



NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S SOCCER

FIGHTING IRISH MEDIA

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OHIO STATE (4-0-1) & TOLEDO (1-3-1)

GAME INFORMATION

	Friday, Sept. 8/Sunday, Sept. 10 7 p.m. ET/1 p.m. ET	Jesse Owens Stadium/Scott Park
	No TV	

THE SERIES

All-Time vs. OSU	ND Leads 6-0	Last: 1-0, ND (Dec. 3, 2010) in NCAA College Cup Semifinal
Away	ND Leads 2-0	Last: 2-1, ND (OT) (Oct. 1, 1995)
All-Time vs. UT	ND Leads 3-0	Last: 3-0, ND (Aug. 23, 2015)
Away	N/A	N/A

THE COACHES

	Head Coach	At School (Years)	Overall (Years)
ND	Theresa Romagnolo	44-15-10 (4th)	69-37-13 (7th)
OSU	Lori Walker-Hock	226-155-40 (21st)	239-178-41 (23rd)
UT	TJ Buchholz	28-25-2 (3rd)	104-72-11 (9th)

BY THE NUMBERS

30	Notre Dame celebrates its 30th anniversary this season. The Irish have gone 536-111-38 in program history.
25	The Irish are looking to appear in their 25th straight NCAA Championship. Notre Dame owns 12 trips to the College Cup and three NCAA titles.
10	Irish sophomore Jennifer Westendorf leads the team with 10 points on three goals and four assists. Westendorf, who led the team in goals last season, is halfway to her 2016 goal total (six) just six matches into the season.
7	Seven of Notre Dame's 2017 opponents are featured in the United Soccer Coaches Poll, including No. 4 Clemson, No. 6 North Carolina, No. 7 South Carolina, No. 8 Virginia, No. 11 Duke, No. 13 Florida State and No. 17 Wake Forest.
5	Five Notre Dame players have scored this season, including Natalie Jacobs (3 G), Jennifer Westendorf (3 G), Meghan Doyle (2G), Sandra Yu (1 G) and Katie Uhler (1 G).
5	Just one year after Notre Dame won the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season, the ACC preseason poll predicted the Irish to finish fifth in the conference.
4	Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo is in her fourth season with the Irish. The Washington graduate owns a record of 44-15-10 at Notre Dame.
3	Sophomore goalkeeper Brooke Littman has recorded three shutouts in her first six career starts. Littman and the Irish have shut out Butler, Ball State and Iowa thus far. Littman has collected 22 total saves.
3	The Irish defense has allowed three goals this season, all of which have been scored in the second half or later.
.795	ACC teams have combined for a 59-13-6 mark against non-conference/non-ACC competition through Monday. The .795 win percentage is the best of any league in the nation.

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	ND Rk	Opp Rk	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Score
Aug. 18	18	--	Butler	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	T, 0-0
Aug. 20	18	--	Ball State	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	W, 4-0
Aug. 25	24	--	Minnesota	Iowa City, IA		T, 1-1
Aug. 27	24	--	at Iowa	Iowa City, IA	BTN +	W, 2-0
Sep. 1	--	11	South Carolina	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	L, 1-0 (2OT)
Sep. 3	--	--	Santa Clara	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	W, 4-1
Sep. 8	--	--	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH		7 p.m.
Sep. 10	--	--	at Toledo	Toledo, OH		1 p.m.
Sep. 16	--	8	at Clemson*	Clemson, SC	ACC	7 p.m.
Sep. 21	--	13	Duke*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	7 p.m.
Sep. 24	--	20	NC State*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	1 p.m.
Sep. 29	--	18	Wake Forest*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	5 p.m.
Oct. 5	--	3	at Virginia*	Charlottesville, VA		7 p.m.
Oct. 8	--	--	Syracuse*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	--	--	Virginia Tech*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	--	15	at Florida State*	Tallahassee, FL	ACC	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	--	--	at Miami*	Coral Gables, FL	ACC	Noon
Oct. 26	--	9	at UNC*	Chapel Hill, NC	ACC	6 p.m.
Oct. 29	--	--	ACC Quarterfinal	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 3	--	--	ACC Semifinal	Charleston, SC		TBA
Nov. 5	--	--	ACC Final	Charleston, SC		TBA
Nov. 17	--	--	NCAA First Round	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 19	--	--	NCAA Second Round	Campus Sites		TBA
Nov. 24	--	--	NCAA Quarterfinal	Campus Sites		TBA
Dec. 1	--	--	NCAA Semifinal	Orlando, FL		TBA
Dec. 3	--	--	NCAA Championship	Orlando, FL		TBA

