

Head Coach

Notre Dame's Randy Waldrum Nearing Quarter Century of Coaching Excellence



Randy Waldrum

Head Coach
Eighth Season
Midwestern State '81

When Notre Dame went searching for a women's soccer coach in 1999, the University was looking for an experienced tactician and motivator to lead the NCAA's winningest program of the 1990s. Notre Dame found exactly what it was looking for in Randy Waldrum, a veteran of coaching at nearly every level who built Notre Dame into the 2004 national champions.

From his first coaching job at MacArthur High School in Irving, Texas, to leading Notre Dame to the NCAA title, Waldrum – whose past eight teams have combined to win more than 80 perceent of their games (187-37-8; .823) – has been recognized by U.S. Soccer as one of the game's top soccer minds at any level. He has held a position on the U.S. national team coaching staff since 1992 and recently was named third vice-president of the 18,000-member National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

Waldrum is able to draw on the lessons learned from nearly 25 combined seasons in the college coaching ranks (324-128-24 record/.706, in 24 total seasons), providing the Irish program with the full package in its head coaching position. A respected student of the game, Waldrum has combined with his staff to consistently attract some of the nation's top talent. In the past four years alone, Notre Dame's 2003 incoming class was rated 5th in the nation, the 2004 freshmen were ranked as high as 2nd, the current sophomores were rated 8th (despite having just four signees in the class) and the incoming five-member class was ranked 10th.

Waldrum's .759 career winning percentage ranks seventh all-time among women's soccer coaches with 10-plus seasons on the Division I level. During his years at Notre Dame, Waldrum has matched wits versus five of the six coaches ranked above him on that list and the Irish own an impressive 17-5-2 record (.750) in those

games featuring matchups of top national coaches

In Notre Dame games versus teams led by coaches who are ahead of him on the D-I career win percentage list, Waldrum has guided the Irish to winning records versus Len Tsantiris and his UConn squad (9-2-1), Jerry Smith's Santa Clara team (6-3-0) and John Walker's Nebraska unit (1-0-1) – plus a convincing 2005 win (4-1) over Becky Burleigh's Florida program, in the first-ever meeting between the Irish and Gators.

Waldrum's first seven Notre Dame teams continued the program's tradition of excellence by combining for a 141-23-5 record (.849), winning six BIG EAST regular-season and four tournament titles, and advancing to the NCAAs each year – including a runner-up finish in 1999, another trip to the College Cup semifinals in 2000 and finally the 2004 national title. The Irish also posted a 42-14-3 record versus top-25 teams in the first seven years of the Waldrum era.

The four-time BIG EAST Conference coach of the year ('99, '00, '03, '04; no other coach has won that award more than twice) and six-time NSCAA regional coach of the year attended elite nine-day training courses in Glasgow, Scotland, during the summers of 2003 and '04. That prestigious coaching clinic was sponsored by the Scottish Football Association and provided the



Randy Waldrum is a highly-respected student of the game who ranks as one of the top coaches in all of college soccer.

steps to receiving a UEFA advanced coaching certificate.

Waldrum's Notre Dame players have combined for 15 All-America honors - led by 2000 national player of the year Anne Makinen and 2004 standout Katie Thorlakson (who also received player-of-the-year honors) - and 11 Academic All-America awards, including rare double honors (All-America and Academic All-America) for 2001 defender Monica Gonzalez. His 2003 squad became the first in Division I women's soccer history to produce three Academic All-Americans, as defender Vanessa Pruzinsky was named Academic All-American of the Year while forward Mary Boland and goalkeeper Erika Bohn were second-team selections. Bohn later was a first-teamer in 2004 and '05, joining Pruzinsky and former basketball standout Bob Arnzen as Notre Dame's only three-year Academic All-Americans.

The nation's only repeat honoree as his region's NSCAA coach of the year in 2003 and

The Waldrum File

- First seven seasons at Notre Dame have included winning the 2004 NCAA title while also reaching the College Cup final weekend in 1999 (runner-up) and 2000 (as No. 1-ranked team).
- Has coached two national players of the year (Anne Makinen and Katie Thorlakson), 14 All-Americans and 11 All-Americans at Notre Dame.
- Member of U.S. Soccer national team coaching staff since 1992 and recently named third vice-president of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America
- Seventh-best career winning percentage among NCAA Division I women's soccer coaches (.759)
- 12th-most wins (248) on NCAA D-I list of all-time winningest women's soccercoaches
- Attended two nine-day training courses in Scotland (summer 2003 and '04) while receiving the UEFA "A" advanced coaching license
- Four-time BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year ('99, '00, '03, '04)
- 2003 and '04 NSCAA Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year and 1998 Central Region Coach of the Year
- 1998 Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year
- 1996 *Soccer Buzz* First-Year Program Coach of the Year
- 1991, 1993 Missouri Valley Conference Men's Coach of the Year
- 1991 and '93 Midwest Region Men's Coach of the Year
- 1990 Midwest Region Women's Coach of the Year

Randy Waldrum – pictured above alongside three All-Americans and two Academic All-Americans – became the 15th national championship coach in the history of Notre Dame athletics, after guiding his 2004 team to a 25-1-1 season.

