

2006 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

at TCU (Friday, Sept. 8; 7:00 CDT) ... at SMU (Sunday, Sept. 10; 1:00 CDT)

BACK TO THE LONE-STAR STATE – The top-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team is off to Texas for a pair of games this weekend at TCU (Friday, Sept. 8; 7:00 CDT) and SMU (Sunday, Sept. 10; 1:00 CDT) ... the ND-SMU game will be telecast by CSTV on a delayed basis (Sept. 12; 8:00 and 11:30 EDT) ... bonus live-audio coverage (free, as part of the new All-Access program) also will be provided on und.com, which likewise will include GameTracker live-stat links for both games ... the ND Sports Hotline will have a postgame wrapup after every game (574-631-3000, then option 4 and then option 2) ... Notre Dame is No. 1 in the NSCAA coaches poll for the seventh season in its history (also '94, '95, '96, 2000, '04 and '05) ... the Irish are 51-5-2 when playing as the top-ranked team in the NSCAA poll (35-2-2 in the regular season) ... ND is No. 1 in rankings by the NSCAA, *Soccer Times* (which polls 16 top coaches) and *Soccer Buzz* (women's soccer website) while *Soccer America* has the Irish second and Florida State in the top spot.

SERIES NOTES – Notre Dame won its only previous meeting versus TCU (back in 1992) and owns a 1-2-0 record vs. SMU, with the Irish and Mustangs meeting just once since 1993 ... ND owns an all-time record of 6-2-0 versus teams from the state of Texas, in addition to a 1-2-1 mark in neutral-site games played in Texas.

Notre Dame Games vs. Texas teams (also neutral-site games played in Texas)

10/17/92	at SMU 3	Notre Dame 1	
10/20/92	Notre Dame 4	at TCU 0	
9/26/93	at Notre Dame 5	SMU 2	
10/15/93	North Carolina 3	Notre Dame 0	in Houston
10/17/93	Notre Dame 3	Duke 2	in Houston
10/13/95	Notre Dame 2	Duke 2	in Houston
10/15/95	North Carolina 2	Notre Dame 0	in Houston
9/17/99	Notre Dame 1	Texas A&M 0	in Klein, Texas (ND's Anne Makinen dnp due to gms w/ Finland)
9/18/99	SMU 1	Notre Dame 0	in Klein, Texas (ND's Anne Makinen dnp/with Finland)
9/28/03	at Notre Dame 8	Texas State 1	
8/27/04	at Notre Dame 7	Baylor 2	
9/12/04	Notre Dame 3	at Texas Tech 0	

Note: SMU also participated in the 2004 Notre Dame Classic, beating Stanford 2-1 and losing to Santa Clara (2-1, in double OT)

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS – For information on this weekend's opponents, see www.gofrogs.com and www.smumustangs.com.

CHALLENGING SLATE – Notre Dame opened its season facing four teams (Iowa State, Ole Miss, USC and Santa Clara) that played in the 2005 NAAs, with another (SMU) on tap this weekend.

NOTRE DAME AMONG THE NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

Michele Weissenhofer	1st in assists (6), 14th in points (10; 2G-6A)
Amanda Cinalli	16th in goals (4)
Notre Dame	3rd in goals per game (4.00)
Notre Dame	3rd-most goals in a game (9, vs. Iowa State)
Notre Dame	entered week as one of just 32 teams (among nearly 300) that had yet to lose or tie

THE MAIN ATTRACTION – The first season of the Randy Waldrum era (1999) saw Notre Dame play in front of the two biggest crowds in college soccer history (14,006 for the NCAA semifinal win over Santa Clara and 14,110 two days later in the title game vs. UNC, both at San Jose's Spartan Stadium) ... the Waldrum era also has seen Notre Dame attract noteworthy record-setting crowds at Santa Clara (4,051), Nebraska (3,702), Stanford (2,629), Marquette (2,034), Arizona State (1,505) and Vermont (1,436):

Notre Dame's Record-Setting Crowds on the Road

'99 NCAA Final vs. UNC	Spartan Stadium (San Jose)	12/3/99	14,110	largest in college women's soccer history
'99 NCAA Semi vs. SCU	Spartan Stadium (San Jose)	12/1/99	14,006	largest in college w. soccer history, before 12/3
at Santa Clara	Buck Shaw Stadium	10/17/99	4,051	most ever for regular-season game at BSS
at Nebraska	Abbott Field	11/28/99	3,702	NCAA quarterfinal (biggest crowd in UN history)
at Stanford	Maloney Field	11/23/02	2,629	NCAA third-round game; Maloney Field record
at Marquette	Valley Fields	9/30/05	2,034	most in Valley Fields history
at Arizona State	Sun Devil Soccer Stadium	9/10/04	1,505	biggest crowd in SDSS history
at Vermont	Centennial Field	8/28/05	1,436	largest in UVm history

Others of Note

at Portland	Merlo Field	11/25/05	4,892	NCAA quarters (one of top Merlo Field crowds)
at Portland	Merlo Field	9/17/00	3,548	ND won 1-0 to clinch #1 ranking
at Connecticut	Morrone Stadium	10/22/00	2,494	game ended in 00 tie
at Connecticut	Morrone Stadium	10/21/01	2,017	Huskies beat the Irish 3-1
at Texas Tech	Fuller Stadium	9/12/05	1,755	one of biggest crowds in TT soccer history
at Mississippi	Ole Miss Soccer Stadium	8/27/06	1,421	3rd-biggest crowd ever at Ole Miss soccer
'00 NCAA semi vs. UNC	Spartan Stadium (San Jose)	12/1/00	8,596	Tar Heels beat the Irish 2-1
'04 NCAA semi vs. SCU	SAS Stadium (Cary, NC)	12/3/04	8,325	Irish beat the Broncos 1-0
'04 NCAA final vs. UCLA	SAS Stadium (Cary, NC)	12/5/04	7,644	Irish beat the Bruins 4-3 in PKs (1-1 after OT)

FRIEND OR FOE? – Notre Dame's players have some longstanding connections with players from this weekend's opponents:

* ND junior G **Lauren Karas** played on the Dallas Texans with TCU's **Katy Buchanan** and **Lauren Pope**, in addition to being a former teammate of nine SMU players: **Kimber** and **Krystal Bailey**, **Allison Brill**, **Jena Lind** and **Marisa Schieda** (all with the Texans), plus former Dallas Sting players **Ashley Watson**, **Olivia O'Rear** and **Alyssa Pembroke** (who also played alongside Karas at Flower Mound HS).

* ND sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** played on the Dallas Texans with TCU's **Buchanan**, **Pope** and **Karissa Hill**, in addition to being a former teammate of seven SMU players: the **Bailey** twins, **Brill**, **Lind** and **Caitlin Carter** (all with the Texans), plus **Susanne Collins** with the ODP Region III team and **O'Rear** with the North Texas and Region III ODP teams.

* ND senior M **Claire Gallerano** played on the Dallas Texans with TCU's **Ashley Pierret** and at Ursuline Academy with TCU's **Courtney Johnson**, in addition to past playing ties with six SMU players: **O'Rear**, **Pembroke** and **Watson** (with the Dallas Texans), plus former Ursuline players **Jennifer Raad** and sisters **Gillian** and **Morgan Field**.

* ND sophomore M **Becca Mendoza** played on the Dallas Sting with SMU's **Carley Phillips** and **Kirsten Moran**.

* ND freshman D **Haley Ford** played on the Dallas Texans with TCU's **Anna Paulson** and **Michelle Nguyen** and SMU's **Carter**.

* ND freshman D **Ashley Galovic** played at Plano East HS alongside TCU's **Nguyen**.

BIG & BRIGHT – The lone star state has deep ties to Notre Dame women's soccer (three coaches and six current players are Texas natives), making this week's games at TCU and SMU all the more noteworthy:

- Eighth-year Notre Dame head coach **Randy Waldrum** is a native of Irving, played at Midwestern State (Wichita Falls, Texas) from '77-'80, coached the men's teams at Austin College ('82) and Texas Wesleyan ('88), and coached the Baylor women from '96-'98 (he also was the Texas Longhorns club's director of coaching from '87-'89).

- Fourth-year assistant coach **Dawn Greathouse** is an Allen native and played for Waldrum as the starting 'keeper at Baylor ... she also starred for the Texas Longhorns and the Region III and North Texas ODP squads.

- The third member of the Irish coaching staff, **Ben Waldrum**, is in his fourth season as a member of his father's staff ... the younger Waldrum's connections to Texas include playing with: Midway HS in Hewitt (38G-21A in three-year varsity career, all-state as a senior), North Texas ODP, Ft. Worth United (state semifinalist), West Texas A&M (three seasons included '00 team that finished 6th in nation) and the A-League's El Paso Sidekicks of the MISL ('02 and '03 seasons).

- Senior M **Claire Gallerano** (Dallas/Ursuline HS) helped lead the Dallas Texans to the 2003 USYS national club title (under-18 division) ... sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** (Allen) – a 2004 signee who did not enroll at ND until the spring of '05, due to U-19 World Championship training with the U.S. – earned the USYS's Golden Boot Award as the tournament's top scorer with the '03 Dallas Texans ... she won the Golden Boot again in '05 as the Texans lost the under-19 title game in PKs ... Hanks totaled 47 goals in two seasons at Allen HS before her U-19 duty (she set the Allen record for career goals, breaking a mark held by **Greathouse**).

- Junior G **Lauren Karas** (Flower Mound HS) also has starred for the Dallas Sting and Texans club teams, plus Region III and North Texas ODP (she earned the Golden Glove Award with North Texas at the 2004 ODP nationals).

- Sophomore M **Becca Mendoza** (Garland) was a standout at North Garland HS (77G-58A in first three seasons) and helped lead the Dallas Sting to a 3rd-place finish at 2005 USYS Nationals (under-18) while also playing for North Texas ODP in '03 and '04 (she dnp in '05 due to duties with Mexican National Team, as she holds dual citizenship).

- Freshman defenders **Haley Ford** (Midland) and **Ashley Galovic** (Plano East HS) round out a Texas contingent that accounts for nearly one-fourth of ND's 2006 roster ... Ford spent most of her youth-soccer career making a roundtrip commute of nearly 12 hours to compete with teams in the Dallas area (she captained the Dallas Texans to the 2006 USYS national title) ... Galovic played for the Solar Soccer Club (giving the 2006 Irish team players from the Texans, Sting and Solar).

