

2007 Notre Dame Women's Soccer
(17-4-2; 11-0-0 BIG EAST)

(polls based on highest ranking)

August

preseason exhibitions

19	#1 North Carolina	T, 2-2
23	vs. #11 Virginia (in Ft. Wayne)	W, 3-1
31	Michigan (Comcast Local)	T, 0-0

September

2	at #7 Florida (Sun Sports)	W, 2-0
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Santa Clara Classic

7	at #3 Santa Clara	L, 1-7
9	vs. #5 Stanford	L, 1-2 (OT)

Inn at Saint Mary's ND Soccer Classic

14	Washington St. 1, #16 Oklahoma St. 0	
	Notre Dame 4, Princeton 2	
16	Washington State 2, Princeton 1 (OT)	
	#16 Oklahoma State 2, ND 1 (OT)	

21	DePaul*	W, 4-0
23	#14 Penn State (ESPN-U)	L, 1-2
28	at #25 Louisville*	W, 1-0
30	Cincinnati	W, 6-1

October

5	at Syracuse*	W, 4-1
7	at St. John's*	W, 4-1
12	Georgetown*	W, 3-0
14	Villanova*	W, 5-0
19	Providence*	W, 4-0
21	#13 Connecticut*	W, 2-1 (OT)
26	at Seton Hall*	W, 3-1
28	at Rutgers*	W, 3-1

November

4	Rutgers (BIG EAST Quarters)	W, 2-0
9	vs. Georgetown (BE Semi's)	W, 2-0
11	at #12 West Virginia (BE Final)	T, 1-1
	(CSTV/BIG EAST affiliates)	

NCAA First Round (Alumni Field)

16	Illinois 1, Louisville 0 (OT)	
	Notre Dame 3, Loyola Chicago 3 0	

NCAA Second Round (Alumni Field)

18	Illinois	W, 2-0
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NCAA Third Round

24	at North Carolina	noon
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30- NCAA Quarterfinals

2	(campus sites)	
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December

NCAA College Cup (College Station, TX)

7	Semifinals	TBA
8	Final	TBA

* – BIG EAST Conference Game

All times local to site

Rankings indicate highest poll

NOTRE DAME 2007 WOMEN'S SOCCER
NCAA Round-of-16 – at North Carolina (Sat., Nov. 24; noon)

The Notre Dame women's soccer team (17-4-2) – riding one of the nation's longest unbeaten streaks (14-0-1) – faces a tough challenge in the NCAA round-of-16, with a game at North Carolina (19-3-1) on Sat., Nov. 24 (noon) ... bonus free live audio will be provided on und.com (courtesy of Irish All-Access), with the other usual ways to follow the action also available (GameTracker, Irish Alert text messages, hotline, etc. – see details on earlier und.com release) ... ND advanced through the first two rounds with home wins over Loyola Chicago (3-0) and Illinois (2-0) ... this will be the first time ND and UNC have met in an NCAA Tournament round earlier than the semifinals ... it is the third ND-UNC game in a span of less than 12 months (UNC won the 2006 NCAA title game, 2-1, and the teams played to a 2-2 tie in a 2007 preseason exhibition).

STREAKS LIVE ON ... – Notre Dame enters the game at UNC with:

- 260 consecutive wins when taking a 2-0 lead (273-0-1 all-time)
- 78 straight home wins without being outshot (since early in the '2 season)
- 77 straight wins when scoring 3-plus goals (159-1-0 in the past 160)
- 70 consecutive games vs. BIG EAST teams without being outshot
- A 38-game unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (36-0-2)
- A 15-game unbeaten streak (44-6 scoring edge; 2.2 shots on goal allowed per game)
- A nine-game unbeaten streak in the BIG EAST Tournament (29-2-1 all-time)

ND QUICK NOTES

• The Irish rank 14th in the nation in scoring (2.52 goals/gm), 9th in shutouts (12) and 8th in wins (17) ... the only teams still alive in the NCAAs with more shutouts than ND are Florida (16), Virginia (15) and Portland (13) ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** leads the nation in assists (18) and now ranks 4th in points (41) while junior M/F **Brittany Bock** ranks 21st nationally in goals (14) and senior **Lauren Karas** is 18th with a 0.57 season goals-against avg. (6th-best among goalkeepers still playing in the NCAAs).

• The Irish tied West Virginia in the BIG EAST final(1-1) but WVU won the PK shootout (5-3, after 9 kicks) ... ND earlier ran away with the BIG EAST National Division title, the 11th time that the Irish have won a BIGEASTregular-season title (all but '98, '02) ... the Irish now are 29-2-1 in all-time BIG EAST Tournament games and own a 38-game unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (36-0-22; since mid-'05), the 4th-longest conference unbeaten streak in D-I women's soccer history and longest by any team since 2001.

• ND returned seven starters and four top reserves from its 2006 team (25-1-1) that spent most of the season ranked #1 and reached the NCAAtitle game ... junior center back Carrie Dew (the 2006 BIG EAST defensive player of the year) steadily has returned to her elite form, after undergoing ACL knee surgery late in the 2006 season – while the team's other starting center back (sophomore Haley Ford) has been sidelined for the past two months due to a hamstring injury ... sophomore F Michele Weissenhofer (nation's #2 scorer in '06) has been slowed recently by an ankle injury, as has senior F/M Amanda Cinalli (dnp 5 games) due to her own hamstring problem.

• This marks the 13th time in the past 15 seasons (1993-2007; all but '01 and '03) that ND has reached at least the round-of-16 in the NCAAs, matching Portland and Connecticut for the second-most final-16 appearances in that stretch (UNC has reached the final-16 every year since '93)

• Based on initial seeding, the winner of the ND-UNC game likely will play host to a quarterfinal game on Nov. 30-Dec. 2, versus the winner of the Duke versus Indiana game in the round-of-16 ... North Carolina is the top seed in its quadrant of the bracket and Notre Dame is the fourth seed (#2 seed Purdue and #3 Georgia failed to advance out of the second round).

• ND and UNC's senior classes own the most wins (89 each) in the nation over the past four seasons (no other team's senior class has 80 or more career wins) ...

• Notre Dame's eight-week unbeaten streak includes limiting the opponents to 99 shots (6.5/gm), 33 shots on goal (2.2) and 33 corner kicks (2.2). The Irish have trailed for only 72 minutes during the streak (5.2% of the time) and have not been behind since early in the regular-season finale at Rutgers (a span of 528 minutes without trailing).

• The Irish are 42-12-1 (.773) all-time in the NCAAs, including 34-3-0 at home (.919).

• Four of the eight seeded teams on ND's half of the bracket failed to reach the round-of-16 (Texas A&M, Wake Forest, Purdue and Georgia) ... the final-16 teams include four from the ACC and three each from the BIG EAST and Pac-10 conferences.

TALE OF THE TAPE (2007 SEASON)

NOTRE DAME

NORTH CAROLINA

Series	2-9-2 (10 goals)	9-2-2 (28 goals)
2007 Record (Conf.)	17-4-2 (11-0-0 BIG EAST)	19-3-1 (9-1-0 ACC)
Current Streak	14-0-1 (since Sept. 28)	12-0-1 (since Oct. 5)
2006 Records	25-1-1 (10-0-1)	27-1-0 (10-0-0)
Starters Returning from '06	7	8
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	16/8	19/4
Earlier 2007 Meeting vs. Virginia	T, 2-2 (exhib., at ND) 3-1 (exhib.; in Ft. Wayne)	T, 2-2 (exhib., at ND) W, 1-0/OT (H); T, 1-1 (ACC tour.)
Time Trailed in 2007	229 minutes (10.8% of time); 7 gms	142 minutes (6.7% of the time); in 5 games
Time Trailed in Past 15 Gms	72 minutes (5.2%); 2 gms	63 minutes (4.4%); in 3 games
Goals Per Game	2.51 (58)	2.29 (54)
Goals-Against Average	0.89 (21)	0.51 (12)
Avg. Scoring Margin	+1.6 (+37)	+1.8 (+42)
Shots Per Game	17.5	20.0
Shots Allowed/Game	7.1	5.4
Shot Margin	+10.4	+14.6
Shots On Goal Allowed/Game	2.6	2.7
Shooting Pct.	.144	.117
Shots Per Goal	6.9	8.5
Shots on Goal per Goal	3.3	4.0
Corner Kicks/Game	4.4	9.0
Goals Off Corner Kicks	5	1
Corner Kicks Allowed/Game	2.5	2.3
Average Corner-Kick Margin	+1.9	+6.7
Save Percentage	.644	.803
Shutouts	12	11
Games w/ 0-1 GA	18	23
Games w/ 2 GA	4	0
Games w/ 3-plus GA	1	0
Overtime Record	1-2-2	4-0-1
One-Goal Game Record	2-3	8-3
Wins By 3-Plus Goals	8	9
Wins By 5-Plus Goals	2	2
Home Games	10-2-1	9-1-0
All Road Games	7-2-1	10-2-1
1st-Half Scoring	24-8	25-2
2nd-Half Scoring	33-11	25-9
Fouls Per Game	13.3	8.5
Yellow Cards/Red	17/0	3/0
Players with 10+ Goals	2	1
Players with 5+ Goals	4	5
Players with Goals	12	15
Players with 30+ Points	2	0
Players with 20+ Points	2	2
Players with 10+ Points	8	4
Players with Points	17	19
Seniors/Freshmen	5/8	6/9
Top Scorers	Kerri Hanks, Jr., F (13G-18A, 44 pts) Brittany Bock, Jr., F/M (14G-3A, 31 pts) Susan Pinnick, Sr., F/M 5G-3A, 13 pts) Michele Weissenhofer, So., F (5G-2A, 12 pts) Rose Augustin, Fr., F (5G-1A, 11 pts) Amanda Cinalli, Sr., F/M (3G-5A, 11 pts) Ashley Jones, Sr., M/D (3G-5A, 11 pts) Elise Weber, Jr., D (2G-7A, 11 pts)	Casey Noqueira, So., F (13G-3A, 29 pts) Whitney Engen, So., F (6G-8A, 20 pts) Nikki Washington, So., M/F (6G-7A, 19 pts) Yael Averbuch, Jr., M (6G-6A, 18 pts) Meghan Klingenberg, Fr., M (5G-3A, 13 pts) Tobin Heath, So., M (2G-5A, 9 pts) Allie Long, Jr., M (4G-0A, 8 pts) Jaime Gilbert, Sr., F (3G-0A, 6 pts)
Goalkeepers	Lauren Karas, Sr. (0.62 GAA, 22 SV, 17 GP)	Anna Rodenbough, Jr. (0.46 GAA, 17 SV, 16 GP) Ashlyn Harris, Jr. (0.48, 27 SV, 18 GP)

TALE OF THE TAPE (HISTORICAL)

[national rank in brackets]	NOTRE DAME	NORTH CAROLINA
All-Time Record (NCAA era; '82-'07)	383-66-19/.839 (20 years)	594-24-19 (26 years)
All-Time Record in NCAA's [2]	42-12-1/.773 (15 years)	[1] 94-7-0/.931 (26 years)
NCAA Titles [2]	2 (1995, 2004)	[1] 18 (1982-94; '96, '97, '99, '00, '03, '06)
NCAA Title Games [2]	6 (also '94, '96, '99, '06)	[1] 21 (also '85, '98, '01)
Title Games from 1995-2006 [2]	6	[1] 9
Title Games from 2004-06 [1]	2	[3] 1
NCAA Semifinal Trips [3]	8 (also 1997, 2000)	[1] 23 (also 1995, 2002)
Semifinals from 1994-2006 [2]	8	[1] 11
NCAA Quarterfinal Trips [3]	10 (also 1998, 2005)	[1] 24 (also 2005)
NCAA Round-of-16 Trips [1]	13 (also 1993, 2002, 2007)	[1] 26 (also 2004, 2007)
NCAA Rd-16 Trips from '93-'07 [2]	13	[1] 15
NSCAA All-Americans	39	[1] 86
NSCAA All-Americans ('94-'06) [2]	37	[1] 41
Academic All-Americans ('95-'07) [1]	20	[2] 14
Hermann Trophy Awards [2]	3 (Cindy Daws '96, Anne Makinen '00, Kerri Hanks '04)	[1] 8 (Shannon Higgins '89, Kristine Lilly '91, Mia Hamm '92/'93, Tisha Venturini '94, Cindy Parlow '97/'98, Cat Reddick '03)
Different HT Winners [2]	3	[1] 6
Different HT Winners Since '96 [1]	3	[2] 2 (3 awards)
Longest Home Win Streak [3]	32 (2004-06)	[1] 84 (1986-94)
Long Home Unbeaten Streak [3]	43 (2004-07)	[1] 84 (1986-94)
NCAA D-I Active Career Win Pct. [2]	Randy Waldrum – .774 (290-78-19)	[1] Anson Dorrance – .947 (594-24-19)
NCAA Title Game Appearances [3]	Waldrum – 3	[1] Dorrance – 21
Title Games from 1999-2006 [2]	Waldrum – 3	[1] Dorrance – 5
Players in 55-55 Club [1]	5	[1] 5
(55G-55A in career)	Jenny Streiffer (70G-71A; '96-'99) Cindy Daws (61G-67A; '93-'96) <i>only 2 others:</i> Carin Jennings (UCSB; (102G-60A; '83-'86) Mandy Clemens (Santa Clara; 67G-65A; '96-'99)	Mia Hamm (103G-72A; '89-'90; '92-'93) Lindsay Tarpley (59G-59A; '02-'05) Debbie Keller (67G-57A; '93-'96) Alyssa Ramsey (57G-71; '00-'03) Robin Confer (77G-55; '94-'97)
Players in 20-20 Club	4	3
(20G-20A in same season)	Katie Thorlakson (23G-24A; 2004) Kerri Hanks (22G-22A; 2006) Jenny Streiffer (22G-22A; 1996) Cindy Daws (26G-20A; 1996)	Mia Hamm (32G-33A; 1992) Lindsay Tarpley (23G-27A; 2003) Robin Confer (2G-22A; 1997)
<i>Only 11 total players in D-I history have posted 20G-20A season</i>		
Led Nation in Goals/Assists [1]	Kerri Hanks (22G-22A; 2006)	[1] Mia Hamm (32G-33A; 1992)
Players w/ 55-plus career assists [1]	7	[2] 6
(NCAA rank)	(1) Holly Manthei (129; '94-'97) (2) Katie Thorlakson (73; '02-'05) (4) Jenny Streiffer (71; '96-'99) (7) Cindy Daws (67; '93-'96) (13) Shannon Boxx (57; '95-'98) (17) Anne Makinen (56; '97-'00) (18) Kerri Hanks (55; '05-)	(3) Mia Hamm (72; '89-'90; '92-'93) (4) Alyssa Ramsey (71; '00-'03) (11) Lindsay Tarpley (59; '02-'05) (12) Kacey White (58; '02-'05) (13) Debbie Keller (57; '93-'96) (18) Robin Confer (55; '94-'97)
<i>Aside from ND and UNC, only six other D-I players have reached 55 career assists; Hanks would be career assist leader at 306 D-I schools (she is only 7th on ND career assist list)</i>		
Career Games Played	(4) Jen Buczkowski (103; '03-'06) (9) Ashley Jones (102; '04-)	(1) Robin Confer (107; '94-'97) (3) Rebekah McDowell (104; '96-'99) (4) Cindy Parlow (103; '95-'98)
(NCAA rank)		
Current Senior Class Wins [1]	89-9-4	[1] 89-6-1
Winningest All-Time Classes [12]	92 wins (2006 seniors)	[1] 102 wins ('97 and '98 seniors)
<i>Florida's 1999 seniors</i> [15]	91 wins (1997 seniors)	[3] 101 wins (1999 seniors)
<i>had 89 career wins</i> [18]	89 wins (1998 and 2007 seniors)	[4] 98 wins ('95 and '96 seniors)
<i>(no other D-I classes have totaled more than 88, aside from ND and UNC at right)</i>		[6] 97 wins ('94, '00, '06 seniors)
		[9] 94 wins (2001 seniors)
		[10] 93 wins ('92 and '03 seniors)
		[12] 92 wins ('93 and '04 seniors)
		[15] 91 wins (2005 seniors)
		[17] 90 wins (2002 seniors)
		[18] 89 wins (2007 seniors)
Wins in the Decade (2000-07) [2]	163-24-6 (.860)	[1] 182-12-7 (.923)
<i>Penn St. 3rd in decade (159-25-14/.838)</i>		
Alums as U.S. Starters ('07 World Cup)	2	4
<i>More than half of starting lineup was UNC and ND alums</i>	Kate Sobrero Markgraf, Shannon Boxx	Kristine Lilly, Cat Reddick Whitehill Lori Chalupny, Heather O'Reilly

NOTRE DAME VETERANS CAREER POSTSEASON STATS (BIG EAST and NCCA)

Kerri Hanks	17G (ND record)-19A (53 pts), 3 GWG, 6 GWA, 21 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 8G-9A (28 pts), 2 GWG, 4 GWA, 12 GS</i>
Brittany Bock	13G-7A (33 pts), 20 GP/17 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 8G-2A (18 pts), 11 GP/9 GS</i>
Amanda Cinalli	10G-6A (26 pts), 2 GWG, 30 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 8G-3A (19 pts), GWG, 18 GS</i>
Michele Weissenhofer	8G-2A (18 pts), 5 GWG, 12 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 6G (12 pts), 3 GWG, 8 GS</i>
Ashley Jones	3G-6A (12 pts), GWG, 30 GP/12 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 2A, 18 GP/7 GS</i>
Susan Pinick	3G-3A (9 pts), 21 GP/1 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 2G-2A (6 pts), 12 GP</i>
Courtney Rosen	1G-3A (5 pts), 13 GP/3 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 1G-1A, 8 GP/2 GS</i>
Elise Weber	2A, 10 GS (4 Big Ten Tournament, 1 NCAAs/at Wisconsin) <i>in the NCAAs: 3 GS</i>
Carrie Dew	1G, 12 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 1G, 6 GS (injured in 2006)</i>
Amanda Clark	14 GP/7 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 8 GP/4 GS</i>
Haley Ford	9 GP/7 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 6 GS</i>
Becca Mendoza	12 GP/3 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 6 GP/1 GS</i>
Kerry Inglis	2 GP <i>in the NCAAs: 2 GP</i>
Lauren Karas	0.40 GAA, 12-1-1, 6 GA, 28 SV, 1,347 min., 18 GP/14 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 0.49 GAA, 7-1-0, 4 GA, 16 SV, 739 min., 10 GP/8 GS</i>
Kelsey Lysander	2.54 GAA, 1 GA, 2 SV, 35:30, 3 GP <i>in the NCAAs: 0.00 GAA, 0 SV, 20:38 min., 2 GP (vs. Oakland; Loyola Chicago)</i>

