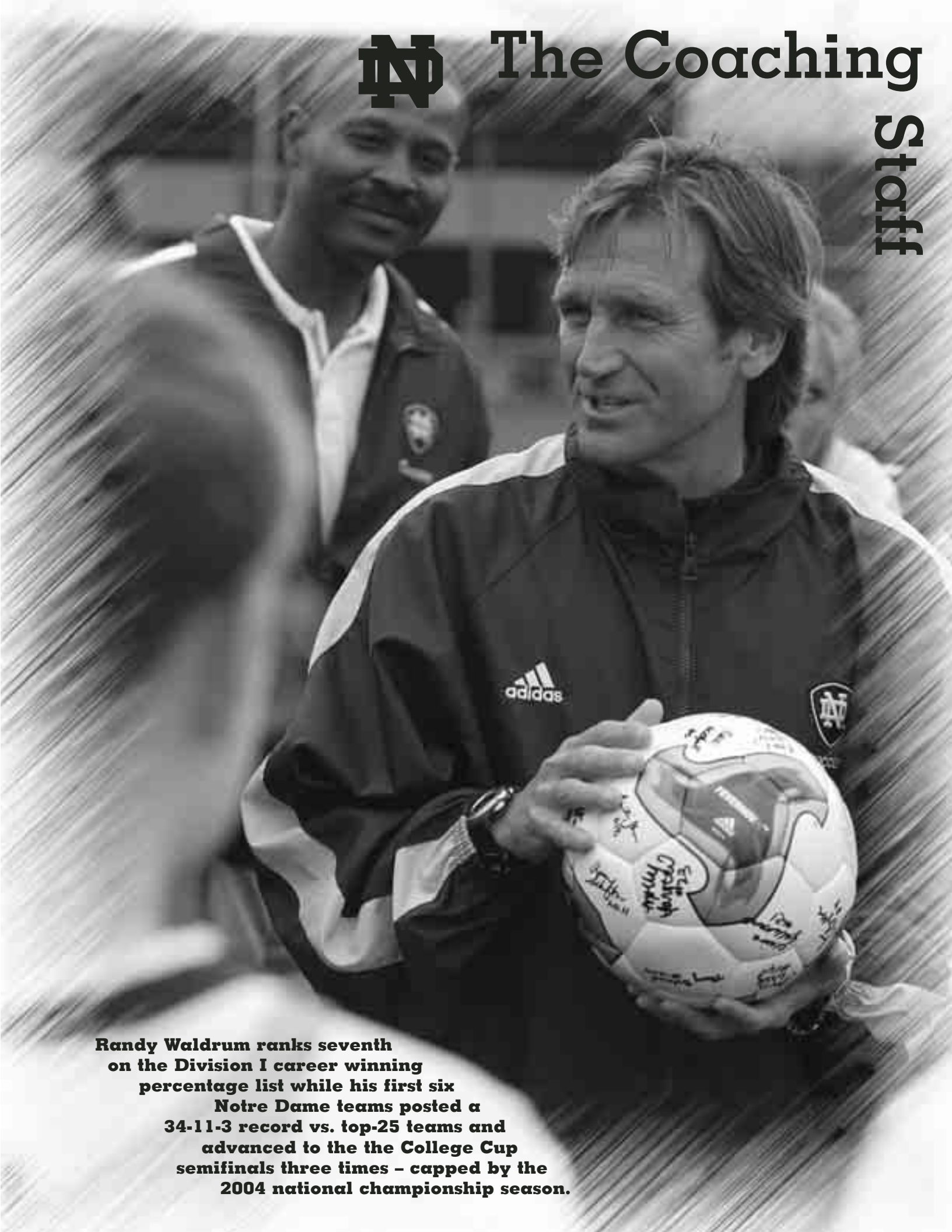




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Randy Waldrum ranks seventh on the Division I career winning percentage list while his first six Notre Dame teams posted a 34-11-3 record vs. top-25 teams and advanced to the the College Cup semifinals three times - capped by the 2004 national championship season.

