

**2003 Notre Dame
Women's Soccer
(10-0-1)**

August

At UConn Classic

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

September

Notre Dame Classic

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

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

Santa Clara Classic

(both games live on CSTV)

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

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

October

3 West Virginia 7:00
5 Villanova 1:00
7 Butler 7:00
10 Georgetown 7:00
12 Miami 1:00
17 Connecticut (non-BE) 7:30
19 at Pittsburgh 1:00
24 at Rutgers 7:00
26 at Seton Hall 1:00
29 Michigan 4:00

November

1-2 BIG EAST Quarterfinals

BIG EAST Champ. (@Rutgers)

7 Semifinals TBA
9 Final TBA

14- NCAA First Round TBA
(campus sites)

15- NCAA Second Round TBA
(campus sites)

22- NCAA Third Round TBA
23 (campus sites)

December

NCAA College Cup

(SAS Stadium; Cary, NC)

5 Semifinals
7 Final

All times local to site

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

Game Notes – vs. Villanova (Sunday, Oct. 5; 1:00 p.m. EST)

The second-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team (10-0-1; 42-5 scoring edge) continues at the halfway point of its eight-game homestand at Alumni Field (longest since '92), with another BIG EAST Conference Mid-Atlantic Division game versus Villanova on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 1:00 p.m. EST ... the Irish are coming off yet another dominating performance after knocking off 5th-ranked West Virginia on Friday night (2-0) ... ND has shut out five of its last seven opponents while allowing just 11 shots on goal in the last eight games (since its only deficit of the season, vs. ASU) ... the Irish have not lost a home BIG EAST game since 1995 (a 45-game win streak) and are 121-8-2 (.931) in their last 131 overall home games ... ND solidified its spot among the nation's top teams in mid-Sept. with a dominating defensive effort vs. perennial powers Stanford (0-0) and Santa Clara (2-1) at the SCU Classic before maintaining that momentum last week with wins over North Texas (8-1) and Indiana State (3-0) ... ND has been ranked in the top two of the NSCAA coaches poll nine of the last 11 years (all but '01 and '02), earning No. 1 in '94, '95, '96 and '00.

INFORMATION HIGHWAY – Live stats will be provided for all ND home games (and select away games), with a link available via the main page at www.und.com ... for schedule and result information on all 26 Notre Dame varsity sports, call the ND Sports Hotline at (574) 631-3000 (press "4" for soccer information and then "2" for women's soccer results) ... see www.villanova.com for info. on the Wildcats.

INTERNET AUDIO – Four ND women's soccer regular-season games (plus possible postseason) will be available via internet audio broadcasts at www.und.com ... the audio is available to SportsPass subscribers (see und.com audio/video link), who also can listen to audio from other ND sports and from other schools that are part of SportsPass (Santa Clara will provide a SportsPass broadcast of the ND-SCU game, see link on und.com) ... the ND broadcast schedule kicks off this weekend with the games vs. West Virginia (Oct. 3), Villanova (Oct. 5), plus the UConn (Oct. 17) and Michigan (Oct. 29) tilts.

IRISH AMONG TOP ALL-AROUND TEAMS – Notre Dame (3.82 goals per game, 0.45 goals-against avg.) has emerged as one of the nation's top-ranked teams in both offense and defense, with Oklahoma State (4.40 gpg, 0.27 GAA) being the only other team ranked as high in both categories (ND is 2nd in offense and now has surged to 7th in defense) ... ND and Oklahoma State join UNC and Princeton as the only undefeated teams left in all of Division I women's soccer.

CONFERENCE CALL – ND's all-time record in regular-season conference games is 88-7-2 (.918), including 69-7-2 (.897) in BIG EAST games (since '95) ... the Irish are 48-1 in all-time home games vs. BIG EAST teams, with 45 straight home BIG EAST wins since a 5-4 OT loss to UConn in '95 (227-16 scoring edge, 31 shutouts, 13 games with 1 GA) ... since joining the BIG EAST, ND's overall record vs. BIG EAST teams is 88-8-2 (.908; also 1-1-0 vs. UConn in NCAAs).

DEFENSIVE DOMINANCE – The Irish have held the opposition to 0-1 goals in all 11 games this season (and the last 16 fall games, plus all five in the spring of '03) ... the current 16-game streak of not allowing multiple goals ranks 4th in ND history, behind a 24-game streak in 2000, 20 games in '94 and 17 in '97 ... the 2000 team (24) is the only ND squad ever to go deeper into a season without allowing multiple goals in a game than the current 11-game start.

SECOND-GAME SUCCESS – Notre Dame has reversed its frustrating trend from recent years of struggling in the second game of a three-day stretch ... the Irish are 5-0-0 this season when returning to the field two days after a previous game, with an 18-2 scoring edge ... by comparison, the Irish were just 4-4-0 in 2002 during regular-season "second games," totaling just 17 goals and allowing 13 in those eight games ... ND's second-game wins in 2003 have come vs. three teams that were ranked in this week's NSCAA coaches poll (3-0 vs. Wake Forest, 5-1 vs. Oklahoma and 2-1 at Santa Clara), plus wins over Western Kentucky (5-0) and Indiana State (3-0).

