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GAME 5

Notre Dame (4-1) vs. USC (5-0)

The Rankings:

Notre Dame - 9th AP, 9th *USA Today*, 8th Harris
USC - 1st AP, 1st *USA Today*, 1st Harris

The Date and Time:

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, 2:38 p.m. EST (12:30 p.m. PDT in Los Angeles, 3:30 p.m. EDT in New York)

The Site:

Notre Dame Stadium (80,795), Natural Grass

The Tickets: They're all sold and it is the 181st consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium (the first 130 coming at the old 59,075 capacity). The USC game marks the 229th home sellout in the last 230 games (dating back to 1964). It also is the 175th sellout in the last 200 Irish games and the 40th in the last 43 games involving Notre Dame, dating back to the end of the 2001 season.

The TV Plans: NBC national telecast with Tom Hammond (play-by-play), Pat Haden (analysis), Lewis Johnson (sideline), David Gibson (producer) and John Gonzalez (director).

The Radio Plans: For the 38th consecutive season all Notre Dame football games are broadcast on approximately 300 stations in 50 states by Westwood One with Tony Roberts (play by play) and former Irish running back Allen Pinkett (analysis). This broadcast can be heard live on SIRIUS Satellite Radio (channel 147 for the USC game) as well.

A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student station, WFII, also is available via the Notre Dame official athletics website at www.und.com (subscription service). All Notre Dame home games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) with pre-game analysis featuring Sean Stires, Brian Noe, Vince DeDario and Colin Burns. The post-game show is hosted by Jack Nolan and features former Notre Dame players Reggie Brooks and Mirko Jurkovic. See page 17 of this notes package for more information on Irish football radio and television shows.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics will be provided through College Sports Online's Gametracker at

2005 FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

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Two-Minute Drill (what you need to know about this weekend's Notre Dame - USC matchup) -

- Notre Dame and USC are meeting for the 77th time. The Irish lead the all-time series 42-29-5. This is the fifth time Notre Dame will face a top-ranked USC team, with the Trojans winning all four previous meetings (1962, '67, '72 and 2004).
- Saturday's game will be Notre Dame's 25th against the number-one team in the Associated Press ranking. The Irish are 8-15-1 (.354) in those meetings, but have won three of the last five.
- The Irish - Trojan matchup this weekend marks the first visit to Notre Dame Stadium by a No. 1 team since Nebraska earned a 27-24 overtime victory in 2000. It is the latest visit in a season since No. 1 Florida State saw its 16-game win streak end 31-24 on Nov. 13, 1993.
- Notre Dame boasts three wins in Notre Dame Stadium against a No.1 ranked team: 26-6 over Northwestern in 1936, 31-30 over Miami in 1988 and 31-24 over Florida State in 1993.
- Notre Dame is coming off a bye week, its first of the 2005 season. The Irish are 26-4 (.867) coming off a bye week since 1984 and 59-13-2 (.811) coming off a bye week since 1900.
- Notre Dame will face its fourth ranked team in six games this weekend (according to the AP rankings), marking the fifth time (2003, '00, 1979, '53) in the program's history that has occurred. The Irish have already defeated No. 23 Pittsburgh, No. 3 Michigan and No. 22 Purdue. Only the 1953 team was able to defeat all four ranked teams in its first six games.
- Notre Dame is currently ninth in the country in total offense (504.20 yards per game), a height the team has not reached since the 1996 team finished the season ranked 10th. USC is even more efficient on offense, entering Saturday's game ranked first in the country with an average of 640.40 yards per game.
- The Irish offense has piled up 500 yards in four games this season and is the first Notre Dame team to post four such performances since the 1996 team, who also achieved 500 yards in four games.
- Junior QB Brady Quinn is ranked 11th in the country in pass efficiency (156.35) and fourth in total offense (339.60). He is on a three-game streak of 300-yard passing performances entering this weekend's game and has tied the Notre Dame record for consecutive games with a touchdown pass with 10.
- Junior WR Jeff Samardzija has caught the nation's attention with eight touchdown passes in Notre Dame's first five games and several highlight-reel receptions. The Valparaiso, Ind., native is the first Notre Dame player to catch a touchdown pass in a season's first five games and is one off the all-time record (six, Malcolm Johnson, 1996) for consecutive games with a touchdown reception. He also is just three behind Derrick Mayes' record for single-season touchdown receptions (11, 1994).
- Notre Dame has achieved its highest ranking (ninth in the AP and *USA Today* top 25) since the team was ranked No. 4 on Nov. 2, 2002.
- With a 4-1 record, the 2005 Notre Dame team is just the second Irish squad since 1998 to post four victories in the team's first five games of the year. The 1998 team started 4-1, while the 2002 team began the season 5-0.

2005 IRISH SCHEDULE

times local to site • rankings AP/*USA Today*/Harris • (Notre Dame time, if applicable)

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	TV	Time or Result	Last week
Sept. 3	-/-	at #23/25 Pittsburgh	ABC	W, 42-21	W, 38-20 vs. Cincinnati
Sept. 10	20/23	at #3/3 Michigan	ABC	W, 17-10	L, 20-23 vs. Minnesota
Sept. 17	10/12	Michigan State	NBC	L, 41-44 (OT)	Idle
Sept. 24	16/18	at Washington	ABC	W, 36-17	Idle
Oct. 1	13/14/13	at #22/20/22 Purdue	ESPN	W, 49-28	L, 17-34 vs. Iowa
Oct. 15	9/9/8	#1/1/1 USC	NBC	2:30 p.m.	W, 42-21 vs. Arizona
Oct. 22	-/-	BYU	NBC	1:30 p.m.	W, 27-24 at New Mexico
Nov. 5	-/-	#17/18/21 Tennessee	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 14-27 vs. Georgia
Nov. 12	-/-	Navy	NBC	1 p.m.	W, 27-24 vs. Air Force
Nov. 19	-/-	Syracuse	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 7-26 at Connecticut
Nov. 26	-/-	at Stanford	ABC	3:30 or 5 p.m. (6:30 or 8 p.m.)	W, 24-21 at Wash. St.

2005 Media Information

Interview requests and media access for the 2005 Notre Dame football team are administered by lead football contact Doug Walker and assistant football contact Alan Wasielewski.

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• Post game interviews after Saturday's game will be done outside the Notre Dame visiting team locker-room. Contact Walker or Wasielewski for information on Notre Dame player availability. There are no assistant coach interviews on game day.

Notre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

Charlie Weis Teleconferences: Coach Weis will be available for two teleconferences each week of the season.

- SUNDAY - 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
- Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- This teleconference will function as a look back at the previous Saturday's game. There will not be a Sunday teleconference on Oct. 16.

- TUESDAY - 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- This teleconference will function as a look ahead at the upcoming weekend's opponent and other football-related issues.

The Tuesday press conference can be heard live locally in the South Bend, Ind., area on ESPN 1580 AM. Satellite coordinates: Galaxy 3C, Transponder 4

For accredited members of the media who want to attend the weekly press conference, contact Doug Walker or Alan Wasielewski for more information. The Guglielmino Athletics Complex is located on the east side of campus, behind the Joyce Center and the Rolfs Recreation Center and just north of Moose Krause Stadium.

The Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium can be accessed through "The Gug's" main entrance, which is located on the west side of the building (facing the Rolfs Recreation Center and main campus).

Both teleconferences will be broadcast live (audio) on www.und.com each week. A full transcript from each teleconference will be posted on www.und.com as soon as possible.

Each Tuesday press conference also will be broadcast live on www.und.com.

Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup**Offense:**

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
"X"	21	Maurice Stovall	Sr.	Has already reached a career high with 23 receptions this season
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Jr.	Enjoying an outstanding season on the left side of the Irish line
LG	50	Dan Santucci	Sr.	Former DL is a key factor in ND's 174 rushing yards per game
OL	78	John Sullivan	Jr.	Started his first game of the season at Purdue
RG	74	Dan Stevenson	Sr.	Can play both guard spots, has appeared in 37 career games
RT	73	Mark LeVoi	Sr.	Made his 29th career start at at Purdue; the veteran of the OL
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Sr.	23 catches in five games for 249 yards (10.8 avg)
"Z"	83	Jeff Samardzija	Jr.	Leading the team with 28 catches for 499 yards and eight TDs
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Jr.	<i>The Sporting News</i> player of the week after Purdue performance
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Sr.	Leads the team with six rushing TDs
RB	3	Darius Walker	So.	Has rushed for 528 yards (4.6 avg) in first five games of the year

Defense:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
LE	95	Victor Abiamiri	Jr.	Enjoying solid season with five TFL and two sacks
LT	98	Trevor Laws	Jr.	Six tackles, a pass defense and a blocked kick so far in 2005
RT	66	Derek Landri	Sr.	Received credit from Coach Weis for stuffing the run at Purdue
RE	75	Chris Frome	Sr.	First five games of 2005 have been first five career starts
AP	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	So.	20 tackles and a forced fumble in his first five career games
MLB	46	Corey Mays	Sr.	Has logged 25 tackles, one sack and two fumble recoveries
WLB	39	Brandon Hoyte	Sr.	Putting up All-America numbers with 42 tackles, 10.5 TFL, 4 sacks
RCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	Jr.	Has 36 tackles (second on team) and five PBU so far in 2005
WS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	Jr.	Has made four fumble recoveries and one INT so far in 2005
BS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Jr.	Leads the team with two interceptions and is third in tackles (31)
LCB	30	Mike Richardson	Sr.	Led the team with nine tackles and added an INT at Purdue

Special Teams:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
PK	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Sr.	Six for seven in FGs (missed one from 48), 23-23 in PATs
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Sr.	Has a 40.7 punt average on 19 attempts with four inside the 20
H	83	Jeff Samardzija	Jr.	Has caught eight TDs and held for 23 PATs and six FGs
SNP	62	Scott Raridon	Sr.	Reliable veteran snapper handles all punts and kicks
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	Jr.	Has been a dangerous returner this year (seven returns, 13.6 avg.)
KR	11	David Grimes	Fr.	Averaging 31.0 yards per return on three attempts
	36	Brandon Harris	Sr.	Has returned three kickoffs for 53 yards (17.7 avg.)

Key Probable Non-Starters:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
WR	82	Matt Shelton	Sr.	Nabbed a career-high seven passes for 68 yards at Purdue
WR	5	Rhema McKnight	Sr.	Day-to-day after suffering an injury at Michigan; DNP last 3 games
C	76	Bob Morton	Sr.	Day-to-day after leg injury at Washington
OL	79	Brian Mattes	Sr.	Veteran can provide depth at both tackle positions
TE	87	Marcus Freeman	Sr.	Caught five passes in eight games during the '04 season
TE	89	John Carlson	Jr.	Logged first career touchdown reception at Purdue (22 yards)
DT	90	Brian Beidatsch	Sr.	Has been active off the bench with six tackles, a TFL and a sack
RB	26	Travis Thomas	Jr.	109 yards on 19 carries (5.7 avg) with two TDs in reserve duty
FB	44	Asaph Schwapp	Fr.	Notre Dame's freshman blocking fullback
DB	15	Leo Ferrine	So.	Seven tackles and one TFL as Notre Dame's nickel DB

Note: this is only a projection. Notre Dame has started with a different non-standard personnel package in each game this season.

2005: The Charlie Weis Era Begins

The 117th season of Notre Dame football is the first in the tenure of head coach **Charlie Weis**, who has started his career with four road victories in his first five games, including wins over three ranked opponents.

Weis is looking to become the eighth non-interim Notre Dame head football coach since 1913 to begin his career with at least five wins in his first six games (Tyrone Willingham, 6-0; Dan Devine, 5-1; Ara Parseghian, 6-0; Terry Brennan, 5-1; Frank Leahy, 5-0-1; Hunk Anderson, 5-0-1; Jesse Harper, 6-0) this weekend against USC. He would become just the second to accomplish this feat since 1964.

Weis was named the 28th head football coach in Notre Dame history on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004. A 1978 Notre Dame graduate, Weis takes the reins of the Irish program after a highly-successful career as an assistant coach in the National Football League.

The owner of four Super Bowl champion rings as products of a stellar 15-season career as an NFL assistant, Weis is a widely-respected disciple of professional coaching standouts Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick. He came to Notre Dame after excelling as offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, where he played an integral role in New England's victories in three of the last four Super Bowls.

Weis is the first Notre Dame graduate to hold the football head coaching position at his alma mater since Hugh Devore (a '34 graduate) served as interim coach in 1963 and is the first Notre Dame graduate to serve as the Irish football coach on a full-fledged basis since Joe Kuharich (a '38 graduate who coached at Notre Dame from 1959 through '62).

A veteran of 26 seasons in coaching, Weis coached nine seasons with the Patriots, including five as offensive coordinator. He helped produce four Super Bowl championships (New York Giants following the 1990 season, Patriots following '01, '03 and '04 seasons), five conference titles and seven division crowns.

Notre Dame - USC Series Notes

- Notre Dame and USC will be meeting for the 77th time. The Irish lead the all-time series 42-29-5, including a 23-10-1 mark at Notre Dame Stadium. The teams have met twice at a neutral site (Soldier Field in Chicago) in 1927 and 1929.

- Notre Dame's 42 wins over USC are the most for any Trojan opponent. California is second with 30 wins over USC.

- The Irish compiled an unbeaten streak of 13 games against USC from 1983-1995. The Irish won 11 straight games from '83-'93, but a 17-17 tie in 1994 (at USC) ended the run. The Irish won the next year and a Trojan 27-20 overtime victory in 1996 (Lou Holtz's final game as Irish coach) ended the 13-game run.

- From 1972 to 1979, both teams were ranked at least as high as 14th in each series meeting. In the eight-game run, USC compiled a 6-2 record, but the two Notre Dame victories (1973, 1977) marked national championship seasons for the Irish.

- It's not unheard of for a national title to be at stake for one of the combatants in this rivalry. Six times Notre Dame has entered the USC game with a shot at a national crown, only to be defeated (1938, 1948, 1964, 1970, 1974 and 1980) and a seventh chance was damaged by a tie in 1948. Notre Dame ruined USC's national title dreams three times: 1947 (38-7), 1952 (9-0) and 1988 (27-10).

- This will be the fifth time Notre Dame will face a top-ranked USC team. The Trojans have won all four previous encounters by an average of 24 points when ranked number one (25-0 in 1962, 24-7 in 1967, 45-23 in 1972 and 41-10 in 2004). Notre Dame has been ranked No. 1 in seven of the meetings, going 5-2 in those contests (the last two times in '88 and '89).

- USC's current three-game win streak against Notre Dame is tied for the second longest by the Trojans in the series. USC won three games in a row from 1970-72 and 1974-76. The Trojan's best winning streak against the Irish was a five game run from 1978-1982.

- Notre Dame is 9-2 in its last 11 games against USC in Notre Dame Stadium. USC's victories in that span came in 1998 (20-17) and 2003 (45-14). Some notable Irish wins during that 11-game run:

- 28-24 victory over #9 USC in 1989 (Irish ranked #1 at the time)

- 38-10 victory over #5 USC in 1995 (Irish ranked #17 at the time)

- 25-24 victory in 1999 (USC leads 24-3 before a furious comeback gave Notre Dame the victory)

- At least one team has been ranked in the AP Top 25 in 58 of the 66 (88 percent) meetings since 1936 (the first season of AP national rankings), while both teams have been ranked a total of 27 times.

2005 Media Information

Notre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

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Player/Asst. Coach Post-Practice Interviews: Notre Dame player interviews will follow a different schedule this week.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, several different Irish players will appear in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Due to the high interest in the ND - USC game and Notre Dame's midterm examination week, Tuesday is the only day that Irish players will be available this week.

10:00 a.m. - Maurice Crum, Chris Frome, Ryan Harris

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Victor Abiamiri, Trevor Laws, Anthony Fasano, Chinedum Ndukwe, Jeff Samardzija, Dan Santucci, Maurice Stovall.

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Charlie Weis Press Conference

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Mark LeVoi, Corey Mays, Dan Stevenson, Darius Walker, Derek Landri, Rashon Powers-Neal, Tom Zbikowski

There will also be two player teleconferences for those media that cannot attend Tuesday's gathering.

The teleconferences run from 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Contact the Notre Dame Sports Information Office for the teleconference call-in numbers. The player lineup on the teleconferences -

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Dan Santucci

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Anthony Fasano

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Jeff Samardzija

11:45 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. - Maurice Stovall

1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Darius Walker

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Dan Stevenson

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Tom Zbikowski

Practice will be open for the first 20 minutes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Contact the Notre Dame Sports Information office for the exact viewing times.

Notre Dame Team Captain's Teleconference

Notre Dame team captains, senior LB Brandon Hoyte and junior QB Brady Quinn, will be available for a teleconference each Wednesday of the season (off weeks are the only exceptions) for local and national media.

Please contact Doug Walker or Alan Wasielewski for the call-in number. The teleconference will begin at 1:00 p.m., with Hoyte on the phone first, followed by Quinn at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Local or national television interview requests will be taken care of at this time as well. Please send those requests to Doug Walker at dwalker@nd.edu.

This is the only time during the week that Hoyte and Quinn will be available for interviews.

Opponent Schedules

(all times local to site)

This week...USC

2005 USC Schedule

Sept. 3	at Hawaii	W, 63-17
Sept. 17	vs. Arkansas	W, 70-17
Sept. 24	at Oregon	W, 45-13
Oct. 1	at Arizona State	W, 38-28
Oct. 8	vs. Arizona	W, 42-21
Oct. 15	at Notre Dame	2:30 p.m. (NBC)
Oct. 22	at Washington	TBA
Oct. 29	vs. Washington St.	12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Nov. 5	vs. Stanford	TBA
Nov. 12	at California	TBA
Nov. 19	vs. Fresno State	7:15 p.m. (FSN)
Dec. 3	vs. UCLA	1:30 p.m. (ABC)

Next game (Oct. 22)...BYU

2005 BYU Schedule

Sept. 3	vs. Boston College	L, 3-20
Sept. 10	vs. Eastern Illinois	W, 45-10
Sept. 24	vs. TCU	L, 50-51 (OT)
Oct. 1	at San Diego State	L, 10-31
Oct. 8	at New Mexico	W, 27-24
Oct. 15	vs. Colorado State	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Notre Dame	1:30 p.m. (NBC)
Oct. 29	vs. Air Force	TBA
Nov. 5	at UNLV	TBA
Nov. 12	at Wyoming	TBA
Nov. 19	vs. Utah	TBA

Other opponents on Oct. 15...

Pittsburgh (2-4) vs. South Florida (2:00 p.m., ESPN 360)

Michigan (3-3) vs. Penn State (3:30 p.m., ABC)

Michigan State (4-1) at Ohio State (12 noon, ABC)

Washington (1-4) at Oregon (12:30 p.m.)

Purdue (2-3) vs. Northwestern (12:00 p.m., ESPN2)

Tennessee (3-2) - Idle

Navy (2-2) vs. Kent State (1:30 p.m., CSTV)

Syracuse (1-4) vs. Rutgers (12:00 p.m., ESPN+)

Stanford (2-2) at Arizona (4:00 p.m.)

All times listed local to site.

Notre Dame - USC Series History

This rivalry began in 1926, when legendary Irish head coach Knute Rockne became the first Midwestern coach to take a team to the West Coast (Notre Dame won that game, 13-12) and the teams have met all but three seasons since (taking 1943-45 off due to travel restrictions during World War II).

- Notre Dame has won eight Associated Press national titles while USC has won five.
- The Irish have been selected as a national champion by at least one legitimate poll in 19 seasons, USC lists 16 such campaigns.
- Notre Dame began the 2005 season second on the all-time winning percentage and total victories lists. USC is not far behind in ninth and 10th place, respectively.

Instantly recognizable coaches have stalked the sidelines for each team. Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Lou Holtz for Notre Dame. Howard Jones, John McKay, John Robinson and Pete Carroll for USC.

Notre Dame Versus the Pac-10 Conference

• Notre Dame has won 65 percent of its games versus Pac-10 Conference opponents, with a winning series record versus nine of the Pac-10 teams and an overall mark of 73-38-6 (.649) in 117 games. Most of those games (76) have come versus USC (42-29-5) while the Irish have faced Stanford (13-6-0) 19 times.

• Notre Dame has played a handful of games vs. California (4-0), Washington (6-0), Arizona (2-1), Oregon (1-0-1), Oregon State (0-2) and UCLA (2-0). Notre Dame and Arizona State met for the first time in 1998, while the Irish met Oregon State for the second time in the 2004 Insight Bowl. Notre Dame played its first-ever game against Washington State in 2003, downing the Cougars, 29-26 in overtime.

• The 117 games against Pac-10 teams is the second-most for the Irish against any conference. The Big Ten Conference (236) represents the most games played against Notre Dame, followed by the Pac-10 and the ACC (101).

• Notre Dame already has faced one Pac-10 team this season, winning 36-17 at Washington. The Irish also will face Stanford (Nov. 26) later this season.

Last Time At Notre Dame Stadium vs. USC

USC scored 31 unanswered points to break away from an early tie and defeat Notre Dame, 45-14, at Notre Dame Stadium. It was the second consecutive win for the Trojans over the Irish and it was only the second time in the last 11 visits that USC had left South Bend victorious. Trojan quarterback Matt Leinart turned in a stellar performance, completing 26 of 34 passes for 351 yards. USC amassed 551 yards of total offense and held the ball for more than 33 minutes.

Senior running back **Julius Jones** shone in defeat for the Irish, piling up 84 yards on 18 carries, including a 22-yard run in the first quarter that tied the game at 7-7. Sophomore tight end **Anthony Fasano** caught four passes for 33 yards and his first-ever touchdown, a diving two-yard grab that evened the score at 14-14 late in the first period. USC set the tone for this game from the outset, moving 80 yards in eight plays before Leinart found Keary Colbert on an 18-yard touchdown strike at the 12:25 mark. Colbert finished with eight catches for 120 yards in the contest.

Following Jones' score, the Trojans needed four plays to regain the lead, with Reggie Bush doing much of the work on a 58-yard TD run. Jones took some of the sting out of that score by returning the ensuing kickoff 51 yards to give the Irish good field position. The runback also made Jones the school's career leader in kickoff returns and kickoff return yardage, passing 1987 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown on both lists. Fasano capitalized on Jones' return with his two-yard TD catch moments later.

