

## **NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER RELEASE – OCT. 31, 2000**

**AIMING FOR ANOTHER TITLE:** The Notre Dame women's soccer team (18-0-1)—ranked No. 1 for the seventh straight week—heads into a BIG EAST semi-final matchup with Boston College in search of its sixth straight BIG EAST championship (the Irish have won the title every season since joining the conference in '95) ... Connecticut and Syracuse will meet in the first semifinal (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, Oct. 3, with Sunday's championship game (noon) to be carried live by six regional sports networks ... ND opened the postseason with a 3-0 win over Miami in the BIG EAST Quarterfinals.

### **BIG EAST Conference Championship Schedule**

Fri., Nov. 3           Syracuse vs. Connecticut (5:00 p.m.)  
                            Boston College vs. Notre Dame (30 minutes after first game)  
Sun., Nov. 5           \* Championship game (noon)

\* Broadcast live on six regional sports cable networks, including Fox Sports Chicago, Fox Sports New England, Fox Sports Net Florida, Madison Square Garden Network, Empire Sports and Comcast Sports Philadelphia.

**REAL-AUDIO OFFERINGS:** In addition to the live television broadcast of the championship game (see note above), the BIG EAST and Notre Dame also plan to offer real-audio offerings of both semi-final games and the championship game ... further information about these audio offerings will be released to the media and posted on the Notre Dame and BIG EAST websites ... links to the internet broadcasts will be available at [www.und.com](http://www.und.com) and [www.bigeast.org](http://www.bigeast.org).

## **AROUND THE HORN – Quick Notes on the Irish**

### **Team Notes**

- ND has outscored its opponents 64-6, an 11-to-1 ratio that ranks behind only ND's '97 squad (135-9, 15-to-1).
- The Miami game marked the 12th time this season that ND has allowed 0-2 shots on goal (2).
- Prior to the Miami game, ND had played six of seven games on the road (during a 27-day stretch), including 10-of-11 days on the road from Oct. 14-24.
- ND is 26-0-1 in its last 27 games vs. BIG EAST teams (68-3-2/.945 since joining the BIG EAST in '95).
- The Irish have allowed just 3G in the last 14-plus games (1,338 minutes) and have 9 shutouts in the last 11 (59 shots—27 on goal—and 21 CKs allowed in that 11-game stretch).
- ND has led for 55% of the minutes while trailing just 1.6% of the time (28 minutes, vs. BC)
- ND has scored in the first half 14 times while going scoreless past the 55:00 mark just three times.
- Season stat edges: 476-107 in shots (avg. 25-6), 274-52 in shots on goal (avg. 14-3), 125-42 in CKs (avg. 7-2).
- ND has reached 30 shots six times this season and has owned a shot margin of 25-plus in seven games.
- The Irish are 39-4-2 (.889) in the two-year tenure of head coach Randy Waldrum.
- ND is 113-7-1 (.938) in 11 seasons at Alumni Field, including 89-3-1 in the last 93 and 78-1-0 vs. unranked teams (71 straight wins).
- The Irish own a 31-3-1 all-time record when playing as the top-ranked team.
- ND posted the 3rd unbeaten regular season in its 13-year history (17-0-1 in '94, 18-0-1 in '97).
- ND it ranked No. 1 for the first time since '96.
- ND returned 16 letterwinners but lost five starters from its '99 team (21-4-1, NCAA runner-up).
- The Irish lead nation in team GAA (0.31) and rank 6th in scoring (3.4 goals/gm).
- ND's typical starting 11 (from nine states and Finland) is representative of the University's national student body ... the 27-player roster includes players from 17 states, two foreign countries.
- The Irish opened 16-0-0, besting the top start in team history (13-0-0 in '96)
- ND surged to #1 with tough four-game stretch (Sept. 8-17), beating Santa Clara (6-1, most goals vs. SCU in 20 yrs) and Stanford (2-1, OT) in ND's KeyBank Classic and current #2 Washington (5-0, Huskies have won all their other games) and Portland (1-0, in tough atmosphere) at Portland Adidas Invitational.
- The current 19-game unbeaten streak ranks 3rd in ND history (24-0-0 from 195-96; 23-0-1 at start of 1997).

### **Player Notes**

- Anne Makinen has 20 pts (8G-4A) in 9 career BIG EAST Tournament games and 37 (13G-11A) in 21 career postseason games (including NCAAs) ... Meotis Erikson has 25 pts (8G-9A) in 21 postseason games (5G-5A in nine BET games).
- Amy Warner (9), Amanda Guertin (10) and Randi Scheller (6) are close to joining the '97 trio of Makinen (23) , Meotis Erikson (22) and Monica Gonzalez (10) as the second threesome of ND freshmen to reach 10G in a season ... freshmen have scored 40% of ND's goals (26 of 64).
- Guertin has 14 pts in the last 9 games (6G-2A), Scheller has 12 (4G-4A).
- Erikson, Vanessa Pruzinsky and Liz Wagner are the only ND players to start all 19 games this season.
- Erikson has appeared in all 95 games of her career, one shy of tying Jenny Heft ('00) for 10th on the Irish career GP list.
- Liz Wagner has come up big in the big games (21 SV, 2 GA in 5 gms vs. top-25 tms) ... her 0.293 season GAA (7 solo shutouts, 6 shared) is 1st in the nation among regular goaltenders and second overall (Brown's Mary Jo Markle has an 0.26 but platoons) ... Wagner takes a 512-minute shutout streak into the BC game.
- Makinen (62G-54A) and Erikson (56G-40A) are the second pair of ND classmates ever to reach 150 career points.
- Makinen is 6A shy of becoming the sixth Division I women's soccer player ever to reach 60G-60A.

• Senior Kelly Lindsey is ND's only player on the defensive third of the field who had started more than 26 career games prior to 2000 (Makinen and Erikson were the only Ms or Fs with more than 26 GS).

**PLENTY OF BC-ND ACTION:** The nine-day stretch of Nov. 3-11 will feature Notre Dame-Boston College matchups in four sports (all at ND) ... the BIG EAST-leading Irish women's volleyball team will be battling BC at the Joyce Center Arena on Friday night, Nov. 3, while both schools will be tangling in women's soccer at Alumni Field ... the ND and BC hockey teams will resume their rivalry on Friday night, Nov. 10 (at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse), followed by a football matchup between the schools on Nov. 11.

**SERIES NOTES:** ND has won all five previous games vs. BC and owns a 16-3 series scoring edge ... the teams did not meet in '99 while ND posted a 2-1 win over BC this season (Oct. 13, at Alumni Field; recap below) ... senior F Meotis Erikson (1G-3A) is the only ND player with more than two career points vs. BC but has scored just one career goal vs. the Eagles on 13 shots (two of her assists vs. BC set up game-winners, another set up Mia Sarkesian's game-tying goal in this year's 2-1 win) ... only two other ND players have scored goals vs. BC while senior M Anne Makinen has yet to register a point vs. BC in two GP (she missed the '98 BC game while playing in Finland with her national team, in a game vs. Russia) ... ND owns a 134-13 shot edge in the series (avg. 23-3), including 75-6 in the last three meetings (25-0 in '97, 29-1 in '98, 21-5 in 2000).

**RECAPPING THE LAST ND-BC MEETING (2-1, Oct. 13, 2000)** - ND faced its first deficit of the season but battled back behind an opportunistic 1st goal of the season from Mia Sarkesian before Amanda Guertin netted the game-winner early in the 2nd half ... BC opened the scoring on a counterattack in the 10th minute, when Megan Moore skirted the top of the penalty box before ripping a low crossing shot that tucked inside the left post (ending ND's shutout streak at 493 minutes) ... ND tied the game when Meotis Erikson dropped the ball a few yards outside the top of the box, with Sarkesian making a run onto the ball and finding some space while sliding to her right before lofting an arcing shot toward the upper left corner of the net-with the shot coming from 20 yards out while rising high into the night before tumbling toward the far corner (37:57) ... ND posted a dominating 16-3 shot edge in the 2nd half (21-5 overall) ... Guertin netted her second game-winner in as many weeks, after picking off a clearing attempt and quickly shooting inside the near right post (52:40) ... BC had two shots in the first five minutes before being held without a shot for the next 40 ... the pregame ceremonies included an unusually early senior night, which paid tribute to student manager Kevin Murphy and the squad's five departing seniors (Erikson, Ds Kelly Lindsey and Kerri Bakker, Makinen and M Carolina Marino).

