

**2007 Notre Dame  
Women's Soccer  
(11-4-1; 9-0-0 BIG EAST)  
(polls based on highest ranking)**

**August**

*preseason exhibitions*

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

**September**

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

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

*Inn at Saint Mary's ND Soccer Classic*

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

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

**October**

5	at Syracuse*	W, 4-1
7	at St. John's*	W, 4-1
12	Georgetown*	W, 3-0
14	Villanova*	W, 5-0
19	Providence*	W, 4-0
21	#13 Connecticut*	W, 2-1 (OT)
26	at Seton Hall*	7:00
28	at Rutgers*	1:00

**November**

3-4	BIG EAST Quarterfinals (campus sites)
9	BIG EAST Semifinals (at WVU; CSTV)
11	BIG EAST Final (at West Virginia) (CSTV/BIG EAST affiliates)
16-18	NCAA 1st/2nd Round (campus sites)
23-25	NCAA Third Round (campus sites)
30-2	NCAA Quarterfinals (campus sites)

**December**

NCAA College Cup (College Station, TX)		
7	Semifinals	TBA
8	Final	TBA

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

**2007 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER**

at Seton Hall (Friday, Oct. 26; 7:00 p.m.)  
vs. Rutgers (Sunday, Oct. 28; 1:00 p.m.)

The 13th-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team (11-4-1; 9-0-0 BIG EAST) – riding an eight-game winning streak – wraps up the regular season this weekend in New Jersey, with games at Seton Hall (Fri., Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m.) and Rutgers (Sun., Oct. 28, 1:00) ... the Irish already have clinched the BIG EAST National Division title, marking the 11th time in 13 seasons that ND has won a BIG EAST regular-season title (all but '98 and '02) ... Seton Hall and Rutgers will be part of a wild final weekend in the BIG EAST, as all 16 teams still are in the running for the 10-team BIG EAST Tournament (Louisville also has clinched a spot from the National Division while UConn, West Virginia and Marquette have locked up three of the five spots in the American Division) ... ND has a first-round bye in the BIG EAST Tournament and then will host a quarterfinal game, likely on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 1:00 p.m. (still TBA) ... the Irish own a 33-game unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (32-0-1; since mid-2005), the 8th-longest conference unbeaten streak in NCAA D-I women's soccer history (3rd-best in ND history) ... a sweep of SHU and RU would yield the 12th double-digit win streak in ND history (would be the 7th of the Randy Waldrum era, since '99 and sixth in the past five years) ... ND returned seven starters and four top reserves from its dominating 2006 team that spent most of the season ranked #1 and reached the NCAA title game before finishing 25-1-1 ... junior center back Carrie Dew (the 2006 BIG EAST Conference defensive player of the year) is beginning to return to her elite form, after undergoing ACL knee surgery late in the 2006 season – while the team's other starting center back (sophomore Haley Ford) has missed six weeks due to a hamstring injury ... sophomore F Michele Weissenhofer (the nation's #2 scorer in 2006) also has been slowed recently by an ankle injury.

**HOW TO FOLLOW THE ACTION** – Live-stat links for both games are available at und.com (note that the SHU livestat link can be found via the w-soccer schedule page) ... the Irish Alert text-message system provides free in-game updates of all ND sports (see the Irish Alert link on the und.com women's soccer page; nearly 350 fans currently are signed up for the ND women's soccer text messages) ... the ND Sports Hotline has postgame wrapups after every game (574-631-3000, then option 4 and then option 2 for women's soccer info.)

**STREAKS LIVE ON** ... – Notre Dame enters the Seton Hall game with:

- 255 consecutive wins when taking a 2-0 lead
- 74 straight wins when scoring 3-plus goals (also 156-1-0 in the past 157 games when scoring 3-plus, since 1995)
- A 33-game unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (33-0-1)
- An 8-game win streak (28-3 scoring edge; 1.9 shots on goal allowed per game in that 8-game span)

**... WHILE OTHER STREAKS END** ... – The 2007 season has seen several noteworthy ND streaks come to an end:

- ND was not outshot for 102 straight games before being outshot in the 2006 NCAA title game and three times early this season (vs. Florida, Santa Clara, Stanford)
- The scoreless tie in the regular-season opener vs. Michigan ended ND's home winning streak at 42 games (3rd-longest in NCAA D-I women's soccer history)
- The loss at Santa Clara (7-1) ended ND's 27-game regular-season unbeaten streak ... it is the only time the Irish have allowed more than two goals since the '05 NCAA quarterfinal at eventual national champ Portland (3-1; streak of 29 straight games/now 32 of 33 with 0-2 goals allowed) ... it was the first time in 44 games (that an ND opponent scored 4-plus goals (since 4-1 loss at Marquette in '05; now 57 of last 58 with 0-3 GA) and was ND's first game allowing 5-plus since a 5-1 loss at UNC in '98 (span of 218 games without allowing 5-plus; now 231 of 232 with 0-4 GA)
- The loss to Stanford halted ND's 21-game overtime unbeaten streak (14-0-7, dating back to early in the 1999 season)
- The loss to Oklahoma State ended ND's home unbeaten streak at 43 games (41-0-2; 3rd-longest in NCAA history)
- That loss to OSU was ND's first defeat in a series opener since early in the 2003 season (ending a 19-game series-opener win streak) and it was the first time that the Irish have lost in a game when Kerri Hanks scored (now 38-2-0, from 2005-07)
- The loss to OSU prevented ND from winning its home tournament for the fifth straight season and ended a nine-game win streak in home tournaments ... OSU became only the fourth team since 1993 (first since '02) to defeat the Irish in their first visit to Alumni Field (ND had posted 12 straight wins over first-time visitors)
- Notre Dame headed to the 2006 College Cup final weekend with a perfect two-year record in Sunday games (24-0-0, dating back to the start of the '05 season) but the Irish now have lost four of their past nine Sunday games
- The 2-1 loss to Penn State ended ND's 37-game win streak when scoring first (now 44-1-0 in past 45 when scoring first)

## NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER – BY THE NUMBERS

3,412	Record ND crowd for 2007 exhibition vs. UNC
2,366	Average 2007 home attendance
1,909	Average 2006 home attendance (4th in nation)
.775 (39-11-1)	ND's all-time NCAA Tournament win pct. (2nd in women's soccer history)
360	Randy Waldrum's career college coaching wins
257-3-1 (.987)	ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (156-1-0 since 10/6/95)
255	Win streak when taking 2-0 lead (277-0-1 all-time)
176-28-7 (.851)	Randy Waldrum's record at ND
137	Kerri Hanks' combined point total in '05 and '06
+74	Scoring margin in 2006 season (85-11)
78	Home unbeaten streak vs. the BIG EAST (77-0-1)
50-19-3	vs. NSCAA top-25 in Waldrum era
49	Scoring streak that ended at UConn (10/13/06)
55	Games with 0-1 goals allowed in 2005-07 (of 68)
48	ND records held by Kerri Hanks
38-2-0	Record in '05-'07 when Kerri Hanks scores
37	All-Americans (since 1994)
37	Consec. wins when scoring first (ended vs. PSU)
32	Wins in 2005-07 by 3-plus goals (in 60 GP)
27-2-0	All-time record in BIG EAST Tournament
21	OT unbeaten streak (14-0-7; 1999-2007)
19	ND-record shutout total by 2006 team (27 GP)
18	Academic All-Americans (since '95; most in nation)
14	Current players who have won club/ODP nat'l titles
12	Notre Dame alums in the WUSA (2001-03)
11	BIG EAST regular-season titles (all but '98, '02)
10	Home states on 2007 roster
9	BIG EAST tournament titles (1995-2001; 2005-06)
8	NCAA College Cup semifinal trips
7	Starters returning from 2006 team
4.4	2005 scoring average (goals/gm; led nation)
4.0	Semester GPAs posted four times by Ashley Jones (3.975 cum. GPA/accounting major)
3.32	Team's cumulative GPA (after '07 spring term)
3	Consecutive seasons ranked #1 ('04-'06)
3	Multiple NCAA-title teams (UNC, ND, Portland)
1	Starters left from 2004 national champs (Cinalli)

## SERIES NOTES

**THE ND-SHU SERIES (12-1-0)** – Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Seton Hall 12-1-0 (59-8 scoring edge) and has won nine straight in the series ... ND's 2005 win over SHU (7-0, played at N.J. Inst. of Technology) featured goals from six different players ... the Irish then topped SHU 6-0 in 2006 (at ND), as **Kerri Hanks** erupted for a seven-point game (3G-1A) to the thrill of a near-capacity crowd of 3,168 ... **Jen Buczkowski** added 1G-2A in the win, with **Michele Weissenhofer** chipping in 1G-1A ... ND racked up a 27-1 edge in total shots and had all five corner kicks in the game ... **Jill Krivacek**'s pass to **Brittany Bock** helped set up the first goal – with Bock then springing Hanks into the left side of the box, for a shot past the charging 'keeper Amanda Becker ... five minutes later, Krivacek delivered a thru-ball that again sprung Hanks for another goal ... early in the second half, Hanks worked an elongated give-and-go with Buczkowski to complete her hat trick.

