



# **Irish Overcome Adversity Again During Record-Setting 2003 Season**

One of the best seasons in the Notre Dame program's storied history ends in disappointing fashion.

The Notre Dame women's soccer program headed into the later stages of its 2002 season riding a surge that caused plenty of excitement for that '02 cam-

paign but also pointed to a very promising 2003 season that was just 10 months away. Defensive midfield leader Ashley Dryer was the only graduating senior on the 2002 squad, setting the stage for a veteran-led contingent the following fall.

# 2003 ND Women's Soccer **Award Winners**

Hermann Trophy Player of Year Final-15 List Amy Warner (Sr., F) Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)

NSCAA All-America - First Team Amy Warner (Sr., F)

NSCAA All-America - Second Team Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)

Soccer Buzz All-America - First Team Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)

Soccer Buzz All-America - Second Team Amy Warner (Sr., F)

# **NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region**

First Team

Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D) Amy Warner (Sr., F)

Second Team

Erika Bohn (So., G)

Mary Boland (Jr., F)

Soccer America Freshman All-America First Team

Jen Buczkowski (M)

Soccer Buzz Freshman All-America First Team

Ien Buczkowski (M)

Second Team

Christie Shaner (D)

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)

BIG EAST Co-Rookie of the Year

Christie Shaner (D)

All-BIG EAST

First Team

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Second Team

Christie Shaner (Fr., D)

BIG EAST All-Rookie Team

Ien Buczkowski (M)

Christie Shaner (D)

That ideal optimism for 2003 took  $\alpha$  hit in the 2002 third-round NCAA tournament game at top-ranked Stanford - when All-America right back Candace Chapman suffered an MCL knne injury while all-BIG EAST midfielder Randi Scheller was battling a nagging hip condition that ultimately would hold her out of the '03 and '04 seasons.

Chapman recovered in the offseason and was set to play with Canada in the 2003 Women's World Cup, but she was injured during a Canadian scrimmage versus a men's team. The resulting ACL injury left Canada without its standout flank midfielder while the Irish would have to cope in 2003 without the services of one of the top young players in the world.

Despite those setbacks, fifth-year head coach Randy Waldrum - who would be named one of six finalists for 2003 national coach of the year – and his staff masterfully guided the '03 Notre Dame squad into a display of regular-season domination that ranks among the best in the program's storied history.

The Irish steamrolled to an 18-0-1 start (the fourth-longest unbeaten streak in the program's history) before seeing Michigan generate only three scoring chances but cash all of them in, handing Notre Dame a 3-2 loss in the regular-season finale. The injury curse then reappeared in the postseason, sidelining senior central back Melissa Tancredi and forward Amy Warner (who both would go on to earn All-America honors).

Ultimately, the 2003 squad lost 107 total games due to injury and the impact of Tancredi and Warner's absence was seen in  $\alpha$  2-1 loss to Boston College in the BIG EAST semifinals and the season-ending 1-0 loss to Michigan in an NCAA second-round rematch (Tancredi also had missed the previous loss to the Wolverines).

While many were left to ponder what could have been, there still was plenty of accomplishments worthy of admiration. The Irish finished 20-3-1 overall and were among the nation's most balanced teams, checking in with a scoring average of 3.04 goals per game (good for third-best out of nearly 300 Division I programs) while the team's 0.49 goals-against average landed fifth in the final NCAA statistical rankings.

Notre Dame occupied the No. 2 spot in the national polls for much of the season and also held the national GAA lead for several



Speedy senior forward Amy Warner joined central defender Melissa Tancredi in earning 2003 All-America

weeks. But it was the domination of the Irish defense that was most impressive throughout the 2003 regular season, quantifiable by both large numbers (a shutout streak that reached nearly 1,000 minutes) and small digits such as 7.18 (the number of minutes ND trailed in the first 19 games) or 2.2 (the average number of shots on goal allowed by the Irish during the entire 2003 season).

Notre Dame actually finished with 20 more goals (73) than opponent shots on goal, ultimately allowing six goals in 20 regular-season games and six more in the disappointing postseason.

The Irish shutout streak stretched over 10 full games, good for fifth place in the NCAA record book and the longest shutout streak by a Division I team since 1999 (equally impressive, the opponents were held to a combined 14 shots on goal during that 10game streak). Notre Dame also set a team record by playing 16 consecutive games without facing a deficit and held 20 of its final 21 opponents to 0-3 shots on goal.



Season

Review

The only minor blemish over the course of the first 19 games was a scoreless tie versus Stanford at the Santa Clara Classic but the Irish rebounded from that effort with a spirited 2-1 win over the hosts, handing the Broncos their first-ever loss in the SCU Classic.

The season had begun on an ominous note with one of the most lopsided openers in the program's history, a 9-1 win over perennial NCAA participant Hartford at the UConn Classic. Junior forward Mary Boland notched a hat trick in that game to become just the second Irish player ever to score in three straight season openers.

Midseason highlights included a pair of 2-0 wins over BIG EAST rivals West Virginia and Connecticut, with neither game as close as the score might indicate.

Freshman Kim Lorenzen turned in an impressive job as Chapman's replacement at right back while Vanessa Pruzinsky shifted from center to left back in 2003, with Tancredi and freshman Christie Shaner emerging as a formidable duo in the middle.

Senior Kimberly Carpenter turned in a breakthrough season as the team's attacking midfielder while freshman Jen Buczkowski had a strong first season playing mostly in the holding midfielder role. A combination of players - used to match the situation and opponent - then rounded out the midfield unit, with sophomore Annie Schefter, freshman Jill Krivacek and versatile rookie Lizzie Reed each logging major minutes in the 2003 Irish midfield.

named an NSCAA first team All-American) and Boland (12G-4A), who joined Warner (10G-12A) on the first team all-BIG EAST squad. Sophomore Katie Thorlakson (10G-11A) also surged as a clutch goalscorer and gritty frontrunner, with Waldrum utilizing a regular rotation that also included senior Amanda Guertin (11G-6A) and sophomore Maggie Manning.

The Irish were the nation's only team that entered the 2003 postseason with four double-digit goalscorers (Boland, Warner, Guertin and Thorlakson) while eight different Notre Dame players posted multiple-goal games during the '03 campaign.

The Irish extended several noteworthy streaks in 2003, with the 2-1 win over Miami in the BIG EAST quarterfinals representing Notre Dame's 50th consecutive home win over a BIG EAST opponent and keeping alive the program's unbeaten mark in overtime (12-0-4) that dates back to the 1999 opener. The Irish also tied a team record for consecutive games without allowing multiple goals (24, extending from the '02 season).

The efficient Notre Dame offense finished the season by averaging one goal for every 3.4 shots on goal while the Irish defense held 11 opponents to one shot on goal and had one 149-minute stretch spanning the Butler and Georgetown games in which neither team managed a shot on net.

Warner and Tancredi both were among the final 15 candidates for the Hermann Trophy player-of-the-year award, with Tancredi also taking home BIG EAST defensive player of the year while Shaner was the BIGEAST rookie of the year and Buczkowski a Soccer

Notre Dame's system again featured a forechecking forward unit and that element was in full force during the 2003 season, led America Freshman All-American. by senior Warner (ND's first forward ever

## 2003 Notre Dame Women's Soccer Team

Sitting (from left): Lizzie Reed, Amy Warner, Jenny Walz, Sarah Halpenny, Kim Lorenzen, Katie Thorlakson, Kim Carpenter and Becky Tweneboah.

Kneeling (from left): Miranda Ford, Molly Iarocci, Kari Kennedy, Amber McMillin, Maggie Manning, Claire Gallerano, Jen Buczkowski, Amanda Guertin, Christie Shaner and Annie Schefter.

Standing (from left): assistant coach Alvin Alexander, volunteer assistant Ben Waldrum, athletic trainer Jamie Cranage, Vanessa Pruzinsky, Mary Boland, Jill Krivacek, Nikki Westfall, Erika Bohn, Gudrun Gunnarsdottir, Kate Tulisiak, Melissa Tancredi, head coach Randy Waldrum, assistant coach Dawn Greathouse and senior manager Matt Gilsinger.

Not Pictured: Candace Chapman and Randi Scheller.

Pruzinsky - who had graduated in May of '04 with a 4.0 final GPA as a chemical engineering major became the first Division I women's soccer player to be a three-year, first-team Academic All-American. She also was named the Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer and combined with second-team honorees Erika Bohn and Boland in making Notre Dame

the first women's soccer program ever to produce three Academic All-Americans in the same season.

## 2003 ND Women's Soccer **Award Winners**

CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr., D)

### CoSIDA Academic All-Americans

First Team

Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr., D)

Second Team

Erika Bohn (So., G) Mary Boland (Jr., F)

CoSIDA Academic All-District V

First Team

Erika Bohn (So., G) Mary Boland (Jr., F)

Kimberly Carpenter (Sr., M) Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr., D)

BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week Mary Boland (Sept. 1)

Amy Warner (Oct. 13)

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sept. 15) Melissa Tancredi (Oct. 6, 13)

BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week Erika Bohn (Oct. 20)

UConn Classic All-Tournament Team

Erika Bohn (So., G) Mary Boland (Ir., F)

Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Sr., D) Amy Warner (Sr., F)

Notre Dame Classic All-Tournament Team

Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr., D) – def. MVP Jen Buczkowski (Fr., M) - offensive MVP Erikα Bohn (So., G)

Mary Boland (Jr., F)

Kim Lorenzen (Fr., D) Amy Warner (Sr., F)

Santa Clara Classic All-Tournament Team

Christie Shaner (Fr., D) – def. MVP Katie Thorlakson (So., F) - offensive MVP Mary Boland (Jr., F)

Amy Warner (Sr., F)



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Pla	yer	GP/GS	G	A	Pts	Shots	GWG	YC	G	A	Pts	GWG
12	Amy Warner (Sr., F)	22/21	10	12	32	60	2	2	37	25	99	11
7	Katie Thorlakson (So., F)	24/19	10	11	31	46	4	5	14	14	42	5
10	Mary Boland (Jr., F)	21/15	12	4	28	59	5	0	19	6	144	6
6	Amanda Guertin (Sr., F)	24/13	11	6	28	62	3	0	48	27	123	18
25	Kimberly Carpenter (Sr., M)	24/20	6	5	17	34	3	0	8	6	20	3
9	Jen Buczkowski (Fr., M)	24/23	4	6	14	37	0	0	4	6	14	0
11	Annie Schefter (So., M)	24/19	4	5	13	29	1	0	4	5	13	1
17	Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)	21/20	4	5	13	16	1	2	12	9	33	2
13	Maggie Manning (So., F)	22/3	4	2	10	27	0	0	0	6	6	18
24	Jill Krivacek (Fr., M)	23/6	2	3	7	20	1	0	2	3	7	1
15	Lizzie Reed (Fr., M/D)	23/8	2	1	5	17	0	0	2	1	5	0
18	Christie Shaner (Fr., D)	23/20	1	3	5	11	0	1	1	3	5	0
5	Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr., D)	23/22	0	4	4	8	0	1	2	10	14	0
16	Becky Tweneboah (Fr., D)	6/0	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	1	3	0
23	Molly Iarocci (Fr., F)	8/0	1	0	2	6	0	0	1	0	2	0
26	Amber McMillin (So., D)	6/0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	2	2	0
2	Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Jr., D)	18/11	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	0
4	Kim Lorenzen (Fr., D)	23/20	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
28	Miranda Ford (So., D)	8/0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Claire Gallerano (Fr., M)	6/0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Sarah Halpenny (Jr., M)	8/0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	0
22	Kari Kennedy (Fr., D)	3/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Kate Tulisiak (Jr., D)	2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- 1	Erika Bohn (So., G)	24/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Nikki Westfall (Fr., G)	7/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Notre Dame		73	70	216	455	20	12				
Opp	onents	24	12	6	30	116	3	7				

Corner Kicks: Notre Dame 113, Opponents 74. Fouls: Notre Dame 341, Opponents 268.

