

**2003 Notre Dame
Women's Soccer
(7-0-1)**

August

At UConn Classic

29 vs. Hartford W, 9-1
31 vs. Wake Forest W, 3-0

September

Notre Dame Classic

5 #13 Arizona State W, 3-1
7 Oklahoma W, 5-1

11 at St. John's W, 2-0
13 W. Kentucky W, 5-0

Santa Clara Classic

(both games live on CSTV)

19 vs. Stanford T, 0-0
21 at Santa Clara W, 2-1

28 North Texas 11:30
30 Indiana State 7:00

October

3 West Virginia 7:00
5 Villanova 1:00
7 Butler 7:00
10 Georgetown 7:00
12 Miami 1:00
17 Connecticut (non-BE) 7:30
19 at Pittsburgh 1:00
24 at Rutgers 7:00
26 at Seton Hall 1:00
29 Michigan 4:00

November

BIG EAST Quarterfinals

BIG EAST Champ. (@Rutgers)

7 Semifinals TBA
9 Final TBA

14- NCAA First Round TBA
(campus sites)

15- NCAA Second Round TBA
(campus sites)

22- NCAA Third Round TBA
23 (campus sites)

December

NCAA College Cup

(SAS Stadium; Cary, NC)

5 Semifinals
Final

All times local to site

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

Game Notes – vs. North Texas (Sunday, Sept. 28; 11:30 a.m.)

The Notre Dame women's soccer team (7-0-1; 29-4 scoring edge) – ranked 2nd in most of the national polls, behind UNC – returns to Alumni Field this weekend for a non-conference games versus North Texas (7-2-0) ... after playing five of its first eight games away from home – stretching from coast to coast (Connecticut to California), the Irish will be starting an eight-game homestand, the program's longest regular-season homestand since the 1992 squad also played eight straight at home ... North Texas (7-2-0) is coming off a 9-0 win over Grambling State and has outscored its opponents 32-9 this season ... the Irish solidified their spot among the nation's top teams in last week's action with a dominating defensive effort vs. #16 Stanford (0-0) and #10 Santa Clara (2-1) at the SCU Classic ... ND has been ranked in the top two of the NSCAA coaches poll nine of the last 11 years (all but '01 and '02), earning No. 1 in '94, '95, '96 and '00.

IRISH AMONG TOP ALL-AROUND TEAMS IN 2003 – Notre Dame (3.63 goals per game, 0.49 goals-against avg.) joins North Carolina (3.78, 0.33), Oklahoma State (5.00, 0.38) and Ohio State (3.14, 0.42) as the only teams who entered the week 16th or better in the national rankings for team scoring and defense ...the Irish are 9th in scoring and 16th in GAA while UNC is 7th/5th, the Cowgirls are 2nd/7th and the Buckeyes 13th-9th ... three of the above teams – ND, UNC and Oklahoma State – are among eight who enter the weekend without a loss (the others are Boston College, Cal Poly, Florida, Princeton and Pennsylvania).

FRONTRUNNERS – Notre Dame has trailed just once all season – for a span of 7:18 early in the Sept. 5 game vs. Arizona State – with the Irish leading for 63% of the 740 minutes this season while trailing for just 1% of the 2003 minutes ... ND's 2000 team held the No. 1 ranking for most of the season while trailing just once in the first 24 games (for 28 minutes, in a 2-1 win over Boston College) before falling behind UNC with eight minutes left to play in the NCAA College Cup semifinals (a 2-1 loss).

NORTH TEXAS NOTES – The Mean Green are off to a 7-2-0 start after wins over Hawaii (2-0), Rice (1-0), Texas State (2-0), Texas Tech (1-0), Drury (5-1), Nicholls State (7-0) and Grambling State (9-0), plus a 4-3 OT loss at Baylor and a 4-2 loss at Stephen F. Austin ... the Mean Green returned 15 of 20 letterwinners and nine starters from the 2002 squad that went 14-5-1 win, finished 2nd in the Sun Belt Conference (6-2) and lost to Denver in the Sun Belt semifinals (3-0) ... senior F Marilyn Marin had 26G-15A in 2002 and has added 10G-6A this season (including 4G in her 10th career hat trick, vs. Grambling State) ... junior F Melinda Pina (126-3A) and Marin have combined to score 22 of UNT's 32 goals this season.

SERIES OPENER CHALLENGE – North Texas will be attempting to post a rare series-opening win over Notre Dame, as the Irish and Mean Green will be meeting for the first time ... since '93, ND is 34-3-1 vs. teams making their first visit to Alumni Field (including '03 wins over Arizona State, Oklahoma and Western Kentucky, with Indiana State set to be a first-time visitor on Tuesday) ... the Irish are 66-25-2 in all-time series openers (33-5 since '93) and 46-8-0 in series openers played at home (19-3 since '93) ... ND has lost just eight times in its last 120 games at Alumni Field, going 118-8-2 (.930) in the home confines during that stretch.

SCHEDULE & RESULT NOTES – The upcoming eight-game homestand includes key BIG EAST battles vs. West Virginia, Villanova and UConn ... ND opened with impressive wins at the UConn Classic over Hartford (9-1) and Wake Forest (3-0), with junior F **Mary Boland** earning BIG EAST offensive player of the week (3G-1A) ... the Irish added ND Classic wins over #13 Arizona State (3-1) and Oklahoma (5-1), followed by last week's BIG EAST cross-divisional victory at St. John's (2-0) and a 5-0 win over Western Kentucky ... freshman M **Jen Buczkowski** and 5th-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** received the respective offensive and defensive MVP awards at the ND Classic, with Buczkowski named BIG EAST rookie of the week

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

263-8-11 (.952)

ND's all-time record when holding opponent to 0-1 goals (69-2-4 since Sept. 9, 1999)

192-3-1 (.982)

ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (96-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995)

80

Vanessa Pruzinsky's career GP (78 GS)

64

Combined games lost to injury by several top players during 2002 season

51

Consecutive starts by Amy Warner

32-17

ND's second-half goalscoring edge in 2002

26

All-Americans (since 1994)

25

Minutes of play spanning 5-goal flurry in 5-2 comeback at #25 Maryland ('02)

