

**2003 Notre Dame
Women's Soccer
(19-2-1)**

August

At UConn Classic

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

September

Notre Dame Classic

5 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

19 vs. #24 Stanford T, 0-0
21 at #16 Santa Clara W, 2-1
28 North Texas W, 8-1
30 Indiana State W, 3-0

October

3 #5 West Virginia* W, 3-0
5 Villanova* W, 1-0 (OT)
7 Butler W, 3-0
10 Georgetown* W, 6-0
12 Miami# W, 3-0
17 #15 UConn (non-BE) W, 2-0
19 at Pittsburgh* W, 1-0
24 at Rutgers* W, 2-0
26 at Seton Hall* W, 1-0
29 Michigan L, 2-3

November

2 Miami W, 1-0 (OT)
(BIG EAST Quarterfinals)
BIG EAST Champ. (@Rutgers)
7 vs. #22 Boston Coll. L, 1-2
14 NCAA First Round
Oakland vs. Mich. (4:30)
Loyola (IL) vs. ND (7:00)
16 NCAA Second Rd (1:00)
(Oak./Mich. vs. Loy./ND)
21- NCAA Third Round TBA
23 (campus sites)
28- NCAA Quarterfinals TBA
30 (campus sites)

December

NCAA College Cup
(SAS Stadium; Cary, NC)
5 Semifinals
7 Final

* – BIG EAST Mid-Atlantic Div.
– BIG EAST Cross-Div.
All times local to site
Rankings indicate NSCAA poll

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. Loyola University Chicago ... NCAA First Round (Friday, Nov. 14; 7:00 EST)

The nation's No. 2-seeded Notre Dame women's soccer team (19-2-1; 68-11 scoring edge) begins its annual quest for the NCAA title this weekend at Alumni Field, with the Irish playing host to first and second-round action in the 64-team NCAA Tournament ... the first game on Friday, Nov. 14, will feature the University of Michigan (9-7-6) vs. its in-state rival Oakland University (15-4-1) at 4:30 p.m. EST, followed by the Irish vs. Loyola University Chicago (10-10-0) ... the winners will play two days later in Sunday's second-round game (1:00), with the third round following on the weekend of Nov. 21-23 and the quarterfinals on Nov. 28-30 (all on campus sites) ... Michigan advanced to the Big Ten title game (losing 2-0 to Illinois) while Oakland won the Mid-Continent Conference title and Loyola the Horizon League.

INFORMATION HIGHWAY – A convenient "Women's Soccer Tourney Central" is available at www.und.com (see <http://und.ocsn.com/sports/w-soccer/nd-w-soccer-2003.html>), providing links to info. on all four teams that will be competing at Alumni Field this weekend (links to stats, audio, etc. also are available) ... **live stats** for all postseason games at Alumni Field (including non-ND games) also can be accessed via the main page at www.und.com ... **internet audio** broadcasts also will be provided for all home postseason games involving the Irish, with the audio available to College Sports Pass subscribers (see the audio/video link on the und.com main page) ... game recaps continue to be available via the ND Sports **Hotline** at (574) 631-3000 (press "4" for soccer information and then "2" for women's soccer results).

SCOUTING THE IRISH – Notre Dame – which owns a **29-2 all-time postseason record at Alumni Field** (20-2 in the NCAAs) – enters the NCAAs as the nation's **only team ranked in the top six for scoring (third, 3.09 goals per game) and goal-against avg. (sixth, at 0.49;** also second with 14 shutouts) ... the Irish have been seeded first ('94, '00) or second ('96, '97, '03) in the NCAAs five times ... ND's dynamic and diverse attack includes eight players who own multiple-goal games in '03 while the Irish are the nation's **only team with four double-digit goalscorers**, in the potent forward quartet of seniors **Amy Warner** (10G-12A) and **Amanda Guertin** (11G-6A), junior **Mary Boland** (12G-4A) and sophomore **Katie Thorlakson** (10G-9A) ... senior central D and All-America candidate **Melissa Tancredi** headlines a defense that held 16 straight opponents to 0-3 shots on goal, including 14 shots on goal in the recent 10-game shutout streak (5th-longest in NCAA history) ... Warner and Tancredi (the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year) are **two of the final-15 candidates** for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, college soccer's most prestigious player-of-the-year award ... Boland joined Warner and Tancredi on the first team all-BIG EAST squad while freshman central back **Christie Shaner** was a second-team pick and BIG EAST Co-Rookie of the Year ... sophomore **Erika Bohn** ranks sixth in the nation for individual GAA (0.48) and recently posted 11 straight shutouts and a **981-minute shutout streak** that ranks 5th in the NCAA record book ... Boland and Tancredi were sidelined for the Michigan loss, in the regular-season finale (3-2) ... the Irish had not trailed for 16 games (team record) prior to that game ... ND has totaled **17 more goals (68) than opponent shots on goal (51)** ... ND's success is all the more noteworthy with **two starters sidelined all season** (All-America junior right back and Canadian National Team starter **Candace Chapman** is out with an ACL injury while second team all-BIG EAST senior M **Randi Scheller** had season-ending hip surgery) ... ND solidified its spot among the nation's top teams with a dominating early-season defensive effort vs. perennial powers Stanford (0-0) and Santa Clara (2-1) before a convincing win over then-No. 5 West Virginia (2-0) ... the Irish opened the postseason by posting a **2-1 BIG EAST quarterfinal win over Miami**, with ND yielding an early fluke goal in the before holding Miami without a shot for 52 minutes (en route to a 27-5 edge in total shots) ... Guertin extended her ND record for career **OT goals (4)** while her **18 game-winning goals** now are one shy of Jenny Heft's ND record (Guertin has 21G, 10A and 5 GWG in 38 career games vs. ranked/postseason opponents) ... BC's 2-1 win in the BIG EAST semifinals stopped ND's quest for an eighth BIG EAST Tournament title (in nine years), with Warner missing that game due to injury (both teams had just six shots and one corner kick, with ND now 19-1-0 all-time in the BET).

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER
BY THE NUMBERS**

.729 (25-9-1)

ND's all-time NCAA Tournament winning pct.
(2nd in women's soccer history)

275-8-11 (.954)

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

198-3-1 (.983)

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

101

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

94

Vanessa Pruzinsky's career GP (91 GS)

92-18-4 (.825)

Randy Waldrum's record at Notre Dame

64

Consec. starts by Amy Warner (ended vs. BC)

50

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

36-7

1st-half goalscoring edge in '03 (12-10 in '02)

26

All-Americans (since 1994)

24-10-3

ND vs. NSCAA top-25 teams, since 1999

24

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

18

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

17

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

17-3-2

All-time record in home tournaments

16

ND's current unbeaten OT streak (12-0-4)

12

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

10

Guertin's goalscoring streak at end of '01

10

Academic All-Americans (since 1995)

8

Players with multiple-goal games in 2003

7

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

5

National ranking for ND's 2003 freshman class

4.0

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

4

Guertin's career OT goals (ND record)

2

All-time postseason home losses (29 Ws)

TALE OF THE TAPE

	LOYOLA	ND
2002 Record	7-9-3	13-8-0
Starters Returning from '02	10	10
Letterwinners Ret./Lost	18/3	17/2

2003 Record	10-10-0	19-1-1
Conference Record	1-5-0	6-0-0
Conference Tournament	3-0-0	1-1-0
Current Streak	4-0-0	1-2-0
Last Week	4-2 vs. UWGB, 1-0 at Det.	1-2 vs. BC

Goals Per Game	1.39	3.09
Goals-Against Avg.	1.26	0.49
Avg. Scoring Margin	+0.10 (28-26/+2)	+2.55 (68-11/+57)

Shots Per Game	10.5	18.7
Shots Allowed/Gm	13.8	5.0
Shot Margin	-3.3 (210-276/-66)	+13.7 (411-110/+301)
Shooting Pct.	.133	.166
Shots Per Goal	7.5	6.0
Shots on Goal per Goal	3.9	3.2

Corner Kicks/Gm	3.3	5.3
CKs Allowed/Gm	4.1	2.3
Average CK Margin	-0.8 (65-82/-17)	+3.0 (117-51/+66)

Shutouts	7	14
Games w/ 0-1 GA	12	20
Games w/ 2 GA	5	1
Games w/ 3-plus GA	3	1
Save Pct.	.841	.784

Overtime Record	1-0-0	2-0-1
One-Goal Gm Record	6-7	4-2
Wins By Three-Plus Goals	1	10
Home Games	5-3-0	12-1-0
All Road Games	5-7-0	7-1-1
vs. NSCAA top-25	0-1-0	3-0-1
vs. NCAA Field	1-2-0	8-2-1

1st-Half Scoring	+2 (11-9)	+29 (36-7)
2nd-Half Scoring	-1 (16-17)	+26 (30-4)

Fouls Per Game	11.9 (237)	11.8 (260)
Yellow Cards (Red)	12 (0)	8 (0)

Players with 10+ Goals	0	4
Players with 5+ Goals	2	5
Players with 25+ Points	0	4
Players with 10+ Points	3	9
Seniors	6	6
Freshmen	8	10

Leading Scorers	Mary Dale (8G-2A) Lauren Vineyard (5G-2A)	Amy Warner (10G-10A) Katie Thorlakson (10G-9A) Amanda Guertin (11G-6A) Mary Boland (12G-4A)

2003 Common Opponent (home game unless noted)		
Butler	W, 1-0 (OT; 9/28)	W, 3-0 (10/7)
at Butler (HL QFs)	W, 1-0 (11/6)	

ALL-TIME NCAA APPEARANCES

1. North Carolina	22 (11)
Connecticut	22 (11)
3. William & Mary	19 (11)
4. Virginia	16 (10)
5. UMass	15 (5)
Santa Clara	15 (11)
7. Stanford	13 (10)
Wisconsin	13 (8)
9. Hartford	12 (8)
10. Notre Dame	11 (11)
California	11 (6)
George Mason	11 (4)
N.C. State	11 (3)
Portland	11 (10)

(number in parentheses indicates
NCAA appearances since '93)

NCAA APPEARANCES SINCE '93

11 – Notre Dame , North Carolina, Santa Clara, Connecticut, William & Mary
10 – Virginia, Portland, Stanford, Clemson, SMU, Duke
9 – Dartmouth, Penn State, Texas A&M, Harvard

ND All-Time NCAA Results**1993****First Round (at Wisconsin)**

#10 George Mason	2
#3 Notre Dame	1

1994 (runner-up)**Central Regional (at ND)**

#16 George Mason	1
#1 Notre Dame	3
#5 William & Mary	1
#1 Notre Dame	2

Semifinal (at Portland)

#7 Portland	0
#1 Notre Dame	1

Final (at Portland)

#2 North Carolina	5
#1 Notre Dame	0

1995 (champion)**Second Round (at ND)**

#18 Wisconsin	0
#4 Notre Dame	5

Second Round (at ND)

#4 Connecticut	0
#4 Notre Dame	2

Semifinal (at UNC)

#4 Notre Dame	1
#1 North Carolina	0

Final (at UNC, 3 OT)

#4 Notre Dame	1
#2 Portland	0

rankings indicate

NSCAA national poll

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THE ND-LOYOLA SERIES – The Irish and Ramblers have not met since the early 1990s, when Notre Dame posted three convincing wins: 11-0 in 1992 (at ND), 12-0 in '93 (at Loyola) and 9-0 in '94 (at ND).

