

**2003 Notre Dame
Women's Soccer
(18-1-1)**

August

At UConn Classic

29 vs. Hartford W, 9-1
31 vs. Wake Forest W, 3-0

September

Notre Dame Classic

5 #13 Arizona State W, 3-1
7 Oklahoma W, 5-1

11 #at St. John's W, 2-0
13 W. Kentucky W, 5-0

Santa Clara Classic

(both games live on CSTV)

19 vs. Stanford T, 0-0
21 at Santa Clara W, 2-1

28 North Texas W, 8-1
30 Indiana State W, 3-0

October

3 *West Virginia W, 3-0
5 *Villanova W, 1-0 (OT)
7 Butler W, 3-0
10 *Georgetown W, 6-0
12 #Miami W, 3-0
17 Connecticut (non-BE) W, 2-0
19 *at Pittsburgh W, 1-0
24 *at Rutgers W, 2-0
26 *at Seton Hall W, 1-0
29 Michigan L, 2-3

November

2 Miami 1:00
(BIG EAST Quarterfinals)

BIG EAST Champ. (@Rutgers)

7 Semifinals TBA
9 Final TBA

14- NCAA First Round TBA
(campus sites)

15- NCAA Second Round TBA
(campus sites)

22- NCAA Third Round TBA
23 (campus sites)

December

NCAA College Cup

(SAS Stadium; Cary, NC)

5 Semifinals
7 Final

* – BIG EAST Mid-Atlantic Div.

– BIG EAST Cross-Div.

All times local to site

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. Miami, BIG EAST Quarterfinal (Sunday, Nov. 2; 1:00 EST)

The second-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team (18-1-1; 65-8 scoring edge) looks to bounce back from its first loss of the season (3-2 vs. Michigan) in a BIG EAST quarterfinal game vs. Miami on Sunday, Nov. 2, at Alumni Field (1:00 EST) ... the Irish and Hurricanes met in mid-Oct., with homestanding ND posting a 3-0 win in the sixth game on the 10-game shutout streak that ranked 5th-longest in Division I women's soccer history ... ND finished 1st in the BIG EAST Mid-Atlantic Division (6-0-0) while Miami (9-8-1) slipped to a tie for 3rd (3-3-0) and ended up as the 4th seed from the Northeast Division ... the Irish have not lost at home vs. a BIG EAST team since a wild 5-4 OT game vs. UConn in '95 (a 49-game win streak) and are 127-9-2 (.928) in their last 138 overall home games (149-13-2 all-time at home) ... ND has been ranked in the top two of the NSCAA coaches poll nine of the last 11 years (all but '01 and '02), earning No. 1 in '94, '95, '96 and '00.

INFORMATION HIGHWAY – The ND-Miami game **will be available via an internet audio broadcast at www.und.com**, with livestats also available via the main page at und.com ... the audio is available to SportsPass subscribers (see und.com audio/video link), who also can listen to audio from other ND sports and from other schools that are part of SportsPass (ND tentatively plans on providing audio for all home postseason games) ... for schedule and result information on all 26 Notre Dame varsity sports, call the ND Sports Hotline at (574) 631-3000 (press "4" for soccer information and then "2" for women's soccer results) ... see hurricanesports.com for opponent information.

SCOUTING THE IRISH – ND ranks 2nd in the nation with a 0.39 goals-against average and 3.25 goals per game ... ND's dynamic and diverse attack includes eight players who have posted multiple-goal games, led by the potent forward quartet of seniors **Amy Warner** (10G-11A) and **Amanda Guertin** (10G-6A), junior **Mary Boland** (12G-4A) and sophomore **Katie Thorlakson** (9G-9A) ... senior central D and All-America candidate **Melissa Tancredi** headlines a defense that held 16 straight opponents to 0-3 shots on goal, including just 14 shots on goal in the recent 10-game shutout streak (5th in NCAA history) ... sophomore G **Erika Bohn** now ranks 2nd in the nation with a 0.37 GAA and posted a 981-minute shutout streak that ranks 5th in the NCAA record book ... Boland and Tancredi both were sidelined for the Michigan game ... the Irish had not trailed for 16 games (team record) prior to the Michigan game ... ND has totaled 19 more goals (65) than opponent shots on goal (46) ... ND's dominating season is all the more noteworthy with two starters sidelined all season (All-America junior right back **Candace Chapman** is out with an ACL knee injury while second team all-BIG EAST senior M **Randi Scheller** had season-ending hip surgery) ... ND solidified its spot among the nation's top teams in mid-Sept. with a dominating defensive effort vs. perennial powers Stanford (0-0) and Santa Clara (2-1) before a convincing win over #5 West Virginia (2-0).

BIG EAST TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – The winner of the ND-Miami quarterfinal will advance to the BIG EAST Championship weekend at Rutgers Yurcak Stadium, with a semifinal matchup on Friday, Nov. 7 (5:00 p.m. EST), versus the winner of the Rutgers at Boston College quarterfinal ... both semifinals will be broadcast by College Sports Television (delayed, on Nov. 8) while Fox Sports Net affiliates will broadcast the Nov. 9 BIG EAST final ... the other quarterfinals feature Villanova at UConn and St. John's at West Virginia (all four games are set for Sunday at 1:00).

STREAKS ON THE LINE – The Irish are 28-2-0 in all-time postseason games at Alumni Field and never have lost a BIG EAST Tournament game (18-0-0; '95-'01 BIG EAST champs) ... ND also carries a 49-game home winning streak versus BIG EAST opponents, dating back to a 1995 classic versus Connecticut (a 5-4 Huskies win).

SERIES NOTES – Notre Dame has won all five previous meetings in the series (22-1 scoring edge) ... the series includes four previous games at ND: regular-season wins in '99 (7-1) and '03 (3-0) and BIG EAST quarterfinal wins in '99 (5-0) and '00 (3-0) ... the only game played in Miami was a '01 regular-season game (4-0).

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

274-8-11 (.954)

ND's all-time record when holding opponent to 0-1 goals (80-2-4 since Sept. 9, 1999)

198-3-1 (.983)

ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (102-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995)

91-17-4 (.830)

Randy Waldrum's record at Notre Dame

92

Vanessa Pruzinsky's career GP (90 GS)

93

Combined games lost to injury by several top players during 2003 season (64 in '02)

63

Consecutive starts by Amy Warner

49

Home win streak vs. BIG EAST teams ('95-)

26

All-Americans (since 1994)

24-10-3

ND vs. NSCAA top-25 teams since 1999

24

ND-record streak w/out all. 2+ gls ('00 and '03)

17

Number of home states and provinces (plus Iceland) on 2003 ND roster

17-3-2

All-time record in home tournaments

17

Amanda Guertin's GW goals (3rd ND history)

15

ND's current unbeaten OT streak (11-0-4)

13

Ranked opponents faced by Irish in 2002

12

Notre Dame alums in the WUSA ('01-'03)

12-10

1st-half goalscoring edge in '02 (35-5 in '03)

10

Guertin's goalscoring streak at end of '01

10

Academic All-Americans (since 1995)

8

Players with multiple-goal games in 2003

7

Mary Boland's points (3G-1A) vs. Hartford in '03 opener (most by ND player since '99)

5

National ranking for ND's 2003 freshman class

4.0

5th-year D and chemical engineering major Vanessa Pruzinsky's cumulative GPA

3

Guertin's career OT goals (ND record)

2

All-time postseason home losses (28 Ws)

CAREER STATS VS. MIAMI – Fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** has played in all five previous games vs. Miami and assisted on Jenny Heft's goal (2-0) in the 1999 series opener (7-1) ... other ND players with point in previous Miami games include: senior forwards **Amanda Guertin** (3G) and **Amy Warner** (3G), senior D **Melissa Tancredi** (2A), sophomore F **Katie Thorlakson** (G-A), junior F **Mary Boland** (G), freshman D **Christie Shaner** (1A) and freshman M **Jill Krivacek** (1A).

RECAPPING THE LAST ND-MIAMI GAME – Notre Dame's earlier win over Miami on Oct. 12 capped a rugged stretch of six games in 13 days for the Irish, with ND owning a 17-4 shot edge (plus 7-2 in corner kicks) while holding the Hurricanes to just two shots on goal ... the opportunistic ND offense cashed in three of its seven shots on goal in that game, the first coming on a **Katie Thorlakson-to-Mary Boland** header sequence, following **Christie Shaner's** rightside corner kick ... Thorlakson also played a part in the second goal, making a "dummy fake" on **Melissa Tancredi's** long thru-ball before **Amanda Guertin** converted a 12-yard crossing shot from the right side ... Thorlakson completed her strong game by sending in a rebounded **Jill Krivacek**.

