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Randy Waldrum enters the 2007 season ranked third among active coaches on the Division I career winning percentage list (.773) while his Irish teams have compiled a 49-16-2 record versus top-25 teams and advanced to the College Cup final weekend four times – including the 2004 national title season.



Notre Dame's Randy Waldrum - A Quarter Century of Coaching Excellence



Randy Waldrum

Head Coach

Ninth 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 second-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 and has kept the Irish among the nation's elite.

From his first coaching job at MacArthur High School in Irving, Texas, to leading Notre Dame to the NCAA title, Waldrum 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 rotated into the spot of second vice-president of the 18,000-member National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

Waldrum - who has directed Notre Dame to the most victories (72-5-2; .924) of any women's soccer program over the past three seasons (2004-06) - is able to draw on the lessons learned from 25 combined seasons in the college coaching ranks (349-129-25 record/.719), 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 five years alone, Notre Dame's incoming classes all have been rated among the top-10 in the nation - highlighted by several elite individuals who have quickly made the transition to the college game.

Waldrum's .773 career winning percentage is tied for fourth all-time among women's soccer coaches with 10-plus seasons on the Division I level (third among active coaches; see chart). During his years at Notre Dame, Waldrum has matched wits versus seven other coaches who are ranked among the top-10 on that list and the Irish own an impressive 20-7-3 record (.717) in those games featuring matchups of top national coaches.

In Notre Dame games versus teams led by coaches currently among the top-10 career leaders in DI win percentage, Waldrum has guided the Irish to winning records versus Len Tsantiris and his UConn squad (9-2-2), Jerry Smith's Santa Clara

team (7-3-0) 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 the Gators, an earlier win over the Texas A&M team led by G. Guerrieri, and a split of two games versus Portland when they were directed by the late Clive Charles. Notre Dame's 2004 NCAA title-game win over UCLA (coached by Jillian Ellis, yet another on the top-10 list) was decided in penalty kicks, with the Irish officially awarded the victory for that game.

Waldrum's first eight Notre Dame teams (1999-2006) continued the program's tradition of excellence by combining for a 166-24-6 record (.862) while winning seven BIG EAST regular-season and five BIG EAST Tournament titles and advancing to the NAAs each year - including a runner-up finish in 1999, another trip to the College Cup semifinals in 2000, the 2004 national title and a runner-up finish in 2006. The Irish also posted a 49-16-2 record versus NSCAA top-25 teams in the first eight years of the Waldrum era (.746).

Despite narrowly missing another national title in 2006, Waldrum further solidified his spot on the short list of elite coaches in the history of collegiate women's soccer. The 2006 College Cup final weekend marked the fourth time in Waldrum's eight-year tenure with the Irish that he has guided Notre Dame to a spot in the national semifinals. Only six coaches in Division I history have taken more of their teams to the Women's College Cup's final weekend than Waldrum, whose three appearances in the title game trail

only Dorrance and Tsantiris (the duo that rank 1-2 in total career victories).

Waldrum again was named the NSCAA Great Lakes Region coach of the year in 2006, becoming the nation's only coach (in men's or women's soccer) to earn a regional coach-of-the-year award in three of the past four seasons (also 2003 and '04). 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 seven-time NSCAA regional coach of the year also attended nine-day training courses in Glasgow,