That, however, would be the last bright spot for Notre Dame, as USC put together its third 80-yard drive of the opening quarter, covering that distance in 10 plays before Mike Williams caught a seven-yard touchdown pass from Leinart to cap the march. Williams wound up with nine receptions for 112 yards, making USC the first Irish opponent to have two 100-yard receivers in the same game since 1999.

Notre Dame had a pair of chances to tie the score in the second quarter, but came away empty both times. The Irish drove to the USC 35-yard line three minutes into the period, but lost the ball on downs. Then, after junior free safety **Quentin Burrell** recovered a Leinart fumble near midfield, Notre Dame could only get as far as the Trojan 44-yard line before having to punt the ball away. That unwanted trend continued into the second half for the Irish, as they punted on seven consecutive possessions, while USC built its lead and sealed the win.

Notre Dame vs. Number One

Saturday's game with USC will be Notre Dame's 25th meeting all-time against an opponent ranked number one in the Associated Press college football rankings since the AP began its national collegiate football poll in 1936. The Irish have a record of 8-15-1 (.354) in the previous 24 meetings. The eight victories is the most by any school (Miami, Purdue and USC are second with seven, Oklahoma is third with six). This is the first time Notre Dame will face a No. 1 opponent since the loss 41-10 to the Trojans in Los Angeles last season. It is the first Notre Dame game against a No. 1 team at home since a 27-24 overtime loss to Nebraska on Sept. 9, 2000. Four times Notre Dame has clashed with Trojan teams ranked number one, with USC winning all four of those contests (the only previous one at Notre Dame Stadium came in 1967). Here are the results of previous Notre Dame confrontations with top-ranked opponents:

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
November 21, 1936	NORTHWESTERN	W	26-6
November 11, 1944	Army (Yankee Stadium)	L	0-59
November 10, 1945	Army (Yankee Stadium)	L	0-48
November 9, 1946	Army (Yankee Stadium)	T	0-0
November 15, 1952	at Michigan State	L	3-21
October 21, 1961	at Michigan State	L	7-17
December 1, 1962	at USC	L	0-25
November 20, 1965	MICHIGAN STATE	L	3-12
October 14, 1967	USC	L	7-24
September 28, 1968	PURDUE	L	22-37
January 1, 1970	Texas (Cotton Bowl)	L	17-21
January 1, 1971	Texas (Cotton Bowl)	W	24-11
December 2, 1972	at USC	L	23-45
December 31, 1973	Alabama (Sugar Bowl)	W	24-23
January 2, 1978	Texas (Cotton Bowl)	W	38-10
January 1, 1981	Georgia (Sugar Bowl)	L	10-17
November 6, 1982	at Pittsburgh	W	31-16
November 16, 1985	at Penn State	L	6-36
October 15, 1988	MIAMI	W	31-30
January 1, 1990	Colorado (Orange Bowl)	W	21-6
January 1, 1991	Colorado (Orange Bowl)	L	9-10
November 13, 1993	FLORIDA STATE	W	31-24
September 9, 2000	NEBRASKA	L	24-27 (ot)
November 27, 2004	at USC	L	10-41

ALL CAPS - game played in Notre Dame Stadium (3-4)

**Returning Letterwinners'
Career Single-Game Bests**

Total Carries

Justin Hoskins4 vs. Washington, '04
 Jeff Jenkins 6 at Pittsburgh, '05 and at Purdue, '05
 Rashon Powers-Neal17 vs. Navy, '02
 Brady Quinn8 at USC, '04
 Travis Thomas8 at Pittsburgh, '05
 Darius Walker31 vs. Michigan, '04

Rushing Yards

Justin Hoskins16 vs. Washington, '04
 Jeff Jenkins30 at Purdue, '05
 Rashon Powers-Neal108 vs. Stanford '02
 Brady Quinn49 at Pittsburgh, '05
 Travis Thomas52 at Washington, '05
 Darius Walker128 at Washington, '05

Pass Completions

Brady Quinn33 vs. Michigan State, '05

Pass Attempts

Brady Quinn60 vs. Michigan State, '05

Passing Yards

Brady Quinn487 vs. Michigan State, '05

Receptions

John Carlson3 vs. Boston College, '04
 Anthony Fasano8 vs. Purdue, '04
 Marcus Freeman3 at BYU, '04
 Rhema McKnight8, three times
 Jeff Samardzija8 at Washington, '05
 Matt Shelton7 at Purdue, '05
 Maurice Stovall9 at Purdue, '03

Receiving Yards

John Carlson22 at Purdue, '05
 Anthony Fasano155 vs. Purdue, '04
 Marcus Freeman28 at BYU, '04
 Rhema McKnight121 at Boston College, '03
 Jeff Samardzija164 at Washington, '05
 Matt Shelton128 vs. Pittsburgh, '04
 Maurice Stovall176 vs. Michigan State, '05
 Darius Walker52 at Pittsburgh, '05

Tackles

Victor Abiamiri7 vs. Michigan State, '03
 Brian Beidatsch3 vs. Michigan State, '05
 Joe Brockington2 at Tennessee, '04
 Brandon Hoyte16 vs. Navy, '04
 Derek Landri7 vs. Boston College, '04
 Trevor Laws5 at BYU, '04
 Corey Mays6 vs. Michigan State, '05
 Mike Richardson9 at Purdue, '05
 Tom Zbikowski9 at Michigan State, '04

THE 2005 NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF

Coach	Position	Previous Position, Team
Charlie Weis	Head Coach	Offensive Coordinator, New England Patriots (NFL)
John Latina.....	Assistant Head Coach (offense)/Offensive Line.....	Offensive Coordinator, University of Mississippi
Bill Lewis	Assistant Head Coach (defense)/Defensive Backs.....	Defensive Nickel Package, Miami Dolphins (NFL)
Michael Haywood	Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs.....	Running Backs, University of Texas
Rick Minter	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers.....	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers, University of South Carolina
Rob Ianello.....	Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator	Tight Ends, University of Wisconsin
Jappy Oliver	Defensive Line	Defensive Line, University of South Carolina
Bernie Parmalee.....	Tight Ends/Assistant Special Teams.....	Tight Ends, Miami Dolphins (NFL)
Brian Polian	Special Teams/Assistant Defensive Backs	Running Backs, University of Central Florida
Peter Vaas	Quarterbacks.....	Head Coach, Cologne Centurions (NFL Europe)

COACHING STAFF LOCATIONS DURING GAME

Charlie Weis	sidelines
John Latina	sidelines
Bill Lewis	press box
Michael Haywood	sidelines
Rick Minter	sidelines
Rob Ianello	press box
Jappy Oliver	sidelines
Bernie Parmalee	sidelines
Brian Polian	sidelines
Peter Vaas	press box
Grad. Asst. Shane Waldron.....	press box
Grad. Asst. Jeff Burrow.....	press box

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Abiamiri	Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee
Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
Asaph Schwapp	A-sopp shwopp
Beidatsch	BY-datsch
Bruton	BREW-ton
Derrell Hand.....	du-RELL
Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Frome	Fr-ROM
Hiben.....	HIGH-ben
Kuntz	Koontz
Landri.....	LAN-dree
LeVoi.....	le-VORE (as in fore)
Mattes.....	MATT-is
Chindeum Ndukwe.....	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Raridon	RARE-i-done
Rashon	ruh-SHON
Rhema	RAY-ma
Samardzija	suh-MARR-zuh
Schiccatano	shick-a-TAWN-O
Turkovich.....	Turk-uh-vitch
Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Wolke	WOLL-key
Zbikowski.....	zib-uh-COW-ski

Top-10 Matchups

With Notre Dame moving into the top 10 this week in all three major polls, this weekend's game becomes just the second matchup between a top-10 Irish team and a top-10 opponent since 1997.

The last meeting occurred in 2002, when No. 7 Notre Dame met No. 6 USC in the Los Angeles Coliseum. The Trojans earned a 44-13 victory in the contest. The most recent meeting between two top-10 teams at Notre Dame Stadium came in 1996, when No. 4 Ohio State earned a 29-16 victory over No. 5 Notre Dame.

Here is a list of matchups between a top-10 Notre Dame team and a top-10 opponent (according to the AP rankings) since 1981:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outcome</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>ND Rank</u>	<u>Opponent (rank)</u>
Nov. 14, 1987	W	H.....	37-6	7	Alabama (10)
Nov. 28, 1987.....	L	A	0-24	10	Miami (2)
Oct. 15, 1988	W	H.....	31-30	4.....	Miami (1)
Nov. 26, 1988.....	W	A	27-10	1.....	USC (2)
Sept. 16, 1989	W	A	24-19	1.....	Michigan (2)
Oct. 21, 1989	W	H.....	28-24	1.....	USC (9)
Oct. 28, 1989	L	A	10-27	1.....	Miami (7)
Jan. 1, 1990	W	N.....	21-6	4.....	Colorado (1)
Sept. 15, 1990	W	H.....	28-24	1.....	Michigan (4)
Oct. 20, 1990	W	H.....	29-20	6.....	Miami (2)
Nov. 10, 1990.....	W	A	34-29	1.....	Tennessee (9)
Jan. 1, 1991	L	N.....	9-10	5.....	Colorado (1)
Sept. 14, 1991	L	A	14-24	7.....	Michigan (3)
Sept. 12, 1992	T	H.....	17-17	3.....	Michigan (6)
Nov. 7, 1992	W	H.....	54-7	8.....	Boston College (9)
Nov. 13, 1993.....	W	H.....	31-24	2.....	Florida State (1)
Sept. 10, 1994	L	H.....	24-26	3.....	Michigan (6)
Sept. 21, 1996	W	A	27-24	9.....	Texas (6)
Sept. 28, 1996	L	H.....	16-29	5.....	Ohio State (4)
Nov. 30, 2002	L	A	13-44	7.....	USC (6)

Four Ranked Teams in Six Games

As No. 1 USC enters Notre Dame Stadium this Saturday, it will mark the fifth time in Notre Dame history that the Irish will face four ranked teams in its first six games of the season (according to the AP rankings). The Irish have already taken on #23 Pittsburgh, #3 Michigan and #22 Purdue - and walked away with a victory in each of those first three contests.

Notre Dame faced a similar challenge in 2003, 2000, 1979 and 1953. The 1953 team (W, 28-21 at #6 Oklahoma; W, 24-14 vs. #15 Pittsburgh; W, 27-14 vs. #4 Georgia Tech; W, 38-7 vs. Navy) is the only Irish squad to win all four games.

Notre Dame's Solid Start in 2005

Notre Dame has claimed victories over three ranked opponents on the road this season - and all three victories occurred on the opponent's home field. That marks the first time Notre Dame has defeated three ranked teams on the road since 2002 (vs. #21 Maryland, at #18 Air Force, at #11 Florida State), but the first time since 1990 that feat has been achieved on the opponents' home fields (at #24 Michigan State, at #9 Tennessee, at #18 USC).

The three ranked victories also occurred in the first five games of the year. The 2005 season marks the 11th time Notre Dame has faced three ranked opponents in its first five games of the season - and the '05 season is the first time since 1980 (vs. #13 Miami, vs. #14 Michigan and vs. #9 Purdue) that the team has won all three such games in five attempts (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003).

Streak Busters

Notre Dame has a penchant for ending impressive winning streaks in football, contributing to the program's great tradition. USC will enter Saturday's game with a 27-game win streak. Here is a list of games in which the Irish have put an end to an especially impressive winning streak maintained by an opponent:

1946 - Notre Dame 0, Army 0 - 25 games

Notre Dame snaps the Cadets' 25-game victory string at Yankee Stadium. Johnny Lujack's late solo tackle of Army's Doc Blanchard remains the indelible image from this contest. The Irish also avenged 59-0 and 48-0 defeats to Army and thwarted the Cadets' chances for a third straight national title.

1953 - Notre Dame 27, Georgia Tech 14 - 31 games

Notre Dame rushes for 323 yards to end Georgia Tech's 31-game win streak in Notre Dame Stadium. The four touchdowns scored by ND marked the most for a Georgia Tech opponent during the streak and Ralph Guglielmi's touchdown pass is the first against the Yellow Jackets in 22 games. The Irish also win despite the loss of head coach Frank Leahy, who fainted due to a lower chest muscle spasm while walking to the dressing room at halftime.

1957 - Notre Dame 7, Oklahoma 0 - 47 games

The most remarkable streakbreaking performance by the Irish, as Notre Dame entered the game unranked and twice beaten. Dick Lynch scores the lone touchdown in the game as Notre Dame ends the Oklahoma 47-game run on the Sooners' home turf (Owen Field). The 47-game streak still ranks as the longest in college football history.

1971 - Notre Dame 24, Texas 11 - 30 games

The sixth-ranked Irish end Texas' bid for two consecutive perfect seasons in the Cotton Bowl. Joe Theismann accounts for three scores in the first 16 minutes of the game while Walt Patulski and Mike Kadish shut out the potent Texas offense in the second half, forcing nine fumbles (five recovered by Notre Dame).

1973 - Notre Dame 23, USC 14 - 23 games

Eric Penick's 85-yard run in the third quarter keys No. 8 Notre Dame's triumph that ends No. 6 USC's run. The victory is a pivotal triumph in Notre Dame's national championship season.

1988 - Notre Dame 31, Miami 30 - 36 games

Despite giving up 424 passing yards to Miami's Steve Walsh, Notre Dame forces seven turnovers and ends the Hurricanes' 36-game run and 20-game streak on the road. Pat Terrell posted the memorable play in this contest, batting away a two-point conversion attempt with 45 seconds to play.

1993 - Notre Dame 31, Florida State 24 - 16 games

Notre Dame also had won 16 games entering the contest and the Irish built a 21-7 halftime lead and eventually held on down the stretch. Notre Dame piles up 239 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns in the contest. Shawn Wooden knocks down a Charlie Ward pass as time runs out to ensure the victory.

2005 IRISH HONORS AND AWARDS**Senior LB Bradon Hoyte -**

Butkus Award Watch List (Preseason)
Draddy Trophy Semifinalist (Oct. 7)
(Academic Heisman)

Senior TE Anthony Fasano -

Mackey Award Watch List (Preseason)

Senior K/P D.J. Fitzpatrick -

Groza Award Watch List (Preseason)

Junior QB Brady Quinn -

The Sporting News Player of the Week (Oct. 2)
Cingular/ABC Sports All-American of the Week
(Oct. 6)
ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Pitt)
Maxwell Award Watch List (Preseason)

Junior WR Jeff Samardzija -

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Wash.)

Sophomore RB Darius Walker -

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Michigan)

Tony Roberts Honored

The National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame selected Notre Dame play-by-play legend **Tony Roberts** to receive the 2005 Chris Schenkel Award.

The award, named for the legendary college football announcer, is given annually to a college football announcer who has excelled in his field and contributed to his community. The award was presented to Roberts on Friday, Aug. 12, at the Mayor's Breakfast during the College Football Hall of Fame's Enshrinement Festival in South Bend.

After graduating from Columbia College in Chicago with a degree in journalism, Roberts went on to become the voice of Indiana University basketball and football, Navy football, Washington Senators baseball and Washington Bullets basketball.

Now in his 26th year as a member of the Westwood One Radio Network broadcast team, Roberts is currently the voice of Notre Dame football. In addition to his play-by-play duties, he broadcasts three times daily for Westwood One/CBS Radio Sports and has covered the last five Summer Olympics for NBC Radio.

Streak Busters II

While the Notre Dame football team has its share of memorable streak busting performances, the entire Notre Dame athletics department owns its share of notable victories:

Jan. 19, 1974 - Dwight Clay's jumper provides the winning points as the Notre Dame men's basketball team halts UCLA's 88-game win streak (still the NCAA record) in a 71-70 thriller.

Oct. 2, 1994 - The Notre Dame women's soccer team plays to a 0-0 tie against perennial power North Carolina in St. Louis, stopping UNC's 92-game win streak (still the NCAA record).

Jan. 15, 2001 - The Notre Dame women's basketball team stuns Connecticut, 92-76, to halt UConn's 30-game win streak and help vault the Irish to the national title.

June 7, 2002 - The Notre Dame baseball team ends top-ranked Florida State's 25-game win streak (10-4) in the first game of an NCAA Super Regional series.

Jan. 30, 2005 - The Irish women's basketball team strikes again, posting a 65-59 win at Connecticut to snap the Huskies' 112-game home court win streak (dating back to 1993). It also was the first loss at Gampel Pavilion in 55 games for UConn.

How the Irish Were Built (* - indicates monograms won, CAPS indicates returning starters)**OFFENSE (33)****Freshmen (7)**

OL Paul Duncan
WR David Grimes
TE Joey Hiben
WR D.J. Hord
FB Asaph Schwapp
QB Evan Sharpley
OL Mike Turkovich

Sophomores (5)

WR Darrin Bragg
RB Justin Hoskins
RB Junior Jabbie
*RB Darius Walker
QB David Wolke

Juniors (8)

*WR Chase Anastasio
*TE John Carlson
**OT RYAN HARRIS
FB Ashley McConnell
**QB BRADY QUINN
**WR Jeff Samardzija
*C JOHN SULLIVAN
*RB Travis Thomas

Seniors (9)

OL James Bonelli
**TE ANTHONY FASANO
**TE Marcus Freeman
RB Jeff Jenkins
***WR RHEMA MCKNIGHT
*OL Brian Mattes
**OG BOBBY MORTON
**OG Dan Santucci
***WR MAURICE STOVALL

5th Year Seniors (4)

***OT MARK LEVOIR
***FB RASHON POWERS-NEAL
***WR Matt Shelton
***OG DAN STEVENSON

DEFENSE (34)**Freshmen (8)**

DB David Bruton
DL Derrell Hand
DB Ray Herring
DL Pat Kuntz
DB Kyle McCarthy
LB Steve Quinn
LB Scott Smith
LB Kevin Washington

Sophomores (7)

LB Abdel Banda
DE Justin Brown
LB Maurice Crum, Jr.
DB Leo Ferrine
DB Terrail Lambert
DE Ronald Talley
DB Anthony Vernaglia

Juniors (10)

**DE Victor Abiamiri
*LB Nick Borseti
*LB Joe Brockington
CB LaBrose Hedgemon II
*DL Trevor Laws
**S/LB Chinedum Ndukwe
LB Mitchell Thomas
LB Dwight Stephenson
CB Ambrose Wooden
*S TOM ZBIKOWSKI

Seniors (6)

FS Jake Carney
DE Chris Frome
**NG DEREK LANDRI
**CB Mike Richardson
*LB Anthony Salvador
DE Nate Schiccato

5th Year Seniors (3)

***DE Brian Beidatsch
***LB BRANDON HOYTE
***LB Corey Mays

SPECIALISTS (5)**Freshmen (0)****Sophomores (0)****Juniors (2)**

K Carl Gioia
P Geoff Price

Seniors (2)

**LS Scott Raridon
K Bobby Renkes

5th Year Seniors (1)

**K/P D.J. FITZPATRICK

Hitting the road ...

The 2005 Notre Dame football schedule offered a **unique challenge** for the Irish this season. The team faced four of its first five games on the road, then returns to Notre Dame Stadium for five consecutive home games. Here is a historical perspective on the unique schedule:

- Heading into this year, only three of the last 20 Notre Dame football seasons have featured road games in four of the first six outings. Lou Holtz faced the challenge twice – 1987 and '89 – coming away with 8-4 and 12-1 records, respectively, and earning a memorable win over #1 Colorado in the Orange Bowl following the '89 season. Bob Davie went 7-6 with such a schedule in '97.
- The Irish are a combined 32-16 (.667) in seasons that send them away from home for at least four of their first six games, including wins in the Liberty Bowl and Orange Bowl following the 1983 and '89 campaigns, respectively.
- Over the last 10 seasons, Notre Dame has played more than two out of their first six games on the road only three times. In 1997 Davie's team played four of their first six away from home and the '95 and '03 squads were on the road for three of their first six.
- The 1989 schedule dealt Holtz and company five of their first six games on the road, with four on the opposing team's home turf and one at a neutral site. The Irish opened the season 6-0 under those conditions, beating Virginia at Giants Stadium and defeating #2 Michigan, Purdue, Stanford and #17 Air Force away from home.
- Charlie Weis' first season features one of the most daunting beginning slates (in terms of road games) in Notre Dame history. Davie faced four of his first six games on the road in his inaugural campaign. In his first half dozen games, Davie's crew played Purdue, Michigan, Stanford and Pittsburgh on the road, defeating only the Panthers.
- In 1983, Gerry Faust's third year on the job, the Irish faced four of their first five games on the road and wound up 3-1, including a 30-6 win over #7 South Carolina.
- Nobody, though, will face the challenge that Knute Rockne took on in 1929, playing all nine games on the road with Notre Dame Stadium under construction and coaching the team to a 9-0 record.

... and heading home

- The 2005 season will grant Notre Dame five consecutive home games for the first time since '99, when Davie's team finished the year 5-7. The Irish went 4-1 in those five games, however, beating the likes of #23 Oklahoma and USC.
- Faust's first-year schedule (1981) also boasted five straight games at Notre Dame Stadium and the team came away with wins over Michigan State, Navy and Georgia Tech en route to a 3-2 homestand.
- Faust's and Davie's squads both produced 4-2 home records in 1981 and '99, respectively.
- In the three seasons of the last 20 that have sent the Irish on the road for four of their first six games, the team has compiled a combined 14-2 home record, led by 5-0 home seasons from Holtz in 1987 and '89.
- This year's five-game home stand features a showdown with Navy, making the Midshipmen the only school to appear all three times the Irish schedule has permitted such an extended stay in South Bend.
- Though the Irish haven't played more than three consecutive home games in any of the last five seasons, they are 21-10 (.677) in Notre Dame Stadium over that span.
- Until this year, there has never been a Notre Dame season with both four of the first six games on the road and a five-game homestand.

GameDay At Notre Dame

ESPN's *College GameDay* program is making its seventh appearance on Notre Dame's campus this weekend and first since 2000. The Irish are 3-3 all-time when GameDay is present outside Notre Dame Stadium and 7-8 overall in the 15 times that the traditional college football program has appeared at any Irish contest, regardless of site. This will be the second Notre Dame - USC matchup highlighted by the program, as the 1995, 38-10, victory by the Irish played host to *GameDay*.

Notre Dame is also unique, as it hosted the first of *GameDay* show on the road at the 1993 matchup between No. 2 Notre Dame and No. 1 Florida State.

