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1999 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

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Irish Travel To Fourth-Ranked Nebraska In NCAA Quarterfinals, Beat Stanford 1-0 In NCAA Third Round

* Mia Sarkesian's third goal of the season ousts Stanford in 81st minute

* Notre Dame and Nebraska to meet for third straight year in NCAA championship

'99 Irish Women's Soccer (20-3-0, 6-0-0)

August
Fri. 20 Stanford (exhibition) W, 4-0

September

Key Bank Classic

Friday, September 3

- Duke 2, #4 Connecticut 0
- #1 No. Caro. 3, #7 Notre Dame 2 (2OT)

Sunday, September 5

- #1 No. Caro. 3, #4 Connecticut 1
- #7 Notre Dame 4, Duke 1

Sun. 12	at St. John's ^	W, 4-0
Wed. 15	Butler	W, 5-0
Fri. 17	vs. #8 Texas A&M #	W, 1-0
Sun. 19	vs. SMU #	L, 0-1
Fri. 24	at Seton Hall *	W, 4-2
Sun. 26	at Rutgers *	W, 4-0

October

Fri. 1	Georgetown *	W, 10-0
Sun. 3	Villanova *	W, 4-0
Tues. 5	#16 Michigan	W, 4-1
Fri. 8	West Virginia *	W, 5-1
Sun. 10	at Pittsburgh *	W, 5-0
Sun. 17	at #1 Santa Clara	L, 2-4
Fri. 22	#8 Connecticut ^	W, 2-1 (2OT)
Sun. 24	Miami ^	W, 7-1
Wed. 27	at Wisconsin	W, 9-2
Sun. 31	at Indiana	W, 4-1

November

Tues. 2	Miami (BIG EAST QF)	W, 5-0
Fri. 5	vs. Seton Hall (BIG EAST SF%)	W, 5-0
Sun. 7	vs. #13 Conn. (BIG EAST final%)	W, 4-2
Sun. 14	Dayton	W, 5-1
	(NCAA second round)	
Fri. 20	#8 Stanford	W, 1-0
	(NCAA third round)	

* BIG EAST Conference Mid-Atlantic division game

^ BIG EAST Conference cross-division game

Women's College Classic (Meyer Park, Spring, Texas)

% Yurcak Field, Piscataway, N.J.

Bold denotes home game

All home games played at Alumni Field All times are local

NOTRE DAME, Ind. -- The fifth-ranked and fifth-seeded Notre Dame women's soccer team advanced to the NCAA championship quarterfinals for the sixth consecutive year with a 1-0 win over eighth-ranked Stanford on Friday night. The win over the Cardinal sends the Irish to Nebraska to face the fourth-seeded Cornhuskers on Sunday, Nov. 28, at 1:00 p.m. CST at the Abbott Sports Complex. Nebraska beat Texas A&M 1-0 to reach the quarterfinals.

THIS WEEK FOR THE IRISH: The BIG EAST champions will face Big XII champion Nebraska on Sunday in the NCAA quarterfinals. The Cornhuskers scored the game's only goal in the 68th minute to beat visiting Texas A&M in the third round. Nebraska, with a 22-1-1 record, claimed the Big XII automatic bid with a 2-1 win over Missouri in the Big XII championship game. Sophomore Meghan Anderson leads the Cornhuskers with 21 goals and 12 assists for 54 points, while three others have scored at least 10 goals. Junior goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc has allowed just 12 goals for a 0.51 goals against average. The game will match the nation's second highest-scoring team in Nebraska at 4.46 goals per game against the third highest-scoring team in Notre Dame at 4.17 goals per game.