'04, Waldrum's clever use of personnel played a key role in the '04 team's sustained success and postseason push. He guided that team to the best winning pct. in the program's history (.944, 25-1-1), with only three previous Division I teams winning more games in a season.

The 2004 team finished fourth in the nation with a 0.51 season goals-against avg. while totaling nearly as many goals (70) as opponent shots on goal (71) and trailing just 102 minutes all season. On the way to the title, Notre Dame beat three teams twice (Santa Clara, Boston College and Connecticut twice), adding noteworthy wins over Portland, Stanford, West Virginia, Villanova, Michigan and Arizona State.

Waldrum showed clever use of his 2004 personnel, utilizing the team's depth to keep the top players fresh for the postseason (19 different players started in '04). He used a variety of formations and made a key decision to install veteran Candace Chapman at forward, following a broken leg suffered by her classmate Boland. Chapman had not played forward since high school but responded with an all-BIG EAST season as the team's second-leading scorer (12G-8A).

The 2003 and '04 teams combined to win more than 90% of their games (45-4-2) and the Irish have totaled nearly a +120 win-to-loss margin in the Waldrum era (141-23-5; .844), also winning nearly 80% of their "big games" when facing an NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponents (61-15-3, .791). Three of the top-four team GAA in Irish history have been posted by Waldrum's teams (0.39 in '00, 0.49 in '03 and 0.51 in '04; with the record of 0.36 set in '97).

Waldrum's most recent team turned in another historic season, entering the year ranked No. 1 and ultimately leading the nation in scoring with with 4.40 goals per game. More impressively, the 2005 team's goal total (110, good for 10th in NCAA history) was more than twice the number of shots on goal allowed by the Irish for the entire season (54, with only 15 opponent goals). The Irish rolled to a 13-game winning streak late in the '05 season that included a 60-3 scoring edge and just two opponents shots on goal, with the streak ending in the NCAA quarterfinal loss at eventual champion Portland.

The 2005 season also featured four All-Americans – Thorlakson, Chapman, Jen Buczkowski and Kerri Hanks – who were among the final-15 candidates for the Hermann Trophy. Those players also received top BIG EAST honors in 2005 (Thorlakson on offense,

Chapman on defense, Buczkowski as best midfielder, Hanks as top rookie), marking the first time that one team had claimed four major BIG EAST player awards.

Thorlakson (18G-35A) and Hanks (28G-15A) became the second pair of teammates in D-I history to eclipse 70 points in the same season, with Thorlakson joining three previous Notre Dame players among 18 in D-I history to reach 50 career goals (55) and 50 assists (73; second in NCAA history behind former ND midfielder Holly Manthei's 144).

Waldrum's 2006 squad will look to extend several noteworthy trends: a 36-game scoring streak (2nd-longest in the program's history); a 66-game unbeaten streak at home vs. BIG EAST opponents (65–0–1, since '95); and a 19-game unbeaten mark in overtime (14-0-5; dating back to an OT loss in the first game of the Waldrum era. The 2006 seniors have yet to play a game during their careers in which the

Irish were outshot, racking up a 67-7-2- record during that three-year span.

The first five years of the Waldrum era coincided with the career of defensive enforcer Pruzinsky, the classic definition of student-athlete who graduated with a 4.00 cumulative GPA as a chemical engineering major while also competing for a spot on the final roster for the U.S. Under-21 National Team. Pruzinsky returned for a fifth year of eligibility in '03 and was named the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer, also receiving a prestigious postgraduate NCAA scholarship.

Waldrum remains the only first-year coach in the 23 years of the NCAA women's soccer tournament to lead a team to the championship game, after guiding his 1999 squad to four straight wins in the NCAAs. Three

previous first-year coaches had reached the semifinals (doing so in the days of 12- and 16-team NCAA fields), but perhaps none had led a team through a harder route than Waldrum did against the 48-team draw. The Irish defeated Atlantic-10 conference champion Dayton and 8th-ranked Stanford (the Pac-10 champ) before winning at 4th-ranked and Big 12 champion Nebraska in the quarterfinals.

The rookie coach had the fifth-seeded lrish clicking in their first three rounds of the '99 NCAA tournament – with that momentum continuing at the College Cup. Earlier in the 1999 regular season, Notre Dame had suffered a 4-2 loss at top-ranked Santa Clara. In the rematch at the NCAA semifinals, Waldrum motivated his team with surprise green jerseys. The Irish responded with an inspired performance in a 1-0 win over the Broncos, as 14,000 fans looking on. Despite a loss in the title game two days later, Waldrum had taken Notre Dame further than any first-year coach in Division I women's soccer history.

