine (L.L. Bean); competes in local soccer leagues, ran 1998 Chicago Marathon
Candace Chapman (2001-05)	Member of Canadian National Team and W-League's Vancouver Whitecaps
Julie Costantini-Van Devender (1988)	Real estate broker with Trammell Crow (Washington, D.C.)
Ragen Coyne (1992-95)	Attending massage therapy school; worked with the NPSL's Detroit Rockers (business office)
Cindy Daws-Mosley (1993-96)	Wilson Sporting Goods retail sales planning manager (Chicago); plays rec-league soccer in Chicago area; played one year in Shimizu Japan with the "Lovely Ladies;" working towards MBA from Roosevelt University
Mary (Doherty) Galla (1988)	Retired from Air Force after 11 years flying KC-135s (fueling stations); resides in Cleveland with her family
Ashley Dryer-Lear (1999-2002)	Pursuing law degree at University of Utah, where she also works in the athletic department's compliance office
Meotis Erikson (Garceau) (1997-2000)	Master's in elementary education/literacy; 4th-grade teacher at Boston-area elementary school; has played with WPSL's Boston Aztecs, previously with W-League's Fort Wayne Fever and WUSA's Boston Breakers
Kate Fisher-Murray (1993-96)	Eastern region recruiter (based in Philadelphia) for interwoven software; plays on competitive women's soccer league
Miranda Ford (2002-05)	Working in fiancé department for Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale, Calif.
Claire Gallerano (2003-06)	First-year law student at Washington University in St. Louis
Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	Assistant coach at St. Mary's (CA), formerly at Pittsburgh; played for WUSA's Washington Freedom and Mexican National Team
Marianne Giolitto (1989-91)	Ecological planner for Open Space and Mountain Parks Dept. (Boulder, Colo.); former ecological consultant with New and Associates (Walkerton, Ind.); master's in applied ecology from Indiana; high school soccer coach; ran Santa Rosa triathlon
Kim Gold (1991-93)	BMC Software rep. (former field communications manager); MBA from Rice; played on South Texas team in national tournaments
Monica Gonzalez (1997-2001)	Former all-star member of WUSA's Boston Breakers; also founding member of Mexican National Team
Brenda Gorski-Torres (1990-93)	Currently an executive in 14th year with Crowe Chizek & Company LLP (South Bend)
Jen Grubb (1996-99)	High school soccer coach at the Peddie School (Hightstown, N.J.); former all-star member of WUSA's Washington Freedom
Rosella Guerrero Kelly (1992-95)	Full-time mom in Sacramento area; former regional sales manager for Professional Diagnostics Management (Sacramento), also worked in IT department at Silicon Valley Bank (San Jose); worked for Anderson Consulting in Chicago; played indoor soccer in FSA league with national runner-up team; ran San Diego Marathon; has trained four select teams in Sacramento area (ages 10-16)
Amanda Guertin (2000-03)	Serves as a marketing coordinator in watch division with Fossil, Corp. (Dallas)
Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (2001-04)	Member of Icelandic National Team while working in the banking industry
Susan Haling (1988)	Criminal prosecutor with U.S. Attorney's Office (Chicago); graduated from DePaul Law School
Sarah Halpenny (2002-04)	Has returned to her native southern California, after playing club soccer in Iceland during 2005-06
Kelly Hanratty (1988-89)	Partner in Hagan Communications advertising agency (Denver); active in co-ed soccer league
Jodi Hartwig-Grenner (1991-94)	Worked in advertising, now sales with Dover Business College (Parsippany, N.J.); plays in soccer, softball leagues
Jenny Heft-Erickson (1996-99)	Data warehouse consultant with Teradata in Minneapolis (formerly with National Cash Register, in Chicago)
Nicole Hinostrro (1994-97)	High school teacher and coach in Boston; coaches Boston Lightning club; taught with ACE and coached in San Diego
Bernie Holland-Mount (1988-90)	Full-time mom in Bangkok (also lived in Philippines); pursuing online master's in library and information science from University of North Texas; worked with benefits consulting firm Clark/Bardes (Dallas); played competitive soccer in Dallas and Manila
Michele Hurst-Sinnaeve (1990)	High school math teacher and soccer coach in St. Charles, Ill.; has played competitively with Chicago Vectors (as have fellow former ND players Alison Lester, Cindy Daws, Stacia Masters and Christie Lewis)
Molly Iarocci (2003-06)	Worked in summer of 2007 at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business Gigot Center; plans to pursue employment in Chicago area
Margaret Jarc-McLaughlin (1989-92)	Full-time mom in Seattle with husband Jim (women's volleyball coach at University of Washington); assistant coach at Notre Dame (1995-98); coached high school boys and girls teams in Manhattan, Kan.
Shannon Jenkins (Roscoe) (1989-91)	Political science professor (UMass-Dartmouth); master's in political science from Loyola (Chicago); active in triathlons
Lindsey Jones (1998-2001)	Assistant coach at St. Mary's (CA); former asst. at ND (vol.) and Northwestern; member of WUSA's N.Y. Power before playing in Australian National League (also coached with their National Soccer Schools); participated in Inner City Teach-In Corps (Chicago)
Jean Keaveney-Huta (1989)	Full-time mom, part-time physical therapist in Albany, N.Y.; master's in physical therapy (University of Rhode Island)
Andrea Kurek-Slagh (1990-93)	Attorney in South Bend with Hahn, Walz and Knepp; graduated from Valparaiso Law School
Gennifer Kwiatkowski Kovalcheck (1990-93)	Merrill Lynch assistant vice president of private finance group for securities-based lending (Princeton, N.J.); formerly a certified paralegal (corporate and real estate) with Reed Smith LLP (Newtown, Pa.)
Jill Krivacek (2003-06)	Living in Los Angeles and working at Countrywide Financial
Iris Lancaster (1996-99)	Works in Brooklyn, N.Y., with Americorp Good Shepard Volunteers, working with high-risk girls at Marion Hall
Molly Lennon-Anderson (1988-91)	Adidas representative for Notre Dame; former board member and currently an advisor with Notre Dame Monogram Club
Alison Lester-Kocoras (1990-93)	General counsel with the U.S. Soccer Federation (Chicago); graduated from Loyola Chicago law school (also serving as assistant soccer coach); worked at Winston & Strawn in Chicago
Christie Lewis-Ortwein (1990-91)	Freelance graphic designer in Milwaukee; played with various Chicago soccer teams, ran five marathons
Kelly Lindsey (1997-2000)	Head coach at St. Mary's (CA), former assistant at Colorado and Texas; played for WUSA's San Jose CyberRays; 2001 U.S. tryouts
Emily Linklater (1991-92)	Works in consulting division with Arthur Anderson in Chicago; earlier served as account executive in marketing/ticket sales for Chicago Bulls; has run four marathons and two triathlons
Michelle Lodyga-Generaux (1989-92)	Litigation/insur. lawyer (Murtaugh, Miller, Meyer & Nelson; Irvine, Calif.); William Mitchell College of Law ('96); worked at Balestreri, Pendleton & Potocki (San Diego) and Moss & Barnett (Minneapolis); coached youth soccer (St. Paul Blackhawks); co-ed soccer
Kim Lorenzen (2003-06)	Currently working in her hometown of Chicago as an investment banking analyst J.P. Morgan
Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	Has played with Finland National Team and Umea IK team in Swedish League; formerly played with WUSA's Washington Freedom and Philadelphia Charge; coached in New Jersey. area while working towards strength and conditioning certification
Maggie Manning (2002-05)	Completing yearlong service work in Jamaica, with The Passionate relief organization
Holly Manthei-Doyle (1994-97)	Internet manager for NHL's Minnesota Wild (formerly with Chicago Blackhawks sales); played in the WUSA (Boston Breakers)
Caroline Marino (1999-2000)	Taught junior high (religion/ reading; Alliance for Catholic Education) in Charleston, S.C.; also was pursuing master's at Notre Dame
Stacia Masters-Richards (1993-96)	Tech lead in JP Morgan Chase corp. tech./op's dept.; former consultant with Chicago Systems (e-biz.); has played with Chic. Vectors
Jill Matesic (1991-94)	VP for private wealth management at Goldman Sachs (Chicago); MBA from Harvard; worked for management consulting firm McKinsey & Company (Pittsburgh) and Natural Golf startup (Chicago); ND Monogram Club board member; married to Tim Gilroy



