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## Women's Soccer Quick Facts

### Notre Dame Quick Facts

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Founded .....	1842
Undergraduate Enrollment .....	8,380
Nickname .....	Fighting Irish
Colors .....	Blue and Gold
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2006 PREVIEW



*Jill Krivacek and  
the Irish hope to  
point the way to  
another historic  
season in 2006.*





## Coaching and Support Staff

### Head Coach

Randy Waldrum  
(Midwestern State '81)  
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### 2005 Record

22-3-0 overall  
10-1-0 BIG EAST Conference  
(Regular-Season Champion;  
Tournament Champion)

### 2005 NCAA Championship

3-1-0, Quarterfinalist  
Notre Dame 6, Valparaiso 0  
Notre Dame 3, Michigan State 0  
Notre Dame 5, Yale 2  
at Portland 3, Notre Dame 1

### Returning Starters (8)

Jen Buczkowski (Sr., M)  
Kerri Hanks (So., F)  
Christie Shaner (Sr., D)  
Jill Krivacek (Sr., M)  
Kim Lorenzen (Sr., D)  
Amanda Cinalli (Jr., F)  
Brittany Bock (So., M)  
Carrie Dew (So., D)

### Monogram Winners Ret./Lost

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### 2006 Captain

Kim Lorenzen

**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS** – In the past 12 years, Notre Dame women's soccer players have been voted CoSIDA Academic All-Americans more than any other Division I women's soccer team – with 17 total selections (unprecedented three in 2003). **Jen Renola** and **Amy VanLaecke** were second-team selections in '95 and first-teamers in '96. Renola was named Academic All-American of the Year for the '96-'97 women's fall/winter at-large team (covering eight sports). **Jenny Streiffer** was the only sophomore named to the first team in '97 and was second-team in '98. **Vanessa Pruzinsky** – who graduated with a 4.0 GPA as a chemical engineering major – became the 14th ND sophomore in any sport to earn Academic All-America honors while joining Streiffer as two of just five Irish sophomores ever named first team (2000 senior **Meotis Erikson** was a third-team pick). Pruzinsky was the second Notre Dame student-athlete ever to be first team Academic All-America as a sophomore and junior ('01) while **Monica Gonzalez** (second team) joined Renola as the second Irish soccer player to couple All-America and Academic All-America honors in the same season ('01). Pruzinsky in 2003 became the first DI women's soccer player ever named first team Academic All-America three times (also Academic All-American of the Year), with second-teamers **Erika Bohn** and **Mary Boland** completing the first unmatched scholarly trio. Bohn then was a first-team honoree in 2004, with **Annie Scheffer** named second team – and each was a first-teamer in their senior season (2005), giving Bohn the rare three-year Academic All-America distinction.

**ALL-AMERICANS** – Dating back to the season in which Notre Dame reached its first NCAA championship game (1994), the National Soccer Coaches Association of America has honored the Irish with 35 All-America selections (only North Carolina has more in that 12-year span, with 38). Ten Notre Dame players have been first team All-Americans, led by three four-year All-Americans: midfielder **Holly Manthei** ('94-'97), defender **Jen Grubb** ('96-'99) and midfielder **Anne Makinen** ('97-'00). Notre Dame's 2005 team featured four All-Americans (see p. 114).

**BIG CROWDS COAST-TO-COAST** – Notre Dame has a tradition of drawing record-setting crowds, including the largest in NCAA women's soccer history for the 1999 College Cup final (14,110), in San Jose, Calif. The Irish played in front of 14,006 two days earlier at Spartan Stadium, in the '99 semifinals. A Nebraska-record crowd of 3,702 watched the Irish and Huskers play to a four-overtime tie in the '99 NCAA quarterfinals while a regular-season record 4,051 fans were in attendance when Notre Dame traveled to top-ranked Santa Clara earlier in '99. Most recently, a Maloney Field record crowd of 2,629 saw Notre Dame play at number-one Stanford in the 2002 NCAA third round.

**CLASS ACTS** – Notre Dame's class of 1998 – led by All-Americans **Holly Manthei** and **Kate Sobrero** – helped the Irish post a .921 win pct. from 1994-97 (91-6-4), the best four-year record in the program's history. Two other classes also won more than 90 percent of their games, with the class of '97 winning 90.3 pct. (87-8-3; '93-'96) while the class of '99 won 90.1% (89-8-4; '95-'98). The current senior class also could top the 90-percent mark for their careers, after already doing their part for a 67-7-2 record (.895) during the 2003-05 seasons.

**CONFERENCE COMMAND** – Notre Dame owns a 110-7-3 (.929) all-time record in 15 years of regular-season conference games ('91-'94 in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, since '95 in BIG EAST), plus 29-2-0 (.936) in conference tournament action. The Irish own an 96-8-3 (.911) record in all BIG EAST regular-season games (24-2-0 in the BIG EAST Tournament), including cross-divisional and four vs. UConn (2-1-1; '00-'03) that were not part of the league schedule. Prior to a 2000 tie with UConn (0-0), the Irish won 25 straight vs. BIG EAST foes while a 2-1 loss at Rutgers in '01 ended a 30-game unbeaten streak vs. the BIG EAST. Since joining the league, the Irish are 122-11-3 (.908) in all games vs. BIG EAST foes (2-0 win over UConn in '95 NCAA quarterfinals, 2-1 loss to UConn in '97 NCAA semifinals). Notre Dame's 136 games vs. BIG EAST teams since '95 include a 54-64 scoring edge (93-12 in BET). The Irish enter '06 riding an 11-year, 66-game home unbeaten streak (65-0-1) vs. BIG EAST teams.

**COACHING EXCELLENCE** – Notre Dame's **Randy Waldrum** – the first three-time BIG EAST women's soccer coach of the year ('99, '00, '03, plus '04) – was a finalist for 2003 and '04 national coach-of-the-year honors after masterfully guiding the Irish to two of the most dominant regular seasons in the program's history. His clever use of personnel helped offset injuries while maximizing the talent of the 2003 and '04 rosters. Waldrum owns the nation's seventh-best career win pct. among women's soccer coaches (.749, 226-70-17), including 119-20-5 with the Irish. His Notre Dame teams have advanced to three NCAA College Cups ('99 runner-up; 2000 semifinals, '04 champion) and have combined for a 34-11-3 record when facing a top-25 opponent while producing 10 All-Americans and 10 Academic All-Americans.

*Randy Waldrum was presented a signed ball from the Irish team after registering his 200th career win as a college women's soccer coach (2-1 vs. Miami; Nov. 2, 2003).*





## Brazil (summer 2004)

The Notre Dame women's soccer team's 2004 national championship season was a four-month odyssey that saw the Irish go 30-1-2 overall – 25-1-1 in the regular season, after a 5-0-1 mark on the preseason training trip in Campinas, Brazil (featuring a 16-3 scoring edge vs. top semi-professional teams from the Sao Paulo area). The games attracted many curious local spectators and included the traditional exchange of gifts and group photo. The Irish enjoyed great camaraderie at the wonderful five-star Vitoria Hotel and soaked in the atmosphere at first-division Brazilian men's professional games held at Ponta Preta and Guarani. Meals included Brazil's many exotic and tasty forms of pizza and the unique Brazilian steakhouses that featured table-top carvings of a variety of entrees.



**COVER GIRL** – Former Notre Dame All-America defender **Kate Sobrero** has won both the NCAA championship and the Women's World Cup, each time earning a place on a national magazine cover. *Soccer America* featured Sobrero on its cover in 1995 after she was named the College Cup's defensive MVP, as the Irish shut out top-ranked North Carolina and undefeated Portland to win the title. After playing a key role as a starting defender on the U.S. team that won the 1999 World Cup, Sobrero (lower right) was part of a celebration photo on the cover of *Time*. Sobrero – who now goes by her married name Markgraf – returned to the spotlight in 2004, combining with former ND midfielder Shannon Boxx as top starters for

the U.S. Olympic gold-medal team.

**DYNAMIC DUOS** – Two members of the 2003 senior class – forwards **Amanda Guertin** (48) and **Amy Warner** (37) – combined for 85 goals in their careers, the sixth-highest goalscoring classmates in the Notre Dame program's storied history. Tops on that list are the 150 combined goals by 2000 graduates Jenny **Heft** (80) and Jenny **Streiffer** (70), followed by 124 goals from '01 grads Anne Makinen (65) and Meotis **Erikson** (59) and the 114 by class of '96 leaders Michelle **McCarthy** (59) and Rosella **Guerrero** (55). Other top classmate tandems have included 112 goals by '99 grads Monica **Gerardo** (73) and Shannon **Boxx** (39) and 95 from class of '97 members Cindy **Daws** (61) and Amy **VanLaecke** (34). Heft (19) and Streiffer (15) combined for 34 game-winning goals to tie the Notre Dame classmates record set by McCarthy (18) and Guerrero (16), followed by two others pairs with 29 GWGs: 2000 seniors Anne **Makinen** (16) and Meotis **Erikson** (13), and Guertin (18) and Warner (11).

**FANTASTIC FOUR** – Notre Dame featured one of the nation's top forward rotations in 2003 – with no other team able to

boast four double-digit goalscorers during the '03 regular season. Irish players with 10-plus goals in '03 included seniors **Amy Warner** (10G-12A) and **Amanda Guertin** (11G-6A), junior **Mary Boland** (12G-4A) and sophomore **Katie Thorlakson** (10G-11A). Penn State was the only team that could claim even three double-digit goalscorers in '03. The Irish had four double-digit goalscorers in '03 for the first time since 1999 – and the 2005 team matched that feat as freshman **Kerri Hanks** (28), Thorlakson (18), freshman **Brittany Bock** (12) and sophomore **Amanda Cinalli** (10) each scored 10-plus.

Twelve of the past 16 Notre Dame teams have featured three or more double-digit scorers (four in '94, '98, '99 and '03, six in '93 and '96, seven in '97). Double-digit scorers in '99 included Jenny Heft (20), Jenny Streiffer (19), Meotis Erikson (14) and Anne Makinen (13) – with the 135 goals in '97 led by Makinen (23), Erikson (22), Streiffer (20), Heft (20), Shannon Boxx (13), Monica Gerardo (10) and Monica Gonzalez (10).

**FAR & WIDE** – Notre Dame's 2006 roster includes players from nine states while the program's all-time roster canvasses 30 states and three foreign countries. Notre Dame's student-athlete population in the 2004-05 academic year included nearly 800 individuals from 44 states (all but Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming) and 20 countries.



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Dec. 18, 1995



Time  
July 19, 1999



## Notre Dame Women's Soccer By The Numbers

- 14,110** NCAA-record attendance (ND-UNC, '99 title game)
- 1,570** Average 2005 home attendance (7th in the nation)
- 967:02** Erika Bohn's shutout streak in 2003 (5th in NCAA history)
- .761** Notre Dame's all-time NCAA Tourn. home win pct. (33-10-1)
- 326** Randy Waldrum's college soccer coaching victories
- 318:9-12** ND's all-time record when holding opp. to 0-1 goals (.956)
- 232:3-1** All-time record when scoring three-plus goals (.985)
- 228** Win streak when taking a 2-0 lead (pre-2006; 251-0-1 all-time)
- 140** Goals scored by 1996 team
- 129** Holly Manthei's career assists (NCAA record)
- 141:23-5** Waldrum's record at ND (.849)
- 110** Goals by 2005 team (led nation)
- 80** Jenny Heft's career goals
- 72** Cindy Daws' record pts. in season
- 71** '05 point total for Hanks/Thorlakson
- 70** Katie Thorlakson's 2004 point total
- 66** Active home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (65-0-1)
- 55** Consecutive games scoring streak (1997-99)
- 53:3-2** Notre Dame's record in past 40 reg.-season games (pre-'05)
- 39** Consecutive wins when scoring first (ended in '04)
- 36** Active scoring streak (2nd in ND history)
- 35** All-Americans (since 1994)
- 42:14-3** Notre Dame's record vs. NSCAA top-25 teams ('99-'04)
- 27** Thorlakson's 2004 postseason point total (9G-9A), an ND record
- 25** Players (of 27) who posted GPA of 3.0-plus in 2006 spring semester (19 with 3.4-plus)
- 25** Record streak of not allowing multiple goals (in 2000 and 2003)
- 25** Player home states in the Waldrum era (plus Canada, Finland, Iceland)
- 24-2** Notre Dame's all-time record in the BIG EAST Tournament
- 21:3-2** All-time record in home tournaments

**50-50 PROPOSITION** – Former Notre Dame midfielder **Anne Makinen's** three assists at Georgetown on Oct. 6, 2000, made her the 13th women's soccer player in Division I history to reach the 50-goals, 50-assists plateau – joining former ND greats **Jenny Streiffer** (70G-71A, '96-'99) and **Cindy Daws** (61G-67A, '93-'96). Notre Dame's **Katie Thorlakson** (55G-73A) then became the 17th D-I player to reach 50-50 ('02-'05). Makinen ended four assists shy (65G-56A) of becoming the sixth player to earn the 60-60 distinction – a group that includes Streiffer, Daws, Carin Jennings (102G-60A; UC Santa Barbara, '83-'86), Mia Hamm (103G-72A; UNC, '89-'93) and Mandy Clemens (67G-65A; Santa Clara, '96-'99). Streiffer and Hamm remain the only members of the 70-70 club, with the 50-50 club now including 16 players.

