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2004 Notre Dame Men's Soccer

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#5/11 Notre Dame vs. Connecticut, Saturday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.

2004 Schedule (12-2-2, 7-1-1)

September

3	Fri.	!vs. Oregon State	W, 2-1
5	Sun.	!vs. Boston U.	W, 2-0
10	Fri.	^ Evansville	W, 2-1
12	Sun.	^ CS Fullerton	T, 0-0 (2OT)
15	Wed.	at #1/1 Indiana	L, 0-2
18	Sat.	* Georgetown	W, 4-1
23	Thurs.	*at West Virginia	L, 0-1
26	Sun.	*at #21/25 Villanova	W, 1-0

October

1	Fri.	* #9/11 Boston College	W, 1-0 (OT)
3	Sun.	Loyola-Chicago	W, 4-0
7	Thurs.	* Pittsburgh	W, 3-0
10	Sun.	* Syracuse	W, 1-0 (2OT)
13	Wed.	#19 Michigan	W, 3-0
16	Sat.	*at #10/22 St. John's	T, 1-1 (2OT)
20	Wed.	*at #17 Seton Hall	W, 1-0
23	Sat.	*at Rutgers	W, 1-0
30	Sat.	*Connecticut	7:30 p.m.

November

2	Tues.	Michigan State	7:00 p.m.
BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP			
6	Sat.	Quarterfinals (Campus Sites)	
12	Fri.	Semifinals (@ Rutgers)	
14	Sun.	Final (@ Rutgers)	
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP			
19-	Fri.-	First Round	
21	Sun.		
24	Wed.	Second Round	
27-	Sat.-		
28	Sun.	Third Round	

December

4	Sat.	Quarterfinals	
10	Fri.	Semifinals	
12	Sun.	Final	

* - BIG EAST Conference game
 ! - adidas/IU Credit Union Classic
 ^ - Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament
bold - home game (Alumni Field)
 rankings are NSCAA/adidas followed by *Soccer America*

Regular season BIG EAST Champs play host to final league game of the year:

The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team (12-2-2, 7-1-1 BIG EAST) plays host to Connecticut this weekend in the team's final BIG EAST regular season contest of the year. The Irish, who have already clinched their first BIG EAST regular season title, will be looking to win eight games in the league for the first time. Connecticut, on the other hand, might be playing for a top-four spot in the BIG EAST standings (which would assure the Huskies a home match in the conference tournament quarterfinals).

Connecticut, 4-3-1 in the conference, defeated Syracuse 3-2 on Wednesday, Oct. 27 and will face Providence Nov. 2 (in a rescheduled game).

Notre Dame men's soccer live coverage: Fans unable to attend the match this weekend at Alumni Field will have two options available on www.und.com to monitor the action. Live audio play-by-play will be available to subscribers of the *College Sports Pass*, with Notre Dame student John Welsh providing the commentary. Official College Sports Network's *Gametracker* will also be available, providing up-to-the-second game situations and statistics.

Both offerings can be found on the right side of the front page on www.und.com.

Notre Dame - BIG EAST Champs: The 2004 season will forever be remembered as the first BIG EAST regular season title for the Notre Dame men's soccer program. While the winner of the BIG EAST Championship tournament is ultimately crowned 'conference champion' and receives the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Championship, the regular season crown is significant - as it proclaims the Irish as the best team in one of the top conferences in the nation.

The Irish are looking to complete the year with a 8-1-1 record, which would mark the first time the program has posted eight wins in BIG EAST Conference play. The team won seven games (7-3-0) in 2001.

The last time... Notre Dame faced Connecticut was the first round of the BIG EAST Championship at Alumni Field ... the Irish walked away with a 2-0 victory and eventually won the BIG EAST Championship title.

What you need to know about Notre Dame this weekend:

- Notre Dame has already secured its first BIG EAST regular season title while Connecticut will be battling for a possible top-four finish in the conference standings.
- The Irish are looking to become the first Notre Dame men's soccer team to win eight games in a BIG EAST season. The team won seven games in 2001.
- Notre Dame has surrendered one goal in its last nine matches - coinciding with senior Kevin Goldthwaite's return from an injury.
- Senior goalkeeper Chris Sawyer was named the BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week for the second time this season and also earned *Soccer America* and College Soccer News.com Team of the Week honors.

Dominating nine-match run: Notre Dame boasts a nine-match unbeaten streak entering this weekend's match with Connecticut. In fact, the Irish have given up just one goal in that streak (at #10 St. John's in a 1-1 tie) - giving the team eight shutouts in the last nine games.

Many of Notre Dame's accomplishments this season have been linked to the 1988 season, as the Irish began the season with their best-ever start since that '88 campaign. The nine-match unbeaten streak matches Notre Dame's nine-match run at the end of last season as the best since the '88 season. Notre Dame began that year with a 12-match unbeaten streak.

