



Irish History



Notre Dame's 1995 season included the first BIG EAST championship and the first NCAA championship for the Irish.

THE BIG EAST
CONFERENCE



Notre Dame Carries Storied Success into Second Decade

1988

Sept. 1 - Head coach Dennis Grace leads Notre Dame to a 5-1 victory over IU-South Bend in the Irish women's soccer program's first game, with Mimi Suba scoring the first goal in Irish history at 32:01.

Sept. 6 - Susie Zilvitis notches the program's first hat trick, in the first half of an 8-1 victory over St. Joseph's.

Sept. 18 - Notre Dame and goalkeeper Karna Spencer register the team's first shutout, 5-0 over Western Michigan.

1989

Oct. 10 - The Irish set a single-game scoring record in a 17-0 win over Tri-State. Margaret Jarc comes off the bench to net the hat trick as Notre Dame scores eight first-half goals.

1990

Sept. 2 - The Irish take the field for the first time under their second head coach, Chris Petrucelli. Notre Dame responds by registering a 5-1 win over Northeast Missouri, with Susie Zilvitis and Marianne Giolitto each scoring twice.

Sept. 19 - With a 3-2 record, the Irish make the program's first appearance in the Midwest region rankings (No. 10).

Oct. 28 - Notre Dame posts its first win over a ranked opponent, 4-0 vs. No. 24 Xavier to conclude the season. The Irish finish 16-3-1, with losses to Duke, UNC-Greensboro and Creighton.

1991

Oct. 15 - The four-year-old Irish program earns its first national ranking (No. 16) with a 10-0-2 record, finishing the season 15-2-3 with a national ranking of 16 in the ISAA poll.

1992

Oct. 17 - Notre Dame loses to No. 6 SMU, 3-1, to fall to 8-5-1. All five Irish losses come vs. top-20 teams.

Oct. 30 - Notre Dame clinches its second straight Midwestern Collegiate Conference title with a 2-1 win at Xavier.

1993

Sept. 19 - Notre Dame defeats No. 4 William & Mary 1-0 at Alumni Field, the highest-ranked opponent the Irish have beaten in the program's history.

Sept. 29 - The Irish defeat Wright State to open the season 9-0 and win their 14th straight, dating back to 1992. Freshman Cindy Daws registers a point in her ninth straight game.

Nov. 6 - Notre Dame defeats Xavier 4-0 to win the inaugural MCC tournament. The Irish finish the regular season ranked No. 3 and make their first NCAA appearance.

Nov. 13 - Notre Dame drops a 2-1 decision to George Mason in Madison, Wis., in the first round of the NAIA. The Colonials eventually advance to the national title game.

1994

Sept. 11 - Jodi Hartwig scores with just over four minutes remaining in regulation to force a tie with No. 10 William & Mary, 2-2. Notre Dame falls behind 3-2 in the first overtime but scores twice in the second OT, the 4-3 gamewinner scored by Michelle McCarthy with 0:25 left.

Oct. 2 - The Irish end North Carolina's 92-game winning streak, 0-0 in St. Louis, as goalkeeper Jen Renola faces 25 shots with a career-high 11 saves. The tie marks the third time that an Irish team breaks a long winning streak, joining the 1957 football team which ended Oklahoma's 44-game winning streak and the 1974 basketball team that stopped UCLA's 88-game streak.

Oct. 24 - Following a pair of wins over Ohio State and Detroit and a North Carolina loss to Duke, Notre Dame is voted the nation's No. 1 team by the ISAA and Soccer America, marking the first time in over three seasons that a team other than the UNC was No. 1. Notre Dame also goes on to finish the regular season as the country's top-ranked team.

Nov. 6 - Notre Dame claims its final MCC tournament title with a 5-1 win over Butler.

Nov. 12 - Goals by Tiffany Thompson and Jodi Hartwig break a 1-1 tie in ND's first NCAA tournament win, 3-1 over George Mason.

Nov. 18 - A Kate Sobrero score off a Holly Manthei corner kick is the only goal of the game, as Notre Dame beats host Portland 1-0 and advances to the NCAA championship game.

Nov. 20 - A much-anticipated rematch of the scoreless tie in St. Louis ends up a 5-0 North Carolina victory, as the Tar Heels win their 12th NCAA championship with a four-goal second half.

1995

Sept. 2 - The Irish open the 1995 season with the first BIG EAST Conference game for any Notre Dame team. Michelle McCarthy and Monica Gerardo both score twice and Shannon Boxx has three assists in a 7-0 win over Providence.

Oct. 15 - A rematch with the nine-time defending NCAA champ ends with another Tar Heels shutout of the Irish, in Houston. UNC doubles the Irish in shots, 16-8, in a 2-0 win.

Nov. 5 - Notre Dame wins the BIG EAST title with a 1-0 win over No. 3 Connecticut in South Orange, N.J. The Irish avenge an earlier 5-4 overtime loss to the Huskies on Oct. 6, at Alumni Field, which had been Notre Dame's first home loss since October 4, 1992. Amy VanLaecke scores the game's only goal, her second of the tournament, and is named the tournament's MVP.

Nov. 19 - The Irish begin their NCAA run with a 5-0 blanking of Wisconsin at Alumni Field. Freshman Shannon Boxx scores the final three Notre Dame goals for a hat trick in her first NCAA game.



Mimi Suba scored the first goal in Notre Dame women's soccer history on Sept. 1, 1988, against IU-South Bend.



Margaret Jarc was one of the early leaders of the Notre Dame soccer program and went on to serve as an assistant coach with the Irish.





Notre Dame beat Portland 1-0 in triple overtime to win the 1995 NCAA championship on a free kick from Cindy Daws in the 126th minute of the game, ending the longest title game in NCAA women's soccer history.

Nov. 26 – Notre Dame shuts out UConn for the second time in three weeks (2-0 win at Alumni Field), advancing to the NCAA semifinals for the second consecutive year.

Dec. 1 – A crowd of 7,212, then an NCAA record, at Fetzer Field in Chapel Hill, N.C., is stunned as Notre Dame shocks North Carolina 1-0 to advance to the final. Over 70 minutes of outstanding Irish defense follow a Tar Heel own goal in UNC's first NCAA loss since 1985 and only the second ever at home. Notre Dame's first win over North Carolina sends the Irish to the NCAA final for the second consecutive season.

Dec. 3 – Notre Dame and Portland meet in the NAAs for the second straight year, battling through a scoreless 90 minutes of regulation and into a third overtime period before Cindy Daws slips a direct kick past the Pilot goalkeeper at the 125:31 mark, for a 1-0 win and the NCAA title. It is the first overtime game in an NCAA final. The Irish punctuate their upset of the Tar Heels by becoming just the second team other than UNC to win the NCAA women's soccer title.

1996

Sept. 22 – Notre Dame's first trip to Storrs is a successful one as the Irish avenge one of their two '95 defeats with a 2-1 win over No. 4 UConn.

Oct. 4 – Another highly-anticipated game with No. 1 North Carolina ends in a 2-1 overtime win for No. 2 Notre Dame. Freshman Jenny Streiffer becomes the first Notre Dame player to score against the Tar Heels after knocking in two goals, as the Irish join Connecticut as the only collegiate teams ever to defeat North Carolina twice and the only team to win in consecutive games against UNC.

Oct. 13 – Off to its best start in school history at 13-0-0 and riding a winning streak of 24 games, Notre Dame is brought back to earth as an inspired No. 9 Santa Clara team defeats the top-ranked Irish, 3-1. Despite the loss, Notre Dame retains its No. 1 ranking in the national polls.

Nov. 10 – The Irish win their second BIG EAST Conference title to go along with the '96 BIG EAST regular-season title, after a 4-3 win over UConn at Alumni Field.

Dec. 6 – Three goals over a span of 14 minutes in the second half rally Notre Dame from a 2-0 deficit for a 3-2 semifinal win over Portland in Santa Clara, Calif. The Pilots stun the Irish with a goal 1:40 into the game and another at 29:42. Notre Dame strikes quickly in the second half with three goals against a team that had allowed just seven prior to the semifinals.

Dec. 8 – Making its third straight appearance in the NCAA final, Notre Dame faces North Carolina in another classic overtime battle. The Tar Heels outshoot the Irish 18-7 but Jen Renola makes several remarkable saves. UNC's Debbie Keller ends Notre Dame's hopes for a second straight NCAA title, with her goal at 110:56.

1997

Sept. 19 – Notre Dame welcomes North Carolina to Alumni Field for the first time and the teams play to a 2-2 tie, as the game is halted at 71:16 due to lightning. The evenly-played game sees each team take 11 shots. Anne Makinen puts the Irish up 1-0 at 22:28 before the Tar Heels score at 52:15 and 62:38. Jenny Heft ties the game at 68:10, just before lightning halted play.

Nov. 9 – The Irish take a 5-0 halftime lead and cruise to a 6-1 win over Connecticut to win their third BIG EAST title. Anne Makinen's hat trick earns her most outstanding player honors.

Nov. 29 – Notre Dame caps the run to its fourth straight NCAA semifinal with an 8-0 home win over UCLA. The Irish outscore their first three NCAA opponents (Cincinnati, Nebraska and UCLA) by a score of 21-1.

Dec. 5 – The Irish outshoot UConn 28-6 but hit the post three times, the crossbar twice and have another shot saved off the line by a defender as the Huskies upset the Irish 2-1, at the NCAA semifinals in Greensboro, N.C., the first loss for Notre Dame in four NCAA semifinals. Sarah Whalen scores on UConn's first shot at 41:01 and again at 64:37 before Jenny Streiffer's diving header from Holly Manthei's cross caps the scoring in the 77th minute.

1998

Sept. 13 – Second-ranked Notre Dame returns to Fetzer Field for the first time since winning the '95 NCAA title and opens with a goal in the first minute against top-ranked North Carolina. The Tar Heels allow the Irish just two shots the rest of the game in winning 5-1 in front of 6,024, the largest crowd ever to watch a regular-season women's soccer game.

