

**2007 Notre Dame
Women's Soccer
(15-4-2; 11-0-0 BIG EAST)
(polls based on highest ranking)**

August

preseason exhibitions

19	#1 North Carolina	T, 2-2
23	vs. #11 Virginia (in Ft. Wayne)	W, 3-1
31	Michigan (Comcast Local)	T, 0-0

September

2	at #7 Florida (Sun Sports)	W, 2-0
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Santa Clara Classic

7	at #3 Santa Clara	L, 1-7
9	vs. #5 Stanford	L, 1-2 (OT)

Inn at Saint Mary's ND Soccer Classic

14	Washington St. 1, #16 Oklahoma St. 0 Notre Dame 4, Princeton 2	
16	Washington State 2, Princeton 1 (OT) #16 Oklahoma St. 2, ND 1 (OT)	

21	DePaul*	W, 4-0
23	#14 Penn State (ESPN-U)	L, 1-2
28	at #25 Louisville*	W, 1-0
30	Cincinnati	W, 6-1

October

5	at Syracuse*	W, 4-1
7	at St. John's*	W, 4-1
12	Georgetown*	W, 3-0
14	Villanova*	W, 5-0
19	Providence*	W, 4-0
21	#13 Connecticut*	W, 2-1 (OT)
26	at Seton Hall*	W, 3-1
28	at Rutgers*	W, 3-1

November

4	Rutgers (BIG EAST Quarters)	W, 2-0
9	vs. Georgetown (BE Semi's)	W, 2-0
11	at West Virginia (BE Final) (CSTV/BIG EAST affiliates)	T, 1-1

NCAA First Round (Alumni Field)

16	Illinois vs. Louisville	5:00
	Loyola Chicago at Notre Dame	7:30
18	NCAA Second Round (at ND)	1:00
23-	NCAA Third Round	
25	(campus sites)	
30-	NCAA Quarterfinals	
2	(campus sites)	

December

NCAA College Cup (College Station, TX)		
7	Semifinals	TBA
8	Final	TBA

* – BIG EAST Conference Game

All times local to site

Rankings indicate highest poll

2007 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER

vs. Loyola Chicago (Friday, Nov. 16; 7:30 p.m.; live on und.com)
NCAA First Round (Alumni Field; Notre Dame, IN)

The Notre Dame women's soccer team (15-4-2; 11-0-0 BIG EAST regular season) – riding one of the nation's longest unbeaten streaks (12-0-1) – has been selected as one of 16 seeded teams and will serve as a host team for first- and second-round games of the upcoming NCAA Championship ... ND will open its quest for the program's third NCAA title on Friday night, Nov. 16, at Alumni Field, which will serve as the site of three total women's soccer games this weekend ... Friday's pair of 1st-round games will feature Illinois vs. Louisville at 5:00 p.m. eastern, followed by ND vs. Loyola Chicago at 7:30 ... the winners of those games then will return to Alumni Field for a 2nd-round game on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 1:00 p.m. ... ND is appearing in the NCAAs for the 15th consecutive season (1993-2007) and this marks the 14th straight year that NCAA Tournament games have been played at Alumni Field.

HOW TO FOLLOW THE ACTION – All postseason games at Alumni Field this season involving the ND women's soccer team will feature free streaming video that is coupled with a free audio broadcast of each game ... links to the video/audio and GameTracker live stats can be found at und.com (live stats for the Illinois-Louisville game can be found on the und.com "Tournament Central" link and are linked on the websites of those schools) ... the Irish Alert text-message system provides free in-game updates of all ND sports (see the Irish Alert link on the und.com women's soccer page; nearly 400 fans currently are signed up for the ND women's soccer text messages) ... the ND Sports Hotline has postgame wrapups after every game (574-631-3000, then option 4 and then option 2 for women's soccer info.)

INSIDE THE BRACKET – The current NCAA women's soccer format features four seeds (listed 1-4) in each of the four quadrants of the bracket ... Notre Dame is the fourth seed in its portion of the bracket, with North Carolina (17-3-1) the top seed, Purdue (19-2-2) the #2 seed and Georgia (17-3-2) the #3 seed in ND's quadrant of the bracket ... should the top-seeded teams advance to the third round (Nov. 23-or 25), ND then would head to UNC with a bid to the quarterfinals on the line ... if ND and Purdue each advance with three straight wins, there would be a quarterfinal battle between those in-state teams (Nov. 30-Dec. 2) ... the winner of the UNC quadrant will face the winner of the Stanford quadrant in the NCAA semifinals (Dec. 7 in College Station, Texas) ... the other quadrant on ND's side of the bracket includes (seeds 1-4): Stanford, Texas A&M, Florida State and Wake Forest ... the other side of the bracket features one quadrant with (1-4) UCLA, Portland, Tennessee and Virginia while the top four seeds in the final quadrant are (1-4) Penn State, Southern California, Florida and West Virginia.

ND SITE QUICK GLANCE – Loyola Chicago (14-8-1) claimed the Horizon League's automatic bid, after edging Milwaukee in penalty kicks to end a Horizon title game that was tied (2-2) after overtime ... Illinois (11-6-2; Big Ten) and Louisville (13-5-2; BIG EAST) both reached the semifinals in their respective conference tournaments ... Friday's game will be the fifth meeting between ND and Loyola Chicago, with the Irish winning the four previous meetings (including a 5-0 game in the first round of the 2003 NCAAs, at Alumni Field) ... ND and Illinois have played several spring exhibitions but have yet to meet in an official fall-season game ... ND's 5-1-0 series record vs. Louisville includes five straight victories, most recently a 1-0 road win on Sept. 28 (the first game in the current 13-game unbeaten streak).

PLAYING THE FIELD – Notre Dame owns a 5-4-1 record this season vs. teams in the 2007 NCAA field, posting wins over Florida (2-0), Connecticut (2-1/OT), Louisville (1-0) and Georgetown (3-0; 2-0) – plus the 1-1 tie at WVU in the BIG EAST title game and losses to Stanford (1-2/OT), Penn State (1-2), Santa Clara (1-7) and Oklahoma State (1-2) ... the Irish also tied North Carolina (1-1) and beat Virginia (3-1) during 2007 preseason exhibitions.

ND IN THE NCAAs – Notre Dame owns a 40-12-1 all-time record (.764) in NCAA Tournament play, including 32-3-0 (.914) in NCAA games played at Alumni Field. ... the Irish have claimed NCAA titles in 1995 and 2004, joining UNC and Portland as the only repeat winners in the history of the tournament ... ND lost its first-ever NCAA Tournament game (2-1 vs. George Mason, in 1993; played in Madison, Wis.), a first-round game in the old 32-team format ... ND has reached at least the final-32 in all 14 of its previous trips to the NCAAs (also 11 times in the round-of-16; 10 trips to the quarterfinal; eight College Cup/semifinal appearances; and NCAA runner-up finishes in 1994, '96, '99 and 2006, plus the titles in '95 and '04) ... since the NCAA field expanded to 64 teams in 2001, ND has gone 6-0-0 in the first round with a 27-2 scoring edge in those games (from 2001-06: 2-0 vs. Eastern Illinois; 3-1 vs. Ohio State; 5-0 vs. Loyola Chicago; 4-0 vs. EIU; 6-0 vs. Valparaiso and 7-1 vs. Oakland).

TALE OF THE TAPE

	NOTRE DAME	LOYOLA CHICAGO
Series	4 wins (37 goals)	0 wins (0 goals)
All-Time Record in NCAAAs	40-12-1 (14 yrs)	0-3-0 (3 yrs)
2007 Record (Conf.)	15-4-2 (11-0-0 BIG EAST)	14-8-1 (7-1-0 Horizon)
2006 Records	25-1-1 (10-0-1)	14-7-3 (7-1-2)
Starters Returning from 2006	7	9
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	16/8	21/5
vs. Louisville	W, 1-0 (H)	L, 1-2 (N)
vs. DePaul	W, 4-0 (H)	W, 2-0 (H)
Goals Per Game	2.46 (53)	1.71 (40)
Goals-Against Avg.	0.97 (21)	1.20 (28)
Avg. Scoring Margin	+1.5 (+32)	+0.5 (+12)
Shots Per Game	17.6	14.9
Shots Allowed/Gm	7.3	11.0
Shot Margin	+10.3	+3.9
Shots On Goal Allowed/Gm	2.6	5.2
Shooting Pct.	.143	.117
Shots Per Goal	6.5	8.6
Shots on Goal per Goal	3.1	4.1
Corner Kicks/Gm	4.5	4.2
CKs Allowed/Gm	2.3	4.0
Average CK Margin	+2.2	+0.2
Save Pct.	.611	.763
Shutouts	10	11
Games w/ 0-1 GA	16	14
Games w/ 2 GA	4	4
Games w/ 3-plus GA	1	5
Overtime Record	1-2-2	1-0-1
One-Goal Game Record	2-3	5-4
Wins By 3-Plus Goals	7	4
Wins By 5-Plus Goals	2	1
Home Games	8-2-1	9-2-0
All Road Games	7-2-1	5-6-1
1st-Half Scoring	21-8	17-16
2nd-Half Scoring	31-11	22-12
Fouls Per Game	13.5	14.2
Yellow Cards/Red	16/0	15/2
Players with 10+ Goals	2	1
Players with 5+ Goals	4	2
Players with Goals	11	13
Players with 20+ Points	2	1
Players with 10+ Points	8	3
Players with Points	16	19
Seniors/Freshmen	5/8	9/11
Top Scorers	Kerri Hanks, Jr., F (13G-15A, 41 pts)	Cynthia Morote-Ariza, So., F (17G-9A, 43 pts)
	Brittany Bock, Jr., F/M (12G-3A, 27 pts)	Katie Heidenreich, Sr., F (7G-3A, 13 pts)
	Susan Pinnick, Sr., F/M (5G-3A, 13 pts)	Alexia Murray, Jr., F (4G-2A, 10 pts)
	Ashley Jones, Sr., M/D (3G-5A, 11 pts)	Mikki Staton, Fr., M (2G-3A, 7 pts)
	Elise Weber, Jr., D (2G-7A, 11 pts)	Heather Lau, Sr., D/M (2G-2A, 6 pts)
	Michele Weissenhofer, So., F (4G-2A, 10 pts)	Jackie Vera, So., M/F (2G-2A, 6 pts)
	Amanda Cinalli, Sr., F/M (3G-4A, 10 pts)	Caitlin Brown, Jr., D (2G-1A, 5 pts)
Goalkeeper	Lauren Karas, Sr. (0.63 GAA, 23 SV, 18 GP)	Colleen Dougherty, Fr. (1.02 GAA, 69 SV, 20 GP)

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER – BY THE NUMBERS

3,412	Record ND crowd for 2007 exhibition vs. UNC
2,237	Average 2007 home attendance
1,909	Average 2006 home attendance (4th in nation)
.764 (40-12-1)	ND's all-time NCAA Tournament win pct. (2nd in women's soccer history)
364	Randy Waldrum's career college coaching wins
259-3-1 (.987)	ND's all-time record when scoring 3-plus goals (156-1-0 since 10/6/95)
258	Win streak when taking 2-0 lead (278-0-1 all-time)
180-28-8 (.852)	Randy Waldrum's record at ND
79	Home unbeaten streak vs. the BIG EAST (78-0-1)
60	Games with 0-1 goals allowed in 2005-07 (of 73)
50-19-4	vs. NSCAA top-25 in Waldrum era
54	ND records held by Kerri Hanks
41-2-1	Record in '05-'07 when Kerri Hanks scores
37	All-Americans (since 1994)
37	Consec. wins when scoring first (now 48-1-1)
33	Career gls (15)/asts (18) by Hanks on set plays
32	Wins in 2005-07 by 3-plus goals (in 63 GP)
29-2-1	All-time record in BIG EAST Tournament
21	OT unbeaten streak (14-0-7; 1999-2007)
18	Academic All-Americans (since '95; most in nation)
18	Career head goals by Brittany Bock (6 in 2007)
17	Career postseason goals by Hanks (ND record)
14	Current players who have won club/ODP nat'l titles
12	Notre Dame alums in the WUSA (2001-03)
12	Active point streak by Hanks
11	BIG EAST regular-season titles (all but '98, '02)
10	Home states on 2007 roster
9	BIG EAST tournament titles (1995-2001; 2005-06)
8	NCAA College Cup semifinal trips
7	Starters returning from 2006 team
4.0	Semester GPAs posted four times by Ashley Jones (3.98 cum. GPA/accounting major)
4	Consecutive BE offensive players of the year
3.32	Team's cumulative GPA (after '07 spring term)
3	All-time D-I players to reach 50G-50A as juniors (ND's Jen Streiffer, Kerri Hanks; UNC's Mia Hamm)
3	Consecutive seasons ranked #1 ('04-'06)
3	Multiple NCAA-title teams (UNC, ND, Portland)
1	Starters left from 2004 national champs (Cinalli)

ND QUICK NOTES – The Irish tied West Virginia in the BIG EAST title game (1-1) but WVU won the penalty-kick shootout (5-3, after 9 kicks) ... ND earlier ran away with the BIG EAST National Division title, the 11th time that the Irish have won a BIG EAST regular-season title (all but '98, '02) ... the Irish now are 29-2-1 in all-time BIG EAST Tournament games and own a 38-game unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (36-0-22; since mid-'05), the 4th-longest conference unbeaten streak in D-I women's soccer history and longest by any team since 2001... ND returned seven starters and four top reserves from its 2006 team (25-1-1) that spent most of the season ranked #1 and reached the NCAA title game ... junior center back **Carrie Dew** (the 2006 BIG EAST Conference defensive player of the year) steadily has returned to her elite form, after undergoing ACL knee surgery late in the 2006 season – while the team's other starting center back (sophomore Haley Ford) has been sidelined for the past two months due to a hamstring injury ... sophomore F Michele Weissenhofer (nation's #2 scorer in '06) has been slowed recently by an ankle injury, as has senior F/M Amanda Cinalli (dnp 5 games) due to a hamstring problem.

STREAKS LIVE ON ... – Notre Dame enters the NCAAs with:

- 258 consecutive wins when taking a 2-0 lead (271-0-1 all-time)
- 76 straight wins when scoring 3-plus goals (158-1-0 in the past 159)
- 70 consecutive games vs. BIG EAST teams without being outshot
- A 38-game unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (36-0-2)
- A 13-game unbeaten streak (39-6 scoring edge; 2.2 shots on goal allowed per game)
- A nine-game unbeaten streak in the BE Tournament (29-2-1 all-time)

CONFERENCE COMMAND – Notre Dame is riding a 13-year, 79-game home unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST opponents (78-0-1; tie vs. Rutgers in 2004) and has an active 38-game overall unbeaten streak vs. BIG EAST teams (36-0-2, since a 2005 loss at Marquette) ... ND's all-time record in BIG EAST regular-season games is 117-8-4 (.921), plus 29-2-1 in the BIG EAST Tournament and 2-1-0 in NCAA Tournament games vs. BIG EAST teams (all vs. UConn) – for an overall 13-year record of 148-11-5 (.918) vs. BIG EAST teams.