**BOSTON COLLEGE (11-5-0)            1            0            -            1**  
**NOTRE DAME (14-0-0)            1            1            -            2**  
**BC 1.** Meghan Moore 8 (-) 9:59; **ND 1.** Mia Sarkesian 1 (Meotis Erikson) 37:57; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin 8 (-) 52:40.  
**Shots:** BC 5, ND 21.            **Corner Kicks:** BC 1, ND 2.            **Saves:** BC 11 (Courtney Schaeffer), ND 2 (Liz Wagner).  
**Fouls:** BC 13, ND 13. Offsides: BC 0, ND 0. **Yellow Card:** Nancy Mikacenic (ND, 1st).

**WALDRUM ON THE FIRST BC GAME:** "Mia seems to pick the right time to score her goals and she couldn't have picked a better time tonight, because defensively BC is a tough team to break down. This was one game where you just kind of had those bad feelings, because you are banged up and injured and changing your lineup a little bit. But I thought overall that we still pretty much controlled the game but they scored a great goal to get the lead and then all of a sudden you're in trouble. But I was very proud to see how we responded and come back the way we did. ... Mia is not necessarily a goalscorer, although she is capable of it. Her strengths are winning head balls in the middle defensively and distributing the ball. She is so skillful and composed when she is under pressure. She is more of a schemer and playmaker for us."

**NOTRE DAME CAREER STATS VS. BOSTON COLLEGE**

Name	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	Pts
Meotis Erikson	3/3	13	1	*3	5
Mia Sarkesian	2/2	3	1	0	2
Amanda Guertin	1/1	3	*1	0	2
Kelly Lindsey	2/2	3	0	1	1
Anne Makinen	2/2	5	0	0	0
Ali Lovelace	1/1	1	0	0	0
Monica Gonzalez	2/0	1	0	0	0
Nancy Mikacenic	1/1	0	0	0	0
Vanessa Pruzinsky	1/1	0	0	0	0
Kerri Bakker	1/1	0	0	0	0
Lindsey Jones	2/2	0	0	0	0
Kelly Tulisiak	1/0	0	0	0	0
Ashley Dryer	1/1	1	0	0	0
Randi Scheller	1/0	0	0	0	0

Liz Wagner: 1 GS (90:00), 2 SV, 1 GA

\* Note: Guertin's goal was the game-winner in the 2000 game while Eriskon had game-winning assists vs. BC in '97 and '98 (she assisted on Sarkesian's game-tying goal in this year's 2-1 win).

**THE SEMI-FINAL FIELD:** Boston College (14-6-0) braved bitter cold and snow flurries to defeat Seton Hall, 2-0, in other quarterfinal action while Connecticut (14-5-2) survived an upset bid from West Virginia in similar adverse conditions, winning 1-0 in the fifth minute of overtime ... Syracuse (14-6-0) advanced by virtue of a 3-1 win at Rutgers ... information on each team can be found on their official websites: [www.bceagles.com](http://www.bceagles.com), [www.suathletics.com](http://www.suathletics.com) and [www.uconnhuskies.com](http://www.uconnhuskies.com).

**SCOUTING THE IRISH:** Notre Dame returned 16 of 22 letterwinners but lost five starters from its '99 team that went 21-4-1 and advanced to the NCAA title game ... senior M and leading national player-of-the-year candidate Anne Makinen (12G-13A) has scored or assisted on nearly half of ND's goals this season (25 of 64) while other top scorers include freshman Fs Amy Warner (9G-4A) and Amanda Guertin (10G-3A) and senior F Meotis Erikson (10G-8A) ... junior Elizabeth Wagner has played most of the minutes in the nets, with 41 saves, five goals allowed (one on a PK) and the nation's top GAA (0.29).

**FAMILIAR FOES:** Notre Dame's last three regular-season games vs. BIG EAST Conference teams featured each of the other three BIG EAST semifinalists, with the Irish beating Boston College on Oct. 13 before winning at Syracuse (Oct. 15, 3-0) and playing to an 0-0 tie at UConn (Oct. 21).

**FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC:** Junior midfielder Mia Sarkesian has totaled just six goals in her ND career but many have come in clutch situations ... most recently, she scored on a looping 20-yard shot late in the first half to tie the BC game and halt ND's only deficit of the season (that was her first goal of the season, to go along with one assist) ... two days later, Sarkesian's volley of a corner kick-header combination gave ND a 1-0 lead in the first two minutes at Syracuse and she worked a give-and-go to set up Randi Scheller's clinching goal late in the game (3-0) ... her early header then ended up being the game-winner in the 5-1 game at Michigan (all three of her scores have been GWGs) ... all three of Sarkesian's 1999 goals came in big games: versus top-ranked North Carolina in the '99 opener (UNC won 3-2 in OT), vs. Seton Hall in the BIG EAST semifinals (5-0) and vs. Stanford in a 1-0 NCAA third-round game.

**IRISH COMPLETE UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASON:** The 5-1 win at Michigan yielded just the third undefeated regular season in the 13-year history of ND women's soccer (17-0-1) ... the '94 team headed into the postseason with a similar 17-0-1 mark while the '97 Irish squad went 18-0-1 in the regular season.

**SCORE 10, LET IN 1:** ND owns a 64-6 scoring edge, yielding nearly an 11-to-1 scoring ratio that trails only the high-scoring '97 squad (135-9, 15-to-1 ratio) in the program's 13-year history.

**READY, SET, GO!:** Set plays have produced five ND goals in the last seven games: Anne Makinen's corner kick that led to own goal at Villanova; Mia Sarkesian's volley that was set up by a CK at Syracuse; Meotis Erikson's free kick at SU; Makinen's free kick at Yale; and Sarkesian's header off a CK at Michigan.

**ROOKIE TRIO:** Freshmen have combined to score nearly 40% of the ND goals this season (26 of 64) ...Fs Amanda Guertin (10) and Amy Warner (9) and M Randi Scheller (6) suddenly have a chance to become just the second trio of ND freshmen ever to each reach 10 goals in their rookie season (in '97, Anne Makinen had 23, Meotis Erikson 22 and Monica Gonzalez 10) ... Guertin is the 14th ND freshman to reach 10 goals in her debut season ... Guertin and Scheller have provided boosts to the offense in recent weeks while helping fill the void left by the injury to their classmate Warner (who came off the bench to score in each of the last two games) ... Guertin has points in seven of the last nine games (6G-2A) while Scheller has 4G-4A in that nine-game span (she had 2G-2A in the first 10).

**NO. 1 SIGN BURNS ON:** October 12th brought a new look to the night sky on the northeast corner of the Notre Dame campus, as the traditional, lighted numeral one was placed atop Grace Hall, in honor of the Irish women's soccer team's ascension to the number-one ranking ... the eight-foot sign, for years under the auspices of Grace Hall (a men's residence hall from 1969-96), had not appeared since it last was lit in honor of the '95 NCAA championship won by the Notre Dame women's soccer team ... the number-one sign, built by Father Bob Malone and a group of seminarians, originally went up at Moreau Seminary (located at the north end of St. Joseph's Lake) in January of 1974, following Notre Dame's 1973 national championship football season ... designed to be lit anytime a Notre Dame team was ranked number one, it later moved to Howard Hall (at the center of campus, near the old Notre Dame Bookstore) before finally shifting to the roof of Grace Hall ... the sign was proudly displayed during the end of the 1988 football season (when the Irish captured the national title) and returned during parts of the 1989, '90 and '93 football campaigns.

**VERSATILE VETERAN:** Senior Monica Gonzalez has filled many roles for the Irish in recent weeks, including stints as a starter at three different positions during the last three games ... Gonzalez started in the midfield at Yale and Connecticut during fall break (she turned in a solid game while playing all over the field—and all 120 minutes—at UConn) before making a start at Michigan in the regular-season finale ... she then started at left back last week vs. Miami (most of her 12 starts have been in the D).

