

2005 Notre Dame Women's Soccer (19-2-0, 10-1-0 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* W, 4-0
23 Georgetown* W, 6-1
30 *BIG EAST Quarterfinal*
vs. Georgetown W, 6-0

November

BIG EAST Champ. (@Marquette)*

4 UConn 1, West Virginia 0 (2 OT)
ND 3, at #11 Marquette 0
6 ND 5, #15 UConn 0

*Both semifinals live on CSTV; final live and taped on BIG EAST affiliates

11 *NCAA First Round*
B. Green vs. Mich. St. 5:00
ND vs. Valparaiso 7:30
13 *NCAA Second Round* 1:00

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 NCAA First Round vs. Valparaiso (Nov. 11, 7:00 EST)

The 5th-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team (19-2-0, 10-1-0 BIG EAST) – which received one of four national No. 2 seeds – will open defense of its NCAA title this weekend at Alumni Field ... the Irish face Mid-Continent Conference tournament champ Valparaiso (12-7-1) in 1st-round action on Friday, Nov. 11 (7:30 EST), following the 5:00 game between Bowling Green (champions of the Mid-American Conference) and Big Ten third-place finisher Michigan State ... tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children, students and senior citizens – with the first 100 students admitted free of charge ... Notre Dame last week captured the program's eighth BIG EAST Tournament title – following a 3-0 semifinal win over homestanding and 11th-ranked Marquette before a 5-0 win over #15 UConn in the title game.

AROUND THE HORN – The Irish are riding an 10-game win streak (46-1 scoring edge) and 32-game scoring streak, with 95 total goals while allowing just 92 opponent shots (42 on goal) ... ND is 36-3-0 (.923) in all-time postseason games played at home (25-3-0/.893 in NCAA home games) ... the final regular-season game saw ND score three goals in a 51-second span vs. Georgetown (quickest 3G stretch in ND history) ... ND's 10-0-0 home mark this season includes a 48-3 scoring edge, just 29 opponent shots and only 11 opp. shots on goal (1.1/gm) ... the Irish lead the nation in scoring with 4.52 goals/gm, paced by the nation's top scoring tandem of senior **Katie Thorlakson** (16G-28A; 60 pts) and freshman **Kerri Hanks** (24G-14A; 62 pts) – with sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** (7G-15A) ranking 6th nationally in assists (the three ND forwards have combined for 151 pts) ... Hanks and Thorlakson are the nation's first 50-point teammates since 2000 and one of four all-time (first since '96) to reach 60 pts in the same season (they are the only players in the nation currently with at least 14G-14A) ... ND also leads the nation with a +4.1 avg. scoring margin (95-10/+85, in 21 GP) and is 8th with a 0.47 GAA ... ND has trailed in just two games all season for a total of 77 minutes (4.1% of the total game time) ... the Irish have held 19 teams to 0-1 goals in '05 ... the DePaul game (Sept. 16) was the 400th in the 18-year history of ND women's soccer (the Irish have won 84% of their all-time games, at 338-59-17).

INFORMATION HIGHWAY – GameTracker live-stat links for all three of the games at Alumni Field this weekend are available at www.und.com ... und.com also will offer live audio of the ND games for All-Access subscribers ... game recaps are available on the ND Sports Hotline (574-631-3000, press "4," then "2").

ON A ROLL – Notre Dame reponded to its loss at Marquette on Sept. 30 by winning its past 10 games by a margin of 46-1 ... the Irish have allowed just 1.5 shots on goal per game during that 10-game stretch ... the team's stats during the 10-game winning streak include a 245-44 edge in total shots (avg. of 24.5-4.4), 135-15 in shots on goal (13.5-1.5) and 76-20 in corenr kicks (7.6-2.0) ... ND's depth and conditioning has been evident in the 2nd half of games during the 10-game streak, outscoring the opponents 30-1 in the final 45 minutes/OT during the win streak (the program's 10th all-time double-digit win streak) ... the win streak is 4th-longest in the seven-year Randy Waldrum era (behind win streaks of 16 games in '00, 15 in '04 and 12 in '03).

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 top pace for fewest shots (4.4/gm) and shots on goal (2.0/gm) allowed ... the Irish also are on track for one of the top scoring averages (4.52 goals/gm) and margins (+4.1) in ND history (both best since '97) and have allowed just 1.7 corner kicks/gm (2nd all-time/best since '97):

Category	2005 (ND rank)	Standing ND Record
Shots on Goal Allowed Per Game	2.0 (1st)	2.1 ('97)
Shots Allowed Per Game	4.4 (2nd)	4.0 ('97)
Corner Kicks Allowed Per Game	1.7 (2nd)	1.2 ('97)
Goals Per Game	4.52 (3rd)	5.45 ('97), 5.25 ('96)
Goal Margin	+4.1 (3rd)	+5.1 ('97), +4.6 ('96)
Shots per Goal (accuracy)	5.1 (3rd)	4.4 ('96), 4.9 ('93)

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

1,130 – Career games played by '05 ND players (676 GS)

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

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

316-9-12 (.956) – Notre Dame's all-time record when holding opponent to 0-1 goals (40-0-1 in '04 and '05)

229-3-1 (.985) – Notre Dame's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (131-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995)

222 – Win streak when taking 2-0 lead (245-0-1 all-time)

136-22-5 (.850) – Randy Waldrum's record at Notre Dame

65-0-1 – Home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST tms ('95-)

53-3-2 – ND's record in its past 58 regular-season games

46-1 – scoring margin in current 10-game win streak

39 (ended vs. UConn in '04 BET title game; now 61-2-0 last 63) – consecutive wins when scoring first

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

31 – All-Americans (since 1994)

30 – active scoring streak (4th-best in ND history)

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)

22-2-0 – 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; most in nation)

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

+11 – ND's current ratio of goals (87) to opp. shots (76)

9 – Starters returning from 2004 national champs

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), Jannica Tjeder (spring) and Mary Boland (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	19-2-0	64-6-2
(Regular Season)	18-1-1	17-0-1	16-2-0	51-3-2
Goals Per Game	3.04	2.54	4.52	3.37
Goals-Against Avg.	0.49	0.51	0.47	0.49
Avg. Scoring Margin	+2.55	+2.03	+4.05	+2.87
Shots Per Game	19.0	20.6	23.0	20.9
Shots Allowed/Gm	4.8	5.7	4.4	5.0
Shot Margin	+14.2	+14.9	+18.6	+15.9
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	2.8	3.4
Corner Kicks Per Gm	4.7	5.9	7.1	5.9
CKs Allowed Per Gm	3.1	1.8	1.7	2.2
Average CK Margin	+1.6	+4.1	+5.4	+3.7
Save Percentage	.774	.803	.762	.780
Shutouts	15	16	15	46
Games w/ 0-1 GA	22	24	19	65
Games w/ 2 GA	1	3	1	5
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	18	38
Wins By 5-Plus Goals	5	2	9	16
Home Games	13-2-0	14-0-1	10-0-0	37-2-1
All Road Games	7-1-1	11-1-0	9-2-0	27-4-1
1st-Half Scoring	40-7	32-4	43-5	115-16
2nd-Half Scoring	31-5	38-10	51-5	120-20

ND POSTSEASON HISTORY – Notre Dame owns a 61-12-1 all-time record in postseason play (.831), including 24-2-0 (.923) in the BIG EAST Tournament, 32-10-1 in the NCAAs (.756) and 5-0-0 in the MCC Tournament ('93-'94) ... the Irish have won better than 92% of their all-time postseason games at Alumni Field (36-3-0; .923), including 11-0-0 in BIG EAST Tournament home games and 25-3-0 (.893) in home NCAA games ... the Irish have gone 11-1-0 in all-time NCAA openers (started play in round-of-16 from '93-'95; round-of-32 from '96-'00; round-of-64 since '02), with ND winning its past 11 NCAA openers (since losing in '93 at George Mason, 2-1) ... after last weekend's BIG EAST semifinal win at Marquette (3-0), ND owns a 4-2-1 all-time postseason record when playing on the opponent's field (2-1-1 in the NCAAs) ... other postseason wins on the opponent's field include two NCAA semifinal games – at Portland in '94 and at North Carolina the '95 NCAA semifinal (both 1-0) – plus the '98 BIG EAST title game (1-0, at UConn):

- MCC Tournament – 5-0-0 (all neutral)
- BIG EAST Tournament – 24-2-0 (.923) (11-0-0 home, 2-1-0 away, 11-1-0 neutral)
- NCAA Tournament – 32-10-1 (.738) (25-3-0 at home/.893, 2-1-1 away, 5-6-0 neutral)

Postseason Totals – 61-12-1 (.831)
(36-3-0 home/.923, 5-2-1 away, 20-7-0 neutral)

SERIES NOTES – Notre Dame has not faced Valparaiso, Michigan State or Bowling Green in the Randy Waldrum era (since '99) ... the only previous ND-Valpo game was in 1990 (a 12-1 Irish win at Alumni Field) ... the only previous ND-BG game: a 2-0 Irish road win in the first year of the ND program ('88) ... ND holds a 9-2-0 series edge vs. MSU (5-1-0 at home), with the Irish winning the past nine meetings by a combined margin of 38-4 ... ND posted a home win over MSU in 1997 (6-0) and beat the Spartans in East Lansing the following season (4-0).

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS – For detailed info. on the three other teams headed for Alumni field this weekend, see www.valparaiso.edu/athletics, www.msuspartans.com and www.bgsufalcons.com.

ND-VALPO CONNECTIONS – Notre Dame freshman M/F **Brittany Bock** and Valparaiso senior M **Allison Swanson** both hail from Naperville, Ill., and are products of Neuqua Valley HS (ND junior D **Kim Lorenzen** also is a Naperville native).

NEW-LOOK IRISH TOP EAGLES IN REMATCH – Last week's BIG EAST semifinal saw ND field starting lineup consisting of three key defensive players who did not start in the earlier loss to Marquette: senior G **Erika Bohn** (ankle), junior DM **Jill Krivacek** (knee bruise) and junior central D **Kim Lorenzen** (mononucleosis) ... Lorenzen did play off the bench in that loss (54 minutes) but that marked her first game back from nearly a month layoff (Bohn and Krivacek also missed roughly a month, both returning to action the following weekend on the New Jersey trip).

LORENZEN UNBEATEN AS 2005 STARTER – ND head coach Randy Waldrum said prior to the '05 season that junior D **Kim Lorenzen** was possibly the player that his team could least afford to lose ... as things turned out, the workmanlike and unheralded Lorenzen has helped the Irish go unbeaten in her 12 starts (14-0-0) – with the impressive domination in those '05 games including a 73-2 scoring edge (avg. 5.2-0.14) plus 339-55 in shots (24.2-3.9), 196-21 in shots on goal (14.0-1.7) and 100-25 in corner kicks (7.1-1.8).

RARITY x5 – Marquette's win over ND earlier this season remains one of just eight all-time regular-season BIG EAST losses for the Irish (96-8-3, .911) ... it also marked one of just three ND regular-season losses in the past three seasons (53-3-2, from '03-'05) and was a rare loss as well due to the fact that ND scored first (the Irish now are 63-2-0 in their past 65 games when scoring first) ... it also marked just the 12th time in 18 seasons of play that the Irish had yielded 4-plus goals in a game ... finally, Marquette led for 53 minutes of that game (ND has trailed in just one other '05 game, for a total of 24 minutes at Santa Clara) – which remains the only time in the past 50 games that the opponent has led ND for more than 45 minutes.

ATTENDANCE BOOST – Notre Dame's average attendance at Alumni Field in the 2005 regular season was nearly 1,900 per game (1,885), almost doubling the average attendance from the 2004 season (1,073) ... when looking at the teams in last week's NSCAA top-25 coaches poll, Notre Dame trailed only four of those teams in average attendance: Texas A&M (3,691), Portland(3,247), North Carolina (2,550) and BYU (2,175) ... other NSCAA top-25 teams that were averaging 800-plus fans per home game (as of Oct. 24) included: Florida (1,489), Penn State (1,149), Santa Clara (1,048), Connecticut (1,012), Florida State (982), UCLA (943), Virginia (871) and Tennessee (848) ... other average home attendances among the NSCAA top-25 are as follows: Arizona (714), Clemson (669), Yale (633), Marquette (610), California (562), Boston College (529), Gonzaga (511), Nebraska (479), West Virginia (461), Duke (448), Cal State Fullerton (358) and Purdue (296) ... four teams that were in the NSCAA top-25 but fell out of the Oct. 24 poll also ranked behind ND in avg. home attendance: Stanford (1,389), Colorado (833), Wake Forest (732) and Pepperdine (334).

TALE OF THE TAPE

	NOTRE DAME	VALPARAISO
'05 Record (Conf.)	19-2-0 (10-1-0)	12-7-1 (4-2-0)
2004 Record	25-1-1	
Starters Ret. from '04	9	
Letterwinners Ret.	23/4	
Recent Games	3-0 vs. #11 Marquette 5-0 vs. 315 Connecticut	2-0 vs. So. Utah 3-1 vs. Oakland
Goals Per Game	4.52 (95)	1.78 (36)
Goals-Against Avg.	0.47 (10)	1.19 (24)
Avg. Scoring Margin	+4.05 (+85)	+1.59 (+12)
Shots Per Game	23.0	16.6
Shots Allowed/Gm	4.4	12.2
Shot Margin	+18.6	+4.4
Shots On Goal All./Gm	2.0	5.9
Shooting Pct.	.196	.108
Shots Per Goal	5.1	9.2
Shots on Goal per Goal	2.8	4.6
Corner Kicks/Gm	7.1	6.7
CKs Allowed/Gm	1.7	2.5
Avg. CK Margin	+5.4	+4.2
Save Pct.	.762	.797
Shutouts	15	5
Games w/ 0-1 GA	19	11
Games w/ 2 GA	1	7
Games w/ 3-plus GA	1	2
Overtime Record	1-0-0	0-0-1
One-Goal Gm Record	1-1	5-2
Wins By 3-Plus Goals	18	3
Home Games	10-0-0	7-1-0
All Road Games	9-2-0	5-6-1
1st-Half Scoring	43-5	17-8
2nd-Half Scoring	51-5	19-16
Fouls Per Game	10.7	13.3
Yellow Cards/Red	12/0	15/0
Players with 10+ Goals	2	2
Players with 5+ Goals	7	3
Players with Goals	15	8
Players with 20+ Points	6	2
Players with 10+ Points	9	3
Players with Points	19	13
Seniors/Freshmen	8/6	
Top Scorers	Kerri Hanks, Fr., F (24G-14A, 62 pts)	Emily King, Sr., D (11G-5A, 27 pts)
	Katie Thorlakson, Sr., F (16G-28A, 60 pts)	Kendall Brown, Fr., F (10G-5A, 25 pts)
	Amanda Cinalli, So., F/M (7G-15A, 29 pts)	Lori Johnson, Fr., F (6G-2A, 14 pts)
	Brittany Bock, Fr., M/F (9G-9A, 27 pts)	Brit. Derksen, So., F (4G-1A, 9 pts)
Goalkeeper	Erika Bohn, Sr. (0.43 GAA, 13 SV, 13 GP)	Erin Murray, So. (1.07, 77 SV, 18 GP)

GROUP EFFORT – Notre Dame's eight goals last weekend in Milwaukee (vs. Marquette and UConn) came from seven different players: Katie Thorlakson, Jen Buczkowski, Kerri Hanks (2), Amanda Cinalli, Brittany Bock, Maggie Manning and Susan Pinnick.