QUICK NOTES FROM SECOND-ROUND WIN OVER ILLINOIS

- The Irish topped the Fighting Illini 2-0, despite playing without their leading goal-scorer (junior **Brittany Bock**; 14G-3A)
- The win pushed ND's unbeaten streak to 15 games ... ND has not lost since mid-September (14-0-1) while outscoring the opposition 44-6 in that 15-game span
- With Bock held out of action due to a minor injury, two other veteran frontrunners – senior **Amanda Cinalli** and sophomore **Michele Weissenhofer** – stepped up to the occasion by combining on the first goal midway through the opening half. ... junior FKerri Hanks then forced an own-goal with her cross from the right side, giving the Irish a 2-0 lead shortly before the intermission.
- Weissenhofer – who had 18 goals as a freshman but has been slowed this season by injury – quickly sent her low shot inside the left post for her fifth goal of the season and first since late Sept. ... Cinalli (who has battled her own nagging injuries) and Weissenhofer had combined for no points in the previous nine games but each now looks to lend their veteran skills to next weekend's challenge and future games that would follow if the Irish emerge with the third-round win.
- The goal held up as the fifth postseason gamewinner in Weissenhofer's young career, tying Monica Gerardo for the most postseason GWGs ever by an Irish player (her three career GWGs in the NCAAs are one shy of that Gerardo record).
- Cinalli – who has four postseason GWGs of her own – now has totaled 26 career points in postseason play (10G-6A) ... her 19 career points in the NCAAs (8G-3A) are tied for fifth in the ND record book, trailing only Katie Thorlakson (29), Hanks (28), Gerardo (24) and Anne Makinen (20).
- Illinois nearly tied the game on a corner-kick header in the 42nd minute ... All-American Ella Masser took the corner from the right flag and Jackie Santacaterina flicked a header from the top of the six-yard box ... senior 'keeper **Lauren Karas** saw the play developing and turned in one of the biggest saves of her career, lunging back and to her right to snatch the ball at waist level.
- Notre Dame now is 29-3-0 in series openers during the nine-year Randy Waldrum era and the Irish now are 9-1-0 all-time when playing a series opener in the NCAA ... Illinois became the latest in a long string of visiting teams that have failed to beat the Irish in their first official game vs. ND at Alumni Field (teams are 4-44-1 in such games, dating back to 1993) ... Oklahoma State remains the only first-time visitor among the past 19 to leave with a win over Notre Dame.
- Hanks has points in 19 of 21 postseason games during her career ... she also has points in 33 of the past 36 games (with a pair of 13-game point streaks, a 7-game point streak and no back-to-back games without a point in that span).
- ND owns a 35-8 scoring margin at home this season (23-13 in all road games).
- Senior M **Ashley Jones** has played in all 102 games over the past four seasons and is tied for ninth on the NCAA D-I list for career games played, behind her former ND teammate Jen Buczkowski (103; 4th in NCAA history) ... Cinalli (97) is tied with Kate Sobrero for 13th on the ND career GP charts (one out of 10th) ... the only ND classmates with more combined career games played than Jones and Cinalli (199) are: Buczkowski and Christie Shaner (100) with 203 and Jenny Streiffer and Jen Grubb (each 100) with 200.
- Karas dropped her career goals-against avg. to 0.57 and raised her career win pct. to .914 (52-4-2), both on pace to be ND records ... she has a lowly 0.29 GAA during the 15-game unbeaten streak.
- ND's 23 games this season have included 12 shutouts, 18 with 0-1 GA and 22 with 0-2 GA.
- Hanks (352) is two shots shy of tying the ND record for career shots (356, by Cindy Daws).

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

3,412	Record ND crowd for 2007 exhibition vs. UNC
.773 (42-12-1)	ND's all-time NCAA Tournament win pct. (2nd in women's soccer history)
366	Randy Waldrum's career college coaching wins
260-3-1 (.987)	ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (156-1-0 since 10/6/95)
260	Win streak when taking 2-0 lead (278-0-1 all-time)
182-28-8 (.853)	Randy Waldrum's record at ND
79	Home unbeaten streak vs. the BIG EAST(78-0-1)
62	Games with 0-1 goals allowed in 2005-07 (of 75)
54	ND records held by Kerri Hanks
50-19-4	vs. NSCAA top-25 in Waldrum era
41-2-1	Record in '05-'07 when Kerri Hanks scores
37	All-Americans (since 1994)
36	Consec. wins when scoring first (now 49-2-1)
34	Career goals (15)/asts (19) by Hanks on set plays
33	Wins in 2005-07 by 3-plus goals (in 75 GP)
29-2-1	All-time record in BIG EAST Tournament
21	Overtime unbeaten streak (14-0-7; 1999-2007)
20	Academic All-Americans (since '95; most in nation)
18	Career header goals by Brittany Bock (6 in 2007)
17	Career postseason goals by Hanks (ND record)
14	Current players who have won club/ODPnat'l titles
13	Recent point streak by Hanks (ended vs. ILL)
12	Notre Dame alums in the WUSA (2001-03)
11	BIG EAST regular-season titles (all but '98, '02)
10	Home states on 2007 roster
9	BIG EAST tournament titles (1995-2001; 2005-06)
8	NCAA College Cup semifinal trips
7	Starters returning from 2006 team
4.0	Semester GPAs posted four times by Ashley Jones (3.98 cum. GPA/accounting major)
4	Consecutive BE offensive players of the year
3.32	Team's cumulative GPA(after '07 spring term)
3	All-time D-I players to reach 50G-50A as juniors (ND's Jen Streiffer, Kerri Hanks; UNC's Mia Hamm)
3	Consecutive seasons ranked #1 ('04-'06)
3	Multiple NCAA-title teams (UNC, ND, Portland)
1	Starters left from 2004 national champs (Cinalli)

RECAPPING THE ND-UNC 2007 PRESEASON GAME (2-2; Alumni Field; Aug. 19)

- The largest crowd ever to watch any soccer game at Notre Dame (3,412) did not go home disappointed, as both teams displayed a high level of all-around skill with just a couple days of preseason training under their belts ... the game was a rare early-season rematch of the previous year's NCAA title game, with several of the key players on hand for the exhibition action.
- Amanda Cinalli's goal in the game's seventh minute gave the fired-up home team the early lead but Whitney Engen's rocket shot tied the game early in the second half ... Rachel Givan then gave UNC the lead with 24 minutes left to play but the Irish quickly re-tied the game, on a goal by Kerri Hanks.
- Notre Dame finished with a 14-7 edge in total shots and a 6-4 margin in shots on goal while each team attempted two corner kicks (all in the second half).
- The attendance of 3,412 is the largest for any home soccer game at Notre Dame (for a men's or women's game, including any fall pre-season or spring games) - even surpassing the big crowd that showed up in the spring of 2005 when both Irish soccer teams battled with Mexican national-team squads (the attendance that night was slightly over 3,000) ... equally as impressive was the 1,318 tickets that were presold for the game, believed to be the highest presale total for a Notre Dame varsity sport event (outside of football, men's/women's basketball, baseball and possibly hockey).
- ND junior center back Carrie Dew and senior F/M Susan Pinnick (a top reserve) did not play due to injury while UNC was without several top regulars as well (namely Robin Gayle, Tobin Heath and Ariel Harris).
- The teams went at it for 90 minutes and then called it a day without the need for playing any overtime ... ND used 16 field players and all three goalkeepers (who each played 30 minutes) while UNC cycled in 18 field players and their pair of 'keepers.
- ND came out flying in the first half and nearly scored in the second minute, as Hanks ran onto a quick touch from sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer and got free into the right side of the box ... but her former U.S. Under-19 national teammate Ashlyn Harris was quick off her line and stuffed the shot at the top of the six-yard box.
- Cinalli opened the scoring five minutes later, on a play set up by sophomore center back Haley Ford's flare pass from the kickoff circle ... the pass led Hanks down the left flank and she one-touched her own pass off the outside of her right foot, sending the leftfooted Weissenhofer into the left side of the box ... Harris ranged well out of the six-yard box and was closing on the ball - but Weissenhofer deftly played a chip with the outside of her right foot, with the ball glancing off the hands of the charging 'keeper and carrying into the center of the box ... a UNC defender failed to clear the ball on the slick grass, and Cinalli was in position to sweep her sliding leftfooted shot into the vacated net (6:29).
- Engen tied the game five minutes into the second half, after recovering her own ball that was played off Fowlkes on the right flank of the slick field ... Engen quickly sized up her shot from 20 yards out, beyond the upper right corner of the box, and drilled a well-placed shot that eluded sophomore 'keeper Kelsey Lysander and settled into the far-left side of the net (50:32).
- A nice combination play gave UNC the lead midway through the half ... Casey Nogueira scooped the ball from the edge of the attacking third, with Sterling Smith then quickly cycling the ball outside the top of the penalty box ... Smith's pass led Givan into the left side of the box ... Givan was angling into the play and took the ball in stride before scoring on a high shot to the far-post shot, beat freshman 'keeper Nikki Weiss for the 2-1 lead (76:33).
- Less than two minutes later, ND's Amanda Clark played a deep free kick from the right side of the midfield line ... the ball skipped into the heart of the penalty area and the UNC again failed to make the quick clear, as Hanks collected the ball and beat the charging Anna Rodenbough with a low shot inside the right post (78:17).
- The Irish nearly scored again in the 80th minute, after a ball played from Bock in the left corner. With a UNC defender converging, the leftfooted Weissenhofer had minimal space in the upper left side of the box - but her quickness and expert body control allowed her to squeeze of a shot that smacked off the near post to maintain the tie score.

POSTGAME COMMENTS FROM ND HEAD COACH RANDY WALDRUM - "I thought today we had the better opportunities. We fought for every loose ball. It's one of the best games we've played against Carolina since I've been here. We came out with the attitude that we could win. I would have liked to have that last December, but maybe we'll have it this December. ... We really talked about keeping the ball and slowing their pressure down. Last year in the final, we got caught up playing in Carolina's tempo and style of play - and that's not what got us there to begin with. The gameplan that we had to deal with them today was a key. I was really proud of how the team followed the plan. I also was proud of them to give up the two goals - knowing that they had the better chances during the game - and we easily could have folded. Instead, we came right back and tied it up. ... We are entering this season with a lot of questions unanswered in the defense, after losing Lorenzen and Shaner to graduation and then Dew not playing today. Some of the newcomers stepped in - Stephanie Sohn, Julie Scheidler and Elise Weber - and they all played great. Amanda Clark was solid wherever we put her. She is very destructive to the opposition. She is such a hard tackler and she is aggressive and is the type of defender that good forwards don't want in a physical confrontation. She was very physical from the get-go and that set the tone. She read the game well and avoided the tendency to give the ball away out of the back. We were really pleased with Scheidler. She was very good handling the pressure of this game and played with a lot of confidence."

POSTGAME COMMENTS FROM UNC HEAD COACH ANSON DORRANCE - "Notre Dame in the first half totally outplayed us and they were only up 1-0, but I told my team that we easily could have been down three or four. We talked to the girls about some things we had to do within our system to make the game more competitive for us. We made those adjustments and the second half was better for us. ... The passion that Notre Dame came out with was just fabulous and put us under the gun immediately. We just struggled to weather their pressure but at halftime we had the chance to settle the troops a little bit. Randy and I felt that we both got something out of the game and nobody got hurt. Both teams will benefit going into the season by playing this match."

Notre Dame All-Time Series Versus North Carolina (2-9-2; H: 0-1-1; A: 1-1-0; N: 1-6-1)

Date	Site	Result	Score	NCAA Ranking (at time of game)
10/15/93	Houston, TX	L	0-3	ND 5 UNC 1
10/2/94	St. Louis, MO (ot)	T	0-0	ND 2 UNC 1
11/20/94	Portland, OR*	L	0-5	ND 1 UNC 2
10/15/95	Houston, TX	L	0-2	ND 6 UNC 1
12/1/95	Chapel Hill, NC# W	1-0	ND 4 UNC 1	
10/4/96	Durham, NC (ot) W	2-1	ND 2 UNC 1	
12/8/96	Santa Clara, CA* (ot)	L	0-1	ND 1 UNC 2
9/19/97	Notre Dame, IN	T	2-2	ND 2 UNC 1
9/13/98	Chapel Hill, NC	L	1-5	ND 2 UNC 1
9/3/99	Notre Dame, IN (ot)	L	2-3	ND 7 UNC 1
12/5/99	San Jose, CA*	L	0-2	ND 5 UNC 3
12/1/00	San Jose, CA#	L	1-2	ND 1 UNC 5
12/3/06	Cary, NC*	L	1-2	ND 1 UNC 1

* NCAA championship final # NCAA championship semifinal

Result Notes

- Prior to the upcoming game, the '99 NCAA final was the only time in the history of the series that one of the teams was not ranked #1
- The higher-ranked team is only 6-4-2 in the series (teams were co-#1 entering the 2006 title game)
- Four ND-UNC games on the NCAA final weekend have stopped teams from rare unbeaten seasons (ND was 23-0-1 before losing the '94 title game; UNC was 25-0-0 before losing the '95 title game; ND was 23-0-1 before its 2000 semifinal; and ND was 25-0-1 before losing the '06 title game) ... from 1994-2003, there was only one unbeaten NCAA champion (UNC in '97)
- ND is 2-9-2 in its all-time series vs. UNC but 32-3-1 vs. all other teams currently in the ACC
- UNC's all-time record (629-28-18) includes only 10 opponents that have totaled at least two games vs. the Tar Heels that were not losses (wins or ties) ... ND is one of those teams and owns the best win pct. from that group (.231: 2-9-2), followed by Santa Clara's .222 (4-14) ... all other teams (besides ND and SCU) are only 25-625-17 vs. UNC (.050), with ND and SCU accounting for nearly one-fourth of the all-time wins over UNC ... here's the list of teams with at least two wins/ties vs. UNC:

Teams vs. UNC	W-L-T	Pct.	Notes
Notre Dame	2-9-2	.231	ND is 1-4-2 vs. UNC in regular-season games (.286), 1-5-0 in the NCAAs
Santa Clara	4-14-0	.222	
George Mason	1-14-2	.118	
Connecticut	2-16-0	.111	
Central Florida	0-15-3	.083	UCF has faced UNC just twice since 1991
William & Mary	1-20-1	.068	
Florida State	1-21-1	.065	
Duke	2-38-1	.061	
N.C. State	1-37-2	.050	
Virginia	0-38-2	.025	

Most wins plus ties (non-losses) vs. UNC

- 4 Notre Dame (2-9-2) and Santa Clara (4-14-0)
- 3 Duke, N.C. State, George Mason, UCF
- 2 UConn, Florida State, William & Mary, Virginia

Teams with multiple wins vs. UNC

- 4 Santa Clara
- 2 Notre Dame, UConn and Duke

Historic and Noteworthy Series Moments

- The 1994 tie (0-0, in St. Louis) snapped UNC's 92-game winning streak (longest in D-I history for any team-based sport).
- ND's 1-0 win at UNC in the 1995 NCAA semifinals ended UNC's run of national titles (9) and kept the Tar Heels out of the title game for the first time since the tournament began in 1982.
- Jenny Streiffer's pair of goals in the 1996 regular-season game (2-1/OT, at Duke) made ND the first team ever to defeat UNC in consecutive meetings (since matched by only Santa Clara).
- ND has been shut out only 14 times since '94, with five of those shutouts coming in games vs. UNC (three in title games).
- The 1997 tie came on an "electric" night at Alumni Field, with an overflow crowd of 3,000-plus buzzing as ND's Jenny Heft tied the game in the 69th minute, with the game halted in the 72nd minute (and ultimately ended) due to lightning.
- The first game of the Randy Waldrum era at ND saw Mia Sarkesian give the Irish a 2-1 lead shortly before halftime, but Kim Patrick tied the game with 2:56 left in regulation and Meredith Florance scored the gamewinner with just 1:00 left in the second OT (the game nearly became the third tie in the series) ... after that game, ND went 14-0-7 in its next 21 OT games ... the 1999 game vs. UNC is ND's only loss in a season opener since 1992.
- The teams also played a preseason exhibition in 2002, won 4-2 by UNC in nearby Ft. Wayne, Ind.