LONGEST CONFERENCE UNBEATEN STREAKS IN NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY

55	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference
	Oct. 23, 1994 to Sept. 1, 2000	55-0-0
50	Florida	Southeastern Conference
	Sept. 26, 1997 to Oct. 14, 2001	50-0-0
41	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference
	Oct. 30, 1987 to Sept. 1, 1994	
38	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference
	Oct. 25, 2005 to present	36-0-2
38	Fairfield	Metro Atlantic Conference
	Oct. 16, 1996 to Oct. 1, 2000	
37	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference
	Oct. 19, 1995 to Oct. 16, 1998	36-0-1
36	North Carolina	Atlantic Coast Conference
	Oct. 12, 2002 to Oct. 9, 2005	
34	Notre Dame	BIG EAST Conference
	Oct. 25, 25, 1998 to Sept 30, 2001	34-0-0

* Note: the above streaks include regular-season and conference tournament games (they do not include NCAA Tournament games) ... note that ND's 20-game win streak vs. BIG EAST teams (ended vs. WVU) was the 13th-longest all-time conference winning streak in D-I women's soccer history and 4th in the ND program's history (behind 36 straight BIG EAST wins from 1995-98, 26 from 1998-2000 and 24 from 1991-95)

SEASON NOTES

ANOTHER DYNAMIC DUO – Notre Dame junior F **Kerri Hanks** now has been part of three different potent scoring pairs during her ND career, first with Katie Thorlakson in 2005, then with current sophomore **Michele Weissenhofer** in 2006, and now with fellow junior **Brittany Bock** in the current season ... Hanks became the first player in the nation this season with double-digit goals and assists (13G-15A), with her 41 total points now ranking sixth in the nation while her 15 assists are second-most among the nation's players ... Bock has totaled 27 points (12G-3A) ... Hanks owns a league-leading 14 points, 15 assists and 85 shots while ranking second in goals (13) and third in GWGs (4) ... Bock shares the BIG EAST lead with six game-winning goals while also ranking third in points (27) and goals (11) and fifth in shots (66) ... Bock's 10 goals during BIG EAST play this season were the most in the league while her 23 league points were third (two off the pace) and she tied for the lead with 4 GWGs in BIG EAST games ... Hanks ranked first among BIG EAST players in points (25) and assists (9) during conference action, also second in shots (51), third in goals (8) and fourth in GWGs (3) ... Hanks (vs. DePaul) and Bock (at Syracuse) combined for two of the four hat tricks in BIG EAST games during the 2007 regular season.

PICK YOUR POISON

2005 Katie Thorlakson (18G-36A) and Kerri Hanks (28G-15A)
2006 Hanks (22G-22A) and Michele Weissenhofer (18G-17A)
2007 Hanks (13G-15A) and Brittany Bock (12G-3A)

NCAA TEAM STAT LEADERS – Notre Dame enters the NCAAs ranked 14th nationally with 2.52 goals/gm, fifth-best among teams in the NSCAA top-25 poll behind Florida State (3.05), Texas A&M (2.86), Purdue (2.65) and UCLA (2.63) ... the Irish also rank 32nd in the nation with 10 shutouts and 16th in wins (15), despite a 3-4-1 start that included only two shutouts ... in addition to Hanks and Bock (mentioned above), senior **Lauren Karas** has moved up to 25th on the national goals-against average charts (0.63).

NOTRE DAME SEASON OVERVIEW

- All four of Notre Dame's losses this season (and one of the ties) have come to teams that were ranked in the national top-25 ... the Irish posted noteworthy road wins at Florida and Louisville (plus the tie at West Virginia) while suffering two losses in the Bay Area versus top-ranked teams (Stanford and Santa Clara).
- Three of Notre Dame's four losses have been by 2-1 scores (two of them in overtime) ... the Irish have won seven times by a margin of three or more goals.
- Notre Dame has totaled 10 shutouts while holding four other teams to one goal ... Santa Clara is the only team to score more than two goals versus the Irish all season.
- Since solidifying its back line, Notre Dame is riding a 13-game unbeaten streak ... the Irish allowed 15 goals in their 3-4-1 start but have allowed only six goals in the 13-game unbeaten streak.
- The unbeaten streak includes a 39-5 scoring edge, seven shutouts, six games with one goal allowed, only 28 shots on goal by the opponents (2.2/gm) and only 28 corner kicks allowed (2.2/gm).
- Notre Dame had to replace three starters in the defensive third (center back, left back and defensive midfielder) from its record-setting 2006 defense ... one of the new starters, sophomore center back Haley Ford, has missed 15 straight games due to a hamstring injury ... the current back line includes one junior (Carrie Dew, coming back from ACL surgery), two freshmen and a junior transfer ... the team's new defensive midfielder (Amanda Clark) is a sophomore.
- Nagging injuries to forwards Amanda Cinalli and Michele Weissenhofer produced the need for shifting Brittany Bock to a full-time forward role during the second half of the season ... at the end of the regular season, Notre Dame was one of only seven teams in all of Division I with a pair of double-digit scorers (only two of those other teams also were in the top-25) ... Kerri Hanks now has 13G-15A while Brittany Bock has 12G-3A.

ACADEMIC HONORS

• Two Notre Dame women's soccer players – senior **Ashley Jones** and junior **Brittany Bock** – are under consideration for official Academic All-America honors, as each recently was named first team Academic All-District V in balloting by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) ... senior **Susan Pinnick** and sophomore **Amanda Clark** also received CoSIDA Academic All-District honors, as second-team selections ... Notre Dame's total of four players earning first- or second-team Academic All-District honors is tied with two other teams for second-most in the most in the country, spanning the eight CoSIDA districts and more than 300 D-I women's soccer programs ... Jones and Bock make Notre Dame one of 17 teams nationwide with multiple players on the respective Academic All-District lists ... (in addition to notes on this page, see notes later in release on the ND women's soccer program's Academic All-America tradition).

• **JONES** (Westlake Village, Calif.) – who was part of the U.S. Under-20 National Team player pool in 2006 – is one of the leading candidates for 2007 Academic All-America of the Year honors in D-I women's soccer, after being one of three returning players from the 11 who received CoSIDA first team Academic All-America honors in 2006 (the '07 honors are to be released on Nov. 20) ... her 3.98 cumulative GPA as an accounting major includes 26 A grades and two A-minuses, among her 28 total courses ... Jones, who has split time during her college career as a top midfielder and outside back with the Irish, has provided a midfield spark during the team's current 13-game win streak and ranks fourth on the team with 11 points (3 goals, 5 assists) ... she has yet to miss a game in her ND career (100) while helping the Irish compile an 87-9-4 record in that four-year span (2004-07) ... this marks the third straight year of first team Academic All-District honors for Jones, who has proven to be a clutch scorer throughout her career ... nearly half of her 29 career points with the Irish (7G-15A) have come in postseason play (12; 3G-6A), including the header goal that saw her elevate over the Rutgers goalkeeper to send home a corner kick for the first goal in the 2-0 BIG EAST quarterfinal win ... Jones also assisted on Bock's early gamewinning goal vs. Colorado in the 2006 NCAA third round, in addition to scoring the first goal vs. Connecticut in the 2004 BIG EAST final and registering a pair of assists in the 2006 title game versus Rutgers (4-2) ... her assist early in that '06 BIG EAST final produced the quickest goal (at 0:57, by Kerri Hanks) in ND's 90 all-time postseason games ... her recent five-game point streak included two assists in the 3-0 win at St. John's and a goal in the 5-0 win over Villanova (a team that had allowed only 4G in its first 14 games this season) ... as a junior, Jones assisted on Jill Krivacek's game-tying goal in the 2006 early-season showdown with Santa Clara (a 3-1 ND win; both teams were ranked #1 in different polls) and she later scored to cap a 2-0 win at Louisville that season ... Jones currently is under consideration for post-graduate jobs from several of the nation's top accounting firms.

• Jones, Bock and Pinnick – who helped the ND women's soccer squad compile a 3.30 team GPA in the 2007 spring semester – also are under consideration for **Scholar All-America** honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (**NSCAA**), with those honorees to be announced after the season (only juniors and seniors are eligible) ... junior center back **Carrie Dew** (3.12 cumulative GPA; marketing major) and junior left back **Elise Weber** (3.62; political science) also have been nominated for the Scholar All-America honor ... note that, per CoSIDA guidelines, Weber is not eligible for the Academic All-America consideration this year, due to her recent transfer from the University of Wisconsin (all nominees must have spent at least one full year at their current school in order to be considered).

• **BOCK** (Naperville, Ill.) – the 2007 BIG EAST player of the year – carries a 3.25 cumulative GPA as a marketing major ... she ranks third in the BIG EAST with 12 total goals and was named national player of the week in back-to-back weeks earlier this season, after totaling 4G-1A in road wins at Syracuse and St. John's (Oct. 5/7) and then duplicating that 4G-1A vs. Villanova and Georgetown on Oct. 12 and 14 ... a member of the U.S. Under-21 National Team (she also trained with the full National Team in early 2007), Bock is one of the nation's most versatile offensive players ... the converted midfielder's shift to forward has spearheaded ND's dominance over the past seven weeks, as she snapped out of a seven-game goal drought by registering a career-best five-game goal streak ... Bock is on the verge of reaching the 20G-20A milestone for her career (36G-19A, including 3A in '07) while her 12 career game-winning goals (in 66 total games/56 starts) include a team-best sixth this season ... Bock became the sixth ND player ever to score the first three goals in a game (at Syracuse) and has totaled half of her career goals (18 of 36) on headers, in addition to four rare header assists in her career ... her most recent goals this season include a far-post header via a free-kick service from Kerri Hanks, giving the Irish a 2-1 overtime win over BIG EAST rival Connecticut ... Bock was an NSCAA second team all-region selection in 2006 and was named second team all-BIG EAST in each of her first two seasons with the Irish ... she capped off her selection to the 2006 NCAA all-tournament team with a header goal in the national-title game vs. North Carolina, after earlier scoring in the third round vs. Colorado (3-0) and then adding assists against Penn State (4-0 quarterfinal) and Florida State (2-1 semifinal).

• ND was joined by Rice (5), Kentucky (4) and Texas (4) as women's soccer programs with the most players on their respective CoSIDA first- and second-team Academic All-District lists ... fellow BIG EAST teams Marquette and St. John's also had multiple first teamers (two each), as did 14 other D-I women's soccer teams in the nation: Navy (3), Purdue (3), Texas (3), Arizona State, Auburn, Creighton, Eastern Illinois, Hartford, North Carolina, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Rice, St. Louis and South Carolina ... of the 17 teams that feature two or more players on the first team, only six recently are ranked in the NSCAA top-25 poll: Notre Dame, North Carolina, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Purdue and Texas ... the BIG EAST had 20 total players receive 2007 Academic All-District, including 11 first teamers (most from any conference in the nation) ... 11 different BIG EAST teams had players named to the various CoSIDA Academic All-District teams, giving the BIG EAST the widest distribution.

• **PINNICK** (South Bend, Ind.) – who could return for a fifth year of eligibility in 2008 – carries a 3.86 cumulative GPA, as an accounting major ... she has surged to third on the 2007 team in scoring with 13 points (5G-3A), contributing all but one of those points in the current unbeaten streak for an Irish offense that ranks 10th nationally with 2.5 goals per game ... a top reserve forward/midfielder throughout her career, Pinnick has appeared in 17 games this season and 67 in her three healthy seasons (with six starts, from 2005-07) ... she recently had a career-best three-game goal streak in wins over Providence (4-0), Seton Hall (3-1) and Rutgers (3-1) – with the scores vs. SHU and RU holding up as two of her five career game-winning goals (part of her 40 career points, with 14G-12A) ... Pinnick's 2007 season also has included the GWG vs. Cincinnati (6-1), a goal in the 3-1 win at St. John's, an assist in the early overtime loss to 5th-ranked Stanford (2-1) and a career-best four-game point streak in early October ... her earlier career highlights include a goal in the 2005 win over #25 Maryland (6-0) and nine points in postseason action, most notably a goal vs. UConn in the 2005 BIG EAST title game (5-0) and 1G-1A in the 2006 NCAA first-round win over Oakland (7-1) ... Pinnick – who made an inspirational return injuries suffered during a 2004 summer van accident with her club team (dnp in '04) – posted a 4.0 GPA in the 2007 spring semester ... she and Jones both are member of ND's Academic Honors Program, which pairs high-achieving student-athletes with faculty mentors.

• **CLARK** (3.44 GPA; business major) has settled in as ND's starting defensive midfielder and is one of four Irish players to start all 21 games this season ... a versatile talent who also has started at both central and outside back in her Irish career, Clark ranks fifth on the 2007 team in minutes played (82/gm) and joins junior F Kerri Hanks as the only ND players to appear in all 48 games during the past two seasons (with 36 starts) ... Clark's strong play and versatility has helped overcome injuries to several teammates, with the Irish totaling 10 shutouts and allowing more than two goals only once in a 2007 campaign that has included eight games vs. top-25 opponents ... with Clark serving as the team's defensive enforcer, ND has racked up a 39-6 scoring margin in the current 13-game unbeaten streak while allowing only 2.2 shots on goal and 2.2 corner kicks per game in that seven-week stretch ... her 14 starts in 2006 included three during NCAA Tournament action and she helped the Irish allow 2.1 shots on goal/gm while posting a nation-leading 19 shutouts (both ND records) during that NCAA runner-up season ... Clark's excellent academic credentials coming out of high school allowed her to be among a select group of student-athletes who were early enrollees at Notre Dame in the summer of 2006 ... Bock earned a similar distinction during the summer of 2005, as did current sophomore F Michele Weissenhofer (summer '06) and two current freshmen – F/M Rose Augustin and forward Taylor Knaack (both summer '07).

BRITTANY BOCK NOTES

BOCK REPEATS AS NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK – Notre Dame junior F **Brittany Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) repeated as both the national and BIG EAST women's soccer player of the week, after duplicating her production from the previous week by totaling four goals and an assist in wins over Georgetown and Villanova (on Oct. 12 and 14) – producing one of the top two-week scoring tears in the history of ND women's soccer ... with players from 313 Division I women's soccer teams to choose from, *Soccer America* honored Bock as the nation's top player for the week – a rare back-to-back distinction in the world of collegiate soccer (the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and *Top Drawer Soccer* both tabbed Bock the nation's top player the previous week) ... Bock also joined former teammate Katie Thorlakson and recent West Virginia standout Christie Abbott as the only BIG EAST players – spanning ND's 13 years in the league (1995-2007) – to be named the league's top offensive player in consecutive weeks.

GOALS KEEP COMING – One week after scoring the first three goals in the 4-1 win at Syracuse (followed two days later by 1G-1A in a 3-0 game at St. John's), Bock was bidding for another hat trick in the game vs. Georgetown ... the first goal came midway through the opening half, following Michele Weissenhofer's flip-throw from the right side ... Bock was stationed near the top of the six-yard box and headed the ball in traffic, with the shot ricocheting into the far-left side of the goal (24:03) ... a classic combination sequence provided her second score, capping the 3-0 win over GU ... senior M Ashley Jones played a pass from the center of the field and freshman forward Erica Iantorno raced into the right side of the box before one-touching a short pass to her left ... Bock was in position to convert a low one-timer from 10 yards out (68:31) ...

Two days later, Bock scored twice in the first half vs. Villanova to make yet another run at a hat trick ... junior F Kerri Hanks assisted on the first goal with a free kick from outside the right edge of the penalty box ... Bock was planted in the center of the penalty area and all-BIG EAST goalkeeper Jillian Loyden charged out in an attempt to box the ball away – but Bock had inside position and sharply snapped her 10-yard header into the vacated net (24:01) ... freshman right back Julie Scheidler sliced through the center of the field to set up the second goal, sending a pass to junior left back Elise Weber on the left flank ... Weber then teed up a deep cross from the edge of the attacking third and Bock executed a twisting header on the far-right side, near the top of the six-yard box ... Loyden had shifted far to her left and shuffled back inside the post before jumping up for what appeared to be a routine save – but the knuckler glanced off her hands and into the right side of the net ... Bock completed her nine-point weekend by assisting on the third goal in the 5-0 win over VU ... the crisp combination sequence saw Bock provide a short entry pass from the right side before freshman F Rose Augustin pulled off a quick sweep-tap on the ball that sent Jones into the right side of the six-yard box, with the shot deposited into the far-left side of the net.

