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The JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort will serve as the official media headquarters for the 2016 BattleFrog Fiesta Bowl. Credential distribution and all press conferences, with the exception of the arrival press conferences and Brian Kelly availability at the practice facility, will take place at the media headquarters.

The press headquarters room will be located in the Arizona Ballroom. All team and bowl materials will be available in the headquarters, as well as daily practice reports, schedule updates, notes and quotes.

**CREDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION**

All media requiring credentials must get their photo taken at the Media Registration Room (Arizona Ballroom, Salon D&E) at the Camelback Inn from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. between December 26-January 1 (hours are subject to change on January 1). Media who are unable to get their photo taken during the week can do so on game day from 7 a.m. to noon at the Auxiliary Ticket Office located at the stadium's media entrance, just south of Gate 1.

Each credentialed media member will receive an official Fiesta Bowl media pin. It is mandatory to wear the pin in plain sight to enter press conferences and attend the complimentary media functions during the week, including the Fiesta Bowl Fan Fest and APS Fiesta Bowl Stadium Club Pregame Parties.

**CREDENTIALING POLICY**

To ensure that all qualified media agencies have the appropriate access, policies have been developed by the 10 Football Bowl Subdivision commissioners, the Notre Dame athletic director and the College Football Playoff. Please refer to Appendix 1 of the College Football Playoff Handbook for the policies. Requests for all working media credentials shall be directed to Jenn Jepson. The deadline for applying is December 18.

**DAILY PRACTICE CHANGES OR UPDATES**

The Fiesta Bowl will provide any changes or updates to the teams' practice schedules via text messaging with the opportunity to opt-out, if not interested.

**DAILY PRACTICE NOTES AND QUOTES**

The Fiesta Bowl will provide daily practice notes and quotes shortly after practices have concluded. They will be available at CollegePressBox.com and via email.

**HOSPITALITY SUITE**

The Media Hospitality Suite, located in the Manor House at the Camelback Inn, will be open from December 26-January 1, from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. The hospitality suite also will be open upon the conclusion of the game for a post-game party. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided at all times.

**INTERNET ACCESS**

Complimentary wireless, high-speed internet access will be available in all designated media meeting rooms and hospitality areas at the Camelback Inn.

**LOUNGE**

The Media Lounge, located in the Cholla Room at the Camelback Inn, will be open from December 26-January 1 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The lounge will be equipped with TV's. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served each morning from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Complimentary soft drinks, coffee and water will be available all day.

**MEDIA DINNER**

The Fiesta Bowl will host a complimentary media dinner at Rita's Kitchen at the Camelback Inn on December 30 at 7 p.m.

**SHUTTLE - GAME WEEK**

A complimentary shuttle service will be available at the Camelback Inn between December 26-January 1 from 8 a.m. to midnight. The service is available to the media only and will serve the Phoenix metropolitan area, including team practices, media functions and airport.

**WORKROOM**

A 24-hour Media Workroom is located in the Arizona Ballroom and will have complimentary wireless, high speed internet access and toll-restricted telephones beginning December 26.

**PRESS CONFERENCES**

All press conferences, with the exception of the arrival press conference and Brian Kelly availability at the team practice facility, will be held at the Camelback Inn. Only credentialed media members wearing the media pin will have access to the press conferences.

**NOTRE DAME 2016 BATTLEFROG FIESTA BOWL MEDIA SCHEDULE**

(All times local and subject to change)

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>26</b> 5:00 p.m. – Team arrival to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – Brian Kelly will be available at airport	<b>27</b> None	<b>28</b> 8:30-9:00 a.m. – Associate Head Coach Mike Denbrock & five offensive players (Camelback Inn)  12:20-12:35 p.m. – media viewing of practice (Scottsdale Community College)	<b>29</b> 9:30-10:00 a.m. – Defensive Coordinator Brian VanGorder & five defensive players (Camelback Inn)  12:20-12:35 p.m. – media viewing of practice (Scottsdale Community College)	<b>30</b> 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Media Day (Camelback Inn)	<b>31</b> 8:00-8:30 a.m. – Joint Head Coaches Press Conference (Camelback Inn)	<b>1</b> 11:00 a.m. – 2016 BattleFrog Fiesta Bowl





## ARRIVAL PRESS CONFERENCES

The media is invited to attend the official team arrivals at Sky Harbor International Airport. Media escorts will be provided by airport operations staff beginning 60 minutes prior to the arrivals. To gain access to the airfield and arriving charter aircraft, satellite trucks should report to Security Gate 144, located just east of 24th Street off Buckeye Road near the Park-n-Ride Annex. All other media should park in the special events parking lot just south of the Lincoln J. Ragsdale Executive Terminal.

## PLAYER PRESS CONFERENCES

Press conferences that involve offensive and defensive coordinators and players will be held in the Arizona Ballroom at the Camelback Inn. The coordinators and players will be positioned at individual tables. It is the media's responsibility to move around the room for interviews. Each team's coordinators and five players will be available for approximately 45 minutes.

## FIESTA BOWL MEDIA DAY

Media Day will be held on December 30 at the Camelback Inn in the Arizona Ballroom. Head coaches and all starters – in jerseys without pads - will be available for photos and interviews. Notre Dame will be available from 9-10 a.m., and Ohio State will be available from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## HEAD COACHES PRESS CONFERENCE

The head coaches' press conference on December 31 will be held at the Camelback Inn in the Arizona Ballroom. Each coach will be positioned at the main stage, make opening comments and answer questions from the media. They will be available for a joint photo opportunity between press conferences (approximately 8:25 a.m.).

## DIGITAL MEDIA ROOM

Located on the northwest corner on field level, the Digital Media Room will provide space for photographers and print media and have televisions to monitor game action. The room offers high-speed internet, wireless internet, phones and power.

## FIELD ACCESS

Media members are allowed on the field with five minutes or less remaining in the game. The press elevator will initially leave with seven minutes remaining in the game.

## FREQUENCY COORDINATION

To minimize the possibility of interference during the Fiesta Bowl, all wireless microphones, intercoms, wireless video cameras and IFBs must be frequency coordinated (preferably in advance) and tagged (game day) before they can be used at the Fiesta Bowl. Cellular telephones and pagers are exempt from frequency coordination. Frequency coordinators Karl Voss and Jim Cole will be stationed outside the Digital Media Room (field level, north end) prior to the game to screen all necessary equipment and affix tags. Only cameras displaying the appropriate colored tags will be allowed to operate.

Media members should pre-coordinate their wireless devices online by December 31. Complete the online Frequency Coordination Form by visiting [www.fiestabowl.org](http://www.fiestabowl.org) and clicking "Media Room," then "Frequency Coordination." Following submission, the requesting media outlet will receive a confirmation email to print and bring to the stadium on game day when the process is completed by turning on the device, checking the approved frequency and tagging it at the frequency coordination location.

## GAME DAY COORDINATION

Media outlets that do not utilize the pre-coordination option should obtain a Frequency Coordination Form at the Media Center at the Camelback Inn and must initiate the same approval process on game day at the Digital Media Room.

## HELP DESK

A media information table will be set up on the main concourse adjacent to the press box elevator. Fiesta Bowl volunteers will assist media members with questions and help you find your seats. Seating assignments will be posted in all media areas for your convenience.

## INTERNET SERVICE/TELEPHONES

Complimentary wireless and high-speed internet access will be available in all designated media work areas. Telephones will be available in the press box. To order exclusive service on game day, contact Mike Ramsthaler with TSE/GES Exposition Services at (602) 569-1016 and indicate your request for the Fiesta Bowl on January 1.

## LIVE TELECASTS

On game day, non-originating telecasters may originate live programming from the field until 10:15 a.m. Live programming may resume after ESPN has discontinued its live coverage after the game. Television stations or networks may use a maximum of three minutes of taped footage on news programs only after ESPN has discontinued its live coverage after the game. The graphic "Courtesy ESPN" must accompany all highlights.

## MEDIA OPERATIONS ASSISTANCE

Fiesta Bowl staff and volunteers will stay in all media areas at the conclusion of the game to assist the media. The press box will remain open until the last person has left.

## MESSENGERS

Messengers will be issued credentials and color-coded vests that will allow them access to the field for pick-ups and deliveries. Messengers must stand against stadium wall next to the seating areas. Messengers will not be allowed to stand in the photographers' area on the field.

## OPEN LOCKER ROOMS

Both locker rooms are located on the west side, field level. Locker rooms will be open to the media for 30 minutes following the cooling-off period provided media are present the entire time. There will be a 10-minute cooling-off period for the runner-up team and a 20-minute cooling-off period for the winning team, which will begin after the conclusion of the trophy presentation.

## OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

A pre-designated media panel will name the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Game. The recipients will be announced at the conclusion of the game.

## PARKING

Satellite trucks may park on December 31 between 4-6 p.m. or on game day (January 1) beginning at 5 a.m. Parking spaces will be reserved for only those media agencies that requested a pass and completed the Power ENG Requirements for Broadcast Trucks form. Vehicle parking for media will be located on the west side of University of Phoenix Stadium. Form and parking requests are on the credential request website.

## PHOTO REGISTRATION

Photographers and videographers must register and secure proper field identification at the beginning of the game at the Digital Media Room. Each photographer will be issued a vest that must be worn in plain sight at all times.

## POST-GAME CEREMONIES

The winning head coach and the entire team will remain on the field at the conclusion of the game for award ceremonies. Presentation of the winning team trophy and the outstanding player trophies will be made immediately following the conclusion of the game and broadcast by ESPN.

## POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

The head coaches and a minimum of two starters from each team will be available in the Press Conference Room (located on the northwest side of University of Phoenix Stadium on the field level) after a brief cooling-off period. The head coach and starters from the runner-up team will be escorted into the Press Conference Room after a 10-minute cooling-off period, which begins when the head coach enters the locker room. The head coach and starters from the winning team will be escorted into the Press Conference Room after a 20-minute cooling-off period, which begins after the conclusion of the trophy presentation.

The format for each team is as follows: The head coach and starters will be positioned at the main table. The head coach will make opening comments and answer questions from the media. The players will not make opening comments; they only will answer questions from the media. The post-game press conference will be available on the video monitors in the press box to assist media with tight deadlines.

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**POST-GAME WORKING AREAS**

Media may return to their seats or utilize the digital media room at the conclusion of the game to file stories.

**PRESS BOX**

Located in the southwest corner, the press box accommodates approximately 165 working media members. There is also a national television broadcast booth, a home coaches booth, a visiting coaches booth, an officials booth, a scoreboard and PA control booth, a stats booth and four radio booths.

**SEATING**

Media seating will be available in the Press Box and the Digital Media Room.

**SHUTTLE - GAME DAY**

Media members are encouraged to use the motor coaches that will depart from the Camelback Inn to University of Phoenix Stadium under police escort. Shuttles will be available throughout the day as well. Return shuttles will run continuously following the game until the last person has left the stadium. The media drop-off and pick-up area will be near the Media Entrance at the stadium.

**SIDELINE RESTRICTION**

Photographers with sideline access are not permitted within the Team Bench Area (inside the 25-yard lines) at any time and must remain behind the 12-foot restraining line surrounding the field. This policy will be strictly enforced.

**STADIUM AVAILABILITY**

Limited media access to University of Phoenix Stadium will be available prior to game day. Media must coordinate in advance through Fiesta Bowl Media Relations. Per NCAA regulations, the stadium will be closed to media on December 31 for team walkthroughs. On game day, the stadium will be open to the media beginning at 8 a.m. Media may enter the stadium at the Media Entrance located just south of Gate 1 or at the satellite dock in Lot A.

**STATISTIC SERVICE**

A professional statistical services company will provide all statistical information. Statistical books, consisting of a scoring summary, individual stats, team stats, quarter stats, descriptive play-by-play, drive charts, defensive stats, coaches and players quotes and new game records will be available as quickly as possible in the press box and digital media room. A play-by-play account of down and distance will be provided verbally over the press box public address system and over a hard line for television and radio. ASAP Sports Reporting will transcribe all quotes. Quick quotes from coaches and players attending the post-game press conference and quick stats will be distributed as soon as possible in the press box and Digital Media Room.



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Location.....	Notre Dame, Ind.
Founded.....	1842
Enrollment.....	8,448 (undergraduate) / 12,179 (total)
Nickname.....	Fighting Irish
Conference.....	Independent
Colors.....	Blue and Gold
Stadium.....	Notre Dame Stadium
Capacity.....	80,795
Year Opened.....	1930
Surface.....	FieldTurf
President.....	Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. (Notre Dame '76)
Athletics Director.....	Jack Swarbrick (Notre Dame '76)

**HISTORY**

First Year of Football.....	1887
All-Time Record.....	892-312-42
Bowl Appearances (including 2015).....	35 (Last, 2014 Music City Bowl)
Bowl Record.....	17-17

**TEAM INFORMATION**

Offensive Formation.....	Spread
Defensive Formation.....	4-3 multiple
2015 Overall Record.....	10-2
Home Record.....	6-0
Road/Neutral Record.....	4-2

**COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach.....	Brian Kelly (Assumption '83)
Record at Notre Dame (Years).....	55-22 (6 seasons)
Record Overall (Years).....	226-79-2 (25 seasons)
Special Assistant to the Head Coach.....	Bob Elliott (Iowa '76)
Director of Football Strength and Conditioning.....	Paul Longo (Wayne State '83)
Associate Head Coach/Wide Receivers.....	Mike Denbrock (Grand Valley State '87)
Defensive Coordinator.....	Brian VanGorder (Wayne State '92)
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks.....	Mike Sanford (Boise State '05)
Recruiting Coordinator/Linebackers.....	Mike Elston (Michigan '98)
Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends.....	Scott Booker (Kent State '03)
Running Backs.....	Autry Denson (Notre Dame '99)
Offensive Line.....	Harry Hiestand (East Stroudsburg '83)
Defensive Line.....	Keith Gilmore (Wayne State '81)
Defensive Backs.....	Todd Lyght (Notre Dame '91)
Offensive Graduate Assistants.....	Ryan Mahaffey (Northern Iowa '11) Donovan Raiola (Wisconsin '05)
Defensive Graduate Assistants.....	Maurice Crum Jr. (Notre Dame '08) Mike Hiestand (Illinois State '11)
Head Football Athletic Trainer.....	Rob Hunt (Ball State '97)
Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning.....	Jake Flint (Central Michigan '07)
Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning.....	Aaron Wellman (Manchester College '96)
Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.....	David Grimes (Notre Dame '09)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Location.....	Columbus, Ohio
Founded.....	1870
Enrollment.....	51,759 (undergraduate) / 65,184 (total)
Nickname.....	Buckeyes
Conference.....	Big Ten
Colors.....	Scarlet and Gray
Stadium.....	Ohio Stadium
Capacity.....	108,610
Year Opened.....	1922
Surface.....	FieldTurf
President.....	Michael V. Drake (Stanford '74)
Athletics Director.....	Gene Smith (Notre Dame '77)

**HISTORY**

First Year of Football.....	1890
All-Time Record.....	874-320-53
Bowl Appearances (including 2015).....	46 (Last, 2015 Sugar Bowl)
Bowl Record.....	21-24

**TEAM INFORMATION**

Offensive Formation.....	Power Spread
Defensive Formation.....	Multiple
2015 Overall Record.....	11-1
Home Record.....	6-1
Road/Neutral Record.....	5-0

**COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach.....	Urban Meyer (Cincinnati '86)
Record at Ohio State (Years).....	49-4 (4 seasons)
Record Overall (Years).....	153-27 (15 seasons)
Assistant Athletic Director for Football Sports Performance.....	Mickey Marotti (West Liberty State '87)
Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers.....	Luke Fickell (Ohio State '97)
Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line.....	Ed Warinner (Wilmington '82)
Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks.....	Tim Beck (Central Florida '88)
Assistant Head Coach for Offense/Running Backs.....	Tony Alford (Colorado State '92)
Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line.....	Larry Johnson (Elizabeth City State '73)
Special Teams Coordinator/Cornerbacks.....	Kerry Coombs (Dayton '83)
Tight Ends.....	Tim Hinton (Wilmington '82)
Wide Receivers.....	Zach Smith (Florida '07)
Offensive Graduate Assistants.....	Jim Cordle (Ohio State '09) Matt Merritt (Capital '11)
Defensive Graduate Assistants.....	Brian Mason (Denison '09) Vince Oghobaase (Duke '10)
Head Football Athletic Trainer.....	Doug Calland (Ohio State '81)
Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.....	Brady Collins
Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.....	Phil Matusz (Villanova '10)
Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.....	Jeff Uhlenhake (Ohio State '89)



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### Countdown To Kickoff

**12** PK **Justin Yoon** has hit each of his last 12 field goals, the fourth-longest streak in school history. His 88.2% success rate on the season ranks fifth nationally and first among freshmen.