THE SERIES: Notre Dame and Nebraska have played twice previously in each of the last two NCAA championships at Alumni Field. **Jenny Heft (Germantown, Wis.)** tied the game just 1:57 after Nebraska scored first at 51:41, and Monica Gerardo scored the game-winning goal at 70:06 as the fourth-ranked Irish edged 13th-ranked Nebraska 2-1 in the '98 NCAA third round. Cornhusker sophomore Lauren Tatum opened the scoring with a chip shot to put Nebraska ahead 1-0 before Heft tied the game when she scored on a failed clear from a corner kick. Gerardo finished a sequence from defender **Kelly Lindsey (Omaha, Neb.)** and midfielder **Jenny Streiffer (Baton Rouge, La.)** for the decisive goal. Lindsey made a run from the back up the left sideline and passed to Streiffer, who touched the ball back to Lindsey at the left endline. Lindsey then found Gerardo open at the left post and slipped a pass through two Nebraska defenders. Gerardo fired the shot into the right corner. The first half saw Notre Dame miss out on numerous scoring opportunities, as Husker goalkeeper Karina LeBlanc was perfect in the net in the first half. She made 10 saves in the game, including numerous acrobatic and point-blank saves, nearly single-handedly keeping Nebraska in the game.

In the first meeting in the '97 second round, Nebraska would manage just 10 shots against the Irish but the Cornhuskers came out strong with three shots in the first 13 minutes of the contest before Notre Dame took a shot. Becky Hogan broke through the Irish back line and forced Irish goalkeeper **LaKeysia Beene (Gold River, Calif.)** to come off her line. Hogan launched a shot over Beene from the left wing from 12 yards but the ball hit square off the crossbar. Lindsay Eddleman collected the rebound from the right wing from 15 yards but her shot towards an open net sailed over the crossbar for what would be the best scoring chances in the game for the Huskers, who would get off just one more shot in the first half.

Notre Dame quickly recovered and scored on its first shot of the game at 17:10 when **Meotis Erikson (Kennewick, Wash.)** turned and fired a shot from 18 yards out near the right post into the upper left corner of the net past diving Nebraska goalkeeper Becky Hornbacher. The Irish then blitzed the Cornhuskers with back-to-back goals on consecutive shots. **Anne Makinen (Helsinki, Finland)** collected a free ball from 25 yards out and blasted a hard shot that went through the hands of Hornbacher and into the left corner of the net at 23:39. Just over a minute later, Makinen passed a ball through the Nebraska back line at midfield and watched Holly Manthei dribble in for a breakaway at 24:44. Notre Dame came out in the second half and scored on three consecutive shots in an eight-minute span to put the game away.

IRISH IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP: Notre Dame is making its seventh straight NCAA championship appearance and is one of only five teams (Connecticut, North Carolina, Santa Clara and William & Mary) to appear in each of the last seven championships. The Irish boast a record of 18-5 in its seven NCAA championship appearances for a .783 winning percentage, the second highest in NCAA history. The Irish won the NCAA championship in 1995, reached the final in 1994 and 1996, were semifinalists in 1997 and were quarterfinalists in 1998. The Irish lost in the regional semifinals in their first appearance in 1993. Notre Dame has a 5-3 record against the other 47 teams in the field and a 2-2-0 against the other seven teams remaining.

THIRD-ROUND RECAP: Sophomore midfielder **Mia Sarkesian (Canton, Mich.)** scored the game's only goal in the 81st minute to send the fifth-ranked and BIG EAST champion Notre Dame women's soccer team into the NCAA championship quarterfinals with a 1-0 win over eighth-ranked and Pacific-10 champion Stanford on Friday night at Alumni Field. Notre Dame senior All-American defender **Jen Grubb (Hoffman Estates, Ill.)** served a free kick from the left endline to the near post that senior Jenny Heft could not control on the line. The Cardinal booted the ball out of the box but Sarkesian settled the ball on one touch just outside the left side of the box. She then fired a shot at 80:18 into the upper right corner for the game-winning goal for just her third goal of the season. Stanford's penalty kick was set up by a hand ball called on the Irish in front of the net from eight yards off a Stanford cross from the right sideline. Fair shot the penalty kick towards the lower left corner as Irish senior All-American goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene went left but could not get to the ball. The shot bounced off the post, went sharply to the right post and then went five yards out before being swept off the line.