**IMPACT PLAYER:** Speedy freshman F Amy Warner has not started a game for the Irish since the Sept. 29 Seton Hall game but she made her presence felt off the bench in the last two games, scoring shortly after checking into the victories over Miami (capping that 5-1 win) and Miami (for a 1-0 lead in that 3-0 game) ... Warner has opened the scoring for ND in four games this season, second only to Anne Makinen (5) on the Irish squad.

**THE FRIENDLY CONFINES:** There will plenty of women's soccer action at ND's Alumni Field during the eight-day stretch of Oct. 29-Nov. 5, as the facility will serve as the site for the BIG EAST semifinals (Nov. 3) and championship game (Nov. 5) after also hosting the Oct. 29 quarterfinal game vs. Miami ... ND also could play host to three NCAA Tournament games, meaning the Irish potentially could play six straight postseason games at home.

**FOR STARTERS:** The Irish rediscovered their 1st-half scoring form in the regular-season finale at Michigan, with scores from senior F Monica Gonzalez and junior M Mia Sarkesian ... ND had totaled just two 1st-half goals in the previous five games (vs. BC and at Syracuse), compared to 20 first-half goals in the first 12 games ... the Irish have totaled 13 second-half goals during the last seven games (compared to just five in the first half) ... over the course of the entire season, ND has scored 12 more goals in the 2nd half (37) than in the first 45 minutes (25) ... ND owns a 25-3 scoring edge in the 1st half, 37-3 in the 2nd half (2-0 in OT) ... the Irish own a 29-2 scoring edge away from home this season (35-4 at home).

**IRISH POST BEST START:** ND's 16-0-0 start bested the ND record for top won-loss record to open a season (the '96 team opened 13-0-0) ... that '96 team posted a 66-6 scoring edge through the first 13 games before dropping a 3-1 game at 9th-ranked Santa Clara (just days after the Irish had risen to No. 1 in the polls) ... the '96 team owned five wins over ranked teams during that 13-0 start, including victories over No. 14 Wisconsin (3-1), No. 13 Washington (4-0), No. 4 UConn (2-1), No. 1 UNC (2-1, OT) and No. 18 Stanford (4-0) ... by comparison, the current Irish squad owns a 64-5 scoring edge and has posted three wins and one tie vs. teams that were ranked in the NSCAA poll at game time: No. 2 Santa Clara (6-1), No. 10 Stanford (2-1, OT), No. 15 Washington (5-0) and No. 25 UConn (0-0).

**PERFECT MARK:** The Irish concluded Mid-Atlantic Division play with an undefeated record (6-0-0) for the second consecutive season and own a 54-2-2 (.948) all-time record in BIG EAST regular-season play (including cross-divisional games and last week's tie at UConn, which was not part of the official BIG EAST schedule) ... prior to the tie at UConn, ND had won 25 straight games vs. BIG EAST teams (19 regular season, six BIG EAST Tournament) ... ND's only blemishes in BIG EAST regular-season play include a 5-4 OT loss to UConn in the '95 NCAA Championship season, a 1-1 tie at UConn in '98, a 3-2 loss two days later at Seton Hall and last week's 0-0 tie at UConn ... since joining the BIG EAST in '95, the Irish own a 68-3-2 record (.945) in all games vs. BIG EAST opponents (including a 2-0 win over UConn in the '95 NCAA quarterfinals and a 2-1 loss to UConn in the '97 NCAA semi's) ... Notre Dame's 73 games vs. BIG EAST teams since '95 have included a 366-33 scoring edge (avg. 5.0-0.5), with a 56-7 scoring edge in 13 BIG EAST Tournament games (avg. 4.3-0.5).

**ND HEAD COACH RANDY WALDRUM ON THE POSTSEASON:** "This game (at UConn) could prove to be a good lesson for us and we are looking forward to having some more spacing between games that comes with the postseason. Right now, the team needs some time-physically and mentally-to get refocused and rested. But it's been a tremendous season. To have predicted that we would be 17-0-1 heading into the final regular-season game-with two starters missing a stretch of games-would have been a pretty bold statement heading into this season, but this team has shown great leadership and chemistry while playing with a lot of resiliency. It's a special group and we are looking forward to the next few weeks."

**BIG-GAME PERFORMER:** Despite facing just 46 shots on goal all season, junior Liz Wagner—who leads the nation with an 0.29 season goals-against average—has made several big plays vs. ranked opponents ... in five games vs. NSCAA top-25 teams, Wagner has totaled 21 saves while allowing just two goals (she has 20 saves and 3 GA in ND's other 14 games) ... in the 6-1 win over then-No. 2 Santa Clara, Wagner made five big saves, including an early breakaway and a diving stop in the second half ... she finished the KeyBank Classic (which included a 2-1 OT win over Stanford) with seven saves, as the backstop to a defense that allowed just 16 shots ... Wagner then made six saves at the Portland Invitational but turned in several other big plays in both games (she thwarted two early scoring chances by current No. 4 Washington before holding off current 17th-ranked Portland's late charge) ... she arguably was the best player on the field in the 0-0 tie at UConn, making eight saves while smothering several other Huskies chances at a charged-up Marrone Stadium ... Wagner is in the midst of her first season as a starter while facing the challenge of replacing All-American LaKeysia Beene and losing two starting defenders from the '99 team (including four-time All-American Jen Grubb).

**WALDRUM ON WAGNER:** "I think you saw tonight (Oct. 21 at UConn) why Liz Wagner has to be considered for BIG EAST goalkeeper of the year. In a lot of our games she hardly has touched the ball and it's hard to appreciate her skill and leadership in that type of game. But every time she has been tested in a big game, she has answered the bell. The way she has played for us-along with the play of an inexperienced defense that has battled through some injuries-have been invaluable."

**BIG-GOAL SCORER:** Sophomore F Ali Lovelace saved her goalscoring for when it mattered most in the '99 season, as all four of her goals came in the postseason ... Lovelace scored twice to cap the scoring in the 5-0 BIG EAST quarterfinal win over Miami before giving ND a 4-1 lead in the 4-2 win over UConn in the BIG EAST title game ... Lovelace then scored one of the biggest goals in ND women's soccer history, showing her speed to break free down the right side and place a crossing shot into the net in the 75th minute to knock off No. 1 Santa Clara in the NCAA semifinals ... she had an assist on Anne Makinen's goal hat gave ND a 2-0 lead last week in the 3-0 BIG EAST quarterfinal win over Miami.

**REGULARS IN THE LINEUP:** Due to the use of various lineups and a handful of injuries, just three ND players have started all 19 games this season: senior F Meotis Erikson, sophomore D Vanessa Pruzinsky and junior G Liz Wagner ... six others have appeared in every game: freshman F Amanda Guertin (16 GS), freshman M Randi Scheller (5 GS), junior M Mia Sarkesian (18 GS), sophomore M Ashley Dryer (15 GS), junior D Lindsey Jones (17 GS) and senior D Kerry Bakker (14 GS) ... Erikson has started every game of her ND career (95), as has Pruzinsky (45).

**PRIMED FOR POSTSEASON:** Senior M Anne Makinen and senior F Meotis Erikson have done their share of scoring during the postseason, with Makinen amassing 37 points (13G-11A, 3 GWG) in 21 career postseason games while Erikson has 25 (8G-9A) ... that dynamic duo has combined to average nearly three points per game in the postseason (2.95), including a combined 3.9 points per game in BIG EAST Tournament play (Makinen has 8G-4A and Erikson 5G-5A in nine career BIG EAST Tournament games) ... senior D Kelly Lindsey started all of ND's 20 postseason games during the past three seasons ... junior G Liz Wagner had limited postseason experience (4 GP, 33:17, 3 SV, 2 GA) prior to last week's Miami game, including short stints in the '99 BIG EAST Tournament vs. Seton Hall and UConn and 12 minutes of action in the second round of the NCAAs vs. Dayton ... Wagner actually saw some late-game action as a field player in 1998 BIG EAST Tournament routs of West Virginia and Syracuse.

