

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

FIGHTING IRISH MEDIA

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BAYLOR (14-5-3) VS. NOTRE DAME (10-6-5)

GAME INFORMATION				
Sunday, Nov. 19 7 p.m. ET	Ellis Field			

	THE SERIES				
AII-Time vs. BU	ND leads, 2-0	Last: 1-0, Notre Dame (Sept. 12, 2014)			
Neutral	N/A	N/A			

	THE COACHES						
	Head Coach At School (Years) Overall (Years)						
ND	Theresa Romagnolo	51-20-13 (4th)	76-42-16 (7th)				
BU	Paul Jobson	35-18-8 (3rd)	35-18-8 (3rd)				

	BY THE NUMBERS				
3	Notre Dame has ended in a draw three times in NCAA play and advanced on penalty kicks each time.				
5	Notre Dame's five road wins are its most since recording six in 2014 (also six in 2012). The last time the Irish won seven or more games on the road was in 2010, when it won eight and won the national championship.				
6	Notre Dame concluded the ACC regular season in sixth place in the conference with a record of 5-3-2.				
9	Nine different Irish players have tallied at least one point in Notre Dame's 2017 NCAA Championship games, the most since 11 did so in 2008.				
10	Notre Dame is 10-0-1 when scoring at least two goals in a match in 2017.				
12	Notre Dame played 12 regular-season matches against eventual NCAA tournament teams in 2017, going 5-4-3 in those contests.				
13	Notre Dame's Natalie Jacobs has scored 13 of Notre Dame's 44 goals this season. The 13 goals are the most by an Irish player since 2015 (Anna Gilbertson - 13).				
14	The Irish check in at No. 14 in the RPI. The Irish own the third-best RPI in the ACC behind North Carolina (No. 2) and Duke (No. 4).				
15	Fifteen different Irish players have recorded at least one point this season, the most since 17 different players did so in 2013. Notre Dame has had 11 players score a goal and 12 players record an assist (most since 2013).				
25	The Irish are playing in their 25th straight NCAA Championship. Notre Dame owns 12 trips to the College Cup and three NCAA titles.				
28	The Irish have totaled 28 second-half goals (more than their 2016 scoring total) and have limited their opponents to 18 goals in the period.				
42	Notre Dame's 44 goals this season are 18 more than it recorded in 2016, when it finished with 26. The team's 44 goals are its most since 2013 (45).				
50	Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo, who is in her fourth season with the Irish, won her 50th game at Miami on Oct. 22. The Washington graduate owns a record of 51-20-13 at Notre Dame.				