**ND-RU SERIES NOTES (13-1-2)** – Notre Dame tied its first-ever game vs. Rutgers (1-1, at Wisconsin in 1992) but the Irish are 13-1-1 vs. RU in the past 15 meetings (46-5 scoring edge) ... ND is unbeaten in the past six games vs. RU (5-0-1) ... the Irish beat the Knights 4-0 in the first year of the Randy Waldrum era ('99) but have failed to win by more than three goals since '99 (2-0 in 2000, 1-2 in '01, 1-0 in '02/OT, 3-0 in '03, 0-0 in '04, 1-0 in '05/OT, 2-0 and 4-2 in '06) ... the scoreless tie vs. Rutgers in the 2004 NCAA-title season is the only blemish in the current 78-game home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (77-0-1, since mid-1995) ... current national-team midfielder **Carli Lloyd**, then a freshman, scored twice in the 2001 upset of ND (2-1) ... **Kerri Hanks** scored in overtime to win the 2005 game at Rutgers (1-0, assisted by **Brittany Bock** and **Katie Thorlakson**) ... that game extended ND's unbeaten streak in OT to 19 games (ended at 21, in loss this season vs. Penn State) ... ND finished with an 11-1 edge in shots on goal vs. RU in 2005 ... ND's **Micaela Alvarez** and RU's **Gina deMayi** were teammates on the New Jersey state ODP team.

**RECAPPING THE PREVIOUS MEETING (ND 4, RU 2)** – **Kerri Hanks** scored the quickest postseason goal in ND women's soccer history (0:57) and found the net nine minutes later, helping deliver the program's ninth BIG EAST Tournament title ... Hanks was named the tournament offensive MVP (3G-3A in three games) while **Kim Lorenzen** fittingly was defensive MVP ... **Michele Weissenhofer** and **Amanda Cinalli** scored for a 4-0 lead midway through the second half, with **Ashley Jones** and **Jen Buczkowski** each chipping in 2A ... the Irish held Rutgers to a single shot on goal until the final 15 minutes, when the Scarlet Knights scored a pair of fluke goals (by Gina DeMaio and Kim Mineo) ... ND ended with a 19-9 shot edge, plus 9-4 in shots on goals, 3-1 in corner kicks ... the game featured 40 fouls (24 by ND) ... the Irish improved to 27-2-0 all-time in the BIG EAST Tournament and reached 20 wins for the fourth straight season (11th since '94) ... ND's goals featured classic combinations and clinical finishing, with **Brittany Bock** providing the primary passes on the first two ... the opening goal was the second-quickest in any game of the Randy Waldrum era and earliest since 2001 ... a crisp seven-player sequence saw Hanks factor into two links ... Bock had a key flick header, with Hanks ultimately striking an 8-yard shot with the outside of her right foot for a one-timer into the right side of the net ... the second goal technically was unassisted but Jones, Weissenhofer and Bock (lunging volley) each helped produce the 2-0 lead – with Hanks racing free for a leftfooted shot between the legs of charging 'keeper Erin Guthrie (9:40), the team's quickest 2-0 lead since the '06 opener ... Buczkowski intercepted a clearance to set up the third goal, with Weissenhofer converting her own leftfooted strike into the far-left sidenetting (64:35) ... Cinalli scored five minutes later, leaping over her defender to connect with a rightside cross from Jones – with the 12-yard header settling into the right side of the goal.

## SEASON NOTES

**RECAPPING THE 2006 ND-RU REGULAR-SEASON GAME (2-0)** – Kerri Hanks set up a pair of goals to complete a nine-point weekend that earned her national player-of-the-week honors, providing the primary assists on goals by **Brittany Bock** and **Amanda Cinalli** that gave ND a 2-0 victory over visiting Rutgers on senior day at Alumni Field ... a near-capacity crowd of 3,003 was on hand (the top official Sunday home attendance in ND history) ... ND tied a team record by posting its 20th consecutive win in regular-season play ... **Jill Krivacek** nearly picked up an assist just moments before the opening goal, after pushing a pass that led Hanks into the far right side of the box ... Hanks was ready to strike her shot but stumbled over the ball before covering to slide a pass back to her left ... Bock then smacked a one-timer from 14 yards out ... keeper **Erin Guthrie** – whose seven saves kept her team within striking distance – got a hand on the hard shot as she dove to her right but she was unable to stop the goal (34:45) ... early in the second half, **Courtney Rosen** played a short free kick from the right corner and Hanks quickly sent a low cross into the heart of the goal area ... Cinalli was unmarked on the far side and one-timed the ball into the net for the key two-goal cushion (48:23).

**CONFERENCE COMMAND** – Notre Dame is riding a 13-year, 78-game home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST opponents (77-0-1; tie vs. Rutgers in 2004) and has an active 33-game overall unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (32-0-1, since a 2005 loss at Marquette) ... ND's all-time record in BIG EAST regular-season games is 115-8-4 (.921), plus 27-2-0 in the BIG EAST Tournament and 2-1-0 in NCAA Tournament games vs. BIG EAST teams (all vs. UConn) – for an overall 13-year record of 144-11-4 vs. BIG EAST teams.

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

55	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 23, 1994 to Sept. 1, 2000	55-0-0
50	Florida	Southeastern Conference	Sept. 26, 1997 to Oct. 14, 2001	50-0-0
41	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 30, 1987 to Sept. 1, 1994	
38	Fairfield	Metro Atlantic Conference	Oct. 16, 1996 to Oct. 1, 2000	
<b>37</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>BIG EAST Conference</b>	<b>Oct. 19, 1995 to Oct. 16, 1998</b>	<b>36-0-1</b>
36	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference	Oct. 12, 2002 to Oct. 9, 2005	
<b>34</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>BIG EAST Conference</b>	<b>Oct. 25, 25, 1998 to Sept 30, 2001</b>	<b>34-0-0</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>BIG EAST Conference</b>	<b>Oct. 25, 2005 to present</b>	<b>32-0-1</b>

\* Note: the above streaks include regular-season and conference tournament games ... note that ND's 17-game win streak vs. BIG EAST teams is the 16th-longest all-time conference winning streak in D-I women's soccer history and 4th in the ND program's history (behind 36 straight BIG EAST wins from 1995-98, 26 from 1998-2000 and 24 from 1991-95)

**ANOTHER DYNAMIC DUO** – Notre Dame junior F **Kerri Hanks** now has been part of three different potent scoring pairs during her ND career, first with Katie Thorlakson in 2005, then with current sophomore **Michele Weissenhofer** in 2006, and now with fellow junior **Brittany Bock** in the current season ... Hanks is one of four players in the nation with nine-plus goals and nine-plus assists (10G-9A), with her 29 total points ranking 14th in the nation while her nine assists are 8h-most among the nation's players ... Bock ranks 30th nationally in points (24; 11G-2A) and is 18th in goals (11) ... Bock leads the BIG EAST in goals (11) and gamewinning goals (5) while ranking third in points (24) and fifth in shots (54) ... Hanks owns a league-leading nine assists while also ranking second in points (29) and shots (67), and third in goals (10) and GWGs (4) ... Bock's 10 goals during BIG EAST play this season are three more than any other player in the league ... she also leads the BIG EAST with 22 points and 4 GWGs in league games (plus 3rd with 37 shots) ... Hanks ranks second among BIG EAST players in goals (7), assists (5) and shots (42) during conference action, also third in points (19) and fourth in GWGs (3) ... Hanks (vs. DePaul) and Bock (at Syracuse) have combined for two of the four hat tricks in BIG EAST games this season.

**GAME-WINNERS** – **Brittany Bock** (5 GWGs) and **Kerri Hanks** (4 GWGs) have accounted for nine of the team's 11 game-winning goals this season, all except for the back-to-back games at Louisville (1-0; GWG by **Amanda Cinalli**) and at home vs. Cincinnati (6-1; GWG by **Susan Pinnick**) ... Bock has four of her GWGs during the past six games (vs. Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova and UConn).

**OTHER NCAA STAT LEADERS** – Notre Dame's surging offense ranks 11th nationally with 2.63 goals/gm, fourth-best among teams in the NSCAA top-25 poll behind Florida State (3.53), Missouri (2.87) and UCLA (2.69) ... the Irish also rank 14th in the nation with nine shutouts and 15th in wins (11), despite a 3-4-1 start that included only two shutouts ... in addition to Hanks and Bock (mentioned above), senior **Lauren Karas** has moved up to 33rd on the national goals-against average charts (0.66).