Here is a complete listing of GameDay's appearances at Notre Dame:

Year	W/L	Score	ND Rank	Opponent (Rank)
1993	W	31-24	2	Florida State (1)
1994	L	24-26	3	Michigan (6)
1995	W	38-10	17	USC (5)
1996	L	16-29	5	Ohio State (4)
1998	W	36-20	22	Michigan (5)
2000	L	24-27 (OT)	23	Nebraska (1)

All-time, the higher-ranked team is 89-39 when GameDay is present at the site of the game.

An Eye on Career Records

Most Passes Attempted

1.	Ron Powlus	.969	1994-97
2.	Steve Beuerlein	.850	1983-86
3.	• Brady Quinn	.848	2003-present
4.	Rick Mirer	.698	1989-92
5.	Blair Kiel	.609	1980-83

Most Passes Completed

1.	Ron Powlus	.558	1994-97
2.	Steve Beuerlein	.473	1983-86
3.	• Brady Quinn	.454	2003-present
4.	Rick Mirer	.377	1989-92
5.	Jarious Jackson	.306	1996-99

Most Passing Yards

1.	Ron Powlus	.7602	1994-97
2.	Steve Beuerlein	.6527	1983-86
3.	• Brady Quinn	.6038	2003-present
4.	Rick Mirer	.5997	1989-92
5.	Jarious Jackson	.4820	1996-99

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Graduation Rate

The University of Notre Dame **ranks among the top three Division I-A institutions** in five major student-athlete graduation rate categories – overall, football, men, women and African-American – according to statistics released in October 2004 by the NCAA.

The federally mandated '04 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between '94 and '97 at Division I institutions, including 117 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

Among student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility at Notre Dame, 99 percent earned their degrees. The national average was 84 percent.

Using the NCAA formula, Notre Dame graduated a four-year average of 87 percent of its student-athletes, second only to Duke University at 90 percent, and tied with Stanford and Northwestern Universities. The national average for Division I-A schools is 61 percent.

In August '03, the NCAA presented an Academic Achievement Award to Notre Dame for its best-in-the-nation one-year graduation rate of 92 percent for all student-athletes who enrolled in '96.

Notre Dame graduated 71 percent of its African-American student-athletes, ranking ninth nationally, and Irish football players graduated at a 77 percent rate, to rank eighth.

All Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	90%
2.	(tie) Notre Dame	87
	(tie) Northwestern	87
	(tie) Stanford	87

Male Student-Athletes

1.	Duke	88%
2.	Stanford	84
3.	Notre Dame	82

Female Student-Athletes

1.	Northwestern	96%
2.	Duke	95
3.	Notre Dame	94

Coming Off a Bye Week

Notre Dame has won more than 80 percent of its games (59-13-2, .811) when it plays after a bye week (since 1900). The Irish have an even higher percentage (26-4, .867) playing after an off week since 1984. Here is a look at Notre Dame's games following a bye week since 1984 -

Year	Outcome	Score	ND Rank	Opponent (rank)
1984	W	44-7	NR	Penn State
1985	W	24-10	NR	Army (19)
1986	W	33-14	NR	Navy
1987	L	22-30	4	Pittsburgh
1988	W	21-3	1	Penn State
1989	W	24-19	1	Michigan (2)
1991	W	48-42	17	Hawaii
1992	W	42-16	10	BYU
1992	W	31-23	5	USC (10)
1993	W	31-24	2	Florida State (1)
1994	W	58-21	NR	Navy
1994	L	16-23	NR	Florida State (8)
1995	W	44-14	8	Air Force
1996	W	54-20	11	Washington (16)
1996	W	54-27	10	Navy (at Croke Park in Dublin, Ireland)
1997	W	24-6	NR	LSU (11)
1998	W	31-30	t-23	Purdue
1998	W	20-17	18	Army
1999	W	34-30	23	Oklahoma
1999	W	28-24	NR	Navy
2000	W	20-14	25	Stanford
2000	W	28-16	11	Boston College
2001	L	10-17	23	Michigan State
2001	W	34-16	NR	Navy
2002	W	31-7	9	Stanford
2002	W	42-0	8	Rutgers
2003	W	20-14	NR	Pittsburgh (15)
2003	W	57-7	NR	Stanford
2004	W	17-14	NR	Tennessee (9)
2004	L	10-41	NR	USC (1)

Irish First-Year Head Coaches

As **Charlie Weis** continues his first season at the helm of the Irish, here are a few notes on Notre Dame's head coaches in their inaugural years (see page 13 for a recap of each coaching debut season in ND history).

- The 27 previous head football coaches in Notre Dame history have combined to amass a 168-60-12 (.700) record in their first years at the helm.
- Weis is the first coach to begin his Irish career by beating two ranked opponents in his first two games. The only other attempt was by Terry Brennan in 1954 (won 21-0 vs. #4 Texas, lost 27-14 vs. #19 Purdue).
- Weis is the first coach to begin his Notre Dame tenure with two victories on the road and on the opponent's home field since Knute Rockne in 1918 (at Case Tech, at Wabash). Hunk Anderson faced his first two games away from Notre Dame in '31 (at Indiana, vs. Northwestern at Soldier Field - a win and a tie, respectively) and Dan Devine also started with two games away from South Bend in '75 (vs. Boston College at Foxboro, at Purdue - both wins).
- The two most recent Irish head coaches (Bob Davie; 7-6 in 1997, Tyrone Willingham; 10-3 in 2002) posted winning records in their first seasons. The last Irish coach to turn in a sub-.500 season in his first year is Lou Holtz, whose '86 team finished 5-6.
- The longest winning streak for a Notre Dame head coach to begin his career with the Irish is nine games, by Harper (1913-14) and Parseghian ('64).
- Since 1913, four Notre Dame coaches – Layden, Parseghian, Holtz and Willingham – have taken over the program the year after their predecessors were either .500 or below. All but Holtz, who went 5-6 in '86, posted winning records in their first seasons and the quartet had a combined 30-13 record in such seasons. The '04 Irish went 6-6 under Willingham.

First-Year Players Seeing Significant Time

Through the first five games of the 2005 season, Notre Dame has seen 24 players make their Irish playing debut. Included in the 24 players are 10 true freshmen from Notre Dame's 15-player class signed last year. The complete list of players that have played for the first time this season: James Bent, Justin Brown, David Bruton*, Maurice Crum, Jr., Casey Cullen, Paul Duncan*, Leo Ferrine, David Fitzgerald, David Grimes*, LaBrose Hedgemon III, Ray Herring*, Joey Hiben*, Pat Kuntz*, Terrail Lambert, Ashley McConnell, Marty Mooney, Steve Quinn*, Asaph Schwapp*, Dwight Stephenson, Jr., Scott Smith*, Ronald Talley and Michael Turkovich*, Anthony Vernaglia.

* - indicates true freshman

Offense Piling Up Yardage

The offense has been the highlight of the 2005 Notre Dame football season thus far. The Irish are currently ninth in the country in overall offense (504.20) and are on pace for the most prolific offensive season since the team ended the 1996 season ranked 10th in total offense. Currently, the Irish are averaging 329.8 passing yards per game, on pace to break the Notre Dame record of 252.7 set in 1970 (Notre Dame finished that season ranked eighth in the country in passing offense and second overall with a school-record 510.5 total yards per game).

One measuring stick for offensive production is games in which the team compiles over 500 yards of total offense. Notre Dame has accomplished that feat four times this season (502 at Pittsburgh, 594 vs. Michigan State, 560 at Washington, 621 at Purdue) - marking the first time the Irish have posted four or more 500-yard performances since the 1996 season.

Here is a breakdown of Notre Dame's 500-plus games, season by season, since 1990 -

1990: 502 vs. Purdue, 542 vs. Air Force

1991: 650 vs. Michigan State

1992: 561 vs. Northwestern, 509 vs. Michigan State, 580 vs. Purdue, 521 vs. Pittsburgh, 576 vs. Boston College

1993: 539 vs. Pittsburgh, 535 vs. BYU, 604 vs. Navy

1994: 547 vs. Purdue

1995: 503 vs. Purdue, 511 vs. Texas, 514 vs. Air Force

1996: 650 vs. Washington, 544 vs. Boston College, 565 vs. Pittsburgh, 648 vs. Rutgers

1997: 520 vs. Boston College

1998: None

1999: 566 vs. Oklahoma, 524 vs. Navy

2000: None

2001: None

2002: None

2003: 512 vs. Stanford

2004: 536 vs. Purdue

Keep an Eye on Third Down

Notre Dame is ranked 18th in the nation and is averaging a solid 47 percent on third down this season (36 of 77), while holding its opponents to 30 percent (20 of 67), which is ranked 17th in the nation.

Notre Dame Putting Up Points

Notre Dame has scored over 40 points in three of its first five games this season. The last Irish team to accomplish that feat was the 1992 team, which defeated Northwestern 42-7, Michigan State 52-31 and Purdue 48-0. The last time Notre Dame scored 40 points in a game three times in a single season was 2000, when the team beat Navy 45-14, West Virginia 42-28 and Rutgers 45-17.

Red Zone Turnovers

Notre Dame has forced its opponent into five turnovers during 19 red zone visits this season. The Irish have caused three fumbles and intercepted two passes inside their own 20-yard line this season. Overall, Notre Dame's opponents are 13 for 19 in red zone chances with 10 touchdowns and three field goals. The Irish are 22 for 23 with 19 touchdowns and three field goals.

An Eye on Career Records cont. from p. 9

Most Touchdown Passes

1. Ron Powlus521994-97
2. Rick Mirer411989-92
3. • Brady Quinn39 ...2003-present
4. Jarious Jackson341996-99
5. Joe Theismann311968-70

Most Games with 250+ Passing Yards

1. • Brady Quinn9 ...2003-present
- Jarious Jackson91996-99
3. Steve Beuerlein81983-86
- Ron Powlus81994-97
5. Joe Theismann51968-70

Average Rushing Yards Per Game

1. Autry Denson89.91995-98
2. Allen Pinkett89.81982-85
3. • Darius Walker82.1 ..2004-present
4. Vagas Ferguson73.91976-79
5. George Gipp73.11917-20

Most Pass Receptions

1. Tom Gatewood1571969-71
2. Jim Seymour1381966-68
3. Tim Brown1371984-87
4. Derrick Mayes1291992-95
5. Ken MacAfee1281974-77
8. • Rhema McKnight1032002-present

Most Receiving Yards

1. Derrick Mayes2,5121992-95
2. Tim Brown2,4931984-87
3. Tom Gatewood2,2831969-71
4. Jim Seymour2,1131966-68
5. Tony Hunter1,8971979-82
6. Ken MacAfee1,7591974-77
7. Malcolm Johnson1,7371995-98
8. Bobby Brown1,5211996-99
9. • Rhema McKnight1,504 ..2002-present
- Maurice Stovall1,300 ..2002-present

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2005 Irish Schedule Analysis

Teams that were:

above .500 in 2004 6
 .500 in '04 1
 below .500 in '04 4
 undefeated in '04 1

Teams that:

finished in the final AP top-10 in '04 1
 finished in the final AP top-25 in '04 5
 went to a bowl in '04 7
 went to a BCS bowl in '04 3
 went to a New Year's Day bowl in '04 3
 went to a January bowl in '04 4
 went to a December bowl in '04 3
 won a bowl game in '04 3
 were on the '04 Irish schedule 10
 lost to the Irish in '04 6

Returning Starters:

Purdue 20
 Washington 19
 Pittsburgh 18
 Michigan 17
 Stanford 17
 Michigan State 16
 Tennessee 16
 USC 15
 Brigham Young 14
 Syracuse 14
Notre Dame 13
 Navy 8

Notre Dame Special Teams Captains

at Pittsburgh Travis Thomas (Jr., RB)
 at Michigan Casey Cullen (Jr., DL)
 vs. Michigan State Tom Zbikowski (Jr., S)
 at Washington John Carlson (Jr., TE)
 at Purdue Chase Anastasio (Jr., WR)
 vs. USC Trevor Laws (Jr., DL)

Quinn and the Notre Dame Record Book

Junior QB **Brady Quinn**, in his third full year as the Irish starter, already has made a lasting mark on the Irish football record book. Here is a quick overview of some of his accomplishments and rankings all-time at Notre Dame (see pages 9, 11 and 13 for several career ranking breakdowns for Quinn):

Touchdowns, Single Game - 5 - vs. Michigan State, the school record, breaking the previous mark of four which was held by seven different individuals in nine different games.

Completions, Single Game - 33 - vs. Michigan State, matched Joe Theismann's school record from the 1970 game at USC.

Yards, Single Game - 487 - vs. Michigan State, second all-time behind Theismann's 526 at USC in '70.

Yards, Career - 6,038 - becoming just the third Irish quarterback to throw for better than 6,000 yards, Quinn stands 489 yards behind Steve Beuerlein for second on the all-time list. Ron Powlus is the career yardage leader with 7,602 (Quinn trails Powlus by 1,564 yards).

Touchdown Passes, Career - 39 - already third on the all-time list behind Rick Mirer (41) and Ron Powlus (52).

Avg. Passing Yards Per Game, Career - 208.2 - currently first on the all-time list ahead of Powlus (172.7).

Quinn also is well ahead of the pace to set the single-season passing yardage record for the Irish. At his current pace (324.2 yards per game), he would total 3,566 yards. The single-season record is held by Jarious Jackson, who threw for 2,753 yards in 1999. Averaging 250 yards per game for the rest of the season he would end up with 3,121 yards. The Dublin, Ohio, native has the possibility of becoming Notre Dame's first 3,000-yard single-season passer.

Quinn 300

Since 1950, a Notre Dame quarterback has thrown for 300 yards or more 14 times. Junior QB Brady Quinn is responsible for five of those performances - the most for any single Notre Dame quarterback. Quinn has thrown for 350 (vs. Boston College, 2003), 432 (vs. Purdue, 2004), 487 (vs. Michigan State, 2005), 327 (at Washington, 2005) and 440 (at Purdue, 2005).

Quinn is the only Notre Dame quarterback to throw for over 400 yards three times in a career (in fact, he is the only one to do it twice) - and in Notre Dame's last game at Purdue he became the first Irish signalcaller to throw for more than 300 yards in three consecutive games and the only Irish QB to throw for over 300 yards three in one season.

Quinn Game-By-Game This Season:

Opponent	Att.	Comp.	%	Int.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Pittsburgh	27	18	.667	1	227	2	51
at Michigan	30	19	.633	0	140	2	26
vs. Michigan State	60	33	.550	1	487	*5	50
at Washington	37	25	.675	0	327	1	52
at Purdue	36	29	.805	1	440	3	55
TOTAL	190	124	.648	3	1621	13	55
Per Game	38	24.8		0.20	324.2	2.6	
Other	Pass Efficiency: 156.35						

* - Notre Dame record

Quinn On A Streak

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** has thrown a touchdown pass in his last 10 games played (and started) for the Irish, matching John Huarte's record set in 1964. The Dublin, Ohio, native has totaled 21 scoring tosses during the run.

Quinn's touchdown passes over the last 10 games -

2005 - 3 at Purdue, 1 at Washington, 5 vs. Michigan State, 2 at Michigan, 2 at Pittsburgh

2004 - 2 vs. Oregon State (Insight Bowl), 1 at USC, 3 vs. Pittsburgh, 1 at Tennessee, 1 vs. Boston College

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Profile: First Year Irish Coaches

Jesse Harper (7-0-0 in 1913)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. Ohio Northern, 87-0
 First road game, first road winat Army, 35-13 (fourth game overall)
 First loss, first road loss.....at Yale, 28-0 in 1914
 Never lost at home16-0

Knut Rodae (3-1-2 in 1918)

Debut, first win, first road winat Case Tech, 26-6
 First non-win, first home gamevs. Great Lakes, 7-7 (third game overall)
 First home winvs. Kalamazoo, 14-0 in 1919 (seventh game overall)
 First road loss.....at Michigan State, 13-7 (fourth game overall)
 First home lossvs. Carnegie Tech, 27-7 (102nd game overall)
 First 42 home games41-0-1

Hunk Anderson (6-2-1 in 1931)

Debut, first win, first road win.....at Indiana, 25-0
 First non-winvs. NW. at Soldier Field (second game overall)
 First loss, first home lossvs. USC, 16-14 (seventh game overall)

Emer Layden (6-3-0 in 1934)

Debut, first loss, first home lossvs. Texas, 7-6
 First win, first home winvs. Purdue, 18-7 (second game overall)
 First road lossat Pittsburgh, 19-0 (fifth game overall)
 First road winat Northwestern, 20-7 (seventh game overall)

Frank Leahy (8-0-1 in 1941)

Debut, first win, first home win.....vs. Arizona, 38-7
 First nonwin.....vs. Army, 0-0, Yankee Stadium (sixth game overall)
 First road winat Georgia Tech, 20-0 (third game overall)
 First loss, first home lossvs. GT, 13-6 in 1942 (11th game overall)
 First road loss.....at Great Lakes, 19-14 in '43 (30th game overall)
 First 16 road games.....14-0-2

Terry Brennan (9-1-0 in 1954)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. #4 Texas, 21-0
 First loss, first home loss.....vs. #19 Purdue, 27-14 (second game overall)
 First road lossat #13 Mich. State, 21-7 in 1955 (14th game overall)
 Entered year ranked #2finished year ranked #4

Joe Kuharich (5-5-0 in 1959)

Debut, first win, first home win.....vs. North Carolina, 28-8
 First loss, first road lossat Purdue, 28-7 (second game overall)
 First home loss.....vs. #2 Northwestern, 30-24 (fifth game overall)
 Debuted at #8 in second gamefinished season unranked

Ara Parseghian (9-1-0 in 1964)

Debut, first win, first road winat Wisconsin, 31-7
 First home winvs. Purdue, 34-15
 First loss, first road lossat USC, 20-17 (10th game overall)
 Unranked to start year.....#1 for four weeks during season

Dan Devine (8-3-0 in 1975)

Debut, first winvs. Boston College, 17-13 in Foxboro
 First home winvs. Northwestern, 31-7 (third game overall)
 First road winat Purdue, 17-0 (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. Michigan State, 10-3 (fourth game overall)
 First road lossat Pittsburgh, 34-20 (10th game overall)
 Ranked as high as #7finished year unranked

Gerry Faust (5-6-0 in 1981)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. LSU, 27-9
 First loss, first road lossat #11 Michigan (second game overall)
 First home loss.....vs. #20 Florida State, 19-13 (fifth game overall)
 Ranked as high as #1.....finished season unranked

Lou Holtz (5-6-0 in 1986)

Debut, first loss, first home lossvs. #3 Michigan, 24-23
 First win, first home win.....vs. Purdue, 41-9 (third game overall)
 First road lossat Michigan State, 20-15 (second game overall)
 First road winat #17 USC, 38-37 (11th game overall)
 Spent one week at #20finished season unranked

Bob Davie (7-6 in 1997)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. GT, 17-13 (ND Stadium rededication)
 First loss, first road lossat Purdue, 28-17 (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. #17 Michigan State, 23-7 (third game overall)
 Entered year ranked 11thfinished season unranked

Tyrone Willingham (10-3 in 2002)

Debut, first winvs. Maryland, 22-0 in Giants Stadium
 First home winvs. Purdue, 24-17 (second game overall)
 First loss, first home loss.....vs. Boston College, 14-7 (ninth game overall)
 First road lossat USC, 44-13 (12th game overall)
 Ranked as high as fourthfinished season ranked 17th

Charlie Weis (4-1 in 2005)

Debut, first winat #23/25 Pittsburgh, 42-21
 First road winat #3/3 Michigan, 17-10
 First home winTBD
 First loss, first home lossvs. Michigan State, 44-41 (OT)
 First road lossTBD
 Rankingcurrently ranked 9 (AP), 9 (USA Today), 8 (Harris Interactive)

An Eye on Career Records cont. from p. 11

Most Receiving Touchdowns

1. Derrick Mayes221992-95
2. Tom Gatewood191969-71
3. Jim Seymour161966-68
4. Ken MacAfee151974-77
5. Tim Brown121984-87
- Bobby Brown121996-99
10. • Jeff Samardzija82003-present
- Maurice Stovall82002-present
- Rhema McKnight72002-present
- Anthony Fasano62003-present
- Jeff Samardzija62003-present

Most Receptions by a Tight End

1. Ken MacAfee1281974-77
3. • Anthony Fasano682003-present
4. Derek Brown621988-91
- Dean Masztak621978-81
6. Mark Bavaro551981-84
- Tony Hunter551979-82

Most Tackles

1. Bob Crable5211978-81
2. Bob Golic4791975-78
3. Steve Heimkreiter3981975-78
4. Bob Olson3691967-69
5. Tony Furjanic3611982-85
- Brandon Hoyte2472002-present

Most Points Scored

1. Allen Pinkett3201982-85
2. Craig Hentrich2941989-92
3. Autry Denson2821995-98
4. Louis Salmon2501900-03
5. Nicholas Setta2482000-03
- D.J. Fitzpatrick1662002-present

Most Field Goals

1. John Carney511984-86
2. Nicholas Setta462000-03
3. Craig Hentrich391989-92
- Dave Reeve391974-77
5. • D.J. Fitzpatrick292002-Present

• - indicates current player

**Other Athletic Events
On Campus
This Weekend**

Friday, Oct. 14

Women's Tennis vs. USC
4:00 p.m. • Eck Tennis Pavilion

Men's Tennis vs. USC
TBA • Eck Tennis Pavilion

Football Pep Rally
6:30 p.m. • Notre Dame Stadium

Men's Lacrosse vs. Johns Hopkins
7:00 p.m. • Moose Krause Stadium
(exhibition)

Women's Soccer vs. Connecticut
7:30 p.m. • Alumni Field

Men's Hockey vs. Waterloo (exhibition)
7:35 p.m. • Joyce Center

Sunday, Oct. 16

Women's Soccer vs. Providence
12:00 noon • Alumni Field

USC SERIES HISTORY (42-29-5)

Home: 23-10-1; Away 17-19-4; Neutral 2-0-0

Site	Year	Rank	W/L	ND	Opp
	1926		W	13	12
SF	1927		W	7	6
	1928		L	14	27
SF	1929		W	13	12
	1930		W	27	0
*	1931		L	14	16
	1932		L	0	13
*	1933		L	0	19
	1934		W	14	0
*	1935		W	20	13
	1936	9-	T	13	13
*	1937	9-	W	13	6
	1938	1-8	L	0	13
*	1939	7-4	L	12	20
	1940		W	10	6
*	1941	4-	W	20	18
	1942	8-14	W	13	0
*	1946	2-16	W	26	6
	1947	1-3	W	38	7
	1948	2-	T	14	14
*	1949	1-17	W	32	0
	1950		L	7	9
	1951	-20	W	19	12
*	1952	7-2	W	9	0
	1953	2-20	W	48	14
*	1954	4-17	W	23	17
	1955	5-	L	20	42
	1956	-17	L	20	28
*	1957	12-	W	40	12
	1958	18-	W	20	13
*	1959	-7	W	16	6
	1960		W	17	0
*	1961	8-	W	30	0
	1962	-1	L	0	25
*	1963	-7	W	17	14
	1964	1-	L	17	20
*	1965	7-4	W	28	7
	1966	1-10	W	51	0
*	1967	5-1	L	7	24
	1968	9-2	T	21	21
*	1969	11-3	T	14	14
	1970	4-	L	28	38
*	1971	6-	L	14	28
	1972	10-1	L	23	45
*	1973	8-6	W	23	14
	1974	5-6	L	24	55
*	1975	14-3	L	17	24
	1976	13-3	L	13	17
*	1977	11-5	W	49	19

	1978	8-3	L	25	27
*	1979	9-4	L	23	42
	1980	2-17	L	3	20
*	1981	-5	L	7	14
	1982	-17	L	13	17
*	1983		W	27	6
	1984	-14	W	19	7
*	1985		W	37	3
	1986	-17	W	38	37
*	1987	10-	W	26	15
	1988	1-2	W	27	10
*	1989	1-9	W	28	24
	1990	7-18	W	10	6
*	1991	5-	W	24	20
	1992	5-19	W	31	23
*	1993	2-	W	31	13
	1994	-17	T	17	17
*	1995	17-5	W	38	10
	1996	10-	L (ot)	20	27
*	1997		L	17	20
	1998	9-	L	0	10
*	1999		W	25	24
	2000	11-	W	38	21
*	2001		W	27	16
	2002	7-6	L	13	44
*	2003	-5	L	14	45
	2004	-1	L	10	41

The Last Time... Notre Dame vs. USC (Nov. 27, 2004)

USC - 41
Notre Dame - 10
Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Matt Leinart threw for a career-high 400 yards and matched a personal best and school record with five touchdown passes as the top-ranked USC Trojans overcame an early deficit in wet conditions to defeat the Fighting Irish, 41-10, for their 20th consecutive victory.