HURRICANES NOTES – Miami was on track to challenge for the BIG EAST Northeast Division title after an early win over favorite Connecticut – but the Hurricanes then slipped down in the standings, capped by a 1-0 loss at Providence ... Miami has been outscored 29-23 this season, with sophomore Lindsay Yach (9G-3A; after 9G-5A in '02) representing the only UM player with more than three goals or 11 points ... the Hurricanes returned just 12 letterwinners and six starters from their '02 team that went 9-9-1, with freshman Alex Alford logging every minute in goal this season ... Miami has posted wins over Indiana (1-0 in OT, at FAU), Loyola (2-0, at FAU), at South Florida (2-1), Columbia (2-0), Jacksonville (3-1, at FSU), UConn (3-1), at Pittsburgh (1-0) at Virginia Tech (2-0) and vs. Syracuse (2-1), with other losses at Florida Atlantic (1-2, OT), at Central Florida (0-1), vs. West Virginia (1-3), at Florida State (1-7) and at BC (0-3), plus a 2-2 tie at East Carolina.

ALL-TIME BIG EAST QUARTERFINAL RESULTS – The BIG EAST Tournament expanded to eight teams in 1998, with ND posting quarterfinal wins over West Virginia in '98 (5-0), Miami in '99 (5-0) and 2000 (3-0) and St. John's in 2001 (2-0).

CONFERENCE CALL – Notre Dame's all-time record in regular-season conference games is 95-7-2 (.923; 76-7-2/.906 in BIG EAST) ... the Irish are 52-1 in home games vs. BIG EAST teams, with 49 straight home wins over BIG EAST teams since a 5-4 OT loss to UConn in '95 (239-16 scoring edge, 36 shutouts, 13 with 1 GA) ... since '95, ND's overall record vs. BIG EAST teams is 93-8-2 (.913; 1-1-0 vs. UConn in NCAAAs).

FANTASTIC FOUR – Notre Dame boasts possibly the nation's top four-player forward rotation: seniors **Amy Warner** (10G-11A) and **Amanda Guertin** (10G-6A), junior **Mary Boland** (12G-4A) and sophomore **Katie Thorlakson** (9G-9A) ... Boland and Warner are one of just **three pairs of teammates in the nation with double-digit goals** (the others are Southeastern Louisiana's Kendra Oney, 19, and Kim McNally, 16, and Oklahoma State's Adriane Radtke and Jolene Schweitzer, both with 12) ... the Irish **have three double-digit goalscorers for the first time since 2000** (when Meotis Erikson had 13, Guertin 11 and Warner 10) ... 10 of the last 14 ND teams have featured three or more double-digit scorers (four in '94, '98 and '99, six in '93 and '96, seven in '97) ... the four double-digit scorers in '99 included Jenny Heft (20), Jenny Streiffer (19), Erikson (14) and Anne Makinen (13) ... the '97 team racked up 135 goals, led by: Makinen (23), Erikson (22), Streiffer (20), Heft (20), Shannon Boxx (13), Monica Gerardo (10) and Monica Gonzalez (10).

QUICK TEAM NOTES ON THE IRISH

- **Streak #1** – ND's streak of **10 straight shutouts** (13 of last 16) was longest in the program's history and 5th in NCAA history, besting ND's 1995 NCAA-title team that went eight games without a goal allowed ... the shutout streak covered **956 minutes**, besting the '95 team's record of 726 straight shutout minutes ... prior to the Michigan loss, the Irish had **allowed just one goal in 15-plus games**, with an earlier 418-minute shutout streak ending on an unstoppable upper-90 shot by SCU's Marian Dalmy ... just four previous Division I women's soccer teams have posted longer shutout streaks, led by SCU's 16 in 1998, plus two UNC teams (13 in '89, 12 in '87) and the 1984 N.C. State squad (12) ... ND's total of 14 shutouts is seventh in the Irish record book, behind 18 in '97 and '98 (also 16 in '96, '98 and '00 and 15 in '94).
- **Streak #2** – Notre Dame's **19-game unbeaten streak** was **tied for fourth** in ND history (the '94, '97 and '00 teams all started 23-0-1 while the '95 and '96 teams combined for a 24-0-0 streak).
- **Streak #3** – ND's **12-game winning streak** ranked **sixth** in the program's history, with the top win streaks as follows: 24 games from '95-'96, 17 in '97, 16 in '00, 14 from '92-'93 and 14 in '94.
- **Streak #4** – The Irish recently had a stretch of **138 minutes without allowing a shot** (vs. Butler and Georgetown, on Oct. 7 and 10) and went 149 minutes without an opponent shot on goal.
- **Balanced Dominance** – Notre Dame and top-ranked UNC were the **final unbeaten teams** remaining among 297 Division I women's soccer programs, with the Irish also ranking second behind UNC in the nation for scoring (**3.25 goals per game**) and **goals-against average (0.39)** – with UNC checking in at 3.67 and 0.33.
- **Big Gamers** – The current **senior class** carries a **27-8-2** career record when playing in the **postseason** and/or facing an **opponent ranked** in the NSCAA top-25.
- **BIG EAST Home Winning Streak** – UConn was the last BIG EAST team to beat Notre Dame at Alumni Field (5-4 in '95), with the Irish winning their **last 49** home games vs. BIG EAST teams (93-8-2 overall vs. BIG EAST teams since '95).
- **Games-a-Plenty** – The Irish recently completed a rugged stretch of **six games in 13 days** (Sept. 30-Oct. 12), followed by four days off before the showdown with BIG EAST rival Connecticut, ending a rare eight-game homestand.
- **8-to-1 Scoring Margin** – The Irish now own a **65-8** season scoring edge, including **28-1** in the recent eight-game homestand (plus a 166-26 total shot edge/93-11 in shots on goal during that eight-game stretch).
- **Unbeaten Start** – The 2003 campaign marked the **fourth time** that ND went **19-plus games** into a season **without suffering a loss** (the '94, '97 and '00 teams all started 23-0-1).
- **Historic Dominance** – The only previous ND teams to allow comparable goals in the first 20 games were the record-setting **1997** squad that owned a **107-5** scoring edge at the 20-game mark (before a 6-1 win over UConn) and the 2000 squad that held a 67-6 scoring edge after 20 games (before a 1-0 win over UConn).
- **Rear-View Mirror** – Prior to the Michigan game, the Irish had **trailed only once in '03** (no deficits in team-record 16-plus games), for **7:18** in the third game vs. ASU (the Irish have led 69% of the minutes and trailed 0.4%, for 66 minutes).
- **One (Or None) Is Enough** – Prior to the 3-2 loss to Michigan, ND logged 24 games with 0-1 GA to tie the team record streak for not allowing multiple goals (it also was the 2nd-best start, 19 games with 0-1 GA) ... the **2000 team went 24** games before allowing UNC to score twice in the NCAA semifinals.
- **Turnaround Success** – ND now is **10-0** this season when playing two days after a previous game (28-2 scoring edge), after going just 4-5 (18-16 scoring edge) in 2002 regular-season "bounceback" games.
- **Magic Number** – The recent win over Georgetown avenged a 4-3 loss at GU in '02 (minus 4 ND starters), the only time **since a '95 loss vs. UConn** (5-4) that ND has **scored three-plus goals** and not won (now **102-1-0** in the last 103).
- **Quick Strikes** – Last week's action at Seton Hall marked the **8th game** this season ND has **scored in the first 7:00**.
- **Half & Half** – The Irish have been **equally dominant in the first (35-5) and second half (29-3)** this season, after managing just a 12-10 first-half scoring edge in '02.
- **Sharpshooters** – The efficient ND offense is averaging one **goal every 5.8 total shots** and every **3.2 shots on goal** ... the Irish have scored 5-plus goals in 5 games this season and have scored 3-plus goals in 11 games.
- **Strong Stretch** – After allowing a 26th-minute goal by Oklahoma on Sept. 7, ND's **next 15-plus games** (spanning 1,415 minutes) included just **2 goals allowed, 66 opponent shots (22 on goal) and 36 corner kicks**, for 90-minute averages during that stretch of 0.13 goals, 4.2 shots, 1.4 shots on goal and 2.3 corners (prior to the 3-2 loss to Michigan).
- **Depth Charges** – Notre Dame players have combined to miss **157 games due to injury** spanning the '02 and '03 seasons (40 games played; 31-8-1 record), with seven players already combining to miss **93 games due to injury in '03**.
- **Far & Wide** – ND's '03 roster includes players from **14 states**, two Canadian provinces and Iceland ... the program's all-time roster canvasses **30 states and three foreign countries** ... ND's student-athlete population in the '02-'03 academic year included nearly 800 individuals from **47 states** (all but Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada) and **20 countries**.
- **OT-Tested** – The Irish are **unbeaten in their last 15 overtime** games (11-0-4).
- **Poll Position** – ND has been ranked **1st or 2nd** in the NSCAA poll during **nine of the last 11 seasons** (1st in four).
- **Winning When They Should** – Notre Dame is **104-4-1** all-time at Alumni Field when **facing an unranked opponent**.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER 2003 AWARDS

Amy Warner (F, Sr.)

Preseason First Team All-BIG EAST
BIG EAST Off. Player of the Week (10/13)
Santa Clara Classic All-Tournament (9/21)
Notre Dame Classic All-Tournament (9/7)
UConn Classic All-Tournament (8/31)

Mary Boland (F, Jr.)