U.S. National Team starting defender Kate Sobrero



Kelly Lindsey (left) and LaKeysia Beene (2001 WUSA champions)



Teresa Menchaca



Megan Middendorf



Andrea Sobajian



Joy Sisolak



Tasha Strawbridge



Laura Vanderberg

Player (Years)

Postgraduate Endeavors

Julie Maund (1994-97)	Teaching grades 6-8 in San Diego; also taught in Pittsburgh and served two years in Jacksonville, Fla., with ACE; has played in co-ed soccer league and has served as high school assistant coach
Michelle McCarthy-Restovich (1992-95)	Works as IT recruiter (NovaSource); formerly in sales for Avaya Communication and Lucent Technologies, in St. Louis; tried to play in WUSA but set back by knee injuries that required surgery; has played in area co-ed and women's soccer leagues
Jean McGregor-Ansourian (1994-97)	Treatment supervisor at Broward Sheriff's Office Drug Court Treatment Program (Ft. Lauderdale); master's in education from Florida (marriage/family counseling); has played for WPSL's Miami Kickers and in women's and co-ed leagues
Amber McMillin (2002-05)	Taught in New Bedford, Mass., before serving as graduate assistant in strength and conditioning at Tennessee
Robin Mego-Lynch (1991-94)	IT manager of Chicago Teachers Pension Fund; formerly worked for Bradley Consulting; plays in co-ed soccer leagues
Teresa Menchaca-Godinez (1988-89)	Univ. Florida med-school grad. (internal medicine); former women's health dir. (Hall Medical Center; San Antonio); youth soccer coach
Megan Middendorf-O'Sullivan (1993-96)	Director of Corporate/Group Ticket Sales with MLS's Dallas Burn; formerly with NHL's Dallas Stars and Southwest Sports
Stephanie Porter (1990-93)	Certified prosthetist-orthotist in Denver (previously in Boulder and West Hartford, Conn.); received master's in biomechanics from Georgia State; former assistant coach at Georgia State and Colorado College; ran marathon in Mystic, Conn.
Vanessa Pruzinsky (1999-2003)	Chemical engineer with Merck Pharmaceuticals in Rahway, N.J.
Lizzie Reed (2003-06)	First-year investment banking analyst for Goldman, Sachs & Co., in New York City
Jen Renola (1993-96)	Former asst. coach at Texas; served as adidas America west coast promotions manager, now works for Nike Timing in Austin, Texas
Saule Sadunas-Smariga (1990)	Nordstrom product buyer for east coast (Tysons Corner, Va.); volunteer at Don Miller House for AIDS Patients in Baltimore
Mia Sarkesian (1998-2001)	Master's from Northwestern (elem. educ.); 6th-grade teacher at Perspectives Charter School (Chicago); HS boys/girls soccer coach
Ashley Scharff-Iorio (1992-95)	Coach/trainer for hometown Mustang Soccer Club (Danville, Calif.) and part-time contract recruiter for Accenture
Joy Sisolak-Lizarraga (1988-89)	Hydrologist with U.S. Geological Survey in Columbia, Md.; master's of science and master's of public affairs from the University of Texas; recently passed professional engineering exam; has coached and refereed youth-level soccer
Andrea Sobajian-Callanen (1990-91)	Works with pediatric developmental, adolescent orthopedics at San Diego Children's Hospital (developed an adapted soccer camp for special-needs children); involved with hippotherapy (therapeutic horseback riding); master's of physical therapy (Shenandoah University); worked at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Kennedy Krieger Institute
Kate Sobrero Markgraf (1994-97)	Starting defender with the U.S. National Team and formerly with the WUSA's Boston Breakers
Ingrid Soens-Dolan (1994-97)	Attending University of Virginia graduate school (clinical psychology); was case manager for psychological services at Department of Region 10 (Charlottesville); has played co-ed rec.-league soccer
Tasha Strawbridge (1990-93)	Licensed clinical social worker with University of Chicago Hospital's department of child/adolescent psychiatry; master's in social work from University of Chicago (also assistant soccer coach); has run six marathons, also active in beach volleyball league
Jenny Streiffer-Mascaro (1996-99)	Former member of WUSA's San Diego Spirit; attended veterinarian school at Texas A&M
Annie Scheffer (2002-05)	Completing postgraduate coursework, in anticipation of attending dental school
Christie Shaner (2003-06)	Assisted F.C. Indiana with coaching and administration (summer 2007); hopes to return to playing in 2008 (possibly in Belarus)
Deborah Skahan Gaillard (1988-89)	Part-time teacher (second grade) in North Carolina; looking to return to playing soccer on the rec-level
Mimi Suba Bender (1988-90)	Pharmaceutical representative with Pfizer's Parke-Davis in St. Louis; active in Budweiser Sports League and half-marathons; formerly worked for Matthews Book Company
K.T. Sullivan-Martinov (1988-89)	Full-time mom (Northport, N.Y.); was an account management associate at First Source Bank (South Bend)
Melissa Tancredi (2000-04)	Has begun studies at Logan Chiropractic College; member of Canadian National Team; 2005 W-League all-star (Atlanta Silverbacks)
Tiffany Thompson (1991-94)	Pursuing master's in holistic health at St. Catherine's; senior microbiologist for Aveda (Minneapolis); was four-year assistant coach at the University of Florida (including 1998 NCAA championship season); has trained in Cirque du Soleil-style aerial arts
Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	Member of Canadian National Team and W-League's Vancouver Whitecaps
Kate Tulisiak (2001-04)	Program coordinator at Boys & Girls Club of Chicago; taking science courses in prep. for nursing school; former ND Adidas intern
Kelly Tulisiak Stepnowski (1998-2001)	Master's in education-literacy from Providence; teaching 2nd-grade in Wellesley, Mass., as elementary reading specialist; has coached youth and high school teams; played in WPSL for Massachusetts Stingers
Laura Vanderberg (1995-98)	Reading Clinic Coordinator at Michigan Institute (vocational rehab.); master's in education from Harvard (human development/psychology); completing Ph.D. at Tufts (applied child dev.); former Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine; ran half-marathon in Kiev
Amy VanLaecke (1994-96)	Manager of engineering career programs at the Notre Dame Career Center; formerly a chemical engineer with IBM (Burlington, Vt.); coached local travel and junior high school teams and an under-12 Nordic Spirit team
Julie Vogel-Kline (1992-95)	Tech. Solutions Group sr. account manager (Chicago); worked in tech. sales for Expanets/Lucent; beach volleyball; Chicago Triathlon
Jennifer Walsh-Cecere (1990-91)	Account representative with State Farm Insurance in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Liz Wagner (1998-2001)	Works at Genzyme Corp. while completing master's in clinical research at Boston University; avid marathoner and tri-athlete
Jenny Walz (2002-05)	Completing postgraduate coursework, in anticipation of attending dental school at Loyola Chicago
Amy Warner (2000-03)	Works in pharmaceutical sales with Eli Lilly (formerly with Glaxo Smith Kline); 2004 W-League all-star with Fort Wayne Fever
Nikki Westfall (2003-06)	Worked for her uncle's business in Colorado during summer of 2007 before pursuing employment in southern California
Susie Zilvitis-Krayer (1988-91)	Worked in insurance in Chicago and Boston (Mazonson; The New England); has played in local leagues; ran Boston Marathon

