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Women's Soccer Quick Facts

Notre Dame Quick Facts

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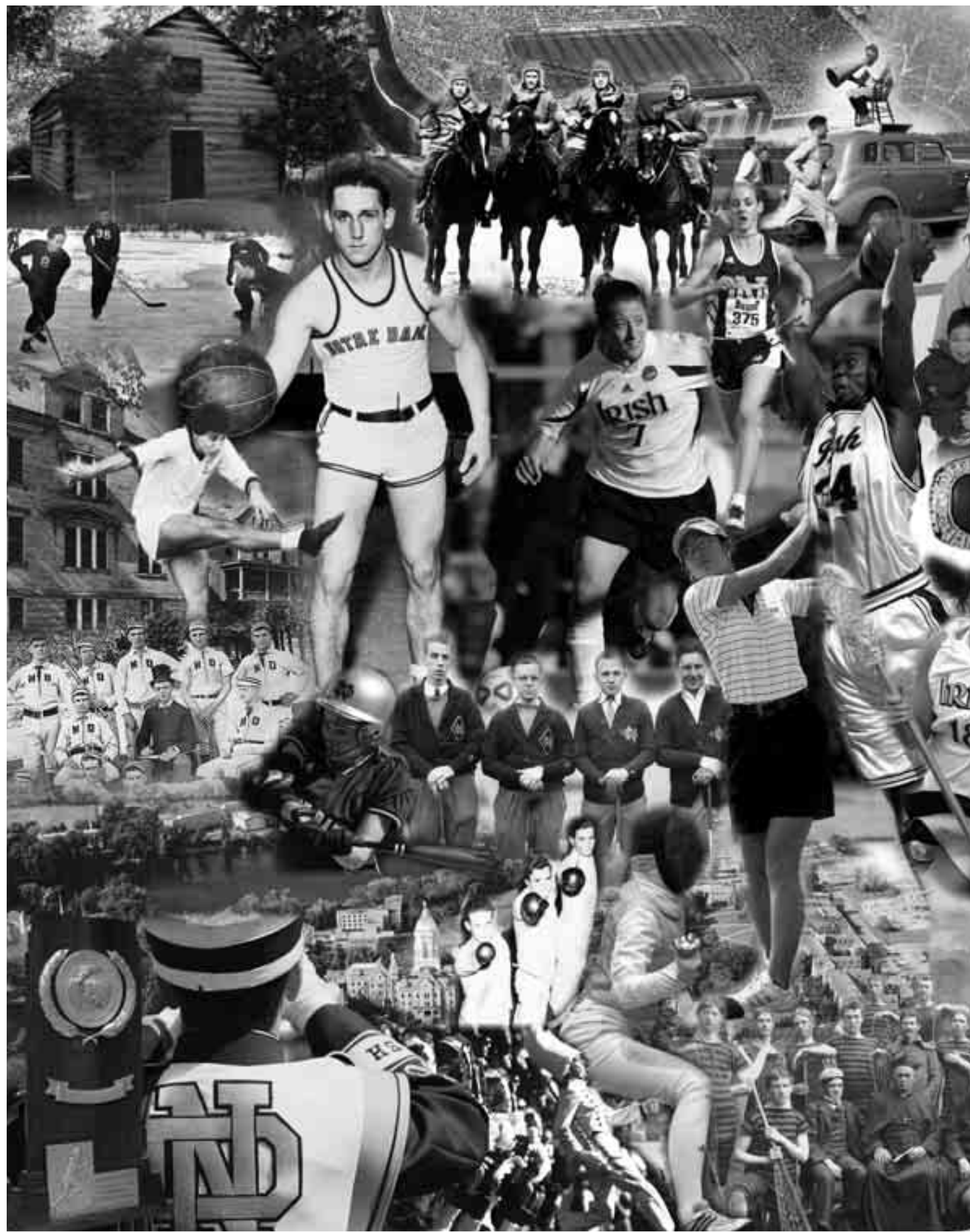
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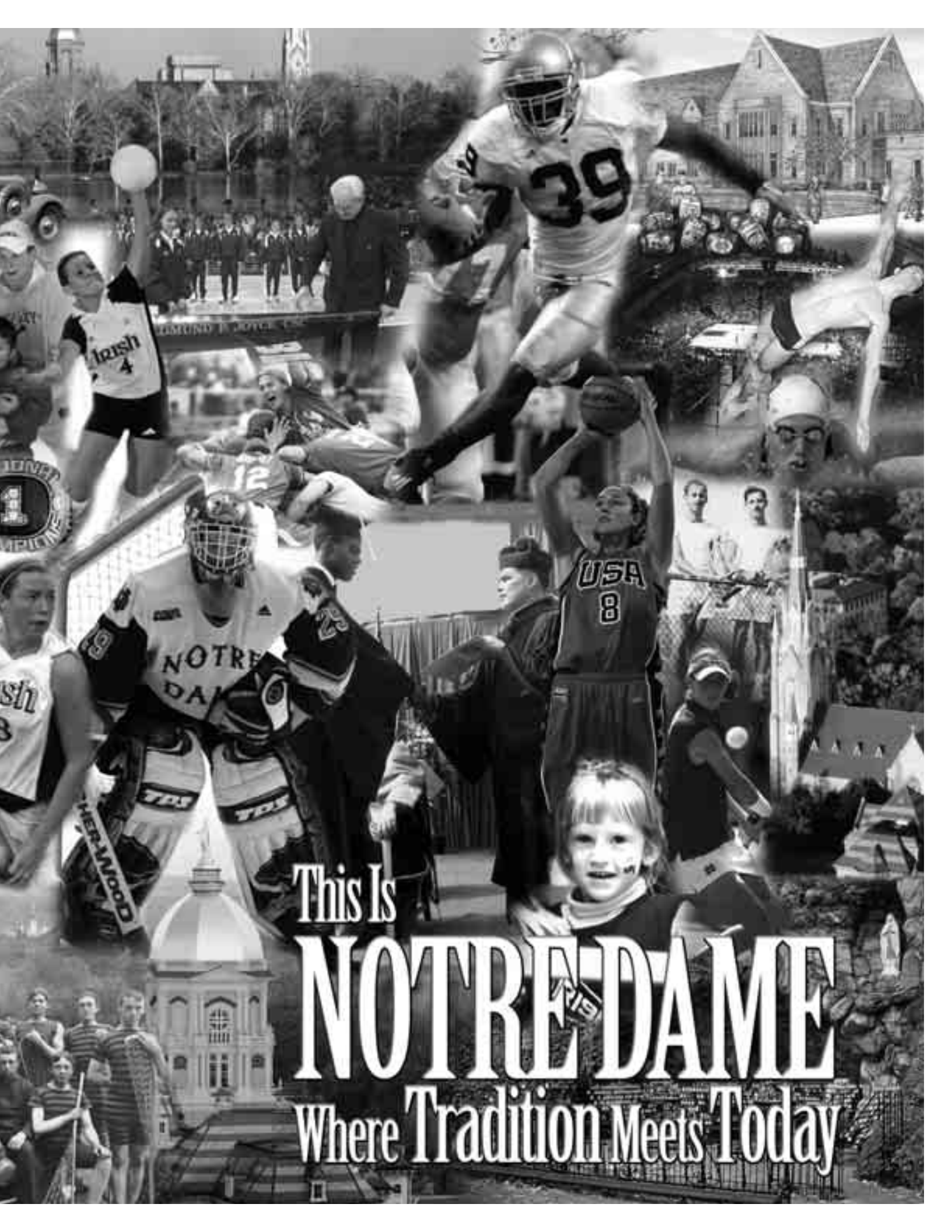
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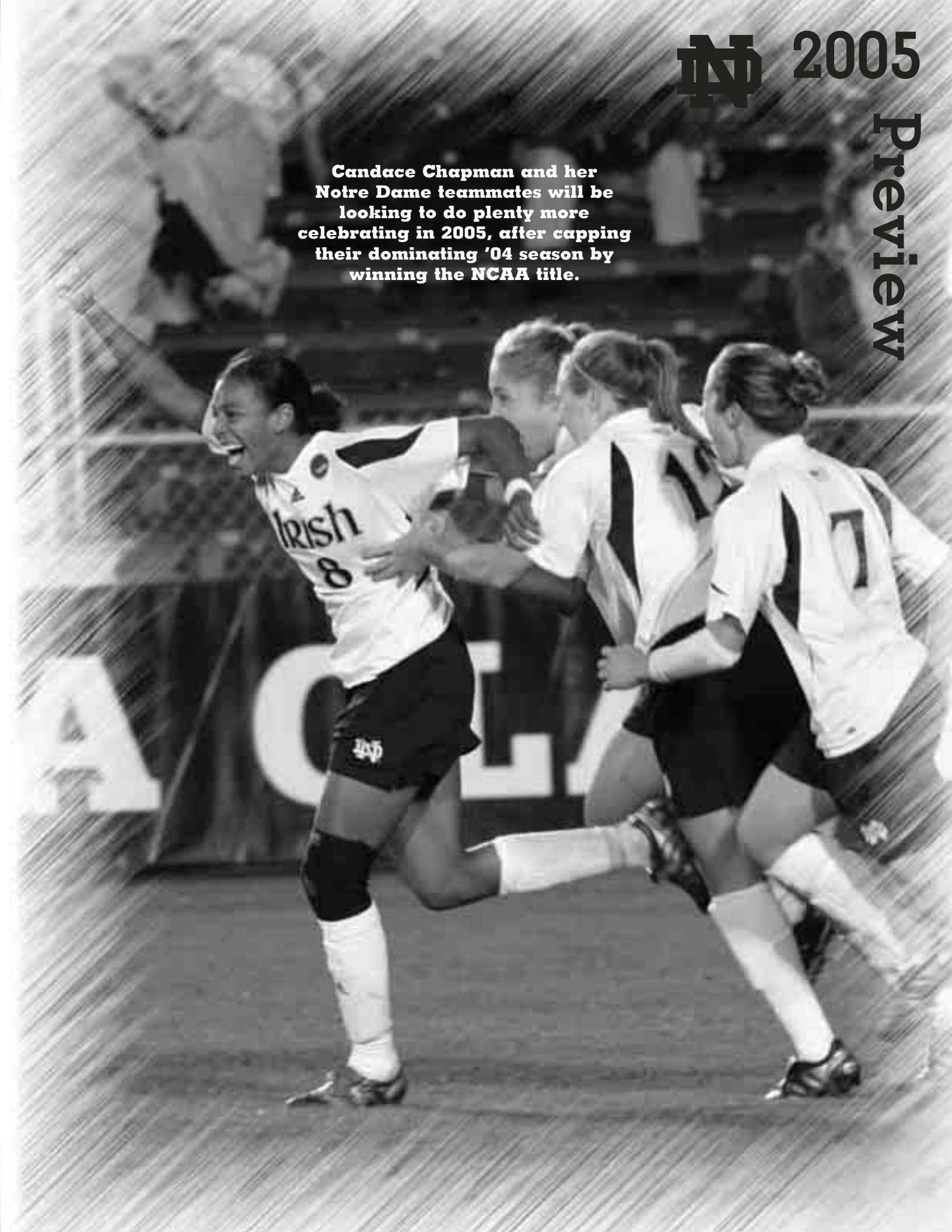
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ND 2005

Preview

Candace Chapman and her Notre Dame teammates will be looking to do plenty more celebrating in 2005, after capping their dominating '04 season by winning the NCAA title.



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Team Information

2004 Record

25-1-1 overall
9-0-1 BIG EAST Conference
(Regular-Season Champion;
Tournament Runner-Up)

2004 NCAA Championship

6-0-0, Champions
Notre Dame 4, Eastern Illinois 0
Notre Dame 1, Wisconsin 0
Notre Dame 2, Connecticut 0
Notre Dame 3, Portland 1
Notre Dame 1, Santa Clara 0
Notre Dame 1, UCLA 1 (4-3 PKs)

Returning Starters (9)

Katie Thorlakson (Sr., F)
Candace Chapman (Sr., F/D)
Jen Buczkowski (Jr., M)
Erika Bohn (Sr., G)
Annie Scheffter (Sr., M)
Christie Shaner (Jr., D)
Jill Krivacek (Jr., M)
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Amanda Cinalli (So., F)

Monogram Winners Ret./Lost

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2005 Captains

Candace Chapman
Annie Scheffter

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS – In the past 11 years, Notre Dame women's soccer players have been voted CoSIDA Academic All-Americans more than any other Division I women's soccer team – with 15 total selections (including an unprecedented three in 2003). **Jen Renola** and **Amy VanLaecke** were second-team selections in '95 and first-team picks 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 as a junior 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 just five Irish sophomores ever named first team (2000 senior **Meotis Erikson** was a third-team pick). Pruzinsky became the second Notre Dame student-athlete 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 year ('01). The '03 season saw Pruzinsky become the first Div. 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 trio from the same team in NCAA women's soccer history. Bohn then was a first-team honoree in 2004, with **Annie Scheffter** named second team.