Making a strong case for the Heisman Trophy, Leinart completed 24 of 34 passes for USC (11-0), which set a school record with its 21st straight home win and beat the Irish by exactly 31 points for a third straight year.

The Trojans, off to their best start since going 12-0 and winning the national championship in 1972, set themselves up to conclude a wire-to-wire season as the nation's top-ranked team and secure an Orange Bowl berth with a victory at UCLA one week later.

A strong start by the Irish offense allowed Notre Dame to take a 10-3 lead on back-to-back drives that amassed 165 yards on 25 plays through the early second quarter. The Irish came out of the gate using the run to set up the pass as gains by tailbacks Ryan Grant and Darius Walker got the play-action pass going for quarterback Brady Quinn.

On the first touchdown pass, Quinn used play-action to buy time to find tight end Billy Palmer in the end zone for a one-yard score that put the Irish ahead 7-0. Then on the next possession, it was the legs of Grant, who had a 32-yard run, and even Quinn, who picked up 22 yards on a rare quarterback draw.

Those plays set up the 28-yard field goal by Fitzpatrick to open a short-lived 10-3 advantage in the second quarter. On the ensuing USC drive, Leinart found true freshman Dwayne Jarrett for a 12-yard touchdown with 5:53 left in the second quarter.

Just under four minutes later, Leinart threw a short pass to Jarrett, who took advantage of a block by fellow receiver Steve Smith and ran 57 yards down the left sideline for the go-ahead score.

Jarrett, who had six catches for 102 yards, has 12 touchdown receptions in his first season with the Trojans.

Trailing, 20-10, Notre Dame drove to the USC 22 with six minutes left in the third quarter and called timeout after Brady Quinn threw an incomplete pass on first down.

But the Fighting Irish managed just one yard off back-to-back trick plays before D.J. Fitzpatrick pushed a 39-yard field goal attempt wide left. Three plays later, Trojans tailback Reggie Bush caught a swing pass from Leinart and ran 69 yards for a touchdown. Leinart added fourth-quarter TD passes of 35 yards to Smith and 23 yards to Jason Mitchell to blow open the contest.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	3	0	0	- 10
USC	3	14	10	14	- 41

First Quarter

ND - Billy Palmer one-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 6:24 left. Drive: 92 yards, 13 plays, 6:24 elapsed after USC punt downed at ND 8. Score: Notre Dame 7, USC 0.

USC - Ryan Killeen 39-yard field goal, 1:26 left. Drive: 46 yards, 11 plays, 4:58 elapsed after kickoff. Score: Notre Dame 7, USC 3.

Second Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 28-yard field goal, 11:51 left. Drive: 73 yards, 12 plays, 4:35 elapsed after kickoff. Score: Notre Dame 10, USC 3.

USC - Dwayne Jarrett 12-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 5:53 left. Drive: 80 yards, seven plays, 2:39 elapsed after ND punt downed in end zone. Score: Notre Dame 10, USC 10.

USC - Dwayne Jarrett 57-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 2:06 left. Drive: 73 yards, four plays, 1:55 elapsed after ND punt downed at USC 27. Score: USC 17, Notre Dame 10.

Third Quarter

USC - Ryan Killeen 42-yard field goal, 9:16 left. Drive: 49 yards, 11 plays, 3:33 elapsed after ND punted out-of-bounds at USC 26. Score: USC 20, Notre Dame 10.

USC - Reggie Bush 69-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 3:06 left. Drive: 78 yards, three plays, 1:38 elapsed after ND missed field goal attempt. Score: USC 27, Notre Dame 10.

Fourth Quarter

USC - Steve Smith 35-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 12:27 left. Drive: 67 yards, six plays, 2:41 elapsed after ND punted out-of-bounds at USC 33. Score: USC 34, Notre Dame 10.

USC - Jason Mitchell 23-yard pass from Matt Leinart (Ryan Killeen kick), 6:57 left. Drive: 79 yards, seven plays, 3:43 elapsed after ND punt downed at USC 21. Score: USC 41, Notre Dame 10.

Attendance - 92,611 (c)

Team Statistics

	ND	USC
First Downs	16	23
Rushing	11	4
Passing	5	17
Penalty	0	2
Rushing Attempts	37	28
Yards Gained Rushing	209	91
Yards Lost Rushing	14	8
Net Yards Rushing	195	83
Net Yards Passing	105	405
Passes Attempted	30	35
Passes Completed	15	25
Interceptions Thrown	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	67	63
Total Net Yards	300	488
Average Gain Per Play	4.5	7.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-36	2-10
Punts-Yards	8-351	3-107
Average Yards Per Punt	43.9	35.7
Punt Returns-Yards	1-9	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-106	2-26
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	31:30	28:30
Third Down Conversions	4-15	6-13
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	1-1
Sacks By-Yards	1-3	3-13

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing (Carries-Yards): ND: Ryan Grant (15-94), Darius Walker (11-64), Brady Quinn (8-30), Marcus Wilson (1-5), Travis Thomas (1-2), Carlyle Holiday (1-0)
USC: LenDale White (14-51), Reggie Bush (8-25), Matt Leinart (3-7), Desmond Reed (1-2)

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD): ND: Brady Quinn (29-15-0-105-1) **USC:** Matt Leinart (34-24-0-400-5), Matt Cassel (1-1-0-5-0)

Receiving (Catches-Yards): ND: Darius Walker (3-10), Anthony Fasano (2-25), Marcus Wilson (2-17), Matt Shelton (2-13), Jerome Collins (2-9), Maurice Stovall (1-17), Rhema McKnight (1-9), Carlyle Holiday (1-4), Billy Palmer (1-1) **USC:** Dwayne Jarrett (6-102), Steve Smith (4-96), Alex Holmes (4-44), Doninique Byrd (4-23), Jason Mitchell (2-38), Reggie Bush (1-69), Chris McFoy (1-18), Lee Webb (1-8), William Buchanon (1-5), David Kirtman (1-2)

College Graduates

The 2005 Notre Dame roster features seven players who have already earned their undergraduate degree from the University. Fifth-year seniors Brian Beidatsch, D.J. Fitzpatrick, Mark LeVoi, Corey Mays, Rashon Powers-Neal, Matt Shelton and Dan Stevenson all graduated from Notre Dame in May of 2005. Teammate and current fifth-year player Brandon Hoyte would be among the group if he was not busy seeking DUAL degrees in psychology and management.

The fifth-year senior group also proved to be diligent workers in the classroom - especially in their final undergraduate semester at the University. None of the players earned lower than a 2.7 GPA in the spring semester of 2005.

Here is a list of the graduates on the 2005 Notre Dame football team -

- DL Brian Beidatsch - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.417 final semester GPA).
- K/P D.J. Fitzpatrick - degree in accounting from the Mendoza College of Business.
- OL Mark LeVoi - degree in anthropology from the College of Arts and Letters.
- LB Corey Mays - degree in psychology from the College of Arts and Letters (3.25 final semester GPA, 3.04 overall GPA).
- RB Rashon Powers-Neal - degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business (3.000 final semester GPA).
- WR Matt Shelton - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.333 final semester GPA).
- OL Dan Stevenson - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.60 final semester GPA, 3.30 overall GPA).

Notre Dame's seven college graduates is tied for the sixth-best in the nation. The full list (minimum of six) -

Miami (Fla.)	11
Auburn, Boston College	9
LSU, Virginia Tech	8
Notre Dame	7
Alabama, Arizona State, Kentucky	7
Arkansas, Michigan State	6

Quinn Throws Five

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** became the first Notre Dame quarterback to throw five touchdown passes in a single game against Michigan State on Sept. 17. Quinn finished the game 33 of 60 for 487 yards, five touchdowns and one interception. It ranks as the second-best individual statistical performance by a Notre Dame quarterback - just behind Joe Theismann's 33-for-58, 526-yard performance at USC in 1970. Unfortunately, both games ended up in the loss column for the Irish.

Quinn's touchdown passes vs. Michigan State:

- 18 yards to Jeff Samardzija, first quarter, 5:14
- 31 yards to Samardzija, second quarter, 8:43
- 6 yards to Darius Walker, third quarter, 1:23
- 7 yards to Maurice Stovall, fourth quarter, 12:29
- 4 yards to Smardzija, fourth quarter, 2:31

Quinn, Statistically Speaking

Brady Quinn's exceptional start to the 2005 season has provided several statistical highlights for the junior QB.

- He reached the 6,000-yard passing barrier quicker than any Irish quarterback in history (29 games). Ron Powlus reached 6,000 yards in 34 games (and, like Quinn, he passed 6,000 yards at Purdue) and Steve Beuerlein racked 6,000 yards in 40 games.

- His 13 touchdown passes are the most for any Irish quarterback over the course of a season's first five games. Ron Powlus threw 12 touchdown passes in the first five games of the 1994 season, while Rick Mirer threw 10 scoring passes in the first five games of 1991.

- Quinn's 283 passing yards in the first half at Purdue two weeks ago are the most ever for an Irish quarterback in a game's first 30 minutes.

- He completed 11 consecutive passes during the second and third quarter of the Purdue game - marking the second time he has accomplished that feat this season. He completed 11 straight at Pittsburgh as well. Those two streaks are good for third on the all-time list behind Jarious Jackson (12 vs. Navy, 1998) and Ron Powlus (14 vs. Michigan State, 1997).

Three's Company

In 2005, junior quarterback **Brady Quinn** has become just the 13th signal-caller in Notre Dame history to start under center for three years. The following is a list of Quinn's predecessors, along with their stats (when available) from their third starting season. In the 12 seasons played by three-year starting Irish quarterbacks, prior to Quinn's '05 season, the group amassed a 90-30-4 combined record.

Quinn is poised to become the most prolific passer of the three-year starter group. He needs just 322 yards to surpass Ron Powlus for single season yards (1942) and three touchdown passes to move past Rick Mirer (15).

Player	Year	Att.-Comp.	Yards	TD-Int.	Record
Nate Silver	1905				5-4
Gus Dorais	1912				7-0
Jim Phelan	1917				6-1-1
Ralph Guglielmi	1954	127-68	1160	6-7	9-1
Daryl Lamonica	1962	128-64	821	6-7	5-5
Terry Hanratty	1968	197-116	1466	10-9	7-2-1
Tom Clements	1974	215-122	1549	8-11	10-2
Blair Kiel	1982	219-118	1273	3-10	6-4-1
Steve Beuerlein	1985	214-107	1335	3-13	5-6
Tony Rice	1989	138-70	1176	8-7	12-1
Rick Mirer	1992	234-120	1876	15-6	10-1-1
Ron Powlus	1996	232-133	1942	12-4	8-3
<i>Brady Quinn</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>190-124</i>	<i>1621</i>	<i>13-3</i>	<i>4-1</i>

Notre Dame Stadium Greatest Wins

As part of Notre Dame Stadium's 75th Anniversary in 2005, www.und.com, the official athletics website of the Fighting Irish, asked fans to vote for the most memorable victory in Notre Dame Stadium.

Voting was done over the summer on www.und.com and tabulated on Aug. 1. Here are some trends from the voting:

- According to voters, the greatest era in Notre Dame Stadium history was 1988 through 1993. Seven of the top 10 games fall into this time frame, including the top three choices by fans (1988 vs. #1 Miami, 1993 vs. #1 Florida State and 1990 vs. #2 Miami).

- Wins over longtime rivals (USC, Michigan) resonate among the Irish faithful. Twelve of the top 20 games selected were wins over USC (six) and Michigan (six).

- Signature moments cause a game to stand out in Notre Dame fans' memories. "The Snow Bowl" (Notre Dame vs. Penn State in 1992) was ranked fifth. "The Green Jersey Game" (Notre Dame vs. USC in 1977) was ranked fourth. "The Reggie Ho Game" (Notre Dame vs. Michigan in 1988) was ranked sixth. "The Harry 'O' Kick" (Notre Dame vs. Michigan in 1980) was ranked 10th.

- The new configuration of Notre Dame Stadium (rededicated in 1997) has yet to see its share of greatest victories. Notre Dame's recent upset wins over Michigan (2002 and 2004) were 11th and 12th on the list, but a win over Purdue (1998) was only able to break into the top 30.

- Notre Dame fans remember recent games more fondly than those played in the past. Of the top 20 games selected, only six were played before 1977.

Here is a list of the final top 10 as voted on by Irish fans on www.und.com (see the web page for short recaps on each victory).

1. #4 Notre Dame 31, #1 Miami 30, Oct. 15, 1988
 2. #2 Notre Dame 31, #1 Fla. St. 24, Nov. 13, 1993
 3. #6 Notre Dame 29, #2 Miami 20, Oct. 20, 1990
 4. #11 Notre Dame 49, #5 USC 19, Oct. 22, 1977
 5. #8 Notre Dame 17, #22 Penn St. 16, Nov. 14, 1992
 6. #13 Notre Dame 19, #9 Michigan 17, Sept. 10, 1988
 7. #1 Notre Dame 28, #4 Michigan 24, Sept. 15, 1990
 8. #1 Notre Dame 28, #9 USC 24, Oct. 21, 1989
 9. #8 Notre Dame 23, #6 USC 14, Oct. 27, 1973
 10. #8 Notre Dame 29, #14 Michigan 27, Sept. 20, 1980
- www.und.com also will have a complete list of the top 20 games as voted on by the fans.

Notre Dame Football on the Small Screen... and Radio!

The University of Notre Dame football team will once again produce its two signature television shows this season. The traditional *Notre Dame Football Replay* will be shown across the country (mostly on Sunday mornings) from Raleigh, N.C., to Anchorage, Alaska, and *Inside Notre Dame Football with Charlie Weis* can be seen in many national outlets as well. Local Irish fans can tune in to three different radio shows to keep track of their favorite team. The official *Notre Dame Football Coach's Show* will be held each week of the season, providing in-depth interviews with the Irish coaching staff and players. The official Notre Dame pregame and postgame radio shows can be heard locally as well.

The Notre Dame Football Replay

A condensed version of each Notre Dame home game will be produced and shown on a variety of different cable and on-air television outlets. For a complete list of affiliates, go to the football page on www.und.com and the lists are under the sidebar subject "multimedia."

Local Irish fans can catch the replay on WB 25 (Cable Channel 5) at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Irish fans across the nation with access to Direct TV can see the replay on Direct TV Channel 321 at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

Inside Notre Dame Football with Charlie Weis

Produced each week of the season (save for bye weeks), *Inside Notre Dame Football with Charlie Weis* will feature a recap of the previous week's contest, an interview with Coach Weis and different player interviews and features throughout the season. In the South Bend market, the show can be seen each Saturday on WNDU Channel 16 (Cable Channel 8) before WNDU's weekly pre-game show. The show can be seen nationwide on College Sports Television (CSTV) at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Direct TV Channel 321 at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Notre Dame Football Coach's Show (radio)

The *Official Notre Dame Football Coach's Show*, presented by Boling Laser Center, debuted Monday, Aug. 29, at 7:00 p.m. EST at Logan's Roadhouse in Mishawaka, Ind. Irish head coach Charlie Weis was the special on-site guest for the first show, which features a segment with Weis each week, an appearance by an Irish player and other features involving the Irish staff and program. The show can be heard locally on U93 (92.9 FM) and on the official Notre Dame athletic's website, www.und.com.

Produced by Notre Dame Sports Properties, the show air dates are September 26, October 3, 17, 24, November 7, 14. The show is a cooperative venture between NDSP, the Notre Dame Athletic Department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners.

Official Notre Dame Pregame Radio Show

Live on U93 (92.9 FM), 1490 AM and ESPN Radio 1580 AM in South Bend, Irish fans can hear the official pregame show of the Fighting Irish. Hosted by Sean Stires and featuring Brian Noe, Vince DeDario, and Colin Burns, the show will get every Irish fan ready for kickoff.

Official Notre Dame Postgame Radio Show

Immediately after Westwood One signs off upon completion of the game, the Notre Dame Postgame Radio Show will take to the airwaves for 90 minutes to recap the day's game and provide in-depth analysis and player/coach interviews. Hosted by Jack Nolan and featuring former Irish stars Reggie Brooks and Mirko Jurkovic, the show can be heard live on U93 (92.9 FM), 1490 AM and ESPN Radio 1580 AM.

Not Local? No Problem!

Irish fans who cannot make it to South Bend each weekend of the season (or see the Irish on the road) can still hear many of the above mentioned shows live via the world wide web. Subscribers to *Fighting Irish All-Access* on www.und.com will have access to the *Official Notre Dame Football Coach's Radio Show* and the pregame and postgame shows live! In addition, *Inside Notre Dame Football with Charlie Weis* will be archived and loaded onto the website as soon as possible for *Fighting Irish All-Access* subscribers.

Notre Dame Players in the NFL

As of Sept. 12 and according to official team web sites, 31 Notre Dame football alumni have landed on a final roster in the National Football League.

Here is the complete list of Irish players who were named to final rosters in the NFL this season (years in the league):

- Arnaz Battle, WR, San Francisco (3)
- Bertrand Berry, DL, Arizona (8)
- Jerome Bettis, RB, Pittsburgh (13)
- Jordan Black, OL, Kansas City (3)
- Rocky Boiman, LB, Tennessee (4)
- John Carney, K, New Orleans (16)
- Deke Cooper, DB, Jacksonville (4)
- Glenn Earl, DB, Houston (2)
- Marc Edwards, RB, Chicago (9)
- Jeff Faine, OL, Cleveland (3)
- Tony Fisher, RB, Green Bay (4)
- Mike Gandy, OL, Buffalo (4)
- David Givens, WR, New England (4)
- Paul Grasmanis, DL, Philadelphia (10)
- Craig Hentrich, K/P, Tennessee (12)
- Grant Irons, DL, Oakland (4)
- Julius Jones, RB, Dallas (1)
- Lance Legree, DL, NY Jets (5)
- Sean Mahan, OL, Tampa Bay (3)
- Jim Molinaro, OL, Washington (1)
- Luke Petitgout, OL, NY Giants (7)
- Mike Rosenthal, OL, Minnesota (6)
- Allen Rossum, DB, Atlanta (8)
- Gerome Sapp, DB, Indianapolis (3)
- Hunter Smith, P/K, Indianapolis (7)
- Justin Tuck, DL, NY Giants (R)
- Courtney Watson, LB, New Orleans (2)
- Anthony Weaver, DL, Baltimore (4)
- Renaldo Wynn, DL, Washington (8)
- Bryant Young, DL, San Francisco (12)

Practice Squad Players

- Carlyle Holiday, WR, Arizona
- Jim Jones, OL, Pittsburgh (2)

Others Signed Since Start of '05 Season

- Darrell Campbell, DT, Chicago

Walker Off To A Great Start

Sophomore RB **Darius Walker** started the 2005 season with four consecutive 100-yard performances. He ran for an even 100 yards at #23/25 Pittsburgh (42-21 Irish victory), posted 104 yards in a 17-10 victory at #3/3 Michigan, rushed for 116 yards against Michigan State (44-41 OT loss) and had a career-high 128 yards at Washington on Sept. 24. Purdue ended Walker's streak of 100-yard games at four by holding him to 80 yards on 23 carries.

The effort against Washington made Walker the first Irish running back to start the season with four consecutive 100-yard rushing performances. The last Notre Dame running back to rush for over 100 yards in four straight games was Randy Kinder, who rushed for 100 yards against Purdue (142), Vanderbilt (110), Texas (129) and Ohio State (143) in 1995.

Walker Game-By-Game in 2005:

Opponent	Carries	Yards	Lng	TD	Receptions	Yards	Lng	TD
at Pittsburgh	20	100	11	1	3	52	51	1
at Michigan	26	104	17	0	5	22	9	0
vs. Michigan St.	26	116	16	0	5	24	7	1
at Washington	21	128	18	1	3	20	10	0
at Purdue	23	80	19	1	1	-2	0	0

Walker Expanding His Game

While sophomore **Darius Walker** set the Notre Dame freshman rushing record last season (786 yards in '04), he was limited in his role in the Irish passing game (10 catches, 74 yards). He has already eclipsed those numbers in 2005, posting 17 catches (fourth on the team) for 116 yards and two touchdowns.

Jinx?, What Jinx?