Academic All-America Nominee (TBA)
Soccer America Nat'l Team of the Week (9/1)
BIG EAST Off. Player of the Week (9/1)
Santa Clara Classic All-Tournament (9/21)
Notre Dame Classic All-Tournament (9/7)
UConn Classic All-Tournament (8/31)
ND Record – 6G in first 3 games

Melissa Tancredi (D, Sr.)

S. America Nat'l Team of Week (10/6, 10/13)
Soccer Buzz National Team of Week (10/6)
BIG EAST Def. Player of Week (10/6, 10/13)

Erika Bohn (G, So.)

Academic All-America Nominee (TBA)
BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week (10/20)
Notre Dame Classic All-Tournament (9/7)
UConn Classic All-Tournament (8/31)

Christie Shaner (D, Fr.)

Soccer Buzz Nat'l Team of Week (9/22, 10/20)
Santa Clara Classic Defensive MVP (9/21)
BE Rookie of the Week (9/22, 10/20, 10/27)

Jen Buczkowski (M, Fr.)

Soccer America National Team of Week (9/8)
Soccer Buzz National Team of the Week (9/8)
Notre Dame Classic Offensive MVP (9/7)
BIG EAST Rookie of the Week (9/8)

Vanessa Pruzinsky (D, Sr.)

Academic All-America Nominee (TBA)
Soccer Buzz National Team of Week (10/13)
Notre Dame Classic Defensive MVP (9/7)
BIG EAST Def. Player of the Week (9/8)

Katie Thorlakson (F, So.)

Santa Clara Classic Offensive MVP

Kim Carpenter (M, Sr.)

Academic All-America Nominee (TBA)

Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (D, Jr.)

UConn Classic All-Tournament (8/31)

Kim Lorenzen (D, Fr.)

Notre Dame Classic All-Tournament (9/7)

Amanda Guertin (F, Sr.)

Preseason First Team All-BIG EAST

Note: Notre Dame was only team to receive all four BIG EAST weekly awards in '03.

QUICK PLAYER NOTES

- **Net Zero** – Sophomore **Erika Bohn** has extended her **shutout streak** to an ND-record **981** minutes (5th NCAA history, besting Liz Wagner's ND record 701 in '00) before the first goal by Michigan on Oct. 29 ... Bohn enters the postseason ranked **2nd in the nation with a 0.37 GAA** (on pace with LaKeysia Beene's team-record 0.37 in '97) ... allowed just **one goal over 15-plus** games (1,256 min., starting with the OU game and ending vs. Mich.) ... her last 30 starts include a **27-2-1** record (13 GA) ... her shutout streak was longest since '99, trailing two UNC 'keepers (Anne Sherow's 1,670 consecutive shutout minutes, spanning '87 and '88, and Jenni Branam's 1,114 in '99), SCU's Crystal Gordon (1,269 in '98) and Tiffany DeCoff of Holy Cross (1,004 in '99) ... has logged **94% of the team's minutes** in '03 (86% in '02).

- **Senior Spark** – Senior M **Kimberly Carpenter** has emerged as a key offensive player at attacking midfielder, ranking 5th on the team with **13 points** (5G-3A) after totaling **just five** combined points in her **first three seasons** ('00-'02) ... she had a **6-game point streak** that ended vs. Miami and had scored three times in a stretch of six ND goals.

- **Fire & Ice** – **Amy Warner** and **Amanda Guertin** have combined for 84 goals (Guertin is 9th in ND history with 47, Warner 12th with 37), 28 GWGs (17 by Guertin) and five OT goals (ND record 3 by Guertin).

- **Big-Goal Scorer** – Junior F **Mary Boland** registered her **5th game-winning goal** of '03 at Pittsburgh (tied for 9th in ND history) and has **opened the scoring four times** in '03 ... she enters the week ranked **29th in the nation for goals** (12) and **27th in points** (28) ... Boland spent most of her prep career playing as a forward but her ND career also has included time at outside back and in the midfield, with her quick start (ND record 6G in first 3 games) igniting the '03 offense.

- **Iron Women** – Senior F **Amy Warner** has made **63 consecutive starts** while fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** has logged **92 career games and 90 starts** (good for 10th in the ND record book).

- **Getting Right Back** – Versatile freshman **Kim Lorenzen** (Naperville, Ill.) was impressive in preseason training at forward but has **found a home in the defense**, as a starter both centrally and now right back.

- **4.0 Focus** – Fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** graduated in May of 2003 with a **4.0** cumulative GPA as a **chemical engineering** major, the **third ND student (first since '74)** ever to complete that feat.

- **Fabulous Frosh** – ND's freshman class was **ranked #5** by *Soccer America*, with M **Jen Buczkowski** (6th) and D **Christi Shaner** (22nd) rated among the top 25 freshman players.

- **Goal Patrol** – Irish players have combined for **11 multiple-goal games** (compared to five in '02) by eight players: **Mary Boland** vs. Hartford (3) and ASU (2), **Maggie Manning** and **Amanda Guertin** vs. Hartford (both with 2, with Guertin doing so again vs. Georgetown), **Jen Buczkowski** vs. Oklahoma (2), **Katie Thorlakson** and **Annie Schefter** vs. Western Kentucky (both with 2, then Thorlakson at Rutgers), **Melissa Tancredi** vs. North Texas (2) and **Amy Warner** at Seton Hall (3).

- **Meet You In The Middle** – Despite the graduation of four-year starter/defensive ace Ashley Dryer and season-ending hip surgery to senior Randi Scheller (2nd tm all-BIG EAST in '02), the midfield has been energized by the emergence of two "newcomers": sophomore **Annie Schefter** (4G-4A; missed '02 with ACL) and freshman **Jen Buczkowski** (2G-6A) – ranking 6th and 8th on the ND scoring charts.

- **Furious Forwards** – ND's system includes a pressuring "forecheck" from the team's frontrunners ... five of those players – **Mary Boland** (2), **Amanda Guertin** (2), **Katie Thorlakson** (2), **Amy Warner** and **Maggie Manning** – have posted multiple-goal games this season, with Warner also ranking seventh in the nation with 11 assists.

- **Setup Specialist** – Sr. F **Amy Warner** ranks 4th nationally in assists (career-best 11), 21st in points (31), 35th in goals (10).