To find a more dominating defensive streak, the record book retreats 21 years to 1983. In '83, the Irish shutout 12 of their first 14 opponents. Notre Dame's six-straight shutouts (Sept 26 - Oct. 13) this season are also the second-best ever behind the '83

2004 UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School	Pronunc.
0	Justin Michaud	Jr.	GK	6-0	175	Austin, TX/Stephens Ep. School	(Mi-SHOWED)
00	Chris Cahill	So.	GK	6-6	190	Louisville, KY/St. Francis DeSales	
1	Chris Sawyer***	Sr.	GK	6-1	193	Highlands Ranch, CO/Highlands Ranch	
2	Ryan Miller	So.	MF	5-11	160	Barrington, IL/Barrington	
3	Kevin Goldthwaite***	Sr.	MF/D	6-1	173	Sacramento, CA/Christian Brothers	
4	Joe Lapira	Fr.	F/MF	5-8	150	Lake Charles, LA/Saint Louis Cath.	(La-PEER-a)
5	Jorge Schippers	So.	D	5-10	160	Guatemala City, Guatemala	(SHIPP-ers)
6	Greg Dalby*	So.	D	6-0	174	Poway, CA/Poway	(DAHL-bee)
7	Ian Etherington*	So.	F/MF	5-8	125	Temecula, CA/Chaparral	(ETH-er-ring-ton)
8	Luke Boughen***	Sr.	D/MF	5-10	169	SJ Capistrano, CA/Santa Margarita	(BOW-in)
9	Justin McGeeney*	So.	F/MF	5-8	165	Ames, IA/Ames	(Muh-GEE-knee)
10	Jon Mark Thompson*	Jr.	MF	5-11	150	Cape Girardeau, MO/Cape Girardeau	
11	Tony Megna*	Jr.	F	5-11	165	Middleton, WI/Middleton	
12	John Mousinho	Fr.	MF/D	6-1	175	Buckinghamshire, England	(MOO-seen-ho)
13	Jack Stewart***	Sr.	MF	6-1	177	Torrance, CA/South Torrance	
14	John Stephens**	Jr.	MF	5-8	155	Woodbridge, IL/Benet Academy	
15	Kurt Martin	Fr.	F/MF	5-10	160	McAllen, TX/Memorial	
16	Ben Crouse*	Jr.	D	5-11	165	Oak Park, CA/Oak Park	(rhymes with mouse)
17	Christopher High**	Sr.	D	5-11	182	Camarillo, CA/Rio Mesa	
18	Andrew Benton	Fr.	MF/D	6-1	180	Marietta, GA/Kell	
19	Alex Yoshinaga	Fr.	MF	5-10	160	San Diego, CA/Granite Hills	(YO-shin-aga)
20	Nate Norman*	So.	F/MF	6-1	170	Rochester, MI/Rochester Adams	
21	Kyle Dulworth	Fr.	MF	5-9	160	Fort Wayne, IN/Homestead	
22	Dale Rellas*	Jr.	D	6-2	165	Plano, TX/Plano West Senior	
23	John Cavanaugh	Fr.	D	5-10	156	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	
24	Brian Sheehan	Fr.	D	6-2	190	Denver, CO/Mullen	
25	Brian Murphy	So.	F	6-0	175	Granger, IN/St. Joseph's	

Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Bobby Clark (Jordanhill College, '67) fourth season at Notre Dame (52-18-9), 205-81-34, 18 years overall

Assistant Coaches: Mike Avery (Westmont, '90), Brian Wiese (Dartmouth, '95)

Team Trainer: Tricia Matysak (Purdue, '99) Team Manager: Ashly Cumberworth (Notre Dame '05)

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Lon Record (Lock Haven, '99)

* - indicates monograms earned, (c) - team captain

team's seven.

The Irish also are threatening the school record for goals allowed in a season. The '83 squad allowed 15, while the Irish have surrendered just seven goals so far in 2004.

Connecticut team overview and series history: Notre Dame and Connecticut will be meeting for the 13th time on Saturday ... Connecticut (8-6-2, 4-3-1) defeated Syracuse 3-2 on Wednesday, Oct. 27 ... the Huskies are still in contention to finish in the top four of the conference standings, which would assure a home match in the BIG EAST quarterfinals ... Macala Boginkosi and Chukwudi Chijindu have paced the offensive attack for UConn with four goals each this season ... Adam Schuerman has seen most of the time in goal for UConn, boasting a 1.01 goals-against average and a 5-3-2 record.

Sawyer's work recognized nationally: Even while #10 St. John's ended Chris Sawyer's scoreless minute streak at 623 on Oct. 23, the senior from Highlands Ranch responded with two more road shutouts at #17 Seton Hall and Rutgers. For his efforts last week, Sawyer was named the BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week (for the second time this season) and also earned a spot on the *Soccer America* and College Soccer News.com Team of the Week.