ALL-AMERICANS – Dating back to the season in which Notre Dame reached its first NCAA championship game (1994), the National Soccer Coaches Association of America has honored the Irish with 31 All-America selections (only North Carolina has more in that 11-year span, with 36). Ten Notre Dame players 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).

COACHING EXCELLENCE – Notre Dame's **Randy Waldrum** – the first three-time BIG EAST women's soccer coach of the year ('99, '00, '03, plus '04) – was a finalist for 2003 and '04 national coach-of-the-year honors after masterfully guiding the Irish to two of the most dominant regular seasons in the program's history. His clever use of personnel helped offset injuries while maximizing the talent of the 2003 and '04 rosters. Waldrum owns the nation's seventh-best career win pct. among women's soccer coaches (.749, 226-70-17), including 119-20-5 with the Irish. His Notre Dame teams have advanced to three NCAA College Cups ('99 runner-up; 2000 semifinals, '04 champion) and have combined for a 34-11-3 record when facing a top-25 opponent while producing 10 All-Americans and 10 Academic All-Americans.

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

BALANCED DOMINANCE – The 2003 Notre Dame women's soccer team joined national champ North Carolina as the only teams among the top five of the 2003 NCAA leaders in scoring (3rd; 3.04 goals per game) and goals-against avg. (5th; 0.49), with a +2.53 per-game goal differential in that '03 season.

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 '99 NCAA quarterfinals while a regular-season record 4,051 fans were in attendance when Notre Dame traveled to top-ranked Santa Clara earlier in '99. Most recently, a Maloney Field record-setting crowd of 2,629 saw Notre Dame play at #1 Stanford in 2002 NCAA third round action.

CLASS ACTS – Notre Dame's class of 1998 – led by All-Americans **Holly Manthei** and **Kate Sobrero** – helped the Irish post a .921 winning percentage from 1994-97 (91-6-4), the best four-year record in the program's history. Two other graduating classes also 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).

CONFERENCE COMMAND – Notre Dame owns a 100-6-3 (.931) all-time record in 14 years of regular-season conference games ('91-'94 in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, since '95 in the BIG EAST), plus 24-1-0 in conference tournament action. The Irish own an 85-7-3 (.911) record in all BIG EAST regular-season games (21-2-0 in the BIG EAST Tournament), including cross-divisional games and four games vs. UConn (2-1-1, from '00-'03) that were not part of the league schedule. Prior to a 2000 tie with UConn (0-0), the Irish won 25 straight vs. BIG EAST foes while a 2-1 loss at Rutgers in '01 ended a 30-game unbeaten streak vs. the BIG EAST. Since joining the league, the Irish are 106-10-3 (.903) in all games vs. BIG EAST foes





Brazil (summer 2004)

The Notre Dame women's soccer team's 2004 national championship season was a four-month odyssey that saw the Irish go 30-1-2 overall – 25-1-1 in the regular season, after a

5-0-1 mark on the preseason training trip in Campinas, Brazil (featuring a 16-3 scoring edge vs. top semi-professional teams from the Sao Paulo area). The games attracted many curious local spectators and included the traditional exchange of gifts and 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.



(including 2-0 win over UConn in '95 NCAA quarterfinals, 2-1 loss to UConn in '97 NCAA semifinals). Notre Dame's 119 games vs. BIG EAST teams since '95 include a 484-58 scoring edge (79-12 in the BET). The Irish enter the 2005 season riding a 59-game home unbeaten streak (58-0-1) vs. BIG EAST teams.

COVER GIRL – Former Notre Dame All-America defender **Kate Sobrero** has won both the NCAA championship and the Women's World Cup, each time earning a place on a national magazine cover. Soccer America featured Sobrero on its cover in 1995 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 ND midfielder Shannon Boxx as top starters for the U.S. Olympic gold-medal team.

DYNAMIC DUOS – Two members of the 2003 senior class – forwards **Amanda Guertin** (48) and **Amy Warner** (37) – combined for 85 goals in their careers, the sixth-highest goalscoring classmates in the Notre Dame program's storied history. Tops on that list are the 150 combined goals by 2000 graduates **Jenny Heft** (80) and **Jenny Streiffer** (70), followed by 124 goals from '01 grads **Anne Makinen** (65) and **Meotis Erikson** (59) and the 114 by class of '96 leaders **Michelle McCarthy** (59) and **Rosella Guerrero** (55). Other top classmate tandems have included 112 goals by '99 grads **Monica Gerardo** (73) and **Shannon Boxx** (39) and 95 from class of '97 members **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: 2000 seniors **Anne Makinen** (16) and **Meotis Erikson** (13), and **Guertin** (18) and **Warner** (11).

FANTASTIC FOUR – Notre Dame featured one of the nation's top forward rotation in 2003 – with no other team able to boast four double-digit goalscorers during the '03 regular season. Irish players with 10-plus goals in '03 included seniors **Amy Warner** (10G-12A) and **Amanda Guertin** (11G-6A), junior **Mary Boland** (12G-4A) and sophomore **Katie Thorlakson** (10G-11A). Penn State was the only team that could claim even three double-digit goalscorers in '03. The Irish had four double-digit goalscorers in '03 for the first time since 1999 while 11 of the past 15 Notre Dame teams have featured three or more double-digit scorers (four in '94, '98, '99 and '03, six in '93 and '96, seven in '97). Double-digit scorers in '99 included **Jenny Heft** (20), **Jenny Streiffer** (19), **Meotis Erikson** (14) and **Anne Makinen** (13) – with the 135 goals in '97 led by **Makinen** (23), **Erikson** (22), **Streiffer** (20), **Heft** (20), **Shannon Boxx** (13), **Monica Gerardo** (10) and **Monica Gonzalez** (10).



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Notre Dame Women's Soccer By The Numbers

- 14,110 NCAA-record attendance (ND-UNC, '99 title game)
- 967:02 Erika Bohn's shutout streak in 2003 (5th NCAA history)
- .744 Notre Dame's all-time NCAA home-winning pct. (30-10-1)
- 304 Randy Waldrum's college soccer coaching victories
- 299-9-12 ND's all-time record when holding opp. to 0-1 goals (.953)
- 213-3-1 All-time record when scoring three-plus goals (.984)
- 207 Win streak when taking a 2-0 lead (pre-'05; 230-0-1 all-time)
- 140 Goals scored by 1996 team
- 129 Holly Manthei's career assists (NCAA record)
- 119-20-5 Waldrum's record at ND (.844)
- 80 Jenny Heft's career goals
- 70 Katie Thorlakson's '04 pt. total
- 59 Active home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (58-0-1)
- 55 Consecutive games scoring streak ('97-'99)
- 39 Consecutive wins when scoring first (ended in '04)
- 37-1-2 Notre Dame's record in past 40 reg.-season games (pre-'05)
- 31 All-Americans (since 1994)
- 34-11-3 Notre Dame's record vs. NSCAA top-25 teams ('99-'04)
- 27 Thorlakson's 2004 postseason pt total (9G-9A), an ND record
- 24 Record streak of not allowing multiple goals (in '00 and '03)
- 23 Players who posted GPA of 3.0-plus in 2005 spring semester (11 with 3.4-plus)
- 21-2-0 Notre Dame's all-time record in the BIG EAST Tournament
- 19-3-2 All-time record in home tourn.
- 19 Players who started during 2004 championship season

FAR & WIDE – Notre Dame's 2005 roster includes players from 12 states, two Canadian provinces and Finland. The program's all-time roster canvasses 30 states and three foreign countries. Notre Dame's student-athlete population in the '04-'05 academic year included nearly 800 individuals from 44 states (all but Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming) and 20 countries.

50-50 PROPOSITION – Former Notre Dame midfielder **Anne Makinen's** three assists at Georgetown on Oct. 6, 2000, made her the 13th women's soccer player in Division I history 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). Makinen ended four assists shy (65G-56A) of becoming the sixth player to earn the 60-60 distinction – 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 remain the only members of the 70-70 club, with the 50-50 club now including 16 players.

FIRST-HALF FORTRESS – The Notre Dame defense was particularly stingy in the first half during the past four seasons ('01-'04), allowing just 26 goals in the first half of those 92 games (0.28 per game). The first half of 2002 games featured very little scoring by either team (12-10 edge for the Irish), compared to a 40-7 first-half scoring edge posted by Notre Dame in 2003 and 32-4 in '04.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS – Since the start of the 1993 season, Notre Dame opponents making their first visit to Alumni Field have lost to the Irish 37 times, with just three wins for the opposition and one tie (37-3-1; .915). Notre Dame's all-time record in series openers is 68-25-2 (.726), including 35-5-0 since 1993 and 47-8-0 in all series openers played at home (22-3-0 since '93). In the third round of the '01 NCAAAs, Harvard became the 14th straight team to drop a series opener to Notre Dame, with Penn State, Hartford and Eastern Illinois (NCAAAs) losing series openers vs. the Irish in '01, followed by Virginia Tech in '02, five others (Arizona State, Indiana State, North Texas, Oklahoma and Western Kentucky) in '03 and Baylor and Texas Tech in '04. The Irish are 5-1-0 all-time in series openers during the NCAAAs. Florida and DePaul will make their first trips to Alumni Field (and face ND for the first time) in 2005 (the Irish will play series openers on the road in '05 vs. New Hampshire, Vermont, Gonzaga and South Florida).



4.0 FOCUS

Defender **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (pictured) – dubbed by Irish head coach Randy Waldrum as his most focused and "on-task" player in 20-plus years of coaching – became just the third Notre Dame chemical engineering major ever to graduate with a 4.0 grade-point average (the previous two did so in '63 and '74). Pruzinsky remains the only Notre Dame female student ever to earn an "A" in the introduction to chemical engineering course.



Recent Academic All-America forward **Mary Boland** concluded 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 '04-'05 academic year.

FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS, PART I

– In 23 seasons, just 20 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 eight. Notre Dame and UNC 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). The first four-time All-Americans included California's Leslie Gallimore ('82-'85), Heinrichs, UCSB's Karin Jennings and George Mason's Lisa Gmitter (all '83-'86). Others from the 1980s were Betsy Reedy (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, William & Mary's Natalie Neaton and Portland's Shannon MacMillan (both '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 and Monroe 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.





Notre Dame Women's Soccer By The Numbers

- 18 Active unbeaten streak in overtime games (13-0-5)
- 16 Team record for consecutive games without deficit ('03)
- 16 Shutouts posted by '04 team (led nation)
- 15 Academic All-Americans (since 1995)
- 15 States/provinces/foreign countries on 2005 roster
- 12 Notre Dame alums who played in the WUSA
- 10 Amanda Guertin's goal-scoring streak in 2001
- 10 Katie Thorlakson's pts (3G-3A) vs. Santa Clara in '04 (most ever at ND vs. top-25 team)
- 7 Consecutive BIG EAST titles (1995-2001)
- 4.00 Cumulative GPA posted by defender Vanessa Pruzinsky ('99-'03), as chemical engineering major
- 4.00 Semester GPAs posted in '04-'05 by Ashley Jones, Jannica Tjeder and Mary Boland
- 3.31 Team's cumulative GPA, as of 2005 spring semester
- 9 Starters returning from 2004 NCAA championship team
- 7 NCAA College Cup semifinal appearances
- 3 PK saves made by Erika Bohn in 2004 NCAA title game
- 2 Teams with multiple NCAA titles (UNC and ND)
- 2 National ranking for Notre Dame's 2004 freshman class
- 2 USYSA Golden Boot Awards won by Kerri Hanks
- 1 Preseason ranking in 2005 NSCAA coaches poll
- 0.41 Erika Bohn's 2004 NCAA-best goals-against average



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

FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS, PART II. – **Anne Makinen** became the 16th Notre Dame student-athlete to earn All-America honors in four years, as a first-team honoree in 2000. That total of four-year All-Americans now stands at 24, with the recent additions of baseball pitcher Aaron Heilman ('01), runner Ryan Shay ('02), men's fencers Ozren Debic and Jan Viviani and runner Luke Watson (all in '03), plus men's fencer Michal Sobieraj and women's fencers Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament (in '04). Makinen 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).