A new challenge awaited in 2000, as Notre Dame looked to replace five graduated starters – three of them All-Americans, and a fourth the team's all-time leading goalscorer. Under the veteran guidance of Waldrum, the Irish overcame the loss of two injured starters for good chunks of the 2000 season and returned to the top of the rankings, led by the team's unique formation of three central-

Randy Waldrum - By the Numbers

2004		National championship season (ND)
956		2003 streak of shutout minutes (5th in NCAA history)
.759		Career women's soccer win pct. (7th-best in Division I)
324		Total career wins as college head coach
		Wins at Notre Dame women's soccer (141-23-5; .849)
66		Active home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams
61-15	5-3	Record at ND vs. top-25 and postseason opponents
		Active scoring streak (2nd in ND history)
		ND players' home states/provinces/countries
24		ND record streak w/out allowing 2-plus goals ('00; '03)
		All-Americans (15 at ND)
		Overtime unbeaten streak (14-0-5; since '99)
		Academic All-Americans (11 at ND)
16		ND record for most games without deficit ('03)
12		Full national team members (10 at ND)
9		Players who went on to the WUSA (8 at ND)
7		NCAA Tournament appearances at ND ('99-'05)
6		BIG EAST regular-season titles
6		NSCAA regional coach-of-the-year honors
5		BIG EAST defensive players of the year
4.40		Goals per game in 2005 (led nation)
4		BIG EAST tournament titles
4		BIG EAST coach-of-the-year awards
3.36		2005 team's cumulative GPA (as of '06 spring)
3		Seasons with No. 1 ranking ('00, '04, '05)
3		Trips at ND to College Cup final weekend
2		National players of the year (at ND)
0:51		Quickest 3-goal stretch in ND history ('05, vs. GU)
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0:39 Team goals-against avg. in 2000 (led nation)

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based midfielders and a stingy defense that led the nation in goals-against (0.39).

Makinen, the leader of that midfield unit, went on to earn national player-of-the-year honors while the 2000 Irish posted a 23-1-1 overall record, with the only blemishes being a scoreless battle at BIG EAST rival Connecticut and a 2-1 loss to North Carolina in the NCAA semifinals. The Irish trailed for just 35 minutes all season and captured another BIG EAST crown, with Waldrum repeating as BIG EAST coach of the year.

The 2001 squad then claimed the program's seventh straight BIG EAST title (only UConn women's basketball had won more consecutive BIG EAST titles, among team-oriented sports) while posting noteworthy wins over Penn State and Nebraska. A series of injuries to key players beset the 2002 squad but the Irish rallied to go 6-1-0 in a seven-game stretch before losing on a late goal at top-ranked Stanford in the NCAA round of 16.

Waldrum's 2003 squad (20-3-1) returned atop the national scene, owning the No. 2 national ranking for most of the season while ranking as one of the nation's most balanced teams on both sides of the ball – led by a pair of All-Americans in forward Amy Warner and defender Melissa Tancredi.

Waldrum – who served as an assistant coach with the U.S. women's under-18 and under-20 national teams in the late 1990s – came to Notre Dame after beginning the Baylor women's soccer team from scratch in 1995, ultimately leading the Bears to a 9-0-1 Big 12 Conference record and their first Big 12 championship in any sport in 1998.

In three seasons at Baylor, Waldrum guided the Bears to a 46-14-3 record after he spent '95-'96 starting up the program. He earned Big



Randy Waldrum's creative and effective use of personnel has been a trademark of his years with the Notre Dame women's soccer program.

12 Conference and NSCAA Central Region coach-of-the-year honors after finishing with a 15-5-1 record in '98. The Bears posted wins over three ranked teams to earn their first NCAA bid and were ranked as high as 12th during the season.

He was named the 1996 national coach of the year for a first-year program and Baylor likewise was named by *Soccer Buzz as* the best 1996 first-year program, after posting a 17-3-1 season.

Waldrum spent six seasons (1989-94) as head coach of the men's and women's teams at the University of Tulsa, compiling a 66-33-6 record with the men's team and a 61-36-9 mark with the women (he remains the winningest all-time coach of both programs). He was voted Central Region coach of the year in 1990 after the Golden Hurricane finished 9-6-1.

His Tulsa women's teams produced four allregion players, six Academic All-Americans and two U.S. Olympic Festival players.

His 1993 Tulsa men's team finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference and fourth in the region with a 10-6-2 record, earning Waldrum MVC and Midwest Region coach-of-the-year honors. His 1991 MVC championship squad remains the only Tulsa men's soccer team to qualify for the NCAAs, finishing with a 14-3-0 record. Waldrum's men's teams produced seven All-Americans, two national team members, three U.S. Olympic Festival players and three Professional Indoor Soccer League draft selections.

