

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER PREGAME NOTES

vs. North Carolina (preseason exhibition) ... Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007 (Alumni Field; 1:00 p.m. EDT)

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PRESALE TICKET TOTAL PUSHING 1,200 – In a rare rematch of the previous year's national championship game (won 2-1 by UNC), the Notre Dame and North Carolina women's soccer teams will meet in a preseason exhibition on Sunday, Aug. 19, at Alumni Field (1:00 p.m. EDT) ... the game is attracting plenty of advance interest from area soccer fans, as 1,143 tickets had been purchased as of Friday at 5:00 p.m. – via sales at the Joyce Center box office or online at und.com ... fans still can purchase tickets online through Sunday morning (pick up at will-call) and also can purchase tickets later in the day at Alumni Field, with the gates to open at noon ... for online orders, go to: <http://und.cstv.com/tickets/nd-tickets.html> ... also note new parking procedures (see note later in release).

HOW TO FOLLOW THE ACTION – links to live audio and GameTracker live stats are available on the front page (and/or main women's soccer page) at und.com ... a full game report – including coach/player quote from both teams and gameday photos – will be posted on und.com ... the ND Sports Hotline will include a summary, to be posted shortly after the game (call 574-631-3000, then choose option 4 and then option 2; note that the hotline menu will be realigned for fall sports later this weekend) ... a free video preview interview with ND head coach Randy Waldrum is available on the und.com main page and women's soccer page (via the Video View tabs) ... free Irish Alert in-game text updates are available via a quick signup on und.com (see right sidebar on women's soccer page).

IN THE POLLS – UNC is #1 in preseason polls released thus far (NSCAA coaches poll, which has ND #2, and the Soccer Buzz women's soccer website, which has ND #3) ... UNC returned nine regular starters (one is out for the year with an injury) from its 2006 NCAA championship team that went 27-1-0 ... ND has seven starters back from its NCAA runner-up squad that completed a 25-1-1 season ... the 2006 championship game marked the first time in the 25-year history of Division I women's soccer that both teams entered the title game with 25 or more victories (with a 51-1-1 record; the most combined wins ever between finalists).

Notre Dame Returning Starters (7 ... returners scored 89% of ND's goals in 2006 ... 85-11 scoring edge in '06)

Kerri **Hanks** (F, Jr.) – 2006 Hermann Trophy (led nation in scoring, 22G-22A) ... 50G-37A in career ... U.S. U-21s
Amanda **Cinalli** (F, Sr.) – 2nd team all-region in '06 (11G-4A) ... 31G-26A in career ... 3-time all-BIG EAST ... U.S. U-21s
Michele **Weissenhofer** (F, So.) – Freshman All-American, 1st team all-BE (18G-17A; nation's #2 scorer) ... U.S. U-21s
Brittany **Bock** (M, Jr.) – 2nd team all-region in '06 (12G-7A) ... 24G-16A in career ... 2-time all-BIG EAST ... U.S. U-21s
Carrie **Dew** (D/center, Jr.) – 1st tm all-region in '06 (BE def. player of yr.) ... DNP '06 NCAAAs (ACL/knee inj.) ... U.S. U-21
Ashley **Jones** (D/right, Sr.) – converted midfielder ... 2G-5A in 2006 (4G-10A in career, 79 GP/68 GS)
Lauren **Karas** (G, Sr.) – 4th in nation with 0.41 GAA in '06 (13 solo shutouts) ... career-best 9 saves vs. Santa Clara (3-1)