Oct. 18 – Two days after Connecticut snapped Notre Dame's NCAA-record 36-game conference win streak with a 1-1 tie before 2,508 fans at UConn's Morrone Stadium, another streak falls as unranked Seton Hall wins 3-2 in OT – the first BIG EAST loss for the Irish since '95

and their first loss to an unranked team in 183 games (since 2-0 vs. Creighton on Oct. 6, 1990).

Nov. 8 – A triumphant return to Morrone Stadium sees the Irish blank the Huskies for their fourth BIG EAST title (1-0), in front of 2,333. Anne Makinen scores in the 82nd minute to repeat as the championship's MVP.

Nov. 28 – Fifth-seeded Portland avenges five consecutive losses to the Irish, beating fourth-seeded and host Notre Dame 2-1 in the NCAA quarterfinals. Jenny Heft ties the game in the 73rd minute after the Irish had trailed for 45 minutes, but the Pilots advance thanks to a goal in the 88th minute.

1999

Feb. 3 – Randy Waldrum becomes the program's third head coach, after leading Baylor to the NCAA second round in '98 in just the third year of the program.

Sept. 3 – In the first game of the Waldrum era, the Irish lead top-ranked North Carolina 2-1 with less than 3:00 remaining in the second half – but the Tar Heels send the game to overtime on their way to a 3-2, double-OT win.

Nov. 7 – Jenny Streiffer is named the championship's most outstanding player as the Irish win their fifth BIG EAST title, 4-2, beating Connecticut in the final for the fifth straight year.

Nov. 28 – The longest game in Irish history results in an NCAA quarterfinal shootout at 4th-ranked Nebraska, after four OTs and 150 total minutes yielded a 1-1 tie. Kelly Lindsey hits ND's kick in the first extra round, after the teams each made three of five. LaKeysia Beene follows with a save to send the Irish to the NCAA semifinals for the fifth straight year.

Dec. 3 – Wearing green jerseys for the first time since 1995 and despite being outshot 17-3, the Irish shut out top-ranked and undefeated Santa Clara in the College Cup semifinals (1-0), after an earlier 4-2 loss to the Broncos. Freshman Ali Lovelace scores in the 75th minute, as Notre Dame advances to its fourth NCAA final in six years.

Dec. 5 – UNC ends 5th-seeded Notre Dame's run in the title game, as the first to beat the Irish twice in one season, (2-0).

Did You Know?

Notre Dame athletic teams have ended some of the most noteworthy winning streaks in college sports history, with the Irish halting Oklahoma's 47-game streak in football, ('57), UCLA's 88-game streak in men's basketball ('74) and North Carolina's 92-game streak in women's soccer ('94; all three remain NCAA records).





2000

Sept. 8 - The No. 4 Irish enjoy one of their widest victory margins ever vs. a high-ranked opponent, with coach Jerry Smith of No. 2 Santa Clara praising midfielder Anne Makinen as "the best overall player in college soccer" (a status she lives up to as consensus national player of the year). Meotis Erikson and Amy Warner score for an early 2-1 lead and Amanda Guertin adds a key breakaway in the 74th minute (Makinen finishes with 1G-2A).

Sept. 17 - The Irish claim the No. 1 ranking after holding on for a 1-0 win at

Portland, with Meotis Erikson's 50th career goal coming on an sharply-struck 18-yard shot, via an Anne Makinen cross. Erikson was named offensive MVP of the Portland Invitational (also scoring in 4-0 win over Washington) and Kerri Bakker was defensive MVP, helping limit Portland to four shots on goal. The game marked just the 12th time since 1990 that the Pilots suffered a loss at Merlo Field and was the eighth one-goal game in the eight-game ND-UP series history.

Nov. 5 - Notre Dame claims its sixth consecutive BIG EAST tournament title, besting league rival Connecticut (1-0) after earlier wins over Miami and Boston College (both 3-0). An early own goal provides the winning margin, with Mia Sarkesian named the tournament MVP after playing a leading role in the pivotal midfield battle (she also had a goal and assist in the BC game).

Nov. 24 - The Irish advance to the NCAA semifinals for the sixth time in seven years, thanks to a thrilling OT win over Santa Clara (2-1). Ali Lovelace - who scored in the 1-0 win over SCU in the '99 semifinals - again is a thorn in the Broncos' side, scoring in the 17th minute, while freshmen Amanda Guertin and Randi Scheller assist on Meotis Erikson's game-ending goal in the 5th minute of OT. The game features 19 fouls by each team, with Liz Wagner's eight saves (many game-savers) making up for the loss of midfielder Ashley Dryer, who was injured midway through the first half.

2001

Sept. 2 - Notre Dame wins its annual Key Bank Classic, topping 25th-ranked Hartford (2-0) after besting No. 8 Penn State two days earlier (2-1). Freshman Mary Boland's diving header yields a 1-0 lead in the seventh minute of the PSU game, with Amanda Guertin adding the second Irish goal early in the second half. Reserve forward Kelly Tulisniak - who assisted on Guertin's goal - then opens the scoring in the 67th minute of the Hartford game, with Guertin's late goal providing the final margin.

Sept. 25 - Randy Waldrum's 50th career win at Notre Dame qualifies as one of his most

memorable, as the 4th-ranked Irish use precision execution to score in the 18th minute on a three-pass set play while limiting No. 3 Nebraska to a pair of shots on goal. Mia Sarkesian adds another big-game goal, on a play started by Randi Scheller's direct kick from 10 yards outside the box. Scheller sends a pass into the box, Amanda Guertin flicks the ball into an open space on the right and Melissa Tancredi serves a low endline pass for Sarkesian's one-timer. Physical play yields 39 fouls (20 for ND) while the Huskers are caught offside 10 times.

Nov. 11 - Randi Scheller's first career game-winning goal comes with 14 minutes left in the BIG EAST title game, for a 2-1 win over West Virginia and the program's seventh consecutive BIG EAST crown. Tournament MVP Amanda Guertin - who scored in earlier BIG EAST tournament wins over St. John's (2-0) and Boston College (3-0) - sets

up the gamewinner on one of her well-placed corner kicks, with headers from Melissa Tancredi and Mia Sarkesian preceding Scheller's lunging volley.

2002

Sept. 15 - A furious rally sees Notre Dame score five times in the final 25 minutes, stunning 25th-ranked hosts at the Maryland Classic (5-2). It matches the fifth-highest goal total ever for the Irish versus a top-25 opponent. Melissa Tancredi shifts the momentum with her physical play and pair of header goals, en route to picking up the tournament's offensive MVP award.

Oct. 13 - The Irish begin their late-season push with a 3-1 victory over BIG EAST rival Connecticut at Alumni Field. Ashley Dryer's return from injury sparks the team while Amanda Guertin's pinpoint corner kicks lead to the final two Notre Dame goals.

Nov. 17 - Notre Dame avenges an earlier loss to Purdue (93-1), reversing the score in NCAA second-round action at Alumni Field. Amanda Guertin's calm presence produces the game's first goal and assists on another while the Irish defense limits the Boilermakers to four shots on goal. The win sends Notre Dame on to the NCAA round of 16 for the eighth time in nine seasons.

2003

Aug. 29 - Notre Dame opens the season minus six injured players but responds with its second-highest scoring game of the Randy



Notre Dame's top-ranked team scored first in 22 of 25 games during the 2000 season while trailing for a total of just 35 minutes.

Waldrum era while dispatching of perennial power Hartford, 9-1. Just two previous Irish teams had delivered a more dominating season opener. Mary Boland (3G-1A) joins a select group who have posted hat tricks in the first game of a season and she later goes on to set an ND record for most goals in the first three games of a season (6).

Sept. 21 and 23 - The Irish hold Stanford (0-0) and Santa Clara (2-1) to three combined shots on goal and three corner kicks, handing the Broncos their first-ever loss at the SCU Classic. Katie Thorlakson assists on Mary Boland's early goal and then knocks in a deflected Boland shot for the late gamewinner.

Oct. 3 and 17 - Notre Dame posts a pair of 2-0 wins at Alumni Field over BIG EAST contenders West Virginia and Connecticut. Mary Boland (1:24) notches ND's quickest goal of the season while the Irish defense limits WVU to a single shot on goal. Two weeks later, playing without Boland, the Irish defense again delivers as UConn manages just two shots on goal (none in the final 60:00).

Oct. 26 - The Irish win 2-0 at Seton Hall for a 10-game shutout streak that ranks fifth in NCAA history (as does Erika Bohn's personal streak that eventual reaches 967 minutes). The Irish also extend their unbeaten start to 18-0-1, with the first 19 games including just one deficit spanning all of seven minutes.

Nov. 2 - Amanda Guertin extends her Notre Dame record with the fourth overtime goal of her career as the Irish defeat Miami (2-1) for their 50th consecutive home win over a BIG EAST opponent.



Notre Dame's 1995 Dream Season Ends With National Championship



1995

National Champions



Notre Dame's 1995 NCAA championship team included six players who would earn All-America honors during their Irish careers (see pp. 72-76): (sitting, from left) Ingrid Soens, Stacia Masters, Nicole Hinostro, Emily Loman, Jen Renola, Laura Vanderberg, Rosella Guerrero and Michelle McCarthy; (kneeling, from left) Amy VanLaecke, Holly Manthei, Christy Peters, Ashley Scharff, Kamie Page, Cindy Daws, Shannon Boxx and Margo Tufts; (standing, from left) Ragen Coyne, Monica Gerardo, Julie Metro, Kate Fisher, Kate Sobrero, Julie Vogel, Megan Middendorf, Jean McGregor and Julie Maund.

The 1995 Notre Dame women's soccer season was described by national coach of the year Chris Petrucelli as a season that "ended the way we all had dreamed about." With wins over perennial power North Carolina in the NCAA semifinals and Portland in the title game (both 1-0), Notre Dame had become just the third school ever to win an NCAA women's soccer title (dating back to 1982).