FRIEND OR FOE? – Several Notre Dame and UNC players have past history as teammates on various club, ODP and national teams:

<u>Notre Dame Player</u>	<u>UNC Player(s)</u>	<u>Teams</u>
Kerri Hanks	Jessica Maxwell Ashlyn Harris Tobin Heath/Casey Nogueira	Dallas Texans ('03 national champs) U.S. Under-19 National Team Full National Team camp (Dec. '06)
Brittany Bock	Heath /Nogueira / Allie Long Ariel Harris / Whitney Engen Ashlyn Harris / Yale Averbuch / Jaime Gilbert Mandy Moraca / Nikki Washington	U.S. U-20s U.S. U-20 camps U-17s and U-19s U.S. U-16s
Carrie Dew	Heath / Nogueira / Long Ariel Harris / Engen Moraca / Washington Engen Ali Hawkins (injured for '07)	U.S. U-20s U.S. U-20 camps U.S. U-16s Cal-South state ODP San Diego Surf/Cal-South ODP
Haley Ford (injured)	Washington / Kristi Evelend	Dallas Texans ('06 nat'l champs)
Courtney Rosen	Heath Engen	U.S. U-17s U.S. U-20s
Lauren Fowlkes	Heath / Washington / Rachel Givan / Hawkins	U.S. U-17s
Micaela Alvarez	Heath	N.J. state ODP
Kelsey Lysander	Hawkins	San Diego Surf
Taylor Knaack (inj.)	Washington / Leslie Briggs	Dallas Texans

Notre Dame All-Time in the NCAA Round-of-16

1993	L	1-2	vs. #10 George Mason (at Wisconsin)
1994	W	3-1	vs. #16 George Mason
1995	W	5-0	vs. #18 Wisconsin
1996	W	2-0	vs. #13 Maryland
1997	W	6-0	vs. #6 Nebraska
1998	W	2-1	vs. #13 Nebraska
1999	W	1-0	vs. #8 Stanford
2000	W	2-0	vs. Harvard
2002	L	0-1	at #1 Stanford
2004	W	2-0	vs. #15 Connecticut
2005	W	5-2	vs. #22 Yale
2006	W	3-0	vs. #17 Colorado
Totals	10-2-0	32-7	

WINNINGEST TEAMS OF THE CURRENT DECADE (2000-07; prior to NCAA round-of-16)

North Carolina	182-12-8	.921 win pct.	22.8 wins per season
Notre Dame	163-24-6	.860 win pct.	20.4 wins per season
Penn State	159-25-14	.838 win pct.	19.9 wins per season
UCLA	156-27-8	.838 win pct.	19.5 wins per season
Portland	152-26-9	.837 win pct.	19.0 wins per season

WINNINGEST TEAMS OF THE 1990s (1990-99)

1. North Carolina	216-7-3	.962 win pct.	21.6 wins per season
2. Notre Dame	196-27-11	.861 win pct.	19.6 wins per season

NCAA Tournament All-Time Winning Percentage

1. North Carolina	.931	94-7-0
2. Notre Dame	.773	42-12-1

NCAA Championship Seasons

1. North Carolina	18	
2. Notre Dame	2	1995, 2004
Portland	2	

others: George Mason, Florida and Santa Clara

Most NCAA Title Game Appearances

1. North Carolina	21
2. Notre Dame	6
3. Connecticut	4

Most NCAA Title Games From 1994-2006

1. North Carolina	9
2. Notre Dame	6
3. Portland/UCLA	3

Most College Cup/Semifinal Trips

1. North Carolina	23
2. Santa Clara	10
3. ND/Portland	8

Most College Cup/Semifinal From 1994-2006

1. North Carolina	11
2. Notre Dame	8
3. Portland	8
4. Santa Clara	7

Most NCAA Quarterfinal Appearances Since 1994

13	UNC
11	ND
11	Santa Clara
10	Portland

Most NCAA Round-of-16 Appearances From 1993-2007

15	UNC
13	ND, UConn and Portland

Most Trips to the NCAA Round-of-32 From 1993-2007

15	ND and UNC
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Most Wins in a Season (ND and UNC have accounted for 10 of the 11 seasons with 25-plus wins)

27	UNC	1997, 2003 and 2006
26	Florida	1998

Teams with 25 wins have included UNC in 1992, '94, '95, '96 and '98, and Notre Dame in 2004 and '06.

NSCAA All-Americans Since 1994

1. North Carolina	41
2. Notre Dame	37
3. Portland	26

CoSIDA Academic All-Americans Since 1995

1. Notre Dame	20
2. North Carolina	14

Hermann Trophy Recipients

1. North Carolina	6 players (8 awards)
2. Notre Dame	3 players
3. Portland	2 players (3 awards)

Shannon Higgins (1989), Kristine Lilly (1991), Mia Hamm (1992-93), Tisha Venturini (1994), Cindy Parlow (1997-98), Cat Reddick (2003) Cindy Daws (1996), Anne Makinen (2000), Kerri Hanks (2006) Shannon MacMillan (1995), Christine Sinclair (2004, 2005)

Hermann Trophy Recipients since 1996

1. Notre Dame	3 players
2. North Carolina	2 players (3 awards)
3. Santa Clara	2 players
4. Portland	1 player (2 awards)

Cindy Daws (1996), Anne Makinen (2000), Kerri Hanks (2006) Cindy Parlow (1997-98), Cat Reddick (2003) Mandy Clemens (1999), Aly Wagner (2002) Christine Sinclair (2004, 2005)

Most Trips to the NCAA Title Game

1. Anson Dorrance (UNC)	21
2. Len Tsantiris (UConn)	4
3. Randy Waldrum (ND)	3 (1999, 2004, 2006)
4. Jillian Ellis (UCLA)	3

Most Trips to the NCAA Title Game from 1999-2006

1. Anson Dorrance (UNC)	5
2. Randy Waldrum (ND)	3 (1999, 2004, 2006)
3. Jillian Ellis (UCLA)	3
4. Jerry Smith (Santa Clara)	2

Notre Dame All-Time NCAA Tournament Games Played On Opponent's Field (2-2-1)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>NSCAA Ranking (at time of game)</i>
11/18/94	Semifinal	at Portland	W	1-0	ND 1, Portland 7
12/1/95	Semifinal	at North Carolina	W	1-0	ND 4, UNC 1
11/28/99	Quarterfinal	at Nebraska	T	1-1	ND 5, Nebraska 4 (ND adv. 4-3 on PKs)
11/23/02	Round-of-16	at Stanford	L	0-1	ND 19, Stanford 1
11/25/05	Quarterfinal	at Portland	L	1-3	ND 2, Portland 6

Notre Dame's Other All-Time NCAA Tournament Games vs. ACC teams (UNC, listed earlier)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Round</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>NSCAA Ranking (at time of game)</i>
11/24/96	Quarterfinal	ND (Saint Mary's)	W	2-0	ND 2, MD 13
12/1/96	Semifinal	Cary, NC	W	2-1	ND 1, FSU 5

PLAYING THE FIELD – Notre Dame owned a 5-4-1 record in the 2007 regular season vs. teams in the 2007 NCAA field, posting wins over Florida (2-0), Connecticut (2-1/OT), Louisville (1-0) and Georgetown (3-0; 2-0) – plus the 1-1 tie at WVU in the BIG EAST title game and losses to Stanford (1-2/OT), Penn State (1-2), Santa Clara (1-7) and Oklahoma State (1-2) ... the Irish also tied North Carolina (2-2) and beat Virginia (3-1) during 2007 preseason exhibitions.

ND IN THE NCAAs – Notre Dame owns a 42-12-1 all-time record (.773) in NCAA Tournament play, including 34-3-0 (.919) in NCAA games played at Alumni Field ... the Irish have claimed NCAA titles in 1995 and 2004, joining UNC and Portland as the only repeat winners in the history of the tournament ... ND lost its first-ever NCAA Tournament game (2-1 vs. George Mason, in 1993; played in Madison, Wis.), a first-round game in the old 32-team format ... ND reached at least the final-32 in all 14 of its previous trips to the NCAAs and is making its 13 round-of-16 appearance (also 10 trips to the quarterfinals; eight College Cup/semifinal appearances; and NCAA runner-up finishes in 1994, '96, '99 and 2006, plus the titles in '95 and '04) ... since the NCAA field expanded to 64 teams in 2001, ND has gone 6-0-0 in the first round with a 27-2 scoring edge in those games.

GOING TO CAROLINA – The Notre Dame women's soccer program has gone 8-6 in 14 previous games played in the state of North Carolina (8-3-0 from 1995-2006) ... the 1995 NCAA championship season saw ND beat host UNC and Portland (3 OT) in a pair of 1-0 College Cup games at Fetzer Field ... the Irish then added a pair of top wins at the 1996 Duke tournament (2-1 vs. UNC in OT, 2-0 vs. Duke) but lost to BIG EAST foe Connecticut in the 1997 NCAA semifinal played at UNC Greensboro Stadium (1-2) ... the Irish returned to Fetzer Field for the 1998 UNC tournament (3-0 vs. Duke, 1-5 vs. UNC) but did not play in the state of North Carolina for the next five seasons (1999-2003) before the NCAA final weekends held in Cary to cap the 2004 (1-0 vs. Santa Clara; 0-0/4-3 PKs in title game vs. UCLA) and 2006 seasons (2-1 vs. Florida State; 1-2 vs. UNC in championship game) ... the early years of the ND program included games at Duke (0-4) and UNCG (1-5) in 1990 and at N.C. State in 1992 (3-4).

NOTRE DAME'S RECORD IN 2007 WHEN ...

Leading at halftime	14-2-0	losses to Stanford (1-2/OT) and Penn State (1-2)
Tied at halftime	2-0-2	
Leading or tied at halftime	16-2-2	
Trailing at halftime	1-2-0	
Outshooting opponent	17-2-1	losses to Oklahoma State (1-2) and Penn State (1-2/OT) (19 straight games outshooting opponent)
Outshot by opponent	0-3-0	consecutive games vs. Florida, Santa Clara, Stanford
More corner kicks that opp.	13-2-1	losses to Santa Clara and Oklahoma State
Same CKs as opponent	3-0-0	
More/same CKs as opp.	16-2-1	
Fewer CKs than opponent	1-2-1	

NOTRE DAME 2007 AWAY STATS (includes neutral sites)

7-2-1 record	(10-2-1 at home)
21-13 scoring margin	(37-8 at home)

Away Scoring

Kerri Hanks	3G-10A	16 pts	1 GWG	(10G-5A, 35 pts, 3 GWGs at home)
Brittany Bock	6G-2A	14 pts	3 GWGs	(8G-1A, 17 pts, 4 GWGs at home)

TOP SCORING DUOS IN THE NATION (among top-25 teams); prior to NCAA round-of-16

FLORIDA STATE

Mami Yamaguchi	22 goals	14 assists	58 points	5 game-winning goals
Sanna Talonen	13 goals	5 assists	31 points	4 game-winning goals
Combined	35 goals	19 assists	89 points	9 GWGs

UCLA

Lauren Cheney	21 goals	10 assists	52 points	8 game-winning goals
Daneshia Adams	13 goals	8 assists	34 points	4 game-winning goals
Combined	34 goals	18 assists	86 points	12 GWGs

NOTRE DAME

Kerri Hanks	13 goals	15 assists	41 points	4 game-winning goals
Brittany Bock	14 goals	3 assists	31 points	7 game-winning goals
Combined	27 goals	18 assists	72 points	11 GWGs

MISSOURI

Kristin Andrighetto	14 goals	9 assists	37 points	4 game-winning goals
Michelle Collins	12 goals	6 assists	30 points	3 game-winning goals
Combined	26 goals	15 assists	67 points	7 GWGs

PENN STATE

Katie Schoepfer	15 goals	6 assists	36 points	7 game-winning goals
Aubrey Aden-Buie	12 goals	2 assists	26 points	5 game-winning goals
Combined	27 goals	8 assists	62 points	12 GWGs

ANOTHER DYNAMIC DUO – Notre Dame junior F **Kerri Hanks** now has been part of three different potent scoring pairs during her ND career, first with **Katie Thorlakson** in 2005, then with current sophomore **Michele Weissenhofer** in 2006, and now with fellow junior **Brittany Bock** in the current season ... Hanks became the first player in the nation this season with double-digit goals and assists (13G-18A), with her 44 total points now ranking sixth in the nation while her 18 assists are second-most among the nation's players ... Bock has totaled 31 points this season (14G-3A) ... Bock's 10 goals during BIG EAST play this season were the most in the league ... Hanks (vs. DePaul) and Bock (at Syracuse) combined for two of the four hat tricks in BIG EAST games during the 2007 regular season.

PICK YOUR POISON

2005	Katie Thorlakson (18G-35A; 71 pts)	and Kerri Hanks (28G-15A; 71 pts)	combined: 46G-50A (142 pts)
2006	Hanks (22G-22A; 66 pts)	and Michele Weissenhofer (18G-17A; 53 pts)	combined: 40G-39A (119 pts)
2007	Hanks (13G-18A; 44 pts)	and Brittany Bock (14G-3A; 31 pts)	combined: 27G-21A (75 pts)

CAREER GOALS BY NOTRE DAME CLASSMATES

150	1996-99	Jenny Heft (80) Jenny Streiffer (70)
124	1997-2000	Anne Makinen (65) Meotis Erikson (59)
114	1992-95	Michelle McCarthy (59) Rosella Guerrero (55)
112	1995-98	Monica Gerardo (73) Shannon Boxx (39)
101	2005-07	Kerri Hanks (63) Brittany Bock (38)

CAREER GAME-WINNING GOALS BY NOTRE DAME CLASSMATES

36	1992-95	Michelle McCarthy (19) Rosella Guerrero (16)
34	1996-99	Jenny Heft (19) Jenny Streiffer (15)
29	2000-03	Amanda Guertin (18) Amy Warner (11)
29	1997-2000	Anne Makinen (16) Meotis Erikson (13)
28	2005-07	Kerri Hanks (16) Brittany Bock (12)

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Notre Dame women's soccer senior M/D **Ashley Jones** (Westlake Village, Calif.) earlier this week was named to the 11-player *ESPN The Magazine* first team Academic All-America list for the second straight year while junior M/F **Brittany Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) was named to the third team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA ... Notre Dame joined North Carolina (two second-teamers) and Penn State (second- and third-teamer) as the only women's soccer teams with multiple players on the 2007 Academic All-America team.

Jones – who carries a 3.98 cumulative grade-point average as an accounting major – has appeared in all 102 games of her Notre Dame career while helping the Irish go 89-9-4 in that four-year span ... she follows former defender Vanessa Pruzinsky (2000, '01, '03) and goalkeeper Erika Bohn ('04, '05) as the third Notre Dame women's soccer player ever to be named a first team Academic All-American in multiple seasons ... Jones is tied for fifth on the 2007 team with 11 points (3 goals, 5 assists) and has helped spark the team on its current 15-game unbeaten streak (14-0-1; 17-4-2 overall).

Bock recently was named the BIG EAST Conference co-player of the year for the 2007 season, after leading the conference with 10 goals during BIG EAST play (her 14G rank 21st in all of D-I this season) ... the converted midfielder has totaled 13 of her 14 goals this season over the course of her past 13 games played ... Bock owns a 3.25 cumulative GPA as a business marketing major and has been a member of various United States youth national teams in recent years.

The Notre Dame women's soccer program's unmatched tradition of Academic All-America excellence now includes 20 selections during the past 13 seasons (the most honors from any D-I women's soccer team in that span) ... seven Notre Dame women's soccer players now have combined for 11 first-team Academic All-America honors, with the Irish program producing at least one first-teamer in eight of the past 12 years ... at least one Notre Dame women's soccer player has been named Academic All-America in 11 of the past 13 seasons (all but '99 and '02).

ND earlier had four players named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District V team, as Jones and Bock were named to the first team while senior F/M **Susan Pinnick** (South Bend, Ind.) and sophomore M/D **Amanda Clark** (Naperville, Ill.) were second-team selections ... Notre Dame's total of four players earning first- or second-team Academic All-District honors was tied with two other teams for second-most in the most in the country, spanning the eight CoSIDA districts and more than 300 Division I women's soccer programs ... Jones and Bock made Notre Dame one of 17 teams nationwide with multiple players on the respective first team Academic All-District lists.

Pinnick carries a 3.86 cumulative GPA, as an accounting major, and ranks third on the 2007 team in scoring with 13 points (5G-3A), contributing all but one of those points during the current unbeaten streak ... Clark (a 3.44 student, as a business major) has settled in as Notre Dame's starting defensive midfielder and has appeared in all 50 games during the past two years (including starts in all 23 games this season).

Jones and Bock helped the Notre Dame women's soccer squad compile a 3.30 team GPA during the 2007 spring semester, representing one of the top GPAs posted by any of Notre Dame's 26 varsity teams during the 2006-07 academic year.

This marks the eighth season – including four of the past five (all but 2006) – that multiple Notre Dame women's soccer players have been named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (also 1995, 1996, 2000 and 2001).

The 16 teams remaining in the 2007 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship field include six – Notre Dame, Stanford, West Virginia, North Carolina, Penn State and Texas – that feature players who were among the 33 total Academic All-America honorees ... Jones joins Stanford defender Rachel Buehler and West Virginia forward Ashley Banks as the only first team Academic All-Americans whose teams still are alive in the NAAs.

The BIG EAST had the most players (5) among the 33 Academic All-Americans: Jones, Banks, Bock, Louisville goalkeeper Joanna Haig (1st team) and Marquette goalkeeper Laura Boyer (3rd team) ... the Academic All-Americans include four other players who have faced the Irish this season: Buehler, Penn State forward Aubrey Aden-Buie and midfielder Zoe Bouchelle, and Oklahoma State defender Niccolò Grimaldi (plus two from upcoming opponent UNC, in 'keeper Anna Rodenbough and midfielder Yael Averbuch).

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HISTORY – ND women's soccer players now have combined for 20 All-America honors during the past 13 seasons (most by any D-I women's soccer program during that span) ... seven ND women's soccer players have combined for 10 first team Academic All-America honors, with the Irish program producing at least one first-teamer in eight of the past 12 years ... at least one ND women's soccer player has been named Academic All-America in 11 of the past 13 seasons (all but '99 and '02) ... the program easily could have laid claim to honorees in the other two years, as Jenny Streiffer somehow was passed over in her 1999 All-America season (despite previously being an Academic All-American in '97 and '98) while an injury to Vanessa Pruzinsky prevented her from earning her third straight Academic All-America honor in '02 (which instead came in '03) ... ND's honorees include three who have been multiple-year first teamers: standout defender Pruzinsky (2000, '01 and '03), goalkeeper Erika Bohn ('04, '05) and M/D Ashley Jones ('06, '07) ... the program's other first team Academic All-Americans have included goalkeeper Jen Renola ('96), forward Amy VanLaecke ('96), M/F Streiffer ('97) and midfielder Annie Scheffer ('05) ... CoSIDA did not begin naming an exclusive women's soccer Academic All-America team until 2001 ... prior to '01, women's soccer was part of the fall and winter "at-large" program, a highly selective process that honored soccer players as part of a larger sampling that included multiple sports ... Renola was recognized as the 1996 CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year for fall and winter "at-large" sports while Pruzinsky was the Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer in 2003, when she returned for a fifth year of eligibility as a graduate student after graduating in May of 2003 with a 4.0 cumulative GPA (the first female student at Notre Dame ever to do so as a chemical engineering major) ... more than half (11 of 20) of the ND women's soccer Academic All-Americans have been first-team honorees ... those receiving second-team honors have included Renola and VanLaecke in 1995, Streiffer in '98, defender Monica Gonzalez in 2001, Bohn in '03, forward Mary Boland in '03, and Scheffer in '05 ... forward Meotis Erikson was named a third team Academic All-American in 2000 (as was M/F Brittany Bock in '07) ... Pruzinsky, Bohn and Boland in 2003 became the first group of three D-I women's soccer teammates ever named Academic All-American for the same season.