While at Tulsa, Waldrum also served as the state coach for the Olympic Development Program.

Waldrum started a first-year men's program at Texas Wesleyan in 1988 and earlier had his first collegiate head coaching position at Austin College in 1982. He served as director of coaching for the Texas Longhorns Soccer Club from 1987-89, coaching one of the seven teams in the club while overseeing the other teams. His team went 53-4-1 and finished third in the country, with Waldrum coaching and developing two *Parade* All-Americans, two national team players and one Youth World Cup player while with the Longhorns.

Waldrum earned all-district honors all four years of his playing career at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, graduating in 1981 as a physical education major and political science minor. He then played professionally for the Los Angeles Skyhawks and the Indianapolis Daredevils of the American Soccer League.

Born Sept. 25, 1956, the Irving, Texas, native and his wife Dianna have one son, 25-year-old Ben, who has competed in professional soccer with the El Paso Patriots of the A League and with the MISL's Dallas Sidekicks. Ben has served on his father's Notre Dame staff since 2003 (see p. 27 for Ben Waldrum bio and Randy Waldrum's coaching record vs. all-time opponents).

Year-by-Year with Randy Waldrum

WOMEN'S TEAMS <u>Year</u> **School** Pct. 9 1989 Tulsa .500 1990 6 Tulsa .594 10 1991 Tulsa 6 .611 1992 Tulsa 13 2 .824 4 2 1993 14 .750 Tulsa 9 1994 Tulsa 6 .438 **6-Year Totals** 36 9 .580 61 **School** T Pct. <u>Year</u> Baylor 17 6 1997 Baylor 14 1 .690 1998 **Baylor** 15 5 .738 **3-Year Totals** 46 14 3 .754 **School** <u>Year</u> Pct. Notre Dame 23 1 .940 2000 Notre Dame 1 2001 Notre Dame 17 3 1 .833 2002 Notre Dame 13 8 0 .619 20 3 2003 Notre Dame - 1 .854 2004 Notre Dame 944 0 2005 Notre Dame 3 .880 **7-Year Totals** 141 23 5 .849 16-Year Women's Totals 248 73 17 .759

MEN"S TEAMS

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6-Year	r Totals	66	33	6	.657
8-Year	r Men's Totals	76	55	7	.576
24-Yea	r Overall Career	324	128	24	.706

Q: How do you think the Notre Dame women's soccer program is perceived on a national level and how would you characterize the current state of the program?

A: "I'd like to think people view us as one of the premier programs in the country and I think that is the perception. And that's where we certainly want to keep it.

"What makes the sport of soccer tick is that all coaches and fans see the game a little bit differently. I would love for our team to be viewed as a program that plays a very attractive, attacking style. If I had my wish, I would want it to look like a mixture of the Dutch and the Brazilians, maybe some of Manchester United. Those are models that you'd like your team to look at.

"We've taken what was established and added to it. Previous Notre Dame teams played that attractive style and we've been able to continue that, with probably a little more athleticism – which you need to consistently win the big games. That's how the game has evolved.

"Maybe even a little bit to our downfall, we've always come out and tried to play. We've never just tried to sit back and defend and see if the best team can win from that. An attractive style is a crucial part of how this program will operate."

Q: What will it take to maintain the Notre Dame program at that elite level?

A: "Any coach will tell you it's about the players first. So we certainly have to continue to recruit the best, and our incoming class for 2006 is right up there among the best in the nation. A lot of our success has been due to the fact that we've added kids who are good fits for Notre Dame. That's a big reason why we were so successful in 2000 and again in 2004. The chemistry of those teams was so incredible, although at times we may not have been as talented as some earlier Notre Dame teams."

Q: What are some of the things that you have come to appreciate most at Notre Dame?

A: "On the outside, I always had an appreciation for the athletic tradition of Notre Dame and knew it was a great academic institution. Since I've been on campus, that certainly is very true and probably 10-fold once you realize the actual tradition. It's truly what a college campus should be all about.

"A couple things that really separate us is how committed the alums are to Notre Dame. We don't go anywhere around the country that somebody doesn't stop and talk to us about Notre Dame, and alumni clubs hold receptions for us all over the country. Those are things you don't find anywhere else.

"The biggest thing is what Notre Dame can do for student-athletes in their future. They get great benefits of playing four years on a top college team and receiving a great education. But in the long run, there are great employment opportunities that being an alum of Notre Dame can open for you. Those are the things that really have amazed me."

Q: Many of your top players have undergone position shifts over the years. What is your philosophy about position changes?

A: "It's fairly common, because so many top kids played in the more high-profile positions with their club teams. It's another intangible when we are evaluating players and one has that versatility to play other positions, because you never know where they might play. We have several players with the skills, maturity and mentality to play multiple positions and they are valuable members of this team.