Rankings reflect the opponents' rank at time of game for past opponents | All times Eastern | *ACC | # exhibition



2017 IRISH ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Brooke Littman	Goalkeeper	5-8	So	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif./Rancho Palos Verdes
2	Katie Uhler	Midfielder/Forward	5-9	Sr	San Antonio, Texas/Saint Mary's Ha
3	Natalie Ward	Defender	5-4	Jr	Newport Beach, Calif./Newport Harbor
4	Sammi Fisher	Midfielder	5-6	Fr	Simi Valley, Calif./Grace Brethren
5	Alexis Martel-Lamothe	Midfielder/Defender	5-10	So	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Collège Catholique Samuel-Genest
6	Samantha Zepponi	Defender	5-4	So	Sebastapol, Calif./Analay High School
7	Karin Muya	Forward	5-6	Sr	London, England/Burntwood School
8	Sabrina Flores	Defender/Midfield	5-3	Jr	Livingston, N.J./Livingston
9	Natalie Jacobs	Forward	5-8	So	Coto de Caza, Calif./Tesoro
10	Jennifer Westendorf	Forward	5-9	So	Grayson, Ga./Grayson High School
11	Shannon Hendricks	Midfielder/Defender	5-5	Jr	Granger, Ind./Marian
12	Camryn Dyke	Midfielder	5-7	Fr	Littleton, Colo./Valor Christian
13	Ginny McGowan	Defender	5-7	Sr	Lake Forest, Ill./Lake Forest
14	Eva Hurm	Forward	5-6	Fr	Upper Saddle River, N.J./Northern Highlands Regional
15	Ann Marie Niro	Midfielder	5-5	Jr	Barrington, Ill./Barrington
16	Sandra Yu	Midfielder	5-4	Gs	Strongsville, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit
17	Rachel Heard	Defender	5-8	Jr	Decatur, Ga./St. Pius X Catholic
19	Jenna Winebrenner	Defender	5-7	Fr	Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill
20	Bailey Cartwright	Forward/Midfield	5-5	Fr	Connellsville, Pa./Greensburg Central Catholic
21	Erin Ospeck	Forward	5-4	Fr	Danville, Calif./Carondelet
22	Megan McCashland	Midfielder	5-7	Sr	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Southwest
24	Megan McLaughlin	Midfielder	5-7	So	Granger, Ind./Penn
25	Monica Flores	Defender	5-3	Sr	Livingston, N.J./Livingston
26	Kate O'Connor	Midfielder	5-7	Fr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Tesoro High School
28	Kaitlin Klawunder	Forward	5-9	Sr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita
29	Taylor Klawunder	Midfielder	5-10	Sr	Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita
31	Paige Crowley	Defender	5-8	Sr	Los Gatos, Calif./Saint Francis
32	Meghan Doyle	Forward	5-11	Sr	Niskayuna, N.Y./Niskayuna
33	Lexi Nicholas	Goalkeeper	5-7	Sr	Pleasanton, Calif./Amador Valley

Pronunciation Guide

Eva Hurm – "EE-va"

Kaitlin Klawunder – "CLAW-vunder"

Taylor Klawunder – "CLAW-vunder"

Alexis Martel-Lamothe – "Ah-lex-ee Mar-tel La-môth"

Ginny McGowan – "JIN-ny Mc-GOW-in"

Karin Muya – "MOO-yuh"

Ann Marie Niro – "NIGH-row"

Katie Uhler – "YOU-ler"

Samantha Zepponi – "Zeh-PO-ny"