The Waldrum File

- Third-best career win percentage among active NCAA Division I women's soccer coaches (.773; 273-74-18) and fourth-best all-time (minimum 10 Division I seasons):
Anson Dorrance (UNC; 1979-)945 (629-28-18)
Clive Charles (Portland, '89-'02)799 (226-52-13)
Jerry Smith (Santa Clara, '86-)777 (326-84-27)
Randy Waldrum (Tulsa/Baylor/ND; 1989-)
..... **.773 (273-74-18)**
Becky Burleigh (Berry/Fla., '89-)773 (294-78-23)
- First eight seasons at Notre Dame have included the 2004 NCAA title and also reaching the College Cup final weekend in 1999 (runner-up), 2000 and 2006 (runner-up); only six coaches have taken more of their teams to the College Cup final weekend than Waldrum (4), whose three appearances in the title game already are tied for third-most
- Four of his Notre Dame teams - including each of the past three (2004-06) - have held the nation's number-one ranking (also 2000)
- Has coached three national players of the year (Anne Makinen, Katie Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks), 16 All-Americans and 12 Academic All-Americans at Notre Dame
- Member of U.S. Soccer national team coaching staff since 1992 and recently rotated into second vice-president role with National Soccer Coaches Association of America
- 10th-most wins (273) on NCAA D-I list of winningest women's soccer coaches
- Attended two nine-day training courses in Scotland (summers of 2003 and '04), receiving UEFA "A" advanced coaching license
- Seven-time NSCAA Region Coach of the Year:
2006 - Notre Dame (Great Lakes)
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1998 - Baylor (Central)
1993 - Tulsa men (Midwest)
1991 - Tulsa men (Midwest)
1990 - Tulsa women (Midwest)
- Seven-time Conference Coach of the Year:
2004 - Notre Dame (BIG EAST)
2003 - Notre Dame (BIG EAST)
2000 - Notre Dame (BIG EAST)
1999 - Notre Dame (BIG EAST)
1998 - Baylor (Big 12)
1993 - Tulsa men (Missouri Valley)
1991 - Tulsa men (Missouri Valley)
- 1996 First-Year Program Coach of the Year



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



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.

Scotland, during the summers of 2003 and 2004. That prestigious clinic was sponsored by the Scottish Football Association and provided steps to receiving a UEFA advanced coaching certificate.

Waldrum's Notre Dame players have combined for 17 All-America honors – led by 2000 national player of the year Anne Makinen, high-scoring forward standout Katie Thorlakson (who received 2004 player-of-the-year honors) and a third player of the year in current junior forward Kerri Hanks (for 2006). Irish players in the Waldrum era also have combined for 12 Academic All-America awards, including rare double honors (All-America and Academic All-America) for 2001 defender Monica Gonzalez. The 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 2005, 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 '04, Waldrum's clever use of personnel played a key role in the 2004 team's sustained success and postseason push. He guided that team to the best winning percentage 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 average while totaling nearly as many goals (70) as opponent shots on goal (71) and trailing only 102 minutes all season. On the way to the title, Notre Dame beat three top teams twice (Santa Clara, Boston College and Connecticut), adding noteworthy wins over Portland, Stanford, West Virginia, Villanova, Michigan and Arizona State.

Waldrum made efficient use of the 2004 team's roster, utilizing the team's depth to keep the top players fresh for the postseason (19 different players started in 2004). 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 she responded with an all-BIG EAST season as the team's second-leading scorer (12G-8A).

The 2003 and 2004 teams combined to win more than 90 percent of their games (45-4-2) – a two-year mark that was bettered by the 2005 and 2006 Irish teams (47-4-1) – and the Irish have totaled nearly a +150 win-to-loss margin in the Waldrum era (166-24-6; .862), also winning nearly 85 percent of their "big games" when facing an NSCAA top-25 or postseason opponents (70-16-3, .803). Four of the top-five goals-against averages in Irish history have been posted by Waldrum's

teams (0.39 in 2000, 0.40 in '06, 0.49 in '03 and 0.51 in 2004, with the record of 0.36 set in 1997).

Waldrum's 2005 team turned in another historic season, entering the year ranked number-one and leading the nation in scoring (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 up a 60-3 scoring margin during a 13-game winning streak late in the 2005 season. The streak – which saw the Irish allow only two opponent shots on goal – ended in an NCAA quarterfinal loss at eventual champion Portland.

The 2005 season also featured four All-Americans – Thorlakson, Chapman, Hanks and Jen Buczkowski – who were among the final-15 candidates for the Hermann Trophy. Those players each 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 Division I history to eclipse 70 points in the same season, with Thorlakson joining three previous Notre Dame players among 18 in DI history to reach 50 career goals (55) and 50 assists (73; second in NCAA history behind former ND alum Holly Manthei's 144).