Score by Periods									
<u>Overall</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	OT	OT	<u>Total</u>				
Notre Dame	40	31	2	0	73				
Opponents	7	5	0	0	12				

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Goalkeeper	GP/GS	Min.	GA	GAA	Saves	ShO	W-L-T	Min.	GA	GAA	Saves	ShO	W-L-T
Erika Bohn (So.)	24/24	2,028:52	11	0.49	35	11 (4)	20-2-1	3,646:56	34	0.81	92	11 (8)	12-7-0
Nikkie Westfall (F	r.) 7/0	161:24	1	0.56	4	0 (4)	0-0-0	161:24	1	0.56	4	0 (4)	
Notre Dame	24	2,190:16	12	0.49	41	15	20-2-1						
Opponents	24	2.190:16	73	3.00	175	2	2-20-1						

Shutouts indicate solo/shared Italics indicate players not returning in 2004





# 2003 BIG EAST Women's Soccer Standings

	MID-	ATLANTIC	BIG	EAST				OVE	RALL		
	<b>Pl.</b>	Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PTS	W	L	T	PCT.
	1.	Notre Dame	6	0	0	1.000	18	20	3	1	.854
	2.	West Virginia	4	1	1	.750	13	17	5	2	. 667
	3.	Rutgers	3	2	1	.583	10	10	7	5	. 568
		Villanova	3	2	1	.583	19	15	5	5	.700
	5.	Seton Hall	2	4	0	.333	6	5	12	1	.306
	6.	Pittsburgh	1	4	1	.250	4	5	10	2	.353
	7.	Georgetown	0	6	0	.000	0	7	11	1	.395
NORTHEAST											
	NOR:	THEAST	BIG	EAST				OVE	RALL		
	NOR' <b>Pl.</b>	THEAST <b>Team</b>	BIG <b>W</b>	EAST <u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	Pct.	PTS	OVE W	RALL <u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	PCT.
					<u><b>T</b></u>	<u>Pct.</u> .833	<b>PTS</b>			<u><b>T</b></u>	<b>PCT.</b> .688
	<u>Pl.</u>	<u>Team</u>	W					W	<u>L</u>		
	<b>Pl.</b> l.	<u>Team</u> Connecticut	<b>w</b> 5	<u>L</u>		.833	15	<b>W</b> 15	<u>L</u> 6	3	.688
	<b>P1.</b> 1. 2.	<b>Team</b> Connecticut Boston College	<b>W</b> 5 3	<u>L</u> 1 2	0 1	.833 .583	15 10	<b>W</b> 15 15	<u>L</u> 6 3	3	.688 .786
	<b>P1.</b> 1. 2.	<b>Team</b> Connecticut Boston College St. John's	<b>w</b> 5 3 3	<u>L</u> 1 2 3	0 1 0	.833 .583 .500	15 10 9	<b>W</b> 15 15 9	<b>L</b> 6 3 9	3	.688 .786 .500
	P1. 1. 2. 3.	Team Connecticut Boston College St. John's Miami (Fla.)	<b>w</b> 5 3 3 3	1 2 3 3	0 1 0	.833 .583 .500 .500	15 10 9 9	<u>w</u> 15 15 9	<b>L</b> 6 3 9	3	.688 .786 .500 .500
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# 2003 BIG EAST Awards

Offensive Player of the Year Kristen Graczyk, UConn (Jr., F)

Defensive Player of the Year Melissa Tancredi, Notre Dame (Sr., D)

> Midfielder of the Year Lisa Stoia, West Virginia (Sr.)

Goalkeeper of the Year Kati Taylor, Boston College (So.)

Co-Rookies of the Year Megan Schnur, Connecticut (M/F) Christie Shaner, Notre Dame (D)

Coach of the Year Randy Waldrum, Notre Dame

Tournament MVPs

Def. – Laura Koch (So., D, Villanova)

Off. – Beth Totman (Sr., F, BC)

# 2003 BIG EAST Women's Soccer Tournament

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Melissa Tancredi – the 2003 BIG EAST defensive player of the year – led a dominating '03 Notre Dame defense that allowed just 12 goals and 53 shots on goal while posting 15 shutouts (including an ND-record 10 straight).



Christie Shaner turned in a stellar 2003 season alongside Melissa Tancredi at central defender, earning co-BIG EAST rookie-of-the-year honors.



# 2003 BIG EAST All-Conference Teams

### All-BIG EAST First Team

Chrissie Abbott, Sr., F, West Virginia

\*Mary Boland, Jr., F, Notre Dame

\*Kristen Graczyk, Jr., F, Connecticut

\*Laura Kane, Jr., F, West Virginia

\*Carli Lloyd, Jr., M, Rutgers

Sarah Rahko, Sr., M, Boston College

Megan Schnur, Fr., M, Connecticut

Lisa Stoia, Sr., M, West Virginia

\*Melissa Tancredi, Sr., D, Notre Dame \*Kate Taylor, So., G, Boston College Amy Warner, Sr., F, Notre Dame

## All-BIG EAST Second Team

\*Michelle Biehl, Jr., D, Villanova
\*Kim Brandao, Jr., D, Rutgers
\*Jessica Gjersten, Jr., M/F, Connecticut
Anne-Marie Lapalme, Sr., M, Syracuse
\*Katie McGregor, So., F, Boston College
\*Shara McNeill, So., M, Georgetown
Courtney Rett, Sr., D, St. John's
\*Kaitlin Schmidt, So., F/M St. John's

\*Christie Shamer, Fr., D, Notre Do

\*Christie Shaner, Fr., D, Notre Dame Buffy Wojciehowski, Sr., G, Seton Hall Lindsey Yach, So., F/M, Miami

\* – Indicates 2004 returning player

## BIG EAST All-Rookie Team

Cristina Araps, D, Georgetown

Jen Buczkowski, M, Notre Dame
Nicole Cauzillo, M, West Virginia
Niki Cross, D, Connecticut
Heather Ferron, M, Boston College
Rita Massot, F, Seton Hall
Molly McManus, F, Syracuse
Mary Schneck, D, Boston College
Meghan Schnur, M/F, Connecticut
Christie Shaner, D, Notre Dame

Sheunnen Ta, M, Miami Jamie Weist, M, Villanova



Randy Waldrum's masterful job with the Irish in 2003 included guiding Notre Dame past season-ending injuries to a pair of top starters, with his honors including BIG EAST and NSCAA Mideast Region coach of the year.



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# 2003 University of Notre Dame Women's Soccer

Records: 20-3-1 (Home: 13-2-0, Away: 5-0-0, Neutral: 2-1-1)

BIG EAST: 6-0-0 Mid-Atlantic Division/Great Lakes Region: 4-2-0

	NSCAA Rai	nk				Shots	Corners	Fouls
Date	ND/Opp	Opponent	Result	Score	Attendance	ND/Opp	ND/Opp	ND/Opp
Aug 29	6/–	vs. Hartford (1)	W	9-1	1,106	24/7	5/2	8/10
Aug. 31	6/–	vs. Wake Forest (1)	W	3-0	458	20/8	6/3	12/11
Sept. 5	5/–	Arizona State (2)	W	3-1	1,648	11/11	4/4	8/15
Sept. 7	5/–	Oklahoma (2)	W	5-1	921	27/4	6/0	12/7
Sept. 11	3/–	at St. John's (3)	W	2-0	379	18/6	7/2	12/14
Sept. 13	3/–	Western Kentucky	W	5-0	1,027	21/3	9/2	12/6
Sept. 19	2/24	vs. Stanford (4)	T	0-0 (OT)	1,427	13/7	4/2	15/16
Sept. 21	2/18	at Santa Clara (4)	W	2-1	1,543	14/5	6/1	11/10
Sept. 28	2/-	North Texas	W	8-1	540	31/3	8/2	12/5
Sept. 30	2/–	Indiana State	W	3-0	443	32/1	7/0	4/2
Oct. 3	2/8	West Virginia (5)	W	2-0	621	17/2	9/4	19/11
Oct. 5	2/-	Villanova (5)	W	1-0 (OT)	1,048	16/5	3/2	17/12
Oct. 7	2/-	Butler	W	3-0	605	24/2	5/3	7/7
Oct. 10	2/-	Georgetown (5)	W	6-0	868	18/5	2/3	10/11
Oct. 12	2/–	Miami (3)	W	3-0	936	17/4	7/2	7/12
Oct. 17	2/15	Connecticut	W	2-0	1,845	11/4	3/4	15/11
Oct. 19	2/-	at Pittsburgh (5)	W	1-0	390	18/6	4/1	15/10
Oct. 24	2/–	at Rutgers (5)	W	3-0	789	9/4	2/5	13/13
Oct. 26	2/	at Seton Hall	W	2-0	225	18/6	4/3	13/11
Oct. 29	2/	Michigan	L	2-3	993	19/6	4/2	13/14
Nov. 2	2/-	Miami (6)	W	2-1 (OT)	337	27/5	11/3	8/13
Nov. 7	3/22	vs. Boston College (7	) L	1-2	550	6/6	1/1	17/14
Nov. 14	4/—	Loyola Chicago (8)	W	5-0	909	31/3	12/0	13/5
Nov. 16	4/24	Michigan (8)	L	0-1	567	13/3	7/1	20/12

- (1) UConn Classic
- (2) Notre Dame Classic
- (3) BIG EAST cross-divisional
- (4) Santa Clara Classic
- (5) BIG EAST Mid-Atlantic Division
- (6 BIG EAST quarterfinal

- (7) BIG EAST semifinal
- (8) NCAA First/Second Round

## GAME #1 - Aug. 29 Notre Dame 9, Hartford 1

**STORRS, Conn.** – Despite no preseason exhibitions and facing the challenge of playing minus six injured players, Notre Dame posts the second-most goals in a game during the Randy Waldrum era and most since a 9-2 game vs. Wisconsin in 1999 (also 10-0 vs. Georgetown in '99). Just two previous Irish teams had a more dominating opener, in '93 (12-0 at LaSalle) and '96 (14-0 at Providence).