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



Randy Waldrum

Head Coach
Seventh Season
Midwestern State '81

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

From his first coaching job at MacArthur High School in Irving, Texas, to leading Notre Dame to the NCAA title, Waldrum – whose teams have combined for a 165-34-8 record (.797) during the past eight seasons – has been recognized by U.S. Soccer as one of the game's top soccer minds at any level. He has held a position on the U.S. national team coaching staff since 1992 and recently was named third vice-president of the 18,000-member National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

Waldrum is able to draw on the lessons learned from nearly 25 combined seasons in the college coaching ranks (302-125-24 record/.696, in 23 total seasons), providing the Irish women's soccer program with the full package in its head coaching position. A respected student of the game, Waldrum also has combined with his staff to consistently attract some of the nation's top talent. In the past two years alone, Notre Dame's 2003 incoming class was rated 5th in the nation, the 2004 freshmen were ranked as high as 2nd and the current newcomers were rated 8th (despite having just four signees in the class).

Waldrum's .749 career winning percentage ranks seventh all-time among women's soccer coaches with 10-plus seasons on the Division I level.

His first six Notre Dame teams continued the program's tradition of excellence by combining for a 119-20-45 record (.844), winning five BIG EAST regular-season and three tournament titles, and advancing to the NCAA Championship each year – including a runner-up finish in 1999, another trip to the College Cup

semifinals in 2000 and finally the 2004 national title. The Irish also posted a 34-11-3 record versus top-25 teams in the first six years of the Waldrum era.

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



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

steps to receiving a UEFA advanced coaching certificate.

Waldrum's Notre Dame players have combined for 11 All-America honors – led by 2000 national player of the year Anne Makinen and 2004 standout Katie Thorlakson (who also received player-of-the-year honors) – and nine Academic All-America citations, including 2001 defender Monica Gonzalez, who completed the rare double of All-America and Academic All-America honors in the same season. His 2003 squad became the first in Division I women's soccer history to produce three Academic All-Americans, with defender Vanessa Pruzinsky named to the Academic All-American of the Year while forward Mary Boland and goalkeeper Erika Bohn were second-team selections.

The nation's only repeat honoree as his region's NSCAA coach of the year in '03 and '04, Waldrum's clever use of personnel played a key role in the '04 team's sustained success and postseason push. He guided that team to the

The Waldrum File

- Member of U.S. Soccer national team coaching staff since 1992 and recently named third vice-president of the National Soccer Coaches Association of American
- Seventh-best career winning percentage among NCAA Division I women's soccer coaches (.749)
- 14th-most wins on NCAA winningest coaches list, among all-time coaches
- Attended two nine-day training courses in Scotland (summer 2003 and '04) while receiving for the UEFA "A" advanced coaching license
- Four-time BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year ('99, '00, '03, '04)
- 2003 and '04 NSCAA Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year and 1998 Central Region Coach of the Year
- 1998 Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year
- 1996 Soccer Buzz First-Year Program Coach of the Year
- 1991, 1993 Missouri Valley Conference Men's Coach of the Year
- 1991 and '93 Midwest Region Men's Coach of the Year
- 1990 Midwest Region Women's Coach of the Year





Randy Waldrum became the 15th national championship coach in the history of Notre Dame athletics, after guiding his 2004 team to a 25-1-1 season.

best winning pct. in the program's history (.944, 25-1-1), with only three previous Division I teams winning more games in a season.

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

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

Waldrum's '03 and '04 teams combined to win more than 90% of their games (45-4-2) and the Irish have totaled nearly a +100 win-to-loss margin in the six-year Waldrum era (119-20-5; .844) while winning nearly 80% of their "big games" when facing an NSCAA top-25 or post-season opponents (51-12-3, .796). Three of the top-four team GAA in Irish history have come during the Waldrum era (0.39 in '00, 0.49 in '03, 0.51 in '04; record 0.36 set in '97).

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

Waldrum remains the only first-year coach in the 22 years of the NCAA women's soccer tournament to lead a team to the championship game, after guiding his 1999 squad to four straight wins in NCAA tournament play. Three previous first-year coaches had reached the semifinals (doing so in the days of 12- and

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

The rookie coach had the fifth-seeded Irish clicking in their first three rounds of the '99 NCAA tournament - with that momentum continuing at the College Cup. Earlier in the 1999 regular season, Notre Dame had succumbed to a blitz of four goals in the first 21 minutes of a 4-2 loss at top-ranked Santa Clara. In the rematch at the NCAA semifinals, Waldrum motivated his team with surprise green jerseys. The Irish responded with an inspired performance in a 1-0 win over the Broncos, with 14,000 fans looking on. Despite a loss in the title game two days later, Waldrum had taken Notre Dame farther than any first-year coach in Division I women's soccer history.