Waldrum and his staff coached a 2006 squad that rates among the most dominant in Notre Dame history. The Irish held the nation's top ranking for most of the season and did not lose until the national title game, tying the team record for wins in a season (25-1-1) while becoming just the second women's soccer program ever to reach 25 wins in multiple seasons. Only five teams in the 25-year history of Division I women's soccer have totaled more than 25 wins in a season.

The 2006 squad led the nation with a team-record 19 shutouts while the 0.40 goals-against average ranked third nationally and was just shy of

the Notre Dame record (0.36). The Irish also compiled the nation's top scoring margin (+74; 85-11) and had 28 more goals than their opponents' combined shots on goal (57). Notre Dame allowed a per-game average of only 2.11 shots on goal – setting another team record – and the Irish did not face a deficit for 16 straight games prior to the NCAA title game.

Hanks earned the prestigious Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy as 2006 national player of the year while joining former UNC great Mia Hamm as the only Division I players ever to end a season as the national leader in both goals (22) and assists (22).

Waldrum's 2007 squad will look to extend several noteworthy trends: a 32-game home winning streak and 41-game unbeaten streak at Alumni Field (both rank third-longest in NCAA history); a 72-game unbeaten streak at home versus BIG EAST opponents (71-0-1, since '95); and a 20-game unbeaten mark in overtime (14-0-6; dating back to an overtime loss in Waldrum's first game). Prior to the NCAA title game, the 2006 seniors had not played a game during their careers in which the Irish were outshot, ultimately racking up a 92-8-3 record during their four-year career.

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 2003 and was named the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year

Randy Waldrum – By the Numbers

2004	..... National championship season (Notre Dame)
1,909	..... Average home attendance in 2006 (4th-best in nation)
956	..... 2003 streak of shutout minutes (5th in NCAA history)
.773	..... Career women's soccer win pct. (3rd-best in Div. I)
349	..... Total career wins as a college head coach
166	..... Wins at Notre Dame (166-24-6; .862)
98-8-2	..... Home record at Alumni Field (.917)
72	..... Active home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams
72-5-2	..... Combined win total from 2004-06 (best in nation)
70-16-3	..... Record at ND vs. top-25 and postseason opponents
50	..... 2004-06 scoring streak (2nd-best in ND history)
29	..... ND players' home states/provinces/countries
24	..... ND record streak w/out allowing 2-plus goals ('00; '03)
24	..... All-Americans (17 at Notre Dame)
20	..... Overtime unbeaten streak (14-0-6; since 1999)
18	..... Academic All-Americans (12 at Notre Dame)
16	..... ND record for consec. games without deficit ('03, '06)
12	..... Full national team members (10 at ND)
9	..... Players who went on to the WUSA (8 at ND)
8	..... NCAA Tournament appearances at ND (1999-2006)
7	..... BIG EAST regular-season titles
7	..... NSCAA regional coach-of-the-year honors (3 at ND)
6	..... BIG EAST defensive players of the year
5	..... BIG EAST tournament titles
4.40	..... Goals per game in 2005 (led nation)
4	..... Seasons with No. 1 ranking (2000, 2004, 2005, 2006)
4	..... BIG EAST coach-of-the-year awards
3.32	..... 2007 team's cumulative GPA (as of '07 spring term)
4	..... Trips at ND to College Cup final weekend
3	..... National players of the year (at Notre Dame)
0:51	..... Quickest 3-goal stretch in NCAA history ('05, vs. GU)
0.39	..... Team goals-against average in 2000 (led nation)

for women's soccer, also receiving a prestigious NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

Waldrum remains the only first-year coach in the 25 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 NAAs. 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 in 1999. 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 5th-seeded Irish clicking in their first three rounds of the 1999 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 an NCAA-record total of 14,000 fans looked 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 a stingy defense that led the nation in goals-against (0.39).

Makinen, the leader of the 2000 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 slowed the 2002 squad but the Irish rallied down the stretch before losing on a late goal at top-ranked Stanford in the NCAA round of 16.

The 2003 squad (20-3-1) returned atop the national scene, owning the number-two national ranking for most of the season while emerging 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 1995-96 starting up the program. He earned Big 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



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

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 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 all-region players, six Academic All-Americans and two 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 NAAs, 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 Northwestern 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, 26-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 versus all-time opponents).