Annie Schefter (missed '02 with ACL) is one of several "newcomers" with a strong debut, looping a shot that is nudged in by Kimberly Carpenter before assisting Mary Boland's third goal on a corner kick (Boland also assists on an Amanda Guertin goal). Notre Dame improves to 10-1 in its past 11 openers (14-2 overall), including four straight since a heartbreaker in '99 vs. #1 UNC (2-3, double-OT). The Irish totaled just 12 first-half goals in '02 but have five vs. Hartford (on seven shots).

# #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. Kimberly Carpenter (Annie Schefter) 27:01; ND 4. Maggie Manning (-) 28:55; HART 1. Hilde Bakke (Akerlund, 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 (Katie Thorlakson, Schefter) 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: ND 8, HART 10. Offsides: ND 10, HART 10.

## GAME #2 - Aug. 31 Notre Dame 3, Wake Forest 0

STORRS, Conn. – Defensive midfielder Jill Krivacek roofs a left-endline pass from classmate Jen Buczkowski late in the first half, becoming the first Notre Dame freshman to find the net in 2003. Mary Boland adds another goal (knocking in a deflected Amanda Guertin shot) to complete her nine-point weekend.

The 12 goals at the UConn Classic are the most for Notre Dame in back-to-back games since the 1999 team scored 16 in wins over Miami (7-1) and Wisconsin (9-2). The Irish improve to 11-0-1 in their past 12 games versus Atlantic Coast Conference teams other than North Carolina. Notre Dame's all-tournament picks include Boland, Erika Bohn, Gudrun Gunnarsdottir and Amy Warmer

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

ND 1. Jill Krivacek l (Jen Buczkowski, Amy Warner) 44:34; ND 2. Mary Boland 4 (Amanda Guertin) 64:13; ND 3. Amy 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, tm 1).
Fouls: WFU 11, ND 12.
Offsides: WFU 0. ND 4.

# GAME #3 - Sept. 5 Notre Dame 3, Arizona State 1

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** – The Irish endure an early onslaught and trail for 7:18 before surging ahead. Notre Dame improves to 13-1 in its past 14 home openers while Mary Boland sets the Irish record for goals in the first three games of a season (6). Long serves from Jen Buczkowski assist on the first two goals, with Boland scoring on a lunging deflection and Warner later racing clear for a rightside crossing shot to cap the scoring.

Warner becomes the program's 15th all-time player with 30-plus career goals while Erika Bohn saves a penalty kick with the score still 2-1 in the second half. Boland's second goal comes five minutes after her first, taking a pass from Amanda Guertin and looping a shot into the upper right corner of the net.

#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. Sayes: ASU 1 (Kelly Fitzgerald)

Saves: ASU 1 (Kelly Fitzgerald), ND 4 (Erika Bohn).
Fouls: ASU 15, ND8.

Offsides: ASU 0, ND.

## Did You Know?

Mary Boland set the Notre Dame record for goals in the first three games of a season (6), opening 2003 by scoring vs. Hartford (3), Wake Forest (1) and Arizona State (2).



## GAME #4 - Sept. 7 Notre Dame 5, Oklahoma 1

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – The Irish improve to 17-3-2 in all-time home tournaments while the '03 squad becomes the fourth Notre Dame team ever to register three-plus goals in each of its first four games (also '93, '96, '98) and the 20-3 scoring edge compares with fast starts in '93 (24-2), '95 (24-0), '96 (23-1) and '98 (23-1). The last time a Notre Dame team had posted three-plus goals in four straight games came in the '99 postseason.

Amanda Guertin buries a thru-ball from Amy Warner (2-0), becoming the 11th Notre Dame player to reach the 40-goal milestone while notching her 16th career gamewinning goal. Annie Schefter scores her first official goal with the Irish on a 20-yard free kick and later adds her second corner-kick assist of the season (on a goal by Molly Iarocci).

Jen Buczkowski opens the scoring after an early flurry and assists on Guertin's goal to complete a 7-point weekend that earn her ND Classic offensive MVP honors (2G-3A), BIG EAST rookie of the week and a spot on the national player-of-the-week teams by Soccer America and Soccer Buzz.

Fifth-year player Vanessa Pruzinsky earns defensive MVP honors at the ND Classic for the second time in her career (also '01), leading a defense that holds ASU and Oklahoma to a combined 15 shots (6 on target) and 4 corner kicks. Other all-tournament picks include Amy Warner (1G-1A), Kim Lorenzen, Mary Boland (2G vs. ASU) and Erika Bohn (2 GA, saved PK vs. ASU).

## 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 2 (Lizzie Reed) 33:31; ND 4. Annie Schefter 1 (-) 41:09; ND 5. Molly Iarocci 1 (Kimberly Carpenter, Schefter) 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: OU 7, ND 12. Offsides: OU 1, ND 0.

# GAME #5 - Sept. 11 Notre Dame 2, St. John's 0

Jamaica, N.Y. – Amy Warner picks up her 31st career goal and 10th gamewinner (the ninth player in Notre Dame history with double-digit GWGs) while fellow senior Amanda Guertin notches her 41st career goal as the Irish finish with an 18-6 overall shot advantage (10-2 in shots on target).

Warner scores early in the second half after taking a back pass from Katie Thorlakson and ripping a crossing shot from the left side. Guertin later ices the game in the closing moments, taking a pass from Maggie Manning on a counterattack and chipping a shot over the 'keeper for the 2-0 final.

#3 NOTRE DAME 0 2 - 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: ND 12, SJU 14. Offsides: ND 2, SJU 1.



Freshman midfielder Jen Buczkowski made an immediate impact with Irish in 2003, including an MVP performance at the Notre Dame Classic after totaling two goals and three assists in wins over Arizona State and Oklahoma.

## GAME #6 - Sept. 13 Notre Dame 5, W. Kentucky 0

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** – Annie Schefter and Katie Thorlakson both score twice while Amy Warner has a part in three of the Notre Dame goals. The Irish break the game open with a three-goal flurry to start the second half, as Thorlakson scores twice (heading a Maggie Manning cross and one-timing a Warner pass) before drawing a penalty kick (scored by Schefter) – all in a span of 3:33.

The '03 squad becomes the seventh Notre Dame team to win its first six games (also '93-'97, '00) while the 27 goals represent the fourth-most ever scored by an Irish team at the six-game point (37 in '96, 31 in '93 and '95).

Fifth-year player Vanessa Pruzinsky picks up the fifth BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-week award of her career after helping limit St. John's and WKU to nine combined shots (just three on target) and five corner kicks.

W. KENTUCKY 0 0 - 0 #2 NOTRE DAME 2 3 - 5

ND 1. Annie Schefter 2 (Amanda Guertin) 15:18; ND 2. Amy Warner 5 (Mary Boland, Schefter) 19:36; ND 3. Katie Thorlakson 1 (Maggie Manning, Warner) 45:50; ND 4. Thorlakson 2 (Warner) 47:26; ND 5. Schefter 3 (PK) 49:23.

Shots: WKU 0-3 - 3, ND 11-10 - 21. Corner Kicks: WKU 2, ND 9. Saves: WKU 8 (Becky Kasper),

ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0, Nikki Westfall 1).

Fouls: WKU 6, ND 12.

Offsides: WKU 0, ND 12.



## Game #7 - Sept. 19 Notre Dame 0, Stanford 0

**SANTA CLARA, Calif.** - Notre Dame maintains a narrow lead in the Stanford series (4-3-1) while pushing its unbeaten streak in overtime to 14 games (10-0-4), dating back to the '99 opener.

Stanford All-American Nicole Barnhart makes five saves, including a lunging tip that sends an Amanda Guertin chip off the crossbar. Notre Dame's previous scoreless ties had been versus Dayton in '91, North Carolina in '94 (in St. Louis, ending UNC's NCAA-record 92-game win streak) and at Connecticut in 2000.

## #2 NOTRE DAME 0 0 0 0 - 0 #24 STANFORD 0 0 0 0 - 0

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

Corners: 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. Offsides: ND 2, STAN 1.

# GAME #8 - Sept. 21 Notre Dame 2, Santa Clara 1

SANTA CLARA, Calif. – Christie Shaner is named the SCU Classic defensive MVP, BIG EAST rookie of the week and is one of 11 named to the Soccer Buzz national players-of-the-week team after taking a lead role alongside Melissa Tancredi as the central defenders for an Irish squad that holds Stanford and Santa Clara to 12 combined shots (just three on goal) and three combined corner kicks.

Katie Thorlakson is named the SCU Classic's offensive MVP after providing the leftside cross that leads to Mary Boland's early goal before knocking home Boland's deflected shot for the gamewinner versus the host Broncos. Notre Dame's all-tournament picks include Shaner, Thorlakson, Boland and Amy Warner.

Thorlakson lofts a 30-yard cross from the left sideline to set up the first goal in the sixth minute, with Boland sweeping the ball into the right side of the net. The Irish then score the decisive goal in the 63rd minute while battling the intense heat. A tactical move rests Warner and several others to start the second half — with Warner returning moments before battling for possession at the top of the box and playing a pass to Boland. Julie Ryder saves the ensuing low shot but Thorlakson is in position to put the rebound inside the near left post.

Notre Dame – which improves to 5-3-0 in the SCU series – dominates the play in handing the Broncos their first-ever loss in the SCU Classic. The Irish finish with a 14-5 edge in overall shots (8-1 first half) while SCU converts its only shot on net. Boland's goal is her first since scoring six in the first three games of '05 while Marian Dalmy's goal ends Notre Dame's shutout streak at 418 minutes. Just two previous Notre Dame teams had allowed fewer goals in the first eight games (0 in '95, 3 in '97).

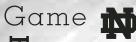
#2 NOTRE DAME 1 1 - 2 #18 SANTA CLARA 0 1 - 1

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. Offsides: ND 7, SCU 0.





Recap

# GAME #9 - Sept. 28 Notre Dame 8, North Texas 1

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – Melissa Tancredi becomes the seventh Notre Dame player with a multi-goal game in '03, after pushing forward to score on a header and lunging volley via Amanda Guertin free kicks. Katie

Thorlakson (2A) continues her surge while Maggie Manning notches her first goal since the opener and Lizzie Reed and Becky Tweneboah add their first goals with the Irish.

North Texas enters as one of the nation's top-scoring teams (3.6 goals per game) but manages just three shots (one on goal).

Guertin scores Notre Dame's quickest goal in the first nine games (4:28), after taking a pass from Amy Warner and sending a 20-yard crossing shot into the lower right corner.