FOUR IRISH PLAYERS NAMED TO UPDATED HERMANN TROPHY BALLOT

• Four Notre Dame women's soccer players – senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli**, junior forwards **Kerri Hanks** and **Brittany Bock**, and junior left back **Elise Weber** – were among the 54 players under consideration during the recent balloting for the annual Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, which is presented to the nation's top player ... ND joined North Carolina (4) and Penn State (4) as the teams with the most players under consideration for the prestigious award ... members of the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) have submitted their votes that will determine the 15 women's semifinalists for the Hermann (TBA on Nov. 26) ... after another round of voting, three finalists then will be announced in early December and those individuals will be invited to the Missouri Athletic Club for the Hermann Trophy ceremony on Jan. 11 ... the 54 names on the ballot included players who were on the preseason watch list (Hanks and Cinalli among them) and others who were nominated during the course of the season, namely Bock and Weber ... ND similarly had the most players on the updated Hermann Trophy ballot during the 2006 season (Hanks, former midfielders Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek, and current junior center back Carrie Dew).

• **HANKS** (Allen, Texas) in 2006 became the youngest player by class year – male or female – ever to receive the Hermann Trophy ... she was the nation's first player to reach double-digit goals and assists during the 2007 season, with only three players joining her in that distinction (from the 313 other Division I teams) ... Hanks recently had a 13-game point streak (ended last week vs. Illinois) and currently ranks sixth nationally with 41 total points, on 13 goals and 15 assists (second-most in the nation) ... earlier this season, she became the third D-I women's soccer player ever to reach 50 career goals and 50 assists prior to her senior season (now 63 goals and 52 assists).

• **BOCK** (Naperville, Ill.) – named the BIG EAST Conference 2007 co-offensive player of the year – joins Hanks to form one of the nation's top-scoring tandems ... all but two of Bock's 31 points this season (14G-3A) have come during Notre Dame's current 15-game unbeaten streak, in 13 games played (13G-3A) ... she was named the national player of the week in back-to-back weeks during a midseason stretch that saw her post matching nine-point weekends (4G-1A): first at Syracuse (3G) and St. John's (1G-1A) and then at home versus Georgetown (2G) and Villanova (2G-1A).

• **WEBER** (Elk Grove, Ill.) has emerged as one of the nation's top outside backs while totaling 2G-7A, as a starter in all 23 games this season ... the transfer from Wisconsin owns one of the top point totals (11) of any defender in the BIG EAST while also compiling one of the most noteworthy offensive seasons ever by an ND defensive player ... despite being relegated to third team all-BIG EAST honors for the 2007 season, Weber was one of only 12 defenders on the updated Hermann Trophy ballot (UConn's Brittany Taylor was the only other BIG EAST defender on the list).

• **CINALLI** (Maple Hts, Ohio), slowed by a midseason hamstring injury, has totaled 3G-5A in 2007 while appearing in 18 of the 23 games ... the four-year starter has led the way for ND's current senior group that has helped the Irish total 89 wins during the 2004-07 seasons (tying them with North Carolina as the nation's winningest senior class for the current season) ... Cinalli (34G-31A) joins Hanks and Bock (38G-19A) in giving Notre Dame three players with 30-plus career goals, making the 2007 squad the first Irish team since 1999 with that distinction.

• In addition to the ND quartet, the other BIG EAST players on the updated Hermann Trophy ballot included UConn's Taylor and M/F Megan Schnur, two West Virginia players (F Ashley Banks and M Amanda Cicchini), Villanova goalkeeper Jillian Loyden and Marquette forward Allison Mallams ... ND's 2007 opponents (including those from the preseason) include 17 other players who are on the Hermann ballot: the four from UNC (midfielders Yael Averbuch, Tobin Heath and Allie Long, plus defender Jessica Maxwell), four more from Penn State (M Sheree Gray, G Alyassa Naeher, D Denay Riley and F Katie Schoepfer), three Florida players (M Ameera Abdullah, F/M Stacy Bishop and D Lauren Hyde), two each from Virginia (D Nikki Krzysik and F Jess Rostedt) and Stanford (D Rachel Buehler and F Kelley O'Hara), Oklahoma State midfielder Yolanda Odenyo and Santa Clara forward Meagan Snell.

CONFERENCE COMMAND – Notre Dame is riding a 13-year, 79-game home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST opponents (78-0-1; tie vs. Rutgers in 2004) and has an active 38-game overall unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (36-0-2, since a 2005 loss at Marquette) ... ND's all-time record in BIG EAST regular-season games is 117-8-4 (.921), plus 29-2-1 in the BIG EAST Tournament and 2-1-0 in NCAA Tournament games vs. BIG EAST teams (all vs. UConn) – for an overall 13-year record of 148-11-5 (.918) vs. BIG EAST teams.

LONGEST CONFERENCE UNBEATEN STREAKS IN NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY

55	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 23, 1994 to Sept. 1, 2000	55-0-0
50	Florida	Southeastern Conference	Sept. 26, 1997 to Oct. 14, 2001	50-0-0
41	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 30, 1987 to Sept. 1, 1994	
38	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference	Oct. 25, 2005 to present	36-0-2
38	Fairfield	Metro Atlantic Conference	Oct. 16, 1996 to Oct. 1, 2000	
37	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference	Oct. 19, 1995 to Oct. 16, 1998	36-0-1
36	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 12, 2002 to Oct. 9, 2005	
34	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference	Oct. 25, 1998 to Sept. 30, 2001	34-0-0

*Note: the above streaks include regular-season and conference tournament games (they do not include NCAA Tournament games) ... note that ND's 20-game win streak vs. BIG EAST teams (ended vs. WVU) was the 13th-longest all-time conference winning streak in D-I women's soccer history and 4th in the ND program's history (behind 36 straight BIG EAST wins from 1995-98, 26 from 1998-2000 and 24 from 1991-95)

2007 ALL-BIG EAST NOTES

- Notre Dame women's soccer junior **Brittany Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) was named the BIG EAST Conference co-offensive player of the year, sharing that honor with West Virginia senior forward Ashley Banks ... Bock – a converted midfielder who was shifted to forward midway through the 2007 season – was joined on the all-BIG EAST first team by Irish junior forward **Kerri Hanks** (Allen, Texas) while junior left back **Elise Weber** (Elk Grove, Ill.) was a third-team selection.

- The BIG EAST has recognized Notre Dame players with the top offensive honor in each of the past four years, as Katie Thorlakson was tabbed for the award in 2004 and '05 while Hanks was the 2006 recipient ... this marks the first time in BIG EAST women's soccer history that two different offensive players of the year (Hanks and Bock) are competing on the same team.

- Bock's midseason shift to forward sparked the Irish on their current 13-game unbeaten streak, delivering several clutch goals in games when Notre Dame's postseason fate was hanging in the balance ... she was named national player of the week in consecutive weeks (for Oct. 1-7 and 8-14), after totaling 4G-1A in each of those weeks ... in the 3-1 win at Syracuse on Oct. 5, Bock became the sixth ND player ever to score the first three goals in a game ... her five-game goal streak from Sept. 30-Oct. 14 is the longest by an Irish player this season ... two days after that goal streak ended, Bock scored one of the most important goals of the season – heading in a left-flank service from Weber for the 2-1 overtime win over 13th-ranked Connecticut (she also had a header goal to open the scoring in the 2-0 BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown) ... Bock led the BIG EAST during the regular season with 10 goals in league action while her 23 points in BIG EAST play (10G-3A) narrowly trailed Hanks (25) and Banks (24) ... Bock currently ranks third in the BIG EAST with 12 total goals, behind Banks (13) and Hanks (13) ... her team-best six gamewinning goals are the most by a BIG EAST player this season (as are her 4 GWGs in league play).

- Notre Dame's early forecasts for the 2007 season included plenty of depth at the forward position, but that depth gradually eroded due to injuries suffered by several players (including former all-BIG EAST selections Amanda Cinalli and Michele Weissenhofer). ... promising incoming freshman Taylor Knaack was injured late in her club season during the spring of 2007 and has missed all of the current season following ACL knee surgery ... Cinalli suffered a hamstring injury in late Sept. and the senior captain only recently returned to her stellar all-around form, after missing five games and playing on a limited basis in several others ... Weissenhofer – the team's flip-throw specialist who ranked second behind Hanks among the nation's 2006 scoring leaders (18G-17A) – has been slowed for most of the season by an ankle injury suffered in mid-Sept. ... even the early hamstring injury suffered by sophomore center back Haley Ford (who has been sidelined for 19 straight games) has impacted the ND attack, as freshman Lauren Fowlkes (a natural midfielder) logged some quality minutes as a forward during the first few weeks of the season ... instead, Fowlkes has spent the past 17 games as one of the starting center backs, taking her own scoring prowess out of the equation for the Notre Dame offense ... with Weissenhofer (5), Cinalli (3) and Fowlkes (2) combining for only 10 goals all season, Bock's timely scoring in the second half of the season has taken on even greater significance ... during ND's 3-4-1 start to the season (with Bock playing primarily at her natural midfield spot), the Irish were outscored 15-14 and were outshot in three of those eight games while trailing for 157 min-utes (22% of the time) ... Bock's full-time switch to forward coincided with the second game of the win streak (Sept. 30, vs. Cincinnati) and has helped produce the dominating eight-week stretch that has seen the Irish rattle off a 14-0-1 record ... ND owns a 44-6 scoring edge in the unbeaten streak, has not been outshot in any of those games and has trailed for only 72 minutes (5.2% of the time) since losing to Penn State on Sept. 23.

- Bock followed up her hat trick at Syracuse by posting a goal and assist later that weekend in the 3-0 win at St. John's ... one week later, she turned in a pair of two-goal games in wins over Villanova (5-0) and Georgetown (3-0), adding an assist versus the Wildcats for her second straight nine-point week (4G-1A in each) ... nearly half of Bock's goals this season (6 of 14) and in her career (18 of 38) have come on headers, in addition to four rare header assists during her three seasons with the Irish ... she is on the verge of reaching the 20G-20A milestone for her career (38G-19A, including 3A in '07).

- Bock was a second team all-BIG EAST pick in her first two seasons with the Irish and will have the chance in 2008 to become the sixth ND women's soccer player ever to be a four-year all-BIG EAST performer (since ND joined the league in 1995) ... players who already own that distinction include D Jen Grubb (1996-99), M Anne Makinen (1997-2000), F Amy Warner (2000-03), D/F Candace Chapman (2001-02, '04-'05) and D Christie Shaner (2003-06) ... Hanks and Bock join the above five among 15 all-time ND players who have been named all-BIG EAST three-plus times ... the other three-time honorees include: F Monica Gerardo (1995-96, '98), M Holly Manthei (1995-97), D Kate Sobrero (1995-97), M Shannon Boxx (1995-97), M/F Jenny Streiffer (1996, '98-'99), G LaKeysia Beene (1997-99), M Jen Buczkowski (2004-06) and F/M Amanda Cinalli (2004-06).

- Notre Dame and West Virginia now share the most BIG EAST offensive player-of-the-year selections, with four each (UConn and Seton Hall have three) ... that group does not include former ND midfielders Cindy Daws and Anne Makinen, who each earned the Hermann Trophy during their senior seasons (1996 and 2000, respectively) but failed to receive BIG EAST player of the year.

- Notre Dame has produced a pair of first team all-BIG EAST forwards in each of the past five seasons, with other recent dynamic duos including: Kerri Hanks and Michele Weissenhofer in 2006; Katie Thorlakson and Hanks in 2005; Thorlakson and Amanda Cinalli in 2004; and Amy Warner and Mary Boland in 2003.

- A total of 25 Notre Dame players now have combined for 48 first team all-BIG EAST honors since 1995, with that group including eight defenders combining for 15 first-team awards, four midfielders (13 awards), 11 forwards (17 awards) and two goalkeepers (three awards).

- Despite not repeating as BIG EAST offensive player of the year, Hanks did play a key role in her teammate Bock receiving the honor ... Hanks (13G-15A) recently became the nation's first player with double-digit goals this season and – as the reigning Hermann Trophy recipient (national player of the year) – typically is the player that opposing defenses try to target, due to her equal danger as a scorer and set-up player ... the Irish now boast a pair of potent forwards who present a tough matchup dilemma for any opposing team.

ALL-BIG EAST NOTES (cont.)

- Hanks – one of seven ND players ever named first team all-BIG EAST in three or more seasons (also '05 and '06) – is one of three players in NCAA Division I women's soccer history ever to reach 50 career goals (63) and 50 assists (52) prior to her senior year while her 44 points are most in the BIG EAST this season (6th in the nation) ... she had a 13-game point streak that ended last week and has scored (3) or assisted (9) on 12 of ND's past 17 goals ... her impressive success on set-play/dead-ball situations this season has included converting four penalty-kick goals while providing three free-kick assists, a pair of free-kick goals, two corner-kick assists and a goal directly off a corner (forging a late tie in the UConn game).

- Weber's 11 points (2G-7A; including the cross on Bock's header that Beat UConn in OT) make her one of the top-scoring defenders in the BIG EAST this season and in Notre Dame women's soccer history ... a transfer from Wisconsin who was a top flank midfielder with the Badgers, Weber joins Hanks as two of three Irish players to start all 23 games this season ... she has played a key role for a Notre Dame defense that has allowed only one opponent to score more than two goals in a game all season ... Weber also has helped the Irish allow only six goals in the current unbeaten streak while limiting the opposition to 33 shots on goal and 33 corner kicks (2.2/gm) in that 15-game span.

- Hanks joins four-time honorees Jen Grubb and Anne Makinen and four who have been three-time recipients (Holly Manthei, Amy Warner, Candace Chapman and Jen Buczkowski) as the Notre Dame players with the most career first team all-BIG EAST seasons.

IRON WOMAN – Senior M **Ashley Jones** has yet to miss a game in her four-year ND career and will be looking to log game #103 on Sunday vs. Illinois (which would tie the ND record and tie for 4th in NCAA history) ... the only ND player who has appeared in more consecutive games than Jones is current ND volunteer assistant Jen Buczkowski (103) ... senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli**, who recently missed five games due to a hamstring injury, is tied for 13th on the ND career games played list (97), one out of 10th place.

MOST CAREER GAMES PLAYED IN NCAA DIVISION-I WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY

107	Robin Confer	UNC	1994-97	107 consecutive GP
104	Bonnie Young	Penn State	1998-2001	
104	Rebekah McDowell	UNC	1996-99	
103	Jen Buczkowski	ND	2003-06	103 consecutive GP
103	Megan Mills	Penn State	1998-2001	
103	Jen Carlson	UConn	1997-2000	
103	Karina LeBlanc	Nebraska	1997-2000	
103	Cindy Parlow	UNC	1995-98	
102	Ashley Jones	ND	2004-07	102 consecutive GP

PUNCHING THE CLOCK – The top all-time Notre Dame duos for most career game played among classmate include:

203	Jen Buczkowski (103)	Christie Shaner (100)
200	Jenny Streiffer (100)	Jen Grubb (100)
199	Ashley Jones (102)	Amanda Cinalli (97)
199	Shannon Boxx (101)	Monica Gerardo (98)

SUPER SENIORS – Notre Dame's senior class now owns a career record of 89-9-4 (.892), spanning the 2004-07 seasons ... the 89 wins are tied for the third-most ever by an ND class, behind the 2006 seniors (92-8-3/.908; '03-'06), the 1997 seniors (91-6-4/.921; '94-'97) and the 1998 seniors (89-8-4/.901; '95-'98) ... the 2007 seniors can tie their predecessor's ND record with three more wins ... Amanda Cinalli is the only four-year starter in the senior class while Ashley Jones also has been a four-year regular (Lauren Karas was the backup keeper in '04 and '05 while F/M Susan Pinnick did not play due to injury in 2004 and D Jennie Bireley is a first-year walk-on this season).

SUPER SENIORS, PART II – Here's an updated look at the nation's winningest senior classes (prior to NCAA round-of-16):

Notre Dame	89-9-4
North Carolina	89-6-1
Penn State	79-11-8
UCLA	78-14-4
Portland	77-11-5

ND QUICK NOTES

- The Irish held Loyola Chicago without a shot for 58 minutes of game time ... Loyola's Katie Heidenreich became the first opponent to uncork a shot on goal versus the Irish in 84 minutes of game action, dating back to the first-half goal scored by West Virginia in last week's BIG EAST title game.

- The Irish scored twice in a 75-second span for the final 3-0 margin vs. Loyola Chicago.

Notre Dame Records Set/Tied By Kerri Hanks in 2007 Season

Career Postseason Goals	17
Career Postseason Points	53 (17G-19A; tied with Katie Thorlakson)
Career Points Per Game	2.41 (entered season with record, at 2.64)
Career Goals Per Game	0.85 (entered season with record, at 0.96)
50 Career Goals/50 Assists Prior to Senior Season	Shares that distinction with Jenny Streiffer
Multiple Career NCAA Games with 3-Plus Assists	2 ('07 first round vs. Loyola Chicago; 3A)
Assists in an NCAA Tournament Game	3 vs. Loyola Chicago (done 4 times previously at ND)

Notre Dame Records Within Kerri Hanks' Grasp

354 career shots (held by Cindy Daws)	Hanks has 352 career shots
14 Career Postseason Game-Winning Points (held by Katie Thorlakson; 3 GWG-8GWA)	Hanks has 13 GW Points in Postseason (3 GWG-7GWA)
8 Career Postseason Game-Winning Assists (shared by Thorlakson and Holly Manthei)	Hanks has 7 career GWA in the postseason
4 Game-Winning Assists in One Postseason (shared by Hanks in '06; Thorlakson in '05)	Hanks has 3 GWA in the 2007 postseason
29 Career Points in the NCAAs (held by Thorlakson; 7G-15A)	Hanks has 28 career points in the NCAAs (8G-12A)
9 Career Game-Winning Points in NCAAs (held by Thorlakson; 1 GWG-7 GWA)	Hanks has 8 career GW points in NCAAs (2 GWG-4 GWA)

Note: Hanks also ranks 7th on the ND career points list (181), only 2 behind Thorlakson, 5 back of Anne Makinen, 8 behind both Daws and Jenny Heft, and 9 behind Monica Gerardo (190; 2nd) ... her 63 career goals are 5th in ND history (2 behind Makinen) ... her 55 career assists are 7th in ND history (Makinen had 56 and Shannon Boxx 57).