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

266-8-11 (.953)

ND's all-time record when holding opponent to 0-1 goals (72-2-4 since Sept. 9, 1999)

194-3-1 (.982)

ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (98-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995)

83

Vanessa Pruzinsky's career GP (81 GS)

64

Combined games lost to injury by several top players during 2002 season (60 in '03)

54

Consecutive starts by Amy Warner

45

BIG EAST home winning streak (since '95)

26

All-Americans (since 1994)

25

Minutes of play spanning 5-goal flurry in 5-2 comeback at #25 Maryland ('02)

23-10-3

ND vs. NSCAA top-25 teams since 1999

17

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

17-3-2

All-time record in home tournaments

17

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

16

Current streak without allowing multiple goals

14

ND's current unbeaten OT streak (10-0-4)

13

Ranked opponents faced by Irish in 2002

12

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

12-10

1st-half goalscoring edge in '02 (23-3 in '03)

10

Guertin's goalscoring streak at end of '01

10

Academic All-Americans (since 1995)

7

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

7

Players with multiple-goal games in 2003

5

National ranking for ND's 2003 freshman class

4.0

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

3

Guertin's career OT goals (ND record)

2

All-time postseason home losses (28 Ws)

WILDCATS NOTES – ND leads the VU series 9-1-0 (42-3 scoring edge) but VU posted a 2-1 home win over ND in '02, thanks to 16 saves from Chrissy Dolan and goals in a 72-second span from Julie Batista and Laura Johnson (ND's Amanda Guertin opened the scoring early in the 2nd half and ND owned a 24-12 shot edge/17-9 in shots on net, with Erika Bohn making a career-high 8 saves) ... VU is 10-2 after Friday's 2-0 win over Georgetown, with Lindsey Finnegan and Johnson scoring in that game ... VU returned 16 of 22 letterwinners and nine starters from its 2002 squad that went 14-3-4 and lost to Yale in the 1st round of the NCAAs ... top returners include All-America 'keeper Chrissy Dolan, junior D Michelle Biehl and junior F Johnson (9G-9A in '02) ... Finnegan (6G-4A) and Johnson (2G-7A) lead VU in scoring, with the team owning an 18-7 scoring edge ... VU's wins have come vs. Lehigh (1-0, OT), Rider (2-0), Old Dominion (1-0) and N.C. State (3-0; both in Cary, N.C., site of the '03 College Cup), Seton Hall (1-0, OT), Colgate (1-0, at Navy), Syracuse (3-2), Virginia Tech (2-1) and Providence (2-0), with losses to Boston College (0-1) and top-ranked UNC (0-3, at Navy).

FRONTRUNNERS – Notre Dame has trailed just once in '03 – for a span of 7:18 early in the Sept. 5 game vs. Arizona State – with the Irish leading for 71% of the 1,010 minutes this season while trailing for less than one-percent (0.7%) of the '03 minutes ... ND's 2000 team held the No. 1 ranking for most of the season while trailing just once in the first 24 games (for 28 minutes, in a 2-1 win over Boston College) before falling behind UNC with eight minutes left in the NCAA semifinals (2-1 loss).

PRIMETIME PLAYERS – Notre Dame is 26-8-2 in the last four seasons ('00-'03) when facing an NSCAA ranked team and/or playing in the postseason, with a 73-34 scoring edge in those 36 "big games" ... senior F **Amanda Guertin** has 50 points in those big games (20G-10A) ... her classmate **Amy Warner** owns 8G-5A vs. ranked or postseason opponents (she missed half of the 2000 season due to injury).

NCAA STAT LEADERS – ND heads into Sunday with the nation's 7th-best team goals-against avg. (0.45) and No. 2 offense at 3.82 goals per game (behind Oklahoma State's 4.40) ... ND headed into the weekend as one of four teams (the others are Oklahoma State, BC and North Texas) with two players who already have 20-plus points (junior F **Mary Boland** is 10th in the nation with 24 points and senior F **Amy Warner** 21st with 20) .. Boland also is 14th in the nation with 10 goals while Warner's 9 assists are 2nd only to Oklahoma State's Nikki Wojtowcz (12) ... ND's **Erika Bohn** (7th, 0.40) ranks among the national GAA leaders.

QUICK-STRIKE ARTISTS – Notre Dame has scored in the first 7:00 of five games this season, with junior F **Mary Boland** responsible for three of those early goals ... the team's quickest goals have come in recent wins over West Virginia (1:24; Boland volley on long serve from Melissa Tancredi) and North Texas (4:28; Amanda Guertin shot from top of the box via short pass from Amy Warner) ... other quick-strike goals by ND in 2003 have come vs. Hartford (6:32; Boland puts back own rebound, after classic 5-player combination sequence that includes right endline cross from Warner), vs. Oklahoma (5:58; Jen Buczkowski knocks in rebound after flurry in box) and at Santa Clara (5:03; Boland on lunging poke after leftside service from Katie Thorlakson).

GLORY DAYS – The current 42-5 scoring edge is comparable to the program's 5-year dominance in the mid-1990s, with those teams owning the following 11-game scoring edges: 48-8 in '93, 50-5 in '94, 44-8 in '95, 60-6 in '96 and 51-4 in '97 (average of 51-6) ... only two previous ND teams (4 in both 1997 and 2000) have allowed fewer goals in the first 11 games than the 2003 squad (5) ... ND's 0.45 team goals-against avg. would rank 3rd in ND history (behind the 0.36 in 1997 and 0.39 in 2000) ... ND already has scored 5-plus goals in four games this season ...