**FIRST-HALF FORTRESS** – The Notre Dame defense was particularly stingy in the first half during the past five seasons ('01-'05), allowing just 34 goals in the first half of those 117 games (0.29 per game). The first half of 2002 games featured very little scoring by either team (12-10 edge for the Irish), compared to a 40-7 first-half scoring edge posted by Notre Dame in '03, 32-4 in '04 and 51-8 in '05.

**FIRST-TIME VISITORS** – Since the start of the 1993 season, Notre Dame opponents making their first visit to Alumni Field have lost to the Irish 40 times, with just three wins for the opposition and one tie (40-3-1; .921). Notre Dame's all-time record in series openers is 74-25-2 (.743), including 41-5-0 since 1993 and 49-8-0 in all series openers played at home (24-3-0 since '93). In the third round of the '01 NAAs, Harvard became the 14th straight team to drop a series opener to Notre Dame, with Penn State, Hartford and Eastern Illinois (NAAs) losing series openers vs. the Irish in '01, followed by Virginia Tech in '02, five others (Arizona State, Indiana State, North Texas, Oklahoma and Western Kentucky) in '03, Baylor and Texas Tech in '04, and then six teams in '05 (New Hampshire, Vermont, Florida, Gonzaga, DePaul and South Florida). The Irish are 5-1-0 all-time in series openers during the NAAs. Iowa State and USC will make their first trips to Alumni Field (and face ND for the first time) in 2006 (the Irish will play a series opener on the road in 2006 versus Mississippi).

**4.0 FOCUS** – Defender **Vanessa Pruzinsky** (pictured) – dubbed by Irish head coach Randy Waldrum as his most focused and "on-task" player in 20-plus years of coaching – became just the third Notre Dame chemical engineering major ever to graduate with a 4.0 grade-point average (the previous two did so in '63 and '74). Pruzinsky remains the only Notre Dame female student ever to earn an "A" in the introduction to chemical engineering course.



Recent Academic All-America forward **Mary Boland** concluded studies at Notre Dame with her third 4.0 semester in the spring of 2005 (yielding a 3.90 cumulative GPA, as a psychology major) while two freshmen on the 2004 NCAA championship team – **Ashley Jones** (fall) and **Jannica Tjeder** (spring) – each posted 4.0 semesters in the 2004-05 academic year.

**FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS, PART I** – In 24 seasons, just 22 Division I women's soccer players have been named to the NSCAA All-America team four times, with Notre Dame players comprising three of the past 10. Notre Dame, UNC and Portland are the only programs to produce multiple players who have been four-year NSCAA All-Americans. The Irish players include midfielder **Holly Manthei** ('94-'97), defender **Jen Grubb** ('96-'99) and midfielder **Anne Makinen** ('01) while UNC's are April Heinrichs ('83-'86), Kristine Lilly ('89-'92), Tisha Venturini ('91-'94) and Cindy Parlow ('95-'98) and Portland's are Shannon MacMillan ('92-'95), Christine Sinclair ('01; '03-'05) and Lindsey Huie ('02-'05).

The first four-time All-Americans included California's Leslie Gallimore ('82-'85), Heinrichs, UCSB's Karin Jennings and George Mason's Lisa Gmitter (all '83-'86). Others from the 1980s were Betsy Ready (Boston College) and Kristen Bowsher of UMass (both '84-'87), Colorado College's Janine Szpara ('85-'88) and Linda Hamilton ('87-'90; N.C. State/UNC).

Six were four-time All-Americans in the 1990s: Manthei, Grubb, Venturini, Parlow, MacMillan, William & Mary's Natalie Neaton ('92-'95). Santa Clara's Danielle Slaton and UConn/UCLA player Mary-Frances Monroe joined the list in '01, followed by Penn State's Christie Welsh in '02 and BYU's Aleisha Cramer-Rose in '03. Manthei, Makinen, Venturini, Monroe and Huie are the only midfielders while Grubb is one of five full-time defenders on the list. Heinrichs, Jennings, Venturini, Parlow and Makinen are the only four-year All-Americans who also are in the 50-goal/50-assist club.

**FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS, PART II.** – **Anne Makinen** became the 16th Notre Dame student-athlete to earn All-America honors in four years, as a first-team honoree in 2000. That total of four-year All-Americans now stands at 24, with the recent additions of baseball pitcher Aaron Heilman ('01), runner Ryan Shay ('02), men's fencers Ozren Debic and Jan Viviani and runner Luke Watson (all in '03), plus men's fencer Michal Sobieraj and women's fencers Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament (in '04). Makinen and Heilman are two of just five to do so in a team-oriented sport, as are soccer players Holly Manthei ('98) and Jen Grubb ('00) and



basketball player Kevin O'Shea ('50). Others include cross country's Oliver Hunter ('43) and Mike McWilliams ('93), men's fencers Mike Sullivan ('79), Charles Higgs-Coulthard ('87), Yehuda Kovacs ('89), Leszek Nowosielski ('91), Jeremy Siek ('97) and Luke LaValle ('99), and women's fencers Molly Sullivan ('88), Myriah Brown ('99), Sarah Walsh ('99) and Magda Krol ('00).

**FRESHMAN FIRSTS** – Current sophomore forward **Kerri Hanks** had a record-setting debut season in 2005 (see p. 46) that included tying the Notre Dame record for goals in a season (28, 4th-most ever by a D-I freshman). She was Notre Dame's first freshman since 1999 to be named an NSCAA All-American and was the first freshman since 1997 (from any school) to be in the final group of candidates (15, in '05) for the Hermann/M.A.C. player-of-the-year awards.

**FRONTRUNNERS** – Prior to Michigan's goal in the final regular-season game of '03, Notre Dame had not faced a deficit for nearly two months and 16-plus games (longest in ND history). The only previous time the '03 team had trailed came in the third game, for 7:18 vs. ASU (3-1 win). Notre Dame ended up trailing for less than 1% of the minutes in '03 (187) while only two teams came back to tie the Irish in '03. The previous team record for longest streak without facing a deficit was 14 games in 1997 (Sept. 21-Nov. 16). The top-ranked 2000 squad did not face a deficit for the first 13 games (BC led for 28 min., in a 3-1 ND win). That 2000 team added six more games without trailing before falling behind UNC late in the NCAA semifinals (2-1 loss). The 2004 national champs also rarely trailed (in just four of 27 games) while the '05 team trailed for a total of only 153 minutes.

**GERTY'S GOALS** – Former Notre Dame forward **Amanda Guertin** fashioned a 10-game goalscoring streak in 2001, at that time the third-longest in D-I women's soccer history (now 6th) behind U.S. National Team member Brandi Chastain (15, with Santa Clara in 1990) and former Hartford player Maria Kun (11, in '97). Guertin scored 10 of Notre Dame's final 16 goals in 2001 and posted points in 15 of the final 17 games. She also scored in '02 NCAA wins over Ohio State and Purdue, yielding an ND record seven-game postseason goal streak – and doubled the existing Irish record by totaling four overtime goals (one each season). Her 13 career postseason goals rank sixth in Irish history.

**GOALS-A-PLENTY** – The Irish scored in 55 consecutive games from Aug. 29, 1997, to Sept. 17, 1999 – with the record streak ending in a 1-0 loss to SMU (All-American Anne Makinen did not play due to commitments with Finland's national team). Notre Dame scored in 98 of 101 games in Makinen's career and injuries limited her play in the other two shutout losses (2-0 vs. UNC in '99 NCAA final, 0-0 tie at UConn in 2000). Notre Dame's previous record was a 36-game scoring run from Oct. 19, 1995-Dec. 6, 1996 (ending with 1-0 OT loss to UNC in title game).



Anne Makinen is one of five all-time Division I players with 50-plus goals, 50-plus assists and four All-America seasons.

Stretching from '92-'04, the Irish scored in 94.9% of their games (297 of 313). Since '94, the Irish have scored in 281 of 294 (.956; three shutouts in NCAA title games) – with goals in 211 of 219 regular-season games (.963) in that 12-year stretch. Notre Dame saw its 31-game scoring streak (then 3rd-best in Irish history) end in 2002 but now carries a 36-game goal streak into the 2006 season (2nd all-time but still 19 games shy of the ND record).

**GREAT GRADES** – The Notre Dame women's soccer team consistently has performed at a high level on the field and in the classroom and that certainly was the case in 2004-05, with a 25-1-1 record and national title followed by a 3.38 team GPA in the '04 fall semester and then a 3.35 team GPA in the spring of '05 (2nd-best among all ND varsity teams). The Irish women's soccer program ended the 2005 spring semester with an impressive 3.36 cumulative team GPA, with the 27 players combining for a 3.42 team GPA in the 2006 spring term.

**HOME SWEET HOME** – The Irish enter their 17th season at Alumni Field in 2006 with a 177-14-3 (.921) record at the facility (140-10-3 in last 153) – highlighted by a 29-game home winning streak (5th NCAA history) from '99-'01 and a 28-game streak from '92-'95 (plus an active streak of 19 straight home wins). Notre Dame actually will enter 2006 with a 27-game home unbeaten streak (26-0-1), two shy of that ND record (29, from '99-'01; also 28 from '92-'95). Eight of Notre Dame's past 10 home losses have been by a single goal. Notre Dame's all-time record at Alumni Field vs. teams not ranked in the NSCAA top-25 poll is 121-4-2 (56-10-1 vs. ranked teams), with 78 straight home wins over unranked teams from '90-'01, before a 2-2 game with Wisconsin. The Irish played at Moose Krause Field from '88-'89.

## Notre Dame Women's Soccer By The Numbers

- 19 Players who started during 2004 championship season
- 19 Active unbeaten streak in overtime games (14-0-5)
- 17 Academic All-Americans (since 1995)
- 16 Current players who have won club and/or ODP national titles
- 16 Team record for consecutive games without deficit ('03)
- 16 Shutouts posted by 2004 team (led nation)
- 14 Katie Thorlakson's 2005 goalscoring streak (ND record)
- 12 Notre Dame alums who played in the WUSA
- 10 Amanda Guertin's goalscoring streak in 2001 season
- 10 Katie Thorlakson's pts. (3G-3A) vs. Santa Clara in '04 (most ever at ND vs. top-25 team)
- 9 Home states on 2005 roster
- 8 Starters returning from 2005 team
- 7 Consecutive BIG EAST tournament titles (1995-2001)
- 7 NCAA College Cup semifinal appearances
- 5 Seasons with No. 1 ranking
- 4 National players of the year
- 4.00 Cumulative GPA posted by defender Vanessa Pruzinsky ('99-'03), as chemical engineering major
- 4.00 Semester GPAs posted in 2004-05 by Ashley Jones, Jannica Tjeder and Mary Boland
- 4 Current ND freshmen whose teams played at 2006 USYS Under-18 nationals
- 3.36 Team's cumulative GPA, as of 2006 spring semester
- 3 PK saves made by Erika Bohn in 2004 NCAA title game
- 3 Teams with multiple NCAA titles (UNC, ND, Portland)
- 2 National ranking for Notre Dame's 2004 freshman class
- 2 USYS Golden Boot Awards won by Kerri Hanks
- 0:51 Quickest 3-goal span in ND history (vs. Georgetown, in '05)
- 0.41 Erika Bohn's 2004 NCAA-best goals-against average



## Memorable Moments

The Notre Dame women's soccer team closed out the 1990s with the second-most wins in the country (196), capping a decade that saw the Irish rise from regional obscurity to NCAA champions. Here's a look at some of the more memorable moments from the 1990s – and beyond:

**Oct. 28, 1990:** Notre Dame posts the program's first win over a ranked opponent (4-0 vs. No. 24 Xavier).

**Oct. 15, 1991:** At 10-0-2, the Irish earn their first national ranking – checking in at No. 16.

**Nov. 13, 1993:** After a rise to No. 3 in the polls, Notre Dame makes its first NCAA Tournament appearance but falls in the first round.

**Oct. 2, 1994:** The Irish end North Carolina's NCAA-record 92-game winning streak (0-0, in St. Louis).

**Oct. 24, 1994:** At 15-0-1, Notre Dame is voted No. 1 for the first time and ends the regular season top-ranked.

**Nov. 5, 1995:** Amy VanLaecke scores to give the Irish the BIG EAST Conference title in their first year in the league, avenging a rare home loss to Connecticut in the regular season.

**Dec. 1, 1995:** The Irish blank nine-time defending champion and host UNC in the NCAA semifinals (1-0) to reach their second NCAA final.

**Dec. 3, 1995:** The Irish claim the NCAA title by blanking undefeated Portland, 1-0 in triple overtime on a Cindy Daws free kick.

**Oct. 4, 1996:** Freshman Jenny Streiffer scores twice in a 2-1 overtime victory as Notre Dame becomes the only team ever to defeat UNC in consecutive meetings.

**Dec. 6, 1996:** Three goals early in the second half lift the Irish out of a 2-0 hole and into their third consecutive NCAA final, thanks to the 3-2 win over Portland.