"We have a trend of playing with several defenders who converted from the offense and they have that sense of what the opposing forwards are going to try to do. That may give them an added edge, because they've been on the other side of the ball."

Q: Your inverted pyramid 4-3-3 system has been used by the U.S. Women's National Team but is fairly unique in the college game. What attracts you to this formation?

A: "I like the system for two primary reasons. First, it gives you four in the back and it's a lot easier to cover the full width of the field. Secondly, it still allows you to keep an attacking presence with three up front. It is the perfect system for the players we've had.

"For the system to work, you need midfielders like we have now such as Jen Buczkowski and Brittany Bock, who are technically-sound and comfortable handling the ball under pressure. The system also is a 'win-win' defensively, whether you're trying to match up with four or five midfielders from the opposition. You also need great outside backs – which we've had recently with the likes of Candace Chapman, Kim Lorenzen and Christie Shaner – who can cover a lot of ground on the flanks.

"You recruit to fit your system if you're happy with that system and want to stay in it; or you recruit the best players you can and then develop a system once that group gets there. We're to a point where we can recruit for the system. It doesn't mean that won't change if warranted, but we are very pleased and content with the way the system meshes with our current players."

Q: Your players have said that you have their respect and attention without using an overbearing style. How did that develop?

A: "I played for coaches who were not big yellers and screamers. My high school coach Simon Sanchez is still one of the best coaches I've ever been around. People respected him and loved to play for him, without him needing to ride us all the time – but we still had some intense practices and games.

"Today's athletes are very different. Many don't respond as well to a lot of yelling and screaming. I've always been fortunate to coach players who respond in a positive way and understand what we are asking them to do. We have a very intelligent group and they've been very receptive to our ways of doing things."

What They've Said About Randy Waldrum

"I've known Randy Waldrum for 25 years and he has been a winner at every level he's coached. Randy's knowledge and experiences makes him one of the premier college coaches in the country. Coach Waldrum's teams all have similar characteristics: he lets them play with a lot of freedom and they play with confidence. His teams are always entertaining to watch."

Schellas Hyndman head men's soccer coach Southern Methodist University

"One of the great things about Randy is how he handles each player individually and gives players the chances to prove themselves. He also has a calm manner in dealing with players, but he still wants to get the most out of you. Everyone respects him for that and they believe and trust in him. The program is in great hands with Randy leading the way."

Kelly Lindsey '01 current head ocach at St. Mary's (CA) former two-time Notre Dame captain and member of Bay Area CyberRays

"We at Notre Dame feel very fortunate to have Randy Waldrum leading our women's soccer program. In speaking with people throughout the soccer community – including former and current players – it became readily evident how well-respected Randy is for his coaching style and knowledge of the game. He's a proven winner and we look forward to many more great years of Notre Dame women's soccer with Randy at the helm."

Kevin White Notre Dame athletic director

"Randy Waldrum is one of the top American soccer coaches in the game today. His success at every level, including youth, collegiate and as an assistant coach at the youth national team level, is an indication of his commitment to the game and his trade."

Tony DiCicco, former U.S. national team head coach

"Randy is one of the nation's most organized and knowledgeable coaches. He has helped set a great standard for Notre Dame soccer. Even though he's such a respected and experienced coach, he remains very humble and has a great thirst for gathering knowledge about the game. He travels around the world to observe at various soccer events and is constantly improving his ability as a coach."

Bobby Clark Notre Dame head men's soccer coach



Assistant Coaches



Dawn Greathouse

Assistant Coach

Fourth Season

Baylor '01

Former Baylor All-American and WUSA goalkeeper Dawn Greathouse enters her fourth season on the Notre Dame women's soccer staff as an assistant coach, reuniting with her former college coach Randy Waldrum (who departed for Notre Dame after the 1998 season).

Greathouse made an immediate impact in her first three seasons at Notre Dame, providing valuable instruction and insight for 2006 graduate Erika Bohn (who went on to be one of two goalkeepers on the U.S. Under-21 National Team at the '05 Nordic Cup) and current goalkeepers Nikki Westfall and Lauren Karas. The Irish finished fifth in the nation with a 0.49 season goals-against average in 2003 and were fourth nationally with 15 shutouts – also compiling a 956-minute shutout streak that ranks fifth in NCAA history (longest since '99). Notre Dame faced just one deficit in the first 19 games of the 2003 season, en route to a 20-3-1 record.

The 2004 national championship season then saw the Irish lead the nation with 18 shutouts while nearly reclaiming the GAA title (4th, at 0.51). The 25-1-1 season featured just 108 minutes with the Irish playing from behind, thanks to limiting 25 of the 27 opponents to 0-1 goals while two others managed to score twice (both in the first four games, with only 10 goals allowed in the final 25).