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK FACTS

Pos.	Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
F	#10 Mary Boland (Jr.; Hudson, OH) '03 stats: 10G-4A (24 pts), 3 GWG, 11 GP/8 GS '02 stats: 5G, GWG, 19 GP/15 GS career: 17G-6A (40 pts), 4 GWG, 40 GP/28 GS	1st player ever named BIG EAST off. and def. player of week in career ND-rec. 6G in first 3 gms (3G-A vs. Hart., G vs. WFU, 2G vs. ASU) UConn, ND and SCU all-tour. pick ('03) ... G-A vs. SCU, G vs. NTX, G-A vs. ISU, G vs. WV Academic All-America cand. (3.87 GPA) ... member of '01 U.S.-19 Team
F	#7 Katie Thorlakson (So.; Langley, BC) '03 stats: 3G-5A (11 pts); 11 GP/6 GS ... '02: 4G-3A, GWG, 19 GP/18 GS career: 7G-8A (22 pts), 39 GP/24 GS	2G vs. WKU, 1G-1A vs. SCU (tour. Off. MVP) member of Canada's U-19 Nat'l Team ('02, '03) 2A vs. NTX ... 10 of 11 pts in '02 came in final 9 GP
F	#12 Amy Warner (Sr.; Albuquerque, NM) '03 stats: 6G-8A (20 pts), GWG, 11 GS '02 stats: 9G-8A (26 pts), 3 GWG, 21 GS career: 33G-22A (88 pts), 10 GWG, 69 GP/62 GS	ranked 2nd in nation for total assists (8); scored in 5 of first 6 gms 15th on ND career goals list; 2 career hat tricks 2nd-year co-captain; UConn, ND and SCU all-tournament pick ('03) 3 times all-region, twice named 1st team all-BIG EAST
F	#6 Amanda Guertin (Sr.; Grapevine, TX) '03 stats: 6G-6A (18 pts), 2 GWG, 11 GP/7 GS '02 stats: 11G-11A (33 pts), 5 GWG, 21 GS career: 43G-27A (113 pts), 17 GWG, 78 GP/70 GS	2G vs. Hartford, 1G vs. OU and SJU, 1G-1A vs. NTX, 1G vs. ISU 11th on ND career goal list, 3rd on GWG list (17, ND record 3 in OT) 10-game goal streak in '01 (3rd in NCAA history) 8 corner-kick assists in '02
F	#13 Maggie Manning (So.; Lake Oswego, OR) '03 stats: 3G-1A (7 pts), 9 GP/1 GS ... '02: 1G-2A, 18 GP/13 GS career: 4G-3A (11 pts), 27 GP/14 GS	2G in opener vs. Hartford, 1A vs. WKU, 1G vs. NTX played some M in '02, now part of regular F rotation Oregon player of the year at Jesuit HS (90G in three prep seasons)
AM	#25 Kimberly Carpenter (Sr.; Webster, NY) '03 stats: 3G-1A, 11 GP/10 GS ... '02: 1A, 21 GP/20 GS career: 5G-2A, 56 GP/30 GS	started at right back and midfield in '02 scored in '03 opening win over Hartford, then vs. ISU and WVU key team leader as part of six-member senior class
M	#9 Jen Buczkowski (Fr.; Elk Grove, IL) '03 stats: 2G-4A (8 pts), 11 GS	ND Classic MVP (2G-3A); 69G-52A in 3-yr HS career (Elk Grove) rated #6 recruit (<i>Soccer America</i>); prep All-American, U.S. U-19 team
DM	#24 Jill Krivacek (Fr.; Geneva, IL) '03 stats: 1 GWG (vs. WFU), 11 GP/1 GS (vs. OU)	2nd-half GWG vs. Wake Forest (3-0); 78 career goals at Rosary HS has good skills to fill defensive midfield role
OB/M	#15 Lizzie Reed (Fr.; Franklin Lakes, NJ) '03 stats: 1G-1A, 10 GP/5 GS	1A vs. OU, 1G vs. NTX; 126 career goals at Ramapo Regional HS prep All-American; member of ODP national runner-up (NJ)
M	#11 Annie Scheffer (So.; Yakima, WA) '03 stats: 3G-4A (10 pts), GWG, 11 GS missed all of ND's '02 season (ACL)	scored on free kick vs. OU, adding 2G-1A vs. WKU; 1G in spring vs. Mexico Academic All-America candidate (3.67 GPA); member of U.S. U-19 Team ('02) 47G-21A as senior at West Valley HS (Gatorade WA player of yr.)
LB/CD	#18 Christie Shaner (Fr.; Ambler, PA) '03 stats: 10 GP/8 GS 15G as center M in '02 at Germantown Academy	started at left back vs. Hartford, central D vs. Oklahoma and SJU rated #22 recruit (<i>Soccer America</i>); prep All-American member of national u-19 semifinalist (FC Bucks Challenge)
RB/CD	#4 Kim Lorenzen (Fr.; Naperville, IL) '03 stats: 10 GP/9 GS (centrally and outside)	ND Classic all-tournament pick; versatile player, has trained at F, M and D teamed with Buczkowski and Krivacek on ODP national champs (IL)
LB	#5 Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr.; Trumbull, CT) '03 stats: 10 GP/9 GS ... '02: 2 GP/1 GS (inj.) career: 2G-6A (10 pts), 83 GP/81 GS	5th-year player (ankle injury in '02), 2nd-year team co-captain 3rd ND chemical engineering major ever to graduate with 4.0 GPA (1st since '74) 1st team all-BIG EAST in '00 and '01; 5-time BE def. player of week
CD	#17 Melissa Tancredi (Sr.; Ancaster, ONT) '03: 2G-3A (7 pts), GWG, 11 GS ... '02: 4G, 18 GP/16 GS career: 10G-7A (27 pts), 2 GWG, 45 GP/37 GS	converted forward; dominant player in the air; 2G-3A in last 3 games 6 of 10G with ND have come on corner/free-kick headers (all 4 in '02) named offensive MVP at 2002 Maryland Classic
CD	#2 Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Jr.; Seltjarnarnes, Iceland) '03: 4 GP/2 GS ... '02: 7GP/6 GS ... career: 28 GP/12 GS	Member of Icelandic National Team Slowed by knee and ankle injuries in '02, broken arm in '03
OB	#28 Miranda Ford (So.; Portola Valley, CA) '03 stats: 5 GP ... '02 stats: 1G, 13 GP/4 GS ... career: 1G, 16 GP/4 GS	played for Palo Alto HS and DeAnza Force club
G	#1 Erika Bohn (So.; Brookfield, CT) '03 stats: 0.40 GAA, 19 SV, 4 GA, 11 GS '02 stats: 1.27 GAA, 57 SV, 23 GA, 20 GP/19 GS career: 0.98 GA, 76 SV, 27 GA, 31 GP/30 GS, 8 solo ShO (4 in '03)	stopped PK in 3-1 win over #13 ASU; UConn and ND all-tour. pick ('03) was first ND freshman to start in G since '93; 0-1 GA in 14 gms in '02 (7 of final 8) Academic All-America candidate (3.67 GPA) 18-2-1 with 13 GA in last 21 starts with Irish (5-0 in spring '03)
G	#0 Nikki Westfall (Fr.; Waterville, OH) '03 stats: 0.89, 2 SV, 1 GA, 5 GP (100:58)	0.76 GAA in '02 at Wayne HS (0.88 career) 5 GA, 15 shutouts as prep sophomore