**Nov. 9, 1997:** Freshman Anne Makinen's hat trick versus Connecticut (6-1) gives the Irish their third straight BIG EAST title.

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**LAST-MINUTE HEROES** – The first 16 seasons in Notre Dame women's soccer history saw the Irish win in the final minute just twice – but it happened twice more in the 2004 national-title season (both at end of regulation), as **Jen Buczkowski** scored with 0:44 left at Georgetown (2-1) and **Jill Krivacek** headed in a **Katie Thorlakson** corner kick to beat Wisconsin with 0:53 seconds left in that NCAA second-round matchup. It had been 10 years since a Notre Dame player won a game in the final minute, dating back to **Michelle McCarthy's** goal with 25 seconds left in overtime (119:35) of a wild 4-3 comeback vs. William & Mary (9/11/95). The only other Irish player to score a final-minute game-winner was future All-American **Ragen Coyne**, versus Wright State in 1992 (89:24).

**MAGIC NUMBERS** – Scoring three goals has been virtually an automatic win in Notre Dame women's soccer history, with a 232-3-1 record (.985) in those games (134-1-0 since 10/6/95). Notre Dame also is 318-9-12 (.956) in when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals.

Most impressively, Notre Dame is 251-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead and is unbeaten in its past 228 when going ahead 2-0 (dating back to a 3-3 tie with Vanderbilt on Sept. 15, 1991). The past 141 opponents to face a 2-0 deficit versus the Irish have failed to even force a tie, something achieved by just two opponents in Notre Dame history: Connecticut in the 1995 BIG EAST Conference title game (Irish led 2-0, later tied 2-2 and 3-3, ND won 4-3) and Duke late in the 1993 season (3-2 ND win, in Houston).

The program's 18-year history includes just 317 goals allowed in 418 games (0.76 GA per game), with the Irish holding the opponent to 0-1 goals in 82 percent of those all-time games (342) while allowing three-plus goals just 35 times (8%; 4-30-1). Notre Dame has surrendered four-plus goals just 13 times in the program's history (four since '95).

**MEDIA GUIDE AWARDS** – The Notre Dame women's soccer media guide consistently has ranked among the best in the nation, as judged by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Most recently, the 2002 and 2003 guides both were rated No. 2 in the nation by CoSIDA judges.

**NCAA CHAMPIONS** – The shootout victory over UCLA in the 2004 championship game made Notre Dame the second Division I women's soccer program ever to win multiple NCAA titles, with the Irish previously winning the title in 1995. Notre Dame also ranks second in all-time NCAA championship game appearances (5) while the program's seven trips to the College Cup semifinals (all from '94-'05) trail only UNC (22) and Santa Clara (UNC is the only team with more College Cup trips since '94). Despite not making its first NCAA Tournament appearance until 1993, Notre Dame now ranks ninth in all-time NCAA trips (12) and is among a short list of four teams that have appeared in every NCAA Tournament since 1993 (others include UNC, SCU and UConn). See pp. 99-104 for recaps of Notre Dame's national championship seasons.



2004 NCAA Champions

**MILESTONES** – The first 18 seasons of Notre Dame women's soccer have seen the Irish reach a number of milestones. The most recent came Oct. 10, 1999, when Jenny Streiffer scored the 1,000th goal (the 26th goal of the 2006 season will be the 1,500th in ND history):

### Goals – Player (Game, Date)

- 1st – Mimi Suba (ND 5, IUSB 0; 9/1/88, 32:01)
- 100th – Susie Zilvitis – ND 6, Alma 0 (10/13/89)
- 500th – Monica Gerardo (ND 9, St. John's 0; 9/3/95)
- 1,000th – Jenny Streiffer (ND 5, Pittsburgh 0; 10/10/99)

Wins	Game	Date
1st	ND 5, IUSB 1	9/1/88
50th	ND 1, William & Mary 0	10/11/91
100th	ND 1, Washington 0	10/14/94
200th	ND 2, Nebraska 1	11/20/98
300th	ND 3, Texas Tech 0	9/12/03



**MONOGRAM CLUB** – Former Irish midfielder **Jill Matesic** ('95) currently serves on the Notre Dame Monogram Club board of directors while former ND defender **Molly Lennon** is in her second stint as an advisor with the Monogram Club, after earlier serving a three-year board term. Matesic had the honor of presenting Notre Dame with its 2004 NCAA championship ring (pictured above), which were purchased by the Monogram Club as part of their awards program.

**NUMBER-1 NOTES** – Notre Dame has been ranked No. 1 in the NSCAA coaches poll five of the past 13 seasons: the final two months in '94; the final month in '96; the final 11 weeks of 2000; six weeks in '04; and the first three weeks in '05). Notre Dame owns a 51-5-2 all-time record (35-2-2 in regular season) playing as the top-ranked team.



1995 NCAA Champions





Shannon Boxx



(from left) Monica Gonzalez,  
Kate Sobrero  
and Monica Gerardo



LaKeysia Beene

**NATIONAL TEAMS** – Three former Notre Dame players – defender **Kate Sobrero**, defensive midfielder **Shannon Boxx** and goalkeeper **LaKeysia Beene** – recently have been starters with the U.S. National Team, with Sobrero and Boxx starting for the 2003 World Cup and 2004 Olympic teams (see pp. 105-107). Six current members of the Notre Dame program – plus three departed seniors from the 2004 team and four of the 2005 seniors – have been active with various national-team programs. Those players include versatile **Candace Chapman** (who ended her five-year career in '05) and senior forward **Katie Thorlakson** ('06), who were teammates on Canada's Under-19 National Team and now are regulars with Canada's full national team. Senior midfielder **Jen Buczkowski** and former goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** ('06) were members of the U.S. Under-21 National Team that won the 2005 Nordic Cup while Buczkowski previously played with the U.S. Under-19s, as did current sophomore forward **Kerri Hanks** (now a member of the u-21s), sophomore midfielder **Brittany Bock** and former midfielder **Annie Scheffer** ('06). Bock next will compete with the U.S. team at the Under-20 World Championship in Russia, where she will be joined by her ND classmate and central defender **Carrie Dew**. Sophomore midfielder **Rebecca Mendoza** is a member of Mexico's full national team. Former Notre Dame defender **Monica Gonzalez** is a founding member of Mexico's women's national team and captained Mexico during its historic quarterfinal showing at the 2004 Olympics (former Irish forward **Monica Gerardo** also was a founding member of the Mexican team). Three seniors from the 2004 NCAA-title team – defender **Melissa Tancredi** (Canada) and **Gudrun Gunnarsdottir** (Iceland) and forward **Mary Boland** (U.S. Under-19s) – also have earned national-team duty.



Candace Chapman  
Canadian National Team



Melissa Tancredi  
Canadian National Team



Katie Thorlakson  
Canadian National Team



Gudrun Gunnarsdottir  
Icelandic National Team



Rebecca Mendoza  
Mexican National Team



Jen Buczkowski  
U.S. Under-21 Team



Amanda Cinalli  
U.S. Under-21 Team



Kerri Hanks  
U.S. Under-21 Team



Erika Bohn  
U.S. Under-21 Team



Brittany Bock  
U.S. Under-20 Team



Carrie Dew  
U.S. Under-20 Team



Mary Boland  
U.S. Under-19 Team



Annie Scheffer  
U.S. Under-19 Team

## Memorable Moments

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**Nov. 8, 1998:** Anne Makinen again burns UConn in the BIG EAST final, with an 82nd-minute score (1-0).

**Nov. 19, 1999:** Mia Sarkesian's third goal of the season, in the 81st minute, sends Notre Dame to the NCAA quarterfinals after edging Stanford 1-0 in the third round.

**Nov. 28, 1999:** Four overtimes are not enough as Notre Dame and Nebraska are forced to penalty kicks. Kelly Lindsey converts in the sixth round and LaKeysia Beene makes the most dramatic stop of her career to send ND to the NCAA semifinals.

**Dec. 3, 1999:** The final Irish victory of the 1990s comes in San Jose, a 1-0 victory against top-ranked and undefeated Santa Clara in the NCAA semifinals, on a 75th-minute goal by freshman Ali Lovelace.

**Sept. 16-17, 2000:** Meotis Erikson opens the scoring in wins over Washington (5-0) and host Portland (1-0), with the Irish then claiming the No. 1 ranking.

**Nov. 24, 2000:** Meotis Erikson's OT goal vs. Santa Clara sends the Irish back to the College Cup semi's.

**Sept. 25, 2001:** Mia Sarkesian completes early four-player, free-kick combination play as fourth-ranked Irish win showdown with No. 3 Nebraska (1-0)

**Sept. 15, 2002:** Notre Dame stages a stunning rally at No. 25 Maryland, scoring five times in 25 minutes to erase a 2-0 deficit. Candace Chapman's shift up to midfield sparks the comeback, as does Melissa Tancredi's patented aerial attack that yields two header goals.

**Sept. 21, 2003:** Katie Thorlakson and Mary Boland assist on each other's goals as the Irish hand Santa Clara its first-ever loss at the SCU Classic (2-1).

**Nov. 2, 2003:** Amanda Guertin's goal beats Miami in the BIG EAST quarterfinals as the Irish remain unbeaten in the past 16 overtime games (12-0-4).

See pp. 102-104 for 2004 review and pp. 66-67 for 2005 season recap.



Notre Dame has not lost an overtime game since early in the 1999 season (14-0-5), with Amanda Guertin's four OT goals (one every season from '00-'03) including the shot that ended the 2003 BIG EAST quarterfinal versus Miami, 2-1 (Guertin is pictured, second from right).

**OVER(TIME) ACHIEVERS** – Notre Dame enters 2006 riding a 19-game unbeaten stretch in overtime games (14-0-5), dating back to a 3-2, double-OT loss to North Carolina in the 1999 opener. That '99 team went on to post a 2-1, double-OT win at UConn and a 1-1 tie at Nebraska in the NCAA quarterfinals (advanced on PKs). The 2000 team had OT wins over Stanford, at West Virginia and vs. Santa Clara in the NCAA quarters (all 2-1), plus a 0-0 tie at UConn. The '01 season saw a record five OT games (2-1 vs. Indiana, Villanova, WVU and Michigan; 2-2 vs. Wisconsin) while the '02 team added 1-0 OT wins over Rutgers and Boston College. The '03 team tied Stanford (0-0, at SCU) before posting OT wins vs. Villanova (1-0) and Miami (2-1; BIG EAST quarters) while the '04 team tied Rutgers (0-0) and beat UCLA in the NCAA title game (1-1; 4-3 on PKs) and the '05 team won in OT at Rutgers (1-0). The 15 overtime wins in the first seven years of the Randy Waldrum era include goals from eight players (own goal vs. Stanford in '00; PKs to decide '04 NCAA title vs. UCLA): Anne Makinen (vs. UConn in '99), Amanda Guertin (ND record 4; vs. West Virginia in '00, Michigan in '01, BC in '02 and Miami in '03), Meotis Erikson (vs. SCU, '00 NCAA quarterfinal), Kelly Tulisiak (vs. Indiana, '01), Amy Warner (2; vs. Villanova in '01, Rutgers in '02), Mia Sarkesian (vs. WVU, '01), Katie Thorlakson (vs. Villanova, '03) and Kerri Hanks (vs. RU, '05).

**NO. 1 SIGN RETURNS** – A new look was brought to the night sky on the northeast corner of the Notre Dame campus on Oct. 12, 2000 – and again early in the 2004 season – as the traditional, lighted numeral one was placed atop Grace Hall, in honor of the women's soccer team's ascension to the No. 1 ranking (an unprecedented four ND teams were top-ranked in '00-'01, including women's basketball, men's fencing and baseball). The eight-foot sign had not appeared since the Irish won the 1995 NCAA women's soccer NCAA championship. The sign, built by Fr. Bob Malone and a group of seminarians, originally went up at Moreau Seminary (at the north end of St. Joseph's Lake) in 1974, following Notre Dame's 1973 national championship football season. It later moved to Howard Hall before shifting to the roof of Grace Hall. The sign was displayed at the end of the 1988 national-title football season and returned in parts of the '89, '90 and '93 football campaigns (and again from '02-'06, for the fencing teams).

**POLL POSITION** – Heading into the 2002 season, Notre Dame had been ranked in the top seven of every NSCAA poll since Sept. 14, 1993 (ultimately 98 straight polls). The Irish now have been ranked 1st-3rd in 84 of 139 polls in the past 12 seasons and have been top-five in 109 of the past 139 (in the top eight of 134, or all but five weeks spanning 12 years). Notre Dame's spots in the past 139 NSCAA polls include: 24 weeks at No. 1; 44 at No. 2; 18 at No. 3; and 12 at No. 4 – with the Irish cracking the top two spots in 11 of the past 16 seasons. Notre Dame earned the NSCAA preseason No.

1 ranking for the first time in 2005, after being No. 2 in five previous preseason polls (see below):

### NSCAA Polls – Before and After

Year	Preseason	Final (reg. season)
1993	12	3
1994	3	1
1995	2	4
1996	2	1
1997	2	2
1998	2	4
1999	7	5
2000	2	1
2001	4	6
2002	7	19
2003	6	3
2004	3	2
2005	1	6
2006	5	?

