

NOTRE DAME 2006 OPPONENTS



All-America forward Kerri Hanks will have the chance to play twice near her hometown of Dallas during the 2006 season, when the Irish travel to the Lone Star State for early tests at TCU and SMU.



Notre Dame Tournament History

1992 (Golden Dome Classic)

#3 Stanford 3, Central Florida 1
#20 Notre Dame 1, #14 Wisconsin 0
Central Florida 2, #14 Wisconsin 2
SMU 3, #20 Notre Dame 0

1993 (Golden Dome Classic)

SMU 2, Wisconsin 1
#3 Notre Dame 3, #6 N.C. State 0
Wisconsin 2, #6 N.C. State 0
#3 Notre Dame 5, SMU 2

1995 (adidas Classic)

#3 Stanford 3, #9 Vanderbilt 0
#2 Notre Dame 3, #19 Michigan State 0
#9 Vanderbilt 2, Michigan State 0
#2 Notre Dame 2, #3 Stanford 0
MVP: Shannon Boxx, M (ND)

1996 (adidas Classic)

#13 Washington 2, #12 William & Mary 0
#2 Notre Dame 3, #14 Wisconsin 1
#12 William & Mary 1, #14 Wisconsin 0
#2 Notre Dame 4, #13 Washington 0
Offensive MVP: Holly Manthei, M (ND)
Defensive MVP: Kate Sobrero, D (ND)
Goalkeeper MVP: Jen Renola (ND)

1997 (adidas/Lady Foot Locker Classic)

#1 North Carolina 2, #2 Notre Dame 2
#6 Portland 3, #5 Duke 0
#2 Notre Dame 5, #5 Duke 0
#1 North Carolina 1, #6 Portland 0
Offensive MVP: Anne Makinen, M (ND)
Defensive MVP: Lorrie Fair, D (UNC)

1998 (KeyBank/adidas Classic)

#25 Wake Forest 4, Missouri 1
#3 Notre Dame 3, Indiana 0
Missouri 3, Indiana 2
#3 Notre Dame 3, Wake Forest 0
Offensive MVP: Anne Makinen, M (ND)
Defensive MVP: Jen Grubb, D (ND)

1999 (KeyBank/adidas Classic)

Duke 2, #4 Connecticut 0
#1 North Carolina 3, #7 ND 2 (OT)
#1 North Carolina 3, #4 UConn 1
#7 Notre Dame 4, Duke 1
Offensive MVP: Kim Patrick, F (UNC)
Defensive MVP: Lindsay Stoecker, D (UNC)

2000 (KeyBank/adidas Classic)

#10 Stanford 3, #6 Connecticut 0
#4 Notre Dame 6, #2 Santa Clara 1
#2 Santa Clara 2, #6 Connecticut 1 (OT)
#4 Notre Dame 2, #10 Stanford 1 (OT)
Offensive MVP: Anne Makinen, M (ND)
Defensive MVP: Carly Smolak, G (STAN)

2001 (KeyBank/adidas Classic)

#10 UConn 2, #25 Hartford 1 (OT)
#4 Notre Dame 2, #8 Penn State 1
#8 Penn State 2, #10 UConn 0
#4 Notre Dame 2, #25 Hartford 0
Offensive MVP: Christie Welsh, F (PSU)
Defensive MVP: Vanessa Pruzinsky, D (ND)

2002 (ND Classic, Pres. by St. Andrew's)

#18 Portland 2, Clemson 0
#12 Santa Clara 4, #6 Notre Dame 0
#12 Santa Clara 4, Clemson 2
#18 Portland 1, #6 Notre Dame 0
Offensive MVP: Christine Sinclair, F (UP)
Defensive MVP: Candace Chapman, D (ND)

2003 (Notre Dame Classic)

Rutgers 2, Oklahoma 1
#5 Notre Dame 3, #13 Arizona State
#13 Arizona State 1, Rutgers 0
#5 Notre Dame 5, Oklahoma 1
Offensive MVP: Jen Buczkowski, M (ND)
Defensive MVP: Vanessa Pruzinsky, D (ND)

2004 (Inn at Saint Mary's ND Classic)

#4 Santa Clara 2, SMU 1
#2 Notre Dame 1, #13 Stanford 0
SMU 2, #13 Stanford 1
#2 Notre Dame 5, #4 Santa Clara 2
Offensive MVP: Katie Thorlakson, F (ND)
Defensive MVP: Melissa Tancredi, D (ND)

2005 (Inn at Saint Mary's ND Classic)

#9 Connecticut 2, #25 Maryland 1
#1 Notre Dame 4, #11 Florida 1
#11 Florida 5, #9 Connecticut 0
#1 Notre Dame 6, #25 Maryland 0
Offensive MVP: Katie Thorlakson, F (ND)
Defensive MVP: Jen Buczkowski, M (ND)

Notes: see p. 86 for tournament notes on the 2006 Inn at Saint Mary's Notre Dame Classic field ... the Irish are 21-3-2 in all-time home tournaments (75-25 scoring edge).