FRONTRUNNERS – Prior to Michigan's goal in the final regular-season game of '03, Notre Dame had not faced a deficit for nearly two months and 16-plus games (longest in ND history). The only previous time the '03 Irish had trailed came in the third game, for 7:18 vs. ASU (a 3-1 win). Notre Dame ended up trailing for less than 1% of the minutes in '03 (187) while only two teams (Santa Clara and Miami) came back to tie the Irish in '03. The previous team record for longest streak without facing a deficit was a 14-game stretch in 1997 (Sept. 21-Nov. 16). The top-ranked 2000 squad did not face a deficit for the first 13 games (BC led for 28 minutes, in a 3-1 Irish win). That 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, falling behind in just four of 27 games.

GERTY'S GOALS – Former Notre Dame forward **Amanda Guertin** fashioned a 10-game goalscoring streak in 2001, third-longest in Division I women's soccer history 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, posted points in 15 of the final 17 games and totaled 10 goals and three assists in 12 "big games" (vs. ranked or post-season opponents) in the '01 season. She also scored in '02 NCAA wins over Ohio State and Purdue, yielding an ND record seven-game postseason goal streak – and doubled the existing Irish record by totaling four overtime goals (one each season). Her 13 career post-season goals rank fifth in Irish history.

GOALS-A-PLENTY – The Irish scored in 55 consecutive games from Aug. 29, 1997, to Sept. 17, 1999 – with the record streak ending in a 1-0 loss to SMU (All-American Anne Makinen did not play due to commitments with Finland's national team). Notre Dame scored in 98 of 101 games in Makinen's career

and injuries limited her play in the other two 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 (ending with 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 256 of 269 (.952; three shutouts in NCAA title games) – with goals in 193 of 201 regular-season games (.960) in that 11-year stretch. Notre Dame saw its 31-game scoring streak (3rd-best in Irish history) end in '02.

GREAT GRADES – The Notre Dame women's soccer team consistently has performed at a high level on the field and in the classroom and 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 '04 fall semester and then a 3.35 team GPA in the spring of '05 (2nd-best among all ND varsity teams). The 2005 team includes two who already have received Academic All-America honors – senior goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** (3.67 cum. GPA, art studio) and senior midfielder **Annie Scheffer** (3.76, pre-professional studies and psychology).

HOME SWEET HOME – The Irish enter their 16th season at Alumni Field in 2005 with a 164-14-3 (.914) record at the facility (140-10-3 in last 153) – highlighted by a 29-game home winning streak (5th NCAA history) from '99-'01 and a 28-game streak from '92-'95. Eight of Notre Dame's last 10 home losses have been by a single goal. Notre Dame's all-time record at Alumni Field vs. teams not ranked in the NSCAA top-25 poll is 114-4-2 (50-10-1 vs. ranked teams), with 78 straight home wins over unranked teams from '90-'01, before a 2-2 game with Wisconsin. The Irish played at Moose Krause Field from '88-'89.



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 some of the more memorable moments from the 1990s – and beyond:

Oct. 28, 1990: Notre Dame posts the program's first win over a ranked opponent (4-0 vs. No. 24 Xavier).

Oct. 15, 1991: At 10-0-2, the Irish earn their first national ranking – checking in at No. 16.

Nov. 13, 1993: After a rise to No. 3 in the polls, Notre Dame makes its first NCAA Tournament appearance but falls in the first round.

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

Oct. 24, 1994: At 15-0-1, Notre Dame is voted No. 1 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 Connecticut in the regular season.

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

Dec. 3, 1995: The Irish claim the NCAA title by blanking 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 only team ever to defeat UNC in consecutive meetings.

Dec. 6, 1996: Three goals early in the second half lift the Irish out of a 2-0 hole and into their third consecutive NCAA final, with a 3-2 win over Portland.

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

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LAST-MINUTE HEROES – The first 16 seasons in Notre Dame women's soccer history saw the Irish win in the final minute just twice – but it happened twice more in the 2004 national championship season, as **Jen Buczkowski** scored with 44 seconds left at Georgetown (2-1) and **Jill Krivacek** headed in a **Katie Thorlakson** corner kick to beat Wisconsin with 53 seconds left in that NCAA second-round matchup.

It had been 10 years since a Notre Dame player had won a game in the final minute, when **Michelle McCarthy**'s goal with 25 seconds left in overtime (119:35) ended a wild 4-3 comeback vs. William & Mary (9/11/95). The only other Irish player to score a final-minute game-winning goal was future All-American **Ragen Coyne**, versus Wright State in 1992 (89:24).

MAGIC NUMBERS – Reaching the three-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win in Notre Dame women's soccer history, with a 213-3-1 record (.984) in those games (117-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995). Notre Dame also is 299-9-12 (.953) in all-time games when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals.

Most impressively, Notre Dame is 230-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead and is unbeaten in its past 207 games when going ahead 2-0 (dating back to a 3-3 tie with Vanderbilt on Sept. 15, 1991). The previous 120 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 (the Irish led 2-0, later tied 2-2 and 3-3, ND won 4-3) and Duke late in the 1993 season (3-2 win for the Irish, in Houston).

The program's 17-year history includes just 302 goals allowed in 393 games (0.77 GA per game), with the Irish holding the opponent to 0-1 goals in 81 percent of those all-time games (320) while allowing three-plus goals just 33 times (8%; 4-28-1). Notre Dame has surrendered four-plus goals just 12 times in the program's history (three since '95).

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 (along with North Carolina), with the Irish previously winning in '95. Notre Dame also ranks second in all-time NCAA championship game appearances (5) while the program's seven trips to the College Cup semifinals (all from '94-'05) trail only UNC (22) and Santa Clara (UNC is



1995 NCAA Champions

the only team with more College Cup trips since '94). Despite not making its first NCAA Tournament appearance until 1993, Notre Dame now ranks ninth in all-time NCAA trips (12) and is among a short list of five teams that have appeared in every NCAA Tournament since '93 (others include UNC, SCU, UConn and William & Mary). See pp. 68-70 and 103 for recaps of Notre Dame's national championship seasons.



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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 Notre Dame women's soccer media guide both were rated No. 2 in the nation by the CoSIDA judges.

MILESTONES – The first 17 seasons of Notre Dame women's soccer have seen the Irish reach a number of milestones. The most recent came Oct. 10, 1999, when Jenny Streiffer scored the program's 1,000th 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, St. John's 0; 9/3/95)
 1,000th – Jenny Streiffer (ND 5, Pitt. 0; 10/10/99)

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



MONOGRAM CLUB – Former Irish midfielder **Jill Matesic** ('95) currently serves on the Notre Dame Monogram Club board of directors while former ND defender **Molly Lennon** is in her second stint as an advisor with the Monogram Club, after earlier serving a three-year board term. Matesic had the honor of presenting Notre Dame with its 2004 NCAA championship ring (pictured on right), which were purchased by the Monogram Club as part of their awards program.





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** – recently have been starters with the U.S. National Team, with Sobrero and Boxx starting for the 2003 World Cup and 2004 Olympic teams (see pp. 112-114). Nine current members of the Notre Dame program – plus three departed seniors from the 2004 NCAA champs – have been active with various national-team programs. Those players include versatile fifth-year veteran **Candace Chapman** and senior forward **Katie Thorlakson**, who were teammates on Canada's Under-19 National Team and now are regulars with Canada's full national team. Junior midfielder **Jen Buczkowski** and senior goalkeeper **Jen Buczkowski** were members of the U.S. Under-21 National Team that won the 2005 Nordic Cup while Buczkowski previously played with the U.S. Under-19s, as have current senior midfielder **Annie Scheffer**, sophomore forward **Kerri Hanks** and freshman midfielder **Brittany Bock**. Sophomore M/F **Jannica Tjeder** has been a regular with Finland's Under-17, -19 and -21 national teams (she also played in the '05 Nordic Cup) while freshman midfielder **Rebecca Mendoza** is a member of Mexico's full national team. Former Notre Dame defender **Monica Gonzalez** is a founding member of Mexico's women's national team and captained Mexico during its historic quarterfinal showing at the 2004 Olympics (former Irish forward **Monica Gerardo** also was a founding member of the Mexican team). Three seniors from the 2004 NCAA-title team – defender **Melissa Tancredi** (Canada) and **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** (Iceland) and forward **Mary Boland** (U.S. Under-19s) – also have earned national-team duty.



Candace Chapman
Canadian National Team



Melissa Tancredi
Canadian National Team



Katie Thorlakson
Canadian National Team



Gudrun Gunnarsdottir
Icelandic National Team



Rebecca Mendoza
Mexican National Team



Jen Buczkowski
U.S. Under-21 Team



Erika Bohn
U.S. Under-21 Team



Annie Scheffer
U.S. Under-19 Team



Kerri Hanks
U.S. Under-19 Team



Mary Boland
U.S. Under-19 Team



Jannica Tjeder
Finland Under-21 Team



Brittany Bock
U.S. Under-19 Team

Memorable Moments

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Nov. 8, 1998: Anne Makinen again burns UConn in the BIG EAST final, with an 82nd-minute score (1-0).

Nov. 19, 1999: Mia Sarkesian's third goal of the season, in the 81st minute, sends Notre Dame to the NCAA quarterfinals after edging Stanford 1-0 in the third round.

Nov. 28, 1999: Four overtimes are not enough as Notre Dame and Nebraska are forced to penalty kicks. Kelly Lindsey converts in the sixth round and LaKeysia Beene makes the most dramatic stop of her career to send ND to the NCAA semifinals.

Dec. 3, 1999: The final Irish victory of the 1990s comes in San Jose, a 1-0 victory against top-ranked and undefeated Santa Clara in the NCAA semifinals, on a 75th-minute goal by freshman Ali Lovelace.

Sept. 16-17, 2000: Meotis Erikson opens the scoring in wins over Washington (5-0) and host Portland (1-0), with the Irish then claiming the No. 1 ranking.

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

Sept 25, 2001: Mia Sarkesian completes early four-player, free-kick combination play as fourth-ranked Irish win showdown with No. 3 Nebraska (1-0)

Sept 15, 2002: Notre Dame stages a stunning rally at No. 25 Maryland, scoring five times in 25 minutes to erase a 2-0 deficit. Candace Chapman's shift up to mid-field sparks the comeback, as does Melissa Tancredi's patented aerial attack that yields two header goals.

Sept 21, 2003: Katie Thorlakson and Mary Boland assist on each other's goals as 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 remain unbeaten in the past 16 overtime games (12-0-4).

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Notre Dame has not lost an overtime game since early in the 1999 season (13-0-5), with Amanda Guertin's four OT goals (one every season from '00-'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 2005 riding an 18-game unbeaten stretch in overtime games (13-0-5), dating back to a 3-2, double-OT loss to North Carolina in the 1999 opener. That '99 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 '01 season saw a record five OT games (2-1 vs. Indiana, Villanova, WVU and Michigan; 2-2 vs. Wisconsin) while the '02 team added 1-0 OT wins over Rutgers and Boston College. Most recently, the '03 team tied Stanford (0-0, at SCU) before posting overtime wins vs. Villanova (1-0) and Miami (2-1, in BIG EAST quarterfinals) while the '04 team tied Rutgers (0-0) and beat UCLA in the NCAA title game (1-1; 4-3 on PKs).

Notre Dame's 13 overtime wins in the first six years of the Randy Waldrum era include goals from seven players (plus an own goal vs. Stanford in '00 and the PK shootout to decide the '04 NCAA title game vs. UCLA): Anne Makinen (vs. UConn in '99), Amanda Guertin (ND record 4; vs. West Virginia in '00, Michigan in '01, BC in '02 and Miami in '03), Meotis Erikson (vs. SCU in '00 NCAA quarterfinal), Kelly Tulisniak (vs. Indiana in '01), Amy Warner (2; vs. Villanova in '01, Rutgers in '02), Mia Sarkesian (vs. WVU in '01) and Katie Thorlakson (vs. Villanova in '03).