Sawyer and the Irish defense has been dominating as of late, as the team has given up just one goal in its last nine matches. Notre Dame ranks second in the nation for goals-

Notre Dame men's soccer media information:

Publicity for the 2004 Notre Dame men's soccer team is organized by assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski (Wasielewski.3@nd.edu). The Notre Dame sports information office is always interested in assisting members of the media in coverage of Irish soccer.

For men's soccer interviews, please contact Wasielewski at (574) 631-3397. All interviews of coaches and student-athletes must be arranged through the sports information office.

To receive all releases, including weekly updates on the Irish team, via e-mail, please send a request to Wasielewski at: Wasielewski.3@nd.edu.

2004 NSCAA/ADIDAS RANKING
Oct. 26, 2004

	Team	'04 record	prev.
1.	UNC Greensboro	14-0-1	1
2.	Virginia	13-2-0	3
3.	SMU	12-3-0	4
4.	UCLA	9-2-2	13
5.	NOTRE DAME	12-2-2	5
6.	UC Santa Barbara	12-2-1	2
7.	Creighton	12-2-0	7
8.	Indiana	11-3-1	8
9.	St. John's	9-3-4	10
10.	Boston College	10-3-1	12
11.	Wake Forest	9-3-1	15
12.	Maryland	10-4-1	25
13.	New Mexico	11-1-1	5
14.	Seton Hall	10-5-1	17
15.	James Madison	13-1-1	9
16.	Washington	10-3-2	18
17.	UAB	9-4-0	25
18.	Hartwick College	9-2-3	20
19.	Penn State	8-3-5	NR
20.	Memphis	10-3-2	22
21.	Rhode Island	10-5-1	NR
22.	Duke	13-3-0	19
23.	Santa Clara	11-3-0	22
	VCU	9-4-1	16
25.	Binghamton	10-1-5	24
	Northwestern	10-3-2	NR

Also receiving votes: California

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.

against average (0.42) and fourth in shutout percentage (0.63). Individually, Sawyer is second in the nation in goals-against average (.424).

Notre Dame vs. ranked teams in 2004:

Notre Dame has faced six ranked teams this season so far and has suffered a loss just one time, a 2-0 setback at #1 Indiana on Sept. 15. The Irish have posted a win and a tie in their five other matchups with ranked teams (1-0 over #21 Villanova, 1-0 over #9 Boston College, 3-0 over #22 Michigan, 1-1 at #10/22 St. John's and 1-0 at #17 Seton Hall).

Notre Dame is 16-10-4 (.600) vs. ranked teams under Bobby Clark.

Lapira honored by the BIG EAST: Freshman forward Joe Lapira was named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week on Oct. 25 after scoring the game-winning goal at #17 Seton Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Lapira, who made his first three career starts last week in place of an injured Tony Megna, earns his first BIG EAST weekly award. The goal against the Pirates was the second game-winner of the year for Lapira, who logged the deciding score in his first career BIG EAST match vs. Georgetown.

Etherington providing a boost in the Irish midfield: Sophomore Ian Etherington has played a key role in Notre Dame's recent nine-match unbeaten streak. Etherington has scored at least one point in five of Notre Dame's last seven matches, including goals vs. Loyola Chicago, vs. Syracuse and at #10 St. John's.

He currently leads the team in assists with five.

Notre Dame will host BIG EAST Quarterfinal match for fourth-straight season: Notre Dame's finish at the top of the BIG EAST standings marks the fourth straight year the Irish will host a BIG EAST Championship quarterfinal match.

The match will be played on Saturday, Nov. 6, with a preliminary start time of 7 p.m. (subject to change). Notre Dame's opponent in that match has not yet been determined.

Bobby Clark brings home 12 wins for fourth consecutive year: Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark has won at least 12 games with the Irish since his arrival on campus in 2001.

Clark's first Notre Dame team won 12 games in '01, followed up by another 12 in '02 and 16 wins last season. The Irish are currently 12-2-2 in '04.

2004 SOCCER AMERICA RANKING
Oct. 26, 2004

	Team	'04 record	prev.
1.	UNC Greensboro	14-0-1	1
2.	New Mexico	11-1-1	2
3.	SMU	12-3-0	4
4.	Washington	10-3-2	5
5.	Creighton	12-2-0	6
6.	UCLA	9-2-2	7
7.	Virginia	13-2-0	8
8.	UC Santa Barbara	12-2-1	3
9.	Wake Forest	9-3-1	9
10.	Indiana	11-3-1	11
11.	NOTRE DAME	12-2-2	12
12.	Santa Clara	11-3-0	14
13.	Duke	13-3-0	13
14.	James Madison	13-1-1	10
15.	Boston College	10-3-1	19
16.	Penn State	8-3-5	22
17.	Stanford	6-3-5	17
18.	California	9-3-2	18
19.	St. John's	9-3-4	23
20.	Maryland	10-4-1	NR
21.	VCU	9-4-1	20
22.	Loy. Marymount	8-4-3	25
23.	Memphis	10-3-1	NR
24.	Old Dominion	10-3-2	NR
25.	South Carolina	9-4-1	15

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.