2017 SCHEDULE						
Date	ND Rk	Opp Rk	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Score
Aug. 18	18		Butler	Notre Dame, IN	ACC STRINGE	T, 0-0 (20T)
Aug. 20	18		Ball State	Notre Dame, IN	ACC ESPTI NEWS E	W, 4-0
Aug. 25	24		Minnesota	Iowa City, IA		T, 1-1 (20T)
Aug. 27	24		at lowa	Iowa City, IA	BTN +	W, 2-0
Sep. 1		11	South Carolina	Notre Dame, IN	ACC STRINGS	L, 0-1 (20T)
Sep. 3			Santa Clara	Notre Dame, IN	ACC STATE ACTION	W, 4-1
Sep. 8			at Ohio State	Columbus, OH		L, 1-2 (20T)
Sep. 10			at Toledo	Toledo, OH		W, 4-0
Sep. 16		11	at Clemson*	Clemson, SC		W, 4-2
Sep. 21		4	Duke*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC SOPTI NETWOON	L, 0-3
Sep. 24		24	NC State*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC ESPET NETHYRA	W, 4-0
Sep. 29	22	20	Wake Forest*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC SOPTI NETWOON	L, 1-2
0ct. 5		13	at Virginia*	Charlottesville, VA	ACC ESPTI NETWOOK	T, 1-1
0ct. 8			Syracuse*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC STRIBUM	W, 2-0
Oct. 14			Virginia Tech*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC SEPTI METADOX	L, 1-2
Oct. 19		18	at Florida State*	Tallahassee, FL	ACC SOFT METHON	W, 4-3
Oct. 22			at Miami*	Coral Gables, FL	ACC EST NEINING	W, 2-1
0ct. 26	24	4	at UNC*	Chapel Hill, NC	ACC STI MINOR	T, 1-1
Oct. 29	24		at NC State&	Raleigh, NC	ACC ESPTI METROX	L, 1-4
Nov. 11			IUPUI^	Notre Dame, IN	ACC STREET MINOR	W, 5-0
Nov. 17		6	at Texas A&M^	College Station, TX	SEC+	T,2-2(20T)
Nov. 19		23	vs. Baylor^	College Station, TX	ESPN3	7 p.m.
Nov. 24			NCAA Quarterfinal	Campus Sites		TBA
Dec. 1			NCAA Semifinal	Orlando, FL		TBA
Dec. 3			NCAAChampionship	Orlando, FL		TBA
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2017 IRISH ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Brooke Littman	Goalkeeper	5-8	So	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif./Rancho Palos Verdes
2	Katie Uhler	Midfielder/Forward	5-9	Sr	San Antonio, Texas/Saint Mary's Ha
3	Natalie Ward	Defender	5-4	Jr	Newport Beach, Calif./Newport Harbor
4	Sammi Fisher	Midfielder	5-6	Fr	Simi Valley, Calif./Grace Brethren
5	Alexis Martel-Lamothe	Midfiedler/Defender	5-10	So	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Collà ge Catholique Samuel-Genest
6	Samantha Zepponi	Defender	5-4	So	Sebastapol, Calif./Analy High School
7	Karin Muya	Forward	5-6	Sr	London, England/Burntwood School
8	Sabrina Flores	Defender/Midfield	5-3	Jr	Livingston, N.J./Livingston
9	Natalie Jacobs	Forward	5-8	So	Coto de Caza, Calif./Tesoro
10	Jennifer Westendorf	Forward	5-9	So	Grayson, Ga./Grayson High School
11	Shannon Hendricks	Midfielder/Defender	5-5	Jr	Granger, Ind./Marian
12	Camryn Dyke	Midfielder	5-7	Fr	Littleton, Colo./Valor Christian
13	Ginny McGowan	Defender	5-7	Sr	Lake Forest, III./Lake Forest
14	Eva Hurm	Forward	5-6	Fr	Upper Saddle River, N.J./Northern Highlands Regional
15	Ann Marie Niro	Midfielder	5-5	Jr	Barrington, III./Barrington
16	Sandra Yu	Midfielder	5-4	Gs	Strongsville, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit
17	Rachel Heard	Defender	5-8	Jr	Decatur, Ga./St. Pius X Catholic
19	Jenna Winebrenner	Defender	5-7	Fr	Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill
20	Bailey Cartwright	Forward/Midfield	5-5	Fr	Connellsville, Pa./Greensburg Central Catholic
21	Erin Öspeck	Forward	5-4	Fr	Danville, Calif./Carondelet
22	Megan McCashland	Midfielder	5-7	Sr	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southwest
24	Megan McLaughlin	Midfielder	5-7	So	Granger, Ind./Penn
25	Monica Flores	Defender	5-3	Sr	Livingston, N.J./Livingston
26	Kate O'Connor	Midfielder	5-7	Fr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Tesoro High School
28	Kaitlin Klawunder	Forward	5-9	Sr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita
29	Taylor Klawunder	Midfielder	5-10	Sr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita
31	Paige Crowley	Defender	5-8	Sr	Los Gatos, Calif./Saint Francis
32	Meghan Doyle	Forward	5-11	Sr	Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna
33	Lexi Nicholas	Goalkeeper	5-7	Sr	Pleasanton, Calif./Amador Valley

Theresa Romagnolo - Head Coach Dawn Siergiej - Assistant Coach Nate Norman - Assistant Coach Kerri Casper - Director of Operations Joe Nagle - Equipment Manager

Pronunciation Guide

Eva Hurm — "EE-va"
Kaitlin Klawunder — "CLAW-vunder"
Taylor Klawunder — "CLAW-vunder"
Alexis Martel-Lamothe — "Ah-lex-ee Mar-tel La-mōth"
Ginny McGowan — "JIN-ny Mc-GOW-in"
Karin Muya — "M00-yuh"
Ann Marie Niro — "NIGH-row"
Katie Uhler — "YOU-ler"
Samantha Zepponi — "Zeh-PO-ny"
Theresa Romagnolo — "tuh-RAY-sa row-mah-NO-low"
Dawn Siergiej — "SER-gay"



COVERING THE IRISH

COACHING STAFF GAMEDAY LOCATIONS						
Coach Title Season						
Theresa Romagnolo	4th season					
Dawn Siergiej	Assistant Coach	15th season				
Nate Norman	Assistant Coach	1st season				
Kerri Casper	Director of Operations	1st season				

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STUDENT-ATHLETE AVAILABILITY					
Game Day	Post-Game Time 20 minutes after the ga				
		On the field			
Wednesday	Media Availability	Time	Approx. 3-3:45 p.m. ET		
		Location	Alumni Stadium		
		Notes	Player and coach requests must be coordinated with Megan Golden in advance of Wednes- day's availability.		