THE BEST (frosch goalscorer) THERE EVER WAS – Kerri Hanks scored in both games last weekend to give her 24 goals for the season, besting the ND record for goals by a freshman (previously held by Anne Makinen, who had 23G in 1997) ... Jenny Heft (28, as a junior in '98) and Cindy Daws (26, as a senior in '96) are the only Notre Dame players ever to score more goals in a season than Hanks' current total.

SHARED MILESTONE – Katie Thorlakson's pair of assists in the BIG EAST title game landed her on 60 points for the season, making Kerri Hanks (62) and Thorlakson the fourth set of teammates (first since ND's Cindy Daws Jenny Strieffer in '96, with 72 and 66) in the 24-year history of Division I women's soccer who are known to reached 60 points in the same season ... the only other D-I teammates known to have posted 60-plus points in the same season include: SMU's Danielle Garrett, later Fotopoulos (83) and Courtney Linex (77) in '95 and UNC's Mia Hamm (97) and Kristine Lilly (65) in '92.

THORLAKSON, KRIVACEK NAMED TOURNEY MVPs – Senior forward Katie Thorlakson was named the offensive MVP for the 2005 BIG EAST Tournament, after totaling nine points (2G-5A) in wins over Georgetown (6-0; 1G-3A), Marquette (3-0; GWG) and UConn (5-0; 2A) ... junior defensive midfielder Jill Krivacek was named the tournament's defensive MVP, after helping the Irish total a 14-0 scoring margin, 59-18 shot edge (32-8 in shots on goal) and 17-3 corner-kick differential in the three games.

DRIVE FOR FIVE – The BIG EAST title game vs. UConn (5-0) marked the eighth time this season that ND has scored five-plus goals ... the Irish have scored 3-plus goals in eight straight games, tying a record set by four previous ND teams (last in '98).

ABC (Always Be Closing) – The Irish have gone 8-1-0 in BIG EAST title games (7-1-0 in final-game matchups with UConn).

NOTRE DAME: "Home of the Assist Masters" – Seven players in NCAA Division I women's soccer history have totaled 66-plus career assists and more of them (4) have played for Notre Dame than all other teams combined (3) ... ND's assist elite include Holly Manthei (NCAA-record 129 assists from '95-'98), Jenny Strieffer (3rd, 71; '96-'99), Cindy Daws (6th, 67; '93-'96) and current senior Katie Thorlakson (66) ... Thorlakson is the only player among the four from ND who has played the bulk of her career at forward (Manthei and Daws were midfielders; Strieffer shifted from M to F midway through her career) ... the NCAA record book also now includes four ND names in the top-5 for assists in a season: Manthei (44 in '96, 34 in '97, 30 in '94) and Thorlakson (28 in '05) ... former UNC great Mia Hamm had 33 assists in 1992.

THORLAKSON SETS BIG EAST CAREER SCORING MARK – Katie Thorlakson bid farewell to the BIG EAST Tournament having totaled 24 points (8G-8A) in eight career conference tournament games, besting the ND record for career points in the conference event (Anne Makinen had 23 points in the BET, from '97-'00) ... Makinen still narrowly holds the Irish record for career points in all postseason games (43) but Thorlakson now is second on that list with 42 (13G-16A) ... as a junior, Thorlakson set BIG EAST Tournament records (among players from all league schools) for points and goals in one game (10/4G-2A vs. St. John's) and points and goals in one tournament (13/5G-3A) ... the BIG EAST archives currently do not include a record for most career points in the BET (a distinction likely now owned by Thorlakson).

BIG START TO POSTSEASON – Notre Dame's 14 goals in the 2005 BIG EAST Tournament (6-0 vs. Georgetown, 3-0 vs. #11 Marquette and 5-0 vs. #15 UConn) tied the record for most goals in one BET, a mark shared with the 1999 Irish team.

THORLAKSON PUSHES ANOTHER POINT STREAK TO 10 – Katie Thorlakson has registered points in every game of the current 10-game win streak, totaling 29 points (7G-15A) in those games. ... she also now has points in 10 straight postseason games and has scored or assisted on nearly 70% of ND's goals (25 of 36) during the '04 and '05 postseasons (11G-14A).

BOCK THE ROCK – Freshman Brittany Bock continues to emerge as a formidable force in the Irish midfield, totaling 15 points (5G-5A) in her past 8 games (pts in 7 of past 9 GP) ... Bock's nine goals leave her one shy of joining Kerri Hanks (24) as a rare freshman duo with double-digit goals.

SAME-OLD SAME-OLD – The BIG EAST title game continued several recent trends, as ND now is: 63-2-0 in its past 65 games when scoring first; unbeaten/untied in its past 224 when claiming a 2-0 lead; and 133-1-0 in their past 134 games when scoring three-plus goals (with 47 consecutive wins when scoring at least three goals).

ATTACKING IN WAVES – Notre Dame's dominance during the current 10-game winning streak has been sparked by the impressive group of reserve forwards, akin to a second line in hockey ... senior Maggie Manning (8G-4A), sophomore Susan Pinnick (6G-2A) and junior Lizzie Reed (2G-3A) have combined for 41 points this season (16G-9A), including 25 points over the course of the current win streak (10G-5A).

POSTSEASON PRODUCTION – Versatile sophomore Ashley Jones – who has played equally well in '05 as a midfielder and outside back – assisted on the final goal in the BIG EAST title game and now has posted seven (2G-3A) of her nine career points with the Irish during postseason play (she also has 2A in regular-season action).

POSTGAME COMMENTS FROM ND HEAD COACH RANDY WALDRUM – “I like how we are playing and we will see how the draw goes. ... We’ve always felt having a strong regular season that puts you in position for the NCAAs was the most important phase. And then we felt the conference tournament was the second-most important phase, and then you see where you fall. We’ve won the regular-season tournament a lot of times but it’s been a while since we won the tournament and it was nice for our seniors to go out winning it. There was a lot more focus on it with them this year. I’m really happy for them. ... Sometimes when you make changes, you worry that you lose a little bit of your rhythm and the past few weeks that group of Manning, Pinnick and Reed has come on and done great for us up front. We’ve also rotated our midfield with four players sharing the three spots. When we’ve rotated things, we haven’t skipped a beat and that’s what will help you get there at the end.

“Katie clearly is the reason we won the NCAA championship last year. We had a lot of great players on that team but she really carried us and I would expect her to do the same thing this year. The good thing is that she has so many great players around her, not only in the front line but if you look at our midfield scoring from Bock, Scheffer and Buczkowski. There are just a lot of offensive players coming at you from different parts of the field. There are a lot of players who can win games for us at this time of the year. If we can keep this type of play going defensively, then I think we will have a good shot at making a run in the NCAAs.

“Hanks and Thorlakson have had a record-setting season for us but Cinalli also is a great player who can hurt you. You saw that on the first goal where she set the tone for us. We’ve got a lot of weapons and if we can get them clicking at the same time, it’s usually a good day for us. It’s interesting with Katie being a senior and Kerri a freshman, they have not had much time together but from day one, they have seemed to be on the same page. They both are students of the game and understand the game so well and that’s why they play so well off each other. It’s a great tandem and I’m amazed all the time at Thorlakson. She continues to get marked, everybody tries to stop her and she just continues to find ways to get goals, assists, whatever it takes. Having Hanks just makes it that much more difficult for teams.”

“Our second forward line came on and did a great for us. Maggie [Manning] was very good for us her first two years but her junior year she kind of just struggled getting through the season and the game wasn’t fun for her. This year, she’s back to having fun again and is doing a great job off the bench. With players like her, we don’t skip a beat. And to get to a title like this and the play well through the NCAAs, you need players like her to win it.”

“Candace [Chapman] has found her rhythm again as the outside back. She played mostly forward last year and it took her a while to be flying up and down the line again. With her international experience, I think she will be one of the future stars of the women’s game internationally. She is must so composed and such a weapon coming out of the back. She can keep other teams from playing certain ways because she is so athletic and is a good tackler of the ball, but she also creates a lot for us offensively. She was the one who created the third goal for us against Marquette on Friday night, digging the ball out and getting forward.

“When we were here the first time [a 4-1 loss to Marquette], we were a little shaky in the back but we didn’t make excuses because of the injuries. We did not have Kim Lorenzen in the starting lineup and Krivacek and Bohn were out. It was one of those things that snow-balled. Every chance they got, they capitalized on. More than anything, we got healthy. I’m, never a fan of saying that sometimes losing is good. But, at the same time, it may have been a good thing at that time of year because we got is straightened out and the players took the responsibility.”

POSTGAME COMMENTS FROM ND SENIOR FORWARD KATIE THORLAKSON – “We took one game at a time last year and it proved successful and hopefully we can do it again this year. ... Winning the BIG EAST Tournament feels great. I was getting to the point where I felt it never was going to happen. It’s good that we won so handily. ... Getting 60 points along with Kerri is a great accomplishment and I definitely take a lot of pride in it. Hanks is awesome. I love playing with her and it’s great that we can put those numbers up together. She is such a natural goalscorer and is always going to give you her all. She’s very smart in the game of soccer and she has that advantage over defenders who are going to try to take her out, She has been playing international soccer for a while and with that experience she is going to be a bit more mature on the ball. ... I’ve been pretty closely marked the past couple years and I play better when I am closely marked. That’s the kind of thing that gets me going. If teams laid off me, I wouldn’t know what to do. ... We are a little bit more mentally prepared going into the NCAAs this year. We know what it’s going to take and that we can’t take any game for granted. It’s going to take all our players, like the Wisconsin game last year when Jill [Krivacek] scored on that late header. It’s going to take everyone performing on any given day.”

WONDERFUL WOMEN’S TEAMS – Despite last Sunday’s loss by the Irish volleyball team, Notre Dame has emerged as the nation’s top program for women’s teams during the fall season ... the women’s soccer (19-2-0) and volleyball (22-2-0) teams – both ranked 5th in last week’s national coaches polls – have combined for a .911 win pct. (41-4), with the soccer team currently riding a 10-game win streak that includes a 46-1 scoring edge while the volleyball team just had its 15-match winning streak that included a 45-4 edge in games won (for a combined streak 91-5 in soccer goals/vb games) ... not to be outdone, the 4th-ranked ND women’s cross country team recently won the BIG EAST title with the best score at that prestigious event since ’94.

CHAPPY HAPPY WITH ANOTHER TITLE – Fifth-year right back Candace Chapman was a member of ND’s 2001 team that won the BIG EAST Tournament title and had been the only current Irish player with a BET title prior to Sunday’s win ... Chapman’s journey with the Irish has included its share of heartache, as illness and injuries prevented her from helping the Irish contend for BIG EAST and/or NCAA titles in the ’01-’03 seasons ... that trend began to change in ’04, as Chapman was a leading force during that NCAA championship season (her 10 goals included the memorable score in the 1-0 semifinal win over Santa Clara).

ROOKIE TANDEM – Kerri Hanks (24) and Brittany Bock (9) are on the verge of becoming the seventh set of ND freshmen (but first since 2000) to post double-digit goals in the same season ... others include: Alison Lester (14) and Stephanie Porter (10) in 1990; Rosella Guerrero (13) and Michelle McCarthy (12) in ’92; Stacia Masters (13) and Cindy Daws (16) in ’93; Jenny Streiffer (22) and Jenny Heft (12) in ’96; Anne Makinen (23), Meotis Erikson (22) and Monica Gonzalez (10) in ’97; and Amanda Guertin (11) and Amy Warner (10) in ’00.

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 321 combined wins as a men's and women's college head coach (321-127-24/706, in 23-plus seasons) ... Waldrum owns a 245-72-17 mark (.759) 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 138-22-5 (.852) in the Waldrum era, including 64-6-2 the past three seasons (.903) ... 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).

BLAME IT ON RIO (actually Campinas) – Since making its 2004 preseason training trip to Campinas, Brazil, the ND women's soccer team has racked up a 56-3-3 (.926) overall record spanning the games in Brazil (5-0-1), the '04 NCAA title season (25-1-1), the '05 spring season (7-0-1) and the current 2005 campaign (19-2-0).

IRISH NEARING TENTH 20-WIN SEASON – Notre Dame now is one win shy of posting its 10th season with 20-plus wins, in the 18-year history of the program ... the Irish set the team record for wins in 2004 (25-1-1), with other 20-win seasons including 24 in '96; 23 in '94, '97 and '00; 21 in '95, '98 and '99; and 20 in '03.

ANOTHER SHUTOUT STREAK – Notre Dame enters the NCAAs riding a 298-minute shutout streak (18-0 scoring edge) spanning three-plus games ... that streak dates back to the final game of the regular season (6-1 vs. Georgetown), when the Hoyas scored early in the second half to halt a 571-minute ND shutout streak.

GOALS IN BUNCHES – Notre Dame now has scored three or more goals in each of the past eight games, matching the team record of eight straight games with three-plus goals ... the Irish have notched three-plus goals in 18 of the 21 games this season, are 18-0-0 in '05 when scoring multiple goals and have posted 18 wins this season by a margin of 3-plus goals (all but the 1-0 overtime game at Rutgers).