Year-by-Year with Randy Waldrum

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1989	Tulsa	9	9	0	.500
1990	Tulsa	9	6	1	.594
1991	Tulsa	10	6	2	.611
1992	Tulsa	13	2	2	.824
1993	Tulsa	14	4	2	.750
1994	Tulsa	6	9	2	.438

6-Year Tulsa Totals 61 36 9 .580

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1996	Baylor	17	3	1	.833
1997	Baylor	14	6	1	.690
1998	Baylor	15	5	1	.738

3-Year Baylor Totals 46 14 3 .754

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1999	Notre Dame	21	4	1	.827
2000	Notre Dame	23	1	1	.940
2001	Notre Dame	17	3	1	.833
2002	Notre Dame	13	8	0	.619
2003	Notre Dame	20	3	1	.854
2004	Notre Dame	25	1	1	.944
2005	Notre Dame	22	3	8	.880
2006	Notre Dame	25	1	1	.944

8-Year ND Totals 166 24 6 .862

17-Year Women's Totals 273 74 18 .773

MEN'S TEAMS

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1982	Austin College	4	12	1	.265

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1988	Texas Wesleyan	6	10	0	.375

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1989	Tulsa	14	4	0	.778
1990	Tulsa	13	3	1	.794
1991	Tulsa	14	3	0	.824
1992	Tulsa	7	8	2	.471
1993	Tulsa	10	6	2	.611
1994	Tulsa	8	9	1	.472

6-Year Totals 66 33 6 .657

8-Year Men's Totals 76 55 7 .576

24-Year Overall Career 349 129 25 .716

A Visit with Randy Waldrum

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've had in recent years such as Jen Buczkowski, Brittany Bock and Courtney Rosen, 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 30 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 coach at St. Mary's (CA)
former two-time Notre Dame captain,
member of WUSA's 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 with Randy at the helm."

Kevin White
Notre Dame director of athletics

"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



Dawn Greathouse

Assistant Coach
Fifth Season
Baylor '01

Former Baylor All-American and WUSA goalkeeper Dawn Greathouse enters her fifth 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 – who currently holds a national diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America – made an immediate impact in her first two 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 2005 Nordic Cup) and current senior Lauren Karas. The Irish finished fifth in the nation with a 0.49 season goals-against average in 2003 and were fourth with 15 shutouts – also compiling a 956-minute shutout streak that ranks fifth in NCAA history (longest since 1999). 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, 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).

Bohn – a rare three-time Academic All-American – earned NSCAA all-region honors in 2003 and then was an all-BIG EAST Conference selection in 2005. She ranks third in the Notre Dame record book with a 0.69 career GAA (good for 16th-ness in NCAA history) and is third in Irish women's soccer history with 6,788 career minutes played.

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.

Most recently, Greathouse tutored Karas and current sophomore Kelsey Lysander during a 2006 season that saw Notre Dame lead the nation in shutouts (19, tops in the program's history) while finishing third nationally with a 0.40 season GAA that once again was just shy of the team record (0.37).

"Dawn has done a great job with our 'keepers and we expect that to continue on an even higher level this season," 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 2002), also playing for the San Jose Cyber Rays in 2002 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 at the time) in 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 1998 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 goalkeeper for her club team but also was a high-scoring forward with the Allen High School squad. She set the Allen High School record for career goals and also held the single-season record that was broken by current Notre Dame junior Kerri Hanks.

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



Dawn Greathouse, Ben Waldrum and Randy Waldrum pose with the 2004 NCAA championship trophy.

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
* Jen Buczkowski	2007-

*Assistants indicate those who served as volunteer assistants (Ben Waldrum in '03, '04).



Ben Waldrum

Assistant Coach

Fifth Season

Bethel '06

Ben Waldrum enters his fifth season as a member of the Notre Dame women's soccer coaching staff, working alongside his father, head coach Randy Waldrum. The younger Waldrum currently holds an advanced national coaching diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

During his previous four years on the Irish staff, Waldrum has assisted his father in developing five All-America field players – most notably national players of the year Katie Thorlakson and Kerri Hanks. The 2005 Notre Dame offense led the nation with 4.40 goals per game while the 2006 unit had a nation-leading +74 goal differential (85-11).