2007 Numerical Roster

IRISH

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School(s)	Club Team(s), pre-Notre Dame
1	Nikki Weiss	G	5-11	Fr.	Redding, CT / Immaculate HS	U.S. Under-15s; ODP Region I; CUFC Wolves
2	Kerri Hanks **	F	5-6	Jr.	Allen, TX / Allen HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
3	Kerry Inglis *	D/M	5-6	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN / Snider HS	ODP Region II; F.C. Indiana; Fort Wayne Fever; Citadel
4	Taylor Knaack	F	5-4	Fr.	Arlington, TX / Martin HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
5	Amanda Cinalli *** (C)	F/M	5-9	Sr.	Maple Heights, OH / Laurel HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; F.C. Cleveland
6	Lauren Karas ***	G	5-9	Sr.	Flower Mound, TX / Flower Mound HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
7	Amanda Clark *	D/M	5-6	So.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	ODP Region II; Eclipse Select
8	Haley Ford *	D	5-9	So.	Midland, TX / Midland HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
9	Lauren Fowlkes	M	5-11	Fr.	Lee's Summit, MO / St. Teresa's Academy	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Kansas City Dynamos
10	Brittany Bock **	M	5-6	Jr.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region II; F.C. Indiana Eclipse; Black Magic (boys); Windy City Pride
11	Michele Weissenhofer *	F	5-4	So.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	ODP Region II; Eclipse Select
12	Ashley Jones ***	D/M	5-4	Sr.	Westlake Village, CA / Westlake HS	ODP Region IV; Southern California United
13	Kelsey Lysander *	G	5-9	So.	San Diego, CA / Rancho Bernardo HS	ODP Region IV; San Diego Surf
14	Courtney Rosen *	M/F	5-8	So.	Brecksville, OH / Hathaway Brown HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Internationals
15	Rose Augustin	F/M	5-5	Fr.	Silver Lake, OH / Walsh Jesuit HS	Ohio/Cleveland Internationals (club and W-League)
16	Micaela Alvarez	M	5-3	So.	Cranbury, NJ / Peddie HS	ODP Region II; Parsippa Mischief
17	Susan Pinnick **	F/M	5-4	Sr.	South Bend, IN / St. Joseph's HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Carmel Commotion
18	Stephanie Sohn	D	5-6	Fr.	Ronkonkoma, NY / Sachem HS East	ODP Region I; Albertson Fury; ISA Magic
19	Carrie Dew **	D	5-9	Jr.	Encinitas, CA / La Costa Canyon HS	U.S. Under-23 Select; ODP Region IV; San Diego Surf
20	Rebecca Mendoza **	M	5-2	Jr.	Garland, TX / North Garland HS	Mexican National Team; ODP Region III; Dallas Sting
21	Erica Iantorno	M	5-4	Fr.	Hinsdale, IL / Hinsdale HS	Eclipse Select
22	Rachel VanderGenugten *	D	5-4	So.	Schererville, IN / Lake Central HS	Carmel Cyclones
23	Elise Weber	D	5-7	Jr.	Elk Grove, IL / Univ. Wisconsin / St. Viator's HS	Eclipse Select
24	Jennie Bireley	D	5-5	Sr.	Plano, TX / UT-Dallas / Iowa St. / Ursuline Acad.	Andromeda
25	Julie Scheidler	D/M	5-5	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN / Bishop Chatard HS	ODP Region I; Carmel Crossfire
26	Ashley Galovic *	D	5-4	So.	Plano, TX / Plano East HS	Solar
27	Brittany Johnson	M	5-9	Fr.	Pleasant Prairie, WI / Christian Life HS	Eclipse Select (IL)

Head Coach: Randy Waldrum (Midwestern State, 1981), ninth season at Notre Dame

Assistant Coaches: Dawn Greathouse (Baylor '01), Ben Waldrum (Bethel '06)

Volunteer Assistant: Jen Buczkowski (ND '07)

* - denotes monograms earned C - denotes captain

Irish Roster Breakdown

By Home State

California (3): Dew, Jones, Lysander

Connecticut (1): Weiss

Illinois (5): Bock, Clark, Iantorno, Weber, Weissenhofer

Indiana (4): Inglis, Pinnick, Scheidler, VanderGenugten

Missouri (1): Fowlkes

New Jersey (1): Alvarez

New York (1): Sohn

Ohio (3): Augustin, Cinalli, Rosen

Texas (7): Bireley, Ford, Galovic, Hanks, Karas, Knaack, Mendoza

Wisconsin (1): Johnson (grew up in Chicago)

By Class

Seniors (5): Bireley, Cinalli, Jones, Karas, Pinnick

Juniors (6): Bock, Dew, Hanks*, Inglis, Mendoza, Weber

Sophomores (8): Alvarez, Clark, Ford, Galovic, Lysander, Rosen, VanderGenugten, Weissenhofer

Freshmen (8): Augustin, Fowlkes, Iantorno, Johnson, Knaack, Scheidler, Sohn, Weiss

* Note: Hanks signed with the Irish in 2004 but delayed enrollment until the 2005 spring semester, after training and playing with the U.S. Under-19 National Team in the 2004 fall semester (she first played with the Irish in the 2005 spring and technically is a second-semester junior in the fall of 2007).

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Micaela Alvarez	Muh-KAY-luh	Taylor Knaack	Nack
Rose Augustin	Uh-GUS-tin	Kelsey Lysander	LIE-sand-er
Jennie Bireley.....	BYE-err-lee	Susan Pinnick.....	Pin-ick
Amanda Cinalli	Suh-NAH-lee	Julie Scheidler	Shied-lerr
Lauren Fowlkes	Folks	Stephanie Sohn	Sone (rhymes with cone)
Ashley Galovic	GAL-uh-vick	Rachel VanderGenugten ...	Van-dir-GUH-new-tun
Erica Iantorno	Eye-un-TORE-no	Nikki Weiss	rhymes with nice
Kerry Inglis.....	IN-gless	Michele Weissenhofer	Wise-en-HOFF-er
Lauren Karas.....	CARE-us		



2007 Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School(s)	Club Team(s), pre-Notre Dame
16	Micaela Alvarez	M	5-3	So.	Cranbury, NJ / Peddie HS	ODP Region II; Parsippany Mischief
15	Rose Augustin	F/M	5-5	Fr.	Silver Lake, OH / Walsh Jesuit HS	Ohio/Cleveland Internationals (club and W-League)
24	Jennie Bireley	D	5-5	Sr.	Plano, TX / UT-Dallas / Iowa St. / Ursuline Acad.	Andromeda
10	Brittany Bock **	M	5-6	Jr.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region II; F.C. Indiana Eclipse; Black Magic (boys); Windy City Pride
5	Amanda Cinalli *** (C)	F/M	5-9	Sr.	Maple Heights, OH / Laurel HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; F.C. Cleveland
7	Amanda Clark *	D/M	5-6	So.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	ODP Region II; Eclipse Select
19	Carrie Dew **	D	5-9	Jr.	Encinitas, CA / La Costa Canyon HS	U.S. Under-23 Select; ODP Region IV; San Diego Surf
8	Haley Ford *	D	5-9	So.	Midland, TX / Midland HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
9	Lauren Fowlkes	M	5-11	Fr.	Lee's Summit, MO / St. Teresa's Academy	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Kansas City Dynamos
26	Ashley Galovic *	D	5-4	So.	Plano, TX / Plano East HS	Solar
2	Kerri Hanks **	F	5-6	Jr.	Allen, TX / Allen HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
21	Erica Iantorno	M	5-4	Fr.	Hinsdale, IL / Hinsdale HS	Eclipse Select
3	Kerry Inglis *	D/M	5-6	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN / Snider HS	ODP Region II; F.C. Indiana; Fort Wayne Fever; Citadel
27	Brittany Johnson	M	5-9	Fr.	Pleasant Prairie, WI / Christian Life HS	Eclipse Select (IL)
12	Ashley Jones ***	D/M	5-4	Sr.	Westlake Village, CA / Westlake HS	ODP Region IV; Southern California United
6	Lauren Karas ***	G	5-9	Sr.	Flower Mound, TX / Flower Mound HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
4	Taylor Knaack	F	5-4	Fr.	Arlington, TX / Martin HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
13	Kelsey Lysander *	G	5-9	So.	San Diego, CA / Rancho Bernardo HS	ODP Region IV; San Diego Surf
20	Rebecca Mendoza **	M	5-2	Jr.	Garland, TX / North Garland HS	Mexican National Team; ODP Region III; Dallas Sting
17	Susan Pinnick **	F/M	5-4	Sr.	South Bend, IN / St. Joseph's HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Carmel Commotion
14	Courtney Rosen *	M/F	5-8	So.	Brecksville, OH / Hathaway Brown HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Internationals
25	Julie Scheidler	D/M	5-5	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN / Bishop Chatard HS	ODP Region I; Carmel Crossfire
18	Stephanie Sohn	D	5-6	Fr.	Ronkonkoma, NY / Sachem HS East	ODP Region I; Albertson Fury; ISA Magic
22	Rachel VanderGenugten *	D	5-4	So.	Schererville, IN / Lake Central HS	Carmel Cyclones
23	Elise Weber	D	5-7	Jr.	Elk Grove, IL / Univ. Wisconsin / St. Viator's HS	Eclipse Select
1	Nikki Weiss	G	5-11	Fr.	Redding, CT / Immaculate HS	U.S. Under-15s; ODP Region I; CUFC Wolves
11	Michele Weissenhofer *	F	5-4	So.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	ODP Region II; Eclipse Select