DOUBLE-DIGIT WIN STREAKS – The current 10-game win streak is the program's 10th all-time double-digit win streak ... the winning streak is 4th-longest in the seven-year Randy Waldrum era (behind win streaks of 16 games in 2000, 15 in '04 and 12 in '03) ... the current streak includes a 46-1 scoring edge, plus 245-44 in shots (avg. 24.5-4.4), 135-15 in shots on goal (13.5-1.5) and 76-20 in CKs (7.6-2.0) ... the Irish have dominated the second half during the streak (30-1 scoring edge).

SHOOTING FOR THE TOP – Notre Dame's junior class has yet to experience a game in which the Irish have been outshot, a stretch of 72 games that includes a 64-6-2 record during that '03-'05 span ... ND has held the shot edge in all 21 games this season and in 69 of the past 72, with three teams managing to tie the Irish in shots during that three-year span: UCLA in the '04 NCAA title game (11-1), Boston College in the '03 BIG EAST semifinals (6-6) and Arizona State early in the '03 season (11-11).

NEW FORMAT – The NCAA has shifted to a different seeding system for the 2005 tournament, abandoning the format where there were 16 national seeds (listed 1-16) ... the new format has four seeds (listed 1-4) in each of the four quadrants of the bracket ... ND is a No. 2 seed in its portion of the bracket, with Portland (18-0-1) the top seed, Duke the No. 3 (13-5-1) and BYU (15-2-3) the 4th seed in that quadrant of the bracket ... should the top-seeded teams advance to the third round (played Nov. 18, 19 or 20), Duke then would head to ND with a bid to the quarterfinals on the line ... if ND and Portland each advance to the quarterfinals, that game would be played at UP's Merlo Field on Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 25-27) and would serve as a rematch of the 2004 quarterfinal won by Notre Dame at Alumni Field (3-1) ... ND is the only seed in its quadrant that will be playing on its home field this weekend, as Portland must travel to Nebraska, Duke will visit Yale and BYU will play at the nearby University of Utah ... the other quadrant on ND's side of the bracket includes (seeds 1-4): Penn State, Santa Clara, Connecticut and Texas A&M ... the other side of the bracket features one quadrant with (1-4) UCLA, Virginia, Cal State Fullerton and Marquette while the top four seeds in the final quadrant are North Carolina, Florida State, California and Pepperdine ... the other three seeded teams that will not be playing at home this weekend also were placed in the same quadrant (along with UNC): California (at Texas), Florida State (at Florida) and Pepperdine (at Vanderbilt).

VERSUS THE NCAA FIELD – Notre Dame lost just twice all season, on the road vs. NCAA seeded teams Santa Clara (2-1, with the Irish missing a first-half penalty kick in that game) and Marquette (4-1, as the Golden Eagles cashed in all but one of their five total shots in the game) ... the Irish avenged that loss to Marquette last weekend in the BIG EAST semifinals, posting a 3-0 win over homestanding MU at Valley Fields ... ND won all four of its other games vs. teams that qualified for the '05 NCAAs, topping Florida (4-1), Gonzaga (4-1) and another NCAA seeded team, Connecticut (4-0 regular season; 5-0 in BIG EAST title game), by a combined score of 17-2 ... when including the losses to SCU and Marquette, the Irish went 5-2-0 in games vs. the '05 NCAA field (by a combined margin of 22-8) ... all but two of the 10 goals allowed by ND this season were scored by teams that have advanced to the '05 NCAAs.

Five Irish Players Named Academic All-District; Bohn, Scheffter And Jones Advance To National Ballot

• Three Notre Dame women's soccer players – senior G **Erika Bohn** (Brookfield, Conn.), senior M **Annie Scheffter** (Yakima, Wash.) and sophomore D/M **Ashley Jones** (Westlake Village, Calif.) – have been named to the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District V first team and now advance to the Academic All-America ballot ... 5th-year outside back **Candace Chapman** (Ajax, Ontario) and junior M **Jen Buczkowski** (Elk Grove, Ill.) were 2nd team Academic All-District picks, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

• Notre Dame joined Portland as the only women's soccer teams to place three or more players on the national ballot, with the official CoSIDA Academic All-America team to be announced on Nov. 22.

• Bohn – bidding for her third Academic All-America honor – owns a 3.67 cumulative GPA as an art studio major and is a top candidate for Academic All-American of the Year ... Scheffter (2nd tm) joined Bohn (1st tm) in earning '04 Academic All-America honors and carries a 3.76 GPA as a double major in pre-professional studies and psychology ... Jones could become a rare sophomore Academic All-American, thanks to a 3.963 GPA as an accounting major (including a 4.0 during the 2004 fall semester).

• Chapman is concluding her degree requirements as a sociology and computer applications major, with a 3.23 cumulative GPA ... Buczkowski (1st team Academic All-District as a sophomore) carries a 3.28 GPA as a business marketing major.

• Junior D **Christie Shaner** (Ambler, Pa.) was nominated but failed to be selected among the 22 total players that received Academic All-District V honors (she was 2nd team Academic All-District V in '04 and currently owns a 3.37 GPA as a design major).

• The Notre Dame women's soccer program's stellar scholar-athlete tradition includes two Academic All-Americans of the Year (goalkeeper Jen Renola in '96, defender Vanessa Pruzinsky in '03) and 15 total Academic All-America selections in the previous 11 seasons (most from any school in that span). Notre Dame's 2003 team became the first in Division I women's soccer history ever to produce three Academic All-Americans in the same season: Pruzinsky (1st team), Bohn (2nd) and F Mary Boland (2nd).

• Notre Dame followed up its 2004 national championship by posting an impressive 3.38 team GPA during the '04 fall semester and then a 3.35 in the spring of '05 (ranking as the second-best '05 spring GPA among ND's 26 varsity sports).

Irish Become First Team Ever To Earn Four Major BIG EAST Women's Soccer Awards In Same Season

Notre Dame became the first women's soccer team ever to earn four of the BIG EAST Conference major awards, with those players leading the way as the Irish also earned distinction as the first team ever to produce 10 all-BIG EAST performers in the same season ... senior F **Katie Thorlakson** earned BIG EAST offensive player of the year, the fourth ever to repeat that honor, while 5th-year right back **Candace Chapman** picked up her second career BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-year award (also in '02) – becoming the third player ever to repeat the defensive honor ... junior **Jen Buczkowski** added the BIG EAST's top midfielder award and freshman F **Kerri Hanks** became the ND program's fifth player to earn the BIG EAST rookie-of-the-year award ... the above four Irish players collected 1st team all-BIG EAST honors while two others were 2nd-team picks: freshman M **Brittany Bock** and junior D **Christie Shaner** (her third career all-BIG EAST honor ... senior G **Erika Bohn**, sophomore F **Amanda Cinalli** and junior F/M **Lizzie Reed** were named 3rd team all-BIG EAST, with freshman central D **Carrie Dew** adding honorable menti.

BIG FOUR – Five previous BIG EAST teams featured three major awards winners, including three ND teams led by BIG EAST coach of the year Randy Waldrum: in 1999 (defensive player Jen Grubb, rookie Vanessa Pruzinsky), in '03 (defensive player Melissa Tancredi, rookie Christie Shaner) and in '04 (Thorlakson and Tancredi) ... no previous ND player had featured more than two players among the BIG EAST major award winners.

COUNT TO 10 – ND's '05 squad is the first ever to produce 10 all-BIG EAST selections, besting the nine from the '96 Irish squad ... Marquette was second with six selections on the 2005 all-BIG EAST teams while UConn and West Virginia had five each (the four semifinalists accounted for 26 of the 38 total selections) ... ND teams have yielded the five highest all-BIG EAST totals in the history of the awards, as the 1995, '97 and '98 teams all featured eight honorees ... ND's impressive '96 roster included six all-BIG EAST 1st-teamers – senior M Cindy Daws, freshman D Jen Grubb, junior M Holly Manthei senior G Jen Renola, junior D Kate Sobrero, freshman M Jenny Streiffer – plus three more on the second team: sophomore M Shannon Boxx, sophomore F Monica Gerardo and senior F Amy VanLaecke.

FOUR-TIME HONOREES – Candace Chapman is the fourth ND player to be all-BIG EAST four times (1st team as a D in '01 and '02, missed '03 due to injury, 3rd team as a F in '04) ... Jen Grubb ('96-'99) and Anne Makinen ('97-'00) were 1st team all-BIG EAST four times (first players ever to earn that distinction) ... Amy Warner was a 1st-teamer in '00, '02 and '03, 2nd-team in '01 ... five ND players have been 1st team all-BIG EAST three-plus times: Manthei ('95-'97), Grubb, Makinen, Warner and Chapman.

FANTASTIC FROSH – Kerri Hanks, Brittany Bock and Carrie Dew are the first group of three ND freshmen ever to receive all-BIG EAST honors ... the '95-'97 ND teams each featured a pair of freshmen who were all-BIG EAST: Shannon Boxx (2nd team) and Monica Gerardo (1st) in '95; Meotis Erikson and Anne Makinen in '96 (both 1st team); and Jen Grubb and Jenny Streiffer in '97 (both 1st team) ... Hanks is the ninth ND freshman to be 1st team all-BIG EAST, joining Gerardo, Erikson, Makinen, Grubb, Streiffer, F Amy Warner ('00), Candace Chapman ('01) and Amanda Cinalli ('04) ... Hanks and Bock are the first pair of ND freshmen to be on the all-BIG EAST 1st/2nd teams since Grubb and Streiffer in '97 ... a total of 13 ND freshmen now have earned all-BIG EAST honors (those mentioned above, plus Shaner as a 2nd-team pick in '03).

FORWARD TRIO – Katie Thorlakson, Amanda Cinalli and Kerri Hanks are the fifth trio of forwards from the same team to earn all-BIG EAST honors, including three others from ND: Jen Streiffer, Monica Gerardo (both 1st team) and Amy VanLaecke (2nd team) in '96 followed by Jenny Heft, Gerardo (both 1st team) and Streiffer (2nd team) in '98, and then Thorlakson, Candace Chapman and Cinalli in '04.

ONE-TWO PUNCH – Katie Thorlakson and Candace Chapman pulled off the offensive/defensive double that had been achieved just three times previously in the 11-year history of the BIG EAST women's soccer awards, by Kerry Connors and Sara Whalen with the '95 and '96 UConn teams and then by Thorlakson and Tancredi in '04.

DYNAMIC DUO – Notre Dame produced a pair of 1st-team forwards for the third consecutive season (also Katie Thorlakson and Amanda Cinalli in '04; Amy Warner and Mary Boland in '03).

50-POINT TEAMMATES IN NCAA HISTORY

SMU 1995 Danielle Garrett, later Fotopoulos (83; 32G-19A) Courtney Linex (77; 31G-15A)	<i>also 60-60/70-70</i>
Notre Dame 1996 Cindy Daws (72; 26G-20A) Jenny Streiffer (66; 22G-22A) Monica Gerardo (59; 23G-13A) Holly Manthei (54; 5G-44A)	<i>also 60-60 (2)</i>
North Carolina 1992 Mia Hamm (97; 32G-33A) Kristine Lilly (65; 23G-19A)	<i>also 60-60</i>
Notre Dame 2005 Kerri Hanks (62; 24G-14A) Katie Thorlakson (60; 16G-28A)	<i>also 60-60</i>
Connecticut 1997 Sara Whalen (64; 21G-22A) Jen Carlson (59; 24G-11A)	
Florida 1999 Abby Wambach (62; 23G-16A) Sarah Yohe (58; 24G-10A)	
Notre Dame 1997 Anne Makinen (58; 23G-12A) Jenny Streiffer (58; 20G-18A) Meotis Erikson (56; 22G-12A)	
North Carolina-Greensboro 1997 Kati Kantanen (68; 24G-20A) Ali Lord (56; 24G-8A)	
North Carolina 1995 Debbie Keller (61; 23G-15A) Robin Confer (56; 19G-18A)	
Florida 1996 Danielle (Garrett) Fotopoulos (81; 34G-13A) Melissa Pini (55; 22G-11A)	
Connecticut 1996 Kerry Connors (58; 20G-18A) Ginny Woodward (55; 21G-13A)	
SMU 1987 Lisa Cole (87; 37G-13A) Kathy Patterson (52; 14G-24A)	
North Carolina 1990 Mia Hamm (67; 24G-19A) Kristine Lilly (52; 20G-12A)	
North Carolina 1984 April Heinrichs (59; 23G-13A) Joan Dunlap (52; 21G-10A)	
William & Mary 1997 Missy Wycinsky (58; 21G-16A) Ann Cook (52; 16G-20A)	
Portland 1994 Tiffany Milbrett (68; 30G-8A) Shannon MacMillan (51; 22G-7A)	
Florida 1997 Andrea Sellers (61; 23G-15A) Sarah Yohe (51; 20G-11A) Melissa Pini (50; 18G-14A)	
Georgia State 1997 Kara Fitzgerald (52; 19G-14A) Anna Kaisa Moilanen (51; 19G-13A)	
Florida 1998 Danielle (Garrett) Fotopoulos (75; 32G-11A) Abby Wambach (50; 19G-12A)	
Santa Clara 1999 Mandy Clemens (71; 24G-23A) Jacqui Little (50; 21G-8A)	
Florida 2000 Abby Wambach (54; 23G-8A) Andria Sellers (50; 20G-10A)	
North Carolina 1996 Debbie Keller (51; 18G-15A) Robin Confer (50; 20G-10A)	

DYNAMIC DUO – Notre Dame freshman sensation **Kerri Hanks** ranks 2nd nationally with 60 points (24 goals, 14 assists) while senior **Katie Thorlakson** is 4th with 60 (16G-28A) ... they are just the fourth set of teammates ever to reach the 60-point plateau, joining the likes of

- former UNC stars Mia Hamm (97; 32G-33A) and Kristine Lilly (65; 23G-19A) in '92
- ND 1996 standouts Cindy Daws (72; 26G-20A) and Jenny Streiffer (66; 22G-22A)
- and the 1995 SMU duo of Danielle Garrett (now Fotopoulos) with 83 (32G-19A) and Courtney Linex (77; 31G-15A)

Of note from the above group, Hamm (103G-72A), Daws (61G-67A) and Streiffer (70G-71A) are three of five players ever to reach 60G-60A in their careers (Hamm and Streiffer are the only 70-70 players), with Thorlakson (53G-66A) needing 7G in the '05 NAAs to join that other elite 60-60 list.