A new challenge awaited in 2000, as Notre Dame looked to replace five graduated starters - three of them All-Americans, and a fourth the team's all-time leading goalscorer. Under the veteran guidance of Waldrum, the Irish overcame the loss of two injured starters for good chunks of the 2000 season and returned to the top of the women's soccer rankings, led by the team's unique formation of three central-based midfielders and a stingy defense that led the nation in goals-against average (0.39).

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

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

Waldrum's 2003 squad (20-3-1) then returned atop the national scene, owning the No. 2 national ranking for most of the season

Year-by-Year with Randy Waldrum

WOMEN

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

6-Year Totals 61 36 9 .580

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

3-Year Totals 46 14 3 .754

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

6-Year Totals 119 20 5 .844

15-Year Women's Totals 226 70 17 .749

MEN

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

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

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

6-Year Totals 66 33 6 .657

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

23-Year Overall Career 302 125 24 .696



while owning the distinction as one of the nation's most balanced teams on both sides of the ball - led by a pair of All-Americans in forward Amy Warner and defender Melissa Tancredi.

Waldrum came to Notre Dame after beginning the Baylor women's soccer team from scratch in 1995, ultimately leading the Bears to a 9-0-1 Big 12 Conference record and their first-ever Big 12 championship in any sport in 1998.

In three seasons at Baylor, Waldrum guided the Bears to a 46-14-3 record after he spent '95-'96 starting up the program. He earned Big 12 Conference and NSCAA Central Region coach-of-the-year honors after finishing with a 15-5-1 record in '98. The Bears posted wins over three ranked teams to earn their first NCAA bid and were ranked as high as 12th during the season.

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

Waldrum spent six seasons (1989-94) as head coach of the men's and women's teams at the University of Tulsa, compiling a 66-33-6 record with the men's team and a 61-36-9 mark with the women (he remains the winningest all-time coach of both programs).

Waldrum was voted Central Region coach of the year in 1990 after the Golden Hurricane finished 9-6-1. His Tulsa women's teams produced four all-region players, six Academic All-Americans and two U.S. Olympic Festival players.

His 1993 Tulsa men's team finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference and fourth in the Midwest Region with a 10-6-2 record. He was

voted both the MVC and Midwest Region coach of the year in '93 and his 1991 MVC championship team remains the only Tulsa men's soccer team to qualify for the NAACAs, finishing with a 14-3-0 record. Waldrum's men's team produced seven All-Americans, two national team members, three U.S. Olympic Festival players and three Professional Indoor Soccer League draft selections.

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

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

He served as an assistant coach with the U.S. women's under-18 and under-20 national teams in the late 1990s.

Waldrum was a four-time all-district selection as a player at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, graduating in 1981 as a physical education major and political science minor. Waldrum then played professionally for the Los Angeles Skyhawks and the Indianapolis Daredevils of the American Soccer League.

Born Sept. 25, 1956, the Irving, Texas, native and his wife Dianna have one son, 23-year-old Ben, who has competed in professional soccer with the El Paso Patriots of the A League and with the MISL's Dallas Sidekicks. Ben has served on his father's Notre Dame staff since 2003.



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

Waldrum vs. Opponents

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

2005 opponents in bold



A Visit with Randy Waldrum

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: "Any coach will tell you it's about the players first. So we certainly have to continue to recruit the best, and our incoming class for 2005 is right up there among the best in the nation. A lot of our success has been due to the fact that we've added kids that are good fits for Notre Dame. That's a big reason why we were so successful in 2000. The chemistry of the team was so incredible, although at times we may not have been as talented as some earlier Notre Dame teams."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



What They've Said About Randy Waldrum

"I've known Randy Waldrum for 20 years and he has been a winner at every level he's coached. Randy's knowledge and experiences makes him one of the premier college coaches in the country. Coach Waldrum's teams all have similar characteristics: he lets them play with a lot of freedom and they play with confidence. His teams are always entertaining to watch."

Schellas Hyndman
head men's soccer coach
Southern Methodist University

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

Kelly Lindsey '01
former two-time Notre Dame captain
and member of Bay Area CyberRays

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

Kevin White
Notre Dame athletic director

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

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

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

Bobby Clark
Notre Dame head men's soccer coach



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

Greathouse made an immediate impact in her first two seasons at Notre Dame, providing valuable instruction and insight for current goalkeepers Erika Bohn (who went on to be one of two 'keepers on the U.S. Under-21 National Team at the '05 Nordic Cup), Nikki Westfall and Lauren Karas. The Irish finished fifth in the nation with a 0.49 season goals-against average in '03 and were 4th with 15 shutouts – also compiling a 956-minute shutout streak that ranks fifth in NCAA history (longest since '99). Notre Dame faced just one deficit in the first 19 games of the '03 season, en route to a 20-3-1 record.

