

**2005 Notre Dame Women's Soccer
(14-2-0, 8-1-0 BIG EAST)**

August

Vermont Classic

26 vs. New Hampshire W, 11-1
28 at Vermont W, 6-0

September

Notre Dame Classic

2 #14 UConn 2, #25 Maryland 1
#1 ND 4, #11 Florida 1
(both Sept. 2 games on CSTV)
4 #11 Florida 5, #14 UConn 0
#1 ND 6, 325 Maryland 0

Santa Clara Classic

9 at #6 Santa Clara L, 1-2
(Comcast SportsNet West)
11 vs. Gonzaga W, 4-1
16 DePaul* W, 6-0
18 #20 Michigan (Comcast) W, 3-0
23 Cincinnati* W, 4-0
25 at Louisville* W, 3-0
30 at #15 Marquette* L, 1-4

October

2 at South Florida* W, 4-0
7 at Rutgers* W, 1-0 (OT)
9 at Seton Hall* W, 7-0
14 #10 Connecticut* W, 4-0
16 Providence* W, 6-0
21 Villanova* 7:30
23 Georgetown* 1:00

26- *BIG EAST First Round*
27 (Cross-Divisional #4 vs. #5)

29- *BIG EAST Quarterfinals*
30 (campus sites/game at ND)

November

BIG EAST Championship

4 Semifinals (at Marquette)
6 Final (at Marquette)
11, *NCAA First/Second Rounds*
13 (campus sites)
18- *NCAA Third Round*
20 (campus sites)
25- *NCAA Quarterfinals*
27 (campus sites)

December

*NCAA College Cup
(College Station, TX)*

2 Semifinal
3 Final

* – BIG EAST Conference Game
All times local to site
Rankings indicate highest poll

**2005 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER
vs. Villanova and Georgetown (Oct. 21, 7:30 EST and Oct. 23, 1:00 EST)**

The Notre Dame women's soccer team (14-2-0, 8-1-0 BIG EAST) – ranked as high as 6th in the nation – looks to complete the program's ninth undefeated regular-season home slate with games this weekend vs. Villanova (Friday, Oct. 21, 7:30) and Georgetown (Oct. 23, 1:00) ... ND has totaled 71 goals while allowing just 69 opponent shots and 32 shots on goal ... the Irish carry a 63-game home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams and have not lost at Alumni Field in the past 22 games overall (believed to be the nation's longest active streak, along with VCU) ... the loss at Marquette on Sept. 30 was a rarity, as the Irish scored first (ND is 58-2-0 in its past 60 games when scoring first) ... the Irish lead the nation in scoring with 4.44 goals/gm, paced by the nation's top scoring tandem of senior **Katie Thorlakson** (13G-21A; 43 pts) and freshman **Kerri Hanks** (19G-9A; 47 pts) – with sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** (5G-11A) ranking 8th nationally in assists (the three ND forwards have combined for 115 pts) ... ND also leads the nation with a +3.9 avg. scoring margin (71-9/+62, in 16 GP) and is 15th with a 0.56 GAA ... the DePaul game on Sept. 16 was the 400th in the 17-year history of ND women's soccer (the Irish program has won nearly 84% of its all-time games, at 333-59-17).

INFORMATION HIGHWAY – Links to GameTracker live-stats and All-Access live audio for ND home games can be found on the main page of www.und.com ... game recaps are available on the ND Sports Hotline (574-631-3000, press "4," then "2").

DYNAMIC DUO – Notre Dame senior **Katie Thorlakson** (13G-21A, 47 pts) and second-semester freshman **Kerri Hanks** (19G-9A, 47 pts) are running away with the distinction as the nation's top-scoring tandem, combining for 94 points, 32 goals and 30 assists in 16 games ... Thorlason and Hanks are two of just a handful of players in the country who entered the week with at least 9-plus goals and 9-plus assists ... they are just shy of becoming the third set of ND teammates to reach 50 points in the same season (4 did so in '96, 3 in '97) ... Portland is the only other team with two players who have combined for more than 60 points this season while ND is the nation's only team with multiple players who each have surpassed 35 points (much less two with 45-plus) ... Hanks – with five multiple-goal games to her credit – ranks 2nd in the nation in points and 3rd in goals, plus 12th in assists ... her 19 goals stand 14th in the ND single-season record book and are 5th-best ever by a freshman (most since Anne Makinen's ND freshman-record 23 goals in '97) – and she joins Thorlakson (23G, in '04) as the only ND players with 18-plus goals in the past six seasons ('00-'05) ... she is averaging 1.3 goals per game but is averaging nearly 2.0 goals per 90 minutes played, putting the ball in the net once per every 56 minutes she is on the field ... Hanks could become the first Div. I freshman to reach 30 goals since '96 (just three freshmen have reached 30G, led by 37 from SMU's Lisa Cole in '87) ... no other freshman in Div. I women's soccer (among 300-plus teams) has totaled more than 16 goals this season (Hanks is one of just three total players with 17-plus goals) ... Hanks (2) and Thorlakson (3) each have received multiple BIG EAST offensive player-of-the-week awards in '05 ... Hanks already has set the ND record for goals in consecutive games (7) and tied another record with 4 goals in a game ... Thorlakson has been the nation's top all-around offensive player the past two seasons (no other player currently has even 12-plus goals and assists) and she leads the nation in assists while ranking 2nd in points and 13th in goals ... she is one of two players nationwide with 16-plus assists ... her 159 career pts (50G-59A) rank 8th in ND history and she is the 17th Div. I player ever to reach 50G-50A ... Hanks (92 shots) could challenge Thorlakson's ND record for shots in season (127, in '04) while Thorlakson's 2005 sharpshooting includes one goal for every 3.5 shots she has taken (13-for-46).

RECORD PACE – ND is on track to challenge several team records, ranking as one of the most accurate shooting team in the program's 17-year history (5.1 shots per goal) while the strong team defense has the '05 team on near-record pace for fewest shots (4.3/gm), shots on goal (2.0/gm) and corner kicks (1.9) allowed ... the Irish also are on track for one of the top scoring averages (4.44 goals/gm) and margins (+3.9) in ND history (both best since '97):

Category	2005 (ND rank)	Standing ND Record
Shots on Goal Allowed Per Game	2.00 (1st)	2.12 ('97)
Shots Allowed Per Game	4.3 (2nd)	4.0 ('97)
Goals Per Game	4.44 (3rd)	5.45 ('97), 5.25 ('96)
Goal Margin	+3.9 (3rd)	+5.1 ('97), +4.6 ('96)
Shots per Goal (accuracy)	5.1 (3rd)	4.4 ('96), 4.9 ('93)
Corner Kicks Allowed Per Game	1.9 (3rd)	1.2 ('97), 1.8 ('04)

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

967:02 – Erika Bohn's 2003 shutout streak (5th NCAA his.)

1,061 – Career games played by '05 ND players (643 GS)

.744 (30-10-1) – Notre Dame's all-time NCAA Tournament winning pct. (2nd in women's soccer history)

313-9-12 (.955) – Notre Dame's all-time record when holding opponent to 0-1 goals (115-3-5 since 9/9/99)

226-3-1 (.985) – Notre Dame's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (130-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995)

219 – Win streak when taking 2-0 lead (242-0-1 all-time)

133-22-5 (.847) – Randy Waldrum's record at Notre Dame

62-0-1 – Home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST tms ('95-)

51-3-2 – ND's record in its past 56 regular-season games

39 (ended vs. UConn in '04 BET title game; now 58-2-0 last 60) – consecutive wins when scoring first

36-13-3 – ND record vs. NSCAA top-25 teams, since '99

31 – All-Americans (since 1994)

27 – Thorlakson's '04 postseason pts (ND record; 9G-9A)

24 – ND-record streak without allowing 2+ gls ('00 and '03)

23 – Players who posted GPA of 3.0-plus in 2005 spring semester (11 with 3.4-plus)

21-2-0 – All-time record in BIG EAST Tournament

21-3-2 – All-time record in home tournaments

19 – Players who started in '04 (20 have started in '05)

19 – Notre Dame's current unbeaten OT streak (14-0-5)

16 – Notre Dame record for consec. gms w/out deficit ('03)

16 – Shutouts posted by 2004 team (led nation)

15 – Number of home states and provinces (plus Finland) on 2005 Notre Dame roster

15 – Academic All-Americans (since 1995)

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

9 – Starters returning from 2004 national champs

8 – Katie Thorlakson's points (3G-2A) vs. Santa Clara in '04 regular season (most at ND vs. top-10 opp.)

7 – NCAA College Cup semifinal appearances

5 – National ranking for Notre Dame's 2003 freshman class

4.00 – Semester GPAs posted in '04-'05 by Ashley Jones (fall) and Jannica Tjeder (spring)

3.31 – Team's cumulative GPA (as of '05 spring semester)

3 – PK saves made by Erika Bohn in '04 NCAA title game

2 – Teams with multiple NCAA titles (UNC and ND)

2 – USYSA Golden Boots won by Kerri Hanks ('03, '05)

2 – National ranking for 2004 freshman class

1 – Preseason ranking in 2005 NSCAA coaches poll

0.41 – Erika Bohn's 2004 NCAA-best goals-against avg.

THREE YEARS OF DOMINATION

	2003	2004	2005	'03-'05
Record	20-3-1	25-1-1	14-2-0	59-6-2
(Regular Season)	18-1-1	17-0-1	14-2-0	49-3-2
Goals Per Game	3.04	2.54	4.44	3.34
Goals-Against Avg.	0.49	0.51	0.56	0.52
Avg. Scoring Margin	+2.55	+2.03	+3.88	+2.82
Shots Per Game	19.0	20.6	22.6	20.7
Shots Allowed/Gm	4.8	5.7	4.3	4.9
Shot Margin	+14.2	+14.9	+18.3	+15.8
Shooting Percentage	.160	.126	.196	.160
Shots Per Goal	6.2	8.0	5.1	6.4
Shots on Goal per Goal	3.4	3.9	2.9	3.4
Corner Kicks Per Gm	4.7	5.9	7.3	6.0
CKs Allowed Per Gm	3.1	1.8	1.9	2.3
Average CK Margin	+1.6	+4.1	+5.4	+3.7
Save Percentage	.774	.803	.719	.765
Shutouts	15	16	11	42
Games w/ 0-1 GA	22	24	14	60
Games w/ 2 GA	1	3	2	6
Games w/ 3-plus GA	1	0	1	2
Overtime Record	2-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-0	4-0-2
1-Goal Game Record	4-3	10-1	1-1	15-5
Wins By 3-Plus Goals	11	9	13	32
Wins By 5-Plus Goals	5	2	6	13
Home Games	13-2-0	14-0-1	5-0-0	31-2-1
All Road Games	7-1-1	11-1-0	7-2-0	25-4-1
1st-Half Scoring	40-7	32-4	37-5	109-16
2nd-Half Scoring	31-5	38-10	33-4	103-19

DEPTH CHARGES – The 2004 season was a unique one in many ways for Randy Waldrum's squad, as the veteran coach and his players embraced a system of deeper substitution and rotating line-ups (also a trademark of the '05 team) ... 19 players started for the Irish in '04 (17 with 5-plus GS) while 20 have started in '05 ... ND recently has elected to not start several top players on the second game of a weekend, bringing them off the bench for a "shock troops" effect made popular by legendary ND football coach Knute Rockne (he often would start his 2nd team and bring in the top group later).

BIG-GAME PLAYERS – Notre Dame has won 80% of its "big games" in the Randy Waldrum era ('99-'05), with a 53-15-3 record (.768) when facing an NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponent.

FAR & WIDE – Notre Dame's 2005 roster includes players from 12 states (AZ, CA, CT, IL, IN, MD, NJ, OH, OR, PA, TX, WA), two Canadian provinces (B.C. and Ontario) and Finland ... the program's all-time roster canvasses 30 states and three foreign countries ... ND's student-athlete population in '04-'05 included nearly 800 individuals from 44 states (all but Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming) and 20 foreign countries.

FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS – Notre Dame owns a 58-2-0 record in its past 60 games when scoring first (2-1 loss to UConn in '04 BIG EAST title game; 1-4 loss at Marquette in '05) ... Amanda Cinalli and Jen Buczkowski each opened the scoring in five games of the '04 season (Katie Thorlakson had three 1st-goals in '04, Candace Champan two) ... Chapman scored to open the scoring for ND twice in '04 after the opponent scored first (Cinalli did so once) ... Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks each have five 1st goals in '05, followed by Buczkowski (2), Carrie Dew (1) and Annie Scheffer (1).

WEEKLY AWARD SWEEP – Notre Dame and Marquette were the first teams to produce 2005 BIG EAST weekly award winners in all four categories – offensive, defensive, goalkeeper and rookie ... ND players now have combined for nine total BIG EAST awards in '05 (Marquette is next with six, followed by UConn with three) ... freshman F **Kerri Hanks** (Aug. 29, Sept. 26) has been named the BIG EAST offensive player of the week twice in '05 while senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 17) has tied a record she already shared by earning the award three times (she also has tied the BIG EAST record with six career weekly offensive POW honors) ... Hanks was the league rookie of the week on Sept. 5 while sophomore **Lauren Karas** was named BIG EAST goalkeeper of the week on Sept. 26 ... junior D **Christie Shaner** was honored by the BIG EAST as defensive player of the week (Oct. 10), as was 5th-year veteran **Candace Chapman** the following week (Oct. 17).

JUST THE STATS – Notre Dame's season-long statistical domination includes a 71-9 scoring edge (avg. 4.44-0.56), plus 362-69 in shots (22.6-4.3), 207-32 in shots on goal (12.9-2.0) and 116-30 in corner kicks (7.3-1.9) ... the Irish now own a +2 margin of goals to opponent shots (71-69) and have racked up better than a 2-to-1 ratio of goals (71) to opponent shots on goal (32), well above the dominant 2004 national championship team that totaled 71 goals with 73 opponent shots on goal (roughly 1-to-1).

STILL NEAR THE TOP – Despite suffering two rare regular-season losses in 2005, Notre Dame (14-2-0/.875) trails just seven-teams in season winning pct.: Penn State (15-0-0), Portland (14-0-1), UTEP (15-1-1), North Carolina (16-1-0), UCLA (13-1-0), BYU (15-1-1) and Lehigh (11-1-1).

IN THE POLLS – Notre Dame currently is ranked 6th per *Soccer America* and 7th in the NSCAA coaches poll, the *Soccer Buzz* women's soccer website rankings and the *Soccer Times* secondary coaches poll.

BIG EAST STAT LEADERS – Notre Dame leads all BIG EAST Conference teams in scoring (4.44 goals/gm), goals-against avg. (0.56), shots (22.6/gm), shutouts (11) and corner kicks (7.3/gm) ... freshman F **Kerri Hanks** (19G-9A) and senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (13G-21A) rank atop the BIG EAST points charts with 47 points while sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** is 4th (5G-11A; 21 pts) and freshman M/F **Brittany Bock** is 7th (6G-5A; 17 pts) ... Hanks and Thorlakson also are the BIG EAST goal leaders, with Bock and senior F **Maggie Manning** (6) checking in at 7th ... Thorlakson, Cinalli, Hanks, 5th-year D/F **Candace Chapman** (7) are the league's top assist leaders, with fifth-year D/F **Candace Chapman** (7) and senior M **Annie Scheffer** (6) are 1-5 on the BIG EAST assist charts ... Hanks also ranks 2nd in gamewinning goals (4; Thorlakson is 5th with 3 GWGs) and is the BIG EAST leader in shots (92), with Thorlakson's 46 shots ranking 7th (she is scoring once every 3.5 shots) ... sophomore G **Lauren Karas** owns a BIG EAST-best 0.58 season GAA.

50-50-50 – Notre Dame's storied women's soccer history includes 27 players who have posted 50-plus career points – with three of those players being members of the 2005 team: senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (159/9th ND history; 50G-59A), 5th-year D/F **Candace Chapman** (60; 19G-22A) and junior M **Jen Buczkowski** (56; 17G-22A) ... Chapman is one goal shy of becoming ND's 21st player with 20G-20A ... freshman F **Kerri Hanks** could reach 50 points in her first season (she currently has 47 pts, with 19G-9A) while sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** (45; 15G-15A) also is close to reaching 50 points ... two seniors could reach 50 points with a strong finish: M **Annie Scheffer** (38; 10G-18A) and F **Maggie Manning** (34; 13G-8A) ... Thorlakson (86; 24th) and Chapman (83; 28th) also are two of 36 ND players ever to log 80-plus career games played.

SHUTOUT CITY – Notre Dame currently ranks 2nd in the nation with 11 shutouts (including 9 in past 10 games) and has held 14 of 16 opponents in 2005 to 0-1 goals ... the past three seasons have seen ND allow 0-1 goals in 60 of 68 games (6 with 2 GA; just 2 with 3-plus GA) ... ND has held 36 of its past 39 opponents to 0-1 goals (2-1 losses to UConn and Santa Clara, 4-1 loss at Marquette).

GOLDEN GIRL – Notre Dame is 11-0-0 in the 2005 season when freshman F **Kerri Hanks** scores a goal.

A TRUE WINNER – Senior F **Katie Thorlakson** has scored (16) or assisted (18) on 34 gamewinning goals during her Notre Dame career ... Jenny Streiffer ('96-'99) is the only ND player to total more gamewinning points (51; 15 GWG-21 GWA) than Thorlakson's 50 (Streiffer had a hand in 36 GWGs, two more than Thorlakson's current total).

RECORD-BOOK CLIMBER – Katie Thorlakson (50G-59A) last week became the 17th Division I player ever to reach 50 goals and 50 assists in her career ... she also ranks 10th in NCAA history with 59 career assists ... Thorlakson (13G-21A) has posted a rare second season with 20-plus assists and she needs 7G to become the first player ever with multiple 20-20 seasons (she had 23G-24A in '04).

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS – For detailed info. on this weekend's opponents, see www.villanova.com and www.guhoyas.com.

NCAA STAT LEADERS – Notre Dame entered the week leading the nation in scoring (**4.44 goals/gm**; 61 overall) and goal margin (+3.9/gm), also ranking 2nd in shutouts (110 and 15th in goals-against avg. (0.56) ... UNC (2nd/3.81 gpg; 14th/0.56 GAA) and Portland (6th/3.07 gpg; 3rd/0.33 GAA) are the only other teams in the top-15 for scoring and GAA ... ND and UNC are the only teams averaging more than 3.5 gpg ... ND's +62 goal margin leads the nation, followed by UNC (+52; 61-9) and Portland (+41; 46-5) ... Florida Atlantic (12) is the only team with more shutouts than ND ... the Irish are one of six teams to score 11-plus goals in '05 (11, vs. UNH/at Vermont) ...freshman F **Kerri Hanks** ranks 3rd in the nation in goals (18) and 2nd in points (47), plus 12th in assists (9), while senior F **Katie Thorlakson** again is the nation's assists leader (13G-21A), also entering the week ranked 2nd in points (47) and 13th in goals (13) ... Thorlakson is the only player in the nation with 12-plus goals and assists (Hanks is one of a handful with 9-plus goals and 9-plus assists) ... Hanks and Thorlakson entered the week as the only teammates among 300-plus Division I women's soccer teams with 35-plus points ... Thorlakson (2G-4A, vs. New Hampshire) and Hanks (4G, vs. UNH) are among 12 players who have posted 8-plus points in a game this season (they are the only teammates to post 8-plus points in different games) ... Hanks is one of nine who have scored more than three goals in a game while Thorlakson is one of six with more than three assists in a game during 2005 ... sophomore forward **Amanda Cinalli** (5G-11A) already has surpassed her 2004 assist total (5), ranking 8th among the current NCAA assist leaders.

CONFERENCE CALL – Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1995, the Notre Dame women's soccer team has won 91% of its games vs. BIG EAST teams (117-11-3) ... that record in 10-plus seasons covers a 94-8-3 (.910) mark in regular-season games vs. BIG EAST teams (including a handful of crossover matchups and games outside the league schedule), plus 21-2-0 in the BIG EAST Tournament and 2-1-0 in three NCAA Tournament matchups vs. Connecticut ... ND's home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams now stands at 63 games (62-0-1), dating back to 1995.

Notre Dame's BIG EAST Record (since 1995)

Regular-Season Games.....	94-8-3 (.910)
BIG EAST Tournament.....	21-2-0 (.913)
NCAA Tournament.....	2-1-0 (.667)
Totals	117-11-3 (.905)

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES – ND's strong start in '05 season is all the more impressive, as once again the Irish have been forced to rise above various injuries with seven top players already combining to miss 53 games due to injury or illness ... sophomore M/F **Jannica Tjeder** (knee surgery) will miss the entire '05 season while freshman M/D **Kerry Inglis** (ankle) missed the first 11 games and senior D/M **Jenny Walz** (meniscus) was sidelined for 5 GP ... junior D/M **Kim Lorenzen** missed six games (Sept. 9-25) while junior DM **Jill Krivacek** (bruised knee) missed seven games (Sept. 11-Oct. 2) and senior G **Erika Bohn** (ankle) also was sidelined for seven games (Sept. 16-Oct. 7) ... freshman M/F **Brittany Bock** (leg) joined Krivacek and Lorenzen in missing the Sept. 11 game vs. Gonzaga due to injury.

TRENDY – The Irish are 58-2-0 in the past 60 games when scoring first, 313-9-12 all-time (.955) when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals (116-3-5 since 9/9/99) and 226-3-1 (.985) when scoring 3-plus goals (130-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995) ... ND is 51-3-2 in its past 56 regular-season games ... the Irish own 219 straight wins when claiming a 2-0 lead (242-0-1 all-time) ... ND is 123-4-2 all-time at Alumni Field when facing a team not in the NSCAA top-25 ... the Irish have allowed just 31 goals in the 1st half from '01-'05 (109 GP; 0.29/gm) ... the Irish have been equally dominant in the 1st (109-16) and 2nd half (103-19) the past three seasons ('03-'05), including 37-5 in the 1st half and 33-4 in the 2nd half of '05 ... since a 3-2 loss to BYU on Oct. 19, 2002, ND has trailed in just 13 of 71 games for 347:21 (5.5% of 6,320 minutes), going 62-7-2 in that stretch ... Randy Waldrum is 133-22-5 (.847) in seven seasons at ND ... the Irish have owned the corner-kick margin in 25 of the past 28 games and have scored in 206 of 214 all-time regular-season games (.963).

ND QUICK NOTES – The loss at Santa Clara and Marquette are just the second and third regular-season defeats suffered by the Irish in the past three seasons (51-3-2) ... **Katie Thorlakson** owns five corner-kick assists in 2005 (after totaling eight CK assists in '04) ... ND's forward trio of Thorlakson (13G-21A), **Kerri Hanks** (19G-9A) and **Amanda Cinalli** (5G-11A) have combined for 37 goals and 41 assists (115 points) in 16 games this season, helping the Irish rack up a 71-9 scoring edge ... junior M **Jen Buczkowski** halted a 12-game goal drought in the Sept. 11 win over Gonzaga (she has scored 6 of ND's past 23 gamewinning goals) and then scored again vs. DePaul (also vs. UConn) ... ND's current players have combined for 1,061 career games played (643 starts) ... ND's '04 national-title team (25-1-1) finished 4th in the nation with a 0.51 GAA and 19th in scoring (2.59 goals/gm), as one of five teams as teams in the top-20 for both ... the '04 team allowed just 73 shots on goal, nearly matching ND's goal total (70), and yielded just 48 corner kicks all season (27 GP) ... ND has been 1st or 2nd in the NSCAA poll 9 of 12 seasons since '94 (all but '99, '01, '02; #1 in '94, '95, '96, '00, '04, '05) ... ND scored 4-plus goals in the first four games of '05 (a first time in the program's history) ... Randy Waldrum's first season ('99) was the previous time that an Irish team posted 4-plus goals in four straight games (at any time in a season), with the '99 team ultimately scoring 4-plus in seven straight ... the Irish rolled up a 27-2 early scoring edge in 2005, matching the 1996 team for the most goals by an Irish squad in the first four games of a season ... ND has pushed its home unbeaten streak to 22 games and is unbeaten in 63 consecutive home BIG EAST games (62-0-1) ... teams making their first visit to Alumni Field are just 3-40-1 vs. ND during the past 13 seasons ... ND has posted four 6-0 wins this season (vs. Vermont, Maryland, DePaul and Providence), plus the 7-0 win over Seton Hall and 11-1 win over UNH ... the Irish have posted 3-plus goals in 13 of 16 games this season.

