



# NOTRE DAME

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

### FIGHTING IRISH MEDIA

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## NOTRE DAME (6-3-2) VS. WAKE FOREST (8-2-1, 2-1-0)

### GAME INFORMATION

	Friday, Sept. 29 5 p.m. ET	Alumni Stadium (Capacity 3,500)
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### THE SERIES

All-Time vs. WF	ND Leads 6-0-1	Last: 1-0, ND (Oct. 23, 2016)
Home	ND is 2-0-1	Last: 1-0, ND (Oct. 16, 2015)













### THE COACHES

	Head Coach	At School (Years)	Overall (Years)
ND	Theresa Romagnolo	47-17-10 (4th)	72-39-13 (7th)
WF	Tony da Luz	245-152-40 (21st)	290-193-43 (26th)

### BY THE NUMBERS

2	Notre Dame owns a 2-1-0 record in Atlantic Coast Conference play and is currently tied for second in the ACC standings.
4	Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo is in her fourth season with the Irish. The Washington graduate owns a record of 47-17-10 at Notre Dame.
5	Sophomore Jennifer Westendorf has totaled five goals in 2017 and is one goal shy of equaling her single-season career high (six).
6	Six of Notre Dame's 2017 opponents are featured in the United Soccer Coaches Poll, including No. 3 South Carolina, No. 4 Duke, No. 5 North Carolina, No. 15 Virginia, No. 20 Wake Forest and No. 21 Florida State.
14	Notre Dame's Natalie Jacobs (8 G) and Sandra Yu (6 G) have combined to score 14 of Notre Dame's 24 goals this season.
16	Graduate student Sandra Yu's 16 points in 2017 are a career high. The midfielder has totaled six goals and four assists so far this season. Yu has doubled her previous career high in points (eight), set in 2015.
17	The Irish have totaled 17 second-half goals and have limited their opponents to six goals in the period.
19	Irish sophomore Natalie Jacobs leads the Irish with a career-high 19 points on eight goals and three assists this season.
22	The Irish checked in at No. 22 in this week's United Soccer Coaches' Poll, being featured in the poll's top 25 for the first time since Aug. 27.
24	Notre Dame has scored 24 goals and is just two goals away from equaling its 2016 scoring total (26 goals).
25	The Irish are looking to appear in their 25th straight NCAA Championship. Notre Dame owns 12 trips to the College Cup and three NCAA titles.
30	Notre Dame celebrates its 30th anniversary this season. The Irish have gone 539-113-38 in program history.
188	Notre Dame ranks first in the ACC with 188 shots through 11 matches. Virginia (183) and Duke (181) rank second and third, respectively, in the statistical category.

### 2017 SCHEDULE

Date	ND Rk	Opp Rk	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Score
Aug. 18	18	--	Butler	Notre Dame, IN		T, 0-0 (20T)
Aug. 20	18	--	Ball State	Notre Dame, IN		W, 4-0
Aug. 25	24	--	Minnesota	Iowa City, IA		T, 1-1 (20T)
Aug. 27	24	--	at Iowa	Iowa City, IA	BTN +	W, 2-0
Sep. 1	--	11	South Carolina	Notre Dame, IN		L, 0-1 (20T)
Sep. 3	--	--	Santa Clara	Notre Dame, IN		W, 4-1
Sep. 8	--	--	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH		L, 1-2 (20T)
Sep. 10	--	--	at Toledo	Toledo, OH		W, 4-0
Sep. 16	--	11	at Clemson*	Clemson, SC		W, 4-2
Sep. 21	--	4	Duke*	Notre Dame, IN		L, 0-3
Sep. 24	--	24	NC State*	Notre Dame, IN		W, 4-0
Sep. 29	22	20	Wake Forest*	Notre Dame, IN		5 p.m.
Oct. 5	--	15	at Virginia*	Charlottesville, VA		7 p.m.
Oct. 8	--	--	Syracuse*	Notre Dame, IN		1 p.m.
Oct. 14	--	--	Virginia Tech*	Notre Dame, IN		7 p.m.
Oct. 19	--	21	at Florida State*	Tallahassee, FL		7 p.m.
Oct. 22	--	--	at Miami*	Coral Gables, FL		Noon
Oct. 26	--	5	at UNC*	Chapel Hill, NC		6 p.m.
Oct. 29	--	--	ACC Quarterfinal	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 3	--	--	ACC Semifinal	Charleston, SC		TBA
Nov. 5	--	--	ACC Final	Charleston, SC		TBA
Nov. 17	--	--	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 19	--	--	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 24	--	--	NCAA Quarterfinal	Campus Sites		TBA
Dec. 1	--	--	NCAA Semifinal	Orlando, FL		TBA
Dec. 3	--	--	NCAA Championship	Orlando, FL		TBA