TWO-WEEK TEAR – Bock joined an elite list of six Notre Dame players who have totaled eight or more goals over the span of four games (done a total of eight times) ... current junior Kerri Hanks (10) and fellow forward Monica Gerardo (9) are the only ND players ever to amass more goals over a four-game span than Bock's eight ... the best two-week scoring tear in ND women's soccer history still belongs to Hanks, who opened her college career in 2005 (Aug. 28, 30; Sept. 2, 4) by totaling 10 goals over the course of games versus New Hampshire (4; 11-1, at UVm), at Vermont (3; 6-0), vs. #11 Florida (1; 4-1) and vs. #25 Maryland (2; 6-0) ... Gerardo similarly started her ND career in 1995 (Sept. 2, 3, 7, 10) by racking up nine goals in action vs. Providence (2; 7-0), St. John's (2; 9-0), at Indiana (4; 7-0) and at #13 Wisconsin (1; 1-0) ... one year later in '96, Gerardo matched herself with nine goals spaced over four games (Oct. 25, 27; Nov. 1, 3) against West Virginia (2; 11-0), Seton Hall (4; 10-0), Ohio State (1; 7-0) and Villanova (2; 10-1) ... near the end of her career in '98, Gerardo then totaled eight goals in another four-game span (Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11) vs. Butler (1; 5-0), Georgetown (2; 8-0), at Boston College (2; 3-1) and at Providence (3; 8-0) ... midfielder Cindy Daws joined Gerardo with a memorable scoring tear during the 1996 season (her senior year) ... Daws actually had a five-game goal streak (3-3-0-2-3) that featured three different hat tricks and eight goals over the four-game span at either end ... she started that tear with hat tricks vs. Rutgers (Oct. 20; 6-0) and West Virginia (Oct. 25; 11-0) before scoring twice two games later vs. Ohio State (Nov. 1; 7-0; no goals in 10-0 win over Seton Hall on Oct. 27) – and for good measure adding a hat trick in the next game vs. Villanova (Nov. 3; 10-1) ... starting with the OSU game, Daws actually had eight goals over another four-game stretch that overlapped the earlier one (not counted among the eight in this list) – as she added a goal in the BIG EAST semifinal vs. Villanova (Oct. 9; 7-0) and scored twice in the title game vs. UConn (Oct. 10; 4-3) ... Meotis Erikson, like Gerardo and Hanks, also had her two-week tear as a freshman (in 1997), with a goal at Wisconsin (Oct. 14; 10-0) followed by hat tricks at Syracuse (Oct. 19; 8-0) and vs. Seton Hall (Oct. 24; 7-1), plus another goal vs. #5 UConn (Oct. 26; 1-0) ... most recently, Thorlakson totaled eight goals in a four-game span of her junior season in 2004 (Oct. 24, 28, 31; Nov. 5), vs. Seton Hall (1; 3-1), at Michigan (2; Oct. 28), vs. St. John's (4; Oct. 31) and vs. Boston College (1; Nov. 5, at UConn).

FOUR AND FOUR – Of the eight two-week tears listed above, only three of them have seen the player total four-plus goals in the first two games and also four-plus over the course of games 3 and 4: Gerardo ('95), Erikson ('97) and Bock ... that means that Bock is the first ND player in 10 years to score four or more goals in back-to-back 2-game spans ... five of the two-week tears listed above came on consecutive weekends (Fri.-Sun.), as Thorlakson's span actually covered three weeks (Sun.-Thur.-Sun.-Fri.), Erikson's first game in her streak was a Tuesday, and Gerardo's third game in the '95 streak came on a Thursday – meaning that Bock is the only ND player ever with four-goal efforts in back-to-back weekends (Fri.-Sun.) ... six of the above scoring tears included at least one road swing (all but Gerardo and Daws in '96).

BRITTANY BOCK NOTES

BIG EAST BACK-TO-BACK POW – In addition to Bock's consecutive honors, only two other players in the past 13 seasons (since 1995) have been named the BIG EAST offensive player of the week in back-to-back weeks (excluding co-honorees): former ND forward Katie Thorlakson (Aug. 30 and Sept. 6, 2004; as a junior) and former West Virginia forward Christie Abbott (Sept. 8 and 15, 2003; as a senior).

HEADSTRONG – Half of junior M/F **Brittany Bock's** career goals with the Irish (18 of 36) have come on headers, including seven in 2006 (four in the '06 postseason) and six in 2007 ... five of Bock's past six goals have come on headers ... Bock's diving header opened the scoring in the 2-0 early-season win at #7 Florida and her far-post header on the left-flank service from Elise Weber ended the OT win over #13 UConn (2-1) ... she also has four rare header assists in her career ... Bock – who had a header assist in the 2006 NCAA semifinal vs. Florida State and then a header goal in the title game vs. UNC – closed the 2006 season with nine goals in the final 13 games ... she tied for the 2006 team lead in game-winning goals (6) and totaled five goals in the 2006 postseason ... Bock has 5G-5A in eight career BIG EAST Tournament games and she has passed 90 points for her career (91; 36G-19A) ... after a seven-game goal drought in nearly the entire month of September (Sept. 3-28), Bock now has totaled 11 goals in her past 12 games (with a career best five-game goalscoring streak and goals in six of the past nine games) ... her 12 gamewinning goals over the past two seasons are the most by any ND player.

OFFENSE AND DEFENSE – Notre Dame joined Villanova and Connecticut as the first teams to produce both an offensive and defensive player of the week this season, as junior center back **Carrie Dew** received the defensive honor in midseason... four different Irish players have received national and/or BIG EAST honors this season, as junior forward Kerri Hanks was named to the BIG EAST weekly honor roll on Sept. 24 (also named offensive player of the week on Oct. 29) while Elise Weber was tabbed for the *Soccer Buzz* "elite feet" national team of the week on Sept. 3 (Weber earned that honor again on Oct. 22, in addition to being named to the *Top Drawer Soccer* national team of the week).

BIG-TIME PLAYERS – Five different Notre Dame women's soccer players have been named national players of the week during the past two seasons, with the others including **Amanda Cinalli**, **Carrie Dew**, **Michele Weissenhofer** and **Kerri Hanks** (all in 2006)

HAT TRICK HISTORY – The first 54 hat tricks in ND history had featured only four times when an Irish player scored the first three goals of the game, but five of the past six ND hat tricks now have seen the same player score goals 1-2-3: **Kerri Hanks** at Vermont in 2005, vs. Seton Hall in 2006 and vs. DePaul in 2007; **Michele Weissenhofer** vs. Penn State in the 2006 NCAA quarterfinals; and **Brittany Bock** this season at Syracuse ... Hanks (Sept. 21, vs. DePaul) and Bock are the first ND teammates to post hat tricks in the same regular season since Amy Warner (vs. Providence) and Meotis Erikson (vs. Georgetown) did so during the 2000 season ... Weissenhofer (Nov. 24, 2006), Hanks and Bock each have turned in hat tricks over the span of ND's past 15 games, stretching back to the late stages of the 2006 postseason ... Michelle McCarthy scored the first three goals vs. Loyola Chicago in 1992, as did Rosella Guerrero vs. SMU in 1993 and Jenny Heft twice in her career (1997 vs. UCLA; 1998 vs. Wake Forest) ... Hanks (at UVM) and Bock are the only ND players ever to score goals 1-2-3 in a road game ... the 23 ND players who have combined on the 60 all-time hat tricks include: Heft (6), Hanks (5), Guerrero (5), Monica Gerardo (5), McCarthy (4), seven players with three each (Susie Zilvitis, Stephanie Porter, Alison Lester, Cindy Daws, Anne Makinen, Jenny Streiffer and Erikson) and three with two HTs each (Amy VanLaecke, Warner and Katie Thorlakson), plus single hat tricks from Shannon Sullivan, Margaret Jarc, Tasha Strawbridge, Stacia Masters, Shannon Boxx, Mary Boland, Weissenhofer and Bock.

TRACKING THE HAT TRICK – The 4-1 win at Syracuse saw Brittany Bock become the 23rd different Notre Dame player ever to post a hat trick in a game (vs. Syracuse) ... she is one of only six Irish players ever to score the first three goals in a game ... Bock – who has shifted from midfielder to forward in recent weeks, due to injuries suffered by her teammates Taylor Knaack, Michele Weissenhofer and Amanda Cinalli – opened the scoring at Syracuse 32 seconds before halftime ... junior left back Elise Weber took a pass from senior M Ashley Jones and sent a low cross from the left side, with Bock then converting a 10-yard shot into the upper left corner of the net ... early in the second half, Jones supplied the lead pass that sprung Bock for a breakaway shot into the right side of the net ... Bock completed her hat trick less than two minutes later, sending the ball past the charging goalkeeper after taking a leftside pass from freshman Erica Iantorno ... Bock beat the Syracuse defenders to the ball at the top of the 18-yard box and slid her shot past the 'keeper Eliza Bennett-Hatton for the 3-0 lead ... two days later at St. John's, Bock extended her goal streak to three games (matching the longest of her career) while reaching the 30 career goals milestone ... junior center back Carrie Dew initiated the first goal sequence at SJU with a 75th-minute pass to Jones in the 75th minute ... Jones then crossed the ball from the left side and Bock converted a short flick near the left edge of the box, assisting on a shot by Hanks inside the near-left post ... Bock found the net 11 minutes later, after short passes from the left provided by Jones and Hanks - with Bock drilling a 15-yard shot into the far-right side of the net.

THREE WITH 30 – The depth of Notre Dame's potent offense can be seen in the fact that the Irish have three players with 30-plus career goals, the first Notre Dame team since 1999 that can make that claim ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** has totaled 63 goals in her three seasons while senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** has sent home 34 goals in four seasons with the Irish and junior M/F **Brittany Bock** has 36 in her three years ... the first season of the Randy Waldrum era (1999) featured four different players who had 30-plus career goals: Heft (finished season with 80), Streiffer (70), Makinen (46) and Erikson (46) ... ND had three or more players with 30-plus career goals on its team every season from 1995-99 (also three in '95 and '96, four in '97 and six in '98) ... the record-setting 1998 offense finished the season with six players who had 30-plus career goals: Gerardo (73), Heft (60), Streiffer (51), Boxx (39), Makinen (38) and Erikson (32).

PLAYER HONOR NOTES

FOUR IRISH PLAYERS NAMED TO UPDATED HERMANN TROPHY BALLOT

• Four Notre Dame women's soccer players – senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli**, junior forwards **Kerri Hanks** and **Brittany Bock**, and junior left back **Elise Weber** – are among the 54 players currently on the ballot for the annual Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, which is presented to the nation's top player ... ND joins North Carolina (4) and Penn State (4) as the teams with the most players now under consideration for the prestigious award ... members of the National Soccer Coaches Association (NSCAA) are in the process of submitting their votes that will determine the 15 women's semifinalists for the Hermann ... after another round of voting, three finalists then will be announced in early December and those individuals will be invited to the Missouri Athletic Club for the Hermann Trophy ceremony on Jan. 11 ... the 54 names on the current ballot include players who were on the preseason watch list (Hanks and Cinalli among them) and others who have been nominated during the course of the season, namely Bock and Weber ... ND similarly had the most players on the updated Hermann Trophy ballot during the 2006 season (Hanks, former midfielders Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek, and current junior center back Carrie Dew).

• **HANKS** (Allen, Texas) last season became the youngest player by class year – male or female – ever to receive the Hermann Trophy. She was the nation's first player to reach double-digit goals and assists during the 2007 season, with only three players joining her in that distinction (from the 313 other Division I teams). Hanks is riding a 12-game point streak and currently ranks sixth nationally with 41 total points, on 13 goals and 15 assists (second-most in the nation). She recently became the third Division I women's soccer player ever to reach 50 career goals and 50 assists prior to her senior season (now 63 goals and 52 assists).

• **BOCK** (Naperville, Ill.) – named the BIG EAST Conference 2007 co-offensive player of the year – joins Hanks to form one of the nation's top-scoring tandems. All but two of Bock's 27 points this season (12G-3A) have come during Notre Dame's current 13-game unbeaten streak, in 12 games played (11G-3A). She was named the national player of the week in back-to-back weeks during a mid-season stretch that saw her post matching nine-point weekends (4G-1A): first at Syracuse (3G) and St. John's (1G-1A) and then at home versus Georgetown (2G) and Villanova (2G-1A).

• **WEBER** (Elk Grove, Ill.) has emerged as one of the nation's top outside backs while totaling two goals and seven assists, as a starter in all 21 games this season. The transfer from Wisconsin owns one of the top point totals (11) of any defender in the BIG EAST while also compiling one of the most noteworthy offensive seasons ever by a Notre Dame defensive player. Despite being relegated to third team all-BIG EAST honors for the 2007 season, Weber is one of only 12 defenders on the current Hermann Trophy ballot (UConn's Brittany Taylor is the only other BIG EAST defender on the list).

• **CINALLI** (Maple Heights, Ohio), slowed by a midseason hamstring injury, has totaled three goals and four assists in 2007 while appearing in 16 of the 21 games. The four-year starter has led the way for Notre Dame's current senior group that has helped the Irish total 87 wins during the 2004-07 seasons (tying them with North Carolina as the nation's winningest senior class for the current season). Cinalli (34G-30A) joins Hanks and Bock (36G-19A) in giving Notre Dame three players with 30-plus career goals, making the 2007 squad the first Irish team since 1999 with that distinction.

• In addition to the ND quartet, the other BIG EAST players on the updated Hermann Trophy ballot include UConn's Taylor and M/F Megan Schnur, two West Virginia players (F Ashley Banks and M Amanda Cicchini), Villanova goalkeeper Jillian Loyden and Marquette forward Allison Mallams ... ND's 2007 opponents (including those from the preseason) include 17 other players who are on the Hermann ballot: the four from UNC (midfielders Yael Averbuch, Tobin Heath and Allie Long, plus defender Jessica Maxwell), four more from Penn State (M Sheree Gray, G Alyssa Naeher, D Denay Riley and F Katie Schoepfer), three Florida players (M Ameera Abdullah, F/M Stacy Bishop and D Lauren Hyde), two each from Virginia (D Nikki Krzysik and F Jess Rostedt) and Stanford (D Rachel Buehler and F Kelley O'Hara), Oklahoma State midfielder Yolanda Odenyo and Santa Clara forward Meagan Snell.

NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HISTORY

• The Notre Dame women's soccer program's unmatched tradition of Academic All-America excellence includes 18 selections during the previous 12 seasons (most by any D-I women's soccer program during that span) ... seven Notre Dame women's soccer players have combined for nine first-team Academic All-America honors, with the Irish program producing at least one first-teamer in seven of the previous 11 years ... at least one Notre Dame women's soccer player has been named Academic All-America in 10 of the past 12 seasons (all but '99 and '02), and the program easily could have laid claim to honorees in the other two years ... **Jenny Streiffer** somehow was passed over in her 1999 All-America season, despite previously being an Academic All-American in '97 and '98, while an injury to **Vanessa Pruzinsky** prevented her from earning her third straight Academic All-America honor in '02 (which instead came in '03).

• Seven Notre Dame women's soccer players have combined to be named first team Academic All-America a total of 10 times, led by a pair of multiple-year first teamers in standout defender Pruzinsky (2000, '01 and '03) and goalkeeper **Erika Bohn** ('04, '05) ... the program's other first team Academic All-Americans have included goalkeeper **Jen Renola** ('96), forward **Amy VanLaecke** ('96), M/F Streiffer ('97) and midfielder **Annie Scheffer** ('05).

• CoSIDA did not begin naming an exclusive women's soccer Academic All-America team until 2001 ... prior to '01, women's soccer was part of the fall and winter "at-large" program, a highly selective process that honored soccer players as part of a larger sampling that included multiple sports ... **Renola** was recognized as the 1996 CoSIDA Academic **All-American of the Year** for fall and winter "at-large" sports while **Pruzinsky** was the Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer in 2003, when she returned for a fifth year of eligibility as a graduate student after graduating in May of 2003 with a **4.0 cumulative GPA** (the first female student at Notre Dame ever to do so as a **chemical engineering** major).