BIG EAST POSTSEASON FORECAST – All 16 BIG EAST teams remain in the running for the 10 spots in the BIG EAST Tournament, with one weekend left in the regular season ... in “Division A,” UConn (8-1-0), Marquette (7-2-0) and West Virginia have clinched spots in the quarterfinals, as has ND (8-1-0) in Division B ... Villanova (5-0-3) has locked up a spot in the 10-team tournament but has not quite clinched a first-round bye/quarterfinal spot ... the first round will be held Oct. 26-27, as the 4th-place finishers will play host to the 5th-place teams from the opposite division ... if the current standings hold, Division’s B’s #5 team Seton Hall (3-5-1) would play at Division A #4 Syracuse (2-4-3), with that team then advancing to play ND in the quarterfinals (at Alumni Field, likely on Oct. 30) ... the other 1st-round matchup would pit St. John’s (2-5-2) at Georgetown (4-4-1), with the winner advancing to play at UConn ... the other potential quarterfinals would be Louisville (5-4-0) at Marquette and WVU at VU ... if the current standings hold and the home teams win, ND would face the host team Marquette in the BIG EAST semifinals (with UConn and Villanova in the other semifinal) ... CSTV will air both semifinals live (2:30 and 5:00 CDT; matchups to be slotted after the quarterfinals) while the championship game will be telecast by various BIG EAST regional outlets ... teams hoping to surge this weekend into the BIG EAST postseason include Pittsburgh (2-5-2), South Florida (1-5-3), PC (1-6-2), Rutgers (3-6-0), DePaul (2-4-3) and Cincinnati (1-7-1) ... West Virginia still has a makeup game remaining with Villanova, meaning that WVU could jump Marquette into 2nd place in Division A.

SERIES NOTES – Notre Dame owns an 11-1-0 series edge vs. Villanova (44-4 scoring margin) and has won the past two meetings 1-0, after losing a 2-1 game at VU in ’02 ... **Amanda Cinalli** scored the goal in the ’04 game, on a well-struck ball from outside the left side of the box (20th minute; ND owned a 21-14 shot edge and 12-4 in shots on goal, with VU claiming the rare 6-3 corner-kick advantage) ... **Katie Thorlakson** won the ’03 game at Alumni Field, scoring in overtime on a low shot through a crowded penalty area (after taking a free-kick tap from current volunteer assistant **Kim Carpenter**) ... ND is 6-0-0 at home vs. VU (30-2 scoring edge) ... the Irish hold a 9-1-0 series lead on Georgetown (66-6 scoring edge), winning 2-1 in D.C. during the ’04 season after Cinalli’s game-tying goal shortly before halftime and **Jen Buczkowski**’s gamewinner in the final minute of regulation (ND owned a 22-12 shot edge but GU had an 8-7 SOG edge, ND 4-0 in CKs) ... that thrilling end reversed the fortune of ND’s previous visit to GU’s Halpern Field, a 4-3 loss that represents a rare defeat for the Irish when scoring 3-plus goals (ND is 226-3-1 all-time when scoring 3-plus and has won 130 of its past 131, minus the game at GU, when scoring at least 3 goals) ... the Irish hold a 5-0-0 margin at home vs. the Hoyas (34-1 scoring edge).

BAM! ... BUCZKOWSKI DOES IT AGAIN – Midfielder Jen Buczkowski did not register a gamewinning goal in the first 37 games of her ND career before delivering a pair of GWGs in the late moments of back-to-back 2004 wins at Georgetown (89:16; 2-1) and vs. #20 Boston College (79:06; 1-0) ... three games later, she added her 3rd GWG in the 4-0 win at Michigan and then had the GWG in the BIG EAST semifinal vs. BC (2-0; giving her 4 GWGs in span of 5 wins) ... Buczkowski already has added a pair of GWGs in 2005 (in 4-1 game with Gonzaga and 3-0 win over Michigan), giving her 6 of ND’s past 23 GWGs (after none in her first 37 GP) ... her goal at GU marked just the third time in 17 seasons of ND women’s soccer that the Irish had won on a goal in the final minute of play.

FRIEND OR FOE? – ND junior D **Christie Shaner** is a Philadelphia-area native (Ambler/Germantown Academy) and played on the f.C. Parkwood club team with Villanova’s **Lindsey Finnegan** and **Laura Koch** ... ND junior F **Molly Iarocci** also is a former teammate of Villanova players **Nikky Mayberry** (Serenio Golden Eagles club), **Karla DeBonis** (Xavier Prep, in Arizona) and **Kristin Kelleher** (GEs and XP) ... ND sophomore F/M **Susan Pinnick** and Georgetown’s **Sara Jordan** played on the Carmel (Ind.) Commotion team that was the 2003 national runner-up and reached the ’05 national semifinals.

VETERAN CORE – ND’s ’05 roster includes 27 players who have combined to play 1,061 career games with the Irish (643 starts) ... the nine returning starters from the 2004 NCAA title team have combined for 608 career games played (with 515 starts): senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (86/78), 5th-year D **Candace Chapman** (83/71), senior G **Erika Bohn** (77/71), junior M **Jen Buczkowski** (67/62), senior M **Annie Scheffer** (67/54), junior D **Christie Shaner** (66/60), junior D **Kim Lorenzen** (60/50), junior defensive M **Jill Krivacek** (59/32) and sophomore F **Amanda Cinalli** (43/36).

THE SET-UP – Current sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** became the 16th ND freshman to score double-digit goals (10, in 2004) but she totaled just 5 assists in that 27-game season ... Cinalli already has doubled that assist total in ’05 (11; good for 8th in the nation), with a pair of 2-assist games at the Vermont Classic (plus a goal in the 11-1 win over UNH), a header that ended up being the GWG vs. Florida (4-1), the primary assist on the Kerri Hanks goal that opened the scoring vs. Maryland (6-0), 2A vs. Cincinnati (4-0) and assists at South Florida (4-0) and vs. Seton Hall (8-0), plus the primary assist on the first goal vs. UConn (4-0) ... Cinalli’s versatile skills have allowed her to serve as both a forward and midfielder in ’05, thus opening up the attack to better utilize the team’s deep offensive talent.

DOUBLE-DIGIT DEBUT – No Notre Dame freshman had double-digit goals from '01-'03 but Amanda Cinalli changed that with a 10-game season in '04 ... current freshman Kerri Hanks (19) already has become the program's 17th freshman with a double-digit goal season and ranks 5th on the ND freshman goalscorers list:

ND Freshmen with 10-Plus Goals

1. Anne Makinen ('97)	23
2. Meotis Erikson ('97)	22
Jenny Streiffer ('96)	22
4. Monica Gerardo ('95)	20
5. Kerri Hanks ('05)	19
6. Cindy Daws ('93)	16
7. Alison Lester ('90)	14
Suzie Zilvitis ('88)	14
9. Stacia Masters ('93)	13
Rosella Guerrero ('92)	13
11. Jenny Heft ('96)	12
Michelle McCarthy ('92)	12
13. Amanda Guertin ('00)	11
14. Amanda Cinalli ('04)	10
Amy Warner ('00)	10
Monica Gonzalez ('97)	10
Stephanie Porter ('90)	10

Notre Dame Goals in a Season

1. Jenny Heft (Jr.; '98)	28
2. Cindy Daws (Sr.; '96)	26
3. Katie Thorlakson (Jr.; '04)	23
Anne Makinen (Fr.; '97)	23
Monica Gerardo (So.; '96)	23
6. Meotis Erikson (Fr.; '97)	22
Jenny Streiffer (Fr.; '96)	22
8. Rosella Guerrero (Jr.; '94)	21
9. Jenny Heft (Sr.; '99)	20
Monica Gerardo (Sr.; '98)	20
Jenny Heft (So.; '97)	20
Jenny Streiffer (So.; '97)	20
Monica Gerardo (Fr.; '95)	20
14. Kerri Hanks (Fr.; '05)	19

FANTASTIC FRESHMEN – Kerri Hanks (19) is nearing the ND record for goals by a freshman (23, by Anne Makinen in '97) and has fashioned an early pace that could see her post one of the top freshman goal totals in NCAA history ... no Div. I women's soccer freshman has reached 30 goals since '96, with the top freshman goalscoring seasons belonging to SMU's Lisa Cole (37, in 1987), Baylor's Molly Cameron (32, in 1996) and Washington State's Kim Lynass (30, in 1990) ... Cameron – who played for current ND head coach Randy Waldrum when he was the founding coach of the Baylor program – is the only freshman in the previous 14 seasons to reach 30 goals.

CHARGING AHEAD – Freshman forward Kerri Hanks reached 15 goals for the season in the 4-0 win over Cincinnati (Sept. 25), arriving at the 15G mark in just 9 games ... the previous quickest ND player to 15 goals was Jenny Heft in '98 (11 gms, besting Monica Gerardo's 15G in 12 gms in '95) ... Hanks (16 GP) needs 1G to post ND's 14th 20-goal season (Heft reached 20 in 15 GP in '98 – as did Gerardo and Cindy Daws, both in '96) ... Hanks had a furious scoring streak to start the season, tying the ND record for goals in an opener (3) while setting or tying ND records for most goals after 2 GP (7), at the 3-game mark (8) and after 4 GP (10; Gerardo had 10G after 5 GP in '95) ... Gerardo shares the ND record for goals after 3 GP (8, in '95), a mark Hanks nearly had matched after just 2 GP.

HANKS SETS RECORDS, EARNS NATIONAL HONORS – Second-semester freshman Kerri Hanks opened her college career with an impressive weekend, as *Soccer America* named her national player of the week while *Soccer Buzz* included her on its 12-player "elite team of the week" ... the Dallas native also was named BIG EAST player of the week, after totaling 7G-1A at the Vermont Classic (3G-1A in 11-1 win over UNH, 4G in 6-0 win over UVm) ... she then was named BIG EAST rookie of the week – after totaling 3G at ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic (1G vs. #11 Florida, 2G vs. #25 Maryland) – and picked up another offensive player-of-the-week honor after totaling 3G-2A in week-5 action vs. Cincinnati and Louisville (leaving her one shy of the BIG EAST record for most offensive player-of-the-week awards in a season).

NCAA LEADERS – The weekly NCAA stats show Kerri Hanks 3rd on the goal charts (19; no other freshman has more than 16G), also ranking 2nd with 47 pts (19G-9A) and 12th in assists (9) ... Hanks (4, vs. UVm) is one of just nine players to score 4-plus goals in a 2005 game.

BIG-TIME SCORING CLIP – When Kerri Hanks scored her second goal vs. Maryland, it gave her 10G in just 225 minutes of game action (4G every 90:00 on the field) ... she currently is averaging 1.2 goals per game in '05 but often has rotated out as the Irish utilize their tremendous depth ... with just 1,060 minutes of game action (66 per game), Hanks is scoring at a pace of one goal per every 56 minutes she is on the field (nearly 2G per 90 minutes of action).