**BIG EAST STAT LEADERS** – Notre Dame leads the BIG EAST in overall scoring (2.6 goals/gm) while ranking second in scoring margin (+24; 42-18) and shots (18.9/gm), plus fourth in shutouts (8), seventh in corner kicks (4.7/gm) and eighth in goals-against avg. (1.10) ... in league play, the Irish lead the BIG EAST in four different categories – goals (3.6/gm; next best is UConn at 2.6), GAA (0.33), goal margin (+29; 32-3) and shutouts (9) – while ranking second in shots (21.0/gm) and sixth in corners (4.1/gm) ... in addition to Hanks and Bock (see above), junior left back **Elise Weber**'s six assists rank seventh among all BIG EAST players and trail only Marquette's Katie Kelly (9A) among the league's defenders ... senior M **Ashley Jones** is 10th among BIG EAST players with five assists ... senior **Lauren Karas** has surged to sixth on the BIG EAST overall goals-against average list (0.66), thanks to her league-best 0.13 GAA during league play (one goal allowed in 705 minutes) ... Karas also leads the BIG EAST win a .909 save pct. during conference games ... Jones is tied for second with five assists in BIG EAST games, also ranking ninth in points (9; 2G-5A) ... freshman F **Rose Augustin** is sixth among BIG EAST players with four goals in league play (plus tied for 9th with 9 points) ... senior F **Susan Pinnick** has scored three goals in BIG EAST play (9th) while Weber and freshman F **Erica Iantorno** each have 4A during league games (tied for 6th).

## DEFENSE NOTES

**WEBER NAMED TO NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK** – Notre Dame junior left back **Elise Weber** (Elk Grove, Ill.) – who has emerged as a leading candidate for the BIG EAST defensive player-of-the-year award – was named to the *Top Drawer Soccer* and *Soccer Buzz* national teams of the week while also earning a spot on the BIG EAST weekly honor roll for the third time this season, after helping ND extend its winning streak to eight games with victories last weekend over Providence (4-0) and 13th-ranked Connecticut (2-1) ... Weber's cross from the left flank assisted on Brittany Bock's overtime header to complete the comeback win over the Huskies ... Weber's strong all-around play has led an Irish defense that has yielded only three goals in the eight-game winning streak, while her six assists this season rank seventh in the BIG EAST and are the second-most by any defender in the 16-team conference ... Weber helped the Irish allow only one goal last weekend and was a member of the defense that limited Providence and UConn to four combined shots on goal and four corner kicks ... she and the rest of the ND defense held PC to three total shots (one on goal) and two corner kicks before making an impressive defensive statement in the second half versus UConn ... the Irish limited the dynamic Huskies offense to three total shots after halftime and did not allow any shots on goal in the game's final 68 minutes (following Annie Yi's goal), in addition to preventing any UConn corner kicks in the final 50 minutes of game time (UConn finished the day with only three shots on goal and two corners) ... despite its strong second half, ND trailed UConn until Kerri Hanks scored directly on a leftside corner kick in the 86th minute ... the game then went into overtime but Weber helped produce the game-winning goal, after sophomore M Courtney Rosen had reversed the attack to the left side ... Weber raced down the left flank, pulled up 30 yards shy of the endline and struck a leftfooted cross into the heart of the penalty area ... Bock was in position for the far-post header and snapped the ball off the hands of 'keeper Stephanie Labbe for the 2-1 win ... Weber similarly assisted on a diving header by Bock that opened the scoring in the second game of the season, a 2-0 win at Florida (then ranked #7 in the nation) ... that game was delayed five hours by a major rainstorm, with Weber later scoring the second Irish goal en route to being named to the *Soccer Buzz* "elite feet" national team of the week (an honor she repeated for last week's effort) ... a transfer from Wisconsin who was a top flank midfielder with the Badgers, Weber has made an impressive transition to her left back role in ND's 4-3-3 formation ... she has started every game so far for the Irish, including the preseason games versus North Carolina and Virginia. Weber's strong play has helped overcome the graduation losses of three key defensive players – left back Christie Shaner, center back Kim Lorenzen and defensive midfielder Jill Krivacek – while the Irish also have been forced to play the past six weeks without injured sophomore center back Haley Ford (out with a nagging hamstring problem) ... Weber's steady season also has helped hold together a rapidly-improving back line that lately has included two freshmen, center back Lauren Fowlkes (a converted midfielder) and right back Julie Scheidler, plus junior center back Carrie Dew (who still is returning to form from her 2006 ACL knee injury) ... see the game recap from the ND-UConn game on und.com for postgame comments from ND head coach Randy Waldrum about Weber and other members of the 2007 Irish team.

**DEW RECEIVES NATIONAL/BIG EAST HONORS** – ND junior center back **Carrie Dew** (Encinitas, Calif.) was named the BIG EAST Conference defensive player of the week while also earning a spot on the *Soccer America* national team of the week, after playing a lead role in wins over #25 Louisville and Cincinnati ... Dew was one of two defenders among the 11 players named to the SA national team of the week after leading an ND defense that allowed only one goal during the weekend action while limiting the Cardinals and Bearcats to 10 combined shots, three shots on goal and two corner kicks ... Dew also had the long lead pass that sprung Michele Weissenhofer for a breakaway goal in the 6-1 win over Cincinnati ... Dew now has been named BIG EAST defensive player of the week twice in her career, in addition to three times on the BIG EAST weekly honor roll.

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

**POLL POSITION** – Notre Dame currently is ranked as high as 13th in the national polls (per *Soccer America*) while *Top Drawer Soccer* has the Irish slotted 10th for the 2007 NCAA field ... last week's Albyn Jones socceratings.com power rankings had ND listed 11th (still to be updated this week) ... 12 different teams on ND's 2007 schedule (or potential opponents) currently are ranked in the national top-35 of at least one poll (including the *TDS* projected NCAA field, socceratings.com, the Massey power ratings, and the official NCAA RPI, plus the NSCAA, *Soccer America*, *Soccer Times* and *Soccer Buzz* rankings) ... Stanford currently is ranked as high as first (in the NCAA RPI) while North Carolina also is high as #1, Virginia as high as #3, Penn state as high as #4, Santa Clara as high as #7 and Connecticut as high as #8, with others ranked in the top-35 including (highest rank indicated): Villanova (13), Florida (16), West Virginia (17), Louisville (23), Oklahoma State (25) and Marquette (31) ... ND faced UNC and UVa in the preseason while WVU and Marquette are potential BIG EAST Tournament opponents.

**2-0 TRIUMPHS** – Notre Dame still never has lost when claiming a 2-0 lead (278-0-1) and owns 255 consecutive wins when jumping out to a 2-0 cushion (since the 1991 ND team led Vanderbilt 2-0 but ended up tying the Commodores, 3-3).

**30-30** – Senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** earlier this season became ND's 12th all-time player to reach 30 career goals and 30 assists (34G-30A) ... Cinalli joined an elite group of ND 30-30 players that includes Jenny Streiffer (70G-71A), Cindy Daws (61-67), Anne Mäkinen (65-56), Katie Thorkelson (55-73), current junior F **Kerri Hanks** (60-46), Meotis Erikson (59-46), Monica Gerardo (73-44), Shannon Boxx (39-57), Michelle McCarthy (59-38), Alison Lester (45-36) and Rosella Guerrero (55-32).

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# BRITTANY BOCK NOTES

**BOCK REPEATS AS NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK** – Notre Dame junior F **Brittany Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) repeated as both the national and BIG EAST women's soccer player of the week, after duplicating her production from the previous week by totaling four goals and an assist in wins over Georgetown and Villanova (on Oct. 12 and 14) – producing one of the top two-week scoring tears in the history of ND women's soccer ... with players from 313 Division I women's soccer teams to choose from, *Soccer America* honored Bock as the nation's top player for the week – a rare back-to-back distinction in the world of collegiate soccer (the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and *Top Drawer Soccer* both tabbed Bock the nation's top player the previous week) ... Bock also joined former teammate Katie Thorlakson and recent West Virginia standout Christie Abbott as the only BIG EAST players – spanning ND's 13 years in the league (1995-2007) – to be named the league's top offensive player in consecutive week ... Bock has the chance to join Thorlakson (in 2005) and former Seton Hall star Kelly Smith (in 1999) as the only players (since at least 1995) to be named BIG EAST offensive player of the week three times in the same season.