*Rankings reflect the opponents' rank at time of game for past opponents | All times Eastern | \*ACC | # exhibition*



## 2017 IRISH ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Brooke Littman	Goalkeeper	5-8	So	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif./Rancho Palos Verdes
2	Katie Uhler	Midfielder/Forward	5-9	Sr	San Antonio, Texas/Saint Mary's Ha
3	Natalie Ward	Defender	5-4	Jr	Newport Beach, Calif./Newport Harbor
4	Sammi Fisher	Midfielder	5-6	Fr	Simi Valley, Calif./Grace Brethren
5	Alexis Martel-Lamothe	Midfielder/Defender	5-10	So	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Collège Catholique Samuel-Genest
6	Samantha Zepponi	Defender	5-4	So	Sebastapol, Calif./Analy High School
7	Karin Muya	Forward	5-6	Sr	London, England/Burntwood School
8	Sabrina Flores	Defender/Midfield	5-3	Jr	Livingston, N.J./Livingston
9	Natalie Jacobs	Forward	5-8	So	Coto de Caza, Calif./Tesoro
10	Jennifer Westendorf	Forward	5-9	So	Grayson, Ga./Grayson High School
11	Shannon Hendricks	Midfielder/Defender	5-5	Jr	Granger, Ind./Marian
12	Camryn Dyke	Midfielder	5-7	Fr	Littleton, Colo./Valor Christian
13	Ginny McGowan	Defender	5-7	Sr	Lake Forest, Ill./Lake Forest
14	Eva Hurm	Forward	5-6	Fr	Upper Saddle River, N.J./Northern Highlands Regional
15	Ann Marie Niro	Midfielder	5-5	Jr	Barrington, Ill./Barrington
16	Sandra Yu	Midfielder	5-4	Gs	Strongsville, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit
17	Rachel Heard	Defender	5-8	Jr	Decatur, Ga./St. Pius X Catholic
19	Jenna Winebrenner	Defender	5-7	Fr	Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill
20	Bailey Cartwright	Forward/Midfield	5-5	Fr	Connellsville, Pa./Greensburg Central Catholic
21	Erin Ospeck	Forward	5-4	Fr	Danville, Calif./Carondelet
22	Megan McCashland	Midfielder	5-7	Sr	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southwest
24	Megan McLaughlin	Midfielder	5-7	So	Granger, Ind./Penn
25	Monica Flores	Defender	5-3	Sr	Livingston, N.J./Livingston
26	Kate O'Connor	Midfielder	5-7	Fr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Tesoro High School
28	Kaitlin Klawunder	Forward	5-9	Sr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita
29	Taylor Klawunder	Midfielder	5-10	Sr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita
31	Paige Crowley	Defender	5-8	Sr	Los Gatos, Calif./Saint Francis
32	Meghan Doyle	Forward	5-11	Sr	Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna
33	Lexi Nicholas	Goalkeeper	5-7	Sr	Pleasanton, Calif./Amador Valley

## Pronunciation Guide

Eva Hurm – "EE-va"

Kaitlin Klawunder – "CLAW-vunder"

Taylor Klawunder – "CLAW-vunder"

Alexis Martel-Lamothe – "Ah-lex-ee Mar-tel La-môth"

Ginny McGowan – "JIN-ny Mc-GOW-in"

Karin Muya – "MOO-yuh"

Ann Marie Niro – "NIGH-row"

Katie Uhler – "YOU-ler"

Samantha Zepponi – "Zeh-PO-ny"

Theresa Romagnolo – "tuh-RAY-sa row-mah-NO-low"