SET-PLAY SUCCESS –Set-plays/dead-ball situations now have accounted for 49 (15G-19A) of Kerri Hanks' 181 career points (63G-55A), representing nearly one-third of her points with the Irish (27%) ... 15 of her career goals have come on free kicks (7), penalty kicks (7-of-7) or directly on a corner kick (1) while 19 of her assists have come via corner-kick (11) or free-kick (8) services:

KERRI HANKS SET-PLAY AND DEAD-BALL SCORING (15G-18A, 48 points; 4 gamewinning goals, 7 GWA)

	Free-Kick Assists	Corner-Kick Assists	Free-Kick Goals	Corner-Kick Goals (direct)	Penalty-Kick Goals	Total
2005	1	1	3	0	0	5 (3G-2A)
2006	4	8	2	0	2-2	16 (4G-12A)
2007	3	2	2	1	5-5	13 (8G-5A)
TOTAL	8 (3 GWA)	11 (4 GWA)	7 (3 GWG)	1	7-of-7 (1 GWG)	34 (15G-19A) (4 GWG) (7 GWA)

PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO GOAL – Hanks has totaled seven career goals with the Irish on direct free kicks, including back-to-back games at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic ... both kicks came from similar spots on the field, roughly 25-30 yards out on the left side ... Hanks opted to go low to the near post in the Friday-night game with Princeton, drilling the shot into the lower-left corner as 'keeper Maren Dale was unable to slide over in time ... two days later, Hanks showed the tremendous depth and variety in her ballstriking ability by curling the kick over the wall and into the upper right corner (tying the game with Oklahoma State) ... Hanks also has scored direct free-kick goals during her ND career vs. Vermont and Louisville in 2005 (both on the road), at home in 2005 vs. Georgetown, and twice in the 2006 NCAAs (first round vs. Oakland, third round vs. Colorado; both at home) ... Hanks – who also had an endline assist on Michele Weissenhofer's goal vs. Princeton – was named the offensive MVP of the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic.

SCORING MACHINE – Hanks has totaled 15 career multiple-goal games with the Irish and Notre Dame now is 41-2-1 when she scores at least one goal ... her career scoring averages now include 2.41 points and 0.84 goals per game, still on pace to break the Notre Dame records held by Jenny Streiffer (2.11 ppg) and Jenny Heft (0.83 ppg).

NCAA DIVISION I CAREER ASSISTS PER GAME

1. Holly Manthei (ND; '94-'97)	1.29 (129 A; 100 GP)
2. Marit Foss (Jacksonville; '97-'00)	0.88 (70A; 80 GP)
3. Mia Hamm (UNC; '89-'90; '92-'94)	0.78 (72A; 92 GP)
4. Katie Thorlakson (ND; '02-'05)	0.77 (73A; 95 GP)
5. Carin Jennings (UCSB; '83-'86)	0.76 (69A; 79 GP)
6. Kerri Hanks (ND; '05-)	0.73 (55A; 75 GP)

NCAA DIVISION I CAREER ASSISTS

Note: the below 19 players include seven from ND and six from UNC

1. Holly Manthei (ND; '94-'97)	129
2. Katie Thorlakson (ND; '02-'05)	73
3. Mia Hamm (UNC; '89-'90; '92-'93)	72
4. Jenny Streiffer (ND; '96-'99)	71
Alyssa Ramsey (UNC; '00-'03)	71
6. Marit Foss (Jacksonville; '97-'00)	70
7. Cindy Daws (ND; '93-'96)	67
8. Mandy Clemens (SCU; '96-'99)	65
9. Jennifer Tietjen (UConn; '95-'98)	64
10. Carin Jennings (UCSB; '83-'86)	60
11. Lindsay Tarpley (UNC; '02-'05)	59
12. Kacey White (UNC; '02-'05)	58
13. Shannon Boxx (ND; '95-'98)	57
Kaye Brownlee (Furman; '98-'01)	57
Debbie Keller (UNC; '93-'96)	57
Jennifer Lalor (SCU; '92-'94, '96)	57
17. Anne Makinen (ND; '97-'00)	56
18. Robin Confer (UNC; '94-'97)	55
Kerri Hanks (ND; '05-)	55

HANKS HAS RARE NO-POINT GAME – Notre Dame junior F Kerri Hanks had points in each of the final 13 games during the 2006 season but failed to extend that point streak into 2007 (in the 0-0 opener with Michigan) ... the 13-game point streak ended up one shy of the ND record set by Katie Thorlakson at the end of the 2005 season ... Hanks went on to register points in games 2-9 this season (none at Louisville) and then had another 13-game point streak that ended in the NCAA second round vs. Illinois giving her points in 33 of the past 36 games ... the last time she went without points in back-to-back games was early in the 2006 season, at Michigan (Sept. 17) and vs. Louisville (Sept. 24) ... since those two games, Hanks has points in 37 of the past 41 games ... she has points in 62 of her 75 career games played with the Irish (83%), including points streaks of 13-13-9-7-6-4-4-2-2-2 ... the only other times Hanks has gone without points in back-to-back games of her ND career was a 3-game stretch early in 2006 (vs. USC, Santa Clara and at TCU; Sept. 1-8).

HAT-TRICK MASTER – Hanks scored three times in the early 4-0 win over DePaul, for her fifth career hat trick with the Irish ... Hanks is tied with former standouts Rosella Guerrero ('92-'95) and Monica Gerardo ('95-'98) for second on the ND career hat tricks list, one shy of the record (6) held by 2000 graduate Jenny Heft ... Hanks – who has 15 points in three career games versus DePaul (6G-3A) – has posted two hat tricks during BIG EASTplay (also vs. Seton Hall in '06) ... she opened her college career at the Vermont Classic with three goals against New Hampshire and then had 4G two days later versus the host Catamounts, with her other hat trick coming against Oakland in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Tournament.

SPRINT TO 60 – The timely 86th-minute, game-tying goal by Hanks vs. Connecticut (directly on a corner kick, with ND going on to win 2-1) produced her 60th career goal with the Irish ... Hanks reached that milestone in 68 games played, quicker than any of the previous five Irish players who topped 60 goals ... Jenny Heft had been the only other ND player to reach 60 goals prior to her senior season (as a junior), doing so in her 70th career game and likewise in memorable fashion (Heft's 60th career goal forged a late tie with Portland in the 1998 NCAA quarterfinals but the Pilots then scored for the 2-1 win) ... Hanks also is one of 19 D-I players ever to reach 50 career goals and 50 assists (63G-55A), joining former ND standout Jenny Streiffer and UNC alum Mia Hamm as the only ones to reach the 50G-50A milestone as juniors.

HANKS QUICK NOTES – Has delivered points in all but two of her 21 career postseason games with the Irish (she has points in 12 of 13 postseason games over the past two seasons) and is the first Notre Dame player ever to have three assists in an NCAA game twice during her career (also in '06 quarterfinals vs. Penn State) ... ND's 56 all-time NCAA Tournament games have produced only three other times in which an ND player had a 3-assist game (none with 4-plus) ... Hanks has surged to 18th place on the NCAA career assists list (55; one behind former ND player Anne Makinen and two out of 13th place) ... her 55 career assists would rank first at 307 of the 314 D-I programs but are good for only 7th-best in ND's storied history ... the only D-I teams that have a career assist leader with more assists than Hanks are UNC (5), Jacksonville, Santa Clara, UConn, UC Santa Barbara and Furman ... she has quickly moved within striking distance of becoming the sixth D-I player ever to reach 60 career goals and 60 assists (Daws had 61G-67A; Streiffer 70G-71A) ... Hanks now has as many gamewinning goals (16) as gamewinning assists (16) in her ND career, for 48 GW points (trails only Thorlakson's 56 and Streiffer' 51 as the ND all-time leaders in GW pts) ... she is nearing 50 points for the season (44; 13G-18A) and could join Holly Manthei, Thorlakson and Daws as the only ND players ever to have multiple seasons with 20-plus assists ... she has the game-winning assists in five of ND's past six victories ... Hanks has totaled 10 multiple-assist games in her ND career.

NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK UPDATE

Career Points (G-A)

1. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	211 (70-71)
2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	190 (73-44)
3. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	189 (61-67)
Jenny Heft (1996-99)	189 (80-29)
5. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	186 (65-56)
6. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	183 (55-73)
7. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	181 (63-55)
15. Susie Zilvitis (1988-91)	112 (43-26)
16. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	99 (34-31)
Amy Warner (2000-03)	99 (37-25)
18. Brittany Bock (2005-)	95 (38-19)

Career Points Per Game (pts/GP)

1. Kerri Hanks ('05-)	2.41 (181/75)
2. Jenny Streiffer ('96-'99)	2.11 (211/100)

Career Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	80
2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	73
3. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	70
4. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	65
5. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	63
13. Susie Zilvitis (1988-91)	43-26
14. Shannon Boxx (1995-98)	39
15. Brittany Bock (2005-)	38

Career Goals Per Game (gls/GP)

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	0.84 (63/75)
2. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	0.83 (80/96)

Career Assists

5. Shannon Boxx (1995-98)	57
6. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	56
7. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	55

Career Hat Tricks

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	6
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	5

Career Game-Winning Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	19
Michelle McCarthy(1992-95)	19
3. Amanda Guertin (2000-03))	18
4. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	17
Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	17
6. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	16
11. Brittany Bock (2005-)	12

Career Game-Winning Assists

1. Holly Manthei (1994-97)	25
2. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	22
3. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	21
4. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	18
5. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	16

Career Game-Winning Points

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	56 (17 GWG-22 GWA)
2. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	51 (15 GWG-21 GWA)
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	48 (16 GWG-16 GWA)

Career Shots

1. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	354
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	352

Career First Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1999-99)	19
Kerri Hanks (2005-)	19

Career Postseason Goals

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	17
2. Katie Thorlakson (2003-06)	15
Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	15
Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	15
5. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	14
Jenny Heft (1996-99)	14
7. Brittany Bock (2005-)	13

11. Amanda Cinalli (2004-) **9**

note: Hanks and Bock own ND record for combined postseason goals by classmates (30)

Career Postseason Points

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	53 (15G-23A)
Kerri Hanks (2005-)	53 (17G-19A)
6. Meotis Erikson (1997-2000)	36 (11G-14A)
7. Brittany Bock (2005-)	33 (13G-7A)
Shannon Boxx (1995-98)	27 (11G-5A)
9. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	26 (9G-8A)

Career Postseason Assists

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	23
Holly Manthei (1994-97)	23
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	19

Career Points in the NCAAs

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	29 (7G-15A)
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	28 (8G-12A)
3. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	24 (10G-4A)
4. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	20 (2G-15A)
5. Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	19 (8G-3A)
Holly Manthei (1994-97)	19 (2G-15A)
7. Brittany Bock (2005-)	18 (8G-2A)

Career Goals in the NCAAs

1. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	9
Jenny Heft (1996-99)	9
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	8
Amanda Cinalli (2004-)	8
Brittany Bock (2005-)	8

Career Assists in the NCAAs

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	15
Holly Manthei (1994-97)	15
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	12

Career BIG EAST Tournament Points

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	25 (9G-7A)
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Career BIG EAST Tournament Goals

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	9
Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	9

Career BIG EAST Tournament Assists

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	8
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	7

TALE OF TWO SEASONS (2007, then and now ...)

DURING 3-4-1 START

DURING 15-GAME UNBEATEN STREAK

14 (1.8/gm)	Goals Scored	44 (3.0/gm)
15 (1.9/gm)	Goals Allowed	6 (0.4/gm)
-1	Scoring Margin	+38 (+2.5/gm)
140 (17.5/gm)	Shots	262 (17.4/gm)
69 (8.6/gm)	Shots Allowed	97 (6.5/gm)
+71 (+8.9/gm)	Shot Margin	+165 (+11.0/gm)
62 (7.8/gm)	Shots On Goal	129 (8.6/gm)
26 (3.3/gm)	SOG Allowed	22 (2.2/gm)
+36 (4.5/gm)	SOG Margin	+96 (+6.4/gm)
44 (5.8/gm)	Corner Kicks	58 (3.9/gm)
24 (3.0/gm)	CKs Allowed	33 (2.2/gm)
+20 (2.8/gm)	CK Margin	+25 (+1.7/gm)
157 min. (22% of time)	Time Trailed	72 min. (5.2% of time)
3	Games Outshot	0
1G (2 pts), GWG	Brittany Bock	13G-3A (29 pts), 6 GWG
6G-4A(16 pts), 2 GWG	Kerri Hanks	7G-14A (28 pts), 6 GWA
1A, 6 GP	Susan Pinnick	5G-2A (12 pts), 4 GWG
0 pts, 8 GP	Rose Augustin	5G-1A (11 pts)
1G (2 pts)	Ashley Jones	2G-5A (9 pts), GWG
2G-1A(5 pts), 6 GP	Michele Weissenhofer	3G-1A (7 pts), GWG
1G-2A(4 pts)	Elise Weber	1G-5A (7 pts)
1A, 8 GP	Becca Mendoza	3G (6 pts)
2G-3A(7 pts)	Amanda Cinalli	1G-2A (4 pts), 8 GP
1.58 GAA, 6 GA, 4 SV, 342 min.	Lauren Karas	0.29 GAA, 4 GA, 23 SV, 1,260 min.

NOTRE DAME VETERANS CAREER HIGHS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Points</u>
Kerri Hanks	4 (vs. Vermont in '05) 3 (vs. UNH in '05; vs. Seton Hall/Oakland in '06; vs. DePaul in '07)	3 ('06-Penn St.; '07-Loy. Chicago) 2 ('05-vs. DePaul, PC, G'town; '06-vs. Pitt, Rutgers, Marquette)	8 (4G vs. Vermont in '05) 7 (3G-1A-UNH '05, SHU/OAK '06)
Amanda Cinalli	2 (vs. Baylor and Portland in '04, Valpo '05, SCU '06, Princeton '07)	2 (2004 vs. Michigan, '05-UNH, UVm, CIN, GU/BET)	5 (2G-1Avs. Baylor in 2004, SCU in '06, Princeton in '07)
Brittany Bock	3 (at SYR in '07; 2 (vs. UNH and SHU in '05; vs. SJU/CU in '06; LOY in '07)	2 (vs. Mich. in '05; DePaul in '06) (G'town and UConn/both '05 BET) (G'town and VILLin '07)	6 (3G vs. SYR '07, 5 (2G-1Avs. VILL'07)
Susan Pinnick			3 (1G-1A-SHU in '05, OAK'06)
Ashley Jones	2 (vs. Rutgers/'06 BET; at SJU '07)		
M. Weissenhofer	3 vs. Penn State ('06) 2 vs. IASt., DP, Pitt (all '06), CIN('07)	2 vs. ISU, USC, TCU	6 vs. Iowa State (2G-2A)
Becca Mendoza	2 vs. Villanova ('07)		
Lauren Karas	- 9 saves vs. Santa Clara ('06), 7 vs. Louisville ('05)		

BOCK REPEATS AS NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK – Notre Dame junior F Brittany Bock (Naperville, Ill.) repeated as both the national and BIG EAST women's soccer player of the week, after duplicating her production from the previous week by totaling four goals and an assist in wins over Georgetown and Villanova (on Oct. 12 and 14) – producing one of the top two-week scoring tears in the history of ND women's soccer ... with players from 313 Division I women's soccer teams to choose from, *Soccer America* honored Bock as the nation's top player for the week – a rare back-to-back distinction in the world of collegiate soccer (the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and *Top Drawer Soccer* both tabbed Bock the nation's top player the previous week) ... Bock also joined former teammate Katie Thorlakson and recent West Virginia standout Christie Abbott as the only BIG EAST players – spanning ND's 13 years in the league (1995-2007) – to be named the league's top offensive player in consecutive week.

BIG-TIME PLAYERS – Five different Notre Dame women's soccer players have been named national players of the week during the past two seasons, with the others including Amanda Cinalli, Carrie Dew, Michele Weissenhofer and Kerr Hanks (all in 2006).

GOALS KEEP COMING – One week after scoring the first three goals in the 4-1 win at Syracuse (followed two days later by 1G-1A in a 3-0 game at St. John's), Bock was bidding for another hat trick in the game vs. Georgetown ... the first goal came midway through the opening half, following Michele Weissenhofer's flip-throw from the right side ... Bock was stationed near the top of the six-yard box and headed the ball in traffic, with the shot ricocheting into the far-left side of the goal (24:03) ... a classic combination sequence provided her second score, capping the 3-0 win over GU ... senior M Ashley Jones played a pass from the center of the field and freshman forward Erica Iantorno raced into the right side of the box before one-touching a short pass to her left ... Bock was in position to convert a low one-timer from 10 yards out (68:31) ...

Two days later, Bock scored twice in the first half vs. Villanova to make yet another run at a hat trick ... junior F Kerri Hanks assisted on the first goal with a free kick from outside the right edge of the penalty box ... Bock was planted in the center of the penalty area and all-BIG EAST goalkeeper Jillian Loyden charged out in an attempt to box the ball away – but Bock had inside position and sharply snapped her 10-yard header into the vacated net (24:01) ... freshman right back Julie Scheidler sliced through the center of the field to set up the second goal, sending a pass to junior left back Elise Weber on the left flank ... Weber then teed up a deep cross from the edge of the attacking third and Bock executed a twisting header on the far-right side, near the top of the six-yard box ... Loyden had shifted far to her left and shuffled back inside the post before jumping up for what appeared to be a routine save – but the knuckler glanced off her hands and into the right side of the net ... Bock completed her nine-point weekend by assisting on the third goal in the 5-0 win over VU ... the crisp combination sequence saw Bock provide a short entry pass from the right side before freshman F Rose Augustin pulled off a quick sweep-tap on the ball that sent Jones into the right side of the six-yard box, with the shot deposited into the far-left side of the net.