**NOTRE DAME CAREER BIG EAST TOURNAMENT STATS**

Name	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	Pts
Anne Makinen	9/9	33	*8	4	20
Meotis Erikson	9/9	34	*5	5	15
Ali Lovelace	4/1	11	3	1	7
Kelly Lindsey	8/8	4	1	1	3
Monica Gonzalez	6/1	7	1	1	3
Mia Sarkesian	6/3	8	1	0	2
Kerri Bakker	6/1	2	1	0	2
Vanessa Pruzinsky	4/4	0	0	1	1
Lindsey Jones	8/1	8	0	1	1
Kelly Tulisiak	3/0	2	0	0	0
Ashley Dryer	4/3	8	0	0	0
Nancy Mikacenic	4/2	6	0	0	0
Amanda Guertin	1/1	3	1	0	2
Amy Warner	1/0	3	1	0	2
Randi Scheller	1/0	3	0	2	2
Caroline Marino	1/0	0	0	0	0
Lizzy Coghill	1/0	0	0	0	0
Megan Rogers	1/0	0	0	0	0
Jennifer Carter	1/0	0	0	0	0
Kim Carpenter	1/0	1	0	0	0

Liz Wagner: 4 SV, 1 GA in 3 GP (98:44), plus 2 GP off the bench in field.

Lauren Kent: 0 SV, 0 GA in 1 GP (12:43).

\* Makinen's totals include three game-winning goals while Erikson and Warner each have one GWG.

**NOTRE DAME CAREER POSTSEASON STATS (BIG EAST Tournament & NCAAs)**

Name	GP/GS	Shots	G	A	GWG	Pts
Anne Makinen	21/21	70	13	11	3	37
Meotis Erikson	21/21	62	8	9	2	25
Kelly Lindsey	20/20	6	2	4	0	8
Monica Gonzalez	14/1	23	3	2	0	8
Ali Lovelace	8/1	13	3	1	1	7
Mia Sarkesian	12/6	12	2	2	1	6
Kerri Bakker	9/1	2	1	0	0	2
Lindsey Jones	15/1	13	0	2	0	2
Vanessa Pruzinsky	9/9	2	0	1	0	1
Nancy Mikacenic	8/5	8	0	1	0	1
Kelly Tulisiak	3/0	2	0	0	0	0
Ashley Dryer	9/8	14	0	0	0	0
Amanda Guertin	1/1	3	1	0	0	2
Amy Warner	1/0	3	1	0	1	2
Randi Scheller	1/0	3	0	2	0	2
Caroline Marino	1/0	0	0	0	0	0
Lizzy Coghill	1/0	0	0	0	0	0
Megan Rogers	1/0	0	0	0	0	0
Jennifer Carter	1/0	0	0	0	0	0
Kim Carpenter	1/0	1	0	0	0	0

Liz Wagner: 4 SV, 1 GA in 4 GP (110:34), plus 2 GP off the bench in field.

**DEFENSIVE-MINDED:** ND's hard-nosed D has held the opposition to six goals while having a hand in just 10 goals on the other side of the field (2G-8A) ... sophomore Nancy Mikacenic (1G-3A) is the "leading scorer" among the Irish D but her header goal came on a corner kick while she was playing in the midfield (in the opener vs. Detroit) while two of her three assists also came as a midfielder ... senior Monica Gonzalez (1G-1A) scored last week—while playing as a forward at Michigan—while junior Lindsey Jones (2A), sophomore Vanessa Pruzinsky (1A) and freshman Megan Rogers (1A) round out the scoring by the Irish D ... seniors Kelly Lindsey and Kerri Bakker have yet to register a point in the 2000 season ... not counting points recorded at other positions, the Irish defense has accounted for just seven (7A) of the team's 171 points (4.1 percent) ... by comparison, 2000 graduates Jen Grubb (9G-8A) and Kara Brown (2G-16A) combined to total 46 points from the back during the 1999 season (those two D alone accounted for 15.0 pct. of the points in '99).

**SCORING 'EM AND STOPPING 'EM:** ND and No. 3 Nebraska are the nation's only teams ranked in the top six for scoring offense and team goals-against average ... ND's 3.39 goals per game ranks 6th while the Irish lead the nation with an 0.31 goals-against average ... Nebraska entered the week ranked 2nd in scoring (4.16 goals/gm) and 3rd in GAA (0.42).

**NO GOALS A RARITY:** The 0-0 game at UConn on Oct. 21 marked just the third scoreless tie in ND history and the first in six seasons (also at Dayton in '91 and vs. North Carolina in a 94 game played in St. Louis).

**A WILD YEAR:** Following Nebraska's 2-1 loss to Oklahoma on Oct. 15, Notre Dame became the nation's only remaining unbeaten team (among 274 Division I women's soccer programs) ... just six other teams own a record with two losses or better: three teams with one loss and no ties (Washington, Nebraska, unranked Furman), one with one loss and one tie (Clemson) and two with two losses (Hartford and unranked Jacksonville).

**STAT LEADERS:** Senior M Anne Makinen entered the week ranked 12th in the nation for assists/gm (0.72) ... ND junior Liz Wagner technically ranks 2nd in the nation for GAA (0.29) behind Brown's Mary Jo Markle (0.26) ... Wagner (1,537) has played 87% of ND's minutes and has logged more than twice as many minutes as Markle (690), whose stats are skewed by the fact that she splits time in the goal for Brown ... three ND players are ranked among the BIG EAST's top-12 overall scorers: Makinen (2nd, 12G-13A-37P), senior F Meotis Erikson (6th, 10G-8A-28P) and freshman F Amanda Guertin (9th, 10G-3A-23P) ... ND leads the BIG EAST in goals (64), GAA (0.31) and shutouts (13).

**19-GAME CHECKUP:** With 19 games in the books (the Irish could play as many as 26), ND is on pace to challenge several team records ... ND has allowed just six goals (the team record is nine, in '97) while the 0.31 team GAA is below the record of 0.36 (also set in '97) ... the Irish have posted 13 shutouts and could make a run at the record (18, in '95) ... ND set the team record for best start (the '96 team opened 13-0-0) and—prior to the tie at UConn—was one win shy of tying the record for longest single-season winning streak (the '97 team won 17 straight midseason games) ... ND also won 20 straight regular-season games (the previous team record was 18, from '95-'96) ... Anne Makinen's record for shots in a season (106, in '98) could be bested this season by either Makinen (on pace for 99 over 26 games) or Meotis Erikson (on pace for 108) ... Makinen owns five game-winning goals this season (Rosella Guerrero's eight in '94 are the ND record).

**SHARPSHOOTING:** ND will be looking to rediscover its improved shooting accuracy, as the Irish were averaging one goal ever 7.8 shots before scoring three goals on 12 shots at Syracuse, 4G on 19 shots at Yale, no goals on seven shots at UConn and 5G on 27 shots at Michigan (one goal every 5.4 shots over the course of those four games) before scoring just 3G on 30 shots vs. Miami ... the current overall average of 7.4 shots/goal is highest in ND history, up slightly from '98 (6.8) and '99 (6.1) .. the best shot-to-goal ratio in ND history was 4.40 (in '96) ... the 2000 Irish are averaging 25.1 shots/gm, which ranks ahead of every previous ND season except '97 (30.9) and '98 (26.8) ... seniors Anne Makinen (71 shots) and Meotis Erikson (79) have taken the bulk of ND's shots this season (they have combined to average 7.9 shots/gm) ... the top shooting percentages among ND regulars include junior F Kelly Tulisaki (4G on 13 shots, 3.3 shots/goal), freshman F Amy Warner (9 on 43, 4.8) and freshman F Amanda Guertin (10 on 52, 5.2).

**SHUTOUT CITY:** ND's GAA (0.31) is on pace to best the team record (0.36) set in '97, when the Irish allowed just five goals in the regular season and nine overall ... the Irish have allowed just three goals (a PK at West Virginia, a counterattack by BC and a tough crossing shot at Michigan) in the last 1,338 minutes of action, stretching back to Stanford's goal in the 80th minute on Sept. 10 ... the Irish have posted nine shutouts in the last 11 games (13 total), allowing just 59 shots (27 on goal) and 21 corner kicks during that 11-game stretch ... Michigan's goal prevented ND from tying the team record for fewest goals allowed in the regular season (5, in '97) ... junior G Liz Wagner and the Irish allowed just one goal in each game of the KeyBank Classic, vs. two of the nation's top teams (Santa Clara, Stanford), before posting a pair of shutouts in the Portland adidas Invitational (vs. current #2 Washington and current #14 Portland), the 2-1 win at WVU and the five straight shutouts vs. Pittsburgh (1-0), Seton Hall (6-0), Rutgers (2-0), Georgetown (8-0) and Villanova (1-0), followed by shutouts at Syracuse (3-0), Yale (4-0) and 25th-ranked UConn (0-0) and the 3-0 BIG EAST quarterfinal win over Miami.