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET

Pos.	Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
F	#10 Mary Boland (Jr.; Hudson, OH) '03 stats: 12G-4A (28 pts), 5 GWG, 18 GP/13 GS '02 stats: 5G, GWG, 19 GP/15 GS career: 19G-6A (44 pts), 6 GWG, 47 GP/33 GS	1st player ever named BIG EAST off. and def. player of week in career ND-rec. 6G in first 3 gms (3G-A/GWG vs. Hart., G vs. WFU, 2G/GWG vs. ASU) G-A vs. SCU, G vs. NTX, G-A vs. ISU, GWGs vs. WVU, Miami and Pitt Academic All-America nom. (3.87 GPA, psych.) ... UConn, ND SCU all-tour.
F	#7 Katie Thorlakson (So.; Langley, BC) '03 stats: 9G-9A (27 pts), 4 GWG, 20 GP/15 GS '02: 4G-3A, GWG, 19 GP/18 GS career: 13G-12A (38 pts), 5 GWG, 39 GP/33 GS	GWG-1A vs. SCU (SCU Classic Off. MVP), OT goal vs. Vill., GWG vs. UConn, 2G-A at Rutgers (3-0, GWG), 1G vs. Mich. 1G-1A vs. Miami, 2G vs. WKU, 2A vs. NTX, 1A vs. Hartford, SJU, WVU, at SHU member of Canada's U-19 Nat'l Team; 10 of 11 pts in '02 came in final 9 GP
F	#12 Amy Warner (Sr.; Albuquerque, NM) '03 stats: 10G-11A (31 pts), 2 GWG, 20 GS '02 stats: 9G-8A (26 pts), 3 GWG, 21 GS career: 37G-24A (98 pts), 11 GWG, 80 GP/72 GS	4th in nation for assists (11); G-2A vs. Hart., G-A vs. WFU, G vs. ASU A vs. OU, GWG vs. SJU, G-2A vs. WKU, G-A vs. NTX, A vs. ISU, G vs. But., G-A vs. GU, 1A at Rutgers, 2G at Seton Hall (2-0, GWG), A vs. Mich. 12th on ND career goals list, 14th in points; 2 career hat tricks
F	#6 Amanda Guertin (Sr.; Grapevine, TX) '03 stats: 10G-6A (26 pts), 2 GWG, 20 GP/11 GS '02 stats: 11G-11A (33 pts), 5 GWG, 21 GS career: 47G-27A (121 pts), 17 GWG, 87 GP/74 GS	2G-A vs. Hartford, A vs. WFU and ASU, GWG vs. OU, G vs. SJU A vs. WKU, G-2A vs. NTX, GWG vs. ISU, 2G vs. GU, G vs. Miami and Mich. 8 corner-kick assists in '02; 10-game goal streak in '01 (3rd NCAA history) 9th on ND career goals list, 3rd on GWG list (17, ND record 3 in OT)
F	#13 Maggie Manning (So.; Lake Oswego, OR) '03 stats: 4G-2A (10 pts), 17 GP/1 GS ... '02: 1G-2A, 18 GP/13 GS career: 5G-4A (14 pts), 35 GP/14 GS	2G in opener vs. Hartford, A vs. WKU, G vs. NTX, G-A vs. GU played some M in '02, now part of regular F rotation Oregon player of the year at Jesuit HS (90G in three prep seasons)
AM	#25 Kimberly Carpenter (Sr.; Webster, NY) '03 stats: 5G-3A, 2 GWG, 20 GP/16 GS ... '02: 1A, 21 GP/20 GS career: 7G-4A, 2 GWG, 65 GP/36 GS	6-gm pt. streak (9/28-10/10); 1G vs. Hart., ISU, WVU; GWG vs. Butler, GU 1A vs. Oklahoma, North Texas and Villanova (OT) Academic All-America nom. (3.41 GPA, pre-prof. science)
M	#9 Jen Buczkowski (Fr.; Elk Grove, IL) '03 stats: 2G-6A (10 pts), 19 GP/18 GS	ND Classic Off. MVP (2G-3A); 1A vs. GU and Miami 69G-52A in 3-yr HS career; rated #6 recruit (SA); prep All-American, U.S. U-19 team
DM	#24 Jill Krivacek (Fr.; Geneva, IL) '03 stats: 1G-3A (5 pts), GWG (vs. WFU), 18 GP/5 GS (vs. OU, Vill., But.)	2nd-half GWG vs. Wake Forest (3-0); 1A vs. GU, Miami, Rutgers 78 career goals at Rosary HS; strong def. mid. skills
OB/M	#15 Lizzie Reed (Fr.; Franklin Lakes, NJ) '03 stats: 2G-1A, 18 GP/8 GS	1A vs. OU, 1G vs. NTX and UConn (as F); 126 career goals as a prep prep All-American; member of ODP national runner-up (NJ)
M	#11 Annie Schefter (So.; Yakima, WA) '03 stats: 4G-4A (12 pts), GWG, 20 GP/17 GS missed all of ND's '02 season (ACL)	2A vs. Hart., G vs. OU (free kick), 2G-1A vs. WKU (GWG), 1G vs. GU member of U.S. U-19 National Team ('02) 47G-21A as senior at West Valley HS (Gatorade WA player of year)
CD	#18 Christie Shaner (Fr.; Ambler, PA) '03 stats: 3A, 19 GP/16 GS 15G as center M in '02 at Germantown Academy	3-time BE Rookie of Week; SCU Classic Def. MVP (0-0 vs. Stan., 2-1 vs. SCU) 1A on CKs vs. Miami and UConn and on long serve at Pitt (BEROW); rated #22 recruit (SA) prep All-American; member of nat'l u-19 semifinalist (FC Bucks Challenge)
RB	#4 Kim Lorenzen (Fr.; Naperville, IL) '03 stats: 19 GP/16 GS	ND Classic all-tournament pick; versatile player, has trained at F, M and D teamed with Buczkowski and Krivacek on ODP national champs (IL)
LB	#5 Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr.; Trumbull, CT) '03 stats: 3A, 19 GP/18 GS ... '02: 2 GP/1 GS (inj.) car.: 2G-9A (11 pts), 92 GP/90 GS (9th ND his.)	5th-year player (ankle injury in '02), 2nd-year team co-captain 3rd ND chem.. engineering major ever to graduate with 4.0 GPA (1st since '74) 2-time Acad. All-Amer.; all-BIG EAST in '00, '01; 5-time BE def. player of week
CD	#17 Melissa Tancredi (Sr.; Ancaster, ONT) '03: 3G-5A (11 pts), GWG, 17 GS ... '02: 4G, 18 GP/16 GS career: 11G-9A (31 pts), 2 GWG, 51 GP/43 GS	2-time BE Def. POW, SA Nat'l Team of Week; dnp vs. Pitt, SHU, Mich. 6 of 10G with ND on set-piece headers (all 4 in '02; 2 vs. NTX in '03) converted forward (offensive MVP at 2002 Maryland Classic)
CD	#2 Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Jr.; Seltjarnarnes, Iceland) '03: 14 GP/7 GS ... '02: 7GP/6 GS ... career: 38 GP/17 GS	member of Icelandic National Team slowed by knee/ankle inj. in '02, broken arm in '03 (missed 4 gms)
G	#1 Erika Bohn (So.; Brookfield, CT) '03 stats: 0.37 GAA, 32 SV, 7 GA, 20 GS '02 stats: 1.27 GAA, 57 SV, 23 GA, 20 GP/19 GS career: 0.88 GA, 89 SV, 30 GA, 40 GP/39 GS, 14 solo ShO (10 in '03)	stopped PK vs. ASU; UConn/ND all-tour. pick ('03); 1 GA in 15 gms before Mich. (3) set ND-record with 981-minute shutout streak (5th in NCAA history) Academic All-America nominee (3.67 GPA, business major) 27-2-1 with 13 GA in last 30 starts (5-0 in spring '03)
G	#0 Nikki Westfall (Fr.; Waterville, OH) '03 stats: 0.77, 2 SV, 1 GA, 6 GP (116:24); last GP vs. GU on Oct. 10	0.76 GAA in '02 at Wayne HS (0.88 career) 5 GA, 15 shutouts as prep sophomore

WALDRUM NEARING 200th WOMEN'S SOCCER WIN – Fifth-year ND head coach Randy Waldrum is on the verge of his 200th career win as a Division I women's head coach, carrying a **199-67-16** mark (.734) in 14 combined seasons at Tulsa, Baylor and Notre Dame ... the Irish are **91-17-4** (.830) in the five-year Waldrum era, including 76-13-3 in the last 92 games (since losing 4-2 at SCU on Oct. 17, 1999) ... his ND record spans the career of 5th-year D Vanessa Pruzinsky ... Waldrum – who repeated as BIG EAST coach of the year in 2000 – in '99 became the only coach in the 18-year history of the NCAA women's soccer championship to lead a team to the title game in his first season as that team's head coach ... he was the fourth first-year coach to take his team to the NCAA semi's, beating top-ranked and previously unbeaten Santa Clara in San Jose ... Waldrum's 22-plus-year record as a **college head coach** (men's and women's) is **275-122-23** (.682) ... his women's soccer record includes 61-36-9 in six years at Tulsa and 46-14-3 in three seasons at Baylor ... Waldrum entered '03 ranked 7th among active women's coaches for career winning percentage (min. 10 Div. I seasons).

PRIMETIME PLAYERS – ND is 27-8-2 in the last four seasons ('00-'03) when facing an NSCAA ranked and/or postseason opponent (75-34 scoring edge in those 36 "big games") ... **Amanda Guertin** has 50 points in those big games (20G-10A) while **Amy Warner** owns 8G-5A vs. ranked/postseason opponents (missed half of '00 due to injury).

FRONTRUNNERS – Prior to the 12th-minute goal by Michigan, ND **had not faced a deficit for nearly two months and 16-plus games**, the longest streak in the program's history ... the only previous time the Irish had trailed came early in the third game, for **7:18 vs. ASU** (ND quickly claimed the lead and went on to a 3-1 win) ... the Irish have **led for 69%** of the 1,828 minutes in '03 while trailing for less than 1% (0.4%; 66 minutes), with Santa Clara being the only team to come back and tie the Irish (ND retook the lead for good 12 minutes later) ... the previous team record for longest streak without facing a deficit was a 14-game stretch in 1997, starting with a 5-0 win over Duke (9/21, after trailing two days earlier in a 2-2 tie vs. UNC) ... the '97 streak continued through a 6-1 win over UConn in the BIG EAST title game (11/9) and ended one week later, when Cincinnati opened the scoring in a first-round NCAA Tournament game (ND dominated for a 7-1 win) ... the '97 team spent all season ranked No. 2 in the NSCAA poll ... ND's 2000 squad earned the top ranking after seven games and did not face a deficit for the first 13 games (BC scored first and led for 28 minutes, in a 3-1 ND win) ... that team added six more games without trailing before falling behind UNC in the 82nd minute of the NCAA semifinals (2-1 loss).

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA NOMINEES – Four Notre Dame players recently were nominated for Verizon Academic All-America honors, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (the awards are TBA): fifth-year defender **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (4.00 cumulative GPA; chemical engineering major), senior midfielder **Kimberly Carpenter** (3.41; pre-professional science), junior forward **Mary Boland** (3.87; psychology) and sophomore goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** (3.67; business) ... Pruzinsky was a first team Academic All-American in 2000 and '01 (she was injured in '02), becoming just the second ND student-athlete ever to be a first team Academic All-American as a sophomore and junior (freshmen are not eligible).