AT A GLANCE

Notre Dame, which is competing in its 25th straight NCAA Championship, is scheduled to face unseeded Baylor in the NCAA's Sweet 16 at 7 p.m. ET on Sunday. With a win, the Irish will advance to the Elite Eight and face the winner of No. 1 Duke versus No. 4 Texas.

SERIES HISTORY: BEARS

Notre Dame is in control of the all-time record against the Bears, up 2-0 with both victories coming at home. Most recently, the Irish defeated the Bears 1-0 on Sept. 12, 2014.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Notre Dame women's soccer celebrates its 30th anniversary during the 2017 season. In the program's history, the Irish have gone 543-116-41. Over the past 30 seasons -- including 2017 -- Notre Dame has made 25 appearances in the NCAA Championship. The Irish have competed in 12 College Cups and have won three national titles.

25TH STRAIGHT

Notre Dame received its 25th straight bid in the NCAA Championship. The Irish advanced to the third round for the first time since 2014, for the fourth time in the last six years (third round in 2014, 2015 and quarterfinals in 2012) and the 11th time in the last 14. Notre Dame last made it to the quarterfinals in 2012. Notre Dame has made it to 12 College Cups and has won three national titles. The Irish have gone 68–20–3 in 25 trips to the NCAA Championship. Notre Dame has played host to at least one match in 23 of its 25 tournament appearances thus far.

STORYLINES

CHECKING THE RPI

Notre Dame checked in at No. 14 in the most recent RPI. The Irish faced seven ranked opponents -- all in the ACC -- from Sept. 16 to Oct. 26 and went 3-2-2 in those games. Notre Dame lost to then-No. 11 South Carolina in double-overtime.

TRIO IN THE 20+ CLUB

Notre Dame's Natalie Jacobs, Jennifer Westendorf and Sandra Yu each own 20-plus points this season, marking the first time since 2010 that three Irish players have reached the 20-point plateau. The last time four Irish players accomplished the feat was in 2006.

ACC ACCOLADES

Four Irish received All-ACC accolades, including Sandra Yu (first team), Natalie Jacobs (second team), Jennifer Westendorf (third team) and Sammi Fisher (freshman team). Yu's honor comes in the midst of a career season just one year after she was named to the All-ACC third team. Jacobs adds the all-conference honor to a resume that also includes a nod to the All-Freshman team in 2015. The honor marks the second in as many years for Westendorf. In 18 games played, Fisher has recorded seven points on three goals with one assist.

ROAD WARRIORS

Notre Dame has played 10 true road games this season and one in NCAA play. The Irish own a 5-2-3 record on the road thus far and are 5-2-4 away from home. Notre Dame has gone 4-1-3 in its last seven road games. The Irish are 7-2-7 on the road over the last two seasons.

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Notre Dame's Jennifer Westendorf and Sandra Yu each were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District first team on Nov. 9. The honor marks the first of their respective careers. Yu owns career highs in nearly every category, including goals (8), assists (5) and points (21). Westendorf has surpassed her 2016 point total with 25 and her single-season career high in goals (six) with nine.

SECOND-HALF MAGIC

Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 28-18 in the second half this season. The Irish have entered halftime in a scoreless tie nine times and in a 1-1 tie three times in 2017. Notre Dame has scored four goals in the second half three times this season against Ball St., Santa Clara and Toledo.

LAST TIME OUT

Notre Dame played No. 2-seeded Texas A&M to a 2-2 draw and advanced on penalty kicks, 4-1. The Irish ended the second overtime period with just the third draw in 91 NCAA contests in program history. Notre Dame's Eva Hurm scored in the first period to knot the game at 1-1, and Natalie Jacobs gave the Irish a 2-1 lead in the second half. Jacobs, Taylor Klawunder, Westendorf and McGowan each made their penalty kicks to advance.

SCORING IN BUNCHES

Notre Dame has gone 8-2 in games decided by two-plus goals. The Irish offense has scored four or more goals on seven occasions this season, turning in dominant performances in such matches. Notre Dame has surpassed its 2016 scoring total (26 goals) with a sum of 44 goals this season. As a team, the Irish have been most successful in regulation, with all 10 of their wins coming in the first 90 minutes.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Notre Dame owns a 7-2 record on Sunday in 2017. The Irish have played on Thursday four times (1-1-2), on Friday six times (0-3-3), on Saturday twice (2-0) and on Sunday nine times (7-2). All seven of Notre Dame's Sunday victories have come in the afternoon, four of which were at home (Ball St., Santa Clara, NC State and Syracuse) and three of which were on the road (at Iowa, at Toledo and at Miami).