The season's dream began with Notre Dame putting the opposition to sleep, as the Irish outscored their opponents 36-0 on their way to an 8-0 record. The women's soccer squad participated in the first BIG EAST competition for any Notre Dame team, defeating Providence in the opener - followed by a win over St. John's and three shutouts of Big Ten foes Indiana, No. 13 Wisconsin and No. 19 Michigan State.

Notre Dame moved to 6-0 with a 1-0 win over No. 3 Stanford (on a rare goal by sophomore midfielder Holly Manthei, who went on to become the NCAA all-time assist leader), followed by BIG EAST wins over Rutgers and Seton Hall that pushed the season shot advantage to 192-24.

Sophomore midfielder Julie's Maund's goal at the 88:17 mark averted a loss at Cincinnati (ending in a 2-2 tie) while an 82nd-minute goal from senior forward Rosella Guerrero set up an overtime gamewinner from junior midfielder Cindy Daws, in a 2-1 game with Ohio State.

A 2-2-2 stretch continued in the BIG EAST showdown with Connecticut, as freshman forward Monica Gerardo's goal in the 82nd minute forced overtime (3-3) - with the Huskies winning 5-4 under the old "non-sudden-death" format. The loss was Notre Dame's first at home since Oct. 4, 1992, and ended a 29-game conference winning streak for the Irish.

Another Gerardo goal produced a 1-0 win over No. 7 Santa Clara, with the grueling six-game stretch concluding in Houston against No. 11 Duke (2-2) and No. 1 North Carolina (0-2). Yet another late goal (by junior forward Amy VanLaecke, at 89:26) saved the day versus Duke.

"At that point, we had lost our focus on defending," said Petrucelli. "We got so carried away in trying to score goals that we forgot there was another part of the game. We needed to put a lot of work into our team defense."

After the loss to UNC, the Irish defense - led by junior goalkeeper Jen Renola - yielded just three goals in the final 11 games, including shutouts in all six postseason games.

The next big test for the refocused Irish was a rematch against Connecticut in the BIG EAST title game, with the newcomer Notre Dame blanking the reigning BIG EAST power 1-0 (on an early VanLaecke goal).

"The win over UConn helped our confidence and made us believe," said Petrucelli. "We were able to refocus and commit to everything needed to win. We had talked about winning, but we were not doing everything that it took."

The Irish defense continued its postseason shutout streak, led by Renola and the starting defender formation of sophomore Kate Sobrero, junior Kate Fisher and senior Ashley Scharff.

The Irish were seed No. 4 in the NCAA tournament, using four first-half goals and a hat trick from freshman midfielder Shannon Boxx for a 5-0 win over Wisconsin in the second round. Notre Dame then knocked off UConn in the third round (2-0), with goals from senior defender Julie Vogel and VanLaecke.

Playing on its home field in the semifinals, UNC carried a 10-year, 31-game NCAA tournament win streak into its game vs. Notre Dame.

The Irish came out sharp and loose, pressuring the Tar Heels from the start. That pressure led to the only goal, in the 20th minute, when UNC's Cindy Parlow headed a cross out of the goal area. Daws then headed it back toward the goal and Parlow's attempt to redirect the ball instead sent it into her own net for the 1-0 score.

A stunned crowd of 7,212, at that time the largest ever to attend a collegiate women's soccer game, watched as the Irish defense shut down the potent Tar Heel offense.

Returning to the NCAA title game, Notre Dame encountered 125 scoreless minutes before Daws surprised Portland 'keeper Erin Fahey, after senior forward Michelle McCarthy had been fouled outside the top of the box. Daws quickly sent the direct kick into the back of the net - ending the exhausting game and completing Notre Dame's dreamlike run to the title.

"The thing that came out of this season was that we found out how much character our team really had," said Petrucelli. "Instead of packing it in, we fought back."

1995 Notre Dame Statistics

Player	GP/GS	G	A	Pts	GWG
Monica Gerardo (Fr., F)	25/24	20	11	51	3
Michelle McCarthy (Sr., F)	25/25	17	12	46	4
Holly Manthei (So., M)	25/25	6	21	33	1
Amy VanLaecke (Jr., F)	25/16	12	4	28	6
Shannon Boxx (Fr., M)	25/21	7	10	24	1
Cindy Daws (Jr., M)	21/18	7	8	22	2
Rosella Guerrero (Sr., F)	25/14	8	5	21	1
Julie Maund (So., M)	22/1	4	2	10	0
Ragen Coyne (Sr., M)	22/17	1	8	10	0
Julie Vogel (Sr., D)	19/9	4	1	9	2
Kate Fisher (Jr., D)	25/24	1	6	8	0
Kate Sobrero (So., D)	25/25	0	6	6	0
Stacia Masters (Jr., M)	22/10	0	5	5	0
Jean McGregor (So., M)	20/0	1	1	3	0
Megan Middendorf (Jr., D)	6/0	1	1	3	0
Ashley Scharff (Sr., D)	22/21	0	2	2	0
Christy Peters (Sr., M)	7/1	0	1	1	0
Laura Vanderberg (Fr., M)	17/0	0	1	1	0
Kamie Page (So., D)	7/0	0	1	1	0
Margo Tufts (Fr., M)	6/0	0	0	0	0
Nicole Hinostro (So., M)	5/0	0	0	0	0
Ingrid Soens (So., M)	6/0	0	0	0	0
Team	25	90	105	285	20
Opponents	25	15	11	41	2
Goalkeeper	GP/GS	GA/SV	GAA	ShO	W-L-T
Jen Renola (Jr.)	25/25	15/68	0.59	13 (5)	21-2-2
Emily Loman (So.)	6/0	0/2	0.00	0 (5)	0-0-0

Note: Renola played 2,285 minutes (Loman 122)



Players

Of The Year

Won Honda-Broderick Cup, honoring nation's outstanding collegiate woman athlete in 1997 ... 1996 Hermann Trophy and Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year award winner ... dominated central midfield with possession and distribution ... joined classmate Jen Renola as a captain for 1995 national championship team and again in 1996.

AS A SENIOR: Third player in NCAA history to break 60-60 plateau (61 career goals, 67 assists) ... earned first team All-America honors ... named BIG EAST championship MVP ... named Soccer America's midfielder MVP ... assisted on game-winning goal vs. No. 1 North Carolina (2-1) ... had two goals in BIG EAST final vs. UConn (4-3).

AS A JUNIOR: Scored gamewinner on direct free kick in 125th minute of NCAA championship game vs. Portland (1-0) ... MVP of NCAA semifinals and finals ... finalist for national player of the year, despite missing four games (foot surgery).

AS A SOPHOMORE: Started slowly after surgery (foot) ... consensus first team



Daws' Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1993	22/22	103	16	20	52	3
1994	25/25	90	12	19	43	0
1995	21/18	62	7	8	22	2
1996	26/26	99	26	20	72	3
Totals	94/91	354	61	67	189	8

All-American ... second in balloting for the MAC and Hermann awards ... dueling with Tisha Venturini in 0-0 tie that snapped North Carolina's 92-game win streak.

AS A FRESHMAN: Named first team All-America by NSCAA (only freshman on squad) ... earned Midwest Region most valuable offensive player and national freshman of the year laurels from Soccer News ... named the Midwestern Collegiate Conference newcomer and first team all-MCC ... recorded eight points in MCC tournament, earning MVP honors ... had points in first nine games.

PREP & PERSONAL: Earned all-league and all-California Interscholastic Federation honors for three years and garnered NSCAA All-America at Louisville High School ... born Oct. 1, 1975, in West Hills, Calif. ... graduated from the College of Arts and Letters with a degree in psychology.



Cindy Daws

**#2 – 1997 Graduate
Midfielder
Northridge, Calif.
Louisville H.S.**

1996 Hermann Trophy Winner

1996 Missouri Athletic Club
Player of the Year

1997 Honda-Broderick Cup

NSCAA All-American - '93, '94, '96



Jen Renola

**#17 – 1997 Graduate - Goalkeeper
Los Gatos, Calif./Saratoga H.S.**

1996 NSCAA Player of the Year

1996 NCAA Today's Top VIII selection

1996-97 BIG EAST Scholar
Athlete of the Year

1996-97 CoSIDA Fall/Winter At-Large
Academic All-American of the Year

1996-97 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

NSCAA All-American - '94, '95, '96

Voted '96 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Player of the Year ... first Notre Dame student-athlete chosen to NCAA Today's Top VIII, honoring excellence in athletics, academics and leadership ... BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 1996-97, another ND first ... GTE/CoSIDA Fall/Winter At-Large Academic All-American of the Year ... first ND women's soccer player to earn NCAA postgraduate scholarship ... also received ND athletics' prestigious Kanaley leadership award ... started all 98 games in her career ... joined classmate Cindy Daws as a captain for 1995 NCAA championship team and again in 1996 ... most proficient goalkeeper in Irish history (32 solo shutouts/30 shared; 0.69 career GAA now 16th in NCAA history; 8,111 minutes now rank second in NCAA record book).

AS A SENIOR: Named NSCAA first team All-American ... Soccer America's goalkeeper MVP ... voted to GTE/CoSIDA Fall/Winter At-Large Academic All-America first team ... played one of her best career games in her last, making numerous point-blank and breakaway saves in 1-0 NCAA title-game overtime loss to North Carolina ... voted to NCAA all-tournament team for outstanding play in the semifinal and final ... finalist for Missouri Athletic Club player of the year ... played in field vs. Villanova, scoring first goal.

AS A JUNIOR: Second-team Soccer America All-America ... shut out No. 1 North



Renola's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	GA	GAA	SV	ShO	W-L-T
1993	22/22	16	0.76	67	7 (6)	19-3-0
1994	25/25	15	0.64	77	9 (6)	23-1-1
1995	25/25	15	0.59	68	13 (5)	21-2-2
1996	26/26	16	0.78	55	3 (13)	24-2-0
Totals	98/98	62	0.69	267	32 (30)	87-8-3

Carolina and No. 2 Portland in NCAA semifinals and finals ... earned all-NCAA tournament team honors.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Consensus All-American (first team from NSCAA) ... shut out Portland (1-0) in NCAA semifinals, on Pilots' home field ... career-high 11 saves in 0-0 tie with then-No. 1 North Carolina to break 92-game winning streak ... preserved 2-1 win at Portland when she stopped Shannon MacMillen's breakaway from eight yards out.

