



NOTRE DAME

WOMEN'S SOCCER

FIGHTING IRISH MEDIA

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NC STATE (8-1-1, 1-0-1)

GAME INFORMATION



Sunday, Sept. 24
1 p.m. ET

Alumni Stadium (Capacity 3,500)

THE SERIES

All-Time vs. NCST	ND Leads 4-1	Last: 1-0, ND (Oct. 30, 2016)
Home	ND is 2-0	Last: 1-0, ND (Oct. 30, 2016)

THE COACHES

	Head Coach	At School (Years)	Overall (Years)
ND	Theresa Romagnolo	46-17-10 (4th)	71-39-13 (7th)
NCST	Tim Santoro	24-51-4 (5th)	24-51-4 (5th)

BY THE NUMBERS

4	Irish head coach Theresa Romagnolo is in her fourth season with the Irish. The Washington graduate owns a record of 46-17-10 at Notre Dame.
6	Six Notre Dame players have scored this season, including Natalie Jacobs (6 G), Jennifer Westendorf (5 G), Sandra Yu (4 G), Meghan Doyle (2G), Sammi Fisher (1 G) and Katie Uhler (1 G).
8	Seven of Notre Dame's 2017 opponents are featured in the United Soccer Coaches Poll, including No. 3 South Carolina, No. 4 Duke, No. 8 North Carolina, No. 11 Virginia, No. 18 Wake Forest, No. 19 Clemson, No. 23 Florida State and No. 24 NC State.
11	Graduate student Sandra Yu's 11 points in 2017 are a career high. The midfielder has totaled four goals and three assists so far this season. Yu previously recorded a career-high eight points in 2015.
15	The Irish have totaled 15 second-half goals and have limited their opponents to six goals in the period.
17	Irish sophomore Jennifer Westendorf leads the team with 17 points on five goals and seven assists. Westendorf is one goal shy of equaling her single-season career high (six).
20	Notre Dame has scored 20 goals and is just six goals away from equaling its 2016 scoring total (26 goals).
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.
30	Notre Dame celebrates its 30th anniversary this season. The Irish have gone 538-113-38 in program history.
31	Sophomore goalkeeper Brooke Littman has collected 31 total saves in 10 games this season. Littman has recorded four shutouts, tied for the seventh-most in the ACC. Littman and the Irish have shut out Butler, Ball State, Iowa and Toledo.
172	Notre Dame ranks second in the ACC with 172 shots through 10 matches. Virginia (173) leads the conference, and Boston College (157) ranks third in the statistical category.

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, 0-1 (20T)
Sep. 3	--	--	Santa Clara	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	W, 4-1
Sep. 8	--	--	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH		L, 1-2 (20T)
Sep. 10	--	--	at Toledo	Toledo, OH		W, 4-0
Sep. 16	--	11	at Clemson*	Clemson, SC		W, 4-2
Sep. 21	--	4	Duke*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	L, 0-3
Sep. 24	--	24	NC State*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	1 p.m.
Sep. 29	--	18	Wake Forest*	Notre Dame, IN	ACC	5 p.m.
Oct. 5	--	11	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	--	23	at Florida State*	Tallahassee, FL	ACC	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	--	--	at Miami*	Coral Gables, FL	ACC	Noon
Oct. 26	--	8	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	Sebastopol, Calif./Analy 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.

HOMESTAND SCHEDULE

The Irish are scheduled to play their second of three straight home matches against No. 24 NC State at 1 p.m. ET on Sunday at Alumni Stadium. Notre Dame will face its fourth ranked opponent and third within the ACC. The Irish wrap up their three-game home stretch with a matchup versus No. 18 Wake Forest at 7 p.m. ET on Sept. 29.