BACK-TO-BACK BOOST – Kerri Hanks' performance at the Vermont Classic represented the most goals ever scored by an ND player in consecutive games (7) ... Cindy Daws (as a senior in '96) and Meotis Erikson ('97) had shared that record with hat tricks in back-to-back games ... Hanks and Erikson are the only ND freshmen with 3-plus goals in consecutive games.

THREE-GOAL OPENER – The 11-1 win over New Hampshire featured Kerri Hanks becoming the first Irish freshman in 13 years to register a hat trick in the opener ... Rosella Guerrero is ND's only other freshman ever to register a hat trick in an opener (4-3 loss to N.C. State, in '92) ... Hanks is one of 21 all-time ND players to score a hat trick (14 have done so as freshmen) but she joined Amy Warner (in '00) as the only Irish freshmen with hat tricks since '97 ... Hanks helped quickly end an early tie vs. UNH by assisting on a Susan Pinnick goal, later registering her hat trick in a 13-minute stretch ... her hat trick vs. UNH included scoring on a one-timer inside the far-left post (pass from Maggie Manning), cashing in a Katie Thorlakson thru-ball inside the left post and later knocking in Thorlakson's endline cross.

SHE KEEPS GOING AND GOING – Kerri Hanks joined Monica Gerardo as the only ND players ever to score in the first four games of a season ... Gerardo also did so as a freshman, ultimately scoring in the first five games of the national-title 1995 season ... Hanks did not score in the 2-1 loss at Santa Clara (although her near-post run did force an own-goal), failing to match Gerardo's mark ... seven other ND players have scored in the first three games of a season (three sophomores, one junior, three seniors), with Gerardo and Hanks the only freshmen to score in at least the first three games ... others include: Jodi Hartwig as a junior in '93, Michelle McCarthy as a senior in '95, Shannon Boxx as a sophomore in '96, Jenny Streiffer and Jenny Heft as sophomores in '97, and '03 teammates Mary Boland (jr.) and Amy Warner (sr.).

FOUR-GOAL GREATNESS – The second game of '05 saw Kerri Hanks tie the ND record for goals in a game (4, in 6-0 win over Vermont) ... she scored the first 3G vs. UVm in a 20-minute stretch and later joined teammate Katie Thorlakson as one of four ND players ever to score 4G in a game (Thorlakson had 4G vs. St. John's in '04) ... Hanks joined Monica Gerardo as the program's only freshmen ever to score 4G in a game ... Gerardo had 4G vs. Indiana in '95 and vs. Seton Hall in '96 (as did Jenny Streiffer in '97 vs. Georgetown) ... Hanks opened the scoring vs. UVm on a 20-yard direct kick to the upper-right corner, later scoring on a tricky left-footed far-post shot and then putting back a deflected shot (the final two goals were assisted by Amanda Cinalli) ... she broke free for her final goal, on a shot to the lower left.

DOUBLE HAT TRICKS – Just two games into her college career, Kerri Hanks had joined Suzie Zilvitis ('88) and Meotis Erikson ('97) as the only ND freshmen with two hat tricks in a season ... the Irish record for hat tricks in a season (3) is shared by Cindy Daws ('96) and Jenny Heft ('98) while eight have posted two HTs in a season ... the program's first 17 seasons saw just 10 players register hat tricks in a season opener (6) or the second game (4) but Hanks did so in both game-1 and game-2 ... she joined '96 grads Rosella Guerrero and Michelle McCarthy as the only Irish players with two career hat tricks in an opener or game-2.

FANTASTIC FOUR – Four different ND players were named to the *Soccer America* or *Soccer Buzz* national teams of the week in the first four weeks of the '05 season (no other team had more than two) ... freshman F **Kerri Hanks** (3G-1A vs. UNH, 4G vs. UVm) was the SA player of the week and earned a spot on the SB team of the week while senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (3G-3A vs. Florida and Maryland) was on SA's week-2 national team of the week ... that same week, SB regnogized ND junior M **Jen Buczkowski** (GW assist vs. Terps; helped ND outshoot UF and UM 46-18) on its national team while junior D **Christie Shaner** received the honor from SA after playing a lead role in wins over DePaul and Michigan (shifted from left back to central D due to injuries; 48-5 weekend shot margin, 14-1 in corner kicks) ... most recently, SA tabbed Thorlakson for national player of the week (2G-5A in weekend vs. UConn and PC) while SB named 5th-year D/F **Candace Chapman** to its national team of the week (1G-2A vs. UConn/PC; 37-1 team edge in SOG) ... freshman M/F **Brittany Bock** twice has been named to the *Top Drawer Soccer* website's national team of the week: after the opening week in Vermont (2G vs. UNH, G vs. UVm) and following the Oct. 7-9 road wins over Rutgers (assist on overtime goal) and Seton Hall (1G-1A) ... TDS also has named Thorlakson to its national team of the week five times (week-2 vs. FL/MD; week-3 after 1G-2A vs. Gonzaga; week-4 after totaling 3G-3A vs. DePaul and Michigan; week-6 after 2G-1A in 4-1 win at South Florida; and week-8 vs. UConn and PC) ... TDS included Hanks on its week-1 national team of the week.

HONOR ROLL – Two ND women's soccer forwards were recognized by the BIG EAST for leading roles in wins over nationally-ranked Florida (4-1) and Maryland (6-0), as senior F **Katie Thorlakson** was named BIG EAST offensive player of the week while **Kerri Hanks** earned her second league honor of '05, as rookie of the week (after opening the season as BIG EAST offensive player of the week) ... junior M **Jen Buczkowski** – who filled several roles at ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic – was named to the BIG EAST's week-2 honor roll ... sophomore M/D **Ashley Jones**, freshman M/F **Brittany Bock**, freshman D **Carrie Dew** and junior D **Christie Shaner** also have been among ND's early-season BIG EAST honor roll selections ... all-tournament selections at the Vermont Classic included Thorlakson (2G-4A), Hanks (7G-1A), Jones and sophomore F **Amanda Cinalli** (1G-4A) while ND's all-tournament picks in week-2 were Thorlakson (offensive MVP; 3G-3A), Buczkowski (defensive MVP; 1A), 5th-year D **Candace Chapman** (1A), Hanks (3G) and Dew ... Dew, Jones and Buczkowski were all-tournament picks at the Santa Clara Classic ... week-4 saw Thorlakson (3G-3A, in action vs. Depaul and Michigan) collect her fifth career BIG EAST offensive player-of-the-week honor and Hanks added her second offensive honor of this season after totaling 3G-2A vs. Cincinnati and DePaul, with sophomore **Lauren Karas** (7 saves) adding BIG EAST goalkeeper-of-the-week honors after week-5 ... most recently, Thorlakson tied two records with her 3rd BIG EAST top player award of the season and 6th of her career (after totaling 2G-5A vs. UConn and PC) while 5th-year D/F **Candace Chapman** was the BIG EAST defensive player of the week (she had 1G-2A vs. UConn and PC while helping amass a 37-1 SOG margin) ... ND has totaled eight BIG EAST weekly awards in '05 (Marquette, with six, is the only other team has more than three) ... Hanks and Thorlakson (3 in '04, 3 in '05) are among 25 players in BIG EAST history to earn the offensive award multiple times in a season, joining four others from ND: Michelle McCarthy (2 in '95), Jenny Streiffer (2 in '97), Monica Gerardo (2 in '98) and Jenny Heft (2 in '98).

POTENT TRIO – Senior **Katie Thorlakson** (13G-21A) and freshman **Kerri Hanks** (19G-9A) have combined with sophomore **Amanda Cinalli** (5G-11A) to form a potent forward trio that has totaled 37 goals and 41 assists (115 points) in 16 games, averaging 7.2 ppg as a group ... Cinalli is the 4th-leading scorer among BIG EAST players and her 21 points would be lead many teams throughout the nation.

FIRST-HALF FORTRESS – The ND defense has been particularly stingy in the 1st half the past five seasons ('01-'05), allowing just 32 goals in the 1st half of those 109 games (0.29/gm) ... the 1st half in '02 saw little scoring (12-10 ND edge), compared to a 40-7 first-half edge in '03 (30-4 in '04, while allowing just 64 first-half shots and 15 corners) ... the Irish have been equally dominant in the 1st (109-16) and 2nd half (203-19) the past three seasons ('03-'05), including 37-5 in the 1st half and 33-4 in the 2nd half of '05 games.

TRENDSETTERS – Here's a look at some of the Notre Dame players' scoring and games-played trends:

Katie Thorlakson 86 consecutive GP (entire career); pts in 24 of past 27 games (13 of 16 in '05; pts in 10 of past 11)
 Jen Buczkowski 5G-4A (14 pts) in past 11 games; 67 straight GP (entire career)
 Annie Scheffer 2G-2A in past 2 GP (0G-8A in previous 29 GP); 67 straight GP (entire career)
 Christie Shaner 64 consecutive GP (66 of 67 GP in career)
 Lizzie Reed has played in 54 of past 56 games (64 of 67 GP in career)
 Amanda Cinalli 43 consecutive GP (entire career)
 Ashley Jones 43 consecutive GP (entire career)
 Kerri Hanks goals in 11 of 16 games this season (points in 13 of 16); 6-game point streak ended vs. UConn
 Brittany Bock 11 points (3G-5A) in past 9 games (pts in 6 of 9)

NOTRE DAME CAREER HIGHS

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Katie Thorlakson	4 (vs. St. John's '04)	4 (vs. UNH '05), 3 (vs. Baylor '04, vs. PC '05)	10 (4G-2A, vs. SJU '04)
Kerri Hanks	4 (vs. Vermont '05)	2 (vs. DePaul '05)	8 (4G, vs. UVm '05)
Candace Chapman	2 (vs. Pitt '01, BAY, SHU '04)		5 (2G-1A, vs. SHU '04)
Annie Scheffer	2 (vs. WKU '03)	2 (vs. Hartford '03)	5 (2G-1A, vs. WKU '03)
Jen Buczkowski	2 (vs. OK, LOY '03)	2 (vs. BAY, SHU, SJU '04)	5 (2G-1A vs. OK '03)
Amanda Cinalli	2 (vs. BAY, PORT '04)	2 (vs. MICH '04; vs. UNH, UVm, CIN '05)	5 (2G-1A vs. BAY '04)
Brittany Bock	2 (vs. UNH, SHU '05)	2 (vs. Michigan '05)	4 (2G, vs. UNH '05)
Maggie Manning	2 (vs. Hart. '03, TT '04)		4 (2G vs. Hart. '03, TT '04)
Kim Lorenzen			3 (1G-1A vs. SJU '04)
Lizzie Reed			3 (1G-1A vs. SJU '04)
Susan Pinnick			3 (1G-1A vs. SHU '05)

Erika Bohn: 7 saves vs. Villanova ('02; 1-2), 6 vs. Rutgers ('02; 1-0) and Georgetown ('04; 2-1) ... Lauren Karas 7 saves vs. LOU ('05)

RECORD BOOK

NCAA Division I Career Assists

1. Holly Manthei (ND; 95-98)	129
2. Mia Hamm (UNC; 89-93).....	72
3. Jenny Streiffer (ND; 96-99)	71
Alyssa Ramsey (UNC, 00-03)	71
5. Marit Foss (Jacksonville, 97-00).....	70
6. Cindy Daws (ND; 93-96)	67
7. Mandy Clemens (SCU; 96-99)	65
8. Jen Tietjin (UConn; 95-98)	64
9. Carin Jennings (UCSB; 83-86).....	60
10. Katie Thorlakson (ND; 02-)	59

Notre Dame Career Points

1. Jenny Streiffer (96-99).....	211 (70-71)
2. Monica Gerardo (95-98)	190 (73-44)
3. Jenny Heft (96-99)	189 (80-29)
Cindy Daws (93-96)	189 (61-67)
5. Anne Makinen (97-00)	186 (65-56)
6. Holly Manthei (95-98)	177 (24-129)
7. Meotis Erikson (97-00)	164 (59-46)
8. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	159 (50-59)