AS A FRESHMAN: Named to Soccer America Freshman All-America team ... made seven saves vs. top-ranked North Carolina and several tough stops in 3-2 win over No. 8 Duke.

PREP & PERSONAL: U.S. Youth Soccer All-American at Saratoga High School ... born Aug. 22, 1975, in Los Gatos, Calif. ... graduated magna cum laude with a final 3.67 GPA as an English and computer applications major.





Anne Makinen

**#8 – 1997 Graduate
Midfielder
Helsinki, Finland**

- 2000 Hermann Trophy Winner
- 2000 Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year
- NCAA All-American (1997-2000)
- 1st Team All-BIG EAST (1997-2000)

Makinen's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1997	23/23	103	23	12	58	2
1998	21/21	106	15	17	47	3
1999	22/22	81	13	12	38	5
2000	24/22	87	14	15	43	6
Totals	90/88	377	65	56	186	16



Consensus national player of the year as a senior in 2000 (including Hermann Trophy and Missouri Athletic Club award) ... four-year NSCAA All-American (third team in '97, second team in '98 and '99, first team in 2000) and four-year national player-of-the-year finalist ... second player ever named first team all-BIG EAST four times ... known for her distribution, technical skills and scoring punch ... became 13th Division I player (now 16) ever to reach 50 goals, 50 assists ... ranks fifth in Notre Dame history with 186 points (in 90 games/88 starts), fourth in goals (65), fifth in assists (56; now 15th in NCAA history) ... her career average of 2.09 points per game ranks second in Notre Dame history, just behind Jenny Streiffer's 2.11 ... set Notre Dame records for postseason scoring (15G-13A) and consecutive games with a point (12, in '97), matching Streiffer's record for quickest to 100 points (40 games) ... member of Finnish National Team since age of 16 ... first college player selected in inaugural WUSA draft, (Washington Freedom), later traded to Philadelphia Charge ... played for the W-League's New Jersey Wildcats during the summer of 2004.

AS A SENIOR: Led team in scoring (14G-15A) as tri-captain, with six GWGs on NCAA semifinalist team (23-1-1) ... 1G-2A in early 6-1 win over Santa Clara ... her 2G-1A in 5-0 win over Washington helped Irish claim No. 1 ranking ... provided free-kick assist in NCAA win over Michigan (5-1) before scoring on header to open scoring in win over Harvard (2-0).

AS A JUNIOR: Posted 13G-12A, on NCAA runner-up squad ... her five GWG included OT score at UConn (2-1) ... assisted on Jenny Heft's GWG in BIG EAST Championship vs. UConn (4-2) ... had GWG, assist vs. Miami in BIG EAST quarterfinals (5-0) and 1G-2A in NCAA win over Dayton ... limited by knee injury in College Cup final vs. North Carolina.

AS A SOPHOMORE: Ranked fourth in the nation in assists (17), adding 15 goals ... BIG EAST Tournament MVP, scoring on free kick vs. Syracuse in semifinals (5-1) and adding 82nd-minute GWG vs. UConn (1-0) ... had 3G-2A vs. Syracuse in regular-season finale (7-0).

AS A FRESHMAN: Named national freshman of the year by Soccer America, sharing team scoring lead (23G-12A) while ranking as nation's seventh-leading goalscorer ... MVP of BIG EAST Tournament, netting hat trick in title game vs. UConn (6-1) ... totaled 11 points in NCAA wins over Cincinnati (G-GWA), Nebraska (2G-1A) and UCLA (1G-1A).

PREP & PERSONAL: Graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in sociology ... born Feb. 1, 1976.



Notre Dame's player-of-the-year recipients have included (from top) Cindy Daws, Jen Renola and Anne Makinen (pictured with Randy Waldrum).





Ragen Coyne - #11

M - 1992
Livonia, Mich.
Stevenson H.S.

Notre Dame's first All-American, as an NSCAA second-team selection in 1992 ... mid-field leader as a freshman on 1992 team, with four goals and seven assists ... first team all-Midwestern Collegiate Conference selection and member of Soccer America All-Freshman team in '92 ... scored game-winning goal versus Wright State ... logged 62 career games (57 starts), with 53 points on eight goals and 37 assists ... known as a quality finisher and effective passer, with strong defensive skills ... earned first team all-MCC honors in 1993, on squad that was ranked as high as third and made program's first NCAA tournament appearance ... scored three goals in '93, leading nation in assists (then-ND record 22, with five three-assist games) ... the Irish were 20-1-1 when she had a point in '92 and '93 ... missed all of her junior season (1994) due to stress fracture in leg ... returned to play 22 of 25 games (17 starts) on 1995 NCAA championship team, totaling one goal and eight assists ... a three-time prep All-American at Stevenson High School ... graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in philosophy ... born Nov. 11, 1974.

Coyne's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1992	19/19	43	4	7	15	1
1993	21/21	30	3	22	28	1
1994	dnp (injured)					
1995	22/17	22	1	8	10	0
Totals	62/57	95	8	37	53	2

Most NSCAA All-America Selections (since 1994)

	1	2	3	Tot.
1. North Carolina	15	9	10	34
2. Notre Dame	10	11	6	27
3. Portland	8	6	4	18
4. Santa Clara	11	1	4	16
Connecticut	7	6	3	16
6. Florida	5	4	6	15
7. Nebraska	4	4	6	14
8. Penn State	11	1	0	12
9. Stanford	5	2	3	10
10. Hartford	3	3	3	9



Alison Lester - #13

F - 1993
Schaumburg, Ill.
Schaumburg H.S.

Offensive leader in early 1990s, earning NSCAA second team All-America in 1993 ... finished career as ND's all-time leading scorer (now 11th) with 126 points, including 45 goals (now 10th in Notre Dame history, seven game-winning goals and 36 assists ... tied for ninth in Notre Dame history with 1.56 points and 0.56 goals per game ... one of nine Irish players ever to start every game of her career (81) ... known for her speed and intensity ... senior tri-captain in 1993, ranking second on team in scoring (13G-15A) ... Midwestern Collegiate Conference player of the year ... helped '93 team rise to No. 3 in rankings, with program's first trip to NCAAAs ... her '93 highlights included 2A in 3-1 win over Wisconsin, a hat trick versus Indiana, assist on Michelle McCarthy's 83rd-minute gamewinner versus Duke (3-2), 2G-4A versus Loyola and 3G-1A versus Ohio State ... second team all-MCC as a junior in '92 (9G-4A), with GWGs versus Kentucky (hat trick) and TCU ... all-MCC pick as a sophomore in '91 (9G-10A, 2 GWG) ... made immediate impact as a freshman in 1990 (14G-5A), with assist on Suzie Zilivits overtime goal versus Florida International (3-2) and lone goal in 1-0 win at St. Mary's (Calif.) ... product of Schaumburg (Ill.) High School ... graduated with a degree in English ... born July 31, 1972.

Lester's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1990	20/20	58	14	5	33	1
1991	20/20	72	9	10	28	2
1992	19/10	70	9	6	24	2
1993	22/22	53	13	15	41	2
Totals	81/72	253	45	36	126	7



Rosella Guerrero - #2

F - 1994
Sacramento, Calif.
Sacramento, H.S.

Clever frontrunner who combined speed, technical ability and steady finishing ... NSCAA second team All-American as a junior in 1994, when she set ND records for goals in a season (21, now seventh) and career ... one of nine ND players to appear in every game of career (91; 78 starts) ... ninth in Irish record book for career points (142) and points/gm (1.56), eighth in goals (55), seventh in goals/gm (0.60) ... totaled ND record 16 game-winning goals (now fourth) ... MCC player of the year in '94, on 23-1-1 NCAA runner-up squad that held top ranking ... helped halt UNC's NCAA-record 92-game win streak (0-0) ... holds Irish record for GWGs in season (8, '94), including vs. Washington and George Mason (both 1-0) and tying header vs. William & Mary in NCAAAs (2-1) ... played all 25 games (14 starts) for 1995 NCAA champs (8G-5A), with hat trick vs. Georgetown ... first team all-MCC in '93 (13G-11A), with hat tricks vs. SMU (12:00 stretch) and LaSalle and assist on Jodi Hartwig goal vs. George Mason in NCAAAs ... only ND freshman ever to post hat trick in opener (vs. N.C. State), leading '92 team and ranking 13th nationally in scoring (13G-7A, 5 GWGs) ... first team all-MCC in '92 ... member of Youth National Team, playing at Sacramento HS ... graduated with degree in psychology ... born Jan. 19, 1974.