NUMBER-1 NOTES – Notre Dame has been ranked No. 1 in the NSCAA coaches poll five of the past 12 seasons: the final two months in '94, the final month in '96, the final 11 weeks of '00 and six weeks in '04 (plus the preseason poll so far in '05). Notre Dame owns a 46-4-2 all-time record (30-1-2 in regular season) playing as the top-ranked team.

NO. 1 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 – as the traditional, lighted numeral one was placed atop Grace Hall, in honor of the women's soccer team's ascension to the No. 1 ranking (an unprecedented four ND teams were top-ranked in '00-'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 '89, '90 and '93 football campaigns (and again from '02-'04, for the fencing teams).

POLL POSITION – Heading into the 2002 season, Notre Dame had been ranked in the top seven of every NSCAA poll since Sept. 14, 1993 (ultimately 98 straight polls). The Irish have been ranked 1st-3rd in 82 of 131 polls in the past 11 seasons and have been top-five in 103 of the past 126 (in the top eight of 121, or all but five weeks spanning 11 years). Notre Dame's spots in the last 131 NSCAA polls include: 22 weeks at No. 1; 44 at No. 2; 18 at No. 3; and 12 at No. 4 – with the Irish cracking the top two spots in 10 of the past 15 seasons. Notre Dame earned the NSCAA preseason No. 1 ranking for the first time, after being No. 2 in five previous preseason polls (see below):

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	?

PRIMETIME PLAYERS – Notre Dame won 80 percent of its "big games" during the first six seasons of the Randy Waldrum era ('99-03), posting a 51-12-3 record when facing an NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponent.

RECRUITING CLASSES – Notre Dame's past five incoming classes have ranked among the nation's best, led by several players listed by Soccer America among the top signees (SA did not rank the '05 classes): senior midfielder **Annie Scheffter** (11th in '02), junior M **Jen Buczkowski** (6th in '03) and defender **Christie Shaner** (22nd in '03), and forwards **Kerri Hanks** (4th) and **Jannica Tjeder** (24th) from the '04 signee class. Soccer Buzz unveiled its first list of top recruits in '04, with Hanks and F **Amanda Cinalli** making its "top-25" list while forward, **Susan Pinnick**, was on the "top-50" (Tjeder was listed among top internationals). The SB top recruits list for '05 included ND midfielder **Brittany Bock** No. 5 overall while placing D **Carrie Dew** in the top-25, M **Becca Mendoza** in the top-50 and D/M **Kerry Inglis** in the top-100. The *Student Sports* recruit list for 2005 included Bock (16th) and Mendoza (18th), plus Dew in the top-100.

REGULAR-SEASON STREAK

– Sparked by its 4-2 loss at No. 1 Santa Clara on Oct. 17, 1999, Notre Dame won its final four regular-season games in '99 and first 16 of 2000 (followed by an 0-0 tie at UConn). That streak included a 78-10 scoring edge and bested the team record of 18 consecutive wins in the regular season (Oct. 19, 1995-Oct. 11, 1996). Notre Dame pushed its regular-season unbeaten streak to 31 games (29-0-2) in '02 before a 2-1 loss at Rutgers, one shy of the team-record 32-game unbeaten streak in the regular season (30-0-2; 10/17/93-10/1/95). ND logged 27 regular-season games without a loss (26-0-1) from 10/20/96-9/11/98 and enters '05 38-1-1 in its past 40 regular-season games (since late in '02).



REUNION OF CHAMPIONS – The 1995 NCAA championship women's soccer team held an on-campus reunion in late April, corresponding with the banquet celebrating ND's 2004 NCAA-title season. The '95 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 Connecticut on Oct. 21, 2000, stands as one of only four scoreless ties in Notre Dame history – spanning nearly 400 games. That UConn game, the '03 game vs. Stanford (at Santa Clara) and the '04 game vs. Rutgers are



ND's only scoreless ties since '94, with others vs. Dayton in '91 and in the historic '94 showdown with North Carolina, in St. Louis (ending UNC's NCAA-record 92-game win streak).

SHUTOUT CITY – Notre Dame's 10-game shutout streak in '03 (956 minutes) ranks fifth in the NCAA record book and blew away the Irish record (726, in '95). The only teams in Div. 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).

SISTER ACT – Forward **Kelly Tulisak** ('02) and defender **Kate Tulisak** ('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 sport at Notre Dame. After the end of '04-'05, there now have been 26 letter-winning (same-sport) sister combinations at Notre Dame from 10 sports, also: tennis (7), fencing (3), golf (3), swimming (3), basketball (2), volleyball (2), softball (2), field hockey, cross country and lacrosse.

SEVEN STRAIGHT TITLES – Notre Dame's streak of seven consecutive BIG EAST women's soccer titles rates as the sixth-longest ever in a BIG EAST-sponsored sport and is second-longest among nine "team-based" sports, trailing only UConn's nine in women's basketball ('94-'02) and matching Pittsburgh's seven in volleyball ('88-'94). Pittsburgh won 10 straight BIG EAST titles in men's swimming and diving ('83-'92); also 8 from '97-'04) and nine straight in women's swimming and diving ('83-'91) while Boston College won eight BIG EAST men's tennis titles from '81-'88. The Notre Dame women's swimming and diving team has won nine straight BIG EAST titles ('97-'05).

STRONG STARTERS – Notre Dame's 16-0-0 start in 2000 bested the Irish record for season-opening winning streak (13-0-0, in '96). That '96 team posted a 66-6 scoring edge and five wins over ranked teams in the first 13 games, before losing 3-1 at Santa Clara (days after rising to No. 1). During its 16-0 start, the 2000 Irish beat four ranked teams and owned a 56-5 scoring edge. The 2000 squad is one of three that hold the Notre Dame record for unbeaten start to a season, with the '94, '97 and '00 teams each starting 23-0-1 (the '04 team opened 19-0-1 and the '03 team 18-0-1).

TRIPLE HONOREES – Women's soccer is the only Notre Dame team that has produced recipients of each of the athletic department's annual honors: the Byron Kanaley Award, recognizing leadership and academic excellence (five recipients, see p. 111; last by **Vanessa Pruzinsky**, in '04); the Francis Patrick O'Connor Award for spirit and inspiration (**Kim Carpenter**, '04); and the Chris Zorich Award for community service (**Mia Sarkesian**, '02).

TWO-YEAR TEAR – Notre Dame's 2003 (20-3-1) and '04 (25-1-1) teams combined for a 45-4-2 record, yielding a .902 two-year win pct. (4th-best in ND history). The program's best two-year record is 47-3-1/.932, in '96 and '97).

UNBEATEN SEASONS – Notre Dame's quest for undefeated seasons in 2000 and '04 had the Irish gunning for a rare accomplishment. Since 1993, just two of the past 11 NCAA champs – UNC in '97 (27-0-1) and '04 (27-0-0) – have claimed the title without a loss. ND has posted four undefeated regular seasons: 17-0-1 in '94 (lost NCAA title game), '00 (lost in NCAA semifinals) and '04 (won title) plus 18-0-1 in '97 (lost in NCAA semi's) – with the Irish earning the No. 1 NCAA seed in '94 and '00.

VERSUS NO. 1 – After its 1-0 win over top-ranked and undefeated Santa Clara in the 1999 NCAA semi's and a 1-0 loss at Stanford in the 2003 NCAA round of 16, Notre Dame has played the nation's No. 1 team 10 times and lost that matchup just five times. The Irish are 3-5-2 against NCAA top-ranked teams, with seven of those games vs. North Carolina.

WHITE HOUSE – Notre Dame's 2004 NCAA championship team was honored at a White House ceremony on May 13, 2005. Senior captain **Mary Boland** presented President George W. Bush with a replica Notre Dame jersey (pictured) as part of the festivities. The Irish also received a special tour of the Capitol building, as guests of Congress members with ties to Notre Dame (also see pp. 72-73).



WINNING TRADITIONS – Several current Notre Dame players 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 current junior class helped their teams post top national finishes in 2003. **Jen Buczkowski**, **Jill Krivacek** and **Kim Lorenzen** – plus current freshman **Brittany Bock** (who earned the tournament's Golden Boot Award) – were members of the Illinois ODP squad that won the '03 ODP national title (besting ND classmate **Lizzie Reed** and her N.J. squad in the title game) while **Claire Gallerano** (and current first-year forward **Kerri Hanks**) helped the Dallas Texans win the USYSA girls-18 national title. **Christie Shaner**'s Bucks Challenge squad also advanced to the four-team nationals in '03 but narrowly missed a spot in the girls-19 final.

The current sophomores lived up to the standard of their predecessor. **Ashley Jones** completed the rare double of winning 2004 national titles with her Cal-South ODP team (she and current freshman defender **Carrie Dew** were captains of that team) and with her So-Cal United club while 'keeper **Lauren Karas** earned the Golden Glove Award with North Texas at the '04 ODP nationals (her team lost to Jones, Dew and Cal-South, 1-0) and **Susan Pinnick** led the Carmel Commotion to a runner-up finish at the 2003 USYSA girls-17 Nationals. Among the current freshmen, Dew played for the USYSA girls-16 national champs (San Diego Surf) and midfielder **Beth Koloup** was a member of the 2005 ODP champs (Maryland), also playing for the USYSA girls-16 runner-up in '03 (Bethesda Excel). Bock twice was a national runner-up – with Illinois ODP in '05 (losing to Koloup's Maryland team) and with the Windy City Pride in '04 (girls-18).

Most recently, Hanks impressively collected her second career Golden Boot Award while helping the Texans nearly win the '05 USYSA girls-19 title (lost in PKs), with Pinnick and the Commotion also making a return to Nationals. Freshman **M Becca Mendoza** and her Dallas Sting squad also were in Orlando, as one of the four '05 finalists in the girls-18 division. Four Irish players – Shaner, junior **G Nikki Westfall**, Bock and freshman **M/D Kerry Inglis** – were key members of the F.C. Indiana team that won the 2005 WPSL and Open Cup titles while current senior **F Katie Thorlakson** helped the Vancouver Whitecaps win the '04 W-League title (see p. 49 for data in chart form).