Sophomore running back **Darius Walker** set a Notre Dame freshman rushing record in 2004 with 786 yards, eclipsing the mark of 756 Jerome Heavens set in 1975, en route to earning third-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News*. If Walker stays on the pace he set in his first season with the Irish, he will be primed to turn in one of the finest statistical seasons ever by an Irish sophomore. Here's a look at how the top 10 rushers in Notre Dame history, plus a few other notables, fared in their sophomore year.

Player	Year	Carries-Yards	Avg.	TD
Autry Denson	1996	202-1179	5.8	8
Allen Pinkett	1983	252-1394	5.5	16
Vagas Ferguson	1977	80-493	6.2	6
Julius Jones	2000	162-657	4.1	7
Jerome Heavens	1976	54-204	3.8	0
Phil Carter	1980	186-882	4.4	6
George Gipp	1918	98-541	5.5	1
Randy Kinder	1994	119-702	5.9	4
Tony Brooks	1988	117-667	5.7	2
Emil Sitko	1947	60-426	7.1	5
Jerome Bettis	1991	168-972	5.8	16
Ryan Grant	2002	261-1085	4.2	9
<i>Darius Walker</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>116-528</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>3</i>
Walker's Freshman Totals:	2004	185-786	4.2	7

Hoyte Impressive in First Five Games

Senior defensive captain LB **Brandon Hoyte** has been a force for the Notre Dame football team over the course of the season's first five games. Embracing his new role as a playmaker in defensive coordinator Rick Minter's scheme, Hoyte leads the team with 42 tackles, 10.5 tackles for a loss and four sacks. He also has broken up two passes and forced a fumble. A preseason selection for the 2005 Butkus Award Watch List, Hoyte posted eight tackles (six solo) and and three tackles for a loss at Washington on Sept. 24.

Hoyte is currently ranked fifth in the country for tackles-for-loss, averaging 2.1 per game -

National Leaders, Tackles-for-loss per game:

- 1. Elvis Dumervil, Louisville, 3.30
- 2. Ryan Neill, Rutgers, 2.6
- 3. Stephen Tulloch, North Carolina State, 2.25
- 4. Chris Mineo, UTEP, 2.13

5. Brandon Hoyte, Notre Dame, 2.10

Steven Nicolas, South Florida, 2.10

Samardzija Five Play

Junior WR **Jeff Samardzija** entered the 2005 campaign without a touchdown catch, but has since caught at least one scoring toss in each of this season's first five games. The two-sport athlete (who was a top-line starting pitcher for the Irish baseball team last season) becomes the first Irish receiver to begin the season with five consecutive games with touchdown catches.

Samardzija, who also serves as the team's holder on field-goal attempts, tied a Notre Dame record with three touchdown receptions versus Michigan State. He is the seventh player to do it and the first since Tom Gatewood versus Purdue in 1970. Samardzija's two touchdown grabs at Purdue made him the first Irish receiver to catch touchdowns in five consecutive games since Malcolm Johnson posted a Notre Dame record six TD catches in six straight midseason games (Arizona State, Army, Baylor, Boston College, Navy and LSU) from Oct. 10 through Nov. 11, during the 1998 season.

Samardzija, Statistically Speaking

Junior WR Jeff Samardzija has started the season off in impressive fashion, leading the team with 28 catches for 499 yards and eight touchdowns. He is ranked 19th in the country in receiving yards per game (99.9) and could become Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard receiver since 1970 (Tom Gatewood, 1,123 yards). Samardzija is currently on pace for 1,097 receiving yards this season.

He is already threatening the single-season touchdown total. His eight scoring receptions are tied for third on the all-time list -

Touchdown Receptions in a Season -

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Season</u>
1.	.....Derrick Mayes.....	11	.....1994
2.	.....Jack Snow.....	9	.....1964
3.	.....Jeff Samardzija	8	.....2005
	.....Jim Seymour.....	8	.....1966
	.....Tom Gatewood	7	.....1970
6.	.....Tom Gatewood	7	.....1970

Older and Wiser

The 2005 Notre Dame offensive line is one of the **most experienced** units in school history. With the entire starting group from a year ago still in the fold, the Irish offense boasts almost 100 combined career starts on the line. Entering the 2005 season, senior tackle Mark LeVair started the last 24 Notre Dame games and led the veteran group in starting assignments. Seniors Bob Morton and Dan Stevenson were a close second with 22 starts each, while junior Ryan Harris had 19 starts to his credit and junior John Sullivan was the junior man of the group with 12. Here is a look at the 10 most experienced offensive line units to wear the blue and gold since '85, with the '05 group added in for comparison.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Starts Heading Into Season</u>
2005	99
1997	84
2002	76
1985	56
1996	56
1998	52
1987	50
1995	49
1993	46
1989	45
1990	43

Three Over 150

In the last three games, vs. Michigan State, at Washington and at Purdue, a Notre Dame player has compiled over 150 yards receiving in each contest. Senior **Maurice Stovall** caught eight passes for 176 yards against MSU, while junior **Jeff Samardzija** nabbed eight passes for 164 yards at Washington and seven passes for 153 yards at Purdue. Stovall and Samardzija's efforts mark the first time a Notre Dame team has seen three 150-yard performances in a season.

Don't Forget the Anniversary

The 2005 football season marks the **75th anniversary of the opening of fabled Notre Dame Stadium**. The Irish have played 381 games in that facility to date and own a 287-89-5 (.760) record in the "House that Rockne Built."

The Irish were 3-3 in Notre Dame Stadium in '04, running their home record to 91-29 (.758) over the last 20 years.

The most wins in a season by the Irish at home is seven by the '88 national championship team and the longest home winning streak in Notre Dame football history is 28 games (from 11/21/42 through 9/30/50).

In '55, the Stadium's 25th anniversary, Notre Dame went 8-2 on the season for coach Terry Brennan, including a 4-0 home record; the Irish turned in a 9-2-1 overall record and a 5-0 home mark to commemorate Notre Dame Stadium's 50th anniversary in '80.

Irish Face Another Loaded Schedule

With the updates of the AP and *USA Today*/Coaches Poll, Notre Dame will continue to face one of the toughest schedules in the nation (rankings are AP/*USA Today* and Harris Interactive):

- Notre Dame is the only team that will play three games against top four teams from the preseason polls - #1/1 USC (Oct. 15), #5/4 Tennessee (Nov. 5) and #3/3 Michigan (W, 17-10).
- Notre Dame is the only school that will face three teams that were in the top 10 of both preseason polls this season.
- Notre Dame will play games against six teams ranked in the top 25 this season at least once this season. The Irish have already defeated #23/25 Pittsburgh 42-21, #3/3 Michigan 17-10 and #22/20/22 Purdue. Notre Dame also will face #1/1/1 USC and #17/18/21 Tennessee. Michigan State, unranked before its victory over the Irish, has moved into #16/17/15 in the current national rankings.

In Front of the Nation

In 2004, the Notre Dame football team once again received more network television exposure and played in more highly-rated games than any other program in college football.

The Irish played in the highest-rated network game of the '04 regular season (and the highest-rated regular-season game overall in two seasons) in its '04 regular-season finale at USC. That game, televised by ABC Sports, received a 6.3 Nielsen rating and was seen in 6.898 million households.

Overall, Notre Dame played in six games that ranked among the top 25 highest-rated network telecasts and no other school played in more than five (Tennessee and Georgia each played in five).

Including Notre Dame's last game at Purdue, the Irish have a remarkable streak of 153 consecutive games (more than 12 full seasons) that have been carried by either NBC (81), ABC (44), CBS (14) or ESPN (13). You have to go all the way back to the '92 season to find a Notre Dame game that wasn't on one of those four networks.

The streak will continue throughout the 2005 season as well. All six remaining games this season are scheduled to be broadcast on NBC or ABC.

In Front of a Full House

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 176 of its previous 202 games, including 44 of its last 48 games dating back to the end of the Fiesta Bowl at the end of the 2000 season (the '01 and '03 games at Stanford, last year's game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands and this season's game at Washington were not sellouts). At Michigan in '03, the Irish and Wolverines attracted the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of the series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represented the seventh time in the last four seasons that Notre Dame has been part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in '01; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in '02, vs. Oregon State in the Insight Bowl in '04 - the game set a Bank One Ballpark record for football configuration). Notre Dame and Michigan played before an over-capacity 111,386 at Michigan Stadium two weeks ago. This season's Washington was played before less than a capacity crowd as 71,473 witnessed the Irish defeat the Huskies, 36-17, at Husky Stadium (capacity: 72,500) in Seattle.

At Purdue, the Irish and Boilermakers played before 60,491 football fans, a Ross-Ade Stadium record (since the renovation of the facility in 2003).

On the 'Fas' Track to Success

Senior tight end **Anthony Fasano** turned in a breakout 2004 season for the Irish, catching 27 balls for 367 yards and four touchdowns. Against Purdue, the 6-4, 257-pound Fasano hauled in a career-high eight passes for a career-high and Notre Dame tight end-record 155 yards in '04 and was named John Mackey National Tight End of the Week. His 27 catches in '04 tied him with former Irish standout Pete Chryplewicz for the fifth-highest single-season total by a tight end.

Barring injury, Fasano has moved onto Notre Dame's top five all-time tight end receiving list. Here's a look at where he stands heading into the weekend:

Player	Receptions	Years
Ken MacAfee	128	1974-77
Anthony Fasano	68	2003-present
Derek Brown	62	1988-91
Dean Masztak	62	1978-81
Tony Hunter	55	1979-82
Mark Bavaro	55	1981-84

Fasano's signature game – the eight-reception, 155-yard outburst versus Purdue in '04 – placed him at the top of the record books in terms of yards for a single game. The following is a list of how he stacks up against Notre Dame's top five tight end in terms of career yards.

Player	Yards	Years
Ken MacAfee	1759	1974-77
Dean Masztak	924	1978-81
Derek Brown	899	1988-91
Mike Creaney	890	1970-72
Anthony Fasano	785	2003-present
Mark Bavaro	771	1981-84
Tony Hunter	700	1979-82

What makes Fasano's totals even more impressive is the fact that he has tallied them in a little over two years of action, after not playing his freshman year in 2002. Here's a breakdown of what Notre Dame's other prolific pass-catching tight ends did in their third seasons in the blue and gold.

Player	Receptions-Yards	Touchdowns
Ken MacAfee	34-483	3
Mike Creaney	17-321	2
Derek Brown	15-220	1
Dean Masztak	8-97	0
Mark Bavaro	23-376	3
Anthony Fasano	23-249	0

Already in the Books

In 2004, Notre Dame wide receiver **Matt Shelton** cemented his name in the lore of Notre Dame football last season by setting a single-season record for average yards per reception. Shelton's average of 25.8 yards per catch eclipsed Tony Hunter's mark of 25.6 from the 1979 campaign. Here's a look at the top five single seasons in school history in terms of yards per reception.

Player	Avg.	Year
1. Matt Shelton	25.8	2004
2. Tony Hunter	25.6	1979
3. Jim Morse	22.1	1956
4. Raghil Ismail	21.8	1990
4. Kris Haines	21.8	1978

Receiving Duo

The record for most receptions by a pair of classmates at Notre Dame is 210, achieved by the 1966-68 combination of Jim Seymour (138) and Bob Gladieux (72). A prolific 2005 season by seniors **Rhema McKnight** and **Maurice Stovall** could eclipse that standard. Entering this weekend's contest, McKnight has 103 career catches and Stovall 84 for 187 total - needing 23 catches combined to reach the record. It should be pointed out, however, that both McKnight and Stovall played as freshmen - Seymour and Gladieux piled up 210 catches in just three years of varsity action.

National Award Watch Lists

MAXWELL AWARD -

In June, Irish junior quarterback **Brady Quinn** was one of 53 players named to the 2005 Maxwell Award Watch List. The award, presented by the Maxwell Football Club, is given annually to the college football player of the year.

Quinn has thrown for over 1,500 yards (1,621) in Notre Dame's first five games. He has added 13 touchdowns (including a Notre Dame single-game record five against Michigan State), completed over 65 percent of his passes (65.3) and is averaging 324.2 passing yards per game.

Quinn threw for 2,586 yards in '04, his second as the starting quarterback for Notre Dame. His sophomore season ended up as the best second-year campaign ever for an Irish quarterback, finishing second in ND history on the single-season passing list behind Jarious Jackson's 2,753 yards in '99. Quinn's attempts (353) and completions

(191) last season stand atop the single-season lists at Notre Dame. He accounted for 20 touchdowns (17 passing, three rushing) in '04.

Starting the last 26 consecutive games at quarterback for Notre Dame, Quinn already has posted the top freshman and sophomore statistical seasons in school history. He currently ranks third all-time on the Notre Dame passing yardage list, just 489 yards behind Steve Beuerlein for second place.

The Maxwell Award is named after Robert W. "Tiny" Maxwell, a Philadelphia native and former All-American guard at Swarthmore and Chicago who went on to a career that included professional football, coaching and sportswriting.

Notre Dame has seen four different players earn the Maxwell Award a total of five times in the football program's history. Tight end Leon Hart was the initial recipient in 1949, followed by HB John Lattner (1952 and '53), LB Jim Lynch (1966) and DE Ross Browner (1977).

MACKAY AWARD -

On Aug. 1, **Anthony Fasano** was named to the 2005 John Mackey Award Watch List which is given annually to the nation's best collegiate tight end.

Fasano is tied for second on the team in '05 with 23 catches for 249 yards (10.8 avg.). He is averaging 49.8 receiving yards per game.

Fasano is coming off his most productive season in 2004. As a junior, he finished second on the team with 27 catches for 367 yards and four touchdowns. Proficient in pass catching, route running and blocking, Fasano is poised for a breakout year in Notre Dame's new offense under the direction of head coach Charlie Weis and offensive coordinator Michael Haywood.

Fasano caught four passes for 60 yards in the '04 season opener against BYU and continued to be a reliable force in the Irish offense throughout the campaign. He exploded for career highs in catches and yards against Purdue, nabbing eight receptions for a Notre Dame tight end-record 155 receiving yards.

He was named the John Mackey National Tight End of the Week for his performance against Purdue.

The Verona, N.J., native, one of 20 players on the watch list, also caught two touchdown passes against Washington and added scoring receptions at Tennessee and against Oregon State in the Insight Bowl.

Fasano also was a key contributor in 2003. As a sophomore, he caught 18 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns. He did not play during his freshman season in 2002.

NFL Hall of Famer John Mackey is considered to be the best to have played the tight end position. The award honors his leadership and career of excellence.

The John Mackey Award has been presented since 2000, with four NFL players as alumni: Dallas Clark of Iowa ('01), Daniel Graham of Colorado ('02), Kellen Winslow, Jr. of Miami (FL) ('03) and Heath Miller of Virginia ('04).

The Nassau County Sports Commission, a non-profit organization to enhance quality of life by "Improving Life through Sports" and promote "Healthy Sports for Healthy Kids," presents this national football award as a tribute to Nassau County sports legend and native John Mackey.

GROZA AWARD -

D.J. Fitzpatrick has been named to the Lou Groza Award Preseason Watch List as one of 30 preliminary candidates for the annual award recognizing college football's finest placekicker.

Fitzpatrick is a perfect 23 for 23 in PATs this season. He has missed one of seven field-goal attempts (from 48 yards against Michigan State) and has posted a punting average of 40.7 - pinning four kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line and launching a 60-yard punt at Michigan.

Fitzpatrick is entering his third season as the primary placekicker and punter for the Fighting Irish and is coming off an excellent season in 2004 in which he connected on 11 of 15 field goal attempts (73.3 percent), including a long of 47 yards. He scored 64 points on the season while making 34 of 35 conversion attempts. A proven performer in pressure situations, Fitzpatrick has made 25 of 32 attempts inside 50 yards for his career. He already ranks eighth in Notre Dame history for career field goals made with 25.

Kickers on the Lou Groza Award Preseason Watch List were chosen based on statistics from the 2004 season and 2005 preseason expectations. However, all Division I-A kickers are eligible for consideration for the award. A panel of more than 300 experts votes on the award, including Division I-A head coaches, sportswriters and sportscasters, conference representatives, professional kickers and all previous Groza Award finalists.

The 20 semi-finalists for the Lou Groza Award will be announced on Monday, Oct. 31, 2005, with the naming of the three finalists two weeks later on Monday, Nov. 14, 2005. The three finalists are recognized during the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Banquet and Silent Auction on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott and the winner is announced on Thursday, December 8, 2005, during the ESPN Home Depot College Football Award Show in Orlando, Fla.

The award, now in its 14th year, is named for National Football League (NFL) Hall-of-Fame kicker Lou Groza, who played 21 seasons with the Cleveland Browns. Groza won four NFL championships with Cleveland and was named NFL Player of the Year in 1954. Nicknamed "The Toe," Groza helped usher in the idea that a player could be used exclusively for kicking.

BUTKUS AWARD -

Senior linebacker and defensive team captain **Brandon Hoyte** has been named one of 65 candidates on the 2005 Butkus Award watch list. The award honors the nation's top collegiate linebacker.

Hoyte has been a terror to opposing offenses this season. He leads the team with 42 tackles (including a team high 12 with 10 solos at Michigan), 10.5 tackles for a loss and four sacks. He also has broken up two passes and forced a fumble in 2005.

A fifth-year senior in 2005, Hoyte is a two-time academic all-district honoree with 205 career tackles, six career sacks and four forced fumbles (including three in 2004). A native of Parlin, N.J., Hoyte is a leader both on and off the field for the Irish.

Hoyte finished second on the team in tackles last season, making 74 stops (38 solo) along with eight tackles for loss and three sacks. Projected as a starter on the outside for the Irish this season, Hoyte is poised to end his Irish career with an outstanding senior campaign.

Named a freshman All-American by *The Sporting News* in 2002, Hoyte has collected more than 50 tackles in each season (57 in '02, 74 in '03, 74 in '04).

Making the Grade...

The last four seasons of Notre Dame football have produced some impressive semesters in the classroom for the Notre Dame football team. In fact, the Irish had a 2004 spring semester in which the team's 104 players combined for a 2.96 grade-point average that ranks as the program's best semester GPA on record (dating back to 1992). The Notre Dame football program's top six semester GPAs since '92 were all posted in the seven semesters prior to the fall of '04, including the three semesters from fall of '02 to fall of '03 (2.84 in fall of '02, 2.79 in spring of '03 and 2.82 in fall of '03). The football program's second-best semester GPA of the past 12 years came in the spring of '02 (2.90), followed by a 2.80 in the spring of '01 and a 2.69 in the fall of '01. Upon closer examination, the 2004 spring semester saw 11 Irish football players post a Dean's List GPA (sliding scale, based on major), while 21 turned in a semester GPA of 3.4-plus and more than half (53) had a GPA of 3.0 or better. In addition, two players - former DE Kyle Businscak and senior LB Brandon Hoyte - received Academic All-District V honors in '03, marking Budinscak's third selection and Hoyte's second to the prestigious squad. Budinscak followed up with another All-District V honor in '04.

Taking Care of Business Off the Field, Too

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) annually honors the school with the highest graduation rate based on a particular entering freshman football class, and Notre Dame has won the award six times, most recently in 2001 with its 100-percent graduation rate (22 of 22 entering freshmen from '96 earned their degrees within five years). The '01 award followed Notre Dame's previous honors in '82, '83, '84, '88 and '91. Notre Dame also holds the distinction of producing the first 100-percent rate in a single year when 24 of 24 student-athletes from the entering class of '82 earned their degrees within a five-year period (and 16 of those 24 did so within four years). Only eight other times has a school registered a 100-percent graduation rate. The '88 award had special meaning, as it was the first time a school won the national championship on the football field - as Notre Dame did, finishing 12-0 after a Fiesta Bowl win over unbeaten West Virginia - and in the classroom. Including the special mention category, the Irish have received some sort of recognition in 23 of the 24 years the award has been presented, with Duke next at 21.

Pep Rallies

All, other than this weekend's, 2005 pep rallies will be held in the Joyce Center Arena (south dome) on Fridays before Saturday home games, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (EST). The football team enters the arena at 6:30 p.m.

For the USC game, the pep rally has been moved into Notre Dame Stadium to accommodate the expected overflow crowd. The general public is asked to enter through Gates C and D. The Notre Dame student body should enter through Gate E. Gates open at 5:00 p.m.

Beginning this season, all of Notre Dame's pep rallies will be broadcast live (video and audio) on www.und.com for subscribers to "Fighting Irish All-Access."

"Notre Dame Experience" Returns for 2005 Season

For years, the Joyce Center has been the "pregame meeting place" for several thousand Notre Dame alumni. In an effort to add to this tradition, the Notre Dame athletics department is providing an interactive fan experience for each of the 2005 home football games in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse (north dome). For the fourth consecutive season, the "Notre Dame Experience" will combine with the Notre Dame Alumni Association Hospitality Center with interactive inflatables, photo booths, autograph sessions, football trivia and stage activities. Gates open three hours prior to kickoff and admission is free.

Tickets Available for 2005 Football Kickoff Luncheons

Tickets are now on sale for all the 2005 Notre Dame Kickoff Luncheons, held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse (north dome) on the Friday prior to home football games. The luncheons feature head coach Charlie Weis and Irish players and assistant coaches, plus special guests and other attractions.

Tickets are \$18 each, with a handling fee of \$3 - there are 10 seats per table - and if you wish to sit as a group at the same table with other guests, please return all reservations in one envelope. Checks should be made payable to "University of Notre Dame" and mailed to: Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN, 46556. Telephone and credit card reservations are not accepted. A printed reservation form is available on Notre Dame's athletics web site - www.und.com. The October 14 USC luncheon is sold out.

Notre Dame Athletics Continues Relationship with SIRIUS Satellite Radio

After a successful debut season in 2004, SIRIUS Satellite Radio will continue to offer Notre Dame football, and selected men's/women's basketball, games on its nationwide service.

Go to www.sirius.com for more information on the service. The Notre Dame - USC match up can be heard on the following SIRIUS channels - Oct. 15 vs. USC..... 147 (home team broadcast) • 143 (visiting team broadcast)

Inside the Irish Huddle DVD

Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks, a project dedicated to the lore and history of University of Notre Dame football and its rich quarterbacking tradition, is beginning its existence with the release of a DVD, *Inside the Irish Huddle, Stories from the Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks*.

The DVD is now available and can be ordered on NDQB1.com, the official website of the Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks.

Inside the Irish Huddle, made in association with Indianapolis and Chicago based Pathway Productions, includes interviews with and collegiate highlights of some of the most high-profile players and coaches in Notre Dame and college football history. Joe Montana, Joe Theismann, Paul Hornung, Johnny Lujack, Tom Clements and Terry Hanratty are just a few of former players featured on *Inside the Irish Huddle*.