22-10-3

ND vs. NSCAA top-25 teams since 1999

17

Number of home states and provinces (plus Iceland) on 2003 ND roster

17-3-2

All-time record in home tournaments

16

Amanda Guertin's GW goals (3rd ND history)

14

ND's current unbeaten OT streak (10-0-4)

13

Ranked opponents (at some point in season) faced by Irish in 2002

12

Notre Dame alums in the WUSA ('01-'03)

12-10

ND's first-half goalscoring edge in 2002

10

Guertin's goalscoring streak at end of '01

10

Academic All-Americans (since 1995)

8

Guertin's corner-kick assists in 2002

7

Mary Boland's points (3G-1A) vs. Hartford in '03 opener (most by ND player since '99)

5

National ranking for ND '03 freshman class

4.0

5th-year D and chemical engineering major Vanessa Pruzinsky's cumulative GPA

3

Guertin's career OT goals (ND record)

2

All-time postseason home losses (28 Ws)

PRUZINSKY DRAWS NATIONAL MEDIA ATTENTION – Fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** is being spotlighted in a current feature on College Sports Television while the new *Sports Illustrated On Campus* is highlighting the high achiever in its current issue ... Pruzinsky – the national high school player of the year and a 2002 invitee to U.S. Under-21 National Team tryouts – wrapped up her undergrad studies last May with a 4.0 cumulative GPA, becoming just the third chemical; engineering major (and first since '74) to graduate from Notre Dame with a 4.0.

SANTA CLARA CLASSIC RECAP NOTES

- Freshman D **Christie Shaner** was named the SCU Classic defensive MVP, BIG EAST rookie of the week and was one of 11 named to the Soccer Buzz national players-of-the-week team after playing a lead role alongside senior Melissa Tancredi as the central defenders for an Irish squad that held #16 Stanford (0-0) and #10 Santa Clara (2-1) to 12 combined shots (just three on goal) and three combined corner kicks.

- Sophomore F **Katie Thorlakson** was the SCU Classic's offensive MVP after providing the leftside cross that led to **Mary Boland's** early goal before knocking home Boland's deflected shot for the gamewinner vs. Santa Clara ... ND's all-tournament picks included Shaner, Thorlakson, Boland and senior F **Amy Warner** (Boland and Warner also were all-tournament picks at the UConn and ND Classics).

- Notre Dame dominated the play while handing the Broncos their first-ever loss in the SCU Classic ... ND finished with a 14-5 edge in overall shots (8-1 in the first half) while SCU converted its only shot on net.

- Boland's goal was her 1st since scoring 6 in the first 3 games (an ND record), with her 7 goals matching her combined total from '01 and '02.

- Marian Dalmy's goal ended ND's shutout streak at 418 minutes and marked just the 4th goal allowed by ND in '03 ... just two previous ND teams have allowed fewer goals in the first 8 games (0 in '95, 3 in '97).

- Sophomore G **Erika Bohn** is 16-1-1 in her last 17 overall games with the Irish (including 5-0 last spring), allowing just 10 goals in those games with seven shutouts and 10 games with 1 GA.

- ND improved to 5-3-0 in the SCU series (4-3-1 all-time vs. Stanford).

- The Stanford tie pushed ND's unbeaten streak in overtime to 14 games (10-0-4), dating back to the 1999 opener ... All-American G Nicole Barnhart made 5 saves for Stanford, including a lunging tip that sent an Amanda Guertin chip off the crossbar ... ND has played three previous scoreless ties: vs. Dayton in 1991, vs. UNC in '94 (in St. Louis, ending UNC's NCAA-record 92-game winning streak) and at UConn in 2000.

#2 NOTRE DAME 0 0 0 0 - 0

#16 STANFORD 0 0 0 - 0

Shots: ND 8-4-0-1 – 13, STAN 5-1-0-1 – 7.

Corner Kicks: ND 1-1-0-2 – 4, STAN 0-1-1-0 – 2.

Saves: ND 2 (Erika Bohn), STAN 5 (Nicole Barnhart).

Fouls: ND 16, STAN 15. **Offside:** ND 2, STAN 1.

#2 NOTRE DAME 1 1 - 2

#10 SANTA CLARA 0 1 - 1

ND 1. Mary Boland 7 (Katie Thorlakson) 5:03; **SCU 1.** Marian Dalmy 4 (Veronica Zepeda) 62:47; **ND 2.** Thorlakson 3 (Boland) 75:14.

Shots: ND 8-6 – 14, SCU 2-3 – 5.

Corner Kicks: ND 6-0 – 6, SCU 1-0 – 1.

Saves: ND 0 (Erika Bohn), SCU 5 (Julie Ryder).

Fouls: ND 11, SCU 10. **Offside:** ND 7, SCU 0.

LINEUP NOTES

FURIOUS FORWARDS – Notre Dame's system includes a pressuring "forecheck" from the team's frontrunners ... four of those players – **Mary Boland** (2), **Amanda Guertin**, **Maggie Manning** and **Katie Thorlakson** – already have posted multiple-goal games this season while **Amy Warner** scored in five of the first six games.

FIRE & ICE – Veterans **Amanda Guertin** (41 career goals; 4 in '03) and **Amy Warner** (32; 5 in '03) rank as one the nation's premier pairs of senior forwards, with 26 game-winning goals (16 by Guertin) and five OT goals (3 by Guertin).

BOLAND STEPS FORWARD – Junior **Mary Boland** spent most of her prep soccer days playing as a forward but her ND career also has included time at outside back and in the midfield ... Boland's quick start to the 2003 season (3G-1A in opener vs. Hartford; 7G in first 8 games) ignited the surging ND offense and solidified her return to forward.

MEET YOU IN THE MIDDLE – Despite the graduation of 4-year starter/defensive ace Ashley Dryer and the season-ending hip surgery to senior Randi Scheller (2nd team all-BIG EAST in '02), the Irish midfield has been energized by the emergence of two "newcomers" in sophomore **Annie Schefter** (3G-4A; missed all of '02 with ACL knee injury) and freshman **Jen Buczkowski** (2G-4A) – with the pair ranking 4th and 6th on the ND scoring charts.