- Notre Dame's all-time playing roster includes 19 Texas natives, with other notables including: early scoring leader **Stephanie Porter** ('90-'93; Spring/Klein HS); steady M **Tiffany Thompson** ('91-'94; Houston/Cypress Creek HS); clutch 'keeper **Liz Wagner** ('98-'01; Spring/Klein HS); All-America/Academic All-America D **Monica Gonzalez** ('97-'01; Richardson/Plano East HS); and high-scoring F **Amanda Guertin** ('00-'03; Grapevine HS), currently a marketing coordinator for Fossil in Dallas (she will be in attendance this weekend cheering on her alma mater).

QUICK KICKS – Junior F **Amanda Cinalli** has points in 13 of the past 16 official fall games with ND (10G-10A) and has factored into five of the team's past seven goals (4G-1A) ... Cinalli (19th; 24G) and sophomore **Kerri Hanks** (16th; 31G) give the 2006 Irish squad two players who rank among ND's top-20 career goalscorers ... the Irish played in front of a large and spirited crowd (2,609) during the win over Santa Clara ... ND owns nearly a 10-to-1 scoring edge in the 2nd half during the past two seasons (67-7; 9-0 in 2006) ... the Irish have rolled up a 20-1 corner-kick margin in the 1st half this season ... ND totaled 31 CKs in the first three games (then 2 vs. SCU).

BIG-GOAL SCORER – Senior defensive midfielder **Jill Krivacek** has scored just six goals in her ND career but four of them have come in key situations, giving the Irish their first goal of the game (all in the second half)

Jill Krivacek's Clutch Goals

8/31/03	Scored early in second half to open scoring in 3-0 win over Wake Forest (at UConn)
11/14/04	Headed in a 90th-minute Katie Thorlakson corner kick to best Wisconsin in NCAA second round (1-0)
10/21/05	Her opening goal in the 58th minute opened the gates for a 4-0 win over Villanova
9/3/06	Scored tying goal in 64th minute to spark 3-goal spurt in span of 8:55 vs. Santa Clara (1-1)

WEEK-TWO HONORS

* **AMANDA CINALLI (F, Jr.)** – named offensive MVP of ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic before being named the BIG EAST Conference offensive player of the week and collecting national player-of-the-week honors from *Top Drawer Soccer* ... Cinalli also was runner up for the *Soccer Times* national player of the week ("best of the rest") and was named to the *Soccer Buzz* and *Soccer Times* national teams of the week ... Cinalli factored into four of ND's five goals in the wins over #19 USC (2-0; 1G) and #1 Santa Clara (3-1; 2G-1A) ... she scored the key second goal vs. USC (flicking in a Michele Weissenhofer throw-in) and later assisted on Jill Krivacek's tying goal in the 64th minute vs. SCU before adding two goals of her own (one on a far-post volley off a service from Weissenhofer and the other on a strong individual move and leftfooted strike into the upper right corner) ... Cinalli tied career highs with two goals and five points in a game (she also completed a stretch with goals in three straight games for the first time in her career) and she now has nine gamewinning goals in her ND career.

* **JILL KRIVACEK (M, Sr.)** – named defensive MVP of ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic before being named the BIG EAST defensive player of the week (also named to the *Soccer America* national team of the week) ... Krivacek helped the Irish allow just one goal, 16 total shots, 10 shots on goal and 11 corner kicks in the weekend action ... her shift from the defensive midfielder position to more of an attacking role helped fuel the comeback vs. SCU and she tied that game with a well-placed leftfooted shot in transition.

* **LAUREN KARAS (G, Jr.)** – named the top goalkeeper at the ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic before being named the BIG EAST weekly honor roll ... made career-high nine saves (eight straight, after early goal) in 3-1 win over #1 Santa Clara, two days after snuffing several solid USC scoring chances ... improved to 15-1-1 in her Irish career.

* **OTHER ALL-TOURNAMENT PICKS** – other ND players named all-tournament at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic included senior M **Jen Buczkowski** and freshman F **Michele Weissenhofer**.

BRONCO BUSTERS – The Notre Dame senior class now is 4-1-0 in games during their career versus Santa Clara: 2-1 at SCU in 2003, 5-2 at ND in 2004, 1-0 in the 2004 NCAA semifinal (in Cary, N.C.), 1-2 at SCU in 2005 and 3-1 at ND in 2006 ... ND head coach Randy Waldrum owns a 7-3-0 record with the Irish vs. SCU (ND leads the all-time series 8-4-0).

FLURRY-O-GOALS – Notre Dame stunningly took control of the game with Santa Clara by scoring three times in a span of 8:55, with Jill Krivacek's blast tying the game before a pair of Amanda Cinalli goals yielded the 3-1 final/

QUICK NOTES FROM THE 2-0 WIN OVER USC – The Irish held a 13-1 shot edge and 10-1 corner-kick margin in the first half but were unable to get the ball past goalkeeper Veronica Simonton, who made five of her six saves in the opening 45 minutes ... ND finished with a 23-2 edge in total shots and did not surrender a shot on goal in the game, although USC had some key chances when the game still was 0-0 and 1-0.

THE LITTLE HELPER – Freshman forward **Michele Weissenhofer** already has totaled six assists, earning a share of the national lead (she had 2A vs. both Iowa State and USC, plus the throw-in that led to the GWG at Ole Miss and the primary assist on Amanda Cinalli's gamewinning goal vs. Santa Clara) ... the 5-foot-4 Weissenhofer's six assists already surpass Cinalli's freshman-year total in 2004 (5) while former ND standout Katie Thorlakson had just 3A as a freshman in 2002 (she finished with 73 for her career, 2nd-most in NCAA history) ... Kerri Hanks had 15A in 2005, as part of her 71-point All-America rookie season.

PLENTY OF WEAPONS – Notre Dame's 16 goals this season have come from eight different players (none has more than four): Kerri Hanks (3), Michele Weissenhofer (2), Amanda Cinalli (4), Jill Krivacek (2), Susan Pinnick, Claire Gallerano (the first goal of her four-goal career), Lizzie Reed and Amanda Clark ... the Irish also picked up a score in the opener vs. Iowa State on an own goal.

SET-PLAY SUCCESS – Notre Dame's 24 overall goals this fall (including the two exhibition games) have included eight goals on set plays (at least one in each of the first five games), via corner kicks, free kicks or throw-ins.

STEADY CLIMBER – Junior F/M Amanda Cinalli's four goals in the past three games have pushed her career point total to 71 (24G-23A), which would rank near the top of many school's record books (she is 23rd in ND history, three points behind Stacia Masters) ... senior M **Jen Buczkowski** is 26th on the ND career points list (62; 19G-24A) while sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** is 20th (77; 3G-15A).

FAMILIAR SPOT – This marks the third straight season that the Notre Dame women's soccer program has achieved a No. 1 national ranking ... Notre Dame was No. 1 in the NSCAA poll during six of the previous 12 seasons (1994, '95, '96, 2000, '04 and '05).

AIMING HIGH – The Irish are in quest of the program's third national title and second in the past three years, with North Carolina being the only Division I women's soccer program that has won more than two NCAA titles ... the team's 17 returning letterwinners include eight who were starters during the 2005 season.

DYNAMIC DEBUT – **Michele Weissenhofer** (2G-2A) became the sixth ND player (done seven times) ever to factor into four-plus goals in a season opener, joining Jenny Streiffer (2G-5A vs. Providence in 1996; 14-0) and Kerri Hanks (3G-1A vs. UNH, '05; 11-1) as the only ND freshmen to start their career by scoring or assisting on four-plus goals in the opener ... Katie Thorlakson had 3G-2A vs. Baylor in 2004 (7-2) and 2G-4A as a senior in the 2005 UNH game (most points ever by an ND player in an opener, with 8) ... Rosella Guerrero (2G-2A vs. Rutgers in 1994; 6-0) and Mary Boland (3G-1A vs. Hartford in 2003; 9-1) both factored into four goals in the opener of their junior seasons.

BATTLING BACK – The quick deficit in the Ole Miss game (2:30) was the earliest faced by the Irish in nearly three years, since West Virginia's Laura Kane scored at the 1:43 mark on Oct. 6, 2003 (ND lost that road game, 3-0).

FOUR YEARS OF DOMINATION

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003-06
Record	20-3-1	25-1-1	22-3-0	4-0-0	71-7-2
(Regular Season)	18-1-1	17-0-1	16-2-0	4-0-0	56-3-2
(Postseason)	2-2-0	8-1-0	6-1-0	—	16-4-0
Goals Per Game	3.04	2.54	4.40	4.00	3.50
Goals-Against Average	0.49	0.51	0.60	0.50	0.52
Avg. Scoring Margin	+2.55	+2.03	+3.80	+3.50	2.98
Shots Per Game	19.0	20.6	22.9	21.5	21.1
Shots Allowed/Game	4.8	5.7	5.0	6.8	5.6
Shot Margin	+14.2	+14.9	+17.9	+14.7	+16.5
Shot On Goal Per Game	10.3	10.2	12.3	9.8	10.6
Shots On Goal Allowed/Game	2.2	2.6	2.2	3.8	2.7
Shots-On-Goal Margin	+8.1	+7.6	+10.1	+6.0	+7.9
Shooting Percentage	.160	.126	.192	.186	.167
Shots Per Goal	6.2	8.0	5.2	5.4	6.2
Shots on Goal per Goal	3.4	3.9	2.8	2.4	3.1
Corner Kicks Per Game	4.7	5.9	7.0	8.3	6.5
Corner Kicks Allowed Per Game	3.1	1.8	1.7	3.5	2.5
Average Corner-Kick Margin	+1.6	+4.1	+5.3	+4.8	+4.0
Save Percentage	.774	.803	.722	.867	.792
Shutouts	15	16	17	2	50
Games w/ 0-1 GA	22	24	21	4	71
Games w/ 2 GA	1	3	2	0	6
Games w/ 3-plus GA	1	0	2	0	3
Overtime Record	2-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-2
1-Goal Game Record	4-3	10-1	1-1	1-0-0	16-5
Wins By 3-Plus Goals	11	9	21	1	42
Wins By 5-Plus Goals	5	2	10	1	18
Home Games	13-2-0	14-0-1	13-0-0	4-0-0	43-2-1
All Road Games	7-1-1	11-1-0	9-3-0	1-0-0	28-5-1
1st-Half Scoring	40-7	32-4	51-8	7-2	130-26
2nd-Half Scoring	31-5	38-10	58-7	9-0	136-22
Fouls Per Game	14.2	12.3	11.2	13.8	12.5
Yellow Cards (Red)	12 (0)	17 (0)	16 (0)	4 (0)	49 (0)