Dawn Siergiej – "SER-gay"

## COVERING THE IRISH

## COACHING STAFF GAMEDAY LOCATIONS

Coach	Title	Season
Theresa Romagnolo	Head Coach	4th season
Dawn Siergiej	Assistant Coach	15th season
Nate Norman	Assistant Coach	1st season
Kerri Casper	Director of Operations	1st season

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## STUDENT-ATHLETE AVAILABILITY

Game Day	Post-Game	Time	20 minutes after the game
		Location	On the field
Wednesday	Media Availability	Time	Approx. 3-3:45 p.m. ET
		Location	Alumni Stadium
		Notes	Player and coach requests must be coordinated with Megan Golden in advance of Wednesday's availability.

## WRAPPING UP THE HOMESTAND

The Irish are scheduled to play the finale of their three-game homestand against No. 20 Wake Forest at 5 p.m. ET on Friday at Alumni Stadium. Notre Dame will face its fifth ranked opponent and fourth within the ACC. Notre Dame will try to win its third match against a ranked opponent.

## SERIES HISTORY: DEMON DEACONS

Notre Dame is scheduled to face Wake Forest at 5 p.m. ET on Friday, Sept. 24. The Irish own a 6-0-1 all-time record against the Demon Deacons, including a 2-0-1 mark at Alumni Stadium. The teams last met on Oct. 23, 2016, when the Irish defeated the Demon Deacons 1-0. Notre Dame and Wake Forest have not competed at Alumni Stadium since Oct. 16, 2015, when Notre Dame was victorious 1-0.

## 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Notre Dame women's soccer celebrates its 30th anniversary during the 2017 season. In the program's history, the Irish have gone 539-113-38. Over the past 29 seasons, Notre Dame has made 24 appearances in the NCAA Championship. The Irish have competed in 12 College Cups and have won three national titles.

## STORYLINES

**IN THE POLLS**

Notre Dame's 2017 schedule features six nationally-ranked opponents, including five Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The Irish are set to face No. 5 North Carolina, No. 15 Virginia, No. 20 Wake Forest and No. 21 Florida State. The Irish are 2-2 against ranked opponents and are scheduled to face three additional ranked opponents on the road this season.

**CAREER YEAR FOR YU**

After missing her first two seasons due to injury, Sandra Yu returned to the program as a graduate student and has recorded a career-high 16 points in 2017. Yu has already doubled her previous career high in points (eight), set in 2015. Yu has started all of Notre Dame's contests over the past two-plus seasons (2015-17), tallying 28 points on 11 goals and six assists in her career. In 2016, Yu totaled 45 shots, including 21 shots on goal (.467). Yu also competed on the United States U-23 Women's National Team this past summer.

**SECOND-HALF MAGIC**

Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 17-6 in the second half this season. The Irish have entered halftime in a scoreless tie six times and in a 1-1 tie twice in 2017. Notre Dame has scored four goals in the second half three times this season against Ball St., Santa Clara and Toledo.

**HOME SWEET HOME**

Notre Dame will play its third straight home match and seventh of nine home matches this season. The Irish, which host five conference affairs in 2017, own a 3-2-1 record at Alumni Stadium. In 2016, Notre Dame concluded the season with a 10-1-1 record at home. Over the last three-plus seasons, the Irish are 31-8-2.

**ACC PRESEASON PREDICTIONS**

After winning a regular-season ACC Championship in 2016, Notre Dame was predicted to finish fifth overall in the conference's preseason coaches' poll. Sandra Yu and Jennifer Westendorf were selected to the Preseason All-ACC Team, leaving the Irish tied with North Carolina for the second-most selections (trailing only Florida State's four).

**SCORING IN BUNCHES**

Notre Dame has gone 6-1 in games decided by two-plus goals. The Irish offense has rallied to score four goals on five occasions this season, turning in dominant performances in such matches. Overall, Notre Dame is just two goals away from its 2016 scoring total (26 goals). As a team, the Irish have been most successful in regulation, with all six of their wins coming in the first 90 minutes.