DOUBLE 50 PRETTY NIFTY – Thorlakson and Hanks were the first D-I women's soccer teammates with 50-plus points since Florida's Abby Wambach (43; 23G-8A) and Andrea Sellers (50; 20G-10A) both reached 50 pts in 2000 ... the previous tandem to each post more than 50 points was Wambach (62; 23G-16A) and UF's Sarah Yohe (58; 24G-10A) in '99 ... in the past eight seasons ('98-'05), just two pairs of D-I teammates – Thorlakson and Hanks in '05 and Wambach and Yohe in '99 – have each posted more than 50 points in a season ... Thorlakson (also 70 pts in '04) and Hanks are the program's only 50-pt scorers since '99 ... one previous ND team featured multiple players with 50-plus pts in the regular season ('96- Cindy Daws and Jenny Streiffer with 58, Jenny Heft with 56).

PLENTY-O-POINTS TO SPREAD AROUND – At least 22 all-time D-1 women's soccer teams (three from ND) have featured multiple players with 50-plus points (see sidebar), with only four of those teams (two from ND) featuring three or more 50-point scorers:

- '96 Notre Dame – Cindy Daws (72; 26G-20A), Jenny Streiffer (66, 22G-22A), Monica Gerardo (59, 23G-13A) and Holly Manthei (54; 5G-44A)
- '97 ND – Anne Makinen (58; 23G-12A), Streiffer (58; 20-18), Meotis Erikson (56; 22-12)
- '95 UNC – Deb. Keller (61; 23-15), Robin Confer (56; 19-18), Cindy Parlow (51; 19G-13A)
- '97 Florida – Andrea Sellers (61; 23-15), Sarah Yohe (51; 20-11), Melissa Pini (50; 18-14)

Note: the '96 ND team is the only one in NCAA D-I history to produce four 50-point scorers while the '96 and '97 teams are the only ones on record with three 55-point scorers.

NCAA STAT LEADERS – Hanks ranks behind Portland's Christine Sinclair (72; 32G-8A) on the NCAA scoring charts while Thorlakson also trails Alabama A&M's Belinda Kanda (62; 25G-12A) ... the ND duo are the only players with at least 14G-14A ... no other scoring duo has more than 45 pts each ... Hanks is 4th in goals behind Sinclair (32), Penn State's Tiffany Weimer (26) and Kanda (25) ... Thorlakson is the nation's only player with more than 20A (28), also 16th in goals (16) ... Hanks ranks 8th nationally in assists ... Thorlakson, Hanks and Amanda Cinalli (15/6th) are the only teammates in the nation with 14-plus assists ... no other team has three players with 10-plus asts ... ND and Alabama are the only schools with two players who have 8-plus pts in a game this season (Thorlakson 2G-4A vs. UNH; Hanks 4G vs. UVm) ... just 16 players in the nation have posted 8-plus pts in a game (Hanks is one of 13 with 4-plus goals in a game, Thorlakson one of six with 4-plus assists in one game) ... ND and JU are the only teams with one player who has posted 4-plus goals and another with a 4A game ... Thorlakson is the nation's only player with 3-plus assists in three games this season.

DOUBLE-DOUBLE TOIL AND TROUBLE – Katie Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks can cause opposing teams multiple headaches, as each is capable of delivering a world-class goal or high-end pass that leads to a teammate's score (thus causing the opposition to worry about multiple threats from multiple players) ... they enter the NAAs as the nation's only players with 14-plus goals and 14-plus assists, from 307 D-1 teams.

SPREADING THE WEALTH – One might assume that the bulk of the Hanks and Thorlakson assists have come on each other's goals but – in fact – just 17 of their 40 combined goals have featured an assist from the other ... they also have combined on the primary and secondary assists for just one goal this season, meaning that nearly 67% (64) of ND's nation-leading 95 goals this season have featured Thorlakson and/or Hanks involved in the scoring ... ND's dynamic duo has kept plenty of their teammates involved in the high-powered attack, as Thorlakson has combined with 12 different ND players on '05 goals while Hanks and 10 different teammates have combined on goals this season ... Thorlakson's most-common goal partners in '05 include: Hanks (18), Amanda Cinalli (8), Jen Buczkowski (7), Brittany Bock (7), Annie Scheffer (6) and Candace Chapman (3), plus two each with Maggie Manning, Christie Shaner and Susan Pinnick and one each with Carrie Dew, Ashley Jones and Jill Krivacek ... Hanks has combined on goals the most often with Thorlakson (18), Cinalli (8), Buczkowski (6), Bock (4), Chapman (3), Scheffer (3) and Manning (3), plus two each with Pinnick and Krivacek and one with Lizzie Reed (1).

USUALLY IN THE MIX – Thorlakson has scored or assisted on 44 of ND's 95 goals this season (46%) and has had a hand in 91 of the team's 165 scores (55%) during the past two seasons ... no player in the country has scored/assisted on more goals in the '05 season than Thorlakson while Hanks has been involved in 38 goals, good for 3rd-best in the nation (only four players nationwide have factored into more than 30 goals) ... Thorlakson's all-around ability on the ball – as a scorer and playmaker – is unmatched today in the college game, as she has totaled 39 goals and 52 assists (129 points) during the past two seasons (in 48 games played).

RECORD SETTERS – Here's a look at some of the impressive performances by Thorlakson and Hanks in 2005 (see additional notes later in release):

- Hanks ranks 4th on the ND season pts list (62), Thorlakson 6th (60).
- '96 players Cindy Daws (58), Jen Streiffer (58) and Jenny Heft (56) are the only ND players with more reg.-season pts than Hanks (52) or Thor. (51).
- Hanks is 3rd on the ND season goals list (24, ND freshman record (24) and joins Thorlakson (24G in '04) as ND's only 20-goal scorers since '99 (Heft).
- They have combined for 122 points, 40 goals and 42 assists in 21 games, averaging 5.8 points per game as a tandem.
- They are the third set of ND teammates to reach 50 points in the same season (4 did so in '96, 3 in '97).
- Hanks is averaging 1.15 goals/gm but is averaging nearly 2.0 goals per 90 min. played, scoring once per every 58 minutes she is on the field (she averages just 66 minutes/gm, due to ND's tremendous depth).
- Hanks could become the first D-I freshman to reach 30 goals since '96 (just three freshmen have reached 30G, led by 37 from SMU's Lisa Cole in '87).
- Hanks already has set the ND record for goals in consecutive games (7; vs. UNH and UVm) and tied another record with 4 goals in a game.
- Thorlakson's 172 career pts (52G-64A) rank 7th in ND history and she is the 17th Division I player ever to reach 50G-50A.
- Hanks (122 shots) nearly has matched Thorlakson's ND record for shots in season (127, in '04) while Thorlakson's '05 sharpshooting includes one goal for every 3.9 shots she has taken (16-for-62).
- Thorlakson needs four more goals to become the first player ever with two 20G-20A seasons (23G-24A in '04).

THORLAKSON AND HANKS ... BY THE NUMBERS

- 2000** – Previous season in NCAA women's soccer history to feature teammates with 50-plus points
- 172** – Thorlakson's career points (7th in ND history)
- 91** – Thorlakson career games played (all of career)
- 66** – Thorlakson's career assts (7th NCAA/4th ND hist.)
- 62** – Hanks' 2005 point total (2nd in nation)
- 60** – Thorlakson's 2005 point total (4th in nation)
- 53** – Thorlakson's career goals (8th in ND history)
- 53** – Thorlakson's career GW pts (ND record)
- 27** – Thorlakson's '04 postseason pts (ND record; 9-9)
- 24** – Hanks' '05 goal total (ND freshman record)
- 19** – Thorlakson's career GW assists (3rd in ND history)
- 17** – All-time players (incl. Thorlakson) w/ 50G-50A
- 17** – Thorlakson's career GW goals (4th in ND history)
- 15-0-0** – ND's record in '05 when Hanks scores a goal
- 12** – Thorlakson cons. gms w/ pt ('04-'05; tied ND rec.)
- 10** – Thorlakson's career multiple-goal games
- 8** – Thorlakson's pts vs. New Hampshire (2G-4A), setting ND record for points in a season opener
- 7** – Hanks' goal total vs. UNH (3) and UVm (4), setting ND record for goals in back-to-back games
- 6** – Thorlakson's career games with 6-plus points
- 5** – Players in NCAA history with 60G-60A in career
- 4** – Hanks' goal total vs. Vermont (tied ND record)
- 4** – Hanks' rank among *Soccer America's* top recruits for '04 (Thorlakson was not rated among top-25 in '02)
- 4.0** – Thorlakson's sharpshooting (shots per goal) in '05
- 3.39** – Thorlakson's semester GPA in 2004 fall semester, posted days after helping Irish win national title
- 4** – All-time sets of teammates w/ 60 pts same season
- 2** – ND frosh w/ hat tricks '97-'05 (Hanks; Amy Warner)
- 2** – Hanks' USYSA Golden Boots ('03, '05; D. Texans)
- 1.88** – Thorlakson's career pt. avg./gm (6th ND history)
- 0** – Players in nation other than Thorlakson (15G-26A) and Hanks (22G-13A) with at least 13G-3A in 2005
- 0** – Players in NCAA history with 20G-20A in multiple seasons (Thorlakson had 23G-24A in '04)

SCORING STREAK HITS 32 GAMES – Notre Dame suddenly finds itself riding a 32-game scoring streak that ranks 3rd-longest in the program's history and tops in the seven-year Randy Waldrum era ... the longest scoring streaks in ND women's soccer history are 55 games (8/29/97-9/17/99) and 36 games (10/19/95-12/6/96) ... the current scoring streak dates back to the scoreless tie with Rutgers on Oct. 22, 2004 ... ND now has scored in 46 of its past 47 games (since ending the '03 season with a 1-0 loss to Michigan in the 2nd round of the NCAAs).

SUNDAY, BLOODY SUNDAY – The Irish remain unbeaten in 2005 during Sunday games (11-0-0; with 10 of those being the second game of the weekend) while outscoring the opponents 56-2 in those games (as opposed to an 8-2-0 record and 39-8 scoring edge in the first games/on Friday) ... the past five Sundays have yielded a 30-1 combined scoring margin for the defending NCAA champs, with five-plus goals in each of those games (7-0 vs. Seton Hall, 6-0 vs. Providence, 6-1 and 6-0 vs. Georgetown, 5-0 vs. UConn).

ANOTHER UNDEFEATED REGULAR-SEASON HOME RECORD IN THE BOOKS – Notre Dame completed its ninth all-time undefeated regular-season home slate (9-0-0), with the following stats in those games: 42-3 scoring edge (avg. 4.7-0.3), 244-27 shot margin (27.1-3.0), 137-11 in shots on goal (13.5-1.1) and 64-15 in corner kicks (7.1-1.7) ... when adding in the 6-0 BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown, that all factors out to a 16-to-1 scoring ratio at home this season (48-3), nearly a 10-to-1 shot ratio (263-28) and better than a 12-to-1 shots-on-goal ratio ... Kerri Hanks alone has totaled 39 shots on goal during the nine games at Alumni Field this season, nearly quadrupling the opponents' combined shots on goal (11) during those games ... previous ND teams to go unbeaten at home in the regular season include the '91, '93, '94, '96-'99 and '04 teams (all but the '97 and '04 teams won all their regular-season home games).

SECOND-HALF SURGE – Notre Dame's 30-1 scoring margin in the 2nd half/OT of the current 10-game win streak includes an 18-1 scoring edge in the past five wins: vs. Villanova (4-0; 0-0 at halftime), Georgetown (6-1; 1-0 at the half), GU again in the BIG EAST quarterfinals (6-0; 2-0 at half), at Marquette in the semi's (3-0; 1-0 at half) and the title game vs. UConn (5-0; 2-0 at half).

SHUTOUT STREAK FEATURES 28-0 SCORING BLITZ – Notre Dame's recent shutout streak ended in the 2nd half vs. Georgetown, halting the streak at 571 minutes (spanning 8 GP) ... the Irish outscored their opponents 28-0 during the shutout streak, the longest stretch of unanswered goals in the seven-year Randy Waldrum era and 7th in the program's history (longest since a 29-0 stretch in '98) ... the record is held by the potent '96 ND team that embarked on a 50-0 goalscoring binge during that season.

BACK IN ACTION ... SORT OF – Due to the tremendous team defense in front of her, senior goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** has faced just seven shots on goal in her past 479 minutes of action (1.3 SOG per 90 min.), since returning from the ankle injury that sidelined her for a month in the middle of the season ... the four other opponent shots on goal since Bohn's return (Oct. 9, vs. Seton Hall) have come in the 2nd half, with the veteran 'keeper already on the bench.

FANTASTIC FROSH – Notre Dame's freshmen now have combined for 103 points on 39 goals and 25 assists, led by F **Kerri Hanks** (24G-14A) and M/F **Brittany Bock** (9G-9A) in addition to central D **Carrie Dew** (3G), F **Beth Koloup** (2G-1A), M **Becca Mendoza** (1G) and D/M **Kerri Inglis** (1A).

THREE GOALS IN 51 SECONDS ... FASTEST FLURRY IN ND HISTORY – Notre Dame's final game of the 2005 regular season Georgetown score off a corner-kick sequence to force a 2-1 score early in the 2nd half but the Irish responded with three goals in a span of just 51 seconds – the fastest three-goal stretch in the program's storied history:

- The previous record came in the '04 national-title season, at nearly the same time of the year ... the '04 team scored three times in a span of 1:18 vs. St. John's in the BIG EAST quarterfinal on Halloween day, doubling the margin for a 6-0 lead early in the 2nd half (7-0 final) ... Katie Thorlakson notched her second assist of the game on a leftside corner kick in the 57th minute, with the ball deflecting off the heads of Jill Krivacek and Lizzie Reed (who received credit for her first goal of '04, at 56:27) ... just 35 seconds later, Thorlakson created her own counterattack, broke free down the center of the field and shielded off a tightly-marking defender before converting one of her patented sliding leftfooted shots, scoring from 12 yards out for her third goal of the day (57:02) ... the Irish were preparing to sub Thorlakson out of the game but - before the next stoppage in play - the fiery Canadian had completed her four-goal day just 43 seconds after having secured the hat trick ... Reed fed the ball into the right side and Kim Lorenzen slotted a perfect ball for Thorlakson, who knocked home the goal from the center of the box for the 6-0 lead on SJU (57:45) ...