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

NOTRE DAME CAREER POINTS

1. Jenny Streiffer ('96-'99)	211
2. Monica Gerardo ('95-'98)	190
3. Jenny Heft ('96-'99)	189
Cindy Daws ('93-'96)	189
5. Anne Makinen ('97-'00)	186
6. Holly Manthei ('94-'97)	177
7. Meotis Erikson ('97-'00)	164
8. Michelle McCarthy ('92-'95)	156
9. Rosella Guerrero ('92-'95)	142
10. Shannon Boxx ('95-'98)	135
11. Alison Lester ('90-'93)	126
12. Amanda Guertin ('00-)	113
Susie Zilvitis ('88-'91)	112
14. Tiffany Thompson ('94-'94)	91
15. Amy Van Laecke ('94-'96)	90
16. Jody Hartwig ('91-'94)	87
17. Amy Warner ('00-)	86
18. Jen Grubb ('96-'99)	83

NOTRE DAME CAREER GOALS

1. Jenny Heft ('96-'99)	80
2. Monica Gerardo ('95-'98)	73
3. Jenny Streiffer ('96-'99)	70
4. Anne Makinen ('97-'00)	65
5. Cindy Daws ('93-'96)	61
6. Meotis Erikson ('97-'00)	59
Michelle McCarthy ('92-'95)	59
8. Rosella Guerrero ('92-'95)	55
9. Alison Lester ('90-'93)	45
10. Amanda Guertin ('00-)	43
Susie Zilvitis ('88-'91)	43
12. Shannon Boxx ('95-'98)	35
13. Amy Van Laecke ('94-'96)	34
14. Amy Warner ('00-)	33
15. Stephanie Porter ('90-'93)	31

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

GETTING THE GWGs – Amanda Guertin continues to add clutch goals and assists to her career totals (43G-24A, in 77 GP) – with her 16 gamewinning goals ranking 3rd on the ND all-time list (2 shy of Jenny Heft's record) ... 7 of Guertin's GWGs have come in one-goal games, including three in OT (ND record) ... nearly half of Guertin's career goals (17 of 43, or 39%) have been gamewinners – well ahead of the others on the GWG list:

<u>Name (pos., years)</u>	<u>GWG</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>(Pct. GWGs)</u>
1. Jenny Heft (F, 1996-99)	19	80	(23.8%)
2. Michelle McCarthy (F, 1992-95)	18	59	(30.5%)
3. Amanda Guertin (F, 2000-)	17	43	(39.5%)
4. Rosella Guerrero (F, '92-'95)	16	55	(29.1%)
Monica Gerardo (F, '95-'98)	16	73	(21.9%)
Anne Makinen (M, '97-'00)	16	65	(24.6%)
7. Jenny Streiffer (F, 1996-99)	15	70	(21.4%)
8. Meotis Erikson (F, 1997-2000)	13	59	(22.0%)
9. Amy Warner (F, 2000-)	10	33	(30.3%)

HALFWAY HOME WITH NO LOSSES – Notre Dame is unbeaten after 11 games for the sixth time in the program's history ... here's a look at the other longest season-opening unbeaten streaks in the ND record book:

1994	24 games	went 23-0-1 before losing to UNC in NCAA title game (5-0)
1997	24 games	again fashioned 23-0-1 record before losing to UConn in NCAA semifinals (2-1)
2000	24 games	another familiar record (23-0-1) precedes a 2-1 loss to UNC in the NCAA semifinals
1996	13 games	started 13-0-0 prior to 3-1 loss at Santa Clara
1991	12 games	twice-tied team (10-0-2) drops 1-0 game at UMass
1995	10 games	opened 9-0-1 before losing to UConn (5-4 in OT)