**PRIMETIME PLAYERS** – Notre Dame won nearly 80 percent of its "big games" in the first seven seasons of the Randy Waldrum era ('99-'05), posting a 61-15-3 record when facing an NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponent.

**RECRUITING CLASSES** – Notre Dame's past five incoming classes have ranked among the nation's best, with several players listed by *Soccer America* among the top signees (SA did not rank the '05 classes): midfielders **Annie Scheffter** (11th in '02) and **Jen Buczkowski** (6th in '03), defender **Christie Shaner** (22nd in '03), and forwards **Kerri Hanks** (4th) and **Jannica Tjeder** (24th). *Soccer Buzz* unveiled

its first list of top recruits in 2004, with Hanks and forward **Amanda Cinalli** making its "top-25" list while forward, **Susan Pinnick**, was on the top-50. The *SB* top recruits list for 2005 included ND midfielder **Brittany Bock** No. 5 overall while defender **Carrie Dew** was in the top-25, midfielder **Becca Mendoza** in the top-50 and D/M **Kerry Inglis** in the top-100. The *Student Sports* recruit list for 2005 included Bock (16th) and Mendoza (18th), plus Dew in the top-100. Most recently, *Soccer Buzz* rated Notre Dame's 2006 class 10th in the nation, with all five signees among the top-150 recruits: M **Courtney Rosen**, M/D **Amanda Clark** and G **Kelsey Lysander** (each in top-75), plus F **Michele Weissenhofer** (top-125) and D **Haley Ford**.

**REGULAR-SEASON STREAK** – Sparked by its 4-2 loss at No. 1 Santa Clara on Oct. 17, 1999, Notre Dame won 20 consecutive regular-season games (its final four in '99 and first 16 of 2000, followed by a 0-0 tie at UConn). That streak included a 78-10 scoring edge and bested the team record of 18 straight regular-season wins (Oct. 19, 1995-Oct. 11, 1996). Notre Dame pushed its regular-season unbeaten streak to 31 (29-0-2) in '02 before a 2-1 loss at Rutgers, one shy of the team-record for regular-season unbeaten streak (30-0-2; 10/17/93-10/1/95). ND logged 27 regular-season games without a loss (26-0-1) from 10/20/96-9/11/98 and enters 2006 with a 54-3-1 mark (.940) in its



past 58 regular-season games (since late in '02).

**REUNION OF CHAMPIONS** – The 1995 NCAA championship women's soccer team held an on-campus reunion in April of 2005, corresponding with the banquet celebrating ND's 2004 NCAA-title season. The '95 players in attendance included: (front row, from left) Laura Vanderberg, Megan Middendorf O'Sullivan and Michelle McCarthy Restovich; (back row, from left) Holly Manthei Doyle, Ashley Scharff Iorio, Shannon Boxx, Julie Maund, Monica Gerardo, Jen Renola, Amy VanLaecke and Jean McGregor Ansourian.

**SCORELESS TIES A RARITY** – The 0-0 game at Connecticut on Oct. 21, 2000, stands as one of only four scoreless ties in Notre Dame history – spanning more than 400 games. That UConn game, the '03 game vs. Stanford (at Santa Clara) and the '04 game vs. Rutgers are ND's only scoreless ties since '94, with others vs. Dayton in '91 and in the historic '94 showdown with North Carolina, in St. Louis (ending UNC's NCAA-record 92-game win streak).

**SHUTOUT CITY** – Notre Dame's 10-game shutout streak in 2003 (956 minutes) ranks fifth in NCAA history and blew away the Irish record (726, in '95). The only teams in Div. I women's soccer history to post more consecutive shutouts are the 1998 Santa Clara team (16), two North Carolina squads (13 in '89, 12 in '87) and the 1984 N.C. State team (12).



**70-70 (DYNAMIC DUO)** – Notre Dame's **Kerri Hanks** (28G-15A) and **Katie Thorlakson** (18G-35A) both totaled 71 points in 2005, marking just the second time in the 22-year history of Division I women's soccer that teammates have topped 70 points in the same season. SMU's 1995 duo of Danielle Garrett Fotopoulos (32G-19A, 83 pts) and Courtney Linex (31G-15A, 77 pts) are the only other duo with the 70-70 distinction.

**SISTER ACT** – Forward **Kelly Tulisiak** ('02) and defender **Kate Tulisiak** ('05) were the first set of sisters to play for Notre Dame women's soccer and the 19th set of sisters to monogram in the same sport at Notre Dame. As of 2005, there had been 26 letter-winning (same-sport) sister combinations at Notre Dame from 10 sports, also: tennis (7), fencing (3), swimming and diving (4), golf (3), basketball (2), volleyball (2), softball (2), field hockey, cross country and lacrosse.

**SEVEN STRAIGHT TITLES** – Notre Dame's seven consecutive BIG EAST women's soccer titles ('95-'01) rates as sixth-longest ever in a BIG EAST-sponsored sport and is second-longest among nine "team-based" sports, trailing only UConn's nine in women's basketball ('94-'02) and matching Pittsburgh's seven in volleyball ('88-'94). Pittsburgh won 10 straight titles in men's swimming and diving ('83-'92; also 8 from '97-'04) and nine straight in women's swimming and diving ('83-'91) while Boston College won eight men's tennis titles from '81-

'88. Notre Dame women's swimming and diving has won 10 straight BIG EAST titles ('97-'06).

**STRONG STARTERS** – Notre Dame's 16-0-0 start in 2000 bested the Irish record for season-opening win streak (13-0-0, '96). That '96 team posted a 66-6 scoring edge and five wins over ranked teams in the first 13 games, before losing 3-1 at Santa Clara (days after rising to No. 1). During its 16-0 start, the 2000 Irish beat four ranked teams (56-5 scoring edge). The 2000 squad is one of three that hold the ND record for unbeaten start to a season, with the '94, '97 and '00 teams each starting 23-0-1 (the '04 team opened 19-0-1; the '03 team 18-0-1).

**TRIPLE HONOREES** – Women's soccer was the first Notre Dame team to produce recipients of all three of the athletic department's annual honors: the Byron Kanaley Award, recognizing leadership and academic excellence (six recipients, see p. 117; last by **Annie Schefter**, in 2006); the Francis Patrick O'Connor Award for spirit and inspiration (**Kim Carpenter**, '04); and the Chris Zorich Award for community service (**Mia Sarkesian**, '02).

**TWO-YEAR TEAR** – Notre Dame's 2003 (20-3-1) and '04 (25-1-1) teams combined for a 45-4-2 record, yielding a .902 two-year win pct. that was 4th-best in ND history (since surpassed by the .914 combined pct., 47-4-1, in 2004 and '05). The program's best two-year record is 47-3-1/.932, in 1996 and '97.

**UNBEATEN SEASONS** – Notre Dame's quest for undefeated seasons in 2000 and '04 had the Irish gunning for a rare accomplishment. Since 1993, just three of the past 12 NCAA champs – UNC in '97 (27-0-1) and '04 (27-0-0) and Portland in '05 (23-0-1) – have claimed the title without a loss. ND has posted four undefeated regular seasons: 17-0-1 in 1994 (NCAA runner-up), 2000 (NCAA semifinalist) and 2004 (NCAA champs), plus 18-0-1 in '97 (NCAA semi's) – with the Irish earning the No. 1 NCAA seed in '94 and 2000.

**VERSUS NO. 1** – Notre Dame has played the nation's No. 1 team 11 times and lost that matchup just six times. The Irish are 3-6-2 against NCAA top-ranked teams, with seven of those games coming versus North Carolina.

**WHITE HOUSE** – Notre Dame's 2004 NCAA championship team was honored at a White House ceremony on May 13, 2005. Senior captain **Mary Boland** presented President Bush with a replica Notre Dame jersey (pict.) as part of the festivities. The Irish also received a special tour of the Capitol building, as guests of Congress members with ties to Notre Dame (see pp. 102-103).



(from left) Jen Buczkowski, Kim Lorenzen and Jill Krivacek



Susan Pinnick and Kerri Hanks



Ashley Jones and Carrie Dew



(from left) Brittany Bock, Kerry Inglis, Nikki Westfall and Christie Shaner



Michele Weissenhofer (left) and Amanda Clark



Claire Gallerano



Lauren Karas



Brittany Bock



Haley Ford

**WINNING TRADITIONS** – Several current Notre Dame players (including 16 of the 27 on the 2006 roster) have led their clubs and state Olympic Development teams to elite status before (and after) becoming part of another winning tradition with the Irish women's soccer program. Five members of the current senior class helped their teams post top national finishes in 2003. **Jen Buczkowski**, **Jill Krivacek** and **Kim Lorenzen** – plus current sophomore **Brittany Bock** (who earned the tournament's Golden Boot Award) – were members of the Illinois ODP squad that won the 2003 ODP national title (besting future Notre Dame classmate **Lizzie Reed** and her N.J. squad in the title game) while **Claire Gallerano** (and current sophomore **Kerri Hanks**) helped the Dallas Texans win the 2003 U.S. Youth Soccer (USYS) under-18 national title. **Christie Shaner's** Bucks Challenge squad also advanced to the four-team nationals in 2003 but narrowly missed the u-19 final.

The current juniors lived up to the standard of their predecessors. **Ashley Jones** completed the rare double of winning 2004 national titles with both her Cal-South ODP team (she and current sophomore **Carrie Dew** were captains of that team) and with her So-Cal United club while goalkeeper **Lauren Karas** earned the Golden Glove Award with North Texas at the '04 ODP nationals (her team lost to Jones, Dew and Cal-South, 1-0). Another current member of the junior class, **Susan Pinnick**, led the Carmel Commotion to a runner-up finish at the 2003 USYS girls-17 Nationals. Among the current sophomores, Dew played for the 2003 u-16 national champs (San Diego Surf) and Bock twice was a national runner-up – with Illinois ODP in 2005 and with the Windy City Pride in 2004 (u-18).

The summer of 2005 saw Hanks impressively collect her second career Golden Boot Award while helping the Texans nearly win the u-19 title (lost in PKs), with Pinnick and the Commotion likewise making a return to nationals. Current sophomore **Becca Mendoza** and her Dallas Sting squad also were in Orlando, as one of the four 2005 finalists in the u-18 division. Four current Irish players – Shaner, senior **Nikki Westfall**, Bock and sophomore **Kerry Inglis** – were key members of the F.C. Indiana team that won the 2005 Women's Professional Soccer League (WPSL) and Open Cup titles while 2006 graduate **Katie Thorlakson** helped the Vancouver Whitecaps win the 2004 W-League title (see p. 49 for data in chart form).

Incoming freshmen **Amanda Clark** and **Michele Weissenhofer** played for the Eclipse Select team that won u-16 and u-17 national titles (in 2004 and '05). The four teams at the 2006 u-18 nationals then featured four members of the current freshman class: Clark and Weissenhofer (with Eclipse), **Kelsey Lysander** as a member of the San Diego Surf and **Haley Ford**, who helped lead the Dallas Texans 88 team to the national title.



# Where Are They Now?

During its first 18 years as a varsity sport, Notre Dame women's soccer has developed into one of the elite programs in the nation. Just as impressively, the former players from the Notre Dame women's soccer program have achieved postgraduate success on a high level, in wide-reaching endeavors:

<b>Player (Years)</b>	<b>Postgraduate Endeavors</b>
Kerri Bakker ('97-'00)	Optometric doctor with private practice in ophthalmologic setting; graduated from Pennsylvania College of Optometry
LaKeysia Beene ('96-'99)	Attending Univ. of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law; played with U.S. Nat'l Team; WUSA all-star (san Jose CyberRays)
Kathleen Birmingham-Burkhart ('88)	GM of Greenough Consulting (Boston); MBA from Babson College; was president of East Dock Financial (Boston)
Erika Bohn ('02-'05)	Attended 2006 tryouts and earned roster spot on the United States women's team handball national team
Mary Boland ('01-'04)	Teaching with AmeriCorp program in Philadelphia
Shannon Boxx ('95-'98)	Starting defensive midfielder with U.S. National Team; MVP of WUSA's New York Power ('03), formerly with S.D. Spirit
Kara Brown ('96-'99)	Teaching, coaching at boarding school in East Hampton, Mass.; helped Boston Renegades win W-League national title
Kimberly Carpenter ('00-'03)	Attending Indiana medical school (first two years at IUSB); master's degree in biology (Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne/IPFW)
Denise Chabot-Karkos ('89-'92)	SVP of marketing planning for TD Banknorth (Portland, Maine); has worked in advertising in Chicago, Boston and Portland, Maine (L.L. Bean); competes in local soccer leagues, ran 1998 Chicago Marathon
Candace Chapman ('01-'05)	Member of Canadian National Team and W-League's Vancouver Whitecaps
Julie Constantini-Van Devender (1988)	Real estate broker with Trammell Crow (Washington, D.C.)
Ragen Coyne ('92-'95)	Attending massage therapy school; worked with the NPSL's Detroit Rockers (business office)
Cindy Daws-Mosley ('93-'96)	Wilson Sporting Goods retail sales planning manager (Chicago); plays rec-league soccer in Chicago area; played one year in Shimizu Japan with the "Lovely Ladies;" working towards MBA from Roosevelt University
Mary (Doherty) Galla ('88)	Retired from Air Force after 11 years flying KC-135s (fueling stations); resides in Cleveland with her family
Ashley Dryer-Lear ('99-'02)	Third-year law student at University of Utah, where she also works in the athletic department's compliance office
Meotis Erikson (Garceau) ('97-'00)	Master's in elementary education/literacy; 4th-grade teacher at Boston-area elementary school; plays with WPSL's Boston Aztecs, previously with W-League's Fort Wayne Fever and WUSA's Boston Breakers
Kate Fisher-Murray ('93-'96)	Eastern region recruiter (based in Philadelphia) for Interwoven software; plays on competitive women's soccer league
Miranda Ford ('02-'05)	Working in fiance department for Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale, Calif.
Monica Gerardo ('95-'98)	Assistant coach at St. Mary's (CA), formerly at Pittsburgh; played for WUSA's Washington Freedom and Mexican Nat'l Team
Marianne Giolitto ('89-'91)	Ecological planner for Open Space and Mountain Parks Dept. (Boulder, Colo.); former ecological consultant with New and Associates (Walkerton, Ind.); master's in applied ecology from Indiana; high school soccer coach; ran Santa Rosa triathlon
Kim Gold ('91-'93)	BMC Software rep. (former field comm. manager); MBA from Rice; played on South Texas team in national tournaments
Monica Gonzalez ('97-'01)	Former all-star member of WUSA's Boston Breakers; also founding member of Mexican National Team
Brenda Gorski-Torres ('90-'93)	Currently an executive in 13th year with Crowe Chizek & Company LLP (South Bend)
Jen Grubb ('96-'99)	Former all-star member of WUSA's Washington Freedom
Rosella Guerrero Kelly ('92-'95)	Regional sales manager for Professional Diagnostics Management (Sacramento), formerly worked in IT department at Silicon Valley Bank (San Jose); worked for Anderson Consulting in Chicago; played indoor soccer in FSA league with national runner-up team; ran San Diego Marathon; has trained four select teams in Sacramento area (ages 10-16)
Amanda Guertin ('00-'03)	Serves as a marketing coordinator in watch division with Fossil, Corp., in Dallas
Gudrun Gunnarsdottir ('01-'04)	Member of Icelandic National Team while working in the banking industry
Susan Haling ('88)	Criminal prosecutor with U.S. Attorney's Office (Chicago); graduated from DePaul Law School
Sarah Halpenny ('02-'04)	Played club soccer in Iceland during 2005-06 before returning to the U.S.
Kelly Hanratty ('88-'89)	Partner in Hagan Communications advertising agency (Denver); active in co-ed soccer league
Jodi Hartwig-Grenner ('91-'94)	Worked in advertising, now sales with Dover Business College (Parsippany, N.J.); plays in soccer, softball leagues
Jenny Heft-Erickson ('96-'99)	Data warehouse consultant with Teradata in Minneapolis (formerly with National Cash Register, in Chicago)
Nicole Hinostro ('94-'97)	High school teacher and coach in Boston; coaches Boston Lightning club; taught with ACE, coached in San Diego
Bernie Holland-Mount ('88-'90)	Full-time mom in Bangkok (also lived in Philippines); pursuing master's in library and info. sci. via internet from Univ. of North Texas; worked with benefits consulting firm Clark/Bardes (Dallas); played competitive soccer in Dallas and Manila
Michele Hurst-Sinnaeve ('90)	High school math teacher, soccer coach in St. Charles, Ill.; plays competitively with Chicago Vectors (as do former ND players Alison Lester, Cindy Daws, Stacia Masters, Christie Lewis)
Margaret Jarc-McLaughlin ('89-'92)	Full-time mom in Seattle with husband Jim (women's volleyball coach at University of Washington); assistant coach at Notre Dame ('95-'98); coached high school boys and girls teams in Manhattan, Kan.
Shannon Jenkins (Roscoe) ('89-'91)	Political science professor (UMass-Dartmouth); master's in political science from Loyola (Chicago); active in triathlons
Lindsey Jones ('98-'01)	Volunteer asst. at ND; former asst. at Northwestern; member of WUSA's New York Power before playing in Australian National League (also coached with their National Soccer Schools); participated in Inner City Teach-In Corps (Chicago)
Jean Keaveney-Huta ('89)	Full-time mom, part-time physical therapist in Albany, N.Y.; master's in physical therapy (University of Rhode Island)
Andrea Kurek-Slagh ('90-'93)	Attorney in South Bend with Hahn, Walz and Knepp; graduated from Valparaiso Law School
Gennifer Kwiatkowski Kovalcheck ('90-'93)	Merrill Lynch assistant vice president of private finance group for securities-based lending (Princeton, N.J.); formerly a certified paralegal (corporate and real estate) with Reed Smith LLP (Newtown, Pa.)
Iris Lancaster ('96-'99)	Works in Brooklyn, N.Y., with Americorp Good Shepard Volunteers, working with high-risk girls at Marion Hall
Molly Lennon-Anderson ('88-'91)	Adidas representative for Notre Dame; former board member and currently an advisor with Notre Dame Monogram Club
Alison Lester-Kocoras ('90-'93)	General counsel with the U.S. Soccer Federation (Chicago); graduated from Loyola Chicago law school (also serving as assistant soccer coach); worked at Winston & Strawn in Chicago
Christie Lewis-Ortwein ('90-'91)	Freelance graphic designer in Milwaukee; played with various Chicago soccer teams, ran five marathons
Kelly Lindsey ('97-'00)	Head coach at St. Mary's (CA), former asst. at Colorado and Texas; played for WUSA's San Jose CyberRays; '01 U.S. tryouts
Emily Linklater ('91-'92)	Works in consulting division with Arthur Anderson in Chicago; earlier served as account executive in marketing/ticket sales for Chicago Bulls; has run four marathons and two triathlons
Michelle Lodyga-Generaux ('89-'92)	Litigation/insurance lawyer, Murtaugh Miller Meyer & Nelson (Irvine, Calif.); grad. from William Mitchell College of Law ('96); practiced commercial/real estate law with Moss & Barnett (Minneapolis); coached soccer with St. Paul Blackhawks (Classic 1/Premier level, 12-15); played in co-ed soccer leagues; worked at Balestreri, Pendleton & Potocki (San Diego)
Anne Makinen ('97-'00)	Plays with Finland National Team and Umea IK team in Swedish League; formerly played with WUSA's Washington Freedom and Philadelphia Charge; coached in N.J. area while working towards strength & conditioning certification
Maggie Manning ('02-'05)	Embarking on yearlong service work in Jamaica, with The Passionate relief organization
Holly Manthei-Doyle ('94-'97)	Internet manager for NHL's Minnesota Wild (formerly with Chicago Blackhawks sales); played in WUSA (Boston Breakers)
Caroline Marino ('99-'00)	Taught junior high (religion and reading) in Charleston, S.C., with ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) program; also was pursuing master's at Notre Dame during the summers
Stacia Masters-Richards ('93-'96)	Senior consultant with Chicago Systems Group (e-business solutions); plays with Chicago Vectors



U.S. National Team starting defender Kate Sobrero



Kelly Lindsey (left) and LaKeysia Beene (2001 WUSA champions)



Teresa Menchaca



Megan Middendorf



Andrea Sobajian



Joy Sisolak



Tasha Strawbridge



Laura Vanderberg

**Player (Years)**

**Postgraduate Endeavors**

Jill Matesic (Gilroy) ('91-'94)	VP for private wealth management at Goldman Sachs (Chicago); MBA from Harvard; worked for management consulting firm McKinsey & Company (Pittsburgh) and Natural Golf startup (Chicago); current board member on ND Monogram Club
Julie Maund ('94-'97)	Teaching grades 6-8 in San Diego; also taught in Pittsburgh and served two years in Jacksonville, Fla., with ACE; plays in co-ed soccer league and has served as high school assistant coach
Michelle McCarthy-Restovich ('92-'95)	Works as IT recruiter (NovaSource); formerly in sales for Avaya Communication and Lucent Technologies, in St. Louis; tried to play in WUSA but set back by knee injuries that required surgery; plays in area co-ed and women's soccer leagues
Jean McGregor-Ansourian ('94-'97)	Community mental health center worker (Ft. Lauderdale); pursuing master's in educ. (family counseling) at Florida
Amber McMillin ('02-'05)	Teaching in New Bedford, Mass., before serving as grad. assistant in strength and conditioning at Tennessee (June '07)
Robin Mego-Lynch ('91-'94)	IT manager of Chicago Teachers Pension Fund; formerly worked for Bradley Consulting; plays in co-ed soccer leagues
Teresa Menchaca-Godinez ('88-'89)	Univ. Florida med-school grad. (internal medicine); former women's health dir. (Hall Medical Center; San Antonio); youth soccer coach
Megan Middendorf-O'Sullivan ('93-'96)	Director of Corporate/Group Ticket Sales with MLS's Dallas Burn; formerly with NHL's Dallas Stars and Southwest Sports
Stephanie Porter ('90-'93)	Certified prosthetist-orthotist in Denver (previously in Boulder and West Hartford, Conn.); received master's in biomechanics from Georgia State; former assistant coach at Georgia State and Colorado College; ran marathon in Mystic (Conn.)
Vanessa Pruzinsky ('99-'03)	Chemical engineer with Merck Pharmaceuticals in Rahway, N.J.
Jen Renola ('93-'96)	Former asst. coach at Texas; served as adidas America west coast promotions manager, now works for Nike Timing in Austin, Texas
Saule Sadunas-Smariga ('90)	Nordstrom product buyer for east coast (Tysons Corner, Va.); volunteer at Don Miller House for AIDS Patients in Baltimore
Mia Sarkesian ('98-'01)	Master's from Northwestern (elem. educ.); 6th-grade teacher at Perspectives Charter School (Chicago); HS boys/girls soccer coach
Ashley Scharf-Iorio ('92-'95)	Coach/trainer for hometown Mustang Soccer Club (Danville, Calif.) and part-time contract recruiter for Accenture
Joy Sisolak-Lizarraga ('88-'89)	Hydrologist with U.S. Geological Survey in Columbia, Md.; master's of science and master's of public affairs from the University of Texas; recently passed professional engineering exam; has coached and refereed youth-level soccer
Andrea Sobajian-Callanen ('90-'91)	Works with pediatric developmental, adolescent orthopedics at San Diego Children's Hospital (developed an adapted soccer camp for special-needs children); involved with hippotherapy (therapeutic horseback riding); master's of physical therapy (Shenandoah University); worked at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Kennedy Krieger Institute
Kate Sobrero Markgraf ('94-'97)	Starting defender with the U.S. National Team and formerly with the WUSA's Boston Breakers
Ingrid Soens-Dolan ('94-'97)	Attending University of Virginia graduate school (clinical psychology); was case manager for psychological services at Department of Region 10 (Charlottesville); plays co-ed rec.-league soccer
Tasha Strawbridge ('90-'93)	Licensed clinical social worker with University of Chicago Hospital's dept. of child/adolescent psychiatry; master's in social work from Univ. of Chicago (also assistant soccer coach); has run six marathons, also active in beach volleyball league
Jenny Streiffer-Mascaro ('96-'99)	Former member of WUSA's San Diego Spirit; attending veterinarian school at Texas A&M
Annie Schefter ('02-'05)	Undergoing the process of medical-school applications
Deborah Skahan Gaillard ('88-'89)	Part-time teacher (2nd grade) in North Carolina; looking to return to playing soccer on the rec-level
Mimi Suba ('88-'90)	Pharmaceutical representative with Pfizer's Parke-Davis in St. Louis; active in Budwesier Sports League and half-marathons; formerly worked for Matthews Book Company; engaged to Tom Bender (Oct. '05)
K.T. Sullivan-Martinov ('88-'89)	Full-time mom (Northport, N.Y.); was an account management associate at First Source Bank (South Bend)
Melissa Tancredi ('00-'04)	Has begun studies at Logan Chiropractic College; member of Canadian National Team; 2005 W-League all-star (Atlanta)
Tiffany Thompson ('91-'94)	Pursuing master's in holistic health at St. Catherine's; senior microbiologist for Aveda (Minneapolis); was four-year assistant coach at the University of Florida (including 1998 NCAA championship season); currently training in Cirque du Soleil-style aerial arts
Katie Thorlakson ('02-'05)	Member of Canadian National Team and W-League's Vancouver Whitecaps
Kate Tulisak ('01-'04)	Served as intern with Adidas office at Notre Dame in 2005-06, now residing in Chicago
Kelly Tulisak Stepnowski ('98-'01)	Master's in education-literacy from Providence; teaching 2nd-grade in Boston as elementary reading specialist; coaches youth and high school teams and plays in WPSL for Massachusetts Stingers
Laura Vanderberg ('95-'98)	Reading Clinic Coordinator at Michigan Institute (vocational rehabilitation); pursuing master's in education (human development/psychology) at Harvard; former Peace Corps volunteer (English) in Ukraine; ran half-marathon in Kiev
Amy VanLaecke ('94-'96)	Manager of engineering career programs at the Notre Dame Career Center; formerly a chemical engineer with IBM (Burlington, Vt.); coached local travel and junior high school teams and an under-12 Nordic Spirit team
Julie Vogel-Kline ('92-'95)	Senior account manager at Technology Solutions Group in Chicago; formerly worked in technical sales for Expanets/Lucent Technologies; plays beach volleyball in Chicago; competed in Chicago Triathlon
Jennifer Walsh-Cecere ('90-'91)	Account representative with State Farm Insurance in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Liz Wagner ('98-'01)	Works at Genzyme Corp. while completing master's in clinical research at Boston University; avid marathoner and tri-athlete
Jenny Walz ('02-'05)	Attending graduate school at Loyola Chicago
Amy Warner ('00-'03)	Works in pharmaceutical sales with Eli Lilly (formerly with Glaxo Smith Kline); W-League '04 all-star with Fort Wayne Fever
Susie Zilvitis-Krayer ('88-'91)	Full-time mom, after working in insurance in Chicago and Boston (with Mazonson and The New England); has played in local women's leagues, ran Boston Marathon