NOTRE DAME IN THE NCAAs – Notre Dame is one of five teams to appear in **each of the last 11 NCAA Championships** (since '93, with the others including UNC, UConn, Santa Clara and William & Mary) ... the Irish have made **six trips to the College Cup semifinals** in the last 10 years, including four title-game appearances ('94-'96, '99) and the **1995 championship season** ... the Irish own an **all-time NCAA Tournament record of 25-9-1** (.729, second-best in NCAA record book), with four losses coming at the hands of UNC in title games (5-0 in '94, 1-0 in OT in '96, 2-0 in '99, 2-1 in '00) ... ND dropped its first-ever NCAA Tournament game to George Mason in 1993 (2-1) while ending the '97 season with an NCAA semifinal loss to UConn (2-1) and closing '98 with a 2-1 quarterfinal loss to Portland at Alumni Field ... that game and the 2001 second-round loss to Cincinnati (3-2) remain ND's only **postseason losses at home (29-2-0; 20-2-0 in the NCAAs)** ... ND's 2002 season ended with a third-round NCAA loss at top-ranked Stanford (0-1) ... the Irish claimed the 1995 NCAA title with a semifinal win over UNC (1-0) and a triple-OT win over Portland in the title game (1-0) ... ND is **19-4-1 in its last 24 postseason games** (57-20 scoring edge), 24-6-1 in the last 31 (70-21).

NOTES ON THE NCAA FIELD – The winner of Sunday's second-round game at Alumni Field will play a third-round game the following weekend (Nov. 21-23), versus the winner of games being hosted by 15th-seeded Boston College in Newton, Mass. (BC faces Central Connecticut while Boston University and UConn will meet in the other first-round games at that site) ... the winner of the above third-round game then will head to the quarterfinals (Nov. 28-30), versus the team that emerges from games involving 7th-seeded Virginia and 10th-seeded Colorado ... the **top-16 seeds** are as follows: 1. North Carolina, 2. Notre Dame, 3. Florida, 4. UCLA, 5. Penn State, 6. West Virginia, 7. Virginia, 8. Portland, 9. Santa Clara, 10. Colorado, 11. Florida State, 12. Duke, 13. Kansas, 14. Tennessee, 15. Boston College and 16. Illinois.

VS. THE FIELD – Notre Dame faced 11 of the 2003 NCAA Tournament teams during the '03 regular season, going 8-1-2 in those games – with wins over Wake Forest (3-0, at UConn), Arizona State (3-1), Oklahoma (5-1), at Santa Clara (2-1), West Virginia (3-0), Villanova (1-0, OT), Connecticut (2-0), at Rutgers (3-0), plus a scoreless tie vs. Stanford (at SCU), a 3-2 loss to Michigan and the 2-1 BIG EAST quarterfinal loss to Boston College (at RU) ... ND's top 2003 scorers vs. teams from the NCAA field include: sophomore F **Katie Thorlakson** (6G-3A, 4 GWG), junior F **Mary Boland** (5G-1A, 2 GWG), senior F **Amy Warner** (2G-4A), freshman M **Jen Buczkowski** (2G-4A), senior D **Melissa Tancredi** (2G-3A) and senior F **Amanda Guertin** (2G-2A, GWG) ... the Irish compiled a 24-8 scoring edge vs. the above 11 NCAA Tournament teams (with a 163-62 shot edge and 48-28 in corner kicks) ... all four of Thorlakson's GWGs in the '03 regular season came vs. teams that advanced to the NCAAs (SCU, Villanova, UConn and Rutgers) ... 8 of Buczkowski's 10 points (both goals and 4-of-6 assists) have come vs. NCAA Tournament teams.

BIG EAST BEAST – The BIG EAST Conference is well-represented in the NCAA Tournament field by six teams: No. 2 seed ND, No. 6 seed West Virginia and No. 15 seed Boston College, plus UConn, Villanova and Rutgers ... the Atlantic Coast Conference (4) was the only league with more seeded teams than the BIG EAST's three while the Big-12 (8) and ACC (7) are the only conferences with more teams in the field than the BIG EAST's six.

NOTRE DAME CAREER POSTSEASON STATS

Amanda Guertin – 17 GS, 13G-2A (28 pts) ... NCAAs: 9 GS, 8G-2A (18 pts)	Kim Lorenzen – 2 GS
Amy Warner – 16 GP/9 GS, 3G-3A (9 pts) ... NCAAs: 6 GP/3 GS, 2G (4 pts)	Annie Scheffer – 2 GP
Melissa Tancredi – 9 GP/6GS, 3G-1A (7 pts) ... NCAAs: 7 GP/6 GS, 2G (4 pts)	Lizzie Reed – 2 GP
Vanessa Pruzinsky – 22 GS, 1G-2A (4 pts) ... NCAAs: 11 GS, 1G (2 pts)	
Katie Thorlakson – 5 GS, 2G (4 pts) ... NCAAs: 3 GS, 1G (2 pts)	
Kimberly Carpenter – 11 GP/5 GS, 2A (2 pts) ... NCAAs: 5 GP/3 GS	
Mary Boland – 6 GP/4 GS ... NCAAs: 5 GP/3 GS	
Gudrun Gunnarsdottir – 6 GP/3 GS ... NCAAs: 2 GP/1 GS (dnp in '02 NCAAs)	
Maggie Manning – 4 GP ... NCAAs: 2 GP	
Jen Buczkowski – 2 GS	
Christie Shaner – 2 GS	
Jill Krivacek – 2 GP	
Erika Bohn – 1.19 GAA, 14 SV, 6 GA, 1-1-0, 452:34 ... NCAAs ('02): 1.00 GAA, 11 SV, 3 GA, 2-1-0, 270:00	

**Notre Dame
All-Time NCAA Results
(cont.)**

1996 (runner-up)

First Round (at ND)	
#17 Indiana	1
#2 Notre Dame	8

Second Round (at ND)

#14 Wisconsin	0
#2 Notre Dame	5

Quarterfinal (at ND)

#13 Maryland	0
#2 Notre Dame	2

Semifinal (at SCU)

#3 Portland	2
#2 Notre Dame	3

Final (at SCU, OT)

#2 Notre Dame	0
#1 North Carolina	1

1997

First Round (at ND)	
Cincinnati	1
#2 Notre Dame	7

Second Round (at ND)

#6 Nebraska	0
#2 Notre Dame	2

Quarterfinal (at ND)

#16 UCLA	0
#2 Notre Dame	8

Semifinal (at UNCG)

#3 Connecticut	2
#2 Notre Dame	1

1998

Second Round (at ND)	
#18 Michigan	0
#4 Notre Dame	3

Third Round (at ND)

#13 Nebraska	1
#4 Notre Dame	2

Quarterfinal (at ND)

#5 Portland	2
#4 Notre Dame	1

*rankings indicate
NSCAA national poll*

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FANTASTIC FOUR – Notre Dame boasts possibly the nation’s top forward rotation – with **no other team** among the nation’s 294 Division I women programs able to boast **four double-digit goalscorers** ... ND’s players with 10-plus goals include seniors **Amy Warner** (10G-12A) and **Amanda Guertin** (11G-6A), junior **Mary Boland** (12G-4A) and sophomore **Katie Thorlakson** (10G-9A) ... Penn State is the only team among the nation’s top-50 scoring teams that can claim even three double-digit goalscorers (Tiffany Weimer with 19, Joanna Lohman with 15, Heidi Drummond with 11; no other PSU player has more than three goals) ... the Irish **have four double-digit goalscorers for the first time since 1999**, with each player also owning 28-32 points ... 10 of the last 14 ND teams have featured three or more double-digit scorers (four in '94, '98, '99 and '03, six in '93 and '96, seven in '97) ... the four double-digit scorers in '99 included Jenny Heft (20), Jenny Streiffer (19), Meotis Erikson (14) and Anne Makinen (13) ... the '97 team racked up 135 goals, led by: Makinen (23), Erikson (22), Streiffer (20), Heft (20), Shannon Boxx (13), Monica Gerardo (10) and Monica Gonzalez (10).

THE USUAL SUSPECT – Senior F **Amanda Guertin** entered the 2003 season already ranking as one of the most **clutch goalscorers** in Notre Dame women's soccer history, with her poised finishing skills impressing both in terms of their quantity and the quality of the game situation ... so it was only fitting that she would choose the third minute of overtime in the 2003 BIG EAST quarterfinal to register her first big-game goal of the season, taking a short free-kick pass from Kimberly Carpenter and ripping a 20-yard shot into the upper-right corner of the net ... the combination of postseason play and Alumni Field could hint at more prime-time plays from Guertin on the horizon:

- Guertin's score vs. Miami extended her ND **record for career overtime goals to four**, with her **18 game-winning goals one shy** of that Notre Dame record (held by '96 graduate Jenny Heft) ... Guertin also has tied 1999 graduate Monica Gerardo for the most postseason game-winning goals in ND history (5).

- The senior class is **28-8-2** during the past four seasons in “**big games**” (vs. a ranked and/or postseason opponent), with Guertin totaling 52 points on **21 goals** and **10 assists** in those 38 games (**9** of her 18 career **GWGs** have come in big games).

- Guertin has an **OT goal in each of her four seasons**, also: at West Virginia ('00, 2-1), vs. #23 Michigan ('01, 2-1) and at Boston College ('02, 1-0) ... her nine career big-game GWGs include the BET quarterfinal vs. Miami and the '01 score vs. Michigan, plus: vs. #25 Michigan in the 2nd round of the 2000 NAAs (3-1); vs. #8 Penn State in the '01 opener (2-1), St. John's in the '01 BIG EAST QFs (2-0) and Eastern Illinois in the 1st round of the '01 NAAs (2-0); at #25 Maryland (5-2) and #13 Michigan (1-0) in '02, and vs. #14 Purdue in 2nd round of the '02 NAAs (3-1).

- Guertin now ranks 8th in ND history with **28 career points in the postseason** (13G-2A; three behind Heft) while her **13 postseason GWGs** rank 5th behind Gerardo and '01 grad. Anne Makinen Anne Makinen (both with 15) and '00 classmates Heft and Jenny Streiffer (both with 14) ... Guertin (48G-27A) and classmate Amy Warner (37G-25A) have **combined** for 222 points, **85 goals**, 52 assists and **29 GWGs** ... they rank 6th in ND history for combined goals by classmates (10 behind '97 grads Cindy Daws and Amy Van Laecke) while only two previous pairs of ND classmates have combined for more GWGs.