Notre Dame Career Points Per Game

1. Jenny Streiffer	2.11
2. Anne Makinen	2.07
3. Cindy Daws	2.01
4. Jenny Heft	1.97
5. Monica Gerardo	1.94
6. Katie Thorlakson	1.84

Notre Dame Career Goals

1. Jenny Heft (96-99)	80
2. Monica Gerardo (95-98)	73
3. Jenny Streiffer (96-99).....	70
4. Anne Makinen (97-00).....	65
5. Cindy Daws (93-96).....	61
6. Meotis Erikson (97-00)	59
Michelle McCarthy (92-95)	59
8. Rosella Guerrero (92-95)	55
9. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	50

ND Career Assists (see NCAA list above)

Notre Dame 50 Goals-50 Assists Club

Jenny Streiffer (96-99)	70G-71A
Cindy Daws (93-96)	61G-67A
Anne Makinen (97-00)	65G-56A
Katie Thorlakson (02-)	50G-59A

ND Career Gamewinning Pts (GWG-GWA)

1. Jenny Streiffer (96-99)	51 (15-21)
2. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	50 (16-18)

ND Career Gamewinning Goals

1. Jenny Heft (96-99)	19
Michelle McCarthy (92-95)	19
3. Amanda Guertin (00-03)	18
4. Monica Gerardo (95-98)	17
5. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	16

ND Career Gamewinning Assists

1. Holly Manthei (95-98)	25
2. Jenny Streiffer (96-99)	21
3. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	18

NATIONAL HONORS – Senior F Katie Thorlakson (Langley, B.C.) recently was tabbed by *Soccer America* as the national player of the week, after a 9-point weekend in action vs. #10 UConn (G-2A) and Providence (1G-3A) ... earlier in the season, she repeated as offensive MVP of ND's home tournament and then was named to SA's national team of the week, after totaling 3G-3A in the wins over #11 Florida (2G-1A; 4-1) and #25 Maryland (1G-2A; 6-0) ... Tholalson had corner-kick assists in both games (giving her 3 CK assists for the season, after 8 in '04), providing CK service on Amanda Cinalli's header for 2-0 lead on Florida ... she later volleyed in a Christie Shaner cross and converted a PK ... she was inches away from scoring earlier goal that would have helped produce her third career hat trick, drilling 25-yard shot off left post ... her strong shot produced a Kerri Hanks rebound goal to open scoring vs. Maryland and she added a CK assist on Carrie Dew's goal before ripping a 25-yard shot into sidenetting for 4-0 lead ... the *Top Drawer Soccer* website has named Thorlakson to its national team of the week five times in the 2005 season.

SIX-TIME HONOREE – Katie Thorlakson has been named BIG EAST offensive player of the week six times in her career (Sept. 5 and 19 and Oct. 17 of 2005, plus Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and Oct. 4 of 2004), tied for the most in the 11-year history of the BIG EAST awards ... former Seton Hall standout and English national teamer Kelly Smith also earned six career offensive player-of-the-week honors (from '97-'99) ... 16 all-time ND players have combined for BIG EAST offensive player of the week 39 times (UConn is next, with 27), led by Thorlakson and four-time honorees Monica Gerardo (95-96-98-98), Jenny Streiffer (96-97-97-99) and Jenny Heft (97-98-98-99) ... Anne Makinen (97-99-00) and Amy Warner (01-02-03) have been three-time honorees while five from ND have received the weekly offensive award twice: Michelle McCarthy (95), Amy Van Laecke (95-96), Meotis Erikson (97-00), Mia Sarkesian (00-01) and current freshman **Kerri Hanks** (week-1 and week-5) ... others to receive the award include Holly Manthei and Cindy Daws in '96, Amanda Guertin in '01, Mary Boland in '03 and current sophomore **Amanda Cinalli** in '04 ... ND's 39 offensive player-of-the-week honors are well ahead of the second team on that list (UConn, with 27), followed distantly by WVU (13), SHU (8) and Villanova (8).

GETTING ON A ROLL – Katie Thorlakson's 2G-1A vs. Florida marked the 7th time in the past two seasons (now 10, in 43 GP) that she has posted 5-plus points ... she added 2G-2A vs. DePaul for her 10th career multi-goal game, followed two weeks later by 2G-1A at South Florida (also 1G-3A vs. PC) ... her other road games with 5-plus pts: at Michigan in '04 (2G-2A) and in '05 vs. New Hampshire (2G-4A, at UVM) ... ND players have posted 8-plus pts in a game 12 times, led by three from Thorlakson ... Monica Gerardo and Jenny Streiffer are the only others to register 8-plus pts in multiple games (each did so twice) ... after the UNH game, Thorlakson had scored or assisted on 30 of Notre Dame's previous 39 official fall-season goals (now 51 of the past 90, or 57%) ... here are the top single-game point totals in Thorlakson's career:

- 10 points ... vs. St. John's (4G-2A) on Oct. 31, 2004 (8-0; BIG EAST q'final, at ND)
- 8 points ... vs. New Hampshire (2G-4A) on Aug. 26, 2005 (11-1; at Univ. of Vermont)
- 8 points ... vs. #4 Santa Clara (3G-2A) on Sept. 5, 2004 (5-2; at Alumni Field)
- 7 points ... vs. Baylor (2G-3A) on Aug. 7, 2004 (7-2; at Alumni Field)
- 6 points ... vs. DePaul (2G-2A) on Sept. 16, 2005 (6-0; at Alumni Field)
- 6 points ... vs. Michigan (2G-2A) on Oct. 28, 2004 (4-0; at UM)
- 5 points ... vs. Providence (1G-3A) on Oct. 16, 2005 (6-0; at Alumni Field)
- 5 points ... vs. South Florida (2G-1A) on Oct. 2, 2005 (4-0; at USF)
- 5 points ... vs. #11 Florida (2G-1A) on Sept. 2, 2005 (4-1; at Alumni Field)
- 5 points ... vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (2G-1A) on Sept. 26, 2004 (4-0; at Alumni Field)

EVEN DOZEN – Katie Thorlakson's eight points in the 2005 opener helped her tie an ND record by registering a point in 12 straight official fall games with the Irish ... her points streak ended vs. Vermont, playing just 29 minutes as the Irish utilized their bench in that 6-0 win ... Anne Makinen had points in 12 consecutive games during the 1999 season but (like Thorlakson) did so in only 11 straight team games, as she missed four games that year while playing with the Finland National Team (she had a point in the game before departing for national-team duty and then recorded points in the 11 games after returning to action with the Irish).

IN THE RECORD BOOKS – Katie Thorlakson's 159 points rank 8th in ND history (5 shy of Meotis Erikson) while she is 4th in career assists/10th NCAA history (59; 8 back of Cindy Daws) and 9th in goals (50; now 5 behind Rosella Guerrero) ... her 18 career game-winning assists are 3rd a ND ... Jenny Streiffer (15 GWG-21 GWA) is the only player in the ND record book with more GWGs and more GWAs than Thorlakson (5th with 16 GWGs; 2nd with 50 GW points, one off Streiffer's record).

KATIE THORLAKSON QUICK NOTES – Has averaged nearly 3.0 points per game in the past two seasons (36G-45A, 117 points in 43 GP/2.7 ppg), has points in 24 of ND's past 27 games (25G-33A/81 pts) and has scored/assisted on 58 of ND's past 100 goals (58%) ... averaging 1.84 pts/gm in her career, 6th in ND record book ... has played in 86 consecutive games with the Irish (her entire career) ... has totaled 77 career points (24G-29A, 9 GWG) at Alumni Field during the '04 and '05 seasons, in 21 GP (3.7 ppg) ... has 50 points in her past 12 home games (15G-20A) and has racked up 97 points at Alumni Field during the '03-'05 seasons (31G-33A, 10 GWG in 37 GP).

NATIONAL LEADER – Katie Thorlakson again ranks 1st in the nation in assists (21), also 2nd in points (47) and 13th in goals (13) ... she is one of 12 players with 8-plus pts in a 2005 game (2G-4A vs. UNH) and one of just six to post 4-plus assists in a 2005 game ... no other player has reached 12G-12A in '05.

RECORD-SETTING OPENER – Katie Thorlakson's 2G-4A vs. New Hampshire are the most points (8) ever by an ND player in a season opener ... she scored the opening goal vs. UNH and assisted on a Susan Pinnick score, later assisting on the final two Kerri Hanks goals and serving a corner-kick assist to Amanda Cinalli before scoring her own second goal ... that 4-goal stretch (1G-3A from Thorlakson) covered just 5:13 on a scoreboard that saw the Irish lead jump from 3-1 to 7-1 ... the 4-assist game marked the first of Thorlakson's ND career ... she also had a big opener in '04, with 2G-3A in the 7-2 win over Baylor.

SIX-PACK – The 2004 season saw Katie Thorlakson become the first ND player ever to score/assist on the team's first five goals in game (vs. Baylor, then again vs. #4 SCU) ... she went one better by having a hand in first six scores vs. St. John's in the 2004 BIG EAST quarterfinals, yielding even more impressive streak of 12 straight Irish goals in which she scored or assisted (she ended with a G/A on 24 of ND's final 28 goals in '04, dating back to the 2nd goal in the 3-1 win over SHU).

THORLAKSON HITS RARE 20-20 MILESTONE – Katie Thorlakson in 2004 joined an elite list of 10 all-time Division I players to reach 20 goals and 20 assists in a season (she needs 7A in the rest of '05 to be the first to do it twice) but she then became part of an even more exclusive group, as one of five to reach 22G and 22A – before reaching 23G-23A when the dust had settled on the '04 season (23G-24A) ... she currently owns 11G-14A in '05 and could become the first player ever to post two 20-20 seasons ... former UNC great Mia Hamm (32G-33A, '92) is the only Division I player ever to total more goals and more assists in a season than Thorlakson's '04 production ... six of the 20-20 players – former ND great Cindy Daws (26G-20A, '96), the UNC trio of Hamm (32-33, '92), Robin Confer (20-22, '97) and Lindsay Tarpley (23-27, '03), UConn's Sarah Whalen (21-22, '97) and Santa Clara's Mandy Clemens (24-23, '09) – each received some type of national player-of-the-year recognition during their 20-20 seasons ... others on that short list include another former Irish player, Jenny Streiffer (22G-22A, '96), four-time All-American and UC Santa Barbara legend Carin Jennings (20G-26A, '86) and UNC Greensboro's Kati Kantanen (24G-20A) ... Thorlakson and Tarpley are the only 20-20 players in the past five seasons ... Thorlakson joined Hamm, Tarpley, Clemens and Streiffer as the 5th player ever to reach 22G-22A ... she ultimately joined Hamm, Tarpley and Clemens as the only "23-23" players.

THOR BRINGS THUNDER AND LIGHTNING – Katie Thorlakson led the nation in 2004 in assists (24) and points (70) while ranking 3rd in goals (23) ... her 10 points vs. St. John's (4G- 2A) were 5th-most by a Div. I player in '04 while her 8 points vs. #4 Santa Clara tied for 8th and were most by any player vs. a top-25 opponent ... she was the only player from a 2004 top-25 team who posted 8-plus points in a game (doing so twice) and was one of two players to post 8-plus points in multiple games during the '04 season ... she also was one of just two players who posted 4-plus goals and 3-plus assists in games during the '04 season.

THE 50-50 CLUB

Notre Dame senior F Katie Thorlakson (50G-59A) recently became the 5th ND player and 17th in Div. I history to reach 50 goals and 50 assists in her career.