SILVER STREAKS

230 – consecutive wins when claiming a 2-0 lead (253-0-1 all-time)

80 – the senior class never has been outshot in a game during their ND careers (70-7-2 record in those games)

40 – current scoring streak, second-longest in the program's history and longest since the late 1990s (the 1997-99 teams combined to score in 55 straight)

31 – current home unbeaten streak (30-0-1), longest in the program's 19-year history and 5th-longest in the NCAA Division I record book (only UNC and Santa Clara have compiled longer home unbeaten streaks)

22 – consecutive wins at Alumni Field (since 0-0 vs. Rutgers in 2004)

19 – unbeaten streak in overtime (14-0-5, since 1999)

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER BY THE NUMBERS

.772 (35-10-1)	ND's all-time NCAA Tournament win pct. (2nd in women's soccer history)
234-3-1 (.985)	ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (136-1-0 since Oct. 6, 1995)
230	Win streak when taking 2-0 lead (253-0-1 all-time)
145-23-5 (.853)	Randy Waldrum at ND
154	Total minutes that ND trailed in 2005 season
65-0-1	Home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST
57-3-2	Record in past 62 regular-season games
39	(ended vs. UConn in '04 BE title game; now 69-2-0 in past 71) – consecutive wins when scoring first
40	Active scoring streak (2nd in ND history)
39-14-3	vs. NSCAA top-25 in Waldrum era
35	All-Americans (since 1994)
23	Players who posted GPA of 3.0-plus in 2005 spring semester (11 with 3.4-plus)
24	Games with 0-1 goals allowed in 2005-06
23-3-2	All-time record in home tournaments
22-2-0	All-time record in BIG EAST Tournament
22	Wins in 2005-06 by 3-plus goals (in 29 GP)
21-1-0	'05-'06 record with Kim Lorenzen starting
20	Players who started in 2005 season
19	Notre Dame's current unbeaten OT streak (14-0-5)
19	Academic All-Americans (since '95; most in nation)
15	Number of home states and provinces (plus Finland) on 2005 Notre Dame roster
12	Notre Dame alums in the WUSA (2001-03)
5	Starters left from 2004 national champs
4.40	2005 scoring average (goals/gm; led nation)
7-1-1	Record in NCAA quarterfinals (since '94)
5	National ranking for 2003 freshman class
4.00	Semester GPAs posted by Ashley Jones in 2004 and '05 fall semesters (3.96 cum. GPA)
3.42	Team's 2006 spring semester GPA (best among ND's 26 varsity teams)
3	Multiple NCAA-title teams (UNC, ND, Portland)
2	National ranking for 2004 freshman class

SENIOR SALUTE

- Notre Dame's eight-member senior class has helped the Irish compile a 71-7-2 record spanning the 2003-06 seasons, for the 4th-best four-year win pct. (.900) in ND history, behind the classes of 1998 (.921; from 1994-97), 1997 (.903) and 1999 (.901)
- Midfielder **Jen Buczkowski** is a two-time All-American, was one of the final-15 candidates for the 2005 M.A.C. Hermann Trophy and has been picked to repeat as BIG EAST midfielder of the year
- Defender **Christie Shaner** could become ND's fifth player ever named to the all-BIG EAST team four times (2nd team in 2003 and '05; 3rd team in 2004) – others are Jen Grubb, Anne Makinen, Amy Warner and Candace Chapman – and was tabbed the BIG EAST preseason defender of the year for the 2006 season
- Four of the seniors previously have earned all-BIG EAST honors: Buczkowski (1st team in 2004 and '05), Shaner, defensive midfielder **Jill Krivacek** (3rd team in 2004, also defensive MVP of 2005 BIG EAST Tournament) and F/M **Lizzie Reed** (3rd team in 2005)
- Buczkowski, Shaner, Krivacek and defender **Kim Lorenzen** all played key roles during the 2004 national-title season (Lorenzen at right back, Shaner at left back)
- The seniors have helped ND post a .933 win pct. (55-3-2) in regular-season games from 2003-06 while going 43-2-1 at home (.946) and helping set the ND record for home unbeaten streak (31/30-0-1, with 22 straight wins; both are active streaks)
- The seniors have combined to log 460 career games played (280 starts) with the Irish: Buczkowski (80/75 starts), Shaner (79/71), Reed (75/21), Lorenzen (73/63), Krivacek (72/45), defensive midfielder **Claire Gallerano** (38/5), forward **Molly Iarocci** (25/0) and goalkeeper **Nikki Westfall** (18/1) ... Buczkowski, Shaner, Reed, Lorenzen and Krivacek have combined for 379 GP (275 starts) and could become the first five teammates from the same ND class all to appear in at last 90 career games ... Shaner and Lorenzen (152 combined GP/134 starts) form the veteran core of the Irish defense, as do Buczkowski and Krivacek (152 GP/120 GS) for the midfield unit
- The eight players own an average cumulative GPA of 3.44, with all eight players above a 3.2 – and seven at 3.39 or higher – while combining to pursue seven different majors (Gallerano 3.56 cumulative GPA/American studies major; Iarocci 3.55/management; Westfall 3.47/entrepreneurship and Spanish; Shaner 3.44/design; Reed 3.44/finance; Lorenzen 3.43/finance; Buczkowski 3.39/marketing; Krivacek 3.20/marketing)
- The seniors have played their roles in ND averaging 3.50 goals per game (and a 0.52 GAA) during their careers, with 50 shutouts and 22 other games with 1 GA in their 80 games (269-48/+221 overall scoring edge)
- Have allowed three-plus goals in a game just three times
- Lorenzen is ND's first solo team captain since the program's first season (1988) and the Irish are 21-1-0 during the past two seasons when she is in the starting lineup (5-2 when she did not start in 2005, due to illness), with the lone in a recent Lorenzen start coming to eventual 2005 NCAA champion Portland

FIRST-TIME VISITOR FUTILITY – Since 1993, teams making their first visit to Alumni Field have gone just 3-42-1 vs. the Irish in those games (including losses by Iowa State and USC in 2006) ... ND's all-time record in series openers now is 77-25-2 (.745), including 44-5-0 since '93 and 51-8-0 in all series openers at home (26-3-0 since 1993) ... ND has not lost to a first-time visitor in the past four seasons (2003-06), going 10-0-0 in those games with a 92-6 scoring margin.

BACK-TO-BACK CHALLENGE – Prior to the season-opening games vs. Iowa State (9-0, at home) and #24 Mississippi (2-1, on the road), Notre Dame had not played on back-to-back days since 1996 and from 1988-96 went just 12-5-3 when playing the day after a previous game (the Irish were 15-5 in the first games) ... a major difference between those previous back-to-back games and the challenging 2006 weekend was that the opponents in those 1988-96 games typically were playing under the same schedule (whereas Mississippi played on Friday but not on Saturday, when ND played ISU) ... no previous team in the program's 19-year history ever had faced the task of playing on back-to-back days in venues that were more than a couple hundred miles apart ... five previous ND teams had played back-to-back at different sites: 1989 (1-2 at Wis.-Milwaukee; 0-6 at Wisconsin), 1990 (0-4 at Duke, 1-5 at UNC Greensboro), 1991 (2-3 at Central Florida, 1-1 at Florida Int'l), 1993 (6-0 at Ohio State, 3-0 at Detroit) and 1996 (14-0 at Providence, 6-0 at Boston College) ... the combined record in those five previous pairs of back-to-back games in different sites was just 4-5-1 ... 1996 saw the Irish play back-to-back three different times, sweeping all of those games: 14-0 at PC and 6-0 at BC (to open the season), 2-1 vs. UNC and 2-0 vs. Duke (both at the Duke Classic), and 7-0 vs. Villanova and 4-3 vs. UConn to win the BIG EAST (at ND).

STRONG STARTERS – Notre Dame is 17-2-0 in season openers, including seven straight game-one wins and a 36-4 combined scoring edge in the past three four openers (9-1 vs. Hartford, 7-2 vs. Baylor, 11-1 vs. New Hampshire and 9-0 vs. Iowa State).

WEISSENHOFER BIG EAST ROOKIE OF THE WEEK – Freshman F Michele Weissenhofer collected BIG EAST rookie-of-the-week honors after leading the Irish with seven points (2G-3A) during opening-week wins over Iowa State (9-0) and #24 Mississippi (2-1 ... Weissenhofer's early production included an assist via her unique flip throw-in style, plus a run down the flank and cross that forced an own-goal in the Iowa State game (she officially received no points for that score ... Weissenhofer's impressive debut weekend came vs. a pair of programs that played in the 2005 NAAs (Iowa State returned seven starters from the 2005 Big 12 Conference runner-up team while all 11 starters are back from the 2005 Mississippi team that won its SEC divisional title ... the feisty freshman actually factored into six of the team's 11 goals during the weekend, when including the own-goal ... a rightside corner kick from Weissenhofer assisted on a Jill Krivacek flick header early in the ISU game, followed by her primary assist on nice combination play with Krivacek to set up a Kerri Hanks goal for a 3-0 lead ... Weissenhofer later scored unassisted in that game and then took a pass from classmate Ashley Galovic and raced down the right flank before driving a low cross that was knocked in by an ISU defender (ND's Susan Pinnick was filling the middle and nearly poked home the goal herself) ... a pass from Molly Iarocci later set up Weissenhofer in the center of the field, as she buried a tough 18-yard shot inside the far-right post ... Weissenhofer – who shared the scoring lead (26 goals each) with current ND sophomore Brittany Bock on the Neuqua Valley High School's 2005 Illinois state-title team – also was a proven goalscorer on the biggest stage with her Eclipse Select club team, helping that squad win 2004 and '05 USYS national titles before coming just shy of reaching the 2006 championship game ... the goal at Ole Miss saw Krivacek flick Weissenhofer's throw to Hanks, who finished the chance for the 2-1 lead on the Rebel ... Weissenhofer totaled her seven points and team-best nine shots in just 109 minutes ... she became the third ND freshman ever to score/assist on four-plus goals in the season opener, joining the impressive All-America duo of Hanks ('05) and Jenny Streiffer ('96) in that distinction.