Guerrero's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1992	19/19	83	13	7	33	4
1993	22/22	78	13	11	37	3
1994	25/23	92	21	9	51	8
1995	25/14	47	8	5	21	1
Totals	91/78	300	55	32	142	16

Notre Dame NSCAA All-America Selections

First Team

LaKeysia Beene (G) '97
Cindy Daws (M) '93, '94, '96
Jen Grubb (D) '97
Anne Makinen (M) '00
Holly Manthei (M) '95
Jen Renola (G) '94, '96
Kate Sobrero (D) '97
Amy Warner '03

Second Team

Candace Chapman '02
Ragen Coyne (F) '92
Monica Gonzalez (D) '01
Jen Grubb (D) '96
Rosella Guerrero (F) '94
Alison Lester (M) '93
Anne Makinen (M) '98, '99
Holly Manthei (M) '94
Jen Renola (G) '95
Kate Sobrero (D) '96
Melissa Tancredi '03

Third Team

Jen Grubb (D) '98, '99
Anne Makinen (M) '97
Holly Manthei (M) '96, '97
Kate Sobrero (D) '95
Jenny Streiffer (M/F) '96, '99





Holly Manthei - #16

*M - 1994-97
Burnsville, Minn.
Burnsville H.S.*

Classic playmaker known for speed and pinpoint crosses from left flank ... holds NCAA records for assists in a career (129), season (44) and game (6), assist average in a season (1.69) and career (1.29) and NCAA Tournament assists (15) ... youngest player on 1995 U.S. World Cup team ... member of 1995 NCAA championship team (runner-up in '94, '96) ... soccer nominee for 1998 Honda Broderick Cup (outstanding woman athlete) ... three-year finalist for national player of the year ... NSCAA first team All-American in '95 (second team in '94, third team in '96, '97) ... missed just one game, setting Notre Dame record for starts (100), plus 24 goals and 177 points (6th in ND history) ... led nation in assists all four years of her career (now 1st, 2nd, 4th, 19th in NCAA history) ... tri-captain in '97 (4G-34A), with 5A vs. Seton Hall, 1G-1A in NCAA win over Nebraska (6-0), 3A vs. UCLA in quarterfinals (8-0) and cross on Jen Streiffer header versus UConn in semifinals (2-1 loss) ... led '97 team to 135-9 scoring edge ... had 5G-44A in '96, tying ND record with points in 11 consecutive games and setting NCAA record with 6A vs. Villanova ... assisted on Amy VanLaecke goal versus UConn (2-1), had 2A in NCAA win over Indiana (8-1), and assist on Monica Gerardo GWG versus Maryland in '97 NCAAAs (2-0) - plus assist on Shannon Boxx goal in 3-2 NCAA semifinal win over Portland ... had 6G-21A in '95, including 5A versus Butler and assist on Julie Vogel GWG versus UConn in NCAAAs (2-0) ... posted 9G-30A in '94, tying Irish record with points in first nine games, later adding GWG versus George Mason in NCAAAs (3-1) and corner-kick assist on Kate Sobrero goal versus Portland in NCAA semi's (1-0) ... played women's lacrosse at ND in '98 ... prep All-American at Burnsville High School (state champ in soccer, basketball and 300-m hurdles) ... graduated with degree in history ... born Feb. 8, 1976.

Manthei's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1994	25/25	52	9	30	48	2
1995	25/25	28	6	21	33	1
1996	26/26	31	5	44	54	1
1997	24/24	32	4	34	42	2
Totals	100/100	143	24	129	177	6



Kate Sobrero - #13

*D - 1995-97
Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
Country Day School*

Defensive MVP of 1995 NCAA Championship, a prelude to stellar career as one of nation's top marking backs ... mainstay with U.S. National Team, starting for '99 World Cup champions (also '03 bronze medalists) and 2000 (silver) and '04 Olympic squads ... played with WUSA's Boston Breakers ('01-'03), earning WUSA's 2001 Humanitarian Award ... NSCAA second team All-American in 1995 and '96, earning first team as a senior captain in '97 ... national player-of-the-year finalist as a junior and senior ... totaled seven goals, 24 assists in 97 career games (all starts; still good for sixth in Notre Dame record book) ... BIG EAST defensive player of the year on '97 squad that outscored its opponents 135-9 (0.36 GAA) ... had 3A vs. St. John's, 2A vs. Michigan State in first weekend of '97, later adding assists in BIG EAST title game (6-1 vs. UConn) and NCAA quarterfinal vs. Portland ... member of NCAA runner-up as a junior in '96, leaving overtime battle with UNC in 67th minute due to injury ... assisted on gamewinners vs. UConn in '96 regular season (by Monica Gonzalez, 2-1) and BIG EAST Tournament (by Jenny Heft, 4-3) ... helped 1995 NCAA Championship team post 19 shutouts (all six in postseason) ... marked future U.S. teammate Shannon McMillan in NCAA title game vs. Portland (1-0) ... assisted on Amy VanLaecke GWG vs. UConn in '95 NCAA third round (2-0) ... headed in Holly Manthei corner kick for 2-1 win at Portland in 1994 ... had 1G-1A in MCC title game vs. Butler (5-1), later holding nation's top scorer Natalie Neaton to two shots in NCAA win over William & Mary (2-1) - en route to runner-up finish ... served as Notre Dame volunteer assistant coach in 1998 ... USYSA All-American and member of U.S. under-20 national team ... led Detroit Country Day to 1991 state title ... graduated from Notre Dame as a science-business major ... married to former Providence soccer player Chris Markgraf ... born Aug. 23, 1976.

Sobrero's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1994	23/23	12	4	4	12	1
1995	25/25	10	0	6	6	0
1996	24/24	22	1	5	7	0
1997	25/25	18	2	9	13	0
Totals	97/97	62	7	24	38	1



Jen Grubb - #6

*D - 1996-99
Hoffman Estates, Ill.
Conant H.S.*

One of five defenders (20 total players) in Division I women's soccer history to be a four-time NSCAA All-American (2nd team in '96, 1st team '97, 3rd team '98, 2nd team '99) ... two-time BIG EAST defensive player of the year ('98, '99) ... first player ever to be named first team all-BIG EAST four times ... three-time national player-of-the-year finalist ... tied Notre Dame record with 100 games played (now 16th in NCAA history) ... finished her career fifth on Notre Dame assists list (53, now sixth) ... '98 and '99 team co-captain ... made third Irish penalty kick in 1999 NCAA quarterfinal shootout at Nebraska ... converted on 20-yard free kick versus Santa Clara ('99) ... had assist versus UConn in '99 BIG EAST final ... her 21 assists in 1998 now rank 21st in NCAA history ... assisted on '98 gamewinners versus Michigan (NCAA second round) and West Virginia (BIG EAST quarterfinal) ... tied Irish record for assists in a half (4) versus Wisconsin ... ranked among nation's '97 assist leaders (13), on back line with Kate Sobrero and Kelly Lindsey that held opposition to nine goals (Notre Dame record) ... only freshman defender to earn 1996 All-America honors ... voted to '96 NCAA all-tournament team ... assisted on '96 gamewinner versus Washington ... prep All-American at Conant High School, also lettering in football as a placekicker ... first girl to score a point in Illinois high school football history ... currently in U.S. national-team player pool and former member of the WUSA's Washington Freedom (started in '03 All-Star Game and captained Freedom to the '03 Founders Cup title) ... graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in psychology ... born July 20, 1978.

Note: see Player of the Year pages on pp. 84-85 for biographies of All-Americans Cindy Daws ('93, '94, '96), Jen Renola ('94-'96) and Anne Makinen ('97-'00).

Grubb's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1996	25/25	33	3	11	17	0
1997	24/24	40	2	13	17	0
1998	25/25	24	1	21	23	0
1999	26/26	40	9	8	26	0
Totals	100/100	137	15	53	83	0





Jenny Streiffer – #12

F – 1996, '99

Baton Rouge, La.
Baton Rouge, H.S.

Crafty player whose all-around skills yielded 70 goals and 71 assists in 100 games played (99 starts), joining former UNC great Mia Hamm as only NCAA Division I players ever to reach 70G-70A ... two-time Academic All-American ('97, '98) and an NSCAA third team All-American in '96 and '99 ... player of the year finalist in '97, '98 and '99 ... member of NCAA runner-up teams in '96 and '99 ('97 semifinalist) ... 1996 U.S. Olympic team alternate ... holds Notre Dame career records for points (211, now 13th in NCAA history), points per game (2.11) and goals (80), ranking second in assists (71; third NCAA) ... reached 100 points (40 games) fastest in ND history ... received Kanaley Award ('00), most prestigious honor presented to Notre Dame student-athletes ... recipient of NCAA postgraduate scholarship ... BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete of the Year for all sports except basketball ... 19G-15A as senior in '99, earning BIG EAST Tournament MVP (1G-3A in all three games) ... scored at Nebraska in '99 NCAA quarterfinals (1-1, advanced on PKs) ... posted hat trick vs. West Virginia as junior in '98 (9G-16A), later assisting on GWG vs. Nebraska in NCAA second round ... seventh in nation for scoring in '97 (20G-18A), when she tied ND record with four goals in a game (vs. Georgetown), had 1G-1A vs. UConn in BIG EAST title game (6-1) and scored on diving header vs. UConn in NCAA semifinal ... BIG EAST rookie of the year, ranking seventh in nation in scoring (22G-22A) ... set ND record in first game with nine points vs. Providence (2G-5A) ... had 2G in 2-1 win over UNC ... had points in 11 straight games in '96 (ND record) ... prep All-American at Baton Rouge HS ... married Nathan Mascaro in '99 ... played for WUSA's San Diego Spirit ('01-'02) ... graduated (3.47 GPA) as pre-professional studies and anthropology major ... born May 25, 1978.

Streiffer's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1996	26/26	63	22	22	66	7
1997	23/22	63	20	18	58	2
1998	25/25	69	9	16	34	1
1999	26/26	99	19	15	53	5
Totals	100/99	294	70	71	211	15



LaKeysia Beene – #1

G – 1997

Gold River, Calif.
Del Campo H.S.

Finished with top career goals-against average in Notre Dame history (0.63, bested by 2002 grad Liz Wagner) ... currently 12th in NCAA history for career GAA and 16th in minutes (6,972) ... named to 1999 NCAA all-tournament team after stellar games in semifinal win over Santa Clara (1-0) and final loss to North Carolina (0-1) ... held Nebraska at bay in 1-1 quarterfinal deadlock (seven saves, two more in shootout) ... second team all-BIG EAST, finalist for 1999 Hermann Trophy ... had 15 saves in '99 loss to UNC (2-3, 2 OT) ... '99 team tri-captain ... 1998 BIG EAST goalkeeper of the year and finalist for Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year (14th in nation with 0.67 GAA) ... five of her seven '98 shutouts came versus ranked teams (seven saves versus UConn in BIG EAST title game) ... made 12 saves versus UNC in '98 (2-2) ... NSCAA first team All-American on 1997 NCAA semifinalist team, playing all 2,232 minutes while setting Notre Dame record for GAA (0.36) ... posted 652-minute shutout streak (now 18th in NCAA record book) ... tied school record with six straight shutouts in '97 ... backup to Jen Renola in 1996 (14 GP, 0.17 GAA), also scoring from the field in BIG EAST semifinals ... an All-American at Del Campo High School ... three-time Black Belt National Champion in Tang Soo Do Karate ... starter for 2002 U.S. National Team, after leading Bay Area Cyber Rays to 2001 WUSA title (as goalkeeper of the year) ... served as Notre Dame volunteer assistant in 2000 majored in environmental engineering ... born March 9, 1978.