Both teams had a number of chances in the first half but both goalkeepers came up with saves. Cardinal senior forward Kelly Adamson had a shot cleared off the line by freshman defender **Vanessa Pruzinsky (Trumbull, Conn.)** in the 15th minute and had a header from eight yards out towards the upper right corner stopped by a diving Beene in the 28th minute. Heft nearly connected on a through ball from freshman **Nancy Mikacenic (Seattle, Wash.)** in the 24th minute but Cardinal junior goalkeeper Carly Smolak came out to smother the ball just

BIG EAST Standings

Mid-Atlantic Division

School	'99 BIG EAST	'99 overall
1. Notre Dame *	6-0-0	20-3-0
2. Villanova #	4-2-0	14-8-0
3. Seton Hall #	3-3-0	11-9-0
4. Georgetown #	2-3-1	8-10-2
5. West Virginia	2-4-0	9-9-1
6. Rutgers	2-4-0	8-10-0
7. Pittsburgh	1-4-1	5-12-1

Northeast Division

School	'99 BIG EAST	'99 overall
1. Connecticut *	5-0-0	17-7-0
2. Syracuse #	3-1-1	12-6-2
3. Boston College #	2-2-1	16-7-1
4. Miami #	2-3-0	11-8-0
5. Providence	1-4-0	6-10-1
6. St. John's	0-3-2	10-6-3

* clinched division title

clinched playoff spot

NSCAA TOP 25 (11/8)

Team	Record	Points	Last Wk.
1. Santa Clara *	20-0-0	300	1
2. Florida	21-1-0	285	2
3. North Carolina *	19-2-0	275	3
4. Nebraska *	20-1-1	268	4
5. NOTRE DAME	18-3-0	250	6
6. Penn State	18-3-1	241	5
7. Harvard	14-1-1	217	9
T8. Stanford *	14-4-1	212	7
T8. Clemson	13-6-1	212	8
10. William & Mary	18-3-1	180	12
11. Texas A&M *	15-4-1	175	10
12. Connecticut *	15-7-0	167	13
13. Kentucky	16-2-1	162	14
14. UCLA	14-4-1	149	20
15. Wake Forest	15-6-1	144	15
16. Virginia	12-8-0	135	16
17. USC	14-5-0	119	11
18. Michigan *	16-5-1	112	18
19. SMU *	15-5-1	90	19
20. San Diego	15-4-0	75	17
21. Missouri	14-7-1	63	25
22. Duke *	12-9-0	40	21
23. BYU	20-3-0	34	23
24. Dartmouth	9-7-1	28	24
25. Maryland	10-9-1	23	NR

* indicates 1999 Notre Dame opponents

at the top of the box. Irish freshman **Ashley Dryer (Salt Lake City, Utah)** blasted a loose ball in the box from eight yards out in the 33rd minute but Smolak was there to block the ball. Smolak finished with six saves, while Beene had four. The Irish finished with a 15-9 advantage in shots, including an 8-4 edge in the second half. Notre Dame had nine corner kicks to six for Stanford.

WALDRUM FACES FORMER CONFERENCE RIVAL: First-year Irish head coach Randy Waldrum will face former Big XII Conference rival Nebraska in Sunday's game. Waldrum coached Baylor from 1995-98 and led the Bears to the 1998 Big XII regular season conference championship with a 1-0 win over the Cornhuskers in the final game of the regular season to claim the title. Waldrum has a 1-3-0 record against Nebraska.

IRISH IN CORNHUSKER STATE: The Notre Dame women's soccer team will make its first trip to Nebraska this weekend to face the Cornhuskers. The Irish have played in 21 states and the District of Columbia in their 12 year-history but never have traveled to Nebraska prior to this weekend's game. Three-year starting defender Kelly Lindsey returns to her home state this weekend and is the only Nebraskan to play women's soccer for the Irish. Lindsey has started 67 games in her career and played in 69 of 74 games in her three seasons.

20-WIN SEASONS: The win over Stanford on Friday upped Notre Dame's record to 20-3-0, marking the sixth consecutive year the Irish have won at least 20 games. Notre Dame won 23 games in 1994, 21 in '95, 24 in '96, 23 in '97 and 21 in '98.