USC Trojans

Friday, Sept. 1 • 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
First Series Meeting

Location: Los Angeles, California
Enrollment: 32,000
Conference: Pacific-10
Website: www.usctrojans.com
Field: McAlister Field
Athletic Director: Mike Garrett

Head Coach: Jim Millinder
Record at USC (Yrs.): 125-65-16 (10)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 133-92-20 (12)
Assistants: Nat Gonzalez, Kiha Thomas

2005 Record (Conf.): 13-6-2 (6-2-1/3rd)
Postseason: NCAA Second Round
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 16/6
Starters Returning: 9

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Player	Pos.	Yrs.	GS
Amy Rodriguez	F	So.	9G-7A, 20 GS
Rosa Anna Tantillo	M	Sr.	4G-11A, 18 GS
Stacey Strong	M	So.	4G-3A, 21 GS
Nina Loucks	F	So.	3G-5A, 15 GS
Veronica Simonton	G	Jr.	0.92 GAA
Meagan Holmes	D	So.	2G, 21 GS
Lauren Brown	F	Jr.	3G-1A, 3 GS

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Santa Clara Broncos

Sunday, Sept. 3 • 1:00 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 7-4-0

Location: Santa Clara, California
Enrollment: 8,213
Conference: West Coast
Website: www.santaclarabroncos.com
Field: Buck Shaw Stadium
Athletic Director: Dan Coonan (ND '84)

Head Coach: Jerry Smith (Cal State Hayward '86)
Record at SCU (Yrs.): 311-79-26 (19)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Erin Chastain, Curtis McAlister

2005 Record (Conf.): 17-5-2 (4-2-1/2nd)
NCAA Finish: NCAA Quarterfinals (1-2 vs. Penn St.)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 22/4
Starters Returning: 10

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Player	Pos.	Yrs.	GS
Jordan Angeli	D	Jr.	12G-5A, 23 GS
Julie Ryder	G	Sr.	0.62 GAA
Meagan Snell	D	Jr.	5G-6A, 19 GS
Brittany Klein	M	Jr.	2G-3A, 14 GS
Marian Dalmy	M/F	Sr.	2G-2A, 23 GS
Amanda Poach	M/F	So.	2A, 22 GS
Tiffany Roberts	M	Sr.	5G-1A, 20 GS
Hayley Siegel	M	So.	3G-4A, 13 GS
Danielle Potts	D	So.	18 GS

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Harvard Crimson

Notre Dame Classic Participant
vs. Santa Clara (Sept. 1; 5:00 p.m.)
vs. USC (Sept. 3; 11:00 a.m.)

Location: Cambridge, Massachusetts
Enrollment: 19,779
Conference: Ivy League
Website: www.gocrimson.com
Field: Ohri Field
Athletic Director: Bob Scalise

Head Coach: Erica Walsh (William & Mary '97)
Record at Harvard (Yrs.): First Season
Overall Record (Yrs.): 37-15-2 (3)
Assistant: Mike Calise

2005 Record (Conf.): 8-5-3 (2-3-2/5th)
Postseason: None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/6
Starters Returning: 9

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Player	Pos.	Yrs.	GS
Erin Wylie	M/F	So.	5G-1A, 15 GS
Megan Merritt	M	Jr.	4G-2A, 16 GS
Jamie Greenwald	M/F	Jr.	3A, 12 GS
Rachel Lau	M	So.	1G-4A, 16 GS
Katie Johnson	F	Sr.	2004 stats: 2G-3A

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Iowa State Cyclones

Saturday, Aug. 26 • 1:00 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
First Series Meeting

Location: Ames, Iowa
Enrollment: 25,741
Conference: Big 12
Website: www.cyclones.com
Field: ISU Soccer Complex
Athletic Director: Jamie Pollard

Head Coach: Rebecca Hornbacher (Nebraska '97)
Record at Iowa State (Yrs.): 31-40-6 (4)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Scott Ebke, Derek Burton

2005 Record (Conf.): 11-7-1 (6-3-1/2nd)
Postseason: Big 12 QFs; NCAA 1st Round
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/7
Starters Returning: 7

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Stephanie Kaphingst	F/M	Jr.	4G-1A
Kate Kirwan	D	Sr.	1A, 21 GP
Beth Passman	D/M	Jr.	1G, 21 GP
Brittanie Waddell	M/F	Jr.	2A, 21 GP
Erin White	F	Jr.	2G-3A, 21 GP
Leslie Hill	M/F	So.	3G-1A, 21 GP