- In NCAA Tournament play, Guertin already ranks 4th in ND history with 18 career points in the NAAs (8G-2A; behind Gerardo’s 24, Makinen’s 20 and Manthei’s 19) while only Gerardo (10) and Heft (9) have posted more goals in the NAAs ... Guertin and Amy Van Laecke ('97) share an ND record after each opening the scoring in three NCAA games while Guertin’s three career GWGs in the NAAs are one shy of Gerardo’s ND record.

- Guertin traditionally had found an extra **comfort zone at Alumni Field**, totaling **30** of her 48 career goals, **18** of her 27 assists and **12** of her 18 **GWGs** at home ... she **leads the '03 team with 20 points at home** this season (**8G-4A**), including all **three** of her **GWGs**.

**Notre Dame
All-Time NCAA Results
(cont.)**

1999 (runner-up)

Second Round (at ND)

Dayton 1
#5 Notre Dame 5

Third Round (at ND)

#8 Stanford 0
#5 Notre Dame 1

Quarterfinal (at NU)

#5 Notre Dame 1
#4 Nebraska 1
(ND advanced on PKs, 4-3)

Semifinal (at San Jose)

#5 Notre Dame 1
#1 Santa Clara 0

Final (at San Jose)

#5 Notre Dame 0
#2 North Carolina 2

2000

Second Round (at ND)

#25 Michigan 1
#1 Notre Dame 3

Third Round (at ND)

Harvard 0
#1 Notre Dame 2

Quarterfinal (at ND, 2 OT)

#24 Santa Clara 1
#1 Notre Dame 2

Semifinal (at San Jose)

#5 North Carolina 2
#1 Notre Dame 1

2001

First Round (at ND)

Eastern Illinois 0
#6 Notre Dame 2

Second Round (at ND)

Cincinnati 3
#4 Notre Dame 2

2002

First Round (at ND)

Ohio State 1
#19 Notre Dame 3

Second Round (at ND)

#14 Purdue 1
#19 Notre Dame 3

Third Round (at Stanford)

#19 Notre Dame 0
#1 Stanford 1

WARNER, TANCREDI AMONG FINAL-15 FOR MAC/HERMANN TROPHY

Notre Dame senior forward **Amy Warner** (Albuquerque, N.M.) and senior central defender **Melissa Tancredi** (Ancaster, Ont.) are two of 15 final candidates for the Missouri Athletic Club's **Hermann Trophy**, the official NSCAA player-of-the-year award ... Tancredi – the 2003 BIG EAST Conference Defensive Player of the Year – and Warner (a four-time all-BIG EAST selection) have played central roles for the 2003 team that ranks near the top of the national leaders in both scoring (3rd; 3.09 goals/gm) and goals-against avg. (6th, 0.49), with the Irish trailing in just three games this season ... the candidates were selected by a nominating committee of Division I coaches ... UNC has three players on the list – senior D Cat Reddick and sophomore midfielders Lori Chalupny and Lindsay Tarpley – while Penn State is the only other team with multiple candidates: senior M Joanna Lohman and sophomore F Tiffany Weimer ... others include: senior forwards Chrissie Abbott (West Virginia) and Veronica Zepeda (Santa Clara); BYU senior M Aleshia Rose; UCLA senior D Nandi Pryce; Texas junior F Kelly Wilson; Tennessee junior D Keely Dowling; Stanford junior G Nicole Barnhardt; and sophomore F Caroline Smith (Kansas) ... Tancredi – who can apply for a fifth year of eligibility – would be considered one of the favorites for the 2004 award, with five others set to return in '04 (Wilson, Dowling, Barnhardt, Smith and Weimer) ... winners will be determined in voting by Division I coaches and three finalists will be announced at the NCAA Women's College Cup ... the finalists will be invited to the Missouri Athletic Club for a Jan. 9 news conference announcing the winner (a banquet that evening will include the formal presentation of the prestigious crystal soccer ball trophy) ... ND has played against three of the candidates this season, defeating Zepeda's SCU squad and Abbott's WVU team while playing to a tie against Barnhardt and Stanford ... here are updated bio. notes on ND's two MAC/Hermann Trophy candidates:

Tancredi – known for wide array of skills, including dominating play in the air and ability to quickly join the attack ... shifted to F after ND fell behind 2-0 vs. BC in BIG EAST semifinals and promptly sent home a header for 4th goal of '03 (plus 5A) ... forms core of defense that has allowed just 11 goals in 22 games, with 10-game shutout streak that ranks 5th in NCAA history ... leads ND defenders with 13 points, starting 19 games (three missed due to injury) with one GWG ... her absence has been significant, with the Irish losing to Michigan (3-2) while struggling in 1-0 wins at Pittsburgh and Seton Hall (4-3 scoring edge in those games, compared to 64-8 in games she played) ... leads dominating defensive effort that has included: just 51 opponent shots on goal (2.3 per game); a 0.49 team GAA (6th in nation); a team-record span of 16 games without a deficit; tying another team record of 24 straight games without allowing multiple goals; and allowing just two '03 opponents to come back and tie the Irish (SCU and Miami) ... first field player ever to earn top BIG EAST honor despite no previous all-BIG EAST awards ... ND's fifth recipient of BIG EAST defensive player of the year award in last seven years (also Kate Sobrero in '97, Jen Grubb in '98 and '99 and current junior Candace Chapman in '02) ... converted F who missed all of the '00 season due to ACL knee injury ... played at F in '01 before shifting to the D in middle of '02 season.

Warner – speedy frontrunner who ranks ninth nationally with 12 assists (plus 10G and 2 GWG) ... her absence due to ankle injury played key role in BC's 2-1 win over ND in BIG EAST semifinals ... that marked her first game missed in three years (70 games) and ended her streak of 64 consecutive starts ... ranks 12th in ND history with 37 career goals, 14th with 99 points, 9th with 11 GWGs ... 6th player ever named all-BIG EAST each of her four seasons ... 11th to be named 1st team all-BIG EAST in three-plus seasons ('00, '02, '03; plus 2nd team in '01) ... '03 highlights include 1G-1A in 3-0 win over Wake Forest and goal that capped 3-1 comeback vs. ASU. ... named all-tournament at '03 UConn, ND and SCU Classics ... joined junior Mary Boland as first pair of forwards from same team to be named 1st team all-BIG EAST since '99 (Streiffer and Jenny Heft, still the top goalscorers in the ND record book).

POSTSEASON AWAKENING – Notre Dame will be looking to rediscover its offensive flow that yielded a 63-5 scoring edge in the first 19 games – with the Irish then being outscored during the last three games (5-6) ... ND has totaled just 11 goals in the last 7 games, with the team's last three-goal game coming on Oct. 12 vs. Miami (3-0) ... sophomore F **Katie Thorlakson** has points in six of the last eight games (5G-3A) but several other players could be due for an offensive breakthrough: freshman M **Jen Buczkowski** (2G vs. OU in 4th game, none in last 18), junior F **Mary Boland** (ND-record 6G in first 3 games; 6G in last 19 games/1G in last 7), sophomore M **Annie Scheffer** (0G in last 8 games, 1G in last 16), senior F **Amy Warner** (0G in 7 of last 8 games) and senior M **Kim Carpenter** (0G in last 8 GP).

BIG EAST AWARDS RECAP (also see previous MAC/Hermann note for Tancredi and Warner notes)

• ND took home three of the six major awards, with senior central back **Melissa Tancredi** (Ancaster Ont.) named **defensive player of the year** while freshman central back **Christie Shaner** (Ambler, Pa.) was named **co-rookie of the year** ... **Randy Waldrum** received an unprecedented third BIG EAST **coach-of-the-year** award (also '99, '00).

• Three others were named to the all-BIG EAST teams ... senior F **Amy Warner** and junior F **Mary Boland** and joined Tancredi on the **all-BIG EAST 1st team** ... freshman M **Jen Buczkowski** joined Shaner on the BIG EAST **all-rookie team**, with Shaner also earning 2nd team all-BIG EAST honors.

• **Shaner** surprisingly is just the **third ND player** ever to take home the BIG EAST's top rookie honor – and the first to do so since current fifth-year D Vanessa Pruzinsky in 1999 (F/M Jenny Streiffer was voted the league's top rookie in 1996) ... **Warner** and **Boland** are the **first pair of forwards** from the same team to be named first team all-BIG EAST **since 1999**, when Streiffer and Jenny Heft – still the top goalscorers in the ND record book – were so honored.

• **Tancredi** and **Shaner** have formed the core of a defense that has **allowed just 11 goals in 22 games**, highlighted by a **10-game shutout streak** that ranks 5th in NCAA history ... they have combined with Pruzinsky at left back, freshman RB Kim Lorenzen and sophomore G Erika Bohn for a dominating defensive effort that has included: just **51 opponent shots on goal**; a **0.49 team GAA** that ranks **6th in the nation**; a team-record span of **16 games without a deficit** (ND has trailed just 66 minutes, or 0.3%, while leading 66%); tying another team record by going **24 consecutive games without allowing multiple goals**; allowing **just two '03 opponents to come back and tie** the Irish (SCU and Miami); and helping rack up a 68-11 scoring edge ... **Shaner** has appeared in 21 games with 18 starts, using her strength on restart services to assist on three goals this ... she was named **defensive MVP at the Santa Clara Classic**, after helping limit Stanford and SCU to three combined shots on goal.

• **Boland** (12G-4A) ranks 31st in the nation in goals and leads the nation's **3rd-ranked offense (3.09 goals/gm)** with **5 GWGs** ... she is the first player ever named BIG EAST **offensive ('03) and defensive ('02) player of the week** during her career ... she has appeared in 19 games (14 starts), with an **ND-record six goals in the first three games** ... her seven points (3G-A) vs. Hartford are most by an ND player since '99 ... her '03 highlights include 2G vs. ASU (GWG), 1G-1A in 2-1 win at SCU and the early strike vs. West Virginia (3-0) ... **all-tournament** at the UConn, ND and SCU Classics.

• **Buczkowski** has been a central member of the Irish midfield, appearing in all 21 games (20 starts) while totaling 2G-10A ... she was named offensive MVP of the ND Classic (2G-3A in wins over ASU and Oklahoma).

• **Waldrum** has positioned the Irish for another run at the national title, despite several preseason challenges – a **new staff** of assistant coaches and the **loss of two key starters** to season-ending injuries – that could have derailed even the most talented and veteran of teams ... he owns a **93-18-4 (.825)** record in five full seasons with the Irish and posted his **200th career victory** as a college women's soccer head coach in the BIG EAST quarterfinal win over Miami ... his 14-year career **200-68-16** mark (.732) as a women's soccer head coach includes earlier stints at Tulsa and Baylor ... he is **276-123-23 (.681)** in 23 combined seasons as a college men's and women's soccer head coach ... he entered '03 ranked 7th among active women's coaches for career win pct. ... his masterful coaching in '03 has helped overcome another onslaught of injuries that has caused several top players to **miss a combined 101 games**.