**11** Over Stanford's last 11 games, no team's defense wrapped up Heisman finalist **Christian McCaffrey** better than Notre Dame. His 94 rushing yards and 113 offensive yards were comfortably his lowest totals over the Cardinal's final 11 contests.

**10** Notre Dame has won 10 games on the season. Joining its 12-1 campaign in 2012, the Irish are seeking to win at least 11 games for the second time in a four-year span for just the second time in school history. Notre Dame only previously accomplished this feat in 1988-89, going 12-0 and 12-1, respectively.

**9** **C.J. Sanders**, son of former Ohio State flanker **Chris Sanders** and number nine in your program, is just the third player in Notre Dame history to return both a kickoff and a punt for a TD in the same season.

**8** DL **Romeo Okwara** has eight sacks on the season, the most at Notre Dame since current Pittsburgh Steeler **Stephon Tuitt** had 12 in 2012. Okwara (12.5) and DL **Sheldon Day** (14.5) are the first Irish teammates with at least 12 TFLs in a season since 2006.

**7** WR **Will Fuller** is has seven TD receptions this year of at least 45 yards.

**6** Notre Dame has won each of its last six games in active NFL stadiums and are 10-3 (.769) in NFL facilities under head coach **Brian Kelly**. University of Phoenix Stadium will be the 13th current NFL stadium to play host to the Irish and the 14th venue which has played host to both a Super Bowl and a Notre Dame football game.

**5** Will Fuller ranks fifth among all active players with 29 career TD catches. His 28 TD catches over the 2014-15 seasons are the most of any player nationally.

**4** Brian Kelly is the fourth Irish skipper to have multiple 10-win seasons at the school, joining **Knute Rockne**, **Ara Parseghian** and **Lou Holtz**.

**3** Three Notre Dame players have had more than one 100-yard rushing game this fall (**Josh Adams**, **DeShone Kizer** and **C.J. Prosise**). The Irish last had three players with multiple 100-yard rushing games in the same season in 2001 (**Tony Fisher**, **Carlyle Holiday** and **Julius Jones**).

**2** Only two people have won the Butkus Award at both the high school and collegiate levels - Notre Dame's **Manti Te'o** and **Jaylon Smith**.

**1** DeShone Kizer is tied for first in school history among quarterbacks with nine rushing TDs this fall.

**0** No team played more 10-win teams during the regular season than Notre Dame's four.

<b>Game 13 (BattleFrog Fiesta Bowl)</b>		<b>Notre Dame vs. Ohio State</b>	
CFP: #8 AP: #8 COACH: #9 10-2	<b>VS</b>	CFP: #7 AP: #7 COACH: #5 11-1	

### TIME, DATE AND PLACE

- 1 p.m. ET; Friday, Jan. 1, 2016
- University of Phoenix Stadium (63,400); Glendale, Arizona

### TELEVISION

- ESPN national telecast with Sean McDonough (play-by-play), Chris Spielman (analysis), Todd McShay (sideline).
- This same TV crew broadcast Notre Dame's Nov. 7 game at Pittsburgh for ABC.
- The Irish will be appearing on ESPN for the first time this year. This is the second year in a row where Notre Dame will make its ESPN debut in the postseason. Its lone ESPN appearance in 2014 was its 31-28 Music City Bowl win over LSU on Dec. 30. Although no strangers to ABC national telecasts, including four in 2015, the Irish have not appeared on ESPN during the regular season since Sept. 7, 2013, at Michigan.

### RADIO

- IMG College Sports is the exclusive national rights-holder for Irish football radio broadcasts. Notre Dame games will be broadcast to 117 affiliates by Don Criqui (play-by-play) and Allen Pinkett (analysis). This broadcast can be heard live on SiriusXM Satellite Radio (channel 129).
- The broadcast will be preceded by a one hour pre-game show hosted by Tony Castricone with Criqui, Pinkett and interviews conducted by Jack Nolan. It will be followed by a national post-game show hosted by Castricone, Criqui and Pinkett.
- All games can be heard in South Bend on WSBT 96.1 FM & 960 AM, and Sunny 101.5 FM.
- ESPN Radio will also air the game to its affiliates nationwide. Adam Amin (play-by-play), Kelly Stouffer (color) and Olivia Harlan (sideline) have the call.

### TICKETS

- The Fiesta Bowl is sold out.
- Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 286 of its previous 335 games (.854) overall. Notre Dame has played before 657 sellouts in 936 total games (.702) since 1930. The Irish have sold out 297 of their last 298 home games dating back to 1964, including each of the last 249 in a row since 1973.
- Every Notre Dame game this season has attracted a sellout crowd, including a Temple record 69,280 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia on Oct. 31 and a Heinz Field-era Pitt record 68,400 on Nov. 7.

### SERIES INFO

- Notre Dame is 2-3 all-time against Ohio State. The Irish swept a home-and-home series in 1935-36 and the Buckeyes returned the favor in 1995-96. The sides last met in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl with Ohio State winning, 34-20.

### THE COACHES

- **Notre Dame:** Brian Kelly, 55-22 at Notre Dame (6th year), 226-79-2 overall (25th year), 0-0 vs. OSU
- **Ohio State:** Urban Meyer, 49-4 at Ohio State (4th year), 153-27 overall (14th year), 0-0 vs. ND

### WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- Notre Dame and Ohio State each had two players earn consensus All-America honors: LB **Jaylon Smith** and OT **Ronnie Stanley** for the Irish; OT **Taylor Decker** and DL **Joey Bosa** for the Buckeyes
- No bowl game will feature more consensus All-Americans than the 2016 BattleFrog Fiesta Bowl.

Bowl Results	
Bowl - Opponent	Result
1925 Rose - Stanford	W, 27-10
1970 Cotton - (9) Texas (1)	L, 17-21
1971 Cotton - (6) Texas (1)	W, 24-11
1973 Orange - (12) Nebraska (9)	L, 6-40
1973 Sugar - (3) Alabama (1)	W, 24-23
1975 Orange - (9) Alabama (2)	W, 13-11
1976 Gator - (15) Penn State (20)	W, 20-9
1978 Cotton - (5) Texas (1)	W, 38-10
1979 Cotton - (10) Houston (9)	W, 35-34
1981 Sugar - (7) Georgia (1)	L, 10-17
1983 Liberty - Boston College (13)	W, 19-18
1984 Aloha - (17) SMU (10)	L, 20-27
1988 Cotton - (12) Texas A&M (13)	L, 10-35
1989 Fiesta - (1) West Virginia (3)	W, 34-21
1990 Orange - (4) Colorado (1)	W, 21-6
1991 Orange - (5) Colorado (1)	L, 9-10
1992 Sugar - (18) Florida (3)	W, 39-28
1993 Cotton - (5) Texas A&M (4)	W, 28-3
1994 Cotton - (4) Texas A&M (7)	W, 24-21
1995 Fiesta - Colorado (4)	L, 24-41
1996 Orange - (6) FSU (8)	L, 26-31
1997 Independence - LSU (15)	L, 9-27
1999 Gator - (17) Georgia Tech (12)	L, 28-35
2001 Fiesta - (10) Oregon State (5)	L, 9-41
2003 Gator - (11) NC State (17)	L, 6-28
2004 Insight - Oregon State	L, 21-38
2006 Fiesta - (5) Ohio State (4)	L, 20-34
2007 Sugar - (11) LSU (4)	L, 14-41
2008 Hawai'i - Hawai'i	W, 49-21
2010 Sun - Miami (Fla.)	W, 33-17
2011 Champs Sports - FSU (25)	L, 14-18
2013 BCS NCG - (1) Alabama (2)	L, 14-42
2013 Pinstripe - (25) Rutgers	W, 29-16
2014 Music City - LSU (22)	W, 31-28
<b>Overall Record</b>	<b>17-17</b>

*The number in front of the opponent name indicates Notre Dame's ranking in the AP poll coming into the game. The number following the opponent name indicates its ranking.*

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2015 Notre Dame Schedule						
Date	ND Rank	Opp Rank	Opponent	Location	TV	Time/Score
Sept. 5	11/11	RV/RV	Texas	Notre Dame, Ind.		W, 38-3
Sept. 12	9/11	-/-	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.		W, 34-27
Sept. 19	8/10	14/16	Georgia Tech	Notre Dame, Ind.		W, 30-22
Sept. 26	6/8	-/-	Massachusetts	Notre Dame, Ind.		W, 62-27
Oct. 3	6/7	12/11	at Clemson	Clemson, S.C.		L, 22-24
Oct. 10	15/15	RV/RV	Navy	Notre Dame, Ind.		W, 41-24
Oct. 17	14/13	RV/RV	USC	Notre Dame, Ind.		W, 41-31
Oct. 31	9/9	21/22	at Temple	Philadelphia, Pa.		W, 24-20
Nov. 7	8/9	RV/RV	at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.		W, 42-30
Nov. 14	6/6	-/-	Wake Forest	Notre Dame, Ind.		W, 28-7
Nov. 21	5/5	-/-	vs. Boston College	Boston, Mass.		W, 19-16
Nov. 28	4/4	13/12	at Stanford	Stanford, Calif.		L, 36-38
<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>7/5</b>	<b>vs. Ohio State</b>	<b>Glendale, Ariz.</b>		<b>1 p.m. ET</b>

*\* Rankings are Associated Press/Amway Coaches polls*



- 2012 AP National Coach of the Year
- 2012 Walter Camp National Coach of the Year
- 2012 Sporting News National Coach of the Year
- 2012 Home Depot National Coach of the Year
- 2012 Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year
- 2012 AFCA National Coach of the Year
- 2009 Home Depot National Coach of the Year

Head coach Brian Kelly, a veteran in his 25th season as a collegiate head coach, brings a championship tradition to his sixth year as the 29th head football coach at the University of Notre Dame.

Currently the second-winningest active coach in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, Kelly has guided the Irish to 55 wins over his tenure, ranking fifth in school history. Kelly is the first coach to ever take Notre Dame to a bowl game in each of his first six years at the helm.

His 149 victories as a head coach since 2001 are more than all but two active FBS head coaches – Oklahoma’s Bob Stoops and Ohio State’s Urban Meyer.

**KELLY’S HEAD COACHING RESUME**

- ▶ Twenty-third college coach to reach 200 career victories with at least five years of service or 50 victories at a school that was classified as a major college at the time
- ▶ Second-youngest and fifth-fastest coach to ever reach 200 career victories with at least five years of service or 50 victories at a school that was classified as a major college at the time
- ▶ Only coach in school history to lead the Irish to at least eight victories over each of his first five seasons
- ▶ Only two-time winner of The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award (2009, 2012)
- ▶ First coach in school history to lead the Irish to bowl games during each of his first six seasons
- ▶ First coach to take Notre Dame to bowl games in six straight seasons at any stage in his career since Lou Holtz (1987-95)
- ▶ First coach with six consecutive seasons of at least eight wins since Lou Holtz reached the milestone seven straight years (1987-93)
- ▶ Seventh-most wins (98-32) among active NCAA FBS coach since 2006
- ▶ Owns the seventh-best winning percentage (.759) among active NCAA FBS coaches since 2007
- ▶ Ranks second and eighth among active NCAA FBS coaches in career victories (226) and career winning percentage (.739), respectively
- ▶ Led Notre Dame to an undefeated regular season in 2012 -- its first undefeated regular season in 24 years (1988)
- ▶ Guided Notre Dame to the 2013 Bowl Championship Series title game and its highest national ranking (No. 4/3) to close a season since 1993 (No. 2/2)
- ▶ Oversaw the first football program to be ranked number one in the football polls and first in NCAA GSR graduation rates while also playing for the BCS title
- ▶ Swept just about every possible coach of the year award in 2012 -- Home Depot, Associated Press, Walter Camp Football Foundation, Sporting News, Liberty Mutual and American Football Coaches Association
- ▶ Only the second Irish coach to win 12 games in a season (Lou Holtz also did it in 1988)
- ▶ Continued focus on academics as Notre Dame won the 2014 American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award with a 100 percent graduation rate for the freshmen football student-athlete class of 2007
- ▶ Career record includes a first six seasons at Notre Dame where he has fashioned a 55-22 record that has included 11 losses by a combined 33 points (3.0 per game)
- ▶ Helped the Irish win 47 of their last 63 games dating back to 2011
- ▶ Three seasons at Cincinnati from 2007-09, including a 34-6 record (.850) and two straight outright BIG EAST Conference title teams that earned BCS appearances in 2008 (FedEx Orange Bowl) and 2009 (Allstate Sugar Bowl)
- ▶ Three seasons at Central Michigan University from 2004-06, including a 19-16 overall record (.542) featuring a 9-4 mark and Mid-American Conference title in 2006
- ▶ Thirteen seasons at Grand Valley State University from 1991-2003, including a 118-35-2 record (.767) highlighted by NCAA Division II national championships in 2002 (14-0) and 2003 (14-1)
- ▶ An overall record of 226-79-2 (.739) in those 25 seasons as a head coach
- ▶ A record of 16-7 (.696) record in postseason play as a head coach

**EIGHT IS GREAT FOR KELLY**

- ▶ Head coach **Brian Kelly** has won at least eight games in each of his first six seasons with the Irish.
- ▶ Kelly is the first Irish coach to win eight games in each of his first six seasons. Setting the previous high, **Dan Devine** began his career with the Irish by posting four straight seasons with at least eight wins from 1975-78.
- ▶ Before Kelly’s current run, no Notre Dame head coach had posted five consecutive eight-win seasons at any juncture of his career since **Lou Holtz** reached the milestone seven straight years from 1987-93.
- ▶ Kelly is the first coach in Notre Dame history to lead the Irish to a bowl game in each of his first six seasons. He joins Holtz as the only coaches to guide Notre Dame to bowl berths in six consecutive years at any juncture of their tenures at the school.
- ▶ With 10 wins in both 2012 and 2015, Kelly joins **Knute Rockne**, **Ara Parseghian** and Holtz as the only Notre Dame coaches to hit the double-digit mark in wins twice.

**KELLY BEATS ELITE TEAMS**

- ▶ **Brian Kelly** is 11-11 (.500) against Associated Press Top 25 teams as the head coach at Notre Dame and 21-15 (.583) overall.
- ▶ Of the coaches at contract bowl eligible schools who have faced at least 10 AP-ranked teams, Kelly’s career .583 winning percentage ranks eighth among his peers.
- ▶ He is one of just 11 coaches at contract bowl eligible schools who has faced at least 10 AP-ranked teams at his current job and is at least .500 against them.

**Career Record vs. AP Top 25 (Minimum 10 games)**

Coach	School	Record	Pct.
1. Urban Meyer	Ohio State	31-13	.705
2. Mark Helfrich	Oregon	9-4	.692
3. David Shaw	Stanford	19-9	.679
4. Bob Stoops	Oklahoma	55-27	.671
5. Jimbo Fisher	Florida State	13-7	.650
6. Nick Saban	Alabama	61-38	.616
7. Jim Mora	UCLA	12-8	.600
<b>8. Brian Kelly</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>21-15</b>	<b>.583</b>
9. Les Miles	LSU	45-35	.563
10. Gary Patterson	TCU	20-17	.541

- ▶ Of Kelly’s 55 wins at Notre Dame, 30 (54.5 percent) have come against teams which finished the year with a winning record. Only eight programs in the country have a higher percentage of victories against teams that end the season with records above .500 than Notre Dame since 2010.
- ▶ Only 12 programs in the country have recorded more wins against teams that finished the season with records above .500 than Notre Dame’s 30 since 2010.