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Mississippi Rebels

Sunday, Aug. 27 • 12:00 p.m.
Oxford, Miss. • Ole Miss Soccer Stadium
First Series Meeting

Location: Oxford, Mississippi
Enrollment: 16,498
Conference: Southeastern
Website: www.OleMissSports.com
Field: Ole Miss Soccer Stadium
Athletic Director: Pete Boone

Head Coach: Steve Holeman (Wake Forest '90)
Record at Ole Miss (Yrs.): 123-88-13 (11)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 130-94-16 (12)
Assistants: Derek Greene, Melinda Smith

2005 Record (Conf.): 14-5-2 (8-1-2/1st in West Div.)
Postseason: NCAA first round (0-1 vs. Pepperdine)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 20/2
Starters Returning: 11

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Chrissy Strini	M	Jr.	7G-7A, 20 GS
Jennifer Hance	M	So.	7G-4A, 21 GS
Christine Breau	D	So.	1A, 21 GS
Ann Shelton	G	Jr.	0.27 GAA

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TCU Horned Frogs

Friday, Sept. 8 • 7:00 p.m.
Fort Worth, Texas • Rosenthal Stadium
Notre Dame Leads Series 1-0-0

Location: Fort Worth, Texas
Enrollment: 8,749
Conference: Mountain West
Website: www.gofrogs.com
Field: Rosenthal Stadium
Athletic Director: Daniel Morrison

Head Coach: Dan Abdalla
Record at TCU (Yrs.): 6-11-0 (1)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 60-49-8 (6)
Assistants: Mark Plakorus, Michelle Royal

2005 Record (Conf.): 6-11-0 (1-6-0/7th)
Postseason: Mountain West Quarterfinals
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/7
Starters Returning: 8

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Angie Nickens	F/M	Jr.	2G-2A, 15 GS
Karissa Hill	M	Jr.	1G-2A, 16 GS
Brianne Kaldheim	D	Sr.	17 GS
Katie Buchanan	G	Sr.	1.55 GAA
Lauren Pope	M	Sr.	1G-1A, 14 GS

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SMU Mustangs

Sunday, Sept. 10 • 1:00 p.m.
Dallas, Texas • Westcott Field
SMU Leads Series 2-1-0

Location: Dallas, Texas
Enrollment: 10,901
Conference: Conference USA
Website: www.smumustangs.com
Field: Westcott Field
Athletic Director: Steve Orsini (ND '78)

Head Coach: John Cassaboon (SUNY-Cortland '77)
Record at SMU (Yrs.): 47-12-7 (3)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 120-55-13 (9)
Assistant: Stewart Brown

2005 Record (Conf.): 15-5-2 (8-1-0/1st)
Postseason: NCAA 2nd Round (2-4 vs. Texas A&M)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 17/4
Starters Returning: 10

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Kimber Bailey	D	Jr.	16G-9A
Krystal Bailey	F	Jr.	8G-6A
Olivia O'Rear	F	Sr.	4G-6A
Suzanne Collins	M	Sr.	1A, 22 GS
Ashley Gunter	G	So.	1.15 GAA

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DePaul Blue Demons

Friday, Sept. 16 • 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 1-0-0

Location: Chicago, Illinois
Enrollment: 24,300
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.depaulbluedemons.com
Field: Wish Field (Lincoln Park campus)
Athletic Director: Jean Lenti Ponsetto

Head Coach: John Wilson (W. Washington '77)
Record at DePaul (Yrs.): 47-58-10 (6)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistant: Brian Rigby

2005 Record (Conf.): 5-8-4 (3-5-3/6th in Div. B)
Postseason: None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/8
Starters Returning: 8

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Jennifer Dyer	M	Jr.	4A, 14 GS
Alissa Vonverhaar	M	So.	4G, 16 GS
Lea Hill	F	Sr.	1G-1A, 11 GS
Lauren Spacht	M	Sr.	2G, 13 GS

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Michigan Wolverines

Sunday, Sept. 18 • 1:00 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 10-2-0

Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan
Enrollment: 38,248
Conference: Big Ten
Website: www.mgoblue.com
Field: Michigan Soccer Stadium
Athletic Director: William Martin

Head Coach: Debbie Rademacher (UMass '88)
Record at Michigan (Yrs.): 149-92-24 (12)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 167-103-28 (14)
Assistants: Dan Dalzochio, Aileen Guiney

2005 Record (Conf.): 8-9-4 (3-6-1/7th)
Postseason: Big Ten Runner-Up (1-3 vs. Wisconsin)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 20/6
Starters Returning: 9

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Brenna Mulholland	D	Sr.	1A, 17 GS
Jamie Artis	M/F	Jr.	1G-3A, 21 GS
Melissa Dobbyn	F	Jr.	12G-8A, 21 GS
Judy Coffman	M/F	Sr.	6G-2A, 21 GS
Danelle Underwood	M/F	So.	5G-4A, 21 GS