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Notre Dame in the NSCAA/adidas ranking...

- Preseason: 9th
- Sept. 7: 11th
- Sept. 14: 14th
- Sept. 21: 17th
- Sept. 28: 23rd
- Oct. 5: 15th
- Oct. 12: 12th
- Oct. 19: t-5th
- Oct. 26: 5th

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Notre Dame in the Soccer America ranking...

- Preseason: 9th
- Sept. 7: 4th
- Sept. 14: 5th
- Sept. 21: 9th
- Sept. 28: 14th
- Oct. 5: 9th
- Oct. 12: 7th
- Oct. 19: 12th
- Oct. 26: 11th

2004 BIG EAST**WEEKLY AWARDS AWARDS**Offensive Player of the Week

Sept. 6 - Mark Pedreiras, Seton Hall
 Sept. 13 - Andre Schmidt, St. John's
 Sept. 20 - Jerrod Laventure, Seton Hall
SEPT. 27 - JUSTIN McGEENEY, NOTRE DAME
 Jarrod Smith, West Virginia
 Oct. 4 - Ricky Schrammm, Georgetown
OCT. 11 - TONY MEGNA, NOTRE DAME
 Oct. 18 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
OCT. 25 - JOE LAPIRA, NOTRE DAME

Defensive Player of the Week

SEPT. 6 - JACK STEWART, NOTRE DAME
 Sept. 13 - Pat Haggerty, Boston College
 Sept. 20 - Moshe Shalchon, Connecticut
 Sept. 27 - Guy Melamed, Boston College
OCT. 4 - KEVIN GOLDTHWAITE, NOTRE DAME
 Oct. 11 - Bart Koffeman, Rutgers
 Oct. 18 - Julius James, Connecticut
 Oct. 25 - Ezra Prendergast, Syracuse

Goalkeeper of the Week

Sept. 6 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
 Sept. 13 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
 Sept. 20 - Bill Gaudette, St. John's
 Sept. 27 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
 Nick Noble, West Virginia
OCT. 4 - CHRIS SAWYER, NOTRE DAME
 Oct. 11 - Lubos Ancin, Rutgers
 Oct. 18 - Issey Maholo, Boston College
OCT. 25 - CHRIS SAWYER, NOTRE DAME

Rookie of the Week

Sept. 6 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
 Sept. 13 - Bonginkosi Macala, Connecticut
 Sept. 20 - Dan DeMasters, Villanova
 Sept. 27 - Charlie Davies, Boston College
 Oct. 4 - Chukwudi Chijindu, Connecticut
 Oct. 18 - Jarrod Evans, West Virginia
 Oct. 25 - Brad Peetoom, Syracuse

2004 BIG EAST MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS (AS OF OCT. 24)

Rnk	Team	BIG EAST	Points	Overall	Streak
1.	Notre Dame ^{^*}	7-1-1	22	12-2-2	Won 2
2.	St. John's [^]	6-1-3	21	9-3-4	Won 2
3.	Boston College [^]	6-3-1	19	10-3-1	Won 3
4.	Seton Hall	5-4-0	15	10-5-1	Won 1
5.	Villanova	4-3-2	14	6-4-4	Lost 1
6.	Georgetown	4-4-1	13	8-7-1	Tied 1
7.	West Virginia	4-4-0	12	9-6-0	Won 3
8.	Connecticut	3-3-1	10	7-6-2	Lost 2
9.	Rutgers	2-5-2	8	5-8-3	Lost 4
10.	Pittsburgh	2-4-1	7	4-6-3	Lost 1
11.	Syracuse	2-5-0	6	4-10-0	Won 2
12.	Providence	0-8-0	0	0-13-0	Lost 13

[^] - clinched BIG EAST quarterfinal home match * - BIG EAST Regular Season Champs

That four-season run of victories (52) is the best for the program since the '86 (13-7-2), '87 (17-3-1), '88 (17-4-2) and '89 (10-7-3) teams posted 57 wins.

Snapshot of the Irish: Notre Dame graduated 35 of its 38 goals scored last season and was expected to spend the beginning of the '04 campaign searching for a dedicated scoring threat. While the goal scoring issue was in doubt for a portion of the year, Notre Dame has recently found its stride and posted a nine-game unbeaten streak which included six straight shutout victories - three over ranked opponents (1-0 vs. #21 Villanova, 1-0 vs. #9 Boston College, 3-0 vs. #22 Michigan).