- ND's three-goal flurry in the '05 win over GU started less than four minutes after the Hoyas' goal ... Brittany Bock received the ball near the center of the field, 35 yards away from the goal, and played a pass out to the right flank for Candace Chapman, who made a couple touches on the ball while moving down the flank before sending a strong, dipping cross into the heart of the penalty area ... Bock was running onto the play at a dead sprint and laid out for yet another impressive header goal, diving low to connect with the ball and send it into the right side of the net for the unique "give-and-go" sequence (65:55) ... the big crowd still was cheering the Bock goal when Katie Thorlakson scored just 21 seconds later, after a give-and-go sequence in the penalty area ... Thorlakson sent the ball to Kerri Hanks near the left endline and Hanks returned the favor by lifting a cross into the six-yard box, as Thorlakson volleyed the ball into the far-right side of the net for the 4-1 lead (66:46) ... ND completed its three-goal sprint 30 seconds later, with Thorlakson providing the primary assist after shaking free and serving the ball from beyond the right side of the box ... Annie Scheffer was running into the center of the box and lunged forward for a low volley that clipped the bottom of the crossbar and broke the plane (66:46).

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 (122-11-3) ... 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 24-2-0 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 66 games (65-0-1), dating back to 1995.

Notre Dame’s BIG EAST Record (since 1995)

Regular-Season Games	96-8-3 (.911)
BIG EAST Tournament	24-2-0 (.923)
NCAA Tournament	2-1-0 (.667)
Totals	120-11-3 (.908)

NCAA STAT LEADERS – Notre Dame has led the nation in scoring all season (**4.52 goals/gm**; 95 overall) and also owns the top goal margin (+4.0/gm; 95-10/+85), plus 3rd in shutouts (15) and 10th in goals-against avg. (0.47) ... Portland (4th/3.16 gpg; 2nd/0.31 GAA) is the only other team in the top-10 for scoring and GAA ... ND’s +85 goal margin leads the nation, followed by UNC (+63; 75-12) and Portland (+54; 60-6) ... the Irish have 20 more goals than the No. 2 team on that list (UNC, with 75) ... Florida Atlantic (16) and Vanderbilt (16) are the only teams with more shutouts than ND ... the Irish are one of seven teams to score 11-plus goals in ’05 (11, vs. UNH/at Vermont) ...freshman F **Kerri Hanks** ranks 4th in the nation in goals (24) and 2nd in points (62), plus 8th in assists (14), while senior F **Katie Thorlakson** again is the nation’s assists leader (16G-28A), also entering the week ranked 4th in points (60) and 16th in goals (16) ... Hanks and Thorlakson enter the NCAAs as the only teammates among 300-plus Division I women’s soccer teams with even 45-plus points ... the ND duo are the only players in the nation with at least 13G-13A ... Hanks ranks 4th in goals behind Christine Sinclair (32), Penn State’s Tiffany Weimer (26) and Belinda Kanda of Alabama A&M (25) ... Thorlakson (2G-4A, vs. New Hampshire) and Hanks (4G, vs. UNH) are among 16 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 13 who have scored more than three goals in a game while Thorlakson is one of six with more than three assists in a 2005 game ... sophomore F **Amanda Cinalli** (7G-15A) has tripled her 2004 assist total (5), ranking 6th among the current NCAA assist leaders ... Hanks ranks behind only Sinclair (72; 32G-8A) on the NCAA scoring charts (Kanda has 62; 25G-12A) .. Weimer, with 56, is the only other player in the nation with more than 52 pts) ... Thorlakson has eight more assists than the players tied for 2nd in the nation in assists (20, by UNC’s Kacey White and Nebraska’s Brittany Timko, a teammate of Thorlakson’s on the Canadian National Team) ... Thorlakson, Hanks and Cinalli are the only teammates in the nation with 14-plus assists ... no other team has three players with 10-plus assists ... ND and Alabama are the only schools with two players who have posted 8-plus points in games this season (Thorlakson had 2G-4A vs. UNH, Hanks 4G vs. Vermont) ... ND and Jacksonville are the only teams with one player who has posted 4-plus goals and another who has posted 4-plus assists ... Thorlakson (3A vs. PC and GU, in the BET) is the only player in the nation with 3-plus assists in 3-plus games this season ... ND senior goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** owns a 0.43 season goals-against avg. that would rank 9th in the nation (she has not played enough minutes to qualify, after missing a month due to an ankle injury).

TRENDY – The Irish are 63-2-0 in the past 65 games when scoring first, 318-9-12 all-time (.956) when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals (42-0-1 in ’04 and ’05; 121-3-5 since 9/9/99) and 231-3-1 (.985) when scoring 3-plus goals (135-1-0 since 10/6/95) ... ND is 53-3-2 in its past 58 regular-season games ... the Irish own 224 straight wins when claiming a 2-0 lead (247-0-1 all-time) ... ND is 126-4-2 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 (114 GP; 0.28/gm) ... the Irish have been equally dominant in the 1st (115-16/+00) and 2nd half (120-20/+100) the past three seasons (’03-’05), including 43-5 in the 1st half and 51-5 in the 2nd half of ’05 ... since a 3-2 loss to BYU on Oct. 19, 2002, ND has trailed in just 13 of 76 games for 347:21 (5.3% of 6,679 minutes), going 67-7-2 in that stretch ... Randy Waldrum is 138-22-5 (.852) in seven seasons at ND ... the Irish have owned the corner-kick margin in 30 of the past 33 games and have scored in 208 of 216 all-time regular-season games (.963).

ND QUICK NOTES – The 2005 losses at Santa Clara and Marquette are just the second and third regular-season defeats suffered by the Irish in the past three seasons (53-3-2) ... **Katie Thorlakson** owns six corner-kick assists in 2005 (after eight CK assists in ’04) while the Irish have totaled a 13-1 edge in CK goals during the ’05 season ... ND’s forward trio of Thorlakson (16G-28A), **Kerri Hanks** (26G-14A) and **Amanda Cinalli** (7G-15A) have combined for 47 goals and 57 assists (151 points) in 21 games this season, helping the Irish rack up a 95-10 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 26 gamewinning goals) and then scored again vs. DePaul (also vs. UConn and GU in the BIG EAST quarters, plus vs. Marquette in the semi’s) ... ND’s current players have combined for 1,167 career games played (698 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 and 48 corner kicks ... 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 overall home unbeaten streak to 25 games and is unbeaten in 66 consecutive home BIG EAST games (65-0-1) ... teams making their first visit to Alumni Field are just 3-40-1 vs. ND during the past 13 seasons ... ND has five 6-0 wins in ’05 (vs. Vermont, Maryland, DePaul, Providence and Georgetown/BE quarterfinal), plus the 6-1 win over Georgetown (BE quarters), 7-0 vs. over Seton Hall and 11-1 over UNH ... the Irish have posted 3-plus goals in 18 of 21 games this season.

JUST THE STATS – Notre Dame’s season-long statistical domination includes a 95-10 scoring edge (avg. 5.2-0.4), plus 484-92 in shots (23.0-4.4), 265-42 in shots on goal (12.6-2.0) and 149-35 in corner kicks (7.1-1.7) ... the Irish now own a +3 margin of goals to opponents’ total combined shots (95-92) and have racked up better than a 2-to-1 ratio of goals (95) to opponent shots on goal (42), well above the dominant 2004 national championship team that totaled 70 goals with 71 opponent shots on goal (1-to-1) ... ND’s current goal total (95) also is 13 more than the opponents’ combined totals for shots on goal and corner kicks (42+35=82).

50-POINT CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW – Notre Dame’s storied women’s soccer history includes 29 players who have posted 50-plus career points – with five of those players being members of the 2005 team, among them: senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (7th ND history; 53G-66A), 5th-year D/F **Candace Chapman** (64; 20G-24A) and junior M **Jen Buczkowski** (62; 19G-24A) ... Chapman recently became ND’s 20th all-time player with 20G-20A (despite playing most of her career in the defense) ... freshman F **Kerri Hanks** has blown past 50 points in her first season (62; 24G-14A) while sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** (54; 17G-20A) recently joined the 50-point club ... two seniors could reach 50 points with a strong finish: M **Annie Schefter** (41; 11G-19A) and F **Maggie Manning** (39; 15G-9A) ... Thorlakson (91 GP; 16th in ND history) and Chapman (88; 24th) also are two of 36 Irish players ever to log 80-plus career games played.

Notre Dame Current Leaders in Career Points

1. Katie Thorlakson..... 172(53G-66A) 7th on ND career points list
2. Candace Chapman 64(20G-24A) 23rd
3. Jen Buczkowski..... 62(19G-24A) 24th
- Kerri Hanks..... 62(24G-14A) 24th
5. Amanda Cinalli 54(17G-20A) 27th
6. Annie Schefter 41(11G-19A)..... 35th
7. Maggie Manning..... 39(15G-9A)..... 38th

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES – ND’s strong 2005 season is all the more impressive, as once again the Irish were forced to rise above various injuries with seven top players combining to miss 61 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 (plus the past 3 gms) and senior D/M **Jenny Walz** (meniscus) was sidelined for 5 GP ... junior D/M **Kim Lorenzen** (illness) 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 (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 ... the Irish are 14-0-0 in 2005 with Lorenzen in the starting lineup, outscoring the opposition 73-2 in those games with a 196-21 edge in shots on goal (for nearly a 10-to-1 SOG ratio in the Lorenzen starts).

SHUTOUT CITY – Notre Dame ranks 3rd in the nation with 15 shutouts (including 13 in past 15 games) and has held 19 of 21 opponents in 2005 to 0-1 goals ... the past three seasons have seen ND allow 0-1 goals in 65 of 72 games (5 with 2 GA; just 2 with 3-plus GA) ... ND has held 41 of its past 44 opponents to 0-1 goals (2-1 losses to UConn and Santa Clara, 4-1 loss at Marquette).

GOLDEN GIRL – Notre Dame is 15-0-0 in the 2005 season when freshman F **Kerri Hanks** scores a goal.

A TRUE WINNER – Senior F **Katie Thorlakson** has scored (17) or assisted (19) on 36 gamewinning goals during her Notre Dame career, with her 53 career gamewinning points besting the record of 51 set by Jenny Streiffer (’96-’99; 15 GWG-21 GWA) ... Streiffer also had a hand in 36 GWGs during her stellar four-year career.

RECORD-BOOK CLIMBER – Katie Thorlakson (53G-66A) recently became the 17th Division I player ever to reach 50 goals and 50 assists in her career ... she also ranks 7th in NCAA history with 66 career assists ... Thorlakson (16G-28A) has posted a rare second season with 20-plus assists and she needs 4G to become the first player ever with multiple 20-20 seasons (she had 23G-24A in ’04).

NOTRE DAME VETERANS CAREER POSTSEASON STATISTICS

Candace Chapman	3G-4A (10 pts), GWG, 20 GP/18 GS (NCAAs: 3G-1A, 7 pts, GWG, 11 GP/10 GS)	
Katie Thorlakson.....	13G-16A (42 pts), 3 GWG, 19 GS (NCAAs: 5G-8A, 18 pts, 11 GS)	
Jen Buczkowski.....	5G-5A (15 pts), GWG, 16 GS (NCAAs: 2G-1A, 8 GS)	
Kim Lorenzen	2G-2A (6 pts), 16 GS (NCAAs: 1G-1A, 8 GS)	
Christie Shaner.....	2G-1A (5 pts), 16 GP/14 GS (NCAAs: 1G, 8 GP/6 GS)	
Jill Krivacek.....	2G-2A (5 pts), 16 GP/12 GS (NCAAs: 2G-1A, 5 pts, 8 GP/6 GS)	
Annie Schefter.....	4A (4 pts), 16 GP/11 GS (NCAAs: 2A, 8 GS)	
Amanda Cinalli	4G-3A (11 pts), 2 GWG, 12 GS (NCAAs: 3G, GWG, 6 GS)	
Lizzie Reed.....	1G-2A (4 pts), 16 GP/1 GS (NCAAs: 8 GP)	
Maggie Manning.....	1G-1A 93 pts), 12 GP/2 GS (NCAAs: 7 GP/2 GS)	
Ashley Jones	2G-3A (7 pts), 12 GP (NCAAs: 1A, 6 GP)	
Jenny Walz	7 GP (NCAAs: 4 GP)	
Miranda Ford.....	3 GP (NCAAs: 1 GP)	Amber McMillin
Claire Gallerano	4 GP (NCAAs: 1 GP)	Molly Iarocci.....
Erika Bohn.....	0.62 GAA, 33 SV, 11 GA, 1,596:00, 19 GS, 15-4-0	
.....	(NCAAs: 0.56, 20 SV, 6 GA, 961:10, 11 GS, 9-2-0)	
Lauren Karas.....	2 SV, 0 GA, 2 GP, 57:44 (in ’05 BET quarterfinal)	
Nikki Westfall.....	1 SV, 0 GA, 3 GP, 79:10 (NCAAs: 0 GA, 2 GP, 58:50)	

STILL NEAR THE TOP – Despite suffering two rare regular-season losses in 2005, Notre Dame (19-2-0/.905) trails just three teams in season win pct.: Penn State (19-0-1), Portland (18-0-1) and North Carolina (20-1-0).

IN THE POLLS – Notre Dame currently is ranked 5th per *Soccer America*, the NSCAA coaches poll and the *Soccer Times* secondary coaches poll (the *Soccer Buzz* women's soccer website rankings still list ND 6th).

EIGHT WITH SIX – The Irish have scored six-plus goals in eight games this season, versus: New Hampshire (11-1), Vermont (7-0), Maryland (6-0), DePaul (6-0), Seton Hall (7-0), Providence (6-0) and Georgetown (6-1, then 6-0 in BE quarters).

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 lineups (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 55-15-3 record (.774) 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 – ND owns a 63-2-0 record in its past 65 games when scoring first (2-1 loss to UConn in '04 BIG EAST title game; 4-1 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) ... Kerri Hanks has seven 1st goals in '05, followed by Thorlakson (6), Buczkowski (2), Cinalli (1), Carrie Dew (1), Annie Schefter (1) and Jill Krivacek (1).