Brittany Bock



Ashley Jones and Carrie Dew



Susan Pinnick and Kerri Hanks



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



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



Claire Gallerano



Lauren Karas



During its first 17 years as a varsity sport, Notre Dame women's soccer has developed into one of the elite programs in the nation. Just as impressively, 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 ('97-'00)	Enrolled in Pennsylvania School of Optometry
LaKeyasia Beene ('96-'99)	Attending Univ. of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law; played with U.S. Nat'l Team; WUSA all-star (Bay Area CyberRays)
Kathleen Birmingham-Burkhart ('88)	GM of Greenough Consulting (Boston); MBA from Babson College; was president of East Dock Financial (Boston)
Mary Boland ('01-'04)	Teaching with AmeriCorp program in Philadelphia
Shannon Boxx ('95-'98)	Starting defensive midfielder with U.S. National Team; MVP of WUSA's New York Power ('03), formerly with S.D. Spirit
Kara Brown ('96-'99)	Teaching, coaching at boarding school in East Hampton, Mass.; helped Boston Renegades win W-League national title
Kimberly Carpenter ('00-'03)	Pursuing a master's degree in biology at Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (IPFW) while applying to medical schools
Denise Chabot-Karkos ('89-'92)	Has worked in advertising in Chicago, Boston, and Portland, Maine (now an advertising manager with L.L. Bean); competes in local soccer leagues, ran '98 Chicago Marathon
Julie Constantini-Van Devender (1988)	Real estate broker with Trammell Crow (Washington, D.C.)
Ragen Coyne ('92-'95)	Attending massage therapy school; worked with the NPSL's Detroit Rockers (business office)
Cindy Daws-Mosley ('93-'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 ('88)	Retired from Air Force after 11 years flying KC-135s (fueling stations); resides in Durham, N.C., with her family
Ashley Dryer-Lear ('99-'02)	Second-year law student at University of Utah, where she also works in the athletic department's compliance office
Meotis Erikson ('97-'00)	Pursuing master's in elementary education/reading specialist; has taught at Boston-area elementary school; played during summer of '04 with W-League's Fort Wayne Fever; former member of WUSA's Boston Breakers
Kate Fisher-Murray ('93-'96)	Eastern region recruiter (based in Philadelphia) for Interwoven software; plays on competitive women's soccer league
Monica Gerardo ('95-'98)	Assistant coach at Univ. of Pittsburgh; former member of WUSA's Washington Freedom and Mexican National Team
Marianne Giolitto ('89-'91)	Ecological consultant with New and Associates (Walkerton, Ind.); received her master's in applied ecology from Indiana University; high school soccer coach and involved in youth travel
Kim Gold ('91-'93)	BMC Software rep. (former field comm. mgr.); MBA from Rice; played on South Texas team in national tournaments
Monica Gonzalez ('97-'01)	All-star member of WUSA's Boston Breakers; also founding member of Mexican National Team
Brenda Gorski-Torres ('90-'93)	Current executive in 12th year with Crowe Chizek & Company LLP (South Bend)
Jen Grubb ('96-'99)	Former all-star member of WUSA's Washington Freedom
Rosella Guerrero Kelly ('92-'95)	Regional sales manager for Professional Diagnostics Management (Sacramento), formerly 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 ('00-'03)	Serves as a marketing coordinator in watch division with Fossil, Corp., in Dallas
Gudrun Gunnarsdottir ('01-'04)	Member of Icelandic National Team while working in the banking industry
Susan Haling ('88)	Criminal prosecutor with U.S. Attorney's Office (Chicago); graduated from DePaul Law School
Sarah Halpenny ('02-'04)	Playing club soccer in Iceland
Kelly Hanratty ('88-'89)	Partner in Hagan Communications advertising agency (Denver); active in co-ed soccer league
Jodi Hartwig-Grenner ('91-'94)	Worked in advertising, now sales with Dover Business College (Parsippany, N.J.); plays in soccer, softball leagues
Jenny Heft-Erickson ('96-'99)	Data warehouse consultant with Teradata in Minneapolis (formerly with National Cash Register, in Chicago)
Nicole Hinostro ('94-'97)	High school teacher and coach in Boston; coaches Boston Lightning club; taught with ACE, coached in San Diego
Bernie Holland-Mount ('88-'90)	Full-time mom in Bangkok (also lived in Philippines); pursuing master's in library and info. sci. via internet from Univ. of North Texas; worked with benefits consulting firm Clark/Bardes (Dallas); played competitive soccer in Dallas and Manila
Michele Hurst-Sinnaeve ('90)	High school math teacher, soccer coach in St. Charles, Ill.; plays competitively with Chicago Vectors (as do former ND players Alison Lester, Cindy Daws, Stacia Masters, Christie Lewis)
Margaret Jarc-McLaughlin ('89-'92)	Full-time mom in Seattle with husband Jim (women's volleyball coach at University of Washington); assistant coach at Notre Dame ('95-'98); coached high school boys and girls teams in Manhattan, Kan.
Shannon Jenkins (Roscoe) ('89-'91)	Political science professor (UMass-Dartmouth); master's in political science from Loyola (Chicago); active in triathlons
Linsdey Jones ('98-'01)	Assistant coach at Northwestern; former member of WUSA's New York Power before playing in Australian National League (also coached with their National Soccer Schools); participated in Inner City Teach-In Corps in Chicago
Jean Keaveney-Huta ('89)	Full-time mom, part-time physical therapist in Albany, N.Y.; master's in physical therapy (University of Rhode Island)
Andrea Kurek-Slagh ('90-'93)	Attorney in South Bend with Hahn, Walz and Knepp; graduated from Valparaiso Law School
Gennifer Kwiatkowski Kovalcheck ('90-'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.)
Iris Lancaster ('96-'99)	Works in Brooklyn, N.Y., with Americorp Good Shepard Volunteers, working with high-risk girls at Marion Hall
Molly Lennon-Anderson ('88-'91)	Adidas representative for Notre Dame; former board member and currently an advisor with Notre Dame Monogram Club
Alison Lester-Kocoras ('90-'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 ('90-'91)	Freelance graphic designer in Milwaukee; played with various Chicago soccer teams, ran five marathons
Kelly Lindsey ('97-'00)	Univ. of Texas assistant coach; former member of WUSA's Bay Area CyberRays; invited to '01 U.S. National Team camp
Emily Linklater ('91-'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 ('89-'92)	Litigation/insurance lawyer, Murtaugh Miller Meyer & Nelson (Irvine, Calif.); grad. from William Mitchell College of Law ('96); practiced commercial/real estate law with Moss & Barnett (Minneapolis); coached soccer with St. Paul Blackhawks (Classic I/Premier level, 12-15); played in co-ed soccer leagues; worked at Balestreri, Pendleton & Potocki (San Diego)
Anne Makinen ('97-'00)	Plays with Finland National Team and Umea IK team in Swedish League; formerly played with WUSA's Washington Freedom and Philadelphia Charge; coached in N.J. area while working towards strength & conditioning certification
Holly Manthei-Doyle ('94-'97)	Internet manager for NHL's Minnesota Wild (formerly with Chicago Blackhawks sales); played in WUSA (Boston Breakers)
Caroline Marino ('99-'00)	Teaching junior high (religion and reading) in Charleston, S.C., with ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) program; pursuing Masters at Notre Dame during the summers
Stacia Masters-Richards ('93-'96)	Senior consultant with Chicago Systems Group (e-business solutions); plays with Chicago Vectors





U.S. National Team starting defender Kate Sobrero



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



Stacia Masters



Teresa Menchaca



Megan Middendorf



Andrea Sobajian



Joy Sisolak



Laura Vanderberg

Player (Years)

Postgraduate Endeavors

Jill Matesic (Gilroy) ('91-'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); current board member on ND Monogram Club
Julie Maund ('94-'97)	Teaching grades 6-8 in San Diego; also taught in Pittsburgh and served two years in Jacksonville, Fla., with ACE; plays in co-ed soccer league and has served as high school assistant coach
Michelle McCarthy-Restovich ('92-'95)	Works in sales for Avaya Communication (formerly Lucent Technologies), in St. Louis; tried to play in WUSA but set back by knee injuries that required surgery; plays in area co-ed and women's soccer leagues
Jean McGregor-Ansourian ('94-'97)	Community mental health center worker (Ft. Lauderdale); pursuing master's in educ. (family counseling), Univ. of Florida
Robin Mego-Lynch ('91-'94)	IT manager of Chicago Teachers Pension Fund; formerly worked for Bradley Consulting; plays in co-ed soccer leagues
Teresa Menchaca-Godinez ('88-'89)	Director of women's health Hall Medical Center (San Antonio); University of Florida medical school graduate
Megan Middendorf-O'Sullivan ('93-'96)	Director of Corporate/Group Ticket Sales with MLS's Dallas Burn; formerly with NHL's Dallas Stars and Southwest Sports
Stephanie Porter ('90-'93)	Board-eligible prosthetist in Boulder, Colo. (formerly in West Hartford, Conn.); completed residency in orthotics (bracing); former assistant coach at Georgia State and Colorado College; received master's in biomechanics from Georgia State
Vanessa Pruzinsky ('99-'03)	Chemical engineer with Merck Pharmaceuticals in Rahway, N.J.
Jen Renola ('93-'96)	Former assistant coach at University of Texas; served as west coast promotions manager for adidas America
Saule Sadunas-Smariga ('90)	Nordstrom product buyer for east coast (Tysons Corner, Va.); volunteer at Don Miller House for AIDS Patients in Baltimore
Mia Sarkesian ('98-'01)	Pursuing master's at Northwestern (elem. education) while teaching in Chicago; worked with Inner-City Teaching Corps
Ashley Scharff-Iorio ('92-'95)	Coach/trainer for hometown Mustang Soccer Club (Danville, Calif.) and part-time contract recruiter for Accenture
Joy Sisolak-Lizarraga ('88-'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 ('90-'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 ('94-'97)	Starting defender with the U.S. National Team and formerly with the WUSA's Boston Breakers
Ingrid Soens-Dolan ('94-'97)	Attending University of Virginia graduate school (clinical psychology); was case manager for psychological services at Department of Region 10 (Charlottesville); plays co-ed rec.-league soccer
Tasha Strawbridge ('90-'93)	Licensed clinical social worker with Univ. of Chicago Hospital's dept. of child/adolescent psychiatry; master's in social work from Univ. of Chicago (also asst. soccer coach); has run six marathons, also active in beach volleyball league
Jenny Streiffer-Mascaro ('96-'99)	Former member of WUSA's San Diego Spirit; attending veterinarian school at Texas A&M
Mimi Suba ('88-'90)	Pharmaceutical representative with Pfizer's Parke-Davis in St. Louis; active in Budwesier Sports League and half-marathons; formerly worked for Matthews Book Company; engaged to Tom Bender (Oct. '05)
K.T. Sullivan-Martinov ('88-'89)	Full-time mom (Northport, N.Y.); was an account management associate at First Source Bank (South Bend)
Melissa Tancredi ('00-'04)	Has begun studies at Logan Chiropractic College; member of Canadian National Team; '05 W-League all-star (Atlanta)
Tiffany Thompson ('91-'94)	Pursuing advanced science classes at University of Minnesota; works as microbiologist at Aveda headquarters; was four-year assistant coach at the University of Florida (including 1998 NCAA championship season)
Kate Tulisniak ('01-'04)	Current intern with Adidas office at Notre Dame
Kelly Tulisniak ('98-'01)	Master's in education of literacy from Providence; teaching in Boston as elementary reading specialist; coaches youth teams and plays in WPSL for Massachusetts Stingers
Laura Vanderberg ('95-'98)	Reading Clinic Coordinator at Michigan Institute (vocational rehabilitation); pursuing master's in education (human development/psychology) at Harvard; former Peace Corps volunteer (English) in Ukraine; ran half-marathon in Kiev
Amy VanLaecke ('94-'96)	Manager of engineering career programs at the Notre Dame Career Center; formerly a chemical engineer with IBM (Burlington, Vt.); had coached local travel and junior high school teams and an under-12 Nordic Spirit team
Julie Vogel-Kline ('92-'95)	Senior account manager at Technology Solutions Group in Chicago; formerly worked in technical sales for Expanets/Lucent Technologies; plays beach volleyball in Chicago; competed in Chicago Triathlon
Jennifer Walsh-Cecere ('90-'91)	Account representative with State Farm Insurance in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Liz Wagner ('98-'01)	Works at Genzyme Corp. while completing master's in clinical research at Boston Univ.; avid marathoner and tri-athlete
Amy Warner ('00-'03)	Works in pharmaceutical sales with Glaxo Smith Kline; all-league pick with W-League's Ft. Wayne Fever (summer '04)
Susie Zilvitis-Krayer ('88-'91)	Full-time mom, after working in insurance in Chicago and Boston (with Mazonson; The New England); has played in local women's leagues, ran Boston Marathon