• Two former ND greats – D Jen Grubb ('96-'99) and M Anne Makinen ('97-'00) – remain the only players ever named first team all-BIG EAST four times ... Warner is one of four others who have received **all-BIG EAST honors** (1st or 2nd team) in **four seasons**, with the others including Rutgers M/F Uchenna Bright ('00), Georgetown M Liz Delgado ('01) and current Boston College M Sarah Rahko ... the other nine who join Warner as **three-time 1st team all-BIG EAST picks**: Notre Dame M Holly Manthei ('98), UConn D/F Sara Whalen ('97), Seton Hall F Kelly Smith ('00), RU's Bright, UConn F Jen Carlson ('00) and M/F Mary-Frances Monroe (transferred after '00), Rahko, current West Virginia M Lisa Stoia and current Rutgers M Carli Lloyd.

FOUR REACH ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA BALLOT – Four Notre Dame women's soccer players have entered the final stage for Academic All-America consideration, after being named to the Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District V first team ... the honorees include one from each eligible class: fifth-year left back **Vanessa Pruzinsky** Vanessa Pruzinsky (Trumbull, Conn.), senior attacking midfielder **Kimberly Carpenter** (Webster, N.Y.), junior forward **Mary Boland** (Hudson, Ohio) and sophomore goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** (Brookfield, Conn.) ... the Academic All-America team, as selected by the College Sports Information of Directors, will be announced on Nov. 25 (with 11 players named to each of the first, second and third teams) ... the previous nine years have seen ND players combine for 10 Academic All-America honors, more than any other Division I women's soccer team ... **Pruzinsky** – also is being nominated for prestigious national awards such as the NCAA's Top Eight Award, Woman of the Year Award and Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship – graduated last May with a **4.0 GPA as a chemical engineering** major and also is considered a top candidate for the women's soccer Academic All-America of the Year Award ... she became only the third chemical engineering major, and first since '74, to graduate from Notre Dame with a 4.0 and currently is enrolled in the chemical engineering master's program ... a two-time NSCAA all-region performer, Pruzinsky ranks 9th in ND history with 92 career games started and has helped the Irish compile an 81-11-4 record in her four healthy seasons ... **Carpenter** is as ND's 5th-leading scorer (5G-5A) and is a three-time Dean's List student with a **3.41 GPA as a pre-professional science** major ... **Boland** earned 1st team all-BIG EAST Conference honors and leads the '03 Irish squad in goals (12) and GWGs (5), with four Dean's List semesters and a **3.87 GPA as a psychology** major ... **Bohn** ranks 6th in the nation with a 0.48 GAA and owns a **3.67 GPA as an undeclared business** major.

QUICK TEAM NOTES ON THE IRISH

- **Streak #1** – ND's streak of **10 straight shutouts** (13 of last 16) was longest in the program's history and 5th in NCAA history, besting ND's 1995 NCAA-title team that went eight games without a goal allowed ... the shutout streak covered **956 minutes**, besting the '95 team's record of 726 straight shutout minutes ... prior to the Michigan loss, the Irish had **allowed just one goal in 15-plus games**, with an earlier 418-minute shutout streak ending on an unstoppable upper-90 shot by SCU's Marian Dalmy ... just four previous Division I women's soccer teams have posted longer shutout streaks, led by SCU's 16 in 1998, plus two UNC teams (13 in '89, 12 in '87) and the 1984 N.C. State squad (12) ... ND's total of 14 shutouts is seventh in the Irish record book, behind 18 in '97 and '98 (also 16 in '96, '98 and '00, and 15 in '94).

- **Streak #2** – Notre Dame's **19-game unbeaten streak** was **tied for fourth** in ND history (the '94, '97 and '00 teams all started 23-0-1 while the '95 and '96 teams combined for a 24-0-0 streak).

- **Streak #3** – ND's **12-game winning streak ranked sixth** in the program's history, with the top win streaks as follows: 24 games from '95-'96, 17 in '97, 16 in '00, 14 from '92-'93 and 14 in '94.

- **Streak #4** – The Irish had a stretch of **138 minutes without allowing a shot** (vs. Butler and Georgetown, on Oct. 7 and 10) and went 149 minutes without an opponent shot on goal.

- **Balanced Dominance** – Notre Dame and top-ranked UNC were the **final unbeaten teams** remaining among 294 Division I women's soccer programs, with the Irish also currently ranking third in the nation for scoring (**3.09 goals per game**) and sixth in **goals-against average (0.49)** – with no other team ranked in the top six of both categories.

- **Big Gamers** – The current **senior class** carries a **28-8-2** career record when playing in the **postseason** and/or facing an **opponent ranked** in the NSCAA top-25.

- **BIG EAST Home Winning Streak** – UConn was the last BIG EAST team to beat Notre Dame at Alumni Field (5-4 in '95), with the Irish winning their **last 50 home games vs. BIG EAST teams** (93-9-2 overall vs. BIG EAST teams since '95).

- **Games-a-Plenty** – The Irish recently completed a rugged stretch of **six games in 13 days** (Sept. 30-Oct. 12), followed by four days off before the showdown with BIG EAST rival Connecticut, ending a rare eight-game homestand.

- **6-to-1 Scoring Margin** – The Irish now own a **68-11** season scoring edge, including **28-1** in the recent eight-game homestand (plus a 166-26 total shot edge/93-11 in shots on goal during that eight-game stretch).

- **Unbeaten Start** – The 2003 campaign marked the **fourth time** that ND went **19-plus games** into a season **without suffering a loss** (the '94, '97 and '00 teams all started 23-0-1).

- **Historic Dominance** – The only previous ND teams to allow comparable goals in the first 20 games (65-8) were the record-setting **1997** squad that owned a **107-5** scoring edge at the 20-game mark (before a 6-1 win over UConn) and the 2000 squad that held a 67-6 scoring edge after 20 games (before a 1-0 win over UConn).

- **Rear-View Mirror** – Prior to the Michigan game, the Irish had **trailed only once in '03** (no deficits in team-record 16 games), for **7:18** in the third game vs. ASU (the Irish now have led 63% of the minutes and trailed 0.6%, for 148 minutes).

- **One (Or None) Is Enough** – Prior to the 3-2 loss to Michigan, ND logged 24 games with 0-1 GA to tie the team record streak for not allowing multiple goals (it also was the 2nd-best start, 19 games with 0-1 GA) ... the **2000 team went 24** games before allowing UNC to score twice in the NCAA semifinals.

- **Turnaround Success** – ND now is **10-0** this season when playing two days after a previous game (28-2 scoring edge), after going just 4-5 (18-16 scoring edge) in 2002 regular-season "bounceback" games.

- **Magic Number** – The win over Georgetown avenged a 4-3 loss at GU in '02 (minus 4 ND starters), the only time **since a '95 loss vs. UConn** (5-4) that ND has **scored three-plus goals** and not won (now **102-1-0** in the last 103).

- **Quick Strikes** – The lateseason win at Seton Hall marked the **8th game** in 2003 ND has **scored in the first 7:00**.

- **Half & Half** – The Irish have been **equally dominant in the first (36-7)** and **second half (30-4)** this season, after managing just a 12-10 first-half scoring edge in '02.

- **Sharpshooters** – The efficient ND offense is averaging one **goal every 6.0 total shots** and every **3.2 shots on goal** ... the Irish have scored five-plus goals in five games this season and have scored three-plus goals in 11 games.

- **Strong Stretch** – After allowing a 26th-minute goal by Oklahoma on Sept. 7, ND's **next 15-plus games** (spanning 1,415 minutes) included just **2 goals allowed, 66 opponent shots (22 on goal) and 36 corner kicks**, for 90-minute averages during that stretch of 0.13 goals, 4.2 shots, 1.4 shots on goal and 2.3 corners (prior to the 3-2 loss to Michigan).

- **Depth Charges** – Notre Dame players have combined to miss **165 games due to injury** spanning the '02 and '03 seasons (42 games played; 32-9-1 record), with seven players already combining to miss **101 games due to injury in '03**.

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

- **OT-Tested** – The Irish are **unbeaten in their last 16 overtime games** (12-0-4).

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

- **Winning When They Should** – Notre Dame is **105-4-1** all-time at Alumni Field when **facing an unranked opponent**.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER 2003 AWARDS

Amy Warner (F, Sr.)

MAC/Hermann Trophy Final-15 (TBA)
First Team All-BIG EAST
BIG EAST Off. Player of the Week (10/13)
Santa Clara Classic All-Tournament (9/21)
Notre Dame Classic All-Tournament (9/7)
UConn Classic All-Tournament (8/31)

Mary Boland (F, Jr.)

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

Melissa Tancredi (D, Sr.)

MAC/Hermann Trophy Final-15 (TBA)
BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year
First Team All-BIG EAST
S. America Nat'l Team of Week (10/6, 10/13)
Soccer Buzz National Team of Week (10/6)
BIG EAST Def. Player of Week (10/6, 10/13))

Erika Bohn (G, So.)

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

Christie Shaner (D, Fr.)

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

Jen Buczkowski (M, Fr.)

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

Vanessa Pruzinsky (D, Sr.)

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

Katie Thorlakson (F, So.)

Santa Clara Classic Offensive MVP

Kim Carpenter (M, Sr.)

Academic All-America Nominee (TBA)

Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (D, Jr.)

UConn Classic All-Tournament (8/31)

Kim Lorenzen (D, Fr.)

Notre Dame Classic All-Tournament (9/7)

Amanda Guertin (F, Sr.)

Preseason First Team All-BIG EAST

Randy Waldrum

BIG EAST Coach of the Year (also '99, '00)

QUICK PLAYER NOTES

• **Net Zero** – Sophomore **Erika Bohn** extended her **shutout streak** to an ND-record **981** minutes (5th NCAA history, besting Liz Wagner's ND record 701 in '00), before the first goal by Michigan on Oct. 29 ... Bohn enters the NAAs ranked **9th in the nation with a 0.48 GAA** (close to LaKeysia Beene's team-record 0.37 in '97) ... she allowed just **one goal over 15-plus** games (1,256 min., starting with the OU game and ending vs. Mich.) ... her last 32 starts include a **28-3-1** record (16 GA) ... her shutout streak was longest since '99, trailing two UNC 'keepers (Anne Sherow's 1,670 consecutive shutout minutes, spanning '87 and '88, and Jenni Branam's 1,114 in '99), SCU's Crystal Gordon (1,269 in '98) and Tiffany DeCoff of Holy Cross (1,004 in '99) ... the Academic All-America candidate has logged **94% of the team's minutes** in '03 (86% in '02).