• More than half (10 of 18) of the Notre Dame women's soccer Academic All-Americans have been first-team honorees ... those receiving second-team honors have included Renola and VanLaecke in 1995, Streiffer in '98, defender **Monica Gonzalez** in 2001, Bohn in '03, forward **Mary Boland** in '03, and Scheffer in '05 ... forward **Meotis Erikson** was named a third team Academic All-American in 2000 ... Pruzinsky, Bohn and Boland in 2003 became the first three D-I women's soccer teammates ever named Academic All-American for the same season.

ALL-BIG EAST NOTES

• Notre Dame women's soccer junior **Brittany Bock** (Naperville, Ill.) was named the BIG EAST Conference co-offensive player of the year, sharing that honor with West Virginia senior forward Ashley Banks ... Bock – a converted midfielder who was shifted to forward midway through the 2007 season – was joined on the all-BIG EAST first team by Irish junior forward **Kerri Hanks** (Allen, Texas) while junior left back **Elise Weber** (Elk Grove, Ill.) was a third-team selection.

• The BIG EAST has recognized Notre Dame players with the top offensive honor in each of the past four years, as Katie Thorlakson was tabbed for the award in 2004 and '05 while Hanks was the 2006 recipient ... this marks the first time in BIG EAST women's soccer history that two different offensive players of the year (Hanks and Bock) are competing on the same team.

• Bock's midseason shift to forward sparked the Irish on their current 13-game unbeaten streak, delivering several clutch goals in games when Notre Dame's postseason fate was hanging in the balance ... she was named national player of the week in consecutive weeks (for Oct. 1-7 and 8-14), after totaling 4G-1A in each of those weeks ... in the 3-1 win at Syracuse on Oct. 5, Bock became the sixth ND player ever to score the first three goals in a game ... her five-game goal streak from Sept. 30-Oct. 14 is the longest by an Irish player this season ... two days after that goal streak ended, Bock scored one of the most important goals of the season – heading in a left-flank service from Weber for the 2-1 overtime win over 13th-ranked Connecticut (she also had a header goal to open the scoring in the 2-0 BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown) ... Bock led the BIG EAST during the regular season with 10 goals in league action while her 23 points in BIG EAST play (10G-3A) narrowly trailed Hanks (25) and Banks (24) ... Bock currently ranks third in the BIG EAST with 12 total goals, behind Banks (13) and Hanks (13) ... her team-best six gamewinning goals are the most by a BIG EAST player this season (as are her 4 GWGs in league play).

• Notre Dame's early forecasts for the 2007 season included plenty of depth at the forward position, but that depth gradually eroded due to injuries suffered by several players (including former all-BIG EAST selections Amanda Cinalli and Michele Weissenhofer) ... promising incoming freshman Taylor Knaack was injured late in her club season during the spring of 2007 and has missed all of the current season following ACL knee surgery ... Cinalli suffered a hamstring injury in late Sept. and the senior captain only recently returned to her stellar all-around form, after missing five games and playing on a limited basis in several others ... Weissenhofer – the team's flip-throw specialist who ranked second behind Hanks among the nation's 2006 scoring leaders (18G-17A) – has been slowed for most of the season by an ankle injury suffered in mid-Sept. ... even the early hamstring injury suffered by sophomore center back Haley Ford (who has been sidelined for 17 straight games) has impacted the ND attack, as freshman Lauren Fowlkes (a natural midfielder) logged some quality minutes as a forward during the first few weeks of the season ... instead, Fowlkes has spent the past 15 games as one of the starting center backs, taking her own scoring prowess out of the equation for the Notre Dame offense ... with Weissenhofer (4), Cinalli (3) and Fowlkes (2) combining for only nine goals all season, Bock's timely scoring in the second half of the season has taken on even greater significance ... during ND's 3-4-1 start to the season (with Bock playing primarily at her natural midfield spot), the Irish were outscored 15-14 and were outshot in three of those eight games while trailing for 157 minutes (22% of the time) ... Bock's full-time switch to forward coincided with the second game of the win streak (Sept. 30, vs. Cincinnati) and has helped produce the dominating seven-week stretch that has seen the Irish rattle off 12 straight wins (plus a tie) ... ND owns a 39-6 scoring edge in the unbeaten streak, has not been outshot in any of those games and has trailed for only 72 minutes (6% of the time) since losing to Penn State on Sept. 23.

• Bock followed up her hat trick at Syracuse by posting a goal and assist later that weekend in the 3-0 win at St. John's ... one week later, she turned in a pair of two-goal games in wins over Villanova (5-0) and Georgetown (3-0), adding an assist versus the Wildcats for her second straight nine-point week (4G-1A in each) ... half of Bock's goals this season (6 of 12) and in her career (18 of 36) have come on headers, in addition to four rare header assists during her three seasons with the Irish ... she is on the verge of reaching the 20G-20A milestone for her career (35G-19A, including 3A in '07).

• Bock was a second team all-BIG EAST pick in her first two seasons with the Irish and will have the chance in 2008 to become the sixth ND women's soccer player ever to be a four-year all-BIG EAST performer (since ND joined the league in 1995) ... players who already own that distinction include D Jen Grubb (1996-99), M Anne Makinen (1997-2000), F Amy Warner (2000-03), D/F Candace Chapman (2001-02, '04-'05) and D Christie Shaner (2003-06) ... Hanks and Bock join the above five among 15 all-time ND players who have been named all-BIG EAST three-plus times ... the other three-time honorees include: F Monica Gerardo (1995-96, '98), M Holly Manthei (1995-97), D Kate Sobrero (1995-97), M Shannon Boxx (1995-97), M/F Jenny Streiffer (1996, '98-'99), G LaKeysia Beene (1997-99), M Jen Buczkowski (2004-06) and F/M Amanda Cinalli (2004-06).

• Notre Dame and West Virginia now share the most BIG EAST offensive player-of-the-year selections, with four each (UConn and Seton Hall have three) ... that group does not include former ND midfielders Cindy Daws and Anne Makinen, who each earned the Hermann Trophy during their senior seasons (1996 and 2000, respectively) but failed to receive BIG EAST player of the year.

• Notre Dame has produced a pair of first team all-BIG EAST forwards in each of the past five seasons, with other recent dynamic duos including: Kerri Hanks and Michele Weissenhofer in 2006; Katie Thorlakson and Hanks in 2005; Thorlakson and Amanda Cinalli in 2004; and Amy Warner and Mary Boland in 2003.

• A total of 25 Notre Dame players now have combined for 48 first team all-BIG EAST honors since 1995, with that group including eight defenders combining for 15 first-team awards, four midfielders (13 awards), 11 forwards (17 awards) and two goalkeepers (three awards).

• Despite not repeating as BIG EAST offensive player of the year, Hanks did play a key role in her teammate Bock receiving the honor ... Hanks (13G-15A) recently became the nation's first player with double-digit goals this season and – as the reigning Hermann Trophy recipient (national player of the year) – typically is the player that opposing defenses try to target, due to her equal danger as a scorer and set-up player ... the Irish now boast a pair of potent forwards who present a tough matchup dilemma for any opposing team.

• Hanks – one of seven ND players ever named first team all-BIG EAST in three or more seasons (also '05 and '06) – is one of three players in NCAA Division I women's soccer history ever to reach 50 career goals (63) and 50 assists (52) prior to her senior year while her 41 points are most in the BIG EAST this season (6th in the nation) ... she is riding a 12-game point streak and has scored (3) or assisted (6) on nine of ND's past 12 goals ... her impressive success on set-play/dead-ball situations this season has included converting four penalty-kick goals while providing three free-kick assists, a pair of free-kick goals, a corner-kick assist and a goal directly off a corner (forging a late tie in the UConn game).

• Weber's 11 points (2G-7A; including the cross on Bock's header that Beat UConn in OT) make her one of the top-scoring defenders in the BIG EAST this season and in Notre Dame women's soccer history ... a transfer from Wisconsin who was a top flank midfielder with the Badgers, Weber joins Hanks as two of four Irish players to start all 21 games this season ... she has played a key role for a Notre Dame defense that has allowed only one opponent to score more than two goals in a game all season ... Weber also has helped the Irish allow only six goals in the current unbeaten streak while limiting the opposition to 28 shots on goal and 28 corner kicks (2.2/gm) in that 13-game span.

• Hanks joins four-time honorees Jen Grubb and Anne Makinen and four who have been three-time recipients (Holly Manthei, Amy Warner, Candace Chapman and Jen Buczkowski) as the Notre Dame players with the most career first team all-BIG EAST seasons.

SEASON NOTES

FANS FILL UP ALUMNI FIELD

Notre Dame's 2006 record-setting attendance clip has continued in 2007, as 3,412 fans were attendance for the preseason exhibition vs. #1 UNC (the biggest home crowd ever for any ND women's soccer game) while 3,264 were on hand for the regular-season opener vs. Michigan (officially the program's biggest home attendance for a regular-season or postseason game) ... the 10 home games in 2007 drew an avg. of 2,237 fans.

Nearly 12,000 fans (11,905) were in attendance at Notre Dame during the final four 2006 regular-season home games, helping produce a season average home attendance of 1,901 that ranked fourth in the nation, behind Texas A&M (3,360), which will serve as the host site for the 2007 College Cup final weekend, defending NCAA champion Portland (3,408) and BYU (2,070) ... other top '06 attendance leaders: UNC (1,888), Florida (1,590), Santa Clara (1,372), UConn (1,369), Texas (1,339), Florida State (1,338), TCU (1,254), Georgia (1,142), Colorado (1,141) and UCLA (1,115).

The near-capacity crowds in 2006 started Sept. 29 vs. #6 West Virginia (3,056), technically highest in ND history (pre-2007) ... the 1997 ND Adidas Classic had two attendance numbers of 3,330 (announced as sell-outs, vs. UNC and Duke), but those numbers included four-game tournament passes (sold to fans of ND, UNC, Duke and UConn) ... two days after the WVU game, the Irish played in front of 2,681 vs. Pittsburgh – the highest official attendance for a Sunday game at Alumni Field (2,609 earlier saw the 2006 ND-Santa Clara game) ... a new top number was posted as 3,168 watched ND beat Seton Hall on Oct. 6, followed by another best Sunday crowd of 3,003 for the Oct. 8 game with Rutgers ... the first game of the Randy Waldrum era (a 3-2, double-OT loss to UNC on Sept. 3, 1999) drew 2,957 fans on a Friday night.

Top ND Women's Soccer Attendance Numbers In Alumni Field History

Sunday; Aug 19, 2007 (exhibition)
3,412 ND 2, North Carolina 2
 Fri./Sun.; Sept. 19/21, 1997
***3,300** Four-game tourn. pack, with one att. number (ND 2, UNC 2; ND 5, Duke)
 Friday; Aug. 31, 2007
3,264 ND 0, Michigan 0
 Friday; Oct. 6, 2006
3,168 ND 5, Seton Hall 0
 Friday; Sept. 29, 2006
3,056 ND 3, West Virginia 1
 Sunday; Oct. 8, 2006
3,003 ND 2, Rutgers 0
2,957 UNC 3, ND 2 (2 OT); Fri. (9/3/99)
2,932 ND 2, UConn 1; Sun. (10/21/07)
2,721 ND 4, DePaul 0; Fri. (9/21/07)
2,654 ND 3, Georgetown; Sun. (10/12/07)
2,618 ND 6, Cincinnati 1; Sun. (9/30/07)
2,609 ND 3, Santa Clara 1; Sun. (9/3/06)

NOTRE DAME 2007 EARLY RESULT NOTES

• Notre Dame's challenging 2007 season (including two exhibitions) has seen the Irish face nine top-25 teams (UNC, Virginia, Florida, Santa Clara, Stanford, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Louisville and UConn), with five away from home ...

• **Amanda Cinalli** matched her career-high with a five-point game in the 4-2 win over Princeton, with **Kerri Hanks** and **Michele Weissenhofer** (flip-throw assist) each adding 1G-1A ... Hanks scored on direct free kicks vs. Princeton and Oklahoma State, en route to being named offensive MVP of the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic (she also had an assist vs. Princeton) ... ND's defensive woes continued that week as sophomore center back **Haley Ford** was unable to play due to a leg injury (yet to return)...

• Prior to the 2-1 loss to Penn State, ND had posted 37 straight wins when scoring the game's first goal (dating back to mid-2005) but the Nittany Lions overcame an early goal by Hanks to pull off the comeback win ...

• The 2-1 OT loss to Oklahoma State halted ND's 43-game home unbeaten streak (41-0-2), third-longest in NCAA history ... that game also marked the first time that the Irish had lost when Hanks has scored a goal (33-1-0, from 2005-07) ...

• ND's 27-game regular-season unbeaten streak (25-0-2) ended the previous weekend at #3 Santa Clara (7-1; goal by Weissenhofer) ... the home team now is 9-2 in the ND-SCU series ...

• The Irish then dropped a 2-1 game to Stanford in overtime (goal by **Lauren Fowlkes**), ending the program's OT unbeaten streak at 21 games (14-0-7; now 15-3-7 in the nine-year Randy Waldrum era) ...

• ND had been nearly perfect in Sunday games over the past three seasons (25-1-0; 2005-07) prior to the losses to Stanford, Oklahoma State and Penn State (all 2-1; the first two in OT) ...

• The Irish played to a scoreless tie with Michigan in the 2007 regular-season opener, despite a 28-6 edge in shots (10-2 in shots on goal; 10-1 corner-kick margin) ... that game ended ND's home winning streak at 32 games, tied for third-longest D-I history ... the crowd vs. Michigan (3,264) is the largest ever for an official (non-exhibition) ND women's soccer home game ... the Irish held the Wolverines without a shot for 92 straight minutes of game time, stretching into the second OT ...

• The ensuing 2-0 win at #7 Florida saw newcomer **Elise Weber** (a transfer from Wisconsin) assist on **Brittany Bock's** early diving header ... following a long weather delay, Weber scored the first goal of her young Irish career to cap the win over the Gators ... that game started 22 minutes late due to rain and play then was halted after 30 minutes of action (lightning strikes and a steady downpour resulted a long delay that ultimately lasted four-and-a-half hours) ... more than half of Bock's career goals with the Irish (13 of 25) have come on headers, in addition to four rare corner-kick assists in her career ... the win over Florida was the 350th of Randy Waldrum's career as a college soccer coach (combined men's and women's totals)

• ND's exhibition games included a 2-2 tie with preseason #1 North Carolina (in a rare quick rematch of the NCAA title game) and a 3-1 win over #11 Virginia (in Ft. Wayne) ... Cinalli scored early vs. UNC and added a pair of goals against UVa ... Hanks also scored vs. UNC (moments after the Tar Heels took a 2-1 lead) while Fowlkes scored on a header vs. UVa game (off a Weissenhofer flip-throw) ... Weissenhofer's short cross helped set up Cinalli's goal vs. UNC while **Amanda Clark's** long free kick sprung Hanks for her goal ... Cinalli's first goal vs. UVa came on a header (assisted by a Hanks free kick) and she later knocked home Weissenhofer's rebounded shot ... the crowd for the UNC game (3,412) was an Alumni Field record for a women's soccer game and is the biggest crowd at the facility since a 1994 ND-SMU men's soccer game drew 3,502 ... there was an unprecedented 1,318 presold tickets for the ND-UNC game ... ND ranked 4th in 2006 avg. home attendance (1,901), behind Texas A&M, Portland and BYU ...

• Notre Dame's all-time record at Alumni Field (200-16-4/.918, from 1990-2007) includes a .962 win pct. against teams not ranked in the NSCAA top-25 (137-4-3) ...