Head Coach: Randy Waldrum (Midwestern State, 1981), ninth season at Notre Dame

Assistant Coaches: Dawn Greathouse (Baylor '01), Ben Waldrum (Bethel '06)

Volunteer Assistant: Jen Buczkowski (ND '07)

* - denotes monograms earned C - denotes captain



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Notre Dame's Goal Remains the Same in 20th Season of Varsity Women's Soccer

Irish hoping to complete their annual national-title quest during 2007 season, with Hermann Trophy player-of-the-year recipient

Kerri Hanks headlining a group of seven returning starters.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will celebrate the program's 20th season in 2007. The level of satisfaction from that season-long celebration ultimately will hinge on one primary goal: completing the program's third NCAA championship season, to go along with earlier titles won in 1995 and 2004.

Notre Dame – which compiled the best record in college soccer over the past three seasons (72-5-2, from 2004-06) – has been in the mix for the national title in eight of the past 13 seasons, advancing to the College Cup final weekend five times in the 1990s (1994-97, '99) and three more in the current decade (2000, '04 and '06; plus a 2005 season that is one of six when the Irish have been ranked number one). In addition to taking home the pair of first-place trophies, Notre Dame has been the NCAA runner-up four times ('94, '96, '99, '06) – so shooting for the top is now an annual rite of passage.

Waldrum – whose .773 career win percentage is third-best among active Division I coaches – welcomes back seven starters, four top reserves and 17 total veterans from the 2006 NCAA runner-up squad that went 25-1-1 and held the nation's top ranking for most of the season. The headline returners include junior forward **Kerri Hanks**, who in 2005 became the youngest player (female or male) ever to receive the prestigious Hermann Trophy player-of-the-year award – along with junior center back **Carrie Dew** (the BIG EAST's 2006 defensive player of the year, with Hanks earning the offensive award) and senior forward/midfielder **Amanda Cinalli**, a three-time all-BIG EAST performer who will serve as the 2007 team captain.

Hanks and Cinalli have been named to the 2007 Hermann Trophy preseason watch list while joining Dew, junior midfielder **Brittany Bock** and sophomore forward **Michele Weissenhofer** among the 13 players who received 2007 preseason first team all-BIG EAST honors. Each of those five also is a current member of the U.S. Under-21/U-23 National Team player pool, with Cinalli and Weissenhofer playing on the U-21 team that won the 2007 Nordic Cup.

Notre Dame returns plenty of firepower from the potent 2006 offense, including all four double-digit goalscorers from a year ago. Hanks (22G-22A in '06) and Weissenhofer (18G-17A) had a rare 1-2 teammate finish atop the national scoring charts in 2006 (66 and 53 points, respectively) while Cinalli posted her third straight double-digit goal season (11G-4A) and Bock added 12G-5A.

All told, the Notre Dame returners accounted for 87 percent of the team's goals in 2006 (74 of 85). The four players mentioned above are equally adept at setting up goals as they are at scoring them, with 96 career assists between them to go along with their 123 combined career goals.

Nonetheless, the Irish still must replace their primary playmaker – departed three-year All-America midfielder Jen Buczkowski, who served as the engine for a Notre Dame program that outscored the opposition 337-57 (+280) during her four-year career. Sophomore **Courtney Rosen** and junior **Rebecca Mendoza** could use their unique talents to help fill the void created by Buczkowski's departure.

The biggest question mark resides in the defensive third, as Notre Dame looks to rework its lineup following the graduation of three battle-

tested veterans: defensive midfielder Jill Krivacek (a second team all-region performer and a member of the 2006 Hermann Trophy watch list), center back Kim Lorenzen ('06 team captain) and four-year all-BIG EAST performer Christie Shaner, who split time in her career as a starter at left back and at one of the center back spots.

Heir apparent to the 5-foot-11 Krivacek could be freshman **Lauren Fowlkes**, a prep All-American and U.S. Under-17 National Team member who packs plenty of diverse talents into her own 5-11 frame. Tenacious sophomore **Amanda Clark** also has prototypical defensive midfielder skills but she may be needed more on the back line, where she can serve as a center or right back.

Possibly the one defensive certainty entering the 2007 season is that sophomore **Haley Ford** will anchor one of the central back positions, a role she filled with veteran-like poise in the 2006 postseason (when Dew was sidelined due to an ACL knee injury). Dew – a first team all-region performer and Hermann Trophy watch list honoree in 2006 – was nearing the completion of her rehabilitation late in the summer of 2007 and, if healthy, could combine with Ford to form an impressive pair of center backs.

Both outside back spots could feature new starters, as senior Academic All-American **Ashley Jones** (the starting right back in '06) may return to her natural position of midfielder. Potential candidates to emerge at outside back include an intriguing junior pair of **Elise Weber** and **Kerry Inglis**, both of whom are more than competent leftside players. Weber is a rare transfer to the Notre Dame women's soccer program (after starting the past two years at Wisconsin) while Inglis has played a total of only 224 minutes in her Irish career, due to a chronic ankle injury.

Notre Dame could enjoy the best three-goalscorer depth in the program's history, with senior **Lauren Karas** returning as the starter while freshman **Nikki Weiss** should be in the mix, following a prep All-America career and experience with U.S. youth national team programs.

Notre Dame's 2007 roster includes seven Texas natives – four of them (namely Karas, Hanks and Ford) products of the elite Dallas Texans club – while six others played for the Chicago-based Eclipse Select club that recently has matched the Texans in racking up national titles. Most notably, Bock, Weissenhofer, Clark and Weber all played for the Eclipse before joining the Irish.

Here's a look at the Irish, by position:

FORWARDS

Notre Dame's primary 4-3-3 formation in 2006 featured four players who saw significant minutes at forward, with Cinalli playing on the front line in the first half of the season before flipping with Bock and playing mostly as a midfielder for the second half. Most teams would be ecstatic to have even one member of Notre Dame's "fantastic four" – but the Irish have the luxury of sending a diverse group of frontrunners at their opponents, making defensive gameplans a challenge.

"We've always wanted to play an entertaining, and attractive brand of attacking soccer," says



Kerri Hanks

Waldrum. "We like to add creative players who have flair. If you have those types of players, the scoring chances will come. We encourage the offensive players to have the freedom to create – and they can be tough to stop when they are clicking as a unit."

Hanks (Allen, Texas) already has compiled a career resume that compares with the top players in women's soccer history. The owner of an assortment of nearly 50 Notre Dame records, she enters 2007 with a career point total (137; 50G-37) that has been bested by only two previous Division I players at the end of their sophomore seasons. As a freshman, Hanks tied the Irish record for goals in a season (28G-15A) and ended up one point shy (71) of tying another team record. And following her rare 20-20 season in 2006 (22G-22A), she joined former UNC great Mia Hamm as the only Division I players ever to finish a season as the national leader in both goals and assists. She is the only Notre Dame player ever to post both a hat trick and a three-assist game during NCAA Tournament play.

"Kerri gets all the recognition for scoring goals and she's been a pure goalscorer all her life," says Waldrum. "But what also should be realized is the fact that she always is playing with those expectations and a lot of pressure. Her role simply is to score goals – and that's why she takes such great pride and responsibility in always trying to improve her game."