# NORTH TEXAS 0 1 - 1 #2 NOTRE DAME 5 3 - 8

ND 1. Amanda Guertin 5 (Amy Warner) 4:28; ND 2. Melissa Tancredi 1 (Guertin) 6:12; ND 3. Tancredi 2 (Guertin) 35:59; ND 4. Maggie Manning 3 (Kimberly Carpenter) 37:51; ND 5. Lizzie Reed (Katie Thorlakson) 41:56; ND 6. Amy Warner 6 (—) 56:16; ND 7. Mary Boland 8 (Tancredi, Thorlakson) 62:41; NTX 1. Melinda Pina 13 (—) 66:37; ND 8. Becky Tweneboah 1 (Amber McMillin) 81:14.

**Shots:** NTX 2-1 – 3, ND 13-18 – 31. **Corner Kicks:** NTX 1-1 – 2, ND 3-5 – 8. **Saves:** NTX 12 (Briana Buchanan),

ND l (Erikα Bohn 0 in 57:59, Nikki Westfall l).

Fouls: NTX 5, ND 12. Offsides: NTX 0, ND 0.

## GAME #10 - Sept. 30 Notre Dame 3, Indiana State 0

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – Amanda Guertin cracks the Notre Dame top-10 scoring list with her 43rd career goal and 17th gamewinner (two shy of the ND record) while Indiana State becomes the fifth team in '03 that fails to post a rare win over Notre Dame in the series opener. The Irish improve to 35-5 in their last 40 series openers (since '93) and 36-3-1 versus first-time visitors to Alumni Field in that 11-year stretch.

Notre Dame compiles a dominating 32-1 shot edge, with Guertin taking a pass from Amy Warner and sidestepping a pair of defenders before drilling the ball into the lower right corner. Mary Boland later scores on a penalty kick and supplies the cross that leads to Kimberly Carpenter's header to cap the scoring.

INDIANA STATE 0 0 - 0 #2 NOTRE DAME 2 1 - 3

ND 1. Amanda Guertin 6 (Amy Warner) 10:01; ND 2. Mary Boland 9 (PK) 41:29; ND 3. Kimberly Carpenter 2 (Boland) 51:19.

**Shots:** ISU 0-1 – 1, ND 17-15 – 32. **Corner Kicks:** ISU 0-0 – 0, ND 5-2 – 7. **Saves:** ISU 13 (Carey Patton),

ND 1 (Erika Bohn 1, Nikki Westfall 0).

Fouls: ISU 2, ND 4.
Offsides: ISU 0, ND 1.

## GAME #11 - Oct. 3 Notre Dame 2, West Virginia 0

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** – Mary Boland scores Notre Dame's earliest goal of the season (1:24) and the Irish turn in a dominating effort with constant pressure, holding West Virginia to a single shot on goal while pushing the program's BIG EAST home winning streak to 45 games (dating back to '95). The Irish stay unbeaten after 11 games for the sixth time in the past 13 seasons.

Melissa Tancredi's long service assists on Boland's skillful high volley to open the scoring. Amy Warner is possibly the player of the game, buzzing all over the field to lead the pressuring Irish presence.

Warner sets up the second goal after speeding away from the defense and forcing a Katie Thorlakson leftside corner kick, with Tancredi deflecting the ball and Kimberly Carpenter scoring on a volley.

Notre Dame holds a 9-2 corner-kick edge until the final minute, when the Mountaineers tack on two more corners.

### #5 WEST VIRGINIA 0 0 - 0 #2 NOTRE DAME 1 1 - 2

ND 1. Mary Boland 10 (Melissa Tancredi) 1:24; ND 2. Kimberly Carpenter 3 (Tancredi, Katie Thorlakson) 53:14.

**Shots:** WVU 1-1 - 2, ND 6-11 - 17. **Corner Kicks:** WVU 0-4 - 4, ND 4-5 - 9.

Saves: WV 9 (Lana Bannerman), ND 1 (Erika Bohn).

Fouls: WVU 11, ND 19. Offsides: WVU 4, ND 4.

Yellow Card: Katie Thorlakson 2 (ND) 50:31.

## GAME #12 - Oct. 5 Notre Dame 1, Villanova 0

NOTRE DAME, Ind. - Katie Thorlakson takes α short free-kick pass from Kimberly Carpenter and drills home α low, leftfooted shot from 24 yards to continue Notre Dame's overtime streak (11-0-4 since '99). Villαπονα – which manages only one shot on goal – had allowed just five goals in its previous 12 games.

The goal gives Thorlakson 12 points (4G-4A) in an eight-game stretch. She becomes the seventh different Irish player to score in overtime during the five-year Randy Waldrum era.

VILLANOVA 0 0 0 - 0 #2 NOTRE DAME 0 0 1 - 1

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 4 (Kimberly Carpenter)

**Shots:** VILL 2-2-1 – 5, ND 6-8-2 – 16.

**Corner Kicks:** VILL 2-0-0 -2, ND 2-1-0 -3. **Saves:** VILL 7 (Chrissy Dolan), ND 1 (Bohn).

Fouls: VILL 12, ND 17.

Offsides: VILL 1, ND 1.

Yellow Card: Lindsey Finnegan (VILL) 14:25.

## GAME #13 - Oct. 7 Notre Dame 3, Butler 0

**Notre Dame, Ind.** – Kimberly Carpenter continues her recent scoring binge by notching the game's first goal (her fifth consecutive game with a point) while Amy Warner adds a goal and delivers the point-blank shot that leads to an own-goal.

Notre Dame stays unbeaten after 13 games for the fifth time in the program's history and completes a rare stretch of three games in five days while posting its fourth straight shutout. The Irish take the final 23 shots of the game and hold their opponent to 0-1 shots on goal for the 10th straight game.

Carpenter knocks home a dropped cross to open the scoring before Warner takes a pass from Jen Buczkowski and races free for a leftside shot between the goalkeeper's legs. Warner's goal is the 34th of her career, good for 13th in Notre Dame history.

# BUTLER 0 0 - 0 #2 NOTRE DAME 1 2 - 3

**ND 1.** Kimberly Carpenter 4 (-) 33:25; **ND 2.** Amy Warner 7 (Jen Buczkowski) 53:52; **ND 3.** own goal 79:16.

Shots: Butler 2-0 – 2, ND 6-18 – 24.

Corner Kicks: Butler 2-1 – 3, ND 2-3 – 5.

Saves: Butler 10 (Katie Sanders 8, team 2),
ND 1 (Frika Bohn)

Fouls: Butler 7, ND 7.
Offsides: Butler 0, ND 3.

Yellow Card: Kate Lord (Butler) 29:04.

## GAME #14 - Oct. 10 Notre Dame 6, Georgetown 0

**Notre Dame, Ind.** – The Irish score early and often as Notre Dame remains unbeaten after 14 games for the fourth time in the program's history. Kimberly Carpenter pushes her point-scoring streak to six games by finding the net at the 5:39 mark, the sixth time in '03 that Notre Dame had scored in the first 7:00.

The efficient offense cashes in six of 18 shots while the defense does not allow a shot until the 63rd minute, yielding a streak of 138 minutes in which Notre Dame held its opponents without a shot (including most of the Butler game).

Amy Warner (1G-1A) and Amanda Guertin (2G) combine to play a role in four of the goals while the game marks the fifth time in '03 that the Irish had scored 5-plus goals.

### GEORGETOWN 0 0 - 0 #2 NOTRE DAME 2 4 - 6

ND 1. Kimberly Carpenter 5 (Vanessa Pruzinsky, Amy Warner) 5:39; ND 2. Maggie Manning 4 (Pruzinsky) 36:37; ND 3. Amanda Guertin 7 (Maggie Manning) 46:46; ND 4. Warner 8 (-) 49:16; ND 5. Guertin 8 (Jen Buczkowski, Jill Krivacek) 69:29; ND 6. Annie Schefter 4 (Becky Tweneboah) 78:44.

**Shots:** GU 0-5 - 5, ND 8-10 - 18. **Corner Kicks:** GU 1-2 - 3, ND 1-1 - 2.

Saves: GU 5 (Erin Mazursky 5, Louise Butler 0), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0, Nikki Westfall 1).

Fouls: GU 11, ND 10. Offsides: GU 0, ND 3. ND 1.

Yellow Card: Katie Thorlakson 3 (ND) 76:26.

# **Dominating Defense**

Notre Dame's record-setting defensive effort in the 2003 season included: a 10-game shutout streak that ranks 5th in the NCAA record book (best since 1999); allowing just 53 shots on goal in 24 games played; an ND-record 16 consecutive games without a deficit; 22 games with 0-1 goals allowed (15 shutouts; and just one two-goal deficit faced during the entire 2003 season.



# GAME #15 - Oct. 12 Notre Dame 3, Miami 0

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** – More balanced offense and dominating defense cap a rugged stretch of six games in 13 days while Notre Dame extends its string of holding the opponent to 0-2 shots on goal to 12 games.

Freshman central back Christie Shaner picks up her first point on a rightside corner kick in the 21st minute, with Katie Thorlakson redirecting the ball on a nearpost flick before Mary Boland scores on a leftside header. Melissa Tancredi's long thru-ball and Thorlakson's "dummy" play later spring Amanda Guertin for her 46th career goal. Thorlakson caps the win by knocking in a rebound of a Jill Krivacek shot.

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<b>#2 NOTRE DAME</b>	1	2	-	3

ND 1. Mary Boland 11 (Katie Thorlakson, Christie Shaner) 20:37; ND 2. Amandα Guertin 9 (Melissα Tancredi); ND 3. Thorlakson 5 (Jill Krivacek) 56:25.

Shots: MIA 1-3 – 4, ND 8-9 – 17.
Corner Kicks: MIA 0-2 – 2, ND 2-5 – 7.
Saves: MIA 4 (Alex Alford), ND 2 (Erikα Bohn).
Fouls: MIA 12, ND 7. YC: Ashley Durkee (MIA) 34:53.
Offsides: MIA 0, ND 5.

# GAME #16 - Oct. 17 Notre Dame 2, Connecticut 0

Notre Dame, Ind. – The Irish overcome the absence of leading scorer Mary Boland while turning in another strong defensive effort as Notre Dame completes a rare eight-game homestand. Katie Thorlakson scores on a Christie Shaner corner-kick sequence and Lizzie Reed adds a goal in her first action at forward, jumping on a loose ball and burying a crossing shot from the right side. Erika Bohn makes a tough point-blank save in the 30th minute, sprinting off her line and leaping forward to thwart UConn leading scorer Jessica Gjersten's breakaway.

Notre Dame holds UConn without a shot on goal for the final 60 minutes. It marks the 13th straight game that the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 shots on goal, with Notre Dame taking over the national goals-against average lead (0.31). The Irish push the program's home winning streak versus BIG EAST teams to 49 games (since '95) and improve their series record vs. UConn to 12-3-2 (6-1-1 in last 8).

### #15 CONNECTICUT 0 0 - 0 #2 NOTRE DAME 2 0 - 2

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 6 (Melissa Tancredi, Shaner) 19:14; ND 2. Lizzie Reed (-) 40:33.

