



# NOTRE DAME

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

### FIGHTING IRISH MEDIA

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## SOUTH CAROLINA & SANTA CLARA

### GAME INFORMATION

	Friday, Sept. 1/Sunday, Sept. 3 7 p.m. ET/Noon ET	Alumni Stadium Capacity: 3,500
	ACC Network Extra/WatchESPN	

### THE SERIES

All-Time vs. S.C.	N/A	N/A
Home	N/A	N/A
All-Time vs. SCL	ND Leads 13-6-2	Last: 0-0, T (20T) (Sept. 9, 2016)
Home	ND Leads 9-1	Last: 2-1, ND (Aug. 28, 2015)









### THE COACHES

	Head Coach	At School (Years)	Overall (Years)
ND	Theresa Romagnolo	68-36-13 (7th)	43-14-10 (4th)
S.C.	Shelley Smith	205-107-43 (17th)	246-141-45 (21st)
SCL	Jerry Smith	438-141-56 (31st)	438-141-56 (31st)

### BY THE NUMBERS

<b>30</b>	Notre Dame celebrates its 30th anniversary this season. The Irish have gone 535-110-38 in program history.
<b>25</b>	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.
<b>8</b>	Eight of Notre Dame's 2017 opponents are featured in the United Soccer Coaches Poll, including No. 3 Virginia, No. 8 Clemson, No. 9 North Carolina, No. 11 South Carolina, No. 13 Duke, No. 15 Florida State, No. 18 Wake Forest and No. 20 NC State.
<b>7</b>	Irish sophomore Jennifer Westendorf leads the team with seven points on two goals and three assists. Westendorf led the Irish with six goals in 2016.
<b>5</b>	Just one year after Notre Dame won the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season, the ACC preseason poll predicted the Irish to finish fifth in the conference.
<b>5</b>	Following three scoreless halves of play to open the season, the Irish have netted seven goals in the past five halves. Five of those seven goals have come in the second half.
<b>4</b>	Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo is in her fourth season with the Irish. The Washington graduate owns a record of 43-14-10 at Notre Dame.
<b>4</b>	Four Notre Dame players have scored this season, including Jennifer Westendorf (2 G), Natalie Jacobs (2 G), Sandra Yu (1G) and Katie Uhler (1G).
<b>3</b>	Sophomore goalkeeper Brooke Littman has recorded three shutouts in her first four career starts. Littman and the Irish have shut out Butler, Ball State and Iowa thus far. Littman has collected seven total saves.
<b>1</b>	The Irish defense has allowed just one goal this season, coming in the second half against Minnesota.

### 2017 SCHEDULE

Date	ND Rk	Opp Rk	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Score
Aug. 18	18	--	Butler	Notre Dame, IN		T, 0-0
Aug. 20	18	--	Ball State	Notre Dame, IN		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		7 p.m.
Sep. 3	--	--	Santa Clara	Notre Dame, IN		Noon
Sep. 8	--	--	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH		7 p.m.
Sep. 10	--	--	at Toledo	Toledo, OH		1 p.m.
Sep. 16	--	--	at Clemson*	Clemson, SC		7 p.m.
Sep. 21	--	--	Duke*	Notre Dame, IN		7 p.m.
Sep. 24	--	--	NC State*	Notre Dame, IN		1 p.m.
Sep. 29	--	--	Wake Forest*	Notre Dame, IN		5 p.m.
Oct. 5	--	--	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	--	--	at Florida State*	Tallahassee, FL		7 p.m.
Oct. 22	--	--	at Miami*	Coral Gables, FL		Noon
Oct. 26	--	--	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 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.
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

Ginny McGowan – "Jin-ny"  
 Eva Hurm – "EE-va"  
 Kaitlin Klawunder – "claw-vunder"  
 Taylor Klawunder – "claw-vunder"  
 Alexis Martel-Lamothe – "Ah-lex-ee Mar-tel La-möth"  
 Karin Muya – "MOO-yuh"  
 Ann Marie Niro – "NIGH-row"  
 Katie Uhler – "YOU-ler"  
 Samantha Zeponi – "Zeh-pony"  
 Theresa Romagnolo – "ta-RAY-sa row-mah-no-low"  
 Dawn Siergiej – "SER-gay"

## COVERING THE IRISH

### COACHING STAFF GAMEDAY LOCATIONS

Coach	Position Group	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	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.

### NOTRE DAME INVITATIONAL

Notre Dame hosts four matches, including two neutral-site contests, this weekend as part of the Notre Dame Invitational. The Irish will face No. 11 South Carolina at 7 p.m. ET on Friday and Santa Clara at noon on Sunday. No. 23 Michigan will face Santa Clara to open the tournament at 4 p.m. on Friday, and the Wolverines will compete against the Gamecocks at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

### SERIES HISTORY: GAMECOCKS

Notre Dame and South Carolina will square off for the first time in program history on Friday.

### SERIES HISTORY: BRONCOS

The Irish are in control of the all-time series record, leading 13-6-2. Historically, the home team has had the advantage in this all-time series as Notre Dame owns a 9-1 record at home and just 2-5-2 on the road. Most recently, the Irish and the Broncos went to double-overtime and finished in a 0-0 draw in Santa Clara on Sept. 9, 2016.