KEEP ON CRANKING – Prior to the Michigan loss, ND had avoided pitfalls that have hit other top teams, as the Irish and UNC had been the **only unbeaten teams** for several weeks while the other 295 Div. I programs include **just five others with one loss**: UCLA, Princeton, Cal Poly, SE Louisiana and Hofstra. **CLUTCH CANADIAN** – Sophomore F **Katie Thorlakson** (Langley, B.C.) has picked key times for all four of her game-winning goals in 2003 ... two of her GWGs have come vs. top-15 teams (#10 Santa Clara and #15 Connecticut), plus the overtime goal vs. Villanova and the early strike at Rutgers (3-0) ... she also is the only current ND player with multiple career goals vs. UConn (her goal tied the '02 game, 1-1, in a 3-1 win) ... the '02 ND-UConn game proved to be a key turning point for the program, with current senior **Melissa Tancredi** making the full-time move from F to central D while Thorlakson shifted permanently from M to F ... since those key shifts, the Irish are 24-3-1 in their last 28 games.

PLAYING THE BEST – ND has played some of its best soccer vs. ranked opponents, going 24-10-3 vs. NSCAA ranked teams in the Waldrum era (since '99) ... that trend held true in 2001 (5-1-0): 2-1 vs. Penn St., 2-0 vs. Hartford, 2-1 vs. WVU, 3-0 vs. Miami, 0-3 at UConn, 2-1 vs. Michigan ... the Irish posted 2002 wins over #25 Maryland (5-2), #8 UConn (3-1), #13 Michigan (1-0) and #14 Purdue (3-1) ... over the course of the '01-'03 seasons, ND owns an 11-6-1 record vs. NSCAA top-25 teams (29-5-1 vs. unranked teams), including 2003 wins over #16 Santa Clara (2-1), #8 West Virginia (2-0) and #15 UConn (2-0) and a scoreless tie vs. #24 Stanford.

NCAA STAT LEADERS – ND entered the weekend ranked second in the nation for both goals-against avg. (0.39) and is scoring (3.25 goals per game), with top-ranked UNC atop both lists (0.33 and 3.67) ... senior F **Amy Warner** enters the weekend with 11 assists, trailing just Oklahoma State's Nikki Wojtowicz (16), UNC's Alyssa Ramsey (16) and Portland's Lindsey Huie (14) ... Warner also ranks 21st in the nation in points (30) and 35th in goals (10) while junior F **Mary Boland** is 29th in the nation with 12 goals and 27th in points (29) ... ND's **Erika Bohn** now ranks second nationally in GAA (0.37), behind UNC's Aly Wingert (0.35).

GLORY DAYS – Notre Dame's current 65-8 scoring edge is comparable to the program's five-year dominance in the mid-1990s, with 20-game scoring margins of: 92-14 in '93, 93-8 in '94, 79-15 in '95, 118-10 in '96 and 107-5 in '97 (average of 98-11) ... ND's 0.39 team GAA is tied with the 2000 team for second in Irish history (trailing only the 0.36 in '97).

QUICK-STRIKE ARTISTS – Notre Dame has scored in the first 7:00 of eight games this season (total of nine quick-strike goals), with junior F **Mary Boland** responsible for three of those early scores while six other players each have scored one quick goal this season ... the team's quickest goals have come vs. West Virginia (1:24; Boland volley on long serve from Melissa Tancredi), at Seton Hall (1:30; **Amy Warner** near-post shot after taking pass from Jill Krivacek) and twice at Rutgers (2:44 by **Katie Thorlakson** from close range, after leftside pass from Warner; and at 3:53 on **Tancredi** header, via Thorlakson corner kick) ... other quick-strike goals by ND in 2003 have come vs. Hartford (6:32; **Boland** puts back own rebound, after classic 5-player combination sequence that includes right endline cross from Warner), vs. Oklahoma (5:58; **Jen Buczkowski** knocks in rebound after flurry in box), at Santa Clara (5:03; **Boland** on lunging poke after leftside service from Katie Thorlakson), vs. North Texas (4:28; **Amanda Guertin** shot from top of the box via short pass from Warner) and vs. Georgetown (5:39; **Kimberly Carpenter** redirects Vanessa Pruzinsky shot).

GOING THE DISTANCE – ND is unbeaten in its last 15 overtime games (11-0-4), since the 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC in the '99 opener ... that team went on to post a 2-1, double-OT win at UConn and played to a 1-1 tie at Nebraska in the NCAA quarter's (adv. on PKs) ... the 2000 team had OT wins over Stanford, at West Virginia and vs. Santa Clara in the NCAA quarter's (all 2-1), also playing to 0-0 at UConn ... '01 featured an unprecedented five OT games (2-1 vs. Indiana, Villanova, WVU and Michigan; 2-2 vs. Wisconsin) while the '02 team added 1-0 OT wins over Rutgers and BC ... the '03 team has played to a scoreless tie with Stanford (at SCU) and beat Villanova in OT (1-0).

SHARING THE WEALTH IN OT – ND's 11 overtime wins in the five-year Randy Waldrum era include goals from seven players (plus an own goal vs. Stanford in '00): **Anne Makinen** (vs. UConn in '99), **Amanda Guertin** (ND record 3; vs. WVU in '00, Michigan in '01, BC in '02), **Meotis Erikson** (vs. SCU in '00 NCAA quarter's), **Kelly Tulisiak** (vs. IU in '01), **Amy Warner** (2; vs. VU in '01, Rutgers in '02), **Mia Sarkesian** (vs. WVU in '01) and **Katie Thorlakson** (vs. Vill. in '03).

OT MASTERS – Senior **Amanda Guertin** holds the ND record for career OT goals (3), with her classmate **Amy Warner** and '96 national player of the year Cindy Daws ranking second with two (including Daws' goal vs. Portland in the '95 NCAA title game) ... Guertin (3G-2A) owns eight career points in OT, followed by Warner (6; 2G-2A) ... Guertin's other OT goals came at WVU in 2000 and at home vs. WVU in '01 (both 2-1) ... in addition to her double-OT goal on Sept. 20, 2002, vs. Rutgers (1-0), Warner scored in OT vs. Villanova ('01) and had the primary assist on Kelly Tulisiak's OT goal in '01 vs. Indiana (both 2-1) ... she also had the cross that produced an OT own-goal to beat Stanford in '00 and assisted on Guertin's OT goal in '02 at BC (1-0), playing a key role in five of ND's last nine OT goals (Guertin on five of the last eight).

STILL NO LOSSES – Notre Dame went unbeaten after 19 games for the fourth time in the program's history ... here's a look at the other longest season-opening unbeaten streaks in the ND record book:

Year	Start (Scoring)	Notes
1994	24 games (104-11)	went 23-0-1 before losing to UNC in NCAA title game (5-0)
1997	24 games (134-7)	again fashioned 23-0-1 record before losing to UConn in NCAA semifinals (2-1)
2000	24 games (75-8)	another familiar record (23-0-1) precedes a 2-1 loss to UNC in the NCAA semifinals
2003	19 games (63-5)	scoreless tie vs. Stanford only non-win during 18-0-1 start, before 3-2 loss to Michigan
1996	13 games (66-6)	started 13-0-0 prior to 3-1 loss at Santa Clara
1991	12 games	twice-tied team (10-0-2) drops 1-0 game at UMass
1995	10 games	opened 9-0-1 before losing to UConn (5-4 in OT)

MOVING ON UP – ND's impressive career record book can be seen in the fact that **Amanda Guertin** did not crack the Irish top-10 career scoring list until notching her 43rd goal, roughly half of the record total racked up by 1999 graduate Jenny Heft (80) ... here's a look at where Guertin and classmate **Amy Warner** stand on the career points and goals list:

NOTRE DAME CAREER POINTS		NOTRE DAME CAREER GOALS	
1. Jenny Streiffer ('96-'99)	211	1. Jenny Heft ('96-'99)	80
2. Monica Gerardo ('95-'98)	190	2. Monica Gerardo ('95-'98)	73
3. Jenny Heft ('96-'99)	189	3. Jenny Streiffer ('96-'99)	70
Cindy Daws ('93-'96)	189	4. Anne Makinen ('97-'00)	65
5. Anne Makinen ('97-'00)	186	5. Cindy Daws ('93-'96)	61
6. Holly Manthei ('94-'97)	177	6. Meotis Erikson ('97-'00)	59
7. Meotis Erikson ('97-'00)	164	Michelle McCarthy ('92-'95)	59
8. Michelle McCarthy ('92-'95)	156	8. Rosella Guerrero ('92-'95)	55
9. Rosella Guerrero ('92-'95)	142	9. Amanda Guertin ('00-)	47
10. Shannon Boxx ('95-'98)	135	10. Alison Lester ('90-'93)	45
11. Alison Lester ('90-'93)	126	11. Susie Zilvitis ('88-'91)	43
12. Amanda Guertin ('00-)	121	12. Amy Warner ('00-)	37
13. Susie Zilvitis ('88-'91)	112	13. Shannon Boxx ('95-'98)	35
14. Amy Warner ('00-)	98	14. Amy Van Laecke ('94-'96)	34

STREAKY PLAYER – **Amanda Guertin** scored a goal in the final 10 games of 2001 – third-longest in Div. I women's soccer history (SCU's Brandi Chastain had a 15-game goal streak in '90, Hartford's Maria Kun an 11-game streak in '97) ... Guertin also scored goals in an ND-record seven straight postseason games, spanning '01 and '02 (she has 9G in 15 career postseason games) and had points in eight straight games (7G-6A) before the 1-0 loss at Stanford in '02.