TOPDRAWERSOCCER.COM HONOR

Sophomore Jennifer Westendorf was named to TopDrawerSoccer.com's Women's Preseason Best XI Second Team. Westendorf was a 2017 All-ACC Third Team selection. Westendorf has started 41 games and tallied 38 points in two seasons at Notre Dame.

CAREER YEAR FOR YU

After missing her first two seasons due to injury, Sandra Yu returned to the program as a graduate student and has recorded a career-high 21 points in 2017. Yu already has doubled her previous career high in points (eight), set in 2015. Yu has started all of Notre Dame's contests over the past two-plus seasons (2015-17), tallying 33 points on 13 goals and seven assists in her career. Yu also competed on the United States U-23 Women's National Team this past summer.

SPLIT STATS/HIGH-LOW

THE RECORD WH	EN			
		2017 Irisl	1	
Split Stat	Re	Record (W-L-T)		
Home	5	4	1	
Away	5	2	3	
Neutral	0	0	1	
vs. Atlantic Coast Conference	5	3	2	
vs. teams ranked in top 25	3	3	3	
vs. teams ranked in top 10	0	1	1	
vs. teams ranked in top 5	0	1	2	
vs. unranked opponents	7	3	2	
Both teams are ranked	0	1	1	
Neither team is ranked	5	2	0	
ND is ranked higher	2	1	2	
Opponent is ranked higher	3	3	3	
In August	2	0	2	
In September	4	4	0	
In October	3	2	2	
In November	1	0	1	
In December				
Afternoon Matches	7	2	0	
Night Matches	3	4	5	
Decided by one goal or fewer	2	4	5	
Decided by two goals or more	8	2	0	
Scoring first	9	2	3	
Opponent scores first	1	4	1	
Leading at halftime	6	1	1	
Tied at halftime	4	4	4	
Trailing at halftime	0	1	0	
Scoring one goal	0	4	3	
Scoring two goals	3	0	1	
Scoring three or more goals	7	0	0	
Allowing zero goals	6	0	1	
Allowing one goal	2	1	3	
Allowing two goals	1	3	1	
Allowing three or more goals	1	2	0	
In extra time	0	2	5	
Coming off a loss	5	0	1	

SINGLE-MATCH HIGHS/LOWS						
Stat	Team/Athlete	Opponent	Record	Date		
Most goals scored	Notre Dame	vs.Tri-State	17	10/10/89		
Most goals vs. ranked opponent	Notre Dame	vs. #2 Santa Clara	6	9/8/00		
	Notre Dame	vs. No. 25 Maryland	6	9/4/05		
Goals in a season opener	Notre Dame	at Providence	14	8/31/96		
Shots in a match	Notre Dame	vs. IU-South Bend	59	9/26/90		
Corner kicks in a match	Notre Dame	at Loyola-Chicago	21	10/20/93		
	Notre Dame	vs. Tulsa	15	9/1/00		
Goalscorers in a match	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	12	10/10/89		
Winning margin	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89		
Margin of defeat	Notre Dame	vs. UNC	6	9/4/09		
Quickest goal scored	Michelle McCarthy	vs. Xavier	0:15	10/8/93		
Quickest goal in season opener	Kerri Hanks	vs. Iowa State	1:19	8/26/06		
Quickest goal in second half	Amy VanLaecke	vs. Wisconsin	45:12	11/24/96		
Goals in a match	Melissa Henderson	vs. DePaul	4	10/21/11		
Goals in first half	Melissa Henderson (+9 others)	vs. Central Mich.	3	10/21/11		
Goals in second half	Melissa Henderson (+3 others)	vs. DePaul	3	10/21/11		
Goals in season opener	Kerri Hanks (+7 others)	vs. UNH	3	8/26/05		
Shots in a match	Amanda Guertin	vs. Pittsburgh	14	10/4/02		
Points in a match	Katie Thorlakson	vs. St. John's	10	10/31/04		
Points in season opener	Katie Thorlakson	vs. UNH	8	2005		
Points in first half	Katie Thorlakson	vs. Baylor	7	8/27/04		
	Monica Gerardo	vs. Providence	7	10/11/98		
Points in second half	Katie Thorlakson	vs. Santa Clara	7	9/5/04		
	Tasha Strawbridge	vs. Valparaiso	7	9/5/04		
Assists in a match	Holly Manthei	vs. Villanova	6	11/3/96		
Assists in a half	Jen Grubb	vs. Wisconsin	4	10/14/97		
	Holly Manthei	vs. Villanova	4	11/3/96		
	Kara Brown	vs. Seton Hall	4	10/27/96		
Saves in a match	Michelle Lodyga		22	1989		
Highest combined score	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89		