**GOALS KEEP COMING** – One week after scoring the first three goals in the 4-1 win at Syracuse (followed two days later by 1G-1A in a 3-0 game at St. John's), Bock was bidding for another hat trick in the game vs. Georgetown ... the first goal came midway through the opening half, following Michele Weissenhofer's flip-throw from the right side ... Bock was stationed near the top of the six-yard box and headed the ball in traffic, with the shot ricocheting into the far-left side of the goal (24:03) ... a classic combination sequence provided her second score, capping the 3-0 win over GU ... senior M Ashley Jones played a pass from the center of the field and freshman forward Erica Iantorno raced into the right side of the box before one-touching a short pass to her left ... Bock was in position to convert a low one-timer from 10 yards out (68:31) ... two days later, Bock scored twice in the first half vs. Villanova to make yet another run at a hat trick ... junior F Kerri Hanks assisted on the first goal with a free kick from outside the right edge of the penalty box ... Bock was planted in the center of the penalty area and all-BIG EAST goalkeeper Jillian Loydan charged out in an attempt to box the ball away – but Bock had inside position and sharply snapped her 10-yard header into the vacated net (24:01) ... freshman right back Julie Scheidler sliced through the center of the field to set up the second goal, sending a pass to junior left back Elise Weber on the left flank ... Weber then teed up a deep cross from the edge of the attacking third and Bock executed a twisting header on the far-right side, near the top of the six-yard box ... Loydan had shifted far to her left and shuffled back inside the post before jumping up for what appeared to be a routine save – but the knuckler glanced off her hands and into the right side of the net ... Bock completed her nine-point weekend by assisting on the third goal in the 5-0 win over VU ... the crisp combination sequence saw Bock provide a short entry pass from the right side before freshman F Rose Augustin pulled off a quick sweep-tap on the ball that sent Jones into the right side of the six-yard box, with the shot deposited into the far-left side of the net.

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

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

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

**FINAL PUSH** – If Bock can earn one more BIG EAST offensive player-of-the-week honor this season, she would join Thorlakson (Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and Sept. 27 of 2004) and former SHU standout Smith (Sept. 6, Oct. 18 and Nov. 1 of 1999) as the only BIG EAST players to receive that weekly honor three times in the same season.

## BRITTANY BOCK NOTES

**HEADSTRONG** – Nearly half of junior midfielder **Brittany Bock's** career goals with the Irish (17 of 35) have come on headers, including seven in 2006 (four in the '06 postseason) and five in the 2007 season ... four of her past five goals have come on headers ... Bock's diving header opened the scoring in the 2-0 early-season win at #7 Florida ... she also has four rare header assists in her career ... Bock – who had a header assist in the 2006 NCAA semifinal vs. Florida State and then a header goal in the title game vs. UNC – closed the 2006 season with nine goals in the final 13 games ... she tied for the team lead in game-winning goals (6) and totaled five goals in the 2006 postseason ... Bock has 4G-5A in six career BIG EAST Tournament games and she is nearing 90 points for her career (67; 35G-18A) ... after enduring a seven-game goal drought this season during nearly the entire month of September (Sept. 3-28), Bock now has totaled 10 goals in the past seven games (with a career best five-game goalscoring streak and goals in six of the past seven games) ... her 11 gamewinning goals over the past two seasons are tied for the most by any ND player.

**OFFENSE AND DEFENSE** – Notre Dame joins Villanova and Connecticut as the only teams to produce both an offensive and defensive player of the week this season, as junior center back **Carrie Dew** received the defensive honor two weeks ago ... four different Irish players have received national and/or BIG EAST honors this season, as junior forward Kerri Hanks was named to the BIG EAST weekly honor roll on Sept. 24 while Elise Weber was tabbed for the *Soccer Buzz* "elite feet" national team of the week on Sept. 3 (Weber earned that honor again last week, in addition to being named to the *Top Drawer Soccer* national team of the week).

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

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

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

**THREE WITH 30** – The depth of Notre Dame's potent offense can be seen in the fact that the Irish now have three players with 30-plus career goals, the first Notre Dame team since 1999 that can make that claim ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** has totaled 60 goals in her three seasons while senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** has compiled 34 goals in four seasons with the Irish and junior M/F **Brittany Bock** 35 in her three years ... the first season of the Randy Waldrum era (1999) featured four different players who had 30-plus career goals: Heft (finished season with 80), Streiffer (70), Makinen (46) and Erikson (46) ... ND had three or more players with 30-plus career goals on its team every season from 1995-99 (also three in '95 and '96, four in '97 and six in '98) ... the record-setting 1998 offense finished the season with six players who had 30-plus career goals: Gerardo (73), Heft (60), Streiffer (51), Boxx (39), Makinen (38) and Erikson (32) ... the current team could add a fourth 30-goal scorer, with Weissenhofer owning 22 career goals (she has been slowed the past few weeks with an ankle injury).

# SEASON NOTES

## FANS FILL UP ALUMNI FIELD

Notre Dame's 2006 record-setting attendance clip has continued in 2007, as 3,412 fans were attendance for the preseason exhibition vs. #1 UNC (the biggest home crowd ever for any ND women's soccer game) while 3,264 were on hand for the regular-season opener vs. Michigan (officially the program's biggest home attendance for a regular-season or postseason game) ... the nine regular-season games in 2007 drew an avg. of 2,366 fans.

Nearly 12,000 fans (11,905) were in attendance at Notre Dame during the final four 2006 regular-season home games, helping produce a season average home attendance of 1,901 that ranked fourth in the nation, behind Texas A&M (3,360), which will serve as the host site for the 2007 College Cup final weekend, defending NCAA champion Portland (3,408) and BYU (2,070) ... other top '06 attendance leaders: UNC (1,888), Florida (1,590), Santa Clara (1,372), UConn (1,369), Texas (1,339), Florida State (1,338), TCU (1,254), Georgia (1,142), Colorado (1,141) and UCLA (1,115).

The near-capacity crowds in 2006 started Sept. 29 vs. #6 West Virginia (3,056), technically highest in ND history (pre-2007) ... the 1997 ND Adidas Classic had two attendance numbers of 3,330 (announced as sell-outs, vs. UNC and Duke), but those numbers included four-game tournament passes (sold to fans of ND, UNC, Duke and UConn) ... two days after the WVU game, the Irish played in front of 2,681 vs. Pittsburgh – the highest official attendance for a Sunday game at Alumni Field (2,609 earlier saw the 2006 ND-Santa Clara game) ... a new top number was posted as 3,168 watched ND beat Seton Hall on Oct. 6, followed by another best Sunday crowd of 3,003 for the Oct. 8 game with Rutgers ... the first game of the Randy Waldrum era (a 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC on Sept. 3, 1999) drew 2,957 fans on a Friday night.

### Top ND Women's Soccer Attendance Numbers In Alumni Field History

Sunday; Aug 19, 2007 (exhibition)  
**3,412** ND 2, North Carolina 2  
Fri./Sun.; Sept. 19/21, 1997  
**\*3,300** Four-game tourn. pack, with one att. number (ND 2, UNC 2; ND 5, Duke)  
Friday; Aug. 31, 2007  
**3,264** ND 0, Michigan 0  
Friday; Oct. 6, 2006  
**3,168** ND 5, Seton Hall 0  
Friday; Sept. 29, 2006  
**3,056** ND 3, West Virginia 1  
Sunday; Oct. 8, 2006  
**3,003** ND 2, Rutgers 0  
**2,957** UNC 3, ND 2 (2 OT); Fri. (9/3/99)  
**2,932** ND 2, UConn 1; Sun. (10/21/07)  
**2,721** ND 4, DePaul 0; Fri. (9/21/07)  
**2,654** ND 3, Georgetown; Sun. (10/12/07)  
**2,618** ND 6, Cincinnati 1; Sun. (9/30/07)  
**2,609** ND 3, Santa Clara 1; Sun. (9/3/06)

## NOTRE DAME 2007 EARLY RESULT NOTES

• Notre Dame's challenging 2007 season (including two exhibitions) has seen the Irish face nine top-25 teams (UNC, Virginia, Florida, Santa Clara, Stanford, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Louisville and UConn), with five away from home ...

• **Amanda Cinalli** matched her career-high with a five-point game in the 4-2 win over Princeton, with **Kerri Hanks** and **Michele Weissenhofer** (flip-throw assist) each adding 1G-1A ... Hanks scored on direct free kicks vs. Princeton and Oklahoma State, en route to being named offensive MVP of the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic (she also had an assist vs. Princeton) ... ND's defensive woes continued that week as sophomore center back **Haley Ford** was unable to play due to a leg injury (yet to return)...

• Prior to the 2-1 loss to Penn State, ND had posted 37 straight wins when scoring the game's first goal (dating back to mid-2005) but the Nittany Lions overcame an early goal by Hanks to pull off the comeback win ...

• The 2-1 OT loss to Oklahoma State halted ND's 43-game home unbeaten streak (41-0-2), third-longest in NCAA history ... that game also marked the first time that the Irish had lost when Hanks has scored a goal (33-1-0, from 2005-07) ...

• ND's 27-game regular-season unbeaten streak (25-0-2) ended the previous weekend at #3 Santa Clara (7-1; goal by Weissenhofer) ... the home team now is 9-2 in the ND-SCU series ...

• The Irish then dropped a 2-1 game to Stanford in overtime (goal by **Lauren Fowlkes**), ending the program's OT unbeaten streak at 21 games (14-0-7; now 15-3-7 in the nine-year Randy Waldrum era) ...

• ND had been nearly perfect in Sunday games over the past three seasons (25-1-0; 2005-07) prior to the losses to Stanford, Oklahoma State and Penn State (all 2-1; the first two in OT) ...