"I've said it before, but one of the subtle aspects to Kerri's play is her uncanny ability to maneuver around the field and always put herself into the right place. She grew up a soccer junkie, watching the game with her father – who played the game back in England. It's really not a surprise that she has evolved into such a dominating player."

Cinalli (Maple Heights, Ohio) – who joins K.T. Sullivan ('88) and Lorenzen ('06) as the program's

only solo captains – has developed into one of the nation's top attacking players, as seen by her inclusion on the Hermann Trophy preseason watch list. A second team all-region selection in 2006, Cinalli will be looking to close her career with a fourth straight all-BIG EAST season (a feat turned in by only four previous Irish players). She has yet to miss a game (79 GP/68 GS) and is just four assists shy of becoming the program's 12th all-time player with 30-plus career goals and 30-plus assists (31G-26A; with her 17A in 2005 ranking fifth in the nation that season).

"Amanda is our most technically-gifted player and one of the most complete players we've ever had. More importantly, if you looked up 'team player' in the dictionary, it would have a picture of her – because of all she does on and off the field" says Waldrum. "She is an emerging leader and has all the personality traits you'd want in someone who represents Notre Dame."

Cinalli was honored by the Notre Dame athletics department as a 2007 recipient of the Francis Patrick O'Connor Award, presented in recognition of traits such as inspiration and team spirit. The perennial double-digit goalscorer (11G-4A in '06) – who already ranks sixth on the Notre Dame list for career NCAA Tournament points (18; 8G-2A) – could break Buczkowski's team record for career games played (103).

"Amanda has been overshadowed in her career by some of her teammates, but she is a driven competitor who does so many little things vital to our success," adds Waldrum. "She is so effective shielding for possession, is tough to knock off the ball and can make quick turns to lose her defender – just a player with a great workrate who creates so much off the dribble."

The leftfooted **Weissenhofer** (Naperville, Ill.) thrilled fans – at home and on the road – throughout the 2006 season, due to her exciting play highlighted by a flip throw-in that she can sail with accuracy to the back post. Named the 2006 *Soccer America* national freshman of the year and a second team all-region player, Weissenhofer also collected first team all-BIG EAST Conference honors and was named conference rookie of the year, en route to totaling the second-most points (53) in the nation (her 17 assists also were second behind Hanks while her 18 goals ranked sixth in the nation).

Following that impressive freshman season, Weissenhofer was called into various youth national-team events and ultimately joined Cinalli on the U-21 team that won the Nordic Cup in Finland. The 5-foot-4 sparkplug was one of the three youngest players (rising sophomores) on that elite 18-player squad and scored on a header to cap the final win over Germany (4-0).

"Michele had no previous involvement with youth national teams but she now is starting to cash in her tremendous upside," says Waldrum. "She is a very competitive player who combines deceptive speed and strength."

"With such a tenacious workrate, Michele has that toughness to absorb harassing defenses. She also can pull goals out of thin air, with the power to score from all sorts of angles. One thing we're hoping to improve is her overall fitness, so she can become more of a 90-minute player."

Weissenhofer played alongside Clark on two national-title teams with the Eclipse and was the top scorer (26 goals) for Neuqua Valley High School's team that won the 2006 Illinois state title (Clark and Bock also were key members of that squad). Her first season with the Irish produced the fifth-most points ever by a Notre Dame freshman (53) and she either scored (5) or assisted (6) on 11 game-winning goals while setting the Irish record for GWGs in one postseason (4). Weissenhofer also became just the third Notre Dame freshman ever to post a hat trick in the NCAAs, in the quarterfinal round against 8th-ranked Penn State (4-0).

Senior **Susan Pinnick** (South Bend, Ind.) will be looking to rediscover her offensive productivity from 2005 (7G-3A, in 24 GP), when she combined with former players Maggie Manning

Notre Dame Women's Soccer 2007 Quick-Facts Capsule

2006 Records:

25-1-1 (NCAA runner-up; BIG EAST regular-season champions/10-0-1 and tournament champions)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost:

16/8 (7 starters returning) ... returners scored 87% of team's goals in 2006 (74 of 85)

TOP RETURNERS:

#2 Kerri Hanks (F; Jr.; Allen, TX) – '06: 22G-22A (66 pts), 27 GS ... career: 50G-37A (137 pts), 12 GWG, 12 GWA, 52 GS ... '06 national player of the year (Hermann Trophy), one of five finalists for ESPN "ESPY" (top female college athlete) ... joined Mia Hamm (UNC, in '92) as only DI players ever to finish season as national leader in goals and assists ... her 137 career pts are 3rd-most ever by DI player in freshman/sophomore seasons ... owns/shares 47 ND records, including career pts/gm (2.64) and goals/gm (0.96), points in one NCAA Tournament (16/4G-8A, '06) and goals in a game (4) ... ranked 3rd nationally with 28 goals in '05 (tied ND record; her 71 pts were one shy of ND record) ... top scorer in '04 with U-19 national team (12G-2A, 12 GP), also has played with U.S.U-21s ... '04 signee who did not play for ND in '04 due to U-19 World Championship ... earned USYS Golden Boot Award with Dallas Texans '03 national champs and '05 runner-up.

#7 Amanda Cinalli (F/M, Sr.; Maple Hts., OH) – '06: 11G-4A (26 pts), 27 GP/24 GS ... career: 31G-26A (88 pts), 9 GWG, 79 GP/76 GS ... clever frontrunner with scoring flair ... her strong play after shifting to midfield sparked team in second half of '06 ... three-time all-BIG EAST pick (1st team '04; 3rd team '05; 2nd team '06) ... member of U-21 National Team ('06 Nordic Cup runner-up and '07 champs) ... 19th on ND career points list (88), needs 4A to become 12th with 30G-30A ... clutch player with most postseason first goals (6) in ND history ... ranked 5th among '06 BIG EAST players in goals (11), 7th in pts (26) ... national player of the week after 2G-1A in '06 comeback over fellow #1 Santa Clara (3-1) ... 5th among nation's '05 assist leaders (17), also 3rd that season in BIG EAST with 37 pts (10G) ... leader of nation's winningest senior class (72-5-2/.924; '04-'06).

#10 Brittany Bock (M, Jr.; Naperville, IL) – '06: 12G-7A (31 pts), 22 GP/19 GS ... career: 24G-16A (64 pts), 6 GWG, 46 GP/36 GS ... combines physical play with great poise on the ball and passing ability, plus rocket shot and domination in the air (12 career goals on headers, plus four rare header assists) ... longtime member of U.S. youth soccer national teams (currently U-21s) ... NSCAA second team all-region in 2006 ... second team all-BIG EAST in '05 (12G-9A, 24 GP/17 GS) and '06 ... already 10th at ND in career postseason points (27/10G-7A) ... Academic All-America candidate (3.24 cumulative GPA; marketing major).

#17 Carrie Dew (D, Jr.; Encinitas, CA) – '06: 2G-1A (5 pts), 14 GP/12 GS (injured) ... career: 5G-1A (11 pts), 3 GWG, 39 GP/37 GS ... 5-foot-9 player with strong play in the air ... one of world's top young defenders who will be looking to return from ACL knee injury ... starting center back with U.S. Under-20 National Team that played in Russia at the 2006 U-20 World Championship (current U-21 player) ... '06 honors included BIG EAST defensive player of the year (also one of 33 named to midseason Hermann Trophy watch list) ... '05 honorable mention all-BIG EAST pick (led team with 2,097 minutes /avg. 84 per game; started all 25) ... won national titles as captain with San Diego Surf and Cal-South ODP team.

#11 Michele Weissenhofer (F, So.; Naperville, IL) – '06: 18G-17A (53 pts), 5 GWG, 6 GWA, 27 GP/23 GS ... exciting presence with equal ability as a scorer and setup player (including highly effective "flip" style throw-in) ... named 2006 national freshman of the year (*Soccer America*) and first team all-BIG EAST (also conference rookie of the year) ... finished behind only her teammate Hanks among nation's points leaders (53; also 2nd to Hanks in assists and 6th in goals) ... current member of U.S. U-21 National Team ('07 Nordic Cup champs) ... first ND player ever to score four GWGs in one postseason ... third ND freshman ever to post a hat trick in the NCAAs (vs. #8 Penn State) ... prep All-American who was top scorer for Eclipse Select club (two-time national champs).