WEEKLY AWARD SWEEP – ND 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 10 total BIG EAST awards in '05 (Marquette is next with six, followed by UConn with five) ... freshman F **Kerri Hanks** (Aug. 29, Sept. 26) was named the BIG EAST offensive player of the week twice in '05 while senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 17) tied a record she already shared by earning the award three times (she also tied the BIG EAST record with six career weekly offensive POW honors) ... Hanks was the league rookie of the week on Sept. 5 and again on Oct. 22 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).

BIG EAST STAT LEADERS – Notre Dame leads all BIG EAST Conference teams in scoring (4.52 goals/gm), goals-against avg. (0.47), shots (23.1/gm), shutouts (15) and corner kicks (7.1/gm) ... freshman F **Kerri Hanks** (62 pts; 24G-14A), senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (60; 16G-28A), sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** (29; 7G-15A) M/F **Brittany Bock** (27; 9G-9A) rank 1-2-3-4 on the league scoring charts while junior M **Jen Buczkowski** (21; 7G-7A) is 8th and senior F **Maggie Manning** ranks 10th (20; 8G-4A) despite playing primarily off the bench ... Hanks and Thorlakson also are the BIG EAST goal leaders, with Bock 5th, Manning 7th and Cinalli and Buczkowski 9th ... Thorlakson, Cinalli, Hanks, Bock and 5th-year D/F **Candace Chapman** (9) are the league's assist leaders, with Buczkowski and senior M **Annie Schefter** ranking 8th on BE assist charts (7) ... Hanks also ranks 2nd in gamewinning goals (5; Thorlakson is 4th with 4 GWGs) and is the BIG EAST leader in shots (122), with Thorlakson's 62 shots ranking 2nd (she is scoring once every 3.9 shots) ... senior G **Erika Bohn** owns a 0.43 GAA that would lead the league if she met the minimum of 50% of the minutes played (she missed a month due to injury and has logged 44% of the minutes).

VETERAN CORE – ND's '05 roster includes 27 players who have combined to play 1,167 career games with the Irish (698 starts) ... the nine returning starters from the 2004 NCAA title team have combined for 653 career games played (with 556 starts): senior F **Katie Thorlakson** (91/83), 5th-year D **Candace Chapman** (88/76), senior G **Erika Bohn** (82/76), junior M **Jen Buczkowski** (72/67), senior M **Annie Schefter** (72/56), junior D **Christie Shaner** (61/65), junior D **Kim Lorenzen** (65/55), junior defensive M **Jill Krivacek** (64/37) and sophomore F **Amanda Cinalli** (48/40).

THE SET-UP – Current sophomore F/M **Amanda Cinalli** became the 16th ND freshman to score double-digit goals (10, in '04) but she totaled just 5 assists in that 27-game season ... Cinalli has tripled that assist total in '05 (15; 6th in 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) and an assist vs. Villanova ... she added 2A vs. Georgetown in the BIG EAST quarterfinal and another in the title game vs. UConn ... Cinalli's versatile skills have allowed her to serve as a forward and midfielder in '05, opening the attack to better utilize the team's deep offensive talent.

DOUBLE-DIGIT DEBUT – No ND freshman had double-digit goals from '01-'03 but **Amanda Cinalli** changed that with 10 in '04 ... current freshman **Kerri Hanks** (24) is the program's 17th freshman with a double-digit goal season and now sits atop the ND freshman goalscorers list ... freshman M/F **Brittany Bock** is one goal shy of giving ND multiple freshmen with double-digit goals for the seventh time in the program's history:

ND Freshmen with 10-Plus Goals

1. Kerri Hanks ('05)	24
2. Anne Makinen ('97)	23
3. Meotis Erikson ('97)	22
Jenny Streiffer ('96)	22
5. Monica Gerardo ('95)	20
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. <i>Amanda Cinalli ('04)</i>	10
Amy Warner ('00)	10
Monica Gonzalez ('97)	10
Stephanie Porter ('90)	10
– Brittany Bock ('05)	9

Notre Dame 20-Goal Seasons

1. Jenny Heft (Jr.; '98)	28
2. Cindy Daws (Sr.; '96)	26
3. Kerri Hanks (Fr.; '05)	24
4. <i>Katie Thorlakson (Jr.; '04)</i>	23
Anne Makinen (Fr.; '97)	23
Monica Gerardo (So.; '96)	23
Meotis Erikson (Fr.; '97)	22
Jenny Streiffer (Fr.; '96)	22
9. Rosella Guerrero (Jr.; '94)	21
10. 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

FANTASTIC FRESHMEN – **Kerri Hanks** (24) already has bested the ND record for goals by a freshman (23, by Anne Makinen in '97) and could post one of the top freshman goal totals in NCAA history ... no Division 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 '87), Baylor's Molly Cameron (32, in '96) and Washington State's Kim Lynass (30, in '90) ... 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 reached 20 goals in the 18th game (Heft scored 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 4th on the goal charts (24), also ranking 2nd with 60 pts (24G-14A) and 8th in assists (14) ... Hanks (4, vs. UVm) is one of just 13 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 1.15 goals/game in '05 but often has rotated out as the Irish utilize their tremendous depth ... with just 1,380 minutes of game action (66 per game), Hanks is scoring at a pace of one goal per every 58 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 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 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 TOW ... that same week, SB recognized 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 her 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) ... SA recently has tabbed Thorlakson for national player of the week twice (2G-5A in weekend vs. UConn and PC; GWG vs. Marquette, 2A vs. UConn in BET) while SB named 5th-year D/F **Candace Chapman** to its national TOW (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 TOW: after the opening week in Vermont (2G vs. UNH, G vs. UVM) and following the Oct. 7-9 road wins over Rutgers (OT assist) and Seton Hall (1G-1A) ... TDS has named Thorlakson to its national team of the week six 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; week-8 vs. UConn and PC (2G-5A); and week-9 vs. Vill. and G'town (1G-2A; national player of the week) ... TDS included Hanks on its week-1 national team of the week (and again after her 2G-1A vs. GU in the BE quarterfinal).

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 the 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) ... Hanks then earned her second BIG EAST rookie-of-the-week award after totaling 1G-3A in the final week of the regular season (vs. Villanova and Georgetown) ... ND totaled 10 BIG EAST weekly awards in the '05 regular season (Marquette, with six, and Rutgers with five are the only other teams with 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** (16G-28A) and freshman **Kerri Hanks** (24G-14A) have combined with sophomore **Amanda Cinalli** (7G-15A) to form a potent forward trio that has totaled 47 goals and 57 assists (151 points) in 21 games, averaging 7.2 ppg as a group ... Cinalli is the 3rd-leading scorer among BIG EAST players and her 29 points would 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 114 games (0.28/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 (115-16/+99) and 2nd half (120-20/+100) the past three seasons ('03-'05), including 43-5 in the 1st half and 51-5 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 91 consec. GP (entire career); pts in 29 of past 32 gms (18 of 21 in '05; pts in 10 straight/15 of 16)
 Jen Buczkowski 72 straight GP (entire career); 2G-2A in '05 BE Tournament (after just 1G-0A in previous 6 games)
 Annie Scheffer 3G-3A in past 7 GP (after 0G-8A in previous 29 GP); 72 straight GP (entire career)
 Christie Shaner 69 consecutive GP (71 of 72 GP in career)
 Lizzie Reed has played in 59 of past 61 games (69 of 72 GP in career)
 Amanda Cinalli 48 consecutive GP (entire career); points in 7 of past 8 GP (3G-7A)
 Ashley Jones 48 consecutive GP (entire career)
 Kerri Hanks goals in 15 of 21 games in '05 (pts in 18 of 21 and 12 of past 13); 6-gm pt streak ended in reg.-season vs. UConn
 Brittany Bock 15 points (5G-5A) in past 8 games (pts in 9 of past 10 GP)
 Maggie Manning 5G-1A in past 9 games (8G in '05 equal best her total of 7G from '02-'04)
 Candace Chapman 48 consecutive GP (injured in '03) includes 37 consecutive starts; 5-gm pt streak (2G-4A) ended in BE quarters
 Carrie Dew joins Chapman as only players to start all 21 games in '05

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Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Katie Thorlakson	4 (vs. St. John's '04)	4 (vs. NH '05), 3 (vs. BAY '04; vs. PC, GU/BET '05)	10 (4G-2A, vs. SJU '04)
Kerri Hanks	4 (vs. Vermont '05)	2 (vs. DePaul, PC, GU '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. NH, Vm, CIN, GU/BET '05)	5 (2G-1A vs. BAY '04)
Brittany Bock ('05)	2 (vs. UNH, SHU)	2 (vs. Mich., vs. GU/BET, vs. UC/BET)	4 (2G vs. UNH; 1G-2A vs. UC/BET)
Maggie Manning	2 (vs. Hart. '03, TT '04)		4 (2G Hart. '03, TT '04; 1G-2A UNH '05)
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/ND 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. Katie Thorlakson (ND; 02-)	66

NCAA/ND Single-Season Assists

1. Holly Manthei (ND; 1996)	44
2. Holly Manthei (ND; 1997)	34
3. Mia Hamm (UNC; 1992)	33
4. Holly Manthei (ND; 1994)	30
5. Katie Thorlakson (ND; 2005)	28

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. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	172 (53-66)

Notre Dame Career Postseason Points

1. Anne Makinen (97-00)	43 (15-13)
2. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	42 (13-16)
3. Monica Gerardo (95-98)	40 (15-10)
4. Jenny Streiffer (96-99).....	39 (14-11)

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	1.89

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. Erikson (97-00), McCarthy (92-95)	59
8. Rosella Guerrero (92-95)	55
9. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	53

Notre Dame 60 Goals-60 Assists Club

Jenny Streiffer (96-99)	70G-71A
Cindy Daws (93-96)	61G-67A
Anne Makinen (97-00)	65G-56A
[Katie Thorlakson (02-)	53G-66A]

ND Career Gamewinning Pts (GWG-GWA)

1. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	53 (17-19)
2. Jenny Streiffer (96-99)	51 (15-21)

ND Career Gamewinning Goals

1. J. Heft (96-99), M. McCarthy (92-95) ...	19
3. Amanda Guertin (00-03)	18
4. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	17

ND Career Gamewinning Assists

1. Holly Manthei (95-98)	25
2. Jenny Streiffer (96-99)	21
3. Katie Thorlakson (02-)	19

NATIONAL HONORS – Senior F Katie Thorlakson (Langley, B.C.) was tabbed by *Soccer America* as national player of the week after a 9-pt weekend vs. #10 UConn (G-2A) and Providence (1G-3A) ... earlier in '05, 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 wins over #11 Florida (2G-1A; 4-1) and #25 Maryland (1G-2A; 6-0) ... she had corner-kick assists in both games, 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 an 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 the 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 ... SA named her to its Nov. 7 national team of the week (GWG vs. Marq., 2A vs. UConn at BET) while the *Top Drawer Soccer* website has named Thorlakson to its national team of the week six times in '05.

SIX-TIME HONOREE – Katie Thorlakson was named BIG EAST offensive player of the week six times in her career (Sept. 5/19 and Oct. 17 of '05; Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and Oct. 4 of '04), tied for the most in the 11-year history of the awards ... former Seton Hall standout and English national teamer Kelly Smith earned six offensive POW honors ('97-'99) ... 16 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.

GETTING ON A ROLL – Katie Thorlakson's 2G-1A vs. Florida marked the 7th time in the past two seasons (now 11, in 48 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 and vs. GU in the BET) ... her other road games with 5-plus pts: at Michigan in '04 (2G-2A) and in '05 vs. UNH (2G-4A, at UVM) ... ND players have posted 8-plus pts 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 ND's previous 39 official fall-season goals (now 65 of the past 116, or 56%) ... 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. Georgetown(1G-3A) on Nov. 30, 2005 (6-0; BE q'final, at Alumni Field)
- 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 (she now enters the '05 NAAs on a 10-game point streak) ... her point 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 1999 games but (like Thorlakson) did so in only 11 straight team games, as she missed four games that year while playing with Finland (she had a point in the game before the national-team duty and then added points in the 11 games after returning to the Irish).

IN THE RECORD BOOKS – Katie Thorlakson's 172 points rank 7th in ND history while she is 4th in career assists/7th NCAA history (66; one back of Cindy Daws) and 9th in ND goals (53; two behind Rosella Guerrero) ... her 19 career game-winning assists are 3rd a ND while her 53 gamewinning points have bested Jenny Streiffer's ND record (51) ... her 17 career GWGs rank 4th while her 28A in '05 rank 4th in the ND single-season record book ... also 2nd in ND history with 42 career postseason points (13G-16A), one shy of Anne Makinen's record.

THORLAKSON QUICK NOTES – Totaled eight more points in '05 regular season (51) than in '04 regular season (43) ... racked up ND-record 24 pts, 9G-9A, in '04 post-season ... riding 10-game point streak (7G-15A), two shy of ND record she already shares ... has scored (4) or assisted (9) on 13 of ND's 19 gamewinning goals in '05 ... had 24A in '04 and now 28A in '05, joining NCAA all-time assist leader and former ND great Holly Manthei (30 in '94, 44 in '96, 34 in '97) as only players in D-I history with 23-plus assists in multiple seasons ... has averaged nearly 3.0 points per game in the past two seasons (39G-52A, 130 points in 48 GP/2.7 ppg), has points in 29 of ND's past 32 games (28G-39A/93 pts) and has scored/assisted on 68 of ND's past 124 goals (55%) ... averaging 1.89 pts/gm in her career, 6th in ND record book ... has played in 91 consecutive games with Irish (entire career) ... has totaled 86 career points (26G-34A, 9 GWG) at Alumni Field during '04 and '05, in 24 GP (3.6 ppg) ... has 59 points in her past 15 home games (17G-25A) and has racked up 105 points at Alumni Field during the '03-'05 seasons (33G-39A, 10 GWG in 41 GP).

NATIONAL LEADER – Katie Thorlakson again ranks 1st in the nation in assists (28), also 4th in points (60) and 16th in goals (16) ... she is one of 16 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 even 15G-15A in '05 (her teammate Kerri Hanks is the nation's only other player with at least 14G-14A) ... has 3-plus assists in three '05 games (most in the nation).