• **Senior Spark** – Another potential Academic All-American, senior **Kim Carpenter**, has emerged as a key offensive player at attacking M, ranking 5th on the team with **15 points** (5G-5A) after totaling **just five** points from ('00-'02) ... she had a **6-game point streak** that ended vs. Miami and had scored three times in a stretch of six ND goals.

• **Fire & Ice** – **Amy Warner** and **Amanda Guertin** have combined for 85 goals (Guertin is 9th in ND history with 48, Warner 12th with 37), 29 GWGs (18 by Guertin) and six OT goals (ND record 4 by Guertin).

• **Big-Goal Scorer** – Junior F **Mary Boland** registered her **5th game-winning goal** of '03 at Pittsburgh (tied for 9th in ND history) and has **opened the scoring four times** in '03 ... she enters the week ranked **31st in the nation for goals** ... Boland spent most of her prep career playing as a forward but her ND career also has included time at outside back and in the midfield, with her quick start (ND record 6G in first 3 games) igniting the '03 offense.

• **Iron Women** – Senior F **Amy Warner** made **64 consecutive starts** before missing last week's BC game while fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** has logged **94 career games and 92 starts** (good for 9th in the ND record book) ... the only ND defenders ever to start more games are Jen Grubb (100) and Kate Sobrero (97).

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

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

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

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

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

• **Furious Forwards** – ND's system includes a pressuring "forecheck" from the team's frontrunners ... five of those players – **Mary Boland** (2), **Amanda Guertin** (2), **Katie Thorlakson** (2), **Amy Warner** and **Maggie Manning** – have posted multiple-goal games this season, with Warner also ranking ninth in the nation with 12 assists.

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET

Pos.	Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
F	#10 Mary Boland (Jr.; Hudson, OH)	1st tm all-BIG EAST; first ever named BE off. and def. player of week in career
	'03 stats: 12G-4A (28 pts), 5 GWG, 19 GP/14 GS	ND-rec. 6G in first 3 gms (3G-A/GWG vs. Hart., G vs. WFU, 2G/GWG vs. ASU)
	'02 stats: 5G, GWG, 19 GP/15 GS	G-A vs. SCU, G vs. NTX, G-A vs. ISU, GWGs vs. WVU, Miami-1 and Pitt
	career: 19G-6A (44 pts), 6 GWG, 48 GP/34 GS	Academic All-America nom. (3.87 GPA, psych.) ... UConn, ND SCU all-tour.
F	#7 Katie Thorlakson (So.; Langley, BC)	GWG-1A vs. SCU (SCU Classic Off. MVP), OT goal vs. Vill.,
	'03 stats: 10G-9A (29 pts), 4 GWG, 22 GP/17 GS	GWG vs. UConn, 2G-A at Rutgers (3-0, GWG), 1G vs. Mich., 1G-1A vs. Miami-1
	'02: 4G-3A, GWG, 19 GP/18 GS	2G vs. WKU, 2A vs. NTX, 1A vs. Hartford, SJU, WVU, at SHU, 1G vs. Miami-2
	career: 14G-12A (40 pts), 5 GWG, 41 GP/35 GS	member of Canada's U-19 Nat'l Team; 10 of 11 pts in '02 came in final 9 GP
F	#12 Amy Warner (Sr.; Albuquerque, NM)	1st tm all-BE; 9th in nation – 12A; G-2A vs. Hart., G-A vs. WFU, G vs. ASU,
	'03 stats: 10G-12A (32 pts), 2 GWG, 21 GS	A vs. OU, GWG vs. SJU, G-2A vs. WKU, G-A vs. NTX, A vs. ISU, G vs. But.,
	'02 stats: 9G-8A (26 pts), 3 GWG, 21 GS	G-A vs. GU, 1A at Rutgers, 2G at Seton Hall (2-0, GWG), A vs. Mich., A vs. Miami-2
	career: 37G-25A (99 pts), 11 GWG, 81 GP/73 GS	12th on ND career goals list, 14th in points; 2 career hat tricks
F	#6 Amanda Guertin (Sr.; Grapevine, TX)	2G-A vs. Hartford, A vs. WFU and ASU, GWG vs. OU, G vs. SJU, A vs. WK
	'03 stats: 11G-6A (28 pts), 3 GWG, 22 GP/13 GS	G-2A vs. NTX, GWG vs. ISU, 2G vs. GU, G vs. Miami-1, Mich. and Mia.-2 (GWG)
	'02 stats: 11G-11A (33 pts), 5 GWG, 21 GS	8 corner-kick assists in '02; 10-game goal streak in '01 (3rd NCAA history)
	career: 48G-27A (123 pts), 18 GWG, 89 GP/76 GS	9th on ND career goals list, 2nd on GWG list (18, ND record 3 in OT)
F	#13 Maggie Manning (So.; Lake Oswego, OR)	2G in opener vs. Hartford, A vs. WKU, G vs. NTX, G-A vs. GU
	'03 stats: 4G-2A (10 pts), 19 GP/1 GS ... '02: 1G-2A, 18 GP/13 GS	played some M in '02, now part of regular F rotation
	career: 5G-4A (14 pts), 37 GP/14 GS	Oregon player of the year at Jesuit HS (90G in three prep seasons)
AM	#25 Kimberly Carpenter (Sr.; Webster, NY)	6-gm pt. streak (9/28-10/10); 1G vs. Hart., ISU, WVU; GWG vs. Butler, GU
	'03 stats: 5G-5A (15 pts), 2 GWG, 22 GP/18 GS ... '02: 1A, 21 GP/20 GS	1A vs. Oklahoma, NTX and Vill. (OT), 2A vs. Miami-2
	career: 7G-6A (20 pts), 2 GWG, 67 GP/38 GS	Academic All-America nom. (3.41 GPA, pre-prof. science)
M	#9 Jen Buczkowski (Fr.; Elk Grove, IL)	BE All-Rookie Team; ND Classic Off. MVP (2G-3A); 1A vs. GU and Miami-1
	'03 stats: 2G-6A (10 pts), 21 GP/20 GS	69G-52A in 3-yr HS career; rated #6 recruit (SA); prep All-American, U.S. U-19 team
DM	#24 Jill Krivacek (Fr.; Geneva, IL)	2nd-half GWG vs. Wake Forest (3-0); 1A vs. GU, Miami-1, Rutgers
	'03 stats: 1G-3A (5 pts), GWG (vs. WFU), 20 GP/5 GS (vs. OU, Vill., But.)	78 career goals at Rosary HS; strong def. mid. skills
OB/M	#15 Lizzie Reed (Fr.; Franklin Lakes, NJ)	1A vs. OU, 1G vs. NTX and UConn (as F); 126 career goals as a prep
	'03 stats: 2G-1A, 20 GP/8 GS	prep All-American; member of ODP national runner-up (NJ)
M	#11 Annie Schefter (So.; Yakima, WA)	2A vs. Hart., G vs. OU (free kick), 2G-1A vs. WKU (GWG), 1G vs. GU
	'03 stats: 4G-4A (12 pts), GWG, 22 GP/17 GS	member of U.S. U-19 National Team ('02)
	missed all of ND's '02 season (ACL)	47G-21A as senior at West Valley HS (Gatorade WA player of year)
CD	#18 Christie Shaner (Fr.; Ambler, PA)	2nd Team all-BIG EAST/Co-Rookie of Year; SCU Classic Def. MVP
	'03 stats: 3A, 21 GP/18 GS	1A on CKs vs. Miami-1 and UConn and on long serve at Pitt (BEROW); rated #22 recruit (SA)
	15G as center M in '02 at Germantown Academy	prep All-American; member of nat'l u-19 semifinalist (FC Bucks Challenge)
RB	#4 Kim Lorenzen (Fr.; Naperville, IL)	ND Classic all-tournament; versatile, has trained at F, M and D; dnp - Ind. St.
	'03 stats: 21 GP/18 GS	teamed with Buczkowski and Krivacek on ODP national champs (IL)
LB	#5 Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr.; Trumbull, CT)	5th-year player (ankle injury in '02), 2nd-year team cpt; 1A vs. BC (BE semi)
	'03 stats: 4A, 21 GP/20 GS ... '02: 2 GP/1 GS (inj.)	3rd ND chem.. engineering major ever to graduate with 4.0 GPA (1st since '74)
	car.: 2G-10A (12 pts), 94 GP/92 GS (9th ND his.)	2-time Acad. All-Amer.; all-BIG EAST in '00, '01; 5-time BE def. player of week
CD	#17 Melissa Tancredi (Sr.; Ancaster, ONT)	Hermann Trophy Final-15; BE Def. Player of Yr.; dnp vs. Pitt, SHU, Mich.
	'03: 4G-5A (13 pts), GWG, 19 GS ... '02: 4G, 18 GP/16 GS	6 of 12G with ND on set-piece headers (all 4 in '02; 2 vs. NTX in '03)
	career: 12G-9A (33 pts), 2 GWG, 53 GP/45 GS	converted forward (scored as F vs. BC in '03 BE semi's)
CD	#2 Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Jr.; Seltjarnarnes, Iceland)	member of Icelandic National Team; has played M in recent gms
	'03: 16 GP/9 GS ... '02: 7GP/6 GS ... career: 40 GP/19 GS	slowed by knee/ankle inj. in '02, broken arm in '03 (missed 4 gms)
G	#1 Erika Bohn (So.; Brookfield, CT)	stopped PK vs. ASU; UConn/ND all-tour. pick ('03); 1 GA in 15 gms before Mich. (3)
	'03 stats: 0.48 GAA, 35 SV, 10 GA, 22 GS (19-2-1)	set ND-record with 981-minute shutout streak (5th in NCAA history)
	'02 stats: 1.27 GAA, 57 SV, 23 GA, 20 GP/19 GS	Academic All-America nominee, TBA (3.67 GPA, business major)
	car.: 0.85 GA, 92 SV, 33 GA, 42 GP/41 GS (31-9-1), 14 solo ShO (10 in '03)	28-3-1 with 16 GA in last 32 starts (5-0 in spring '03)
G	#0 Nikki Westfall (Fr.; Waterville, OH)	0.76 GAA in '02 at Wayne HS (0.88 career)
	'03 stats: 0.77, 2 SV, 1 GA, 6 GP (116:24); last GP vs. GU on Oct. 10	5 GA, 15 shutouts as prep sophomore

WALDRUM REGISTERS 200TH WIN – Fifth-year ND head coach Randy Waldrum posted his 200th career win as a Division I women's head coach in the 2-1 game vs. Miami, with a **200-68-16** mark (.732) in 14 combined seasons at Tulsa, Baylor and Notre Dame ... the Irish are **92-18-4** (.825) in the five-year Waldrum era, including 77-14-3 in the last 94 games (since losing 4-2 at SCU on Oct. 17, 1999) ... his ND record spans the career of 5th-year D Vanessa Pruzinsky ... Waldrum – who repeated as BIG EAST coach of the year in 2000 – in '99 became the only coach in the 18-year history of the NCAA women's soccer championship to lead a team to the title game in his first season as that team's head coach ... he was the fourth first-year coach to take his team to the NCAA semi's, beating top-ranked and previously unbeaten Santa Clara in San Jose ... Waldrum's 23-year record as a **college head coach** (men's and women's) is **276-123-23** (.681) ... his women's soccer record includes 61-36-9 in six years at Tulsa and 46-14-3 in three seasons at Baylor ... Waldrum entered '03 ranked 7th among active women's coaches for career winning percentage (min. 10 Div. I seasons).