EARLY-SEASON RESULT NOTES

IRISH OVERCOME EXTREME WEATHER AND TOUGH FLORIDA SQUAD FOR 2-0 WIN

• Newcomer **Elise Weber** assisted on **Brittany Bock**'s early diving header and – following a long weather delay – scored the first goal of her young Irish career to help hold off the Gators ... fellow Chicago-area natives Bock and Weber (who played one season of club soccer together with the Eclipse Select) showed good interplay by combining on a cross-field, give-and-go to open the scoring in the seventh minute ... Bock initiated the sequence after chasing down a loose ball on the right side, in front of the Florida bench ... she was able to maintain possession in the soggy sideline area and quickly reversed the field with a pass to Weber, who then sent a dipping cross into the penalty area ... Bock was angling in from the right and dove low before connecting on the header from eight yards out, with the ball skipping inside the far-left post (6:28) ... Weber – who started the game at left back – re-entered the game in the 60th minute, playing more in a flank midfielder role (as she did in the past two seasons at Wisconsin) ... less than five minutes after checking back into the game, Weber found the back of the net for the key 2-0 cushion ... junior F **Kerri Hanks** picked up the assist, after flaring a pass from the center of the field ... Weber ran onto the ball near the right edge of the box before juking past a defender and surprising 'keeper Katie Fraine with a sharply-struck rightfooted shot that ripped into the far-left corner of the net (64:28)...

• The ND-Florida game started 22 minutes late due to an initial downpour and play then was halted at 2:28 p.m., following 30 minutes of action ... lightning strikes in the area and a steady downpour resulted in the long delay that ultimately lasted four-and-a-half hours, with the game resuming at 7:00 ... ND checked back into its nearby hotel during the long weather delay before returning to Pressly Stadium a couple hours later ... the ND travel party grabbed a few hours of sleep at their Gainesville hotel before taking the two-hour bus trip to Orlando for a rescheduled flight early Monday morning ...

• The Gators became only the second team in four-plus seasons (spanning 105 games) to outshoot Notre Dame (11-4) but the Irish owned a 4-1 edge in shots on goal, with the only save credited to **Lauren Karas** coming on a harmless ball struck from 35 yards out ... the hosts did not have a corner kick in the first 70 minutes of game time but went on to finish with a 6-2 edge in corners – with strong play all-around from Karas throughout the game helping Notre Dame post its 21st shutout over the course of the past two seasons (spanning 29 games) ...

CINALLI LEADS IRISH TO WIN OVER TIGERS – Amanda Cinalli matched her career-high with a five-point game (2G-1A) to help Notre Dame get back on the winning track with the 4-2 victory over Princeton on Sept. 14... the win extended ND's four-year home unbeaten streak to 43 games (41-0-2) ... Princeton took the lead on the Irish in the 22nd minute, after a corner-kick scramble, but Cinalli then tied the game four minutes later, just 50 seconds after checking into the Irish midfield ... freshman **Lauren Fowlkes** set up the score on a cross from the left endline, with Cinalli then striking a tricky leftfooted shot from the top of the box into the right side of the net for her first goal of the season and 32nd of her four-year career ... sophomore F **Michelle Weissenhofer** later headed in her 20th career goal in the 60th minute, on a classic sequence that included a setup pass from Cinalli and a sharp cross from the left endline by junior F **Kerri Hanks** (her team-leading fourth assist of the season and 41st of her career) ... Hanks later scored directly off a free kick while Cinalli capped the scoring after nudging home Weissenhofer's rightside flip-throw ... Weissenhofer became one of the youngest ND players ever to total 20 career goals, reaching that early milestone in her 32nd career game with the Irish ... she also now is two assists shy of becoming the program's 24th all-time player to reach 20G-20A ... Cinalli (33G-27A) is three assists shy of becoming the 12th player in ND women's soccer history to reach the 30G-30A milestone ... she previously had five-point games (2G-1A) vs. Baylor in 2004 (in her first career game with the Irish) and Santa Clara in '06 (she also had 2G vs. Portland in the '04 NCAA quarterfinals and Valparaiso in the '05 NCAA first round) ... two days later, the Irish failed to capitalize on a 20-6 shot edge and 7-2 corner-kick margin while losing to #16 Oklahoma State in overtime, 2-1 (first home loss since 2003) ... ND had scored the game's first goal only once previously in 2007 (at Florida) and also had scored multiple goals only once (2-0 vs. Florida).

PAIR OF RECORD CROWDS HIGHLIGHT START OF 2007 SEASON – Notre Dame's two home games this season – in the preseason versus North Carolina (3,412) and the regular-season opener against Michigan (3,264) – are the biggest women's soccer crowds in Alumni Field history ... the attendance for the ND-UNC game is third-highest for any soccer game at Alumni Field and is the most since a 1994 ND-SMU men's soccer game drew 3,502 ... Notre Dame had the fourth-highest home attendance (1,901) of any Division I women's soccer program in 2006, behind Texas A&M, Portland and BYU.

IRISH OPEN WITH SCORELESS TIE – Notre Dame and Michigan played to a 0-0 tie in front of one of the largest women's soccer regular-season crowds in Alumni Field history (3,264), during the season opener for both teams (Aug. 31) ... a career-best 10 saves from Madison Gates prevented the Irish from cashing in on a 28-6 edge in total shots (10-2 in shots on goal) and a 10-1 corner kick margin ... the tie ended ND's home winning streak at 32 games, tied for the third-longest D-I women's soccer history ... the Irish still own the third-longest home unbeaten streak in NCAA history (42 games; 40-0-2), dating back to a 2003 loss to Michigan in the second round of the NCAA Tournament ... ND's closest scoring chance came in the third minute of the second half, as junior F **Kerri Hanks** delivered a leftside free kick to the top of the 18-yard box ... freshman M **Lauren Fowlkes** then struck a sharp header that smacked off the center of the crossbar ... the Irish held the Wolverines without a shot for 92 straight minutes of game time, stretching into the second of the two 10-minute overtimes ... ND extended its overtime unbeaten streak to 21 games (14-0-7), dating back to the 1999 season ... Michigan has proven to be a tough obstacle to Notre Dame in recent years, with the Wolverines beating the Irish in the final 2003 regular-season game and again in the '03 NCAAs ... the teams now have played to overtime three times in the past 10 years, with the Irish posting OT wins in 1998 and 2001 ... sophomore goalkeeper **Kelsey Lysander** started the season opener for the second straight season while Fowlkes had another impressive outing as a starter in her official debut ... another newcomer, junior **Elise Weber** (a transfer from Wisconsin), also started her first official game with the Irish (at right back).

TEAM NOTES

GAME-WINNERS – **Brittany Bock** (6 GWGs), **Kerri Hanks** (4 GWGs) and surging senior **Susan Pinnick** (3 GWGs) have accounted for 13 of the team's 15 game-winning goals this season, all except for the game at Louisville (1-0; GWG by **Amanda Cinalli**) and the BIG EAST semifinal vs. Rutgers (2-1; GWG by **Ashley Jones**) ... Bock had four of her GWGs in a span of six games (vs. Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova and UConn).

2-0 TRIUMPHS – Notre Dame still never has lost when claiming a 2-0 lead (281-0-1) and owns 258 consecutive wins when jumping out to a 2-0 cushion (since the 1991 ND team led Vanderbilt 2-0 but ended up tying the Commodores, 3-3).

30-30 – Senior F/M **Amanda Cinalli** earlier this season became ND's 12th all-time player to reach 30 career goals and 30 assists (34G-30A) ... Cinalli joined an elite group of ND 30-30 players that includes Jenny Streiffer (70G-71A), Cindy Daws (61-67), Anne Makinen (65-56), Katie Thorlakson (55-73), current junior F **Kerri Hanks** (62-51), Meotis Erikson (59-46), Monica Gerardo (73-44), Shannon Boxx (39-57), Michelle McCarthy (59-38), Alison Lester (45-36) and Rosella Guerrero (55-32).

OLD RELIABLE – Senior D/M **Ashley Jones** has yet to miss a game in her Notre Dame career (100), as one of the leaders of a senior class that owns an .890 career win pct. (87-9-4) ... Jones owns the fourth-longest streak of consecutive games played in ND history (also tied for 4th in total games played) ... F/M **Amanda Cinalli** had played in the first 90 games of her ND career but then missed five of the next six due to a hamstring injury (she now has 95 career GP) ... Cinalli has made 81 career starts while Jones has made 52 starts ... Jones could have a chance to break the ND record for career games played (held by current volunteer assistant coach **Jen Buczkowski**, who appeared in all 103 games from 2004-07).

FIRST-STRIKE WEAPONS – In its past 106 games when scoring first, ND has gone 102-3-1 (2-1 loss to UConn in '04 BIG EAST title game; 4-1 loss at Marquette in '05; 2-1 loss in '06 vs. Penn State; 1-1 tie vs. West Virginia in '07 BIG EAST title game) and is 62-2-1 in the past 65 when scoring first, including 37 straight wins before the recent 2-1 loss to Penn State (now 47-1-1 in the past 49 when scoring first) ... Kerri Hanks posted her ninth career first-goal in the 2006 opener vs. Iowa State, adding four more in 2006 (vs. SMU, Seton Hall and Villanova and Rutgers in the BIG EAST title game) for 13 in her career, plus first goals in 2007 games vs. DePaul, Penn State, St. John's, Providence and West Virginia (her 19 career first goals have tied Jenny Heft's ND record) ... Brittany Bock (6), Michele Weissenhofer (3), Carrie Dew (2) Amanda Clark, Jill Krivacek and Courtney Rosen also accounted for the Notre Dame first-goals in 2006 (with Bock adding first goals this season vs. Florida, Syracuse, Georgetown, Villanova and GU in the BET semi's, plus Lauren Fowlkes vs. Stanford, Amanda Cinalli vs. Louisville, Rose Augustin vs. Cincinnati, Elise Weber vs. Seton Hall and Ashley Jones in the BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers).

LONGEST HOME UNBEATEN STREAKS IN DIVISION-I WOMEN'S SOCCER HISTORY

1. North Carolina 84 (1986-94; 84-0-0)
2. North Carolina 56 (1999-2004)

3. Notre Dame 43 (2004-07; 41-0-2; ended with 2-1 loss to Oklahoma State on Sept. 16)

Note: the three longest home winning streaks are UNC's 84 from 1986-95, plus 39 straight home wins by Penn State (from 2001-04) and ND's 32-game streak from 2004-06 (tied with Santa Clara's 32 straight home wins from 1997-2000)

SEASON-OPENER SUCCESS – The Irish lost the first game of the Randy Waldrum era (a 3-2, double-OT game with UNC in 1999) but have not lost a season opener in the eight years since then (47-5 scoring edge), with season-opening victories over Detroit (6-0), #8 Penn State (2-1), Providence (3-0, on road), Hartford (9-1; at UConn), Baylor (7-2), New Hampshire (11-1; at Vermont) and Iowa State (9-0) from 2000-06, followed by the scoreless tie with Michigan in the 2007 opener ... Notre Dame is 17-2-1 in all-time season openers (13-1-1 in the past 15), with the other loss coming at #5 N.C. State in 1992 (3-4).

HANKS HAS RARE NO-POINT GAME – Notre Dame junior forward **Kerri Hanks** had points in each of the final 13 games during the 2006 season but failed to extend that point streak into 2007 (in the 0-0 opener with Michigan) ... the 13-game point streak tied the ND single-season record set by Katie Thorlakson during the 2004 NCAA-title season (Thorlakson then entered the scoring column in the 2005 opener but had no points in the second game of '05) ... Hanks went on to register points in games 2-9 this season (none at Louisville) and now is riding a 12-game point streak, giving her points in 32 of the past 34 games.

BEAT THE HEAT – For the second straight season, the Notre Dame women's soccer team faced the tough task of opening at home and then playing later in the weekend on the road, in a warm-weather climate versus a top-25 team ... the 2006 team opened with a 9-0 win over Iowa State and then won the next day at #24 Mississippi (2-1; in 90-degree conditions) ... the 2007 week-one game at Florida (ranked as high as #7 in the preseason polls) presented the Irish with a similar week-one challenge, after opening the regular season two days earlier at home versus Michigan.

KERRI HANKS NOTES

KERRI HANKS ND RECORD BOOK UPDATE

Career Points (G-A)

1. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	211 (70-71)
2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	190 (73-44)
3. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	189 (61-67)
Jenny Heft (1996-99)	189 (80-29)
5. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	186 (65-56)
6. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	183 (55-73)
7. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	178 (63-52)

Career Points Per Game (pts/GP)

1. Kerri Hanks ('05-)	2.41 (178/74)
2. Jenny Streiffer ('96-99)	2.11 (211/100)

Career Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	80
2. Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	73
3. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	70
4. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	65
5. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	63

Career Goals Per Game (gls/GP)

1. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	0.85 (63/74)
2. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	0.83 (80/96)

Career Assists

5. Shannon Boxx (1995-98)	57
6. Anne Makinen (1997-2000)	56
7. Jen Grubb (1996-99)	53
8. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	52

Career Hat Tricks

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	6
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	5

Career Game-Winning Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1996-99)	19
Michelle McCarthy(1992-95)	19
3. Amanda Guertin (2000-03))	18
4. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	17
Monica Gerardo (1995-98)	17
6. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	16

Career Game-Winning Assists

1. Holly Manthei (1994-97)	25
2. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	22
3. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	21
4. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	18
5. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	15

Career Game-Winning Points

1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05)	56
(17 GWG-22 GWA)	
2. Jenny Streiffer (1996-99)	51
(15 GWG-21 GWA)	
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	47
(16 GWG-15 GWA)	

Career Shots

1. Cindy Daws (1993-96)	354
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-)	347

Career First Goals

1. Jenny Heft (1999-99)	19
Kerri Hanks (2005-)	19

ON A ROLL – Notre Dame junior forward **Kerri Hanks**, the 2006 Hermann Trophy recipient, has fashioned a seven and 12-game point streak this season and has points in 32 of her past 34 games overall (including points in each of the final 13 games during the 2006 season).

HANKS PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO GOAL – Hanks has totaled seven career goals with the Irish on direct free kicks, including back-to-back games at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic ... both kicks came from similar spots on the field, roughly 25-30 yards out on the left side ... Hanks opted to go low to the near post in the Friday-night game with Princeton, drilling the shot into the lower-left corner as 'keeper Maren Dale was unable to slide over in time ... two days later, Hanks showed the tremendous depth and variety in her ballstriking ability by curling the kick over the wall and into the upper right corner (tying the game with Oklahoma State) ... Hanks also has scored direct free-kick goals during her ND career vs. Vermont and Louisville in 2005 (both on the road), at home in 2005 vs. Georgetown, and twice in the 2006 NAAs (first round vs. Oakland, third round vs. Colorado; both at home) ... Hanks – who also had an endline assist on Michele Weissenhofer's goal vs. Princeton – was named the offensive MVP of the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic.

HAT-TRICK MASTER – Hanks scored three times in the 4-0 win over DePaul, for her fifth career hat trick with the Irish ... Hanks is tied with former standouts Rosella Guerrero ('92-'95) and Monica Gerardo ('95-'98) for second on the ND career hat tricks list, one shy of the record (6) held by 2000 graduate Jenny Heft ... Hanks – who has 15 points in three career games versus DePaul (6G-3A) – now has posted two hat tricks during BIG EAST play (also vs. Seton Hall in '06) ... she opened her college career at the Vermont Classic with three goals against New Hampshire and then four versus the host Catamounts, with her other hat trick coming against Oakland in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Tournament.