IRISH ON THE ROAD: Notre Dame travels to the Abbott Sports Complex with a 2-0-0 record in NCAA championship games on its opponent's home field. The Irish advanced to their first NCAA championship game in 1994 with a 1-0 semifinal win over Portland in front of 5,000 fans at the Pilots' Merlo Field on a header from freshman Kate Sobrero in the 52nd minute. Notre Dame advanced to its second NCAA championship game in 1995 with a 1-0 semifinal win over top-ranked North Carolina in front of 7,212 at the Tar Heels' Fetzer Field on an own from North Carolina freshman Cindy Parlow in the 20th minute. Sunday's quarterfinal game will mark the earliest road NCAA game for the Irish since losing to George Mason in the '93 regional semifinals in Madison, Wis.

GRUBB, PRUZINSKY NAMED PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: Senior All-American **Jen Grubb** was named the 1999 BIG EAST Conference defensive player of the year, and freshman defender **Vanessa Pruzinsky** was named the 1999 BIG EAST Conference rookie of the year at the annual BIG EAST women's soccer banquet on Nov. 4. Grubb also was named defensive player of the year as a junior in 1998. The award marks the third consecutive year that an Irish defender has won the award after Kate Sobrero was named the first BIG EAST defensive player of the year in 1997. Grubb also was voted to the all-BIG EAST first team for the fourth consecutive year, becoming the first four-time first team all-BIG EAST women's soccer player. Pruzinsky becomes the third Irish freshman to win rookie-of-the-year award in Notre Dame's five years in the BIG EAST Conference. Monica Gerardo won the award in 1995, while senior **Jenny Streiffer** was the 1996 recipient.

SOCCER TIMES TOP 25 (11/8)

Team	Record	Points	Last Wk.
1. Santa Clara * (12)	20-0-0	300	1
2. North Carolina *	19-2-0	279	2
3. Florida	21-1-0	277	T3
4. Nebraska *	20-1-1	269	T3
5. NOTRE DAME	18-3-0	252	6
6. Penn State	18-3-1	252	5
7. Clemson	13-6-1	243	7
8. Stanford *	14-4-1	197	9
9. Harvard	14-1-1	189	10
10. William & Mary	18-3-1	169	15
11. Connecticut *	15-7-0	168	11
T12. Wake Forest	15-6-1	165	12
T12. UCLA	14-4-1	165	17
14. USC	14-5-0	145	8
15. Virginia	12-8-0	133	13
16. Texas A&M *	15-4-1	125	14
17. Kentucky	16-2-1	115	16
18. Michigan *	16-5-1	104	21
T19. BYU	20-3-0	69	20
T19. San Diego	15-4-0	69	19
21. SMU *	15-5-1	63	22
22. Duke *	12-9-0	54	18
23. Missouri	14-7-1	38	NR
24. California	13-6-1	25	24
T25. Baylor	14-6-1	17	23
T25. Hartford	15-4-2	17	25
T25. Maryland	10-9-1	17	NR

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RANDY WALDRUM VOTED BIG EAST COACH OF THE YEAR, NOTCHES 200TH CAREER WIN: Irish head coach Randy Waldrum has been voted the 1999 BIG EAST coach of the year in his first year at Notre Dame. Waldrum led the 1999 Irish to the inaugural BIG EAST Conference Mid-Atlantic division title with a 6-0-0 record against divisional opponents and a 3-0-0 record in cross-divisional games. The award marks the second consecutive conference coach-of-the-year honor for Waldrum, who was voted the 1998 Big 12 coach of the year after leading Baylor to the '98 regular season title. The semifinal win over Seton Hall marked the 200th win of Waldrum's coaching career. His record now stands at 203-108-19 in 17-plus seasons after the win over Dayton.