SCHEDULE & RESULT NOTES – The eight-game homestand includes key BIG EAST battles vs. West Virginia, Villanova and UConn ... ND opened with impressive wins at the UConn Classic over Hartford (9-1) and Wake Forest (3-0), with junior F **Mary Boland** earning BIG EAST offensive player of the week (3G-1A) ... the Irish added ND Classic wins over #13 Arizona State (3-1) and Oklahoma (5-1), followed by a BIG EAST cross-divisional victory at St. John's (2-0) and a 5-0 win over Western Kentucky ... freshman M **Jen Buczkowski** and 5th-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** received the respective offensive and defensive MVP awards at the ND Classic, with Buczkowski named BIG EAST rookie of the week

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

LINEUP NOTES

FURIOUS FORWARDS – ND's system includes a pressuring "forecheck" from the team's frontrunners ... four of those players – **Mary Boland** (2), **Amanda Guertin**, **Maggie Manning** and **Katie Thorlakson** – already have posted multiple-goal games this season while **Amy Warner** scored in five of the first six games and ranks 2nd in the nation with 8 assists.

FIRE & ICE – Veterans **Amanda Guertin** (43 career goals; 6 in '03) and **Amy Warner** (33; 6 in '03) rank as one the nation's premier pairs of senior forwards, with 27 game-winning goals (17 by Guertin) and five OT goals (3 by Guertin).

BOLAND STEPS FORWARD – Junior **Mary Boland** spent most of her prep soccer days playing as a forward but her ND career also has included time at outside back and in the midfield ... Boland's quick start to the 2003 season (3G-1A in opener vs. Hartford; 10G in first 11 games) ignited the surging ND offense and solidified her return to forward.

MEET YOU IN THE MIDDLE – Despite the graduation of 4-year starter/defensive ace Ashley Dryer and the season-ending hip surgery to senior Randi Scheller (2nd team all-BIG EAST in '02), the Irish midfield has been energized by the emergence of two "newcomers" in sophomore **Annie Schefter** (3G-4A; missed all of '02 with ACL knee injury) and freshman **Jen Buczkowski** (2G-4A) – with the pair ranking 4th and 6th on the ND scoring charts.

LORENZEN SETTLES INTO BACK – Versatile freshman **Kim Lorenzen** (Naperville, Ill.) was impressive in preseason training at forward but has found a home in the defense, with strong play as a starter both centrally and at outside back.

OTHER QUICK NOTES ON THE IRISH

- Notre Dame enters the Villanova game as the No. 2-scoring team in the nation, averaging 3.82 goals/gm (behind Oklahoma State's 4.40) while the 42 total goals already have surpassed ND's total goal output from the 2002 regular season (40) ... the Irish also rank 7th in the nation (and 1st in the BIG EAST) with a 0.45 season goals-against avg.

- Senior F **Amy Warner** ranks 2nd nationally in total assists (8) and 21st in total points (21) while junior F **Mary Boland** is 14th in total goals (10) and 10th in total points (24).

- Sophomore G **Erika Bohn** has allowed just 7 goals – no games with 2-plus GA – in her last 16 fall games with ND (9 shutouts, 7 with 1 GA) ... Bohn enters the weekend 9th in the nation with a 0.44 goals-against avg. (now 0.40).

- ND players have combined to miss 124 games due to injury spanning the '02 and '03 seasons (32 games; 23-8-1 record), with seven players already combining to miss 60 games due to injury in '03.

- The Irish are unbeaten in their last 14 overtime games (10-0-4).

- Senior F **Amanda Guertin** ranks 3rd in ND history with 17 career GWGs (with an ND record 3 in OT) ... Guertin's 10-game goalscoring streak in '01 ranks 3rd in NCAA history (former SCU great Brandi Chastain holds the record of 15).

- 5th-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** graduated in May of 2003 with a 4.0 cumulative GPA as a chemical engineering major, becoming just the third Notre Dame student (first since '74) ever to complete that feat.

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

- Three ND freshmen – Buczkowski, fellow M **Jill Krivacek** and D **Kim Lorenzen** – helped lead Team Illinois to the 2003 Olympic Development Program national title, defeating New Jersey and future teammate **Lizzie Reed** in the title game.

- ND has been ranked 1st or 2nd in the NSCAA poll during nine of the last 11 seasons (ranked 1st in four seasons).

- Irish players already have combined for eight multiple-goal games this season, by seven different players (compared to five in all of '02): **Mary Boland** vs. Hartford (3) and ASU (2), **Maggie Manning** and **Amanda Guertin** vs. Hartford (both with 2), **Jen Buczkowski** vs. Oklahoma (2), **Katie Thorlakson** and **Annie Schefter** vs. Western Kentucky (both with 2) and most recently **Melissa Tancredi** vs. North Texas (2).

- ND's '03 roster includes players from 14 states, two Canadian provinces and Iceland ... the program's all-time roster canvasses 30 states and three foreign countries ... ND's student-athlete population during the '02-'03 academic year included nearly 800 individuals from 47 states (all but Idaho, Mississippi and Nevada) and 20 foreign countries.

- The current senior class carries a 26-8-2 career record when playing in the postseason and/or facing an opponent ranked in the NSCAA top-25.

PERFECT RECORDS BEGIN TO DWINDLE – The first half of the '03 season has taken its toll on many top teams, as only four Division I teams enter Sunday's action with unbeaten records ... North Carolina has no losses or ties while Notre Dame, Oklahoma State and Princeton each have one tie on their unbeaten records.