• The Irish played to a scoreless tie with Michigan in the 2007 regular-season opener, despite a 28-6 edge in shots (10-2 in shots on goal; 10-1 corner-kick margin) ... that game ended ND's home winning streak at 32 games, tied for third-longest D-I history ... the crowd vs. Michigan (3,264) is the largest ever for an official (non-exhibition) ND women's soccer home game ... the Irish held the Wolverines without a shot for 92 straight minutes of game time, stretching into the second OT ...

• The ensuing 2-0 win at #7 Florida saw newcomer **Elise Weber** (a transfer from Wisconsin) assist on **Brittany Bock's** early diving header ... following a long weather delay, Weber scored the first goal of her young Irish career to cap the win over the Gators ... that game started 22 minutes late due to rain and play then was halted after 30 minutes of action (lightning strikes and a steady downpour resulted a long delay that ultimately lasted four-and-a-half hours) ... more than half of Bock's career goals with the Irish (13 of 25) have come on headers, in addition to four rare corner-kick assists in her career ... the win over Florida was the 350th of Randy Waldrum's career as a college soccer coach (combined men's and women's totals)

• ND's exhibition games included a 2-2 tie with preseason #1 North Carolina (in a rare quick rematch of the NCAA title game) and a 3-1 win over #11 Virginia (in Ft. Wayne) ... Cinalli scored early vs. UNC and added a pair of goals against UVa ... Hanks also scored vs. UNC (moments after the Tar Heels took a 2-1 lead) while Fowlkes scored on a header vs. UVa game (off a Weissenhofer flip-throw) ... Weissenhofer's short cross helped set up Cinalli's goal vs. UNC while **Amanda Clark's** long free kick sprung Hanks for her goal ... Cinalli's first goal vs. UVa came on a header (assisted by a Hanks free kick) and she later knocked home Weissenhofer's rebounded shot ... the crowd for the UNC game (3,412) was an Alumni Field record for a women's soccer game and is the biggest crowd at the facility since a 1994 ND-SMU men's soccer game drew 3,502 ... there was an unprecedented 1,318 presold tickets for the ND-UNC game ... ND ranked 4th in 2006 avg. home attendance (1,901), behind Texas A&M, Portland and BYU ...

• Notre Dame's all-time record at Alumni Field (199-16-4/.918, from 1990-2007) includes a .962 win pct. against teams not ranked in the NSCAA top-25 (136-4-3) ...

## EARLY-SEASON RESULT NOTES

### IRISH OVERCOME EXTREME WEATHER AND TOUGH FLORIDA SQUAD FOR 2-0 WIN

• Newcomer **Elise Weber** assisted on **Brittany Bock**'s early diving header and – following a long weather delay – scored the first goal of her young Irish career to help hold off the Gators ... fellow Chicago-area natives Bock and Weber (who played one season of club soccer together with the Eclipse Select) showed good interplay by combining on a cross-field, give-and-go to open the scoring in the seventh minute ... Bock initiated the sequence after chasing down a loose ball on the right side, in front of the Florida bench ... she was able to maintain possession in the soggy sideline area and quickly reversed the field with a pass to Weber, who then sent a dipping cross into the penalty area ... Bock was angling in from the right and dove low before connecting on the header from eight yards out, with the ball skipping inside the far-left post (6:28) ... Weber – who started the game at left back – re-entered the game in the 60th minute, playing more in a flank midfielder role (as she did in the past two seasons at Wisconsin) ... less than five minutes after checking back into the game, Weber found the back of the net for the key 2-0 cushion ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** picked up the assist, after flaring a pass from the center of the field ... Weber ran onto the ball near the right edge of the box before juking past a defender and surprising keeper Katie Fraire with a sharply-struck rightfooted shot that ripped into the far-left corner of the net (64:28)...

• Bock and Hanks are tied with a team-best seven gamewinning goals each over the past two seasons ... 13 of Bock's 25 career goals have come on headers ...

• Hanks picked up her 38th career assist while moving closer to becoming the seventh all-time ND player with 40-plus goal and 40-plus assists (now 60G-46A, in 68 games played) ...

• The ND-Florida game started 22 minutes late due to an initial downpour and play then was halted at 2:28 p.m., following 30 minutes of action ... lightning strikes in the area and a steady downpour resulted in the long delay that ultimately lasted four-and-a-half hours, with the game resuming at 7:00 ... ND checked back into its nearby hotel during the long weather delay before returning to Pressly Stadium a couple hours later ... the ND travel party grabbed a few hours of sleep at their Gainesville hotel before taking the two-hour bus trip to Orlando for a rescheduled flight early Monday morning ...

• The Gators became only the second team in four-plus seasons (spanning 105 games) to outshoot Notre Dame (11-4) but the Irish owned a 4-1 edge in shots on goal, with the only save credited to **Lauren Karas** coming on a harmless ball struck from 35 yards out ... the hosts did not have a corner kick in the first 70 minutes of game time but went on to finish with a 6-2 edge in corners – with strong play all-around from Karas throughout the game helping Notre Dame post its 21st shutout over the course of the past two seasons (spanning 29 games) ...

**CINALLI LEADS IRISH TO WIN OVER TIGERS** – Amanda Cinalli matched her career-high with a five-point game (2G-1A) to help Notre Dame get back on the winning track with the recent 4-2 victory over Princeton ... the win extended ND's four-year home unbeaten streak to 43 games (41-0-2) ... Princeton took the lead on the Irish in the 22nd minute, after a corner-kick scramble, but Cinalli then tied the game four minutes later, just 50 seconds after checking into the Irish midfield ... freshman **Lauren Fowlkes** set up the score on a cross from the left endline, with Cinalli then striking a tricky leftfooted shot from the top of the box into the right side of the net for her first goal of the season and 32nd of her four-year career ... sophomore F **Michele Weissenhofer** later headed in her 20th career goal in the 60th minute, on a classic sequence that included a setup pass from Cinalli and a sharp cross from the left endline by junior F **Kerri Hanks** (her team-leading fourth assist of the season and 41st of her career) ... Hanks later scored directly off a free kick while Cinalli capped the scoring after nudging home Weissenhofer's rightside flip-throw ... Weissenhofer became one of the youngest ND players ever to total 20 career goals, reaching that early milestone in her 32nd career game with the Irish ... she also now is two assists shy of becoming the program's 24th all-time player to reach 20G-20A ... Cinalli (33G-27A) is three assists shy of becoming the 12th player in ND women's soccer history to reach the 30G-30A milestone ... she previously had five-point games (2G-1A) vs. Baylor in 2004 (in her first career game with the Irish) and Santa Clara in '06 (she also had 2G vs. Portland in the '04 NCAA quarterfinals and Valparaiso in the '05 NCAA first round) ... two days later, the Irish failed to capitalize on a 20-6 shot edge and 7-2 corner-kick margin while losing to #16 Oklahoma State in overtime, 2-1 (first home loss since 2003) ... ND had scored the game's first goal only once previously in 2007 (at Florida) and also had scored multiple goals only once (2-0 vs. Florida).

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

**IRISH OPEN WITH SCORELESS TIE** – Notre Dame and Michigan played to a 0-0 tie in front of one the largest women's soccer regular-season crowd in Alumni Field history (3,264), during the season opener for both teams (Aug. 31) ... a career-best 10 saves from Madison Gates prevented the Irish from cashing in on a 28-6 edge in total shots (10-2 in shots on goal) and a 10-1 corner kick margin ... the tie ended ND's home winning streak at 32 games, tied for the third-longest D-I women's soccer history ... the Irish still own the third-longest home unbeaten streak in NCAA history (42 games; 40-0-2), dating back to a 2003 loss to Michigan in the second round of the NCAA Tournament ... ND's closest scoring chance came in the third minute of the second half, as junior F **Kerri Hanks** delivered a leftside free kick to the top of the 18-yard box ... freshman M **Lauren Fowlkes** then struck a sharp header that smacked off the center of the crossbar ... the Irish held the Wolverines without a shot for 92 straight minutes of game time, stretching into the second of the two 10-minute overtimes ... ND extended its overtime unbeaten streak to 21 games (14-0-7), dating back to the 1999 season ... Michigan has proven to be a tough obstacle to Notre Dame in recent years, with the Wolverines beating the Irish in the final 2003 regular-season game and again in the '03 NCAAAs ... the teams now have played to overtime three times in the past 10 years, with the Irish posting OT wins in 1998 and 2001 ... sophomore goalkeeper **Kelsey Lysander** started the season opener for the second straight season while Fowlkes had another impressive outing as a starter in her official debut ... another newcomer, junior **Elise Weber** (a transfer from Wisconsin), also started her first official game with the Irish (at right back).



# TEAM NOTES

**OLD RELIABLE** – Senior D/M **Ashley Jones** has yet to miss a game in their Notre Dame careers (95), as one of the leaders of a senior class that owns an .879 career win pct. (82-9-3) ... Jones is tied for the sixth-longest streak of consecutive games played in ND history (16th in total games played) ... F/M **Amanda Cinalli** had played in the first 90 games of her ND career but has missed five of the past six due to a hamstring injury ... Cinalli has started 77 career games while Jones has made 45 starts ... Jones could have a chance to break the ND record for career games played (held by current volunteer assistant coach **Jen Buczkowski**, who appeared in all 103 games from 2004-07).

**FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS** – In its past 102 games when scoring first, ND has gone 99-3-0 (2-1 loss to UConn in '04 BIG EAST title game; 4-1 loss at Marquette in '05; 2-1 loss last week vs. Penn State) and is 59-2-0 in the past 61 when scoring first, including 37 straight wins before the recent 2-1 loss to Penn State ... Kerri Hanks posted her ninth career first-goal in the 2006 opener vs. Iowa State, adding four more in 2006 (vs. SMU, Seton Hall and Villanova and Rutgers in the BIG EAST title game) for 13 in her career, plus both first goals in 2007 games vs. DePaul, Penn State, St. John's, Providence and Connecticut (her 19 career first goals are tied for the ND record) ... Brittany Bock (6), Michele Weissenhofer (3), Carrie Dew (2) Amanda Clark, Jill Krivacek and Courtney Rosen also accounted for the Notre Dame first-goals in 2006 (with Bock adding first goals this season vs. Florida, Syracuse, Georgetown and Villanova, plus Amanda Cinalli vs. Louisville and Rose Augustin vs. Cincinnati).

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

1. North Carolina 84 (1986-94; 84-0-0)
2. North Carolina 56 (1999-2004)
3. Notre Dame 43 (2004-07; 41-0-2; ended with 2-1 loss to Oklahoma State on Sept. 16)

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

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

**HANKS HAS RARE NO-POINT GAME** – Notre Dame junior forward **Kerri Hanks** had points in each of the final 13 games during the 2006 season but failed to extend that point streak into 2007 (in the 0-0 opener with Michigan) ... the 13-game point streak tied the ND single-season record set by Katie Thorlakson during the 2004 NCAA-title season (Thorlakson then entered the scoring column in the 2005 opener but had no points in the second game of '05) ... Hanks went on to register points in games 2-9 this season (none at Louisville) and now is riding a similar seven-game points streak, giving her points in 27 of the past 29 games.

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

# KERRI HANKS NOTES

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### Career Points

7. Holly Manthei (1994-97) 177 (24-129)  
**8. Kerri Hanks (2005- ) 166 (60G-46A)**

### Career Points Per Game (pts/GP)

- 1. Kerri Hanks ('05- ) 2.44 (166/69)**  
 2. Jenny Streiffer ('96-99) 2.11 (211/100)

### Career Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99) 80  
 2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98) 73  
 3. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99) 70  
 4. Anne Makinen (1997-2000) 65  
 5. Cindy Daws (1993-96) 61  
**6. Kerri Hanks (2005- ) 60**

### Career Goals Per Game (gls/GP)

- 1. Kerri Hanks (2005- ) 0.88 (60/68)**  
 2. Jenny Heft (1996-99) 0.83 (80/96)

### Career Assists

7. Jen Grubb (1996-99) 53  
**8. Kerri Hanks (2005- ) 46**

### Career Hat Tricks

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

### Career Game-Winning Goals

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

### Career Game-Winning Assists

1. Holly Manthei (1994-97) 25  
 2. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05) 22  
 3. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99) 21  
 4. Cindy Daws (1993-96) 18  
**5. Kerri Hanks (2005- ) 14**

### Career Game-Winning Points

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05) 56  
 (17 GWG-22 GWA)  
 2. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99) 51  
 (15 GWG-21 GWA)  
 3. Amanda Guertin (2000-03) 47  
 (18 GWG-11 GWA)  
**4. Kerri Hanks (2005- ) 46**  
**(16 GWG-14 GWA)**

### Career First Goals

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

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

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

**ON A ROLL** – Hanks has fashioned two different seven-game point streaks this season and has points in 27 of her past 29 games overall (including points in each of the final 13 games during the 2006 season).

**QUICK TO 60** – The timely 86th-minute, game-tying goal by Hanks vs. Connecticut (directly on a corner kick, with ND going on to win 2-1) produced her 60th career goal with the Irish ... Hanks reached that milestone in 68 games played, quicker than any of the previous five Irish players who topped 60 goals ... Jenny Heft had been the only other ND player to reach 60 goals prior to her senior season (as a junior), doing so in her 70th career game and likewise in memorable fashion (Heft's 60th career goal forged a late tie with Portland in the 1998 NCAA quarterfinals but the Pilots then scored for the 2-1 win).

**SET-PLAY SUCCESS** – Set-plays/dead-ball situations now have accounted for 40(12G-16A) of Hanks' 166 career points (60G-46A) ... 12 of her career goals have come on free kicks (6), penalty kicks (5-of-5) or directly on a corner kick (1) while 16 of her assists have come via corner-kick (9) or free-kick (7) services.

**SCORING MACHINE** – Hanks has totaled 15 career multiple-goal games with the Irish and Notre Dame now is 38-2-0 when she scores at least one goal ... her career scoring averages now include 2.44 points and 0.88 goals per game, still well on pace to break the Notre Dame records held by Jenny Streiffer (2.11 ppg) and Jenny Heft (0.83 gpg).

## UPDATED PLAYER BIO. CAPSULES

**#1 Nikki Weiss (G, Fr.; Redding, CT ... 1.53 GAA, 7 SV/6 GA, 7 GP/3 GS, 353 min.)** – Played final 65 minutes in opener vs. Michigan (1 SV; 0-0) and then took tough-luck loss as starter vs. Stanford (1 SV/2 GA; game ended on PK, 2-1 in OT) ... started both games of ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic, with 4-2 win over Princeton (1 GA/0 SV; 64 min.) and 2-1 OT loss to #16 Oklahoma State (2 GA/3 SV) ... closed 4-1 win at Syracuse (GA, SV; 25 min.) and 3-0 win at St. John's (4 min.), also logging final seven minutes vs. Villanova (SV; 5-0) ... closed exhibition game with preseason #1 UNC (2-2) by logging final 30 minutes, with a save and goal allowed (by Rachel Givan) in that 2-2 tie ... also saved both shots she faced in first 31 minutes of exhibition vs. #11 Virginia (3-1).

**#2 Kerri Hanks (F, Jr.; Allen, TX ... 10G-9A, 4 GWG, 16 GS ... 60G-46A, 16 GWG, 69 GP/65 GS)** – (also see earlier notes page) ... her lead pass assisted on Elise Weber's goal to cap 2-0 win at #7 Florida ... added similar assist on Michele Weissenhofer's goal at #3 Santa Clara (7-1 loss) and then played ball back to Lauren Fowlkes to set up gametying goal vs. #5 Stanford (2-1 loss in OT) ... had left-endline cross on Weissenhofer's header vs. Princeton and later scored on direct free kick in that 4-2 game ... added another free-kick goal that tied game with #16 Oklahoma State (2-1 OT loss) ... posted her fifth career hat trick in 4-0 win over DePaul, with the first goal coming on a header (via Amanda Cinalli's right-endline cross) before a pair of converted penalty kicks ... converted pass from Amanda Cinalli to open scoring against Penn State (2-1 loss) and earn spot on the BIG EAST weekly honor roll (3G-1A) ... her deflected shot set up Cinalli's goal at #25 Louisville (1-0) ... added 1G-1A in 6-1 win over Cincinnati, plus an assist at Syracuse (4-1), the game's first goal at St. John's (3-0), two more assists in the wins over Georgetown (3-0) and Villanova (5-0), a penalty-kick goal vs. Providence (4-0) and the 86th-minute goal scored directly off a leftside corner kick vs. UConn (tied game, ND won 2-1 in overtime) ... ran onto long free kick from Amanda Clark and struck shot inside right post to tie exhibition game with UNC (2-2) ... also had free-kick assist on Cinalli's header in 3-1 exhibition win over #11 Virginia.

**#5 Amanda Cinalli (Sr., F/M; Maple Hts, OH ... 3G-4A, GWG, 11 GP/9 GS ... career: 34G-30A, 10 GWG, 90 GP/77 GS)** – Appeared in first 89 games of her ND career before missing game at Syracuse due to hamstring injury ... logged 16 minutes two days later at St. John's but has missed past four games due to the lingering injury ... versatile offensive player who started at forward in first three games (Michigan, Florida and Santa Clara) before shifting to midfield for next three games (vs. Stanford, Princeton and Oklahoma State) ... returned to starting forward role in 4-0 win over DePaul and 2-1 loss to Penn State ... her absence for most of Stanford game limited the ND offense in that 2-1 OT loss (she played only the first 20 minutes before leaving after a collision in the air) ... did not start the next game vs. Princeton but made the most out of her 59 minutes, matching her career-high totals for goals (2) and points (1) ... scored on a one-timer leftfooted shot from the top of the box to tie game vs. the Tigers (1-1; won 4-2), just a couple minutes after checking into that game ... also had right-endline cross on header by Kerri Hanks that opened scoring vs. DePaul (4-0) and then fed ball to Hanks to open scoring vs. PSU ... knocked in a deflected shot by Kerri Hanks for only goal in 1-0 win at Louisville ... two days later, her run down the left side and deflected shot set up Rose Augustin's far-post goal that opened the scoring vs. Cincinnati (6-1) ... that assist made her the 12th ND player ever to reach 30G-30A in her career (34G-30A) ... her strong pre-season included goal that opened scoring in exhibition vs. then-#1 UNC (2-2) before adding pair of goals in 3-1 win over #11 Virginia (she headed in a Kerri Hanks free kick and later knocked home a deflected Michele Weissenhofer shot).