THE FRIENDLY CONFINES – Notre Dame has posted a 12-1-0 record at Alumni Field this season, with a 45-7 scoring edge and a 271-55 shot margin (78-31 in corner kicks) ... here's a rundown of ND's scoring at Alumni Field this season: senior F **Amanda Guertin** (8G-4A, 3 GWG; career at home: 30G-18A, 12 GWG), sophomore F **Katie Thorlakson** (7G-4A, 2 GWG), senior F **Amy Warner** (5G-8A), junior F **Mary Boland** (6G-2A, 3 GWG), senior M **Kimberly Carpenter** (4G-5A, 2 GWG), sophomore M **Annie Scheffer** (4G-2A, GWG), freshman M **Jen Buczkowski** (2G-5A) and senior D **Melissa Tancredi** (2G-5A) ... Guertin has notched 8 of her 10 goals this season at Alumni Field while Carpenter has 13 of her 15 points at home in 2003 (her other two points came on a goal vs. Hartford in the opener, at UConn) ... all four of Scheffer's goals and 2-of-4 assists have come at home while Buczkowski has posted 9-of-10 points at Alumni Field.

20-SOMETHING – Notre Dame is one win shy of posting its eighth season with 20-plus wins in the last 10 years ... the 1996 team posted an ND-record 24 wins, with 23 wins in 1994, '97 and '00, and 21 wins in '95, '98 and '99.

PRIMETIME PLAYERS – ND is 28-8-2 in the last four seasons ('00-'03) when facing an NSCAA ranked and/or postseason opponent (78-37 scoring edge in those 40 "big games") ... **Amanda Guertin** has 52 points in those big games (21G-10A) while **Amy Warner** owns 8G-5A vs. ranked/postseason opponents (missed half of '00 due to injury, also dnp last week vs. UNC).

FRONTRUNNERS – Prior to the 12th-minute goal by Michigan, ND **had not faced a deficit for nearly two months and 16-plus games**, the longest streak in the program's history ... the only previous time the Irish had trailed came early in the third game, for **7:18 vs. ASU** (ND quickly claimed the lead and went on to a 3-1 win) ... BC then held the lead for 82 minutes in the BIG EAST quarterfinals, longer than ND had trailed in the first 21 games (66 minutes) ... the Irish have **led for 63%** of the 2,010 minutes in '03 while trailing for less than 1% (0.7%; 148 minutes), with Santa Clara and Miami (in the BIG EAST quarterfinal) being the only teams to come back and tie the Irish (ND retook the lead for good 12 minutes later vs. SCU) ... the previous team record for longest streak without facing a deficit was a 14-game stretch in 1997, starting with a 5-0 win over Duke (9/21, after trailing two days earlier in a 2-2 tie vs. UNC) ... the '97 streak continued through a 6-1 win over UConn in the BIG EAST title game (11/9) and ended one week later, when Cincinnati opened the scoring in a first-round NCAA Tournament game (ND dominated for a 7-1 win) ... the '97 team spent all season ranked No. 2 in the NSCAA poll ... ND's 2000 squad earned the top ranking after seven games and did not face a deficit for the first 13 games (BC scored first and led for 28 minutes, in a 3-1 ND win) ... that team added six more games without trailing before falling behind UNC in the 82nd minute of the NCAA semifinals (2-1 loss).

KEEP ON CRANKING – Prior to the Michigan loss, ND had avoided pitfalls that have hit other top teams, as the Irish and UNC had been the **only unbeaten teams** for several weeks while the other 292 Div. I programs now include **just two teams with one loss** (16-1-3 UCLA and 18-1-2 Cal Poly) – with ND's .886 winning pct. ranking third in the nation behind UNC (21-0-0) and Cal Poly (.905).

CLUTCH CANADIAN – Sophomore F **Katie Thorlakson** (Langley, B.C.) has picked key times for all four of her game-winning goals in 2003 ... two of her GWGs have come vs. top-15 teams (#10 Santa Clara and #15 Connecticut), plus the overtime goal vs. Villanova and the early strike at Rutgers (3-0) ... she also is the only current ND player with multiple career goals vs. UConn (her goal tied the '02 game, 1-1, in a 3-1 win) ... the '02 ND-UConn game proved to be a key turning point for the program, with current senior **Melissa Tancredi** making the full-time move from F to central D while Thorlakson shifted permanently from M to F ... since those **key shifts**, the Irish are **25-4-1** in their last 30 games.

PLAYING THE BEST – ND has played some of its best soccer vs. ranked opponents, going 24-10-3 vs. NSCAA ranked teams in the Waldrum era (since '99) ... that trend held true in 2001 (5-1-0): 2-1 vs. Penn St., 2-0 vs. Hartford, 2-1 vs. WVU, 3-0 vs. Miami, 0-3 at UConn, 2-1 vs. Michigan ... the Irish posted 2002 wins over #25 Maryland (5-2), #8 UConn (3-1), #13 Michigan (1-0) and #14 Purdue (3-1) ... over the course of the '01-'03 seasons, ND owns an 11-6-1 record vs. NSCAA top-25 teams (38-6-1 vs. unranked teams), including 2003 wins over #16 Santa Clara (2-1), #8 West Virginia (2-0) and #15 UConn (2-0) and a scoreless tie vs. #24 Stanford.

NCAA STAT LEADERS – ND enters the NAAs ranked sixth in the nation for goals-against avg. (0.49) and third in scoring with 3.09 goals per game (no other team is in the top six of both) ... senior F **Amy Warner** ranks ninth nationally with 12 assists ... Warner also ranks 28th in the nation in points (32) while junior F **Mary Boland** is 31st in the nation with 12 goals ... ND's **Erika Bohn** (0.48) ranks 6th in the nation for GAA and is 4th among 'keepers with more than 1,100 minutes – behind Illinois State's Allison Farrington (0.40), Hofstra's Rebecca Wachsberger (0.46) and Leisha Alcia of Illinois (0.47).

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

TITLE TOWN – Despite failing to win its eighth BIG EAST Tournament title, the ND women's soccer team remains one of the winningest sports programs in the conference's history ... stretching back to the 1995 falls semester (when ND, West Virginia and Rutgers joined the BIG EAST), there have been a handful of teams with steady success at the BIG EAST tournament level – and Notre Dame teams are at the top of that list:

BIG EAST Titles Since Fall of 1995 (based on tournament results, if applicable)

- 7 – Notre Dame women's soccer (every year but '02 and '03)
- 7 – Notre Dame volleyball (every year but 1999)
- 7 – Notre Dame women's swimming and diving (every year but 1996)
- 7 – Pittsburgh men's swimming and diving (every year but 1996)
- 7 – Connecticut women's basketball (every year but 2003)

GOING THE DISTANCE – ND is unbeaten in its last 16 overtime games (12-0-4), since the 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC in the '99 opener ... that team went on to post a 2-1, double-OT win at UConn and played to a 1-1 tie at Nebraska in the NCAA quarter's (adv. on PKs) ... the 2000 team had OT wins over Stanford, at West Virginia and vs. Santa Clara in the NCAA quarter's (all 2-1), also playing to 0-0 at UConn ... '01 featured an unprecedented five OT games (2-1 vs. Indiana, Villanova, WVU and Michigan; 2-2 vs. Wisconsin) while the '02 team added 1-0 OT wins over Rutgers and BC ... the '03 team has played to a scoreless tie with Stanford (at SCU) before posting overtime wins over Villanova (1-0) and Miami (2-1, in BIG EAST quarterfinals).

SHARING THE WEALTH IN OT – ND's 11 overtime wins in the five-year Randy Waldrum era include goals from seven players (plus an own goal vs. Stanford in '00): **Anne Makinen** (vs. UConn in '99), **Amanda Guertin** (ND record 4; vs. WVU in '00, Michigan in '01, BC in '02 and Miami in '03), **Meotis Erikson** (vs. SCU in '00 NCAA quarter's), **Kelly Tulisiak** (vs. IU in '01), **Amy Warner** (2; vs. VU in '01, Rutgers in '02), **Mia Sarkesian** (vs. WVU in '01) and **Katie Thorlakson** (vs. Vill. in '03).

OT MASTERS – Senior **Amanda Guertin** holds the ND record for career OT goals (4), with her classmate **Amy Warner** and '96 national player of the year Cindy Daws ranking second with two each (including Daws' goal vs. Portland in the '95 NCAA title game) ... Guertin (4G-2A) owns 10 career points in OT, followed by Warner (6; 2G-2A) ... Guertin has posted one OT goal in each of her four season: at WVU in 2000 and at home vs. Michigan in '01 (both 2-1), at BC in '02 (1-0) and vs. Miami in the '03 BIG EAST quarterfinals (2-1) ... in addition to her double-OT goal on Sept. 20, 2002, vs. Rutgers (1-0), Warner scored in OT vs. Villanova ('01) and had the primary assist on Kelly Tulisiak's OT goal in '01 vs. Indiana (both 2-1) ... she also had the cross that produced an OT own-goal to beat Stanford in '00 and assisted on Guertin's OT goal in '02 at BC (1-0), playing a key role in five of ND's last 11 OT goals (Guertin has scored or assisted on six of the last 10).

GREAT STARTS – Notre Dame went unbeaten after 19 games for the fourth time in the program's history ... here's a look at the other longest season-opening unbeaten streaks in the ND record book:

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

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

NOTRE DAME CAREER POINTS

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-)	123
13. Susie Zilvitis ('88-'91)	112
14. Amy Warner ('00-)	99

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. Amanda Guertin ('00-)	48
10. Alison Lester ('90-'93)	45
11. Susie Zilvitis ('88-'91)	43
12. Amy Warner ('00-)	37
13. Shannon Boxx ('95-'98)	35
14. Amy Van Laecke ('94-'96)	34

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

GETTING THE GWGs – Amanda Guertin continues to add clutch goals and assists to her career totals (48G-27A, in 89 GP) – with her 18 gamewinning goals ranking second on the ND all-time list (one shy of Jenny Heft's record) ... eight of Guertin's GWGs have come in one-goal games, including four in OT (ND record, no other player with more than two) ... nearly half of Guertin's career goals (17 of 46, or 38%) 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>	<u>Name (pos., years)</u>	<u>GWG</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>(Pct.)</u>
1. Jenny Heft (F, 1996-99)	19	80	(23.8%)	7. Jenny Streiffer (F, 1996-99)	15	70	(21.4%)
2. Michelle McCarthy (F, 1992-95)	18	59	(30.5%)	8. Meotis Erikson (F, 1997-2000)	13	59	(22.0%)
Amanda Guertin (F, 2000-)	18	48	(37.5%)	9. Amy Warner (F, 2000-)	11	37	(30.0%)
4. Rosella Guerrero (F, '92-'95)	16	55	(29.1%)				
Monica Gerardo (F, '95-'98)	16	73	(21.9%)				
Anne Makinen (M, '97-'00)		16	65 (24.6%)				

PRUZSINKY DRAWS NATONAL MEDIA ATTENTION – Fifth-year D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** was spotlighted in a recent feature on College Sports Television while a recent *Sports Illustrated On Campus* highlighted the high achiever – with *Sports Illustrated* now slated to run a feature on Pruzinsky in its Nov. 17 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.