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0	Nikki Westfall **	G	5-6	Jr.	Waterville, OH / Anthony Wayne HS	Pacesetters
1	Erika Bohn ***	G	6-0	Sr.	Brookfield, CT / Brookfield HS	ODP Region I; Yankee United Rage
2	Kerri Hanks	F	5-6	Fr.	Allen, TX / Allen HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
3	Jannica Tjeder *	M/F	5-3	So.	Espoo, Finland / Makelanrinteen	Finland Under-21s; Espoo F.C.
4	Kim Lorenzen **	D/M	5-8	Jr.	Naperville, IL / Naperville North HS	ODP Region II; Chicago Sockers
5	Amanda Cinalli *	F	5-8	So.	Maple Heights, OH / Laurel HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Cleveland F.C.
6	Lauren Karas *	G	5-9	So.	Flower Mound, TX / Flower Mound HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
7	Katie Thorlakson ***	F	5-3	Sr.	Langley, BC / Walnut Grove HS	Canada Under-19s; Langley Elite 17s
8	Candace Chapman *** (C)	F/D	5-7	Sr.	Ajax, ONT / Bishop O'Connor HS	Canada Under-19s; Burlington Sting
9	Jen Buczkowski **	M	5-7	Jr.	Elk Grove, IL / Elk Grove HS	U.S. U-19s; ODP Region II; Sockers; Arsenal
10	Brittany Bock	M	5-6	Fr.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region II; F.C. Indiana Eclipse; Black Magic (boys); Windy City Pride
11	Annie Schefter ** (C)	M	5-8	Sr.	Yakima, WA / West Valley HS	U.S. U-19s; ODP Region IV; Sun City Strikers
12	Ashley Jones *	M	5-4	So.	Westlake Village, CA / Westlake HS	ODP Region IV; Southern California United
13	Maggie Manning ***	F	5-6	Sr.	Lake Oswego, OR / Jesuit HS	Southside Alliance
14	Jenny Walz **	D/M	5-3	Sr.	Bloomington, IL / Bloomington HS	Central Illinois Select
15	Lizzie Reed **	M/F	5-7	Jr.	Franklin Lakes, NJ / Ramapo Regional HS	ODP Region I; World Class; Torpedoes
16	Kerry Inglis	D/M	5-6	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN / Snider HS	F.C. Indiana; Fort Wayne Fever; Citadel
17	Susan Pinnick	F	5-4	So.	South Bend, IN / St. Joseph's HS	U.S. U-17s; ODP Region II; Carmel Commotion
18	Christie Shaner **	D	5-8	Jr.	Ambler, PA / Germantown Academy	U.S. U-19s; ODP Reg. I; Parkwood/Bucks Spirit United
19	Carrie Dew	D	5-9	Fr.	Encinitas, CA / La Costa Canyon HS	U.S. U-23 Select; ODP Reg. IV; San Diego Surf
20	Rebecca Mendoza	M	5-2	Fr.	Garland, TX / North Garland HS	Mexican Nat'l Team; ODP Reg. III; Dallas Sting
21	Claire Gallerano **	M	5-4	Jr.	Dallas, TX / Ursuline Academy	Dallas Texans
23	Molly Iarocci *	F	5-7	Jr.	Carefree, AZ / Xavier Prep	Sereno Eagles
24	Jill Krivacek **	M	5-10	Jr.	Geneva, IL / Rosary HS	Chicago Sockers; Arsenal
25	Beth Koloup	M	5-6	Fr.	Phoenix, MD / Notre Dame Prep	F.C. Delco Heat; Bethesda Excel
26	Amber McMillin ***	F	5-6	Sr.	West Harrison, IN / Franklin County HS	Cincinnati Classics; Hammer F.C.
28	Miranda Ford ***	D/M	5-8	Sr.	Portola Valley, CA / Palo Alto HS	De Anza Force Blue

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Irish Roster Breakdown

By State/Province/Country

- Arizona (1):** Iarocci
- British Columbia (1):** Thorlakson
- California (3):** Dew, Ford, Jones
- Connecticut (1):** Bohn
- Finland (1):** Tjeder
- Illinois (5):** Bock, Buczkowski, Krivacek, Lorenzen, Walz
- Indiana (3):** Inglis, McMillin, Pinnick
- Maryland (1):** Koloup
- New Jersey (1):** Reed
- Ohio (2):** Cinalli, Westfall
- Ontario (1):** Chapman
- Oregon (1):** Manning
- Pennsylvania (1):** Shaner
- Texas (4):** Gallerano, Hanks, Karas, Mendoza
- Washington (1):** Schefter

By Class

- Seniors (8):** Bohn, Chapman, Ford, Manning, McMillin, Schefter, Thorlakson, Walz
- Juniors (8):** Buczkowski, Gallerano, Iarocci, Krivacek, Lorenzen, Reed, Shaner, Westfall
- Sophomores (5):** Cinalli, Jones, Karas, Pinnick, Tjeder
- Freshmen (6):** Bock, Dew, Hanks*, Inglis, Koloup, Mendoza

* Note: Hanks signed in '04 but delayed enrollment until the '05 spring semester, after training and playing with the U.S. Under-19 National Team in the '04 fall semester (she played with the Irish in the '05 spring).

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| Erika Bohn | BONN | Beth Koloup | CALL-up |
| Jen Buczkowski | Buzz-COW-ski | Jill Krivacek | KRIV (like give)-uh-sec |
| Amanda Cinalli | SUH-nah-lee | Kim Lorenzen | Luh-REN-zin |
| Claire Gallerano | Gal-urr-ON-oh | Susan Pinnick | PIN-ick |
| Molly Iarocci | Eye-uh-ROW-chee | Annie Schefter | SHEFF-tur |
| Kerry Inglis | IN-gless | Katie Thorlakson | THOR-luck-sun |
| Lauren Karas | CARE-us | Jannica Tjeder | YON-uh-kuh CHED-err |





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Kim Lorenzen	Luh-REN-zin
Susan Pinnick	PIN-ick
Annie Schefter	SHEFF-tur
Katie Thorlakson	THOR-luck-sun
Jannica Tjeder	YON-uh-kuh CHED-err



Defending Champions Back For More In 2005

Irish return nine starters and four top reserves while welcoming another top-rated class.

Notre Dame's 2004 women's soccer national title sent the Irish where only one other Division I program had gone before, joining the short list of teams with multiple national titles. It had been nine years since the 1995 Irish squad hoisted the NCAA trophy – ending nearly a decade of near-misses and postseason heartache for the Irish faithful.

Now, as the Irish prepare to defend their title, excitement is running high for another promising season.

"On paper, this team actually might be better than the 2004 championship team," says seventh-year Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum, already a four-time BIG EAST Conference coach of the year and a finalist for national coaching honors the past two seasons.

"We had a very talented team last season but they also had a great attitude towards training and our overall philosophy. We were able to stay relatively healthy and team chemistry played a key role as well.

"Those types of things again will be the keys for this season. We also will need to figure out the best way to maximize our talent, as we are very deep in the attacking positions and have some really versatile players. We're all excited for another great year of Notre Dame soccer."

Notre Dame – which received the NSCAA preseason No. 1 ranking for the first time (after five previous seasons as the preseason No. 2 team) – returns nine starters and 13 of the top-15 players from the 2004 championship team that went 25-1-1 while outscoring its opponents 70-14. Notre Dame allowed just 71 shots on goal in the '04 season, nearly matching the Irish goal output for the season.

The 20 returners accounted for 68 of the 70 goals (97%) and 73 of the 77 assists (94%) during the historic 2004 season. The Notre Dame veterans include three – versatile fifth-year player **Candace Chapman**, senior forward **Katie Thorlakson** and junior midfielder **Jen Buczkowski** – who previously have earned NSCAA All-America honors, marking the first time since 1999 that the Irish have entered a season with three or more former All-Americans on the roster.

Other returning starters include senior **Erika Bohn**, defensive MVP of the '04 College Cup and the 2005 preseason pick for BIG EAST Conference goalkeeper of the year. Sophomore forward **Amanda Cinalli** – a Freshman All-American and first team all-BIG EAST performer in 2004 – returns up front alongside Thorlakson while senior **Annie Scheffer** and junior **Jill Krivacek** are back along with Buczkowski, as the Irish forward and midfield starting units return intact (Chapman played mostly as a forward in '04 but also has starred as an outside back, earning All-America honors in that role during the '02 season).

The Irish must replace their graduated central defenders – two-time All-American Melissa Tancredi (like Thorlakson and Chapman, a member of the Canadian National Team) and Icelandic National Team standout Gudrun Gunnarsdottir. Junior outside backs **Christie Shaner** (left) and **Kim Lorenzen** (right) return as the veterans of the defense, with each owning some experience playing at the central spots.

Other top returners who have served as starters at times with the Irish include junior midfielder/forward **Lizzie Reed**, sophomore midfielder **Ashley Jones**, senior outside back/midfielder **Jenny Walz** and sophomore midfielder/forward **Jannica Tjeder** (who will miss the '05 season after suffering an ACL knee injury late in the summer, while playing with Finland at the Nordic Cup).

Notre Dame's seven newcomers include five highly-regarded players fresh out of high school, in addition to a pair of 2004 signees – forwards **Kerri Hanks** and **Susan Pinnick** – who did not play with the Irish in the '04 national championship season. Hanks was rated the nation's No. 4 recruit in '04 before training all fall with the U.S. Under-19 National Team that ultimately competed in Thailand at the Under-19 World Championship (she enrolled at Notre Dame in the spring of '05). The former Dallas Texans standout twice earned the prestigious Golden Boot Award at the USYSA Nationals, giving her a matching set for her expansive trophy case.

Pinnick was unable to play last fall due to injuries suffered in a 2004 summer van accident with her club team – but she made an inspiring return by joining the Irish in the spring of '05 and playing on a high level in the summer with her Carmel Commotion club team.

Each of the four signees has been rated among the nation's top recruits, led by midfielder **Brittany Bock** and defender **Carrie Dew** (a top candidate to fill one of the open starting spots). Their classmate **Kerry Inglis** is a promising option at either midfielder or outside back while midfielder **Rebecca Mendoza** is a product of the Dallas Sting club and member of the Mexican National Team.

Bock is rated as high as fifth on the national recruit charts (per *Soccer Buzz*) while Mendoza was rated 18th by *Student Sports*. Dew joined Bock among SB's top-25 recruits, with Mendoza among its top-50 and Inglis in the top-100.

Three Irish players – Chapman, Thorlakson and Buczkowski – are among the preseason 25-player watch list for the 2005 Hermann Trophy player-of-the-year award. Thorlakson and Chapman also were named to Soccer America's 11-player preseason All-America team (*Soccer Buzz* had Thorlakson on its 12-player preseason team) while Notre Dame players accounted for one-third of the preseason all-BIG EAST team: Chapman, Thorlakson, Bohn and Buczkowski (each of



Candace Chapman

those players, except Bohn, were all-BIG EAST performers in 2004, as were Cinalli, Shaner and Krivacek).

The 2005 season brought more championship trophies for Notre Dame players, as Buczkowski and Bohn were members of the U.S. Under-21 National Team that won the Nordic Cup while four others (Shaner, Bock, Inglis and junior goalkeeper Nikki Westfall) helped F.C. Indiana win the Women's Premier Soccer League title and the U.S. Open Cup.

The Irish head into 2005 looking to maintain more than just their national ranking – as they also have been world-class in the academic realm, combining for a 3.31 cumulative team GPA. Academic All-Americans Bohn and Scheffer lead the way while two others (Jones and Tjeder) turned in a 4.0 semester during their freshman year.

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

FORWARDS

Any serious look at the 2005 Irish probably should begin with **Chapman** (Ajax, Ont.), the team's only fifth-year senior who has proven to be an elite player at two unique positions. The Canadian national teamer earned All-America and BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-year honors with the Irish as a sophomore in 2002, when she revolutionized the position of right back. Chapman was set to play in the 2003 World Cup but suffered an ACL knee injury while scrimmaging with Canada vs. a men's team – wiping out her entire junior season.

Chapman returned in 2004 with the option to play forward in her senior season, as Lorenzen had filled in admirably at right back during the '03 campaign. The transition to the new



position – coupled with a lengthy rehab from the injury – took some time but Chapman rated among the nation’s most dangerous frontrunners during the second half of the season. She finished second behind Thorlakson on the BIG EAST scoring charts with 32 points (12 goals, 8 assists) and delivered two game-winning goals in the push to the NCAA title, including an electric give-and-go sequence with Thorlakson that knocked off Santa Clara in the semifinals.

“Candace may be the only player in the country capable of dominating the way she does at two distinctly different positions,” says Waldrum, who watched Chapman compile 18G-15A in her first three healthy seasons with the Irish (67 games played, 55 starts).

“She has that physical ability to impact the game at either position. We saw so many times last year how she could spark the offense with a high-level play but she also has become such a tough defensive player – she’s hard to beat and has tremendous recovery skills. There’s no other player in the college game who can do all that she does.”

Chapman’s position status will have an affect on the utilization of several other players, as the Irish again look to parlay their tremendous depth into maximum efficiency during the 2005 season.

Thorlakson (Langley, B.C.) appeared to be everyone’s pick for 2004 national player of the year and ultimately was so honored by *Soccer America*, *Sports Illustrated on Campus* and *Soccer Buzz*. She also was one of five finalists for the ESPN-sponsored ESPY Award, in the category of “top female college athlete.”

When the dust had settled on the 2004 season, Thorlakson had racked up an NCAA-

leading 70 points (two shy of the ND record; 23G-24A) after scoring or assisting on 24 of her team’s final 28 goals. The Canadian national teamer rewrote much of the Notre Dame record book during that historic season and staked her claim to one of the top all-around offensive seasons in the history of women’s college soccer – as former UNC great Mia Hamm is the only Division I player ever to post more goals and more assists in a season (32G-33A, in ‘92) than Thorlakson’s 2004 production.