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 as a prep, training in Germany with the West Texas A&M varsity at

Sports School Wedue (1997) and 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 in 1999.

Following his sophomore season, Waldrum left school and returned to FC Copenhagen in 2001 as an under-contract player. Later in the 2001 Danish season, he moved clubs and followed coach Flemming Pederson to Helsingor IF in the Denmark Serian-League – where he had four goals and three assists in the final 10 games of the 2001 season, playing primarily in a mid-field role for the club.

Waldrum then moved from Denmark to Mexico, where he participated in several one-month trials in the Mexican First Division. He first played in a handful of exhibitions with the UNAM Pumas in Mexico City before declining a contract offer in order to move to Atlante and then later to UAG Tecos in Guadalajara.

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. That season with the Fever included a memorable 1-0 victory in a highlighted game versus the touring Australian Olympic Team.

"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 time on the staff, during which time his wilder soccer experience has continued to grow."

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 and also was a member of the North Texas Olympic Development Program while gaining additional playing experience with the Fort Worth United state semifinalist team and the Hurricane F.C. (Tulsa, Okla.) team that won four state titles.

The 26-year-old recently completed his undergraduate studies at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind., graduating in May 2006 with a degree in sports and exercise studies.



Randy and Ben Waldrum

Randy Waldrum vs. Opponents (see pp. 22-25 for full bio.)

	W	L	T		W	L	T		W	L	T
Alabama	1	0	0	Kansas	2	0	0	Seton Hall	9	0	0
Alabama-Birmingham	1	0	0	Louisville	2	0	0	SIU-Edwardsville	1	0	0
Arizona State	2	0	0	Loyola (Chicago)	2	0	0	SMU	3	7	0
Arkansas	8	4	0	Marquette	2	1	0	South Florida	1	0	0
Arkansas-Little Rock	8	1	0	Maryland	2	0	0	Southwest Missouri State	1	0	0
Baylor	1	0	0	McNeese State	1	0	0	Stanford	4	1	0
Boston College	6	1	0	Mercer	1	0	0	Stephen F. Austin	2	0	0
Butler	2	0	1	Miami (Fla.)	6	0	0	Syracuse	3	0	0
BYU	0	1	0	Michigan	8	2	0	Tennessee	1	0	0
California	0	0	1	Michigan State	1	0	0	Texas	3	1	1
Central Florida	0	1	0	Minnesota	0	1	0	Texas A&M	6	3	0
Charleston Southern	1	0	0	Missouri	3	1	0	TCU	6	0	4
Cincinnati	2	3	0	Montana	1	0	0	Texas-El Paso	1	0	0
Colorado	3	1	0	Nebraska	2	3	1	Texas Tech	4	0	0
Colorado College	0	3	2	New Hampshire	1	0	0	Tulsa	2	0	0
Connecticut	9	2	2	North Carolina	0	9	0	UCLA	1	1	0
Creighton	3	1	0	UNC Greensboro	1	1	0	USC	1	1	0
Dayton	2	1	0	North Carolina State	0	1	0	Utah	1	0	0
DePaul	2	0	0	North Texas	3	0	0	Valparaiso	1	0	0
Detroit	1	0	0	Northwestern	0	1	0	Vanderbilt	2	1	0
Duke	2	0	0	Oakland	1	0	0	Vermont	1	0	0
Drury College	3	0	0	Ohio State	1	0	0	Villanova	7	1	0
Eastern Illinois	3	0	0	Oklahoma	2	1	0	Virginia Tech	1	0	0
Evansville	1	0	0	Oklahoma State	2	0	1	Wake Forest	1	0	0
Florida	1	0	0	Oral Roberts	2	0	1	Washington	1	1	0
Florida International	1	2	0	Oregon	1	0	0	West Virginia	7	1	0
Florida State	1	0	0	Penn State	2	0	0	Western Kentucky	1	0	0
Georgetown	8	1	0	Pittsburgh	8	0	0	Wisconsin	1	0	1
Gonzaga	1	0	0	Portland	1	2	0	Wisconsin-Green Bay	3	0	0
Hartford	3	0	0	Providence	5	0	0	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1	0	0
Harvard	1	0	0	Purdue	1	1	0	Wright State	0	1	0
Indiana	2	0	0	Rutgers	7	1	1	Yale	3	0	0
Indiana State	3	0	0	St. John's	4	0	0				
Iowa State	6	0	0	Santa Clara	7	3	0				
James Madison	1	0	0								