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2006 Notre Dame Schedule and Opponent Notes

- Notre Dame's 2006 schedule includes several teams with recent NCAA Tournament experience, notably Santa Clara, SMU, USC, Michigan, Mississippi and Iowa State, plus BIG EAST rivals Connecticut, West Virginia and Villanova.
- The Irish enter their 17th season at Alumni Field with a 180-14-3 record (.921) at the facility, including 157-10-3 (.932) in the past 170 home games. Notre Dame's all-time home record versus teams not ranked in the NSCAA top 25 is 121-4-2 (.961).
- Notre Dame heads into the 2006 season riding a 66-game unbeaten streak (65-0-1) in home games versus BIG EAST Conference teams (dating back to a 5-4 loss to Connecticut in 1995), with a 294-19 scoring edge, 48 shutouts and 17 games with one goal allowed in that 66-game streak (only one opponent in the streak has managed multiple goals in a game versus the Irish).
- Dating back to the start of the 1993 season, Notre Dame is 41-3-0 (.932) versus first-time visitors to Alumni Field. Iowa and USC are slated to make their first visits to Alumni Field in 2006.
- Notre Dame owns a 16-2-0 record in season openers, including six straight season-opening wins (12-1 in the past 13).

Notre Dame Classic Notes

- Notre Dame owns a 102-27-7 all-time record in tournament action, including 40-14-6 (.717) in regular-season tournaments (21-3-2 at home), 28-2-0 in conference tournaments and 34-12-1 in the NAAs. Since 1994, the Irish are 28-7-3 in regular-season tournaments (with 21 of those wins coming versus ranked teams).
- Some of Notre Dame's top regular-season tournament wins: 2-0 vs. #3 Stanford ('95), 2-1 vs. #1 North Carolina ('96, at Duke), 5-0 vs. #5 Duke ('97), 6-1 vs. #2 Santa Clara ('00, 2-1 vs. #8 Penn State ('00), 5-2 vs. #4 SCU ('04) and 4-1 vs. #11 Florida ('05).
- The Notre Dame-Santa Clara game will feature two of the top coaches in women's soccer history. SCU's Jerry Smith currently ranks third in the NCAA record book for career win percentage as a Division I women's soccer coach (minimum 10 seasons) at .779 (311-79-26) while Notre Dame's Randy Waldrum is seventh on that list at .759 (248-73-17).
- Notre Dame owns a 7-4-0 series record versus Santa Clara (4-1 at home), including 3-0 in the NAAs (1-0 in 1999 semifinal; 2-1 in '00 quarterfinal; and 1-0 in '04 semifinal). The teams played just twice in the first 11 seasons of the Notre Dame program (1988-98) but the 2006 meeting will be the 10th ND-SCU game in the past eight seasons ('99-'06).
- Five of the Notre Dame-Santa Clara games have seen one of the teams ranked 1st in the NSCAA poll (ND in 1995, 2000 and 2005; SCU in both 1999 games). The home team is 7-2-0 in the series (5 at ND, 4 at SCU), with the Irish winning neutral-site games in the 1999 and 2004 NCAA semifinals. Tournaments at Notre Dame have seen the Irish beat SCU in 2000 (6-1) and 2004 (5-2), with SCU topping ND in the 2002 event (4-0).



Cincinnati Bearcats

Friday, Sept. 23 • 5:00 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 4-1-1

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
Enrollment: 35,244
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.ucbearcats.com
Field: Gettler Stadium
Athletic Director: Mike Thomas
Head Coach: Meridy Glenn (Brown '80)
Record at Cincinnati (Yrs.): 242-165-32 (23)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Becki Poepfelmeier, Stefani Workman

2005 Record (Conf.): 3-11-4 (1-9-2/8th in Division B)
Postseason: none
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 16/7
Starters Returning: 9

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Becky Imhoff	M	Sr.	6A, 17 GS
Jenn Johannigman	F	So.	6G, 17 GS
Kristin May	F	So.	1G-2A, 16 GS
Kate Norton	M	Sr.	1G-2A, 18 GS
Ashley Roush	D	Sr.	1A, 11 GS
Kim Sykes	D	So.	1G, 18 GS

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West Virginia Mountaineers

Friday, Sept. 29 • 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 10-1-0

Location: Morgantown, West Virginia
Enrollment: 26,051
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.msnspornets.com
Field: Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium
Athletic Director: Ed Pastilong

Head Coach: Nikki Izzo-Brown (Rochester '92)
Record at West Virginia (Yrs.): 133-58-14 (10)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 146-63-14 (11)
Assistants: Jennifer (DePrez) Spiker, Stacey Adams

2005 Record (Conf.): 12-6-3 (7-2-1/3rd in Div. A)
Postseason: BE Semi's; NCAA 2nd Rd (2-5 vs. PSU)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/6
Starters Returning: 8