# 2006 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School(s)	Club Team(s), pre-Notre Dame
0	Nikki Westfall ***	G	5-6	Sr.	Waterville, OH / Anthony Wayne HS	Pacesetters
2	Kerri Hanks *	F	5-6	So.	Allen, TX / Allen HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
3	Kerry Inglis *	D/M	5-6	So.	Fort Wayne, IN / Snider HS	ODP R-II; F.C. Indiana; Ft. Wayne Fever; Citadel
4	Kim Lorenzen *** (C)	D	5-8	Sr.	Naperville, IL / Naperville North HS	ODP Region II; Chicago Sockers
5	Amanda Cinalli **	F	5-8	Jr.	Maple Heights, OH / Laurel HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Cleveland F.C.
6	Lauren Karas **	G	5-9	Jr.	Flower Mound, TX / Flower Mound HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
7	Amanda Clark	M/D	5-6	Fr.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	ODP Region II; Eclipse Select
8	Haley Ford	M/D	5-9	Fr.	Midland, TX / Midland	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
9	Jen Buczkowski ***	M	5-7	Sr.	Elk Grove, IL / Elk Grove HS	U.S. U-19s; ODP Region II; Sockers; Arsenal
10	Brittany Bock *	M/F	5-6	So.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region II; F.C. Indiana Eclipse; Black Magic (boys); Windy City Pride
11	Michele Weissenhofer	F	5-4	Fr.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	ODP Region II; Eclipse Select
12	Ashley Jones **	D/M	5-4	Jr.	Westlake Village, CA / Westlake HS	ODP Region IV; Southern California United
13	Kelsey Lysander	G	5-9	Fr.	San Diego, CA / Rancho Bernardo HS	ODP Region IV; San Diego Surf
14	Courtney Rosen	M	5-8	Fr.	Brecksville, OH / Hathaway Brown HS	U.S. U-17s; ODP Region II; Internationals
15	Lizzie Reed ***	M/F	5-7	Sr.	Franklin Lakes, NJ / Ramapo Regional HS	ODP Region I; World Class; Torpedoes
16	Micaela Alvarez	M	5-3	Fr.	Cranbury, NJ / Peddie HS	ODP Region II; Parsippany Mischief
17	Susan Pinnick *	F/M	5-4	Jr.	South Bend, IN / St. Joseph's HS	U.S. U-17s; ODP Region II; Carmel Commotion
18	Christie Shaner ***	D	5-8	Sr.	Ambler, PA / Germantown Academy	U.S. U-19s; ODP Reg. I; Parkwood/Bucks Spirit United
19	Carrie Dew *	D	5-9	So.	Encinitas, CA / La Costa Canyon HS	U.S. U-23 Select; ODP Reg. IV; San Diego Surf
20	Rebecca Mendoza *	M	5-2	So.	Garland, TX / North Garland HS	Mexican Nat'l Team; ODP Reg. III; Dallas Sting
21	Claire Gallerano ***	M	5-4	Sr.	Dallas, TX / Ursuline Academy	Dallas Texans
22	Rachel VanderGenugten	D	5-4	Fr.	Schereville, IN / Lake Central HS	Carmel Cyclones
23	Molly Iarocci ***	F	5-7	Sr.	Carefree, AZ / Xavier Prep	Sereno Eagles
24	Jill Krivacek ***	M	5-11	Sr.	Geneva, IL / Rosary HS	Chicago Sockers; Arsenal
26	Ashley Galovic	D	5-4	Fr.	Plano, TX / Plano East HS	Solar
27	Mara Paz de Araujo	D	5-9	Fr.	Colorado Springs, CO / Air Academy HS	Real Colorado; Pikes Peak; Pride SC
29	Amber Lattner	M	5-3	Fr.	Montrose, PA / Montrose	B.C. United Fusion; Arsenal (Neb.); Syrause Blitz

**Head Coach:** Randy Waldrum (Midwestern State, 1981), eighth season at Notre Dame

**Assistant Coaches:** Dawn Greathouse, Ben Waldrum

**Volunteer Assistant:** Lindsey Jones

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## Irish Roster Breakdown

### By State/Province/Country

**Arizona (1):** Iarocci  
**California (3):** Dew, Jones, Lysander  
**Colorado (1):** Paz de Araujo  
**Illinois (6):** Bock, Buczkowski, Clark, Krivacek, Lorenzen, Weissenhofer  
**Indiana (3):** Inglis, Pinnick, VanderGenugten  
**New Jersey (2):** Alvarez, Reed  
**Ohio (3):** Cinalli, Rosen, Westfall  
**Pennsylvania (2):** Lattner, Shaner  
**Texas (6):** Gallerano, Ford, Galovic, Hanks, Karas, Mendoza

### By Class

**Seniors (8):** Buczkowski, Gallerano, Iarocci, Krivacek, Lorenzen, Reed, Shaner, Westfall  
**Juniors (4):** Cinalli, Jones, Karas, Pinnick  
**Sophomores (5):** Bock, Dew, Hanks\*, Inglis, Mendoza  
**Freshmen (10):** Alvarez, Clark, Ford, Galovic, Lattner, Lysander, Paz de Araujo, Rosen, VanderGenugten, Weissenhofer

\* Note: Hanks signed in 2004 but delayed enrollment until the '05 spring semester, after training and playing with the U.S. Under-19 National Team in the '04 fall semester (she first played with the Irish in the '05 spring and technically is a second-semester sophomore in the fall of 2006).

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Jen Buczkowski..... Buzz-COW-ski  
 Amanda Cinalli..... SUH-nah-lee  
 Claire Gallerano ..... Gal-urr-ON-oh  
 Ashley Galovic..... GAL-uh-vick  
 Molly Iarocci ..... Eye-uh-ROW-chee  
 Kerry Inglis ..... IN-gless  
 Lauren Karas..... CARE-us  
 Jill Krivacek ..... KRIV (like give)-uh-sec  
 Kim Lorenzen ..... Luh-REN-zin  
 Kelsey Lysander ..... LIE-sand-er  
 Mara Paz de Araujo ..... Uh-RUE-zho  
 Susan Pinnick ..... PIN-ick  
 VanderGenugten ..... Van-dir-GUH-new-tun  
 Weissenhofer ..... Wise-en-HOFF-er





# 2006 Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School(s)	Club Team(s), pre-Notre Dame
16	Micaela Alvarez	M	5-3	Fr.	Cranbury, NJ / Peddie HS	ODP Region II; Parsippany Mischief
10	Brittany Bock *	M/F	5-6	So.	Naperville, IL / Neuqua Valley HS	U.S. Under-19s; ODP Region II; F.C. Indiana Eclipse; Black Magic (boys); Windy City Pride
9	Jen Buczkowski ***	M	5-7	Sr.	Elk Grove, IL / Elk Grove HS	U.S. U-19s; ODP Region II; Sockers; Arsenal
5	Amanda Cinalli **	F	5-8	Jr.	Maple Heights, OH / Laurel HS	U.S. Under-17s; ODP Region II; Cleveland F.C.
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23	Molly Iarocci ***	F	5-7	Sr.	Carefree, AZ / Xavier Prep	Sereno Eagles
3	Kerry Inglis *	D/M	5-6	So.	Fort Wayne, IN / Snider HS	F.C. Indiana; Fort Wayne Fever; Citadel
12	Ashley Jones **	D/M	5-4	Jr.	Westlake Village, CA / Westlake HS	ODP Region IV; Southern California United
6	Lauren Karas **	G	5-9	Jr.	Flower Mound, TX / Flower Mound HS	ODP Region III; Dallas Texans
24	Jill Krivacek ***	M	5-11	Sr.	Geneva, IL / Rosary HS	Chicago Sockers; Arsenal
29	Amber Lattner	M	5-3	Fr.	Montrose, PA / Montrose	BC United Fusion
4	Kim Lorenzen *** (C)	D	5-8	Sr.	Naperville, IL / Naperville North HS	ODP Region II; Chicago Sockers
13	Kelsey Lysander	G	5-9	Fr.	San Diego, CA / Rancho Bernardo HS	ODP Region IV; San Diego Surf
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27	Mara Paz de Araujo	D	5-9	Fr.	Colorado Springs, CO / Air Academy HS	Real Colorado; Pikes Peak; Pride SC
17	Susan Pinnick *	F/M	5-4	Jr.	South Bend, IN / St. Joseph's HS	U.S. U-17s; ODP Region II; Carmel Commotion
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Kim Lorenzen.....	Luh-REN-zin
Kelsey Lysander .....	LIE-sand-er
Mara Paz de Araujo .....	Uh-RUE-zho
Susan Pinnick .....	PIN-ick
VanderGenugten .....	Van-dir-GUH-new-tun
Weissenhofer .....	Wise-en-HOFF-er

## Fifth-Ranked Irish Set To Field Another Deep And Talented Team In 2006

*Pair of All-Americans headline eight returning starters, as Notre Dame takes aim at program's third national title and second in the past three years.*

When Randy Waldrum arrived at Notre Dame in 1999, he coached his first Irish team all the way to the national championship game. One year later, his 2000 team claimed the No. 1 ranking and did not lose until the College Cup semifinals. Notre Dame's postseason success then dropped off for a few years before returning in full force with the 2004 national championship season and a dominating 2005 campaign that ended with an NCAA quarterfinal loss to the eventual national champion Portland.

Now, with his eighth season on the horizon, Waldrum will be looking to guide his team to a third straight elite-level season. With eight starters leading the way for a group of 17 veterans, the Irish could be well-positioned to make another run at the program's third national title.

Notre Dame lost four key regulars – All-Americans Katie Thorlakson (forward) and Candace Chapman (right back), along with the Academic All-America duo of goalkeeper Erika Bohn and midfielder Annie Schefer – 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 Reed**. 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**. The netminder position is most up-for-grabs, with senior **Nikki Westfall** and freshman **Kelsey Lysander** also firmly in the mix.

Four of the other incoming freshmen figure to play key roles in the 2006 season, with that group including longtime teammates **Michele Weissenhofer** (forward) and **Amanda Clark** (defender/midfielder), battle-tested midfielder **Courtney Rosen** and versatile defender **Haley Ford**.

Hanks and Buczkowski again were among the 25 players named to the Hermann Trophy watch list, with Hanks also collecting various preseason All-America honors (plus BIG EAST preseason offensive player of the year). Those players were joined by Shaner (the league's preseason defensive player of the year), Cinalli and Bock in comprising five of the 11 players who were named to the 2006 preseason all-BIG EAST team.

The Irish enter the 2006 season ranked fifth in the NSCAA coaches poll, fielding a roster that has tightened up a bit on its geographical reach. The team now includes six players from Texas (most notably Hanks, Ford and Karas) while six all hail



*Two-time All-America midfielder Jen Buczkowski is the consummate playmaker for a potent Notre Dame offense.*

from Chicago: the senior trio of Buczkowski, Krivacek and Lorenzen, plus the former Neuqua Valley High School teammates Bock, Clark and Weissenhofer. The roster also includes three players from southern California – Jones, Dew and Lysander – who all could find themselves in the starting lineup.

The eight-member senior class has set a leadership tone since their arrival early in the fall of 2003, combining to log 408 career games played while helping the Irish win nearly 90 percent of their games (67-7-2) during the past three seasons. As they look down upon the current freshman class, there could be a parallel to the 2003 season when four of the current seniors (Buczkowski, Krivacek, Lorenzen and Shaner) served as regulars on that talented team.

Waldrum traditionally has recruited versatile players and has not been hesitant to utilize position shifts and altered formations in order to maximize the roster's personnel. But to achieve the needed results, he knows that it requires the full commitment of the team.

"In this program, as with many of the other top teams, you will have stars come in and end up being reserves. The success of that situation is

dependent on how both the coaches and players handle it," says Waldrum.

"In the past few years, our players have done a great job of buying into this philosophy and the resulting success speaks for itself. Another byproduct of our great depth is that it keeps us fresh on a weekly basis and when the postseason rolls around, as you are less likely to see players breaking down at the end of the year."