The NCAA 50-50 club includes 17 players, among them former ND standouts Jenny Streiffer (70-71), Cindy Daws (61-67) and Anne Makinen (65-56) ... Streiffer and Daws are two of five ever to reach 60-60 (listed below) while Streiffer and former UNC player Mia Hamm are the only 70-70 players ... UNC (8) and ND (6) are the only teams to produce more than three players among the 35 in the 40-40 club ... the other ND players to reach 40-40 are Monica Gerardo (73-44) and Meotis Erikson (59-46) ... Thorlakson needed just 11 games to go from 30G-30A to 40G-40A (13 games later, she had passed the 50G-50A milestone).

Here's a look at the 40-40 Club:

Mia Hamm (UNC, '89-'93) 103G-72A
 Jenny Streiffer (ND, '96-'99)..... 70G-71A

Mandy Clemens (SCU, '96-'99)..... 67G-65A
 Cindy Daws (ND, '93-'96)..... 61G-67A
 Carin Jennings (UCSB, '83-'86) 102G-60A

Alyssa Ramsey (UNC, '00-'03)..... 57G-71A
 Debbie Keller (UNC, '93-'96) 67G-57A
 Anne Makinen (ND, '97-'00) 65G-56A
 Robin Confer (UNC, '94-'97) 77G-55A
 Christie Pearce (Mon., '93-'96)..... 79G-54A
 Cindy Parlow (UNC, '95-'98) 68G-53A
 Christie Welsh (PSU, '99-'02)..... 82G-52A
 Missy Wycinsky (W&M, '96-'99) 75G-52A
 April Heinrichs (UNC, '83-'86) 87G-51A
 Tisha Venturini (UNC, '91-'94)..... 69G-51A
 Abby Wambach (Fla., '98-'01) 96G-50A
Katie Thorlakson (ND, '02-)..... 50G-59A

Danielle Garrett Fotopoulos (SMU/Florida, '94-'98) 118G-48A
 Holly Pedley (Army, '93-'97) 48G-48A
 Jen Carlson (UConn, '97-'00) 53G-47A
 Meotis Erikson (ND, '97-'00)..... 59G-46A
 Shannon MacMillan (UP, '92-'95) 85G-45A
 Lisa Cole (SMU, '87-'90) 101G-44A
 Monica Gerardo (ND, '95-'98) 73G-44A
 Andi Sellers (Florida, '97-'01) 71G-43A
 Margaret Tietjin (UConn, '95-'98) 43G-43A
 Anne Mucci (NIU, '95-'98) 43G-43A

Jennifer Walek (Minn., '93-'97)..... 60G-42A
 Dianne Monroe (UCSB, '86-'89)..... 58G-42A
 Cindy Fix (Detroit, '93-'96)..... 54G-42A
 Ann Cook (W&M, '93-'97)..... 42G-49A
 Kerry Connors (UConn, '93-'96)..... 43G-42A
 Kristine Lilly (UNC, '89-'92) 78G-41A
 Tiffeny Milbrett (Port., '90-'94) 103G-40A
 Melissa Pini (Florida, '95-'98) 60G-40A

WALDRUM ROLLS PAST 300 WINS – Seventh-year Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum posted his 200th career win as a Div. I women's head coach in the 2-1 game vs. Miami on Nov. 2, 2003, and registered his 100th win at Notre Dame in the 3-0 game at Texas Tech on Sept. 12, 2005 ... Waldrum served eight seasons as a college men's soccer head coach and now owns 316 combined wins as a men's and women's college head coach (316-127-24/.702, in 23-plus seasons) ... Waldrum owns a 240-72-17 mark (.755) in 15-plus combined seasons as the women's head coach at Tulsa, Baylor and ND (good for the 7th-best win pct. in the NCAA record book) ... the Irish are 133-22-5 (.847) in the Waldrum era, including 59-6-2 the past three seasons (.896) ... Waldrum repeated as BIG EAST coach of the year in 2000 and became the first three-time BIG EAST women's soccer coach of the year (in '03), winning the award again in '04 ... he was the only repeat selection for NSCAA region coach-of-the-year in '04 (Great Lakes Region) ... in '99, he became the only coach in the history of the NCAA women's soccer championship to lead a team to the title game in his first season as that team's head coach ... he was the fourth 1st-year coach to take his team to the NCAA semifinals, beating #1 and unbeaten Santa Clara in San Jose ... his women's record includes 61-36-9 at Tulsa (6 yrs) and 46-14-3 at Baylor (3 yrs).

HOME GIRLS – Top scorers at Alumni Field in 2004 included Katie Thorlakson (17G-17A, 51 pts, 3.4 ppg, 7 GWG), Candace Chapman (9G-4A, 22 pts), Jen Buczkowski (4G-8A, 16 pts, GWG) and Annie Schefter (4G-6A, 14 pts, 2 GWG) ... Thorlakson has totaled 51 points in her past 13 home games (15G-21A) and has racked up 96 points at Alumni Field in the past three seasons ('03-'05; 31G-34A, 11 GWG in 38 GP) ... Schefter has scored all 10 of her career goals (5 GWG) at home while Buczkowski has registered 11 of her 14 career goals and 39 of her 51 career points (77%) with the Irish in the confines of Alumni Field.

PUNCHING THE CLOCK – Current senior F **Katie Thorlakson** missed the first two games of her ND career due to the 2002 Under-19 World Championship but has not missed a game since joining the Irish (86 straight) ... senior M **Annie Schefter** (missed '02 due to injury) and junior M **Jen Buczkowski** each have appeared in all 67 games over the past two seasons (ND is 59-6-2 in that stretch) while junior D **Christie Shaner** has played in 66 of 67 (64 straight, dnp vs. ASU in '03) ... three of Shaner's classmates had played in 54 of 55 games with ND before missing action at the 2005 SCU Classic: D **Kim Lorenzen** (had played 45 straight; dnp vs. Indiana State in '03), F/M **Lizzie Reed** (had played 44 straight/now 51 of 53; dnp vs. West Virginia in '02) and DM **Jill Krivacek** (had played 40 straight; dnp vs. UConn in '03) ... Lorenzen (illness) recently missed six straight games while Krivacek (bruised knee) missed seven before returning in the game at Rutgers ... two sophomores – D/M **Ashley Jones** and F/M **Amanda Cinalli** – have appeared in all 43 games the past two seasons, helping ND rack up a 39-3-1 record in that span.

BIG WIN – The 4-1 win over #11 Florida marked the sixth time in the Randy Waldrum era (since '99) that the Irish have defeated an NSCAA top-20 opponent by 3-plus goals, followed by last week's 4-0 win over UConn (17th in the coaches poll) ... other recent big wins over the top-25 have come vs. #16 Michigan in '99 (4-1), vs. #2 Santa Clara (6-1) and #15 Washington (5-0, at Portland) in 2000, at #25 Maryland in '02 (5-2) and vs. #4 SCU in '04 (5-2).

IT TAKES TWO – Notre Dame's lone loss of '04 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 18-year history of ND women's soccer (instead, UConn rallied for the 2-1 win) ... the Irish now are 242-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead and have won 219 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 '93 tournament in Houston ... the past 131 opponents to face a 2-0 deficit vs. the Irish have been unable to even tie the score (since the '96 BIG EAST title game).

DEW-JONES REPORT – Notre Dame's biggest losses from the '04 national championship team came in the defensive third, as the only departed starters were senior center backs Melissa Tancredi and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir while one of the top outside backs (Kate Tulisiak) also graduated ... two former teammates on the Cal-South state ODP team – freshman **Carrie Dew** and sophomore **Ashley Jones** – have been among the solutions for the new-look back line (they previously were captains on the Cal-South team that won the 2004 ODP national title), with each earning a spot on the Santa Clara Classic all-tournament team (the second all-tournament honor for both players in the '05 season) ... Dew has emerged as a top starter at a central defender spot – as one of two to start all 16 games, with a team-high 1,340 minutes played (84/gm) – while Jones has been a top performer at left back, allowing juniors Christie Shaner and Kim Lorenzen to get some looks at the central role ... Jones played as a midfielder and defender in the opening week of the '05 season and her strong play earned a spot on the Vermont Classic all-tournament team (she played the full 90 minutes in the 6-0 win over Vermont) ... Jones also played the first 60 minutes as the starting left back vs. Florida, as Shaner missed the start due to illness (Jones started at left back in seven games while Lorenzen was sidelined, also earning a recent start vs. PC) ... Dew knocked in a corner kick vs. Maryland and earned all-tournament honors at ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic, after helping the Irish outscore the Gators 10-1, with a 46-8 edge in total shots, 27-4 in shots on goal and 12-5 in corner kicks ... she was a BIG EAST honor-roll pick after scoring vs. Cincinnati while helping shut out the Bearcats and Louisville (her third goal of the season capped the 4-0 win over UConn, heading in an Annie Schefter corner kick) ... Dew and Jones have helped the Irish rack up a 71-9 season scoring edge, plus 362-69 in shots (190-28 in 1st-half shots), 207-32 in shots on goal and 116-30 in CKs ... Dew set up the game-winning goal vs. Maryland, playing a pass to Katie Thorlakson that led to a Kerri Hanks rebound goal ... in addition to helping Cal-South win the national ODP title, Dew and Jones have played for club teams that won USYSA national titles (Dew with the San Diego Surf girls-16 team in 2003 and Jones with the girls-18 SoCal United in '04).

FRONTRUNNERS – Since a 3-2 loss to BYU on Oct. 19, 2002, ND has trailed in just 13 of 71 games for 347:21 (5.5% of 6,319:44), going 62-7-2 in that 71-game stretch ... five of ND's 13 deficits in that span have been 11 minutes or shorter while only four teams have led the Irish more than 40 minutes over that 71-game stretch (in '03 vs. Michigan for 60 and Boston College for 83; in '04 vs. Pittsburgh for 41; and for 64 at Marquette in '05) ... following the Pittsburgh deficit, no team had held a lead on the Irish for more than 40 minutes in a span of 28 games (prior to the loss at Marquette) ... Marquette is the only team among the past 45 opponents that has led ND for more than 45 minutes (dating back to the 2003 BIG EAST semifinal vs. BC).