PLAYING THE BEST – ND has played some of its best soccer vs. ranked opponents, going 23-10-3 vs. NSCAA ranked teams in the Waldrum era (since '99) ... that trend held true in 2001 (5-1-0): 2-1 vs. Penn St., 2-0 vs. Hartford, 2-1 vs. WVU, 3-0 vs. Miami, 0-3 at UConn, 2-1 vs. Michigan ... the Irish posted 2002 wins over #25 Maryland (5-2), #8 UConn (3-1), #13 Michigan (1-0) and #14 Purdue (3-1) ... over the course of the '01-'03 seasons, ND owns an 11-6-1 record vs. NSCAA top-25 teams (29-5-1 vs. unranked teams), including 2003 wins over #16 Santa Clara (2-1) and #8 West Virginia (2-0) and a scoreless tie vs. #24 Stanford.

ROAD WARRIORS – Notre Dame has posted some noteworthy wins on the road during the past two seasons (8-3-0), with the high points including a pair of wins at the 2000 Portland Classic (5-0 vs. Washington, 1-0 vs. the Pilots; lifting ND to the #1 ranking), 2002 wins at Maryland, Michigan and Boston College (plus vs. Hartford, at Maryland), the 2003 season-opening wins over Hartford and Wake Forest (at the UConn Classic) and the pair of solid results at the '03 Santa Clara Classic (0-0 vs. Stanford, 2-1 vs. SCU).

INJURY WOES CONTINUE – ND's '02 season was hampered by injuries to several top players (totaling 64 games missed, plus 60 thus far in '03 for a total of 124) ... the Irish are playing in the '03 season minus two top players – as junior All-America D **Candace Chapman** suffered a torn ACL knee injury while training with the Canadian National Team (in preparation for the World Cup) while senior M **Randi Scheller** underwent preseason hip surgery ... junior starting central D **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** has returned in a reserve role (after missing four games with a broken arm) while three others – sophomore M **Jenny Walz** (ACL), freshman D **Kari Kennedy** (foot) and junior D **Kate Tulisiak** (back) – are nearing their returns after being sidelined for several weeks ... veteran D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (ankle) made a full-time return at the ND Classic ... Scheller will have the option to apply for a 5th year of eligibility in '04, as will central D **Melissa Tancredi** (she missed '00 with an ACL injury) ... Pruzinsky is a current 5th-year player (out most of '02 with ankle injury) while Chapman will be a senior in '04 and have her own option at a 5th year in '05 ... here is the updated injury report:

Candace Chapman (Jr., D) torn ACL while training with Canada for World Cup (out for year)
Randi Scheller (Sr., M) hip capsule surgery in late August (out for year)
Jenny Walz (So., M) rehabbing from ACL knee surgery (nearing return)
Kari Kennedy (Fr., D) preseason foot injury (nearing return)
Kate Tulisiak (Jr., D) nagging back injury (nearing return)
Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Jr., D) broken arm at UConn Classic (missed 4 games, played as reserve next 4)

BOHN ON A ROLL – Sophomore G **Erika Bohn** (Brookfield, Conn.) is 21-2-1 in her last 24 starts with the Irish (19-1-1 in last 21), allowing just 14 goals in that 23-game stretch (with 12 shutouts and 11 games with 1 GA) ... her only losses in that stretch include: a 3-2 game vs. BYU that included a fluke goal (after a clearance deflected off the referee) and a rare late-game PK to break the 2-2 tie; and the season-ending loss at top-ranked Stanford, with the game's only goal coming in the 81st minute as Bohn turned in possibly her top all-around game of '02 ... Bohn now has logged 21 consecutive games with the Irish (16 fall, 5 spring) without allowing multiple goals (last done by BYU on Oct. 19, 2002).

MAGIC NUMBERS – The three-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win in the program's history, with the Irish now owning a 194-3-1 all-time record (.982) when scoring three-plus, with losses to N.C. State in the '92 opener (4-3), to UConn in '95 (5-4, OT) and at Georgetown in '02 (4-3), plus a 3-3 tie vs. Vanderbilt in '91... the Irish had won 88 straight when scoring 3-plus, before the GU loss (now 98-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995) ... ND also is 266-8-11 (.953 in all-time games when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals, including tough 1-0 losses last season to eventual NCAA champ Portland and top-ranked Stanford ... prior to the Portland loss, the Irish had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, with ND playing minus Finnish national teamer Anne Makinen in that game) ... the ND women's soccer program's 16-year history includes just 281 goals allowed in 353 games (0.80 GA per game) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 68 all-time games (19%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in just 32 all-time games (9%; including two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal) ... 91% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 goals (ND is just 4-27-1 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

SCORING BOOST – The Irish headed into '03 looking for increased goal production, with several "newcomers" among top candidates to provide that boost: sophomore M/D **Annie Scheffter** (dnp in '02; 47G as prep senior at West Valley, Wash., HS), freshman midfielders **Jen Buczkowski** (69G in three seasons at Elk Grove, Ill., HS) and **Jill Krivacek** (set Rosary HS record with 78G in career), and freshman D/M **Lizzie Reed** (2nd in Ramapo, N.J., Regional HS history with 126 career goals) ... junior F **Mary Boland (Hudson, Ohio)** also has emerged as a goaldscoring boost (team-leading 9G in first 10 games), besting her combined total from '01 and '02 (7G, after totaling 27 as a senior at Hudson HS).

1ST-HALF FORTRESS – The ND defense has been particularly stingy in the first half during the past three seasons, allowing just 20 goals in the first half of those 53 games ... the first half in ND's 2002 games featured little scoring by either team (12-10 ND edge) but the Irish have erupted for a 23-3 first-half scoring edge in 2002.