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Ashley Banks	F/M	Jr.	5G-7A, 21 GS
Amanda Cicchini	M	So.	1A, 21 GS
Lana Bannerman	G	Sr.	0.92 GAA
Natalie Cocchi	D	Jr.	1G-1A, 17 GS
Krystle Kallman	D	So.	2G-2A, 19 GS

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Louisville Cardinals

Sunday, Sept. 25 • 1:00 p.m.
Louisville, Ky. • Cardinal Park
Notre Dame Leads Series 2-1-0

Location: Louisville, Kentucky
Enrollment: 21,725
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.uoflsports.com
Field: Cardinal Park
Athletic Director: Tom Jurich
Head Coach: Karen Ferguson (UConn '93)
Record at Louisville (Yrs.): 40-65-7 (6)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistant: Sarah Popper

2005 Record (Conf.): 11-8-0 (6-5-0/3rd in Div. B)
Postseason: BET Quarterfinals (1-2 vs. Marquette)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 13/6
Starters Returning: 9

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Jamie Craft	F	Sr.	11G-3A, 17 GS
Monique Gjini	M	Jr.	7G-5A, 19 GS
Shannon Smyth	F	So.	4G-4A, 17 GS
Jen Avila	M	Jr.	2G-3A, 19 GS
Amy Seng	D	Sr.	19 GS
Lauren Podvin	F	Sr.	2G-1A, 3 GS

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Pittsburgh Panthers

Sunday, Oct. 1 • 1:00 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 8-0-0

Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Enrollment: 33,796
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.pittsburghpanthers.com
Field: Founders Field (Indianola, Pa.)
Athletic Director: Jeff Long

Head Coach: Sue-Moy Chin (Florida Int'l '98)
Record at Pittsburgh (Yrs.): 15-31-6 (3)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistant: Stephanie Golan

2005 Record (Conf.): 4-11-3 (3-6-2/5th in Division A)
Postseason: BIG EAST first round (0-3 vs. Rutgers)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 13/10
Starters Returning: 6

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Cornia Sebesta	M	Sr.	3G, 16 GS
Kristina Francois	F	Sr.	2G-1A, 8 GS
Katie Surma	D	Sr.	17 GS
Jennifer Kritch	M	So.	3G, 7 GS
Carli Brill	D	Sr.	17 GS

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Seton Hall Pirates

Friday, Oct. 6 • 7:30 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 11-1-0

Location: South Orange, New Jersey
Enrollment: 9,700
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.shupirates.com
Field: Owen T. Carroll Field
Athletic Director: Joseph Quinlan

Head Coach: Betty Ann Kempf-Townsend
(Immaculata '82)
Record at Seton Hall (Yrs.): 96-108-15 (12)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 136-192-20 (20)
Assistants: Brigid Sullivan, Chris McDonald

2005 Record (Conf.): 7-7-4 (3-6-2/7th in Division B)
Postseason: None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 18/8
Starters Returning: 9

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Meagan DeWan	F	Sr.	4G-4A, 8 GS
Katie Herr	F	Sr.	4G-3A, 13 GS
Ashley Reinecke	M	Jr.	3A, 18 GS
Jen Michewicz	D	Sr.	18 GS

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Rutgers Scarlet Knights

Sunday, Oct. 8 • 1:00 p.m.
Notre Dame, Ind. • Alumni Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 11-1-2

Location: Piscataway, New Jersey
Enrollment: 35,000
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.scarletknights.com
Field: Yurcak Field
Athletic Director: Robert Mulcahy

Head Coach: Glenn Crooks (Georgia '80)
Record at Rutgers (Yrs.): 62-51-13 (6)
Overall Record (Yrs.): 107-106-22 (13)
Assistants: Mike O'Neill, Karina LeBlanc

2005 Record (Conf.): 10-9-2 (5-6-0/4th in Div. B)
Postseason: BIG EAST Quarterfinals (1-1 vs. UConn)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/6
Starters Returning: 7

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Kristen Edmonds	M/F	So.	6G-6A, 15 GS
Domenique Esposito	M/F	Sr.	6G-4A, 20 GS
Amanda Allesio	M/F	Jr.	3G-3A, 15 GS
Kim Brandao	D	Sr.	20 GS in '04

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Connecticut Huskies

Friday, Oct. 13 • 7:00 p.m.
Storrs, Conn. • Morrone Stadium
Notre Dame Leads Series 16-3-2

Location: Storrs, Connecticut
Enrollment: 28,083
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.uconnhuskies.com
Field: Morrone Stadium
Athletic Director: Jeffrey Hathaway

Head Coach: Len Tsantiris (UConn '77)
Record at UConn (Yrs.): 431-115-29 (25)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Sarah Barnes, Carey O'Brien