The one factor which changed for Notre Dame from the West Virginia loss to the Villanova victory (followed by five more wins and a tie) was the return of senior D Kevin Goldthwaite to the left side of the Irish defense. A preseason All-America selection by *Soccer America*, Goldthwaite injured his knee in practice before Notre Dame's first regular-season contest and missed the first seven matches of the season. Since his return to the lineup, he has provided two assists and the Notre Dame defense has not allowed a single goal.

Notre Dame's two forwards, sophomore Justin McGeeney and junior Tony Megna, are starting to play like veterans - never mind the fact that neither scored a goal before this season.

McGeeney leads the team with five game winners - including two straight at #21 Villanova and vs. #9 Boston College. Megna was on fire recently vs. Loyola Chicago and Pittsburgh - scoring four goals in the two matches - but was sidelined vs. Michigan with a leg injury. He is considered day-to-day at this point.

Another player who has emerged as a spark for the Irish is sophomore MF Ian Etherington. Capable of scoring on his own, setting up teammates or dropping in a perfect free kick, Etherington has three goals and a team-high five assists this season.

Senior MF Luke Boughen also has been strong of late and is tied for the team lead with four assists. He scored his first goal of the year vs. #22 Michigan.

Preseason All-Americans Jack Stewart (middle defender) and Chris Sawyer (goalkeeper) have lived up to the hype as well. Stewart has been masterful in defense for the Irish and carried the team with two goals in the first weekend at the IU Credit Union Classic.

Sawyer has a 0.42 goals-against average this season, nine shutouts and posted a 623 scoreless minute streak in '04.

Sawyer and Stewart named to the 2004 Hermann Trophy watch list: Two Notre Dame men's soccer players have been named to the 2004 Hermann Trophy Watch List, the most prestigious honor in intercollegiate soccer. Senior goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and senior central defender Jack Stewart joined 23 other players from across the country to be considered among the top talents in the nation and ones to watch for outstanding play during the '04 season.

Sawyer and Stewart were two of four BIG EAST Conference players on the list, joining St. John's Matt Groenwald and Boston College's Guy Melamed. With two players on the

2004 SOCCERTIMES.COM TOP 25
OCT. 25, 2004

Team	'04 record	prev.
1. UNC Greensboro	14-0-1	1
2. NOTRE DAME	12-2-2	5
3. Creighton	12-2-0	4
Virginia	13-2-0	7
5. Indiana	11-3-1	6
6. UCLA	9-2-2	8
7. SMU	12-3-0	9
8. New Mexico	11-1-1	3
9. UC Santa Barbara	12-2-1	2
10. Washington	10-3-2	10
11. Wake Forest	9-3-1	16
12. St. John's	9-3-4	15
13. Santa Clara	11-3-0	13
14. Maryland	10-4-1	20
15. Duke	13-3-0	11
16. Boston College	10-3-1	18
17. James Madison	13-1-1	14
18. California	9-3-2	17
19. VCU	9-4-1	19
20. Penn State	8-3-5	21
21. South Florida	7-3-2	12
22. Seton Hall	10-5-1	25
23. Stanford	6-3-5	22
Memphis	10-3-1	NR
25. Old Dominion	10-3-2	NR

Also receiving votes: UAB, Hartwick College, Loyola Marymount, South Carolina, CS Northridge, Northwestern, Charleston, Akron, SW Missouri State, San Francisco, Butler, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Portland, Oakland, Saint Louis, Kentucky, Fairleigh Dickinson, William & Mary.

Bold indicates 2004 opponents.

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Notre Dame in the Soccer Times.Com ranking...

- Preseason: 9th
- Sept. 7: 7th
- Sept. 14: 5th
- Sept. 20: 8th
- Sept. 27: 18th
- Oct. 4: 9th
- Oct. 11: 9th
- Oct. 18: 5th
- Oct. 25: 2nd

watch list, Notre Dame joins defending national champion Indiana, North Carolina and UCLA as the only four teams in the nation to have two players on the Hermann list. Sawyer and Stewart also become the first Notre Dame players in school history to be named to the men's Hermann Watch List.

Sawyer matched the school record for shutouts last season with 12, including an impressive three straight in the BIG EAST Championship, helping the Irish secure the program's first conference title since 1996. Sawyer was named the BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Defensive Player after the tournament, a trophy that fit well next to his BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year award.

Compiling a 485-minute scoreless minute streak early in the 2003 season, Sawyer eventually played all but 10 minutes of Notre Dame's matches last season. He held Notre Dame's opponents to one or zero goals in 20 of 23 matches. Sawyer was also named the 2004 Preseason BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year and has followed up on that award with nine shutouts and a 0.42 goals-against average this season.