Beene's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	GA	GAA	SV	ShO	W-L-T
1996	14/0	1	0.17	8	0 (13)	0-0-0
1997	25/25	9	0.36	45	18 (0)	23-1-1
1998	25/25	16	0.68	60	10 (6)	21-3-1
1999	26/26	23	1.00	73	4 (7)	21-4-1
Totals	90/76	49	0.63	186	32 (26)	65-8-3

Did You Know?

ND's Jen Renola, Jenny Streiffer and Monica Gonzalez each coupled All-America and Academic All-America honors.



Monica Gonzalez – #7

D – 2001

Richardson, Texas
Plano East H.S.

Versatile player who moved from forward to outside back in 2000, emerging as a key center back in '01 ... returned from ACL knee injury that forced her to miss all of '98 season ... founding member of Mexico's women's national team, playing in '99 World Cup and '04 Olympics (team captain) ... excellent athlete with strong left foot and physical 5-11 frame ... played in '97, '99 and '00 College Cup semifinals (2000 title game) ... second Notre Dame women's soccer player to earn All-America (2nd team) and Academic All-America honors in same season ('01) ... her dominance in the air played key role in 2001 win over Nebraska (1-0) ... combined with Vanessa Pruzinsky and Candace Chapman as first three defenders from same team named first team all-BIG EAST ('01) ... key member of 2000 defense that led nation in GAA (0.39) ... assisted in 2000 win over Santa Clara (6-1) ... had stellar all-around game in 2000 battle at UConn (0-0) ... had assists in 2000 NCAA wins over Michigan, Harvard and Santa Clara ... scored team's first goal of '99, on volley versus North Carolina ... played large part in four-OT NCAA quarterfinal at Nebraska, in relief of flu-stricken Jenny Heft ... had 1G-1A versus Dayton in 1997 NCAA second round ... scored versus UConn ('97 BIG EAST title game) and versus UCLA (NCAA quarterfinal) ... assisted on game winner versus Washington ... scored twice (GWG) vs. Duke ... prepped at Plano East High School ... second-round draft choice of WUSA's Boston Breakers, earning spot in 2003 All-Star Game ... graduated from Notre Dame with 3.39 GPA, as double major in management information systems and Spanish ... born Oct. 10, 1978.

Gonzalez' Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Sh	G	A	Pts	GW
1997	25/1	57	10	5	25	1
1998	dnp due to injury					
1999	25/9	42	5	6	16	0
2000	24/18	35	1	4	6	0
2001	21/21	27	1	2	4	0
Totals	95/49	161	17	17	51	1

Note: see pp. 30-31, 34-35 and 74 for biographies of All-Americans Candace Chapman ('02), Melissa Tancredi ('03) and Amy Warner ('03).





Jen Grubb became Notre Dame's second four-year All-American in 1999 and the first four-time All-America defender. She also became the first player to be voted to the all-BIG EAST first team all four years of her career.

Hermann Trophy

The Hermann Trophy is named after Robert R. Hermann, the founding Chairman of the North American Soccer League. First presented in 1967, the Hermann Trophy honors the best college soccer player as determined by a panel made up of more than 500 coaches and journalists.

Cindy Daws (Sr., M)	1996
Anne Makinen (Sr., M)	2000

Missouri Athletic Club Player of the Year

The Missouri Athletic Club Sports Foundation Collegiate Soccer Player of the Year Award is presented annually at the MAC in St. Louis. The award, voted on by more than 800 coaches, first was presented in 1992.

Cindy Daws (Sr., M)	1996
Anne Makinen (Sr., M)	2000

Honda-Broderick Cup

The Honda-Broderick Cup is presented annually to the nation's outstanding collegiate woman athlete. The winner of the Honda-Broderick Cup reflects not only the individual athletic achievements, but also embodies the ideals of team contribution, scholastic endeavor, school and community involvement and those personal characteristics that are reflected in the philosophy of intercollegiate athletics.

Cindy Daws	1997
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National Soccer Coaches Assoc. of America Player of the Year

Jen Renola (Sr., G)	1996
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National Soccer Coaches Assoc. of America All-America Selections

First Team

LaKeysia Beene (So., G)	1997
Cindy Daws (M)	1993, '94, '96 (Sr.)
Jen Grubb (So., D)	1997
Anne Makinen (Sr., M)	2000
Holly Manthei (So., M)	1995
Jen Renola (G)	1994, '96 (Sr.)
Kate Sobrero (Sr., D)	1997
Amy Warner (Sr., F)	2003

Second Team

Candace Chapman (So., D)	2001
Ragen Coyne (Fr., M)	1992
Jen Grubb (Fr., D)	1996
Monica Gonzalez (Sr., D)	2001
Rosella Guerrero (Jr., F)	1994
Alison Lester (Sr., F)	1993
Anne Makinen (M)	1998, '99 (Jr.)
Holly Manthei (Fr., M)	1994
Jen Renola (Jr., G)	1995
Kate Sobrero (Jr., D)	1996
Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)	2003

Third Team

Jen Grubb (D)	1998, '99 (Sr.)
Anne Makinen (Fr., M)	1997
Holly Manthei (M)	1996, '97 (Sr.)
Kate Sobrero (So., D)	1995
Jenny Streiffer (F/M)	1996, '99 (Sr.)

Soccer America Collegiate MVP

Anne Makinen (M)	1998, 2000 (Sr.)
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Soccer America Freshman of the Year

Anne Makinen (M)	1997
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Soccer America All-Freshman Team

Shannon Boxx (M)	1995
Kara Brown (M)	1996
Jen Buczkowski (M)	2003
Candace Chapman (D)	2001
Cindy Daws (M)	1993
Meotis Erikson (F)	1997
Monica Gerardo (F)	1995
Jen Grubb (D)	1996
Kelly Lindsey (D)	1997
Anne Makinen (M)	1997
Holly Manthei (M)	1994
Jen Renola (G)	1993
Kate Sobrero (D)	1994
Jenny Streiffer (M)	1996

NSCAA National Coach of the Year

Chris Petrucelli	1994, '95
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NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region

First Team

LaKeysia Beene (G)	1997, '98 (Jr.)
Candace Chapman (D)	2001, '02 (So.)
Ragen Coyne (Fr., M)	1992
Cindy Daws (M)	1993, '94, '96 (Sr.)
Meotis Erikson (Fr., F)	1997
Monica Gonzalez (Sr., D)	2001
Jen Grubb (D)	1996-99
Rosella Guerrero (Fr., F)	1992
Jenny Heft (Jr., F)	1998
Kelly Lindsey (Sr., D)	2000
Anne Makinen (M)	1997-2000
Holly Manthei (M)	1994-97
Michelle McCarthy (F)	1993-95 (Sr.)
Jen Renola (G)	1994-96 (Sr.)
Kate Sobrero (D)	1994-97
Jenny Streiffer (F/M)	1996, '97, '99 (Sr.)
Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)	2003
Liz Wagner (Jr., G)	2000
Amy Warner (Sr., F)	2003

NSAA Second Team All-Region

LaKeysia Beene (Sr., G)	1999
Erika Bohn (So., G)	2003
Mary Boland (Jr., F)	2003
Meotis Erikson (Sr., F)	2000
Jenny Heft (Sr., F)	1999
Vanessa Pruzinsky (So., D)	'00, '01
Jenny Streiffer (Jr., F/M)	1998
Amy Warner (Jr., F)	2002

NSCAA Third Team All-Region

Meotis Erikson (Jr., F)	1999
Kelly Lindsey (So., D)	1998
Amy Warner (F)	'00, '01 (So.)

NCAA All-Tournament Team

LaKeysia Beene (Sr., G)	1999
Cindy Daws (Sr., M)	'94, '95
Meotis Erikson (Sr., F)	2000
Jen Grubb (Sr., D)	'96, '99
Holly Manthei (Sr., M)	'94, '95, '97
Michelle McCarthy (Sr., F)	'94, '95
Jen Renola (Sr., G)	'94-96
Kate Sobrero (So., D)	'94, '95
Jenny Streiffer (Sr., F/M)	'96, '97, '99
Amy Warner (Fr., F)	2000

NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

Vanessa Pruzinsky (D)	2003
Jen Renola (G)	1996
Jenny Streiffer (F/M)	1999

GTE/CoSIDA Fall/Winter At-Large Academic All-American of the Year

Jen Renola (Sr., G)	1996
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CoSIDA Women's Soccer Academic All-American of the Year

Vanessa Pruzinsky (Sr., D)	2003
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CoSIDA Academic All-America Team

First Team

Vanessa Pruzinsky (D)	2000 (So.), '01, '03
Jen Renola (Sr., G)	1996
Jenny Streiffer (So., M)	1997
Amy VanLaecke (Sr., F)	1996

Second Team

Erika Bohn (So., G)	2003
Mary Boland (Jr., F)	2003
Monica Gonzalez (Sr., D)	2001
Jen Renola (Jr., G)	1995
Jenny Streiffer (Jr., F)	1998
Amy VanLaecke (Jr., F)	1995

Third Team

Meotis Erikson (Sr., F)	2000
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Bold indicates current players.

Did You Know?

Notre Dame and North Carolina were the first women's soccer programs to produce multiple winners of the Hermann and M.A.C. player-of-the-year awards.