RECORD-SETTING OPENER – Katie Thorlakson's 2G-4A vs. UNH are the most pts (8) ever by an ND player in an opener ... she scored the first goal vs. UNH and assisted on a Susan Pinnick score, later assisting on the final two Kerri Hanks goals and adding 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 as the Irish lead jumped from a 3-1 to 7-1 lead ... the 4-assist game was the first of her ND career ... she also had a big opener in '04 (2G-3A in 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 an 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).

RARE 20-20 MILESTONE – Katie Thorlakson in '04 joined an elite list of 10 all-time Div.-I players to reach 20 goals and 20 assists in a season (she needs 4G in '05 to be the first to do it twice; 16G-28A) but she then became part of an even more exclusive group in '04, as one of five to reach 22G and 22A – before becoming one of four to 23G-23A when the dust had settled on '04 (23G-24A) ... former UNC great Mia Hamm (32G-33A, '92) is the only D-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) – received some type of national player-of-the-year honor in their 20-20 seasons ... others include ND's Jenny Streiffer (22G-22A, '96), four-time All-American and UCSB legend Carin Jennings (20G-26A, '86), and UNC Greensboro's Kati Kantanen (24G-20A) ... Thorlakson and Tarpley are the only 20-20 players since '99 ... Thorlakson joined Hamm, Tarpley, Clemens and Streiffer as the 5th 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 '04 in assists (24) and points (70), 3rd in goals (23) ... her 8 points vs. #4 Santa Clara (3G-2A) were most by any player vs. the top-25 ... she was the only player from a 2004 top-25 team w/ 8-plus pts in a game (twice) and one of two w/ 8-plus pts 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 (53G-66A) recently became the 5th ND player and 17th in Div. I history to reach 50 goals and 50 assists in her career ... she now is one of 14 to reach 53G-53A (10 have reached 53G-53A) ... she needs 2G to become the 10th all-time player with 55G-55A (only five have reached 58G-58A)

The NCAA 50-50 club now 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
Katie Thorlakson (ND, '02-) **53G-66A**
 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

Danielle Garrett Fotopoulos (SMU/Florida, '94-'98) 118G-48A
 Holly Pedley (Army, '94-'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

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET – Attacking Players

Pos. Player (Yr.; Hometown) _____ Notes

F #7 Katie Thorlakson (Sr.; Langley, BC) *'04 Nat'l Player of Yr. (Soc. Am., SI On Campus); 2-Time BE Off. POY*

- **'05 stats:** 16G (16th in nation)-28A (1st nat.), 60 pts (4th nat.) ... 21 GP/20 GS ... 4 GWG, 9 GWA (GW pts in 13 of 19 wins)
 - **Career stats:** 53G-66A (7th NCAA his.), 172 pts (7th ND his.) ... 91 GP/83 GS ... 17 GWG, 19 GWA (53 career GWP is ND record)
 - **2004 stats:** 23G-24A, 70 points (2nd ND history) ... 27 GP/26 GS ... 8 GWG (tied ND record) ... 4th NCAA player ever w/ 23G-23A
- Top '05 games:** 2G-4A vs. UNH (ND record 8 pts in opener) ... 2G-1A #11 Florida, USF ... 2G-2A DePaul ... 1G-3A vs. G'town (BET)
 1G-2A vs. Md., Gon. ... GWG vs. Marq./BET ... Hermann Watch List/preseason AA ... SA nat'l POW (1G-2A vs. UConn, 1G-3A vs. PC)
Career: 17th D-I player w/ 50G-50A (5 have 60-60); 6th in ND history w/ 1.89 pts/gm ... 42 career post. pts (13G-16A; 2nd ND his.)
'04 notes: led nation in points, assists (2nd in goals) ... G/A on 24 of ND's final 26 goals ... ND record 10 pts vs. SJU in BEQF (4G-2A)
 8 points vs. #4 Santa Clara (3G-2A) most ever at ND vs. top-25 team (3rd with hat trick vs. top-10)
 1st ND player ever w/ G/A on team's first 5 goals (vs. Baylor, SCU; then had G/A on first 6G vs. SJU) ... 2G-3A vs. Baylor

F/M #5 Amanda Cinalli (So.; Maple Hts, OH) *'05: 3rd-Tm all-BIG EAST; '04: Fr. All-Amer. (SA)/1st Tm All-BE*

- **2005 stats:** 7G-15A (6th in nation), 29 points (3rd in BIG EAST) ... 21 GP/16 GS ... 3 GWG (vs. Florida, Georgetown, UConn/BET)
 - **Career stats:** 17G-19A, 54 points ... 48 GP/41 GS ... 7 GWG
 Prep All-American; U.S. U-17 Nat'l Team
 - **2004 stats:** 10G-5A, 25 points ... 27 GP/24 GS ... 4 GWG (1-0 at UConn and Villanova; in NCAAs vs. Eastern Illinois and Portland)
- '05 games:** 1G-2A vs. UNH ... 1G-1A FL, SHU, UConn/BET ... 2A vs. UVm, Cin., GU/BET ... 1G vs. Gon., GWA vs. UConn, 1A vs. Vill.
'04 notes: became first ND freshman to score 1st goal of season and fourth ND player to score first 2G in opener (vs. Baylor)

F #2 Kerri Hanks (Fr.; Allen, TX) *BIG EAST Rookie of Yr.; Top Scorer with U.S. U-19 Nat'l Tm ('02-'04; 22G)*

- **'05:** 24G (4th in nation; 3rd ND history/freshman record)-14A (8th in nat.), 62 pts (4th), 122 shots (1st) ... 21 GP/18 GS ... 5 GWG
- Soccer America national player of the week/BIG EAST POW (3G-1A vs. UNH, 4G vs. UVm; ND record w/ 7G in consecutive games)*
BE POW (G-A vs. Cin., G vs. Lou.) ... 2-time BE rookie of week (G vs. Florida, 2G vs. Md.; 1A vs. Villanova, 1G-2A vs. G'town)
'05 notes: quickest @ND to 10G (4 GP); tied ND record w/ 4G-gm (vs. UVm); OT goal at RU; 2G-2A vs. DePaul; 2G-1A vs. GU (BET)
 '04 signee; led U.S. U-19s with 22G (30 GP); USYSA national Golden Boot (top scorer) Award in '03, '05

M #9 Jen Buczkowski (Jr.; Elk Grove, IL) *U.S. U-21 Nat'l Tm; '04: 2nd Tm All-Amer.; BE '05 Mid. of Yr. ('04 1st tm)*

- **'05:** 7G-7A, 21 pts (8th BE) ... 21 GP/19 GS ... 2 GWG
 Hermann Trophy Watch List (25 players) ... "pulls all the strings" for offense
 - **Career stats:** 18G-23A, 59 pts ... 72 GP/67 GS ... 6 GWG
 Played every minute w/ U.S. Nordic Cup champs ('05)
 - **2004 stats:** 8G-11A, 27 pts (4th BE) ... 27 GP/25 GS ... 4 GWG (90th-minute at G'town; 2 vs. BC; @Michigan)
- '05 notes:** ND Classic def. MVP ... 1G-1A vs. Gonzaga, DePaul, G'town (BET), Marq. (BET) ... 1G vs. Mich., Marq., PC ... 1A vs. Md.
 1st team all-BIG EAST in '04; U.S. U-19 team; 69G-52A in 3-yr HS career; nation's #6 recruit in '03; prep All-American

M #11 Annie Scheffer (Sr.; Yakima, WA) *'04: 2nd Team Academic All-American (3.73 GPA; pre-prof./psych.)*

- **2005 stats:** 3G-7A, 13 points ... 21 GP/15 GS ... GWG (vs. UConn, also 1A) ... 1A vs. FL/Mich.; 1G-1A vs. PC; 1A vs. Marq./BET
- **Career stats** (inj. '02): 11G-19A, 41 points ... 72 GP/56 GS ... 3 GWG
 U.S. U-19 Nat'l Team ('02); dad Rob played ND tennis
- **2004 stats:** 4G-7A, 15 points ... 27 GP/22 GS ... 2 GWG (PK in 1-0 win over Stanford) ... 1A vs. Portland in NCAAs (3-1)

M/F #10 Brittany Bock (Fr.; Naperville, IL) *2nd-team all-BIG EAST; U.S. U-20 National Team Player Pool*

- **2005 stats:** 9G-9A, 27 points (4th BE) ... 20 GP/15 GS
 Versatile talent who can dominate as forward, att. mid. or def. mid
- Top gms:** 1G-2A BE final vs. UConn, 2G vs. UNH, SHU ... OT asst at RU ... gls vs. UVm, Cin., Vill., G'town (div. hdr) ... 2A vs. GU/BET
 Former U.S. U-16/U-17/U-19 player ... 24G as prep sr. (state champs) ... nat'l champ w/ Illinois ODP ('03)

F/M #17 Susan Pinnick (So.; South Bend, IN) *Missed '04 season due to injury (club team van accident in summer '04)*

- **'05 stats:** 6G-2A, 14 pts, 20 GP/1 GS (vs. Gon.) ... gls vs. UNH (GWG), Gon., Mich., USF, SHU, UConn/BET (pre. gls vs. But., UVA)
 Prep All-American; U.S. U-17 Nat'l Team ... 76G-36A at St. Joe's HS; club Carmel Commotion was '03 nat'l r-up ('05 semi's)

F #13 Maggie Manning (Sr.; Lake Oswego, OR) *Career stats: 15G-9A, 39 points ... 72 GP/8 GS ... GWG*

- **'05:** 8G (7th BE)-4A, 20 pts ... 19 GP/2 GS (vs. Gon./SH) ... 1G-2A vs. UNH; gls vs. UVm, Mich., USF, SHU (A), PC, VU, UConn (BET)
- **2004 stats:** 2G-1A, 5 points, 13 GP (2G at TX Tech) ... Oregon '02 player of the year at Jesuit HS (90G in 3 yrs)

F/M #15 Lizzie Reed (Jr.; Franklin Lakes, NJ) *'05: 3rd-team All-BIG EAST ... Career stats: 4G-6A, 14 points ... 68 GP/20 GS*

- **2005 stats:** 2G-3A, 7 pts ... 19 GP/3 GS (vs. UVm, Gon., USF) ... Goals vs. SHU and PC; assists vs. UNH, UVm, Marq. (BET)
- **2004 stats:** 1G-2A, 4 points ... 28 GP/11 GS ... GWA at WVU (3-1), 1G-1A vs. SJU in BEQF
 Prep All-American

M #20 Rebecca Mendoza (Fr.; Garland, TX) *Member of Mexican Nat'l Team ... rated nation's #16 recruit (Student Sports)*

- **2005 stats:** 1G (vs. GU), 14 GP (late arrival/nat'l team) ... helped Dallas Sting reach '05 USYSA nat'l semi's ... 77G-58A in 3 HS yrs

F/D #26 Amber McMillin (Sr.; W. Harrison, IN) *CK assist vs. UNH, 6 GP in '05 ... Career: 3A, 21 GP ... one of three IN natives on tm*

- **'05:** 2A, 6 GP ... **Career:** 1G-2A, 24 GP ... Arizona player of the year

F/M #25 Beth Koloup (Fr.; Phoenix, MD) *2G-1A, 6 GP (G-A vs. Md, G vs. GU/BET) ... w-lax sign. ... helped MD win '05 ODP nat'l title*