Playing just a few yards in front of Sawyer last year, Stewart anchored the Irish defense as a central defender and will continue in that role for 2004. Known throughout collegiate soccer as one of the best defenders in the nation, Stewart excels in the air and is one of the most physical and intense players on the team. The Torrance, Calif., native has moved up from his defensive position to score four goals and dish off two assists in his career.

A list of 15 semifinalists will be announced in November, with three finalists selected in early December. A winner will be announced at the Missouri Athletic Club in St. Louis, Mo., on Jan. 8, 2005.

Preseason All-America honors: Notre Dame has landed three preseason All-America honors by College Soccer News.com and *Soccer America*. College Soccer News.com named GK Chris Sawyer to its preseason All-America first team, while D Jack Stewart was named to the third team. Soccer America picked defender Kevin Goldthwaite for its preseason All-America team.

Bobby Clark quick biography: Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark is in his fourth

2004 COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS.COM
TOP 30 - OCT. 25, 2004

Team
1. UNC Greensboro
2. Virginia
3. Creighton
4. SMU
5. Indiana
6. NOTRE DAME
7. UCLA
8. UC Santa Barbara
9. New Mexico
10. Washington
11. Wake Forest
12. Santa Clara
13. James Madison
14. Boston College
15. St. John's
16. Maryland
17. Duke
18. Old Dominion
19. California
20. VCU
21. Penn State
22. Loyola Marymount
23. UAB
24. Hartwick College
25. Northwestern
26. Charleston
27. San Fransisco
28. CS Northridge
29. South Florida
30. Butler

Also receiving votes: Memphis, Stanford, Kentucky, Akron, **Seton Hall**, South Carolina, Binghamton, North Carolina, Ohio State, Oakland, Fairleigh Dickinson.

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Notre Dame in the College Soccer News.com ranking...

- Preseason: 14th
- Sept. 6: 13th
- Sept. 13: 17th
- Sept. 20: 18th
- Sept. 27: 21st
- Oct. 4: 14th
- Oct. 11: 13th
- Oct. 18: 8th
- Oct. 25: 6th

season at Notre Dame. He has led the Irish to at least 12 wins each season and the 2003 BIG EAST Championship. Overall, he is 52-18-9 at Notre Dame (.727) and helped the Irish qualify for the NCAA Championship tournament for an unprecedented third-straight season in '03.

Winning has been synonymous with Clark's teams where ever he has coached. His Dartmouth teams (1985-93) posted an 82-42-13 (.646) record over nine years and three Ivy League Championships. At Stanford, Clark put up an 82-42-13 (.646) mark in nine years and finished second in the NCAA Championship in 1998.

Overall, Clark has compiled a 205-81-34 collegiate record (.693) and has landed seven teams in the final national rankings.

The Irish established their motto of 'Making History' early in the 2003 season and that goal was achieved in remarkable fashion. Notre Dame earned its highest-ever preseason ranking in 2003 (third in the *Soccer America* ranking) and highest-ever in-season ranking in both major polls (third in both polls). Notre Dame also earned its first-ever bye in the NCAA Championship and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the third-straight season - another unprecedented achievement.

Clark recently reached a coaching milestone when the Irish head man earned his 200th collegiate coaching victory with a 4-0 win over Loyola-Chicago on Sunday, Oct. 3. He also grabbed his 50th victory at Notre Dame in just four seasons on Oct. 13, 2004, against #22 Michigan.

Please see p. 12-15 of the 2003 Notre Dame men's soccer media guide for a more detailed historical biography on Clark.

Keep up with the Irish via the Notre Dame hotline: The Notre Dame athletic department hotline has realigned its menu offerings for the 2004 fall sports season.

The hotline provides schedule and results information for varsity sports and serves as a supplement to the live coverage and game recaps already provided on the official athletic website at www.und.com.

Here's how the hotline is aligned (as of Aug. 28):

*Dial (574) 631-3000

*Select any of the following subgroups:

(1) Upcoming schedule and recent results of ALL varsity sports currently in action (select cells 3-9 for the most updated results for specific sports).

(2) 2004 Football schedule.

(3) Basketball information (then press 1 for men's basketball and 2 for women's basketball)

(4) Soccer information (then press 1 for men's soccer and 2 for women's soccer).

(5) Women's volleyball (press 1) and men's ice hockey (press 2) information.

(6) Men's and women's cross country information.

(7) Men's and women's swimming and diving information (then press 1 for men's swimming and 2 for women's swimming).

(8) Tennis information (then press 1 for men's tennis and 2 for women's tennis) and men's and women's fencing information (press 3).

(9) Women's golf (press 1), men's golf (press 2) and women's rowing (press 3) information.