ROOKIE ROLLOUTS – In addition to **Michele Weissenhofer's** 2G-3A vs. Iowa state and Ole Miss, the eight-year Randy Waldrum era has seen several other noteworthy debut weekends from Notre Dame freshmen:

- In 2005, current sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** had a hat trick and added an assist in the 12-1 opener vs. New Hampshire (Vermont) and came back two days later to score four times in a 6-0 win over Vermont ... she earned national player-of-the-week honors from Soccer America, after setting the Irish record for most goals totaled in back-to-back games (7) and tying the ND record for goals in a game (4).
- In 2004, current junior forward **Amanda Cinalli** scored the first two goals in the opener vs. Baylor (7-2), also adding an assist in that game and setting up a goal two days later vs. Eastern Illinois (3-0 ... Cinalli became the fourth freshman ever to score Notre Dame's first goal of a season and also was the fourth ND player ever to score the team's first two goals in a season.
- In 2001, forward **Mary Boland** scored at the 6:54 mark in the 2-1 win over 8th-ranked Penn State – producing the second-earliest goal in a season opener ever posted by an ND freshman (now the 8th-quickest goal, by any ND player, in an opener).
- In 2000, forward **Amy Warner** erupted for a hat trick in the game-2 win over Providence (5-1), the first ND freshman to record a hat trick since Anne Makinen in the 1997 BIG EAST title win over Connecticut (6-1) ... Warner – who was named BIG EAST rookie of the week – recorded the earliest date (Sept. 3) ever for a hat trick by an ND freshman, a mark later bested by Hanks (Aug. 26).

ACADEMIC ELITE – The Notre Dame women's soccer program's academic tradition just keeps getting better and better, with the team's 3.42 GPA in the 2006 semester representing the best among Notre Dame's 26 varsity programs ... several players will be top candidates for Academic All-America honors, led by junior D Ashley Jones and her 3.96 cumulative GPA as an accounting major (her 19 classes so far have produced 17 A grades and a pair of A-minuses) ... other top candidates for Academic All-America include senior M Jen Buczkowski (3.39, marketing), senior D Kim Lorenzen (3.43, finance), senior D Christie Shaner (3.44, design), sophomore M Brittany Bock (3.45, business) and sophomore D Carrie Dew (3.33, business).

TWO TO WATCH – Notre Dame sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** and senior M **Jen Buczkowski** again were among the 25 players named to the Hermann Trophy watch list for the 2006 season, with Hanks also collecting various preseason All-America honors (plus BIG EAST preseason offensive player of the year) ... Hanks and Buczkowski join two UNC players (F Heather O'Reilly and M Laurie Chalupny) and Nebraska M Brittany Timko as the only returners from the final-15 Hermann candidates in 2005 ... Hanks (the preseason BIG EAST offensive player of the year) and Buczkowski (picked to repeat as midfielder of the year) were joined by senior D Christie Shaner (the league's preseason defensive player of the year), junior F Amanda Cinalli and sophomore M Brittany Bock in comprising five of the 11 players who were named to the 2006 preseason all-BIG EAST team.

QUICK STRIKE – A pass from **Becca Mendoza** to fellow sophomore **Kerri Hanks** yielded the quickest goal ever in a Notre Dame season opener (1:19), in the 9-0 win over Iowa State ... the previous record came in the first year of the program, when Mimi Suba assisted on a goal by Margaret Jarc at the 1:20 mark of a 1988 game with St. Joseph's (5-1) ... it also was the third-quickest goal in any game during the eight-year Randy Waldrum era (since 1999) and quickest since Melissa Tancredi scored 27 seconds into a 2001 game with St. John's (Nancy Mikacenic scored 57 seconds into a 1999 game vs. Butler).

Quickest Goals in the Randy Waldrum Era (since 1995)

0:27 Melissa Tancredi (10/12/01, vs. St. John's)
0:57 Nancy Mikacenic (9/15/99, vs. Butler)
1:19 Kerri Hanks (8/26/06, vs. Iowa State)

Quickest Goals in Season Openers

1:19 Kerri Hanks (2006, vs. Iowa State)
1:20 Margaret Jarc (1988, vs. St. Joseph's)

Most Goals Scored in a Season Opener

14-0 at Providence (1996)
12-0 at LaSalle (1993)
11-1 vs. New Hampshire, at Vermont (2005)
9-0 vs. Iowa State (2006)
9-1 vs. Hartford, at Maryland (2003)

Note: the nine goals vs. ISU also match the third-most of the Waldrum era (since 1999), behind the 11-1 win over UNH in the 2005 opener and a 10-0 win over Georgetown in '99 (the '03 team opened with the 9-1 win over Hartford, at UConn).

LORENZEN TABBED FOR BIG EAST WEEKLY HONOR ROLL – Notre Dame team captain and senior central defender Kim Lorenzen was among six total players named to the week-one BIG EAST Honor Roll (in addition to the league's top four weekly honors), with Notre Dame and Villanova representing the only members of the 16-team league with multiple honorees for opening week (Michele Weissenhofer was rookie of the week) ... Lorenzen – the second all-time solo captain for Notre Dame and first since the program's debut season in 1988 – was slowed by nagging injuries in the 2006 preseason but returned to action to lead the Irish in week-1 from her central defender spot ... ND limited Iowa State and Mississippi to one combined goal, 11 shots, five shots on goal and three corner kicks ... Lorenzen's strong play helped overcome the absence of sophomore center back Carrie Dew (who is playing in Russia with the U.S. Under-20 National Team), as freshman Amanda Clark played at the other central spot during the opening weekend ... Lorenzen played the full 90 minutes in the challenging win at #24 Mississippi (with 97-degree and a rowdy crowd) while pushing her career games played total to 71 (ND now is 70-7-2 in her career) ... the Irish now are 21-1-0 with Lorenzen in the starting lineup during the past two seasons (5-2-0 when she was out in 2005 due to illness).

WHO'S BACK, WHO'S GONE – Notre Dame lost four key regulars in All-Americans Katie Thorlakson (forward) and Candace Chapman (right back), along with the Academic All-America duo of goalkeeper Erika Bohn and midfielder Annie Scheffer, from the 2005 team that went 22-3-0, led the nation in scoring (4.40 goals per game) and allowed just 54 shots on goal all season ... top returners include two other All-Americans, senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski and sophomore forward Kerri Hanks, who both were among the final-15 candidates for the 2005 Hermann M.A.C. Trophy ... six others return who have received all-BIG EAST honors, among them: versatile senior defender Christie Shaner, senior midfielder Jill Krivacek, junior forward Amanda Cinalli, sophomore midfielder Brittany Bock, sophomore central defender Carrie Dew and senior utility player Lizzie Ree ... the only returning starter who has yet to be honored by the BIG EAST is the highly underrated Kim Lorenzen, a senior center back who will serve as the team's solo captain in 2006 ... top candidates to fill the open starting spots include three juniors – forward Susan Pinnick, outside back Ashley Jones and goalkeeper Lauren Karas – plus freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer ... the netminder position is most up-for-grabs, with senior Nikki Westfall and freshman Kelsey Lysander also firmly in the mix.

TALENT CONCENTRATION – The Irish entered the 2006 season fielding a roster that has tightened up a bit on its geographical reach ... the team now includes six players from Texas (most notably sophomore F Kerri Hanks, junior G Lauren Karas and freshman D Haley Ford) while six all hail from the Chicago area: the senior trio of midfielder Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek and center back Kim Lorenzen, plus the former Neuqua Valley High School teammates Brittany Bock (soph. M) Amanda Clark (fr. D/M) and Michele Weissenhofer (fr. F) ... the roster also includes three players from southern California – junior D Ashley Jones, sophomore D Carrie Dew and freshman G Kelsey Lysander – who all could find themselves in the starting lineup.

NATIONAL TEAMERS – Notre Dame's 2006 squad boasts three (Jen Buczkowski, Amanda Cinalli and Kerri Hanks) who have played with the U.S. Under-21 National Team, two others – Brittany Bock and Carrie Dew – who will be reporting a couple weeks late after wrapping up play with Team USA at the Under-20 World Championship, and two more (Susan Pinnick and Courtney Rosen) who are products of the Under-17 National Team.

SEASON-OPENER SUCCESS – Notre Dame's only losses in season openers have come in 1992 (3-4 at N.C. State) and 1999 (2-3, in double-OT vs. UNC) ... both of those games are noteworthy, as the Irish are 233-3-1 all-time when scoring 3-plus goals (one of the losses is the NCSU game) and are unbeaten in 19 straight overtime games (14-0-5), dating back to the 1999 UNC game (the first game of the Randy Waldrum era) ... since the loss to NCSU, the Irish are 13-1-0 in their past 14 season openers with a 99-8 scoring edge in those games ... ND's 36-4 margin in the past four openers includes 9-1 vs. Hartford (at UConn), 7-2 vs. Baylor in 2004 and the 11-1 game vs. UNH in 2005 (at Vermont).

READY TO ROLL – **Kerri Hanks** has totaled five goals in two season-opening games with the Irish (3 vs. UNH, 2 vs. Iowa State), despite totaling just 86 minutes of game action in those two games combined (56 off the bench vs. UNH in 2005 and 30 vs. ISU).

FLIRTING WITH THE HAT TRICK – Kerri Hanks and Michele Weissenhofer both came one goal shy of the rare season-opener hat trick in the 2006 opener vs. Iowa State, a feat achieved seven times previously by ND players (including the 2005 game vs. UNH that saw Hanks score three times) ... Rosella Guerrero is the only ND player with hat tricks in two different season openers: vs. N.C. State in 1992 and LaSalle in 1993 ... Weissenhofer could have joined Guerrero and Hanks as the only ND freshmen to post a hat trick in the opener.

SCORING EXPLOSION – The nine goals in the 2006 opener vs. Iowa State match the third-most of the Waldrum era (since 1999), behind the 11-1 win over UNH in the 2005 opener and a 10-0 win over Georgetown in '99 (the 2003 team opened with a 9-1 win over Hartford, at UConn) ... the 9-0 win also ties for the 15th-biggest victory margin in ND history ... three previous openers have seen ND score more goals: 14-0 at Providence in 1996, 12-0 at LaSalle in 1993 and 11-1 vs. UNH in 2005 (at Vermont).

CLIMBING THE RECORD BOOKS – Kerri Hanks has pushed her career point total to 77 (31G-15A), recently passing Stacia Masters and Stephanie Porter into 20th on the ND career points list (next up is Jen Grubb, with 83) ... Jenny Streiffer and Anne Makinen share the ND record for quickest to 100 points (40 games), with Hanks needing 23 points in her next 10 games to break that record ... Hanks nearly is averaging 3.0 points per game for her career (2.66), well ahead of Streiffer's ND record ... Hanks also is averaging 1.07 goals/gm for her career (Jenny Heft holds that record, at 0.83).