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

Bohn – a two-time Academic All-American and NSCAA all-region pick in '03 – credited Greathouse with her impressive performances in the '04 NCAA title game vs. UCLA. Bohn's six saves that day included three in penalty-kick situations, one coming late in regulation to preserve the 1-1 tie while her final save (in the shootout) clinched the title.

"Dawn has done a great job with our keepers and we expect that to continue on an even higher level this season," says Waldrum.

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

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



Dawn Greathouse

Assistant Coach

Third Season
on Notre Dame Staff

up National Team players Siri Mullinix (Washington) and former Notre Dame star LaKeysia Beene (San Jose).

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

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



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

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





Ben Waldrum

*Third Season
on Notre Dame Staff*

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

Waldrum – who spent 2002-03 playing with the A-League's El Paso Patriots and the Dallas Sidekicks of the Major Indoor Soccer League – first played internationally as a prep, training in Germany with the West Texas A&M varsity at Sports School Wedeu ('97) and in '98 with the K.F.C. Uerdingen second-division Bundesliga squad.

He played two seasons at West Texas A&M, helping the 2000 team finish sixth in the nation. He trained in Denmark with the Superliga's FC Copenhagen in the summers of 1999 and 2000, turning down a contract offer in order to return to West Texas A&M. He also trained in the summer of 2000 in Pocos de Caldos, Brazil, under noteworthy coach Elzo at the Elzo Futbol Academy – highlighted by a game vs. the Brazilian Under-18 National Team.



His busy summer of 2001 included training as an under-contract player with FC Copenhagen, returning four months later to rejoin coach Flemming Pederson with FC Copenhagen and then with Helsingør of the Denmark Serian League. He also participated in a pair of one-month trials with Mexico City first-division teams, declining a contract offer from the Unam Pumas before participating in a later trial with Atlante.

The younger Waldrum gained head coaching experience in the summer of 2004, guiding the W-League's Fort Wayne Fever to an 11-3-1 record and a spot in the Midwest Division title game.

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

"Because of his youth and experience from playing in different countries, Ben brings a fresh and unique perspective to so many aspects of a weekly routine – from practice drills to tactical formations and set plays. He has been a very valuable contributor in his short time as a member of the staff.

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

The 23-year-old currently is completing his undergraduate studies at Bethel College in South Bend, with a major in kinesiology.

Tony Yelovich is in his 11th year as an assistant athletics director at Notre Dame, with responsibility for game management while serving as the sports administrator for women's soccer and several other Irish sports. For all of his contributions to Notre Dame, Yelovich was presented an honorary monogram by the Notre Dame Monogram Club in 2001.



Tony Yelovich
Assistant Athletic Director

Yelovich moved into an administrative role during the fall of '94 after serving on the Irish football staff for eight seasons, the final three as recruiting coordinator after coaching a variety of positions (including the offensive line, receivers and tight ends).

The Paoli, Pa., native previously was an offensive line coach at Stanford ('84-'85), Tulane ('80-'83) and Arizona ('77-'79), among others. While coaching at Tennessee Tech,

his team recorded a perfect 10-0 record in 1972 and played in the Grantland Rice Bowl. He coached several players who went on to professional careers, among them Chuck Lanza, Tim Ruddy, Tim Grunhard, Mike Heldt, Irv Smith, Derek Brown and Pete Chryplewicz. He also coached a team of Notre Dame alumni that traveled to Hamburg, Germany, for the 2000 Charity Bowl. (the ND alumni team defeated the Hamburg Blue Devils, 14-10).

Yelovich – honored by the All-America Football Foundation in 1998 for his years of service to the game – began his coaching career at Tampa, his alma mater, as a graduate assistant during the spring of 1964. He served that season as defensive coordinator and linebacker coach at Seminole High School and later coached

ends, linebackers and centers during the '65 and '67 seasons at Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa.

A 1964 graduate of Tampa with undergraduate degrees in history and physical education, Yelovich earned a master's degree from Truman University in Missouri. He earned four letters as a center at Tampa, captaining the 1963 Spartan squad. A Little All-America pick in '62 and '63, he's also a member of the Tampa and Pennsylvania sports halls of fame. He received Notre Dame's 2003 Spirit Award, which recognizes dedication to exceptional service that has inspired others to greater levels of achievement.