LORENZEN SETTLES INTO BACK – Versatile freshman **Kim Lorenzen** (Naperville, Ill.) was impressive in preseason training at forward but has found a home in the defense, with strong play as a starter both centrally and at outside back.

OTHER QUICK NOTES ON THE IRISH

- Notre Dame entered the week as the No. 8-scoring team in the nation (min. 5 GP), averaging 3.63 goals/gm while the 29 total goals are nearly double ND's total at the six-game mark in 2002 (17) ... the Irish also rank 16th in the nation (and 1st in the BIG EAST) with a 0.49 season goals-against avg.

- Senior F **Amy Warner** ranks 8th nationally in assists (6) while junior F **Mary Boland** is 15th in total goals (7) and 18th in total points (17).

- Sophomore G **Erika Bohn** has allowed just 7 goals – including no games with multiple goals allowed – in her last 13 fall games with ND (6 shutouts, 7 games with 1 GA) ... Bohn entered the week ranked 14th in the nation with a 0.52 goals-against avg. (min. 600 minutes).

- ND players have combined to miss 109 games due to injury spanning the '02 and '03 seasons (29 games; 20-8-1 record), with seven players already combining to miss 45 games due to injury in '03.

- The Irish are unbeaten in their last 14 overtime games (10-0-4).

- Senior F **Amanda Guertin** is tied for 3rd in ND history with 16 career GWGs (with an ND record 3 in OT) ... Guertin's 10-game goalscoring streak in '01 ranks 3rd in NCAA history (former SCU great Brandi Chastain holds the record of 15).

- ND's all-time playing roster includes 20 California natives (most from any state), led by All-Americans LaKeysia **Beene**, Cindy **Daws**, Jen **Renola** and Rosella **Guerrero** (plus current World Cup team member Shannon **Boxx**).

- 5th-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** graduated last May with a 4.0 cumulative GPA as a chemical engineering major, becoming just the third Notre Dame student (first since '74) ever to complete that feat.

- ND's freshman class was ranked #5 by *Soccer America*, with M **Jen Buczkowski** (6th) and D **Christi Shaner** (22nd) rated in the top 25.

- Three ND freshmen – Buczkowski, fellow M **Jill Krivacek** and D **Kim Lorenzen** – helped lead Team Illinois to the 2003 ODP national title, defeating New Jersey and future ND teammate **Lizzie Reed** in the title game.

- ND has been ranked 1st or 2nd in the NSCAA poll during nine of the last 11 seasons (ranked 1st in four seasons).

- Irish players already have combined for seven multiple-goal games this season: **Mary Boland** vs. Hartford (3) and ASU (2), **Maggie Manning** and **Amanda Guertin** vs. Hartford (both with 2), **Jen Buczkowski** vs. Oklahoma (2), and most recently **Katie Thorlakson** and **Annie Schefter** vs. Western Kentucky (both with 2).

- ND's '03 roster includes players from 14 states, two Canadian provinces and Iceland ... the program's all-time roster canvasses 30 states and three foreign countries ... ND's student-athlete population during the '02-'03 academic year included nearly 800 individuals from 47 states (all but Idaho, Mississippi and Nevada) and 20 foreign countries.

- The current senior class carries a 25-8-2 career record when playing in the postseason and/or facing an opponent ranked in the NSCAA top-25.

PERFECT RECORDS BEGIN TO DWINDLE – The first few weeks of the '03 season have taken their toll on many top teams, as only eight Division I teams enter the weekend with unbeaten records ... four teams – North Carolina, Florida, Cal Poly and Oklahoma State – have no losses or ties while Notre Dame, Boston College and Princeton each are unbeaten with one tie (Pennsylvania sports two ties on its unbeaten record).

PLAYING THE BEST: ND has played some of its best soccer vs. ranked opponents, with a 22-10-3 record vs. NSCAA ranked teams in the Waldrum era (since '99) ... that trend held true in 2001 (5-1-0): 2-1 vs. Penn St., 2-0 vs. Hartford, 2-1 vs. WVU, 3-0 vs. Miami, 0-3 at UConn, 2-1 vs. Michigan ... the Irish then posted 2002 wins over #25 Maryland (5-2), #8 UConn (3-1), #13 Michigan (1-0) and #14 Purdue (3-1) and added a tie vs. #24 Stanford (0-0) and a 2-1 win over #16 Santa Clara in the '03 SCU Classic ... over the course of the 2001-03 seasons, ND owns a 10-6-1 record vs. NSCAA top-25 teams (27-5-1 vs. unranked teams).

ROAD WARRIORS: Notre Dame has posted some noteworthy wins on the road during the past two seasons (8-3-0), with the high points including a pair of wins at the 2000 Portland Classic (5-0 vs. Washington, 1-0 vs. the Pilots), 2002 wins at Maryland, Michigan and Boston College (plus vs. Hartford, at Maryland), the 2003 season-opening wins over Hartford and Wake Forest (at the UConn Classic) and the pair of solid results at the '03 Santa Clara Classic (0-0 vs. Stanford, 2-1 vs. SCU).

NCAA STAT LEADERS

Notre Dame – 8th in goals per game (3.63), 16th in goals-against avg. (0.49), one of 8 unbeaten teams

Sr. F Amy Warner – 8th in total assists (6)

Jr. F Mary Boland – 15th in total goals (7) and 18th in total points (17)

So. G Erika Bohn – 14th in GAA (0.52), minimum 600 minutes

INJURY WOES CONTINUE: ND's '02 season was hampered by injuries to several top players (totaling 64 games missed, plus 45 thus far in '03 for a total of 99) ... the Irish now must play the '03 season minus two top players – as junior All-America D **Candace Chapman** suffered a torn ACL knee injury while training with the Canadian National Team (in preparation for the World Cup) while senior M **Randi Scheller** is underwent preseason hip surgery ... junior starting central D **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** returned in a reserve role at the SCU Classic (after missing four games with a broken arm) with three others – sophomore M **Jenny Walz** (ACL), freshman D **Kari Kennedy** (foot) and junior D **Kate Tulisiak** (back) – are nearing their respective returns after being sidelined for several weeks ... veteran D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (ankle) made a full-time return at the ND Classic ... Scheller will have the option to apply for a 5th year of eligibility in '04, as will central D **Melissa Tancredi** (she missed '00 with an ACL injury) ... Pruzinsky is a current 5th-year player (out most of '02 with ankle injury) while Chapman will be a senior in '04 and then have her own option at a 5th year in '05 ... here is the updated injury report:

Candace Chapman (Jr., D).....	torn ACL while training with Canada for World Cup (out for year)
Randi Scheller (Sr., M)	hip capsule surgery in late August (out for year)
Jenny Walz (So., M).....	rehabbing from ACL knee surgery (nearing return)
Kari Kennedy (Fr., D).....	preseason foot injury (nearing return)
Kate Tulisiak (Jr., D).....	nagging back injury (nearing return)
Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Jr., D)	broken arm at UConn Classic (missed four games, played as reserve last week)

BOHN ON A ROLL – Sophomore G **Erika Bohn** (Brookfield, Conn.) is 18-2-1 in her last 21 starts with the Irish (16-1-1 in last 18), allowing just 14 goals in that 21-game stretch (with 9 shutouts and 11 games with 1 GA) ... her only losses in that stretch include: a 3-2 game vs. BYU that included a fluke goal (after a clearance deflected off the referee) and a rare late-game PK to break the 2-2 tie; and the season-ending loss at top-ranked Stanford, with the game's only goal coming in the 81st minute as Bohn logged possibly her top all-around game of the '02 season ... Bohn now has logged 18 consecutive games with the Irish (13 fall, 5 spring) without allowing multiple goals (last done by BYU on Oct. 19, 2002).

MAGIC NUMBERS – The three-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win in the program's history, with the Irish now owning a 192-3-1 all-time record (.982) when scoring three-plus, with losses to N.C. State in the '92 opener (4-3), to UConn in '95 (5-4, OT) and at Georgetown in '02 (4-3), plus a 3-3 tie vs. Vanderbilt in '91... the Irish had won 88 straight when scoring 3-plus, before the GU loss (now 96-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995) ... ND also is 263-8-11 (.952) in all-time games when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals, including tough 1-0 losses last season to eventual NCAA champ Portland and top-ranked Stanford ... prior to the Portland loss, the Irish had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, with ND playing minus Finnish national teamer Anne Makinen in that game) ... the ND women's soccer program's 16-year history includes just 280 goals allowed in 350 games (0.80 GA per game) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 68 all-time games (19%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in just 32 all-time games (9%; including two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal) ... 91% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 goals (ND is just 4-27-1 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK FACTS

Pos.	Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
F	#10 Mary Boland (Jr.; Hudson, OH) '03 stats: 7G-3A (17 pts), 2 GWG, 8 GP/6 GS '02 stats: 5G, GWG, 19 GP/15 GS career: 14G-5A (33 pts), 3 GWG, 37 GP/26 GS	1st player ever named BIG EAST off. and def. player of week in career ND-rec. 6G in first 3 gms (3G-A vs. Hart., G vs. WFU, 2G vs. ASU ... G-A vs. SCU) ranks 15th in nation in goals (7) ... UConn, ND and SCU all-tour. pick ('03) Academic All-America cand. (3.87 GPA) ... member of '01 U.S.-19 Team
F	#7 Katie Thorlakson (So.; Langley, BC) '03 stats: 3G-3A (9 pts); 8 GP/4 GS ... '02: 4G-3A, GWG, 19 GP/18 GS career: 7G-6A (20 pts), 27 GP/22 GS	2G vs. WKU, 1G-1A vs. SCU (all-tournament) member of Canada's U-19 Nat'l Team ('02, '03) 10 of 11 pts in '02 came in final 9 GP
F	#12 Amy Warner (Sr.; Albuquerque, NM) '03 stats: 5G-6A (16 pts), GWG, 8 GS '02 stats: 9G-8A (26 pts), 3 GWG, 21 GS career: 32G-19A (83 pts), 10 GWG, 68 GP/61 GS	ranked 8th in nation for total assists (6); scored in 5 of first 6 gms 15th on ND career goals list; 2 career hat tricks 2nd-year co-captain; UConn, ND and SCU all-tournament pick ('03) 3 times all-region twice named 1st team all-BIG EAST
F	#6 Amanda Guertin (Sr.; Grapevine, TX) '03 stats: 4G-4A (12 pts), GWG, 8 GP/5 GS '02 stats: 11G-11A (33 pts), 5 GWG, 21 GS career: 41G-25A (107 pts), 16 GWG, 75 GP/68 GS	Scored 2G in opener vs. Hartford, 1G vs. OU and SJU 11th on ND career goal list, 3rd on GWG list (16, ND record 3 in OT) 10-game goal streak in '01 (3rd in NCAA history) 8 corner-kick assists in '02
F	#13 Maggie Manning (So.; Lake Oswego, OR) '03 stats: 2G-1A, 6 GP/1 GS ... '02: 1G-2A, 18 GP/13 GS career: 3G-3A (9 pts), 25 GP/14 GS	2G in opener vs. Hartford, 1A vs. WKU; strong '03 spring season played some M in '02, now part of regular F rotation Oregon player of the year at Jesuit HS (90G in three prep seasons)
AM	#25 Kimberly Carpenter (Sr.; Webster, NY) '03 stats: 1G, 8 GP/7 GS ... '02: 1A, 21 GP/20 GS career: 3G-1A, 53 GP/27 GS	started at right back and midfield in '02 scored in '03 opening win over Hartford key team leader as part of six-member senior class
M	#9 Jen Buczkowski (Fr.; Elk Grove, IL) '03 stats: 2G-4A (8 pts), 8 GS	ND Classic MVP (2G-3A); 69G-52A in 3-yr HS career (Elk Grove) rated #6 recruit (<i>Soccer America</i>); prep All-American, U.S. U-19 team
DM	#24 Jill Krivacek (Fr.; Geneva, IL) '03 stats: 1 GWG (vs. WFU), 8 GP/1 GS (vs. OU)	2nd-half GWG vs. Wake Forest (3-0); 78 career goals at Rosary HS has good skills to fill defensive midfield role
M/OB	#15 Lizzie Reed (Fr.; Franklin Lakes, NJ) '03 stats: 1A, 8 GP/4 GS	1A vs. Oklahoma (5-1); 126 career goals at Ramapo Regional HS prep All-American; member of ODP national runner-up (NJ)
M	#11 Annie Scheffer (So.; Yakima, WA) '03 stats: 3G-4A (10 pts), GWG, 8 GS missed all of ND's '02 season (ACL)	scored on free kick vs. OU, adding 2G-1A vs. WKU; 1G in spring vs. Mexico Academic All-America candidate (3.67 GPA); member of U.S. U-19 Team ('02) 47G-21A as senior at West Valley HS (Gatorade WA player of yr.)
LB/CD	#18 Christie Shaner (Fr.; Ambler, PA) '03 stats: 7 GP/5 GS 15G as center M in '02 at Germantown Academy	started at left back vs. Hartford, central D vs. Oklahoma and SJU rated #22 recruit (<i>Soccer America</i>); prep All-American member of national u-19 semifinalist (FC Bucks Challenge)
RB/CD	#4 Kim Lorenzen (Fr.; Naperville, IL) '03 stats: 8 GP/7 GS (centrally and outside)	ND Classic all-tournament pick; versatile player, has trained at F, M and D teamed with Buczkowski and Krivacek on ODP national champs (IL)
OB	#5 Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr.; Trumbull, CT) '03 stats: 7 GP/6 GS ... '02: 2 GP/1 GS (inj.) career: 2G-6A (10 pts), 80 GP/78 GS	5th-year player (ankle injury in '02), 2nd-year team co-captain 3rd ND chemical engineering major ever to graduate with 4.0 GPA (1st since '74) 1st team all-BIG EAST in '00 and '01; 5-time BE def. player of week
CD	#17 Melissa Tancredi (Sr.; Ancaster, ONT) '03: 8 GS ... '02: 4G, 18 GP/16 GS career: 8G-4A (20 pts), GWG, 42 GP/34 GS	converted forward; dominant player in the air 5 of 8G with ND have come on CK headers (all 4 in '02) named offensive MVP at 2002 Maryland Classic
CD	#2 Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Jr.; Seltjarnarnes, Iceland) '03: 4 GP/2 GS ... '02: 7GP/6 GS ... career: 28 GP/12 GS	Member of Icelandic National Team Slowed by knee and ankle injuries in '02, broken arm in '03
OB	#28 Miranda Ford (So.; Portola Valley, CA) '03 stats: 3 GP ... '02 stats: 1G, 13 GP/4 GS ... career: 1G, 16 GP/4 GS	played for Palo Alto HS and DeAnza Force club
G	#1 Erika Bohn (So.; Brookfield, CT) '03 stats: 0.52 GAA, 16 SV, 4 GA, 8 GS '02 stats: 1.27 GAA, 57 SV, 23 GA, 20 GP/19 GS career: 1.05 GA, 73 SV, 27 GA, 28 GP/27 GS, 7 solo ShO (3 in '03)	stopped PK in 3-1 win over #13 ASU; UConn and ND all-tour. pick ('03) was first ND freshman to start in G since '93; 0-1 GA in 14 gms in '02 (7 of final 8) Academic All-America candidate (3.67 GPA) 17-2 with 13 GA in last 19 starts with Irish (5-0 in spring '03)
G	#0 Nikki Westfall (Fr.; Waterville, OH) '03 stats: 0.00, 2 SV, 3 GP (47:18)	0.76 GAA in '02 at Wayne HS (0.88 career) 5 GA, 15 shutouts as prep sophomore