Notre Dame then allowed just 15 goals in the 2005 season and finished second in the nation with 17 shutouts.

Bohn – a rare three-time Academic All-American and – earned NSCAA all-region honors in 2003 and then was an all-BIG EAST Conference selection as a senior in '05. She ranks third in the Notre Dame record book with a 0.69 career ERA (good for 16th-best in

NCAA history), plus second in wins (66) and third in minutes played (6.788).

Following the 2004 NCAA title-game win over UCLA, Bohn quickly credited Greathouse when asked about her clutch performances in that pressure-packed game. Bohn's six saves that day included three in penalty-kick situations, one coming late in regulation to preserve the 1-1 tie while her final save (in the shootout) clinched the title.

"Dawn has done a great job with our 'keepers and we expect that to

continue on an even higher level into the future," says Waldrum.

"Dawn is one of the best goalkeepers I've ever coached and her skills and knowledge are further legitimized by the fact that she played in the WUSA. She brings a great level of experience but also knows what the expectations are on the pro level. Dawn is able to expose our players to what the inner workings of elite-level soccer are all about and that supports what our staff as a whole is trying to teach the players."

Greathouse – who trained with the U.S. Under-20 National Team in 1998 – played with the Washington Freedom in the first two seasons of the Women's United Soccer Association (2001 and '02), also playing for the San Jose Cyber Rays in '02 and '03. She made eight career starts in the WUSA while backing up National Team players Siri Mullinix (Washington) and former Notre Dame star LaKeysia Beene (San Jose).

Greathouse logged 7,121 minutes (sixth in NCAA history) during her four-year Baylor career while posting a 1.20 goals-against average, an .802 save percentage and 28 shutouts. The three-time all-Big 12 Conference and three-time Big 12 all-academic team honoree posted her top season as a sophomore in 1998, earning NSCAA second team All-America honors after ranking 12th in the nation with a 0.69 GAA. She helped the '98 team win Baylor's first Big-12 title in any sport – before an ACL knee injury sidelined her from Baylor's second straight trip to the NCAAs.

An NSCAA and *Parade* All-American at Allen (Texas) High School, Greathouse helped the Texas Longhorns place second nationally and trained with the U.S. Under-16 and U-17 national teams, the Region III Olympic Development Program and North



Texas ODP. She was named the *Dallas Morning News* player of the year as a senior and was district MVP as a junior.

During her youth-soccer days, Greathouse played 'keeper for her club team but was a forward in high school. She set the Allen High School record for career goals, a mark that later was bested by current Notre Dame player Kerri Hanks (who scored 47 times in just two seasons of play at Allen).

Born Feb. 10, 1979, in Rochester, N.Y., Greathouse graduated from Baylor in 2001 with a degree in health fitness.

Notre Dame Women's Soccer All-Time Assistant Coaches

Neil Schmidt	1989
Karen Stanley	1991-92
Carla Chin-Baker	1993-98
Margaret Jarc	1995-98
Sue-Moy Chin	1997-99
*Kate Sobrero	1998
Amy Edwards	1999-2002
Barb Chura	2000-02
*LaKeysia Beene	2000
*John Marovich	2001
Dawn Greathouse	2003-
Alvin Alexander	2003-04
*Ben Waldrum	2003-
*Kim Carpenter	2005
*Lindsey Jones	2006-

*Assistants indicated by astersisks served as a volunteer assistant (Ben Waldrum in 2003 and '04).



Ben Waldrum Assistant Coach Fourth Season Bethel '06

Ben Waldrum enters his fourth season as a member of the Notre Dame women's soccer coaching staff, working alongside his father, head coach Randy Waldrum.

Waldrum – who spent 2002-03 playing with the A-League's El Paso Patriots and the Dallas Sidekicks of the Major Indoor Soccer League - first played internationally during his high school days, training in Germany with the West Texas A&M varsity at Sports School Wedeu (1997) and then in 1998 with the K.F.C. Uerdingen second-division Bundesliga squad.

He played two seasons at West Texas A&M, helping the 2000 team finish sixth in the nation. Waldrum also trained in Denmark with the Superliga's FC Copenhagen in the summers of 1999 and 2000, turning down a contract offer in order to return to West Texas A&M.

2001 included training as an under-contract player with FC Waldrum Copenhagen. then returned four months later to rejoin coach Flemming Pederson with FC Copenhagen and then played with Helsignor of the Denmark Serian League.

He also participated in a pair of one-month trials with Mexico City first-division teams, declining a contract offer from the Unam Pumas before participating in a later trial with Atlante.

The younger Waldrum gained head coaching experience in the summer of 2004, guiding the W-

League's Fort Wayne Fever to an 11-3-1 record and a spot in the Midwest Division title game.

"It's obviously a great thrill to coach alongside my son but it's even more gratifying to see the impact he has on the players and on the rest of our coaching staff," says the elder Waldrum.