TWO-WEEK TEAR – Bock joined an elite list of six Notre Dame players who have totaled eight or more goals over the span of four games (done a total of eight times) ... current junior Kerri Hanks (10) and fellow forward Monica Gerardo (9) are the only ND players ever to amass more goals over a four-game span than Bock's eight ... the best two-week scoring tear in ND women's soccer history still belongs to Hanks, who opened her college career in 2005 (Aug. 28, 30; Sept. 2, 4) by totaling 10 goals over the course of games versus New Hampshire (4; 11-1, at UVM), at Vermont (3; 6-0), vs. #11 Florida (1; 4-1) and vs. #25 Maryland (2; 6-0) ... Gerardo similarly started her ND career in 1995 (Sept. 2, 3, 7, 10) by racking up nine goals in action vs. Providence (2; 7-0), St. John's (2; 9-0), at Indiana (4; 7-0) and at #13 Wisconsin (1; 1-0) ... one year later in '96, Gerardo matched herself with nine goals spaced over four games (Oct. 25, 27; Nov. 1, 3) against West Virginia (2; 11-0), Seton Hall (4; 10-0), Ohio State (1; 7-0) and Villanova (2; 10-1) ... near the end of her career in '98, Gerardo then totaled eight goals in another four-game span (Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11) vs. Butler (1; 5-0), Georgetown (2; 8-0), at Boston College (2; 3-1) and at Providence (3; 8-0) ... midfielder Cindy Daws joined Gerardo with a memorable scoring tear during the 1996 season (her senior year) ... Daws actually had a five-game goal streak (3-3-0-2-3) that featured three different hat tricks and eight goals over the four-game span at either end ... she started that tear with hat tricks vs. Rutgers (Oct. 20; 6-0) and West Virginia (Oct. 25; 11-0) before scoring twice two games later vs. Ohio State (Nov. 1; 7-0; no goals in 10-0 win over Seton Hall on Oct. 27) – and for good measure adding a hat trick in the next game vs. Villanova (Nov. 3; 10-1) ... starting with the OSU game, Daws actually had eight goals over another four-game stretch that overlapped the earlier one (not counted among the eight in this list) – as she added a goal in the BIG EAST semifinal vs. Villanova (Oct. 9; 7-0) and scored twice in the title game vs. UConn (Oct. 10; 4-3) ... Meotis Erikson, like Gerardo and Hanks, also had her two-week tear as a freshman (in 1997), with a goal at Wisconsin (Oct. 14; 10-0) followed by hat tricks at Syracuse (Oct. 19; 8-0) and vs. Seton Hall (Oct. 24; 7-1), plus another goal vs. #5 UConn (Oct. 26; 1-0) ... most recently, Thorlakson totaled eight goals in a four-game span of her junior season in 2004 (Oct. 24, 28, 31; Nov. 5), vs. Seton Hall (1; 3-1), at Michigan (2; Oct. 28), vs. St. John's (4; Oct. 31) and vs. Boston College (1; Nov. 5, at UConn).

FOUR AND FOUR – Of the eight two-week tears listed above, only three of them have seen the player total four-plus goals in the first two games and also four-plus over the course of games 3 and 4: Gerardo ('95), Erikson ('97) and Bock ... that means that Bock is the first ND player in 10 years to score four or more goals in back-to-back 2-game spans ... five of the two-week tears listed above came on consecutive weekends (Fri.-Sun.), as Thorlakson's span actually covered three weeks (Sun.-Thur.-Sun.-Fri.), Erikson's first game in her streak was a Tuesday, and Gerardo's third game in the '95 streak came on a Thursday – meaning that Bock is the only ND player ever with four-goal efforts in back-to-back weekends (Fri.-Sun.) ... six of the above scoring tears included at least one road swing (all but Gerardo and Daws in '96).

BIG EAST BACK-TO-BACK POW – In addition to **Brittany Bock's** consecutive honors, only two other players in the past 13 seasons (since 1995) have been named the BIG EAST offensive player of the week in back-to-back weeks (excluding co-honorees): former ND forward **Katie Thorlakson** (Aug. 30 and Sept. 6, 2004; as a junior) and former West Virginia forward Christie Abbott (Sept. 8 and 15, 2003; as a senior).

HEADSTRONG – Nearly half of junior M/F **Brittany Bock**'s career goals with the Irish (18 of 38) have come on headers, including seven in 2006 (four in the '06 postseason) and six in 2007 ... five of Bock's past six goals have come on headers ... Bock's diving header opened the scoring in the 2-0 early-season win at #7 Florida and her far-post header on the left-flank service from Elise Weber ended the OTwin over #13 UConn (2-1) ... she also has four rare header assists in her career ... Bock – who had a header assist in the 2006 NCAA semi-final vs. Florida State and then a header goal in the title game vs. UNC – closed the 2006 season with nine goals in the final 13 games ... she tied for the 2006 team lead in game-winning goals (6) and totaled five goals in the 2006 postseason ... Bock has 5G-5A in eight career BIG EAST Tournament games and she is nearing 100 points for her career (95; 38G-19A) ... after a seven-game goal drought in nearly the entire month of September (Sept. 3-28), Bock now has totaled 13 goals in her past 13 games (with a career best five-game goalscoring streak and goals in seven of the past 10 games) ... her 13 gamewinning goals over the past two seasons are the most by any ND player.

HAT TRICK HISTORY–The first 54 hat tricks in ND history had featured only four times when an Irish player scored the first three goals of the game, but five of the past six ND hat tricks now have seen the same player score goals 1-2-3: Kerri Hanks at Vermont in 2005, vs. Seton Hall in 2006 and vs. DePaul in 2007; Michele Weissenhofer vs. Penn State in the 2006 NCAA quarterfinals; and Brittany Bock this season at Syracuse ... Hanks (Sept. 21, vs. DePaul) and Bock are the first ND teammates to post hat tricks in the same regular season since Amy Warner (vs. Providence) and Meotis Erikson (vs. Georgetown) did so during the 2000 season ... Weissenhofer (Nov. 24, 2006), Hanks and Bock each have turned in hat tricks over the span of ND's past 15 games, stretching back to the late stages of the 2006 postseason ... Michelle McCarthy scored the first three goals vs. Loyola Chicago in 1992, as did Rosella Guerrero vs. SMU in 1993 and Jenny Heft twice in her career (1997 vs. UCLA; 1998 vs. Wake Forest) ... Hanks (at UVm) and Bock are the only ND players ever to score goals 1-2-3 in a road game ... the 23 ND players who have combined on the 60 all-time hat tricks include: Heft (6), Hanks (5), Guerrero (5), Monica Gerardo (5), McCarthy (4), seven players with three each (Susie Zilvitis, Stephanie Porter, Alison Lester, Cindy Daws, Anne Makinen, Jenny Streiffer and Erikson) and three with two HTs each (Amy VanLaecke, Warner and Katie Thorlakson), plus single hat tricks from Shannon Sullivan, Margaret Jarc, Tasha Strawbridge, Stacia Masters, Shannon Boxx, Mary Boland, Weissenhofer and Bock.

TRACKING THE HAT TRICK – The 4-1 win at Syracuse saw **Brittany Bock** become the 23rd different Notre Dame player ever to post a hat trick in a game (vs. Syracuse) ... she is one of only six Irish players ever to score the first three goals in a game ... Bock – who has shifted from midfielder to forward in recent weeks, due to injuries suffered by her teammates Taylor Knaack, Michele Weissenhofer and Amanda Cinalli – opened the scoring at Syracuse 32 seconds before halftime ... junior left back Elise Weber took a pass from senior M Ashley Jones and sent a low cross from the left side, with Bock then converting a 10-yard shot into the upper left corner of the net ... early in the second half, Jones supplied the lead pass that sprung Bock for a breakaway shot into the right side of the net ... Bock completed her hat trick less than two minutes later, sending the ball past the charging goalkeeper after taking a leftside pass from freshman Erica Iantorno ... Bock beat the Syracuse defenders to the ball at the top of the 18-yard box and slid her shot past the 'keeper Eliza Bennett-Hatton for the 3-0 lead ... two days later at St. John's, Bock extended her goal streak to three games (matching the longest of her career) while reaching the 30 career goals milestone ... junior center back Carrie Dew initiated the first goal sequence at SJU with a 75th-minute pass to Jones in the 75th minute ... Jones then crossed the ball from the left side and Bock converted a short flick near the left edge of the box, assisting on a shot by Hanks inside the near-left post ... Bock found the net 11 minutes later, after short passes from the left provided by Jones and Hanks - with Bock drilling a 15-yard shot into the far-right side of the net.

THREE WITH 30 – The depth of Notre Dame's potent offense can be seen in the fact that the Irish have three players with 30-plus career goals, the first Notre Dame team since 1999 that can make that claim ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** has totaled 63 goals in her three seasons while senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** has sent home 34 goals in four seasons with the Irish and junior M/F **Brittany Bock** has 38 in her three years ... the first season of the Randy Waldrum era (1999) featured four different players who had 30-plus career goals: Jenny Heft (finished season with 80), Jenny Streiffer (70), Anne Makinen (46) and Meotis Erikson (46) ... ND had three or more players with 30-plus career goals on its team every season from 1995-99 (also three in '95 and '96, four in '97 and six in '98) ... the record-setting 1998 offense finished the season with six players who had 30-plus career goals: Monica Gerardo (73), Heft (60), Streiffer (51), Shannon Boxx (39), Makinen (38) and Erikson (32).

BOCK QUICK NOTES

- Brittany Bock has totaled 13 goals in her past 13 games played and owns seven gamewinning goals this season, one shy of the Notre Dame record shared by Katie Thorlakson (in 2004) and Michelle McCarthy (in 1994) ...
- Bock now has double-digit goals in eight career games with the Irish (four in the past 11 games; also has 6 GWG in that span) ...
- Bock ranks 7th on the ND list for career postseason points (33; 13G-7A) ... her 95 career points (38G-19A; 14G-3A in '07) still are 18th in ND history (three behind teammate Amanda Cinalli) while Bock' 38 goals have moved her past Amy Warner into 15th place in the ND record book, one behind Boxx ...

WALDRUM NOW NATION'S SECOND-WINNINGEST COACH – After weathering the 3-4-1 start to this season, Notre Dame ninth-year head coach Randy Waldrum now owns a .774 career winning percentage as a college women's soccer head coach that ranks him third (nearly second) among active D-I coaches and third all-time (290-78-19; includes six years at Tulsa and three at Baylor) ... UNC's Anson Dorrance is first on the list (.942; 647-31-19; includes three pre-NCAA/AIAW seasons), followed by former Portland coach Clive Charles (.799; 226-52-13), Florida's Becky Burleigh (.774; 311-82-25; coached previously at Barry), Waldrum and Santa Clara's Jerry Smith (.771; 339-90-30) ... in a 20-day span earlier this season, Waldrum matched wits with each of the active coaches listed above (ND tied UNC in a 1-1 exhibition, won 2-0 at Florida and lost 7-1 at SCU) ... Waldrum's career record includes a 182-28-2 mark at ND (.863), with a 50-19-4 mark (.712) vs. NSCAA top-25 teams.

CLOSING THE DEAL – Stretching back to the middle of the 2005 season, ND is 49-2-1 in its past 52 games when scoring first (only losses were earlier this season to Stanford and Penn State, both 2-1, plus the 1-1 tie at West Virginia).

'KEEPING THE FAITH – Senior goalkeeper Lauren Karas (52-4-2) owns a .914 career win pct. (on pace for ND record) and a 0.57 career goals-against avg. (would tie ND record held by Liz Wagner) ... Karas has compiled a 0.29 GAA during the current 15-game unbeaten streak.

STAYING IN THE GAME – Notre Dame's 2007 season has included 12 shutouts, six games with 1 GA and only one in which the opponent has scored more than two goals ... the Irish have not allowed two goals by an opponent during the current 15-game unbeaten streak (since the 2-1 loss to Penn State, on Sept. 23) ... ND has limited its opponents to 0-1 goals in 20 straight games.

NOTRE DAME SEASON OVERVIEW

- All four of Notre Dame's losses this season (and one of the ties) have come to teams that were ranked in the national top-25 ... the Irish posted noteworthy road wins at Florida and Louisville (plus the tie at West Virginia) while suffering two losses in the Bay Area versus top-ranked teams (Stanford and Santa Clara).
- Three of Notre Dame's four losses have been by 2-1 scores (two of them in overtime) ... the Irish have won seven times by a margin of three or more goals.
- Notre Dame has totaled 12 shutouts while holding four other teams to one goal ... Santa Clara is the only team to score more than two goals versus the Irish all season.
- Since solidifying its back line, Notre Dame is riding a 15-game unbeaten streak ... the Irish allowed 15 goals in their 3-4-1 start but have allowed only six goals in the 15-game unbeaten streak.
- The unbeaten streak includes a 44-5 scoring edge, nine shutouts, six games with one goal allowed, only 33 shots on goal by the opponents (2.2/gm) and only 33 corner kicks allowed (2.2/gm).
- Notre Dame had to replace three starters in the defensive third (center back, left back and defensive midfielder) from its record-setting 2006 defense ... one of the new starters, sophomore center back Haley Ford, has missed 15 straight games due to a hamstring injury ... the current back line includes one junior (Carrie Dew, coming back from ACL surgery), two freshmen and a junior transfer ... the team's new defensive midfielder (Amanda Clark) is a sophomore.
- Nagging injuries to forwards Amanda Cinalli and Michele Weissenhofer produced the need for shifting Brittany Bock to a full-time forward role during the second half of the season ... at the end of the regular season, Notre Dame was one of only seven teams in all of Division I with a pair of double-digit goalscorers (only two of those other teams also were in the top-25) ... Kerri Hanks now has 13G-18A while Brittany Bock has 14G-3A.

PAIR OF RECORD CROWDS HIGHLIGHT START OF 2007 SEASON – Notre Dame's two home games this season – in the preseason versus North Carolina (3,412) and the regular-season opener against Michigan (3,264) – are the biggest women's soccer crowds in Alumni Field history ... the attendance for the ND-UNC game is third-highest for any soccer game at Alumni Field and is the most since a 1994 ND-SMU men's soccer game drew 3,502 ... Notre Dame had the fourth-highest home attendance (1,901) of any Division I women's soccer program in 2006, behind Texas A&M, Portland and BYU.

GAME-WINNERS – **Brittany Bock** (7 GWGs), **Kerri Hanks** (4 GWGs) and surging senior **Susan Pinnick** (3 GWGs) have accounted for 14 of the team's 17 game-winning goals this season, all except for the game at Louisville (1-0; GWG by **Amanda Cinalli**), the BIG EAST semifinal vs. Rutgers (2-1; GWG by **Ashley Jones**) and the NCAA second-round game with Illinois (2-0; GWG by **Michele Weissenhofer**) ... Bock had four of her GWGs in a span of six games (vs. Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova and UConn).

2-0 TRIUMPHS – Notre Dame still never has lost when claiming a 2-0 lead (283-0-1) and owns 260 consecutive wins when jumping out to a 2-0 cushion (since the 1991 ND team led Vanderbilt 2-0 but ended up tying the Commodores, 3-3).

30-30 – Senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** earlier this season became ND's 12th all-time player to reach 30 career goals and 30 assists (34G-31A) ... Cinalli joined an elite group of ND 30-30 players that includes Jenny Streiffer (70G-71A), Cindy Daws (61-67), Anne Makinen (65-56), Katie Thorlakson (55-73), current junior F **Kerri Hanks** (63-55), Meotis Erikson (59-46), Monica Gerardo (73-44), Shannon Boxx (39-57), Michelle McCarthy (59-38), Alison Lester (45-36) and Rosella Guerrero (55-32).

NOTRE DAME 2007 EARLY RESULT NOTES

- Prior to the 2-1 loss to Stanford, ND had posted 36 straight wins when scoring the game's first goal (dating back to mid-2005).
- The 2-1 OT loss to Oklahoma State halted ND's 43-game home unbeaten streak (41-0-2), third-longest in NCAA history ... that game also marked the first time that the Irish had lost when Hanks has scored a goal (33-1-0, from 2005-07).
- ND's 27-game regular-season unbeaten streak (25-0-2) ended the previous week-end at #3 Santa Clara (7-1; goal by Weissenhofer) ... the home team now is 9-2 in the ND-SCU series.
- The Irish then dropped the 2-1 game to Stanford in overtime, ending the program's OT unbeaten streak at 21 games (14-0-7; now 15-3-7 in the nine-year Randy Waldrum era).
- ND had been nearly perfect in Sunday games over the past three seasons (25-1-0; 2005-07) prior to the losses to Stanford, Oklahoma State and PennState (all 2-1; the first two in OT).
- The Irish played to a scoreless tie with Michigan in the 2007 regular-season opener, despite a 28-6 edge in shots (10-2 in shots on goal; 10-1 corner-kick margin) ... that game ended ND's home winning streak at 32 games, tied for third-longest D-I history ... the crowd vs. Michigan (3,264) is the largest ever for an official (non-exhibition) ND women's soccer home game ... the Irish held the Wolverines without a shot for 92 straight minutes of game time, stretching into the second OT.
- The ensuing 2-0 win at #7 Florida saw newcomer Elise Weber (a transfer from Wisconsin) assist on Brittany Bock's early diving header ... following a long weather delay, Weber scored the first goal of her young Irish career to cap the win over the Gators ... that game started 22 minutes late due to rain and play then was halted after 30 minutes of action (lightning strikes and a steady downpour resulted a long delay that ultimately lasted four-and-a-half hours) ... the win over Florida was the 350th of Randy Waldrum's career as a college soccer coach (combined men's and women's totals).
- ND's exhibition games included a 2-2 tie with preseason #1 North Carolina (in a rare quick rematch of the NCAA title game) and a 3-1 win over #11 Virginia (in Ft. Wayne) ... Cinalli scored early vs. UNC and added a pair of goals against UVa ... Hanks also scored vs. UNC (moments after the Tar Heels took a 2-1 lead) while Fowlkes scored on a header vs. UVa game (off a Weissenhofer flip-throw) ... Weissenhofer's short cross helped set up Cinalli's goal vs. UNC while Amanda Clark's long free kick sprung Hanks for her goal ... Cinalli's first goal vs. UVa came on a header (assisted by a Hanks free kick) and she later knocked home Weissenhofer's rebounded shot ... the crowd for the UNC game (3,412) was an Alumni Field record for a women's soccer game and is the biggest crowd at the facility since a 1994 ND-SMU men's soccer game drew 3,502 ... there was an unprecedented 1,318 presold tickets for the ND-UNC game.