Theresa Romagnolo – "tuh-RAY-sa row-mah-NO-low"

Dawn Siergiej – "SER-gay"

COVERING THE IRISH

COACHING STAFF GAMEDAY LOCATIONS

Coach	Title	Season
Theresa Romagnolo	Head Coach	4th season
Dawn Siergiej	Assistant Coach	15th season
Nate Norman	Assistant Coach	1st season
Kerri Casper	Director of Operations	1st season

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STUDENT-ATHLETE AVAILABILITY

Game Day	Post-Game	Time	20 minutes after the game
		Location	On the field
Wednesday	Media Availability	Time	Approx. 3-3:45 p.m. ET
		Location	Alumni Stadium
		Notes	Player and coach requests must be coordinated with Megan Golden in advance of Wednesday's availability.

FINAL NON-CONFERENCE FOES

Notre Dame travels to the Buckeye State for the final two non-conference matches of the season. The Irish open action at 7 p.m. ET versus Ohio State at Jesse Owens Stadium and will conclude play with a matinee against Toledo at 1 p.m. ET on Sunday at Scott Park. Friday's matchup in Columbus will be streamed live on BTN Plus.

SERIES HISTORY: BUCKEYES

The Irish will face Ohio State for the first time since defeating the Buckeyes to advance to the College Cup Final in 2010. In that match, Notre Dame topped Ohio State 1-0. Notre Dame owns a 6-0 record all-time against the Buckeyes, including a 2-0 record in Columbus. The last time the Irish played in Columbus was on Oct. 1, 1995, when Notre Dame beat Ohio State 2-1 in overtime.

SERIES HISTORY: ROCKETS

Notre Dame owns a 3-0 record in its all-time series against Toledo. The Irish most recently faced Toledo on Aug. 23, 2015, when they beat the Rockets 3-0. The Irish will compete at Toledo for the first time in program history.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Notre Dame women's soccer celebrates its 30th anniversary during the 2017 season. In the program's history, the Irish have gone 536-111-38. Over the past 29 seasons, Notre Dame has made 24 appearances in the NCAA Championship. The Irish have competed in 12 College Cups and have won three national titles.

STORYLINES

IN THE POLLS

Notre Dame's 2017 schedule features seven nationally-ranked opponents, including six Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The Irish are set to face No. 4 Clemson, No. 6 North Carolina, No. 7 South Carolina, No. 8 Virginia, No. 11 Duke, No. 13 Florida State, and No. 17 Wake Forest. The Irish are 0-1 against ranked opponents and are scheduled to face two additional ranked opponents at home this season.

YU RETURNS

After missing her first two seasons due to injury, Sandra Yu has returned to the program to play for another season as a graduate student. Yu has started all 45 of Notre Dame's contests over the past two-plus seasons (2015-17), tallying 17 points on six goals and five assists in her career. In 2016, Yu totaled 45 shots, including 21 shots on goal (.467). Yu also competed on the United States U-23 Women's National Team this past summer.

SHUT-DOWN DEFENSE

Notre Dame's defense has limited its opponents to three goals in 2017, all coming in the second half or later. Notre Dame and first-year starting goalkeeper Brooke Littman have tallied three shutouts in six matches this season. The Irish back line, which returned all four defenders, allowed only two goals through its first seven contests in 2016.

ACC PRESEASON PREDICTIONS

After winning a regular-season ACC Championship in 2016, Notre Dame was predicted to finish fifth overall in the conference's preseason coaches' poll. Sandra Yu and Jennifer Westendorf were selected to the Preseason All-ACC Team, leaving the Irish tied with North Carolina for the second-most selections (trailing only Florida State's four). Yu tallied four points on two goals in 21 games last season. She was named to the 2016 All-ACC Third Team, recording a .467 shots-on-goal percentage in 2016. Westendorf was a 2016 All-ACC Freshman Team and All-ACC Second Team member.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Notre Dame hits the road for its second and third road matches of the season, respectively. The Irish own a 1-0 record on the road thus far and are 1-0-1 away from home, following a 1-1 draw versus Minnesota in Iowa City, Iowa. In 2016, the Irish wrapped up the season with a 3-1-4 record on the road.