2007 opponents in bold



Jen Buczkowski

Volunteer Assistant Coach

First Season • Notre Dame '07

Jen Buczkowski – a three-time NSCAA All-American and one of the top midfielders in Notre Dame women's soccer history – will serve as the 2007 team's volunteer assistant coach. A classic playmaker who helped dominate possession throughout her Irish career, Buczkowski remains on the fringe of cracking the U.S. National Team player pool, after previously playing at a high level with various U.S. youth national teams.

Buczkowski never missed a game in her college career while setting the Notre Dame record for career games played (103; sixth-most in the NCAA record book). Her other career stats with the Irish included 77 points (22nd in ND history), 20 goals, 37 assists (13th) and 97 starts (6th).

As part of one of the winningest classes in Division I women's soccer history, Buczkowski played a lead role in Notre Dame's 92-8-3 record (.908) from 2003-06. The only time that the Irish were outshot in her career came in the 2006 NCAA title game, a 2-1 loss to North Carolina that saw Buczkowski battle courageously despite suffering a major leg injury two days earlier. Buczkowski and her fellow 2006 seniors averaged a 23-5 shot margin in their career and were nearly unbeatable at home, going 53-2-1 at Alumni Field.

A starter with the Under-21 National Team that won the prestigious Nordic Cup in the summer of 2005, Buczkowski was one of three U.S. players to log every minute of that tournament. The Americans rolled up a 15-1 scoring edge during the four games played in Sweden, capped by a 4-1 win over Norway in the Nordic Cup final.

Buczkowski joined her Notre Dame teammate Kerri Hanks and two others as the only players among the final-15 candidates for both the 2005

and 2006 M.A.C. Hermann Award (national player of the year)

Noted for her trademark composure on the ball and ability to control the pace, Buczkowski has been training in 2007 with the U.S. Under-21 National Team (which is transitioning to a U-23 squad). She closed her college career by earning 2006 second team All-America honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Also a three-time first team all-BIG EAST honoree, she finished as the fifth-leading scorer (15 points) for a 2006 Irish team that spent most of the season ranked number-one, led the nation in scoring margin (85-11) and finished with a 25-1-1 record.

Buczkowski's excellence at Notre Dame also extended to the classroom, as she graduated with a 3.39 cumulative GPA and a degree in marketing. The NSCAA named Buczkowski a first team Scholar All-American in 2006 while the College Sports Information Directors of America selected her as an Academic All-District V performer in each of her final three seasons.

Buczkowski led the talented 2006 team in minutes played (2,137; 78/gm) and posted nearly half of her 13 assists (6 of 13) during the postseason (leaving her 8th on the ND list for career postseason assists, with 11). She had pair of assists in the BIG EAST title game versus 20th-ranked Rutgers (4-2) before adding assists in the opening two rounds of the NAAs (vs. Oakland and Wisconsin-Milwaukee), in addition to assisting on the first goal in the 4-0 quarterfinal win over Penn State.

Her top honors as a junior included NSCAA third team All-America and BIG EAST midfielder of the year, en route to finishing sixth on the 2005 team with 21 points (7G-7A). The ninth-leading scorer in the BIG EAST, Buczkowski directed a 2005 offense that led the nation in goals (110; 4.4/gm) and scoring margin (+95) while trailing just three times all season (spanning 153 minutes).