SERIES HISTORY: WOLFPACK

Notre Dame is scheduled to face the NC State Wolfpack at 1 p.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 24. The Irish own a 4-1 all-time record against NC State, including a perfect 2-0 mark at Alumni Stadium. The teams last met on Oct. 30, 2016 in the ACC Championship first round, where the Irish defeated the Wolfpack 1-0. The schools have faced each other twice during the regular season since Notre Dame joined the ACC, and the Irish defeated NC State each time. Most recently, the Irish topped the Wolfpack 1-0 on Sept. 22, 2016, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Notre Dame women's soccer celebrates its 30th anniversary during the 2017 season. In the program's history, the Irish have gone 538-113-38. 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 eight nationally-ranked opponents, including seven Atlantic Coast Conference teams. The Irish are set to face No. 8 North Carolina, No. 11 Virginia, No. 18 Wake Forest, No. 23 Florida State and No. 24 NC State. The Irish are 1-1 against ranked opponents and are scheduled to face three additional ranked opponents on the road this season.

YU SETS CAREER HIGH

After missing her first two seasons due to injury, Sandra Yu has returned to the program as a graduate student and has recorded a career-high 11 points in 2017. Yu has started all of Notre Dame's contests over the past two-plus seasons (2015-17), tallying 23 points on nine 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.

SECOND-HALF MAGIC

Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 15-6 in the second half this season. The Irish have entered halftime in a scoreless tie six times and in a 1-1 tie twice in 2017. Notre Dame has scored four goals in the second half three times this season against Ball St., Santa Clara and Toledo.

ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

After recording a career-high four points on one goal and two assists in Notre Dame's 4-2 win at No. 11 Clemson, sophomore Natalie Jacobs was named the ACC Offensive Player of the Week. The honor marks the first of Jacobs' career. Jacobs owns a career-best 15 points on six goals and three assists this season. Her six goals pace the Irish, which rank second in the ACC in shots (172) and fifth in goals (20).

HOME SWEET HOME

Notre Dame will play its second straight home match and sixth of nine home matches this season. The Irish, which will host five conference affairs in 2017, own a 2-2-1 record at Alumni Stadium. In 2016, Notre Dame concluded the season with a 10-1-1 record at home. Over the last three-plus seasons, the Irish are 30-8-2.

SCORING IN BUNCHES

Notre Dame has gone 5-1 in games decided by two-plus goals. The Irish offense has rallied to score four goals on four occasions this season, turning in dominant performance in such matches. Overall, Notre Dame is just six goals away from its 2016 scoring total (26 goals). As a team, the Irish have been most successful in regulation, with all five of their wins coming in the first 90 minutes.

THE ACC LEADERBOARD

Ten matches into the season, the Irish rank among the leaders in several offensive statistical categories. Notre Dame is second in the ACC with 172 shots, while Virginia (173) leads the conference and Boston College (157) ranks third. Notre Dame is third in the ACC with 20 assists, and fifth in points (60) and goals (20).

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Notre Dame owns a 4-0 record on Sunday in 2017. The Irish have played on Thursday once (0-1), on Friday four times (0-2-2), on Saturday once (1-0) and on Sunday four times (4-0). All four of Notre Dame's Sunday victories have come in the afternoon, two of which were at home (Ball St. & Santa Clara) and two of which were on the road (at Iowa & at Toledo).

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. Westendorf leads the team with 17 points on five goals and seven assists this season. Westendorf has passed her 2016 point total (13) and is one goal away from matching her single-season career high (six).

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 has tallied a career-high 11 points on four goals and three assists this season.