"Because of his youth and experience from playing in different countries, Ben brings a fresh and unique perspective to so many aspects of a weekly routine - from practice drills to tactical formations and set plays. He has been a very valuable contributor in his short time as a member of the staff. Actually, he now is entering his fourth year on the staff - so his wide soccer experience continues to

widen as he gains experience coaching the college women's game."

Waldrum totaled 39 goals and 21 assists in three seasons at Midway High School, located in Hewitt, Texas. He earned all-state honors as a senior at Midway. During those high school years, he also was a member of the North Texas Olympic Development Program, played with the Fort Worth United state semifinalist team and helped Hurricane F.C. (in Tulsa, Okla.) win four state titles.

The 25-year-old recently completed his undergraduate studies at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., graduating in May of 2006 with a degree in kinesiology.

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Alabama	1	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{0}$	James Madison	1	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{0}$	Santa Clara
Alabama-Birmingham	1	0	0	Kansas	2	0	0	Seton Hall
Arizona State	2	0	0	Louisville	1	0	0	SIU-Edwardsville
Arkansas	8	4	0	Loyola (Chicago)	2	0	0	SMU
Arkansas-Little Rock	8	1	0	Marquette	1	1	0	South Florida
Baylor	1	0	0	Maryland	2	0	0	Southwest Miss
Boston College	6	1	0	McNeese State	1	0	0	Stanford
Butler	2	0	1	Mercer	1	0	0	Stephen F. Austi
BYU	0	1	0	Miami (Fla.)	6	0	0	Syracuse
California	0	0	1	Michigan	7	2	0	Tennessee
Central Florida	0	1	0	Michigan State	1	0	0	Texas
Charleston Southern	1	0	0	Minnesota	0	1	0	Texas A&M
Cincinnati	1	3	0	Missouri	3	1	0	TCU
Colorado	2	1	0	Montana	1	0	0	Texas-El Paso
Colorado College	0	3	2	Nebraska	2	3	1	Texas Tech
Connecticut	9	2	1	New Hampshire	1	0	0	Tulsa
Creighton	3	1	0	North Carolina	0	8	0	UCLA
Dayton	2	1	0	UNC Greensboro	1	1	0	USC
DePaul	1	0	0	North Carolina State	0	1	0	Utah
Detroit	1	0	0	North Texas	3	0	0	Valparaiso
Duke	2	0	0	Northwestern	0	1	0	Vanderbilt
Drury College	3	0	0	Ohio State	1	0	0	Vermont
Eastern Illinois	3	0	0	Oklahoma	2	1	0	Villanova
Evansville	1	0	0	Oklahoma State	2	0	1	Virginia Tech
Florida	1	0	0	Oral Roberts	2	0	1	Wake Forest
Florida International	1	2	0	Oregon	1	0	0	Washington
Georgetown	7	1	0	Penn State	1	0	0	West Virginia
Gonzaga	1	0	0	Pittsburgh	7	0	0	Western Kentuc
Hartford	3	0	0	Portland	1	2	0	Wisconsin-Madi
Harvard	1	0	0	Providence	4	0	0	Wisconsin-Gree
Indiana	2	0	0	Purdue	1	1	0	Wright State
Indiana State	3	0	0	Rutgers	5	1	1	Yale
Iowa State	5	0	0	St. John's	4	0	0	
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Louisville	1	0	0	
Loyola (Chicago)	2	0	0	
Marquette	1	1	0	
Maryland	2	0	0	
McNeese State	1	0	0	
Mercer	1	0	0	
Miami (Fla.)	6	0	0	
Michigan	7	2	0	
Michigan State	1	0	0	
Minnesota	0	1	0	
Missouri	3	1	0	
Montana	1	0	0	
Nebraska	2	3	1	
New Hampshire	1	0	0	
North Carolina	0	8	0	
UNC Greensboro	1	1	0	
North Carolina State	0	1	0	
North Texas	3	0	0	
Northwestern	0	1	0	
Ohio State	1	0	0	
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Oral Roberts	2	0	1	
Oregon	1	0	0	
Penn State	1	0	0	
Pittsburgh	7	0	0	
Portland	1	2	0	
Providence	4	0	0	
Purdue	1	1	0	
Rutgers	5	1	1	
St. John's	4	0	0	

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Santa Clara	6	3	0
Seton Hall	8	0	0
SIU-Edwardsville	1	0	0
SMU	2	7	0
South Florida	1	0	0
Southwest Missouri State	1	0	0
Stanford	4	1	0
Stephen F. Austin	2	0	0
Syracuse	3	0	0
Tennessee	1	0	0
Texas	3	1	1
Texas A&M	6	3	0
TCU	5	0	4
Texas-El Paso	1	0	0
Texas Tech	4	0	0
Tulsa	2	0	0
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Utah	1	0	0
Valparaiso	1	0	0
Vanderbilt	2	1	0
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Villanova	6	1	Ô
Virginia Tech	1	0	0
Wake Forest	1	0	0
Washington	1	1	0
West Virginia	6	î	ŏ
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Wisconsin-Green Bay	3	Õ	0
Wright State	0	1	0
Yale	3	0	0



Lindsey Jones
Volunteer Assistant Coach
First Season
Notre Dame '02

Former Notre Dame four-year starter Lindsey Jones has returned to her alma mater and will serve as the volunteer assistant coach for the Irish women's soccer program during the 2006 season.