Shots: UConn 3-1 - 4, ND 5-6 - 11.

Corner Kicks: UConn 3-1 - 4, ND 1-2 - 3.

Saves: UConn 5 (Frin Rice) ND 2 (Friba R

Saves: UConn 5 (Erin Rice), ND 2 (Erika Bohn).

Fouls: UC 11, ND 15. YC: Amy Warner 2 (ND) 55:27.

Offsides: UC 0, ND 4.

## GAME #17 - Oct. 19 Notre Dame 1, Pittsburgh 0

**INDIANALO, Pa.** – Mary Boland's return features her fifth game-winning goal of '03 (heading home a long serve from Christie Shaner) while Erika Bohn sets the Notre Dame record for consecutive shutout minutes (789). The Irish overcame the absence of defensive leader Melissa Tancredi to tie a team record with their eighth straight shutout. Pittsburgh is the fresher team, due to a rare Friday off before a conference game. The game is Notre Dame's first away from home in four weeks and just the third in '03 on the opponent's field.

<b>#2 NOTRE DAME</b>	1	0	_	1
PITTSBURGH	0	0	_	0

ND 1. Mary Boland 12 (Christie Shaner) 21:03.

**Shots:** ND 10-8 – 18, Pitt 3-3 – 6. **Corner Kicks:** ND 4. Pitt 1.

Saves: ND 3 (Erika Bohn), Pitt 7 (Jamie Pelusi).

Fouls: ND 15, Pitt 10.

YC: Pittsburgh bench (88:00).

Offsides: ND 2, Pitt 0.

## GAME #18 - Oct. 24 Notre Dame 3, Rutgers 0

PISCATAWAY, N.J. - Notre Dame's Canadian connection of Katie Thorlakson and Melissa Tancredi combine for all three goals and an assist while the defense sets a team record with its ninth straight shutout. Notre Dame strikes for two goals in the first four minutes (its earliest 2-0 lead of '03). Thorlakson scores Notre Dame's second-quickest goal of the season (2:44), via a leftside feed from Amy Warner, before assisting on Tancredi's header with her leftside corner.

#2 NOTRE DAME 3 0 - 3 RUTGERS 0 0 - 0

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 7 (Amy Warner) 2:44; ND 2. Melissa Tancredi 3 (Thorlakson) 3:53; ND 3. Thorlakson 8 (-) 31:27.

**Shots:** ND 5-4 – 9, RU 2-2 – 4. **Corner Kicks:** ND 1-1 – 2, RU 1-4 – 5.

Saves: ND 1 (Erika Bohn), RU 3 (Robyn Jones). Fouls: ND 13, RU 13. Offsides: ND 1, RU 0



Freshman Lizzie Reed filled a valuable utility-player role in 2003 and scored a key goal in the 2-0 win over Connecticut after being shifted to forward.





Erika Bohn extended her Notre Dame record for consecutive solo shutouts to eight in the 2-0 win at Seton Hall.

## GAME #19 - Oct. 26 Notre Dame 2, Seton Hall 0

South Orange, N.J. – Amy Warner scores Notre Dame's quickest goal of the season (1:30, on a near-post shot after a feed from Jill Krivacek) and adds a secondhalf goal while the defense allows just one shot on goal (16th straight game with 0-3 opponent SOGs) and pushes the shutout streak to 10 games (5th in NCAA history). Notre Dame, which again elects to rest Melissa Tancredi, ties a team record for consecutive games without allowing multiple goals (24). Warner becomes the eighth Notre Dame player to post a multiple-goal game in '03 (she also notches her 11th career gamewinning goal while pushing her career goal total to 37).

## #2 NOTRE DAME 1 1 - 2 SETON HALL 0 0 - 0

ND 1. Amy Warner (Jill Krivacek) 1:30; ND 2. Warner (Katie Thorlakson, Gudrun Gunnarsdottir) 60:02.

**Shots:** ND 5-13 – 18, SHU 2-4 – 6. **Corner Kicks:** ND 2-2 – 4, SHU 0-3 – 3.

Saves: ND 1 (Erika Bohn), SHU 8 (Buffy Wojciehowski).

Fouls: ND 13, SHU 11. Offsides: ND 7, SHU 0

# **Did You Know?**

Notre Dame's 2003 freshman class was ranked No. 5 in the nation and featured three high school All-Americans in the form of Jen Buczkowski, Christie Shaner and Lizzie Reed.



# Game 🖠

## **GAME #20 - Oct. 29** MICHIGAN 3, NOTRE DAME 2

NOTRE DAME, Ind. - Michigan - facing a must-win for its NCAA postseason chances - manages just a handful of scoring chances but converts each of them before holding off an injury-hampered Irish squad that is forced to play without two of its top players, Melissa

Tancredi and Mary Boland. Michigan does not attempt a shot in the final 41 minutes while going into a defensive shell to hold off the Irish onslaught.

The Wolverines claim an early lead, move back in front in the 30th minute and then take a 3-1 lead early in the second half. Michigan capitalizes on its only two corner-kicks of the game. The game ends several Notre Dame streaks: 16 games without a deficit, 10 straight shutouts, Erika Bohn's 981-minute shutout streak, 24 games without multiple goals allowed, 27 games without a two-goal deficit, 12 consecutive wins and a 19-game unbeaten streak. The Irish come one game shy of the program's fourth unbeaten regular season. It marks the first time in 17 games that the opponent has more than three shots on goal (6).

#### **MICHIGAN** 3 **#2 NOTRE DAME** 1 2

**UM 1.** Katie Kramer 3 (-) 11:07; **ND 1.** Amanda Guertin 10 (Vanessa Pruzinsky) 12:08; UM 2. Therese Heaton 2 (Robyn Vince) 31:43; UM 3. Stephanie Chavez 5 (-) 48:12; **ND 2.** Katie Thorlakson 9 (Amy Warner) 68:23.

**Shots:** UM 3-3 - 6, ND 9-10 - 19.

Corner Kicks: UM 1-1 - 2, ND 3-1 - 4.

Saves: UM 8 (Megan Tuura), ND 3 (Erika Bohn 2, team 1). Fouls: UM 14, ND 13.

Offsides: UM 0, ND 7.



Amanda Guertin extended her Notre Dame record for overtime goals (4) in the BIG EAST quarterfinal game versus Miami (2-1), giving her 18 career gamewinning goals (one shy of the Notre Dame record).

## **GAME #21 - Nov. 2 BIG EAST Quarterfinal** Notre Dame 2, Miami 1

NOTRE DAME, Ind. - Amanda Guertin takes a free-kick tap in overtime from Kimberly Carpenter and rips a 20-yard shot into the upper right corner for her 18th career game-winner (one shy of Jenny Heft's team record). Guertin adds to her own Notre Dame record with her fourth overtime goal (48th overall goal). Notre Dame remains unbeaten in 16 straight overtime games (12-0-4), overcoming the continued absence of top scorer Mary Boland and a fluke Hurricanes goal (ND then holds Miami without a shot for 52 minutes).

The Irish hold  $\alpha$  27-5 edge in total shots and 10-3 in shots on goal (17th time in 18 games the opponent is held to 0-3 SOG) while failing to cash in a commanding 11-3 edge in corner kicks. Carpenter has the primary assist on the first goal, with her right-corner pass setting up Thorlakson's quick shot to the left post.

The Irish improve to 29-2 in all-time postseason games at home and 19-0 in all BIG EAST Tournament games while posting the program's 50th consecutive home win over a BIG EAST opponent, dating back to '95. Miami joins Santa Clara as the only teams to come from behind and tie Notre Dame in '03.

#### **MIAMI** 0 **#2 NOTRE DAME** 0 2

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 10 (Kimberly Carpenter, Amy Warner) 15:47; MIA 2. Jackie Garcia 1 17:26; ND 2. Amanda Guertin 11 (Carpenter) 92:54.

**Shots:** MIA 3-2-0 - 5, ND 12-13-2 - 27.

**Corner Kicks:** MIA 2-1-0 - 3, ND 7-4-0 - 11.

Saves: MIA 8 (Alex Alford 7, team 1), ND 2 (Erika Bohn).

Fouls: MIA 13, ND 8. Offsides: MIA 0. ND 2.

Yellow Cards: Britney Butcher (MIA) 92:29; Ashley Durkee (MIA) 92:53.

# **GAME #22 - Nov. 7 BIG EAST Semifinal Boston College 2, Notre Dame 1**

**PISCATAWAY, N.J.** – Heather Ferron scores after a failed clearing attempt in the 8th minute and Beth Totman adds an 18-yard strike early in the second half as Boston College capitalizes on the absence of injured Notre Dame leading scorer Amy Warner. The Irish suffer their first-ever loss in conference tournament play (now 25-1-0), including an unbeaten mark in 19 previous BIG EAST Tournament games.

A fierce battle for possession, in primarily the middle third, sees each team manage just six shots (an ND season-low) and one corner kick. Boston College places just three of its six shots on goal but cashes in the first two. Notre Dame makes a change in strategy after facing the 2-0 deficit, shifting Melissa Tancredi back into her former forward position.

Vanessa Pruzinsky sets up the Irish goal on a long service from the left side, with Tancredi snapping a header from the right side of the box into the left side of the goal. Warner's streaks of 70 consecutive games and 64 straight starts come to an end.

#### #22 BOSTON COLLEGE 1 2 **#3 NOTRE DAME** 1

**BC 1.** Heather Ferron 5 (-) 7:32; **BC 2.** Beth Totman 13 (Sarah Rahko) 49:02; **ND 1.** Melissa Tancredi 4 (Vanessa Pruzinsky) 63:37.

**Shots:** BC 3-3 - 6, ND 5-1 - 6.

**Corner Kicks:** BC 0-1 - 1, ND 0-1 - 1.

Saves: BC 4 (Kate Taylor), ND 1 (Erika Bohn).

Fouls: BC 16, ND 17.

Offsides: BC 2, ND 3.

Yellow Cards: Katie Thorlakson 4 (ND, 61:30),

Tancredi 2 (ND, 63:37).

# **GAME #23 - Nov. 14 NCAA First Round** Notre Dame 5, Loyola Chicago 0

NOTRE DAME, Ind. - The Irish offense outscored 6-5 in its previous three games while totaling just 11 scores in the previous seven - rediscovers its offensive spark despite starting the game minus top scorers Amy Warner, Mary Boland and Amanda Guertin. The Irish improve to 30-2 in all-time postseason games at Alumni Field, thanks to four firsthalf goals and an overall edge of 20-1 in shots on goals (plus 12-0 on corner kicks).

The early onslaught includes a goal from Kimberly Carpenter, a pair of scores by Jen Buczkowski and the first goal of the season from her fellow freshman, defender Christie Shaner (yet another freshman, Jill Krivacek, scores in the second half).