Starters Lost (and top replacements): midfielder Jen Buczkowski (three-year All-American; 1G-13A in '06; 20G-37A in career, 103 GP/97 GS), defensive midfielder Jill Krivacek (2nd team all-region; 5G-6A in '06; 10G-15A in career), left back Christie Shaner (4-year all-BIG EAST; 3G-4A in 100 career GP/90 GS) and center back Kim Lorenzen (team cpt; def. MVP of '06 BET; 95 career GP/85 GS) ... sophomore Haley Ford is 2007 probable starter at center back (replaced Dew in '06 NCAAAs; 27 GP/14 GS in '06) while sophomore Amanda Clark (27 GP/14 GS in '06) could start at center back, outside back or defensive midfield) ... top veteran candidates in midfield include sophomore Courtney Rosen (2G-4A in '06; 20 GP/5 GS, missed 7 gms due to foot injury; U.S. U-17s) and junior Becca Mendoza (33 GP/4 GS in career, 1G-1A; Mexican National Team), with possible new starters at outside back including junior Elise Weber (transfer from Wisconsin; 43 GP/38 GS in career, 8G-5A) and junior Kerry Inglis (slowed by nagging ankle injury in '05 and '06)

UNC Returning Starters (9/10 ... healthy returners scored 58% of UNC's goals in '06 ... 81-13 scoring edge in '06)

Whitney **Engen** (F, So.) – 12G-3A in 2006 ... U.S. U-21s
Casey **Nogueira** (F, So.) – 4G-8A in '06 (GWG-1A in title game; replaced injured Libby Guess) ... U.S. U-19s
Yael **Averbuch** (M/att., Jr.) – All-American (3rd in Hermann Trophy voting) ... 16G-7A in 2006 ... full Nat. Tm player pool
Tobin **Heath** (M/left, So.) – 2006 Freshman All-American (4G-9A, 22 GS) ... U.S. U-19s (currently in full Nat. Team pool)
Nikki **Washington** (M/right, So.) – 2006 Freshman All-American (3G-9A, 28 GS) ... U.S. U-20s
Ali **Hawkins** (M/def., So.) – 6G-3A in 2006 ... will miss 2007 with ACL knee injury ... Penn State junior transfer Allie **Long** plays same position (def./holding midfielder) and is probable starter (had 4G-3A in 15 GS in '06; played for U.S. U-19s)
Ariel **Harris** (D/left, Sr.) – four-year starter (27 GP/17 GS in '06)
Jessica **Maxwell** (D/center, 5th-Yr.) – All-American; DNP in '05 (knee injury) or in '06 semi/final (ankle inj.) ... U.S. U-21s
Kristi **Eveland** (D/right, So.) – led 2006 team with 2,408 minutes played
Anna **Rodenbough** (G, Jr.) – 0.39 GAA, 15 solo shutouts in '06 (28 GS) ... junior 'keeper Ashlyn **Harris** was nation's top-ranked recruit but slowed by knee injuries in 2005 and 06 seasons (current member of full National Team player pool)

Starters Lost: forwards Heather O'Reilly (All-American; 12G-16A in '06; 59G-49A in career) and Libby Guess (6G-13A in '06; 32G-35A career) ... Hawkins lost for '07 to preseason knee injury ... senior Robin Gayle (filled in for Maxwell at the '06 College Cup final weekend) currently is in China preparing to play with Canada at the World Cup ... candidates to fill open forward spot include senior Jaime Gilbert (former starter; 5G-4A in '06; 26G-23A in career).

MEETING OF THE ELITE – UNC and ND rank atop many statistical categories in the history of women's soccer:

WINNINGEST TEAMS OF THE CURRENT DECADE (2000-06)

<i>North Carolina</i>	163-9-7	.930 win pct.	23.3 wins per season
Notre Dame	146-20-4	.871 win pct.	20.9 wins per season
Penn State	141-22-12	.840 win pct.	20.1 wins per season
UCLA	138-26-6	.829 win pct.	19.7 wins per season
Portland	136-23-9	.836 win pct.	19.4 wins per season

Note: ND and Penn State will meet in five weeks (Sept. 23, at Alumni Field), in a game to be televised on ESPN-U

MOST D-I WOMEN'S SOCCER WINS DURING THE PAST FOUR SEASONS (2003-06; departed senior classes)