SPLIT STATS/HIGH-LOW

THE RECORD WHEN...			
Split Stat...	2017 Irish Record (W-L-T)		
Home	2	2	1
Away	3	1	0
Neutral	0	0	1
vs. Atlantic Coast Conference	1	1	0
vs. teams ranked in top 25	1	2	0
vs. teams ranked in top 10			
vs. teams ranked in top 5	0	1	0
vs. unranked opponents	4	1	2
Both teams are ranked			
Neither team is ranked	2	1	0
ND is ranked higher	2	0	2
Opponent is ranked higher	1	2	0
In August	2	0	2
In September	3	3	0
In October			
In November			
In December			
Afternoon Matches	4	0	0
Night Matches	1	3	2
Decided by one goal or fewer	0	2	2
Decided by two goals or more	5	1	0
Scoring first	4	0	1
Opponent scores first	1	3	0
Leading at halftime	2	0	0
Tied at halftime	3	3	2
Trailing at halftime			
Scoring one goal	0	1	1
Scoring two goals	1	0	0
Scoring three or more goals	4	0	0
Allowing zero goals	3	0	1
Allowing one goal	1	1	1
Allowing two goals	1	1	0
Allowing three or more goals	0	1	0
In extra time	0	2	2
Coming off a loss	2	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 22, 2017)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	5-3-2	2-2-1	3-1	0-0-1
CONFERENCE	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-2-2	2-1-1	2-1	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	10	5	7	17	46	.109	23	.500	0	0-0
Aug 20	BALL STATE	W 4-0	903	9	Natalie Jacobs	10	6	3	15	26	.231	9	.346	2	0-0
Aug 25	vs Minnesota	To2 1-1	0	16	Sandra Yu	10	4	3	11	24	.167	13	.542	1	0-0
Aug 27	at IOWA	W 2-0	557	32	Meghan Doyle	10	2	1	5	7	.286	2	.286	1	0-0
Sep 01	#11 SOUTH CAROLINA	Lo2 0-1	1445	14	Eva Hurm	7	0	4	4	10	.000	1	.100	0	0-0
Sep 03	SANTA CLARA	W 4-1	1302	4	Sammi Fisher	9	1	1	3	22	.045	9	.409	0	0-0
Sep 08	at Ohio State	Lo2 1-2	1224	2	Katie Uhler	3	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
Sep 10	at TOLEDO	W 4-0	543	25	Monica Flores	7	0	2	2	3	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
* Sep 16	at #11 Clemson	W 4-2	550	8	Sabrina Flores	10	0	0	0	9	.000	1	.111	0	0-0
* Sep 21	#4 DUKE	L 0-3	780	13	Ginny McGowan	10	0	0	0	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0

TEAM STATISTICS	ND	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	20-172	10-101
Goals scored per game	2.00	1.00
Shot pct.	.116	.099
Shots on goal-Attempts	72-172	41-101
SOG pct.	.419	.406
Shots/Game	17.2	10.1
CORNER KICKS	45	28
PENALTY KICKS	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	6	4
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	5067	2874
Dates/Avg Per Date	5/1013	4/718
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/0	

3	Natalie Ward	4	0	0	0	4	.000	3	.750	0	0-0
28	Kaitlin Klawunder	9	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
22	Megan McCashland	9	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0	0-0
11	Shannon Hendricks	10	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0	0-0
5	Alexis MartelLamothe	3	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
29	Taylor Klawunder	10	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
26	Kate O'Connor	4	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	10	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
31	Paige Crowley	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
21	Erin Ospeck	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
19	Jenna Winebrenner	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
15	Ann Marie Niro	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
6	Samantha Zepponi	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
1	Brooke Littman	10	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		10	20	21	61	172	.116	72	.419	5	0-0
Opponents		10	10	6	26	101	.099	41	.406	3	1-1

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
1	Brooke Littman	10	961:17	10	0.94	31	.756	4-2-2	4/0
	Total	10	961:17	10	0.94	31	.756	4-2-2	4
	Opponents	10	961:17	20	1.87	52	.722	2-4-2	3

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	5	15	0	0	20
Opponents	2	6	0	2	10

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	82	80	5	5	172
Opponents	37	57	3	4	101

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	15	15	1	0	31
Opponents	29	22	0	1	52

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	26	16	1	2	45
Opponents	11	16	0	1	28

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
Notre Dame	47	41	5	5	98
Opponents	54	51	4	1	110