QUICK TO 60 – The timely 86th-minute, game-tying goal by Hanks vs. Connecticut (directly on a corner kick, with ND going on to win 2-1) produced her 60th career goal with the Irish ... Hanks reached that milestone in 68 games played, quicker than any of the previous five Irish players who topped 60 goals ... Jenny Heft had been the only other ND player to reach 60 goals prior to her senior season (as a junior), doing so in her 70th career game and likewise in memorable fashion (Heft's 60th career goal forged a late tie with Portland in the 1998 NCAA quarterfinals but the Pilots then scored for the 2-1 win) ... Hanks also is one of 19 D-I players ever to reach 50 career goals and 50 assists (62G-51A), joining former ND standout Jenny Streiffer and UNC alum Mia Hamm as the only ones to reach the 50G-50A milestone as juniors.

SCORING MACHINE – Hanks has totaled 15 career multiple-goal games with the Irish and Notre Dame now is 41-2-1 when she scores at least one goal ... her career scoring averages now include 2.41 points and 0.85 goals per game, still on pace to break the Notre Dame records held by Jenny Streiffer (2.11 ppg) and Jenny Heft (0.83 gpg).

UPDATED PLAYER BIO. CAPSULES

#1 Nikki Weiss (G, Fr.; Redding, CT ... 1.53 GAA, 7 SV/6 GA, 7 GP/3 GS, 353 min.) – Played final 65 minutes in opener vs. Michigan (1 SV; 0-0) and then took tough-luck loss as starter vs. Stanford (1 SV/2 GA; game ended on PK, 2-1 in OT) ... started both games of ND's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic, with 4-2 win over Princeton (1 GA/0 SV; 64 min.) and 2-1 OT loss to #16 Oklahoma State (2 GA/3 SV.) ... closed 4-1 win at Syracuse (GA, SV; 25 min.) and 3-0 win at St. John's (4 min.), also logging final seven minutes vs. Villanova (SV; 5-0) ... closed exhibition game with preseason #1 UNC (2-2) by logging final 30 minutes, with a save and goal allowed (by Rachel Givan) in that 2-2 tie ... also saved both shots she faced in first 31 minutes of exhibition vs. #11 Virginia (3-1).

#2 Kerri Hanks (F, Jr.; Allen, TX ... 13G-15A, 41 pts, 4 GWG, 21 GS ... 63G-52A, 178 pts, 16 GWG, 74 GP/70 GS) – (also see earlier notes page) ... her lead pass assisted on Elise Weber's goal to cap 2-0 win at #7 Florida ... added similar assist on Michele Weissenhofer's goal at #3 Santa Clara (7-1 loss) and then played ball back to Lauren Fowlkes to set up gametying goal vs. #5 Stanford (2-1 loss in OT) ... had left-endline cross on Weissenhofer's header vs. Princeton and later scored on direct free kick in that 4-2 game ... added another free-kick goal that tied game with #16 Oklahoma State (2-1 OT loss) ... posted her fifth career hat trick in 4-0 win over DePaul, with the first goal coming on a header (via Amanda Cinalli's right-endline cross) before a pair of converted penalty kicks ... converted pass from Amanda Cinalli to open scoring against Penn State (2-1 loss) and earn spot on the BIG EAST weekly honor roll (3G-1A) ... her deflected shot set up Cinalli's goal at #25 Louisville (1-0) ... added 1G-1A in 6-1 win over Cincinnati, plus an assist at Syracuse (4-1), the game's first goal at St. John's (3-0), two more assists in the wins over Georgetown (3-0) and Villanova (5-0), a penalty-kick goal vs. Providence (4-0) and the 86th-minute goal scored directly off a leftside corner kick vs. UConn (tied game, ND won 2-1 in overtime) ... named BIG EAST player of the week after 6-point weekend during 3-1 wins at Seton Hall (2A) and Rutgers (1G-2A), assisting on Susan Pinnick's GWGs in each of those games ... had leftside corner-kick assist on goal by Ashley Jones and then converted PK for 2-0 final in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers, then provided leftside give-and-go cross to assist on Brittany Bock's header that opened BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown (2-0) ... poked home chip pass from Courtney Rosen for early go-ahead goal in BIG EAST title game vs. West Virginia (1-1) ... ran onto long free kick from Amanda Clark and struck shot inside right post to tie exhibition game with UNC (2-2) ... also had free-kick assist on Cinalli's header in 3-1 exhibition win over #11 Virginia.

#5 Amanda Cinalli (Sr., F/M; Maple Hts, OH ... 3G-4A, GWG, 16 GP/13 GS ... career: 34G-30A, 10 GWG, 95 GP/81 GS) – Appeared in first 89 games of her ND career before missing game at Syracuse due to hamstring injury ... logged 16 minutes two days later at St. John's but then missed four more games due to the lingering injury ... eased back into action during games at Seton Hall and Rutgers before a strong all-around game in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers (when she played both forward and midfield) ... ranks 16th in ND history with 95 career GP (one out of 13th) ... versatile offensive player who started at forward in first three games (Michigan, Florida and Santa Clara) before shifting to midfield for next three (vs. Stanford, Princeton and Oklahoma State) ... returned to starting forward role in 4-0 win over DePaul and 2-1 loss to Penn State ... her absence for most of Stanford game limited the ND offense in that 2-1 OT loss (she played only the first 20 minutes before leaving after a collision in the air) ... did not start the next game vs. Princeton but made the most out of her 59 minutes, matching her career-high totals for goals (2) and points (1) ... scored on a one-timer leftfooted shot from the top of the box to tie game vs. the Tigers (1-1; won 4-2), just a couple minutes after checking into that game ... also had right-endline cross on header by Kerri Hanks that opened scoring vs. DePaul (4-0) and then fed ball to Hanks to open scoring vs. PSU ... knocked in a deflected shot by Kerri Hanks for only goal in 1-0 win at Louisville ... two days later, her run down the left side and deflected shot set up Rose Augustin's far-post goal that opened the scoring vs. Cincinnati (6-1) ... that assist made her the 12th ND player ever to reach 30G-30A in her career (34G-30A) ... her strong preseason included goal that opened scoring in exhibition vs. then-#1 UNC (2-2) before adding pair of goals in 3-1 win over #11 Virginia (she headed in a Kerri Hanks free kick and later knocked home a deflected Michele Weissenhofer shot).

#6 Lauren Karas (Sr., G; Flower Mound, TX ... 0.63 GAA, 23 SV/10 GA, 18 GP/17 GS (14-2-1), 1,426 min. ... career: 0.57 GAA, 94 SV/31 GA, 70 GP/56 GS, 4,867 min., 50-4-2) – Her 0.57 career GAA would tie the ND record held by Liz Wagner (0.57; 1998-2001) ... her .911 career win pct. (50-4-2) is on pace to break the ND record held by Jen Renola (.903; 87-8-3; 1993-96) ... led the BIG EAST with a 0.31 GAA during 2007 league play (3 GA) ... made several big plays in hard-fought win at #7 Florida (2-0; 1 SV) ... played first half in 7-1 loss at #3 Santa Clara (3 GA/2 SV) ... logged final 27 minutes of 4-2 win over Princeton (1 GA) and then picked up her 19th career solo shutout in 4-0 win over DePaul, followed by 2-1 loss to Penn State (SV) ... had a season-high five saves in 3-1 win at Seton Hall (SHU's lone goal came on a free kick double-deflection) ... made a save while logging first 30 minutes in exhibition tie vs. preseason #1 UNC (2-2) ... had a save and goal allowed while playing 31 minutes in the middle of the preseason game vs. #11 Virginia (a 3-1 win).

#7 Amanda Clark (M/D, So.; Naperville, IL ... 21 GS ... career: 1A, 48 GP/35 GS) – Joins Kerri Hanks, Elise Weber and Lauren Fowlkes as players who have started all 21 games this season ... earned CoSIDA Academic All-District V honors, with a 3.44 cumulative GPA as a business major ... fifth on team with 1,717 minutes played (82/gm) ... has settled in as starting defensive midfielder in past 14 games ... has yet to miss a game in her career ... versatile defensive player who opened regular season as starting center back (alongside Haley Ford) before playing next three games as starter at right back ... returned to center back during the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic (alongside Carrie Dew; vs. Princeton and Oklahoma State) ... started at her third different position – defensive midfielder – in 4-0 win over DePaul and 2-1 loss to Penn State (plus all of the current 11-game winning streak) ... her long free kick down the middle of the field sprung Kerri Hanks for game-tying goal (2-2) in exhibition vs. North Carolina.

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#9 Lauren Fowlkes (D/M, Fr.; Lee's Summit, NJ ... 2G-1A, 21 GS) – Yet another versatile player who saw significant minutes at all three field positions during first half of season ... one of four players to start every game while leading team with 1,874 minutes played (89.2/gm) ... has emerged as starting center back in past seven weeks, alongside junior Carrie Dew (with sophomore Haley Ford sidelined due to injury) ... her shift to defense has helped solidify the ND back line but also has taken her many offensive skills out of the Irish attack ... opened regular season as starting defensive midfielder vs. Michigan and Florida, then started as attacking midfielder at Santa Clara and was a starting forward vs. Stanford and Princeton – before starting the past 10 games at center back ... scored from the top of box (after drop pass from Kerri Hanks) to tie Stanford game (lost 2-1 in OT) ... her left-endline cross assisted on Amanda Cinalli's goal that tied the Princeton game at 1-1 (won 4-2) ... her most recent goal capped 3-1 win at Seton Hall and was set up by a right-side free kick from Hanks and Brittany Bock's flick header (she then trapped the ball and quickly scored at the far post) ... headed in a Michele Weissenhofer flip-throw for the gamewinning goal in preseason game vs. #11 Virginia (3-1).

#10 Brittany Bock (M/F, Jr.; Naperville, IL ... 12G-3A, 27 pts, 20 GS, 6 GWG ... career: 36G-19A, 91 pts, 12 GWG, 66 GP/56 GS) – See notes pages earlier in release for detailed info. on Bock ... classic attacking midfielder who also has been used as a defensive midfielder and forward at times this season ... her midseason shift to forward, due to injuries for several of her teammates, has sparked the ND winning streak ... started at defensive midfielder vs. Princeton and at forward two days later vs. Oklahoma State ... connected on one of her classic diving headers to open the scoring at #7 Florida (2-0), connecting on a left-flank cross from Elise Weber ... 17 of her 35 career goals with the Irish have come on headers (plus four rare header assists in her career) ... see earlier notes pages on Bock for info. on her recent scoring tear (3G at Syracuse, 1G-1A at St. John's, 2G-1A vs. Villanova, 2G vs. Georgetown, OT header to beat #13 UConn, 2-1).

#11 Michele Weissenhofer (F, So.; Naperville, IL ... 4G-2A, 19 GP/14 GS ... career: 22G-19A, 5 GWG, 46 GP/37 GS) – Suffered ankle injury late in the OT loss to #16 Oklahoma State and missed next two games (win over DePaul, loss to #14 Penn State) before coming off the bench vs. #25 Louisville (1-0) and Cincinnati (6-1) ... started final nine regular-season games but did not play more than 65 minutes in a game during that span, as she aims for full return from the injury ... scored pair of goals to cap win over Cincinnati, with one coming on strong leftfooted shot from outside upper right corner of the box (to far left post) and the other coming on a breakaway set up by Carrie Dew's lead pass ... also had 1G-1A (including flip-throw on goal by Amanda Cinalli) in 4-2 win over Princeton and scored in loss at Princeton ... had another flip-throw assist to set up early header goal by Brittany Bock vs. Georgetown (3-0) ... a similar flip-throw assisted on header goal by Lauren Fowlkes in exhibition win over #11 Virginia (3-1).

#12 Ashley Jones (M/D, Sr., Westlake Village, CA ... 3G-5A, 11 pts, 21 GP/11 GS ... career: 6G-15A, 27 pts, 100 GP/52 GS) – Leading candidate for Academic All-America honors, with 3.98 cumulative GPA as accounting major ... has yet to miss a game in her ND career (100), tying for the fourth-longest streak of consecutive games played in ND history (the 100 GP also are tied for 4th, three shy of Jen Buczkowski's ND record of 103 GP) ... shifted to her more natural position of midfield at midseason point and responded with five-game point streak ... has posted her career-high for points in a season (11; 3G-5A) ... had impressive goal in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers, elevating over goalkeeper Erin Gurthrie to connect on a left-side corner kick from Kerri Hanks for a header that went off the bottom of the crossbar and into the net (1-0; won 2-0) ... made three early starts at left back (vs. Michigan, Santa Clara and Oklahoma State) ... has seen significant minutes this season at her natural position of midfield (she converted to outside back in the middle of the 2005 season) ... scored fifth career goal in 4-0 win over DePaul, volleying in right-endline cross from Erica Iantorno ... career-best five-game point streak included assists vs. Cincinnati (6-1), Syracuse (4-1), St. John's (2A; 3-0) and Georgetown (3-0), plus a goal in 5-0 win over Villanova.

#14 Courtney Rosen (M, So., Brecksville, OH ... 1G-3A, 5 pts, 20 GP/12 GS ... career: 3G-7A, 13 pts, 40 GP/17 GS) – Her well-placed passes provided primary assists in BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown (goal by Rose Augustin; capped 2-0 win) and in BIG EAST final vs. West Virginia (goal by Kerri Hanks, for 1-0 lead in 1-1 tie) ... has been battling all season from a foot injury suffered late in the exhibition vs. Virginia (DNP in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers) ... has played primarily as an attacking midfielder this season but can be used as a target player on the forward line (where she played some in 2006) ... has started four of the past seven games ... alertly reversed the attack to left side, picking up assist as Elise Weber lofted a cross that led to Brittany Bock's far-post header to beat #13 UConn in OT (2-1) ... earlier scored in 3-0 win over Georgetown, ripping one of her patented leftfooted shots into the far-right sidenetting for 2-0 lead.

#15 Rose Augustin (F/M, Fr., Silver Lake, OH ... 5G-1A, 11 pts, 21 GP/4 GS) – Newcomer in offensive third who made mid-field start at Stanford (ND opened that game in a 4-4-2 formation) and then started at forward vs. DePaul (in place of injured Michele Weissenhofer) ... made start at midfield in early game at Stanford, with her other starts coming at forward (vs. DePaul, Penn State and Cincinnati) ... volleyed in leftside cross from Courtney Rosen to cap scoring in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown (2-0) ... all nine of her points in the regular season (4G-1A) came in five-game stretch (Sept. 30-Oct. 14) ... opened scoring in 6-1 win over Cincinnati, after nudging in a deflected shot from Amanda Cinalli ... finished a flick from Kerri Hanks at the far-right post for 4-0 lead at Syracuse (4-1) ... had a productive 38-minute stint off the bench in 5-0 win over Villanova, with five-point game (2G-1A) ... had an impressive sweep-tap at right side of box, as part of combination sequence for primary assist on goal by Ashley Jones (shot to far-left side of net) that produced 3-0 lead on VU ... minutes later, she took a pass from Elise Weber and launched booming 30-yard shot into the far-right side of the net, before converting rightside pass from Micaela Alvarez and scoring to the far side to cap the win.

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#16 Micaela Alvarez (M, So., Cranbury, N.J. ... 3A, 8 GP) – Missed all of the 2006 season due to ACL knee surgery but has emerged in recent weeks as one of team's top reserve midfielders ... has made the most of her time on the field this season, with 3A in only 85 minutes played (over eight games played) ... slid pass from right flank into the box, for primary assist on goal by Michele Weissenhofer vs. Cincinnati (5-1; 6-1 final) ... had similar pass from right side that led to Rose Augustin's goal (capping 5-0 win over Villanova) ... kept up her hot streak last week versus Providence, after making run down left side to collect pass out of the back from Rachel VanderGenutgan before crossing perfect lead pass into right side of the box (Susan Pinnick finished the far-post shot to cap that 4-0 win).