**SILVER STREAKS:** Prior to the tie at UConn, ND nearly tied the team record for consecutive wins in a season (the '97 squad won 17 straight before losing 2-1 to UConn in the NCAA semi's) ... ND's last regular-season loss came Oct. 17, 1999 (4-2 game at then-No. 1 Santa Clara) ... since that time, the Irish set a team record by winning 20 straight regular-season games (the '94-'95 teams combined to win 17 straight regular-season games) and now are 21-0-1 in the last 22 regular-season games ... ND is 28-1-2 in its last 31 games overall ... a win over UConn also would have equaled the 2nd-longest

overall winning streak in the program's 13-year history (the '95 and '96 teams combined to win 24 straight) ... ND's 19-game unbeaten streak ranks 3rd in ND history (the '95-'96 teams went 24-0-0, the '97 team opened 23-0-1).

**RACKING UP THE HONORS:** ND amassed 15 of 28 weekly BIG EAST awards for offensive player, defensive player and rookie (UConn was next with four) ... due to strong play in front of her, Irish junior Liz Wagner was nominated just three times for goalkeeper of the week- seven saves vs. Santa Clara and Stanford, six vs. Washington and Portland and eight in the 0-0 game at UConn (Wagner has faced just 23 shots on goal in ND's other 13 games) ... the Irish produced three straight offensive players of the week (senior M Anne Makinen, senior F Meotis Erikson, junior M Mia Sarkesian) while ND players collected seven straight defensive player-of-the-week awards (three by Kelly Lindsey, one by fellow senior Kerri Bakker, three by sophomore Vanessa Pruzinsky) ... Amanda Guertin was the third Irish freshman to be honored by the BIG EAST in a three-week stretch, following fellow F Amy Warner (three-time honoree) and M Randi Scheller.

**MOTORING:** Senior F Meotis Erikson scored three goals on Oct. 6 at Georgetown, becoming the 11th ND player to post three-plus hat tricks in her career (senior M Anne Makinen also has three career HTs) ... Erikson registered three goals twice in a five-game span in late October of '97 ... just four previous ND players have turned in four-plus hat tricks: Jenny Heft (6, '96-'99), Rosella Guerrero (5, '92-'95), Michelle McCarthy (4, '92-'95) and Monica Gerardo (4, '95-'98) ... Erikson's hat trick is the 49th in ND history and the 25th in the last five seasons (freshman Amy Warner had 3G vs. PC on Sept. 3) ... Erikson has points in six of last eight games (5G-4A) and seven of last 10 (6G-5A) ... Erikson's recent surge gives her 153 points (56G-41A) for her career, just three behind '96 graduate Michelle McCarthy for 7th on the ND all-time scoring list ... her 56 goals have pushed Erikson past '96 grad. Rosella Guerrero into 7th in ND history, three behind McCarthy, with Erikson ranking 9th on the assists list (tied with '97 grad. Kate Fisher).

**INJURY REPORT:** ND freshman F Amy Warner (Albuquerque, N.M.) missed seven games with a leg injury before playing the final 20 minutes in the regular-season finale (she capped the scoring in that 5-1 win) and playing a key role off the bench vs. Miami (she opened the scoring in that 3-0 game) ... senior central D and second-year team captain Kelly Lindsey was injured late in the first half at Villanova on Oct. 8 and has missed the last six games ... the Irish have developed significant depth on the back line in recent weeks, with four players-Lindsey and fellow senior Kerri Bakker, plus sophomores Vanessa Pruzinsky and Nancy Mikacenic-capable of playing in the central positions while Pruzinsky, junior Lindsey Jones and senior Monica Gonzalez have seen significant time on the flanks ... Mikacenic has started the last five games at Lindsey's spot while Gonzalez started at left back vs. Miami, with Pruzinsky playing centrally.

**PLAYING WITH THE LEAD:** ND has trailed just once this season while holding the lead for 55% of the minutes ... just three teams have managed to forge a tie (1-1) vs. the Irish this season-Providence, Stanford and West Virginia-while Boston College is the only team to hold a lead on ND in 2000 (for 28 minutes), meaning that the Irish have trailed for just 1.6% of the minutes this season.

**QUICK STRIKES:** Notre Dame jumped out to 1-0 leads in the first 12:00 of six games this season, including three of the last seven (Seton Hall, Georgetown and Syracuse) ... the Irish opened the season by scoring in the 12th minute vs. Detroit and scored in the 8th minute the next week vs. Providence ... the most important quick-strike goal of the season came Sept. 17 at Portland, as Meotis Erikson's score in the 8th minute quieted the raucous 3,500-plus crowd and held up as the game's only goal (the Irish ascended to the top of the national rankings one day later).

**ND's Quickest First Goals in 2000**

- 1:32 .....at Syracuse (Mia Sarkesian)
- 7:20 .....at Portland (Meotis Erikson)
- 8:38 .....Providence (Amy Warner)
- 9:24 .....Seton Hall (Anne Makinen)
- 9:49 .....at Georgetown (Amanda Guertin)
- 11:36 .....Detroit (Makinen)

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER:** The Irish have scored 1st-half goals in 14 of 19 games this season while going past the 55:00 mark without any ND scoring in just three games ... senior M Anne Makinen has come to the rescue several times with ND needing a 2nd-half goal ... on Sept. 1 vs. Tulsa, the offense was struggling before Makinen fired home a shot in the 69th minute and scored again for the 2-0 win ... one month later, the ever-reliable Makinen converted a penalty kick in the 53rd minute vs. Rutgers and ND went on to another 2-0 win ... one week later at Villanova, Makinen's leftside corner kick bent toward the goal and led to the decisive own goal in the 80th minute ... most recently, Makinen came off the bench in the 54th minute at Yale and set up the first ND goal less than two minutes later, after slicing through the Bulldogs defense and sliding a pass to Meotis Erikson for the 1-0 lead (Makinen converted a free kick in the 83rd minute to spark a late flurry in the 4-0 win) ... Mia Sarkesian's first goal of the season-in the 38th minute vs. BC-helped erase ND's only deficit of 2000 (Erikson assisted on that looping shot from 20 yards out).

**ND's Latest First Goals in 2000 (did not score at UConn)**

- 79:11 .....at Villanova (own goal set up by Anne Makinen corner kick)
- 68:17 .....Tulsa (Makinen)
- 53:58 .....at Yale (Makinen)
- 52:56 .....Rutgers (Makinen)

**GAINING EXPERIENCE ... AND WINS:** Notre Dame's regular starting lineup during the 2000 season includes three players who had no previous starts on the Division I level-freshman Fs Amy Warner and Amanda Guertin and junior G Liz Wagner-plus several others with limited starting experience prior to 2000: senior D Kerri Bakker (3 GS prior to 2000), freshman M Ashley Dryer (15), junior M Mia Sarkesian (17), junior D Lindsey Jones (17) and sophomore D Vanessa Pruzinsky (26) ... the only members of the everyday starting 11 with more than 26 starts prior to 2000 were senior D Kelly Lindsey (68), senior M Anne Makinen (66) and senior F Meotis Erikson (63) ... by comparison, the Irish headed into the 1999 season with eight players who had more than 26 career starts.

**ROAD WARRIORS:** Since dropping a 4-2 game at Santa Clara on Oct. 17, 1999, ND is 13-1-2 record in its last 16 games away from Alumni Field ... the Irish have put up solid numbers on the road in 2000 (9 games), including a 29-2 scoring edge (the other 4 GA have come at home), a 166-72 shot edge (21-9 avg.) and a 96-32 edge in shots on goal (12-4 avg.).