Notre Dame reaches 20 wins for the eight time in 10 seasons while holding the opponent to one shot on goal for the 11th time in '03. The game is the most productive for the Irish midfield in a month – with Carpenter (chip from top of box), Buczkowski (rightside crossing shot, and Annie Schefter (chipped free kick that led to Buczkowski's second goal, a quick shot from a tough angle) combining for three goals and an assist.

Shaner heads in a Katie Thorlakson corner kick shortly before halftime for a 3-0 cushion, with Krivacek later ripping home a loose ball to cap the scoring.

### **LOYOLA CHICAGO #3 NOTRE DAME**

**ND 1.** Kimberly Carpenter 6 (-) 15:32; **ND 2.** Jen Buczkowski 3 (Katie Thorlakson) 35:48; **ND 3.** Christie Shaner l (Thorlakson) 42:35; **ND 4.** Buczkowski 4 (Annie Schefter) 44:23; **ND 5.** Jill Krivacek 2 (-) 47:19.

**Shots:** LOY 0-3 - 3, ND 15-16 - 31. Corner Kicks: LOY 0-0 - 0, ND 4-8 - 12. Saves: LOY 15 (Heather Joseph 8, Emily Peick 7), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0, Nikki Westfall 0).

Fouls: LOY 5, ND 13. Offsides: LOY 1, ND 1.

# **GAME #23 - Nov. 16 NCAA** Second Round MICHIGAN 1, NOTRE DAME 0

NOTRE DAME, Ind. - The second-seeded Irish see their season come to a frustrating end, as Michigan uses its only corner kick to produce its only shot on goal and the game's only scoring. Notre Dame fails to crack Michigan's defensive shell as Stephanie Chavez's 52nd-minute goal holds up in the 1-0 final. It marks just the third time that the Irish have lost a postseason game at home (30-3).

Notre Dame plays the entire first half without eventual All-Americans Amy Warner and Melissa Tancredi, who helps create some scoring chances after being inserted at forward.

Michigan manages just three total shots in the game, including none in the final 38 minutes – completing  $\alpha n$ amazing stretch in which Notre Dame held 20 of its final 21 opponents to 0-3 shots on goal.

## **MICHIGAN #3 NOTRE DAME**

MICH 1. Stephanie Chavez 6 (Robyn Vince) 51:38.

**Shots:** MICH 2-1 - 3, ND 6-7 - 13.

Corner Kicks: MICH 0-1 - 1, ND 2-5 - 7.

Saves: MICH 6 (Megan Tuura), ND 0 (Erika Bohn). Fouls: MICH 12, ND 20.

Offsides: MICH 1, ND 5.

Yellow Cards: Katie Thorlakson 5 (ND, 22:07), Kimberly Carpenter 1 (ND, 61:20), Katie Kramer (MICH, 63:25), Kim Lorenzen 1 (ND, 79:01), Christie Shaner 1 (ND,







Kimberly Carpenter

#25

Class of 2004 - Midfielder

Webster, New York
Our Lady of Mercy H.S.

CoSIDA Academic All-District V Notre Dame Athletics Francis Patrick O'Connor Award

Former invited walk-on who emerged as key leader of 2003 team, as starter at attacking midfield spot ... received prestigious Francis Patrick O'Connor Award, which annually recognizes one Notre Dame male and female studentathlete who embody traits such as team inspiration, courage, humility, honesty and patience ... filled in as a starter at outside back in 2002, as Irish coped with injuries to several

defensive regulars ... skillful and speedy player with solid all-around skills ... proved to be comfortable on the ball and a steady performer under pressure ... received a certificate in 2003 for her participation in the athletic department's Leadership Institute ... one of several with Notre Dame ties who play for the W-League's Fort Wayne Fever in the summer of '04.

AS A SENIOR: Earned first team Academic All-District V honors in 2003 (qualifying her for the Academic All-America ballot), as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America ... finished as Notre Dame's fifth-leading scorer in 2003 (6 goals, 5 assists), also ranking second on team with three game-winning goals ... appeared in all 24 games, with 20 starts as attacking midfielder ... senior leader for nation's second-ranked team that started 19-0-1 before finishing 20-3-1 ... nudged in Annie Schefter's looping shot for 3-0 lead in opener versus Hartford (9-1, at UConn) ... assisted on Molly Iarocci goal to cap 5-1 win over Oklahoma ... registered points in six straight midseason games ... slid a thru-ball pass to Maggie Manning for goal versus North Texas (8-1) ... headed in a Mary Boland cross to cap 3-0 win over Indiana State ... scored on volley versus West Virginia (2-0), via Melissa Tancredi's deflection and Katie Thorlakson's corner kick ... provided short free-kick pass to Thorlakson, who drilled a 24-yard leftfooted shot through traffic to beat Villanova in overtime (1-0) ... knocked in a rebound goal to open the scoring versus Butler (3-0) before redirecting a Vanessa Pruzinsky pass for 6th-minute goal vs. Georgetown (6-0) ... assisted on both goals in BIG EAST guarterfinal versus Miami (2-1), including her second OT set-piece assist of season ... her pass from the right corner set up Thorlakson's goal at the left post in that game. later adding free-kick tap on Amanda Guertin's

20-yard blast into the upper right corner ... her pressuring presence led the way in NCAA win over Loyola Chicago (5-0) — including a chip from top of the box that spun under the crossbar for 1-0 lead.

AS A JUNIOR: Filled key role in injury-depleted defense by making several starts at outside back, in addition to her usual midfield spot ... one of five players to appear in all 21 games (20 starts) ... member of defense that allowed more than one goal just once in final eight games ... assisted on Amy Warner goal in 3-0 win at Providence ... played both midfield and right back in pair of wins at Maryland Classic ... her pass down right flank led to only goal in win over Michigan, with Thorlakson then sending cross that led to failed clearance and Guertin goal ... had strong all-around game at right back in NCAA second-round win over Purdue (3-1), setting up



first goal with another pass to Thorlakson (Guertin then knocked in her own rebound) ... filled high midfield role in '03 spring exhibition win over Mexican National Team (3-1)

AS A SOPHOMORE: Appeared in 14 of 21 games as one of top midfielders off the bench ... scored in team's biggest offensive game of the season (7-0 vs. St. John's) ... converted in traffic for α 6-0 lead in that game, after Guertin's rightside corner kick ... played in Key Bank Classic wins over Penn State and Hartford and in showdown at BIG EAST rival Connecticut ... saw postseason action versus Boston

College (BIG EAST semifinals) and in NCAA games versus Eastern Illinois and Cincinnati ... had impressive game as attacking midfielder in 3-2 win over Mexican National Team during 2002 spring, knocking in a loose ball to forge 1-1 tie.

AS A FRESHMAN: Appeared in 10 games as reserve defender/midfielder ... scored in 8-0 win at Georgetown ... saw action in 0-0 game at BIG EAST rival Connecticut and final regular-season win at Michigan (5-1) ... gained postseason experience in 3-0 BIG EAST Tournament wins over Miami and Boston College ... had solid showing as a starting defender in 2001 spring scrimmage versus Mexican National Team (2-1).

PREP & PERSONAL: Five-year starter at Our Lady of Mercy High School, joining team in eighth grade ... three-time all-state selection ... two-year team captain and MVP ... attended state and Olympic Development Program camp from '95-'99 (selected to regional pool in '97) ... helped team win two conference crowns and reach state final as a sophomore ... prep teammate of former Florida All-America and current U.S. National Team forward Abby Wambach ... earned three letters in basketball, serving as two-year team captain ... brother Sean played soccer at Cortland State ... brother Brian is a 1998 Notre Dame graduate and was member of student manager program ... daughter of Bob and Kathi Carpenter ... full name is Kimberly Patricia Carpenter ... born Oct. 5, 1981, in Evansville, Ind. ... five-time Dean's List student who graduated from Notre Dame with 3.43 cumulative grade-point average, as pre-professional studies major in the College of Science.

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Carpenter's Career Statistics												
Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	Ā	Pts	GW						
2000	10/0	5	1	0	2	0						
2001	14/0	5	1	0	2	0						
2002	21/20	12	0	1	1	0						
2003	24/20	34	6	5	17	3						
Totals	69/40	56	8	6	22	3						
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**BIG EAST** 

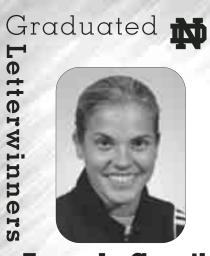
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# **Amanda Guertin**

#6

Class of 2004 - Forward

Grapevine, Texas Grapevine H.S.

### BIG EAST Tournament MVP (2001)

Talented forward known for calm finishing and pinpoint set pieces ... totaled 52 points (21 goals, 10 assists) in 41 games vs. ranked/postseason opponents, including goals in ND-record seven consecutive postseason games ('01-'02) ... totaled 123 points (48G-27A) in 91 career games (76 starts) ... 9th on ND goals list, 2nd in gamewinning goals (18) and 12th in points ... set ND record with goals in 10 consecutive games ('01) - 3rd in NCAA record book behind Brandi Chastain (15, Santa Clara, '90) and Maria Kun (11, Hartford, '97) ... eight of her GWGs came in one-goal games (ND-record four in overtime, one each season) ... holds ND record for OT points (10; 4G-2A) ... joined Anne Makinen ('00) as only players to lead Irish in goals/assists in same season ('02) ... 8th on ND list for career postseason points (28), 5th in postseason goals (13), 2nd in postseason GWGs (5) and GWGs in NCAAs (4), 3rd in NCAA points (20), 2nd in NCAA goals (9) ... tied ND records for first goals in postseason (5, Jenny Streiffer) and NCAAs (3, Amy VanLaecke) ... opened scoring in three '01 postseason games, one shy of Streiffer's record ... her goal vs. WVU in '01 BIG EAST final (2:33) is 5th-quickest in ND postseason history ... ninth to appear in every game of ND career ... she and Amy Warner combined for 85

Guertin's Career Statistics													
Year	Gi	P/GS	S	h	G	A	Pts	GW					
2000	2	5/22	6	3	11	4	26	4					
2001	2	1/20	76	ŝ	15	6	36	6					
2002	2	1/21	8	1	11	11	33	5					
2003	2	4/13	62	2	11	6	28	3					
Totals	9	1/76	28	2	48	27	123	18					
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Events		GP/G	S	G	P	i	Pts	GW					
BIG EA	ST	8/6		5		)	10	2					
NCAAs	5	11/9		8	2	)	18	3					
Totals		19/15	5	13	2	?	28	5					

goals, bested by just five pairs of ND classmates. AS A SENIOR: Finished fourth on team in scor-

ing (11G-6A, 3 GWG) ... scored on PK and via Mary Boland thru-pass, adding booming assist in big opener vs. Hartford (9-1) while Boland knocked in her deflected shot vs. Wake Forest (3-0, both at UConn) ... won 50-50 ball and provided cross for Boland's GWG vs. Arizona State (3-1) ... buried thru-ball from Warner for GWG vs. Oklahoma (5-1) ... scored on counter to cap 2-0 win over St. John's ... her throw-in assisted Annie Schefter GWG vs. Western Kentucky (5-0) ... opened scoring and added free-kick assists on two Melissa Tancredi goals vs. North Texas (8-1) ... added early GWG vs. Indiana State (3-0), 2G vs. Georgetown (6-0) and crossing shot vs. Miami (3-0) ... turned past 'keeper and tied game with fourth career goal vs. Michigan (1-1; 3-2 loss) ... notched 18th career GWG (4th in OT) after taking free-kick from Kim Carpenter and ripping 20-yard shot into upper right corner to beat Miami in BIG EAST quarterfinal (2-1).