CINALLI LEADS IRISH TO WIN OVER TIGERS – Amanda Cinalli matched her career-high with a five-point game (2G-1A) to help Notre Dame get back on the winning track with the 4-2 victory over Princeton on Sept. 14 ... the win extended ND's four-year home unbeaten streak to 43 games (41-0-2) ... Princeton took the lead on the Irish in the 22nd minute, after a corner-kick scramble, but Cinalli then tied the game four minutes later, just 50 seconds after checking into the Irish midfield ... freshman Lauren Fowlkes set up the score on a cross from the left endline, with Cinalli then striking a tricky leftfooted shot from the top of the box into the right side of the net for her first goal of the season and 32nd of her four-year career ... sophomore F Michele Weissenhofer later headed in her 20th career goal in the 60th minute, on a classic sequence that included a setup pass from Cinalli and a sharp cross from the left endline by junior F Kerri Hanks (her team-leading fourth assist of the season and 41st of her career) ... Hanks later scored directly off a free kick while Cinalli capped the scoring after nudging home Weissenhofer's rightside flip-throw ... Weissenhofer became one of the youngest ND players ever to total 20 career goals, reaching that early milestone in her 32nd career game with the Irish ... she also moved closer to becoming the program's 24th all-time player to reach 20G-20A... Cinalli (33G-27A) moved three assists away from becoming the 12th player in ND women's soccer history to reach the 30G-30A milestone (now 34G-31A) ... she previously had five-point games (2G-1A) vs. Baylor in 2004 (in her first career game with the Irish) and Santa Clara in '06 (she also had 2G vs. Portland in the 2004 NCAA quarterfinals and vs. Valparaiso in the 2005 NCAA first round).

FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS – In its past 109 games when scoring first, ND has gone 104-4-1 (2-1 loss to UConn in '04 BIG EAST title game; 4-1 loss at Marquette in '05; 2-1 OT loss in 2007 to Stanford/at SCU; 2-1 loss in '07 vs. Penn State; 1-1 tie vs. West Virginia in '07 BIG EAST title game) and is 64-3-1 in the past 68 when scoring first, including 36 straight wins before the 2-1 loss to Stanford (now 49-2-1 in the past 52 when scoring first) ... Kerri Hanks posted her ninth career first-goal in the 2006 opener vs. Iowa State, adding four more in 2006 (vs. SMU, Seton Hall and Villanova and Rutgers in the BIG EAST title game) for 13 in her career, plus first goals in 2007 games vs. DePaul, Penn State, St. John's, Providence and West Virginia (her 19 career first goals have tied Jenny Heft's ND record) ... Brittany Bock (6), Michele Weissenhofer (3), Carrie Dew (2) Amanda Clark, Jill Krivacek and Courtney Rosen also accounted for the Notre Dame first-goals in 2006 (with Bock adding first goals this season vs. Florida, Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova, GU in the BET semi's and Loyola Chicago in the NCAA opener, plus first goals from Lauren Fowlkes vs. Stanford, Amanda Cinalli vs. Louisville, Rose Augustin vs. Cincinnati, Elise Weber vs. Seton Hall, Ashley Jones in the BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers, and Weissenhofer vs. Illinois).

LONGEST HOME UNBEATEN STREAKS IN DIVISION-I WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY

1. North Carolina 84 (1986-94; 84-0-0)

2. North Carolina 56 (1999-2004)

3. Notre Dame 43 (2004-07; 41-0-2; ended with 2-1 loss to Oklahoma State on Sept. 16)

Note: the three longest home winning streaks are UNC's 84 from 1986-95, plus 39 straight home wins by Penn State (from 2001-04) and ND's 32-game streak from 2004-06 (tied with Santa Clara's 32 straight home wins from 1997-2000)

SEASON-OPENER SUCCESS –The Irish lost the first game of the Randy Waldrum era (a 3-2, double-OTgame with UNC in 1999) but have not lost a season opener in the eight years since then (47-5 scoring edge), with season-open-ing victories over Detroit (6-0), #8 Penn State (2-1), Providence (3-0, on road), Hartford (9-1; at UConn), Baylor (7-2), New Hampshire (11-1; at Vermont) and Iowa State (9-0) from 2000-06, followed by the scoreless tie with Michigan in the 2007 opener ... Notre Dame is 17-2-1 in all-time season openers (13-1-1 in the past 15), with the other loss coming at #5 N.C. State in 1992 (3-4).

BEAT THE HEAT– For the second straight season, the Notre Dame women’s soccer team faced the tough task of opening at home and then playing later in the weekend on the road, in a warm-weather climate versus a top-25 team ... the 2006 team opened with a 9-0 win over Iowa State and then won the next day at #24 Mississippi (2-1; in 90-degree conditions) ... the 2007 week-one game at Florida (ranked as high as #7 in the preseason polls) presented the Irish with a similar week-one challenge, after opening the regular season two days earlier at home versus Michigan.

TWO-GOAL FLURRY– The goals in the BIGEASTsemifinal by **Brittany Bock** and **Rose Augustin**, separated by only 38 seconds, mark the fourth-quickest back-to-back goals in the program’s 90 all-time postseason games (second-fastest ever away from home) ... the quickest actually came two years earlier versus Georgetown, as Hanks (67:47) and Katie Thorlakson (68:04) scored only 17 seconds apart for a 5-0 lead in that eventual 6-0 BIG EASTquarterfinal win ... 10 years ago in the 1997 BIG EASTsemifinals, Meotis Erikson (5:46) and Jenny Streiffer (6:05) scored 19 seconds apart for a quick 2-0 lead in that 7-0 win ... the 1999 BIG EASTquarterfinals saw Jenny Heft (73:53) and Amy VanLaecke (74:25) score in a 32-second span for a 4-0 lead (5-0 final) ... two of the three quick back-to-back goals mentioned above happened earlier in the postseason than the Bock-Augustin sequence (the Erikson-Streiffer goal flurry also was in the semi’s and is the only one listed above that happened earlier in the game than Bock-Augustin) ... two years ago in the regular-season game versus Georgetown, Bock scored the first of three goals in a 51-second span vs. the Hoyas (the NCAArecord for quickest three-goal sequence by one team) ... ND won that game 6-1, with Bock’s goal (65:55) followed by scores from Thorlakson (66:15) and Annie Schefter (66:46) ... here’s a look at some of the quickest back-to-back goal in ND postseason history:

Quickest Back-To-Back Goals In Notre Dame Postseason History (92 games)

0:17.... 1999 BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown (6-0, at ND)..... **Kerri Hanks** (67:47) and Katie Thorlakson (68:04) for 5-0 lead
0:19.... 1997 BIG EAST semifinal vs. Villanova (7-0, at Rutgers)Meotis Erikson (5:46) and Jenny Streiffer (6:05) for 2-0 lead
0:32.... 1999 BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Miami (5-0, at ND)..... Jenny Heft (73:53) and Amy VanLaecke (74:25) for 4-0 lead
0:38 ... 2007 BIG EAST semifinal vs. G’town (2-0, at WVU)Brittany Bock (28:16) and Rose Augustin (28:54) for 2-0 lead
0:48....2004 NCAA first round vs. E. Illinois (4-0, at ND)..... Kim Lorenzen (61:47) and Candace Chapman (62:35) for 4-0 lead
0:49....1994 MCC semi’s vs. Xavier (10-0, in Indianapolis)..... Rosella Guerrero (13:40) and Michelle McCarthy (14:29) for 2-0 lead
0:57....1999 NCAA first round vs. Dayton (5-1, at ND)..... Heft (66:10) and Kara Brown (67:07) for 3-1 lead
1:05....1997 NCAA second round vs. Nebraska (6-0, at ND)..... Anne Makinen (23:39) and Holly Manthei (24:44) for 3-0 lead
1:07....1994 MCC semifinals vs. Xavier (10-0, in Indianapolis)..... Julie Maund (19:50) and Guerrero (20:56) for 5-0 lead
1:13....1993 MCC final at Xavier (4-0)..... Stacia Masters (73:25) and Guerrero (74:38) for 4-0 lead
1:37....1998 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Syracuse (5-1, at UConn) Makinen (55:15) and Kelly Lindsey (56:52) for 5-0 lead
1:40 – 1995 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Rutgers (3-0, at Seton Hall).....Monica Gerardo (59:44) and Manthei (61:24) for 3-0 lead
1:48....2003 NCAA first round vs. Loyola Chicago (5-0, at ND)Christie Shaner (42:35) and Jen Buczkowski (44:23) for 4-0 lead
1:48....2006 NCAA first round vs. Oakland (7-1, at ND).....Molly Iarocci (82:32) and **Susan Pinnick** (84:20) for 6-1 lead
1:50....1998 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Syracuse (5-1, at UConn)Gerardo (34:38) and Shannon Boxx (36:28) for 3-0 lead
1:51....1996 NCAA first round vs. Indiana (8-1, at ND)Heft (75:49) and (77:40) for 8-1 lead
1:58....1994 MCC semifinals vs. Wright State (7-0, in Indianapolis)Masters (39:44) and Jody Hartwig (41:42) for 7-0 lead

LEADING THE YOUNGSTERS – **Carrie Dew**’s leadership of the young ND defense has been a key factor to the team’s stronger play in recent weeks ... the Irish have played two months without the services of the team’s other starting center back (sophomore Haley Ford, out with a hamstring injury), with Dew helping mentor converted freshman midfielder Lauren Fowlkes at the center back spot in the past eight weeks ... both starting outside backs – junior transfer Elise Weber (left) and freshman Julie Scheidler(right) – also are newcomers while sophomore Amanda Clarkis settling into her role as the starting defensive midfielder ... after missing all of the 2006 postseason due to a knee injury, Dew now is the only player currently active in the Irish defense who was among the team’s top six defensive players last season – due to the graduation losses of Kim Lorenzen (center back), Christie Shaner (left back) and Jill Krivacek (defensive midfielder), plus Ford’s injury and senior Ashley Jones being used more in her natural position of midfield this season (Jones had shifted to being the primary starter at right back in ’06).

SCORING COMBINATIONS – Notre Dame's 58 goals this season have included an assorted 44 different scoring combinations ...

- The most common scoring combinations have been: eight goals involving both junior M/F **Brittany Bock** and junior F **Kerri Hanks** (each with a goal or assist on the same goal); five involving Hanks and senior F/M **Susan Pinnick**; five others involving Bock and senior M/D **Ashley Jones**; four involving Hanks and Jones; and four involving Bock and junior left back **Elise Weber**.

- Bock has combined with 11 different teammates on scoring combinations this season: Hanks (8), Jones (5), Jones (4), Weber (4), freshman F/M **Rose Augustin** (1), freshman F/M **Erica Iantorno** (2), and one each with sophomore M/D **Amanda Clark**, sophomore M **Courtney Rosen**, sophomore F **Michele Weissenhofer**, freshman center back **Lauren Fowlkes**, freshman right back **Julie Scheidler** and sophomore M **Becca Menodoza** (plus one unassisted goal).

- Hanks has been involved in 10 different scoring combinations, with: Bock (8), Pinnick (5), Hanks (4), two each with Weber, Weissenhofer, junior center back **Carrie Dew**, senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** and Fowlkes, and one with Clark ... Hanks also has scored eight unassisted goals this season (five of them on penalty kicks), with the rest of the team totaling five unassisted scores.

- Pinnick's other scoring combinations include two with sophomore M **Micaela Alvarez** and one each with Weber, Augustin, Rosen, Fowlkes, Dew and freshman D **Rachel VanderGenutgen** ... in addition to those mentioned above, Jones also has a pair of goal combinations with Iantorno and one each with Augustin and Menodoza ... Cinalli and Weissenhofer (teammates on the 2007 U.S. Nordic Cup team) have combined on three goals this season, with Cinalli also joining Augustin and Fowlkes in single scoring plays this season ... Augustin's other scoring plays have involved Weber (2), Rosen, Alvarez and Weber while Weber also has two scoring combinations with Rosen and another with Scheidler ... the final four scoring combinations have included: Alvarez-VanderGenutgen; Menodoza-Iantorno; Menodoza-Dew; and Iantorno-Alvarez ... Weber, Menodoza, Pinnick and Cinalli have scored the other unassisted goals this season.

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win for Notre Dame, with the Irish 260-3-1 all-time (.987) when scoring 3-plus, losing to N.C. State in '92 (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 159-1-0 since 10/6/95) ... ND is 358-9-14 (.958) all-time when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals (162-3-7 since 9/9/99), including 83-0-4 spanning the 2004-07 seasons ... the Irish suffered 1-0 losses in 2002 (vs. eventual NCAA champ Portland) and '03 (at #1 Stanford) ... prior to the Portland loss, ND 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 All-American Anne Makinen) ... the program's 20-year history includes only 349 goals allowed in 468 games (0.75 GA/gm) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 84 games (18.0%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in only 36 all-time games (7.7%; including the 7-1 loss to Santa Clara, two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal) ... 92% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 goals, with a 384-30-18/.910 record in those games (ND is only 4-31-1/.125 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

IT TAKES TWO – Notre Dame's lone loss of 2004 saw the Irish claim a 1-0 lead at UConn in the BIG EAST title game ... the Irish had several cracks at the magical 2-0 cushion that has proven to be insurmountable in the 20-year history of ND women's soccer (instead, UConn rallied for the 2-1 win) ... the Irish now are **283-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead** and have **won 260 straight** games when stretching out to a 2-0 cushion, dating back to Sept. 15, 1991 (when Vanderbilt ultimately forced a 3-3 tie) ... there have been only two other games in the program's history when the Irish gave up a 2-0 lead (but still went on to win): a 4-3 win over UConn in the '96 BIG EAST title game (the Irish led 3-0) and a 3-2 win over Duke at a 1993 tournament in Houston ... the past 174 opponents to face a 2-0 deficit versus the Irish have been unable to even tie the score (since the 1996 BIG EAST title game).

GOING THE DISTANCE IN OT – Notre Dame is 15-3-7 in overtime during the Randy Waldrum era (since 1999) and had a 21-game unbeaten streak in OT (14-0-7) spanning the 1999-2007 seasons ... ND's 15 overtime wins in the Waldrum era include OT goals from nine players (including an ND-record four from Amanda Guertin) ... prior to this season's 2-1 win over UConn (which ended on a Brittany Bock header), Kerri Hanks was the only current ND player who had scored an overtime goal (2005, at Rutgers).

RARE SCORELESS TIES – Notre Dame's 20-year women's soccer history includes only seven scoreless ties in 468 total games played (1.5%), with two coming at UConn (in 2000 and '06), also vs. Dayton in '91, North Carolina in '94, Stanford in '03, Rutgers in '04 and Michigan in the 2007 opener ... the 0-0 game vs. UNC (in St. Louis) halted the Tar Heels' NCAA-record winning streak at 92 games.

BIG WINS – The 4-1 win over #11 Florida in '05 marked the seventh time in the Waldrum era (since '99) that the Irish have defeated an NSCAA top-25 foe by 3-plus goals, followed by five more in '05: the 4-0 regular-season win over UConn (17th in the coaches poll), two big wins in the BIG EAST Tournament (3-0 vs. #11 Marquette, 5-0 vs. #15 UConn) and NCAA wins over #25 Michigan State (3-0) and #22 Yale (5-2), plus the 2006 NCAA wins over #16 Colorado (3-0) and #8 Penn State (4-0) ... the 2005 season produced the most times (6) in one season that the Irish had defeated top-25 teams by 3-plus goals (the '97 team had five "big wins") ... other Waldrum-era big wins over NSCAA top-25 teams: vs. #16 Michigan in '99 (4-1), #2 Santa Clara (6-1) and #15 Washington (5-0, at Portland) in 2000, at #24 Miami in '01 (4-0), at #25 Maryland in '02 (5-2) and vs. #4 SCU in '04 (5-2).

UPDATED PLAYER BIO. CAPSULES

#1 Nikki Weiss (G, Fr.; Redding, CT ... 1.53 GAA, 7 SV/6 GA, 7 GP/3 GS, 353 min.)

Played final 65 minutes in opener vs. Michigan (1 SV; 0-0) and then took tough-luck loss as starter vs. Stanford (1 SV/2 GA; game ended on PK, 2-1 in OT) ... started both games of ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic, with 4-2 win over Princeton (1 GA/0 SV; 64 min.) and 2-1 OTloss to #16 Oklahoma State (2 GA/3 SV.) ... closed 4-1 win at Syracuse (GA, SV; 25 min.) and 3-0 win at St. John's (4 min.), also logging final seven minutes vs. Villanova (SV; 5-0) ... closed exhibition game with preseason #1 UNC (2-2) by logging final 30 minutes, with a save and goal allowed (by Rachel Givan) in that 2-2 tie ... also saved both shots she faced in first 31 minutes of exhibition vs. #11 Virginia (3-1).

#2 Kerri Hanks (F, Jr.; Allen, TX ... 13G-18A, 44 pts, 4 GWG, 23 GS ... 63G-55A, 181 pts, 16 GWG, 75 GP/72 GS)

(also see earlier notes pages) ... her lead pass assisted on Elise Weber's goal to cap 2-0 win at #7 Florida ... added similar assist on Michele Weissenhofer's goal at #3 Santa Clara (7-1 loss) and then played ball back to Lauren Fowlkes to set up gametying goal vs. #5 Stanford (2-1 loss in OT) ... had left-endline cross on Weissenhofer's header vs. Princeton and later scored on direct free kick in that 4-2 game ... added another free-kick goal that tied game with #16 Oklahoma State (2-1 OTloss) ... posted her fifth career hat trick in 4-0 win over DePaul, with the first goal coming on a header (via Amanda Cinalli's right-endline cross) before a pair of converted penalty kicks ... converted pass from Amanda Cinalli to open scoring against Penn State (2-1 loss) and earn spot on the BIG EAST weekly honor roll (3G-1A) ... her deflected shot set up Cinalli's goal at #25 Louisville (1-0) ... added 1G-1A in 6-1 win over Cincinnati, plus an assist at Syracuse (4-1), the game's first goal at St. John's (3-0), two more assists in the wins over Georgetown (3-0) and Villanova (5-0), a penalty-kick goal vs. Providence (4-0) and the 86th-minute goal scored directly off a leftside corner kick vs. UConn (tied game, ND won 2-1 in overtime) ... named BIG EAST player of the week after 6-point weekend during 3-1 wins at Seton Hall (2A) and Rutgers (1G-2A), assisting on Susan Pinnick's GWGs in each of those games ... had leftside corner-kick assist on goal by Ashley Jones and then converted PK for 2-0 final in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers, then provided leftside give-and-go cross to assist on Brittany Bock's header that opened BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown (2-0) ... poked home chip pass from Courtney Rosen for early go-ahead goal in BIG EAST title game vs. West Virginia (1-1) ... her 3A in NCAA opener vs. Loyola Chicago (3-0) included short pop-up header than led to a Brittany Bock goal, a corner-kick service on Carrie Dew's goal and a thru-ball to set up another Bock goal ... saw her 13-game point streak end two days later vs. Illinois ... earlier in season, she ran onto long free kick from Amanda Clark and struck shot inside right post to tie exhibition game with UNC (2-2) ... also had free-kick assist on Cinalli's header in 3-1 exhibition win over #11 Virginia.