2005 Record (Conf.): 15-5-2 (10-1-1/1st in Div. A)
Postseason: BET Runner-Up; NCAA 1st rd (0-1 vs. BU)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/8
Starters Returning: 7

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Megan Schnur	M	Sr.	3G-6A, 19 GS
Brittany Taylor	M	So.	8G-1A, 21 GS
Elizabeth Eng	F/M	So.	6G-5A, 21 GS
Niki Cross	F/M	Sr.	5G-1A, 20 GS
Brittany Tegeler	F	So.	6G-2A, 18 GS
Karyn Riviere	M/F	Jr.	1A, 22 GS

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Providence Friars

Sunday, Oct. 15 • 1:00 p.m.
Providence, R.I. • Glay Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 10-0-0

Location: Providence, Rhode Island
Enrollment: 3,700
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.friars.com
Field: Glay Field
Athletic Director: Robert Driscoll

Head Coach: Jim McGirr (Rider '92)
Record at PC (Yrs.): 5-11-2 (1)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Stephen Pickman, Emilie Comeau

2005 Record (Conf.): 5-11-2 (1-8-2/7th in Div. A)
Postseason: None
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 16/4
Starters Returning: 9

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Kelley Petterson	F	So.	3G, 13 GS
Ashley Amaral	M	Jr.	2G-2A, 16 GS
Kelly Determan	D	So.	2G-1A, 15 GS
Danielle Wieneke	F	Jr.	1G-3A, 18 GS
Christie Gent	D	So.	1G-3A, 18 GS

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Villanova Wildcats

Friday, Oct. 20 • 4:00 p.m.
Villanova, Pa. • Villanova Stadium
Notre Dame Leads Series 12-1-0

Location: Villanova, Pennsylvania
Enrollment: 6,200
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.villanova.com
Field: Villanova Soccer Stadium
Athletic Director: Vince Nicastro

Head Coach: Ann Clifton (East Stroudsburg '86)
Record at Villanova (Yrs.): 108-57-23 (9)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: B.J. Callaghan, John King

2005 Record (Conf.): 10-5-4 (6-1-2/2nd Div. B)
Postseason: BIG EAST Quarterfinals (2-4 vs. WVU)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 17/7
Starters Returning: 7

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Lindsey Finnegan	F/M	Sr.	6G-4A, 18 GS
Nikki Mabery	F	So.	7G-5A, 15 GS
Jillian Loyden	G	Sr.	1.09 GAA
Kayce Blandford	D	Jr.	2G-2A, 18 GS
Erin Hardiman	M	So.	1G-2A, 17 GS

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Georgetown Hoyas

Sunday, Oct. 22 • 1:00 p.m.
Washington, D.C. • Harbin Field
Notre Dame Leads Series 10-1-0

Location: Washington, D.C.
Enrollment: 6,719 undergrad
Conference: BIG EAST
Website: www.guhoyas.com
Field: North Kehoe Field
Athletic Director: Bernard Muir

Head Coach: Dave Nolan (Seton Hall '91)
Record at Georgetown (Yrs.): 21-17-2 (3)
Overall Record (Yrs.): Same
Assistants: Naomi Hines, Tammy Pearman

2005 Record (Conf.): 12-8-1 (4-5-1/5th in Div. B)
Postseason: BIG EAST Quarterfinals (0-6 vs. ND)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 18/3
Starters Returning: 9

Top Returning Players (2005 stats):

Chrissy Skogen	M	Sr.	10G-2A
Jade Higgins	G	Jr.	1.46 GAA, 86 SV
Alexandrea Hardy	M	Sr.	5G-5A
Sara Jordan	M	Jr.	3G-7A
Karen Waskewich	D	Jr.	1G-4A
Elaina Filauro	M	Jr.	6G-1A

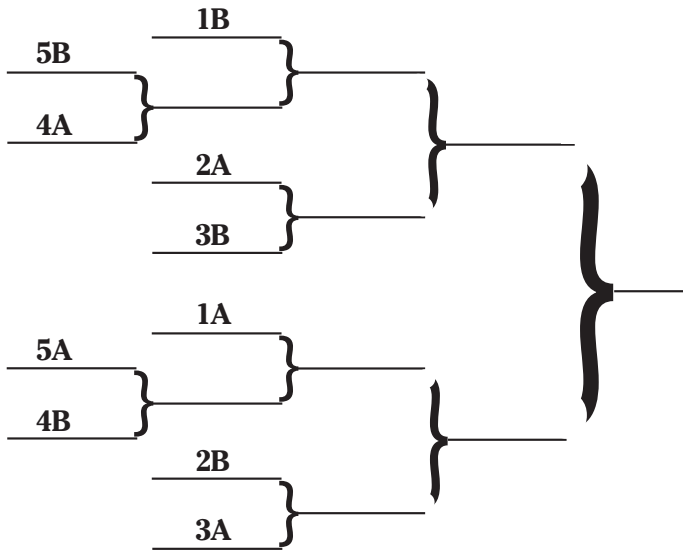
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2006 BIG EAST Women's Soccer Championship

Wed.-Thur. Oct. 25-26	Sat.-Sun. Oct. 28-29	Friday Nov. 3	Sunday Nov. 5
First Round Campus Sites	Quarterfinals Campus Sites	Semifinals Morrone Stadium Storrs, Conn.	Final Morrone Stad. Storrs, Conn.