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET – Defensive Players

Pos. Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
D/F #8 Candace Chapman (Sr.; Ajax, ONT) <i>Canadian Nat'l Tm; '02: 2nd Team All-American; 4-time all-BE</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 2G-9A (4th BE), 13 pts ... 21 GS ... 1,504 min. played/72 per gm (3rd on team) Active streak of 37 consecutive GS • Career stats: 20G-24A, 64 points ... 88 GP/76 GS ... 4 GWG 20th ND player with 20G-20A • 2004 stats: 12G-8A, 32 points (2nd BIG EAST) ... 27 GP/16 GS 3rd team all-BIG EAST in '04 (1st team as def. in '02/DPOY, '03) 	
'05 notes: S. Buzz nat'l tm of week (1G-1A vs. UConn, 1A vs. PC) ... goal vs. Vill. ... asts vs. Md., Gon., SHU, G'town, UConn (BET) Soccer America preseason All-American (one of 11); Hermann Watch List (25)	
Career: '02/'05 BIG EAST def. player of yr. (also 1st-tm D in '01; 3rd-tm F in '04) ... missed '03 due to ACL knee injury (w/ Canada)	
'04 notes: GWG in NCAAAs vs. UConn (2-0) and Santa Clara (1-0 semifinal) ... 2G vs. Baylor, 2G-1A vs. Seton Hall	
DM #24 Jill Krivacek (Jr.; Geneva, IL) <i>Def. MVP – '05 BIG EAST Tournament; '04: 3rd Team All-BIG EAST</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 2G-2A ... 14 GP/8 GS ... GWG ... dnp 7 gm (Sept. 11-Oct. 2; bruised knee) • Career stats: 5G-7A, 17 points ... 63 GP/36 GS ... 3 GWG Imposing 5-foot-11 presence helps ND dominate in the air • 2004 stats: 1G-2A, 4 points ... 27 GP/23 GS 90th-minute CK header beat Wisconsin in NCAA 2nd round (1-0) 	
'05 notes: goal in opener vs. UNH; pts in final week of reg.-season vs. Vill. (GWG; 4-0), G'town (1A); 1A vs. G'town (BE quarters)	
D #18 Christie Shaner (Jr.; Ambler, PA) <i>3-time All-BIG EAST Pick (2nd team in '03; 3rd team in '04/'05)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 3A (vs. FL, Mich., UConn/BET) ... 21 GP/20 GS ... 1,580 minutes played (2nd on team), 75 min./gm • Career stats: 3G-6A, 12 points ... 71 GP/62 GS ... team-high 3,789 minutes played during past two seasons (79/gm) • 2004 stats: 2G ... 25 GP/21 GS ... 82 minutes/gm (2nd on team) Header goals vs. WVU (3-1) and St. John's (BE QF) 	
Career notes: '05 nat'l team of week (SA; 9/19) and BE def. POW (10/10); '04 2nd-team Acad. All-District '04 (3.46 GPA, design major) One of nation's hardest tacklers; called into U.S. U-21 camps ('04); nation's #22-rated recruit in '03 (SA); prep All-American	
D/M #4 Kim Lorenzen (Jr.; Naperville, IL) <i>ND is 14-0-0 in her '05 starts (73-2 scoring edge, 21 opp. SOG)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 15 GP/14 GS ... missed six games (Sept. 9-25) due to mononucleosis... central D starter (right back in '03, '04) • Career stats: 3G-4A, 10 points ... 66 GP/56 GS '03 ODP nat'l ODP champs (Illinois), with Buczkowski, Krivacek and Bock • 2004 stats: 3G-4A ... 10 points ... 27 GP/21 GS, GWG (at West Virginia, 3-1) 	
'04 notes: gamewinning assist vs. BC (1-0), 1G-1A vs. St. John's (BE quarterfinal), goal vs. Eastern Illinois in NCAAAs	
CD #19 Carrie Dew (Fr.; Encinitas, CA) <i>Member U.S. Select-23 Nat'l Team (summer '05); Hon.-Ment. all-BE</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 3G (vs. Maryland, Cin., UConn) ... 21 GS (Chapman only other to start every game) ... team-high 1,787 minutes (85/gm) 	
ND and SCU Classic all-tour. teams 5-foot-9 ... U.S. U-16/U-17 nat'l teams ... nat'l champ w/ S.D. Surf ('03), Cal-South ODP ('04)	
D/M #12 Ashley Jones (So.; Westlake Village, CA) <i>One of three ND players w/ 4.0 sem. GPA in '04-'05</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 1G (vs. GU/BET)-1A (vs. UConn/BET), 21 GP/10 GS (at LB) All-tournament pick at Vermont and Santa Clara Classics • Career stats: 2G-5A, 9 pts (2G-3A in post.) ... 48 GP/16 GS Key midfield reserve as freshman; emerged as left back option in '05 • 2004 stats: 1G-4A, 6 points ... 27 GP/6 GS All her '04 assists set up GW goals (vs. TX-Tech, BC twice, UConn in NCAAAs) 	
Notes: goal in BE title gm vs. UConn (1-2) ... ND's #3 scorer on '04 Brazil trip (2G-3A) ... '04 nat'l titles w/ Cal-So. ODP, SoCal United	
G #1 Erika Bohn (Sr.; Brookfield, CT) <i>3rd-Tm BE; Acad. All-Amer. (3.67 GPA, art studio); U.S. U-21 Nat'l Tm</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '05: 0.43 GAA (would be 9th in nation/shy of 50% min.) ... 13 SV/4 GA ... 13 GP/11 GS (10-1-0) ... ankle injury (7 gms; Sept. 16-Oct.7) • Career stats: 0.65 GAA (3rd ND history) ... 144 SV/47 GA ... 82 GP/76 GS (62-12-2; 3rd in ND wins) ... 25 solo shutouts • 2004 stats: 0.41 GAA (led nation) ... 39 SV/9 GA ... 25 GP/22 GS (21-1-1) Member of '05 Nordic Cup champs (U.S. U-21s) 	
Career notes: ND-record 967-min. shutout streak in '03 (5th NCAA history) ... 3 PK saves (1 in reg.) in '04 NCAA title game vs. UCLA	
DM #21 Claire Gallerano (Jr.; Dallas, TX) Career stats: 33 GP/4 GS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 15 GP/4 GS (vs. Vermont, South Florida, Seton Hall, Providence) Missed '05 spring (ankle injury) • 2004 stats: 15 GP/1 GS (vs. TX-Tech) Dallas Texans product ('03 national champs) 	
D/M #14 Jenny Walz (Sr.; Bloomington, IL) Career stats: 2A ... 42 GP/11 GS (dnp in '03 due to ACL knee injury)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 10 GP/3 GS (USF, SHU, G'town) 2004 stats: 1A, 15 GP/6 GS 	
D/M #16 Kerry Inglis (Fr.; Fort Wayne, IN) <i>Won WPSL nat'l title with F.C. Indiana (summer '04), alongside Shaner, Bock, Westfall</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 6 GP (missed first half of season/ankle injury) Joins Pinnick and McMillin as Indiana natives on '05 team 	
D/M #28 Miranda Ford (Sr.; Portola Valley, CA) Career stats: 1G (vs. Providence in '02) ... 33 GP/4 GS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 6 GP ... 2004 stats: 6 GP One of seven west-coast natives on current ND team (3 CA, WA, OR, AZ, BC) 	
G #6 Lauren Karas (So.; Flower Mound, TX) Career Stats: 0.81 GAA ... 27 SV/11 GA ... 24 GP/14 GS (12-1-0)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 0.62 GAA ... 16 SV/6 GA ... 16 GP/9 GS (8-1-0; wins over Mich., UConn) BIG EAST '05 GK of week (7 SV vs. Louis.) • 2004 stats: 1.24 GAA ... 11 SV/5 GA ... 8 GP/5 GS (4-0-0; win at ASU, off bench vs. Pitt) Gold Glove w. NTX ('04 ODP Nationals) 	
G #0 Nikki Westfall (Jr.; Waterville, OH) Career stats: 0.19 GAA ... 9 SV/1 GA ... 18 GP/1 GS (1-0-0)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 0.00 GAA ... 3 SV/0 GA ... 5 GP/1 GS (1-0-0, win at South Florida) 2004 stats: 0.00 ... 2 SV/0 GA ... 6 GP 	

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 60 points in her past 16 home games (17G-26A) and has racked up 105 points at Alumni Field in the past three seasons ('03-'05; 33G-39A, 11 GWG in 41 GP) ... Schefter has scored all 11 of her career goals (5 GWG) at home while Buczkowski has registered 12 of her 17 career goals and 42 of her 54 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 (91 straight) ... senior M **Annie Schefter** (missed '02 due to injury) and junior M **Jen Buczkowski** each have appeared in all 72 games over the past three seasons (ND is 64-6-2 in that stretch) while junior D **Christie Shaner** has played in 71 of 72 (69 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 56 of 58; dnp vs. West Virginia in '02) and DM **Jill Krivacek** (had played 40 straight; dnp vs. UConn in '03) ... Lorenzen (mononucleosis) 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 48 games the past two seasons, helping ND rack up a 44-3-1 record (.927) in that span.

BIG WINS – The 4-1 win over #11 Florida marked the seventh time in the Randy Waldrum era (since '99) that the Irish have defeated an NSCAA top-20 opponent by 3-plus goals, followed by the 4-0 regular-season win over UConn (17th in the coaches poll) and then two big wins in the BIG EAST Tournament (3-0 vs. #11 Marquette, 5-0 vs. #15 UConn) ... the only team in ND history to post more wins by 3-plus goals over top-25 teams was the '97 squad (5-0 vs. #5 Duke and #12 Michigan, 6-1 vs. #4 UConn, 6-0 vs. #6 Nebraska and 8-0 vs. #16 UCLA) ... 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 #24 Miami in '0 (4-0), 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 247-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead and have won 224 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 136 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-title 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 were captains on the Cal-South team that won the '04 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 '05) ... Dew has emerged as a top starter at a central defender spot – as one of two to start all 19 games, with a team-high 1,787 minutes played (85/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 '05 season and earned a spot on the Vermont Classic all-tournament team (the Academie All-America candidate played the full 90 minutes in the 6-0 win over Vermont) ... Jones also played the first 60 minutes as starting left back vs. Florida, as Shaner missed the start due to illness (Jones then started at left back in seven games while Lorenzen was out due to illness, 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 outscore the Gators and Terps 10-1 (46-8 edge in total shots, 27-4 in shots on goal, 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) ... Jones added a goal in the BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown (6-1) ... Dew and Jones have helped the Irish rack up a 95-10 season scoring edge, plus 484-92 in shots (251-38 in 1st-half shots), 265-42 in shots on goal and 149-35 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 San Diego Surf girls-16s '03 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 76 games for 347:21 (5.2% of 6,679:44), going 67-7-2 in that 76-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 76-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 50 opponents that has led ND for more than 45 minutes (dating back to the 2003 BIG EAST semifinal vs. BC).

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win for ND, with the Irish 231-3-1 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 135-1-0 since 10/6/95) ... ND is 318-9-12 (.956) all-time when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals (119-3-5 since 9/9/99), including 42-0-1 spanning the '04 and '05 seasons ... the Irish suffered 1-0 losses in '02 (vs. eventual NCAA champ Portland) and '03 (at #1 Stanford) ... prior to the UP loss, ND had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, playing minus All-American Anne Makinen) ... the program's 18-year history includes just 311 goals allowed in 414 games (0.75 GA/gm) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 75 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 339-26-15/.912 record in those games (ND is just 4-29-1/.132 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

HOME SWEET HOME – Notre Dame owns a 176-14-3 all-time record (.920) at Alumni Field, including 50-10-1 vs. NSCAA top-25 teams (146-4-2/.967 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 '05 regular season (9-0-0), the ninth time in the program's first 16 years at Alumni Field that Notre Dame did not lose a regular-season home game (all but '90, '92, '95, '99, '02, '03) ... the Irish have won nearly 92% of their all-time regular-season home games at Alumni Field (142-11-3, .920), including four seasons with one loss ... in 11 of the past 12 seasons (all but '03), the Irish have suffered 0-1 regular-season home losses (104-7-3/.925 in that 11-year stretch) ... ND added five postseason home wins in '04 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), 99-21 in CKs (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 quarter's (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 quarterfinal) ... the '04 team had a scoreless tie with Rutgers and then logged a 1-1 tie with UCLA in the NCAA title game (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, BC 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 Hanks 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 **Scheffer** and Jill **Krivacek**.

GOALS-A-PLENTY – Stretching from '92-'05, the Irish have scored in 95.2% of their games (315 of 331) ... since '94, ND has scored in 277 of 290 (.955; three shutouts in NCAA title games) – with goals in 208 of 216 regular-season games (.963) in that 12-year stretch ... ND saw its 31-game scoring streak (3rd-best in Irish history) end in '02 and now is riding a 32-game scoring streak.

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 in just three of their past 51 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 44 regular-season games have produced just two OT finishes (the '04 and '05 Rutgers games), with the Irish going 40-3-1 during that stretch of regular-season games.

CORNERING THE MARKET – Dating back to the '04 game vs. Rutgers (Oct. 22), Notre Dame has owned the corner-kick edge in 30 of its past 33 games (20 of 21 in '05), finishing tied in CKs for one of those games (5-5 vs. UCLA in NCAA title game) ... the Irish enter NCAAAs having totaled a 39-6 CK edge in the previous six games ... Florida (4-3 CKs) and Santa Clara are the only recent opponents with more CKs than the Irish (SCU held 6-5 margin in '04 NCAA semi's) ... the Irish have racked up a 226-53 CK margin (better than 4:1) in the past 33 games, including 149-35 (+105) in '05 ... that 33-game stretch has included 11 games with no CKs allowed by ND (also 7 GP with 1 CK allowed, 6 with 2 CKs allowed) ... excluding the pair of games at the '04 College Cup final weekend, the Irish have racked up a 217-43 CK edge (5-to-1) in the other 31 games since Boston College held a 4-2 CK edge on 10/18/04 ... ND's 21 games thus far in 2005 have included seven with no opponent CKs (vs. UNH, Vermont, Santa Clara, Michigan, Villanova, Georgetown in BE quarters, UConn in semi's), three with a single opponent CK and five with 2 CKs allowed (0-2 opp. CKs in 15 of the 21 games).

GOAL PATROL – ND players have combined for 33 multiple-goal games over 70 games in the past three seasons (compared to just five in '02), by 12 different players ... the '05 opener vs. New Hampshire saw **Kerri Hnks** (3) **Katie Thorlakson** and **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, Bock's 2G vs. Seton Hall and 2G from Hnks vs. Georgetown in the BE quarters ... three different players – **Amanda Cinalli**, Thorlakson and **Candace Chapman** – had 2G in the '04 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, Chapman 2G vs. Seton Hall and Cinalli 2G vs. Portland ... current players who posted multiple-goal games in '03 included: Manning vs. Hartford (2), **Jen Buczowski** vs. Oklahoma, Thorlakson and **Annie Scheffer** vs. Western Kentucky and Thorlakson at Rutgers ... Thorlakson has totaled 11 multiple-goal games in her ND career (one 3-goal game and the 4G-game) while Hnks has six multi-goal games (Chapman, Manning and Bock each own two).

STRONG START – Notre Dame opened '05 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 (the '96 team opened 14-0 at Providence and 6-0 at BC) ... the 17 goals rank 6th-most ever by the Irish in consecutive games and are the most since '97 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 opener and are most in an opener since '96 (14-0 at PC) ... just five games in the program's history (spanning 400-plus) have seen the Irish score more goals – with the UNH game now representing the most goals by ND in 225 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 (lost in double-OT vs. UNC, in first game under head coach Randy Waldrum in '99) ... the Irish have won their past three openers by a combined score of 27-4 ... since the 11-0 win over WVU in the middle of '96, 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: '96 at PC (14-0) and 12-0 at LaSalle in '93 ... ND is 16-2-0 all-time in season openers (other loss was '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 '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).

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 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 (9G-9A) and Buczkowski (7G-7A) 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), thus making a potential return to the College Cup in 2005 (slated for Texas A&M) all the more special for these individuals:

- Seventh-year ND head coach **Randy Waldrum** is a native of Irving, 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 also was the Texas Longhorns club's director of coaching from '87-'89).
- Third-year assistant **Dawn Greathouse** is an Allen native 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.
- The third member of the Irish coaching staff, **Ben Waldrum**, is in his third season as a member of his father's staff ... the younger Waldrum's connections to Texas include playing with: Midway HS in Hewitt (38G-21A in three-year varsity career, all-state as senior), North Texas ODP, Ft. Worth United (state semifinalist), West Texas A&M (three seasons included '00 team that finished 6th in nation) and the A-League's El Paso Sidekicks of the MISL ('02 and '03 seasons).
- 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 2004 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 (she set the Allen record for career goals, breaking a mark held by Greathouse).
- Sophomore G **Lauren Karas** (Flower Mound HS) also has starred for the Dallas Sting and Texans club teams, plus Region III and North Texas ODP (she earned the Golden Glove Award with North Texas at the 2004 ODP nationals).
- Freshman M **Becca 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 (she 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).