Jones – who spent the 2005 season as an assistant coach at Northwestern – brings several levels of unique soccer experience to the coaching staff. The South Bend native helped Notre Dame total 82 wins in her four-year career ('98-'01) – highlighted by the 1999 NCAA runner-up season and a return to the College Cup semifinals as the nation's No. 1-ranked team in 2000 – before going on to play two seasons in the WUSA and then playing and coaching for a year in Australia.

Prior to serving on Northwestern's 2005 staff, Jones spent the previous year in New South Wales, Australia, where she coached at both the Paul Wade National Soccer School and with the Northern NSW Soccer Federation coaching program. She also competed for the Northern NSW Pride of the WNSL.

Jones earlier played two seasons in the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA), for the New York Power ('03) and San Jose Cyber Rays ('02). During her time with the Cyber Rays, Jones played alongside her former Notre Dame teammates LaKeysia Beene and Kelly Lindsey, plus current Irish assistant coach Dawn Greathouse. Her season in New York included competing with another former Notre Dame teammate, Shannon Boxx, who was named the Powers' 2003 MVP and has gone on to be considered the world's premier defensive midfielder as a member of the U.S. Women's National Team.

Jones spent most of her career at Notre Dame as a prototypical slashing outside back (see photo on p. 94), converting to that position from midfielder as a sophomore in 1999. That season coincided with the arrival of head coach Randy Waldrum, who altered the team's formation to a 4-3-3 system that was able to exploit the talents of flank defenders such as Jones.

The co-captain of the 2001 team, Jones totaled 70 career starts and ranks 11th in Notre Dame history with 96 games played. She missed just one game in four seasons while helping the Irish win nearly 87 percent of their games (82-11-4) during the 1998-2001 seasons. Despite spending most of her career paying in the back, she totaled 19 assists and a pair of goals in her four seasons with the Irish.

Jones played alongside some of the top players in Notre Dame history, most notably fourtime All-Americans Anne Makinen (a midfielder and the 2000 national player of the year) and Jen Grubb. Four or her Irish teammates – Grubb, Monica Gonzalez, Candace Chapman and Melissa Tancredi – went on to earn All-America honors at the defender position while Jones also

played with a pair of All-America forwards (Jenny Streiffer and Amy Warner) and Beene, an All-America goalkeeper who later played with the U.S. National Team.

Her senior season in 2001 saw Jones start all 21 games, mostly at left back (she also started as a central defender in the first six games). She helped post a 0.82 team goals-against and her four assists included a pass that set up Tancredi's goal just 27 seconds into the game with St. John's (the second-quickest goal in Notre Dame history).

Jones also played every game of her junior season (23 starts; 2A), with that top-ranked 2000 team finishing first nationally with a 0.39 GAA. She appeared in 25 of 26 games for the 1999 NCAA runner-up team (9 starts; 1G-1A) and played all four overtimes of the epic NCAA quarterfinal battle at Nebraska.

Her one season as a midfielder with the Irish produced a goal and 12 assists for the 1998 squad. Jones started 17 games that season and appeared in all 25 while earning unanimous selection to the BIG EAST Conference all-rookie team.

Jones graduated from Notre Dame in 2002 with a 3.33 GPA as a double major in psychology and sociology. She worked for the Inner City Teach-In Corps in Chicago before joining the WUSA in the middle of the 2002 season.

A former member of the Olympic Development Program Region II team, Jones was a standout soccer, basketball and track performer at South Bend's John Adams High School. She received NSCAA all-region honors in soccer, totaled nine city titles in seven different track events, and was named the *South Bend Tribune* female athlete of the year.

Born Nov. 9, 1979, Jones also starred for the Carmel Sting club program and helped the Sting finish second at the 1996 Orange Bowl Tournament.

Additional Women's Soccer Support Staff



Tony Yelovich
Assistant A.D.
(women's soccer
administrator)
Tampa '64



Kelly Fitzgerald Atheltic Trainer Florida State '02



Elise Angeles Strength & Conditioning Ball State '03



Pete LaFleur Sports Information Notre Dame '90



Thomas DrathsSenior Manager
Notre Dame '07



Colleen Fitzgerald

Academic Services

Notre Dame '01



Nicole Jones Promotions Coordinator Utah State '03