2006 BIG EAST Women's Soccer Preseason Poll

American Div.	Team	2005 Finish
1.	Connecticut	1st
2.	West Virginia	3rd
3.	Marquette	2nd
4.	Syracuse	4th
5.	St. John's	7th
6.	South Florida	6th
7.	Pittsburgh	5th
8.	Providence	8th

National Div.	Team	2005 Finish
1.	Notre Dame	1st
2.	Rutgers	4th
3.	Villanova	2nd
4.	Louisville	3rd
5.	Georgetown	5th
6.	DePaul	6th
7.	Seton Hall	7th
8.	Cincinnati	8th

BIG EAST Tournament Notes

The University of Connecticut once again will serve as the host site for the BIG EAST women's soccer championship weekend, with the 2006 semifinals to be played at Morrone Stadium on Friday, Nov. 3, and the title game on Sunday, Nov. 5. The quarterfinal matchups will be held on the home sites of the top four finishers in the regular-season standings, following a pair of first-round games between the fourth and fifth-place finishers from opposing division.

Morrone Stadium is one of six different venues used in the 14-year history of the BIG EAST women's soccer championship, with all but one of the past six tournaments held either at Rutgers ('01, '03) or Connecticut ('02, '04, '06). Marquette served as the host site in 2005, its first season as a member of the BIG EAST.

The BIG EAST tournament made its second trip – and first since 1996 – to Notre Dame's Alumni Field in 2000, with the Irish beating UConn 1-0 for their sixth straight title.

The all-time winners of the BIG EAST tournament titles are as follows:

Year	Champion	Score	Runner-Up	Site
2005	Notre Dame	5-0	Connecticut	Milwaukee, Wis.
2004	Connecticut	2-1	Notre Dame	Storrs, Conn.
2003	Villanova	1-1 (PKs)	Boston College	Piscataway, N.J.
2002	Connecticut	1-0	West Virginia	Storrs, Conn.
2001	Notre Dame	2-1	West Virginia	Piscataway, N.J.
2000	Notre Dame	1-0	Connecticut	Notre Dame, Ind.
1999	Notre Dame	4-2	Connecticut	Piscataway, N.J.
1998	Notre Dame	1-0	Connecticut	Storrs, Conn.
1997	Notre Dame	6-1	Connecticut	Piscataway, N.J.
1996	Notre Dame	4-3	Connecticut	Notre Dame, Ind.
1995	Notre Dame	1-0	Connecticut	S. Orange, N.J.
1994	St. John's	1-0	Boston College	Storrs, Conn.
1993	Providence	1-0	Connecticut	Providence, R.I.

BIG EAST Championship Most Outstanding Players

2005	Jill Krivacek (def.)	Jr., M	Notre Dame
	Katie Thorlakson (off.)	Sr., F	Notre Dame
2004	Zahra Jalalian (def.)	Sr., D	Connecticut
	Kristen Graczyk (off.)	Sr., F	Connecticut
2003	Laura Koch (def.)	So., D	Villanova
	Beth Totman (off.)	Sr., F	Boston College
2002	Salla Ranta	Sr., F	Connecticut
2001	Amanda Guertin	So., F	Notre Dame
2000	Mia Sarkesian	Jr., M	Notre Dame
1999	Jenny Streiffer	Sr., F	Notre Dame
1998	Anne Makinen	So., M	Notre Dame
1997	Anne Makinen	Fr., M	Notre Dame
1996	Cindy Daws	Sr., M	Notre Dame
1995	Amy VanLaecke	Sr., F	Notre Dame
1994	Cristin Burtis	Sr., F	St. John's
1993	Jen Mead	Sr., G	Providence

Connecticut is the only team to appear in all 13 previous championships, followed by Villanova (11) and Notre Dame (10). The first three teams to win the title – Notre Dame, Providence and St. John's – did so in their first appearances in the event. Providence won the first championship in 1993, St. John's in 1994 after not playing in the '93 event, and Notre Dame won in '95 in its first year in the BIG EAST (the Irish won seven straight titles after joining the BIG EAST, with a 19-7 scoring edge and three shutouts in those title games). Connecticut then won its first BIG EAST tournament title in 2002, followed by Villanova in 2003 and UConn in 2004.