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Notre Dame women's soccer celebrates its 30th anniversary during the 2017 season. In the program's history, the Irish have gone 535-110-38 (.811). Over the past 29 seasons, Notre Dame has made 24 appearances in the NCAA Championship. The Irish have competed in 12 College Cups and won three national titles.

## STORYLINES

**IN THE POLLS**

Notre Dame's 2017 schedule features eight nationally-ranked opponents, including seven Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The Irish are set to face No. 3 Virginia, No. 8 Clemson, No. 9 North Carolina, No. 11 South Carolina, No. 13 Duke, No. 15 Florida State, No. 18 Wake Forest and No. 20 NC State. The Irish will face four of those teams at Alumni Stadium this season.

**YU RETURNS**

After missing her first two seasons due to injury, Sandra Yu has returned to the program to play for another season as a graduate student. Yu has started all 45 of Notre Dame's contests over the past two-plus seasons (2015-17), tallying 16 points on six goals and four 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.

**SHUT-DOWN DEFENSE**

Notre Dame's defense has limited its opponents to just one goal in 2017, coming in the second half against Minnesota. The Irish went on to tie the Gophers 1-1 in the neutral-site match. Notre Dame and first-year starting goalkeeper Brooke Littman have tallied three shutouts in just four matches this season. The Irish back line, which returned all four defenders, allowed only two goals through its first seven contests in 2016.

**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 tallied four points on two goals in 21 games last season. She was named to the 2016 All-ACC Third Team, recording a .467 shots-on-goal percentage in 2016. Westendorf was a 2016 All-ACC Freshman Team and All-ACC Second Team member.

**HOME SWEET HOME**

Notre Dame hosts nine home matches throughout the 2017 campaign, including four non-conference affairs. The Irish own a 1-0-1 record at Alumni Stadium this season after tying Butler 0-0 and defeating Ball St. 4-0. In 2016, Notre Dame concluded the season with a 10-1-1 record at home. Over the last three-plus seasons, the Irish are 29-6-2.

**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 seven points on two goals and three assists this season.

**2016 DEFENSIVE REWIND**

Notre Dame's defense limited its opponents to just nine goals over the course of the 2016 season, matching Florida State for fewest goals allowed in the ACC. The Irish also finished the 2016 season ranked second in the ACC in goals against average with a .40 mark on the season. The Irish shut out their opponents on 15 occasions in 2016 -- tied for most in the conference.

## SPLIT STATS/HIGH-LOW

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

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 Aug 31, 2017)**  
**All games**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>	<b>##</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>sh</b>	<b>sh%</b>	<b>sog</b>	<b>sog%</b>	<b>gw</b>	<b>pk-att</b>
Aug 18	BUTLER	To2 0-0	637	10	Jennifer Westendorf	4	2	3	7	23	.087	8	.348	0	0-0
Aug 20	BALL STATE	w 4-0	903	9	Natalie Jacobs	4	2	0	4	4	.500	3	.750	1	0-0
Aug 25	vs Minnesota	To2 1-1	0	16	Sandra Yu	4	1	2	4	9	.111	5	.556	0	0-0
Aug 27	at IOWA	w 2-0	557	2	Katie Uhler	2	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
				14	Eva Hurm	4	0	2	2	7	.000	1	.143	0	0-0
				4	Sammi Fisher	4	0	1	1	12	.000	4	.333	0	0-0
				3	Natalie Ward	4	0	0	0	4	.000	3	.750	0	0-0
				13	Ginny McGowan	4	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
				32	Meghan Doyle	4	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				28	Kaitlin Klawunder	4	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
				22	Megan McCashland	4	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
				8	Sabrina Flores	4	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				5	Alexis MartelLamothe	2	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
				17	Rachel Heard	4	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
				29	Taylor Klawunder	4	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
				25	Monica Flores	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				19	Jenna Winebrenner	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				15	Ann Marie Niro	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				11	Shannon Hendricks	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
				6	Samantha Zepponi	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
					Total	4	7	8	22	74	.095	31	.419	2	0-0
					Opponents	4	1	0	2	39	.026	15	.385	0	0-0

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>OPP</b>
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	7-74	1-39
Goals scored per game	1.75	0.25
Shot pct.	.095	.026
Shots on goal-Attempts	31-74	15-39
SOG pct.	.419	.385
Shots/Game	18.5	9.8
CORNER KICKS	23	9
PENALTY KICKS	0-0	0-0
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Yellow cards	2	1
Red cards	0	0
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	1540	557
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/770	1/557
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/0	

<b>##</b>	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAAvg</b>	<b>Saves</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>W-L-T</b>	<b>Sho</b>
1	Brooke Littman	4	400:00	1	0.22	14	.933	2-0-2	3/0
	Total	4	400:00	1	0.22	14	.933	2-0-2	3
	Opponents	4	400:00	7	1.58	24	.774	0-2-2	1

<b>Goals by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Notre Dame	2	5	0	0	7
Opponents	0	1	0	0	1

<b>Shots by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Notre Dame	33	37	1	3	74
Opponents	13	24	1	1	39

<b>Saves by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Notre Dame	7	7	0	0	14
Opponents	11	12	0	1	24

<b>Corners by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Notre Dame	15	6	0	2	23
Opponents	6	3	0	0	9

<b>Fouls by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>Total</b>
Notre Dame	17	19	1	5	42
Opponents	17	22	2	1	42