Notre Dame's 2006 squad boasts three (Buczkowski, Cinalli and Hanks) who have played with the U.S. Under-21 National Team, two others – Bock and Dew – who will be reporting a couple weeks late after wrapping up play with Team USA at the Under-20 World Championship, and another (Rosen) who is a product of the Under-17 National Team.

The Irish also head into 2006 looking to maintain an academic tradition within the program that 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 Jones and her 3.96 cumulative GPA as an accounting major.

Notre Dame takes several noteworthy streaks into the 2006 season, having scored in 36

straight games (second-longest in the program's history) while winning 28 straight times at Alumni Field and going unbeaten at home versus BIG EAST teams in 66 straight (65-0-1, since 1995). The Irish also have not lost in 19 consecutive overtime games (14-0-5, since '99) while the seniors have yet to play a game in which the Irish were outshot, a span of 76 games.

### FORWARDS

With the departures of Thorlakson and fellow 2006 graduate Maggie Manning (who was one of the top forward reserves in 2005), the Irish know that their forward group will have a new look in 2006. The 2005 group – namely Thorlakson and Hanks – put up some gaudy individual numbers, but the foundation of that success was due to the strong interplay between the two scoring stars.

"What is going to be a real key is how those three forwards play together," says Waldrum, in reference to the group of frontrunners who all were part of Notre Dame's 2004 signing class (Hanks delayed her admission due to the Under-19 World Championship that was held that fall).

"When you look at Hanks, Cinalli and Pinnick, they are three different type of players, which is





Sophomore forward Kerri Hanks should be the focal point for opposing teams, as she looks to build off her historic 28-goal season in 2005.

what we always have wanted. We probably will see teams trying to focus on Hanks, so it will be even more important for the other players to complement her play and help take the pressure away from her."

**Hanks** (Allen, Texas) came to Notre Dame with the reputation of being a pure goalscorer who had led Allen High School (47 goals in two seasons) and the U.S. Under-19 National Team (22 goals, in 30 games) in scoring while also earning the "Golden Boot" top scorer award at both the 2003 and '05 USYS national club championships. She didn't disappoint in 2005 either, ranking third nationally in goals (28, tying the ND record and fourth-most ever by a Division I freshman) while totaling 71 points (15A) to finish one shy of that Notre Dame mark.

The 2005 postseason awards for Hanks included Freshman All-America, NSCAA second team All-America, BIG EAST Rookie of the Year and a spot among the final-15 candidates for the prestigious M.A.C. Hermann Trophy - becoming the first freshman since 1999 to be on the final group of candidates. The Irish were 18-0-0 when Hanks scored a goal during the 2005 season and her record-setting shot total (135) was 11 more than the opponents' combined total in games versus the Irish during the '05 season (124).

"One thing that I was concerned about heading into last season was how Kerri would hold up with the physical play of college soccer but she obviously did just fine in that regard. And the rest from there was just an awesome display from a player who still has plenty of great soccer ahead of her," says Waldrum of his fellow Texas native.

"The key now will be for Kerri to make another adjustment, as the primary marked player in every game she plays this season. But I expect her to rise to that challenge as well, because she is not just a great goalscorer but also has that knack for maneuvering around the field and putting herself into the right place. She's one of those soccer

junkies who watches the game all the time, and her dad played the game back in England - so it's only natural that she has evolved into this type of player."

**Cinalli** (Maple Heights, Ohio) has seen her stock soar after earning a spot on the U.S. Under-21 National Team that competed at the 2006 Nordic Cup. Already a member of Notre Dame's 20-20 club (20G-22A), the two-time all-BIG EAST performer displayed her all-around skills in 2005 by scoring 10 goals and adding the fifth-highest assist total (17) in the nation. Her 33 points would have led many teams in the country but ranked just third on the 2005 Irish squad (also third in the entire BIG EAST), behind the matching 71 points posted by Thorlakson and Hanks.

"Amanda Cinalli probably is the one player on offense that we can't afford to lose and she's possibly the most technically gifted player on the entire team," says Waldrum, who has seen Cinalli score several goals in big-game situations during her young career with the Irish.

"You can't underestimate all the little things that she does for us and we might drop her in the

midfield at times to get her a little bit more time on the ball. Amanda is so effective shielding the ball and is tough to knock off the ball, then she can turn on a dime and is by her defender. She has a great workrate and creates so much off the dribble - she has the makings of becoming one of the most complete players we've ever had here at Notre Dame."

**Pinnick** (South Bend, Ind.) - who made an inspiring return from the 2004 summer van accident with her club team - was part of the "shock troops" that came on in reserve roles during the 2005 season, when she ranked seventh on the team with 17 points (7G-3A) in 24 games played. With three years of eligibility still in front of her, the local product now sets her sights on becoming a regular member of the forward rotation.

"You could see last spring and then in the start of this preseason that Susan has a higher confidence level because she realizes she is one of the older players and is ready for that challenge," says Waldrum.

### Notre Dame Women's Soccer 2006 Quick Facts

#### 2005 record:

22-3-0 (NCAA quarterfinalist; BIG EAST regular-season champs/10-1-0 and tournament champs)

#### Letterwinners Returning/Lost:

17/8 (8 starters returning)

#### TOP RETURNERS:

**Jen Buczkowski (M, Sr.; Elk Grove, IL)** - among final-15 candidates for 2005 Hermann Trophy (7G-7A); two-time NSCAA All-American; '05 BIG EAST midfielder of the year, directing offense that led nation in goals (110; 4.4/gm); U.S. Under-21 National Team; Academic All-America candidate (3.39); career: 19G-24A in 76 GP

**Kerri Hanks (F; So.; Allen, TX)** - among final-15 candidates for 2005 Hermann Trophy (28G-15A; 71 pts-2nd in nation); NSCAA 2nd team All-American; BIG EAST and national rookie of the year; 4th-most goals ever by D-I freshman; U.S. Under-21 National Team

**Christie Shaner (D, Sr.; Ambler, PA)** - preseason BIG EAST defensive player of the year ('06); three-time all-BIG EAST selection; Academic All-America candidate (3.44); '03 BIG EAST rookie of the year; '05: 5A in 25 GP; career: 3G-8A in 75 GP (left and center back)

**Jill Krivacek (M, Sr.; Geneva, IL)** - defensive MVP of '05 BIG EAST Tournament; 3rd team all-BIG EAST in '04; 5-foot-10 enforcer who fills def. midfield role; ND has yet to be outshot in a game during her career; '05: 2G-4A in 18 GP; career: 5G-9A in 68 GP

**Kim Lorenzen (D, Sr.; Naperville, IL)** - solo team captain in '06; fourth-year starter (outside and center back); Academic All-America candidate (3.43); career: 3G-4A in 59 GP

**Amanda Cinalli (F, Jr.; Maple Hts. OH)** - two-time all-BIG EAST selection (1st team in '04); 3rd-leading scorer in BIG EAST for '05 (10G-17A), 5th nationally in assists; '04 Freshman All-American; U.S. Under-21 National Team; career: 20G-22A in 52 GP

**Brittany Bock (M, So.; Naperville, IL)** - member of U.S. U-20 team; 2nd team all-BIG EAST and Freshman All-American in '05 (12G-9A); Academic All-America candidate (3.45)

**Carrie Dew (D, So.; Encinitas, CA)** - member of U.S. U-20 team; honorable mention all-BIG EAST in '05 (3 G, 25 GS, led team with 2,097 min.); Academic All-America candidate (3.33); 5-foot-9 central D

#### TOP NEWCOMERS:

**Courtney Rosen (M; Brecksville, OH)** - U.S. U-17 National Team; four-year high school All-American; 101G-51A in career at Hathaway Brown HS (22G-12A on state champs as junior)

**Michele Weissenhofer (F; Naperville, IL)** - two-time prep All-American; top scorer for Eclipse Select ('04 and '05 national champs; '06 semifinalist); led Neuqua Valley HS to state title as junior (26 goals)

**Amanda Clark (M/D; Naperville, IL)** - prep All-American as senior at Neuqua Valley HS; ODP Region II; captain of Eclipse Select two-time national champs; longtime teammate of Bock and Weissenhofer

**Haley Ford (D; Midland, TX)** - national champ with '06 Dallas Texans (team cpt); ODP Region III team

**Kelsey Lysander (G; San Diego, CA)** - prep All-American; led San Diego Surf to '06 national semifinals; ODP Region IV; 5-foot-9

#### TOP PLAYERS LOST:

**Katie Thorlakson (F)** - finalist for '05 Hermann Trophy (18G-35A; 71 pts-2nd in nation); Soccer America '04 National Player of the Year (23G-24A); Canadian National Team; career: 55G-73A in 95 GP

**Candace Chapman (D)** - two-time All-American and twice BIG EAST defensive player of the year ('02, '05); four times all-BIG EAST (three 1st team); Canadian National Team; '05: 2G-9A as right back; career: 20G-24A in 92 GP

**Erika Bohn (G)** - three-time Academic All-American (twice 1st team); 3rd team all-BIG EAST in '05 (0.70 GAA, 13-2-0); defensive MVP of '04 College Cup; U.S. U-21 Nat'l Team; 0.69 career GAA

**Annie Scheffter (M)** - two-time Academic All-American (1st team in '05); 4G-9A in '05; career: 12G-21A in 76 GP



"We've played her some at midfield during her career and that should continue to be the case this fall. Susan is such a tireless competitor and is so tough running at the defense, as well as making quick turns on the ball. She has really dedicated herself to improving her finishing so I would expect to see her become a great complement to Hanks and Cinalli.

**Lizzie Reed** (Franklin Lakes, N.J.) has been a classic utility player throughout her career with the Irish, appearing in 72 of the team's 76 games while dividing her 21 starts between forward (7), midfielder (9) and outside back (5). One of several former prep All-Americans on the Irish squad, Reed received third team all-BIG EAST honors in 2005 after combining with Pinnick and Manning to form the dangerous second forward line.

"I know it's been frustrating at times for Lizzie with playing so many positions, but she has handled that in a good way while filling a very valuable role for the team," says Waldrum of Reed, who has totaled five goals and six assists in her career with the Irish.

"You get the feeling that this could be sort of a breakout year for Lizzie and she has that attacking mindset that could help overcome some of the scoring punch that we lost with the graduation of a couple top offensive players."

**Weissenhofer** (Naperville, Ill.) should bring instant excitement to the Notre Dame attack, as a proven goalscorer in both high school (team-best 26 for Neuqua Valley's 2005 state-title team) and with the two-time national champion Eclipse Select. The 5-foot-4 sparkplug also could add another dimension to the offense with a flip throw-in that can sail with accuracy to the back post.

"I really think our fans at Alumni Field are going to love seeing Michele play her brand of soccer, which is an exciting and tenacious style that fits right in with our pressing mentality," says Waldrum.

"She has that great workrate on both sides of the ball, can finish goals a number of ways and has the added experience factor of having played for championship teams and also having attended Notre Dame over the summer. When you add that all together, I think she is ready for college soccer and won't be intimidated by tough early-season games or anything like that."

Ever-improving senior **Molly Iarocci** (Carefree, Ariz.) could develop into a spark off the bench, combining with the other veterans and Weissenhofer to put 90 minutes of pressure on the opposing defenses. The speedster – who played in 24 games during her first three seasons – can cause problems when she slips behind the defense and likely will show the benefits of playing last summer in the W-League, with the San Diego Gauchos.

## MIDFIELD

Notre Dame's veteran midfield starts with the senior tandem of Buczkowski and Krivacek, who have combined to log 144 career games played with the Irish and were key members of the 2004 national championship team.

**Buczkowski** (Elk Grove, Ill.) has yet to miss a game during her Notre Dame career, helping the Irish go 67-7-2 during the 2003-05 stretch in which Notre Dame never was outshot during a game. The two-time All-American and 2005 BIG EAST midfielder of the year could add Academic All-America honors (3.39 GPA, as marketing major) to her resume, as she looks to lead the Irish to another national title in her final season.

"Jen is the engine of our team and she always has been that player who 'pulls all the strings' while doing so much of the dirty work," says Waldrum of Buczkowski, a member of the U.S. Under-21 National Team whose career stats (19G-24A) include ranking as the sixth-leading scorer on the 2005 team (7G-7A).

"We have begun to see Jen become more of a vocal leader and she has worked herself into great physical condition for this final season. Jen is just so competitive, composed on the ball and never panics – it's an infectious poise that makes such a key impact on the entire team. Anyone who doesn't think she is one of the 10 best players in college soccer probably has not seen her play and can't appreciate how valuable she is to our success."

**Krivacek** (Geneva, Ill.) poses a major matchup problem for any opposing team, due to her imposing 5-foot-11 frame combined with quality skills on the ball. Any questions about her mobility should be put to rest quickly in 2006, as the former all-BIG EAST performer and defensive MVP of the 2005 BIG EAST Tournament has reported in tremendous physical condition for her farewell season.

"Jill is a rare commodity in the women's college game because of that combination of size and skill," says Waldrum. "There are some people who have seen us play and think she actually is the key player on our team because she sets the tone and is a classic holding midfielder. The way she is able to keep the ball under pressure and then distribute it effectively just means so much to everything we are trying to do."