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET

Pos.	Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
F #7	Katie Thorlakson (Sr.; Langley, BC)	Hermann Watch List/pre. AA; BE off. player of year; SA nat'l POW (2G-5A vs. UConn/PC) '05: 13G-21A (1st nat.), 47 pts/2nd, 16 GP/15 GS ND rec. pts/opener (8; 2G-4A UNH); 2G-1A FL/USF; 1G-2A MD/Gon.; 2G-2A DEP '04: 23G-24A (70 pts), 8 GWG, 27 GP/26 GS '04 Nat'l Player of Year (SA, SB, SIOC); 17th Div. I player w/ 50G-50A; 1G-3A vs. PC career: 50G-59A (9th NCAA his.), 159 pts (8th ND his.), 16 GWG, 86 GP/78 GS 6th in ND his. w/ 1.84 pts/gm (2nd w/ 70 pt season) led nation in '04 in pts, asts (2nd in gls) ... G/A on 24 of ND's final 26 goals in '04; 4th player in NCAA history to reach 23G-23A '04: 2G-3A vs. Baylor; 8 pts vs. #4 SCU (3G-2A) most at ND vs. top-25 (3rd with hat trick vs. top-10); 8 GWG in '04 tied ND record ND record 10 pts vs. SJU (4G-2A, tied ND goal rec.); 1st ND player w/ G/A on team's first 5 goals (vs. BAY, SCU, 1st 6 vs. SJU)
F/M #5	Amanda Cinalli (So.; Maple Hts, OH)	'04: 1st team all-BE; 4th ND fr. to score 1st goal; 4th ND player with first 2G (BAY) '05: 5G-11A/8th nat. (21 pts), 16 GP/12 GS, GWG '04 BE player of wk (1G vs. VU, GU), rookie of wk (GWG vs. UConn, 1A vs. SYR) '04: 10G-5A (25 pts), 27 GP/24 GS, 4 GWG '05: 1G-2A vs. UNH, 2A UVm/Cin., 1G-1A FL/SHU, G vs. Gon./DEP, GWA vs. UConn career: 15G-16A (46 pts), 43 GP/37 GS, 5 GWG GWGs vs. EIU and Port. (2) in NCAAAs; prep All-American; U.S. U-17 Nat'l Team
F #2	Kerri Hanks (Fr.; Allen, TX)	SA nat'l player of the week (3G-1A vs. UNH, 4G vs. UVm; ND record for gls in consec. gms) '05: 19G-9A (47 pts/2nd nat.), 16 GP/13 GS, 4 GWG BE rookie of wk (G vs. FL, 2G vs. MD); BE POW (G-A vs. Cin., G vs. Lou) '04 signee; led U.S. U-19s (22G/30 GP) quickest @ND to 10G (4 GP); tied ND rec. 4G gm; 2G-2A vs. DP; OT gl vs. RU; 1G-1A vs. PC
D/F #8	Candace Chapman (Sr.; Ajax, ONT)	'05 SA preseason AA (one of 11); Hermann watch list (25); '04: 3rd team all-BIG EAST '05: 1G-7A, 16 GS/1,140 min. (3rd tm) ND Classic All-Tourn; SB nat'l tm of week (1G-1A vs. UConn, A vs. PC); A vs. MD/Gon/SHU) 2004 stats: 12G-8A, 32 pts (2nd BE), 27 GP/16 GS '04: 2G vs. BAY, 2G-1A vs. SHU, GWGs in NCAAAs vs. UConn and SCU career: 19G-22A (60 pts), 4 GWG, 83 GP/71 GS 2nd tm All-American/BE Def. Player of Yr. ('02); missed '03 (ACL inj. w/ Canada)
F/M #17	Susan Pinnick (So.; South Bend, IN)	missed '04 season due to injury (club team van accident in summer '04) '05: 5G-1A; gls vs. UNH/GWG, GON. Mich.. USF, SHU), 15 GP/1 GS (vs. Gon.); pre. gls vs. Butler/UVa 76G-36A at St. Joseph's HS prep All-American and member of U.S. Under-17 National Team ... helped Carmel Commotion reach '03 nat'l title game ('05 semi's)
F #13	Maggie Manning (Sr.; Lake Oswego, OR)	'04: 2G-1A, 13 GP ... Oregon '02 player of the year at Jesuit HS (90G in 3 yrs) '05: 6G-3A (15 pts), 14 GP/2 GS (vs. Gon/SHU), 2G vs. UNH, G vs. Mich./USF/SHU/PC ... career: 13G-8A (34 pts), 67 GP/8 GS, GWG
M #9	Jen Buczkowski (Jr.; Elk Grove, IL)	'05 Hermann Watch List; Pl. every min. w/ '05 Nordic Cup champs (U.S. U-21s) '05: 5G-5A (15 pts), 2 GWG, 16 GP/14 GS ND Cl. def. MVP ('05), 1G-1A vs. GON/DEP, 1G vs. Mich/Marq/PC, 1A vs. MD/Cin/USF '04: 8G-11A, 27 pts (4th BE), 4 GWG, 27 GP/25 GS '04 All-American, 1st tm all-BIG EAST ; 4 GWGs in '04 (last-min. at GU, 2 vs. BC) career: 17G-22A (56 pts), 6 GWG, 67 GP/62 GS 69G-52A in 3-yr HS career; #6 recruit in '03; prep All-American, U.S. U-19 team
M #11	Annie Scheffter (Sr.; Yakima, WA)	Acad. All-Amer. (3.73 GPA; psych/pre-prof.); '05: 1G-1A vs. UConn/PC '05: 2G-6A, 16 GP/13 GS, GWG (1A vs. FL/DEP/Mich/Cin) ... '04: 4G-7A (15 pts), 2 GWG, 27 GP/22 GS (GWG vs. Stan.; 1A vs. Port.) car. (inj. in '02): 10G-18A (38 pts), 3 GWG, 67 GP/54 GS U.S. U-19 Nat'l Team ('02); WA player of year; dad Rob played ND tennis
M/F #10	Brittany Bock (Fr.; Naperville, IL)	U.S. U-20 Nat'l Team player pool (former U-16/U-17/U-19 player); 24G as prep sr. '05: 6G-5A (17 pts), 15 GP/12 GS ... 2G vs. UNH, G vs. Vm/Cin, 2A vs. MI, 1G-1A vs. SHU, A vs. UConn nat'l ch. w/ Illinois ODP ('03)
M/D #12	Ashley Jones (So.; Westlake Village, CA)	'04: goal vs. UConn @BET (1-2); 4 GWAs (TT, BC twice, UConn/NCAAAs) '05 stats: 16 GP/10 GS (at LB) ... '04: 1G-4A (6 pts), 27 GP/6 GS '04 nat'l titles with Cal-South ODP and SoCal United Career: 1G-4A, 41 GP/16 GS all-tour. at '05 UVm and SCU Classics ... 3rd-leading scorer on '04 preseason Brazil trip (2G-3A)
DM #24	Jill Krivacek (Jr.; Geneva, IL)	'04: 3rd tm all-BE; All-Tour. at ND Classic; GWG vs. WIS in 90th minute (NCAAAs) '05: 1G (vs. UNH), 9 GP/3 GS ... '04: 1G-2A, 27 GP/23 GS ... career: 4G-5A (13 pts), 58 GP/31 GS missed 7 gms (bruised knee)
M/F #15	Lizzie Reed (Jr.; Franklin Lakes, NJ)	had A vs. UNH and UVm (start) ... '04 GWA at WVU (3-1), 1G-1A vs. SJU (7-0) '05: 2G (vs. SHU/PC)-2A, 14 GP/3 GS ... '04: 1G-2A, 28 GP/11 GS ... career: 4G-5A (13 pts), 63 GP/20 GS HS All-American
M #20	Rebecca Mendoza (Fr.; Garland, TX)	member of Mexican Nat'l Team ... rated nation's #16 recruit (Student Sports) '05: 10 GP (late arrival/nat'l team) helped Dallas Sting reach '05 USYSA national semifinals ... 77G-58A first 3 yrs at N. Garland HS
DM #21	Claire Gallerano (Jr.; Dallas, TX)	def. M known for tenacious tackling and ball-winning ... missed '05 spring (ankle) '05: 11 GP/4 GS (vs. UVm/SHU/PC) ... '04: 15 GP/1 GS (vs. TT) ... career: 29 GP/4 GS Dallas Texans product ('03 national champs)
D #18	Christie Shaner (Jr.; Ambler, PA)	'04: headers vs. WVU, SJU; 2nd-tm Acad. All-Dist. ... 2nd tm all-BE ('03; 3rd tm '04) '05: 2A, 16 GP/15 GS; 1,161 min./73 per gm (2nd on tm) all-tour. '04 ND Classic; U.S. U-21 camps ('04); #22 recruit in '03 (SA) '04: 2G, 25 GP/21 GS; 82 min/gm (2nd tm) ... car.: 3G-5A (11 pts), 66 GP/57 GS nat'l tm of wk (SA; 9/19); BE DPOW (10/10); prep AA
D/M #4	Kim Lorenzen (Jr.; Naperville, IL)	'04 GWG at WVU, GWA vs. BC (1-0), 1G-1A vs. SJU, 1G vs. EIU in NCAAAs '05: 10 GP/9 GS (missed 6 gms/ill.) ... '04: 3G-4A, GWG, 27 GP/21 GS ... car.: 3G-4A, 60 GP/50 GS '03 ODP nat'l ODP champs (IL)
CD #19	Carrie Dew (Fr.; Encinitas, CA)	ND and SCU Classic all-tour. tm ... member of U.S. U-16 and U-17 nat'l teams '05: 3G (vs. MD/Cin/UConn), 16 GS, team-hi 1,340 min. (84/gm) '05 Select-23 Nat'l Team; nat'l ch. S.D. Surf ('03), Cal-So. ODP ('04)
G #1	Erika Bohn (Sr.; Brookfield, CT)	preseason BIG EAST Goalkeeper of Year ('05); member of '05 U.S. Nordic Cup team '05 stats: 0.73 GAA, 7 SV, 4 GA, 8 GP/6 GS (5-1-0); missed 7 gms/ankle inj. 1st Team Acad. All-American in '04 (3.67 GPA, art studio) '04 stats: 0.41 GAA (led nation), 39 SV, 9 GA, 25 GP/22 GS (21-1-1) ND-rec. 967-min. shutout streak in '03 (5th NCAA history) career: 0.69 GAA, 138 SV, 47 GA, 77 GP/71 GS (58-12-2), 24 solo ShO 3 PK saves (1 in reg.) in '04 NCAA title game vs. UCLA
G #6	Lauren Karas (So.; Flower Mound, TX)	'04 wins over ASU (2-1), TX Tech (3-0), UWGB (4-0), Pitt (3-1; off bench) '05: 0.59 GAA 918th in nation), 13 SV/5 GA, 11 GP/9 GS, 8-1-0 (wins vs. Gon/DEP/Mich/Cin/Lou/RU/SHU/UConn) '04: 1.24 GAA, 11 SV, 8 GP/5 GS Golden Glove Award w/ No. TX ODP at '04 Nationals BIG EAST '05 GK of week (7 SV vs. LOU)

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win for ND, with the Irish 226-3-1 all-time (.985) 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 130-1-0 since 10/6/95) ... ND is 313-9-12 (.955) all-time when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals (116-3-5 since 9/9/99), including 1-0 losses in '02 (vs. eventual NCAA champ Portland) and '03 (at #1 Stanford) ... prior to the UP loss, the Irish had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, playing minus All-American Anne Makinen) ... the program's 18-year history includes just 311 goals allowed in 409 games (0.76 GA/gm) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 75 all-time games (18%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in just 34 all-time games (8%; including 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 334-26-15/.911 record in those games (ND is just 4-29-1/.132 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

HOME SWEET HOME – Notre Dame owns a 173-14-3 all-time record (.918) at Alumni Field, including 50-10-1 vs. NSCAA top-25 teams (143-4-2 vs. non-top-25) ... 8 of ND's last 10 home losses have been by a single goal ... ND went unbeaten at home in the 2004 regular season (9-0-1), marking the 9th time in the program's first 15 years at Alumni Field that Notre Dame did not lose a regular-season home game (all but '90, '92, '95, '02, '03) ... the Irish have won nearly 92% of their all-time regular-season home games at Alumni Field (140-11-3, .919), including four seasons with one loss ... in 10 of the previous 11 seasons (all but '03), the Irish have suffered 0-1 regular-season losses at home (99-7-3, .922 in that 11-year stretch) ... ND added five postseason home wins in 2004 for a 14-0-1 home record that included a 47-7 scoring edge (avg. 3.1-0.4), plus 357-61 in shots (24-4), 178-30 in shots on goal (12-2) and 99-21 in corner kicks (7-1).

GOING THE DISTANCE – Notre Dame is unbeaten in its past 19 overtime games (14-0-5), since the 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC in the '99 opener ... prior to the 0-0 game vs. Rutgers in '04, the Irish played 18 straight non-OT games (longest since the '97 and '98 teams combined for 31 straight non-OT games) ... after the opening '99 loss to UNC, that Irish team went on to post a 2-1, double-OT win at UConn and played to a 1-1 tie at Nebraska in the NCAA quarterfinals (adv. on PKs) ... the 2000 team had OT wins over Stanford, at West Virginia and vs. Santa Clara in the NCAA quarterfinals (all 2-1) plus a 0-0 tie at UConn ... '01 featured an unprecedented five OT games (2-1 vs. Indiana, Villanova, WVU and Michigan; 2-2 vs. Wisconsin) while the '02 team added 1-0 OT wins over Rutgers and BC ... the '03 team had a 0-0 tie with Stanford (at SCU) and OT wins over Villanova (1-0) and Miami (2-1, BE quarter's) ... the '04 team played to a scoreless tie with Rutgers late in the regular season and then logged a 1-1 tie with UCLA in the NCAA title (the Irish won, 4-3 on PKs).