#17 Susan Pinnick (F/M, Sr.; South Bend, IN; 5G-3A, 13 pts, 18 GP/2 GS ... career: 14G-12A, 40 pts, 65 GP/6 GS)– Veteran frontrunner who also can play effectively as an attacking midfielder ... 12 of her 13 of her points this season have come in the current 13-game unbeaten streak, with GWGs vs. Cincinnati (6-1), Seton Hall (3-1) and Rutgers (3-1), plus an assist at Syracuse (4-1), a goal at St. John's (3-0), an assist vs. Georgetown (3-0) and the goal that capped the 4-0 win over Providence ... also had assist in early game vs. Stanford (2-1 OT loss) ... suffered preseason ankle injury that held her out of both exhibitions (vs. UNC and Virginia), plus the regular-season games with Michigan and Florida (also DNP vs. UConn).

#18 Stephanie Sohn (D, Fr.; Ronkonkoma, NY ... 15 GP) – Has seen time at both center back and right back ... has played this season vs. several top teams, including Michigan (10 min.), Florida (5), Santa Clara (26), Princeton (15) and Villanova (10) and Georgetown (13; BIG EAST semifinal) ... has appeared in 10 of the past 12 games.

#19 Carrie Dew (D, Jr.; Encinitas, CA ... 3A, 21 GP/20 GS ... career: 5G-3A, 60 GP/57 GS) – Missed all of the 2006 post-season due to an ACL knee injury ... saw her first competitive action since the injury by playing 41 minutes in the regular-season opener vs. Michigan ... dangerous set-play threat and strong player in the air who had several near-misses in the 2-1 overtime loss to Oklahoma State ... earlier made rare start at defensive midfield, in 7-1 loss at Santa Clara (ND abandoned that lineup after SCU had built a 3-1 lead) ... has assists this season vs. Cincinnati (6-1), Providence (4-0) and Rutgers (3-1), when her flick header on a Kerri Hanks' leftside free kick set up Susan Pinnick's far-post gamewinner (2-1).

#20 Becca Mendoza (M, Jr.; Garland, TX ... 3G-1A, 7 pts, 21 GP/10 GS ... career: 4G-2A, 10 pts, 54 GP/14 GS) – Has made starts as an attacking midfielder this season vs. Michigan, Florida, Princeton, Louisville, St. John's, Villanova, Providence, Seton Hall, Rutgers (BIG EAST quarterfinal) and Georgetown (BE semifinal) ... her pass to Erica Iantorno led to right-endline cross and Ashley Jones' volley goal that capped 4-0 win over DePaul ... also scored twice in 4-0 win over Providence and had goal that capped 3-1 win at Rutgers.

#21 Erica Iantorno (F, Fr.; Hinsdale, IL ... 4A, 17 GP) – Entered preseason camp as a candidate to play in the midfield but has been used mostly as a forward, due to ACL knee surgery for her classmate Taylor Knaack and senior Susan Pinnick's nagging ankle injury ... has logged some quality minutes, including 42-minute stint vs. DePaul that included her right-endline cross on goal by Ashley Jones (capping 4-0 win) and a strong shot from the top of the box ... also has posted assists in wins over Syracuse (4-1), Georgetown (3-0) and Villanova (5-0).

#23 Elise Weber (LB, Jr.; Elk Grove, IL ... 2G-7A, 11 pts, 21 GS ... career: 10G-12A, 32 pts, 64 GP/59 GS) – See notes earlier in release on being named to national team of the week ... her 7A are second-most by a BIG EAST defender this season while her 11 points rank among the most by an ND defender in recent years ... transfer from Wisconsin and key addition to the defense who has shown the ability to play at both left (primary role) and right back ... also has been shifted into the midfield at times this season ... her left-flank cross set up Brittany Bock's diving header that opened the scoring in 2-0 win at #7 Florida ... also later scored in that game, after making run into right side of box and striking shot inside far-left post ... had cross from similar location as in the Florida game, on Bock's far-post header that beat #13 UConn (2-1, in OT) ... had secondary assist on Bock's GWG vs. Georgetown in BIG EAST semifinal ... earlier scored on a direct free kick to open the scoring in 3-1 win at Seton Hall) ... picked up assist that opened scoring in midseason game vs. Penn State (2-1 loss), with pass to Amanda Cinalli (who then fed Kerri Hanks) ... had assist in 4-1 win at Syracuse and pair of assists in 5-0 win over Villanova.

#25 Julie Scheidler (RB, Fr.; Indianapolis, IN ... 1A, 21 GP/16 GS) – Has emerged as starting right back ... has played mostly as an outside back while also seeing some time in the midfield ... made early starts vs. Princeton, DePaul and Penn State (both at right back) ... had secondary assist on Brittany Bock's second header goal vs. Villanova (2-0; 5-0 final) ... played all 90 minutes in wins over DePaul (4-0) and at Louisville (1-0) while also playing the entire game (93 min.) in OT showdown with #13 UConn (2-1) and then logging 85 minutes in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Rutgers (2-0).

#27 Brittany Johnson (M, Fr., Pleasant Prairie, WI ... 11 GP) – Promising defensive midfielder who has appeared in games this season versus several top teams (including Michigan, Santa Clara, Princeton and Villanova).

POSTSEASON PRODUCTION

NOTRE DAME VETERANS CAREER POSTSEASON STATS (BIG EAST and NCCA)

Kerri Hanks	17G (ND record)-16A (50 pts), 3 GWG, 5 GWA, 19 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 8G-9A (25 pts), 2 GWG, 10 GS</i>
Brittany Bock	11G-7A (29 pts), 2 GWG, 19 GP/16 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 6G-2A (14 pts), 10 GP/8 GS</i>
Amanda Cinalli	10G-5A (25 pts), 2 GWG, 28 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 8G-2A (18 pts), GWG, 16 GS</i>
Michele Weissenhofer	7G-2A (16 pts), 4 GWG, 12 GP/10 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 5G, 2 GWG, 6 GS</i>
Ashley Jones	3G-6A (12 pts), GWG, 28 GP/11 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 2A, 16 GP/6 GS</i>
Susan Pinnick	3G-3A (9 pts), 19 GP/1 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 2G-2A (6 pts), 10 GP</i>
Courtney Rosen	1G-3A (5 pts), 11 GP/1 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 1G-1A, 6 GP</i>
Elise Weber	2A, 8 GS (4 Big Ten Tournament, 1 NCAAs/at Wisconsin) <i>in the NCAAs: 1 GS</i>
Carrie Dew	10 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 4 GS (injured in 2006)</i>
Amanda Clark	12 GP/6 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 6 GP/3 GS</i>
Haley Ford	9 GP/7 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 6 GS</i>
Becca Mendoza	10 GP/2 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 4 GP</i>
Kerry Inglis	2 GP <i>in the NCAAs: 2 GP</i>
Lauren Karas	0.46 GAA, 10-1-1, 6 GA, 24 SV ... 1,182 min., 16 GP/12 GS <i>in the NCAAs: 0.62 GAA, 5-1-0, 4 GA, 12 SV ... 579 min., 8 GP/6 GS</i>
Kelsey Lysander	4.58 GAA, 1 GA, 1 SV, 19:41, 2 GP <i>in the NCAAs: 0.00 GAA, 0 SV, 4:49, 1 GP (vs. Oakland)</i>

BIG EAST TOURNAMENT WRAPUP

• The Irish did not allow a shot over the final 69 minutes of game time in the BIG EAST semifinal vs. Georgetown (2-0) and then did not allow any shots on goal by West Virginia in the final 71 minutes of the BIG EAST title game.

TWO-GOAL FLURRY – The goals in the BIG EAST semifinal by **Brittany Bock** and **Rose Augustin**, separated by only 38 seconds, mark the fourth-quickest back-to-back goals in the program's 90 all-time postseason games (second-fastest ever away from home) ... the quickest actually came two years earlier versus Georgetown, as Hanks (67:47) and Katie Thorlakson (68:04) scored only 17 seconds apart for a 5-0 lead in that eventual 6-0 BIG EAST quarterfinal win ... 10 years ago in the 1997 BIG EAST semifinals, Meotis Erikson (5:46) and Jenny Streiffer (6:05) scored 19 seconds apart for a quick 2-0 lead in that 7-0 win ... the 1999 BIG EAST quarterfinals saw Jenny Heft (73:53) and Amy VanLaecke (74:25) score in a 32-second span for a 4-0 lead (5-0 final) ... two of the three quick back-to-back goals mentioned above happened earlier in the postseason than the Bock-Augustin sequence (the Erikson-Streiffer goal flurry also was in the semi's and is the only one listed above that happened earlier in the game than Bock-Augustin) ... two years ago in the regular-season game versus Georgetown, Bock scored the first of three goals in a 51-second span vs. the Hoyas (the NCAA record for quickest three-goal sequence by one team) ... ND won that game 6-1, with Bock's goal (65:55) followed by scores from Thorlakson (66:15) and Annie Scheffter (66:46) ... here's a look at some of the quickest back-to-back goal in ND post-season history:

Quickest Back-To-Back Goals In Notre Dame Postseason History (90 games)

0:17 – 1999 BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Georgetown (6-0, at ND) ... **Kerri Hanks** (67:47) and Katie Thorlakson (68:04) for 5-0 lead

0:19 – 1997 BIG EAST semifinal vs. Villanova (7-0, at Rutgers) ... Meotis Erikson (5:46) and Jenny Streiffer (6:05) for 2-0 lead

0:32 – 1999 BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. Miami (5-0, at ND) ... Jenny Heft (73:53) and Amy VanLaecke (74:25) for 4-0 lead

0:38 – 2007 BIG EAST semifinal vs. G'town (2-0, at WVU) ... Brittany Bock (28:16) and Rose Augustin (28:54) for 2-0 lead

0:48 – 2004 NCAA first round vs. E. Illinois (4-0, at ND) ... Kim Lorenzen (61:47) and Candace Chapman (62:35) for 4-0 lead

0:49 – 1994 MCC semi's vs. Xavier (10-0, in Indianapolis) ... Rosella Guerrero (13:40) and Michelle McCarthy (14:29) for 2-0 lead

0:57 – 1999 NCAA first round vs. Dayton (5-1, at ND) ... Heft (66:10) and Kara Brown (67:07) for 3-1 lead

1:05 – 1997 NCAA second round vs. Nebraska (6-0, at ND) ... Anne Makinen (23:39) and Holly Manthei (24:44) for 3-0 lead

1:07 – 1994 MCC semifinals vs. Xavier (10-0, in Indianapolis) ... Julie Maund (19:50) and Guerrero (20:56) for 5-0 lead

1:13 – 1993 MCC final at Xavier (4-0) ... Stacia Masters (73:25) and Guerrero (74:38) for 4-0 lead

1:37 – 1998 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Syracuse (5-1, at UConn) ... Makinen (55:15) and Kelly Lindsey (56:52) for 5-0 lead

1:40 – 1995 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Rutgers (3-0, at Seton Hall) ... Monica Gerardo (59:44) and Manthei (61:24) for 3-0 lead

1:48 – 2003 NCAA first round vs. Loyola Chicago (5-0, at ND) ... Christie Shaner (42:35) and Jen Buczkowski (44:23) for 4-0 lead

1:48 – 2006 NCAA first round vs. Oakland (7-1, at ND) ... Molly Iarocci (82:32) and **Susan Pinnick** (84:20) for 6-1 lead

1:50 – 1998 BIG EAST semifinals vs. Syracuse (5-1, at UConn) ... Gerardo (34:38) and Shannon Boxx (36:28) for 3-0 lead

1:51 – 1996 NCAA first round vs. Indiana (8-1, at ND) ... Heft (75:49) and (77:40) for 8-1 lead

1:58 – 1994 MCC semifinals vs. Wright State (7-0, in Indianapolis) ... Masters (39:44) and Jody Hartwig (41:42) for 7-0 lead

TALE OF TWO SEASONS (2007, then and now ...)

DURING 3-4-1 START

14 (1.8/gm)
15 (1.9/gm)
-1

140 (17.5/gm)
69 (8.6/gm)
+71 (+8.9/gm)

62 (7.8/gm)
26 (3.3/gm)
+36 (4.5/gm)

44 (5.8/gm)
24 (3.0/gm)
+20 (2.8/gm)

157 min. (22% of time)
3

1G (2 pts), GWG
6G-4A (16 pts), 2 GWG
1A, 6 GP

0 pts, 8 GP
1G (2 pts)
1A, 8 GP

1G-2A (4 pts)
2G-3A (7 pts)
2G-1A (5 pts), 6 GP

1.58 GAA, 6 GA, 4 SV, 342 min.

Goals Scored
Goals Allowed
Scoring Margin

Shots
Shots Allowed
Shot Margin

Shots On Goal
SOG Allowed
OGt Margin

Corner Kicks
CKs Allowed
CK Margin

Time Trailed
Games Outshot

Brittany Bock
Kerri Hanks
Susan Pinnick

Rose Augustin
Ashley Jones
Becca Mendoza

Elise Weber
Amanda Cinalli
Michele Weissenhofer

Lauren Karas

DURING 13-GAME UNBEATEN STREAK

39 (2.9/gm)
6 (0.4/gm)
+33 (+2.5/gm)

230 (17.7/gm)
85 (6.5/gm)
+145 (+11.5/gm)

115 (8.9/gm)
28 (2.2/gm)
+87 (+6.7/gm)

49 (3.8/gm)
28 (2.2/gm)
+21 (+1.6/gm)

72 min. (6.0% of time)
0

11G-3A (25 pts), 5 GWG
7G-11A (25 pts), 5 GWA
5G-2A (12 pts), 4 GWG

5G-1A (11 pts)
2G-5A (9 pts), GWG
3G (6 pts)

1G-5A (7 pts)
1G-1A (3 pts), 6 GP
2G-1A (5 pts)

0.33 GAA, 4 GA, 19 SV, 1,095 min.

WALDRUM NOW NATION'S SECOND-WINNINGEST COACH – After weathering the 3-4-1 start to this season, Notre Dame ninth-year head coach Randy Waldrum now owns a .773 career winning percentage as a college women's soccer head coach that ranks him second among active D-I coaches and third all-time (288-78-19; includes six years at Tulsa and three at Baylor) ... UNC's Anson Dorrance is first on the list (.942; 646-31-19), followed by former Portland coach Clive Charles (.799; 226-52-13), Waldrum, Florida's Becky Burleigh (also .773; 310-82-25; coached previously at Barry) and Santa Clara's Jerry Smith (.772; 339-89-30) ... in a 20-day span earlier this season, Waldrum matched wits with each of the active coaches listed above (ND tied UNC in a 1-1 exhibition, won 2-0 at Florida and lost 7-1 at SCU) ... Waldrum's career record includes a 181-28-1 mark at Notre Dame (.853), with a 50-19-4 mark (.715) vs. NSCAA top-25 teams.

SUPER SENIORS – Notre Dame's senior class now owns a career record of 87-9-4 (.890), spanning the 2004-07 seasons ... the 87 wins are tied for the 4th-most ever by an ND class, behind the 2006 seniors (92-8-3/.908; '03-'06), the 1997 seniors (91-6-4/.921; '94-'97) and the 1998 seniors (89-8-4/.901; '95-'98) ... the 2007 seniors can tie their predecessor's ND record with five more wins ... if the Irish as NCAA champs (with all wins along the way; i.e. no ties/PK advances), the resulting 93-9-4 record would represent the fourth-best career win pct. in ND history (.896) ... Amanda Cinalli is the only four-year starter in the senior class while Ashley Jones also has been a four-year regular (Lauren Karas was the backup keeper in '04 and '05 while F/M Susan Pinnick did not play due to injury in '04 and D Jennie Bireley is a first-year walk-on this season).