Krivacek's offensive output with the Irish has been limited to 19 career points (5G-9A; 2G-4A in '06) but she has delivered in several big-game situations – most notably the 90th minute corner-kick header that beat Wisconsin in the 2004 NCAAs and Notre Dame's final penalty kick in the title-game shootout versus UCLA.

**Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) – a potential Academic All-American after compiling a 3.45 GPA during her freshman year – could take her game to an even higher level as a full-time starter in 2006, after totaling 33 points (12G-9A) as a second team all-BIG EAST performer and Freshman All-American in 2005 (only three Notre Dame freshman midfielders ever have scored more goals in a season).

"When Brittany comes back from the U-20 World Championship, I think you are going to see a player with tremendous confidence and even greater all-around ability," says Waldrum.

"She is a multi-dimensional player and has a very unique body type – physical yet highly technical – to go along with a

great shot and such toughness in the air. For her, scoring on a diving header is a normal thing. It might take her a while to get back in the flow with us but you're probably going to see Brittany develop into an elite midfielder in the college game."

Bock – who again could see some time at forward – has a wide-reaching soccer resume that includes playing for various elite youth teams, many times competing with players several years older than her (and even playing on the Black Magic boys club team in 2004).

The development of **Rosen** (Brecksville, Ohio) could give the Irish another talented four-player rotation among the three midfield spots. An All-American throughout her prep career, Rosen scored the first goal in the history of the U.S. Under-17 National Team (training alongside fellow Ohio native Cinalli) and could be the latest in a long line of midfielders who have made big impacts with the Irish during their freshman season.

"Courtney could be a top player for us over the next four years due to her many qualities," says Waldrum. "She is very skillful on the ball, physically strong, sees the field well and can score some goals for you as well. She is just a classic creative midfielder who fits our 4-3-3 system so well. It's important to have players in there centrally who can make the game go and we expect her to see significant playing time this season."

Senior **Claire Gallerano** (Dallas, Texas) steadily has developed as a quality player at the defensive midfielder position, appearing in 36 games and making five starts during her first three seasons. The hard-nosed defender could be



Junior forward Amanda Cinalli ranked fifth nationally with 17 assists in 2005 before going on to play with the U.S. Under-21 National Team at the 2006 Nordic Cup.



Jill Krivacek has reported in top physical form for her final season, creating even more matchup problems as teams attempt to cope with the 5-foot-11 defensive midfielder.

relied on for some key minutes in 2006 while competing with a midfield unit that may prove to be the deepest and most talented in Notre Dame history.

Sophomores **Becca Mendoza** (Garland, Texas) and **Kerry Inglis** (Fort Wayne, Ind.) could be valuable commodities to the 2006 midfield. Inglis came to Notre Dame as a prep All-American who already had played alongside collegiate-level competition, with the W-League's Fort Wayne Fever (summer of '04) and the WPSL's F.C. Indiana (summer '05) – but a nagging ankle injury limited her to playing a handful of games in the 2005 season.

“Kerry still is making her way back from ankle surgery but we are very anxious to get a look at her, primarily in the midfield but also possibly at outside back, where she played very well with those summer teams,” says Waldrum of Inglis, who finished her prep career as the second all-time leading scorer in Snider High School history (84G-47A).

“She is so skillful with the ball and has that athletic versatility that we love to have on the team. Even though she has been out of action for a while, she is type of player who already has met a lot of tough challenges from older players in various leagues.”

Mendoza – a member of the Mexican National Team – thrived during her career with the Dallas Sting club program and then was one of Notre Dame's top reserve midfielders in 2005, appearing in 15 games. “Becca has so much ability with the ball and the real key for her this season will involve being in top form physically,” says Waldrum. “Last year was a bit of a learning curve for her but she is a very clever and exciting player

who could play an important role in the midfield this season.”

Two freshman midfielders – **Micaela Alvarez** (Cranbury, N.J.) and **Amber Lattner** (Montrose, Pa.) – will miss the entire 2006 season following summer ACL knee surgery. Alvarez likely could have made the greatest impact among the five freshman walk-on players, due to her skill on the ball and quality playing background with the New Jersey ODP program and the Parsippany Mischief club team. Lattner did not have that benefit of regularly playing alongside top competitors but could fill a beneficial role on the team due to her tough-minded play and spirited leadership.

## DEFENSE

All four of Notre Dame's probable starters in the defense — Lorenzen, Shaner, Jones and Dew — are strong Academic All-America candidates, with each owning a cumulative GPA above 3.30. Their soccer skills aren't too shabby either, as each played lead roles for the 2005 defense that allowed just 15 goals and 54 shots on goal (2.2 per game) all season.

**Lorenzen** (Naperville, Ill.) – who carries a 3.43 GPA as a finance major – was elected to serve as the lone captain of the 2006 team, marking just the second time in the program's history (and first time since the debut season in 1988) that the program has not featured multiple captains. If there were an award for the player most deserving of honors who somehow always gets left out, Lorenzen would win in a landslide.

“I've always said that Kim Lorenzen is the one player we couldn't do without and anyone who truly appreciates the game of soccer can realize that by watching her play just a few games,” says Waldrum, who saw his 2005 team go 17-0-0 with Lorenzen in the lineup, prior to the season-ending loss to eventual NCAA champion Portland.

“We used Kimmy earlier in her career as an outside back but she really has developed into a top player in that central role. It's tough to beat her and she always has control of the situation – with the added bonus of being able to jump into the attack and serving such a good ball on set pieces. She is just such a great athlete and physical presence for our defense. I've also been very impressed with her leadership this fall. She always has set a great example through her work ethic but also sets the tone on the field, whether it be by encouraging or challenging her teammates to get the most out of every game.”

**Shaner** (Ambler, Pa.) also has split her career

playing for the Irish as an outside and central back (appearing in 75 of the 76 games), with a natural fit from the left back spot due to her ability to get up and down the flank and her strong leftfooted service. The preseason BIG EAST defensive player of the year will be making the bid for a rare fourth all-BIG EAST season and also should be heavily in the mix for Academic All-America honors, due to her 3.44 GPA as a design major.

“If there's a better tackler than Christie in the game of women's college soccer, I'd like to see her play,” says Waldrum. “This is the time for our seniors like Christie to lead the team and I think she will do a great job in that role. We also expect her to continue being a big threat out of the back, with her ability to cover ground and be such a big threat in the air.”

**Dew** (Encinitas, Calif.) – a 3.33 student who is enrolled in the Mendoza College of Business – was selected as one of three captains for the U.S. Under-20 National Team and was expected to have made major strides in her all-around play after the extensive training with that elite youth team. An honorable mention all-BIG EAST selection during her freshman season, the 5-foot-9 Dew is on pace to be Notre Dame's next great central defender.

“It took a while last season for Carrie to adapt to our zone system of defending but she became more relaxed and consistent later in the season



Midfielder Brittany Bock (left) and center back Carrie Dew (right) should show tremendous benefits from their eight months of training with the U.S. Under-20 National Team.



and then played great all spring,” says Waldrum of Dew, who started all 25 games in 2005 while leading the team in minutes played (2,097).

“I think Carrie is the type of player where the sky is the limit in terms of what she can achieve. She is so talented and can be a dominant player in the air. One thing we might look for more from her this season is a little bit of an edge, maybe a bit more intensity to go along with her great soccer skills. But I really think you will see her develop into one of the nation’s best defenders.”

**Jones** (Westlake Village, Calif.) enters her first full season as an outside back and likely will fill Chapman’s vacated spot on the right side – although she easily could flip to the left, due to her strong ability to serve the ball with both feet. The spunky junior played in all 52 games during her first two seasons, starting 16 of them (2G-5A) while helping the Irish go 47-4-1 over that span. In addition to making a possible move into the starting lineup, the converted midfielder also should be one of the top contenders for Academic All-American of the Year honors in Division I women’s soccer – due to the accounting major’s 3.96 cumulative GPA that includes 17 A grades and a pair of A-minuses during her first two years at Notre Dame.

“Ashley is the type of person who you can always count on, whether it’s in soccer, school or her personal life. She is just a rock-solid individual,” says Waldrum of Jones, who won national titles during her senior year of high school with both her club (SoCal United) and ODP (Cal-South) teams.

“She always has been such a tireless worker and great competitor, with a wonderful grasp of the game of soccer. One thing that I really like is her willingness to learn and always get better. Being a primary defender is a new challenge for her but she has made quick strides in that area and has really done well learning the position of defending.”

The versatility of Notre Dame’s 2006 roster is well illustrated by two of the freshmen – Clark and Ford – who could fill multiple roles in the midfield or defense.

**Clark** (Naperville, Ill.) served primarily as a defensive midfielder during her All-America prep career but had played during the preseason at one of the central back positions, due to the absence of Lorenzen and Dew. A proven leader throughout her soccer career, Clark served as captain for both Neuqua Valley High School and with her Eclipse Select team that won national titles in the summer of 2004 and ’05.

“Amanda is one of those kids that you have to watch for a couple of games to fully appreciate her, but I think she is going to be a tremendously valuable member of this program,” says Waldrum. “She plays very simple and within her abilities but she also brings physicality and a toughness element to our team. We needed to increase our depth at the defensive midfielder position and Amanda certainly will provide that, in addition to being a top option as a center or outside back.

**Ford** (Midland, Texas) likewise knows a little something about captaining teams to national titles, after helping her Dallas Texans squad win the 2006 USYS under-18 title (Clark, Weissenhofer



Senior **Christie Shaner** – who has played both left and center back with the Irish – was tabbed as the 2006 BIG EAST preseason defensive player of the year.

and Lysander also were on hand that week in Des Moines, Iowa, with their respective teams). The lanky, 5-foot-9 freshman headed to Notre Dame as a top candidate at one of the central defender spots but then played extensively at left back during the preseason.

“Haley was one of those players who did not blow you away with her stats or anything like that, but we always liked her as a great fit for our program and she was underrated on a national level until recently,” says Waldrum of Ford, who spent many years during her youth soccer career making a regular commute of nearly 12 hours roundtrip in order to train with club teams in the Dallas area.

“She is really good on the ball and in the air and has deceptive speed, with such long strides. Obviously, she is coming here riding a high after winning the title with the Texans but another thing that really strikes you about Haley is her maturity. She is a brilliant student and is on top of everything – just so mature for her age and a great all-around addition for our program.”

Waldrum predicts that freshman **Ashley Galovic** (Plano, Texas) could prove to be a “sleeper” at the outside back position, as she adjusts to Notre Dame’s system of zone defending. “Ashley is an intriguing player who we had seen at our summer camp,” says Waldrum. “She is fast and athletic but was used mostly as a man-marker with her club team, which is significantly different from our system. We are excited to see her emerge at that position and she could help give us some great depth at outside back.”

Two other newcomers – **Rachel VanderGenutgen** (Schereville, Ind.) and **Mara Paz de Araujo** (Colorado Springs, Colo.) – round out the many freshman additions to the back line.

VanderGenutgen was recovering from a pre-existing foot injury but could join Galovic in developing into a contributor at outside back, due to her athleticism, competitiveness and quality club experience with the Carmel Cyclones (a Midwest rival of the Eclipse and Internationals).

Paz de Araujo also hails from a solid club program (Real Colorado) but likewise was slowed by an injury entering the 2006 preseason. Like many of the freshmen, her contributions ultimately will hinge on her ability to adapt to the speed and physical play within the college game.

## GOALKEEPERS

The biggest question mark for the 2006 Notre Dame squad lies in the goalkeeping position, as the Irish look to replace the four-year starter and three-time Academic All-American Bohn. Early indications projected that all three ‘keepers were in the running for the open spot, with the 5-foot-9 **Karas** (Flower Mound, Texas) possibly owning the slight edge.

“Lauren has two years under her belt and now it’s time for her to step up to the challenge,” says Waldrum of Karas, who compiled a 0.78 goals-

against-average and 12-1-0 record while logging nearly 1,300 minutes of game action (with 14 starts) in those first two seasons.

“The key thing for Lauren, and really for any goalkeeper, is consistency. She has all of the tools – shot-stopping, handling the ball with her feet, vocal leadership and reaction time – that put her into position to be a top ‘keeper at the collegiate level.”

**Westfall** (Waterville, Ohio) is the veteran member of the goalkeeper trio and has logged 18 career appearances, with a 0.31 GAA in nearly 500 minutes of action. The senior gained valuable experience during the 2004 preseason trip to Brazil and then in 2005 during Notre Dame’s spring season and later that summer as the top ‘keeper for the F.C. Indiana team that won the Open Cup title.

“Nikki is at a point where the door is more open for her than ever before and she wants to end her career with a strong showing for us. She always has been a great shot-stopper and has made some key strides in other areas, so we are excited to see what she can do this season,” says Waldrum.

The 5-foot-10 **Lysander** (San Diego, Calif.) earned high school All-America honors while leading her San Diego Surf club team to the USYS national semifinals, where she faced three of her fellow incoming Notre Dame freshmen (Clark and Weissenhofer with the Eclipse and Ford with the Texans).

“Kelsey has really seen her confidence grow in the past few months and she is the type of player who brings great athleticism to the position of goalkeeper,” says Waldrum.

“At the end of the day, we will go with the goalkeeper who is performing most consistently – we need someone to be able to hold the fort and that will be one of the major things that we address during the preseason.”