SHARING THE WEALTH IN OT – Notre Dame's 14 overtime wins in the Waldrum era include goals from eight players (own goal vs. Stanford in '00; PK win vs. UCLA in '04 NCAA title game): Anne Makinen (vs. UConn, '99), Amanda Guertin (ND record 4; vs. West Virginia in '00, Michigan in '01, Boston College in '02, Miami in '03 BIG EAST quarter's), Meotis Erikson (vs. SCU in '00 NCAA quarter's), Kelly Tulisiak (vs. Indiana, '01), Amy Warner (2; vs. Villanova in '01, Rutgers in '02), Mia Sarkesian (vs. WVU, '01), **Katie Thorlakson** (vs. Villanova, '03) and **Kerri Hnks** (at Rutgers, '05) ... before the Hnks goal at RU, Thorlakson had been the only current player who had scored an OT goal with the Irish (she also was the only player on the '04 team with an OT goal already to her credit) ... three of her current teammates did convert PKs in the 2004 NCAA title-game shootout vs. UCLA: Jen **Buczowski**, Annie **Schefter** and Jill **Krivacek**.

GOALS-A-PLENTY – Stretching from '92-'05, the Irish have scored in 95.1% of their games (310 of 326) ... since '94, the Irish have scored in 272 of 285 (.954; three shutouts in NCAA title games) – with goals in 206 of 214 regular-season games (.963) during that 12-year stretch ... ND saw its 31-game scoring streak (3rd-best in Irish history) end in 2002.

OT-TESTED ... BUT RUSTY – Notre Dame is unbeaten in its past 19 overtime games and is 14-1-5 in OT during the Randy Waldrum era but the Irish have played to OT just three in their past 44 games (0-0 vs. Rutgers, on Oct. 22, 2004; 1-1 in '04 NCAA title game vs. UCLA/4-3 in PKs; 1-0 at Rutgers on Oct. 7, 2005) ... ND's past 38 regular-season games have produced just one OT finish (the '04 Rutgers game), with the Irish going 34-3-1 during that stretch of regular-season games.

CORNERING THE MARKET – Dating back to the 2004 game vs. Rutgers (Oct. 22), Notre Dame has owned the corner-kick edge in 25 of its past 28 games, finishing tied in CKs for one of those games (5-5 vs. UCLA in the NCAA title game) ... Florida (4-3 CKs) and Santa Clara are the only recent opponents with more CKs than the Irish (SCU held a narrow 6-5 margin, in the '04 NCAA semifinals) ... the Irish have racked up a 193-48 CK margin (4:1) in the past 28 games, including 116-30 in 2005 ... that 28-game stretch has included 8 games with no CKs allowed by ND (also 7 GP with 1 CK allowed and 5 with 2 CKs allowed) ... excluding the pair of games at the 2004 College Cup weekend, the Irish have racked up a 184-38 CK edge (nearly 5-to-1) in the other 26 games since Boston College held a 4-2 CK edge on 10/18/04 ... ND's 16 games thus far in 2005 have included four with no opponent CKs (vs. UNH, Vermont, Santa Clara and Michigan), three with a single opponent CK and four with 2 CKs allowed (0-2 opp. CKs in 11 of the 16 games).

GOAL PATROL – ND players have combined for 32 multiple-goal games over 65 games in the past three seasons (compared to just five in all of '02), by 12 different players ... the 2005 opener vs. New Hampshire saw freshman F **Kerri Hnks** (3), senior F **Katie Thorlakson** and freshman M/F **Brittany Bock** each register multi-goal games and Hnks added a 4-goal game two days later vs. Vermont ... Thorlakson then had 2G vs. Florida, as did Hnks vs. Maryland and Cincinnati (they both had 2G-2A vs. DePaul), followed by Thorlakson's 2G-game at South Florida and Bock's 2G vs. Seton Hall... three different players – **Amanda Cinalli**, Thorlakson and **Candace Chapman** – had two goals in the 2004 opener vs. Baylor, with Thorlakson adding 3G vs. Santa Clara, 2G vs. both UWGB and Michigan and then 4G vs. St. John's while **Maggie Manning** had 2G at Texas Tech and Chapman added 2G vs. Seton Hall while Cinalli had 2G vs. Portland ... current players who posted multiple-goal games in '03 included: Manning vs. Hartford (2), **Jen Buczowski** vs. Oklahoma, Thorlakson and **Annie Schefter** vs. Western Kentucky and Thorlakson at Rutgers ... Thorlakson has totaled 11 multiple-goal games in her ND career (including one 3-goal game and the 4G-game) while Hnks has five multi-goal games (Chapman, Manning and Bock each own two).

STRONG START – Notre Dame opened 2005 play at the Vermont Classic with wins over New Hampshire (11-1) and the host Catamounts (6-0) ... senior F **Katie Thorlakson** set the ND record for points in an opener (8; 2G-4A vs. UNH) while freshman F **Kerri Hanks** set the ND record for goals in back-to-back games (7; 3G-1A vs. UNH, 4G vs. UVm) ... the 17 goals are 2nd-most ever by the Irish in the first two games of a season (behind the 20 scored by the '96 team, which won 14-0 at Providence and 6-0 at Boston College) ... the 17 goals rank as 6th-most ever by the Irish in consecutive games (any time in a season) and are the most since the '97 team posted big wins over Georgetown (9-0) and Wisconsin (10-0) ... the 11 goals vs. UNH marked the 3rd time in the program's 18-year history that the Irish have registered double-digit goals in the season opener and are most in an opener since the 14-0 win at PC in '96 ... just five previous games in the program's history (spanning nearly 400 games) have seen the Irish score more goals – with the UNH game representing the most goals by ND in 205 games (since an 11-0 win over West Virginia, on Oct. 25, 1996) ... ND has won six straight openers and 11 of its past 12 season-opening games, with the lone loss coming in double-OT vs. UNC in the first game under head coach Randy Waldrum (in '99) ... the Irish have won their past three season openers by a combined score of 27-4 ... since the 11-0 win over West Virginia in the middle of the '96 season, the Irish had reached double-digit goals just once (10-0 vs. Georgetown, on 10/1/99) prior to the UNH game ... it was the 16th double-digit scoring game in the program's history ... the only ND openers with more goals have been the '96 game at PC (14-0) and a 12-0 win at LaSalle to open the '93 season ... ND now is 16-2 all-time in season openers (the other loss was the '92 game vs. N.C. State) ... the only times ND has scored more goals in a game: 17-0 vs. Tri-State ('89), 14-0 vs. PC ('96), 12-0 at Loyola and at LaSalle (both in '93) and 12-1 vs. Valparaiso ('90) ... the seven goalscorers vs. UNH – Hanks (3), Thorlakson (2), Brittany Bock (2), Susan Pinnick, Maggie Manning and Jill Krivacek – equaled the most in a Waldrum-era game at ND (also in '01 vs. SJU and '03 vs. North Texas).

IRISH UNMATCHED IN THE CLASSROOM – Notre Dame's 2004 national championship team actually was overflowing with players who owned strong Academic All-America credentials (the CoSIDA team recognizes "starters or top reserves" who have a GPA of at least 3.20), with current senior G **Erika Bohn** receiving 2004 first team Academic All-America honors (she now owns a 3.67 cumulative GPA, as an art studio major) while current senior M **Annie Scheffter** (3.76, psychology and pre-professional science) was a 2nd-team selection ... other top scholars on the 2004 team included '05 graduate and central back **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** (3.31 prior to '04 season, as finance major) and current junior D/M **Kim Lorenzen** (3.24, finance) ... as a group, the ND women's soccer team followed up the nation title by posting a 3.38 team GPA in the 2004 fall semester and then a 3.35 in the spring of '05 that ranked 2nd-best among ND's 26 varsity sports ... '05 graduated F **Mary Boland** (spring '05) joined current sophomore M/D **Ashley Jones** and sophomore F/M **Jannica Tjeder** in posting 4.0 semester GPAs during 2004-05.

20-SOMETHING – Notre Dame in 2004 reached the 20-win plateau for the ninth time in 11 seasons, going on to set the ND record for wins in a season (25-1-1; a win total bested by just three teams in NCAA Div. I history) ... the 1996 team held the previous ND record of 24 wins, with the Irish also posting 23 victories in 1994, '97 and '00, 21 wins in '95, '98 and '99, and 20 Ws in '03.

WINDY-CITY TRIO NOW A QUARTET – ND's geographically-diverse '05 roster includes four players who grew up playing close to one another in the Chicago area ... those Windy City natives are led by three juniors – M **Jen Buczkowski** (Elk Grove HS), D/M **Kim Lorenzen** (Naperville North HS) and defensive M **Jill Krivacek** (Geneva; Rosary HS) – who now have been joined by freshman M/F **Brittany Bock** (Naperville/Neuqua Valley HS) ... the foursome helped lead the Illinois team to the '03 Olympic Development national title in '03, with Bock earning the Golden Boot Award while playing up an age group ... each of the Chicago veterans played key, but subtle, roles on the 2004 national-title squad, with Lorenzen's great versatility allowing her to play anywhere on the field (she scored the gamewinning goal in the 74th minute at #20 West Virginia and had the primary assist on Buczkowski's GWG vs. #20 BC) ... the 5-foot-11 Krivacek has fortified the defensive midfield while Buczkowski is the classic field general and ranked 3rd on the '04 team with 27 pts (8G-11A) ... Bock (6G-5A) and Buczkowski (5G-5A) rank 4th and 5th on the '05 team in scoring.

BIG & BRIGHT – The lone star state has deep ties to ND women's soccer (three coaches and four players are Texas natives):

- Seventh-year ND head coach **Randy Waldrum** is a native of Irving, Texas, played at Midwestern State (Wichita Falls, Texas) from '77-'80, coached the men's teams at Austin College ('82) and Texas Wesleyan ('88) and coached the Baylor women from '96-'98 (he was the Texas Longhorns club's director of coaching from '87-'89).
- 3rd-year assistant **Dawn Greathouse** is a native of Allen, Texas, and played for Waldrum as the starting 'keeper at Baylor ... she also starred for the Texas Longhorns and the Region III and North Texas ODP squads.
- Junior M **Claire Gallerano** (Dallas/Ursuline HS) helped lead the Dallas Texans to the '03 USYSA national club title (girls-18 division) ... freshman F Kerri Hanks (Allen) – a '04 signee who did not enroll at ND until the spring of '05, due to U-19 World Championship training with the U.S. – earned the USYSA's Golden Boot Award as the tournament's top scorer with the '03 Dallas Texans ... she won the Golden Boot again in '05 as the Texans lost the girls-19 title game in PKs ... Hanks totaled 47 goals in two seasons at Allen HS before her U-19 duty.
- Sophomore G **Lauren Karas** (Flower Mound HS) also has starred for the Dallas Sting and Texans club teams, plus the Region III and North Texas ODP teams (she earned the Golden Glove Award with North Texas at the 2004 ODP nationals).
- Freshman M **Rebecca Mendoza** (Garland) was a standout at North Garland HS (77G-58A in first three seasons) and helped lead the Dallas Sting to a 3rd-place finish at 2005 USYSA Nationals (girls-18) while also playing for North Texas ODP in '03 and '04 (dnp in '05 due to duties with Mexican National Team, as she holds dual citizenship).
- Notre Dame's all-time roster includes 17 Texas natives, most notably: early scoring leader Stephanie Porter ('90-'93; Spring/Klein HS); steady M Tiffany Thompson ('91-'94; Houston/Cypress Creek HS); clutch 'keeper Liz Wagner ('98-'01; Spring/Klein HS); All-America D Monica Gonzalez ('97-'01; Richardson/Plano East HS); and high-scoring F Amanda Guertin ('00-'03; Grapevine HS).