**YOU NEVER KNOW:** Conventional thinking predicted that ND would experience a dropoff after losing five starters from the 1999 NCAA runner-up team to graduation, including three All-Americans (F/M Jen Streiffer, D Jen Grubb and G LaKeysia Beene) and ND all-time leading goalscorer Jenny Heft (80 career goals, with Streiffer ranking 2nd at 70), plus hard-nosed D Kara Brown (5th in ND history with 99 GP) ... those five seniors combined to log 485 games from '96-'99, including 440 starts ...while struggling at times this season with consistent finishing, ND has risen to the top of the polls thanks to a skilled midfield that excels in possession and distribution and steady play in the defensive third that has yielded just six goals in 18 games (compared to 18 GA in the first 18 games of '99) ... ND's trio of central-based midfielders-senior Anne Makinen, junior Mia Sarkesian and sophomore Ashley Dryer-has provided consistent ball control that has yielded huge edges in shots (446-102), shots on goal (257-51) and corner kicks (119-38) ... the Irish defense has thrived thanks to a seven-player group that has found strong chemistry despite limited experience ... that group has included junior G Liz Wagner, senior central Ds Kelly Lindsey and Kerri Bakker, junior right back Lindsey Jones and sophomore left back Vanessa Pruzinsky ... senior Monica Gonzalez also has seen significant time on the D flank while sophomore Nancy Mikacenic has done a solid job when called on to play in the middle-giving the Irish D an effective six-player rotation ... Lindsey is the only player among the six D who had made more than 26 career starts in the Irish defense prior to this season (Jones made 17 starts as a freshman M, Gonzalez was used strictly as a F prior to 2000 ... and Wagner had no previous career starts) ... Mikacenic (21 GS as a M in '99)-has started five games in place of the injured Lindsey.

**KEEP THAT MOTOR RUNNING:** Notre Dame senior F **Meotis Erikson** (Kennewick, Wash.) has been a durable and reliable member of the Irish lineup throughout her career, appearing in all 95 of ND's games during the past four seasons (starting 82 of them) ... Erikson could become the 8th Irish player to appear in every game of her career (see list below) and only three players currently on that list logged more games than Erikson: M Shannon Boxx (101, '95-'98), D Kate Fisher (98, '93-'96) and G Jen Renola (98, '93-'96) ... Erikson ranks 11th on the ND list for career games played, recently moving past current Irish G coach LaKeysia Beene (90, '96-'99), F Rosella Guerrero (91, '92-'95) and M Cindy Daws (94; '93-'96) ... Erikson would move into a tie with F Jenny Heft ('96-'99) for 10th on the list by playing in the BC game and could surpass Boxx's record 102 total by playing in the maximum eight postseason games ... others on that list include D Kate Sobrero (97, '94-'97) and three with 98 GP: Fisher, Renola and F Monica Gerardo ('95-'98) ... M/D Kara Brown ('96-'99) ranks 5th on that list with 99 GP while the top four include Boxx and three with an even 100 GP: M Holly Manthei ('94-'97), M/F Jenny Streiffer ('96-'99) and D Jen Grubb ('96-'99).

**ND Players Who Have Appeared In Every Game Of Their Career**

Shannon Boxx.....	1995-98 .....	101
Kate Fisher .....	1993-96 .....	98
Jen Renola .....	1993-96 .....	98
<i>Meotis Erikson</i> .....	<i>1997-2000</i> .....	<i>94</i>
Rosella Guerrero .....	1992-95 .....	91
Tiffany Thompson .....	1991-94 .....	86
Suzie Zilvitis .....	1988-91 .....	82
Alison Lester .....	1990-93 .....	81

**50-50 PROPOSITION:** Senior M Anne Makinen (Helsinki, Finland) scored on Sept. 29 and Oct. 1 vs. Seton Hall and Rutgers, giving her 60 career goals to move past '96 graduate Michelle McCarthy (59) into 5th on the ND all-time list (she then scored vs. Georgetown to move into a tie on the ND goalscoring list with 97 grad. Cindy Daws before adding her 62nd career goal at Yale and 63rd vs. Miami) ... Makinen was stuck on 49 career assists since Sept. 17 before assisting on all three Meotis Erikson goals in the 8-0 win at GU (Oct. 6)-becoming the 13th player in Division I history, and the third ND player, to eclipse the 50-goals, 50-assists plateau (she entered 2000 as the nation's only active 40-40 player) ... Jenny Streiffer (70G-71A, '96-'99) and Daws (61G-67A) are the only previous ND players to reach 50-50 ... Makinen still has shot at reaching 60-60, needing 6A to become the 6th Division I player to earn that distinction ... members of the 60-60 club include Streiffer, Daws, Carin Jennings (102G-60A, UC Santa Barbara, '83-'86), Mia Hamm (103G-72A, North Carolina, '89-'93) and Mandy Clemens (67G-65A, Santa Clara, '96-'99) ... nine more goals and 16 more assists would place Makinen alongside Streiffer and Hamm in the very exclusive 70-70 club.

**ANNE'S ARSENAL:** Anne Makinen has totaled 37 points (12G-13A) in 18 games played (16 starts), despite being marked heavily as ND's top offensive weapon .. Makinen heads into the BC game with a career average of 2.17 points/gm (180 points in 83 games) ... her 54 career assists rank 5th all-time an ND (she just edged past 2000 Jen Grubb, who had 53) ... Makinen's 180 career points push her into 5th on the ND all-time list, moving past Holly Manthei's career total from '94-'97 (176) to trail only Jenny Streiffer (211, '96-'99), Monica Gerardo (190, '95-'98), Cindy Daws (189, '93-'96) and Jenny Heft (189, '96-'99) ... Makinen needs to total 48 points this season-she needs 11 more-to pass Gerardo into 2nd on the ND all-time scoring list.

**BIG GAPS:** Notre Dame has posted dominating statistical edges during the 2000 season, including: 64-5 in scoring, 476-107 in shots ( avg. 25-6), 274-52 in shots on goal (avg. 14-3) and 125-42 in corner kicks (avg. 7-2) ... the Irish have held seven teams to 0-2 shots and have allowed more than eight shots just four times (10 by Santa Clara, 11 by Portland, 16 by UConn, 16 by Michigan) ... ND has allowed 0-2 shots on goal in 12 games (none in three) while SCU (7), UConn (8) and Michigan (8) are the only teams to uncork more than four shots on goal vs. the Irish ... 15 of 19 ND opponents have been limited to 0-3 corner kicks (Portland had 7, Yale 4, UConn 5).

**MAKIN' WAVES:** Anne Makinen-who has points in 13 of 18 games played this season (16 starts)-has been the focal point of the Irish offense this season, as the three-year All-American has scored or assisted on nearly 40% of ND's goals (25 of 64), including five game-winning goals and four primary game-winning assists ... her outlet pass also sprung Amy Warner for the cross that led to the game-ending own goal versus Stanford while her bending corner kick led to the own goal in the 1-0 game at Villanova ... with her team struggling to cash in its chances vs. Tulsa on Sept. 1, Makinen took over in the lategoing by scoring a pair of goals for a 2-0 win ... two days later, in the 5-1 win over Providence, her play from her central midfield spot helped the Irish eclipse 30 shots for the third straight game ... her pass into the middle set up Amy Warner's second goal of the PC game and Makinen added a long cross late in that game that Warner half-volleyed to complete her hat trick ... Makinen had 1G-2A in the 6-1 win over No. 2 Santa Clara before setting up the game-ending sequence versus Stanford ... at the Portland Invitational, Makinen's long cross set up Ali Lovelace's goal for a 2-0 lead on Washington and Makinen added a rebound goal and PK goal in that 5-0 game ... the next day, her cross from the right set up Meotis Erikson's goal in the 1-0 win over Portland ... most recently, Makinen's rocket shot from the top of the box held up as the only score in a 1-0 game with Pittsburgh before she opened the scoring to ignite the 6-0 win over Seton Hall and converted a second-half PK to give ND the lead in the 2-0 game with Rutgers ... she then came off the bench in the 53rd minute to spark the 4-0 win at Yale, setting up Meotis Erikson for the first goal before sending a free kick over the wall and into the left corner for a late 2-0 cushion ... Makinen's rebounded shot was knocked in by Monica Gonzalez for an early lead in the 5-1 win at Michigan and she blasted home ND's second goal in the 3-0 win over Miami.