**KELLY RANKS AMONG TOP ACTIVE COACHES NATIONALLY**

- ▶ Now in his sixth year at Notre Dame, **Brian Kelly** has helped the Irish secure a 44-6 record when entering halftime with a lead and a 41-5 mark when leading after three quarters.
- ▶ Kelly is 188-13 in his coaching career when taking a lead into the fourth quarter and 124-7 since 2001. He owns a 177-16 record when taking a lead into halftime, including a 122-8 mark since 2001.
- ▶ Each of Kelly’s last 10 teams have participated in a bowl game, encompassing each of his six Notre Dame teams, each of his three Cincinnati teams, and his final team at Central Michigan (2006).
- ▶ Each of Kelly’s last 11 teams (including 2015) have finished the year with a winning record, including his 6-5 Chippewa squad in 2005.
- ▶ Every team of Kelly’s head coaching tenure, except for his first Central Michigan team that went 4-7 on 2004, has finished at .500 or better (24 out of 25 years).
- ▶ Kelly is 154-29 when scoring first.
- ▶ Kelly is 177-27-1 when outrushing his opponent.
- ▶ Kelly is 132-12 when his team wins the turnover battle.
- ▶ Kelly is 43-18-2 in games decided by three points or less.
- ▶ Kelly is 64-21 in the month of November, including a 28-9 mark since 2006.
- ▶ Kelly is 68-8 when his team scores a defensive or special teams touchdown.
- ▶ Kelly is 144-11 when his team scores 30+ points, including a 82-2 mark with 40+ points.
- ▶ Kelly is 144-6-1 when his team allows 19 points or less.
- ▶ Kelly is 165-44-1 coming off a victory.
- ▶ Kelly-coached teams have won 81 of their last 82 games when holding their opponents to less than 20 points. Kelly-coached teams owned a 57-game winning streak in games where they held their opponents to less than 20 points, which ended in the 2011 Champs Sports Bowl loss to Florida State (18-14). Kelly’s previous such loss came on Dec. 8, 2001, when North Dakota edged Grand Valley State, 17-14, in the NCAA Division II title game.
- ▶ Since 2001, Brian Kelly has the third-most wins among all active Football Bowl Subdivision coaches, trailing only Oklahoma’s Bob Stoops (158) and Ohio State’s Urban Meyer (152):



## Winningest Active NCAA FBS Coaches (By Victories, Since 2001)

Name, School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	158	40	0	0.798
2. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	153	27	0	0.850
<b>3. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.764</b>
4. Mark Richt, Miami, Fla.	145	51	0	0.740
5. Nick Saban, Alabama	143	30	0	0.827
6. Gary Patterson, TCU	142	47	0	0.751
7. Les Miles, LSU	139	53	0	0.724
8. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	137	61	0	0.692
9. Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	123	67	0	0.647
10. Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	119	76	0	0.610

► Since 2006, Brian Kelly has the seventh-most wins of any active NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision coach. Kelly has won 98 contests (98-32) over that span.

## Winningest Active NCAA FBS Coaches (By Victories, Since 2006)

Name, School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Chris Petersen, Washington	106	24	0	0.815
2. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	104	16	0	0.867
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	104	29	0	0.782
4. Nick Saban, Alabama	103	18	0	0.851
5. Les Miles, LSU	100	30	0	0.769
6. Gary Patterson, TCU	99	29	0	0.773
<b>7. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.754</b>
8. Bronco Mendenhall, BYU*	93	36	0	0.721
Mark Richt, Miami, Fla.	93	38	0	0.710
Mark Dantonio, Michigan State	93	37	0	0.715

\* Mendenhall will coach BYU in the Las Vegas Bowl before taking over at Virginia in 2016

► Brian Kelly ranks as the fifth-most successful active NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision coach in winning percentage since 2007.

## Winningest Active NCAA FBS Coaches (By Win Percentage, Since 2007)

Name, School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	91	15	0	0.858
2. Nick Saban, Alabama	102	18	0	0.850
3. Chris Petersen, Washington	93	24	0	0.795
4. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	93	26	0	0.782
5. Gary Patterson, TCU	88	27	0	0.765
6. Les Miles, LSU	89	28	0	0.762
<b>7. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.759</b>
8. Mark Dantonio, Michigan State	87	32	0	0.731
9. Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State	83	33	0	0.716
10. Mark Richt, Miami, Fla.	84	34	0	0.712

► Brian Kelly ranks second and eighth among active NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision coaches in both victories and winning percentage, respectively. Here is a look at the top 10 winningest active coaches in the FBS (min. six years as FBS head coach, record at four-year colleges only):

## Winningest Active NCAA FBS Coaches (By Victories)

Name, School	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	34	278	143	4	0.658
<b>2. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.742</b>
3. Dennis Franchione, Texas State	30	213	135	2	0.615
4. Bill Snyder, Kansas State	23	193	100	1	0.656
5. Nick Saban, Alabama	19	189	60	1	0.756
6. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	16	179	45	0	0.798
7. Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	18	168	83	0	0.672
8. Terry Bowden, Akron	21	158	92	2	0.629
9. Tommy Tuberville, Cincinnati	19	155	90	0	0.631
10. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	14	153	27	0	0.850

\*Minimum five years as FBS head coach; record at four-year colleges only

## Winningest Active NCAA FBS Coaches (By Win Percentage)

Name, School	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	14	153	27	0	0.850
2. Jimbo Fisher, Florida State	6	67	13	0	0.838
3. Chris Petersen, Washington	9	106	24	0	0.815
4. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	16	179	45	0	0.799
5. Nick Saban, Alabama	19	189	60	1	0.758
6. Gary Patterson, TCU	15	142	47	0	0.751
7. Dabo Swinney, Clemson	7	74	26	0	0.740
<b>8. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.739</b>
9. Mark Richt, Miami	14	144	52	0	0.735
10. Les Miles, LSU	13	139	53	0	0.724

\*Minimum five full years as FBS head coach; record at four-year colleges only

► Among college coaches with at least five years of service or 50 victories at a school that was classified as a major college at the time, Kelly was the 23rd to reach 200 career victories. Here is that list of coaches:

► Amongst the list, Kelly was the second-youngest and fifth-fastest to ever reach 200 career victories.

Rank	Coach	Age in Yrs.-Days	Rank	Coach	Career Game (Record at Time)
1.	Pop Warner	46-240	1.	Joe Paterno	246 (200-44-2)
<b>2.</b>	<b>Brian Kelly</b>	<b>51-310</b>	2.	Tom Osborne	249 (200-46-3)
3.	Jim Tressel	54-298	3.	Bo Schembechler	262 (200-55-7)
4.	Vince Dooley	56-84	4.	Woody Hayes	268 (200-60-8)
5.	Tom Osborne	56-224	<b>5.</b>	<b>Brian Kelly</b>	<b>270 (200-68-2)</b>

## KELLY WINS IN CYBERSPACE, TOO

► Speaking to Notre Dame's deep and global fan base, head coach **Brian Kelly's** personal twitter feed, @CoachBrianKelly, is the seventh-most widely followed of any college football coach.

► Notre Dame's team account, @NDFootball, has the ninth-most followers nationally.

Coach (School)	Handle	Followers*
1. Urban Meyer (Ohio State)	@OSUCoachMeyer	347,818
2. Jim Harbaugh (Michigan)	@CoachJim4UM	334,111
3. Butch Jones (Tennessee)	@UTCochJones	221,150
4. Mark Richt (Miami)	@MarkRicht	217,919
5. Les Miles (LSU)	@LSUCoachMiles	188,586
6. Bret Bielema (Arkansas)	@BretBielema	147,470
<b>7. Brian Kelly (Notre Dame)</b>	<b>@CoachBrianKelly</b>	<b>143,454</b>

\* As of December 9, 2015

## KELLY'S WINNING WAYS

► Nine active FBS coaches have guided their respective schools to an undefeated regular season since 2009. Only four of those nine coaches, including **Brian Kelly**, have done it on multiple occasions.

### BRIAN KELLY

2012 – Notre Dame – 12-1 (Lost in BCS Championship Game)

2009 – Cincinnati – 12-0 (Did not coach bowl game)

### URBAN MEYER

2013 – Ohio State – 12-2 (Lost in Big Ten Championship Game and Orange Bowl)

2012 – Ohio State – 12-0

2009 – Florida – 13-1 (Lost in SEC Championship Game)

### Jimbo Fisher

2014 – Florida State – 13-0 (Lost in College Football Playoff semifinal)

2013 – Florida State – 14-0

### Gary Patterson

2010 – TCU – 13-0

2009 – TCU – 12-1 (Lost in Fiesta Bowl)

## BRIAN KELLY'S OVERALL RECORD

Grand Valley State Totals (13 seasons)	118-35-2	.768
Central Michigan Totals (3 seasons)	19-16	.543
Cincinnati Totals (3 seasons)	34-6	.850
Notre Dame Totals (6 seasons)	55-22	.714
<b>Overall Totals (25 seasons)</b>	<b>226-79-2</b>	<b>.739</b>

2015 Opponents

**TEXAS (9/5)** **5-7, 4-5 Big 12**  
**LAST GAME:** W, 23-17 at Baylor  
**BOWL GAME:** None

**VIRGINIA (9/12)** **4-8, 3-5 ACC**  
**LAST GAME:** L, 20-23 vs. Virginia Tech  
**BOWL GAME:** None

**GEORGIA TECH (9/19)** **3-9, 1-7 ACC**  
**LAST GAME:** L, 7-13 vs. Georgia  
**BOWL GAME:** None

**UMASS (9/26)** **3-9, 2-6 MAC**  
**LAST GAME:** W, 31-26 at Buffalo  
**BOWL GAME:** None

**CLEMSON (10/3)** **13-0, 8-0 ACC**  
**LAST GAME:** W, 45-37 vs. North Carolina  
**BOWL GAME:** Orange Bowl (Dec. 31)  
**OPPONENT:** Oklahoma

**NAVY (10/10)** **10-2, 7-1 American**  
**LAST GAME:** W, 21-17 vs. Army  
**BOWL GAME:** Military Bowl (Dec. 28)  
**OPPONENT:** Pittsburgh

**USC (10/17)** **8-5, 6-3 Pac-12**  
**LAST GAME:** L, 22-41 vs. Stanford  
**BOWL GAME:** Holiday Bowl (Dec. 30)  
**OPPONENT:** Wisconsin

**TEMPLE (10/31)** **10-3, 7-1 American**  
**LAST GAME:** L, 13-24 at Houston  
**BOWL GAME:** Boca Raton Bowl (Dec. 22)  
**OPPONENT:** Toledo

**PITTSBURGH (11/7)** **8-4, 6-2 ACC**  
**LAST GAME:** L, 24-29 vs. Miami  
**BOWL GAME:** Military Bowl (Dec. 28)  
**OPPONENT:** Navy

**WAKE FOREST (11/14)** **3-9, 1-7 ACC**  
**LAST GAME:** L, 21-27 vs. Duke  
**BOWL GAME:** None

**BOSTON COLLEGE (11/21)** **3-9, 0-8 ACC**  
**LAST GAME:** L, 17-20 at Syracuse  
**BOWL GAME:** None

**STANFORD (11/28)** **11-2, 8-1 Pac-12**  
**LAST GAME:** W, 41-22 vs. USC  
**BOWL GAME:** Rose Bowl (Jan. 1)  
**OPPONENT:** Iowa

**OHIO STATE (1/1)** **11-1, 7-1 Big Ten**  
**LAST GAME:** W, 42-13 at Michigan  
**BOWL GAME:** Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 1)  
**OPPONENT:** Notre Dame

National Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Dec. 6)

Rk	School	Record	Pts
1.	Clemson (51)	13-0	1510
2.	Alabama (9)	12-1	1465
3.	Michigan State (1)	12-1	1382
4.	Oklahoma	11-1	1276
5.	Stanford	11-2	1221
6.	Iowa	12-1	1214
7.	Ohio State	11-1	1208
8.	NOTRE DAME	10-2	1070
9.	Florida State	10-2	972
10.	North Carolina	11-2	949
11.	TCU	10-2	936
12.	Northwestern	10-2	776
13.	Oklahoma State	10-2	767
14.	Houston	12-1	710
15.	Oregon	9-3	685
16.	Ole Miss	9-3	656
17.	Michigan	9-2	578
18.	Baylor	9-3	426
19.	Florida	10-3	420
20.	Utah	9-3	323
21.	Navy	10-2	271
22.	LSU	8-3	270
23.	Wisconsin	9-3	197
24.	Temple	10-3	94
25.	Western Kentucky	11-2	70

Others Receiving Votes  
 Georgia 67, USC 57, BYU 28, Tennessee 23, San Diego State 22, Arkansas 20, Washington 20, Memphis 10, Bowling Green 8, South Florida 8, Mississippi State 6, Toledo 4, UCLA 4, Arkansas State 2.

AMWAY COACHES (Dec. 6)

Rk	School	Record	Pts
1.	Clemson (55)	13-0	1493
2.	Alabama (5)	12-1	1438
3.	Oklahoma	11-1	1363
4.	Michigan State	12-1	1341
5.	Ohio State	11-1	1205
6.	Stanford	11-2	1202
7.	Iowa	12-1	1184
8.	Florida State	10-2	1025
9.	NOTRE DAME	10-2	1016
10.	TCU	10-2	927
11.	North Carolina	11-2	914
12.	Northwestern	10-2	775
13.	Oklahoma State	10-2	764
14.	Oregon	9-3	655
15.	Ole Miss	9-3	627
16.	Houston	12-1	626
17.	Michigan	9-2	533
18.	Florida	10-3	502
19.	Baylor	9-3	485
20.	Utah	9-3	362
21.	LSU	8-3	261
22.	Navy	10-2	251
23.	Wisconsin	9-3	177
24.	Temple	10-3	72
25.	Georgia	9-3	68

Others Receiving Votes  
 Western Kentucky 55, USC 51, San Diego State 26, Tennessee 24, UCLA 15, Bowling Green 12, Washington State 12, Memphis 10, Mississippi State 7, BYU 7, Arkansas State 6, Appalachian State 3, Texas A&M 3, Louisville 2, Pittsburgh 1.

2015 opponents in bold

SCHEDULE NOTES

- ▶ The Irish faced four teams this fall which claimed a conference divisional title in Clemson (ACC Atlantic), Stanford (Pac-12 North), Temple (American East) and USC (Pac-12 South).
- ▶ Notre Dame, Oregon and Tennessee were the only teams to face two "Power 5" conference champions in 2015.
- ▶ Notre Dame was one of 12 "Power 5" schools to face four teams that won at least 10 games in 2015, tying for the national lead.
- ▶ Notre Dame played nine of its 12 regular-season games against schools from "Power 5" conferences. No school played more than 10 such games out of their 12 with most of the 22 who do residing in the Big 12 and Pac-12 - both of which play nine conference games.
- ▶ By beating Texas, Virginia and Georgia Tech to open the season, Notre Dame became the first team since 2012 to open a season with three consecutive wins over "Power 5" conference teams. Northwestern did this in '12 by beating Syracuse, Vanderbilt and Boston College.
- ▶ The Irish opened with three consecutive games against "Power 5" schools in Texas (Big 12), Virginia (ACC) and Georgia Tech (ACC) before facing Massachusetts of the Mid-American Conference. Notre Dame was one of just three schools nationally to open with three straight "Power 5" teams, joining South Carolina and UTSA.
- ▶ Notre Dame is one of just three NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision programs to have not faced a non-FBS opponent since the current setup was established in 1978. The two other remaining schools that have yet to play a non-FBS opponent are USC and UCLA.
- ▶ The Irish faced six ACC schools this year, the most teams from one league in a single season of Notre Dame history. The Irish previously faced five teams from the same conference on several occasions, most recently in 1992 when the Irish faced five Big Ten teams.
- ▶ Notre Dame beat five ACC schools this year (Virginia, Georgia Tech, Pittsburgh, Wake Forest and Boston College), its most wins ever over a single conference in one season. The Irish had beaten four active Big Ten schools in the same season six times, most recently in 1993.
- ▶ It is believed that the 2015 schedule marked the first time Notre Dame did not face a fellow independent. Navy, an independent fixture on the Irish schedule since 1927, joined the American Athletic Conference. Notre Dame will bring an all-independent game back to its schedule on Nov. 12, 2016, when it faces Army at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas for the annual Shamrock Series contest.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RANKINGS (DEC. 6)