**2004 ADIDAS/NSCAA
GREAT LAKES REGIONAL POLL
Oct. 26, 2004**

Team	'04 Record	Pvs
1. NOTRE DAME	12-2-2	1
2. Indiana	11-3-1	2
3. Northwestern	10-3-2	3
4. Akron	10-3-3	7
5. Kentucky	9-4-3	7
6. Butler	11-4-1	6
7. Ohio State	7-5-3	10
8. Oakland	9-3-2	3
9. Michigan State	8-5-0	5
10. Michigan	8-5-2	7

also receiving votes: UW-Milwaukee
bold indicates 2004 opponents

2004 Notre Dame Player Bio Updates

* - please see the Notre Dame men's soccer media guide for more information on Notre Dame players.

#1 Chris Sawyer Sr. GK 6-1 193

2004 Awards: Hermann Trophy Watch List selection ... BIG EAST Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year ... preseason all-BIG EAST selection ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team ... College Soccer News.com preseason All-American ... BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Week (10-04-04) and (10-25-04) ... Soccer America Team of the Week (10-25-04) ... College Soccer News.com Team of the Week (10-25-04).

2004 Accomplishments: Recently completed a 623 scoreless minute streak ... has helped shutdown #21 Villanova (1-0), #9 Boston College (1-0), Loyola Chicago (4-0), Pittsburgh (3-0), Syracuse (1-0), #22 Michigan (3-0), #17 Seton Hall (1-0) and Rutgers (1-0) ... recorded first shutout of the year vs. Boston University in the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic (2-0 Irish

victory) ... has allowed more than one goal just once this season (at #1 Indiana) ... has faced 47 shots on goal this season, making 37 saves and allowing just seven goals (0.42 goals-against average) ... has 29 shutouts in his career currently, closing in on Bert Bader's career record of 32 from 1991-94.

#2 Ryan Miller So. D 5-11 160

2004 Accomplishments: Notre Dame's starting right back ... third on the team in minutes played with 1348.

#3 Kevin Goldthwaite Sr. D 6-1 173

2004 Awards: Soccer America Preseason All-America ... BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week (10-04-04) ... Soccer America Team of the Week (10-06-04).

2004 Accomplishments: Returned to the lineup full time against Villanova on Sept. 26 after missing the first seven matches of the season with an injury ... helped Notre Dame post six shutouts in the first six matches he played this year ... nabbed two assists in Notre Dame's 4-

0 victory over Loyola-Chicago, pushing his career total to 23, good for fifth on the all-time list at Notre Dame (Randy Morris is the career leader with 40, Bill Lanza is fourth with 25) ... Notre Dame has allowed just one opponent goal (at #10 St. John's) since his return to the lineup.

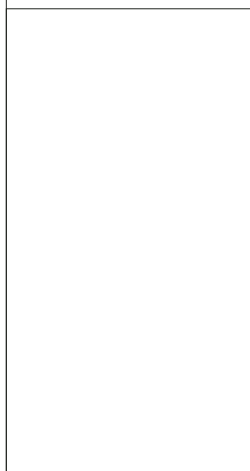
#4 Joe Lapira Fr. F 5-8 150

2004 Awards: BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week (10-25-04)

2004 Accomplishments: Scored the first goal of his career, the game winner, against Georgetown in his first career BIG EAST contest... has moved into the starting lineup due to an injury (Tony Megna) ... responded during his first three career starts (at #10 St. John's, at #17 Seton Hall and at Rutgers) with the game-winning goal at Seton Hall in the game's final 10 minutes ... the score against the Pirates was his second BIG EAST game-winner of the year.

#6 Greg Dalby So. MF 6-0 174

2004 Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup...



F Tony Megna

Jr. • 5 G • 18 sog
OR

F Joe Lapira

Fr. • 2 G • 2 A

F Justin McGeeney

So. • 5 G • 21 sog

MF Nate Norman

So. • 2 G • 2A
OR

MF Alex Yoshinaga

Fr. • 3 G • 2A

MF Luke Boughen

Sr. • 2 G • 4A

MF Greg Dalby

So. • 1307 min. • 4A

MF Ian Etherington

So. • 5A • 3 G

D Ryan Miller

So. • 1348 min.

D Christopher High

Sr. • 1342 min. • 2G
OR

D Dale Rellas

Jr. • 3 GP

D Jack Stewart

Sr. • 2 G • 1413 min.

D Kevin Goldthwaite

Sr. • 714 min. • 2A

GK Chris Sawyer

Sr. • 37 saves • 9 SHO

2004 Awards: Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Has been a steady influence in the Irish midfield ... contributed first assist of the season (and his career) on Alex Yoshinaga's first goal against Georgetown ... has the ability to move back to central defense and also become an attacking midfielder ... increased his aggressiveness this season, taking 17 shots so far (including three on goal).