TOP NEWCOMERS:

Lauren Fowlkes (M, Fr.; Lee's Summit, MO) – 5-11 standout with great field vision, technical ability, playmaking and leadership ... prep All-American, member of U.S. U-17 National Team ... helped K.C. Dynamos win '01 national title ... 38G-14A in career at St. Teresa's Academy ('05 and '06 state champs).

Nikki Weiss (G, Fr.; Redding, CT) – athletic competitor who can dominate penalty area ... imposing presence (5-11) with strong technical skills ... prep All-American and member of U.S. U-15 National Team ... led CUFC Wolves club to three state titles ... four-time state champ at Immaculate HS (no goals allowed in '05/'06 postseasons).

Elise Weber (D, Jr.; Elk Grove, IL) – transfer who was two-year starter at Wisconsin (8G-5A; 43 GP/38 GS) ... top candidate at outside back ... national runner-up with Eclipse Select ('06) ... three-time state champ at St. Viator Academy.

TOP PLAYERS LOST (all seniors):

Jen Buczkowski (M) – composed central midfielder who directed dominating possession ... '06: 1G-13A (15 pts), 27 GP/26 GS ... career: 20G-37A (77 pts), 6 GWG, 103 GP (ND record)/97 GS ... three-year All-American ... among final-15 candidates for Hermann Trophy in '05 and '06 ... U.S. U-21 National Team ... led class with 92-8-3 career record.

Christie Shaner (D) – strong tackling presence who split time at left and central back ... '06: 1A, 25 GP/23 GS ... career: 3G-9A (15 pts), 100 GP (4th ND history)/90 GS ... four-time all-BIG EAST selection.

Jill Krivacek (M) – 5-foot-10 defensive midfielder ... '06: 5G-6A (16 pts), 27 GP/24 GS ... career: 10G-15A (35 pts), 5 GWG, 95 GP/65 GS ... named to midseason Hermann Trophy watch list ('06) ... NSCAA second team all-region ('06), third team all-BIG EAST ('04) ... defensive MVP of '05 BIG EAST Championship.

Kim Lorenzen (D) – defensive leader as four-year starter at right/center back ... '06: 26 GS ... career: 3G-11A (17 pts), 95 GP/85 GS ... '06 team captain ... defensive MVP of 2006 BIG EAST Championship.

and Lizzie Reed for a strong second wave of forwards that quickly put games out of reach. With two years of eligibility remaining – due to injuries suffered in a 2004 summer van accident with her club team – the local product will be focused on closing her career with two strong seasons.

“Susan made an inspiring return from the accident and you can see the passion she has for the game,” says Waldrum of Pinnick, who totaled 2G-6A while appearing in all but one game of the 2006 season (with three starts).

“She always has been a tireless competitor who is so tough running at the defense and using moves to create or spin out of trouble. Susan is coming off a great spring and is looking to improve her finishing while also creating more chances for her teammates. She again could be used as an attacking midfielder if needed and in general could help make our offense even more efficient.”

Freshman **Rose Augustin** (Silver Lake, Ohio) could add yet another dimension to the attack. The prep All-American was named state player of the year at Walsh Jesuit High School while finishing her career as that school’s third-leading career scorer (152 pts; 52G-48A). Augustin already has plenty of experience competing alongside college players, after spending the past three summers with the W-League’s Cleveland Internationals (featuring her future ND teammates Cinalli and Rosen).

“Rose is so strong on the ball, what we would call very ‘clean’ from a technical standpoint,” says Waldrum. “She is a poised player who can deliver passes and shots with either foot. Rose also is very coachable and has a deep understanding of soccer tactics. She needs to boost her workrate but she should have a quick impact, possibly at times as an attacking midfielder.”

Augustin and fellow freshman frontrunner **Taylor Knaack** (Arlington, Texas) both should benefit from the unique experience of attending classes and living on-campus at Notre Dame during the 2007 summer session, as part of the early-entry program (Bock was the program’s first to do so in the summer of ’05, followed by Clark and Weissenhofer in ’06). Knaack – who twice advanced to nationals (final-four) with her Dallas Texans squad – was expected to make a big push for playing time before suffering an ACL knee injury in the spring.

“Taylor is a very athletic and quick forward who is constantly in motion and very good running at people with the ball. She is a creative playmaker who can put herself in position to score a lot of goals,” says Waldrum. “Taylor needs to improve playing with her back to the goal and get more efficient in her scoring, but she will be a great complement to our other forwards – most of whom will be back in 2008. She is making quick strides in her rehab and we will be excited to add her to the lineup, most likely not until the 2008 spring season.”

MIDFIELD

Notre Dame boasted a veteran 2006 midfield but that unit likely will feature two new starters (one, if Cinalli drops back) in 2007. Gone are the skilled duo of longtime teammates Buczkowski and Krivacek, who combined for 198 career games played and 169 starts.

Bock (Naperville, Ill.) – whose midseason positional flip with Cinalli sparked the 2006 Irish offense – likely will be featured in 2007 at her traditional midfield role. As Notre Dame’s top all-

around offensive player, Bock could be primed for a blockbuster season after earning NSCAA second team all-region and second team all-BIG EAST honors as a sophomore. She finished third on the 2006 team in scoring with 31 points (12G-7A) while tying for the team lead with six game-winning goals. Her 15 points (6G-3A) in the nine postseason games included four goals scored on headers, to go along with three other header goals in the 2006 regular season.

A member of various U.S. youth national teams throughout her career, Bock was one of the top players for the U.S. side that competed in Russia at the 2006 U-20 World Championship. She even had the chance to join Hanks at a full National Team camp shortly after the end of the 2006 college season.

“Brittany is a classic multi-dimensional player whose most special attribute may be her play in the air – you won’t find a better player in the nation when it comes to that,” says Waldrum of Bock, who impressively has scored half of her career goals (12 of 24) on headers, to go along with four rare header assists during her career.

“She is fearless when leaving her feet, whether it be going strong over an opposing player or having the courage to dive low where you might get kicked in the face.”

The 5-foot-9 Bock has a wide-reaching soccer resume that includes playing for various elite youth teams, many times competing with players several years older than her (and even playing on the Chicago Magic boys club team in 2004). Her first year with the Irish produced one of the highest point totals (33; 12G-9A) ever by a Notre Dame freshman midfielder.

“Brittany has a very unique body type – physical, yet highly technical – to go along with a tremendous understanding of the game’s tactics,” adds Waldrum. “She is great off the dribble and can spring teammates with a wide assortment of passes, in addition to having a rocket shot. Brittany continues to mature into the college game and I think she will take that next step in becoming an elite-level midfielder.”

Rosen (Brecksville, Ohio) – who again could see some time as a forward target player – will be looking to shake the lingering effects of a foot injury that sidelined her for seven games early in the 2006 season. A prep All-American and founding member of the U.S. U-17 National Team program (alongside Cinalli and Pinnick), Rosen got the most out of both her goals in 2006 – as one proved to be the gamewinner at 9th-ranked Villanova (4-2) while the other was blasted from 20 yards out to open the scoring in the NCAA semifinal win over 5th-ranked Florida State (2-1). She added four assists in ’06 while making five starts among her 20 games played.

“People were not able to see Courtney at her best, due to the injury, but she is a very talented and creative player who combines great soccer ability with a classic ‘soccer brain,’” says Waldrum.

“Courtney is well-suited to our attacking midfielder role, due to her comfort level on the ball and field vision. She also is physically strong and can crack her shot like nobody else on the team. It will be key to have her healthy on a consistent basis and we hope to improve her fitness level as a 90-minute player.”

Mendoza (Garland, Texas) had a minimal impact on the deep midfield in her first two



Amanda Cinalli

seasons (1G-1A; 33 GP/4 HS) but the Mexican national teamer is expected to make a more significant impact in 2007 – following a strong spring season in which she graded out as Notre Dame’s most improved player. Mendoza’s speciality lies in her clever play on the ball and a steady focus on the key possession game.

“Becca has taken care of herself physically and that higher fitness level has led to extended playing time,” says Waldrum. “She is so good with the ball and can help your team keep possession while creating quality offensive buildup.”