GETTING THE GWGs – Amanda Guertin continues to add clutch goals and assists to her career totals (46G-24A, in 84 GP) – with her 17 gamewinning goals ranking third on the ND all-time list (two shy of Jenny Heft's record) ... seven of Guertin's GWGs have come in one-goal games, including three in OT (ND record) ... nearly half of Guertin's career goals (17 of 46, or 39%) have been gamewinners – well ahead of the others on the GWG list:

Name (pos., years)	GWG	Goals	(Pct. GWGs)	Name (pos., years)	GWG	Goals	(Pct.)
1. Jenny Heft (F, 1996-99)	19	80	(23.8%)	7. Jenny Streiffer (F, 1996-99)	15	70	(21.4%)
2. Michelle McCarthy (F, 1992-95)	18	59	(30.5%)	8. Meotis Erikson (F, 1997-2000)	13	59	(22.0%)
3. Amanda Guertin (F, 2000-)	17	47	(36.2%)	9. Amy Warner (F, 2000-)	11	37	(30.0%)
4. Rosella Guerrero (F, '92-'95)	16	55	(29.1%)				
Monica Gerardo (F, '95-'98)	16	73	(21.9%)				
Anne Makinen (M, '97-'00)	16	65	(24.6%)				

PRUZSINKY DRAWS NATONAL MEDIA ATTENTION – Fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** was spotlighted in a recent feature on College Sports Television while a recent *Sports Illustrated On Campus* highlighted the high achiever ... Pruzinsky – the national high school player of the year and a 2002 invitee to U.S. Under-21 National Team tryouts – wrapped up her undergrad studies last May with a 4.0 cumulative GPA, becoming just the third chemical engineering major (and first since '74) to graduate from Notre Dame with a 4.0.

INJURY WOES CONTINUE – ND's '02 season was hampered by injuries to several top players (totaling 64 games missed, plus 93 thus far in '03 for a total of 157) ... the Irish are playing in the '03 season minus two top players – as junior All-America D **Candace Chapman** suffered a torn ACL knee injury while training with the Canadian National Team (in preparation for the World Cup) while senior M **Randi Scheller** underwent pre-season hip surgery ... sophomore M **Jenny Walz** (ACL) has returned to practice after being injured in the spring ... junior starting central D **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** has returned in a reserve role (after missing four games with a broken arm) while freshman D **Kari Kennedy** (foot) and junior D **Kate Tulisiak** (back) made their 2003 debuts on Oct. 10 vs. Georgetown ... veteran D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (ankle) made a full-time return at the ND Classic ... Scheller will have the option to apply for a 5th year of eligibility in '04, as will central D **Melissa Tancredi** (she missed '00 with an ACL injury) ... Pruzinsky is a current 5th-year player (out most of '02 with ankle injury) while Chapman will be a senior in '04 and have her own option at a 5th year in '05 ... Tancredi missed three of the final five games in the '03 regular season (due to nagging injuries) while junior F **Mary Boland** also has been sidelined for two recent games.

BOHN ON A ROLL – Sophomore G **Erika Bohn** is 29-3-1 in her last 33 starts (28-1-1 last 30), allowing just 17 goals in that 33-game stretch (20 shutouts, 11 with 1 GA) ... her only losses in that stretch: 3-2 game BYU with a fluke goal (clearance deflected off referee) and a rare late-game PK; the season-ending loss at top-ranked Stanford, with the only goal coming in the 81st minute; and the 3-2 loss to Michigan in the final game of the '03 regular season (UM's final two goals came on corner-kick breakdowns by the ND defense) ... prior to the Michigan game, Bohn had logged 29 consecutive games with the Irish (24 fall, 5 spring) without allowing multiple goals (previously done by BYU on Oct. 19, 2002).

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win in ND history, with the Irish 198-3-1 all-time (.983) when scoring 3-plus, losing to N.C. State in the '92 opener (4-3), UConn in '95 (5-4, OT) and at Georgetown in '02 (4-3), plus a 3-3 tie vs. Vanderbilt in '91... the Irish had won 88 straight when scoring 3-plus, before the GU loss (now 102-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995) ... ND is 274-8-11 (.954) in all-time games when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals, including tough 1-0 losses in '02 to eventual NCAA champ Portland and top-ranked Stanford ... prior to the UP loss, the Irish had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, playing minus Finnish national teamer Anne Makinen) ... the program's 16-year history includes just 281 goals allowed in 361 games (0.78 GA per game) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 68 all-time games (19%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in just 32 all-time games (9%; including two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal) ... 91% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 goals (ND is just 4-27-1 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

FIRST-HALF FORTRESS – The ND defense has been particularly stingy in the first half the past three seasons, allowing just 20 goals in the first half of those 61 games ... the first half in '02 featured little scoring (12-10 ND edge), compared to a 35-5 first-half edge in '03.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – Fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** in May 2003 became the third chemical engineering major (and first since '74) to graduate from ND with a 4.0 cumulative GPA ... Pruzinsky is a two-time Academic All-American, with ND's other top candidates for that award in '03 including junior F/M **Mary Boland** (3.87, psychology), senior M **Kimberly Carpenter** (3.41, psychology) and sophomore G **Erika Bohn** (3.67, College of Business).

EARLY SPARK – **Mary Boland** is the fifth ND player to register a hat trick in an opener and has scored in all three openers of her career (including ND's first goal in '01 and '03), with a diving header to open the scoring in '01 vs. Penn State (2-1) and the final goal in the '02 win at Providence (3-0) ... previous Irish players with hat tricks in openers: Rosella Guerrero as a freshman vs. N.C. State in '92 (4-3 loss), Guerrero and sophomore Michelle McCarthy in '93 at LaSalle (12-0 win), and senior Amy Van Laecke and sophomore Monica Gerardo in '96 at PC (14-0) ... Boland's 7 points vs. Hartford (3G-1A) are most by an ND player since Jenny Streiffer had 3G-1A vs. Miami on Oct. 1, 1999 ... Streiffer holds the ND record for points in a game, with 9 (3G-3A) in the '96 win over Providence (14-0).

ALUMNI UPDATE – Several former Notre Dame women's soccer players have been in the news during recent weeks:

- D **Kate Sobrero** ('98) and M **Shannon Boxx** ('99) were named to the U.S. National Team that finished third at the World Cup, both serving as starters ... Sobrero played for the U.S. team that won the '99 World Cup and was on the '00 Olympic team ... Boxx had no previous National Team experience but had an impressive '03 season in the WUSA (she became the first player ever to score in her first three games with the National Team, in two tuneup games and the 3-1 opener vs. Sweden) ... she also headed in a Mia Hamm corner kick for the gamewinning goal vs. Canada in the third-place game and was one of 16 players named to the all-World Cup team.

- Sobrero and Boxx were two of five former ND players who played in the WUSA 2003 all-star game, as were Washington Freedom D **Jen Grubb** ('00), Boston Breakers D **Monica Gonzalez** ('02) and San Jose CyberRays G **LaKeysia Beene** ('00) ... Sobrero and Gonzalez helped Boston win the WUSA regular-season title while Grubb – who played every minute in the first three WUSA seasons – captained the Freedom to the '03 WUSA Founders Cup title (2-1 in OT vs. Atlanta Beat) ... other ND alums in the '03 WUSA: M **Anne Makinen** ('01; Phil. Charge), D **Lindsey Jones** ('02; N.Y.), D **Kelly Lindsey** ('01; San Jose) and M **Monica Gerardo** ('99; Wash.).

- Three of the above now are college assistants: **Gerardo** at Pittsburgh (where former ND assistant Sue-Moy Chin is the first-year head coach), **Lindsey** at Colorado and **Boxx** at Cal State Dominguez Hills ... Boxx is enrolled in graduate school at Pepperdine and is one of several former ND players set to be married in coming months (as are Sobrero and former midfield great **Holly Manthei**).

FRESHMAN CLASS RANKED AMONG BEST IN NATION – *Soccer America* rated ND's freshman class 5th in the nation, behind Santa Clara, UCLA, Texas and Portland ... **Jen Buczkowski** (Elk Grove, Ill.) was No. 6 on the list of top recruits (second among M, behind Nebraska's Brittany Timko, who was 2nd overall) ... D **Christie Shaner** (Ambler, Pa.) was No. 22, making ND one of seven schools with multiple players on that top-25 list ... M/D **Lizzie Reed** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) also was a prep All-American.

FAR & WIDE – Notre Dame's 2003 roster includes players from 14 states, two Canadian provinces (British Columbia and Ontario) and Iceland ... the states on the '03 roster touch all corners of the nation: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.