Rk	School	Record
1.	Clemson	13-0
2.	Alabama	12-1
3.	Michigan State	12-1
4.	Oklahoma	11-1
5.	Iowa	12-1
6.	Stanford	11-2
7.	Ohio State	11-1
8.	NOTRE DAME	10-2
9.	Florida State	10-2
10.	North Carolina	11-2
11.	TCU	10-2
12.	Ole Miss	9-3
13.	Northwestern	10-2
14.	Michigan	9-2
15.	Oregon	9-3
16.	Oklahoma State	10-2
17.	Baylor	9-3
18.	Houston	12-1
19.	Florida	10-3
20.	LSU	8-3
21.	Navy	10-2
22.	Utah	9-3
23.	Tennessee	8-4
24.	Temple	10-3
25.	USC	8-4



## NOTRE DAME BOWL HISTORY

- ▶ Notre Dame's appearance in the BattleFrog Fiesta Bowl will be the 35th bowl appearance in school history.
- ▶ Notre Dame owns a 17-17 mark in postseason play, including appearances in 16 different bowl games.
- ▶ Brian Kelly becomes the first coach in Notre Dame history to take teams to bowl games in each of his first six seasons. It marks the seventh appearance in a bowl game for the Irish in the last eight seasons and their 10th in the last 12 years.
- ▶ Notre Dame will be looking to post bowl victories in three consecutive seasons for the first time since 1991 through 1993.
- ▶ Notre Dame was one of seven schools that played in each of the four previously known BCS bowls (Fiesta, Orange, Rose, Sugar), as well as the BCS National Championship Game.
- ▶ Notre Dame has played 22 of its 34 previous bowl games in one of the six games that now comprise the College Football Playoff, including its 2013 BCS National Championship Game appearance, hosted by the Orange Bowl.
- ▶ This marks the fifth time Notre Dame has faced a current Big Ten Conference member in a bowl game—following losses to Nebraska (40-6 in the Orange Bowl to finish the 1972 season) and Ohio State (34-20 in the Fiesta Bowl following the 2005 season) and wins over Rutgers (29-16 in the Pinstripe Bowl following the 2013 campaign) and Penn State (20-9 in the Gator Bowl following the 1975 campaign).
- ▶ The Irish have played seven times previously in the Cotton Bowl (following 1969, 1970, 1977, 1978, 1987, 1992 and 1993 seasons), five times in the Orange Bowl (following 1972, 1974, 1989, 1990 and 1995 seasons), four times in the Sugar Bowl (1973, 1980, 1991, 2006), four times in the Fiesta Bowl (1988, 1994, 2000, 2005) and once in the Rose Bowl (1924). Additional bowl appearances sent the Irish to the Gator Bowl (1976, 1998, 2002), Liberty Bowl (1983), Aloha/Hawaii Bowl (1984, 2008), Independence Bowl (1997), Insight Bowl (2004), Sun Bowl (2010), Champs Sports Bowl (2011), BCS Championship Game (2012), Pinstripe Bowl (2013) and Music City Bowl (2014).
- ▶ Notre Dame made its first bowl appearance in 1925 when Knute Rockne and the Four Horsemen beat Stanford in the Rose Bowl to secure the program's first consensus national championship.
- ▶ Due to school policy, the Irish did not appear in another bowl game until the 1970 Cotton Bowl.
- ▶ Some of the most memorable moments in Notre Dame history have occurred in bowl games, including national championship clinching victories at the 1973 Sugar Bowl (24-23 over No. 1 Alabama), 1978 Cotton Bowl (38-10 over No. 1 Texas) and 1989 Fiesta Bowl (34-21 over No. 3 West Virginia).
- ▶ Notre Dame denied Colorado and Texas A&M shots at national titles in the 1990 Orange Bowl and 1993 Cotton Bowl, respectively.
- ▶ Irish bowl games drew record crowds at Sun Life Stadium (80,120 for the 2013 BCS Championship Game vs. Alabama), the Sugar Bowl (85,161 in 1973 vs. Alabama), the Champs Sports Bowl (68,305 in 2011 vs. Florida State, tops among games played at Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium), the Sun Bowl (54,021 in 2010 vs. Miami), the Hawaii Bowl (43,487 in 2008 vs. Hawaii), the Insight Bowl (45,971 in 2004 vs. Oregon State, tops among games at Chase Field), the Independence Bowl (50,459 in 1997 vs. LSU) and the Pinstripe Bowl (47,122 in 2013 vs. Rutgers).
- ▶ Notre Dame bowl games garnered record television ratings at the Sugar Bowl (28.8 on NBC in 1973 vs. Alabama), the Hawaii Bowl (3.7 on ESPN in 2008 vs. Hawaii), the Independence Bowl (4.5 on ESPN in 1997 vs. LSU, best since game has been on ESPN/ESPN2 since 1992) and the Pinstripe Bowl (3.2 on ESPN in 2013).

## NOTRE DAME - ARIZONA HISTORY

- ▶ Notre Dame is 5-2 all-time against teams from Arizona and 3-4 all-time playing in the Grand Canyon State.
- ▶ The Irish are 2-1 against Arizona, including a 20-3 win on Oct. 25, 1980, in the team's lone visit to Tucson.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 3-1 all-time against Arizona State, beating the Sun Devils, 28-9, on Oct. 10, 1998, at Sun Devil Stadium, but losing to Arizona State in Tempe, 55-31, on Nov. 8, 2014.
- ▶ The Irish stand at 1-3 in bowl games played in Arizona, including a 1-2 mark in the Fiesta Bowl, beating West Virginia in the 1989 game to claim the 1988 consensus national championship, but losing to Colorado in the 1995 game and Ohio State in the 2006 game. All three were played at Sun Devil Stadium. Notre Dame also fell to Oregon State, 38-21, in the 2004 Insight Bowl at BankOne Ballpark (now Chase Field).
- ▶ This will be Notre Dame's first game at University of Phoenix Stadium.

## NOTRE DAME - ARIZONA CONNECTIONS

- ▶ Notre Dame's roster features just one native of Arizona in starting CB **Cole Luke** (Chandler / Hamilton). Luke's high school coach, **Steve Belles**, is a Phoenix native who played at St. Mary's High School before playing football at Notre Dame.
- ▶ Irish offensive graduate assistant **Donovan Raiola** spent part of the 2009 season with the Arizona Cardinals.
- ▶ A Notre Dame equipment room legacy originates in Scottsdale, Arizona, home of 2014 senior manager **Ryan Harvey** and current student manager **CJ Harvey**, both sons of former senior manager **Mike Harvey**, now a professional photographer in Scottsdale. Mike and Ryan are believed to be the first father-son senior manager legacy in the school's equipment room lineage.
- ▶ The Irish currently have two former players on the Arizona Cardinals' active roster in WR **Michael Floyd** and TE **Troy Niklas** along with practice squad RB **Robert Hughes**.
- ▶ Carolina Panthers LS **J.J. Jansen** is a native of Phoenix who attended Brophy College Prep and Rancho Solano before coming to Notre Dame.
- ▶ Notre Dame's most noteworthy contributions to the Phoenix sports scene have been in baseball. Arizona Diamondbacks All Star center fielder **A.J. Pollock** played for the Irish from 2007-09. South Bend native **Craig Counsell** was a member of the Diamondbacks' 2001 World Series championship team. He played for the Irish from 1989-92.
- ▶ No one has ever suited up for both the Notre Dame hockey team and the Arizona Coyotes. The Irish have only contributed role players to the Phoenix Suns' roster over the years.

## 2015 Notre Dame Honors/Awards

### Asmar Bilal, Fr., LB

Notre Dame Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year

### Chris Brown, Sr., WR

Notre Dame Nick Pietrosante Award  
College Sports Madness Independent Offensive Player of the Week (11.22.15)

### Sheldon Day, Sr., DL

Notre Dame Moose Krause Lineman of the Year  
USA Today First Team All-American  
Phil Steele Second Team All-American  
FWAA Second Team All-American  
Associated Press Second Team All-American  
Athlon Sports Second Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated Honorable Mention All-American  
Bednarik Award Watch List  
Lombardi Award Watch List  
Nagurski Award Watch List  
Outland Trophy Watch List  
Phil Steele Preseason Third Team All-American  
Athlon Sports Preseason Fourth Team All-American  
College Sports Madness Independent Defensive Player of the Week (10.11.15)

### Steve Elmer, Jr., OL

Lombardi Award Watch List  
CoSIDA Academic All-District

### Matthias Farley, Gr., S

Notre Dame Special Teams Player of the Year

### Tarean Folston, Jr., RB

Doak Walker Award Watch List

### Will Fuller, Jr., WR

Notre Dame Most Valuable Player  
Phil Steele Second Team All-American  
The Sporting News Second Team All-American  
FWAA Second Team All-American  
Associated Press Second Team All-American  
CBS Sports Second Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated Second Team All-American  
USA Today Second Team All-American  
Athlon Sports Second Team All-American  
Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist  
Biletnikoff Award Watch List  
Walter Camp Award Watch List  
ESPN.com Midseason First-Team All-American  
USA Today Midseason First-Team All-American  
SI.com Midseason Second-Team All-American  
Walter Camp Award "Player to Watch"  
Athlon Sports Preseason Fourth Team All-American  
College Sports Madness Independent Offensive Player of the Week (9.13.15)

### Jarrett Grace Gr., LB

Notre Dame Rockne Student-Athlete Award

### Tristen Hoge, Fr., OL

Notre Dame Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year

### Jarron Jones, Sr., DL

Lombardi Award Watch List

### DeShone Kizer, So., QB

Notre Dame Offensive Newcomer of the Year  
Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week Honorable Mention (9.15.15)  
Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week Honorable Mention (10.18.15)  
College Sports Madness Independent Offensive Player of the Week (11.2.15)  
Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week Honorable Mention (11.3.15)  
FWAA/AutoNation National Offensive Player of the Week (11.3.15)  
Manning Award Stars of the Week (11.9.15)  
Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week Honorable Mention (11.9.15)  
College Sports Madness Independent Offensive Player of the Week (11.9.15)

**2015 Notre Dame Honors/Awards**

**Nick Martin, Gr., C**

Notre Dame Offensive Lineman of the Year  
 Phil Steele Third Team All-American  
 Sports Illustrated Honorable Mention All-American  
 Lombardi Award Watch List  
 Outland Trophy Watch List  
 Rimington Trophy Watch List  
 CBS Sports Midseason First-Team All-American

**Nyles Morgan, So., LB**

Butkus Award Watch List

**Tyler Newsome, So., P**

Ray Guy Award Candidate

**Romeo Okwara, Sr., DL**

Notre Dame Father Lange Iron Cross Award  
 College Sports Madness Independent Defensive Player of the Week (10.11.15)  
 College Sports Madness Independent Defensive Player of the Week (11.15.15)

**C.J. Prosise, Sr., RB**

Notre Dame "Next Man In" Award  
 Sports Illustrated Honorable Mention All-American  
 Maxwell Award Semifinalist  
 Doak Walker Award Semifinalist  
 Doak Walker Award Watch List  
 College Football Performance Awards Midseason National Performer of the Year Watch List  
 College Sports Madness Independent Offensive Player of the Week (9.20.15)  
 College Sports Madness Independent Offensive Player of the Week (10.18.15)

**Max Redfield, Jr., S**

Thorpe Award Watch List  
 Phil Steele Preseason First Team All-American

**Corey Robinson, Jr., WR**

Wuerffel Trophy Semifinalist  
 Wuerffel Trophy Watch List  
 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Nominee

**KeiVarae Russell, Sr., CB**

Bednarik Award Watch List  
 Nagurski Trophy Watch List  
 Athlon Sports Preseason Fourth Team All-American  
 Phil Steele Preseason Fourth Team All-American

**Joe Schmidt, Gr., LB**

Notre Dame "Irish Around the Bend" Award  
 Campbell Trophy Semifinalist  
 Lombardi Award Watch List  
 Nagurski Trophy Watch List  
 Wuerffel Trophy Watch List

**Jaylon Smith, Jr., LB**

Notre Dame Defensive Player of the Year  
 Consensus All-American  
 AFCA First Team All-American  
 The Sporting News First Team All-American  
 Walter Camp First Team All-American  
 Associated Press First Team All-American  
 CBS Sports First Team All-American  
 Sports Illustrated First Team All-American  
 USA Today First Team All-American  
 Athlon Sports First Team All-American  
 Phil Steele Second Team All-American  
 FWAA Second Team All-American  
 Butkus Award Recipient  
 Butkus Award Finalist  
 Bednarik Award Semifinalist  
 Butkus Award Semifinalist  
 Lott IMPACT Trophy Semifinalist

**NOTRE DAME - OHIO STATE SERIES NOTES**

- ▶ Despite being college football royalty claiming 14 Heisman Trophies and 19 consensus national championships between them while only separated by about 250 miles, this will be just the sixth all-time meeting between Notre Dame and Ohio State.
- ▶ Ohio State holds a 3-2 edge in the series, including a 1-0 mark in the postseason.
- ▶ The series began with the Irish sweeping a home-and-home series. In the inaugural meeting, Notre Dame beat the Buckeyes, 18-13, on Nov. 2, 1935, at Ohio Stadium when **Bill Shakespeare** found **Wayne Millner** for a 19-yard touchdown with 31 seconds left to play. The loss to the Irish would be the Buckeyes' sole defeat in 1935. Ohio State travelled to Notre Dame Stadium on Oct. 31, 1936, and the Irish claimed a 7-2 victory on a rainy day.
- ▶ The second home-and-home series between the sides saw an Ohio State sweep in 1995 and 1996. The 1995 contest, played on Sept. 30 in Columbus, saw the seventh-ranked Buckeyes down No. 15 Notre Dame, 45-26, after Notre Dame led 17-14 at halftime. **Eddie George** ran for 207 yards and two TDs for Ohio State. At Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 28, 1996, No. 4 Ohio State beat No. 5 Notre Dame, 29-16, handing former Ohio State assistant **Lou Holtz** a rare home loss in what would be his final season with the Irish.
- ▶ The two teams met on Jan. 2, 2006, at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Arizona and Ohio State came away 34-20 Fiesta Bowl winners. **Troy Smith** was the game's offensive MVP, completing 19 of 28 passes for 342 yards and a pair of scores.
- ▶ Notre Dame and Ohio State are scheduled to meet for a home-and-home series in 2022 and 2023. Notre Dame will return to Ohio Stadium on Sept. 3, 2022, while the Buckeyes will play at Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 23, 2023.

**NOTRE DAME - OHIO STATE CONNECTIONS**

- ▶ Notre Dame has 12 players from Ohio in OL **Jimmy Byrne** (Cleveland / St. Ignatius), DL **Daniel Cage** (Cincinnati / Winton Woods), DB **Nick Coleman** (Dayton / Archbishop Alter), DB **Shaun Crawford** (Lakewood / St. Edward), WR **Chris Finke** (Kettering / Archbishop Alter), LB **Jarrett Grace** (Cincinnati / Colerain), TE **Chase Hounshell** (Kirtland / Lake Catholic), QB **DeShone Kizer** (Toledo / Central Catholic), DL **Jacob Matuska** (Columbus / Bishop Hartley), TE **Ben Suttman** (Dayton / Archbishop Alter), DL **Elijah Taylor** (Cincinnati / Moeller) and QB **Malik Zaire** (Kettering / Archbishop Alter).
- ▶ Irish WR **C.J. Sanders** is the son of former Ohio State FL **Chris Sanders** who played for seven years in the NFL with what is currently the Tennessee Titans franchise.
- ▶ Notre Dame LB **Jaylon Smith** is the brother of former Ohio State RB **Rod Smith**, currently with the Dallas Cowboys.
- ▶ The Irish claim 11 college football Hall of Fame inductees who hail from Ohio, the most of any state for Notre Dame. They are: DE **Ross Browner** (Warren), G **Jack Cannon** (Columbus), E **Bob Dove** (Youngstown), FB **Ray Eichenlaub** (Columbus), QB **Ralph Guglielmi** (Columbus), LB **Jim Lynch** (Lima), E/T **Jim Martin** (Cleveland), HB **Don Miller** (Defiance), T **Edgar "Rip" Miller** (Canton), DE **Alan Page** (Canton) and QB **Harry Struhldreher** (Massillon). In addition, two of Notre Dame's six college football Hall of Fame coaches grew up in Ohio: **Ara Parseghian** (Akron) and **Lou Holtz** (East Liverpool).
- ▶ Notre Dame head coach **Brian Kelly** worked in Ohio for three years, serving as head coach at Cincinnati from 2007-09. Several current Notre Dame coaches and staffers were at Cincinnati with Kelly, including linebackers coach **Mike Elston**, defensive line coach **Keith Gilmore**, director of football strength and conditioning **Paul Longo**, assistant director of strength and conditioning **Jacob Flint**, offensive analyst **Jeff Quinn** and director of football administration **Beth Rex**.
- ▶ Several Ohio State coaches formerly coached at Notre Dame. Head coach **Urban Meyer** served as wide receivers coach from 1996-2000. Offensive coordinator **Ed Warinner** served as offensive line coach from 2010-11. Assistant head coach for offense **Tony Alford** served as an assistant coach from 2010-14 with running backs and wide receivers. Tight ends coach **Tim Hinton** served as running backs coach from 2010-11. Assistant AD for football sports performance **Mickey Marotti** served as director of strength and conditioning from 1998-2005.
- ▶ Ohio State director of athletics **Gene Smith** is a 1977 Notre Dame graduate. He played defensive end for the Irish from 1973-76, including being a part of the 1973 consensus national championship team. He served as an assistant coach under **Dan Devine** from 1977-81, including the '77 consensus national championship season.
- ▶ Notre Dame director of football media relations **Michael Bertsch** is a native of Akron, Ohio where he attended St. Vincent-St. Mary High School whose nickname is the Fighting Irish.
- ▶ A number of players from Ohio State and Notre Dame either attended the same high school or hail from the same hometown.