Team Records In Championship Play

Team	Years	W-L	Pct.	1st	2nd
Notre Dame	10	24-2	.923	8	2
Providence	2	2-1	.667	1	0
Connecticut	13	19-11	.633	2	8
Boston College	9	8-8-1	.500	0	2
West Virginia	7	6-6-1	.500	0	2
Marquette	1	1-1-0	.500	0	0
Syracuse	4	2-4	.333	0	0
St. John's	5	2-4	.333	1	0
Villanova	11	2-10-2	.214	1	0
Rutgers	8	2-8	.200	0	0
Seton Hall	4	1-4	.200	0	0
Georgetown	4	1-4	.200	0	0
Miami	5	0-5	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	2	0-2	.000	0	0
Louisville	1	0-1	.000	0	0



Brazil

(summer 2000 and '04)



Portland, Oregon

San Jose, California

(NCAA Women's College Cup)



New York City



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SERVING as the home to the Notre Dame women's soccer team since 1990, Alumni Field gives the Irish one of the finest natural grass soccer facilities in the Midwest. A new press box was constructed for use beginning with the 1996 season.

Notre Dame Women's Soccer Record At Alumni Field

Year	W	L	T	Pct.
1990	11	1	0	.916
1991	10	0	0	1.000
1992	7	3	0	.700
1993	9	0	0	1.000
1994	10	0	0	1.000
1995	10	1	0	.909
1996	14	0	0	1.000
1997	11	0	1	.958
1998	13	1	0	.929
1999	11	1	0	.917
2000	15	0	0	1.000
2001	11	1	1	.885
2002	8	4	0	.667
2003	13	2	0	.867
2004	14	0	1	.967
2005	13	0	0	1.000
Totals	180	14	3	.921

The Notre Dame women's soccer teams have played at Alumni Field since 1990. Located in the southeast corner of campus, it is one of the finest collegiate soccer venues in the Midwest with a seating capacity of 2,500. A press box was added in 1996.



Located on the southeast corner of campus, Alumni Field sits in the heart of Notre Dame's impressive physical plant. It combines with Monogram Track and Moose Krause Stadium (track and lacrosse), Eck Stadium (baseball), Ivy Field (softball) and the Courtney/Eck tennis facilities to give Notre Dame some of the finest Olympic sport venues in college athletics.

In 16 seasons at Alumni Field, the Notre Dame's women's soccer program has posted a 180-14-3 (.921) record and is 157-10-3 in the past 170 games at the facility – including home winning streaks of 28 and 29 games (two of the longest in NCAA history), plus a 19-game active home win streak entering the 2006 season. Notre Dame has lost more than one home game in a season just three times in 16 years at Alumni Field, with seven unbeaten seasons at home in the past 13.

The Irish have played host to NCAA championship games in each of the previous 12 seasons, compiling a 27-3-0 record and 99-18 scoring edge in those 30 games. Alumni Field was the site of the 1996 and 2000 BIG EAST Conference championship, with Notre Dame defeating Villanova and Connecticut in '96 to win its second consecutive BIG EAST title (the Irish beat Boston College and UConn in 2000).

Santa Clara, USC and Harvard will compete at the annual Notre Dame Classic in the 2006 season at Alumni Field. SCU and Harvard will square off in the first game at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, followed by Notre Dame and USC at 7:30. The Trojans and Crimson begin play at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 3, while the Irish and Broncos round out play at 1:00 p.m.



South Bend native Lindsey Jones – who served as co-captain of Notre Dame's 2001 team and now is a volunteer assistant with the Irish – had the chance to play in front of family and friends at Alumni Field during all four years of her college soccer career.

Alumni Field Records

Notre Dame Goals

- Individual:** 4, Monica Gerardo (vs. Seton Hall, 10/27/96)
4, Katie Thorlakson (vs. St. John's, 10/31/04)
- Team:** 12, vs. Valparaiso (9/14/90)

Notre Dame Assists

- Individual:** 6, Holly Manthei (vs. Villanova, 11/2/96)
- Team:** 18, vs. Seton Hall (10/27/96)

Opponent Goals

- Individual:** 2, Jennifer Stephan (Stanford, 10/4/92)
Ginny Woodward (UConn, 10/6/95)
Tammy Barnes (UConn, 11/10/96)
Alison Wagner (Wisconsin, 10/27/99)
Kelly Kundert (Wisconsin, 9/9/01)
Rachel Lieberman (Cincinnati, 11/18/01)
Kristi Candau (Santa Clara, 9/6/02)
Jennifer Henry-Fielding (BYU, 10/19/02)
- Team:** 5, Connecticut (10/6/95)

Opponent Assists

- Individual:** 2, Cindy Parlow (North Carolina, 9/19/97)
Jennie Moppert (Purdue, 10/8/02)