1. <i>North Carolina</i>	97-3-3 (.956)
2. Notre Dame	92-8-3 (.908 win pct.; 2nd-best class win pct. in ND history behind .921/91-6-4, '94-'97)
3. UCLA	81-15-5 (.827)

MOST D-I WOMEN'S SOCCER WINS DURING THE PAST THREE SEASONS (2004-06; current senior classes)

1. Notre Dame	72-5-2 (.924 win pct.; ND four-year record is .921)
2. <i>North Carolina</i>	70-3-3 (.941)
3. UCLA	61-13-2 (.816)

WINNINGEST TEAMS OF THE 1990s (1990-99)

1. <i>North Carolina</i>	216-7-3	.962 win pct.	21.6 wins per season
2. Notre Dame	196-27-11	.861 win pct.	19.6 wins per season

NCAA Championship Seasons

1. <i>North Carolina</i>	18	
2. Notre Dame	2	1995, 2004
Portland	2	

NCAA Tournament All-Time Winning Percentage

1. <i>North Carolina</i>	.929	92-7-0
2. Notre Dame	.764	40-12-1

Most NCAA Title Game Appearances

1. <i>North Carolina</i>	21
2. Notre Dame	6
3. Connecticut	4

Most NCAA Title Games Since 1994

1. <i>North Carolina</i>	9
2. Notre Dame	6
3. Portland	3
UCLA	3

Most College Cup/Semifinal Trips

1. <i>North Carolina</i>	23
2. Santa Clara	10
3. Notre Dame	8
Portland	8

Most College Cup/Semifinal Trips Since 1994

1. <i>North Carolina</i>	11
2. Notre Dame	8
3. Portland	8
4. Santa Clara	7

Most NCAA Quarterfinal Appearances Since 1994 – UNC 13, ND 11, SCU 11, Portland 10

Most NCAA Round-of-16 Appearances Since 1993 – UNC 13, ND 12, UConn 12 Portland 12

Most Wins in a Season (ND and UNC have accounted for 10 of the 11 seasons with 25-plus wins)

27	UNC	2003
27	UNC	1997
27	UNC	2006
26	Florida	1998

Teams with 25 wins have included UNC in 1992, '94, '95, '96 and '98, and ND in '04 and '06.

Longest Home Winning Streaks in Division I History (for all fall games, excluding exhibitions)

1. North Carolina	84 games	Sept. 6, 1986 – Sept. 18, 1994
2. Penn State	39 games	2001-04
3. Notre Dame	32 games	active (spanning all of 2004-06 seasons)

note: ND's active 41-game home unbeaten streak (40-0-1) also ranks third, behind UNC's 84-game streak without a loss (listed above; 1986-94) and a 56-game home unbeaten streak by UNC from 1999-2004

NSCAA All-Americans Since 1994

1. North Carolina	41
2. Notre Dame	37
3. Portland	26

CoSIDA Academic All-Americans Since 1995

1. Notre Dame	18
2. North Carolina	12

Hermann Trophy Recipients

1. North Carolina	6 players (8 awards)	Shannon Higgins (1989), Kristine Lilly (1991), Mia Hamm (1992-93), Tisha Venturini (1994), Cindy Parlow (1997-98), Cat Reddick (2003)
2. Notre Dame	3 players	Cindy Daws (1996), Anne Makinen (2000), Kerri Hanks (2006)
3. Portland	2 players (3 awards)	Shannon MacMillan (1995), Christine Sinclair (2004, 2005)

Hermann Trophy Recipients since 1996

1. Notre Dame	3 players	Cindy Daws (1996), Anne Makinen (2000), Kerri Hanks (2006)
2. North Carolina	2 players (3 awards)	Cindy Parlow (1997-98), Cat Reddick (2003)
3. Santa Clara	2 players	Mandy Clemens (1999), Aly Wagner (2002)
4. Portland	1 player (2 awards)	Christine Sinclair (2004, 2005)

NCAA Leaders in Career Coaching Win Pct. (min. 10 yrs D-I; record includes only yrs at 4-year schools)