GOAL GIRL – Kerri Hanks has posted multiple goals in eight of her 29 games with the Irish and has scored the first goal of the game nine times ... she has scored in nine of the past 11 official fall games (all except the NCAA quarterfinal loss at eventual NCAA champion Portland and the recent 2-0 win over #19 USC).

SPRINT TO 30 – Kerri Hanks already owned the ND records for being the quickest player to 10 career goals (4 games) and 20 career goals (18; also 2nd-fastest to 20G in a season) ... her pair of goals in the 2005 opener vs. Iowa State then lade her the quickest to 30G, reaching that mark in 26 career games to finish just ahead of the pace set by Anne Makinen (who scored her 30th in her 27th game, during the 1998 season) ... Hanks is the 16th all-time ND player to reach the 30-goal mark ... others among ND's quickest to 30 goals have included Monica Gerardo (36 games), Jenny Streiffer (38), Michelle McCarthy (41), Jenny Heft (44), Rosella Guerrero (44) and Meotis Erikson (44) ... other 30-goal scorers in ND history are Susie Zilvitis (47 games), Amy VanLaecke (50), Amanda Guertin (53), Alison Lester (53), Cindy Daws (54), Katie Thorlakson (56), Amy Warner (56) and Shannon Boxx (67).

BLAME IT ON RIO (actually Campinas) – Since making its 2004 preseason training trip to Campinas, Brazil, the Notre Dame women's soccer team has racked up a 69-4-3 (.928) overall record spanning the games in Brazil (5-0-1), the 2004 NCAA title season (25-1-1), the 2005 and 2006 spring seasons (7-0-1; 6-0-0), the 2005 campaign (22-3-0) and the 4-0 start in 2006.

GOALS IN BUNCHES – Notre Dame scored three or more goals in 11 straight games in 2005, besting the team record of eight straight games with three-plus goals ... the Irish now have notched three-plus goals in 23 of the 29 games during the 2005-06 seasons, are 24-0-0 in 2005-06 when scoring multiple goals and have posted 22 wins the past two seasons by a margin of 3-plus goals (all but the 1-0 overtime game at Rutgers. 2-1 win at Mississippi and 3-1 win over Santa Clara).

SHOOTING FOR THE TOP – Notre Dame's senior class has yet to experience a game in which the Irish have been outshot, a stretch of 80 games that includes a 71-7-2 record during that 2003-06 span ... ND has held the shot edge in all 29 games of the 2005-06 seasons and in 77 of the past 80, with three teams managing to tie the Irish in shots during that four-year span: UCLA in the 2004 NCAA title game (11-1), Boston College in the 2003 BIG EAST semifinals (6-6) and Arizona State early in the 2003 season (11-11).

DRIVE FOR FIVE – The 9-0 win over Iowa State in the 2006 opener marked the 10th time in the 2005-06 seasons that ND has scored five-plus goals ... the Irish scored 3-plus goals in 11 straight games in 2005, blowing away the record (8) set by four previous ND teams (last in '98).

NOTRE DAME: "Home of the Assist Masters" – Freshman Michele Weissenhofer's quick start to the 2006 season includes an NCAA-leading six assists, putting her on an early pass to become Notre Dame's next great playmaker ... seven players in NCAA Division I women's soccer history have totaled 66-plus career assists and more of them (4) have played for Notre Dame than all other teams combined (3) ... ND's assist elite include Holly Manthei (NCAA-record 129 assists from 1995-98), 2005 senior Katie Thorlakson (2nd, 73), Jenny Streiffer (4th, 71; 1996-99) and Cindy Daws (7th, 67; 1993-96) and ... Thorlakson is the only player among the four from ND who has played the bulk of her career at forward (Manthei and Daws were midfielders; Streiffer shifted from M to F midway through her career) ... the NCAA record book also now includes four ND names in the top-5 for assists in a season: Manthei (44 in '96, 34 in '97, 30 in '94) and Thorlakson (35 in '05) ... former UNC great Mia Hamm had 33 assists in 1992.

SCORING STREAK HITS 40 GAMES – Notre Dame is riding a 40-game scoring streak that ranks second-longest in the program's history and tops in the eight-year Randy Waldrum era ... the longest scoring streaks in ND women's soccer history is 55 games (8/29/97-9/17/99), with the third-longest being 36 games (10/19/95-12/6/96) ... the current scoring streak dates back to the scoreless tie with Rutgers on Oct. 22, 2004 ... ND now has scored in 54 of its past 55 games (since ending the 2003 season with a 1-0 loss to Michigan in the second round of the NCAAs).

SUNDAY, BLOODY SUNDAY – The Irish remain unbeaten in 2005-06 during Sunday games (14-0-0; with 13 of those being the second game of the weekend) while outscoring the opponents 64-4 in those games (as opposed to an 8-3-0 record and 41-13 scoring edge in the first games/on Friday) ... the past eight Sunday games have yielded a 38-3 combined scoring margin for the Irish (7-0 vs. Seton Hall, 6-0 vs. Providence, 6-1 and 6-0 vs. Georgetown, 5-0 vs. #15 UConn, 3-0 vs. #25 Michigan State in NCAA 2nd round, 2-1 at #24 Mississippi, 3-1 vs. #1 Santa Clara).

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET – *Attacking Players*

Pos. Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
F/M #5 Amanda Cinalli (Jr.; Maple Hts, OH)	<i>Member of 2006 U.S. Under-21 National Team</i> <i>2005: 3rd Team all-BIG EAST; 2004: Fr. All-Amer. (SA)/1st Tm All-BE</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 stats: 4G-1A, 4 GS ... national player of the week (<i>Top Drawer Soccer</i>) after 1G (header) vs. USC, 2G-1A vs. Santa Clara ... scored game-tying goal at #24 Ole Miss (2-1) • Career stats: 24G (19th ND history)-23A, 71 points (23rd) ... 56 GP/49 GS ... 9 GWG Prep All-American; U.S. U-17 Nat'l Team • 2005 stats: 10G-17A (5th in nation), 37 points (3rd in BE) ... 25 GP/20 GS ... 4 GWG (vs. FL, G'town, UConn/BET, Valpo/NCAAs) • 2004 stats: 10G-5A, 25 points ... 27 GP/24 GS ... 4 GWG (1-0 at UConn and Villanova; in NCAAs vs. Eastern Illinois and Portland) • '05 notes: 2G vs. Valpo; G-2A vs. NH; G-A vs. FL, SHU, UConn/BET, Yale ... 2A vs. UVm, Cin., GU/BET ... G vs. Gon., GWA-UConn • '04 notes: became first ND freshman to score 1st goal of season and fourth ND player to score first 2G in opener (vs. Baylor) 	
F #2 Kerri Hanks (So.; Allen, TX)	<i>Hermann Trophy Final-15 Semifinalist; BIG EAST Rookie of the Year</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 stats: 3G (2 GWG) in 4 GS; 2G in 9-0 win over Iowa State (quickest goal ever in ND opener, 1:19), GWG at Ole Miss (2-1) • Career: 31G-15A, 77 points, 154 shots ... 29 GP/26 GS ... 8 GWG • '05 stats: 28G (3rd in nation; 4th all-time by Div.-I freshman)-15A (8th in nat.), 71 pts (2nd nat.), 135 shots ... 25 GP/22 GS ... 6 GWG Soccer America '05 nat'l player of the week/BIG EAST POW (3G-1A vs. UNH, 4G vs. UVm; ND record w/ 7G in consecutive games) BE POW (G-A vs. Cin., G vs. Lou.) ... 2-time BE rookie of week (G vs. Florida, 2G vs. Md.; 1A vs. Villanova, 1G-2A vs. G'town) • Notes: 7-gm goal streak in '05; quickest @ND to 10G (4 GP), 20G (20) and 30 G (26); tied ND record w/ 4G-gm (vs. UVm); OT goal at RU; 2G-2A vs. DePaul; 2G-1A vs. GU (BET); 2G vs. Yale (all '05) • 2004 signee; led U.S. U-19s w/ 22G (30 GP); USYS national Golden Boot (top scorer) Award in '03, '05 	
M #9 Jen Buczkowski (Sr.; Elk Grove, IL)	<i>Hermann Trophy Final-15 ('05); BIG EAST '05 Mid. of Yr. ('04-'05 All-Amer.)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '06 stats: 4 GS, 313 min. (78/gm; 3rd on tm) ; all-tour. ND Classic (2-0 USC, 3-1 SCU) "Pulls all the strings" for ND offense • Career stats: 18G-23A, 59 pts ... 80 GP/75 GS ... 6 GWG Played every minute w/ U.S. U-21 Nordic Cup champs ('05) • 2005 stats: 7G-7A, 21 pts (8th BE) ... 25 GP/23 GS ... 2 GWG • 2004 stats: 8G-11A, 27 pts (4th BE) ... 27 GP/25 GS ... 4 GWG (90th-minute at G'town; 2 vs. BC; at Michigan) • 2005 notes: ND Classic def. MVP ... 1G-1A vs. Gonzaga, DePaul, G'town (BET), Marq. (BET) ... 1G vs. Mich., Marq., PC ... 1A vs. Md. 1st team all-BIG EAST in '04; U.S. U-19 team; 69G-52A in 3-yr HS career; nation's #6 recruit in '03; prep All-American 	
M #10 Brittany Bock (So.; Naperville, IL)	<i>U.S. U-20 National Team ('06); 2nd-team all-BIG EAST ('05)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2005 stats: 12G-9A, 33 points (4th BE) ... 24 GP/17 GS Versatile talent who can dominate as forward, att. mid. or def. mid • Top games: NCAA gls vs. Valpo, Yale, Portland; 1G-2A BE final vs. UConn, 2G vs. UNH, SHU ... OT asst at RU ... 2A vs. GU/BET Former U.S. U-16/U-17/U-19 player ... 24G as prep sr. (state champs) ... national champ w/ Illinois ODP ('03) 	
F/M #17 Susan Pinnick (Jr.; South Bend, IN)	<i>Missed 2004 due to injury (club team van accident)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 stats: 1G-1A (vs. Iowa State), 4 GP/1 GS (at Ole Miss) • Career stats: 8G-4A (20 points), 28 GP/2 GS • 2005 stats: 7G-3A, 17 pts, 24 GP/1 GS (vs. Gon.) Goals vs. UNH (GW), Gon., Mich., USF, SHU, UConn/BET, Yale (GW) Prep All-American; U.S. U-17 Nat'l Team ... 76G-36A at St. Joe's HS; club Carmel Commotion was '03 nat'l r-up ('05 semi's) 	
F #7 Michele Weissenhofer (Fr.; Naperville, IL)	<i>Top scorer for Eclipse Select ('04 and '05 national champs)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 stats: 2G-6A (1st in nation), 4 GP/3 GS • 2006 notes: 2G-2A vs. Iowa State, GWA at Ole Miss (BE rookie of week); 2A vs. USC, GWA vs. SCU (ND Classic all-tournament) Led 2005 Neuqua Valley HS team (state champs) with 26 goals 	
F/M #15 Lizzie Reed (Sr.; Franklin Lakes, NJ)	<i>2005: 3rd team All-BIG EAST</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 stats: 1G (vs. Iowa State), 3 GP • Career stats: 5G-6A, 14 points ... 75 GP (3rd-most on team)/21 GS • 2005 stats: 2G-3A, 7 pts ... 23 GP/3 GS (vs. UVm, Gon., USF) Goals vs. SHU and PC; assists vs. UNH, UVm, Marq. (BET) • 2004 stats: 1G-2A, 4 points ... 28 GP/11 GS ... GWA at WVU (3-1), 1G-1A vs. SJU in BE quarters Prep All-American 	
M #20 Rebecca Mendoza (So; Garland, TX)	<i>Member of Mexican Nat'l Team ... nation's #16 recruit (Student Sports)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 stats: 1A (vs. Iowa State), 3 GP/1 GS (at Ole Miss) • Career Stats: 1G-1A, 18 GP/1 GS • 2005 stats: 1G (vs. GU), 15 GP (late arrival/nat'l team) Helped Dallas Sting reach '05 USYS nat'l semi's ... 77G-58A in 3 HS yrs 	
F #23 Molly Iarocci (Jr.; Carefree, AZ)	<i>Her father Tony Iarocci was catcher with ND baseball team</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2006 stats: 1A (vs. ISU), 1 GP ... Career: 1G-3A, 25 GP ... 2005 stats: 2A, 6 GP Arizona HS player of the year 	