HEAD COACH RANDY WALDRUM – The Irish are 81-16-4 (.806) in the tenure of head coach Randy Waldrum (since '99), including 69-13-3 in the last 85 games (since losing 4-2 at SCU on Oct. 17, 1999) ... Waldrum's ND record spans the career of 5th-year D Vanessa Pruzinsky ... Waldrum – who repeated as BIG EAST coach of the year in 2000 – in '99 became the only coach in the 18-year history of the NCAA women's soccer championship to lead a team to the title game in his first season as that team's head coach ... he was the fourth 1st-year coach to take his team to the NCAA semi's, beating top-ranked and previously unbeaten Santa Clara in their backyard of San Jose ... Waldrum's 21-plus-year record as a college head coach (men's and women's teams) is 264-121-23 (.675) ... he is 188-66-16 (.726) in 12-plus seasons as a Division I women's coach, including 61-36-9 in six years at Tulsa (.580) and 46-14-3 in three seasons at Baylor ... Waldrum entered '03 ranked 7th among active women's coaches for career winning percentage (min. 10 Div. I seasons).

GOING THE DISTANCE – ND is unbeaten in its last 14 overtime games (10-0-4), since the 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC in the '99 opener ... that team went on to post a 2-1, double-OT win at UConn and played to a 1-1 tie at Nebraska in the NCAA quarter's (adv. on PKs) ... the 2000 team had OT wins over Stanford, at West Virginia and vs. Santa Clara in the NCAA quarter's (all 2-1), also playing to 0-0 at UConn ... '01 featured an unprecedented 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 BC and the '03 team played to a scoreless tie with Stanford (at SCU).

OT MASTERS – Senior **Amanda Guertin** holds the ND record for career OT goals (3), with her classmate **Amy Warner** and '96 national player of the year Cindy Daws ranking second with two (including Daws' goal vs. Portland in the '95 NCAA title game) ... Guertin (3G-2A) owns eight career points in OT, followed by Warner (6; 2G-2A) ... Guertin's other OT goals came at WVU in 2000 and at home vs. WVU in '01 (both 2-1) ... in addition to her double-OT goal on Sept. 20, 2002, vs. Rutgers (1-0), Warner scored in OT vs. Villanova ('01) and had the primary assist on Kelly Tulisak's OT goal in '01 vs. Indiana (both 2-1) ... she also had the cross that produced an OT own-goal to beat Stanford in '00 and assisted on Guertin's OT goal in '02 at BC (1-0), playing a key role in five of ND's last nine OT goals (Guertin on five of the last eight).