1. Anson Dorrance (UNC; 1979-)	.945	629-28-18	
2. Clive Charles (Portland; 1989-2002)	.799	226-52-13	non-active (passed away in 2003)
3. Jerry Smith (Santa Clara)	.777	326-84-27	
4. Randy Waldrum (Tulsa/Baylor/ND; 1989-)	.773	273-74-18	
Becky Burleigh (Berry/Florida; 1989-)	.773	294-78-23	

Note: in the span of 15 days this season, Waldrum will match wits with Dorrance, Burleigh and Smith

Most Trips to the NCAA Title Game

1. Anson Dorrance (UNC)	21	
2. Len Tsantiris (UConn)	4	
3. Randy Waldrum (ND)	3	(1999, 2004, 2006)
4. Jillian Ellis (UCLA)	3	

Most Trips to the NCAA Title Game from 1999-2006

1. Anson Dorrance (UNC)	5	
2. Randy Waldrum (ND)	3	(1999, 2004, 2006)
3. Jillian Ellis (UCLA)	3	
4. Jerry Smith (Santa Clara)	2	

2006 Division I Women's Soccer Attendance Leaders

1. Texas A&M	3,360
2. Portland	3,408
3. BYU	2,070
4. Notre Dame	1,901
5. North Carolina	1,888

TITLE-GAME REMATCHES A RARITY – Dating back to the first Division I women’s soccer championship season (1982), there have been nine times that saw the teams in the national-title game met during the following regular season (two involving ND-UNC rematches):

Year	Championship game	Score in next regular season	(date of rematch)
1984	UNC 2, UConn 0	UNC 5, UConn 0	(Oct. 13, 1985; UNC’s 15th game)
1985	<i>George Mason 2, UNC 0</i>	<i>UNC 4, GMU 2</i>	<i>(Sept. 21, 1986; UNC’s 7th game)</i>
1987	UNC 1, UMass 0	UNC 4, UMass 0	(Oct. 15, 1988; UNC’s 13th game)
1988	UNC 4, N.C. State 1	UNC 3, N.C. State 0	(Sept. 17, 1989; UNC’s 7th game)
1990	UNC 6, UConn 0	UNC 2, UConn 0	(Sept. 21, 1991; UNC’s 5th game)
1992	UNC 9, Duke 1	UNC 6, Duke 2	(Sept. 29, 1993; UNC’s 9th game)
1994	UNC 5, ND-UNC 0	UNC 2, ND 0, in Houston	(Oct. 15, 1996; ND’s 14th game)
1996	UNC 1, ND 0 (OT)	ND 2, UNC 2	(Sept. 19, 1997; ND’s 7th game)
2002	<i>Portland 2, Santa Clara 1</i>	<i>at SCU 2, Portland 1 in 2 OT</i>	<i>(Nov. 2, 2003; UP/SCU’s 19th game)</i>

As shown above, the teams that won the title went a combined 6-2-1 in the regular-season rematches that followed the next year – including ND’s 2-2 tie with UNC in 1997 ... the biggest revenge (by margin) came in UNC’s 1986 win over George Mason (4-2; after losing 2-0 to GMU in ’85 title games) ... on average, the rematches listed above came well into the second half of the season (11th game), with the quickest rematch by date being UNC and N.C. State in 1989 (Sept. 17) while the quickest by game number was the UNC-UConn in 1990 (5th game of season) ... six of the rematches listed above involved teams that were not from the same conference (UNC vs. ND twice, UConn twice, GMU and UMass).

• In four other years (plus some of those mentioned above), the title-game teams had a rematch but it did not come until the next year’s NAAs:

1989	UNC 2, CC 0	met in 1990 NCAA semifinals (won by UNC, 2-1)
1999	UNC 2, ND 0	met in 2000 NCAA semifinal (won by UNC, 2-1)
2001	SCU 1, UNC 0	met in 2002 NCAA semifinals (won by SCU, 2-1)
2005	Portland 4, UCLA 0	met in 2006 NCAA quarterfinals (won by UCLA)

UCLA’s 2006 squad is the only team in D-I women’s soccer history to lose an NCAA title game and then beat that same opponent in the NAAs the next season (excluding a couple years where teams had an initial rematch earlier in that regular season)

RENEWING THE RIVALRY – This weekend’s exhibition could be the first step in regular meetings between Notre Dame and UNC, as Randy Waldrum and Anson Dorrance tentatively have made agreements for the teams to meet during the regular season in upcoming years.