**#6 Lauren Karas (Sr., G; Flower Mound, TX ... 0.66 GAA, 14 SV/7 GA, 13 GP/12 GS, 956 min., 10-2-0 ... career: 0.57 GAA, 85 SV/28 GA, 65 GP/51 GS, 4,396 min., 46-4-1)** – Her 0.57 career GAA would tie the ND record held by Liz Wagner (1998-2001) ... made several big plays in hard-fought win at #7 Florida (2-0; 1 SV) ... played first half in 7-1 loss at #3 Santa Clara (3 GA/2 SV) ... logged final 27 minutes of 4-2 win over Princeton (1 GA) and then picked up her 19th career solo shutout in 4-0 win over DePaul, followed by 2-1 loss to Penn State (SV) ... her .912 career win pct. (46-4-1) is on pace to challenge the ND record held by Jen Renola (.903; 87-8-3; 1993-96) ... made a save while logging first 30 minutes in exhibition tie vs. preseason #1 UNC (2-2) ... had a save and goal allowed while playing 31 minutes in the middle of the preseason game vs. #11 Virginia (a 3-1 win).

**#7 Amanda Clark (M/D, So.; Naperville, IL ... 16 GS ... career: 1A, 43 GP/30 GS)** – Joins Kerri Hanks, Brittany Bock, Elise Weber and Lauren Fowlkes as players who have started all 16 games this season ... currently under consideration for Academic All-America honors, with a 3.44 cumulative GPA as a business major ... third on team with 1,319 minutes played (82/gm) ... has settled in as starting defensive midfielder in past nine games ... has yet to miss a game in her career ... versatile defensive player who opened regular season as starting center back (alongside Haley Ford) before playing next three games as starter at right back ... returned to center back during the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic (alongside Carrie Dew; vs. Princeton and Oklahoma State) ... started at her third different position – defensive midfielder – in 4-0 win over DePaul and 2-1 loss to Penn State (plus all of the current eight-game winning streak) ... her long free kick down the middle of the field sprung Kerri Hanks for game-tying goal (2-2) in exhibition vs. North Carolina.

**#9 Lauren Fowlkes (D/M, Fr.; Lee's Summit, NJ ... 1G-1A, 16 GS)** – Yet another versatile player who saw significant minutes at all three field positions during first half of season ... one of five players to start every game while leading team with 1,404 minutes played (88/gm) ... has emerged as starting center back in past month, alongside junior Carrie Dew (with sophomore Haley Ford sidelined due to injury) ... her shift to defense has helped solidify the ND back line but also has taken her many offensive skills out of the Irish attack ... opened regular season as starting defensive midfielder vs. Michigan and Florida, then started as attacking midfielder at Santa Clara and was a starting forward vs. Stanford and Princeton – before starting the past 10 games at center back ... scored from the top of box (after drop pass from Kerri Hanks) to tie Stanford game (lost 2-1 in OT) ... her left-endline cross assisted on Amanda Cinalli's goal that tied the Princeton game at 1-1 (won 4-2) ... headed in a Michele Weissenhofer flip-throw for the gamewinning goal in preseason game vs. #11 Virginia (3-1).

**#10 Brittany Bock (M/F, Jr.; Naperville, IL ... 11G-2A, 16 GS, 5 GWG ... career: 35G-18A, 11 GWG, 62 GP/52 GS)** – See notes pages earlier in release for detailed info. on Bock ... classic attacking midfielder who also has been used as a defensive midfielder and forward at times this season ... her midseason shift to forward, due to injuries for several of her teammates, has sparked the ND winning streak ... started at defensive midfielder vs. Princeton and forward two days later vs. Oklahoma State ... scored on one of her classic diving headers to open the scoring at #7 Florida (2-0), connecting on a left-flank cross from Elise Weber ... 17 of her 35 career goals with the Irish have come on headers (plus four rare header assists in her career) ... see earlier notes pages on Bock for info. on her recent scoring tear.

## UPDATED PLAYER BIO. CAPSULES

**#11 Michele Weissenhofer (F, So.; Naperville, IL ... 4G-2A, 14 GP/11 GS ... career: 22G-19A, 5 GWG, 41 GP/34 GS)** – Suffered ankle injury late in the OT loss to #16 Oklahoma State and missed next two games (win over DePaul, loss to #14 Penn State) before coming off the bench vs. #25 Louisville (1-0) and Cincinnati (6-1) ... has started each of the past six games but has yet to play more than 57 minutes, as she aims for full return from the injury ... scored pair of goals to cap win over Cincinnati, with one coming on strong leftfooted shot from outside upper right corner of the box (to far left post) and the other coming on a breakaway set up by Carrie Dew's lead pass ... also had 1G-1A (including flip-throw on goal by Amanda Cinalli) in 4-2 win over Princeton and scored in loss at Princeton ... had another flip-throw assist to set up early header goal by Brittany Bock vs. Georgetown (3-0) ... a similar flip-throw assisted on header goal by Lauren Fowlkes in exhibition win over #11 Virginia (3-1).

**#12 Ashley Jones (M/D, Sr., Westlake Village, CA ... 2G-5A, 16 GP/8 GS ... career: 6G-15A, 95 GP/49 GS)** – Leading candidate for Academic All-America honors, with 3.98 cumulative GPA as accounting major ... has yet to miss a game in her ND career (95), tying former teammate Katie Thorlakson for the sixth-longest streak of consecutive games played in ND history (the 95 GP are tied for 16th, eighth shy of Jen Buczkowski's ND record of 103 GP) ... shifted to her more natural position of midfield at midseason point and responded with six-game point streak while matching her career-high for points in a season (9; 2G-5A) ... made three early starts at left back (vs. Michigan, Santa Clara and Oklahoma State ... also has seen significant minutes this season at her natural position of midfield (she converted to outside back in the middle of the 2005 season) ... scored her fifth career goal in the 4-0 win over DePaul, volleying in a right-endline cross from Erica Iantorno ... fashioned career-best five-game point streak that included assists vs. Cincinnati (6-1), Syracuse (4-1), St. John's (2A; 3-0) and Georgetown (3-0), plus a goal in 5-0 win over Villanova.

**#14 Courtney Rosen (M, So., Brecksville, OH ... 1G-1A, 16 GP/10 GS ... career: 3G-5A, 36 GP/15 GS)** – Has been battling all season from a foot injury suffered late in the exhibition vs. Virginia ... has played primarily as an attacking midfielder this season but can be used as a target player on the forward line (where she played some in 2006) ... has started three of the past four games ... alertly reversed the attack to left side, picking up assist as Elise Weber lofted a cross that led to Brittany Bock's far-post header to beat UConn in OT (2-1) ... earlier scored in 3-0 win over Georgetown, ripping one of her patented leftfooted shots into the far-right sidenetting for 2-0 lead.

**#15 Rose Augustin (F/M, Fr., Silver Lake, OH ... 4G-1A, 16 GP/4 GS)** – Newcomer in the offensive third who made midfield start at Stanford (ND opened that game in a 4-4-2 formation) and then started at forward vs. DePaul (in place of injured Michele Weissenhofer) ... made start at midfield in early game at Stanford, with her other starts coming at forward (vs. DePaul, Penn State and Cincinnati) ... all nine of her points this season (4G-1A) came in a recent five-game stretch (Sept. 30-Oct. 14) ... opened scoring in 6-1 win over Cincinnati, after nudging in a deflected shot from Amanda Cinalli ... finished a flick from Kerri Hanks at the far-right post for 4-0 lead at Syracuse (4-1) ... had a productive 38-minute stint off the bench in 5-0 win over Villanova, with five-point game (2G-1A) ... had an impressive sweep-tap at right side of box, as part of combination sequence for primary assist on goal by Ashley Jones (shot to far-left side of net) that produced 3-0 lead on VU ... minutes later, she took a pass from Elise Weber and launched booming 30-yard shot into the far-right side of the net, before converting rightside pass from Micaela Alvarez and scoring to the far side to cap the win.