Notre Dame	High School/Hometown	Ohio State
Jimmy Byrne, OL	St. Ignatius High School (in Cleveland, Ohio)	Kyle Berger, LB Dre'Mont Jones, DE Kevin Woitke, OL
Elijah Taylor, DL	Moeller High School and Cincinnati, Ohio	Logan Kelleher, DB
John Turner, LB	Cathedral High School and Indianapolis, Indiana	Terry McLaurin, WR
Corey Holmes, WR	St. Thomas Aquinas High School (in Fort Lauderdale, Florida)	Damon Arnette, DB Joey Bosa, DL
James Onwualu, LB	Cretin-Derham Hall High School and Saint Paul, Minnesota	Jashon Cornell, DL
Elijah Shumate, S	Don Bosco Preparatory High School (in Ramsey, New Jersey)	Kevin Feder, OL
Daniel Cage, DL	Cincinnati, Ohio	Joe Purger, LB Justin Hilliard, LB
Jarrett Grace, LB		Jeffie Johnson, RB
Elijah Taylor, DL		Marshall Lattimore, RB Logan Kelleher, DB Joe Ramsetter, WR Philip Silberman, TE





Jimmy Byrne, OL	Cleveland, Ohio	Jerome Baker, LB Cardale Jones, QB Dre'Mont Jones, DE Marshon Lattimore, RB Kato Mitchell, WR Erick Smith, S Kevin Woidke, OL Chris Worley, LB
Jacob Matuska, DL	Columbus, Ohio	Warren Ball, RB Craig Fada, LB Khaleed Franklin, S Cameron Howard, DB Liam McCullogh, LS Brady Taylor, OL
Will Fuller, WR Mike McGlinchey, OL Buster Sheridan, WR	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Justin Cook, QB
Patrick Mazza, DL Nick Watkins, DB Jesse Bongiovanni, DB Jay Hayes, DL	Chicago, Illinois Glen Elyn, Illinois DeSoto, Texas Brooklyn, New York	Jamarco Jones, OL Tommy Schutt, DL Dontre Wilson, H-B Curtis Samuel, RB

## NOTRE DAME VS. THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

- ▶ Notre Dame has faced no other conference as often as the Big Ten Conference. The Irish have played 386 all-time games against the 14 current members of the league. Notre Dame is 244-126-16 (.653) in those meetings. The Irish have played nearly twice as many games against the Big Ten as any other conference. The Atlantic Coast Conference (201) and Pac-12 Conference (152) are the only other conferences against which Notre Dame has played at least 100 games.
- ▶ Ohio State prevents Notre Dame's 2015 schedule from being the first one since 1916 not to include an active Big Ten team. That year, Notre Dame did face current Big Ten members Michigan State and Nebraska but neither was a member of the conference then. The Spartans return to the Irish schedule next fall, travelling to Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 17, 2016.
- ▶ The Irish have played four different Big Ten teams over 40 times: Purdue (86), Michigan State (77), Northwestern (48) and Michigan (42).
- ▶ Notre Dame is 124-48-5 (.715) all-time against the Big Ten at home and 100-43-3 (.695) at Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 105-71-9 (.592) all-time against the Big Ten on the road and 15-7-2 (.667) at neutral sites.
- ▶ Notre Dame is facing an active Big Ten team in a bowl game for just the second time, joining its 34-20 loss to Ohio State in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl. The Irish have faced a current Big Ten school in its bowl game four times, compiling a 2-2 record. Notre Dame beat Penn State in the 1976 Gator Bowl and Rutgers in the 2013 Pinstripe Bowl. The Irish lost to Nebraska in the 1973 Orange Bowl and Ohio State in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl.

School	Home			Away			Neutral			Total		
	Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tied	Won	Lost	Tie
Illinois	5	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	11	0	1
Indiana	13	1	1	6	3	0	4	1	0	23	5	1
Iowa	7	3	2	6	5	1	0	0	0	13	8	3
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Michigan	10	9	1	7	14	0	0	1	0	17	24	1
Michigan State	29	13	0	19	15	1	0	0	0	48	28	1
Minnesota	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1
Nebraska	3	1	0	4	6	1	0	1	0	7	8	1
Northwestern	16	5	0	18	4	0	3	0	2	37	9	2
<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Penn State	5	3	0	2	6	1	2	0	0	9	9	1
Purdue	29	11	0	28	14	2	1	1	0	58	26	2
Rutgers	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0
Wisconsin	3	1	0	4	3	2	1	2	0	8	6	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>16</b>

## 2015 Notre Dame Honors/Awards, Cont.

### Jaylon Smith, Jr., LB

Bednarik Award Watch List  
Butkus Award Watch List  
Lombardi Award Watch List  
Lott IMPACT Trophy Watch List  
Nagurski Trophy Watch List  
SI.com Midseason First-Team All-American  
CBS Sports Midseason First-Team All-American  
ESPN.com Preseason First Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated Preseason First Team All-American  
Phil Steele Preseason First Team All-American  
Sporting News Preseason Second Team All-American  
Athlon Sports Preseason Second Team All-American  
College Sports Madness Independent Defensive Player of the Week (9.8.15)  
Lott IMPACT Player of the Week (9.15.15)  
Lott IMPACT Player of the Week Nominee (9.21.15)  
Lott IMPACT Player of the Week Nominee (10.19.15)

### Ronnie Stanley, Sr., OL

Notre Dame Offensive Player of the Year  
Consensus All-American  
AFCA First Team All-American  
The Sporting News First Team All-American  
Walter Camp First Team All-American  
FWAA First Team All-American  
CBS Sports First Team All-American  
Athlon Sports Second Team All-American  
Phil Steele Second Team All-American  
Associated Press Second Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated Second Team All-American  
Lombardi Award Semifinalist  
Outland Trophy Semifinalist  
Lombardi Award Watch List  
Outland Trophy Watch List  
Polynesian Player of the Year Recipient  
Polynesian Player of the Year Finalist  
Polynesian Player of the Year Watch List  
SI.com Midseason First-Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated Preseason First Team All-American  
Phil Steele Preseason First Team All-American  
Sporting News Preseason First Team All-American  
Athlon Sports Preseason Third Team All-American

### Jerry Tillery, Fr., DL

Notre Dame Defensive Newcomer of the Year

### Drue Tranquill, So., S

CoSIDA Academic All-District

### Justin Yoon, Fr., K

The Sporting News Freshman All-American  
ESPN Freshman All-American  
247 Sports Freshman All-American

### Malik Zaire, Jr., QB

Maxwell Award Watch List  
Walter Camp Award Watch List  
Manning Award Star of the Week (9.7.15)  
Davey O'Brien Quarterback of the Week Honorable Mention (9.8.15)  
College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week (9.8.15)  
College Sports Madness Independent Offensive Player of the Week (9.8.15)

### Notre Dame Offensive Line

Joe Moore Award Finalist  
Joe Moore Award Semifinalist

### Brian Kelly, Head Coach

Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Finalist  
Dodd Trophy Midseason Watch List  
Dodd Trophy Preseason Watch List  
Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week (11.3.15)

**Starter Sheet**

Offense	2015	Streak	Career
Stanley (RT/LT)	12	38	38
Martin (C/LG)	12	25	36
Brown (WR)	12	21	30
Elmer (RG/RT)	12	26	29
Fuller (WR)	12	25	27
Carlisle (WR/RB)	9	6	19
Prosise (WR/RB)	9	-	18
Folston (RB)	1	-	13
McGlinchey (RT)	12	13	13
Kizer (QB)	10	10	10
Nelson (LG)	10	5	10
Robinson (WR)	-	-	5
A. Jones (TE)	5	-	5
Onwualu (WR)	-	-	4
Zaire (QB)	2	-	3
Luatua (TE)	2	-	3
Hounshell (TE)	3	-	3
Bars (LG)	2	-	2
Weishar (TE)	2	1	2
Adams (RB)	2	1	2
Smythe (TE)	2	-	2
Hunter Jr. (WR)	1	-	1

Defense	2015	Streak	Career
J. Smith (LB)	12	38	38
Russell (CB)	11	-	37
Day (DL)	12	13	31
Farley (S/OLB)	2	-	25
Shumate (S)	11	3	25
Okwara (DL)	12	17	25
Rochell (DL)	12	25	25
Luke (CB)	12	25	25
Redfield (S)	10	8	22
Schmidt (LB)	12	12	20
Onwualu (LB)	8	-	16
J. Jones (DL)	-	-	12
Cage (DL)	7	-	7
Martini (LB)	4	2	6
Morgan (LB)	-	-	4
Tranquill (S)	1	-	4
Grace (LB)	-	-	3
Trumbetti (DL)	2	-	3
Tillery (DL)	3	1	3
Butler (CB)	1	1	3
Matuska (DL)	-	-	1

**Longest Active Streaks**

J. Smith (LB)	38
Stanley (RT)	38
Elmer (RG/RT)	26

**Most Career Starts**

Stanley (RT)	38
J. Smith (LB)	38
Russell (CB)	37
Martin (C/OG)	36
Day (DL)	31
Brown (WR)	30

**ON THIS DATE**

- ▶ Notre Dame boasts a 10-10 (.500) record all-time on New Year's Day. Of those 20 contests, 19 have come in bowl games with the Irish posting a 10-9 (.526) record.
- ▶ The team's all-time Jan. 1 results follow:

Date	Site	ND Coach	W/L/T	Score	ND Rank	Opponent	Opp. Coach	Opp. Rank
1/1/1894	Away	No Coach	L	0-8	NP	Chicago	Amos Alonzo Stagg	NP
1/1/1925	Rose Bowl	Knut Rockne	W	27-10	NP	Stanford	Glenn "Pop" Warner	NP
1/1/1970	Cotton Bowl	Ara Parseghian	L	17-21	9	Texas	Darrell Royal	1
1/1/1971	Cotton Bowl	Ara Parseghian	W	24-11	6	Texas	Darrell Royal	1
1/1/1973	Orange Bowl	Ara Parseghian	L	6-40	12	Nebraska	Bob Devaney	9
1/1/1975	Orange Bowl	Ara Parseghian	W	13-11	9	Alabama	Paul "Bear" Bryant	2
1/1/1978	Cotton Bowl	Dan Devine	W	38-10	5	Texas	Fred Akers	1
1/1/1979	Cotton Bowl	Dan Devine	W	35-34	10	Houston	Bill Yeoman	9
1/1/1981	Sugar Bowl	Dan Devine	L	10-17	7	Georgia	Vince Dooley	1
1/1/1988	Cotton Bowl	Lou Holtz	L	10-35	12	Texas A&M	Jackie Sherrill	13
1/1/1989	Fiesta Bowl	Lou Holtz	W	34-21	1	West Virginia	Don Nehlen	3
1/1/1990	Orange Bowl	Lou Holtz	W	21-6	4	Colorado	Bill McCartney	1
1/1/1991	Orange Bowl	Lou Holtz	L	9-10	5	Colorado	Bill McCartney	1
1/1/1992	Sugar Bowl	Lou Holtz	W	39-28	18	Florida	Steve Spurrier	3
1/1/1993	Cotton Bowl	Lou Holtz	W	28-3	5	Texas A&M	R.C. Slocum	4
1/1/1994	Cotton Bowl	Lou Holtz	W	24-21	4	Texas A&M	R.C. Slocum	7
1/1/1996	Orange Bowl	Lou Holtz	L	26-31	6	Florida State	Bobby Bowden	8
1/1/1999	Gator Bowl	Bob Davie	L	28-35	17	Georgia Tech	George O'Leary	12
1/1/2001	Fiesta Bowl	Bob Davie	L	9-41	10	Oregon State	Dennis Erickson	5
1/1/2003	Gator Bowl	Tyrone Willingham	L	6-28	11	NC State	Chuck Amato	17

**IRISH IN NFL STADIUMS**

- ▶ University of Phoenix Stadium will become the 13th active NFL stadium to have played host to a Notre Dame football game. It is the third this season after the Irish faced Temple at Lincoln Financial Field on Oct. 31 and Pittsburgh at Heinz Field on Nov. 7.
- ▶ Notre Dame played in four active NFL stadiums in 2014 and posted a 4-0 record, defeating Purdue (Sept. 13) at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, beating Syracuse (Sept. 27) at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, downing Navy (Nov. 1) at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland, and topping No. 22 LSU (Dec. 30) at LP Field in Nashville (now Nissan Stadium).
- ▶ Notre Dame has played in at least one active NFL stadium in each of the past eight seasons (since 2007). The streak will continue next fall when the Irish face Syracuse at MetLife Stadium on Oct. 1 and Navy at EverBank Field in Jacksonville, Florida on Nov. 5.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 26-8-2 (.750) when playing in one of the 31 current NFL stadiums (Soldier Field 10-0-2, Heinz Field 4-2, EverBank Field 1-2, Mercedes-Benz Superdome 1-2, M&T Bank Stadium 2-0, FedEx Field 3-0, AT&T Stadium 1-0, MetLife Stadium 1-1, Sun Life Stadium 0-1, Lucas Oil Stadium 1-0, Nissan Stadium 1-0 and Lincoln Financial Field 1-0).
- ▶ The Irish are 10-3 (.769) in active NFL stadiums under head coach **Brian Kelly** and have won each of their last six such contests.
- ▶ Notre Dame set an odd note earlier this year when its faced Temple and Pitt in succession. It marked the first time Notre Dame played regular-season games in active NFL stadiums in consecutive weeks since 1958. The Irish beat Navy, 40-20, on Nov. 1, 1958, at Baltimore Memorial Stadium, then the home of the Colts. A week later, on Nov. 8, 1958, Notre Dame lost, 29-26, to Pittsburgh at Pitt Stadium, then the home of the Steelers. The Irish played consecutive games in NFL facilities in both 1994 and 2014, but they were wrapped around bye weeks.

**IRISH AT SUPER BOWL SITES**

- ▶ With the inclusion of University of Phoenix Stadium, Notre Dame will have played in 14 of the 22 venues that have hosted a Super Bowl.
- ▶ The Irish have previously played at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome, the Orange Bowl, Sun Life Stadium, the Rose Bowl, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Rice Stadium, Tulane Stadium, Sun Devil Stadium, EverBank Field, Stanford Stadium, AT&T Stadium, MetLife Stadium and Lucas Oil Field in their illustrious history.
- ▶ The Irish have played a game in at least one of these 14 stadiums every season since 1979 when Notre Dame played its biannual road game against Miami in Tokyo, Japan, instead of the Orange Bowl.

