



NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S SOCCER

FIGHTING IRISH MEDIA

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CLEMSON (6-1-0)

GAME INFORMATION

	Saturday, Sept. 16 6 p.m. ET	Riggs Field
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THE SERIES

All-Time vs. CU	ND Leads 3-1	Last: 1-0, ND (Oct. 6, 2016)
Away	ND is 1-1	Last: 0-1 (20T) CU (Sept. 19, 2015)

THE COACHES

	Head Coach	At School (Years)	Overall (Years)
ND	Theresa Romagnolo	45-16-10 (4th)	70-38-13 (7th)
CU	Eddie Radwanski	60-31-15 (6th)	199-96-28 (10th)

BY THE NUMBERS

4	Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo is in her fourth season with the Irish. The Washington graduate owns a record of 45-16-10 at Notre Dame.
5	Five Notre Dame players have scored this season, including Natalie Jacobs (5 G), Jennifer Westendorf (4 G), Sandra Yu (3 G), Meghan Doyle (2G) and Katie Uhler (1 G).
7	Seven of Notre Dame's 2017 opponents are featured in the United Soccer Coaches Poll, including No. 3 South Carolina, No. 4 Duke, No. 5 Virginia, No. 10 North Carolina, No. 11 Clemson, No. 16 Florida State and No. 23 Wake Forest.
9	Graduate student Sandra Yu's nine points in 2017 are a career high. The midfielder has totaled three goals and three assists so far this season. Yu previously recorded a career-high eight points in 2015.
11	Jennifer Westendorf's 11 shots against Minnesota on Aug. 25 are an ACC single-game high.
13	The Irish have totaled 13 second-half goals and have limited their opponents to just two goals in the period. Notre Dame has outshot its opponents 69-30 in the first half and 62-50 in the second half.
14	Irish sophomore Jennifer Westendorf leads the team with 14 points on four goals and six assists. Westendorf, who led the team in goals last season, is two-thirds of the way to her 2016 goal total (six) eight matches into the season.
24	The Irish have taken 24 corner kicks in the first half of play, compared to their opponents' 10 corners in the period. Notre Dame has totaled 40 corners in 2017.
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.
27	Sophomore goalkeeper Brooke Littman has collected 27 total saves in eight games this season. Littman has recorded four shutouts, tied for the most in the ACC. Littman and the Irish have shut out Butler, Ball State, Iowa and Toledo.
30	Notre Dame celebrates its 30th anniversary this season. The Irish have gone 537-112-38 in program history.
141	Notre Dame leads the ACC with 141 shots through eight matches. Boston College (128) and Duke (123) 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	ACC	T, 0-0
Aug. 20	18	--	Ball State	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	W, 4-0
Aug. 25	24	--	Minnesota	Iowa City, IA		T, 1-1
Aug. 27	24	--	at Iowa	Iowa City, IA	BTN +	W, 2-0
Sep. 1	--	11	South Carolina	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	L, 1-0 (20T)
Sep. 3	--	--	Santa Clara	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	W, 4-1
Sep. 8	--	--	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH		L, 2-1 (20T)
Sep. 10	--	--	at Toledo	Toledo, OH		W, 4-0
Sep. 16	--	11	at Clemson*	Clemson, SC		6 p.m.
Sep. 21	--	4	Duke*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	7 p.m.
Sep. 24	--	--	NC State*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	1 p.m.
Sep. 29	--	23	Wake Forest*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	5 p.m.
Oct. 5	--	5	at Virginia*	Charlottesville, VA		7 p.m.
Oct. 8	--	--	Syracuse*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	--	--	Virginia Tech*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	--	16	at Florida State*	Tallahassee, FL	ACC	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	--	--	at Miami*	Coral Gables, FL	ACC	Noon
Oct. 26	--	10	at UNC*	Chapel Hill, NC	ACC	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 Zeponi	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-mōth"

Ginny McGowan – "JIN-ny Mc-GOW-in"

Karin Muya – "MOO-yuh"

Ann Marie Niro – "NIGH-row"

Katie Uhler – "YOU-ler"

Samantha Zeponi – "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.

ENTERING ACC PLAY

Notre Dame kicks off its 2017 Atlantic Coast Conference schedule with a 6 p.m. kick-off against No. 11 Clemson at Riggs Field. The defending ACC regular-season champions will look to defend their title as they battle a schedule that features six ranked ACC opponents.

SERIES HISTORY: TIGERS

The Irish will face Clemson for the first time since defeating the Tigers 1-0 on Oct. 6, 2016. Notre Dame is 3-1 all-time against Clemson, including going 1-1 on the road.

ON DECK: BLUE DEVILS

Notre Dame returns to action against the Duke Blue Devils at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday, Sept. 21. The Irish and the Blue Devils have met 15 times, and Notre Dame holds a 9-5-1 record in the all-time series. The Irish have gone 3-2 at Alumni Stadium. In 2015, the Irish topped Duke 1-0 on Oct. 25 in Durham, N.C.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Notre Dame women's soccer celebrates its 30th anniversary during the 2017 season. In the program's history, the Irish have gone 537-112-38. 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 seven nationally-ranked opponents, including six Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The Irish are set to face No. 4 Duke, No. 5 Virginia, No. 10 North Carolina, No. 11 Clemson, No. 16 Florida State, and No. 23 Wake Forest. The Irish are 0-1 against ranked opponents after falling to now-No. 3 South Carolina 0-1 in double-overtime. The Irish are scheduled to face four ranked opponents on the road this season.