Waldrum, a seven-year member of the United States national team coaching staff, is in his first year as head coach of the Irish after leading Baylor to the '98 NCAA championship second round in just the third year of the program that he started in 1996. He comes to Notre Dame after being named 1998 National Soccer Coaches Association Central Region coach of the year in addition to the Big 12 coach-of-the-year award. His 107-50-12 (.669) women's soccer career record in three seasons coaching the Baylor women's soccer program and six seasons with the Tulsa women's soccer program has him listed 13th on the NCAA winningest coaches list by career winning percentage and 26th by wins. The Irving, Texas, native also has coached men's teams at Tulsa, Texas Wesleyan and Austin College and boasted an overall career record of 183-105-19 in 17 total seasons before coming to Notre Dame.

HEFT SCORING STREAK SNAPPED AT EIGHT GAMES: Senior forward **Jenny Heft** had her goal-scoring streak snapped at eight games against Stanford, one game short of tying the Irish record. She scored one goal against both Connecticut and Miami during the regular season to tie and then surpass the 73 goals Monica Gerardo scored from 1995-98 to become Notre Dame's all-time leading goal scorer with 74 goals. She added single tallies against Wisconsin, Indiana, Miami, Seton Hall, Connecticut and Dayton to bring her total to 80 goals, placing her 11th on the NCAA Division I career goals list. Heft has scored 17 goals in 13 of the last 15 games after tallying just three goals in the first eight games of the season. Heft scored 12 goals as a freshman and 20 as a sophomore before setting the Irish single-season mark with 28 goals as a junior in 1998.

STREIFFER APPROACHES 70-70, BREAKS 200-POINT PLATEAU: All-American and two-time GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American forward **Jenny Streiffer** has scored 10 goals and assisted on seven goals in the last eight games to reach the 60-goals and 60-assist mark and move within one goal of becoming just the second player in NCAA Division I history to reach 70-70. Her goal against Dayton in the NCAA second round moved her career totals to 69 goals and 71 assists for 209 points, which are tied for 10th place on the NCAA Division I scoring list with Robin Confer (North Carolina, 1994-97). Streiffer is the 11th player in NCAA Division I history and first Notre Dame player to reach 200 points.

IRISH WIN FIFTH BIG EAST TITLE: Notre Dame used goals by three different players and took advantage of a Connecticut own goal to win its fifth consecutive BIG EAST championship with a 4-2 win over the 13th-ranked Huskies on Nov. 7, at Rutgers' Yurcak Field. **Jenny Heft** and freshman **Ali Lovelace (Dallas, Ga.)** tallied second-half goals to lead the Irish. **Jenny Streiffer**, who had a goal and an assist in each of Notre Dame's three wins in the conference championship, was named the BIG EAST championship most outstanding player. Notre Dame improves to 12-0-0 all-time

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Goals	Gm	G	
1. Jenny Heft, 1996-	92	80	
2. Monica Gerardo, 1995-98	98	73	
3. Jenny Streiffer, 1996-	97	69	
4. Cindy Daws, 1993-96	94	61	
5. Michelle McCarthy, 1992-95	89	59	
6. Rosella Guerrero, 1992-95	91	55	
7. Anne Makinen, 1997-	63	51	
8. Meotis Erickson 1997-	73	46	
9. Alison Lester, 1990-93	81	45	
10. Susie Zilvitis, 1988-91	82	43	
Assists	Gm	A	
1. Holly Manthei, 1994-97	99	128	
2. Jenny Streiffer, 1996-	97	71	
3. Cindy Daws, 1993-96	94	67	
4. Shannon Boxx, 1995-98	101	57	
5. Jen Grubb, 1996-	96	52	
6. Monica Gerardo, 1995-98	98	44	
7. Kate Fisher, 1993-96	98	41	
8. Kara Brown, 1996-	96	40	
Michelle McCarthy, 1992-95	89	38	
10. Ragen Coyne, 1992-95	62	37	
Tiffany Thompson, 1991-94	86	37	
Points	G	A	P
1. Jenny Streiffer, 1996-	69	71	209
2. Monica Gerardo, 1995-98	73	44	190
3. Cindy Daws, 1993-96	61	67	189
Jenny Heft, 1996-	80	29	189
5. Holly Manthei, 1994-97	24	128	176
6. Michelle McCarthy, 1992-95	59	38	156
7. Rosella Guerrero, 1992-95	55	32	142
Anne Makinen, 1997-	51	40	142
9. Shannon Boxx, 1995-98	39	57	135
10. Alison Lester, 1990-93	45	36	126