Buczkowski holds the rare distinction of being named both offensive and defensive MVP of the Notre Dame Classic, earning the defensive honor in 2005 after helping hold 11th-ranked Florida (4-1) and #25 Maryland (6-0; 1A) to a single goal and eight total shots (four on goal). Her 1G-1A in a 4-1 win over Gonzaga (4-1) helped land her on the all-tournament team at the Santa Clara Classic and her header goal later opened the scoring versus 20th-ranked Michigan (3-0). Buczkowski's 2005 postseason output included 1G-1A in both the BIG EAST quarterfinal win over Georgetown (6-0) and the semifinal at 11th-ranked Marquette (3-0).

Her third-team All-America effort in 2004 contributed to the magical national-title season (25-1-1) that culminated with a penalty-kick victory over UCLA. She was one of four Irish players to convert in the shootout, as Notre Dame edged the Bruins (4-3; after 1-1 in regulation/OT). Her conversion gave the Irish their first lead in the PKs (2-1), on a rising shot into the right side as the goalkeeper Valerie Henderson shuffled the other way.

The third-leading scoring on the 2004 team (27 points; 8G-11A), Buczkowski finished 18th among

the national assist leaders and ranked among the BIG EAST leaders in assists (2nd), points (4th), gamewinning goals (5th, with four) and goals (8). Notre Dame's dominant possession in 2004 saw the Irish goal total (71) nearly equal the number of shots on goal allowed (73). Buczkowski was on the field for most of that domination, ranking third on the team in minutes (2,153; 80/gm) – including 15 games with 90-plus (five in the NAAs).

Buczkowski – who opened 2004 strong with 1G-2A in a 7-2 win over Baylor – also opened the scoring five times in 2004, tying for the team lead. One of those opening goals, a header, came in the annual showdown with Santa Clara and she clinched her spot on the ND Classic all-tournament team by assisting on the gamewinner (5-2).

Despite having no gamewinning goals in the first 37 games of her career, Buczkowski posted four GWGs in a seven-game span of 2004 – highlighted by her 90th-minute score at Georgetown (2-1; 89:36, one of four times ND has won in the final minute). She added a late goal to beat Boston College (1-0), scored early at Michigan (4-0) and had another GWG vs. BC (2-0; BIG EAST semifinal).

Buczkowski collected Freshman All-America and BIG EAST all-rookie team honors with a 2003 team that outscored its opponents 73-12. Her 14 points (4G-6A) included 2G-3A in an offensive MVP performance at the Notre Dame Classic (in wins over Arizona State, 3-1, and Oklahoma, 5-1).

A two-year starting defender with the U.S. U-19 National Team, Buczkowski decided to play for the Irish in the fall of 2004 rather than sit out that entire semester for the U-19 World Championship. She earlier played against teams from Germany and Holland with the U-19s (2003, in Mexico) and played a 2001 international tournament in France with the U-16 National Team.

The three-year prep All-American – ranked by *Soccer America* as the nation's 6th-best incoming recruit in '03 – joined the Notre Dame program along with her former state ODP and club teammates Jill Krivacek and Kim Lorenzen, who led Illinois ODP to the 2003 national title (current ND junior Brittany Bock also was on that team) after being national runner-up in 2001. Buczkowski's busy 2004 summer included playing with Krivacek and Lorenzen on the Eclipse Select team that came just shy of the USYS under-19 national title game (she also played for the W-League's Chicago Cobras in 2004). The summers of 2005 and '06 saw Buczkowski ('06 all-star) and Krivacek play with the W-League's Chicago Gaels and they previously had been teammates with Lorenzen on the Chicago Sockers club team that played up an age group and won the 2003 u-23 state title.

Named by Gatorade as the 2003 Illinois player of the year, Buczkowski played three seasons at Elk Grove High School before focusing on national-team duty. Her 190 career points at EGHS (69G-52A) included leading the team in scoring each season (20G-25A/21G-15A/28G-12A, from '00-'02). She earned all-state honors in 2002 while serving two seasons as a team captain.

Additional Women's Soccer Support Staff



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



Kelly Fitzgerald
Athletic Trainer
Florida State '02



Elise Angeles
Strength &
Conditioning
Ball State '03



Pete LaFleur
Sports Information
Notre Dame '90



Colleen Ingelsby
Academic Services
Notre Dame '01



Patrick Starr
Senior Manager
Notre Dame '08