The project is spearheaded by former Irish quarterback Blair Kiel (1980-83).

Notre Dame Stadium Update

Thanks to funding by the Notre Dame Monogram Club, Notre Dame Stadium features a new look for its 75th anniversary this season.

- Positioned in the 195 portals of the original Stadium walls (now visible in the lower bowl concourse), there now are individual, four-by-10-foot, mesh banners with old-school, black-and-white photos highlighting Notre Dame's 11 consensus national-championship seasons, its 139 first-team football All-Americans, its seven Heisman Trophy winners, its five national-championship coaches and its eight representatives in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

- Hanging from the ceiling around the lower concourse are 15 full-color, 12-by-15-foot banners - 10 of them featuring action shots of members of the 2005 Irish squad, and five featuring the 75th anniversary logo for Notre Dame Stadium. In addition, there will be four other five-by-eight-foot representations of the logo within the Stadium.

- One addition visible from inside the Stadium is a sign on the facing of the wall just above the tunnel – it reads “Irish” and includes the Monogram Club logo.
- Attached to light polls on Moose Krause Circle surrounding the Stadium and in the Stadium and Joyce North and South parking lots are 100 two-by-four foot pole banners, all of them featuring various Notre Dame marks and phrases – including combinations of Irish, We Are ND, a shamrock, the leprechaun, University of Notre Dame, Here Come the Irish, Fighting Irish, a gold helmet and the 75th anniversary Stadium logo.
- In addition, there are plans over the next few years to theme the entry gates at the Stadium – with the intention of creating specific recognition of Notre Dame’s national championships, its All-Americans, its Heisman Trophy winners and its national championship coaches. The first gate to be completed will be Gate B. It will recognize the Irish Heisman winners and will be completed later this fall.

Most of the signage and design work is being handled by Sport Graphics, Inc., in Indianapolis, Ind. Additional work for the gate designs is by the Rockwell Group in New York, N.Y.

Irish Football on the Printed Page

This fall, three new books about Fighting Irish football have debuted. *The Spirit of Notre Dame*, by Jim Langford and Jeremy Langford, officially went on sale during the last week of August. Detailing both athletic and student/alumni stories from the University, the book is said to be “the absolute essential title for the millions of people who have a place in their heart for the Fighting Irish.” The book is a production of The Doubleday Broadway Publishing Group and can be bought on www.randomhouse.com.

South Bend Tribune and Notre Dame football beat writer Eric Hansen has seen the release of his new book, *Notre Dame, Where Have You Gone?*. Hansen catches up with former Fighting Irish football players, from the All-Americans to the walk-ons to the one-play wonders to the once-tragic figures. The book is available for order at www.sport-publishinginc.com.

The third offering comes from Senior Associate Athletic Director for Media Relations at Notre Dame - John Heisler. *Echoes of Notre Dame Football, The Greatest Stories Ever Told*, was edited by the former long-time sports information director. A member of the CoSIDA Hall of Fame, Heisler’s book stitches together the best columns from the best columnists. It not only recounts the greatest moments in Notre Dame lore, it also tracks the chronological progression sportswriting styles from the esoteric to the ultra-modern. The book is available by calling 800-335-5323 or by sending an e-mail to WebOrders@triumphbooks.com. The book also features a foreword by Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis.

Kevin White Radio Show

Look for the Kevin White Show for the next 30 weeks on ESPN 1000 AM radio in Chicago.

The hour-long program debuted Sept. 4 in its sixth season - with first-night guests including former Irish football-walk-on Dan “Rudy” Ruettiger (subject of the 1993 movie “Rudy”), former Irish placekicker Harry Oliver (he kicked a 51-yard field goal 25 years ago this week to help Notre Dame beat Michigan 29-27 in 1980), and current Irish hockey coach Jeff Jackson.

Guests regularly will include familiar names from all facets of college athletics.

The show features White, Notre Dame’s director of athletics, and ESPN 1000’s Dave Juday. It can be heard regularly at 11:00 p.m. Central time on Sunday.

Sponsors of the show include Gatorade, Xerox, adidas, Comcast, McDonald’s, Chase, Coca-Cola, Sirius Satellite Radio, Jordan Industries and Sayers Computer Source.

The show can be heard in more than 30 states around the country on ESPN 1000 in Chicago.

Katrina Collection Update

Collections taken up throughout the University of Notre Dame community in recent weeks—in the student residence hall chapels and dining halls and even the football stadium—have raised \$240,171 for the relief of victims of the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe.

A collection in the Notre Dame Stadium during the football game with Michigan State raised \$195,871. Collections also have been taken up at Masses in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore but have not yet been tabulated.

Funds raised in the University’s Katrina collections are being distributed among Catholic Charities USA; Catholic parishes in the Gulf region which are administered by Notre Dame’s founding religious order, the Congregation of Holy Cross; and regional parochial schools participating in Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) volunteer teacher program.

The University will continue to accept donations throughout the semester. Contributions may be sent to: Notre Dame Katrina Collection, P.O. Box 198, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0198.

Instant Replay

As per the instant replay guidelines, USC has decided not to use the instant replay system for this weekend’s game.

Notre Dame will utilize the Big Ten Conference instant replay system during all other home games this season. The opposing team is given the option of agreeing to use the system as well, and it will only be implemented if both teams decide to utilize the system.

- The Big Ten instant replay model and the NFL instant replay system are different. In the Big Ten model, only the Big Ten Technical Advisor, working in the press box, can stop a game to review a play. Unlike the NFL model, in the Big Ten neither the coaches nor the game officials on the field may ask for a review.
- In order for a play to be changed the Technical Advisor must have indisputable video evidence that an error occurred. Television broadcast of the game will be the sole source of whether there is indisputable video evidence.
- The replay system will not guarantee that all officiating mistakes are identified and corrected.
- The types of plays that are reviewable include plays that are governed by the sideline, goal line, end zone and end line, passing plays, and other detectable infractions, such as forward progress with respect to first down.

NOTRE DAME VS. USC: BY THE NUMBERS

The NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame and USC in 2005 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	USC
Rushing Offense	35th at 174.4	1st at 291.20
Passing Offense	8th at 329.80	4th at 349.20
Total Offense	9th at 504.20	1st at 640.40
Scoring Offense	17th at 37.00	2nd at 51.60
Rushing Defense	31st at 116.00	11th at 90.80
Pass Defense	305.6	246.2
Pass Efficiency Defense	123.46	123.26
Total Defense	422.20	38th at 337.00
Scoring Defense	24.00	32nd at 19.20
Net Punting	50th at 34.95	28.92
Punt Returns	24th at 13.57	5.00
Kickoff Returns	31st at 23.80	25th at 24.62
Turnover Margin	10th at 1.20	10th at 1.20

Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	USC
Rushing	Darius Walker 17th at 105.60	LenDale White/Reggie Bush 8th at 123.20/11th at 120.2
Passing Efficiency	Brady Quinn 11th at 156.35	Matt Leinart 6th at 168.59
Total Offense	Brady Quinn 4th at 339.60	Matt Leinart 5th at 335.80
Receptions Per Game	Jeff Samardzija 40th at 5.60	Dwayne Jarrett/Steve Smith †-14th at 7.00/46th at 5.40
Receiving Yards Per Game	Jeff Samardzija 19th at 99.80	Steve Smith 6th at 115.00
	Maurice Stovall 42nd at 77.60	Dwayne Jarrett 26th at 93.40
Interceptions	Tom Zbikowski †-39th at .40	John Walker/Josh Pinkard both †-39th at .40
Punting	D.J. Fitzpatrick 40th at 41.24	
Punt Returns	Tom Zbikowski 19th at 13.57	
Field Goals	D.J. Fitzpatrick 44th at 1.20	
Scoring	Jeff Samardzija 18th at 9.60	LenDale White/Dwayne Jarrett/Reggie Bush/Mario Danelo 4th at 12.00/†-8th at 10.80/18th at 9.60/†-43 at 8.40
All-Purpose Runners	Darius Walker 41st at 128.80	Reggie Bush/LenDale White 2nd at 194.40/37th at 132.00

Associated Press Top 25

Oct. 9, 2005

1.	USC (58)	5-0	1,618
2.	Texas (7)	5-0	1,565
3.	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,493
4.	Florida State	5-0	1,393
5.	Georgia	5-0	1,389
6.	Alabama	5-0	1,244
7.	Miami	4-1	1,205
8.	Penn State	6-0	1,096
9.	NOTRE DAME	4-1	1,058
10.	LSU	3-1	1,057
11.	Florida	5-1	935
12.	UCLA	5-0	889
13.	Texas Tech	5-0	794
14.	Boston College	5-1	656
15.	Ohio State	3-2	641
16.	Michigan State	4-1	581
17.	Tennessee	3-2	538
18.	California	5-1	537
19.	Louisville	4-1	461
20.	Oregon	5-1	456
21.	Auburn	4-1	441
22.	Minnesota	5-1	321
23.	Wisconsin	5-1	241
24.	Colorado	4-1	222
25.	TCU	5-1	181

Others receiving votes: West Virginia (68), Arizona State (43), Fresno State (42), Nebraska (18), Georgia Tech (15), Iowa (13), Virginia (6), Michigan (3), Northwestern (3), Toledo (1), Baylor (1).

Dropped out: Arizona State (17), Michigan (21), Georgia Tech (24)

Notre Dame in the 2005 AP rankings:

Preseason - Unranked

Sept. 4 - 20th

Sept. 11 - 10th

Sept. 18 - 16th

Sept. 25 - 13th

Oct. 2 - 12th

Oct. 9 - 9th

USA Today Top 25

Oct. 9, 2005

1.	USC (57)	5-0	1,544
2.	Texas (4)	5-0	1,488
3.	Virginia Tech (1)	6-0	1,425
4.	Georgia	5-0	1,348
5.	Florida State	5-0	1,290
6.	Miami	4-1	1,187
7.	Alabama	5-0	1,156
8.	LSU	3-1	1,049
9.	NOTRE DAME	4-1	998
10.	Penn State	6-0	942
11.	Texas Tech	5-0	918
12.	UCLA	5-0	862
13.	Florida	5-1	840
14.	Boston College	5-1	657
15.	Ohio State	3-2	572
16.	California	5-1	563
17.	Michigan State	4-1	540
18.	Tennessee	3-2	473
19.	Louisville	4-1	460
20.	Auburn	4-1	444
21.	Oregon	5-1	311
22.	Minnesota	5-1	303
23.	Wisconsin	5-1	293
24.	Colorado	4-1	184
25.	West Virginia	5-1	91

Others receiving votes: TCU (59), Arizona State (44), Fresno State (34), Georgia Tech (17), Iowa (13), Northwestern (13), Michigan (10), Virginia (8), Wyoming (4), Connecticut (4), Nebraska (3), Maryland (1), Toledo (1), UTEP (1).

Dropped out: Arizona State (20), Georgia Tech (23), Michigan (24), Virginia (25)

Notre Dame in the 2005

USA Today rankings:

Preseason - Unranked

Sept. 4 - 23rd

Sept. 11 - 12th

Sept. 18 - 18th

Sept. 25 - 14th

Oct. 2 - 12th

Oct. 9 - 9th

Harris Interactive Top 25

Oct. 9, 2005

1.	USC (100)	5-0	2,812
2.	Texas (13)	5-0	2,718
3.	Virginia Tech	6-0	2,595
4.	Georgia	5-0	2,426
5.	Florida State	5-0	2,412
6.	Miami	4-1	2,142
7.	Alabama	5-0	2,118
8.	NOTRE DAME	4-1	1,851
9.	Penn State	6-0	1,845
10.	LSU	3-1	1,750
11.	UCLA	5-0	1,687
12.	Florida	5-1	1,519
13.	Texas Tech	5-0	1,516
14.	Boston College	5-1	1,200
15.	Michigan State	4-1	1,025
16.	California	5-1	1,012
17.	Ohio State	3-2	1,011
18.	Auburn	4-1	813
19.	Louisville	4-1	776
20.	Oregon	5-1	676
21.	Tennessee	3-2	663
22.	Minnesota	5-1	604
23.	Wisconsin	5-1	581
24.	Colorado	4-1	326
25.	West Virginia	5-1	146

Others receiving votes: Arizona State (101), TCU (93), Nebraska (88), Georgia Tech (69), Iowa (42), Fresno State (28), Michigan (22), Virginia (18), Northwestern (11), Maryland (10), Iowa State (8), South Florida (5), Texas A&M (2), Baylor (1), Connecticut (1), Kansas State (1), Toledo (1).

Notre Dame in the 2005

Harris Interactive rankings:

Sept. 25 - 13th

Oct. 2 - 11th

Oct. 9 - 8th

2005 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	X	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	Y	Z	QB	FB	HB
at Pitt	Samardzija	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	**Carlson	Quinn	**Freeman	Walker
at Michigan	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	**McKnight	Quinn	**Samardzija	Walker
Michigan State	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	**Samardzija	Quinn	**Carlson	Walker
at Washington	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	**Samardzija	Quinn	**Carlson	Walker
at Purdue	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Walker
USC											
BYU											
Tennessee											
Navy											
Syracuse											
at Stanford											

**Started game with 3 TEs vs. Pitt; Started extra WR (Samardzija) at Michigan & vs. Mich. State; Started 2 TEs (Carlson) vs. Washington

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	Apache	MLB	OLB	CB	FS	SS	CB
at Pitt	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Michigan	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Michigan State	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Washington	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Purdue	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	**Ferrine	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
USC											
BYU											
Tennessee											
Navy											
Syracuse											
at Stanford											

Redzone Statistics												
ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	Scored	Pts.	Total	Run	Pass	G	NG	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
Pitt	6	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mich.	2	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSU	5	4	28	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wash.	5	5	26	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	5	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
USC												
BYU												
Tenn.												
Navy												
Syr.												
Stan												
Totals	18	16	103	14	7	7	2	0	0	0	1	1
Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
#	Scored	Pts.	Total	Run	Pass	G	NG	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half	
Pitt	2	2	11	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mich.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
MSU	5	5	30	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	4	2	14	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Purdue	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
USC												
BYU												
Tenn.												
Navy												
Syr.												
Stan.												
Totals	19	13	79	10	6	4	3	0	1	2	3	0

Third-Down Conversions			
layer	Rush	Rec.	Total
Walker	4	2	6
Powers-Neal	4	-	4
Fasano	-	3	4
Carlson	-	1	1
McKnight	-	1	1
Quinn	3	-	3
Samardzija	-	6	6
Shelton	-	2	2
Stovall	-	5	5
Schwapp	1	-	1
T. Thomas	1	-	1
Wolke	1	-	1
Woods	-	1	1
Penalty	-	-	1
Totals	14	21	36

ND on third down: 36-77 (.468)

Fourth-Down Conversions			
Player	Rush	Rec.	Total
Powers-Neal	1	-	1
Quinn	1	-	1
Stovall	-	1	1
Walker	1	-	1
Totals	3	1	4

ND on fourth down: 4-8 (.500)

2005 Team Game-by-Game Statistics

	Rushing (No.-Yds-TD)	Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds-TD)	Total Offense (Plays-Yds)	First Downs (Total-Run-Pass-Penalty)	Fumbles (No.-Lost)	Time of Possession (Min.:Sec.)
Notre Dame	50-275-4	27-18-1-227-2	77-502	33-20-11-2	1-0	32:46
at Pitt	31-103-1	35-20-1-220-1	66-323	20-8-9-3	2-1	27:14
Notre Dame	44-104-0	30-19-0-140-2	74-244	17-9-8-0	3-1	30:56
at Michigan	29-114-0	44-19-1-223-1	73-337	15-6-9-0	3-1	29:04
Notre Dame	38-107-0	60-33-1-487-5	98-594	31-10-19-2	1-1	35:49
vs. Michigan State	36-161-2	27-16-1-327-3	63-488	18-7-10-1	4-2	24:11
Notre Dame	47-233-3	37-25-0-327-1	84-560	31-13-16-2	2-0	36:56
at Washington	22-41-1	40-19-1-408-1	62-449	20-2-16-2	2-2	23:04
Notre Dame	50-153-4	39-30-2-468-3	89-621	32-3-24-0	0-0	36:03
at Purdue	24-164-2	58-33-1-350-2	82-514	29-7-20-2	1-1	23:57
Notre Dame vs. USC						
Notre Dame vs. BYU						
Notre Dame vs. Tennessee						
Notre Dame vs. Navy						
Notre Dame vs. Syracuse						
Notre Dame at Stanford						

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
at Pitt	1	1	2	0	1	1	+1	W, 42-21
at Michigan	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	W, 17-10
vs. MSU	2	1	3	1	1	2	+1	L, 41-44
at Washington	2	1	3	0	0	0	+3	W, 36-17
at Purdue	1	1	2	2	0	2	-0-	W, 49-28
vs. USC								
vs. BYU								
vs. Tennessee								
vs. Navy								
vs. Syracuse								
at Stanford								
Totals	6	4	10	2	2	4	+6	3-1

Turnover Analysis

10 opponent turnovers have led to 27 of 136 (.198) Notre Dame points (3 TD/3 PAT/2 FG)
 4 Notre Dame turnovers have led to 10 of 92 (.109) opponent points (1 TD/0 PAT/1 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponents
Drives Started	66	63
Cumulative Starting Yardline	1971	1837
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 30	own 29
Drives started in plus territory	43	41
Scores (TD/FG)	22 (18/4)	12 (9/3)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	9/3/1	14/4/2
Turnovers/End of Half	5/3	8/1
Drives started at/inside own 20	18	22
Scores (TD/FG)	4 (3/1)	6 (4/2)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	10/1/0	9/2/0
Turnovers/End of Half	1/2	4/1

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Total
Walker	34	3	37
Powers-Neal	8	4	12
Quinn	6	-	6
McKnight	-	4	4
Fasano	1	14	15
Grimes	-	1	1
Samardzija	-	18	18
Schwapp	2	-	2
Shelton	-	9	9
Stovall	-	21	21
T. Thomas	6	-	6
Carlson	-	2	2
Jenkins	3	-	3
Wolke	1	-	1
Woods	-	1	1
Penalty			6
Team Totals	61	77	144

2005 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

Rushing

(No.-Yards-TD)	Walker	T.Thomas	Powers-Neal	Hoskins	Quinn	Jenkins	Schwapp
at Pitt	20-100-2	8-40-0	8-41-3	0-0-0	5-49-0	6-17-0	2-6-0
at Michigan	26-104-0	0-0-0	6-19-0	0-0-0	7-(-16)-0	0-0-0	2-8-0
MSU	26-116-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-(-8)-0	0-0-0	5-(-1)-0
at Washington	21-128-1	7-52-1	9-30-1	DNP	4-29-0	3-4-0	0-0-0
at Purdue	23-80-1	4-17-1	8-10-2	0-0-0	4-23-0	6-30-0	0-0-0
USC							
BYU							
Tennessee							
Navy							
Syracuse							
at Stanford							

Passing

(Attempts-Completions-Interceptions-Yards-TD)	Quinn	Wolke	Sharpley	Mooney
at Pittsburgh	27-18-1-227-2	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
at Michigan	30-19-0-140-2	DNP	DNP	DNP
Michigan State	60-33-1-487-5	DNP	DNP	DNP
at Washington	37-25-0-327-1	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
at Purdue	36-29-1-440-3	3-1-1-28-0	DNP	0-0-0
USC				
BYU				
Tennessee				
Navy				
Syracuse				
at Stanford				

Receiving

(No.-Yds-TD)	McKnight	Fasano	Stovall	Shelton	Samardzija	Carlson	Walker	T.Thomas	Powers-Neal	Freeman
at Pitt	3-51-0	4-42-0	2-27-0	0-0-0	3-34-1	2-3-0	3-52-1	0-0-0	1-18-0	0-0-0
at Michigan	2-18-1	4-18-0	2-17-0	1-4-0	4-52-1	0-0-0	5-22-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	0-0-0
MSU	DNP	7-93-0	8-176-1	6-87-0	6-96-3	0-0-0	5-24-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Washington	DNP	6-66-0	3-34-0	0-0-0	8-164-1	1-15-0	3-20-0	0-0-0	04-28-0	0-0-0
at Purdue	DNP	2-30-0	8-134-0	7-68-0	7-153-2	1-22-1	1-(-2)-0	0-0-0	3-35-0	0-0-0
USC										
BYU										
Tennessee										
Navy										
Syracuse										
at Stanford										

Field Goals

(*-missed FG)	at Pitt	at Michigan	MSU	at Wash.	at Purdue	USC	BYU	Tenn.	Navy	Syracuse	Stanford
Fitzpatrick	0-0	1-1	2-3	3-3	0-0						

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Tackles

(Unassisted-Assisted-Total Tackles-Tackles for Loss-Fumble Recovery-Interception-Pass Broken Up-Sack)

	at Pitt	at Michigan	Michigan State	at Washington	at Purdue	USC
Abiamiri	4-2-6-1-0-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	3-4-7-2-0-1-0-0	2-0-2-1-0-0-0-1	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	
Anastasio	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	
Beidatsch	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-1	0-3-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	
Borseti	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	
Brockington	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-5-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	
Brown	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	
Bruton	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	
Carney	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	
Crum	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	
Cullen	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	
Ferrine	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-1-0-0-0-0	
Frome	1-0-1-1-0-0-1-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-1-0	
B. Harris	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	
Hedgemon	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	
Hoyte	6-3-9-5-0-0-0-2	10-2-12-1-0-0-1-1	3-5-8-2-5-0-0-0-0	5-3-8-3-0-0-0-1	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	
Kuntz	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	
Lambert	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	
Landri	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-1	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	
Laws	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	
Mays	2-1-3-2-0-0-0-1	5-3-8-0-0-0-2-0	0-6-6-1-5-1-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-1-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0	
Ndukwe	2-1-3-0-1-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-1-0-0-0	3-2-5-0-1-1-0-0	7-0-7-1-1-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	
S. Quinn	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	
Richardson	3-0-3-0-0-0-1-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-1-0-0-1-1	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	9-0-9-0-1-1-2-0	
Salvador	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	
Smith	DNP	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	
Talley	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	
M. Thomas	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	
Wooden	10-2-12-0-0-0-1-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-5-0-0-2-0	9-0-9-0-0-1-1-0	7-0-7-0-0-0-1-0	
Zbikowski	3-5-8-0-0-1-1-0	8-1-9-0-0-1-1-0	5-2-7-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	