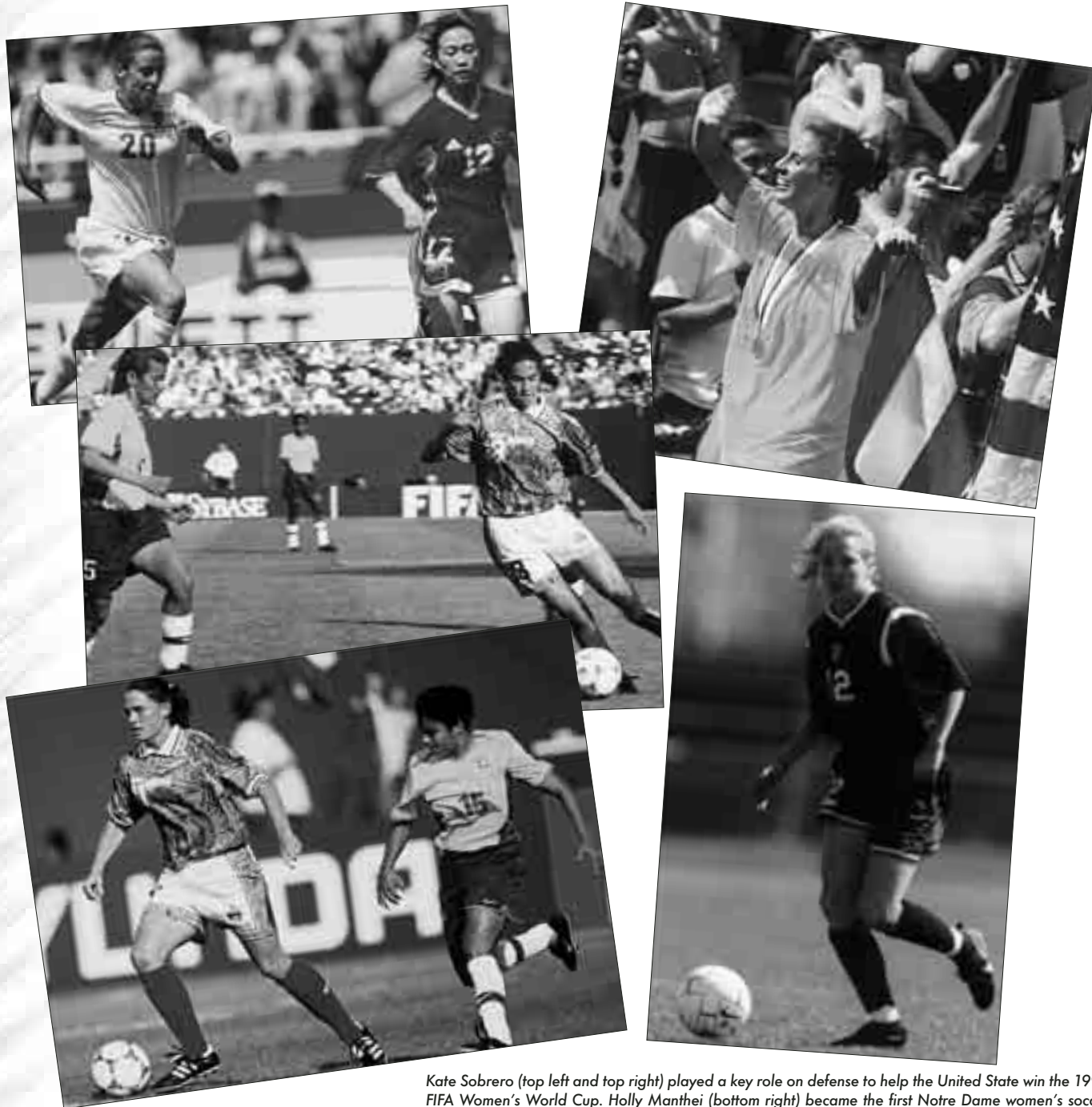
Notre Dame Players Shine on World Cup Teams

The success and impact of the Notre Dame women's soccer program has not been limited to the collegiate level. Notre Dame had a presence at the last two FIFA Women's World Cups, particularly in the 1999 World Cup won by the United States. Former three-time All-American Kate Sobrero played a key role in helping the U.S. claim its second World Cup in 1999, as one of the youngest players on the roster. She started five of the six games the Americans played, missing only the Korea game when she rested a sore ankle after the U.S. already had clinched the top spot in its pool. Sobrero starred for the U.S. as the youngest starting defender on the team.

Former high-scoring Irish forward Monica Gerardo and 2002 graduate Monica Gonzalez represented Mexico in that country's first appearance in the World Cup in '99. The Irish pair both started Mexico's first World Cup game against Brazil, while Gerardo – who wrapped up her career at Notre Dame following the 1998 season – also started against Italy.

Four-time All-American Holly Manthei's appearance with the U.S. national team in the 1995 World Cup in Stockholm, Sweden, marked the first for a Notre Dame women's soccer player. The second-youngest player on the team following her freshman season at Notre Dame in '95, Manthei played in two games for the third-place Americans, coming off the bench in a 3-3 tie with China and starting the 4-1 win over Australia.

Sobrero and former ND defensive midfielder Shannon Boxx played for the U.S. third-place team at the '03 World Cup (Boxx was selected to the All-World Cup team) while current senior Candace Chapman was set to start for Canada at flank midfielder (she missed the '03 WC due to injury).



Kate Sobrero (top left and top right) played a key role on defense to help the United States win the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup. Holly Manthei (bottom right) became the first Notre Dame women's soccer player to play in the World Cup after her appearance in the 1995 World Cup. Monica Gonzalez (middle left) and Monica Gerardo (bottom left) both played for Mexico in the 1999 World Cup.



Two former Notre Dame players – defensive midfielder Shannon Boxx (#7) and defender Kate Sobrero Markgraf (#15) – were starters for the United States team that claimed the gold medal at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Boxx played her stellar brand of defense while also picking up a goal (vs. Greece) and game-winning assist (vs. Japan, in the quarterfinals), with Sobrero Markgraf helping hold the opposition to four goals over the six games (she also was a starter for the U.S. side that took the silver medal at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney).



Former Notre Dame All-American and Academic All-American Monica Gonzalez (left) is a founding member of the Mexican Women's National Team and captained her squad to an historic win over Canada in Olympic qualifying (2-1), followed by a 1-1 tie vs. China at the 2004 Games in Athens that helped Mexico reach the quarterfinal round.



All-BIG EAST Conference

First Team

LaKeysia Beene (G)	1997, '98 (Jr.)
Candace Chapman (D)	2001, '02 (So.)
Cindy Daws (M)	1995, '96 (Sr.)
Meotis Erikson (Fr., F)	1997
Monica Gerardo (Fr., F)	1995
Monica Gonzalez (Sr., D)	2001
Jen Grubb (D)	1996-99
Jenny Heft (F)	1998, '99 (Sr.)
Kelly Lindsey (Sr., D)	2000
Anne Makinen (M)	1997-2000
Holly Manthei (M)	1995, '96, '97 (Sr.)
Vanessa Pruzinsky (Jr., D)	2001
Jen Renola (Sr., G)	1996
Kate Sobrero (D)	1996, '97 (Sr.)
Jenny Streiffer (F/M)	1996, '99 (Sr.)
Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)	2003
Amy Warner (F)	2000, '02, '03 (Sr.)

Second Team

LaKeysia Beene (Sr., G)	1999
Shannon Boxx (M)	1995, '96, '97 (Jr.)
Kara Brown (Sr., D)	1999
Meotis Erikson (Sr., F)	2000
Monica Gerardo (Fr., D)	1996, '98 (Sr.)
Michelle McCarthy (Sr., F)	1995
Vanessa Pruzinsky (So., D)	2000
Jen Renola (Jr., G)	1995
Mia Sarkesian (Sr., M)	2001
Ashley Scharff (Sr., D)	1995
Randi Scheller (Jr., M)	2002
Christie Shaner (Fr., D)	2003
Kate Sobrero (So., D)	1995
Jenny Streiffer (Jr., F/M)	1998
Amy VanLaecke (Sr., F)	1996
Liz Wagner (Jr., G)	2000
Amy Warner (So., F)	2001

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year

Kate Sobrero	1997 (Sr.)
Jen Grubb	1998, '99 (Sr.)
Candace Chapman	2002 (So.)
Melissa Tancredi	2003 (Sr.)

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year

Jenny Streiffer (F/M)	1996
Vanessa Pruzinsky (D)	1999
Christie Shaner (D)	2003

BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year

LaKeysia Beene (Jr.)	1998
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BIG EAST Midfielder of the Year

Anne Makinen (Sr.)	2000
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BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Player

Amy VanLaecke (Jr., F)	1995
Cindy Daws (Sr., M)	1996
Anne Makinen (M)	1997, 1998 (So.)
Jenny Streiffer (Sr., F)	1999
Mia Sarkesian (Jr., M)	2000
Amanda Guertin (So., F)	2001

BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Award for Notre Dame Athletes

*Jen Renola (G)	1996
Shannon Boxx (M)	1998
*Jenny Streiffer (F/M)	1999
*Vanessa Pruzinsky (D)	2003

* - also received overall BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Award and postgraduate scholarship

BIG EAST Coach of the Year

Chris Petrucelli	1996
Randy Waldrum	1999, 2000, 2003

BIG EAST All-Rookie Team

Kara Brown (M)	1996
Jen Buczkowski (M)	2003
Candace Chapman (D/F)	2001
Meotis Erikson (F)	1997
Jen Grubb (D)	1996
Amanda Guertin (F)	2000
Jenny Heft (F)	1996
Lindsey Jones (M)	1998
Anne Makinen (M)	1997
Nancy Mikacenic (M)	1999
Randi Scheller (M)	2000
Christie Shaner (D)	2003
Cat Sigler (D)	2002
Jenny Streiffer (F/M)	1996
Vanessa Pruzinsky (D)	1999
Amy Warner (F)	2000