AS A JUNIOR: Led team in scoring (11G-11A, 5 GWG) ... 4th among BIG EAST players in points (33), 2nd in assists ... nine of her assists came on pinpoint corners (8) or free kicks ... one of four to start all 21 games ... posted 2A in exhibition vs. UNC ... had 1G-1A vs. Virginia Tech ... key role in 5-2 comeback at Maryland, with CK assists on two Tancredi headers before knocking home deflected Warner shot for GWG ... opened scoring at Villanova (2-1 loss) ... assisted on Warner goal at Georgetown (4-3 loss) ... scored and added corner that led to header versus Pittsburgh (5-0) ... scored in 3-1 loss to Purdue ... had two CK assists (headers by Randi Scheller and Tancredi) in rally vs. UConn (3-1) ... picked off clear and scored into right corner for GWG versus Michigan (1-0) ... her 25-yard free kick clanged off post and led to Candace Chapman goal vs. BYU (3-2 loss) ... BIG EAST player of the week after CK assists in 6-0 win over Syracuse (headers by Scheller and Boland) and ND-record third career OT goal at Boston College (1-0), set up by Warner's left-endline pass in 99th minute (6-yard shot to far sidenetting) ... pounced on turnover and beat 'keeper in NCAA first round vs. Ohio State, later sliding onto Warner cross (3-1) ... completed 9-point weekend with 2G-1A in second round vs. Purdue ... ran onto thru-ball, nudged past 'keeper and cut back before putting back her point-blank shot – later collecting deflected free kick and sliding 8-footer into right side (2-0) followed by rightside corner that set up Tancredi header to finish Boilers (3-1) ... helped beat Mexican National Team in '03 spring (3-1), with 25-yard free kick off crossbar that led to Schefter goal before scoring similar goal after Katie Thorlakson shot off the bar.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Led team in scoring (15G-6A, 6 GWG, 21 GP, 20 GS) while earning MVP at BIG EAST Tournament ... scored 10 of team's final 16 goals ... sidestepped 'keeper and nudged in 14-yarder for 2-0 lead on Penn State (2-1) ... her cross assisted late Warner goal at Hartford (2-0) ... fed Warner for 1-0 lead on Villanova (2-1) ... bent leftside corner into far side vs. Georgetown (2-1) ... flicked Scheller free kick to right side, with Tancredi's endline pass leading to Mia Sarkesian's tap-in vs. Nebraska (1-0) ... scored at Pittsburgh (4-0) ... arched right-side free kick for double-header sequence by Boland and Sarkesian that beat West Virginia (2-1, OT) ... assisted Tancredi header from similar spot vs. St. John's (2nd-quickest goal in ND history, 0:27) and added short corner that led to Sarkesian goal before scoring in 7-0 win (starting 10-game goal streak)  $\dots$  scored at Miami (4-0) and UConn (3-1 loss) ... BIG EAST player of the week after two crossing shots at Yale (2-0) and OT goal at Michigan (2-1), cashing in shanked clearance to left corner ... opened scoring on leftside corner in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. SJU (2-0) ... set up Warner rebound goal and later scored vs. Boston College in



BIG EAST semi's (3-0) ... her rightside corner produced headers from Tancredi and Sarkesian, followed by Sheller's game-winning volley vs. WVU in BIG EAST title game (2-1; also opened scoring on 10-yard shot to right side) ... scored twice in NCAA win over Eastern Illinois (2-0) and once in NCAA loss to Cincinnati (3-2), on 22-yard shot from right side.

AS A FRESHMAN: Third-leading scorer with 11G-4A (4 GWG, 25 GP/22 GS) ... named to BIG EAST all-rookie team ... her hustle in left corner helped send Irish to College Cup, working ball to Scheller who sent it down line for Erikson tap-in (handing Santa Clara 2-1 OT loss in NCAA quarterfinals) ... scored in wins over versus Detroit and Providence ... her drop pass set up Meotis Erikson goal vs. SCU in regular season, later converting Makinen pass for breakaway (3-1, late flurry for 6-1 win) ... ended OT at WVU (2-1), intercepting clear and breaking free for shot to left corner ... converted tough-angle shot with left foot versus Rutgers (2-0) ... had 2G vs. Georgetown ... picked off clear and scored on low shot to beat BC (2-1, only deficit until NCAA semi's) ... her CK led to Sarkesian goal at Syracuse (3-0) ... her rebound goal finished Yale (4-0) ... worked give-andgo on Scheller goal at Michigan (5-1) ... tapped in Scheller pass vs. Miami in BIG EAST quarter's (3-0) ... used hesitation for GWG in NCAAs vs. Michigan (3-1) ... scored in spring exhibition vs. Mexico (2-1).

PREP & PERSONAL: Parade All-American at Grapevine High School ... part of U.S. Under-17 and U-19 national team pools, U-16 national team, also ODP regional team ('96-'00) and '99 under-17 team ... 2000 district MVP, '98 county player of the year ... set GHS records for goals in game (6), season (49) and career (107) ... won four state titles and u-20 division crown with Texas Image '81 club (twice regional runner-up) ... born Oct. 1, 1981, in Euless, Texas ... graduated with 3.24 cumulative GPA (three Dean's List semesters), as business marketing major.





Vanessa Pruzinsky

#5

Class of 2004 - Defender

Trumbull, Conn.
Trumbull H.S.

Academic All-American of the Year ('03)

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship ('03)

Team Co-Captain ('02, '03)

lst Team Academic

All-American ('00, '01, '03)

NSCAA 2nd Team All-Region ('00, '01)

lst Team All-BIG EAST ('01)

2nd Team All-BIG EAST ('00)

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ('99)

Notre Dame Athletics

Byron Kanaley Award

Classic definition of student-athlete who graduated in May '03 with 4.0 cumulative GPA as chemical engineering major ... missed most of '02 due to ankle injury, returning for fifth year in '03 ... '03-'04 honors included Academic All-America of the Year for Div. I women's soccer (per College Sports Information Directors of America); postgraduate scholarships from NCAA (\$7,500) and BIG EAST Conference (\$4,000; ND's sixth recipient of BIG EAST Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year); and ND athletics Kanaley Award (recognizing those most exemplary as students and leaders) ... ND's 37th recipient of NCAA postgrad. scholarship (also Jenesa)

(S7,300) and BIG EAST Conterence (S4,000; ND's SIXTH recipient of BIG EAST Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year); and ND athletics Kanaley Award (recognizing those most exemplary as students and leaders) ... ND's 37th recipient of NCAA postgrad. scholarship (also Jen Renola in '97, Jenny Streiffer in '00) ... began working as EAST defensive player of the Year); and ND athletics Kanaley Award (recognizing those most exemplary as students and leaders) ... ND's 37th recipient of NCAA postgrad. scholarship (also Jen Renola in '97, Jenny Streiffer in '00) ... began working as

chemical engineer for Merck Pharmaceuticals (Rahway, N.J.) in spring '04 ... one of eight finalists for the Sporting News Radio Socrates Award, a national student-athlete program (six finalists were football players) ... also was being considered for NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship (\$25,000) and NCAA Woman of the Year ... helped Irish compile 82-12-4 record (.857) in four healthy seasons (13-8 in '02) ... sixth ND student- $\alpha$ thlete to receive top Academic All-America award for sport (others were Renola for '96-'97 fall/winter at-large, football's Tim Ruddy in '93, basketball's Pat Garrity in '98 and Ruth Riley in '01, softball's Jarrah Myers in '02) ... one of three 4.0 graduates in class of '03 ... third ND chemical engineering major (first since '74) ever to graduate with 4.0 GPA ... first female student to receive "A" in introduction to chemical engineering course and first female 4.0 graduate in chemical engineering ... recipient of College of Engineering's Steiner Prize (all-around excellence) ... one of nation's top defenders prior to injury, after competing for spot on U.S. under-21 national team ... two-year team captain ... started at central defender and outside back ... dominating in air, with speed, strength and good distribution ... joined former basketball great Bob Arnzen ('67-'68) as only ND student-athletes named first team Academic All-America three times ... hard-nosed player who was heart and soul of defense, starting 71 of 72 games from '99-'01 ... known for unwavering work ethic and on-task focus ... national high school player of the year as a forward, making transition to defense at ND ... her 96 career games rank 11th in ND history while her 94 starts rank 9th (3rd among defenders, behind Jen Grubb's 100 and Kate Sobrero's 97) ... four-year member of athletic department's Academic Honors faculty mentoring program ... featured in '03 by College Sports Television, Sports Illustrated (Nov. 17) and SI On Campus.

AS 5TH-YEAR: Various student-athlete awards (listed above) included becoming first Division I women's soccer player named first team Academic All-America three times ... played in 23 games (22 GS) at mostly right back, with four assists ... leader of defense that compiled impressive season: 5th in nation with 0.49 goals-against avg.; faced just four deficits; 10-game shutout streak (5th in NCAA history) 16 consecutive games without a deficit (ND record); 24 consecutive without allowing multiple goals (tying ND record); 16 consecutive with 1-3 opp. shots on goal (also 20 of final 21); allowed just 116 shots/53 on goal (4.8/2.2 per gm) ... named ND Classic defensive MVP (Irish allowed 2 combined SOG in wins over ASU and Oklahoma  $\dots$  assisted on goals vs. Georgetown (6-0; by Kim Carpenter and Maggie Manning), Michigan (3-2 loss; Amanda Guertin) and Boston College (2-1 BIG EAST semifinal loss; Melissa Tancredi) ... enrolled in chemical engineering

AS A SENIOR: Earned preseason billing as BIG EAST defensive player of the year before seeing season

limited (2 GP) by nagging ankle injury that stretched back to '02 spring ... played first 47 minutes in third game, vs. defending NCAA champ Santa Clara, helping shut out Broncos before leaving early in the second half (SCU won 4-0) ... played 60 minutes off bench as key factor in 1-0 overtime win over Rutgers ... made midseason decision to sit our remainder of '02 season.