BYU

Tennessee

Navy

Syracuse

at Stanford

2005 Notre Dame Scoring Drives

Game	Qtr	Time/Scoring Play/Key Play	Drive
at Pitt	1	8:19/Darius Walker 51-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/51-yard pass from Quinn to Walker on 2nd and 6	6p, 78yd, 2:39
	2	13:07/Walker 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/27-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight to Pitt 27 on 1st and 10	9p, 65yd, 3:33
	2	6:58/Rashon Powers-Neal 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/18-yards pass from Quinn to Fasano to Pitt 24 on 1st and 10	9p, 65yd, 4:20
	2	6:03/Jeff Samardzija 19 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Chinedum Ndukwe fumble recovery on kickoff at Pitt 19	2p, 19yd, 0:45
	2	1:39/Powers-Neal 9 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Powers-Neal 18-yard pass from Quinn to Pitt 41 on 1st and 10	8p, 70yd, 2:41
	3	7:59/Powers-Neal 4 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Late hit personal foul on Pitt after Quinn run on 3rd and 25 moves ND to Pitt 34	20p, 80yd, 7:01
at Michigan	1	12:02/Rhema McKnight 5-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/13-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight to UM 38	12p, 76 yd, 2:58
	2	4:24/Jeff Samardzija 5-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Darius Walker 17-yard run on 2nd and 10 to UM 5	12p, 72yd, 4:25
	4	14:11/D.J. Fitzpatrick 43-yard FG/Tom Zbikowski 19-yard punt return to UM33	4p, 8 yd, 1:21
Mich. State	1	5:14/Jeff Samardzija 18-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/17-yard pass from Quinn to M. Stovall to MSU 20	13p, 70yd, 6:24
	2	9:49/D.J. Fitzpatrick 48-yard FG/Stovall 23-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd and 12 to MSU 33	10p, 37yd, 3:09
	2	8:43/Samardzija 31-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Chinedum Ndukwe fumble recovery on kickoff at MSU 34	3p, 34yd, 1:06
	3	1:23/Darius Walker 6-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 26-yard pass from Quinn to MSU 6	9p, 80yd, 3:44
	4	12:29/Maurice Stovall 7-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Stovall 50-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 10 to MSU 14	5p, 64yd, 1:17
	4	2:31/Samardzija 4-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Matt Shelton 20-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 10 to MSU 37	8p, 57yd, 2:35
	OT	—/Fitzpatrick 44-yard FG	4p, 0yd, —
at Washington	1	0:02/D.J. Fitzpatrick 25-yard FG/Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Brady Quinn on 3rd & 4 to ND 43	11p, 47yd, 4:34
	2	4:47/Darius Walker 17-yard run (kick failed)/Walker 17-yard run on 1st & 10 to 50	10p, 80yd, 5:05
	2	1:01/Fitzpatrick 39-yard FG/Jeff Samardzija 16-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to UW 39	9p, 59yd, 2:39
	3	2:48/Rashon Powers-Neal 2-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 43-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to UW 25	7p, 68yd, 2:35
	4	10:46/Fitzpatrick 25-yard FG/Anthony Fasano 21-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 8 to UW42	12p, 58yd, 5:04
	4	8:48/Jeff Samardzija 52-yard pass (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 52-yard pass on 3rd & 2 for touchdown	3p, 60yd, 1:22
	4	3:26/Travis Thomas 11-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Travis Thomas 16-yard run on 2nd & 6 to UW 13	5p, 44yd, 2:35
at Purdue	1	8:54/Rashon Powers-Neal 1-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Jeff Samardzija 41-yard pass from Brady Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 1	7p, 90yd, 2:26
	2	14:16/Powers-Neal 1-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 19-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 8 to the ND 23	15p, 98yd, 5:36
	2	6:24/Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Anthony Fasano 19-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 12 to ND 44	13p, 73yd, 5:29
	2	2:57/Darius Walker 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 27-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 45	5p, 63yd, 2:23
	3	8:48/Samardzija 55-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Quinn 3-yard run on 3rd & 1 to ND 42	6p, 80yd, 2:43
	4	11:31/John Carlson 22-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Matt Shelton 17-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 43	9p, 74yd, 3:30
	4	6:17/Travis Thomas 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Rob Woods 28-yard pass from David Wolke on 3rd & 3 to PU 10	6p, 45yd, 2:41

2005 Opponent Scoring Drives

Game	Qtr	Time/Scoring Play/Key Play	Drive
at Pitt	1	10:58/Greg Lee 39 pass from Tyler Palko (Josh Cummings kick)/2-yard sneak by Palko on 3rd and 1 to ND 39	8p, 73yd, 4:02
	1	1:40/Josh Cummings 49 FG/Joe Delsardo 9-yard pass from Palko on 3rd and 2 to ND 37	7p, 22yd, 3:43
	4	12:55/Tyler Palko 4-yard run (Cummings kick)/Raymond Kirkley 55-yard run on 1st and 10 to ND 17	7p, 72yd, 1:49
at Michigan	2	14:04/Garrett Rivas 38-yard FG/Steve Breaston 30-yard run on reverse to ND 26	5p, 35yd, 1:15
	4	3:47/Mario Manningham 25-yard pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick)/Jason Avant 18-yard pass from Henne to ND 32	5p, 50yd, 0:37
Michigan State	1	11:38/Matt Trannon 20-yard pass from Drew Stanton (John Goss kick)/Kyle Brown 28-yard pass from Stanton to ND 15	4p, 70yd, 1:55
	1	2:01/Kellen Davis 11-yard pass from Stanton (Goss kick)/Javon Ringer 25-yard pass from Stanton to ND 23	7p, 67yd, 3:13
	2	5:26/Goss 21-yard FG/Jason Teague 34-yard pass from Stanton to ND 11	8p, 76yd, 3:17
	2	0:27/Stanton 3-yard run (Goss kick)/Terry Love 45-yard pass from Stanton to ND 2	6p, 71yd, 0:46
	3	5:07/Trannon 65-yard pass from Stanton (Goss kick)/Trannon 27-yard pass from Stanton on 3rd & 12 to MSU 35	4p, 90yd, 1:27
	OT	—/Jason Teague 19-yard run (no kick)	2 p, 25yd, —
at Washington	2	9:52/Evan Knudson 27-yard FG/Sonny Shackelford 19-yard pass from Isaiah Stanback on 2nd & 8 to ND 39	10p, 70yd, 5:10
	4	6:01/Mark Palaita 1-yard run (Evan Knudson kick)/Louis Rankin 29-yard pass from Stanback on 1st & 10 to ND 48	10p, 77yd, 2:47
	4	2:26/Craig Chambers 41-yard pass from Johnny DuRocher (Knudson kick)/15-yard roughing pass penalty on ND to ND 41	5p, 70yd, 1:00
at Purdue	3	11:31/Dorien Bryant 18-yard pass from Brandon Kirsch (Ben Jones kick)/Ray Williams 11-yard pass from Kirsch on 2nd & 6 to ND 48	12p, 85yd, 3:29
	3	6:37/Bryant 3-yard pass from Kirsch (Jones kick)/Bryant 31-yard pass from Kirsch on 1st & 10 to ND 49	10p, 80yd, 2:11
	4	8:58/Kory Sheets 5-yard run (Jones kick)/Bryant 17-yard pass from Kirsch on 1st & 10 to PU 47	10p, 80yd, 2:33
	4	1:52/Sheets 8-yard run (Jones kick)/Sheets 23-yard pass from Curtis Painter on 1st & 10 to ND 21	7p, 54yd, 0:55

THE LAST TIME...

NOTRE DAME ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards:at Boston College, 1996 (426)
 Had 300 or more yards:at Stanford, 2003 (320)
 Had 70 or more rushing attempts:vs. Michigan State, 1991 (76)
 Had 60 or more rushing attempts:vs. West Virginia, 2001 (69)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts:at Purdue, 2005 (50)
 Had six or more rush TDs:vs. Navy, 1996 (6)
 Had five or more rush TDs:at USC, 2000 (5)
 Had four or more rush TDs:at Purdue, 2005 (4)
 Had two players with 100 rush yards in a game:vs. Stanford, 2002
(Rashon Powers-Neal 108, Ryan Grant 103)

PASSING

Had 500 or more yards:at USC, 1970 (526)
 Had 400 or more yards:at Purdue, 2005 (468)
 Had 300 or more yards:at Purdue, 2005 (468)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:at Purdue, 2005 (39)
 Had 25 or more pass completions:at Purdue, 2005 (30)
 Had 20 or more pass completions:at Purdue, 2005 (30)
 Had five passing TDs:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (5)
 Had three passing TDs:at Purdue, 2005 (3)
 Had five passes intercepted:vs. USC, 1967 (7)
 Had four passes intercepted:at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted:vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:at Purdue, 2005
 (Jeff Samardzija - 153, Maurice Stovall - 134)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:.....at Purdue, 2005
 (Jeff Samardzija - 153)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:vs. Michigan State, 2005
 (Brady Quinn - 327 passing, Darius Walker - 128 rushing)
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game:.....vs. Michigan State, 2005
 (Jeff Samardzija - 164 receiving, Darius Walker - 128 rushing)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:at Purdue, 2005 (621)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:at Purdue, 2005 (621)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:at Purdue, 2005 (621)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:at Purdue, 2005 (89)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense:at Purdue, 2005 (89)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40 or more points:at Purdue, 2005 (49)
 Scored 30 or more points:at Purdue, 2005 (49)
 Allowed 60 or more points:Never
 Allowed 50 or more points:at Miami (FL), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40 or more points:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (44)

Allowed 30 or more points:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (41)
 Was held scoreless:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless at home:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Michigan, 2003 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:vs. Maryland
 (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season:2002 vs. Maryland (22-0),
 vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season:1976 vs. Purdue (23-0),
 at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs. North
 Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0), vs.
 Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:at Purdue, 2005
 (Rashon Powers-Neal - 2, Jeff Samardzija - 2)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:at Washington, 2005
 Committed six or more turnovers:vs. Navy, 1984 (6)
 Committed five or more turnovers:vs. Boston College, 2002 (5)
 Committed four or more fumbles lost:vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)
 Committed three or more fumbles lost:vs. Washington State, 2003 (3)
 Recorded six or more takeaways:at Michigan State, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five or more takeaways:vs. Washington, 2004 (5)
 Returned two or more interceptions for TDs:vs. Stanford, 2002 (2)
 (Shane Walton - 18 yards, Courtney Watson - 34 yards)
 Returned an interception for a TD:at Tennessee, 2004 (1)
 (Mike Goolsby - 26 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:at Michigan State, 2004 (1)
 (Tom Zbikowski - 75 yards)

DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards:at Washington, 2005 (41)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:vs. Navy, 2004 (44)
 Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense:.....vs. Navy, 2004 (260)
 Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (175)
 Intercepted five or more passes:vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)
 Intercepted four or more passes:vs. Indiana, 1991 (4)
 Intercepted three or more passes:at Michigan State, 2004 (3)
 Scored a safety:at Stanford, 2003
 Recorded nine or more sacks:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
 Recorded eight or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
 Recorded seven or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
 Recorded six or more sacks:vs. Navy, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five or more sacks:at Pitt, 2005 (5)
 Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:vs. Maryland, 2002
 (Vontez Duff, 73 yards)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD:at Boston College, 2003
 (Carlos Campbell, 25 yards)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:vs. Navy, 2002
 (Vontez Duff, 92 yards)
 Blocked a punt:at Washington, 2005
 Punted 10 or more times:at Tennessee, 2004 (10)
 Did not punt:vs. Pittsburgh, 1993
 Blocked a field goal:at Purdue, 2005
 Had a field goal blocked:vs. Navy, 2002
 Blocked a PAT kick:vs. LSU, 1998
 Scored on a blocked PAT attempt:vs. Texas, 1995
 Missed a kicking PAT:at Washington, 2005
 Had a kicking PAT blocked:at Stanford, 2003
 Had a punt blocked:vs. Michigan State, 2005

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:at Purdue, 2005 (32)
 Had 20 or more first downs:at Purdue, 2005 (32)
 Was not penalized:at LSU, 1997
 Had 10 or more penalties:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (12)
 Had 120 or more yards in penalties:at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:at Purdue, 2005 (36:03)
 Was involved in a tie game:at USC, 1994 (17-17)
 Was involved in an overtime game:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (L, 41-44)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER ...

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Never
 Rushed for 250 or more yards:Julius Jones at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)
 Rushed for 200 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
 Rushed for 175 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
 Rushed for 150 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
 Rushed for 125 or more yards:Darius Walker at Washington, 2005 (128)
 Rushed for 100 or more yards:Darius Walker at Washington, 2005 (128)
 Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards:Carlyle Holiday
 . at Boston College, 2001 (109)
 Rushed 40 or more times:Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)
 Rushed 35 or more times:Julius Jones, vs. BYU, 2003 (35)
 Rushed 30 or more times:Darius Walker vs. Michigan, 2004 (31)
 Rushed 25 or more times:Darius Walker vs. Michigan State, 2005 (26)
 Rushed for four or more TDs:Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
 Rushed for three or more TDs:Rashon Powers-Neal at Pitt, 2005 (3)
 Rushed for two or more TDs:Rashon Powers-Neal at Purdue, 2005 (2)
 Had a run of 80 yards or more:Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
 Had a run of 70 yards or more:Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
 Had a run of 60 yards or more:Carlyle Holiday vs. Pittsburgh, 2001 (67)
 Had a run of 50 yards or more:Carlyle Holiday at Air Force, 2002 (53)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
 Passed for 400 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. at Purdue, 2005 (440)
 Passed for 300 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. at Purdue, 2005 (440))
 Attempted 50 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)
 Attempted 40 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)
 Attempted 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2005 (36)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn at Washington, 2005 (37)
 Completed 20 or more passes:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2005 (29)
 Threw five or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (5)
 Threw four or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (5)
 Threw five or more interceptions:Before 1975
 Threw four or more interceptions:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Threw three or more interceptions:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)
 Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
 Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
 Completed a pass of 60 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2003 (65)
 Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Brady Quinn at at Purdue, 2005 (55)

RECEIVING

Caught 15 or more passes:Never
 Caught 10 or more passes:Amaz Battle vs. North Carolina St., 2003 (10)
 Caught seven or more passes:Jeff Samardzija at Purdue, 2005 (8)
Maurice Stovall at Purdue, 2005 (7)
 Had 200 or more yards receiving:Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
 Had 175 or more yards receiving:Maurice Stovall vs. Michigan State, 2005 (176)
 Had 150 or more yards receiving:Jeff Samardzija at Purdue, 2005 (153)
 Had 100 or more yards receiving:Jeff Samardzija at Purdue, 2005 (153)
Maurice Stovall at Purdue, 2005 (134)
 Caught three or more TDs:Jeff Samardzija vs. Michigan State, 2005 (3)
 Caught two or more TDs:Jeff Samardzija vs. Michigan State, 2005 (3)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500 or more yards total offense:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2005 (463)
 Had 100 yards both passing and rushing:Jarious Jackson
 vs. Oklahoma, 1999 (276 passing, 107 rushing)

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Brady Quinn
 vs. Michigan State, 2005 (5 passing)
 Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Brady Quinn
 at Purdue, 2005 (3 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Shane Walton vs. Maryland, 2002 (3)
 Intercepted two or more passes:Gerome Sapp at Michigan State, 2002 (2)
 Recovered three or more fumbles:Never
 Recovered two or more fumbles:Gerome Sapp vs. Navy, 2001 (2)
 Recorded 15 or more tackles:Brandon Hoyte vs. Navy, 2004 (16)
 Recorded 10 or more tackles:Brandon Hoyte at Michigan, 2005 (12)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 15 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
 Scored 10 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick at Washington, 2005 (12)
 Kicked five or more field goals:Nicholas Setta vs. Washington State (5)
 Kicked four or more field goals:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (4)
 Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards:Never
 Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards:Nicholas Setta
 vs. Maryland, 2002 (51)
 Kicked a punt 70 or more yards:Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 (71)
 Kicked a punt 60 or more yards:D.J. Fitzpatrick at Michigan, 2005 (60)
 Punted 10 or more times:D.J. Fitzpatrick at Tennessee, 2004 (10)
 Totalled 175 or more kick return yards:Raghib Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)
 Totalled 100 or more punt return yards:Carlyle Holiday
 vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (103)

AN OPPOSING TEAM ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards:Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)
 Had 300 or more yards:Stanford, 1997 (322)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts:Navy, 2004 (61)
 Had five or more rush TDs:Stanford, 1990 (5)
 Had four or more rush TDs:Michigan, 2003 (4)
 Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game:Stanford, 1997
 (Anthony Bookman - 142, Mike Mitchell - 135)

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards:Washington, 2005 (408)
 Had 300 or more yards:Purdue, 2005 (350)
 Had 60 or more pass attempts:Tennessee, 1990 (60)
 Had 50 or more pass attempts:Purdue, 2005 (58)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:Purdue, 2005 (58)
 Had 30 or more pass completions:Purdue, 2005 (33)
 Had five or more passing TDs:USC, 2004 (5)
 Had four or more passing TDs:Oregon State, 2004 (4)
 Had three or more passing TDs:Michigan State, 2005 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:USC, 2003
 (Mike Williams 112, Keary Colbert 120)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:USC, 2002 (610)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:Purdue, 2005 (514)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:Purdue, 2005 (514)
 Had 80 or more plays:Purdue, 2005 (82)
 Had 75 or more plays:Purdue, 2005 (82)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:Never
 Scored 50 or more points:Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
 Scored 40 or more points:Michigan State, 2005 (44)
 Scored 30 or more points:Michigan State, 2005 (44)
 Scored a two-point conversion:Pitt, 2005

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:Oregon State, 2004
 Had three or more fumbles lost:Washington, 2004 (4)
 Intercepted five or more passes:USC, 1967 (7)
 Intercepted four or more passes:Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Intercepted three or more passes:Michigan, 2004 (3)
 Returned an interception for a TD:Michigan State, 2005
 (Sir Darean Adams - 30 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:Air Force, 2002
 (Marchello Graddy - 21 yards)

DEFENSE

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs:Michigan, 2003 (7)
 Scored a safety:LSU, 1998
 Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards:BYU, 2004 (11)
 Held ND to 200 or fewer passing yards:Michigan, 2005 (140)
 Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards:Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)
 Held ND to 300 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2005 (244)
 Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2003 (140)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:Purdue, 2002 (Anthony Chambers - 76 yards)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD:Michigan State, 2004
 (Jerramy Scott - 0 yards)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:Michigan St., 2004 (DeAndra Cobb - 89 yards)
 Punted 10 or more times:Rutgers, 2002 (10)
 Did not punt:Miami (Fla.), 1985
 Missed a kicking PAT:Washington State, 2003

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:USC, 2002 (31)
 Had 20 or more first downs:Purdue, 2005 (29)
 Had 10 or more penalties:Washington State, 2003 (13)
 Had 100 or more yards in penalties:Washington State, 2003 (118)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:Michigan, 2003 (37:47)
 Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher:Syracuse, 2003
 (Johnnie Morant, 103 receiving, Walter Reyes, 189 rushing)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER ...

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)
 Rushed for 200 or more yards:Rondell Mealey, LSU, 1997 (222)
 Rushed for 150 or more yards:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (189)
 Rushed for 100 or more yards:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (189)
 Rushed 40 or more times:Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)
 Rushed 30 or more times:Chris Perry, Michigan, 2003 (31)
 Rushed 25 or more times:Chris Perry, Michigan, 2003 (31)
 Rushed for five or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
 Rushed for four or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
 Rushed for three or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
 Rushed for two or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
 Had a run of 80 yards or more:Sherman Lewis, Michigan State, 1963 (85)
 Had a run of 70 yards or more:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
 Had a run of 60 yards or more:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
 Had a run of 50 yards or more:Raymond Kirkley, Pittsburgh, 2005 (55)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Never
 Passed for 400 or more yards:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (400)
 Passed for 300 or more yards:Isaiah Stanback, Washington, 2005 (353)
 Attempted 60 or more passes:Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)
 Attempted 50 or more passes:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2001 (52)
 Attempted 40 or more passes:Brandon Kirsch, Purdue, 2005 (44)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)
 Completed 20 or more passes:Derek Anderson, Oregon State, 2004 (28)
 Threw five or more TDs:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)
 Threw four or more TDs:Derek Anderson, Oregon State, 2004 (4)
 Threw three or more TDs:Drew Stanton, Michigan State, 2005 (3)
 Completed a pass of 90 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
 Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
 Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
 Completed a pass of 60 yards or more:Isaiah Stanback, Washington, 2005 (69)
 Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Isaiah Stanback, Washington, 2005 (69)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (14)
 Caught seven or more passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (14)
 Had 200 or more yards receiving:Craphonso Thorpe
 Florida State, 2003 (217)
 Had 150 or more yards receiving:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (181)
 Had 100 or more yards receiving:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (127)
 Caught three or more TD passes:Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 1995 (3)
 Caught two or more TD passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (2)