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – Fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** in May 2003 became the third chemical engineering major (and first since '74) to graduate from ND with a 4.0 cumulative GPA ... Pruzinsky is a two-time Academic All-American, with ND's other top candidates for that award in '03 including junior F/M **Mary Boland** (3.87, psychology), sophomore M/D **Annie Scheffer** (3.67, College of Science) and sophomore G **Erika Bohn** (3.67, College of Business).

HAT TRICK OPENERS – **Mary Boland** is the 5th ND player ever to register a hat trick in a season opener and now has scored in all three openers of her Irish career (including ND's first goal in '01 and '03), with a diving header to open the scoring in the '01 vs. Penn State (2-1) and the final goal in the '02 win at Providence (3-0) ... previous Irish players with hat tricks in openers: Rosella Guerrero as a freshman vs. N.C. State in '92 (4-3 loss), Guerrero and sophomore Michelle McCarthy in '93 at LaSalle (12-0 win), and senior Amy Van Laecke and sophomore Monica Gerardo in '96 at PC (14-0).

SEVEN-POINT START – Mary Boland's seven points in the opener vs. Hartford (3G-1A) are most by an ND player since Jenny Streiffer had 3G-1A vs. Miami on Oct. 1, 1999, in the first year of the Randy Waldrum era ... Streiffer holds the ND record for points in a game, with 9 (3G-3A) in the '96 win over Providence (14-0).

HEADS OF THE CLASS – Notre Dame has plenty of quality options in the air, led by senior central D **Melissa Tancredi** (5 of 8 career goals on CK headers, including all four in '02) ... junior **Mary Boland** also has converted several header goals in her career while 5-10 freshman defensive M **Jill Krivacek** could emerge as a devastating presence in the air (her classmate, central D **Christie Shaner**, also is noted for her play in the air) ... senior F **Amanda Guertin**'s pinpoint corner kicks (8) and free kicks (1) led to nine of her 11 assists in '02.

FRESHMAN CLASS RANKED AMONG BEST IN NATION – *Soccer America* rated Notre Dame's current 10-player freshman class as the fifth-best group of incoming recruits, behind Santa Clara, UCLA, Texas and Portland ... **Jen Buczkowski** (Elk Grove, Ill.) is No. 6 on the list of top individual recruits (second among midfielders, behind Nebraska's Brittany Timko, who is No. 2 overall) ... Notre Dame D **Christie Shaner** (Ambler, Pa.) is No. 22 on that list, making the Irish one of seven schools with multiple players on that top-25 list ... M/D **Lizzie Reed** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) joins the above two players as ND freshmen who were prep All-Americans.

PRIMETIME PLAYERS – Notre Dame is 25-8-2 in the last four seasons ('00-'03) when facing an NSCAA ranked team and/or when playing in the postseason, with a 71-34 scoring edge in those 35 "big games" ... senior F **Amanda Guertin** has racked up 50 points in those big games (20G-10A) ... her classmate **Amy Warner** owns 8G-5A vs. ranked or postseason opponents (she missed half of the 2000 season due to injury).

FAR AND WIDE – Notre Dame's 2003 roster includes players from 14 states, two Canadian provinces (British Columbia and Ontario) and Iceland ... the states on the '03 roster touch all corners of the nation: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.

ALUMNI UPDATE – Several former Notre Dame women's soccer players have been in the news during recent weeks:

- D **Kate Sobrero** ('98) and M **Shannon Boxx** ('99) were named to the 18-player U.S. National Team roster that is competing in the World Cup (Sept. 23-Oct. 12) ... Sobrero also played for the U.S. team that won the 1999 World Cup and was on the 2000 Olympic team ... Boxx was the surprise of the roster, with no previous National Team experience but an impressive 2003 season in the WUSA (she became the first player ever to score in her first three games with the National Team, in two tuneup games and the 3-1 World Cup opening win over Sweden).

- Sobrero and Boxx were two of five former ND players who played in the Women's United Soccer Association 2003 all-star game, with others including Washington Freedom D **Jen Grubb** ('00), Boston D **Monica Gonzalez** ('02) and San Jose CyberRays G **LaKeysia Beene** ('00) ... Sobrero and Gonzalez helped Boston win the WUSA regular-season title while Grubb – who has not missed a single minute of action in the first three WUSA season – captained the Freedom to the 2003 WUSA Founders Cup title after a 2-1 overtime win over the Atlanta Beat ... four other ND alums played in the WUSA during the 2003 season: M **Anne Makinen** ('01; Philadelphia Charge), D **Lindsey Jones** ('02; N.Y. Power), D **Kelly Lindsey** ('01; San Jose) and M **Monica Gerardo** ('99; Washington).

- Three of the above players recently became college assistants: **Gerardo** at University of Pittsburgh (where former ND assistant Sue-Moy Chin is the first-year head coach), **Lindsey** at the University of Colorado and **Boxx** at Cal State Dominguez Hills ... Boxx also is enrolled in graduate school at Pepperdine and is one of several former ND players who are set to be married in coming months (as are Sobrero and former midfielder great **Holly Manthei**).

SCORING BOOST – The Irish headed into '03 looking for increased goal production, with several "newcomers" among top candidates to provide that boost: sophomore M/D **Annie Scheffter** (dnp in '02; 47G as prep senior at West Valley, Wash., HS), freshman midfielders **Jen Buczkowski** (69G in three seasons at Elk Grove, Ill., HS) and **Jill Krivacek** (set Rosary HS record with 78G in career), and freshman D/M **Lizzie Reed** (2nd in Ramapo, N.J., Regional HS history with 126 career goals) ... junior F **Mary Boland (Hudson, Ohio)** also has emerged as a goalscoring boost (7G in first eight games), matching her combined total from '01 and '02 (7G, after totaling 27 as a senior at Hudson HS).

1ST-HALF FORTRESS – ND did not allow a 1st-half goal in its first nine games of '02, with the next five producing eight 1st-half goals by the opposition – followed by two in the final seven games ... ND (12) and its opponents (10) combined for just 22 first-half goals in '02, compared to more than twice as many (49) in the 2nd half (32 by ND, 19 by opp.) ... the Irish allowed opponents an average of just 3.9 shots and 1.6 CKs in the 1st half of '02 games... the Irish also were stingy in the first half in '01 (seven 1st-half GA in 20 games) and own a 15-3 first-half scoring edge in '03 (14-1 in 2nd half) ... spanning the '01-'03 seasons, ND has allowed just 20 first-half goals in 50 games (0.40/gm; with 29 GA in the second half).