All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference

First Team

Ragen Coyne (F)	1992, '93 (So.)
Cindy Daws (M)	1993, '94 (So.)
Rosella Guerrero (F)	1992, '93, '94 (Jr.)
Jodi Hartwig (Fr., M)	1991
Andrea Kurek (D)	1990, '91, '92 (Jr.)
Alison Lester (F)	1991, '93 (Sr.)
Michelle Lodyga (Jr., G)	1991
Holly Manthei (Fr., M)	1994
Michelle McCarthy (F)	1993, '94 (Jr.)
Jen Renola (G)	1993, '94 (So.)
Kate Sobrero (Fr., D)	1994
Tiffany Thompson (So., M)	1992

Second Team

Alison Lester (Jr., F)	1992
Michelle Lodyga (Sr., G)	1992
Michelle McCarthy (Fr., F)	1992
Tiffany Thompson (Sr., M)	1994
Ashley Scharff (So., D)	1993

MCC All-Newcomer Team

Ragen Coyne (F)	1992
Cindy Daws (M)	1993
Rosella Guerrero (F)	1992
Jodi Hartwig (M)	1991
Holly Manthei (M)	1994
Stacia Masters (D)	1993
Jill Matesic (D)	1991
Julie Maund (M)	1994
Michelle McCarthy (F)	1992
Jen Renola (G)	1993
Ashley Scharff (D)	1992
Kate Sobrero (D)	1994
Tiffany Thompson (M)	1991
Amy VanLaecke (F)	1994

MCC Coach of the Year

Chris Petrucelli	1991-94
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MCC Freshman of the Year

Cindy Daws (M)	1993
Holly Manthei (M)	1994

MCC Player of the Year

Rosella Guerrero (Jr., F)	1994
Alison Lester (Sr., M)	1993
Stephanie Porter (So., F)	1991

MCC All-Tournament Team

1993: Cindy Daws, Stacia Masters, Michelle McCarthy, Jen Renola, Julie Vogel (So., D)

1994: Cindy Daws, Rosella Guerrero, Holly Manthei, Julie Maund, Michelle McCarthy, Jen Renola

Bold indicates current players

Notre Dame Awards

Notre Dame Athletics Byron Kanaley Leadership Award

2003-04	Vanessa Pruzinsky
2002-03	Ashley Dryer
1999-2000	Jenny Streiffer
1996-97	Jen Renola
1991-92	Molly Lennon

Notre Dame Athletics Francis Patrick O'Connor Award (Team Spirit)

2003-04	Kim Carpenter
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Notre Dame Athletics Chris Zorich Service Award

2001-02	Mia Sarkesian
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National Monogram Club Team Most Valuable Player

2003	Melissa Tancredi (Sr., D)
2002	Ashley Dryer (Sr., M)
2001	Monica Gonzalez (Sr., D)
2000	Anne Makinen (Sr., M)
1999	LaKeysia Beene (Sr., G)
1998	Jenny Heft (Jr., F)
1997	Kate Sobrero (Sr., D)
1996	Cindy Daws (Sr., M), Jen Renola (Sr., G)
1995	Jen Renola (Jr., G), Michelle McCarthy (Sr., F)
1994	Tiffany Thompson (Sr., M)
1993	Cindy Daws (So., M)
1992	Michelle Lodyga (Sr., G)
1991	Michelle Lodyga (Jr., G)
1990	Marianne Giolitto (Jr., M)

Team Most Valuable Freshman

2003	Christie Shaner (D)
2002	Erika Bohn (G)
2001	Candace Chapman (D)
2000	Amy Warner (F)
1999	Vanessa Pruzinsky (D)
1998	Lindsey Jones (M)
1997	Anne Makinen (M)
1996	Jenny Streiffer (F/M), Jen Grubb (D)
1995	Monica Gerardo (F)
1994	Holly Manthei (M), Kate Sobrero (D)
1993	Cindy Daws (M), Jen Renola (G)
1992	Ragen Coyne (F), Michelle McCarthy (F)
1991	Tiffany Thompson (M)
1990	Andrea Kurek (D)

Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Team Student-Athlete Award

2003	Vanessa Pruzinsky
2002	Vanessa Pruzinsky
2001	Vanessa Pruzinsky
2000	Vanessa Pruzinsky
1999	Jenny Streiffer
1998	Meotis Erikson
1997	Jenny Streiffer
1996	Kate Fisher
1995	Amy VanLaecke
1994	Jen Renola
1993	Alison Lester
1992	Jill Matesic
1991	Stephanie Porter
1990	Marianne Giolitto

Coach's Award ('91-'97)

1991 - Molly Lennon	1996 - Amy VanLaecke
1992 - Stephanie Porter	1997 - Julie Maund
1993 - Stephanie Porter	

Team Honor Award ('91-'96)

1991 - Chuck Lennon	1994 - Robin Turman
1992 - Pete Pranic	1996 - Miki Franco
1993 - Sheldon Fink	



Notre Dame Well-Represented on National Teams

While Notre Dame players clearly have established themselves among the best in the college game, they also have showcased their talents on both the national and international levels. In the past 11 years, the Irish have been represented by numerous players on the various national teams who have traveled around the world. Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum recently was active on the international level as an assistant coach with the national team program for seven years.



LaKeysia Beene



Kelly Lindsey



Candace Chapman



Gudrun Gunnarsdottir

WOMEN'S NATIONAL/ OLYMPIC TEAM

Player	Years
LaKeysia Beene	1998-present
Shannon Boxx	2003-present
Kara Brown	1997
^Candace Chapman	2002-present
Cindy Daws	1994, 1997
*Monica Gerardo	1998-2003
*Monica Gonzalez	1998-present
#Gudrun Gunnarsdottir	2000-present
Jen Grubb	1995-97, 1999
~Anne Makinen	1992-present
Holly Manthei	1994, 1997
Kate Sobrero	1994-95, 1997, 1999-present
Jenny Streiffer	1996-97, 99, 2000
^Melissa Tancredi	2004-present

bold indicates current players

* - Mexico
- Iceland

~ - Finland
^ - Canada

UNDER-21 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Player	Years
LaKeysia Beene	1996-99
Shannon Boxx	1996-97
Kara Brown	1994, 1997
Cindy Daws	1993
Meotis Erikson	1997-98
Jen Grubb	1996-99
Jenny Heft	1996
Kelly Lindsey	1997-98, 2000
~Anne Makinen	1991-96
Holly Manthei	1996
Michelle McCarthy	1994
Vanessa Pruzinsky	1998-2002
Jen Renola	1994
Kate Sobrero	1994, 1997
Jenny Streiffer	1996-99
~ Jannica Tjeder	2003-present
Liz Wagner	1998-2001

Note: was u-20 team until 2001

UNDER-19 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

Player	Years
Mary Boland	2001-02
Jen Buczkowski	2003-04
^Candace Chapman	1999-2002
Amanda Guertin	1998
Kerri Hanks	2003-present
Nancy Mikacenic	1999
Sani Post	1999
Vanessa Pruzinsky	1999
Christie Shaner	2002-03
Annie Scheffer	2001-03
^Melissa Tancredi	2000
^Katie Thorlakson	2002-04
Randi Scheller	2000

Note: was u-18 team until 2001

UNDER-17 WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM (since 2003)

Player	Years
Amanda Cinalli	2003-04
Susan Pinnick	2003-04

U.S. OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

Player	Years
Jen Grubb	1995
Rosella Guerrero	1995
Holly Manthei	1995
Jen Renola	1995
Michelle McCarthy	1994
Julie Vogel	1994

Note: changed to regional format in 1996



It was a Notre Dame reunion when the U.S. under-20 women's national team played the Mexican national team in the spring of 1998. (from left) Jenny Streiffer (left), Meotis Erikson, Jen Grubb and LaKeysia Beene (second from right) played with the U.S. under-20 team while Monica Gerardo (third from right) and Monica Gonzalez (far right) represented Mexico.





IRISH in the WUSA



LaKeysia Beene
San Jose CyberRays



Shannon Boxx
San Diego Spirit/
New York Power



Meotis Erikson
Boston Breakers ('01)



Monica Gerardo
Washington Freedom



Monica Gonzalez
Boston Breakers ('02-)



Jen Grubb
Washington Freedom



Lindsey Jones
N.Y. Power ('03)



Kelly Lindsey
San Jose CyberRays



Anne Makinen
Washington Freedom/
Philadelphia Charge



Holly Manthei
Boston Breakers ('01)



Kate Sobrero
Boston Breakers



Jenny Streiffer-
Mascaro
San Diego Spirit ('01-'02)



Twelve former Notre Dame women's soccer players participated in the first three seasons of the Women's United Soccer Association (2001-03), including 10 in the inaugural 2001 season (the third-most from any Division I program). Seven of the above players were in action during each of the WUSA seasons (the others are noted by their years of participation).

Former Irish players LaKeysia Beene and Kelly Lindsey helped lead the Bay Area/San Jose CyberRays to the 2001 WUSA title, with Beene also earning WUSA goalkeeper of the year and saving the Atlanta Beat's first PK in the title-game shootout. Lindsey – a second-team all-WUSA defender in '01 – assisted on the first goal in that title game.

Former Irish defender Kate Sobrero received the 2001 WUSA Humanitarian Award, in recognition of her charitable works as a member of the Boston Breakers.

Beene ranked second in the 2001 WUSA with an 0.97 goals-against average while former Irish defender Jen Grubb played all 1,890 regular-season minutes for the Washington Freedom in 2001, '02 and again in '03. Former Notre Dame midfielder Shannon Boxx was the fourth-leading scorer for the San Diego Spirit in 2001 and was the New York Power's 2003 MVP, after finishing third in the WUSA with eight assists.

Grubb and her Freedom teammates Anne Makinen and Monica Gerardo (game-winning goal in 1-0 semifinal) helped lead Washington to the 2002 WUSA title game – with Grubb and the Freedom beating Sobrero, another former Irish defender Monica Gonzalez and their Breakers teammates in the 2003 WUSA semifinals en route to the '03 title.

The 2003 WUSA all-star game featured four Notre Dame alums: Grubb (starter), Beene, Gonzalez and Boxx, considered one of the WUSA's top defensive midfielders.