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

HEAD COACH RANDY WALDRUM – The Irish are 84-16-4 (.825) in the tenure of head coach Randy Waldrum (since '99), including 72-13-3 in the last 88 games (since losing 4-2 at SCU on Oct. 17, 1999) ... Waldrum's ND record spans the career of 5th-year D Vanessa Pruzinsky ... Waldrum – who repeated as BIG EAST coach of the year in 2000 – in '99 became the only coach in the 18-year history of the NCAA women's soccer championship to lead a team to the title game in his first season as that team's head coach ... he was the fourth 1st-year coach to take his team to the NCAA semi's, beating top-ranked and previously unbeaten Santa Clara in their backyard of San Jose ... Waldrum's 21-plus-year record as a college head coach (men's and women's teams) is 267-121-23 (.677) ... he is 191-66-16 (.728) in 12-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 '03 ranked 7th among active women's coaches for career winning percentage (min. 10 Div. I seasons).

GOING THE DISTANCE – ND is unbeaten in its last 14 overtime games (10-0-4), since the 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC in the '99 opener ... that team went on to post a 2-1, double-OT win at UConn and played to a 1-1 tie at Nebraska in the NCAA quarter's (adv. on PKs) ... the 2000 team had OT wins over Stanford, at West Virginia and vs. Santa Clara in the NCAA quarter's (all 2-1), also playing to 0-0 at UConn ... '01 featured an unprecedented five OT games (2-1 vs. Indiana, Villanova, WVU and Michigan; 2-2 vs. Wisconsin) while the '02 team added 1-0 OT wins over Rutgers and BC and the '03 team played to a scoreless tie with Stanford (at SCU).

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

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

HAT TRICK OPENERS – **Mary Boland** is the 5th ND player ever to register a hat trick in a season opener and now has scored in all three openers of her Irish career (including ND's first goal in '01 and '03), with a diving header to open the scoring in the '01 vs. Penn State (2-1) and the final goal in the '02 win at Providence (3-0) ... previous Irish players with hat tricks in openers: Rosella Guerrero as a freshman vs. N.C. State in '92 (4-3 loss), Guerrero and sophomore Michelle McCarthy in '93 at LaSalle (12-0 win), and senior Amy Van Laecke and sophomore Monica Gerardo in '96 at PC (14-0).

SEVEN-POINT START – Mary Boland's seven points in the opener vs. Hartford (3G-1A) are most by an ND player since Jenny Streiffer had 3G-1A vs. Miami on Oct. 1, 1999, in the first year of the Randy Waldrum era ... Streiffer holds the ND record for points in a game, with 9 (3G-3A) in the '96 win over Providence (14-0).

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

- D **Kate Sobrero** ('98) and M **Shannon Boxx** ('99) were named to the 18-player U.S. National Team roster that is competing in the World Cup (Sept. 23-Oct. 12), with both ND alums serving as starters ... Sobrero played for the U.S. team that won the '99 World Cup and was on the '00 Olympic team ... Boxx was the surprise of the roster, with no previous National Team experience but an impressive '03 season in the WUSA (she became the first player ever to score in her first three games with the National Team, in two tuneup games and the 3-1 World Cup opening win over Sweden).
- Sobrero and Boxx were two of five former ND players who played in the Women's United Soccer Association 2003 all-star game, as were Washington Freedom D **Jen Grubb** ('00), Boston D **Monica Gonzalez** ('02) and San Jose CyberRays G **LaKeysia Beene** ('00) ... Sobrero and Gonzalez helped Boston win the WUSA regular-season title while Grubb – who played every minute in the first three WUSA seasons – captained the Freedom to the '03 WUSA Founders Cup title after a 2-1 OT win over the Atlanta Beat ... other ND alums played in the '03 WUSA: M **Anne Makinen** ('01; Philadelphia Charge), D **Lindsey Jones** ('02; N.Y.), D **Kelly Lindsey** ('01; San Jose) and M **Monica Gerardo** ('99; Washington).
- Three of the above players recently became college assistants: **Gerardo** at University of Pittsburgh (where former ND assistant Sue-Moy Chin is the first-year head coach), **Lindsey** at the University of Colorado and **Boxx** at Cal State Dominguez Hills ... Boxx also is enrolled in graduate school at Pepperdine and is one of several former ND players who are set to be married in coming months (as are Sobrero and former midfield great **Holly Manthei**).

FRESHMAN CLASS RANKED AMONG BEST IN NATION – *Soccer America* rated ND's 10-player freshman class as the 5th-best group of incoming recruits, behind Santa Clara, UCLA, Texas and Portland ... **Jen Buczkowski** (Elk Grove, Ill.) was No. 6 on the list of top recruits (second among M, behind Nebraska's Brittany Timko, who was 2nd overall) ... D **Christie Shaner** (Ambler, Pa.) was No. 22 on that list, making ND one of seven schools with multiple players on that top-25 list ... M/D **Lizzie Reed** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) joins the above players as ND freshmen who were prep All-Americans.

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

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

ND 1. Mary Boland (Warner) 6:32; **ND 2.** Boland (Warner) 15:19; **ND 3.** Kim Carpenter (Scheffter) 27:01; **ND 4.** Maggie Manning (-) 28:55; **HART 1.** Hilde Bakke (Akerlund, Mucha) 41:47; **ND 5.** Amanda Guertin (PK) 43:09; **ND 6.** Guertin (Boland) 50:36; **ND 7.** Manning (Guertin) 58:07; **ND 8.** Boland (Thorlakson, Scheffter) 71:55; **ND 9.** Amy Warner 80:58.

Shots: ND 7-17 - 24, HART 5-2 - 7.