IRISH IN NCAA STATISTICS

SCORING OFFENSE		
3. Notre Dame		4.17
WINNING PERCENTAGE		
5. Notre Dame		.870
SINGLE-GAME GOALS		
T4. Notre Dame vs. Georgetown		10
POINTS PER GAME		
T16. Jenny Streiffer		2.22
20. Jenny Heft		2.09
GOALS PER GAME		
19. Jenny Heft		0.87
ASSISTS PER GAME		
T8. Kara Brown		0.70
T13. Jenny Streiffer		0.65

IRISH IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Name (games)	G-A-P	GWG		
Jenny Heft (14)	9-0-18	2		
Anne Makinen (9)	5-6-16	0		
Jenny Streiffer (13)	5-4-14	1		
Kara Brown (14)	3-7-13	0		
Meotis Erikson (9)	3-4-10	1		
Monica Gonzalez (5)	2-1-5	0		
Jen Grubb (14)	0-5-5	0		
Kelly Lindsey (9)	1-3-5	0		
Mia Sarkesian (3)	1-1-3	1		
Name (games)	Min	Sv/G	GAA	ShO
LaKeysia Beene (11)	830	30/7	0.76	4 (1)

in the BIG EAST championship, having beaten Connecticut in every final from 1995-99 for its five straight BIG EAST titles.

IRISH EARN ALL-BIG EAST HONORS: Led by 1999 BIG EAST defensive player of the year **Jen Grubb**, six of Notre Dame's 11 starters earned all-BIG EAST honors. Joining Grubb on the all-BIG EAST first team are senior forwards **Jenny Heft** and **Jenny Streiffer** and junior midfielder **Anne Makinen**. Makinen joined 1999 BIG EAST offensive player of the year Kelly Smith of Seton Hall as the only unanimous first-team selections. Senior goalkeeper **LaKeysia Beene** and senior defender **Kara Brown (Avon, Conn.)** were voted to the second team. Freshmen **Nancy Mikacenic** and **Vanessa Pruzinsky** were named to the BIG EAST all-rookie team. Pruzinsky was the only unanimous selection to the all-rookie team. Notre Dame's six all-BIG EAST selections and four first-team selections lead all schools.

SPREADING THE WEALTH: The Irish have distributed their scoring evenly in 1999, with one 50-point scorer, two 40-point scorers, one 30-point scorer and two others with at least 20 points. Fourteen different players have scored at least one goal, while four players have at least 13 goals.

MAKINEN SETS SCORING STREAK RECORD: After not recording a point in the season-opening game against North Carolina, junior All-American midfielder **Anne Makinen** had at least one point in the next 12 games in which she played and currently has 13 goals and 11 assists for 37 points. Her streak reached 12 straight games with two goals and two assists against Wisconsin to break the school record for consecutive games with a point. **Jenny Streiffer, Meotis Erikson** and former Irish All-American Holly Manthei had recorded at least one point in 11 consecutive games to set the previous record. After scoring her first goal of the season against Duke, Makinen missed four games from Sept. 12-19, while playing with the Finnish national team. She had 11 goals and seven assists for 29 points in those 12 games. The streak was stopped when she did not have a goal or an assist against Indiana.

IRISH TAKE OFFENSE: After suffering their first shutout in 55 games in the 1-0 loss to SMU, the Irish have scored 80 goals in the 17 games since and at least four goals in 14 of the last 17 games. Notre Dame has totalled 96 goals in 23 games in 1999 for an average of 4.17 goals per game entering the week, third best in the NCAA entering the week.