“We want her to become more of a physical presence but she has worked on that area while also improving her play in the air and her toughness. We’re excited about Becca’s development and she will play a unique role for our midfield this season.”

Fowlkes (Lee’s Summit, Mo.) could single-handedly help lessen the midfield’s graduation losses – due to a combination of skills that make her seemingly a hybrid of Buczkowski and Krivacek.

“Lauren’s size, physical presence and defensive skills will remind fans of Jill Krivacek, but she also plays with the finesse and creativity of Buczkowski,” says Waldrum.

“We could have a dilemma in terms of where to play Lauren, due to her great versatility. She sees the game very well, has a great touch on the ball and makes her teammates better, due to a composed demeanor and solid leadership. We expect great things from Lauren throughout her career.”

Fowlkes is one of many Notre Dame players with youth national championships on their soccer resume, after scoring the decisive goal that gave the Kansas City Dynamos the 2001 U-14 national title (the first ever for a team from Kansas). She also earned Missouri state player-of-the-year honors while helping St. Teresa’s Academy win a pair of state titles.

Another freshman, **Brittany Johnson** (Pleasant Prairie, Wis.), brings a similar size element to the midfield due to her 5-10 frame. As captain of the Eclipse Select team that won the 2006 U-17 national title, Johnson displayed the

leadership and all-around skills that should mesh well with Notre Dame's system.

"Brittany Johnson also reminds us of Krivacek in several ways, due to her size, body type, quickness in tight spaces, ability to maintain possession under pressure and the vision to find others with her passing. She also is a strong technical player and in general should be in the mix of the midfield, where playing time will be at a premium," says Waldrum.

Sophomore **Micaela Alvarez** (Cranbury, N.J.) was Notre Dame's top walk-on addition in 2006 but she missed the entire season due to summer ACL surgery. Alvarez returned to play all five games in the 2007 spring season while making steady progress in returning to the form that saw her star for the New Jersey ODP team and the Parsippany Mischievous club.

"Micaela is a skillful player with great field vision," says Waldrum. "We want to improve her quickness and mobility by getting her more touches in the midfield. Micaela has a great personality and has molded well into the team, even though she missed all of last fall. She could help us this year if her fitness level and full return from the injury are in order."

Freshman **Erica Iantorno** (Hinsdale, Ill.) – a teammate of Johnson's on the 2006 national championship Eclipse team – has played all over the field during her club-soccer career but likely will serve as a midfielder with the Irish.

"Erica is a very consistent and competitive player who does a great job keeping her play simple and on-task," says Waldrum. "She started as a forward with the Eclipse, then played as an outside back – and we might even end up trying her at a number of positions in order to get her more playing time."

DEFENSE

The departed defensive standouts – Krivacek, Lorenzen and Shaner – will be sorely missed for their all-around talent level and leadership, plus an unquestioned physical presence.

"We are going to be talented in the back but thin on experience, and we will need some players to help set the tone," says Waldrum. "Over the past few years, our defensive players have taken a lot of pride in allowing very few shots on goal. We know the current players – veterans and newcomers – will help maintain that tradition of defensive pride and setting of the physical tone."

The 5-foot-9 **Dew** (Encinitas, Calif.) – who joined Bock in starring for the U.S. at the 2006 U-20 World Championship – has become the leader of the relatively young defensive unit, with her former state ODP teammate Jones set for a possible return to the midfield. Viewed by many as one of the top young central defenders in the world, Dew will be looking to get back on track as she completes rehabilitation from a knee injury suffered in a lateseason 2006 makeup game.

Despite missing all of the 2006 postseason, Dew was named BIG EAST defensive player of the year and first team all-region while being included on the Hermann Trophy watch list. She joined recent All-America right back Candace Chapman as the only Notre Dame players to receive a BIG EAST offensive or defensive player-of-the-year award as a sophomore.

"Carrie has tremendous composure and is very good with the ball, something you typically don't see with a central back. She is comfortable with pressure, reads the game well and can playmake with excellent distribution out of the back. On top of that, Carrie has the physical presence, is a great tackler and is dominant in the air. She's the whole package," says Waldrum of Dew, who scored five goals and added an assist while appearing in 39

games during her first two seasons (37 starts, including all 25 games of her freshman season while leading the team with 2,097 minutes played).

"It may take a couple weeks for Carrie to get her quickness and explosiveness back, as she catches up in her fitness and works out the rust. But we really see her as an emerging leader and our next great central defender."

Jones (Westlake Village, Calif.) is among the leading candidates for the 2007 Division I women's soccer Academic All-American of the Year honor, thanks to her 3.975 cumulative GPA as an accounting major. Her first three years at Notre Dame included four 4.0 semesters, 26 A grades and a pair of A-minuses.

The converted midfielder can play effectively on either side due to her strong left foot. She appeared in all 79 games of the 2004-06 seasons (41 GS; 4G-10A) and heads into 2007 as one of the leading members of the nation's winningest senior class, after starting 25 games for the 2006 NCAA runner-up squad (2G-5A).

"Ashley was slowed by injuries in the spring but should be back up to speed, allowing us to use her at either outside back spot or in the midfield," says Waldrum of Jones, who was one of only three non-seniors to receive 2006 first team Academic All-America honors.

"With Ashley, we always are going to get a smart and focused player, and a tireless worker who leaves it all out on the field. She is a great competitor and rock-solid individual in all aspects of her life."

The 5-foot-9 **Ford** (Midland, Texas) appeared in all 27 games as a freshman, with several of her 14 starts coming early as an outside back. The former captain of the Dallas Texans 2006 national champions then stepped into Dew's spot for all of the nine-game postseason run, making steady progress while playing with veteran poise.

"Haley flew under the radar in the recruiting process but we always were very high on her and felt she was a great fit for our system," says Waldrum, in reference to the player who spent many years commuting nearly 12 hours roundtrip to train with clubs in the Dallas area.

"She is very good on the ball and in the air, with deceptive speed and able to chase down opponents with her long strides. Haley also is much stronger than she looks – she is a tough marker and tackler who is hard to beat due to her combination of skills. On top of everything else, she is a very bright kid and mature beyond her years."

"Haley was our best defender at the College Cup final weekend, going against great players from Florida State and UNC. The weeks before that, Colorado and Penn State hardly had any chances, in large part due to Haley's great play. We expect great things from her over the next three years."

The versatile, hard-nosed **Clark** (Naperville, Ill.) likewise appeared in all 27 of the 2006 games, with 14 spot starts including stints at center back, defensive midfield and right back (highlighted by starts in the first three NCAA Tournament games). A prep All-American who captained the Eclipse to a pair of national titles (in addition to serving as captain for Neuqua Valley's 2006

state-title team), Clark quickly has become Notre Dame's defensive enforcer.

"There's no question that Amanda Clark brings intensity and toughness to the team. In training, we have to calm her down – because she just sees the ball, hunts and seeks," says Waldrum. "Every team needs a player who can be disruptive to the opposition. She is a 'lunchpail' type of player who won't get the limelight, but her intensity even helps make her teammates better prepared for the weekend battles."

"We likely will continue to use Clark on the back line and at defensive midfielder. She has improved on the ball and still needs to become cleaner in her technical ability – but her physical presence and defensive impact are invaluable."

The junior duo of Weber and Inglis could step into key roles at the outside back positions.

Weber (Elk Grove, Ill.) is yet another product of the Eclipse (she helped her 2006 team reach the national title game) and thus has familiarity with some of her new teammates. She also played one season as a prep alongside Johnson while helping St. Viator High School (Arlington Hts., Ill.) win three state titles. Weber's ties to Notre Dame even include playing at Wisconsin with Marissa Sarkesian (sister of former ND midfielder/captain Mia Sarkesian) while her own sister, Laura Weber, recently played BIG EAST soccer at Marquette.

A two-year starter at Wisconsin who served mostly as a flank midfielder, Weber is seen as a natural to convert to outside back. She totaled 8G-6A in her two seasons with the Badgers while playing in all 43 games (38 starts) and being named the team's 2005 freshman of the year.