NOTRE DAME PLAYER QUICK-FACT SHEET – *Defensive Players*

Pos. Player (Yr.; Hometown)	Notes
DM #24 Jill Krivacek (Sr.; Geneva, IL) <i>Defensive MVP – 2005 BIG EAST Tournament; 2004: 3rd Team All-BIG EAST</i> • 2006 stats: 2G-2A, 6 points ... 4 GS ... GT goal vs. SCU (BE def. player of week), GT assist at Miss. ... early 1G-1A vs. Iowa State • Career: 6G-11A, 23 pts (2G-5A in post.)... 71 GP/44 GS ... 3 GWG Imposing 5-foot-11 presence helps ND dominate in the air • 2005 stats: 2G-4A, 8 points ... 18 GP/12 GS ... GWG ... dnp 7 gm (Sept. 11-Oct. 2; bruised knee) • 2004 stats: 1G-2A, 4 points ... 27 GP/23 GS 90th-minute CK header beat Wisconsin in NCAA 2nd round (1-0) • '05 notes: goal in opener vs. UNH; pts in final week of reg.-season vs. Vill. (GWG; 4-0), G'town (1A); 1A vs. G'town (BE quarters)	
LB #18 Christie Shaner (Sr.; Ambler, PA) <i>3-time All-BIG EAST Pick (2nd team in '03 and '05; 3rd team in '04)</i> • 2006 stats: 4 GS Preseason BIG EAST defensive player of the year • Career stats: 3G-8A, 15 points ... 79 GP (77 straight)/69 GS ... team-high 4,095 minutes played during 2004-05 seasons (79/gm) • 2005 stats: 5A (vs. FL, Mich., UConn/BET, Yale, Port.) ... 25 GP/24 GS ... 1,886 minutes played (2nd on team), 75 min./gm • 2004 stats: 2G ... 25 GP/21 GS ... 82 minutes/gm (2nd on team) Header goals vs. WVU (3-1) and St. John's (BE QF) Career notes: '05 nat'l team of week (SA; 9/19) and BE def. POW (10/10); '04 2nd-team Acad. All-District '04 (3.46 GPA, design major) One of nation's hardest tacklers; called into U.S. U-21 camps ('04); nation's #22-rated recruit in '03 (SA); prep All-American	
CD #4 Kim Lorenzen (Sr.; Naperville, IL) <i>ND is 21-1-0 in her '05-'06 starts (104-9 scoring edge, 48 opp. SOG)</i> • 2006 stats: 4 GS; 4th on team with 309 minutes played (77 per game) • Career stats: 3G-4A, 10 points ... 73 GP/63 GS '03 ODP nat'l ODP champs (Illinois), with Buczkowski, Krivacek and Bock • 2005 stats: 19 GP/18 GS ... missed six games (Sept. 9-25) due to mononucleosis... central D starter (right back in '03, '04) • 2004 stats: 3G-4A ... 10 points ... 27 GP/21 GS, GWG (at West Virginia, 3-1) 2004 notes: gamewinning assist vs. BC (1-0), 1G-1A vs. St. John's (BE quarterfinal), goal vs. Eastern Illinois in NAAs	
CD #19 Carrie Dew (So.; Encinitas, CA) <i>U.S. U-20 Team ('06); U.S. Select-23 Nat'l Team ('05); Hon.-Ment. all-BE</i> • 2005 stats: 3G (vs. Maryland, Cin., UConn) ... 25 GS (Chapman only other to start every game) ... team-high 2,097 minutes (84/gm) ND and SCU Classic all-tour. teams 5-foot-9 ... U.S. U-16/U-17 nat'l teams ... nat'l champ w/ S.D. Surf ('03), Cal-South ODP ('04)	
RB #12 Ashley Jones (Jr.; Westlake Village, CA) <i>One of three ND players w/ 4.0 sem. GPA in '04-'05</i> • 2006 stats: 4 GS, GWA vs. SCU; team-high 326 min. (82/gm) Acad. All-America candidate (3.96 cum. GPA/accounting) • Career stats: 2G-6A, 10 pts (2G-3A in post.) ... 56 GP/20 GS Key midfield reserve as freshman; emerged as left back in '05 • 2005 stats: 1G (vs. GU/BET)-1A (vs. UConn/BET), 25 GP/10 GS (at LB) All-tournament at '05 Vermont and SCU Classics • 2004 stats: 1G-4A, 6 points ... 27 GP/6 GS All her '04 assists set up GW goals (vs. TX-Tech, BC twice, UConn in NAAs) Notes: goal in BE title gm vs. UConn (1-2) ... ND's #3 scorer on '04 Brazil trip (2G-3A) ... '04 nat'l titles w/ Cal-So. ODP, SoCal United	
D/M #7 Amanda Clark (Fr.; Naperville, IL) <i>Captain of Eclipse Select (2004 and '05 national champs)</i> • 2006 stats: GWG (vs. USC), 4 GS; 315 min. (79/gm; 2nd on tm) Versatile, hard-nosed player (can play DM, outside/center back)	
DM #21 Claire Gallerano (Sr.; Dallas, TX) <i>Career stats: 37 GP/5 GS</i> • 2006 stats: 2 GP Missed '05 spring (ankle injury) • 2005 stats: 17 GP/4 GS (vs. Vermont, South Florida, Seton Hall, Providence) Dallas Texans product ('03 national champs) • 2004 stats: 15 GP/1 GS (vs. TX-Tech)	
D #8 Haley Ford (Fr.; Midland, TX) <i>Captain of 2006 USYS national U-18 club champions (Dallas Texans)</i> • 2006 stats: 4 GP Regularly commuted nearly 12 hours roundtrip as youth-soccer player (Midland to Dallas)	
D #26 Ashley Galovic (Fr.; Plano, TX) <i>Outside back who played for Solar Soccer Club</i> • 2006 stats: 1 GP Joins Hanks, Gallerano, Karas, Mendoza and Ford as Texas natives on 2006 team	
G #6 Lauren Karas (Jr.; Flower Mound, TX) <i>Most Valuable GK at ND Classic (BIG EAST Honor Roll)</i> • 2006 stats: 0.67 GAA ... 11 SV, 2 GA (.846 save pct.) ... 3 GS (ISU, USC, SCU) ... career-9 saves in 3-1 win over #1 Santa Clara • Career stats: 0.76 GAA ... 41 SV/13 GA ... 29 GP/17 GS (15-1-0) • 2005 stats: 0.60 GAA ... 19 SV/6 GA ... 18 GP/9 GS (8-1-0; wins over Mich., UConn) BG EAST '05 GK of week (7 SV vs. Louis.) • 2004 stats: 1.24 GAA ... 11 SV/5 GA ... 8 GP/5 GS (4-0; win at ASU, off bench vs. Pitt) Gold Glove w. NTX ('04 ODP Nat's)	
G #13 Kelsey Lysander (Fr.; San Diego, CA) <i>Helped lead San Diego Surf to 2006 USYS national semifinals</i> • 2006 stats: 1 GS (vs. Iowa State), 2 SV	

50-POINT CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW – Notre Dame’s storied women’s soccer history includes 29 players who have posted 50-plus career points – with three of those players being members of the 2006: senior M **Jen Buczkowski** (62; 19G-24A), junior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** (66; 22G-22A) and sophomore F **Kerri Hanks** (77; 31G-15A).

Notre Dame Current Leaders in Career Points

Kerri Hanks.....	77(28G-15A)20th in ND history
Amanda Cinalli	66(22G-22A)24th
Jen Buczkowski.....	64(19G-24A)25th

GOLDEN GIRL – Notre Dame is 20-0-0 in the 2005-06 seasons when **Kerri Hanks** scores a goal.

NINE WITH SIX – The Irish have scored six-plus goals in 10 games spanning the 2005-06 seasons, versus: New Hampshire (11-1), Vermont (7-0), Maryland (6-0), DePaul (6-0), Seton Hall (7-0), Providence (6-0), Georgetown (6-1; 6-0 in BE quarters), Valparaiso (6-0; NCAA first round) and Iowa State (9-0).

BIG-GAME PLAYERS – Notre Dame has won 77% of its “big games” in the Randy Waldrum era (’99-’06), with a 59-16-3 record (.776) when facing an NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponent.

FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS – Notre Dame owns a 68-2-0 record in its past 70 games when scoring first (2-1 loss to UConn in ’04 BIG EAST title game; 4-1 loss at Marquette in ’05) ... Amanda Cinalli and Jen Buczkowski each opened the scoring in five games of the 2004 season (Katie Thorlakson had three 1st-goals in ’04, Candace Champan two) ... Chapman scored to open the scoring for ND twice in ’04 after the opponent scored first (Cinalli did so once) ... Kerri Hanks had eight first goals in 2005, followed by Thorlakson (6), Cinalli (3), Buczkowski (2), Carrie Dew (1), Annie Scheffer (1) and Jill Krivacek (1) ... Hanks added her ninth career first-goal in the 2006 opener vs. Iowa State (Amanda Clark has the other 2006 first-goals).

NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK

Career Goals Per Game (G/GP)

1. **Kerri Hanks (2005-)**..... **1.07 (31/29)**
2. Jenny Heft (1996-99)..... 0.83 (80/96)

Career Points Per Game (P/GP)

1. **Kerri Hanks (2005-)**..... **2.66 (77/29)**
2. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)..... 2.11 (211/100)

Career Points (G-A)

1. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)..... 211 (70-71)
2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98) 190 (73-44)
3. Jenny Heft (1996-99)..... 189 (80-29)
Cindy Daws (1993-96)..... 189 (61-67)
5. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)..... 186 (65-56)
6. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)..... 183 (55-73)
18. Jodi Hartwig (1991-94) 87 (27-33)
19. Jen Grubb (1996-99) 83 (15-53)
20. **Kerri Hanks (2005-)**..... **77 (31-15)**
21. Stephanie Porter (1990-93)..... 75 (31-13)
22. Stacia Masters (1993-96) 74 (24-26)
23. **Amanda Cinalli (2004-)**..... **71 (24-23)**
24. Kara Brown (1996-99) 68 (12-44)
25. Candace Chapman (2001-05) 64 (20-24)
26. Jen Buczkowski (2003-) 62 (19-24)

Note: Texas natives **Amanda Guertin** (13th, 123 pts) and **Tiffany Thompson** (16th; 91) also are among ND’s top all-time scorers (as is **Stephanie Porter**, included above)

Notre Dame 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
14. Amy Warner (2000-03)..... 37
15. Amy VanLaecke (1994-96)..... 34
16. **Kerri Hanks (2005-)**..... **31**
17. Jodi Hartwig (1991-94) 27
Tiffany Thompson (1991-94) 27
19. **Amanda Cinalli (2004-)**..... **24**

Note: Grapevine, Texas, native **Amanda Guertin** is 10th on the above list (48G, from 2000-03)

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win for ND, with the Irish 233-3-1 all-time (.985) when scoring 3-plus, losing to N.C. State in '92 (4-3), UConn in '95 (5-4, OT) and at Georgetown in '02 (4-3), plus a 3-3 tie vs. Vanderbilt in '91... the Irish had won 88 straight when scoring 3-plus, before the GU loss (now 137-1-0 since 10/6/95) ... ND is 321-9-12 (.956) all-time when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals (123-3-5 since 9/9/99), including 46-0-1 spanning the 2004-06 seasons ... the Irish suffered 1-0 losses in 2002 (vs. eventual NCAA champ Portland) and '03 (at #1 Stanford) ... prior to the UP loss, ND had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, playing minus All-American Anne Makinen) ... the program's 19-year history includes just 316 goals allowed in 419 games (0.75 GA/gm) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 76 games (18%) and have yielded 3-plus goals in just 35 all-time games (8%; including two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal) ... 92% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish hold the opponent to 0-2 goals, with a 343-26-15/.913 record in those games (ND is just 4-30-1/.129 all-time when allowing 3-plus).

THE SET-UP – Current junior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** became the 16th ND freshman to score double-digit goals (10, in '04) but she totaled just 5 assists in that 27-game season ... Cinalli more than tripled that assist total in 2005 (17; 5th in nation), with a pair of 2-assist games at the Vermont Classic (plus a goal in the 11-1 win over UNH), a header that ended up being the GWG vs. Florida (4-1), the primary assist on the Kerri Hanks goal that opened the scoring vs. Maryland (6-0), 2A vs. Cincinnati (4-0) and assists at South Florida (4-0) and vs. Seton Hall (8-0), plus the primary assist on the first goal vs. UConn (4-0) and an assist vs. Villanova ... she added 2A vs. Georgetown in the BIG EAST quarterfinal and another in the title game vs. UConn (plus NCAA assists vs. MSU and Yale) ... Cinalli's versatile skills have allowed her to serve as a forward and midfielder, opening the attack to better utilize the team's deep offensive talent ... she became the 21st ND player to reach 20G-20A in her career (now 24G-23A).

PUNCHING THE CLOCK – Senior M **Jen Buczkowski** has appeared in all 80 games over the past four seasons (ND is 71-7-2 in that stretch) while senior D **Christie Shaner** has played in 79 of 80 (77 straight, dnp vs. ASU in '03) ... three of Shaner's classmates had played in 54 of 55 games with ND before missing action at the 2005 SCU Classic: D **Kim Lorenzen** (had played 45 straight; dnp vs. Indiana State in '03), F/M **Lizzie Reed** (had played 44 straight/now 59 of 62; dnp vs. West Virginia in '02) and DM **Jill Krivacek** (had played 40 straight; dnp vs. UConn in '03) ... Lorenzen (mononucleosis) missed six straight games in 2005 while Krivacek (bruised knee) missed seven before returning in the game at Rutgers ... two juniors – D **Ashley Jones** and F/M **Amanda Cinalli** – have appeared in all 56 games the past two seasons, helping ND rack up a 52-3-1 record (.938) in that span, which would put them on pace to be the winningest class in ND history (along with G Lauren Karas; the team's other third-year player, as F Susan Pinnick, did not play in 2004 due to injury and F Kerri Hanks was at the U-19 World Championship) ... the top four-year win pct. in ND history is .921 (91-6-4), from 1994-97.

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 18-year history of ND women's soccer (instead, UConn rallied for the 2-1 win) ... the Irish now are 253-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead and have won 230 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 143 opponents to face a 2-0 deficit vs. the Irish have been unable to even tie the score (since the 1996 BIG EAST title game).

FRONTRUNNERS – Since a 3-2 loss to BYU on Oct. 19, 2002, ND has trailed in just 15 of 84 games for 474:27 (6.4% of 7,399:44), going 74-8-2 in that 84-game stretch ... five of ND's 15 deficits in that span have been 11 minutes or shorter while only six teams have led the Irish more than 40 minutes over that 84-game stretch (in '03 vs. Michigan for 60 and Boston College for 83; in '04 vs. Pittsburgh for 41; and for 64 at Marquette in '05, plus 77 in the quarterfinal loss at Portland; and for 51 minutes last week vs. Santa Clara) ... following the Pittsburgh deficit, no team had held a lead on the Irish for more than 40 minutes in a span of 28 games (prior to the '05 loss at Marquette) ... Marquette, Portland and Santa Clara are the only teams among the past 58 opponents that have led ND for more than 45 minutes (dating back to the 2003 BIG EAST semifinal vs. BC).

60-POINT TEAMMATES IN NCAA HISTORY

SMU 1995 – Danielle Garrett/later Fotopoulos (83; 32G-19A) and Courtney Linex (77; 31G-15A)

Notre Dame 2005 – **Kerri Hanks** (71; 28G-15A) and Katie Thorlakson (71; 18G-35A)

Notre Dame 1996 – Cindy Daws (72; 26G-20A) and Jenny Streiffer (66; 22G-22A)

North Carolina 1992 – Mia Hamm (97; 32G-33A) and Kristine Lilly (65; 23G-19A)

Notes: Notre Dame's 1997 team included three with 50-plus points: Anne Makinen (58; 23G-12A), Jenny Streiffer (58; 20G-18A) and Meotis Erikson (56; 22G-12A) ... the 1996 season also saw ND produce two other 50-point scorers (Monica Gerardo with 23G-13A/59 pts and Holly Manthei with 5G-44A/54 pts).

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

Jen Buczkowski.....80 straight GP (entire career; 71-7-2 team record)

Christie Shaner.....77 consecutive GP (79 of 80 GP in career)

Lizzie Reed.....has played in 65 of past 69 games (75 of 80 GP in career)

Amanda Cinalli56 consecutive GP (entire career); points in 13 of past 16 GP (10G-10A)

Ashley Jones56 consecutive GP (entire career; 51-4-1 team record)

Kerri Hanks.....goals in 23 of 29 games at ND (pts in 23 and 17 of past 21); goals in 9 of past 12 ND fall games

Brittany Bock21 points (8G-5A) in final 11 games of 2005 (pts in 12 of final 13 GP)

Carrie Dewjoined Candace Chapman as only players to start all 25 games in 2005

FIRST-HALF FORTRESS – The ND defense has been particularly stingy in the 1st half the past six seasons ('01-'06), allowing just 37 goals in the 1st half of those 122 games (0.30/gm) ... the 1st half in 2002 saw little scoring (12-10 ND edge), compared to a 40-7 first-half edge in '03 (30-4 in '04, while allowing just 64 first-half shots and 15 corners) ... the Irish have been equally dominant in the 1st (130-21/+109) and 2nd half (136-22/+114) over the past four seasons ('03-'06), including 58-12 in the 1st half and 67-7 in the 2nd half of 2005-06 games.