SISTER, SISTER

Junior Sabrina Flores returns to the college women's soccer conversation a year after competing with the United States on the U-23 Women's National Team. Sabrina rejoins her twin sister, Monica, who is a senior on the Irish roster. Monica competed with Mexico in the U-20 FIFA World Cup in 2016 but continued to play with the Irish throughout part of the 2016 NCAA season. In 2016, Monica started 14 matches and tallied four points on four assists before competing with Mexico.

TOPDRAWERSOCCER.COM HONOR

Sophomore Jennifer Westendorf was named to TopDrawerSoccer.com's Women's Preseason Best XI Second Team. Westendorf was a 2016 All-ACC Freshman Team and 2016 All-ACC Second Team selection. The forward led the team in goals (six) and tied for the team lead with 13 points as a freshman. Westendorf leads the team with 10 points on three goals and four assists this season.

2016 DEFENSIVE REWIND

Notre Dame's defense limited its opponents to just nine goals over the course of the 2016 season, matching Florida State for fewest goals allowed in the ACC. The Irish also finished the 2016 season ranked second in the ACC in goals against average with a .40 mark on the season. The Irish shut out their opponents on 15 occasions in 2016 -- tied for most in the conference.

THE ACC LEADERBOARD

Just six matches into the season, the Irish are tied with Florida State and Duke for the most shots in the ACC (112). Notre Dame, which tallied 38 shots this past weekend against South Carolina and Santa Clara, will look to improve the quality of its shots and capitalize on its opportunities offensively. The team's 11 goals on the season are currently tied for 10th in the conference with Louisville.

SPLIT STATS/HIGH-LOW

THE RECORD WHEN...			
Split Stat...	2017 Irish Record (W-L-T)		
Home	2	1	1
Away	1	0	0
Neutral	0	0	1
vs. Atlantic Coast Conference			
vs. teams ranked in top 25	0	1	0
vs. teams ranked in top 10			
vs. teams ranked in top 5			
vs. unranked opponents	3	0	2
Both teams are ranked			
Neither team is ranked	1	0	0
ND is ranked higher	2	0	2
Opponent is ranked higher	0	1	0
In August	2	0	2
In September	1	1	0
In October			
In November			
In December			
Afternoon Matches	3	0	0
Night Matches	0	1	2
Decided by one goal or fewer	0	1	2
Decided by two goals or more	3	0	0
Scoring first	2	0	1
Opponent scores first	1	1	0
Leading at halftime	1	0	0
Tied at halftime	2	1	2
Trailing at halftime			
Scoring one goal	0	0	1
Scoring two goals	1	0	0
Scoring three or more goals	2	0	0
Allowing zero goals	2	0	1
Allowing one goal	1	1	1
Allowing two goals			
Allowing three or more goals			
In extra time	0	1	2
Coming off a loss	1	0	0