GAME #1 (at UConn Classic; Aug. 29)

#6 NOTRE DAME	5	4	-	9
HARTFORD	1	0	-	1

ND 1. Mary Boland (Warner) 6:32; **ND 2.** Boland (Warner) 15:19; **ND 3.** Kim Carpenter (Scheffter) 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 (Thorlakson, Scheffter) 71:55; **ND 9.** Amy 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: HART 10-8. **Offsides:** 10-10.

Notes: Despite no preseason exhibitions and facing the challenge of playing minus six injured players, ND posted the 2nd-most goals of the Waldrum era and most since 9-2 vs. Wisconsin in '99 (also 10-0 vs. Georgetown in '99) ... two previous ND teams had a more dominating opener, in '93 (12-0 at LaSalle) and '96 (14-0 at Providence) ... **Annie Scheffter** (missed '02 with ACL) was one of several "newcomers" with a strong debut, looping a shot that was nudged in by **Kim Carpenter** before assisting on **Mary Boland's** third goal on a corner kick ... ND improved to 10-1-0 in its last 11 openers (14-2-0 overall), including four straight since a heartbreaker in '99 vs. top-ranked UNC (2-3-, double-OT) ... ND totaled just 12 first-half goals in '02 but had 5 vs. Hartford (on 7 shots) ... see other notes in release on Boland (3G-1A).

GAME #2 (at UConn Classic; Aug. 31)

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

ND 1. Jill Krivacek 1 (Buczowski, Amy Warner) 44:34; **ND 2.** Mary Boland 4 (Guertin) 64:13; **ND 3.** 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, team 1).

Fouls: ND 12-11. **Offsides:** ND 4-0.

Notes: **Jill Krivacek** became the first ND freshman to find the net and **Mary Boland** scored for a 9-point weekend ... the 12 goals at the UConn Classic were most ND in back-to-back games since the '99 team scored 16 in wins over Miami (7-1) and Wisconsin (9-2) ... the Irish improved to 11-0-1 in their last 12 vs. ACC teams other than UNC ... all-tournament picks: Boland, **Erika Bohn**, Gudrun Gunnarsdottir and **Amy Warner**.

GAME #3 (ND Classic; Sept. 5)

#13 ARIZONA STATE	1	0	-	1
#5 NOTRE DAME	2	1	-	3

ASU 1. Stephanie Peel 1 (Courtney Crane) 10:20; **ND 1.** Mary Boland 5 (Jen Buczowski) 17:38; **ND 2.** Boland 6 (Guertin) 22:38; **ND 3.** Amy Warner 3 (Buczowski) 70:27.

Shots: ASU 6-5 - 11, ND 5-6 - 11.

Corner Kicks: ASU 4, ND 4.

Saves: ASU 1 (Kelly Fitzgerald), ND 4 (Bohn).

Fouls: ASU 15-8. **Offsides:** ND 1-0

Notes: ND endured an early onslaught and trailed for 7:18 before surging ahead ... ND improved to 13-1 in its last 14 home openers while **Mary Boland** set the ND record for the goals in the first 3 games (6) ... **Amy Warner** became the 15th all-time ND player with 30-plus career goals ... **Erika Bohn** saved a PK with the score still 2-1 in the 2nd half.

GAME #4 (ND Classic; Sept. 7)

OKLAHOMA	1	0	-	1
#5 NOTRE DAME	4	1	-	5

ND 1. Jen Buczowski 1 (-) 5:58; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin (Warner, Buczowski) 20:45; **OU 1.** Becky Nelson 2 (Lauren MacIver) 25:19; **ND 3.** Buczowski (Reed) 33:31; **ND 4.** Annie Scheffter 1 (-) 41:09; **ND 5.** Molly Iarocci 1 (Carpenter, Scheffter) 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: ND 12-7 **Offsides:** OU 1-0.

Notes: The Irish improved to 17-3-2 in all-time home tournaments ... the '03 squad became the 4th ND team ever to register 3-plus goals in each of its first 4 games (also '93, '96, '98) while the 20-3 scoring edge compared with fast starts in '93 (24-2), '95 (24-0), '96 (23-1) and '98 (23-1) ... the last time an ND team posted 3-plus goals in 4 straight games came in the '99 postseason ... **Amanda Guertin** became the 11th ND player to reach the 40-goal milestone and the score (2-0) ended up as the game-winning goal, tying her with three previous players for third in the ND record book with 16 career GWGs ... sophomore **M Annie Scheffter** scored her first official goal with the Irish on a 20-yard free kick and later added her 2nd corner-kick assist of the season ... freshman **M Jen Buczowski** (2G-3A) was named ND Classic Offensive MVP and BIG EAST rookie of the week while being one of 11 players named to national player-of-the-week teams by *Soccer America* and *Soccer Buzz* ... 5th-year player **Vanessa Pruzinsky** earned defensive MVP honors at the ND Classic for the second time in her career (also '01), leading a defense that held ASU and OU to a combined 15 shots (6 on target) and 4 corner kicks ... other all-tournament picks included: **Amy Warner** (1G-1A), **Kim Lorenzen**, **Mary Boland** (2G vs. ASU) and **Erika Bohn** (2 GA, saved PK vs. ASU).

GAME #5 (Sept. 11)

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

Notes: **Amy Warner** picked up her 31st career goal and 10th gamewinner (the 9th player in ND history with double-digit GWGs) while fellow senior **Amanda Guertin** notched her 41st career goal ... the Irish finished with an 18-6 overall shot advantage (10-2 in shots on target).

GAME #6 (Sept. 13)

WESTERN KENTUCKY	0	0	-	0
#2 NOTRE DAME	2	3	-	5

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

Shots: WK 0-3 - 3, ND 11-10 - 21.

Corner Kicks: WK 2, ND 9.

Saves: WK 8 (Becky Kasper), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0, Nikki Westfall 1).

Fouls: ND 12-6. **Offsides:** 0-0.

ND-WKU Notes: **Annie Scheffter** (1A) and **Katie Thorlakson** both scored twice while senior **Amy Warner** had a part in three of the ND goals ... ND broke open the game with a 3-goal flurry to start the 2nd half, as Thorlakson scored twice and drew a PK (scored by Scheffter) all in a span of 3:33 ... the '03 squad became the 7th ND team to win its first six games (also '93-'97, '00) while the 27 goals represent the 4th-most ever scored by an Irish team at the 6-game point (37 in '96, 31 in '93 and '95) ... 5th-year player **Vanessa Pruzinsky** picked up the 5th BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-week award of her career after helping limit SJU and WKU to nine combined shots (just three on target) and five corner kicks.

Game #7 (Sept. 19; Buck Shaw Stadium)

#2 NOTRE DAME	0	0	0	0	-	0
#16 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, ST 0-1-1-0 - 2.

Saves: ND 2 (Erika Bohn), STAN 5 (Nicole Barnhart).

Fouls: ND 16, ST 15.

Offsides: ND 2, ST 1.

Notes: ND maintained a narrow lead in the Stanford series (4-3-1) ... the tie pushed ND's unbeaten streak in OT to 14 games (10-0-4), dating back to the '99 opener ... All-American G Nicole Barnhart made 5 saves, including a lunging tip that sent an Amanda Guertin chip off the crossbar ... ND's previous scoreless ties: vs. Dayton in '91, vs. UNC in '94 (in St. Louis, ending UNC's NCAA-record 92-game win streak) and at UConn in 2000.

GAME #8 (Sept. 21; Buck Shaw Stadium)

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

ND 1. Mary Boland 7 (Katie Thorlakson) 5:03; **SCU 1.** Marian Dalmay 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.

Notes: **Christie Shaner** was named the SCU Classic defensive MVP, BIG EAST rookie of the week and was one of 11 named to the Soccer Buzz national players-of-the-week team after playing a lead role alongside senior Melissa Tancredi as the central defenders for an Irish squad that held Stanford and SCU to 12 combined shots (just 3 on goal) and 3 combined corner kicks ... **Katie Thorlakson** was the SCU Classic's offensive MVP after providing the leftside cross that led to **Mary Boland's** early goal before knocking home Boland's deflected shot for the gamewinner vs. SCU ... ND's all-tournament picks included Shaner, Thorlakson, Boland and senior **F Amy Warner** (Boland and Warner also were all-tournament at the UConn and ND Classics) ... ND dominated the play while handing the Broncos their first-ever loss in the SCU Classic ... ND finished with a 14-5 edge in overall shots (8-1 first half) while SCU converted its only shot on net ... Boland's goal was her first since scoring 6 in the first 3 games (an ND record) ... Marian Dalmay's goal ended ND's shutout streak at 418 minutes ... just two previous ND teams have allowed fewer goals in the first 8 games (0 in '95, 3 in '97) ... ND improved to 5-3-0 in the SCU series.