#5 Amanda Cinalli (Sr., F/M; Maple Hts, OH ... 3G-5A, 11 pts, GWG, 18 GP/15 GS ... career: 34G-31A, 99 pts, 10 GWG, 97 GP/83 GS)

Appeared in first 89 games of her ND career before missing game at Syracuse due to hamstring injury ... logged 16 minutes two days later at St. John's but then missed four more games due to the lingering injury ... eased back into action during games at Seton Hall and Rutgers before a strong all-around game in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers (when she played both forward and midfield) ... ranks 13th in ND history with 97 career GP (one out of 10th) ... versatile offensive player who started at forward in first three games (Michigan, Florida and Santa Clara) before shifting to midfield for next three (vs. Stanford, Princeton and Oklahoma State) ... returned to starting forward role in 4-0 win over DePaul and 2-1 loss to Penn State ... her absence for most of Stanford game limited the ND offense in that 2-1 OTloss (she played only the first 20 minutes before leaving after a collision in the air) ... did not start the next game vs. Princeton but made the most out of her 59 minutes, matching her career-high totals for goals (2) and points (1) ... scored on a one-timer leftfooted shot from the top of the box to tie game vs. the Tigers (1-1; won 4-2), just a couple minutes after checking into that game ... also had right-endline cross on header by Kerri Hanks that opened scoring vs. DePaul (4-0) and then fed ball to Hanks to open scoring vs. PSU ... knocked in a deflected shot by Kerri Hanks for only goal in 1-0 win at Louisville ... two days later, her run down the left side and deflected shot set up Rose Augustin's far-post goal that opened the scoring vs. Cincinnati (6-1) ... that assist made her the 12th ND player ever to reach 30G-30A in her career (34G-30A) ... her deflected shot assisted on rebound goal by Michele Weissenhofer to open scoring in NCAA second round vs. Illinois (2-0) ... one point away from becoming 16th all-time ND player with 100-plus career points ... her strong preseason included goal that opened scoring in exhibition vs. then-#1 UNC (2-2) before adding pair of goals in 3-1 win over #11 Virginia (she headed in a Kerri Hanks free kick and later knocked home a deflected Michele Weissenhofer shot).

#6 Lauren Karas (Sr., G; Flower Mound, TX)

0.57 GAA, 27 SV/10 GA, 20 GP/19 GS (16-2-1), 1,590 min. ... career: 0.57 GAA, 98 SV/31 GA, 72 GP/58 GS, 5,031 min., 52-4-2

Her 0.57 career GAA would tie the ND record held by Liz Wagner (0.57; 1998-2001) ... her .911 career win pct. (50-4-2) is on pace to break the ND record held by Jen Renola (.903; 87-8-3; 1993-96) ... led the BIG EAST with a 0.31 GAA during 2007 league play (3 GA) ... made several big plays in hard-fought win at #7 Florida (2-0; 1 SV) ... played first half in 7-1 loss at #3 Santa Clara (3 GA/2 SV) ... logged final 27 minutes of 4-2 win over Princeton (1 GA) and then picked up her 19th career solo shutout in 4-0 win over DePaul, followed by 2-1 loss to Penn State (SV) ... had a season-high five saves in 3-1 win at Seton Hall (SHU's lone goal came on a free kick double-deflection) ... made a save while logging first 30 minutes in exhibition tie vs. preseason #1 UNC (2-2) ... had a save and goal allowed while playing 31 minutes in the middle of the preseason game vs. #11 Virginia (a 3-1 win).

#7 Amanda Clark (M/D, So.; Naperville, IL ... 23 GP/22 GS ... career: 1A, 50 GP/36 GS)

Started first 22 games this season before coming off the bench vs. Illinois ... earned CoSIDA Academic All-District V honors, with a 3.44 cumulative GPA as a business major ... fifth on team with 1,831 minutes played (80/gm) ... has settled in as starting defensive midfielder in past 16 games ... has yet to miss a game in her career ... versatile defensive player who opened regular season as starting center back (alongside Haley Ford) before playing next three games as starter at right back ... returned to center back during the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic (alongside Carrie Dew; vs. Princeton and Oklahoma State) ... started at her third different position – defensive midfielder – in 4-0 win over DePaul and 2-1 loss to Penn State (plus all of the current 11-game winning streak) ... her long free kick down the middle of the field sprung Kerri Hanks for game-tying goal (2-2) in exhibition vs. North Carolina.

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#9 Lauren Fowlkes (D/M, Fr.; Lee's Summit, NJ ... 2G-1A, 23 GS)

Yet another versatile player who saw significant minutes at all three field positions during first half of season ... one of three players to start every game while leading team with 2,054 minutes played (89.3/gm) ... has been on the bench for only 67 minutes all season (she has played 96.8% of the minutes) ... emerged as starting center back in past two months, alongside junior Carrie Dew (with sophomore Haley Ford sidelined due to injury) ... her shift to defense has helped solidify the ND back line but also has taken her many offensive skills out of the Irish attack ... opened regular season as starting defensive midfielder vs. Michigan and Florida, then started as attacking midfielder at Santa Clara and was a starting forward vs. Stanford and Princeton – before starting the past 12 games at center back ... scored from the top of box (after drop pass from Kerri Hanks) to tie Stanford game (lost 2-1 in OT) ... her left-endline cross assisted on Amanda Cinalli's goal that tied the Princeton game at 1-1 (won 4-2) ... her most recent goal capped 3-1 win at Seton Hall and was set up by a right-side free kick from Hanks and Brittany Bock's flick header (she then trapped the ball and quickly scored at the far post) ... headed in a Michele Weissenhofer flip-throw for the gamewinning goal in preseason game vs. #11 Virginia (3-1).

#10 Brittany Bock (M/F, Jr.; Naperville, IL... 14G-3A, 31 pts, 21 GS, 7 GWG ... career: 38G-19A, 95 pts, 13 GWG, 67 GP/57 GS)

See notes pages earlier in release for detailed info. on Bock ... ranks 21st nationally in goals (14) ... classic attacking midfielder who also has been used as a defensive midfielder and forward at times this season ... her midseason shift to forward, due to injuries for several of her teammates, has sparked the ND winning streak ... started at defensive midfielder vs. Princeton and at forward two days later vs. Oklahoma State ... scored on one of her classic diving headers to open the scoring at #7 Florida (2-0), connecting on a left-flank cross from Elise Weber ... 18 of her 38 career goals with the Irish have come on headers (plus four rare header assists in her career) ... see earlier notes pages on Bock for info. on her midseason scoring tear (3G at Syracuse, 1G-1A at St. John's, 2G-1Avs. Villanova, 2G vs. Georgetown, OT header to beat #13 UConn, 2-1) ... has missed two postseason games due to minor injuries (BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers and NCAA second round vs. Illinois).

11 Michele Weissenhofer (F, So.; Naperville, IL ... 5G-2A, 12 pts, 21 GP/16 GS ... career: 23G-19A, 65 pts 6 GWG, 48 GP/39 GS)

Suffered ankle injury late in the OT loss to #16 Oklahoma State and missed next two games (win over DePaul, loss to #14 Penn State) before coming off the bench vs. #25 Louisville (1-0) and Cincinnati (6-1) ... started final nine regular-season games but did not play more than 65 minutes in a game during that span, as she aims for full return from the injury ... scored pair of goals to cap win over Cincinnati, with one coming on strong leftfooted shot from outside upper right corner of the box (to far left post) and the other coming on a breakaway set up by Carrie Dew's lead pass ... also had 1G-1A(including flip-throw on goal by Amanda Cinalli) in 4-2 win over Princeton and scored in loss at Princeton ... had another flip-throw assist to set up early header goal by Brittany Bock vs. Georgetown (3-0) ... ended a long point drought by scoring on rebound shot from the top of the box, for 1-0 lead on Illinois in NCAA second round (2-0) ... a similar flip-throw assisted on header goal by Lauren Fowlkes in exhibition win over #11 Virginia (3-1).

#12 Ashley Jones (M/D, Sr., Westlake Village, CA... 3G-5A, 11 pts, 23 GP/12 GS ... career: 6G-15A, 27 pts, 102 GP/53 GS)

Has repeated as a CoSIDA first team Academic All-American, with 3.98 cumulative GPA as accounting major ... has yet to miss a game in her ND career (102), tying for the second-longest streak of consecutive games played in ND history ... the 102 GP also are tied for second in ND history and ninth in the NCAA record book, one shy of Jen Buczkowski's ND record of 103 GP (4th in NCAA history) ... shifted to her more natural position of midfield at midseason point and responded with five-game point streak ... has posted her career-high for points in a season (11; 3G-5A) ... had impressive goal in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers, elevating over goalkeeper Erin Gurthrie to connect on a leftside corner kick from Kerri Hanks for a header that went off the bottom of the crossbar and into the net (1-0; won 2-0) ... made three early starts at left back (vs. Michigan, Santa Clara and Oklahoma State) ... has seen significant minutes this season at her natural position of midfield (she converted to outside back in the middle of the 2005 season) ... scored fifth career goal in 4-0 win over DePaul, volleying in right-endline cross from Erica Iantorno ... her career-best five-game point streak included assists vs. Cincinnati (6-1), Syracuse (4-1), St. John's (2A; 3-0) and Georgetown (3-0), plus a goal in 5-0 win over Villanova.

#14 Courtney Rosen (M, So., Brecksville, OH ... 1G-3A, 5 pts, 22 GP/14 GS ... career: 3G-7A, 13 pts, 42 GP/19 GS)

Her well-placed passes provided primary assists in BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown (goal by Rose Augustin; capped 2-0 win) and in BIG EAST final vs. West Virginia (goal by Kerri Hanks, for 1-0 lead in 1-1 tie) ... has been battling all season from a foot injury suffered late in the exhibition vs. Virginia (DNP in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers) ... has played primarily as an attacking midfielder this season but can be used as a target player on the forward line (where she played some in 2006) ... has started six of the past nine games ... alertly reversed the attack to left side, picking up assist as Elise Weber lofted a cross that led to Brittany Bock's far-post header to beat #13 UConn in OT (2-1) ... earlier scored in 3-0 win over Georgetown, ripping one of her patented leftfooted shots into the far-right sidenetting for 2-0 lead.

#15 Rose Augustin (F/M, Fr., Silver Lake, OH ... 5G-1A, 11 pts, 23 GP/4 GS)

Newcomer in offensive third who made midfield start at Stanford (ND opened that game in a 4-4-2 formation) and then started at forward vs. DePaul (in place of injured Michele Weissenhofer) ... made start at midfield in early game at Stanford, with her other starts coming at forward (vs. DePaul, PennState and Cincinnati) ... volleyed in leftside cross from Courtney Rosen to cap scoring in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown (2-0) ... all nine of her points in the regular season (4G-1A) came in five-game stretch (Sept. 30-Oct. 14) ... opened scoring in 6-1 win over Cincinnati, after nudging in a deflected shot from Amanda Cinalli ... finished a flick from Kerri Hanks at the far-right post for 4-0 lead at Syracuse (4-1) ... had a productive 38-minute stint off the bench in 5-0 win over Villanova, with five-point game (2G-1A) ... had an impressive sweep-tap at right side of box, as part of combination sequence for primary assist on goal by Ashley Jones (shot to far-left side of net) that produced 3-0 lead on VU ... minutes later, she took a pass from Elise Weber and launched booming 30-yard shot into the far-right side of the net, before converting rightside pass from Micaela Alvarez and scoring to the far side to cap the win.

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#16 Micaela Alvarez (M, So., Cranbury, N.J. ... 3A, 9 GP)

Missed all of the 2006 season due to ACLknee surgery but has emerged in recent weeks as one of team's top reserve midfielders ... has made the most of her time on the field this season, with 3A in only 93 minutes played (over nine games played) ... slid pass from right flank into the box, for primary assist on goal by Michele Weissenhofer vs. Cincinnati (5-1; 6-1 final) ... had similar pass from right side that led to Rose Augustin's goal (capping 5-0 win over Villanova) ... kept up her hot streak last week versus Providence, after making run down left side to collect pass out of the back from Rachel VanderGenutgan before crossing perfect lead pass into right side of the box (Susan Pinnick finished the far-post shot to cap that 4-0 win) ... gained NCAA Tournament experience in first round vs. Loyola Chicago (8 min.).

#17 Susan Pinnick (F/M,Sr.; South Bend, IN; 5G-3A, 13 pts, 20 GP/2 GS ... career: 14G-12A, 40 pts, 67 GP/6 GS)

Veteran frontrunner who also can play effectively as an attacking midfielder ... 12 of her 13 of her points this season have come in the current 13-game unbeaten streak, with GWGs vs. Cincinnati (6-1), SetonHall (3-1) and Rutgers (3-1), plus an assist at Syracuse (4-1), a goal at St. John's (3-0), an assist vs. Georgetown(3-0) and the goal that capped the 4-0 win over Providence ... also had assist in early game vs. Stanford (2-1 OTloss) ... suffered preseason ankle injury that held her out of both exhibitions (vs. UNC and Virginia), plus the regular-season games with Michigan and Florida (also DNP vs. UConn).

#18 Stephanie Sohn (D, Fr.; Ronkonkoma, NY... 16 GP)

Has seen time at both center back and right back ... has played this season vs. several top teams, including Michigan (10 min.), Florida (5), Santa Clara (26), Princeton (15), Villanova (10), Georgetown (13; BIG EAST semifinal) and Loyola Chicago (16; NCAA second round) ... has appeared in 10 of the past 12 games.

#19 Carrie Dew (D, Jr.; Encinitas, CA... 3A, 23 GP/22 GS ... career: 5G-3A, 62 GP/59 GS)

Missed all of the 2006 postseason due to an ACL knee injury ... saw her first competitive action since the injury by playing 41 minutes in the regular-season opener vs. Michigan ... has gone on to log 2,000 minutes this season (87/gm), second-most on the team behind fellow center back Lauren Fowlkes (2,054) ... dangerous set-play threat and strong player in the air who had several near-misses in the 2-1 overtime loss to Oklahoma State ... earlier made rare start at defensive midfield, in 7-1 loss at Santa Clara (ND abandoned that lineup after SCU had built a 3-1 lead) ... has assists this season vs. Cincinnati (6-1), Providence (4-0) and Rutgers (3-1), when her flick header on a Kerri Hanks' leftside free kick set up Susan Pinnick's far-post gamewinner (2-1) ... registered the first postseason points of her career in NCAA opener vs. Loyola Chicago, heading home a corner kick from Kerri Hanks for 2-0 lead in that game (3-0).

#20 Becca Mendoza (M, Jr.; Garland, TX ... 3G-1A, 7 pts, 23 GP/11 GS ... career: 4G-2A, 10 pts, 56 GP/15 GS)

Has made starts as an attacking midfielder this season vs. Michigan, Florida, Princeton, Louisville, St. John's, Villanova, Providence, Seton Hall, Rutgers (BIG EAST quarterfinal), Georgetown (BE semifinal) and Illinois (NCAA second round) ... her pass to Erica Iantorno led to right-endline cross and Ashley Jones' volley goal that capped 4-0 win over DePaul ... also scored twice in 4-0 win over Providence and had goal that capped 3-1 win at Rutgers.

#21 Erica Iantorno (F, Fr.; Hinsdale, IL ... 4A, 19 GP)

Entered preseason camp as a candidate to play in the midfield but has been used mostly as a forward, due to ACLknee surgery for her classmate Taylor Knaack and senior Susan Pinnick's nagging ankle injury ... has logged some quality minutes, including 42-minute stint vs. DePaul that included her right-endline cross on goal by Ashley Jones (capping 4-0 win) and a strong shot from the top of the box ... also has posted assists in wins over Syracuse (4-1), Georgetown (3-0) and Villanova (5-0) ... gained NCAA Tournament experience in the first- and second-round games vs. Loyola Chicago and Illinois.

#23 Elise Weber (LB, Jr.; Elk Grove, IL ... 2G-7A, 11 pts, 23 GS ... career: 10G-12A, 32 pts, 66 GP/61 GS)

See notes earlier in release on being named to national team of the week ... joins Kerri Hanks and Lauren Fowlkes as only ND players to start all 23 games this season ... has logged 1,911 minutes of game action this season (4th-most on the team (83/gm) ... her 7A are second-most by a BIG EASTdefender this season while her 11 points rank among the most by an ND defender in recent years ... transfer from Wisconsin and key addition to the defense who has shown the ability to play at both left (primary role) and right back ... also has been shifted into the midfield at times this season ... her left-flank cross set up Brittany Bock's diving header that opened the scoring in 2-0 win at #7 Florida ... also later scored in that game, after making run into right side of box and striking shot inside far-left post ... had cross from similar location as in the Florida game, on Bock's far-post header that beat #13 UConn (2-1, in OT) ... had secondary assist on Bock's GWG vs. Georgetown in BIGEASTsemifinal ... earlier scored on a direct free kick to open the scoring in 3-1 win at Seton Hall) ... picked up assist that opened scoring in midseason game vs. PennState (2-1 loss), with pass to Amanda Cinalli (who then fed Kerri Hanks) ... had assist in 4-1 win at Syracuse and pair of assists in 5-0 win over Villanova.

#25 Julie Scheidler (RB, Fr.; Indianapolis, IN ... 1A, 23 GP/18 GS)

Has emerged as starting right back ... has played mostly as an outside back while also seeing some time in the midfield (during first half of season) ... made early starts vs. Princeton, DePaul and Penn State (both at right back) ... had secondary assist on Brittany Bock's second header goal vs. Villanova (2-0; 5-0 final) ... played all 90 minutes in wins over DePaul (4-0) and at Louisville (1-0) while also playing the entire game (93 min.) in OT showdown with #13 UConn (2-1) and then logging 85 minutes in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers (2-0) ... played most of game (76 min.) in NCAA second-round win over Illinois.

#27 Brittany Johnson (M, Fr., Pleasant Prairie, WI ... 12 GP)

Promising defensive midfielder who has appeared in games this season versus several top teams (including Michigan, Santa Clara, Princeton, Villanova and Illinois in the NCAA second round).