SINGLE-MATCH HIGHS/LOWS				
Stat...	Team/Athlete	Opponent	Record	Date
Most goals scored...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89
Most goals vs. ranked opponent...	Notre Dame	vs. #2 Santa Clara	6	9/8/00
	Notre Dame	vs. No. 25 Maryland	6	9/4/05
Goals in a season opener...	Notre Dame	at Providence	14	8/31/96
Shots in a match...	Notre Dame	vs. IU-South Bend	59	9/26/90
Corner kicks in a match...	Notre Dame	at Loyola-Chicago	21	10/20/93
	Notre Dame	vs. Tulsa	15	9/1/00
Goalscorers in a match...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	12	10/10/89
Winning margin...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89
Margin of defeat...	Notre Dame	vs. UNC	6	9/4/09
Quickest goal scored...	Michelle McCarthy	vs. Xavier	0:15	10/8/93
Quickest goal in season opener...	Kerri Hanks	vs. Iowa State	1:19	8/26/06
Quickest goal in second half...	Amy VanLaecke	vs. Wisconsin	45:12	11/24/96
Goals in a match...	Melissa Henderson	vs. DePaul	4	10/21/11
Goals in first half...	Melissa Henderson (+9 others)	vs. Central Mich.	3	10/21/11
Goals in second half...	Melissa Henderson (+3 others)	vs. DePaul	3	10/21/11
Goals in season opener...	Kerri Hanks (+7 others)	vs. UNH	3	8/26/05
Shots in a match...	Amanda Guertin	vs. Pittsburgh	14	10/4/02
Points in a match...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. St. John's	10	10/31/04
Points in season opener...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. UNH	8	2005
Points in first half...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. Baylor	7	8/27/04
	Monica Gerardo	vs. Providence	7	10/11/98
Points in second half...	Katie Thorlakson	vs. Santa Clara	7	9/5/04
	Tasha Strawbridge	vs. Valparaiso	7	9/5/04
Assists in a match...	Holly Manthei	vs. Villanova	6	11/3/96
Assists in a half...	Jen Grubb	vs. Wisconsin	4	10/14/97
	Holly Manthei	vs. Villanova	4	11/3/96
	Kara Brown	vs. Seton Hall	4	10/27/96
Saves in a match...	Michelle Lodyga		22	1989
Highest combined score...	Notre Dame	vs. Tri-State	17	10/10/89

2017 Notre Dame Women's Soccer
Notre Dame Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 05, 2017)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-1-2	2-1-1	1-0	0-0-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1-2	2-1-1	1-0	0-0-1

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	pk-att
Aug 18	BUTLER	To2 0-0	637	10	Jennifer Westendorf	6	3	4	10	35	.086	16	.457	0	0-0
Aug 20	BALL STATE	W 4-0	903	9	Natalie Jacobs	6	3	0	6	10	.300	5	.500	1	0-0
Aug 25	vs Minnesota	To2 1-1	0	16	Sandra Yu	6	1	3	5	13	.077	8	.615	0	0-0
Aug 27	at IOWA	W 2-0	557	32	Meghan Doyle	6	2	0	4	5	.400	2	.400	1	0-0
Sep 01	#11 SOUTH CAROLINA	Lo2 0-1	1445	14	Eva Hurm	6	0	4	4	10	.000	1	.100	0	0-0
Sep 03	SANTA CLARA	W 4-1	1302	2	Katie Uhler	2	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0

TEAM STATISTICS **ND** **OPP**

SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	11-112	3-71
Goals scored per game	1.83	0.50
Shot pct.	.098	.042
Shots on goal-Attempts	50-112	25-71
SOG pct.	.446	.352
Shots/Game	18.7	11.8
CORNER KICKS	30	21
PENALTY KICKS	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	6	3
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	4287	557
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/1072	1/557
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/0	

13	Ginny McGowan	6	0	0	0	4	.000	1	.250	0	0-0
3	Natalie Ward	4	0	0	0	4	.000	3	.750	0	0-0
22	Megan McCashland	6	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0	0-0
28	Kaitlin Klawunder	5	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
8	Sabrina Flores	6	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
5	Alexis Martellamothe	3	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
29	Taylor Klawunder	6	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
25	Monica Flores	3	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
24	Megan McLaughlin	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
17	Rachel Heard	6	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
26	Kate O'Connor	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
19	Jenna Winebrenner	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
15	Ann Marie Niro	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
11	Shannon Hendricks	6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
6	Samantha Zepponi	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
1	Brooke Littman	6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		6	11	12	34	112	.098	50	.446	3	0-0
Opponents		6	3	1	7	71	.042	25	.352	1	1-1

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
1	Brooke Littman	6	591:12	3	0.46	22	.880	2-0-2	3/0
Total		6	591:12	3	0.46	22	.880	2-0-2	3
Opponents		6	591:12	11	1.67	39	.780	0-2-2	2

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	2	9	0	0	11
Opponents	0	2	0	1	3

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	54	52	2	4	112
Opponents	26	41	2	2	71

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	12	10	0	0	22
Opponents	20	18	0	1	39

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	19	9	0	2	30
Opponents	8	13	0	0	21

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	29	25	3	5	62
Opponents	28	29	3	1	61