GAME #9 (Sept. 28)

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

ND 1. Amanda Guertin 5 (Warner) 4:28; **ND 2.** M. Tancredi 1 (Guertin) 6:12; **ND 3.** Tancredi 2 (Guertin) 35:59; **ND 4.** M. Manning 3 (Carpenter) 37:51; **ND 5.** L. Reed (Thorlakson) 41:56; **ND 6.** A. Warner 6 (-) 56:16; **ND 7.** M. Boland 8 (Tancredi, Thorlakson) 62:41; **NTX 1.** Melinda Pina 13 (-) 66:37; **ND 8.** B. Tweneboah 1 (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 1 (Erika Bohn 0 in 57:59, Nikki Westfall 1).

Fouls: NTX 5, ND 12. **Off.:** NTX 0, ND 0.

Notes: **Melissa Tancredi** pushed forward to score the 2nd and 3rd goals, on a header and lunging volley via **Amanda Guertin free kicks** ... Tancredi became the 7th ND player with a multiple-goal game in '03 ... **Katie Thorlakson** (2A) continued her surge, **Maggie Manning** had her first goal since the opener and **Lizzie Reed** and **Becky Tweneboah** added their first goals with ND ... UNT entered as one of the nation's top-scoring teams (3.6 goals/gm) ... Guertin scored ND's quickest goal in the first nine games, at 4:28.

GAME #10 (Sept. 30)

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.

Notes: **Amanda Guertin** cracked the ND top-10 scoring list with her 43rd career goal and 17th GWG (2 shy of ND record) ... ISU became the 5th team in '03 that fail to post a rare win over ND in the series opener, as the Irish improved 35-5 in their last 40 series openers (since '93) and 36-3-1 vs. first-time visitors to Alumni Field in that 11-year stretch.

GAME #11 (Oct. 3)

#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.

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

Fouls: WVU 11, ND 19. **Off.:** WVU 4, ND 4.

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

Notes: **Mary Boland** scored ND's earliest goal of the season (1:24) while ND turned in a dominating effort with constant pressure, holding WVU to a single shot on goal ... ND pushed its BIG EAST home winning streak to 45 games (dating back to '95) ... the Irish stayed unbeaten after 11 games for the sixth time in the last 13 seasons ... **Melissa Tancredi's** long service assisted on Boland's skillful high volley shot to open the scoring ... **Amy Warner** was possibly the player of the game, buzzing all over the field to lead the pressuring Irish presence ... Warner set up the second goal after speeding away from the defense and forcing **Katie Thorlakson** leftside corner kick, with Tancredi deflecting the ball and **Kimberly Carpenter** scoring on a volley ... ND held a 9-2 CK edge until the final minute, when WVU tacked on two more CKs.

GAME #12 (Oct. 5)

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

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 4 (Kimberly Carpenter) 97:22.

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. **Off.:** VILL 1, ND 1.

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

Notes: **Katie Thorlakson** took a short free-kick pass from **Kim Carpenter** and drilled home a low, leftfooted shot from 24 yards to continue ND's OT streak (11-0-4 since '99) ... VU had allowed just 5 goals in its previous 12 games ... the goal gave Thorlakson 12 pts (4G-4A) in an 8-game stretch ... she became the 7th different Irish player to score in OT during the 5-year Waldrum era.

GAME #13 (Oct. 7)

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 (Erika Bohn).

Fouls: BU 7, ND 7. **Offsides:** BU 0, ND 3.

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

Notes: **Kim Carpenter** continued her recent scoring binge by notching the game's first goal (her 5th consecutive game with a point) while fellow senior **Amy Warner** added a goal and had the point-blank shot that led to an own-goal ... ND stayed unbeaten after 13 games for the 5th time in the program's history ... the Irish completed a rare stretch of three games in five days while posting their 4th straight shutout ... ND took the final 23 shots of the game and held its opponent to 0-1 shots on goal for the 10th straight game ... Warner's goal was 34th of her career (13th ND history).

GAME #14 (Oct. 10)

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 Scheffter 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 in 72:20, Louise Butler 0), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0, Nikki Westfall 1).

Fis: GU 11, ND 10. **Off.:** GU 0, ND 3. ND 1.

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

Notes: The Irish offense scored early and often as ND remained unbeaten after 14 games for the 4th time in the program's history ... **Kimberly Carpenter** pushed her point-scoring streak to six games by finding the net at the 5:39 mark, the 6th time in '03 that ND had scored in the first 7:00 ... the efficient offense cashed in six of 18 shots while the defense did not allow a shot until the 63rd minute, yielding a streak of 138 minutes in which ND held its opponents without a shot (including most of the Butler game ... seniors **Amy Warner** (1G-1A) and **Amanda Guertin** (2G) combined to play a role in four of the goals ... the game marked the 5th time in '03 that the Irish had scored 5-plus goals.

GAME #15 (Oct. 12)

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

ND 1. Mary Boland 11 (Katie Thorlakson, Christie Shaner) 20:37; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin 9 (Melissa 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 (Bohn).

Fouls: MIA 12, ND 7. **Off.:** MIA 0, ND 5.

Yellow Card: Ashley Durkee (MIA) 34:53.

Notes: More balanced offense and dominating defense capped a rugged stretch of 6 games in 13 days ... ND extended its string of holding the opponent to 0-2 shots on goal to 12 games ... freshman central back **Christie Shaner** picked up her first point on a rightside corner kick in the 21st minute, with **Katie Thorlakson** redirecting the ball on a near-post flick before **Mary Boland** scored on a leftside header ... **Melissa Tancredi's** long thru-ball and Thorlakson's "dummy" play later sprung **Amanda Guertin** for her 46th career goal ... Thorlakson capped the scoring by knocking in a rebound of a **Jill Krivacek** shot.

GAME #16 (Oct. 17)

#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 (Erin Rice), ND 2 (Bohn).

Fouls: UC 11, ND 15. **Off.:** UC 0, ND 4.

Yellow Card: Amy Warner 2 (ND) 55:27.

Notes: The Irish overcame the absence of leading scorer Mary Boland while turning in another strong defensive effort as ND completed a rare 8-game homestand ... Katie Thorlakson scored on a corner-kick sequence while Lizzie Reed added a goal in her first action at forward ... ND held UConn without a shot on goal for the final 60 minutes ... it marked the 13th straight game that ND held the opponent to 0-2 shots on goal, with the Irish taking over the national GAA lead (0.31) ... ND pushed its home winning streak vs. BIG EAST teams to 49 games (since '95) ... ND improved its series record vs. UConn to 12-3-2 (6-1-1 in last 8) ... Erika Bohn made 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 near the top of the box.

GAME #17 (Oct. 19; Indianola, Pa.)

#2 NOTRE DAME	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 (Bohn), Pitt 7 (Jamie Pelusi).

Fouls: ND 15, Pitt 10. **Offsides:** ND 2, Pitt 0.

Yellow Card: Pittsburgh bench (88:00).

Notes: **Mary Boland's** return featured her 5th game-winning goal of '03 (heading home a long service from Christie Shaner) while Erika Bohn set the ND record for consecutive shutout minutes (789), as the Irish overcame the absence of defensive leader Melissa Tancredi to tie a team record with its 8th straight shutout ... Pittsburgh was the fresher team, due to a rare Friday off before a conference game ... the game was ND's first away from home in four weeks and just the third on the opponent's field.

GAME #18 (Oct. 24; Piscataway, N.J)

#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 (Bohn), RU 3 (Robyn Jones).

Fouls: ND 13, RU 13.

Offsides: ND 1, RU 0

Notes: ND's Canadian connection of **Katie Thorlakson** and **Melissa Tancredi** combined for all three goals and an assist while the Irish defense set a team record with its 9th straight shutout ... ND struck quickly with a pair of goals in the first four minutes (its earliest 2-0 lead of '03) ... Thorlakson scored ND'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 kick.

GAME #19 (Oct. 26; South Orange, N.J)

#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

Notes: **Amy Warner** scored ND's quickest goal of the season (1:30, on a near-post shot after a feed from Jill Krivacek) and added a second-half goal while the ND defense again allowed just one shot on goal (16th straight game with 0-3 opponent SOGs) and pushed the shutout streak to 10 games (5th NCAA history) ... ND again elected to rest **Melissa Tancredi** ... the Irish tied a team record for consecutive games without allowing multiple goals (24) ... Warner became the 8th ND player to post a multiple-goal game in '03 (she also notched her 11th career GWG while pushing her career goal total to 37).

GAME #20 (Oct. 29)

MICHIGAN	2	1	-	3
#2 NOTRE DAME	1	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.

Notes: Michigan - facing virtually a must-win game for its NCAA postseason chances - managed just a handful of scoring chances but converted on each of them before holding off an injury-hampered ND squad ... ND was forced to play without two of its top players, senior D **Melissa Tancredi** and junior F **Mary Boland** ... Michigan did not attempt a shot in the final 41 minutes while going into a defensive shell to hold off the ND onslaught ... the Wolverines claimed an early lead before moving back in front in the 30th minute and then taking a 3-1 lead early in the second half ... UM capitalized on its only two corner-kicks of the game ... the game ended several ND 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 came one game shy of the program's 4th unbeaten regular season ... it marked the first time in 17 games that the opponent had more than three shots on goal (6).