**THE ACC LEADERBOARD**

Eleven matches into the season, the Irish rank among the leaders in several offensive statistical categories. Notre Dame leads the ACC with 188 shots, while Virginia (183) and Duke (181) rank second and third, respectively. Notre Dame leads the ACC in points (72) and assists (24) and ranks second in the conference in goals (24).

**SUNDAY FUNDAY**

Notre Dame owns a 5-0 record on Sunday in 2017. The Irish have played on Thursday once (0-1), on Friday four times (0-2-2), on Saturday once (1-0) and on Sunday five times (5-0). All five of Notre Dame's Sunday victories have come in the afternoon, three of which were at home (Ball St., Santa Clara and NC State) and two of which were on the road (at Iowa and at Toledo).

**TOPDRAWERSOCCER.COM HONOR**

Sophomore Jennifer Westendorf was named to TopDrawerSoccer.com's Women's Preseason Best XI Second Team. Westendorf was a 2016 All-ACC Freshman Team and 2016 All-ACC Second Team selection. Westendorf has passed her 2016 point total (13) and is one goal away from matching her single-season career high (six).

## SPLIT STATS/HIGH-LOW

THE RECORD WHEN...			
Split Stat...	2017 Irish Record (W-L-T)		
Home	3	2	1
Away	3	1	0
Neutral	0	0	1
vs. Atlantic Coast Conference	2	1	0
vs. teams ranked in top 25	2	2	0
vs. teams ranked in top 10	0	1	0
vs. teams ranked in top 5	0	1	0
vs. unranked opponents	4	1	2
Both teams are ranked			
Neither team is ranked	2	1	0
ND is ranked higher	2	0	2
Opponent is ranked higher	2	2	0
In August	2	0	2
In September	4	3	0
In October			
In November			
In December			
Afternoon Matches	5	0	0
Night Matches	1	3	2
Decided by one goal or fewer	0	2	2
Decided by two goals or more	6	1	0
Scoring first	5	0	1
Opponent scores first	1	3	0
Leading at halftime	3	0	0
Tied at halftime	3	3	2
Trailing at halftime			
Scoring one goal	0	1	1
Scoring two goals	1	0	0
Scoring three or more goals	5	0	0
Allowing zero goals	4	0	1
Allowing one goal	1	1	1
Allowing two goals	1	1	0
Allowing three or more goals	0	1	0
In extra time	0	2	2
Coming off a loss	3	0	0

SINGLE-MATCH HIGHS/LOWS				
Stat...	Team/Athlete	Opponent	Record	Date
Most goals scored...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89
Most goals vs. ranked opponent...	Notre Dame	vs. #2 Santa Clara	6	9/8/00
	Notre Dame	vs. No. 25 Maryland	6	9/4/05
Goals in a season opener...	Notre Dame	at Providence	14	8/31/96
Shots in a match...	Notre Dame	vs. IU-South Bend	59	9/26/90
Corner kicks in a match...	Notre Dame	at Loyola-Chicago	21	10/20/93
	Notre Dame	vs. Tulsa	15	9/1/00
Goalscorers in a match...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	12	10/10/89
Winning margin...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89
Margin of defeat...	Notre Dame	vs. UNC	6	9/4/09
Quickest goal scored...	Michelle McCarthy	vs. Xavier	0:15	10/8/93
Quickest goal in season opener...	Kerri Hanks	vs. Iowa State	1:19	8/26/06
Quickest goal in second half...	Amy VanLaecke	vs. Wisconsin	45:12	11/24/96
Goals in a match...	Melissa Henderson	vs. DePaul	4	10/21/11
Goals in first half...	Melissa Henderson (+9 others)	vs. Central Mich.	3	10/21/11
Goals in second half...	Melissa Henderson (+3 others)	vs. DePaul	3	10/21/11
Goals in season opener...	Kerri Hanks (+7 others)	vs. UNH	3	8/26/05
Shots in a match...	Amanda Guertin	vs. Pittsburgh	14	10/4/02
Points in a match...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. St. John's	10	10/31/04
Points in season opener...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. UNH	8	2005
Points in first half...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. Baylor	7	8/27/04
	Monica Gerardo	vs. Providence	7	10/11/98
Points in second half...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. Santa Clara	7	9/5/04
	Tasha Strawbridge	vs. Valparaiso	7	9/5/04
Assists in a match...	Holly Manthei	vs. Villanova	6	11/3/96
Assists in a half...	Jen Grubb	vs. Wisconsin	4	10/14/97
	Holly Manthei	vs. Villanova	4	11/3/96
	Kara Brown	vs. Seton Hall	4	10/27/96
Saves in a match...	Michelle Lodyga		22	1989
Highest combined score...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89