SCORING

Accounted for five or more touchdowns:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004
 (5 passing)
 Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Matt Trannon, Michigan State, 2005
 (3 passing, 1 rushing)
 Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Matt Trannon, Michigan State, 2005
 (3 passing, 1 rushing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
 Intercepted two or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
 Recorded three or more sacks:Ennis Davis, USC, 1999 (3)
 Recorded two or more sacks:Leon Hall, Michigan, 2005 (2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals:Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
 Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
 Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:Brandon Fields, Michigan St., 2004 (79)
 Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (102)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	198	Fr.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
3	* Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	208	So.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford	Dexter Wood
4	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	6-3	221	So.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	Jim Kunau
5	*** McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-2	207	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy	Mitch Olson
6	Herring, Ray	DB	6-0	199	Fr.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity	John Thomas
7	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	So.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmine Prep	Mike Janda
8	Jabbie, Junior	RB	6-0	188	So.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School	Dave Dudeck
9	* Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	208	Jr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove	Rich Roberts
10	** Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	231	Jr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
11	Grimes, David	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres	Greg Carter
12	+ Mooney, Marty	QB	6-2	207	Sr.	10-8-83	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier	Steve Rasso
13	Sharples, Evan	QB	6-2	207	Fr.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall	Rich Hulkow
14	Wolke, David	QB	6-2	196	So.	4-16-85	Mount Juliet, Tenn.	Smyrna	Philip Shadowens
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	186	So.	9-22-96	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep	Rich Hansen
16	*** Powers-Neal, Rashon	RB	6-3	238	Sr.	4-3-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
17	Price, Geoff	P	6-3	186	Jr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage	Chris Cunningham
17	+ Gorski, Dan	QB	6-3	196	Fr.	5-13-86	Omaha, Neb.	Creighton Prep	Tom Jaworski
18	** Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-2	219	Jr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
19	** Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-2	206	Sr.	11-15-82	Granger, Ind.	Marian	Reggie Glon
20	Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	188	So.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
21	*** Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	222	Sr.	2-21-85	Philadelphia, Pa.	Archbishop Carroll	Dan Bielli
22	Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	197	Jr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman	Biff Poggi
23	* Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	203	Jr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
23	+ Williams, William David	DB	5-9	174	So.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook	Clarence Inscore
24	+ Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	178	So.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro	Bobby Acosta
25	Schiccatano, Nate	DL	6-2	237	Sr.	9-3-82	Coal Township, Pa.	Southern Columbia	Jim Roth
26	+ Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	182	So.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn	Cory Yeoman
26	* Thomas, Travis	RB	6-0	215	Jr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington	Guy Montecalvo
27	Bruton, David	DB	6-2	187	Fr.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg	Tim Lewis
27	+ Lyons, John	RB	6-1	205	Jr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman	Steve Kueter
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	189	Fr.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney	P.J. Fecko
29	Hedgemon II, LaBrose	DB	5-9	190	Jr.	1-8-85	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover	Rush Propst
30	** Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	193	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins	Richard Fendley
31	Carney, Jake	DB	6-0	187	Sr.	4-28-83	Lexington, Ky.	Catholic	Bob Spire
32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB	6-0	232	So.	2-22-84	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Huron	Paul Verska
32	+ Reynolds Jr., Alvin	DB	5-10	180	Sr.	9-12-85	Terre Haute, Ind.	Country Day	Bob Whitman
33	Hoskins, Justin	RB	5-10	186	So.	2-27-85	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Creston	Sparky McEwen
34	+ Lee, Tommie	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	5-20-85	Milwaukee, Wis.	Pius XI	Rob Webb
35	+ Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere	Mike Hearn
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	6-0	247	Jr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville	Johnny Gullede
36	+ Harris, Brandon	DB	6-0	198	Sr.	4-5-84	New Orleans, La.	Benjamin Franklin	Chris Fernino
37	+ Mitchell, Matt	DB	5-8	187	Sr.	4-23-84	Memphis, Tenn.	Christian Brothers	Pete Crodelli
38	+ Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	183	So.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South	Ron Muhitch
39	*** Hoyte, Brandon	LB	6-0	236	Sr.	9-26-83	Parlin, N.J.	War Memorial	George Najjar
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	220	So.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech	John Colbert
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	234	Fr.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park	Kurt Weinberg
42	Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	231	Fr.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin	Tom Stuart
43	** Salvador, Anthony	LB	6-2	233	Sr.	5-4-84	Brentwood, Calif.	Concord De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
44	Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-0	250	Fr.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver	Rob Fleeting
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-11	179	Jr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
45	+ Whitney III, Rich	DB	6-2	203	Sr.	6-22-84	Warminster, Pa.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
46	*** Mays, Corey	LB	6-1	234	Sr.	11-27-83	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station	Trey Holladay
48	Quinn, Steve	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	St. Joseph's	Gil Brooks
49	+ Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	220	Jr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Bob Malloy

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No.		Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
50	**	Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's	Dan Galante
52	*	Brockington, Joe	LB	6-1	212	Jr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	Don Fureman, Jr.
53	+	Boland, Joe	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	10-21-83	Drexel Hill, Pa.	Monsignor Bonner	Mike Coyne
54	+	Fitzgerald, David	OL	6-4	293	Sr.	1-27-84	Godfrey, Ill.	Marquette Catholic	Maki Slaughter
56	*	Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	238	Jr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep	Jim O'Leary
57		Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	252	Jr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II	Dave Dunn
58		Banda, Abdel	LB	6-1	220	So.	11-14-86	Orange, N.J.	Delbarton	Brian Bowers
59	+	Bent, James	OL	6-1	264	Sr.	9-6-83	Mishawaka, Ind.	Mishawaka	Jim Aldrich
60	+	Cullen, Casey	DL	6-1	238	Jr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph	John Mares
61	+	Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	242	So.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
62	**	Raridon, Scott	OL	6-7	304	Sr.	6-2-84	Mason City, Iowa	Mason City	John Lee
63	+	Tisak, Jeff	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	10-18-86	Ambridge, Pa.	Duluth East (Minn.)	Joe Heitala
66	**	Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	263	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
68	**	Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	288	Jr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
69	+	Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	260	So.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
71		Bonelli, James	OL	6-5	280	Sr.	5-6-84	Camarillo, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
72		Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	292	Fr.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding	Tim Glanton
73	**	LeVoi, Mark	OL	6-7	311	Sr.	7-29-82	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Eden Prairie	Mike Grant
74	***	Stevenson, Dan	OL	6-6	292	Sr.	10-4-82	Barrington, Ill.	Barrington	Al Kumrodt
75		Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	268	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart	Mike Herrington
76	**	Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	292	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney	Ron Poe
77		Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge M.A.	Jim Burner
78	*	Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	298	Jr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich	Rich Albonizio
79	*	Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	285	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West	Ed Michaels
81	+	Woods, Rob	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	12-15-83	Atlantic, Iowa	Atlantic	Gaylord Schelling
82	***	Shelton, Matt	WR	6-0	172	Sr.	4-1-82	Collierville, Tenn.	Collierville	Paul Cox
83	**	Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	216	Jr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
84	+	O'Hara, Michael	WR	5-10	185	Sr.	3-17-83	Bellevue, Wash.	Newport	Gary Taller
85		Hiben, Joey	TE	6-4	253	Fr.	12-9-86	Chaska, Minn.	Waconia	Pat Foley
86	+	Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	245	So.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University	Gary Kornfeld
87	**	Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rick Kallok
88	**	Fasano, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	4-20-84	Verona, N.J.	Verona	Lou Racioppe
89	*	Carlson, John	TE	6-6	254	Jr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield	Jon Johnson
90	***	Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette	Dick Basham
91	+	Cardillo, Craig	K	6-0	175	Sr.	11-1-83	Hauppauge, N.Y.	Happauge	Steve Atkinson
92		Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	301	Fr.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic	Brian Fluck
93	+	Chervanick, Dan	DL	6-1	259	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name	Rick Keeley
94		Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	247	So.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara	Bernard Joseph
95	**	Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School	Biff Poggi
96		Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	267	Fr.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli	Bruce Scifres
96	+	Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	190	Jr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands	Jerry Gayden
98	*	Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	293	Jr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
99		Talley, Ronald	DL	6-4	261	So.	2-21-86	Detroit, Mich.	Renaissance	William Hill

* indicates number of monograms won; + indicates non-scholarship (walk-on) player

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
95	Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School	Biff Poggi
23	Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	203	Jr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
49	Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	220	Jr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	O.L. of Good Counsel	Bob Malloy
58	Banda, Abdel	LB	6-1	220	So.	11-14-86	Orange, N.J.	Delbarton	Brian Bowers
90	Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette	Dick Basham
59	Bent, James	OL	6-1	264	Sr.	9-6-83	Mishawaka, Ind.	Mishawaka	Jim Aldrich
53	Boland, Joe	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	10-21-83	Drexel Hill, Pa.	Monsignor Bonner	Mike Coyne
71	Bonelli, James	OL	6-5	280	Sr.	5-6-84	Camarillo, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
56	Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	238	Jr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep	Jim O'Leary
7	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	So.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmino Prep	Mike Janda
52	Brockington, Joe	LB	6-1	212	Jr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	Don Fureman, Jr.
94	Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	247	So.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara	Bernard Joseph
27	Bruton, David	DB	6-2	187	Fr.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg	Tim Lewis
91	Cardillo, Craig	K	6-0	175	Sr.	11-1-83	Hauppauge, N.Y.	Happauge	Steve Atkinson
89	Carlson, John	TE	6-6	254	Jr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield	Jon Johnson
31	Carney, Jake	DB	6-0	187	Sr.	4-28-83	Lexington, Ky.	Catholic	Bob Sphire
93	Chervanick, Dan	DL	6-1	259	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name	Rick Keeley
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	220	So.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech	John Colbert
60	Cullen, Casey	DL	6-1	238	Jr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph	John Mares
72	Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	292	Fr.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding	Tim Glanton
24	Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	178	So.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro	Bobby Acosta
88	Fasano, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	4-20-84	Verona, N.J.	Verona	Lou Racioppe
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	186	So.	9-22-96	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep	Rich Hansen
54	Fitzgerald, David	OL	6-4	293	Sr.	1-27-84	Godfrey, Ill.	Marquette Catholic	Maki Slaughter
19	Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-2	206	Sr.	11-15-82	Granger, Ind.	Marian	Reggie Glon
87	Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rick Kallok
75	Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	268	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart	Mike Herrington
17	Gorski, Dan	QB	6-3	196	Fr.	5-13-86	Omaha, Neb.	Creighton Prep	Tom Jaworski
11	Grimes, David	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres	Greg Carter
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-11	179	Jr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
92	Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	301	Fr.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic	Brian Fluck
36	Harris, Brandon	DB	6-0	198	Sr.	4-5-84	New Orleans, La.	Benjamin Franklin	Chris Fernino
68	Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	288	Jr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
29	Hedgemon II, LaBrose	DB	5-9	190	Jr.	1-8-85	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover	Rush Propst
6	Herring, Ray	DB	6-0	199	Fr.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity	John Thomas
85	Hiben, Joey	TE	6-4	253	Fr.	12-9-86	Chaska, Minn.	Waconia	Pat Foley
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	198	Fr.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
33	Hoskins, Justin	RB	5-10	186	So.	2-27-85	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Creston	Sparky McEwen
39	Hoyte, Brandon	LB	6-0	236	Sr.	9-26-83	Parlin, N.J.	War Memorial	George Najjar
26	Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	182	So.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn	Cory Yeoman
8	Jabbie, Junior	RB	6-0	188	So.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School	Dave Dudeck
61	Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	242	So.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB	6-0	232	Sr.	2-22-84	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Huron	Paul Verska
69	Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	260	So.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
35	Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere	Mike Hearn
96	Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	267	Fr.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli	Bruce Scifres
20	Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	188	So.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
66	Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	263	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
98	Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	293	Jr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
34	Lee, Tommie	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	5-20-85	Milwaukee, Wis.	Pius XI	Rob Webb
73	LeVoir, Mark	OL	6-7	311	Sr.	7-29-82	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Eden Prairie	Mike Grant
27	Lyons, John	RB	6-1	205	Jr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman	Steve Kueter
79	Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	285	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West	Ed Michaels
46	Mays, Corey	LB	6-1	234	Sr.	11-27-83	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	189	Fr.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney	P.J. Fecko
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	6-0	247	Jr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville	Johnny Gulledd
5	McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-2	207	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy	Mitch Olson
37	Mitchell, Matt	DB	5-8	187	Sr.	4-23-84	Memphis, Tenn.	Christian Brothers	Pete Crodelli

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No.		Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
12	+	Mooney, Marty	QB	6-2	207	Sr.	10-8-83	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier	Steve Rasso
76	**	Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	292	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney	Ron Poe
18	**	Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-2	219	Jr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
84	+	O'Hara, Michael	WR	5-10	185	Sr.	3-17-83	Bellevue, Wash.	Newport	Gary Taller
10	**	Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	231	Jr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
48		Quinn, Steve	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	St. Joseph's	Gil Brooks
38	+	Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	183	So.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South	Ron Muhitch
16	***	Powers-Neal, Rashon	RB	6-3	238	Sr.	4-3-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
17		Price, Geoff	P	6-3	186	Jr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage	Chris Cunningham
62	**	Raridon, Scott	OL	6-7	304	Sr.	6-2-84	Mason City, Iowa	Mason City	John Lee
96	+	Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	190	Jr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands	Jerry Gayden
32	+	Reynolds Jr., Alvin	DB	5-10	180	So.	9-12-85	Terre Haute, Ind.	Country Day	Bob Whitman
30	**	Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	193	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins	Richard Fendley
43	**	Salvador, Anthony	LB	6-2	233	Sr.	5-4-84	Brentwood, Calif.	Concord De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
83	**	Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	216	Jr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
50	**	Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's	Dan Galante
25		Schiccatano, Nate	DL	6-2	237	Sr.	9-3-82	Coal Township, Pa.	Southern Columbia	Jim Roth
44		Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-0	250	Fr.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver	Rob Fleeting
13		Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	207	Fr.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall	Rich Hulkow
82	***	Shelton, Matt	WR	6-0	172	Sr.	4-1-82	Collierville, Tenn.	Collierville	Paul Cox
41		Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	234	Fr.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park	Kurt Weinberg
57		Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	252	Jr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II	Dave Dunn
74	***	Stevenson, Dan	OL	6-6	292	Sr.	10-4-82	Barrington, Ill.	Barrington	Al Kumrodt
21	***	Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	222	Sr.	2-21-85	Philadelphia, Pa.	Archbishop Carroll	Dan Bielli
78	*	Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	298	Jr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich	Rich Albonizio
86	+	Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	245	So.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University	Gary Kornfeld
99		Talley, Ronald	DL	6-4	261	So.	2-21-86	Detroit, Mich.	Renaissance	William Hill
47		Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station	Trey Holladay
26	*	Thomas, Travis	RB	6-0	215	Jr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington	Guy Montecalvo
63	+	Tisak, Jeff	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	10-18-86	Ambridge, Pa.	Duluth East (Minn.)	Joe Heitala
77		Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge M.A.	Jim Burner
4		Vernaglia, Anthony	DB	6-3	221	So.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	Jim Kunau
3	*	Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	208	So.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford	Dexter Wood
42		Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	231	Fr.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin	Tom Stuart
45	+	Whitney III, Rich	DB	6-2	203	Sr.	6-22-84	Warminster, Pa.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
23	+	Williams, William David	DB	5-9	174	So.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook	Clarence Inscore
22		Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	197	Jr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman	Biff Poggi
81		Woods, Rob	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	12-15-83	Atlantic, Iowa	Atlantic	Gaylord Schelling
14		Wolke, David	QB	6-2	196	So.	4-16-85	Mount Juliet, Tenn.	Smyrna	Philip Shadowens
9	*	Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	208	Jr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove	Rich Roberts

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Irish Offense

X	21	MAURICE STOVALL	6-5	222	Sr.
	11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.
LT	68	RYAN HARRIS	6-5	288	Jr.
	77	Michael Turkovich	6-6	290	Fr.
LG	50	Dan Santucci	6-4	290	Sr.
	79	Brian Mattes	6-6	285	Sr.
C	76	Bob Morton**	6-4	292	Sr.
	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-4	298	Jr.
RG	74	DAN STEVENSON	6-6	292	Sr.
	62	Scott Raridon	6-7	304	Sr.
RT	73	MARK LeVOIR	6-7	311	Sr.
	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	Fr.
Y	88	ANTHONY FASANO	6-5	255	Sr.
	89	John Carlson	6-6	254	Jr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-3	245	Sr.
Z	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-5	216	Jr.
	82	Matt Shelton	6-0	172	Sr.
QB	10	BRADY QUINN	6-4	231	Jr.
	14	David Wolke	6-2	196	So.
FB	16	RASHON POWERS-NEAL	6-3	238	Sr.
	44	Asaph Schwapp	6-0	250	Fr.
HB	3	DARIUS WALKER	5-10	208	So.
	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	215	Jr.

Irish Defense

LE	95	Victor Abiamiri	6-4	260	Jr.
	99	Ronald Talley	6-4	261	So.
LT	98	Trevor Laws	6-1	293	Jr.
	90	Brian Beidatsch	6-3	294	Sr.
RT	66	DEREK LANDRI	6-3	263	Sr.
	57	Dwight Stephenson, Jr.	6-2	252	Jr.
	or 96	Pat Kuntz	6-2	267	Fr.
RE	75	Chris Frome	6-5	268	Sr.
	94	Justin Brown	6-3	247	So.
WLB	39	BRANDON HOYTE	6-0	236	Sr.
	52	Joe Brockington	6-1	212	Jr.
MLB	46	Corey Mays	6-1	234	Sr.
	41	Scott Smith	6-3	235	Fr.
Apache	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	6-0	220	So.
	48	Steve Quinn	6-2	215	Fr.
LCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	5-11	197	Jr.
	15	Leo Ferrine	6-0	186	So.
WS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	6-2	219	Jr.
	27	David Bruton	6-2	187	Fr.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	208	Jr.
	28	Kyle McCarthy	6-0	189	Fr.
RCB	30	Mike Richardson	5-11	193	Sr.
	20	Terrail Lambert	5-11	188	So.

Irish Special Teams

PK	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	179	Jr.
P	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.
	17	Geoff Price	6-3	186	Jr.
KO	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	179	Jr.
HLD	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-5	216	Jr.
	82	MATT SHELTON	6-0	172	Sr.

SNP	62	Scott Raridon	6-7	304	Sr.
	61	J.J. Jansen	6-3	242	So.
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	6-0	208	Jr.
	11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.
KR	36	Brandon Harris	6-0	198	Sr.
	11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.

ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2004 (min. six regular season starts)

** - indicates was a starter at another position in 2004

Notre Dame Travel Roster at Purdue, Oct. 1, 2005

Numerical

#1	Hord, D.J.	WR
#3	Walker, Darius	RB
#4	Vernaglia, Anthony	DB
#5	McKnight, Rhema	WR
#6	Herring, Ray	DB
#7	Bragg, Darrin	WR
#9	Zbikowski, Tom	DB
#10	Quinn, Brady	QB
#11	Grimes, David	WR
#12	Mooney, Marty	QB
#13	Sharpley, Evan	QB
#14	Wolke, David	QB
#15	Ferrine, Leo	DB
#16	Powers-Neal, Rashon	RB
#17	Price, Geoff	P
#18	Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB
#19	Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P
#20	Lambert, Terrail	DB
#21	Stovall, Maurice	WR
#22	Wooden Ambrose	DB
#23	Anastasio, Chase	WR
#25	Schiccatano, Nate	DL
#26	Thomas, Travis	RB
#27	Bruton, David	DB
#28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB
#29	Hedgemon, LaBrose	DB
#30	Richardson, Mike	DB
#31	Carney, Jake	DB
#32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB
#33	Hoskings, Justin	RB
#35	McConnell, Ashley	RB
#36	Harris, Brandon	DB
#39	Hoyte, Brandon	LB
#40	Crum, Jr., Maurice	LB
#42	Washington, Kevin	LB
#41	Smith, Scott	LB
#43	Salvador, Anthony	LB
#44	Schwapp, Asaph	RB
#45	Gioia, Carl	K
#46	Mays, Corey	LB
#47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB
#48	Quinn, Steve	LB
#52	Brockington, Joe	LB
#50	Santucci, Dan	OL
#54	Fitzgerald, David	OL
#56	Borseti, Nick	LB
#58	Stephenson, Jr., Dwight	DL
#59	Bent, James	OL
#60	Cullen, Casey	DL
#61	Jansen, J.J.	SNP

#62	Raridon, Scott	OL
#66	Landri, Derek	DL
#68	Harris, Ryan	OL
#71	Bonelli, James	OL
#72	Duncan, Paul	OL
#73	LeVoi, Mark	OL
#74	Stevenson, Dan	OL
#75	Frome, Chris	DL
#76	Morton, Bob	OL
#77	Turkovich, Michael	OL
#78	Sullivan, John	OL
#79	Mattes, Brian	OL
#81	Woods, Rob	WR
#82	Shelton, Matt	WR
#83	Samardzija, Jeff	WR
#85	Hiben, Joey	TE
#87	Freeman, Marcus	TE
#88	Fasano, Anthony	TE
#89	Carlson, John	TE
#90	Beidatsch, Brian	DL
#92	Hand, Derrell	DL
#94	Brown, Justin	DL
#95	Abiamiri, Victor	DL
#96	Kuntz, Pat	DL
#98	Laws, Trevor	DL
#99	Talley, Ronald	DL

Alphabetical (by position)

Offense

QB (4)

#12	Mooney, Marty
#10	Quinn, Brady
#13	Sharpley, Evan
#14	Wolke, David

RB (7)

#33	Hoskins, Justin
#32	Jenkins, Jeff
#35	McConnell, Ashley
#16	Powers-Neal, Rashon
#44	Schwapp, Asaph
#26	Thomas, Travis
#3	Walker, Darius

TE (4)

#89	Carlson, John
#88	Fasano, Anthony
#87	Freeman, Marcus
#85	Hiben, Joey

WR (9)

#23	Anastasio, Chase
#7	Bragg, Darrin
#11	Grimes, David
#1	Hord, D.J.
#5	McKnight, Rhema
#83	Samardzija, Jeff
#82	Shelton, Matt
#21	Stovall, Maurice
#81	Woods, Rob

OL (13)

#59	Bent, James
#71	Bonelli, James
#72	Duncan, Paul
#54	Fitzgerald, David
#68	Harris, Ryan
#73	LeVoi, Mark
#79	Mattes, Brian
#76	Morton, Bob
#62	Raridon, Scott
#50	Santucci, Dan
#74	Stevenson, Dan
#78	Sullivan, John
#77	Turkovich, Michael

Defense

DL (12)

#95	Abiamiri, Victor
#90	Beidatsch, Brian
#94	Brown, Justin
#60	Cullen, Casey
#75	Frome, Chris
#92	Hand, Derrell
#96	Kuntz, Pat
#66	Landri, Derek
#98	Laws, Trevor
#25	Schiccatano, Nate
#57	Stephenson, Jr., Dwight
#99	Talley, Ronald

LB (11)

#56	Borseti, Nick
#52	Brockington, Joe
#40	Crum, Jr., Maurice
#39	Hoyte, Brandon
#46	Mays, Corey
#48	Quinn, Steve
#43	Salvador, Anthony
#41	Smith, Scott
#47	Thomas, Mitchell
#4	Vernaglia, Anthony
#42	Washington, Kevin

DB (13)

#27	Bruton, David
#31	Carney, Jake
#15	Ferrine, Leo
#36	Harris, Brandon
#29	Hedgemon, LaBrose
#6	Herring, Ray
#20	Lambert, Terrail
#28	McCarthy, Kyle
#18	Ndukwe, Chinedum
#30	Richardson, Mike
#45	Whitney, Rich
#22	Wooden, Ambrose
#9	Zbikowski, Tom

Specialists (4)

#19	Fitzpatrick, D.J.
#45	Gioia, Carl
#61	Jansen, J.J.
#17	Price, Geoff