Corner Kicks: ND 2-3 - 5, HART 1-1 - 2.

Saves: ND 4 (Erika Bohn 3, Nikki Westfall 1), HART 5 (Heather Hinton).

Fouls: HART 10-8. **Offsides:** 10-10.

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

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

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

ND 1. Jill Krivacek 1 (Buczowski, Amy Warner) 44:34; **ND 2.** Mary Boland 4 (Guertin) 64:13; **ND 3.** Warner 2 (-) 89:50.

Shots: WFU 4-4 - 8, ND 10-10 - 20.

Corner Kicks: WFU 3, ND 6.

Saves: WFU 7 (Kenna Healy), ND 6 (Erika Bohn 5, team 1).

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

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

GAME #3 (ND Classic; Sept. 5)

#13 Arizona State	1	0	-	1
#5 Notre Dame	2	1	-	3

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

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

Corner Kicks: ASU 4, ND 4.

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

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

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

GAME #4 (ND Classic; Sept. 7)

Oklahoma	1	0	-	1
#5 Notre Dame	4	1	-	5

ND 1. Jen Buczowski 1 (-) 5:58; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin (Amy Warner, Buczowski) 20:45; **OU 1.** Becky Nelson 2 (Lauren MacIver) 25:19; **ND 3.** Buczowski (Lizzie Reed) 33:31; **ND 4.** Annie Scheffter 1 (-) 41:09; **ND 5.** Molly Iarocci 1 (Kim Carpenter, Scheffter) 84:12.

Shots: OU 2-2 - 4, ND 19-8 - 27.

Corner Kicks: OU 0, ND 6.

Saves: OU 12 (Catherine Wade 7, Keara Jones 5), ND 0 (Erika Bohn, Nikki Westfall).

Fouls: ND 12-7. **Offsides:** OU 1-0.

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

GAME #5 (Sept. 11)

#2 NOTRE DAME	0	1	-	2
ST. JOHN'S	0	0	-	0

ND 1. Amy Warner 4 (Katie Thorlakson) 50:58; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin 4 (-) 89:28.

Shots: ND 8-10 - 18., SJU 1-5 - 6.

Corner Kicks: ND 7, SJU 2.

Saves: ND 2 (Erika Bohn), SJU 8 (Tracy Rollins).

Fouls: SJU 14-12. **Offsides:** ND 2-1.

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

GAME #6 (Sept. 13)

Western Kentucky	0	0	-	0
#2 Notre Dame	2	3	-	5

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

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

Corner Kicks: WK 2, ND 9.

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

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

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

Game #7 (Sept. 19; SCU's Buck Shaw Stad.)

#2 NOTRE DAME	0	0	0	0	-	0
#16 STANFORD	0	0	0	0	-	0

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

Corners: ND 1-1-0-2 - 4, ST 0-1-1-0 - 2.

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

Fouls: ND 16, ST 15. **Offsides:** ND 2, ST 1.

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

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

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

ND 1. Mary Boland 7 (Katie Thorlakson) 5:03; **SCU 1.** Marian Dalmy 4 (Veronica Zepeda) 62:47; **ND 2.** Thorlakson 3 (Boland) 75:14.

Shots: ND 8-6 - 14, SCU 2-3 - 5.

Corner Kicks: ND 6-0 - 6, SCU 1-0 - 1.

Saves: ND 0 (Erika Bohn), SCU 5 (Julie Ryder).

Fouls: ND 11, SCU 10. **Off:** ND 7, SCU 0.

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

GAME #9 (Sept. 28)

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

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

Shots: NTX 2-1 - 3, ND 13-18 - 31.

Corner Kicks: NTX 1-1 - 2, ND 3-5 - 8.

Saves: NTX 12 (Briana Buchanan), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0 in 57:59, Nikki Westfall 1).

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

Notes: **Melissa Tancredi** pushed forward from central D to score the key 2nd and 3rd goals, on a header and lunging volley via free-kick service from **Amanda Guertin** ... Tancredi became the 7th different ND player to post a multiple-goal game in '03 ... **Katie Thorlakson** (2A) continued her recent surge, **Maggie Manning** notched her first goal since the opener and **Lizzie Reed** and **Becky Tweneboah** added their first goals with the Irish ... North Texas entered the game as one of the nation's top-scoring teams (32 goals; 3.6/gm) ... the Irish finished with a 31-3 edge in total shots, 20-2 in shots on goal and 8-2 in corner kicks ... Guertin scored ND's quickest goal of the season at 4:28.

GAME #10 (Sept. 30)

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

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

Shots: ISU 0-1 - 1, ND 17-15 - 32.

Corner Kicks: ISU 0-0 - 0, ND 5-2 - 7.

Saves: ISU 13 (Carey Patton), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 1, Nikki Westfall 0).

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

Notes: **Amanda Guertin** cracked the ND top-10 scoring list with her 43rd career goal while posting her 17th career GWG (2 shy of the ND record) ... ND racked up a 32-1 shot advantage and attempted the only corner kicks of the game (7) ... ISU became the 5th team in '03 that fail to post a rare win over ND in the series opener, as the Irish improved 35-5 in their last 40 series openers (since '93) and 36-3-1 vs. first-time visitors to Alumni Field in that 11-year stretch.

GAME #11 (Oct. 3)

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

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

Shots: WVU 1-1 - 2, ND 6-11 - 17.

Corner Kicks: WVU 0-4 - 4, ND 4-5 - 9.

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

Fouls: WVU 11, ND 19.

Offsides: WVU 4, ND 4.

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

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