**#16 Micaela Alvarez (M, So., Cranbury, N.J. ... 3A, 6 GP)** – Missed all of the 2006 season due to ACL knee surgery but has emerged in recent weeks as one of team's top reserve midfielders ... has made the most of her time on the field this season, with 3A in only 67 minutes played (over six games played) ... slid pass from right flank into the box, for primary assist on goal by Michele Weissenhofer vs. Cincinnati (5-1; 6-1 final) ... had similar pass from right side that led to Rose Augustin's goal (capping 5-0 win over Villanova) ... kept up her hot streak last week versus Providence, after making run down left side to collect pass out of the back from Rachel VanderGenutgan before crossing perfect lead pass into right side of the box (Susan Pinnick finished the far-post shot to cap that 4-0 win).

**#17 Susan Pinnick (F/M, Sr.; South Bend, IN; 3G-3A, 13 GP/1 GS ... career: 12G-12A, 63 GP/5 GS)** – Veteran frontrunner who also can play effectively as an attacking midfielder ... eight of her nine of her points this season have come in the current 8-game winning streak, with the GWG vs. Cincinnati (6-1), an assist at Syracuse (4-1), a goal at St. John's (3-0), an assist vs. Georgetown (3-0) and the goal that capped the 4-0 win over Providence ... also had assist in early game vs. Stanford (2-1 OT loss) ... suffered preseason ankle injury that held her out of both exhibitions (vs. UNC and Virginia), plus the regular-season games with Michigan and Florida (also DNP vs. UConn).

**#18 Stephanie Sohn (D, Fr.; Ronkonkoma, NY ... 11 GP)** – Has seen time at both center back and right back ... has played this season vs. several top teams, including Michigan (10 min.), Florida (5), Santa Clara (26), Princeton (15) and Villanova (10).

**#19 Carrie Dew (D, Jr.; Encinitas, CA ... 2A, 16 GP/15 GS ... career: 5G-3A, 55 GP/52 GS)** – Missed all of the 2006 postseason due to an ACL knee injury ... saw her first competitive action since the injury by playing 41 minutes in the regular-season opener vs. Michigan ... dangerous set-play threat and strong player in the air who had several near-misses in the 2-1 overtime loss to Oklahoma State ... earlier made rare start at defensive midfield, in 7-1 loss at Santa Clara (ND abandoned that lineup after SCU had built a 3-1 lead) ... has assists this season vs. Cincinnati (6-1) and Providence (4-0).

**#20 Becca Mendoza (M, Jr.; Garland, TX ... 2G-1A, 16 GP/7 GS ... career: 3G-2A, 49 GP/11 GS)** – Has made starts as an attacking midfielder this season vs. Michigan, Florida, Princeton, Louisville, St. John's, Villanova and Providence ... her pass to Erica Iantorno led to right-endline cross and Ashley Jones' volley goal that capped 4-0 win over DePaul ... also scored twice in 4-0 win over Providence.

**#21 Erica Iantorno (F, Fr.; Hinsdale, IL ... 4A, 14 GP)** – Entered preseason camp as a candidate to play in the midfield but has been used mostly as a forward, due to ACL knee surgery for her classmate Taylor Knaack and senior Susan Pinnick's nagging ankle injury ... has logged some quality minutes, including 42-minute stint vs. DePaul that included her right-endline cross on goal by Ashley Jones (capping 4-0 win) and a strong shot from the top of the box ... had assists in recent wins over Syracuse (4-1), Georgetown (3-0) and Villanova (5-0).

**#23 Elise Weber (LB, Jr.; Elk Grove, IL ... 1G-6A, 16 GS ... career: 9G-11A, 59 GP/54 GS)** – See notes earlier in release on being named to national team of the week ... transfer from Wisconsin and key addition to the defense who has shown the ability to play at both left (primary role) and right back ... also has been shifted into the midfield at times this season ... her left-flank cross set up Brittany Bock's diving header that opened the scoring in 2-0 win at #7 Florida ... also later scored in that game, after making run into right side of box and striking shot inside far-left post ... picked up assist that opened scoring vs. Penn State (2-1 loss), with pass to Amanda Cinalli (who then fed Kerri Hanks) ... her other assists include the left-flank cross on Bock's far-post header that beat UConn in OT (2-1) ... also had assist in 4-1 win at Syracuse and pair of assists in 5-0 win over Villanova.

**#25 Julie Scheidler (RB, Fr.; Indianapolis, IN ... 1A, 16 GP/11 GS)** – Has emerged as starting right back ... has played mostly as an outside back while also seeing some time in the midfield ... made early starts vs. Princeton, DePaul and Penn State (both at right back) ... had secondary assist on Brittany Bock's second header goal vs. Villanova (2-0; 5-0 final).

**#27 Brittany Johnson (M, Fr., Pleasant Prairie, WI ... 10 GP)** – Promising defensive midfielder who has appeared in games this season versus several top teams (including Michigan, Santa Clara, Princeton and Villanova).

# SITUATIONAL SUCCESS

**MAGIC NUMBERS** – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win for Notre Dame, with the Irish **257-3-1 all-time (.987) when scoring 3-plus**, losing to N.C. State in '92 (4-3), UConn in '95 (5-4, OT) and at Georgetown in '02 (4-3), plus a 3-3 tie vs. Vanderbilt in '91... the Irish had won 88 straight when scoring 3-plus, before the GU loss (now **156-1-0 since 10/6/95**) ... ND is **352-9-13 (.959) all-time when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals** (156-3-6 since 9/9/99), including **77-0-3 spanning the 2004-07 seasons** ... the Irish suffered 1-0 losses in 2002 (vs. eventual NCAA champ Portland) and '03 (at #1 Stanford) ... prior to the Portland loss, ND had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, playing minus All-American Anne Makinen) ... the program's 20-year history includes only 346 goals allowed in 461 games (0.75 GA/gm) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 84 games (18.2%) and have yielded **3-plus goals in only 36 all-time games (7.8%)**, including the 7-1 loss to Santa Clara, two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal ... 92% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish **hold the opponent to 0-2 goals**, with a **378-30-171.909** record in those games (ND is just **4-31-11.125** all-time when allowing 3-plus).

**IT TAKES TWO** – Notre Dame's lone loss of 2004 saw the Irish claim a 1-0 lead at UConn in the BIG EAST title game ... the Irish had several cracks at the magical 2-0 cushion that has proven to be insurmountable in the 19-year history of ND women's soccer (instead, UConn rallied for the 2-1 win) ... the Irish now are **278-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead** and have **won 255 straight** games when stretching out to a 2-0 cushion, dating back to Sept. 15, 1991 (when Vanderbilt ultimately forced a 3-3 tie) ... there have been only two other games in the program's history when the Irish gave up a 2-0 lead (but still went on to win): a 4-3 win over UConn in the '96 BIG EAST title game (the Irish led 3-0) and a 3-2 win over Duke at a 1993 tournament in Houston ... the past 169 opponents to face a 2-0 deficit versus the Irish have been unable to even tie the score (since the 1996 BIG EAST title game).

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

**RARE SCORELESS TIES** – Notre Dame's 20-year women's soccer history includes only seven scoreless ties in 461 total games played (1.5%), with two coming at UConn (in 2000 and '06), also vs. Dayton in '91, North Carolina in '94, Stanford in '03, Rutgers in '04 and Michigan in the 2007 opener ... the 0-0 game vs. UNC (in St. Louis) halted the Tar Heels' NCAA-record winning streak at 92 games.

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

## NOTRE DAME VETERANS CAREER HIGHS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Points</u>
<b>Kerri Hanks</b>	4 (vs. Vermont in '05) 3 (vs. UNH in '05; vs. Seton Hall/Oakland in '06; vs. DePaul in '07)	3 ('06-Penn State) 2 ('05-vs. DePaul, PC, G'town; '06-vs. Pitt, Rutgers, Marquette)	8 (4G vs. Vermont in '05) 7 (3G-1A-NH '05, SHU/OAK '06)
<b>Amanda Cinalli</b>	2 (vs. Baylor and Portland in '04, Valpo '05, SCU '06, Princeton '07)	2 (2004 vs. Michigan, '05-UNH, UVM, CIN, GU/BET)	5 (2G-1A vs. Baylor in 2004, SCU in '06, Princeton in '07)
<b>Brittany Bock</b>	3 (at SYR in '07; 2 (vs. UNH and SHU in '05; vs. St. John's/Colorado in '06)	2 (vs. Mich. in '05; DePaul in '06) (G'town and UConn/both '05 BET) (G'town and VILL in '07)	6 (3G vs. SYR '07, 5 (2G-1A vs. VILL '07)
<b>Susan Pinnick</b>			3 (1G-1A-SHU in '05, OAK '06)
<b>Ashley Jones</b>		2 (vs. Rutgers/2006 BET)	
<b>M. Weissenhofer</b>	3 vs. Penn State ('06) 2 vs. IA St., DP, Pitt (all '06), CIN ('07)	2 vs. ISU, USC, TCU	6 vs. Iowa State (2G-2A)
<b>Becca Mendoza</b>	2 vs. Villanova ('07)		

**Lauren Karas** – 9 saves vs. Santa Clara ('06), 7 vs. Louisville ('05)