She enters her final season with 112 career points in 70 games with the Irish (37G-38A) and could become the 17th player in NCAA history to reach the magical 50G-50A plateau.

“Katie was the best player in the country for all of last season, so it will be exciting to see what she does for an encore,” says Waldrum.

“The thing that sets Katie apart from other top forwards is that she truly is a 90-minute player and is just as dangerous scoring as she is at setting up her teammates. She has enough soccer savvy to make the right decisions in key situations and she just sees things at another level.”

Thorlakson’s wide-reaching offensive skills include accuracy with both feet – often from ridiculous angles – and tremendous precision serving corner kicks (leading to nine Irish goals in ‘04). And then there’s the intangibles, like a not-so-subtle enforcer’s mentality that the 5-foot-3 fireplug brings to the field for every game.

“Katie has such a low center of gravity and is so strong that when teams try to intimidate her with physical play, it does not affect her,” says Waldrum. “The harder you play her, the harder she is going to dish it back. That’s a mindset with her and she has all the tools to make you pay.



Katie Thorlakson

“It was amazing that she could keep up her pace all last season, even though teams clearly were keying on her.”

Cinalli (Maple Heights, Ohio) had an impressive 2004 season that included Freshman All-America and first team all-BIG EAST honors. The first Irish freshman since 2000 to post double-digit goals (10G-5A, in 27 GP/24 GS), Cinalli proved to be a clutch goalscorer as well – scoring for 1-0 wins at Connecticut and Villanova while notching a pair of game-winning goals in the NCAAs.

“Amanda will be a star to reckon with as her college career goes on and I hope she has a chance with the Under-20 National Team,” says Waldrum.

“She can score in a variety of ways and is so crafty on the ball, with different moves and the ability to turn opponents inside and out. We are trying to encourage her to be more selfish with her own chances, as that should boost her goal total while also opening things up for the entire offense.”

Hanks (Allen, Texas) – whose header in stoppage time provided a thrilling end to the 2-2 game with Mexico in the ‘05 spring season – could help take Notre Dame’s offense to another level, as a proven goalscorer who should provide even bigger headaches for 2005 opposing defenses as they attempt to slow down the Irish attack.

“Everyone got the chance to see how Kerri can impact things in that Mexico game. She is a flat-out goalscorer and has found ways to put the ball in the net at every level she had played,” says Waldrum of Hanks, who totaled 47 goals in two seasons at Allen High School before ranking as the top scorer on the U.S. Under-19 National Team, with 22 goals in 30 games.

Notre Dame Women’s Soccer 2005 Quick Facts

2004 record: 25-1-1 (NCAA champions; BIG EAST regular-season champs/9-0-1)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 20/5 (9 starters returning; 13 of top 15 players)

Top Returners:

Katie Thorlakson (F, Sr.; Langley, BC) – ‘05 preseason All-American; *Soccer America* 2004 National Player of the Year (23G-24A); Canadian National Team; career: 37G-38A (70 GP/63 GS)

Candace Chapman (F/D, 5th-Yr.; Ajax, ONT) – ‘05 preseason All-American; 3rd-team all-BIG EAST in ‘04, as F (12G-8A); ‘02 All-American (D); Canadian Nat’l Team; career: 18G-15A (67 GP/55 GS)

Jen Buczkowski (M, Jr.; Elk Grove, IL) – ‘05 preseason All-American; ‘04 All-American (8G-11A); ‘03 Freshman All-American; U.S. Under-21 National Team; career: 12G-17A (51 GP/48 GS)

Erika Bohn (G, Sr.; Brookfield, CT) – ‘05 preseason BIG EAST goalkeeper of the year; defensive MVP of ‘04 College Cup; led nation with 0.41 GAA in ‘04; U.S. U-21 Nat’l Team; 0.69 career GAA

Christie Shaner (Jr., D; Ambler, PA) – all-BIG EAST in ‘04 (3rd tm) and ‘03 (2nd tm, rookie of the year)

Jill Krivacek (Jr., M; Geneva, IL) – 3rd team all-BIG EAST in ‘04; fills def. midfield role

Annie Scheffer (M, Sr.; Yakima, WA) – co-cpt. (with Chapman); 4G-7A in ‘04; former U.S. U-19 player

Kim Lorenzen (D, Jr.; Naperville, IL) – regular at right back (50 GP/41 GS in ‘03-‘04, 3G-4A)

Amanda Cinalli (F, So.; Maple Hts. OH) – Fr. All-American, 1st team all-BIG EAST in ‘04 (10G-5A)

Top Newcomers:

(note that Hanks and Pinnick were ‘04 signees)

Kerri Hanks (F; Allen, TX) – 22G in 30 GP with U.S. U-19s; also top scorer with Dallas Texans

Brittany Bock (M, Naperville, IL) – U.S. U-20 pool; 24G for Neuqua Valley HS ‘05 state champs

Carrie Dew (D, Encinitas, CA) – 2-time CIF player of the year; product of San Diego Surf club

Susan Pinnick (F, South Bend, IN) – 76G in career at St. Joseph’s HS; Carmel Commotion club

Top Players Lost:

Melissa Tancredi (D) – 2-time All-American; 2-time BE Def. Player of Yr.; Canadian National Team

Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (D) – 4-year regular, joining Tancredi in central D; Icelandic Nat’l Team





"Kerri has the knack for finding a way to make runs that get her into open space. So many players run vertical and look for thru-balls. But Kerri knows when to show back for the ball, can fade out and in and can set the defense up going away and coming back the opposite way. She knows so much as a forward, watches soccer all the time, her dad played the game – she is one of those classic soccer junkies. On top of everything, she is one of our most competitive players. She just hates to lose – I'm glad she's on our side."

Hanks officially enters her first college season with the pair of USYSA Golden Boots tucked away, her focus now shifted to helping the Irish make a run at another national title. She and Thorlakson have the potential to develop into one of nation's most potent tandems as the 2005 season unfolds.

"Both have strong personalities and Kerri already has been a great complement to Katie," says Waldrum. "They had a nice combination in the spring and have played well off each other in practice. We are really excited about what they can do, along with Cinalli and our many other offensive options."

Pinnick has completed an inspiring return from the summer of '04 team van accident that left her and three of Carmel Commotion teammates hospitalized. The South Bend native still began her academic career at Notre Dame in the fall of '04 and was a regular presence at practices and home games before finally joining the Irish for the 2005 spring season. The encouraging debut saw her score three goals in the short spring season – certainly not the domination (28G-10A) she showed as a senior for the St. Joseph's High School team that was state runner-up – but prospects remain high for her first full season.

"You never know with a comeback from that type of injury but it's an amazing story and a tribute to Susan's determination and spirit," says Waldrum of Pinnick, who led the Commotion back to the USYSA national "final four" in the summer of '05 (they were runner-up at the '03 nationals).

"We have experimented with Susan some in the midfield and feel she can have an impact at either position. She is a tireless competitor, is tough running at people and also is pretty good turning on the ball and with her back to pressure. It's a big bonus to have another player with such great skills around the goal."

Senior **Maggie Manning** (Lake Oswego, Ore.) will be looking to rediscover the form of her sophomore season, when she totaled 4G-2A while appearing in 22 games (her career totals include 7G-6A in 53 GP/6 GS). "Maggie has shown she has the tools to be an impact player. She can score and has the skills to mesh with our attacking philosophy, so we're hoping for a strong final season from her," says Waldrum.

Sophomore **Molly Iarocci** (Carefree, Ariz.) – who logged 18 games in her first two seasons – did not begin playing soccer until high school but steadily has emerged as a dangerous frontrunner, due to her speed and a deeper



Jen Buczkowski

understanding of the game's tactics. "Molly is probably our most improved player over the past two seasons but she still has big strides ahead," says Waldrum. "She can cause problems by slipping behind the defense and we could see her get a few more goals as her finishing skills continue to improve."

Tjeder – whose busy summer with Finland's Under-21 National Team included playing at the Nordic Cup and the World University Games – would have been used as a forward or attacking midfielder in 2005 and now will have the option of earning a fifth year of eligibility in 2008. Known for her international flair and deep knowledge of soccer tactics, the Espoo native made the transition to college soccer in '04 while appearing in 22 of 27 games (8 GS, 1G-3A).

"It takes foreign players time to adjust to the speed and physical play in the college game and now Jannica will face another challenge in coming back from her injury," says Waldrum. "She has such a great finesse game and is a composed and creative scorer, with that tremendous 'soccer brain.' Jannica had a great spring for us and we were expecting a strong season from her this fall, but she will battle back and be a key for us in the future."

MIDFIELDERS

Buczkowski (Elk Grove, Ill.) returns as the engine of the Notre Dame midfield, following an All-America season in 2004 that saw her finish third on the team with 27 points (8G-11A, after totaling just 4G-6A in '03). The composed playmaker shifted from a primarily defensive role in 2003 to a more attacking position in '04, when she showed a flair for scoring big goals with four game-winners that included a final-minute score at Georgetown and the goals that beat Boston College in both the regular season and the BIG EAST semifinals.

"Jen made big strides last season in being more of an attacking force and I would look for

her to continue in that vein this season," says Waldrum. "She was a key player at the Nordic Cup and her experience playing for the under-21 team should pay big dividends during her junior season."

"One thing that we can always count on is Jen handling things in the midfield. She makes the rest of things go for us because she is so good on the ball, always composed and in control. That calm affect on the ball makes everyone else around her relaxed. There's never any panic in Jen and she is such a big confidence-builder for the other players, more than she realizes."

Buczkowski's trademark contribution to Notre Dame's strong possession game is her heads-up dribbling style and control of the ball, rarely letting it stray far from either foot. But her overall production in 2005 actually may get a boost from the fact that a large number of her teammates likewise are strong in the possession game.

"We have so many players who can score goals and set things up for others," says Waldrum. "Teams can't come in and say, 'We have to shut down Jen Buczkowski and we'll be in good shape'. Jen brings everyone else to another level and usually one of them is going to beat you."

Schefter (Yakima, Wash.) joins Chapman as a captain of the 2005 squad and again will be at the center of a deep midfield unit. The Academic All-American and prospective medical-school student saw her freshman season wiped out by an ACL injury suffered while training with the 2003 U.S. Under-19 National Team (she has the option to apply for a fifth year in 2006). Schefter returned to play in all 51 games during the '03 and '04 seasons (41 starts, 8G-12A) while helping the Irish rack up a 46-4-1 record during those two seasons.

"Annie really has evolved as a leader of the team and has developed a great commitment to the training it takes to be a champion," says Waldrum of Schefter, a second-generation Notre Dame student-athlete who carries a 3.76 GPA as a psychology and pre-professional double major.

"One of the special things about Annie is her great 'soccer brain.' You can throw any tactical situation at her and she can solve it – she's almost like another coach on the field, nothing gets by her. We can adjust the shape of how are playing and she is right there sorting it out."

Schefter ranked fifth on the '04 team with 15 points (4G-7A), displaying deadly accuracy on long-range shots while regularly setting up teammates with her tremendous field vision and ability to read the play several passes ahead.

Krivacek (Geneva, Ill.) earned third team all-BIG EAST honors in '04, after settling into the defensive midfielder role in often dominating fashion. The imposing 5-foot-11 presence appeared in 50 of 51 games her first two seasons (29 GS) while delivering most of her offense (3G-5A; 1G-2A in '04) in big-game situations – including the 90th minute corner-kick header that beat Wisconsin in the '04 NAAs and Notre Dame's final penalty kick in the title-game shootout vs. UCLA.

"Jill is a tall player but she actually had to improve in the air, which allowed her to play more as the holding midfielder. And her



emergence in that spot then allowed others to shift into roles that improved the overall efficiency of the team – so Jill’s improved play really impacted more than just one position,” says Waldrum.

“She also is better in her distribution and is so good receiving the ball and being able to keep it with pressure around her. It’s tough to get the ball away from her and that makes her a key starting point for our attack.”

Bock – reunited with fellow Naperville, Ill., native Lorenzen – was getting a serious look at various midfield spots during the 2005 preseason but also could be tried as a forward, especially in the wake of Tjeder’s season-ending injury. The battle-tested newcomer has a wide-reaching soccer resume that includes: four years of experience playing on various U.S. youth national teams; playing up two age groups alongside Buczkowski, Krivacek and Lorenzen on the ‘03 Illinois ODP national champs; leading two other teams to national-title games (the ‘04 Windy City Pride and ‘05 Illinois ODP); playing in ‘04 with the elite Black Magic boys club team (and missing her junior season in high school); returning to lead Neuqua Valley High School to the ‘05 state title; and, most recently, playing a lead role during F.C. Indiana’s WPSL championship season. She also is a top candidate to play for the U.S. squad at the Under-20 World Championship, to be held in Russia during early fall of 2006.