**IRISH REMAIN NO. 1:** ND has returned to the top of the national polls for the first time since '96, following a pair of quality wins on Sept. 16-17 over current No. 2 Washington (5-0) and current No. 10 Portland (1-0), coupled with UNC's 2-1 loss earlier that week at Clemson ... North Carolina (now 12-3-0) dropped out of the top spot and is ranked 6th in this week's National Soccer Coaches Association of American (NSCAA) poll ... the Irish are ranked first in the NSCAA poll and various other polls conducted by soccer-specific publications and websites, including the long-running poll compiled by the editors of *Soccer America*, the SoccerTimes.com national coaches poll and the American Soccer Writers media poll (coordinated by collegesoccerdaily.com).

**WALDRUM WORKING WONDERS:** Second-year Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum has seen his Irish teams post an impressive 39-4-2 combined record (.889), including a solid 9-3-2 mark vs. NSCAA top-25 teams and a '99 season that ended in the NCAA title game ... Waldrum 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-finals, with the Irish beating top-ranked and previously unbeaten Santa Clara in their backyard of San Jose, Calif. ... Waldrum's 19-year record as a college head coach (with both men's and women's teams) is 222-109-21 (.661) ... he owns a 146-54-14 (.715) record in 10-plus seasons as a Division I women's coach, including 61-36-9 in six years at Tulsa (.580) and 46-14-3 in three seasons at Baylor ... Waldrum entered the 2000 season ranked 15th among active women's coaches for career winning percentage (he ranks 26th on the total wins list).

**BREAKING THE SEAL:** Three different ND players-senior M Anne Makinen, senior F Meotis Erikson and freshman F Amy Warner-each scored the first goal of the game three-plus times in the first 11 games before freshman F Amanda Guertin joined that group with the first goal in the 8-0 win at Georgetown ... junior M Mia Sarkesian then did the honors vs. BC and Syracuse, followed by Erikson netting the first goal at Yale, senior Monica Gonzalez doing the honors at Michigan and Warner scoring off the bench vs. Miami ... Makinen opened the scoring in three consecutive games (vs. Pittsburgh, Seton Hall and Rutgers), after earlier scoring the first goal versus Detroit and Tulsa ... Erikson scored first vs. Santa Clara, Washington, Portland and Yale while Warner broke the ice vs. Providence, Stanford, West Virginia and Miami.

**SHUT DOWN:** In the season-opening win over Detroit (6-1), the Titans nearly scored the game's first goal during an early flurry but ND responded by not allowing a shot for the final 83 minutes ... the final shot margin (49-2) ranks as one of the largest in ND history (the team record for shots is 59) ... the Irish gave up an early shot (not on goal) by Pittsburgh on Sept. 24 before holding the Panthers without a shot in the final 76 minutes ... one week later, ND allowed Seton Hall just one shot (off goal) in the final 86 minutes before holding Rutgers without a shot of any kind for the entire 90:00 ... the RU game

marked the 13th time in ND history-and sixth in the last six seasons-that the Irish have held the opponent without a shot ... most recently, ND held Miami without a shot for a 45-minute mid-game stretch.

**HOMESTANDERS:** ND's home record in 10-plus seasons at Alumni Field is 113-7-1 (.938), including 89-3-1 in the last 93 games-highlighted by a 27-game win streak from '92-'95 (5th-longest in NCAA history) ... ND's last three home losses have been at the hands of #5 UConn in '95 (5-4, OT), #6 Portland in the '98 NCAA quarterfinals (2-1) and top-rated UNC in the '99 opener (3-2, OT) ...the Irish currently carry a 21-game home winning streak, with a 57-9 scoring edge in those games ... ND's all-time record at Alumni Field vs. teams not ranked in the NSCAA poll is 78-1-0 (35-6-1 vs. ranked teams), with 71 straight home wins over unranked teams dating back to a 2-0 loss to Creighton in '90 ... ND played at Moose Krause Field in the program's first two seasons ('88 and '89), with a home record of 19-5-1 during that span (all vs. unranked teams).

**NO. 1 HISTORY:** The previous year in which ND sat atop the NSCAA poll in the regular season was '96, when the Irish owned the top spot for the final two months (a 2-1 win over UNC on Oct. 4 of that year, followed by a 2-0 win over Duke, bumped the Irish up from No. 2) ... ND spent the final month of '94 as the No. 1-ranked team, thanks to an earlier 0-0 tie with UNC and the Tar Heels' loss to Duke in early October.

**RISING TO THE TOP:** Following Nebraska's 2-1 loss to Oklahoma on Oct. 15, Notre Dame became the only undefeated team left in all of Division I women's soccer (spanning 274 teams) ... ND's strength of schedule has improved since the start of the 2000 season, as Portland (11th), Washington (2nd), Boston College and Michigan (both not currently ranked) each have entered the NSCAA poll in recent weeks ... other 2000 Irish opponents currently ranked in the NSCAA poll include No. 15 Stanford, Santa Clara (just fell out of the poll) and #24 Connecticut.

**BULLSEYE ON THEIR BACKS:** ND owns a 31-3-1 all-time record (20-1-1 in the regular season) when playing as the top-ranked team in the NSCAA poll ... ND's losses as the No. 1 team have come at Santa Clara in '96 (3-1) and in a pair of NCAA title games vs. UNC (5-0 in '94, 1-0 in '96), with the tie coming last week at UConn (0-0).

**RUGGED STRETCH:** The Sept. 17 game at Portland completed a challenging stretch in which the Irish posted three consecutive wins over ranked opponents (#2 Santa Clara, #10 Stanford and #15 Washington), followed by the win over a Portland team that entered the NSCAA poll the next week at #14 ... the last time ND played three straight NSCAA ranked opponents was in the 195 NCAA championship run ... early in that season, ND posted successive wins over #13 Wisconsin, #19 Michigan State and #3 Stanford ... later in '95, a rugged four-game stretch in the regular season yielded a 5-4 loss to #5 UConn, a 1-0 win over #6 SCU, a 2-2 tie with #11 Duke and a 2-0 loss to #1 North Carolina.

**BRONCO BUSTERS:** Notre Dame's 6-1 win over Santa Clara marked: SCU's first consecutive losses since Sept. of 1994 (vs. LMU, Stanford and UNC), the first time SCU was outshot (23-10) in 19 games, and the most goals by an SCU opponent in 20 seasons-dating back to an 8-0 loss to UC Davis in '80 (the last team to reach five goals vs. SCU was UNC, in '91) ... ND also became the first team to post more than 20 shots vs. Santa Clara since Washington did it in '94 (23-18, in a 2-2 game).

**SANTA CLARA'S JERRY SMITH ON ANNE MAKINEN:** "Anne Makinen is the best player in college soccer. She is a great international player, let alone a great college player. The international game is a much tougher game to be good than the college level. ... I have such a high opinion of (Anne) that she would have to play just awesome for me to be kind of surprised. We talked about it in our team meeting. We just don't have enough players that can kind of corral her."

**CORNER KICKERS:** Despite being one of ND's most dangerous players in the penalty box area, senior M Anne Makinen has taken many of ND's corner kicks this season and is considered the team's top option for that role due to her strong leg and pinpoint accuracy ... senior F Meotis Erikson and freshman F Amanda Guertin also have been used recently on CKs ... Erikson set up an Irish goal versus PC with one of those set plays, as did Makinen in the Detroit game ... Makinen's late corner at Villanova was bending into the goal before being kicked into the net by a VU player, for the game's only goal ... Guertin's CK at Syracuse led to a header-volley combination by Ashley Dryer and Mia Sarkesian in the first two minutes of that 3-0 win while Erikson's CK set up Sarkesian's header goal at Michigan,

**WALDRUM ON MAKINEN:** "Tonight (Oct. 18 at Yale) was a classic example of why Anne Makinen is the best player in college soccer. She takes the game to another level for our team and presents a whole different set of challenges for teams trying to defend us. It was amazing how the game changed so quickly after she checked in."