YU SETS CAREER HIGH

After missing her first two seasons due to injury, Sandra Yu has returned to the program as a graduate student and has recorded a career-high nine points in 2017. Yu has started all of Notre Dame's contests over the past two-plus seasons (2015-17), tallying 21 points on eight goals and five 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 13-2 in the second half this season. The Irish have entered halftime in a scoreless tie five 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.

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). Yu has tallied a career-high nine points on three goals and three assists this season.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Notre Dame hits the road for its third straight road match as it travels to Clemson, S.C., for its fourth true road game of the season. The Irish own a 2-1 record on the road thus far and are 2-1-1 away from home. In 2016, the Irish wrapped up the season with a 3-1-4 record on the road.

SISTER, SISTER

Junior Sabrina Flores returns to the college women's soccer conversation a year after competing with the United States on the U-23 Women's National Team. Sabrina rejoins her twin sister, Monica, who is a senior on the Irish roster. Monica competed with Mexico in the U-20 FIFA World Cup in 2016 but continued to play with the Irish throughout part of the 2016 NCAA season. In 2016, Monica started 14 matches and tallied four points on four assists before competing with Mexico.

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. The forward led the team in goals (six) and tied for the team lead with 13 points as a freshman. Westendorf leads the team with 14 points on four goals and six assists this season.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Notre Dame owns a 4-0 record on Sunday in 2017. The Irish have played on Friday four times and on Sunday four times. All four of Notre Dame's Sunday victories have come in the afternoon, two of which were at home (Ball St. & Santa Clara) and two of which were on the road (at Iowa & at Toledo). By comparison, the Irish are 0-2-2 on Friday.

THE ACC LEADERBOARD

Eight matches into the season, the Irish rank among the leaders in several offensive statistical categories. Notre Dame leads the ACC with 141 shots, while Boston College (128) and Duke (123) rank second and third, respectively. Notre Dame is tied for second in the ACC with 16 assists, third in points (48) and tied for third with 16 goals.

SPLIT STATS/HIGH-LOW

THE RECORD WHEN...			
Split Stat...	2017 Irish		
	Record (W-L-T)		
Home	2	1	1
Away	2	1	0
Neutral	0	0	1
vs. Atlantic Coast Conference			
vs. teams ranked in top 25	0	1	0
vs. teams ranked in top 10			
vs. teams ranked in top 5			
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	0	1	0
In August	2	0	2
In September	2	2	0
In October			
In November			
In December			
Afternoon Matches	4	0	0
Night Matches	0	2	2
Decided by one goal or fewer	0	2	2
Decided by two goals or more	4	0	0
Scoring first	3	0	1
Opponent scores first	1	2	0
Leading at halftime	1	0	0
Tied at halftime	3	2	2
Trailing at halftime			
Scoring one goal	0	1	1
Scoring two goals	1	0	0
Scoring three or more goals	3	0	0
Allowing zero goals	3	0	1
Allowing one goal	1	1	1
Allowing two goals	0	1	0
Allowing three or more goals			
In extra time	0	2	2
Coming off a loss	2	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 10, 2017)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	4-2-2	2-1-1	2-1	0-0-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	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	10	Jennifer Westendorf	8	4	6	14	43	.093	21	.488	0	0-0
Aug 20	BALL STATE	W 4-0	903	9	Natalie Jacobs	8	5	1	11	17	.294	8	.471	1	0-0
Aug 25	vs Minnesota	To2 1-1	0	16	Sandra Yu	8	3	3	9	19	.158	11	.579	1	0-0
Aug 27	at IOWA	W 2-0	557	32	Meghan Doyle	8	2	1	5	6	.333	2	.333	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	2	Katie Uhler	3	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
Sep 08	at Ohio State	Lo2 1-2	1224	4	Sammi Fisher	7	0	1	1	18	.000	7	.389	0	0-0
Sep 10	at TOLEDO	W 4-0	543	13	Ginny McGowan	8	0	0	0	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0
				8	Sabrina Flores	8	0	0	0	5	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				3	Natalie Ward	4	0	0	0	4	.000	3	.750	0	0-0
				28	Kaitlin Klawunder	7	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
				22	Megan McCashland	8	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0	0-0
				25	Monica Flores	5	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				5	Alexis MartelLamothe	3	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
				29	Taylor Klawunder	8	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
				24	Megan McLaughlin	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				17	Rachel Heard	8	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
				31	Paige Crowley	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				26	Kate O'Connor	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				21	Erin Ospeck	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				19	Jenna Winebrenner	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				15	Ann Marie Niro	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				11	Shannon Hendricks	8	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				6	Samantha Zepponi	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				1	Brooke Littman	8	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
					Total	8	16	16	48	141	.113	62	.440	4	0-0
					Opponents	8	5	2	12	87	.057	32	.368	2	1-1

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	16-141	5-87
Goals scored per game	2.00	0.62
Shot pct.	.113	.057
Shots on goal-Attempts	62-141	32-87
SOG pct.	.440	.368
Shots/Game	17.6	10.9
CORNER KICKS	40	25
PENALTY KICKS	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	6	4
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	4287	2324
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/1072	3/775
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/0	

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
1	Brooke Littman	8	781:17	5	0.58	27	.844	3-1-2	4/0
	Total	8	781:17	5	0.58	27	.844	3-1-2	4
	Opponents	8	781:17	16	1.84	46	.742	1-3-2	2

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	3	13	0	0	16
Opponents	1	2	0	2	5

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	69	62	5	5	141
Opponents	30	50	3	4	87

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	13	13	1	0	27
Opponents	26	19	0	1	46

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	24	13	1	2	40
Opponents	10	14	0	1	25

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	41	36	5	5	87
Opponents	44	45	4	1	94