**Career Starts By Position**

—OFFENSE—											
WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	WR	RB	
Brown (30)	Stanley (25)	Martin (10)	Martin (26)	Elmer (26)	Stanley (13)	A. Jones (5), Luatua (3)	Carlisle (15)	Kizer (10)	Fuller (27)	Folston (13)	
		Nelson (10)			McGlinchey (13)	Hounshell (3), Smythe (2)	Prosise (9)	Zaire (3)	Robinson (5)	Prosise (9)	
		Bars (2)			Elmer (3)	Weishar (2)	Hunter Jr. (1)		Onwualu (4)	Carlisle (4), Adams (2)	
—DEFENSE—											
DL	DL	DL	DL	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	CB	
Okwara (25)	J. Jones (12)	Day (31)	Rochell (25)	Schmidt (20)	J. Smith (38)	Onwualu (16)	Russell (37)	Shumate (25)	Redfield (22)	Luke (25)	
	Cage (7)	Trumbetti (3)		Martini (6)		*Farley (5)	Butler (3)	Tranquill (4)	Farley (20)		
	Tillery (3)	Matuska (1)		Morgan (4)		Grace (3)					

\* indicates Irish 4-2-5 alignment



- ▶ The Irish have chances to add to this list as five of the other eight facilities (Qualcomm Stadium, Georgia Dome, Raymond James Stadium, NRG Stadium and Ford Field) presently play host to either a bowl game and/or a regular collegiate tenant. The Irish are slated to face Navy at Qualcomm Stadium in 2018.
- ▶ The remaining three Super Bowl host stadiums will never see the Irish. Tampa Stadium and the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome have been demolished, while the Pontiac Silverdome is presently unoccupied.
- ▶ Both of the Super Bowls played at University of Phoenix Stadium saw Notre Dame products earn a championship ring. The New York Giants team which won Super Bowl XLII boasted a roster that included Notre Dame's **Justin Tuck**. Irish product **Darius Fleming** helped the New England Patriots claim a Super Bowl XLIX victory this past February.

## KELLY'S HISTORICALLY CONSISTENT WINNING CONTINUES IN 2015

- ▶ When Notre Dame beat Pittsburgh on Nov. 7 at Heinz Field, head coach **Brian Kelly** extended his school record for consecutive eight-win seasons to open his Irish coaching tenure to six years. The previous benchmark of four had been set by **Dan Devine** from 1975-78.
- ▶ This lofty consistency actually places Kelly among some of the most fabled coaches, not only at Notre Dame, but also on a national level. Only 15 coaches at contract bowl eligible schools ("Power 5" members and Notre Dame) have ever started their tenures at a school by winning at least eight games for more than Kelly's six years at Notre Dame.
- ▶ Kelly is one of just three coaches whose streak is active joining LSU's **Les Miles** and Florida State's **Jimbo Fisher**.
- ▶ The record is 25 years by **Tom Osborne** of Nebraska from 1973-97. The astounding mark is a full decade longer than the second-place streak of 15 years by Michigan's **Bo Schembechler** from 1969-83. Making Osborne's streak even more impressive is that the Huskers won at least nine games in each of those 25 years instead of the minimum of eight.

### Longest Streak of Eight-Plus Win Seasons to Open a Coaching Tenure a Contract Bowl Eligible School

Years	Coach	School	Seasons
25	Tom Osborne	Nebraska	1973-97
15	Bo Schembechler	Michigan	1969-83
12	Mack Brown	Texas	1998-2009
12	Phil Fulmer	Tennessee	1993-2004
12	Steve Spurrier	Florida	1990-2001
11	Les Miles	LSU	2005-
10	John Robinson	USC	1976-82, 1993-95
9	Lloyd Carr	Michigan	1996-2004
9	Howard Jones	USC	1925-33
9	Mark Richt	Georgia	2001-09
8	Earle Bruce	Ohio State	1979-86
8	Barry Switzer	Oklahoma	1973-80
7	Gen. Robert Neyland	Tennessee	1926-32
7	Bo Pelini	Nebraska	2008-14
7	R.C. Slocum	Texas A&M	1989-95
<b>6</b>	<b>Brian Kelly</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>2010-</b>
6	Dennis Erickson (Miami, 1989-94), Jimbo Fisher (FSU, 2010-), Urban Meyer (Florida, 2005-10), Henry L. Williams (Minnesota 1900-05)		

## THEY DID PROTECT THIS HOUSE

- ▶ Notre Dame went 6-0 this year at Notre Dame Stadium - tying for the 13th-longest active home winning streak in the country.
- ▶ The Irish completed their 26th undefeated and untied season in 86 years of play at the hallowed edifice.
- ▶ Notre Dame has just one other unblemished home season since 1998, that coming in 2012 when the Irish went 6-0.
- ▶ The current Irish senior class became the first since 1991 with two unblemished home records. The class of 1991 accomplished that feat as freshmen and sophomores in 1988 and 1989.
- ▶ With 21 wins at Notre Dame Stadium, the class of 2015 joined the classes of 1990 and '91 as the classes to have won the most games at home in school history.
- ▶ Overall, the current senior class has won 39 games for Notre Dame. This makes them the fifth-winningest senior class in school history, trailing only the classes of '91 (43 wins), '90 (41), 1992 (41) and 1993 (40).

## IRISH IN THE TOP 10

- ▶ Notre Dame is ranked No. 8 in the Associated Press poll, and is playing its 10th game this year while ranked in the top 10.
- ▶ The Irish are playing their 422nd game while ranked in the AP top 10, compiling a record of 321-87-13 (.778) to date.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 19-5 under head coach **Brian Kelly** when ranked in the AP top 10 with the losses coming to No. 2 Alabama in the 2013 BCS National Championship Game, in 2014 road games at both No. 2 Florida State (Oct. 18) and No. 11 Arizona State (Nov. 8), and in 2015 on Oct. 3 at No. 12 Clemson amidst Hurricane Joaquin's torrential rains, and on Nov. 28 at No. 9 Stanford.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 34-10 (.773) all-time when ranked No. 8 and 2-0 in 2015 with wins over Georgia Tech (Sept. 19) and Pitt (Nov. 7).

## IRISH ON A PRETTY GOOD RUN

- ▶ Notre Dame boasts a 39-12 record in its 51 outings since the start of the 2012 season. There are only 10 Football Bowl Subdivision teams which can beat that lofty 39-win mark during the past three years and only 10 that eclipse Notre Dame's .765 winning percentage since 2012.
- ▶ Since opening the 2011 season with an 0-2 record, Notre Dame has won 47 of its last 62 games—good for a .765 winning percentage. The Irish are tied with LSU for the 13th-best winning percentage in the nation since Sept. 17, 2011.
- ▶ The Irish are one of 10 teams in the nation with at least eight wins in each of the last six seasons (2010-15), joining Alabama, Boise State, Florida State, LSU, Northern Illinois, Oklahoma, Oregon, Stanford and Wisconsin.

### Notre Dame's Record When...

	Kelly Career	Kelly at ND	2015
At Home	122-29-1	29-8	6-0
On The Road	89-45-1	14-11	3-2
Neutral Site Games	15-5	12-3	1-0
In Overtime	6-4	2-2	0-0
Coming off a loss	47-24	13-8	1-0
Coming off a win	165-44-1	41-14	9-2
Coming off an open date	19-2	8-1	1-0
Vs. AP top 25	21-15	11-11	2-2
Both teams are AP-ranked	11-11	7-9	2-2
Neither team is ranked	48-24	16-8	0-0
Ranked higher	55-11	33-8	10-2
Opponent is ranked higher	8-10	5-6	0-0
Vs. In-state Opponents	75-22-2	5-0	0-0
In August	5-2	2-0	0-0
In September	68-30	16-7	4-0
In October	78-22-2	18-5	3-1
In November	64-21	16-8	3-1
In December	11-2	3-1	0-0
In January	0-2	0-1	0-0
On Television	85-29*	55-22	10-2
On NBC	34-8	34-8	6-0
On NBCSN	1-0	1-0	1-0
On ABC	14-6	12-6	3-1
On ESPN	11-6	3-4	0-0
On ESPN2	8-2	1-0	0-0
On CBS	3-1	3-1	0-0
On FOX	0-3	0-3	0-1
CBS College Sports	1-0	1-0	0-0
Afternoon Games	150-55-2	32-11	6-1
Night Games	76-24	23-11	4-1
Decided By 3 or Less	42-17-2	9-6	1-2
Decided By 7 or Less	75-33-2	20-10	2-0
Scoring First	154-29	40-11	8-0
Opponent Scores First	70-50-2	15-11	2-2
Leading At Halftime	177-16	44-6	8-0
Tied At Halftime	15-3	4-1	1-0
Trailing At Halftime	32-60-2	7-15	1-2
Leading After 3 Qtrs.	188-13	43-5	9-1
Tied After 3 Qtrs.	12-4-1	4-3	0-0
Trailing After 3 Qtrs.	23-63-1	8-14	1-1
Scoring 40+ Points	82-2	14-1	4-0
Scoring 30-39 Points	62-9	16-5	3-1
Scoring 20-29 Points	59-31-1	17-9	2-1
Scoring 0-19 Points	23-37-1	8-7	1-0
Allowing 40+ Points	7-19	1-5	0-0
Allowing 30-39 Points	16-31	5-10	2-1
Allowing 20-29 Points	58-24-1	10-7	5-1
Allowing 0-19 Points	144-6-1	38-1	3-0
Outrushing Opponent	177-27-1	40-6	6-1
Getting Outrushed	45-50-1	14-16	3-1
Passing For More Yds	150-51-1	37-18	6-1
Passing For Fewer Yds	75-27-1	18-4	4-1
Outgaining Opponent	189-26-1	44-9	8-2
Getting Outgained	35-50-1	11-13	2-0
Winning Time of Poss.	122-27	33-5	6-1
Losing Time of Poss.	102-50-2	22-17	4-1
Scoring a Def./ST TD	68-9	9-5	3-1
Allowing a Def./ST TD	20-26	6-7	1-0
Fewer Penalty Yards	67-38-1	29-13	7-1
More Penalty Yards	150-38-1	25-8	3-1
Winning Turnover Battle	132-12	29-1	4-0
Losing Turnover Battle	57-46-1	16-18	4-2
Individual 100-yard rusher	102-24-1	19-7	8-1
Individual 100-yard receiver	88-29	18-12	6-2
Individual 200-yard passer	152-40-1	38-15	8-2
Opponent 100-yard rusher	43-40-1	11-12	3-1
Opponent 100-yard receiver	64-35	8-10	2-1
Opponent 200-yard passer	86-41-1	19-17	5-1

\* excludes regular season games from GVSU era (unknown TV games). Some records fail to include two contests: Nov. 16, 1991 vs. Valparaiso and Oct. 26, 1996 vs. Saginaw Valley State (detailed stats unavailable)

**Irish Among  
2015 National Leaders**

Category	Rank	Stat	National Leader	Stat
Rushing Offense	25	214.8	Georgia Southern	355.6
Passing Offense	37	256.7	Washington State	397.0
Passing Efficiency	23	154.36	Western Kentucky	178.37
Total Offense	25	471.5	Baylor	604.6
Scoring Offense	31	34.8	Baylor	48.0
Rushing Defense	65	166.5	Alabama	74.0
Passing Defense	28	195.8	Georgia	146.1
Pass Efficiency Defense	61	124.08	Michigan	94.98
Total Defense	38	362.4	Boston College	254.3
Scoring Defense	34	22.4	Wisconsin	13.1
Net Punting	35	38.76	Utah	43.67
Punt Returns	68	7.96	Texas A&M	19.68
Kickoff Returns	30	23.18	Tennessee	33.41
Turnover Margin	97	-0.42	San Diego State	1.46
Sacks	77	1.92	Penn State & Arizona State	3.67
Tackles For Loss	56	6.4	Boston College	9.6
Sacks Allowed	57	1.83	Air Force	0.15
Tackles For Loss Allowed	86	6.58	Georgia	3.42

All Purpose Yards		Rushing Yards Per Carry	
C.J. Prorise	19th 134.00	C.J. Prorise	9th 6.62

Rushing TDs		Rushing Yards	
C.J. Prorise	38th 11	C.J. Prorise	50th 1,032

Rushing Yards Per Game		Punting	
C.J. Prorise	28th 103.2	Tyler Newsome	24th 44.0

Receiving TDs		Receiving Yards	
Will Fuller	6th 13	Will Fuller	15th 1,145

Receiving Yards Per Game		Yards Per Reception	
Will Fuller	14th 95.4	Will Fuller	13th 20.45

Completion Percentage		Passing Efficiency	
DeShone Kizer	31st 0.634	DeShone Kizer	22nd 151.7

Passing Yards		Passing Yards Per Game	
DeShone Kizer	45th 2,600	DeShone Kizer	50th 216.7

Yards Per Passing Attempt		Yards Per Completion	
DeShone Kizer	18th 8.72	DeShone Kizer	22nd 13.76

Points Responsible For		Points Responsible For Per Game	
DeShone Kizer	26th 170	DeShone Kizer	26th 14.7

Passing TDs		Total Offense	
DeShone Kizer	41st 19	DeShone Kizer	34th 258.3

Punt Return TDs		Field Goal Percentage	
C.J. Sanders	13th 1	Justin Yoon	5th 0.882
Amir Carlisle	13th 1		

Punt Returns		Combined Kick Returns	
C.J. Sanders	46th 7.3	C.J. Sanders	18th 762

Kickoff Returns		Kickoff Return TDs	
C.J. Sanders	29th 25.2	C.J. Sanders	10th 1

Sacks		Total Tackles	
Romeo Okwara	34th 0.67	Jaylon Smith	22nd 9.4

Solo Tackles		Fumbles Recovered	
Jaylon Smith	24th 5.7	Jaylon Smith	24th 2

Solo Tackles		Fumbles Recovered	
Jaylon Smith	34th 5.5		

▶ Notre Dame's run of winning eight games in each of the past six seasons (2010-15) is its best clip since winning at least eight games for seven straight years from 1987-93.

**Best Winning Percentage From 2012-15**

Team	W	L	Pct.
1. Ohio State	49	4	.925
2. Florida State	49	5	.907
3. Alabama	48	6	.889
4. Clemson	45	7	.865
5. Oregon	45	8	.849
6. Michigan State	42	10	.808
7. Baylor	40	11	.784
8. Oklahoma	40	11	.784
9. Northern Illinois	43	12	.782
10. Stanford	42	12	.778
11. Notre Dame	39	12	.765
Louisville	39	12	.765

**IRISH RECORD ANOTHER FAST 10-WIN CLIP**

- ▶ Presently 10-2 on the season, Notre Dame is looking to win at least 11 games for the second time in four years, joining the 12-1 team from 2012. This would be just the second time in school history that the Irish have won at least 11 games twice in a four-year span. The 1988 and 1989 teams each won 12 games.
- ▶ Notre Dame hit several milestones en route to its 10-2 record. The Irish have started its season at 7-1 for the third time in the past four years, also accomplishing the feat in 2012 and 2014.
- ▶ This marked the first time that the Irish have started consecutive seasons at 7-1 or better since a run of five straight from 1987-91.
- ▶ Sixth-year head coach **Brian Kelly** has already guided the Irish to three 4-0 starts ('12, '14 and 2015). The only other Notre Dame head coaches to ever guide the Irish to three 4-0 starts in their first six years at the helm are **Knute Rockne**, **Elmer Layden** and **Frank Leahy**.
- ▶ The last time the Irish opened at 4-0 at least three times in a four-year span came when Notre Dame opened each of the 1970-73 seasons at 4-0 under head coach **Ara Parseghian**.
- ▶ The Irish went undefeated in the month of September for the second year in a row. This feat had not been accomplished since 1992-93. The Irish went 3-0-1 in 1992 (tying Michigan, 17-17, on Sept. 12) and 4-0 in September, 1993.

**IRISH AT TOP OF WINNING PERCENTAGE LIST**

- ▶ Notre Dame ranks as the winningest team in college football history based on its .7327 winning percentage over 127 seasons of football and an 892-312-42 record during that period. Michigan (924 wins) is the only team with more overall wins than Notre Dame.
- ▶ Here's the NCAA top 10 teams in terms of winning percentage and total victories:

Team	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Notre Dame	127	892	312	42	.7327
2. Michigan	136	924	331	36	.7297
3. Boise State (1996)	48	416	159	2	.7227
4. Ohio State@	126	873	320	53	.7219
5. Oklahoma	121	861	318	53	.7204
6. Alabama#	121	862	326	43	.7177
7. Texas	123	886	353	33	.7095
8. USC#	123	813	333	54	.7000
9. Nebraska	126	879	368	41	.6985
10. Penn State	129	856	381	42	.6857

Team	Wins
1. Michigan	924
2. Notre Dame	892
3. Texas	886
4. Nebraska	879
5. Ohio State@	873
6. Alabama#	862
7. Oklahoma	861
8. Penn State	856
9. Tennessee	819
10. USC#	813

# Indicates record adjusted by action of the NCAA Committee on Infractions. ... @ Indicates record adjusted by action of institution.