GRUBB PASSES GOAL TOTAL: Irish senior All-American defender **Jen Grubb's** nine goals in 1999 surpass the six career goals she had scored entering her senior year. Grubb scored three as a freshman, two as a sophomore and one as a junior for a total of six goals. She also has eight assists in '99 to go along with her nine goals for 26 points, placing her fifth on the team in scoring. Five of her goals have come from free kicks against Santa Clara, Georgetown, Rutgers, Seton Hall and Butler. She had the first two-goal game of her career against Wisconsin.

BROWN LEADS IRISH IN ASSISTS: Senior defender **Kara Brown** recorded assists in six consecutive games before the BIG EAST final and has at least one point in seven of the last nine games and in nine of the last 12 games with a team-high 16 assists in 1999. Her 16 assists in her senior season have moved her into eighth place on Notre Dame career assist list with 40 assists during her Irish career and have her tied for eighth in the country with 0.70 assists per game, according to the latest NCAA national statistics.

FROSH PART OF IRISH SUCCESS: Notre Dame's class of 2003 has given the Irish major contributions this season. Defender **Vanessa Pruzinsky** has started all 23 games, while midfielder **Nancy Mikacenic** has started 21 games. Pruzinsky has assisted on five Irish goals, while Mikacenic scored the game-winning goal against Butler and has nine assists. Midfielder **Ashley Dryer** has started 12 games and played in 21 games total with six assists, while forward **Ali Lovelace** has played in 19 games and scored twice against Miami in the BIG EAST quarterfinals and once against Connecticut in the BIG EAST final.

FOUR NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS: Senior All-Americans **LaKeysia Beene, Jen Grubb** and **Jenny Streiffer** and junior All-American **Anne Makinen** have been named four of the 15 finalists for the ninth annual Missouri Athletic Club Sports Foundation Collegiate Player of the Year award. Notre Dame leads all schools with four players among the finalists, while North Carolina, with two players, is the only other school with more than one finalist. With Seton Hall's Kelly Smith and Connecticut's Mary-Frances Monroe also among the finalists, the BIG EAST Conference accounts for more finalists with six than any other conference. Beene, Grubb, Makinen and Streiffer will be looking to become Notre Dame's first winner of the MAC award since former Irish All-American Cindy Daws was selected as the recipient following the 1996 season. Beene, Grubb and Streiffer also were finalists for the 1998 award, while Grubb and Streiffer were finalists as sophomores in 1997.

Three Irish women's soccer players also have been selected as three of 15 finalists for the 1999 Hermann Trophy, to be presented December 11, in Charlotte, N.C. **Beene, Makinen** and **Streiffer** join three players from North Carolina in leading the ballot. Makinen was a finalist for the '98 award, while Beene is the only goalkeeper among the finalists. Notre Dame has had one Hermann Trophy recipient in its history, Cindy Daws, who won the award in 1996.

IRISH HAVE BUSY SUMMER ON NATIONAL TEAMS: A number of current and former Irish women's soccer players had busy summers with national teams. Senior All-Americans **LaKeysia Beene, Jen Grubb** and **Jenny Streiffer** were part of the U.S. under-21 national team that won the 1999 Nordic Cup in Iceland. **Streiffer**, who tallied the game-winning goal in the '97 championship game against Norway, scored the game-tying goal in the championship game against Norway in the 85th-minute of the 2-1 overtime win. She also scored in the 22nd minute to lead the Americans to a 1-0 win over Finland in the opening round. **Streiffer** finished as the team's leading scorer with three goals and one assist in four games.

Former three-time Irish All-American Kate Sobrero played a key role in helping the U.S. claim its second FIFA Women's World Cup in 1999 as one of the youngest players on the roster. She started five of the six games the Americans played, missing only the Korea game when she rested a sore ankle after the U.S. already had clinched the top spot in its pool. Sobrero starred for the U.S. as the youngest starting defender on team.

Junior **Monica Gonzalez (Richardson, Texas)** and former all-time Irish leading scorer Monica Gerardo represented Mexico in that country's first appearance in the World Cup in '99. The Irish pair both started Mexico's first game against Brazil, while Gerardo, who wrapped up her career at Notre Dame following the 1998 season, also started against Italy.