CONFERENCE CALL – ND's all-time record in regular-season conference games is 87-7-2 (.917), including 68-7-2 (.896) in BIG EAST games (since '95) ... the Irish are 48-1 in all-time home games vs. BIG EAST teams, with 44 straight home BIG EAST wins since a 5-4 OT loss to UConn in '95 (225-16 scoring edge, 30 shutouts, 13 games with 1 GA) ... since joining the BIG EAST, ND's overall record vs. BIG EAST teams is 87-8-2 (.907; also 1-1-0 vs. UConn in NCAAAs).

OVER THE CENTURY MARK, FAR FROM TOP 10 – Senior Amanda Guertin's career point total (107; 41G-25A) would rank near the top of the record book at many schools but she stands just 13th in Notre Dame history – 29 points shy of the top 10 (her 41G are two out of that top-10 list) ... players ahead of Guertin include Suzie Zilvitis (112, 43G-26A, '88-'91) and another early frontrunner, All-American Alison Lester (126, 45G-36A; '90-'93) ... the 10th spot is held down by Shannon Boxx (135, 39G-57A; '95-'98), now a hard-nosed defensive midfielder with the WUSA's New York Power who was a surprise addition to the 2003 U.S. World Cup roster ... Guertin's nine points in the '02 NCAAAs moved her past M Jody Hartwig (87; '91-'94), F Amy VanLaecke (90; '94-'96) and All-America M Tiffany Thompson (91; '91-'94).

STREAKY PLAYER – Amanda Guertin scored a goal in the final 10 games of 2001 – third-longest in Div. I women's soccer history (SCU's Brandi Chastain had a 15-game goal streak in '90, Hartford's Maria Kun an 11-game streak in '97) ... Guertin scored goals in an ND-record seven straight postseason games, spanning '01 and '02 (she has 9G in 15 career postseason games) and had points in eight straight games (7G-6A) before the 1-0 loss at Stanford in '02.

GETTING THE GWGs – Amanda Guertin continues to add clutch goals and assists to her career totals (41G-23A, in 75 GP) – with her 16 gamewinning goals already ranking third on the ND all-time list (three shy of Jenny Heft's record) ... seven of Guertin's GWGs have come in one-goal games, including three in OT (an ND record) ... nearly half of Guertin's career goals (16 of 41, or 39%) have been gamewinners – well ahead of the others on the GWG list:

Name (pos., years) ... GWG / Goals (Pct. GWGs)

1. Jenny Heft (F, 1996-99) ... 19/80 (23.8%)
2. Michelle McCarthy (F, 1992-95) ... 18/59 (30.5%)
3. Rosella Guerrero (F, '92-'95; 16/55, 29.1%), Monica Gerardo (F, '95-'98; 16/73, 21.9%)
Anne Makinen (M, '97-'00; 16/65, 24.6%), **Amanda Guertin** (F, 2000-; 16/41, 39.0%)
7. Jenny Streiffer (F, 1996-99; 15/70, 21.4%)
8. Meotis Erikson (F, 1997-2000) ... 13/59 (22.0%)
9. **Amy Warner** (F, 2000-) ... 10/32 (31.3%)

GAME #1 (at UConn Classic; Aug. 29)

#6 NOTRE DAME	5	4	-	9
HARTFORD	1	0	-	1

ND 1. Mary Boland (Amy Warner) 6:32; **ND 2.** Boland (Warner) 15:19; **ND 3.** Kim Carpenter (Annie Scheffer) 27:01; **ND 4.** Maggie Manning (-) 28:55; **HART 1.** Hilde Bakke (Jeanette Akerlund, Erin Mucha) 41:47; **ND 5.** Amanda Guertin (PK) 43:09; **ND 6.** Guertin (Boland) 50:36; **ND 7.** Manning (Guertin) 58:07; **ND 8.** Boland (Thorlakson, Scheffer) 71:55; **ND 9.** Warner 80:58.
Shots: ND 7-17 – 24, HART 5-2 – 7.
Corner Kicks: ND 2-3 – 5, HART 1-1 – 2.
Saves: ND 4 (Erika Bohn 3, Nikki Westfall 1), HART 5 (Heather Hinton).
Fouls: HART 10-8. **Offside:** 10-10.

Notes: Despite not playing preseason exhibitions and facing the challenge of playing minus six injured players (three starters), ND posted the 2nd-most goals of the 5-year Randy Waldrum era and most since 9-2 vs. Wisconsin in '99 (also 10-0 vs. Georgetown in '99) ... two previous ND teams had a more dominating opener, in '93 (12-0 at LaSalle) and '96 (14-0 at Providence) ... the 9-goal outburst trails 15 double-digit scoring games in the program's history ... **Annie Scheffer** (missed all of '02 with ACL) was one of several "newcomers" with an impressive debut, energizing the midfield with freshman **Jen Buczkowski** ... Scheffer looped a shot that was nudged in by **Kim Carpenter** before assisting on **Mary Boland's** third goal on a corner kick ... ND is 10-1-0 in its last 11 season openers (14-2-0 overall), including four straight opening wins since dropping a heartbreaker in '99 to top-ranked UNC (3-2, double-OT) ... ND totaled just 12 first-half goals in '02 but erupted for 5 vs. Hartford (on 7 shots) ... see other notes in release on Boland's big game (3G-1A).

GAME #2 (at UConn Classic; Aug. 31)

WAKE FOREST	0	0	-	0
#6 NOTRE DAME	1	2	-	3

ND 1. Jill Krivacek 1 (Buczkowski, Amy Warner) 44:34; **ND 2.** Mary Boland 4 (Guertin) 64:13; **ND 3.** Warner 2 (-) 89:50.
Shots: WFU 4-4 – 8, ND 10-10 – 20.
Corner Kicks: WFU 3, ND 6.
Saves: WFU 7 (Kenna Healy), ND 6 (Erika Bohn 5, team 1).
Fouls: ND 12-11. **Offside:** ND 4-0.