## IRISH COMBINE ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- ▶ The Fiesta Bowl will provide the postseason's best display of student-athletes. The Fiesta Bowl is the only bowl game which pairs two teams that each have an APR of at least 970, a GSR of at least 80 and also appear in the College Football Playoff rankings. No. 8 Notre Dame has a 978 APR and a 93 GSR. No. 7 Ohio State has a 973 APR and an 81 GSR.
- ▶ Of the schools ranked in the final College Football Playoff top 10, Notre Dame has the second-best graduation success rate and the third-highest academic progress rate.

CFP Rank	School	GSR	CFP Rank	School	APR
6	Stanford	99	6	Stanford	987
<b>8</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>93</b>	1	Clemson	984
2	Alabama	86	<b>8</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>978</b>
1	Clemson	84	2	Alabama	978
7	Ohio State	81	7	Ohio State	973
9	Florida State	73	3	Michigan State	973
5	Iowa	71	4	Oklahoma	967
3	Michigan State	66	5	Iowa	966
4	Oklahoma	65	9	Florida State	955
10	North Carolina	62	10	North Carolina	937

## GREAT FOR TELEVISION

- ▶ Notre Dame has appeared on national or regional television in 288 consecutive games entering the Fiesta Bowl.
- ▶ The Irish have made 406 appearances on network television -- more than any other school.

## A TRULY NATIONAL PROGRAM

- ▶ One advantage of Notre Dame's famed independence is an unparalleled ability to take the Irish around the country to showcase the University in America's largest cities to its truly national fan base.
- ▶ This season alone, Notre Dame will play football games in four of the 12 largest television markets, No. 4 Philadelphia (at Temple), No. 6 San Francisco (at Stanford), No. 8 Boston (vs. Boston College) and No. 12 Phoenix (vs. Ohio State).
- ▶ In fact, over the careers of the current senior class (2012-15), Notre Dame has played games in nine of the country's 12 largest television markets based on the 2015-16 Nielsen figures.

Rank	Market	Games Since 2012
1	New York	2013 vs. Rutgers (Yankee Stadium), 2014 vs. Syracuse (MetLife Stadium)
2	Los Angeles	2012 and 2014 at USC
3	Chicago	2012 vs. Miami (Soldier Field)
4	Philadelphia	2015 at Temple
5	Dallas-Fort Worth	2013 vs. Arizona State (AT&T Stadium)
6	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose	2013 and 2015 at Stanford
7	Washington D.C. (Hagerstown, Md.)	2014 vs. Navy (FedEx Field)
8	Boston (Manchester, N.H.)	2012 at Boston College, 2015 vs. Boston College (Fenway Park)
9	Atlanta	None
10	Houston	None
11	Tampa-St. Petersburg (Sarasota)	None
12	Phoenix (Prescott)	2014 at Arizona State, 2016 vs. Ohio State (Univ. of Phoenix Stadium)

- ▶ This trend of playing in large markets spread around the country will continue in 2016 as the Irish are scheduled to play in No. 1 New York (vs. Syracuse at MetLife Stadium), No. 2 Los Angeles (at USC), No. 25 Raleigh-Durham (at NC State), No. 32 San Antonio (vs. Army at the Alamodome), No. 39 Austin (at Texas) and No. 47 Jacksonville (vs. Navy at EverBank Field).
- ▶ During the month of November, 2016 alone, Notre Dame will play in the recruiting hotbeds of Florida (vs. Navy at Jacksonville on Nov. 5), Texas (vs. Army at San Antonio on Nov. 12) and California (at USC on Nov. 26).

## NO TURNOVERS = VICTORIES

- ▶ Notre Dame is 19-0 under **Brian Kelly** when playing an entire game without committing a turnover.
- ▶ Notre Dame has won its last 19 games in which it failed to commit a turnover. The Irish have not lost a game with no turnovers since Oct. 17, 2009, when USC upended Notre Dame, 34-27.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 33-4 in its last 37 games in which it failed to commit a turnover.
- ▶ The Irish did not turn the ball over in either of its first two games of 2015, wins over Texas and Virginia. The Irish went 143:04 into the season before committing their first turnover - an interception of **DeShone Kizer** by Georgia Tech's D.J. White. Notre Dame also played turnover-free football in its 28-7 win over Wake Forest on Nov. 14.
- ▶ The Irish have not committed a turnover on Opening Day for the last three years. Notre Dame did not turn the ball over against either Temple (2013), Rice (2014) or Texas (2015). The Irish have played 219:02 worth of Opening Day football since its last turnover, a Parrish Gaines interception of Everett Golson in the second quarter of the 2012 season opener against Navy in Dublin, Ireland.

## Notre Dame Football By The Numbers

**.733** - Notre Dame's all-time winning percentage, the highest in college football history.

**2** - Notre Dame is one of two teams, college or professional, to have all of its games broadcast on national radio and is the only team to have all of its home games televised nationally (NBC).

**6** - College Football Hall of Fame coaches - Jesse Harper, Lou Holtz, Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine.

**7** - Heisman Trophy winners: Angelo Bertelli (1943), Johnny Lujack (1947), Leon Hart (1949), John Lattner (1953), Paul Hornung (1956), John Huarte (1964) and Tim Brown (1987).

**9** - Notre Dame claimed the 2015 national championship for graduating its student-athletes in all sports -- in the process posting the top NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) figure (98) for its student-athletes for the ninth straight year.

**11** - Consensus national championships - Since the Associated Press poll began in 1936, only Alabama (nine) has more AP titles than Notre Dame's eight (1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88). The Irish also earned consensus national titles in 1924, 1929 and 1930 prior to the AP rankings.

**12** - Unbeaten and untied seasons.

**12** - Representatives in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

**22** - Seasons in which the team has been voted the national champion by at least one selector.

**32** - Unanimous first-team All-Americans -- more than any other school.

**35** - Bowl games in which the Irish have taken part.

**41** - Irish players that have captured NFL Super Bowl titles.

**44** - College Football Hall of Fame players.

**65** - Notre Dame players selected in the first round of the NFL Draft.

**99** - Consensus All-Americans -- more than any other school

**99** - Percent graduation rate among football players who enter on scholarship and remain at least four years.

**108** - Out of 127 seasons in which Notre Dame has finished with a winning record.

**127** - Seasons of college football.

**190** - Selections on All-America first teams.

**249** - Consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium.

**288** - Consecutive games televised nationally or regionally.

**406** - Appearances by the Irish on network television -- more than any other school.

**485** - Irish players drafted into the National Football League.

**892** - All-time victories, third all-time in college football.

Notre Dame Football Replay Affiliates	
Regions/Markets	Station
New York (NY/NJ/PA/Conn)	SportsNet New York (SNY)
Chicago (IL/IN/IA/WI)	Comcast SportsNet Chicago
NC/PA/DC/MD/DE/VA/WV	CSN Mid-Atlantic
Houston/TX/LA/ARK/NM	ROOT Sports Southwest
New England	CSN New England
California (Bay Area)	CSN Bay Area
Philadelphia	CSN Philadelphia
Philadelphia/Harrisburg/Pittsburgh	The Comcast Network
Oregon	CSN Northwest
LA/TX/GA/MS/VA/AR/FL	Cox Sports Television (NOLA)
Denver	KETD-TV 53.2 Digital OTA
Indianapolis	WHMB-TV 40
Las Vegas	KEEN-TV 17
New Orleans	WHNO-TV20
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre	WQMY-TV MyTV
Tulsa	KWHB-TV47
Wichita-Hutchinson	KGPT-TV 49 & KSMI-TV 41
Honolulu	KWHE-TV14
Toledo	WMNT-TV My58
Toledo	Buckeye SportsNetwork
Rochester, NY	WRWB-TV 16/TW SpNet
Huntsville	WYAM-TV 51
Madison, WI	CW57 Sports
Colorado Springs-Pueblo	KWHS-TV 51
South Bend-Elkhart	CW25
Evansville-Jasper	WJTS-TV 27
Binghamton	WBPN-TV My 8 (LP)
St. Croix, USVI	WCVI-TV 23
Middle East (25 countries)	MEIV
United States (National)	Family Entertainment TV

**30 affiliates (144,534,480 homes)**

Inside Notre Dame Football Affiliates	
Regions/Markets	Station
New York (NY/NJ/CT/PA)	SportsNet New York (SNY)
Chicago (IL/IN/IA/WI)	Comcast SportsNet Chicago
Florida	FOX Sports Sun
DC/DE/MD/NC/PA/VA/WV	CSN Mid-Atlantic
IL/IN/MO/NE/KS/IA	FOX Sports Midwest
New England	CSN New England
Houston/TX/LA/ARK/NM	ROOT Sports Southwest
California (Bay Area)	CSN Bay Area
Philadelphia	CSN Philadelphia
Phil./Harris./Pitt.	TCN Philadelphia
Mich/NWOhio/NIndiana	FOX Sports Detroit
Denver	KETD-TV53.2 Digital OTA Broadcast
Cleveland & All Ohio	SportsTime Ohio (Indians)
Pittsburgh	Root Sports Pitt (PA,WV,NY,MD,OH)
LA/TX/AR/GA/MS/VA/FL	Cox Sports Television (New Orleans)
Oregon/Washington	CSN Northwest
Indianapolis	WHMB-TV 40
Las Vegas	KEEN-TV 17
Indy/Ft.Wayne/Lafayette	Xfinity Channel 81
Louisville	WKYI-TV 24 & WNDA Indiana 9
New Orleans	WHNO-TV 20
Wilkes Barre-Scranton	WQMY-TV/My TV
Tulsa	KWHB-TV 47
Wichita-Hutchinson	KGPT-TV 49
Honolulu	KWHE-TV 14
Toledo	WMNT-TV My58
Rochester, NY	WRWB-TV 16/Time Warner SportsNet
Huntsville	WYAM-TV 51
Madison, WI	CW57 Sports
Colorado Springs-Pueblo	KWHS-TV 51
South Bend-Elkhart	WNDU-TV 16
Evansville-Jasper	WJTS-TV 27
Binghamton	WBPN-TV My8 (LP)
Clarksburg/Mannington, WV	TKMI Broadcasting
St. Croix, USVI	WCVI-TV 23
Middle East (25 countries)	MEIV
United States (National)	Family Entertainment TV
Worldwide	On Demand from Xfinity
Worldwide	UND.com

**39 affiliates (163,833,030 homes)**

**RIGHT DOWN TO THE WIRE**

- ▶ Notre Dame has become accustomed to thrilling finishes. The Irish have been involved in 44 games decided by seven points or less since the start of the 2009 campaign. In fact, 22 of the last 32 losses for the Irish have been decided by a touchdown or less, including 11 by a field goal or less.
- ▶ Notre Dame has played in 63 all-time games where the winning points have occurred in overtime or in the final minute of regulation. Curiously, 17 have come since the 2008 season, including Notre Dame's 34-27 win over Virginia on Sept. 12, a game won on a 39-yard touchdown pass from **DeShone Kizer** to **Will Fuller** with 12 seconds left to play.
- ▶ At 12 seconds, the Virginia game marked the latest game-winning touchdown in regulation in Notre Dame history. The Irish did tie the 1979 Cotton Bowl against Houston when **Joe Montana** threw an eight-yard TD pass to **Kris Haines** as time expired, but the winning margin was provided by **Joe Unis'** successful extra point, making it 35-34. The Irish have won one game with an overtime TD when **Tommy Rees** hit **TJ Jones** for a seven-yard score, and 20-13 Irish win, against Stanford on Oct. 13, 2012.
- ▶ The thrilling win at Virginia marked the second time in a three-game span that the Irish won with a score in the final 12 seconds. The Irish beat No. 22 LSU, 31-28, in the 2014 Music City Bowl on a 32-yard **Kyle Brindza** field goal as time expired.
- ▶ Notre Dame has played 34 games decided by a touchdown or less since the arrival of **Brian Kelly**. The Irish went 2-5 in the first seven such games under Kelly, but have since gone 19-8, most recently losing, 38-36, at No. 9 Stanford on Nov. 28 on a field goal as time expired.
- ▶ Under Kelly, Notre Dame is 14-11 in games decided by four points or less. The 14 such victories are tied for the second-most by any FBS school over the same span (Michigan State-15).
- ▶ When the halftime score differential is four points or less, the Irish are 16-4 under Kelly. That .800 winning percentage ranks fifth in the FBS since 2010.

Rank	Team	Record	Winning Percentage
1.	Clemson	15-3	.833
2.	TCU	14-3	.824
3.	Ohio State	18-4	.818
4.	Arkansas State	17-4	.810
5.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>16-4</b>	<b>.800</b>

- ▶ When trailing after three quarters, Kelly and the Irish own an 8-14 mark – the .364 winning percentage ranks tied for sixth among all FBS schools since 2010. In fact, only seven schools have collected more victories when trailing entering the fourth quarter.
- ▶ The 13 wins by the Irish and Kelly after trailing in the fourth quarter during the Kelly era, which includes three this season (Virginia, USC and Temple), is the most by any school and current coach in the FBS.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 22-13 in games decided by a touchdown or less under Kelly. The 22 victories and 35 overall contests decided by seven points or less are second and tied for second, respectively, in the FBS since 2010.

**FANTASTIC FINISHES IN 2015 FOR IRISH**

- ▶ Notre Dame has twice completed a game-winning touchdown pass in the final 2:09 of a game this fall. At Virginia (Sept. 12), a 39-yard pitch from **DeShone Kizer** to **Will Fuller** with 12 seconds remaining in the game lifted the Irish (trailing 27-26 at the time) to a 34-27 victory. On Oct. 31 at No. 21 Temple, the Irish were behind, 20-17, with 2:09 to play when Kizer found Fuller for a 17-yard TD pass and a 24-20 Irish victory.
- ▶ The only other Notre Dame team to win two games with TD passes in the final 2:09 was the 2002 squad. That Irish team beat Michigan State, 21-17, on a 60-yard toss from **Pat Dillingham** from to **Arnaz Battle** with 1:15 to play and also beat Navy, 30-23, on a 67-yard throw from **Carlyle Holiday** to **Omar Jenkins** with 2:08 left in regulation.
- ▶ Fuller is the first player in Notre Dame history to catch two game-winning TD passes in the final 5:00 of a game at any point in his Irish career.
- ▶ Kizer is the first player in Irish lore to throw a game-winning TD pass in the final 5:00 of a game twice in the same season. He joins **Jarious Jackson** as the only Notre Dame signal callers with two game-winning TD passes in the final 5:00 of a game at any point of his career. Jackson's heroics were performed against LSU in 1998 and Navy in 1999.
- ▶ The Irish have won three times this year when trailing during the fourth quarter. In addition to these late heroics against Virginia and Temple, the Irish trailed USC, 31-24, after three quarters on Oct. 17. Notre Dame scored 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to claim a 41-31 win over the Trojans.
- ▶ Notre Dame nearly recorded a two other fourth quarter comebacks for a total of five fourth quarter come-from-behind wins. At No. 12 Clemson (Oct. 3), the Irish entered the stanza down 21-3 but drew to within two points at 24-22 after Kizer threw a one-yard TD pass to **Torii Hunter Jr.** with seven seconds left to play. A two-point conversion attempt failed though and the Tigers emerged from the winds and rains of Hurricane Joaquin with a narrow victory in one of the best college football games this fall. At No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28), Kizer led the Irish 88 yards on 15 plays to pay dirt, scoring himself on a two-yard TD run with 0:30 to play, giving the Irish a 36-35 edge. The Cardinal would kick a game-winning field goal as time expired to claim the win.

**CHARGING OUT OF THE GATES**

- ▶ Notre Dame took advantage of fast starts this season, outscoring opponents 123-57 in the first quarter of games. It marks the most points scored by Notre Dame in any quarter and the largest scoring margin for the team in any quarter.
- ▶ Notre Dame has trailed only twice this year after the first quarter - at No. 12 Clemson (Oct. 3) and at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28).
- ▶ The Irish outscored its opponents, 47-6, in the opening stanza of the first four games this year. Prior to the final play of the first quarter of the game against UMass (Sept. 26), the Irish had not yielded any first quarter points since LSU's Leonard Fournette ran for an eight-yard touchdown with five seconds left on the quarterly clock in the 2014 Music City Bowl.