PARKING AND VEHICLE ENTRY CHANGES AT ALUMNI FIELD – Fans should be aware of the new parking situation at Alumni Field starting this weekend and to be in effect for all ensuing Notre Dame men's and women's soccer games ... due to the recent groundbreaking and start of construction for Melissa Cook Softball Stadium, the soccer programs had to shift one of their practice fields to the area immediately south of Alumni Field ... in the past, this area had served as the primary parking area for games at Alumni Field (it since has been converted to a top-quality practice field) ... with the new configuration of the various fields, fans attending soccer games at Alumni Field will not be able to enter by car off Ivy Road ... instead, all vehicles carrying soccer fans should enter campus off Edison Road and proceed straight to the Eck Baseball Stadium parking area (a.k.a. Gold Lot) – before walking east on the small access road to Alumni Field.

Notre Dame All-Time Series Versus North Carolina (2-9-2; H: 0-1-1; A: 1-1-0; N: 1-6-1)

Date	Site	Score	NCAA Ranking (at time of game)
10/15/93	Houston, TX	L 0-3	ND 5 UNC 1
10/2/94	St. Louis, MO (ot)	T 0-0	ND 2 UNC 1
11/20/94	Portland, OR*	L 0-5	ND 1 UNC 2
10/15/95	Houston, TX	L 0-2	ND 6 UNC 1
12/1/95	Chapel Hill, NC#	W 1-0	ND 4 UNC 1
10/4/96	Durham, NC (ot)	W 2-1	ND 2 UNC 1
12/8/96	Santa Clara, CA* (ot)	L 0-1	ND 1 UNC 2
9/19/97	Notre Dame, IN	T 2-2	ND 2 UNC 1
9/13/98	Chapel Hill, NC	L 1-5	ND 2 UNC 1
9/3/99	Notre Dame, IN (ot)	L 2-3	ND 7 UNC 1
12/5/99	San Jose, CA*	L 0-2	ND 5 UNC 3
12/1/00	San Jose, CA#	L 1-2	ND 1 UNC 5
12/3/06	Cary, NC*	L 1-2	ND 1 UNC 1

* NCAA championship final

NCAA championship semifinal

Result Notes

- The 1999 NCAA final is the only time in the history of the series that one of the teams was not ranked #1
- The higher-ranked team is only 6-4-2 in the series (teams were co-#1 entering 2006 title game)
- Four ND-UNC games on the NCAA final weekend have stopped teams from rare unbeaten seasons (ND was 23-0-1 before losing the '94 title game; UNC was 25-0-0 before losing the '95 title game; ND was 23-0-1 before its 2000 semifinal; and ND was 25-0-1 before losing the '06 title game) ... from 1994-2003, there was only one unbeaten NCAA champion (UNC in '97)

SERIES NOTES

- UNC's all-time record (629-28-18) includes only eight opponents who have totaled at least two games vs. the Tar Heels that were not losses (wins or ties) ... ND is one of those teams and owns the best win pct. from that group (.231: 2-9-2), followed by Santa Clara's .222 (4-14) ... all other teams (besides ND and SCU) are just 22-606-16 vs. UNC (.047), with ND and SCU accounting for one-third of the wins over UNC ... here's the list of teams with at least two wins/ties vs. UNC:

Teams vs. UNC	W-L-T	Pct.	Notes
Notre Dame	2-9-2	.231	ND is 1-4-2 vs. UNC in regular-season games (.286)
Santa Clara	4-14-0	.222	
George Mason	1-14-2	.118	
Connecticut	2-16-0	.111	
Central Florida	0-15-3	.083	UCF has faced UNC just twice since 1991
Florida State	1-19-1	.071	
Duke	2-37-1	.063	
N.C. State	1-36-2	.051	

Most wins plus ties (non-losses) vs. UNC

4 – Notre Dame (2-9-2) and Santa Clara (4-14-0)

3 – Duke, N.C. State, George Mason, UCF 2 – UConn, Florida State

Teams with multiple wins vs. UNC

4 – Santa Clara 2 – Notre Dame, UConn and Duke

Historic and Noteworthy Series Moments

- The 1994 tie (0-0, in St. Louis) snapped UNC's 92-game winning streak (longest in D-I history for any team-based sport)
- ND's 1-0 win at UNC in the 1995 NCAA semifinals ended UNC's run of national titles (9) and kept the Tar Heels out of the title game for the first time since the tournament began in 1982
- Jenny Streiffer's pair of goals in the 1996 regular-season game (2-1/OT, at Duke) made ND the first team ever to defeat UNC in consecutive meetings (since matched by only Santa Clara)
- ND has been shut out only 14 times since '94, with five of those shutouts coming in games vs. UNC (three in title games)
- The 1997 tie came on an "electric" night at Alumni Field, with an overflow crowd of 3,000-plus buzzing as ND's Jenny Heft tied the game in the 69th minute, with the game halted in the 72nd minute (and ultimately ended) due to lightning
- The first game of the Randy Waldrum era at ND saw Mia Sarkesian give the Irish a 2-1 lead shortly before halftime, but Kim Patrick tied the game with 2:56 left in regulation and Meredith Florance scored the gamewinner with just 1:00 left in the second OT (the game nearly became the third tie in the series) ... since that game, ND has not lost in overtime (14-0-6) ... the 1999 game vs. UNC is ND's only loss in a season opener since 1992
- The teams also played a preseason exhibition in 2002, won 4-2 by UNC in nearby Ft. Wayne, Ind.

FRIEND OR FOE?

Several Notre Dame and UNC players have past history as teammates on various club, ODP and national teams:

Notre Dame Player	UNC Player(s)	Teams
Kerri Hanks	Jessica Maxwell	Dallas Texans ('03 nat'l champs)
	Ashlyn Harris	U.S. U-19s
	Tobin Heath/Casey Nogueira	Full National Team camp (Dec. '06)
Brittany Bock	Heath/Nogueira/Allie Long	U.S. U-20s
	Ariel Harris/Whitney Engen	U.S. U-20 camps
	Ashlyn Harris/Yale Averbuch/Jaime Gilbert	U-17s and U-19s
	Mandy Moraca/Nikki Washington	U.S. U-16s
Carrie Dew	Heath/Nogueira/Long	U.S. U-20s
	Ariel Harris/ Engen	U.S. U-20 camps
	Moraca/Washington	U.S. U-16s
	Engen	Cal-South state ODP
	Ali Hawkins (injured for '07)	San Diego Surf/Cal-South ODP
Haley Ford	Washington/Kristi Evelend	Dallas Texans ('06 nat'l champs)
Courtney Rosen	Heath	U.S. U-17s
	Engen	U.S. U-20s
Lauren Fowlkes	Heath/Washington/Rachel Givan/Hawkins	U.S. U-17s
Micaela Alvarez	Heath	N.J. state ODP
Kelsey Lysander	Hawkins	San Diego Surf
Taylor Knaack (inj.)	Washington/Leslie Briggs	Dallas Texans

Top matchups to watch between former teammates

- Hanks vs. center back Maxwell and 'keeper Harris
- Dew vs. forwards Nogueira and Engen; also fellow center back Ford vs. Washington
- Bock in key midfield battle vs. four fellow youth national-team alums (Heath, Long, Averbuch, Washington)
- Other midfield battles such as Rosen vs. Heath, and Fowlkes vs. Heath and Washington