"Elise should fit well into our system, due to her attacking flair and ability to take on opponents in wide areas," says Waldrum. "She has great athleticism and pace, and is a tenacious player to add to the outside back mix."

"We don't often add transfers and it only made sense if she had the ability to contribute right away. Our players were supportive of adding Elise and the Chicago kids thought she would be a great fit due to her playing style and personality."

Inglis (Fort Wayne, Ind.) will be hoping for a change of fortune, after seeing her first two years hampered by a nagging ankle injury that has required multiple surgeries. A prep All-American who was the second all-time leading scorer at Snider High School (84G-47A), Inglis played as a reserve during eight games in the second half of



Brittany Bock

the 2005 season but she did not see any game action as a sophomore and likewise was sidelined for the 2007 spring and summer seasons. She was cleared to resume playing late in the summer of '07 and started training for a couple weeks with her hometown Fort Wayne Fever of the W-League.

"We all feel bad for Kerry and what she has gone through with the injury, and hopefully she can put that all behind her while becoming a great contributor for the team," says Waldrum of Inglis, who earlier showed she could play at a high level alongside collegiate-level competition, with both the Fort Wayne Fever (summer 2004) and the WPSL's F.C. Indiana (summer '05).

"Kerry played very well as an outside back with the Fever and F.C. Indiana – and we'd love to see how she does in our system. She is very skillful with the ball and provides great service from either flank. If fully healthy, Kerry could help eliminate a lot of our concerns at outside back."

Freshmen **Stephanie Sohn** and **Julie Scheidler** could play key roles in the 2007 defense, with Sohn able to play anywhere on the back line while Scheidler is more suited for outside back (or even midfield).

Sohn (Ronkonkoma, N.Y./Sachem High School East) – a member of the U-17 National Team player pool and captain of the Eastern New York team that won the 2005 ODP national title – is smaller than most of Notre Dame's recent center backs, but she makes up for that with excellent positioning and tactical discipline.

"Stephanie is a very smart player who maintains her defensive shape, which is very important in our system. She reads the game very well, rarely is caught out of position, makes good decisions and is very coachable. She basically plays very simple and within both herself and the system," says Waldrum of Sohn, who nearly led her Albertson Fury club team to the 2007 Region I title and earlier played for the Long Island-based ISA Magic.

"You have to watch Stephanie over time to truly appreciate her. We have so many highlight-type players but she is one who will do all the 'dirty' work while others get the spotlight. She reminds us of Kimmy Lorenzen when she was starting her career – and we certainly hope Stephanie can have the type of impact over her four years."

Scheidler (Indianapolis, Ind.) stayed in state to play for the Irish while following in the footsteps of 12 direct relatives who have attended Notre Dame (plus eight more at nearby Saint Mary's). A prep All-American who is noted for her strong technical play and service from the flanks, Scheidler was the Indiana state player of the year as a senior while setting the school record for career points at Bishop Chatard High School (183; 73G-37A) and starring for the Carmel Crossfire club team.

"Julie has tremendous athleticism and loves to get forward from the outside back position, which is a key part of our attacking mentality. She also is very talented on the ball and has a strong desire to learn, as a true student of the game. Julie appears ready to make the transition and could help us a lot this season," says Waldrum.

Notre Dame's returning defenders include two sophomore outside backs – **Ashley Galovic** (Plano, Texas) and **Rachel VanderGenutgen** (Schererville, Ind.) – who both found themselves in Frisco, Texas, competing for different youth club titles at USYS nationals (summer 2007). Galovic's Solar Soccer Club advanced to the

Under-18 nationals (after claiming the Solar program's first Region III title) while VanderGenutgen and her Carmel Cyclones club had the special thrill of winning the Under-19 national title.

"Ashley is an athletic and quick player who could become a good contributor, with key improvements," says Waldrum of Galovic, who appeared in seven games during the 2006 season.

"She has great upside but we want Ashley to become more physical, improve her tackling and make better decisions with the ball. In our system, the outside backs have to be able to handle the ball effectively."

VanderGenutgen played in six games as a freshman while battling a nagging foot injury that also hampered her in the spring and has required multiple surgeries.

"Rachel's status with the injury is a big question and we have not been able to see her in many games. She has ground to make up but we know she has the athleticism, competitiveness and quality club experience to be an effective college player," says Waldrum.

The Irish also added a veteran walk-on – fifth-year senior **Jennie Bireley** (Plano, Texas) – following her solid play in the 2007 spring season. A high school teammate of recent ND midfielder Claire Gallerano (with powerhouse Ursuline Academy), Bireley logged 19 total games in two seasons at Iowa State before playing in 2005 at the University of Texas-Dallas. She transferred to Notre Dame in the 2006 fall semester and converted from midfielder to outside back during what amounted to a tryout with the Irish in the 2007 spring season.

"Jennie has the skill and understanding of the game, plus she has a strong left foot and we always are in need of players at left back," says Waldrum of Bireley, who was an all-state performer as a prep and played for the Andromeda club.

"The biggest thing for Jennie will be putting the work in so she can catch up to college soccer at this level. She will need to continue developing in our system and work on her ability to get forward from the outside back position."

GOALKEEPERS

Early indications projected that all three 'keepers were in the running for the starting spot, with Karas possibly owning the slight edge.

"We will use the preseason and possibly the first couple weeks of the season to evaluate the goalkeeper situation," says Waldrum. "We are excited to have great depth at the position and ultimately will go with the 'keeper who is performing most consistently, in both training and game situations."

The 5-foot-9 **Karas** (Flower Mound, Texas) – whose 0.55 career goals-against average puts her on pace to challenge the Irish record held by fellow Texas native Liz Wagner (0.57) – should benefit from three years of college experience, including a 2006 season that saw her log nearly 90 percent of the minutes while ranking fourth among the nation's GAA leaders (0.41; third in ND history) and tying the program record for solo shutouts in one season (13; with 11 goals allowed and 46 saves). Her 24-1-1 record in '06 produced the best single-season win percentage ever by a Notre Dame goalkeeper (.942).

Karas bookended a pair of 483-minute shutout streaks around the middle of the 2006 season and allowed multiple goals only twice (never more than two). Her top games included a career-best nine saves versus fellow top-ranked team Santa Clara and a strong second half to hold off 5th-ranked Florida State in the NCAA semifinals (2-1).



Carrie Dew

"Lauren has been battle-tested versus some top teams and has some quality performances in those games. She reported this year to preseason at a top fitness level and could be poised for a strong final season," says Waldrum of Karas, whose 36-2-1 career record (in 52 GP/39 GS) represents a .936 win percentage that would best Jen Renola's record of .903 (87-8-3).

"We say this every year: the key for all goalkeepers is consistency. Lauren has all of the tools – shot-stopping, reaction time, handling the ball with her feet and vocal leadership – and she could be on the verge of being one of the nation's top 'keepers."

Sophomore **Kelsey Lysander** (San Diego, Calif.) also returns after logging 281 minutes in a rookie season that included two starts among her eight appearances (0.32 GAA, 4 SV, 1 GA). The 5-foot-10 'keeper was a prep All-American and gained quality club experience with her San Diego Surf squad that advanced to the 2006 nationals.

"Kelsey has great athleticism but needs to complement that with mental toughness and consistency," says Waldrum. "I'd be disappointed if she does not make a strong push to play this year. Kelsey has a great body type for the position and is a hard worker. She had a strong spring and I would look for her to keep making that steady progress this fall."

The 5-foot-11 **Weiss** (Redding, Conn.) appears to have the combination of skills to step directly into the college game. A prep All-American who was a four-time state champion at Immaculate High School and three-time state champ with the CUFC Wolves club, Weiss is a former member of the U.S. U-15 National Team and recently played in Brazil with the ODP Region I team. Her dominance at the 2006 high school state tournament was verified when she was named MVP of that event, a rarity for the goalkeeper position.

"Nikki is a tremendous athlete with an imposing presence and the ability to dominate the 18-yard box," says Waldrum of Weiss, who also was an all-state basketball player. "She has great potential and we expect Nikki to make a push to crack the lineup. Like all young players, she will have areas to adjust to the college game – namely in dealing with crosses and reading the speed of the game."