AS A JUNIOR: Repeated as first team Academic All-American and second team NSCAA all-region pick, joining Candace Chapman and Monica Gonzalez as first trio of defenders from same squad to be first team all-BIG EAST ... started 20 of 21 games ... scored first two goals of ND career ... started alongside



several teammates at central defense, including Lindsey Jones and Gonzalez ... helped Irish post 0.82 GAA ... ND Key Bank Classic defensive MVP, playing lead role in wins over Penn State (2-1) and Hartford (2-0) ... combined with Gonzalez to dominate middle vs. Nebraska (1-0, 2 SOG) ... closed to stop Katie Barnes breakaway in OT vs. West Virginia (2-1) ... dribbled down center of field and surprised Rutgers 'keeper with shot from top of box, into far left corner ... shifted to forward in second half of NCAA loss vs. Cincinnati (3-2), dribbling in from 45 yards for rising shot into far left side.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Earned NSCAA second team all-region and second team all-BIG EAST honors ... 11th Notre Dame student-athlete named Academic All-America as sophomore (freshmen are not eligible) and fourth named first team, joining Streiffer ('97, soccer), Joe Heap ('52, football) and Arnzen ('67) ... key member of defense that posted 16 shutouts, led nation in GAA (0.39) and trailed just twice (35 min.) ... started all 25 games (12 central, 13 outside) ... her outlet pass assisted Guertin goal vs. Rutgers (2-0) ... opened Yale game at left back, moved to right back and played some forward in second half as Irish tried to jumpstart offense (late flurry yielded 4-0 win) ... did solid job marking speedy forward Maribel in '01 spring exhibition win over Mexican National Team.

AS A FRESHMAN: Named BIG EAST rookie of the year ... major part of team's success converting to four-back system ... only freshman to start all 26 games for NCAA runner-up... recorded her first point on assist vs. Butler ... saved shot off line in first half of NCAA third-round win over Stanford (1-0) ... assisted on Anne Makinen goal against Seton Hall, Jenny Heft's GWG vs. Georgetown and goals vs. Miami and Seton Hall (BIG EAST semi's).

PREP & PERSONAL: NSCAA national high school player of the year and two-time youth All-American ... New England regional player of the year in '97 and '98 ... four-year veteran of Olympic Development Region I team ... led Weston Wild Things to '98 national title and Trumbull High School to three state titles (65-8-3 four-year record) .... her senior year team (20-0) did not allow a goal ... finished prep career as school's all-time leading scorer (79G-59A) ... daughter of Ken and Phyllis Pruzinsky ... full name is Vanessa Marie Pruzinsky ... born Dec. 11, 1981, in Bridgeport, Conn.

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Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	P

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	Α	Pts	GW	
1999	26/26	10	0	5	5	0	
2000	25/25	15	0	1	1	0	
2001	20/20	6	2	0	4	0	
2002	2/1	0	0	0	0	0	
2003	23/22	8	0	4	4	0	
Totals	96/94	39	2	10	14	0	

## In the Postseason

Event	GP/GS	G	A	Pts	GW
BIG EAST	11/11	0	2	2	0
NCAAs	13/13	1	0	2	0
Totals	24/24	1	2	4	0



Dynamic frontrunner known fo speed and finishing skills ... fou NSCAA all-region pick who capped as NSCAA first team All-American ND forward ever so honored) ... ti worker on both sides of the ball ... fir 14th on ND career scoring charts wo points (37 goals, 25 assists), also ray of the with 11 game-winning goals ... player (ND's third) ever named a EAST four times, also league's 11th named 1st team all-BIG EAST three seasons ('00, '02, '03; 2nd team in '01). Dynamic frontrunner known for raw speed and finishing skills ... four-time NSCAA all-region pick who capped career as NSCAA first team All-American (first ND forward ever so honored) ... tireless worker on both sides of the ball ... finished 14th on ND career scoring charts with 99 points (37 goals, 25 assists), also ranking 9th with 11 game-winning goals ... sixth player (ND's third) ever named all-BIG EAST four times, also league's 11th player named 1st team all-BIG EAST three-plus seasons ('00, '02, '03; 2nd team in '01) ... 13th ND player to post multiple hat tricks ('00 vs. PC, '02 vs. GU) and one one of three to

register multiple overtime goals ('01 vs. VU, '02 vs. RU), plus primary assist on OT goals in '01 (IU) and '02 (BC) and cross that produced OT owngoal to beat Stanford in 2000 ... logged 82 career games (74 starts, with 64 straight) ... she and Guertin combined for 85 career goals, bested by

just five pairs of ND classmates.

AS A SENIOR: Named NSCAA first team All-American/all-region and first team all-BIG EAST ... one of 15 finalists for Hermann Trophy (national player of the year) ... finished 12th nationally with 12 assists (plus 10G, 2 GWG in 22 GP/21 GS) ... led ND offense that finished third in nation with 3.04 goals/gm ... joined Mary Boland as first pair of forwards from same team to be first team all-BIG EAST since '99 (ND's Jenny Streiffer and Jenny Heft) ... named to all-tournament teams at UConn Classic (1G-2A in 9-1 win over Hartford, G-A in 3-0 win over Wake Forest), Santa Clara Classic and ND Classic (final goal in 3-1 win over Arizona State, assist in 5-1 win over Oklahoma) ... had points in first six games, including first goal at St. John's (2-0) and 1G-2A vs. Western Kentucky (5-0) ... battled for possession and fed Boland for shot from top of box, with Katie Thorlakson banging home rebound to hand Broncos their first-ever loss in SCU Classic (2-1) ... added points in wins over North Texas (G-A; 8-1), Indiana State (A; 3-0), Butler (G; 3-0), Georgetown (G-A; 6-0), Rutgers (A; 3-0) and Seton Hall (2G; 2-0) ... sent cross to Thorlakson for final goal in 3-2 loss to Michigan ... also assisted on Thorlakson goal to open scoring in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Miami (3-0) ... missed BIG EAST semifinal vs. Boston College (2-1) due to ankle injury, her first non-start in 65 games ... rested ankle during NCAA win over Loyola (5-0) before playing sparingly in 1-0 loss to Michigan.

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	Ā	Pts	GW
2000	18/11	48	10	4	24	3
2001	21/21	59	8	1	17	3
2001	21/21	81	9	8	26	3
2003	22/21	60	10	12	32	2
Totals	82/74	248	37	25	99	11
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Event	GP/G	S G	Ā		Pts	GW
BIG EA	ST 7/4	2	1		5	2
NCAAs	10/5	1	2		4	0
						2



AS A JUNIOR: First team all-BIG EAST and NSCAA second team all-region, as team's second-leading scorer with 26 points (9G-8A, 3 GWG) ... one of four to start all 21 games ... totaled 8G-4A in first 11 games ... had G-A in exhibition vs. North Carolina (in Fort Wayne) ... posted 1G-1A in opening win at Providence (3-0) and goal vs. Virginia Tech (5-0) ... named all-tournament at Marvland Classic ... scored 2nd-half GWG in 2-1 win over Hartford (at Maryland), running onto Ashley Dryer thru-ball for shot inside far-right post ... her deflected shot led to Guertin's GWG at Maryland (5-2) ... also set up Randi Scheller goal in that win ... named BIG EAST player of the week after scoring in 101st minute vs. Rutgers (crossing shot to upper left) and providing cross that led to double-header sequence by Thorlakson and Boland vs. Seton Hall (1-0) ... netted hat trick at Georgetown, nearly scoring fourth goal in 4-3 loss ... added goal vs. Pittsburgh (5-0), give-and-go with Candace Chapman in 3-1 comeback vs. UConn (led to tying goal by Thorlakson) and chip vs. Syracuse (6-0) ... set up OT goal at BC (1-0), with left-endline pass to Guertin ... her shot set up Thorlakson's rebound goal in NCAA first-round win over Ohio State, adding assist on Guertin goal for 3-1 win ... scored final goal in 2003 spring win over Mexican National Team (3-1).

AS A SOPHOMORE: Started all 21 games while ranking third on team in scoring (8G-11A, 3 GWG) ... second team all-BIG EAST, NSCAA third team all-region ... had G-A in 2-0 win over Hartford ... lofted pass into box, with Kelly Tulisiak heading ball over 'keeper for 2-1 OT win over Indiana ... scored on 20-yard leftfooted shot for 2-1 lead on Wisconsin (2-2) ... had 2G vs. Georgetown (2-1, OT), scoring in 115th minute on 10-yard redirection of Scheller pass  $\dots$  BIG EAST player of the week after goal vs. St. John's (7-0) and 2G at Miami (4-0) ... opened scoring in 3-0 BIG EAST semifinal win over BC, following crisp passes from Guertin and Scheller.



**Amy Warner** 

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Class of 2004 - Forward Albuquerque, N.M. La Cueva H.S.

1st Team NSCAA All-Region ('03) 2nd Team NSCAA All-Region ('02) 3rd Team NSCAA All-Region ('00, '01) lst Team All-BIG EAST ('00, '02, '03) 2nd Team All-BIG EAST ('01) All-NCAA Tournament Team ('00) Team Co-Captain ('02, '03)

AS A FRESHMAN: Team's second-leading scorer through 10 games (7G-4A) before ACL knee injury caused her to miss seven games ... returned as reserve, beginning with final regular-season game ... scored as starter in 2-1 NCAA semifinal loss to North Carolina ... first team all-BIG EAST, third team all-region ... fourth-leading scorer with 9G-4A (3 GWG, 18 GP, 11 GS) ... joined Meotis Erikson on all-NCAA Tournament team ... had assist in opening win over Detroit (5-0) ... set ND record for earliest hat trick (Sept. 3), vs. Providence (5-1) - splitting defense for quick shot and then working give-and-go with Mia Sarkesian before half-volley of cross from Anne Makinen ... scored for 2-1 lead vs. Santa Clara, taking thru-ball from Makinen for hesitation move (her cross set up a Tulisiak goal in 6-1 win) ... one-touched Dryer pass for 1-0 lead vs. Stanford (her OT cross set up own goal for 2-1 win) ... converted one-timer with left foot for 1-0 lead at West Virginia (2-1, OT) ... showed her speed off the bench, scoring in wins at Michigan (5-1) and vs. Miami in BIG EAST quarterfinals (opening goal, 3-0) ... scored as part of 4-2-4 formation in NCAA semifinal versus UNC, for 1-0 lead in 20th minute after thru-pass from Erikson (crossing shot to left corner).

PREP & PERSONAL: New Mexico player of the year ('99), third repeat winner of Albuquerque Tribune female athlete of the year ... played club soccer with Foxes and Rio F.C. ... led class AAAA with 33G-26A as senior at La Cueva HS (96G-72A career) ... twice all-state ... state champs as sophomore (23-0-0) and junior ... won state 100 meters as sophomore and senior (when LCHS won first state track-and-field title) ... ran anchor leg of winning 1,600-meter relay to claim team title by 0.25 points ... set school record in 100 (12.07), 200 (24.39) and 400 (56.16) ... daughter of Dave and Amber Warner ... full name is Amy Dee Warner ... born Dec. 29, 1981, in Idaho Falls, Idaho ... graduated a semester early (Dec., '03), with a degree in