Yelovich and his wife, Jean, are parents of two daughters who are Notre Dame graduates – Jody, an assistant athletic director for employee services at Notre Dame, and Jill.





Kelly Fitzgerald

**Athletic Trainer
Florida State '02**

Kelly Fitzgerald has joined the Notre Dame women's soccer support staff as the program's athletic trainer for the 2005 season.

Fitzgerald – who also will work with women's rowing – was the primary athletic trainer for the University of Mississippi women's soccer team in 2004-05. She also was responsible for the daily operations of a satellite athletic training room and all medical paperwork while assisting in the rehabilitation of all student-athletes. Fitzgerald created and maintained the Ole Miss Sports Medicine website and implemented an ACL prevention program for the women's soccer team.

The Miami native was a graduate assistant athletic trainer from 2002-04 at the University of Northern Colorado, earning a master's of science in physical education with an emphasis in sport administration. She served as head athletic trainer for the school's women's soccer and men's and women's track and field teams. Her other responsibilities at Northern Colorado included oversight of the athletic training clinical education program, supervision of physical examinations and assistance in selection of student athletic trainers.

She earlier was a student athletic trainer at both Barton College in Wilson, N.C. ('98-'99, also playing on the Barton women's soccer team) and at Florida State ('00-'02), serving as the head student athletic trainer for the women's soccer team, in addition to working with the football team. She graduated from Florida State in 2002 with a degree in human sciences athletic training emphasis).

Fitzgerald did seasonal work from '99-'04 at Foot Works in Miami, involved in injury assessment and gait analysis of marathon runners, tri-athletes and recreational runners, as well as proper running shoe fitting and wear analysis.



Lisa Shall

**Strength & Conditioning
Slippery Rock '00**

Lisa Shall enters her Third season as the Notre Dame women's soccer program's strength and conditioning coach. Shall – who also works with several other Irish teams – has previous strength and conditioning experience at Princeton, Columbia, the University of Pittsburgh and her alma mater Slippery Rock.

Shall served as an assistant varsity strength and conditioning coach at Princeton during the 2002-03 school year. She developed conditioning programs for several athletic teams, including the Tigers soccer programs, while helping to organize and administer all aspects of strength and conditioning for a wide variety of Princeton's 38 athletic teams.

She spent two years as a graduate assistant for strength and conditioning at Columbia University, receiving her master's in physical education in May of 2002. Shall's specific responsibilities at Columbia included working with the soccer programs and several other intercollegiate teams.

Shall, a native of Warren, Pa., also served as a strength and conditioning intern at Pittsburgh in 2000 and was a volunteer strength coach and personal trainer at Slippery Rock from 1998-2000. She graduated from Slippery Rock in 2000 with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science.



Pete LaFleur

**Sports Information
Notre Dame '90**

Pete LaFleur – who had the rare honor to serve as SID for two NCAA championship teams in 2004-05 (women's soccer and combined fencing) – enters his 10th year as an assistant sports information director at Notre Dame, also serving as the historical trophy-display archivist and publicist for the Monogram Club letterwinners organization. He currently is SID for the nationally-ranked women's soccer, baseball and fencing programs, in addition to serving as an action photographer at Notre Dame sporting events.

During his SID career, LaFleur has worked with 14 sports, made trips to one men's and two women's College Cups and the College World Series, and has overseen publicity for three national soccer player-of-the-year recipients and three first-round Major League draft picks. His media guides have been judged among the best in the nation, including second place for the '02 and '03 women's soccer guides.

LaFleur spent '95-'96 as assistant sports information director at the University of Virginia, working primarily with the nationally-ranked men's soccer and baseball teams. As assistant SID at the University of San Francisco from 1990-95, he worked with baseball, men's golf teams and all women's teams, also serving as an assistant venue press officer in preparation for 1994 World Cup matches played at Stanford.

He graduated from Notre Dame in 1990 with a degree in the Program of Liberal (Arts) Studies and earned a master's in sports and fitness management from San Francisco in 1994. The Englewood, Colo., native was a student assistant in the Notre Dame SID office, working as a primary contact for the men's lacrosse team, and also wrote for *The Observer* student newspaper and *The Scholastic* student magazine. He was president of Holy Cross Hall during the dormitory's final year on campus.

**Additional
Women's Soccer
Support Staff**



Ryan Parietti
Senior Manager
Notre Dame '06



Colleen Fitzgerald
Academic Services
Notre Dame '01



Nicole Jones
Promotions Coordinator
Utah State '03