INJURY WOES CONTINUE – ND's '02 season was hampered by injuries to several top players (totaling 64 games missed, plus 101 thus far in '03 for a total of 165) ... the Irish have played for all of 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 ... sophomore M **Jenny Walz** (ACL) has returned to practice after being injured in the spring, but she has yet to play in a 2003 game ... junior starting central D **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** has returned in a reserve role (after missing four games with a broken arm) while freshman D **Kari Kennedy** (foot) and junior D **Kate Tulisiak** (back) made their 2003 debuts on Oct. 10 vs. Georgetown ... veteran D **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (ankle) made a full-time return at the ND Classic ... Scheller will have the option to apply for a 5th year of eligibility in '04, as will central D **Melissa Tancredi** (she missed '00 with an ACL injury) ... Pruzinsky is a current 5th-year player (out most of '02 with ankle injury) while Chapman will be a senior in '04 and have her own option at a 5th year in '05 ... Tancredi missed three of the final five games in the '03 regular season (due to nagging injuries) while junior F **Mary Boland** also was sidelined for three recent games – before senior F **Amy Warner** missed the BIG EAST semifinal loss to Boston College (due to an ankle injury).

CONFERENCE CALL – Notre Dame's all-time record in regular-season conference games is 95-7-2 (.923; 76-7-2/.906 in BIG EAST) ... the Irish are 52-1 in home games vs. BIG EAST teams, with 49 straight home wins over BIG EAST teams since a 5-4 OT loss to UConn in '95 (239-16 scoring edge, 36 shutouts, 13 with 1 GA) ... since '95, ND's overall record vs. BIG EAST teams now is 94-9-2 (.905; 1-1-0 vs. UConn in NCAAAs).

BOHN ON A ROLL – Sophomore G **Erika Bohn** is 30-3-1 in her last 34 starts (29-2-1 last 32), allowing just 18 goals in that 34-game stretch (20 shutouts, 12 with 1 GA) ... her only losses in that stretch: 3-2 game BYU with a fluke goal (clearance deflected off referee) and a rare late-game PK; the season-ending loss at top-ranked Stanford, with the only goal coming in the 81st minute; and the 3-2 loss to Michigan in the final game of the '03 regular season (UM's final two goals came on corner-kick breakdowns by the ND defense) ... prior to the Michigan game, Bohn had logged 29 consecutive games with the Irish (24 fall, 5 spring) without allowing multiple goals (previously done by BYU on Oct. 19, 2002).

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win in ND history, with the Irish 198-3-1 all-time (.983) when scoring 3-plus, losing to N.C. State in the '92 opener (4-3), UConn in '95 (5-4, OT) and at Georgetown in '02 (4-3), plus a 3-3 tie vs. Vanderbilt in '91... the Irish had won 88 straight when scoring 3-plus, before the GU loss (now 102-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995) ... ND is 275-8-11 (.954) in all-time games when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals, including tough 1-0 losses in '02 to eventual NCAA champ Portland and top-ranked Stanford ... prior to the UP loss, the Irish had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, playing minus Finnish national teamer Anne Makinen) ... the program's 16-year history includes just 287 goals allowed in 364 games (0.79 GA per game) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 70 all-time games (19%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in just 33 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 4-28-1 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

FIRST-HALF FORTRESS – The ND defense has been particularly stingy in the first half the past three seasons, allowing just 22 goals in the first half of those 63 games ... the first half in '02 featured little scoring (12-10 ND edge), compared to a 36-7 first-half edge in '03.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ND 1. Mary Boland (Warner) 6:32; ND 2. Boland (Warner) 15:19; ND 3. Kim Carpenter (Scheffer) 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, Scheffer) 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 Scheffer (missed '02 with ACL) was one of several "newcomers" with a strong debut, looping a shot that was nudged in by Kim Carpenter before assisting on Mary Boland's third goal on a corner kick ... ND improved to 10-1-0 in its last 11 openers (14-2-0 overall), including four straight since a heartbreaker in '99 vs. top-ranked UNC (2-3-, double-OT) ... ND totaled just 12 first-half goals in '02 but had 5 vs. Hartford (on 7 shots) ... see other notes in release on Boland (3G-1A).

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

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

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

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

Corner Kicks: WFU 3, ND 6.

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

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

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

GAME #3 (ND Classic; Sept. 5)

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

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

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

Corner Kicks: ASU 4, ND 4.

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

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

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

GAME #4 (ND Classic; Sept. 7)

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

ND 1. Jen Buczowski 1 (-) 5:58; ND 2. Amanda Guertin (Warner, Buczowski) 20:45; OU 1. Becky Nelson 2 (Lauren MacIver) 25:19; ND 3. Buczowski (Reed) 33:31; ND 4. Annie Scheffer 1 (-) 41:09; ND 5. Molly Iarocci 1 (Carpenter, Scheffer) 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 Scheffer scored her first official goal with the Irish on a 20-yard free kick and later added her 2nd corner-kick assist of the season ... freshman M Jen Buczowski (2G-3A) was named ND Classic Offensive MVP and BIG EAST rookie of the week while being one of 11 players named to national player-of-the-week teams by Soccer America and Soccer Buzz ... 5th-year player Vanessa Pruzinsky earned defensive MVP honors at the ND Classic for the second time in her career (also '01), leading a defense that held ASU and OU to a combined 15 shots (6 on target) and 4 corner kicks ... other all-tournament picks included: Amy Warner (1G-1A), Kim Lorenzen, Mary Boland (2G vs. ASU) and Erika Bohn (2 GA, saved PK vs. ASU).

GAME #5 (Sept. 11)

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

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

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

Corner Kicks: ND 7, SJU 2.

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

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

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

GAME #6 (Sept. 13)

W. KENTUCKY	0	0	-	0
#2 NOTRE DAME	2	3	-	5

ND 1. Annie Scheffer 2 (Amanda Guertin) 15:18; ND 2. Amy Warner 5 (Mary Boland, Scheffer) 19:36; ND 3. Katie Thorlakson 1 (Maggie Manning, Warner) 45:50; ND 4. Thorlakson 2 (Warner) 47:26; ND 5. Scheffer 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 Scheffer (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 Scheffer) 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; Shaw Stadium)

#2 ND	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.

Corner Kicks: 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; 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.

Offsides: ND 7, SCU 0.

Notes: Christie Shaner was named the SCU Classic defensive MVP, BIG EAST rookie of the week and was one of 11 named to the Soccer Buzz national players-of-the-week team after playing a lead role alongside senior Melissa Tancredi as the central defenders for an Irish squad that held Stanford and SCU to 12 combined shots (just 3 on goal) and 3 combined corner kicks ... Katie Thorlakson was the SCU Classic's offensive MVP after providing the leftside cross that led to Mary Boland's early goal before knocking home Boland's deflected shot for the gamewinner vs. SCU ... ND's all-tournament picks included Shaner, Thorlakson, Boland and senior F Amy Warner (Boland and Warner also were all-tournament at the UConn and ND Classics) ... ND dominated the play while handing the Broncos their first-ever loss in the SCU Classic ... ND finished with a 14-5 edge in overall shots (8-1 first half) while SCU converted its only shot on net ... Boland's goal was her first since scoring 6 in the first 3 games (an ND record) ... Marian 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 (Warner) 4:28; **ND 2.** M. Tancredi 1 (Guertin) 6:12; **ND 3.** Tancredi 2 (Guertin) 35:59; **ND 4.** M. Manning 3 (Carpenter) 37:51; **ND 5.** L. Reed (Thorlakson) 41:56; **ND 6.** A. Warner 6 (-) 56:16; **ND 7.** M. Boland 8 (Tancredi, Thorlakson) 62:41; **NTX 1.** Melinda Pina 13 (-) 66:37; **ND 8.** B. Tweneboah 1 (McMillin) 81:14.
Shots: NTX 2-1 - 3, ND 13-18 - 31.
Corner Kicks: NTX 1-1 - 2, ND 3-5 - 8.
Saves: NTX 12 (Briana Buchanan), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0 in 57:59, Nikki Westfall 1).
Fouls: NTX 5, ND 12. **Off.:** NTX 0, ND 0.

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

GAME #10 (Sept. 30)

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

ND 1. Amanda Guertin 6 (Amy Warner) 10:01; **ND 2.** Mary Boland 9 (PK) 41:29; **ND 3.** Kimberly Carpenter 2 (Boland) 51:19.
Shots: ISU 0-1 - 1, ND 17-15 - 32.
Corner Kicks: ISU 0-0 - 0, ND 5-2 - 7.
Saves: ISU 13 (Carey Patton), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 1, Nikki Westfall 0).
Fouls: ISU 2, ND 4. **Offsides:** ISU 0, ND 1.

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

GAME #11 (Oct. 3)

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

ND 1. Mary Boland 10 (Melissa Tancredi) 1:24; **ND 2.** Kimberly Carpenter 3 (Tancredi, Katie Thorlakson) 53:14.
Shots: WVU 1-1 - 2, ND 6-11 - 17.
Corner Kicks: WVU 0-4 - 4, ND 4-5 - 9.
Svs: WV 9 (Lana Bannerman), ND 1 (Bohn).
Fouls: WVU 11, ND 19. **Off.:** WVU 4, ND 4.
Yellow Card: Katie Thorlakson 2 (ND) 50:31.

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

GAME #12 (Oct. 5)

VILLANOVA	0	0	0	-	0
#2 ND	0	0	1	-	1

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 4 (Kimberly Carpenter) 97:22.
Shots: VILL 2-2-1 - 5, ND 6-8-2 - 16.
Corner Kicks: VILL 2-0-0 - 2, ND 2-1-0 - 3.
Saves: VILL 7 (Chrissy Dolan), ND 1 (Bohn).
Fouls: VILL 12, ND 17. **Off.:** VILL 1, ND 1.
Yellow Card: Lindsey Finnegan (VILL) 14:25.