Notes: **Jill Krivacek** became the first member of the freshman class to find the net and **Mary Boland** scored to round out her 9-point weekend ... the 12 goals scored at the UConn Classic are the most by an ND team in back-to-back games since the '99 team scored 16 in wins over Miami (7-1) and Wisconsin (9-2) ... the Irish improved to 11-0-1 in their last 12 games vs. ACC teams other than UNC ... all-tournament picks: Boland, sophomore G **Erika Bohn**, junior D **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** and senior F **Amy Warner**.

GAME #3 (ND Classic; Sept. 5)

#13 Arizona State	1	0	-	1
#5 Notre Dame	2	1	-	3

ASU 1. Stephanie Peel 1 (Courtney Crane) 10:20; **ND 1.** Mary Boland 5 (Jen Buczkowski) 17:38; **ND 2.** Boland 6 (Amanda Guertin) 22:38; **ND 3.** Amy Warner 3 (Buczkowski) 70:27.
Shots: ASU 6-5 – 11, ND 5-6 – 11.
Corner Kicks: ASU 4, ND 4.
Saves: ASU 1 (Kelly Fitzgerald), ND 4 (Erika Bohn).
Fouls: ASU 15-8. **Offside:** ND 1-0

Notes: ND endured an early onslaught and trailed for 7 minutes before surging ahead ... ND improved to 13-1 in its last 14 home openers while **Mary Boland** set the ND record for the most goals in the first 3 games of a season (6) ... **Amy Warner** became the 15th all-time ND player with 30-plus career goals ... **Erika Bohn** saved a penalty kick stop with the score still 2-1 in the 2nd half.

GAME #4 (SCU Classic; Sept. 7)

Oklahoma	1	0	-	1
#5 Notre Dame	4	1	-	5

ND 1. Jen Buczkowski 1 (-) 5:58; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin (Amy Warner, Buczkowski) 20:45; **OU 1.** Becky Nelson 2 (Lauren MacIver) 25:19; **ND 3.** Buczkowski (Lizzie Reed) 33:31; **ND 4.** Annie Scheffer 1 (-) 41:09; **ND 5.** Molly Iarocci 1 (Kim Carpenter, Scheffer) 84:12.
Shots: OU 2-2 – 4, ND 19-8 – 27.
Corner Kicks: OU 0, ND 6.
Saves: OU 12 (Catherine Wade 7, Keara Jones 5), ND 0 (Erika Bohn, Nikki Westfall).
Fouls: ND 12-7 **Offside:** OU 1-0.

Notes: The Irish improved to 17-3-2 in all-time home tournaments ... the '03 squad became the 4th ND team ever to register 3-plus goals in each of its first 4 games (also '93, '96, '98) while the 20-3 scoring edge compared with fast starts in '93 (24-2), '95 (24-0), '96 (23-1) and '98 (23-1) ... the last time an ND team posted 3-plus goals in 4 straight games came in the '99 postseason ... **Amanda Guertin** became the 11th ND player to reach the 40-goal milestone and the score (2-0) ended up as the game-winning goal, tying her with three previous players for third in the ND record book with 16 career GWGs ... sophomore M **Annie Scheffer** scored her first official goal with the Irish on a 20-yard free kick and later added her 2nd corner-kick assist of the season ... freshman M **Jen Buczkowski** (2G-3A) was named ND Classic Offensive MVP and BIG EAST rookie of the week while being one of 11 players named to national player-of-the-week teams by *Soccer America* and *Soccer Buzz* ... 5th-year player **Vanessa Pruzinsky** earned defensive MVP honors at the ND Classic for the second time in her career (also '01), leading a defense that held ASU and OU to a combined 15 shots (6 on target) and 4 corner kicks ... other all-tournament picks included: senior F **Amy Warner** (1G-1A), freshman D **Kim Lorenzen**, junior F **Mary Boland** (2G vs. ASU) and sophomore G **Erika Bohn** (2 GA, saved PK vs. ASU).

GAME #5 (Sept. 11)

#2 NOTRE DAME	0	1	-	2
ST. JOHN'S	0	0	-	0

ND 1. Amy Warner 4 (Katie Thorlakson) 50:58; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin 4 (-) 89:28.
Shots: ND 8-10 – 18., SJU 1-5 – 6.
Corner Kicks: ND 7, SJU 2.
Saves: ND 2 (Erika Bohn), SJU 8 (Tracy Rollins).
Fouls: SJU 14-12. **Offside:** ND 2-1.

Notes: Amy Warner picked up her 31st career goal and 10th gamewinner (the 9th player in ND history with double-digit GWGs) while fellow senior **Amanda Guertin** notched her 41st career goal ... the Irish finished with an 18-6 overall shot advantage (10-2 in shots on target).

GAME #6 (Sept. 13)

Western Kentucky	0	0	-	0
#2 Notre Dame	2	3	-	5

ND 1. Annie Scheffer 2 (Amanda Guertin) 15:18; **ND 2.** Amy Warner 5 (Mary Boland, Scheffer) 19:36; **ND 3.** Katie Thorlakson 1 (Maggie Manning, Warner) 45:50; **ND 4.** Thorlakson 2 (Warner) 47:26; **ND 5.** Scheffer 3 (PK) 49:23.
Shots: WK 0-3 – 3, ND 11-10 – 21.
Corner Kicks: WK 2, ND 9.
Saves: WK 8 (Becky Kasper), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0, Nikki Westfall 1).
Fouls: ND 12-6. **Offside:** 0-0.

Notes: Sophomore **Annie Scheffer** (1A) and **Katie Thorlakson** both scored twice while senior **Amy Warner** had a part in three of the ND goals ... ND broke open the game with a 3-goal flurry to start the 2nd half, as Thorlakson scored twice and drew a PK (scored by Scheffer) all in a span of 3:33 ... the '03 squad became the 7th ND team to win its first six games (also '93-'97, '00) while the 27 goals represent the 4th-most ever scored by an Irish team at the 6-game point (37 in '96, 31 in '93 and '95) ... 5th-year player **Vanessa Pruzinsky** picked up the 5th BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-week award of her career after helping limit SJU and WKU to nine combined shots (just three on target) and five corner kicks.