#7 Ian Etherington So. MF 5-8 125

2004 Accomplishments: Has appeared at both left and right midfield ... scored the team's lone goal at #10/22 St. John's on a corner kick ... leads the team with five assists ... assisted on the third and fourth goals of Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown in the BIG EAST opener for Notre Dame ... scored the second goal of his career against Loyola-Chicago, putting the Irish up 2-0 in an eventual 4-0 victory ... notched the overtime goal on a free kick in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory over Syracuse ... assisted on Luke Boughen's game winner at Rutgers ... has scored at least one point in five of Notre Dame's last seven matches.

#8 Luke Boughen Sr. MF 5-10 169

2004 Accomplishments: One of Notre Dame's starting central midfielders ... logged his first assist of the season on Alex Yoshinaga's second goal vs. Georgetown ... has been a playmaker in Notre Dame's last five matches ... posted two assists in a 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh ... also scored a goal and an assist in a 3-0 win over #22 Michigan ... posted his first game-winning goal of the season at Rutgers.

#9 Justin McGeeney So. D 6-1 173

2004 Awards: BIG EAST Co-Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 29) ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Expected to be a goal scorer for the Irish in '04 and has delivered with his first five career goals ... carded the game-winner in Notre Dame's victory at #21 Villanova, scoring just two minutes into the second half ... came right back the next match to log another game winner vs. #9 Boston College, scoring just two minutes into overtime in a 1-0 Irish

victory ... leads the team in shots with 54, including 21 on goal ... scored the game winning goal vs. Oregon State and Evansville ... leads the team with five game-winning goals.

#11 Tony Megna Jr. F 5-11 165

2004 Awards: BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week (10-11-04).

2004 Accomplishments: Posted his first career two-goal game vs. Loyola-Chicago, scoring the game winner and adding another to put the Irish up 3-0 ... followed up with another two-goal performance vs. Pittsburgh (3-0 Irish victory) and earn the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week award ... one of Notre Dame's starting forwards ... scored his first career goal in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over Georgetown ... has the ability to attack and put pressure on the opposing defense.

#13 Jack Stewart Sr. D 6-1 177

2004 Awards: Hermann Trophy Watch List selection ... *Soccer America* Team of the Week (Sept. 9) ... preseason all-BIG EAST selection ... adidas/IU Credit Union Classic all-tournament team ... Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament team ... BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 6).

2004 Accomplishments: An anchor for Notre Dame's back line defense and catalyst for several Irish scoring opportunities ... led Notre Dame to a 2-0 record at the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic with two goals in two games during the tournament ... has scored on two of his seven shots ... posted the game-winning goal vs. Boston University.

#14 John Stephens Jr. MF 5-8 155

2004 Accomplishments: Used as relief in the midfield for the Irish ... has recorded the first two assists of his career in 2004 ... keyed Notre Dame's winning play vs. #9 Boston College with a great set piece free kick into the box, setting up Justin McGeeney's rebound goal in the 1-0 Irish victory.

#16 Ben Crouse Jr. D 5-11 165

2004 Accomplishments: Stepped in to fill the role of injured left back Kevin Goldthwaite ... has moved forward well, getting off seven shots

... fits well into Notre Dame's system of attacking defenders.

#17 Christopher High Sr. D 5-11 182

2004 Accomplishments: Picked up in '04 where he left off in '03, filling in for an injury in the central defense ... scored his first career goal in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over Evansville ... second goal of the season came on a great header against Pittsburgh ... has shown an increased aggressiveness in 2004 and has moved up for 11 shots, including four on goal.

#19 Alex Yoshinaga Fr. MF 5-10 160

2004 Accomplishments: Has scored on three of his eight shots on goal ... scored twice in his first career BIG EAST game vs. Georgetown, tying the game at 1-1, then putting the Irish up 3-1 in an eventual 4-1 victory ... scored his third career goal in Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over Loyola-Chicago ... assisted on Jack Stewart's goal vs. Oregon State - the first of the year for the Irish ... also assisted on classmate Joe Lapira's game-winning goal at #17 Seton Hall.

#20 Nate Norman So. MF 6-1 170

2004 Awards: Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament all-tournament team selection.

2004 Accomplishments: Has one goal and two assists this season ... an excellent one-on-one player capable of dribbling past defenders ... can create dangerous scoring chances off the dribble ... had two goals and two assists this season and has shown the ability to move up to forward and be productive (scored a goal vs. #22 Michigan at forward).

#22 Dale Rellas Jr. D 6-2 165

2004 Accomplishments: Projected starter for the Irish sidelined for the second time in his career for a foot injury ... returned for the final four minutes of Notre Dame's victory at #22 Michigan ... has also seen action at Seton Hall and at Rutgers.