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

GAME #13 (Oct. 7)

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

ND 1. Kimberly Carpenter 4 (-) 33:25; **ND 2.** Amy Warner 7 (Jen Buczkowski) 53:52; **ND 3.** own goal 79:16.
Shots: Butler 2-0 - 2, ND 6-18 - 24.
Corner Kicks: Butler 2-1 - 3, ND 2-3 - 5.
Saves: Butler 10 (Katie Sanders 8, team 2), ND 1 (Erika Bohn).
Fouls: BU 7, ND 7. **Offsides:** BU 0, ND 3.
Yellow Card: Kate Lord (Butler) 29:04.

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

GAME #14 (Oct. 10)

GEORGETOWN	0	0	-	0
#2 NOTRE DAME	2	4	-	6

ND 1. Kimberly Carpenter 5 (Vanessa Pruzinsky, Amy Warner) 5:39; **ND 2.** Maggie Manning 4 (Pruzinsky) 36:37; **ND 3.** Amanda Guertin 7 (Maggie Manning) 46:46; **ND 4.** Warner 8 (-) 49:16; **ND 5.** Guertin 8 (Jen Buczkowski, Jill Krivacek) 69:29; **ND 6.** Annie Scheffer 4 (Becky Tweneboah) 78:44.
Shots: GU 0-5 - 5, ND 8-10 - 18.
Corner Kicks: GU 1-2 - 3, ND 1-1 - 2.
Saves: GU 5 (Erin Mazursky 5 in 72:20, Louise Butler 0), ND 1 (Erika Bohn 0, Nikki Westfall 1).
Fis: GU 11, ND 10. **Off.:** GU 0, ND 3. ND 1.
Yellow Card: Katie Thorlakson 3 (ND) 76:26.

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

GAME #15 (Oct. 12)

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

ND 1. Mary Boland 11 (Katie Thorlakson, Christie Shaner) 20:37; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin 9 (Melissa Tancredi); **ND 3.** Thorlakson 5 (Jill Krivacek) 56:25.
Shots: MIA 1-3 - 4, ND 8-9 - 17.
Corner Kicks: MIA 0-2 - 2, ND 2-5 - 7.
Saves: MIA 4 (Alex Alford), ND 2 (Bohn).
Fouls: MIA 12, ND 7. **Off.:** MIA 0, ND 5.
Yellow Card: Ashley Durkee (MIA) 34:53.

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

GAME #16 (Oct. 17)

#15 CONNECTICUT	0	0	-	0
#2 NOTRE DAME	2	0	-	2

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 6 (Melissa Tancredi, Shaner) 19:14; **ND 2.** Lizzie Reed (-) 40:33.
Shots: UConn 3-1 - 4, ND 5-6 - 11.
Corner Kicks: UConn 3-1 - 4, ND 1-2 - 3.
Saves: UConn 5 (Erin Rice), ND 2 (Bohn).
Fouls: UC 11, ND 15. **Off.:** UC 0, ND 4.
Yellow Card: Amy Warner 2 (ND) 55:27.

Notes: The Irish overcame the absence of leading scorer Mary Boland while turning in another strong defensive effort as ND completed a rare 8-game homestand ... Katie Thorlakson scored on a corner-kick sequence while Lizzie Reed added a goal in her first action at forward ... ND held UConn without a shot on goal for the final 60 minutes ... it marked the 13th straight game that ND held the opponent to 0-2 shots on goal, with the Irish taking over the national GAA lead (0.31) ... ND pushed its home winning streak vs. BIG EAST teams to 49 games (since '95) ... ND improved its series record vs. UConn to 12-3-2 (6-1-1 in last 8) ... Erika Bohn made a tough point-blank save in the 30th minute, sprinting off her line and leaping forward to thwart UConn leading scorer Jessica Gjersten's breakaway near the top of the box.

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

#2 NOTRE DAME	1	0	-	1
PITTSBURGH	0	0	-	0

ND 1. Mary Boland 12 (Christie Shaner) 21:03.
Shots: ND 10-8 - 18, Pitt 3-3 - 6.
Corner Kicks: ND 4, Pitt 1.
Saves: ND 3 (Bohn), Pitt 7 (Jamie Pelusi).
Fouls: ND 15, Pitt 10. **Offsides:** ND 2, Pitt 0.
Yellow Card: Pittsburgh bench (88:00).

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

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

#2 NOTRE DAME	3	0	-	3
RUTGERS	0	0	-	0

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 7 (Amy Warner) 2:44;
ND 2. Melissa Tancredi 3 (Thorlakson) 3:53;
ND 3. Thorlakson 8 (-) 31:27.
Shots: ND 5-4 - 9, RU 2-2 - 4.
Corner Kicks: ND 1-1 - 2, RU 1-4 - 5.
Saves: ND 1 (Bohn), RU 3 (Robyn Jones).
Fouls: ND 13, RU 13.
Offsides: ND 1, RU 0

Notes: ND's Canadian connection of **Katie Thorlakson** and **Melissa Tancredi** combined for all three goals and an assist while the Irish defense set a team record with its 9th straight shutout ... ND struck quickly with a pair of goals in the first four minutes (its earliest 2-0 lead of '03) ... Thorlakson scored ND's second-quickest goal of the season (2:44), via a leftside feed from **Amy Warner**, before assisting on Tancredi's header with her leftside corner kick.

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

#2 NOTRE DAME	1	1	-	2
SETON HALL	0	0	-	0

ND 1. Amy Warner (Jill Krivacek) 1:30;
ND 2. Warner (Katie Thorlakson, Gudrun Gunnarsdottir) 60:02.
Shots: ND 5-13 - 18, SHU 2-4 - 6.
Corner Kicks: ND 2-2 - 4, SHU 0-3 - 3.
Saves: ND 1 (Erika Bohn), SHU 8 (Buffy Wojciehowski).
Fouls: ND 13, SHU 11.
Offsides: ND 7, SHU 0

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

GAME #20 (Oct. 29)

MICHIGAN	2	1	-	3
#2 NOTRE DAME	1	1	-	2

UM 1. Katie Kramer 3 (-) 11:07; **ND 1.** Amanda Guertin 10 (Vanessa Pruzinsky) 12:08; **UM 2.** Therese Heaton 2 (Robyn Vince) 31:43; **UM 3.** Stephanie Chavez 5 (-) 48:12; **ND 2.** Katie Thorlakson 9 (Amy Warner) 68:23.
Shots: UM 3-3 - 6, ND 9-10 - 19.
Corner Kicks: UM 1-1 - 2, ND 3-1 - 4.
Saves: UM 8 (Megan Tuura), ND 3 (Erika Bohn 2, team 1).
Fouls: UM 14, ND 13.
Offsides: UM 0, ND 7.

Notes: Michigan - facing virtually a must-win game for its NCAA postseason chances - managed just a handful of scoring chances but converted on each of them before holding off an injury-hampered ND squad ... ND was forced to play without two of its top players, senior D **Melissa Tancredi** and junior F **Mary Boland** ... Michigan did not attempt a shot in the final 41 minutes while going into a defensive shell to hold off the ND onslaught ... the Wolverines claimed an early lead before moving back in front in the 30th minute and then taking a 3-1 lead early in the second half ... UM capitalized on its only two corner-kicks of the game ... the game ended several ND streaks: 16 games without a deficit, 10 straight shutouts, Erika Bohn's 981-minute shutout streak, 24 games without multiple goals allowed, 27 games without a two-goal deficit, 12 consecutive wins and a 19-game unbeaten streak ... the Irish came one game shy of the program's 4th unbeaten regular season ... it marked the first time in 17 games that the opponent had more than three shots on goal (6).

GAME #21 (Nov. 2; BIG EAST QFs)

MIAMI	1	0	0	-	1
#2 ND	1	0	1	-	2

ND 1. Katie Thorlakson 10 (Kimberly Carpenter, Amy Warner) 15:47; **MIA 2.** Jackie Garcia 1 (-) 17:26; **ND 2.** Amanda Guertin 11 (Carpenter) 92:54.
Shots: MIA 3-2-0 - 5, ND 12-13-2 - 27.
Corner Kicks: MIA 2-1-0 - 3, ND 7-4-0 - 11.
Saves: MIA 8 (Alex Alford 7, team 1), ND 2 (Erika Bohn).
Fouls: MIA 13, ND 8.
Offsides: MIA 0, ND 2.
Yellow Cards: Britney Butcher (MIA) 92:29; Ashley Durkee (MIA) 92:53.

Notes: Amanda Guertin took a free-kick tap in overtime from Kimberly and ripped a 20-yard shot into the upper right corner for her 18th career game-winner (one shy of Jenny Heft's team record) ... she also added to her own ND record with her fourth OT goal (and 48th overall goal) ... ND remained unbeaten in 16 straight overtime games (12-0-4), after overcoming a fluke Hurricanes goal and the continued absence of top scorer Mary Boland (ND then held Miami without a shot for 52 minutes) ... the Irish held a 27-5 edge in total shots and 10-3 in shots on goal (the 17th time in the last 18 games that the opponent has been held to 0-3 shots on goal) ... the Irish also held a commanding 11-3 edge in corner kicks but failed to cash in any of those chances ... Carpenter also had the primary assist on ND's first goal, with her pass from the right corner setting up Thorlakson's quick shot inside the left post ... ND improved to 29-2 in all-time postseason games played at home and 19-0 in all BIG EAST Tournament games while posting the program's 50th consecutive home win over a BIG EAST opponent, dating back to '95 ... Miami joined Santa Clara as the only teams to come from behind and tie ND this season.

GAME #22 (Nov. 7; at Rutgers)

#22 Boston College	1	1	-	2
#3 Notre Dame	0	1	-	1

BC 1. Heather Ferron 5 (-) 7:32; **BC 2.** Beth Totman 13 (Sarah Rahko) 49:02; **ND 1.** Melissa Tancredi 4 (Vanessa Pruzinsky) 63:37.
Shots: BC 3-3 - 6, ND 5-1 - 6.
Corner Kicks: BC 0-1 - 1, ND 0-1 - 1.
Saves: BC 4 (Kate Taylor), ND 1 (Erika Bohn).
Fouls: BC 16, ND 17. **Offsides:** BC 2, ND 3.
Yellow Cards: Katie Thorlakson 4 (ND, 61:30), Tancredi 2 (ND, 63:37).

Notes: Heather Ferron scored after a failed clearing attempt in the 8th minute and Beth Totman added an 18-yard strike early in the 2nd half as BC capitalized on the absence of ND leading scorer **Amy Warner** ... ND suffered its first-ever loss in conference tournament play (now 25-1-0), including an unbeaten mark in 19 previous BET games ... a fierce battle for possession, in primarily the middle third, saw each team manage just six shots (an ND season-low) and one corner kick ... BC placed just three of its six shots on goal but cashed in the first two ... ND made a change in strategy after facing the 2-0 deficit, shifting D **Melissa Tancredi** back into her former forward position ... **Vanessa Pruzinsky** set up the ND goal with a long service from the left side, with Tancredi snapping a header from the right side of the box into the left side of the goal ... Warner's streaks of 70 consecutive games and 64 straight starts came to an end.