On top of all her playing experience, Bock also had the rare chance to start her college academic career a bit early by attending summer school at Notre Dame (following a recent NCAA rule change) – adding further preparation for the task that lies ahead of her.

“Brittany is in really good form right now. She played all summer with older players, including some from our team, was involved in training with the U.S. Under-20s and was able to attend summer school. All of those experiences from this summer will help make her transition easier and in many ways she is coming in like a veteran,” says Waldrum.

“She is such a multi-dimensional player in both her skills and the positions that she can play. We just need to find out where Brittany fits best for this season and she could play several spots in the same game.”

Waldrum equates Bock to having a combination of skills from two of Notre Dame’s 2004 All-Americans. “Her technique is like Jen Buczkowski’s in that she has great ball skills but she also has a very solid frame and is such a physical presence, more in a Melissa Tancredi mode,” he says. “She is very tough to knock off the ball and that doesn’t even take into account her scoring ability.”

Bock’s individual honors have included earning the Golden Boot Award at the 2003 ODP Nationals and being named to the WPSL all-tournament team – after holding her own against some current and former college all-stars. She totaled 24G-7A in her senior season at NVHS, en route to earning prep All-America honors for the third time.

Jones (Westlake Village, Calif.) provided a huge spark in the run to the 2004 NCAA title, appearing in all 27 games (six starts) while seeing all four of her assists set up game-winning goals (her lone score came in the BIG EAST title game vs. UConn). A former teammate of Dew’s – as captains of the Cal-



Christie Shaner

South team that won ‘04 ODP nationals – Jones has plenty of experience winning national titles, also playing for the So-Cal United team that won the ‘04 USYSA girls-18 championship.

“Ashley just kept getting better and better last season. That’s something you hope for from all incoming players,” says Waldrum. “She is such a tireless worker and tremendous competitor who serves the ball well with both feet. Ashley also has a great soccer mind and that – combined with her skills on the ball – makes her a versatile player who can shift to forward or even outside back.”

Reed (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) truly filled the role of utility player during her first two seasons, appearing in 50 of 51 games while splitting her 18 starts at forward (7), midfielder (6) and outside back (5). The prep All-American could be due for a breakout year and more defined role in 2005.

“Lizzie is a high-energy player for us and is so good running at people with the ball,” says Waldrum of Reed, whose first two seasons with the Irish included 3G-3A (1G-2A in ‘04). “She has the technique and attacking mindset to impact our scoring on a more consistent basis and I think you will see that as she continues to elevate her play in the attacking third.”

Sophomore **Claire Gallerano** served as one of the 2004 team’s top defensive midfielders but was sidelined by an ankle injury in the spring and summer of ‘05. The Dallas native has logged 19 games with the Irish and will be hoping to be back in the mix for the ‘05 season.

“Claire made big improvements from her freshman to sophomore years and provides the hard-nosed defense that we look for in that holding midfielder spot. She is very eager to get back on the field and we fully expect her to be an important piece of the puzzle again this season,” says Waldrum.

Mendoza is yet another member of the program’s Texas pipeline, totaling 77 goals and

58 assists in her first three seasons at North Garland High School. She played sparingly as a senior due to her commitments with the Mexican National Team, alongside former Notre Dame standout and Mexico’s current captain Monica Gonzalez. Mendoza – who holds dual citizenship – most recently led the Dallas Sting to a third-place finish at the 2005 USYSA nationals and also had been a top player for the ODP Region III team. The speedster joins with Tjeder in providing the Irish attack with another dimension, due to her tremendous technical ability and a unique flair to her game.

“Becca is such a clever and exciting player with the ball – the Notre Dame fans are going to love seeing her play,” says Waldrum. “A key thing for her will be making that physical adjustment to college soccer but I think she will benefit greatly from our possession style. It will bring out many great elements in her play.”

Freshman **Beth Koloup** (Phoenix, Md.) has played for elite club teams in soccer and lacrosse and will attempt to play both sports at Notre Dame, after signing with the Irish lacrosse team. A proven goalscorer known for her all-around athleticism, Koloup set soccer records at Notre Dame Prep for goals in a season (28) and career (79) while helping Maryland win the 2005 national ODP title (besting Bock and her Illinois side in the final). She also was a member of the Bethesda Excel club team that reached the USYSA girls-16 championship game in 2003.

DEFENDERS

Shaner (Ambler, Pa.) returns as possibly the top all-around defender in the conference, previously earning second team all-BIG EAST honors as a central defender (in ‘03) and then being a third team all-BIG EAST performer in ‘04 while playing mostly at left back.

“This is a big year for Christie, with Melissa and ‘Gunna’ graduating. She is going to step up and become one of our defensive leaders, a role she was used to playing in her youth career,” says Waldrum of Shaner, who appeared in 50 of 51 games and started 45 during her first two seasons (totaling 3G-3A).

“Christie does so many things on a high level and has that great versatility to fill multiple roles in the defense. For starters, she is one of the best tackling backs in the college game, just rock solid. She also reads the game well, rarely gets in trouble and is strong both in the air and with the ball at her feet.”

The biggest question for the 2005 Irish ultimately may be where Shaner ends up spending the bulk of her minutes.

“The potential combination of Christie and Carrie in the middle of our defense could be a great tandem. They both have great aerial precision and are hard tacklers and they would help us be able to play more possession soccer with our back four,” says Waldrum.

“At the same time, Christie is so good getting up and down the flank, has a good left foot to



get crosses played in and was a great stopgap for us at that left back position last season. The decision on her role will depend a lot on how other players are doing, in terms of the options we have at other spots on the field."

Lorenzen (Naperville, Ill.) – who joins Buczkowski, Krivacek and Bock to form the team's impressive Chicago Connection – remains one of the most underrated players in the college game, receiving no honors in the 2004 season despite being "the one player that we can't do without," according to Waldrum. The versatile junior logged 50 games and started 41 during her first two seasons (with 3G-4A, all in '04), playing mostly at right back while often pushing into the midfield and even seeing some time at forward.

"Kim adds so many intangibles to the team, beyond her great playing ability. She is a great leader and everyone looks up to her because of her competitiveness and daily work ethic," says Waldrum.

"She is such a great athlete and physical presence and has become more comfortable handling the ball, which has allowed us to push her forward. There are not many players that can beat Kimmy and, if they do, they probably are going to have to beat her more than once because she's going to recover. She also is such great server of the ball and is becoming very accurate on set pieces, with tremendous bend on her free kicks."

The 5-foot-9 **Dew** (Encinitas, Calif.) appears ready to help fill the void at central defense, following a stellar career at La Costa Canyon High School (36G-25A, with 107 starts) and with the elite San Diego Surf club team, in addition to playing with ODP Region IV and the U.S. Under-16 and U-17 national-team programs. The three-time prep All-American also recently earned a spot on the USASA Under-23 National Select Team, playing a pair of games versus her future Notre Dame classmate Mendoza and the Mexican National Team.

"We lost a tremendous heading presence in Tancredi but Carrie is equally capable in the air, which is something you need in the back. She also will give us a boost in technical ability at that position and is very experienced at reading the game and maintaining her positioning," says Waldrum. "We might be able to play more out of the back this season, with players like Carrie stepping in to give us another dimension defensively."

Inglis (Fort Wayne, Ind.) played mostly midfield during her youth-soccer days – finishing as the second all-time leading scorer in Snider High School high school history (84G-47A) – but recently has gained experience at outside back, including the past two summers while playing alongside her future Notre Dame teammates with the W-League's Fort Wayne Fever ('04) and the WPSL's F.C. Indiana ('05).

"Kerry is like Brittany in the fact that she already has some experience playing with older players and there's not much you can throw at her that will intimidate her," says Waldrum. "She is so good with the ball, very

skillful and reminds us a lot of Kim Lorenzen due to her athleticism and versatility. Kerry has all the components to handle a defensive or midfield spot, making her yet another very valuable member of this team."

Walz (Bloomington, Ill.) first caught the attention of the Irish coaches after attending the 2001 Notre Dame soccer camp and has developed into one of the top options on the flanks, appearing in 32 games during the '02 and '04 seasons (8 GS, 2A). She played primarily as a midfielder in her freshman season ('02) and missed '03 due to an ACL knee injury, before an encouraging '04 summer with the W-League's Fort Wayne Fever, where she first made the transition to outside back. Walz – who has the option to apply for a fifth-year in 2006 – then played in 15 games and started eight in 2004, logging some key minutes during the championship season.

"Jenny adds key depth and attacking skills to the outside back position," says Waldrum of Walz, who returned to the W-League in the summer of '05, playing alongside Chapman and Tancredi with the Atlanta Silverbacks. "She has made great progress the past few years and gained valuable experience with two summers in the W-League. At the end of the day, she is one of those unheralded players who are very important to helping us win."

Seniors **Miranda Ford** (Portola Valley, Calif.) and **Amber McMillin** (West Harrison, Ind.) also could see action in the defense, although each has logged time at other positions. Ford – who appeared in 27 games during her first three seasons – has played mostly at outside back, in addition to stints at midfielder and even forward (where her strong ability on crosses can help impact the attack). The hardworking McMillin, whose 16 games with the Irish have included playing various defensive and forward positions, combines with Pinnick and Inglis to give the Irish three Indiana natives on the 2005 roster.

GOALKEEPERS

Despite leading the nation in 2004 with a 0.41 goals-against average (third-best in ND history), **Bohn** was overlooked for most postseason honors during the national championship season – in part due to the team's dominating play that limited her save total and highlight-reel moments. That all changed in early December, as the Academic All-American rose to the challenge and was named defensive MVP of the College Cup. The action at SAS Stadium saw the six-foot Bohn snuff out a handful of prime chances for Santa Clara in the semifinals before making six saves in the title game vs. UCLA (compared to her total of five saves in the previous five NCAA Tournament games). Three



Erika Bohn

of those stops versus the Bruins came in penalty-kick situations, one late in regulation to preserve the 1-1 tie and two in the decisive shootout.

Buoyed by her College Cup heroics, the Brookfield, Conn., native went on to earn a spot on the U.S. Under-21 National Team that won the prestigious Nordic Cup in the summer of '05. She enters her final season with the third-best career GAA (0.69) in Notre Dame history, having logged nearly 5,700 minutes while appearing in 69 games and starting 65 (her 52-11-2 record places her third on the Irish list for career wins).

"Erika is sky-high with her confidence and has become more committed in her conditioning – she has reported in tremendous shape for her senior season," says Waldrum.

"We really expect her to come in on top of things, because it's always been the confidence and mental side that make such a difference for her. She always has been so strong in the air and active off her line – and her distribution has improved each year. It should be a great year for Erika."

Bohn – whose 967-minute shutout streak in '03 ranks fifth in the NCAA record book – has a strong chance to join former Notre Dame players Jen Renola and Vanessa Pruzinsky as the program's third recipient of the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year Award, carrying a 3.67 GPA as an art studio major. She earned second team Academic All-America honors as a sophomore and then was named to the elite first team in 2004, the only non-senior on that 11-player team.

The 5-foot-9 **Karas** (Flower Mound, Texas) made five starts as a freshman, also coming off the bench in three games while compiling a 1.24 GAA. "This is a year for Lauren to settle in and show consistency," says Waldrum. "She has the tools to be a top college keeper. She is strong at shot-stopping and in her reaction time, is good handling the ball with her feet and vocal organizing things in front of her. We expect her to be a future starter and I think you will see a good year from her in 2005."

Westfall (Waterville, Ohio) – whose first two seasons included a 0.31 GAA in limited duty (13 GP) – received a huge boost in experience and confidence during the summer of '05 while playing primarily on the potent F.C. Indiana team (she also logged a handful of games with the W-League's Cleveland Internationals).

"The summer was good for Nikki, as it was the most consistent period of her career. She was playing at a high level and we hope that springboards her confidence," says Waldrum. "Nikki has some areas to work on but her reactions and shot-stopping always have been quite good, helping to make her a penalty-kick specialist. We are excited to see her keep developing."