SUPER SENIORS, PART II – Here's an updated look at the nation's winningest senior classes (for 2004-07 seasons):

Notre Dame	87-9-5
North Carolina	87-6-1
UCLA	77-14-4
Penn State	76-11-8
Portland	75-11-5

WEBER NAMED TO NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK – Junior left back **Elise Weber** (Elk Grove, Ill.) was named to the *Top Drawer Soccer* and *Soccer Buzz* national teams of the week while also earning a spot on the BIG EAST weekly honor roll for the third time in 2007, after helping ND extend its winning streak to eight games with victories over Providence (4-0) and #13 Connecticut (2-1) on Oct. 19 and 21... Weber's cross from the left flank assisted on Brittany Bock's overtime header to complete the comeback win over the Huskies ... Weber's strong all-around play has led an Irish defense that has yielded only five goals in the 11-game winning streak, while her six assists this season rank ninth in the BIG EAST and are the second-most by any defender in the 16-team conference ... Weber helped the Irish allow only one goal vs. PC and UConn and was a member of the defense that limited Providence and UConn to four combined shots on goal and four corner kicks ... she and the rest of the ND defense held PC to three total shots (one on goal) and two corner kicks before making an impressive defensive statement in the second half versus UConn ... the Irish limited the dynamic Huskies offense to three total shots after halftime and did not allow any shots on goal in the game's final 68 minutes (following Annie Yi's goal), in addition to preventing any UConn corner kicks in the final 50 minutes of game time (UConn finished the day with only three shots on goal and two corners) ... Weber helped produce the gamewinning goal, after sophomore M Courtney Rosen had reversed the attack to the left side ... Weber raced down the left flank, pulled up 30 yards shy of the endline and struck a leftfooted cross into the heart of the penalty area ... Bock was in position for the far-post header and snapped the ball off the hands of 'keeper Stephanie Labbe for the 2-1 win ... Weber similarly assisted on a diving header by Bock that opened the scoring in the second game of the season, a 2-0 win at Florida (then ranked #7 in the nation) ... that game was delayed five hours by a major rainstorm, with Weber later scoring the second Irish goal en route to being named to the *Soccer Buzz* "elite feet" national team of the week (an honor she repeated for last week's effort) ... a transfer from Wisconsin who was a top flank midfielder with the Badgers, Weber has made an impressive transition to her left back role in ND's 4-3-3 formation ... she has started every game so far for the Irish, including in preseason vs. North Carolina and Virginia ... Weber's strong play has helped overcome the graduation losses of three key defensive players – left back Christie Shaner, center back Kim Lorenzen and defensive midfielder Jill Krivacek – while the Irish also have been forced to play the past two months without injured sophomore center back Haley Ford (out with a nagging hamstring problem) ... Weber's steady season has helped hold together a rapidly-improving back line that lately has included two freshmen, center back Lauren Fowlkes (a converted midfielder) and right back Julie Scheidler, plus junior center back Carrie Dew (who still is returning to form from her 2006 ACL knee injury) ... see the game recap from the ND-UConn game on und.com for postgame comments from ND head coach Randy Waldrum about Weber and other members of the 2007 Irish team.

DEW RECEIVES NATIONAL/BIG EAST HONORS – ND junior center back **Carrie Dew** (Encinitas, Calif.) was named BIG EAST Conference defensive player of the week while earning a spot on the *Soccer America* national team of the week, after playing a lead role in wins over #25 Louisville and Cincinnati at the start of the current win streak (Sept. 28 and 30). ... Dew was one of two defenders among the 11 players named to the SA national team of the week after leading an ND defense that allowed only one goal during the weekend while limiting the Cardinals and Bearcats to 10 combined shots, three shots on goal and two corner kicks ... Dew also had the long lead pass that sprung Michele Weissenhofer for a breakaway goal in the 6-1 win over Cincinnati ... Dew has been named BIG EAST defensive player of the week twice in her career, in addition to three times on the weekly honor roll.

LEADING THE YOUNGSTERS – **Carrie Dew's** leadership of the young ND defense has been a key factor to the team's stronger play in recent weeks ... the Irish have played two months without the services of the team's other starting center back (sophomore **Haley Ford**, out with a hamstring injury), with Dew helping mentor converted freshman midfielder **Lauren Fowlkes** at the center back spot in the past eight weeks ... both starting outside backs – junior transfer **Elise Weber** (left) and freshman **Julie Scheidler** (right) – also are newcomers while sophomore **Amanda Clark** is settling into her role as the starting defensive midfielder ... after missing all of the 2006 postseason due to a knee injury, Dew now is the only player currently active in the Irish defense who was among the team's top six defensive players last season – due to the graduation losses of Kim Lorenzen (center back), Christie Shaner (left back) and Jill Krivacek (defensive midfielder), plus Ford's injury and senior Ashley Jones being used more in her natural position of midfield this season (Jones had shifted to being the primary starter at right back in '06).

KERRI HANKS NOTES

KERRI HANKS ND RECORD BOOK UPDATE

Career Postseason Goals
1. Kerri Hanks (2005-) 17

Career Postseason Points
1. K.Thorlakson ('02-'05) 53 (15G-23A)
2. K. Hanks (2005-) 50 (17G-16A)

Career Postseason Assists
1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05) 23
Holly Manthei (1994-97) 23
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-) 16

Career Points in the NCAAs
1. K.Thorlakson (2002-05) 29 (7G-15A)
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-) 25 (8G-9A)

Career Goals in the NCAAs
1. Monica Gerardo (1995-98) 9
Jenny Heft (1996-99) 9
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-) 8

Career Assists in the NCAAs
1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05) 15
Holly Manthei (1994-97) 15
3. Kerri Hanks (2005-) 9

Career BIG EAST Tournament Points
1. Kerri Hanks (2005-) 25 (9G-7A)

Career BIG EAST Tournament Goals
1. Kerri Hanks (2005-) 9
Anne Makinen (1997-2000) 9

Career BIG EAST Tournament Assists
1. Katie Thorlakson (2002-05) 8
2. Kerri Hanks (2005-) 7

HANKS RECORD-BOOK UPDATE

- Has moved into seventh on the ND career points list (178), one ahead of Holly Manthei and now fivebehind former teammate Katie Thorlakson
- Her 52 assists still rank 8th in ND history (one behind Jen Grubb) and are 22nd in the NCAA record book, one back of Grubb and former UNC player Cindy Parlow ('95-'98) ... former Monmouth standout and current U.S. National Team defender Christie Pearce had 54 career assists from 1993-96 (former UNC player Robin Confer had 55A from '94-'97)
- Hanks now has totaled 49 career gamewinning points (16 GWG, 17 GWA), good for third in ND history behind Thorlakson (56) and Jenny Streiffer (51)
- Hanks has assisted on the GWG in each of ND's past four wins: endline pass to Susan Pinnick at Seton Hall, free-kick service on Pinnick's goal at Rutgers, corner kick on score by Ashley Jones in BIG EAST quarterfinal vs. RU, and give-and-go return pass on Brittany Bock's header vs. Georgetown in the BIG EAST semifinals
- Her 50 career postseason points (17G-16A) are three shy of that ND record (held by Thorlakson)
- Needs seven more shots to tie another ND record, held by Cindy Daws (who had 354 career shots)
- Her 25 career points in the BIG EAST Tournament (9G-7A) broke that ND record, previously held by Thorlakson (24)
- Tied Anne Makinen's ND record for career goals in the BET
- Ranks 7th in the NCAA record book with 0.71 assists per game in her career (52A, 73 GP) ... Thorlakson (0.77) is the only D-I player with a better career assist avg. in the current decade .
- Has scored (2) or assisted (6) on 8 of ND's past 11 goals

NCAA DIVISION I CAREER ASSISTS

Note: the below 24 players include eight from ND and seven from UNC

1	Holly Manthei (ND; '94-'97)	.129
2	Katie Thorlakson (ND; '02-'05)	.73
3	Mia Hamm (UNC; '89-'90; '92-'93)	.72
4	Jenny Streiffer (ND; '96-'99)	.71
	Alyssa Ramsey (UNC; '00-'03)	.71
6	Marit Foss (Jacksonville; '97-'00)	.70
7	Cindy Daws (ND; '93-'96)	.67
8	Mandy Clemens (SCU; '96-'99)	.65
9	Jennifer Tietjen (UConn; '95-'98)	.64
10	Carin Jennings (UCSB; '83-'86)	.60
11	Lindsay Tarpley (UNC; '02-'05)	.59
12	Kacey White (UNC; '02-'05)	.58
13	Shannon Boxx (ND; '95-'98)	.57
	Kaye Brownlee (Furman; '98-'01)	.57
	Debbie Keller (UNC; '93-'96)	.57
	Jennifer Lalor (SCU; '92-'94, '96)	.57
17	Anne Makinen (ND; '97-'00)	.56
18	Robin Confer (UNC; '94-'97)	.55
19	Christie Pearce (Monmouth; '93-'96)	.54
20	Jen Grubb (ND; '96-'99)	.53
	Cindy Parlow (UNC; '95-'98)	.53
22	Kerri Hanks (ND; '05-)	.52
	Christie Welsh (Penn St.; '99-'02)	.52
	Missy Wychinsky (W&M; '96-'99)	.52

KERRI HANKS SET-PLAY AND DEAD-BALL SCORING

(15G-18A, 48 points; 4 gamewinning goals, 6 gamewinning assists, 14 GW points)

	Free-Kick Assists	Corner-Kick Assists	Free-Kick Goals	Corner-Kick Goals (direct)	Penalty-Kick Goals	Total
2005	1	1	3	0	0	5 (3G-2A)
2006	4	8	2	0	2-2	16 (4G-12A)
2007	3	1	2	1	5-5	12 (8G-4A)
TOTAL	8	10	7	1	7-of-7	33 (15G-18A)
	(3 GWA)	(3 GWA)	(3 GWG)		(1 GWG)	(4 GWG, 6 GWA)

SET-PLAY SUCCESS – Set-plays/dead-ball situations now have accounted for 48 (15G-18A) of Kerri Hanks' 178 career points (63G-52A) ... 15 of her career goals have come on free kicks (7), penalty kicks (7-of-7) or directly on a corner kick (1) while 35 of her assists have come via corner-kick (10) or free-kick (8) services.

SITUATIONAL SUCCESS

MAGIC NUMBERS – The 3-goal mark has been virtually an automatic win for Notre Dame, with the Irish **259-3-1 all-time (.987) when scoring 3-plus**, losing to N.C. State in '92 (4-3), UConn in '95 (5-4, OT) and at Georgetown in '02 (4-3), plus a 3-3 tie vs. Vanderbilt in '91... the Irish had won 88 straight when scoring 3-plus, before the GU loss (now **158-1-0 since 10/6/95**) ... ND is **356-9-14 (.958) all-time when holding the opponent to 0-1 goals** (160-3-7 since 9/9/99), including **81-0-4 spanning the 2004-07 seasons** ... the Irish suffered 1-0 losses in 2002 (vs. eventual NCAA champ Portland) and '03 (at #1 Stanford) ... prior to the Portland loss, ND had been 56-0-3 in the previous 59 games when allowing 0-1 GA (dating back to 1-0 loss to SMU in '99, playing minus All-American Anne Makinen) ... the program's 20-year history includes only 349 goals allowed in 466 games (0.75 GA/gm) ... the Irish have allowed more than one goal in only 84 games (18.0%) and have yielded **3-plus goals in only 36 all-time games (7.7%)**, including the 7-1 loss to Santa Clara, two 6-goal games by the opponent, four 5-goal and six 4-goal ... 92% of ND's all-time games have seen the Irish **hold the opponent to 0-2 goals**, with a **382-30-18/.909** record in those games (ND is only **4-31-1/.125** all-time when allowing 3-plus).

IT TAKES TWO – Notre Dame's lone loss of 2004 saw the Irish claim a 1-0 lead at UConn in the BIG EAST title game ... the Irish had several cracks at the magical 2-0 cushion that has proven to be insurmountable in the 20-year history of ND women's soccer (instead, UConn rallied for the 2-1 win) ... the Irish now are **281-0-1 all-time when claiming a 2-0 lead** and have **won 258 straight** games when stretching out to a 2-0 cushion, dating back to Sept. 15, 1991 (when Vanderbilt ultimately forced a 3-3 tie) ... there have been only two other games in the program's history when the Irish gave up a 2-0 lead (but still went on to win): a 4-3 win over UConn in the '96 BIG EAST title game (the Irish led 3-0) and a 3-2 win over Duke at a 1993 tournament in Houston ... the past 172 opponents to face a 2-0 deficit versus the Irish have been unable to even tie the score (since the 1996 BIG EAST title game).

GOING THE DISTANCE IN OT – Notre Dame is 15-3-7 in overtime during the Randy Waldrum era (since 1999) and had a 21-game unbeaten streak in OT (14-0-7) spanning the 1999-2007 seasons ... ND's 15 overtime wins in the Waldrum era include OT goals from nine players (including an ND-record four from Amanda Guertin) ... prior to this season's 2-1 win over UConn (which ended on a **Brittany Bock** header), **Kerri Hanks** was the only current ND player who had scored an overtime goal (2005, at Rutgers).

RARE SCORELESS TIES – Notre Dame's 20-year women's soccer history includes only seven scoreless ties in 466 total games played (1.5%), with two coming at UConn (in 2000 and '06), also vs. Dayton in '91, North Carolina in '94, Stanford in '03, Rutgers in '04 and Michigan in the 2007 opener ... the 0-0 game vs. UNC (in St. Louis) halted the Tar Heels' NCAA-record winning streak at 92 games.

BIG WINS – The 4-1 win over #11 Florida in '05 marked the seventh time in the Waldrum era (since '99) that the Irish have defeated an NSCAA top-25 foe by 3-plus goals, followed by five more in '05: the 4-0 regular-season win over UConn (17th in the coaches poll), two big wins in the BIG EAST Tournament (3-0 vs. #11 Marquette, 5-0 vs. #15 UConn) and NCAA wins over #25 Michigan State (3-0) and #22 Yale (5-2), plus the 2006 NCAA wins over #16 Colorado (3-0) and #8 Penn State (4-0) ... the 2005 season produced the most times (6) in one season that the Irish had defeated top-25 teams by 3-plus goals (the '97 team had five "big wins") ... other Waldrum-era big wins over NSCAA top-25 teams: vs. #16 Michigan in '99 (4-1), #2 Santa Clara (6-1) and #15 Washington (5-0, at Portland) in 2000, at #24 Miami in '01 (4-0), at #25 Maryland in '02 (5-2) and vs. #4 SCU in '04 (5-2).

NOTRE DAME VETERANS CAREER HIGHS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Points</u>
Kerri Hanks	4 (vs. Vermont in '05) 3 (vs. UNH in '05; vs. Seton Hall/Oakland in '06; vs. DePaul in '07)	3 ('06-Penn State) 2 ('05-vs. DePaul, PC, G'town; '06-vs. Pitt, Rutgers, Marquette)	8 (4G vs. Vermont in '05) 7 (3G-1A-NH '05, SHU/OAK '06)
Amanda Cinalli	2 (vs. Baylor and Portland in '04, Valpo '05, SCU '06, Princeton '07)	2 (2004 vs. Michigan, '05-UNH, UVM, CIN, GU/BET)	5 (2G-1A vs. Baylor in 2004, SCU in '06, Princeton in '07)
Brittany Bock	3 (at SYR in '07; 2 (vs. UNH and SHU in '05; vs. St. John's/Colorado in '06)	2 (vs. Mich. in '05; DePaul in '06) (G'town and UConn/both '05 BET) (G'town and VILL in '07)	6 (3G vs. SYR '07, 5 (2G-1A vs. VILL '07)
Susan Pinnick			3 (1G-1A-SHU in '05, OAK '06)
Ashley Jones		2 (vs. Rutgers/'06 BET, at SJU '07)	
M. Weissenhofer	3 vs. Penn State ('06) 2 vs. IA St., DP, Pitt (all '06), CIN ('07)	2 vs. ISU, USC, TCU	6 vs. Iowa State (2G-2A)
Becca Mendoza	2 vs. Villanova ('07)		

Lauren Karas – 9 saves vs. Santa Clara ('06), 7 vs. Louisville ('05)