NOTRE DAME CAREER HIGHS

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Kerri Hanks (all '05)	4 (vs. Vermont)	2 (vs. DePaul, PC, GU)	8 (4G. vs. Vermont)
Jen Buczkowski	2 (vs. OK and LOY in '03)	2 (vs. BAY, SHU, SJU in '04)	5 (2G-1A vs. Oklahoma in '03)
Amanda Cinalli	2 (vs. Baylor and Portland in '04) (Valparaiso in '05; SCU in '06)	2 (vs. Michigan in '04) (in '05 vs. UNH, UVm, CIN, GU/BET)	5 (2G-1A vs. BAY '04, SCU '06)
Brittany Bock (all '05)	2 (vs. UNH, SHU)	2 (vs. Michigan) (G'town and UConn/both BET)	4 (2G vs. UNH; 1G-2A vs. UC/BET) (1G-2A UNH and Valpo/NCAAs)
Kim Lorenzen			3 (1G-1A vs. St. John's in '04)
Lizzie Reed			3 (1G-1A vs. St. John's in '04)
Susan Pinnick			3 (1G-1A vs. Seton Hall in '05)
Lauren Karas	9 saves vs. Santa Clara ('06), 7 vs. Louisville ('05)		

HOME SWEET HOME – Notre Dame is riding a team-record 31-game home unbeaten streak (30-0-1), besting a 29-game home unbeaten stretch (29-0-0) from Sept. 5, 1999-Sept. 7, 2001 ... the Irish have not lost at home since the 1-0 second-round NCAA Tournament loss to Michigan that brought a frustrating end to that dominating season (Michigan scored on its only shot on goal) ... ND also has won 22 straight at home (since a 0-0 game with Rutgers on Sept. 22, 2004), seven shy of the record set from 1999-2001, and now owns a 182-14-3 all-time record (.922) at Alumni Field, including 53-10-1 vs. NSCAA top-25 teams (149-4-2/.968 vs. non-top-25) ... 8 of ND's last 10 home losses have been by a single goal ... ND went unbeaten at home in the '05 regular season (9-0-0), the ninth time in the program's first 16 years at Alumni Field that Notre Dame did not lost a regular-season home game (all but '90, '92, '95, '99, '02, '03) ... the Irish have won nearly 92% of their all-time regular-season home games at Alumni Field (145-11-3, .921), including four seasons with one loss ... in 11 of the previous 12 seasons (all but '03), the Irish had just 0-1 regular-season home losses (106-7-3/.927, from 1994-2006).

GOING THE DISTANCE IN OT – Notre Dame is unbeaten in its past 19 overtime games (14-0-5) and 14-1-5 in overtime games during the Randy Waldrum era (which began with a 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC) ... prior to the 0-0 game vs. Rutgers in 2004, the Irish played 18 straight non-OT games (longest since the '97 and '98 teams combined for 31 straight non-OT games) and the Irish now have played to OT just twice in their past 48 regular-season games (43-4-1 in that stretch) ... ND has played to OT in just three of its past 59 games (0-0 vs. Rutgers, on 10/22/04; 1-1 in the 2004 NCAA title game vs. UCLA/4-3 in PKs; 1-0 at Rutgers on 10/7/05) ... ND's 14 OT wins in the Waldrum era include goals from eight players (with an ND-record four from **Amanda Guertin**, plus two by her classmate **Amy Warner**):

OVERTIME GAMES IN THE RANDY WALDRUM ERA

Date	Score	Opponent	Site	Game-winning Goal (assist)	Time
9/3/99	2-3 loss	2 OT #1 North Carolina		Meredith Florence (Kalli Kamholz)	114:00
10/22/99	2-1 win	2 OT at #8 Connecticut		Anne Makinen (-)	111:03
11/28/99	1-1 tie	2 OT at #4 Nebraska	NCAA quarterfinals (advanced on PKs, 4-3)		
9/10/00	2-1 win	OT #10 Stanford		Own goal (forced by Amy Warner cross)	104:42
9/22/00	2-1 win	OT at West Virginia		Amanda Guertin (-)	95:53
10/22/00	0-0 tie	2 OT at #25 Connecticut			
11/24/00	2-1 win	OT #24 Santa Clara	NCAA quarterfinals	Meotis Erikson (Randi Sheller, Guertin)	94:59
9/7/01	2-1 win	OT Indiana		Kelly Tulisiak (Warner, Lindsey Jones)	97:19
9/9/01	2-2 tie	2 OT Wisconsin			
9/21/01	2-1 win	2 OT Villanova		Amy Warner (Scheller, Monica Gonzalez)	114:11
9/30/01	2-1 win	OT #19 West Virginia		Mia Sarkesian (Mary Boland, Guertin)	102:05
10/28/01	2-1 win	OT #23 Michigan		Amanda Guertin (-)	101:27
9/20/02	1-0 win	2 OT Rutgers		Amy Warner (Maggie Manning)	100:43
10/27/02	1-0 win	OT at Boston College		Amanda Guertin (Amy Warner)	99:13
9/19/03	0-0 tie	2 OT #24 Stanford (at SCU)			
10/5/03	1-0 win	OT Villanova		Katie Thorlakson (Kim Carpenter)	97:22
11/2/03	2-1 win	OT Miami	BIG EAST quarterfinal	Amanda Guertin (Kim Carpenter)	92:54
10/22/04	0-0 tie	2 OT Rutgers			
12/5/04	1-1 win (4-3 PKs)	#11 UCLA	NCAA title game		
10/7/05	1-0 win	OT at Rutgers		Kerri Hanks (Brittany Bock, Thorlakson)	95:33

Note: ND players who made PKs in the 1999 NCAA quarterfinal vs. Nebraska (4-3) were Jenny Streiffer, Jenny Heft, Jen Grubb and Kelly Lindsey ... ND players who made PKs vs. UCLA in the 2004 NCAA title game were Sarah Halpenny, Jen Buczkowski, Annie Scheffer and Jill Krivacek ...

OFFENSIVE MACHINE – Stretching from 1992-2006, the Irish have scored in 95.3% of their games (323 of 339) ... since 1994, ND has scored in 285 of 298 (.956; three shutouts in NCAA title games) – with goals in 212 of 220 regular-season games (.964) in that 13-year stretch ... ND saw its 31-game scoring streak (3rd-best in Irish history) end in 2002 and now is riding a 40-game scoring streak (2nd-best in ND history).

GOAL PATROL – ND players have combined for 37 multiple-goal games over 80 games in the past four seasons (compared to just five in '02), by 13 different players ... most recently, **Kerri Hanks** and **Michele Weissenhofer** both had 2G in the opener vs. Iowa State while **Amanda Cinalli** scored 2G in the big win over Santa Clara ... the '05 opener vs. New Hampshire saw current players Hanks (3) and **Brittany Bock** each register multi-goal games and Hanks added a 4-goal game two days later vs. Vermont ... Hanks then had 2G vs. Maryland and Cincinnati (plus 2G-2A vs. DePaul), followed by Bock's 2G vs. Seton Hall, 2G from Hanks vs. Georgetown in the BE quarterfinals and Cinalli's 2G in the NAAs vs. Valparaiso ... Cinalli earlier had 2G in the '04 opener vs. Baylor (also in '04 NCAA quarterfinal vs. Portland) while **Jen Buczkowski** had 2G vs. Oklahoma in 2003 ... Hanks has totaled eight multiple-goal games in her brief ND career (with one 3-goal game and the 4G-game), with Cinalli now owning four multiple-goal games.

CORNERING THE MARKET – Dating back to the 2004 game vs. Rutgers (Oct. 22), Notre Dame has owned the corner-kick edge in 37 of its past 41 games (27 of 299 in '05-'06), finishing tied in CKs for one of those games (5-5 vs. UCLA in 2004 NCAA title game) ... Florida (4-3 CKs, in '05) and Santa Clara are the only recent opponents with more CKs than the Irish (SCU held a 6-5 margin in the '04 NCAA semi's and a 5-2 CK edge earlier this season) ... the Irish have racked up a 286-75 CK margin (better than 4:1) in the past 41 games, including 209-56 (+153) in '05-'06 ... that 41-game stretch has included 11 games with no CKs allowed by ND (also 10 GP with 1 CK allowed, 8 with 2 CKs allowed) ... excluding the pair of games at the 2004 College Cup final weekend, the Irish have racked up a 277-65 CK edge (nearly 5-to-1) in the other 39 games since Boston College held a 4-2 CK edge on 10/18/04 ... ND's 29 games in 2005 and '06 have included seven with no opponent CKs, six with a single opponent CK and seven with 2 CKs allowed (0-2 opp. CKs in 20 of the 27 games).

BIG WINS OVER TOP TEAMS – The 4-1 win over #11 Florida in 2005 marked the seventh time in the Randy Waldrum era (since '99) that the Irish have defeated an NSCAA top-25 opponent by 3-plus goals, followed by five more big wins over top-25 teams in 2005 ... here are the biggest victory margins over top-25 teams in the Waldrum era (11 wins by 3-plus goals), with the list including two BIG EAST tournament games and two from the NAAs:

6-0	#25 Maryland	9/4/05	
6-1	#2 Santa Clara	9/8/00	
5-0	#15 Connecticut	11/6/05	BIG EAST title game (at Marquette)
5-0	#11 Washington	9/16/00	at Portland Classic
4-0	#17 Connecticut	10/14/05	
5-2	#22 Yale	11/18/05	NCAA quarterfinal
5-2	#4 Santa Clara	9/5/04	
5-2	at #25 Maryland	9/15/02	
4-1	#11 Florida	9/2/05	
3-0	#25 Michigan State	11/13/05	NCAA third round
3-0	at #11 Marquette	11/4/05	BIG EAST semifinal

Note: the six "big wins" over top-25 teams in 2005 marked the most times in one season that the Irish had defeated a top-25 team by 3-plus goals (the 1997 team had five "big wins" over the top-25)

WINDY-CITY TRIO NOW A SIX-PACK – ND's 2006 roster includes six players who grew up playing close to one another in the Chicago area ... those Windy City natives are led by three seniors – M **Jen Buczkowski** (Elk Grove HS), D/M **Kim Lorenzen** (Naperville North HS) and defensive M **Jill Krivacek** (Geneva; Rosary HS) – who have been joined by sophomore M/F **Brittany Bock**, freshman F **Michele Weissenhofer** and freshman D/M **Amanda Clark** (all products of Naperville and Neuqua Valley HS) ... the older four helped lead the Illinois team to the Olympic Development national title in 2003, with Bock earning the Golden Boot Award while playing up an age group ... Bock and Weissenhofer shared the team scoring lead (26 goals each) and Clark was the defensive enforcer for the NVHS team that won the 2005 state title while Clark and Weissenhofer were leaders of the Eclipse Select club team that won 2004 and 2005 national titles ... each of the Chicago veterans played key, but subtle, roles on the 2004 national-title squad, with Lorenzen's great versatility allowing her to play anywhere on the field (she scored the gamewinning goal in the 74th minute at #20 West Virginia and had the primary assist on Buczkowski's GWG vs. #20 BC) ... the 5-foot-11 Krivacek has fortified the defensive midfield while Buczkowski is the classic field general and ranked third on the 2004 team with 27 points (8G-11A) ... Bock (12G-9A) and Buczkowski (7G-7A) ranked 4th and 6th on the 2005 team in scoring.