**2017 Notre Dame Women's Soccer**  
**Notre Dame Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 24, 2017)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	6-3-2	3-2-1	3-1	0-0-1
CONFERENCE	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-2-2	2-1-1	2-1	0-0-1

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	pk-att
Aug 18	BUTLER	To2 0-0	637	9	Natalie Jacobs	11	8	3	19	28	.286	11	.393	3	0-0
Aug 20	BALL STATE	W 4-0	903	10	Jennifer Westendorf	11	5	7	17	46	.109	23	.500	0	0-0
Aug 25	vs Minnesota	To2 1-1	0	16	Sandra Yu	11	6	4	16	26	.231	15	.577	1	0-0
Aug 27	at IOWA	W 2-0	557	32	Meghan Doyle	11	2	2	6	10	.200	2	.200	1	0-0
Sep 01	#11 SOUTH CAROLINA	Lo2 0-1	1445	14	Eva Hurm	7	0	4	4	10	.000	1	.100	0	0-0
Sep 03	SANTA CLARA	W 4-1	1302	4	Sammi Fisher	10	1	1	3	25	.040	9	.360	0	0-0
Sep 08	at Ohio State	Lo2 1-2	1224	25	Monica Flores	8	0	3	3	3	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Sep 10	at TOLEDO	W 4-0	543	2	Katie Uhler	4	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
* Sep 16	at #11 Clemson	W 4-2	550	8	Sabrina Flores	11	0	1	1	10	.000	2	.200	0	0-0
* Sep 21	#4 DUKE	L 0-3	780	13	Ginny McGowan	11	0	0	0	6	.000	2	.333	0	0-0
* Sep 24	#24 NC STATE	W 4-0	0	28	Kaitlin Klawunder	10	0	0	0	4	.000	2	.500	0	0-0

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>OPP</b>
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	24-188	10-107
Goals scored per game	2.18	0.91
Shot pct.	.128	.093
Shots on goal-Attempts	81-188	43-107
SOG pct.	.431	.402
Shots/Game	17.1	9.7
CORNER KICKS	47	31
PENALTY KICKS	0-0	1-1
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Yellow cards	6	4
Red cards	0	0
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	5067	2874
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/844	4/718
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/0	

3	Natalie Ward	5	0	0	0	4	.000	3	.750	0	0-0
22	Megan McCashland	10	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0	0-0
11	Shannon Hendricks	11	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0	0-0
29	Taylor Klawunder	11	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0-0
26	Kate O'Connor	5	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
5	Alexis MartellLamothe	4	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
24	Megan McLaughlin	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
17	Rachel Heard	11	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
6	Samantha Zepponi	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
31	Paige Crowley	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
21	Erin Ospeck	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
19	Jenna Winebrenner	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
15	Ann Marie Niro	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
1	Brooke Littman	10	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		11	24	25	73	188	.128	81	.431	6	0-0
Opponents		11	10	6	26	107	.093	43	.402	3	1-1

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
33	Lexi Nicholas	1	90:00	0	0.00	2	1.000	0-0-0	1/0
1	Brooke Littman	10	961:17	10	0.94	31	.756	4-2-2	4/0
Total		11	1051:17	10	0.86	33	.767	4-2-2	5
Opponents		11	1051:17	24	2.05	57	.704	2-4-2	3

<b>Goals by Period</b>	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	7	17	0	0	24
Opponents	2	6	0	2	10

<b>Shots by Period</b>	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	92	86	5	5	188
Opponents	39	61	3	4	107

<b>Saves by Period</b>	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	16	16	1	0	33
Opponents	32	24	0	1	57

<b>Corners by Period</b>	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	27	17	1	2	47
Opponents	11	19	0	1	31

<b>Fouls by Period</b>	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	52	45	5	5	107
Opponents	57	53	4	1	115