**YALE HEAD COACH RUDY MEREDITH ON ANNE MAKINEN:** "I'd always known Anne was a great player from watching her on TV but this was the first time I'd seen her in person and she completely changed the game from the moment she stepped on the field. She was creating great offensive chances but also made her teammates better. That's the sign of great player and she's the best I've seen this year."

**DYNAMIC DUO:** Senior M Anne Makinen and senior F Meotis Erikson have joined 2000 graduates Jenny Streiffer (70G-71A, 211 pts) and Jenny Heft (80G-29A, 189 pts) as the second pair of ND classmates to each reach 150 career points ... Makinen ranks 5th in ND history with 180 points (63G-54A) while Erikson ranks 8th with 153 (56G-41A).

**FAR & WIDE:** ND's typical starting 11 is representative of the University's national student body, as that starting unit includes players from nine states and Finland (senior M Anne Makinen), with the lone duplicate state being Texas (junior G Liz Wagner and freshman F Amanda Guertin) ... the others hail from Connecticut (sophomore D Vanessa Pruzinsky), Indiana (junior D Lindsey Jones), Michigan (junior M Mia Sarkesian), Nebraska (senior D Kelly Lindsey), New Jersey (senior D Kerri Bakker), New Mexico (freshman F Amy Warner), Utah (sophomore M Ashley Dryer) and Washington (senior F Meotis Erikson) ... the top five reserves represent three more states: Ohio (junior F Kelly Tulisak), Pennsylvania (freshman M Randi Scheller) and Georgia (sophomore F Ali Lovelace), plus repeats for Washington (sophomore D Nancy Mikacenic) and Texas (senior D/F Monica Gonzalez) ... ND's 27-player roster includes players from 19 states and countries (the above 13, plus California, Canada, Florida, Idaho, Illinois and New York) ... ND's all-time roster includes players from 29 states and two countries, the above 19 plus: Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

**ARE WE THERE YET?:** There have been times during recent weeks in which the Irish women's soccer team has felt like it was several weeks farther along in the season, due in large part to the preseason trip to Brazil that included seven games versus Brazilian club teams ... including the games in Brazil, ND has played 26 games in 2000 (the equivalent of playing the regular season and a full allotment of eight postseason games).

**BACK-TO-BACK GOALS:** Despite a dropoff in overall scoring, ND has shown the ability to score quick back-to-back goals ... the Irish have scored twice in a span of 5:21 or shorter 12 times this season, highlighted by five times when ND scored twice in 2:36 or less ... eight players have combined to score the second goals in those flurries, including two each by sophomore F Ali Lovelace, senior F Meotis Erikson and freshman Fs Amy Warner and Amanda Guertin ... ND has scored a pair of bunched goals twice in the same game vs. Santa Clara, Seton Hall and Georgetown ... in addition to the bunched pairs listed below, the Irish have posted two noteworthy three-goal flurries, scoring three times in 5:01 to stunningly take a 3-0 lead on Washington while putting the Yale game away with three goals in a late 6:54 stretch:

1:01.....	Erikson-Lovelace.....	26:10-27:11.....	2-0.....	Washington (@Portland)
1:53.....	Makinen-Warner.....	9:24-10:17.....	2-0.....	Seton Hall
1:56.....	Guertin-Erikson.....	9:49-11:45.....	2-0.....	at Georgetown
2:09.....	Guertin-Scheller.....	86:48-88:57.....	4-0.....	at Yale
2:36.....	Tulisak-Tulisak.....	86:30-89:06.....	6-1.....	Santa Clara
3:09.....	Warner-Dryer.....	75:16-78:25.....	6-1.....	Providence
3:43.....	Makinen-Guertin.....	52:56-56:39.....	2-0.....	Rutgers
4:00.....	Lovelace-Lovelace.....	27:11-31:11.....	3-0.....	Washington (@Portland)
4:36.....	Erikson-Warner.....	17:21-21:57.....	*2-1.....	Santa Clara
4:45.....	Makinen-Guertin.....	82:03-86:48.....	3-0.....	Yale
5:03.....	Erikson-Erikson.....	64:01-69:04.....	5-0.....	Georgetown
5:21.....	Tulisak-Marino.....	63:36-68:57.....	6-0.....	Seton Hall

\* Note: Erikson and Warner's goals were sandwiched around a score by SCU's Kathleen Celio (20:26).

**A-M FREQUENCY DIALED IN FOR SCORING:** ND's 27-player roster includes five players whose first names begin with A and five who begin with M (plus five that start with K and four with L) ... five of the 10 players whose names start with A or M have combined to score ND's first goal in every game, including five by senior M Anne Makinen, four each by senior F Meotis Erikson and freshman F Amy Warner, two by junior M Mia Sarkesian and one each by freshman F Amanda Guertin and senior Monica Gonzalez (Makinen also had the corner kick that led to an own goal in the 1-0 game at Villanova) ... all told, eight players from the "A-M frequency" (also sophomore F Ali Lovelace and sophomore M Ashley Dryer) have combined to score nearly 80 percent of the team's goals (51 of 64), with that 64-goal total not including a pair of own goals that the A-M players helped set up (Makinen's pass sprung Warner for a cross that was deflected in for a 2-1 overtime win over Stanford) ... the names of ND's top four forwards and entire starting midfield (all listed above) each start with an A or M.

**MIAMI RECAP (3-0, 10/29)** – ND's freshman class continued to make its presence felt while the Irish defense turned in its 13th shutout of the season ... Miami managed a shot in the game's 16th minute but then was held without a shot for the next 45 minutes of game time ... the Irish finished with a 30-5 overall shot edge, including 17-2 in shots on goal ... Amy Warner again provided instant offense off the bench by scoring in the 35th minute, moments after checking into the game ... Anne Makinen added to the lead early in the 2nd half while Randi Scheller and Amanda Guertin combined on the final goal ... Scheller set up the day's first goal, just 84 seconds after checking into the game along with Warner ... Scheller worked the ball up the middle and sent a lead pass to the right, with Warner running onto the ball and sliding past a defender to her left before quickly drilling a low shot inside the far left post (34:59) ... early in the second half, Ali Lovelace used her speed to get some quick spacing near the right endline before flicking a partially-deflected cross that found Meotis Erikson near the right post ... Erikson juggled the ball with her back to the goal before dropping a pass to Makinen, who drilled a 10-yard shot past Elizabeth Swinson ... Scheller later displayed some crafty dribbling down the left side to hand Guertin an easy tap-in goal, with Scheller's endline pass finding her classmate at the center of the goalmouth (75:40).

**WALDRUM ON THE MIAMI GAME:** "We had a lot of players that played quite well today. Ashley Dryer had a strong game in the midfield and Amy Warner came off the bench and scored a goal for the second game in a row. Vanessa Pruzinsky did an outstanding job centrally for us in the back. ... We gave the team a little extra time off this week and they seemed

refreshed out there today. We had good playing rhythm for most of the game and every player on the field was actively involved. This was a good way to open the postseason and we look forward to keep progressing as we prepare for hosting the BIG EAST Championship."

**MIAMI HEAD COACH JIM BLANKENSHIP:** "After they got that first goal, they really got on a rhythm and started to feed our net. ... Notre Dame is a lot more dynamic team—and much younger—than last year. At times they looked unbeatable out there today. So often with young players, the important things are emotion and confidence. ... Amy Warner makes a world of difference for them and their young players in general bring a lot of excitement to their team. ... It's important to teach our kids the proper way to play because there will be a day when we go out playing every game expecting to win. You don't teach your kids anything by bunkering down and putting most of your team in the box."

<b>MIAMI</b> (9-10-1)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>#1 NOTRE DAME</b> (18-0-1)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>

**ND 1.** Amy Warner 9 (Randi Scheller) 34:59; **ND 2.** Anne Makinen 12 (Meotis Erikson, Ali Lovelace); **ND 3.** Amanda Guertin 10 (Scheller) 75:40.

**Shots:** MIA 5, ND 30. **Saves:** MIA 14 (Elizabeth Swinson 13), ND 2 (Liz Wagner 2, Lauren Kent 0).

**Corner Kicks:** MIA 4, ND 6. **Fouls:** MIA 10, ND 17. **Offsides:** MIA 2, ND 1.