- ▶ Helping the Irish gain this early edge had been defensive dominance. In each of their first four games this year, the Irish defense forced a three-and-out on the first possession it has faced. In three of the first four games, the second offensive drive against the Irish also resulted in a three-and-out. Those eight drives amassed just 71 yards over 28 plays (2.5 yards per play). Conversely, the Irish had five scores out of their eight similar drives, seeing Notre Dame march 394 yards in 57 plays (6.9 yards per play).
- ▶ Then, at Clemson, the Tigers gained 104 yards on 11 plays over their first two drives, both of which ended in the end zone. In the process, Clemson became the first team to gain an opening drive first down or to score first on the Irish since USC (Nov. 29, 2014). Clemson produced the first opening drive TD against Notre Dame since Louisville on Nov. 22, 2014.
- ▶ Highlighting this aberration, Clemson's 14 points were more than the Irish had allowed in their most recent five games combined (13).
- ▶ Notre Dame forced a three-and-out on the opening possession of its first four games and has allowed a score on its opponent's opening possession in just four of its 12 games this year.
- ▶ Notre Dame's first quarter stats per game, and those of its opponents, are detailed below:

### Notre Dame (and Opponents) in the First Quarter

Game	Score	First Downs	Rush Yards	Rush Yards/Carry	Pass Yards	Total Yards	Result
Texas	14-0	11-1	58-28	4.8-4.0	111-0	169-28	Win
Virginia	12-0	9-1	113-8	7.1-2.0	41-20	154-28	Win
Georgia Tech	7-0	4-2	30-35	3.8-2.9	67-0	97-35	Win
Massachusetts	14-6	9-4	151-110	10.1-15.7	35-41	186-151	Win
Clemson	3-14	4-5	22-64	2.2-7.1	28-52	50-116	Loss
Navy	7-7	5-6	19-116	2.7-8.9	74-0	93-116	Win
USC	21-10	5-6	61-49	20.3-4.9	106-111	167-160	Win
Temple	7-3	7-3	31-3	2.8-0.5	53-47	84-50	Win
Pitt	7-3	5-4	16-76	2.0-7.6	94-8	110-84	Win
Wake Forest	14-0	5-6	39-61	4.9-6.8	40-50	79-111	Win
Boston College	10-0	9-1	72-26	8.0-2.6	80-0	152-26	Win
Stanford	7-14	3-8	27-58	9.0-4.1	29-90	56-148	Loss

- ▶ The Irish have also been stingy coming out of the locker room for the second half. Notre Dame has outscored its opposition in the third quarter, 90-52, yielding just a field goal against Texas (Sept. 5), a TD to Clemson on an abbreviated 29-yard drive after a fumbled kickoff, a field goal against Navy, an opening-drive TD march to USC, a pair of TDs at Pitt, a field goal to Boston College and a TD to Stanford.
- ▶ Notre Dame has outscored its opposition 213-108 this year in the first and third quarters, combined.

### FIVE CAPTAINS NAMED FOR 2015 SEASON

- ▶ On August 27, Notre Dame head coach **Brian Kelly** announced five captains for the 2015 team, senior defensive lineman **Sheldon Day**, graduate cornerback **Matthias Farley**, graduate center **Nick Martin**, graduate linebacker **Joe Schmidt** and junior linebacker **Jaylon Smith**.
- ▶ The five-player captain contingent is the largest season-long collection of captains for the Irish since 2007, when **Tom Zbikowski**, **Travis Thomas**, **John Carlson**, **John Sullivan** and **Maurice Crum Jr.** served as team captains.
- ▶ Day and Martin are the 20th and 21st different two-time captains in program history after previously serving in the role in 2014, with Smith joining the duo to represent three Indiana natives among the 2015 captains.
- ▶ Martin's brother and current Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman, **Zack Martin**, was also a two-time Notre Dame captain in 2012-13. The Martins become the first pair of brothers to serve as team captains for the Notre Dame football team over multiple seasons, and are only the second brother combination in program history to be named captain along with **Bob Golic** (1978) and **Mike Golic Sr.** (1984).
- ▶ Three of the captains, Day (Indianapolis), Martin (Indianapolis) and Smith (Fort Wayne) are from Indiana.

### ELEVEN FRESHMEN DEBUT

- ▶ Notre Dame played 10 freshmen on Opening Day in its 38-3 win over Texas. That list includes RB **Josh Adams**, CB **Nick Coleman**, LB **Te'von Coney**, DB **Nicco Fertitta**, TE **Alizé Jones**, WR **Equinameous St. Brown**, PR **C.J. Sanders**, DL **Jerry Tillery**, RB **Dexter Williams** and PK **Justin Yoon**. QB **Brandon Wimbush** became the 11th freshman to see time for the Irish this fall when he made his debut against Massachusetts on Sept. 26.
- ▶ Adams made perhaps the most significant contribution after starting RB **Tarean Folston** was lost for the season due to a first quarter injury against the Longhorns. Adams ran the ball five times for 49 yards and two touchdowns. He became the first Irish freshman running back to score a touchdown on his first carry at Notre Dame Stadium since **Art Best** did so on a 56-yard run against Purdue in 1972. He became the first Notre Dame freshman runner with two TDs in a game since **Darius Walker** did so against Pittsburgh on Nov. 13, 2004.
- ▶ Yoon connected on all five of his extra-point attempts and also made a 38-yard field goal while missing from 45. He became the first freshman kicker to make a field goal for Notre Dame since **Nick Tausch** hit a pair on Oct. 31, 2009, against Washington State in the inaugural Shamrock Series game at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.
- ▶ Tillery recorded a sack for a four-yard loss against Texas in his collegiate debut.

### FOUR SCORE, AND ONE YEAR AGO THEY WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ Four freshmen (**Josh Adams**, **C.J. Sanders**, **Dexter Williams** and **Brandon Wimbush**) scored a touchdown in the win over UMass (Sept. 26). It is believed to be the first time in Notre Dame history that four freshmen have scored a touchdown in the same game.
- ▶ The Irish had not seen as many as three freshmen score in the same game since Oct. 30, 1993, when **Marc Edwards**, **Randy Kinder** and **Robert Farmer** each scored TDs in a 58-27 win over Navy at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia.
- ▶ Showing big-play ability, three of the four scores against UMass were on gains of at least half a football field. Adams ran 70 yards for his TD. Sanders scored on a 50-yard punt return. Wimbush scored on a 58-yard run, which is the longest rush by a Notre Dame quarterback since **Andrew Hendrix** scampered 78 yards, without scoring, against Air Force on Oct. 9, 2011. Williams' TD came on a 14-yard run.

### Fighting Irish In The NFL

#### AFC

##### Baltimore Ravens

QB Jimmy Clausen  
DE Kapron Lewis-Moore

##### Buffalo Bills

RB Cierre Wood#

##### Cincinnati Bengals

TE Tyler Eifert

##### Denver Broncos

S David Bruton  
OT Ryan Harris

##### Jacksonville Jaguars

S Sergio Brown  
RB Jonas Gray  
TE Ben Koyack#  
OT Sam Young

##### New England Patriots

LB Darius Fleming#

##### New York Jets

DB Darrin Walls

##### Oakland Raiders

RB George Atkinson III#  
DE Justin Tuck\*

##### Pittsburgh Steelers

DE Stephon Tuitt

##### San Diego Chargers

C Trevor Robinson  
ILB Manti Te'o  
OG Chris Watt\*

##### Tennessee Titans

TE Anthony Fasano  
CB Cody Riggs

#### NFC

##### Arizona Cardinals

WR Michael Floyd  
TE Troy Niklas  
RB Robert Hughes#

##### Carolina Panthers

LS J. J. Jansen

##### Dallas Cowboys

OG Zack Martin

##### Detroit Lions

C Braxton Cave#  
WR TJ Jones  
RB Theo Riddick  
WR Golden Tate

##### Minnesota Vikings

S Robert Blanton  
TE Kyle Rudolph  
S Harrison Smith  
C John Sullivan\*

##### New York Giants

CB Bennett Jackson\*  
DT Louis Nix III#

##### San Francisco 49ers

NT Ian Williams

# Practice Squad  
\* Injured Reserve

### Most Players on Kickoff Weekend Active Rosters

Team	Wins
1. LSU	40
2. Miami (Fla.)	37
3. USC	35
4. Alabama	34
Georgia	34
6. Florida	31
Florida State	31
8. Oklahoma	30
9. Notre Dame	29
10. Clemson	28

- ▶ Fellow freshman PK **Justin Yoon** converted eight extra-point tries in the game. With those points, freshmen scored 32 points in the win over the Minutemen.

## 400 YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE STANDARD IN 2015

- ▶ Notre Dame recorded at least 400 yards of total offense in each of its first nine games this fall.
- ▶ This is believed to be a school record. So far as records exist, Notre Dame's best previous similar start to a season came in 1970 when the Irish eclipsed 400 yards of total offense in each of their first eight games. The ninth game, a 3-0 win at LSU on Nov. 21, 1970, saw the Irish gain just 227 yards in their win.
- ▶ Not only did the Irish gain at least 400 yards in each of their first nine games this year, but this trend was never in substantial jeopardy. The season low for Notre Dame through the ninth game was 432 yards set at No. 12 Clemson (Oct. 3). Notre Dame eclipsed 450 yards of total offense seven times in its first nine games of 2015.
- ▶ The streak was snapped when Wake Forest held the Irish to just 282 yards of total offense on Nov. 14 - the team's 10th game of the season. The Irish responded by gaining 447 yards against Boston College on Nov. 21. The Eagles entered the game first in the nation in total defense at 236.5 yards per game. Only Clemson (532) gained more yards against the Eagles this fall.
- ▶ The Irish capped their 2015 regular season by gaining 533 yards at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28). It is the most total offense allowed by the Cardinal defense since Arizona gained 617 yards on Oct. 6, 2012.

## IRISH OFFENSE SCORING AT RECORD RATE

- ▶ Notre Dame scored at least 22 points in each of its first 10 games this year. This marks just the second time in school history that the Irish have scored 22 points or more in each of its first 10 contests, standing alongside the consensus national championship team of 1949.
- ▶ The Irish are averaging 34.8 points per game, not far off of the school record pace for points per game of 37.6 set in 1968 and its best average since 2005 when Notre Dame posted 36.7 points per game.
- ▶ For the first time in school history, Notre Dame scored at least 30 points in six of its first seven games in consecutive seasons.
- ▶ Through seven games, the 2014 team was held to less than 30 points only by No. 14 Stanford in a 17-14 Irish win on Oct. 4. The 2015 team dipped below 30 points only in a 24-22 loss played in a hurricane at No. 12 Clemson on Oct. 3.
- ▶ The 36 points that Notre Dame scored against Stanford (Nov. 28) were the second-most this season against the Cardinal, exceeded only by Oregon's 38. The 42 points scored by the Irish against Pittsburgh (Nov. 7) are the most surrendered this year by the Panthers.

## MASSIVE OFFENSIVE OUTPUT AGAINST UMASS

- ▶ Notre Dame put forth one of the most dominating offensive performances in school history during its 62-27 victory over UMass on Sept. 26.
- ▶ Against the Minutemen, Notre Dame amassed 681 yards of total offense, the most the Irish have accumulated since gaining a school-record 720 yards against Navy on Nov. 1, 1969, and believed to be the second-best sum in school history.
- ▶ The Irish ran for 457 yards against UMass. It marked the best rushing total by the Irish in exactly 23 years, last eclipsed by a 458-yard day against Purdue on Sept. 26, 1992.
- ▶ Notre Dame's 62 points against UMass tied for the team's most since beating Georgia Tech, 69-14, on Nov. 5, 1977. The Irish also scored 62 points on Nov. 23, 1996, as the Irish beat Rutgers, 62-0, in the final home game of **Lou Holtz's** tenure as head coach.
- ▶ The Irish ran for six TDs against the Minutemen. It marked the most by Notre Dame since running for seven against Navy on Oct. 29, 2011.
- ▶ It is believed that the four freshmen who scored TDs against UMass (**Josh Adams**, **C.J. Sanders**, **Dexter Williams** and **Brandon Wimbush**) constitutes a school record.

Notre Dame Football Coaching Staff Game Day Locations		
Name	Position	Game Day
Brian Kelly	Head Coach	Sideline
Mike Denbrock	Associate Head Coach/Wide Receivers	Sideline
Brian VanGorder	Defensive Coordinator	Sideline
Mike Sanford	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Press Box
Mile Elston	Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator	Press Box
Scott Booker	Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator	Sideline
Autry Denson	Running Backs	Sideline
Keith Gilmore	Defensive Line	Press Box
Harry Hiestand	Offensive Line	Sideline
Todd Lyght	Defensive Backs	Sideline

## IRISH MARCH FULL FIELDS TO CORRAL LONGHORNS

- ▶ Notre Dame had two touchdown drives of at least 90 yards in its 38-3 win over Texas on Sept. 5.
- ▶ In the first quarter, the Irish marched 95 yards on nine plays to paydirt, capped by a 14-run TD rush by **Josh Adams**. In the third quarter, Notre Dame needed just five plays to go 90 yards, keyed by a 66-yard TD pass from **Malik Zaire** to **Will Fuller**.
- ▶ The last time the Irish had a pair of TD drives of at least 90 yards came during a 49-28 win at Purdue on Oct. 1, 2005. Both of those drives were capped by one-yard TD plunges by **Rashon Powers-Neal**.

## GROUND GAME GETS A WORKOUT

- ▶ Notre Dame may have racked up 313 passing yards against Texas on Sept. 5, but the Irish also ran the ball 52 times against the Longhorns for 214 yards. The Irish closed the 2014 season by running the ball 51 times in their Music City Bowl win over No. 22 LSU, giving the team 103 total rushing attempts over consecutive games.
- ▶ This combination of games marked the first time that the Irish had run the ball at least 50 times in consecutive games since 2005 when the Irish ran it 50 times at Purdue on Oct. 1 and then 52 times against USC on Oct. 15 after a bye week.
- ▶ The last time the Irish ran the ball more than 103 times in consecutive games came in 2001 when Notre Dame ran the ball 59 times at Boston College on Oct. 27 and then posted 45 running plays at home on Nov. 3 against Tennessee.

## NO FIRST DOWNS, NO PROBLEM

- ▶ In a statistical oddity, Notre Dame did not successfully convert on third down in its 34-27 win at Virginia on Sept. 12. The victorious Irish failed on all 10 of their third down conversion attempts against the Cavaliers.
- ▶ This marks the first time since at least 1990 where Notre Dame has won a game without any third down conversions.
- ▶ The Irish have not had a game without a third down conversion, regardless of outcome, since Nov. 30, 2002, when Notre Dame failed on all 13 attempts in a 44-13 loss at USC.
- ▶ Although Notre Dame did not have any third down conversions, the Irish converted twice on fourth down, both in critical spots. On the opening drive, Notre Dame faked a field goal and produced a touchdown pass from **DeShone Kizer** to **Durham Smythe**. With 1:20 to play in the game, trailing, 27-26, and facing fourth-and-two from the Irish 28 yard line, Kizer found four yards on a scramble up the middle to move the chains and sustain what would become a game-winning TD drive.

## CULTURE BEATS SCHEME

- ▶ One of Notre Dame's mantras during this past spring and summer was "culture beats scheme," meaning that an ingrained championship mindset can carry a focused team over any foe's tactical edges.
- ▶ One offshoot of this is the squad's "next man in" philosophy that when a teammate goes down with an injury, his replacement is expected to carry the flag with the same gusto.
- ▶ Notre Dame has excelled in this area like few others in 2015. The Irish stand at 10-2 on the season despite losing 16 members of its preseason camp two-deep to injury this fall, including crucial positions like quarterback and running back.
- ▶ The Irish have seen 20 players start a game on offense this year and 17 more on defense for a total of 37 starters.
- ▶ Players who were unable to fully contribute to Notre Dame's 10-win success in 2015 include:  
 QB **Malik Zaire** - Lost for the season in the second game with a broken ankle  
 RB **Tarean Folston** - Lost for the season after just three carries on opening day with a knee injury  
 RB **C.J. Prosise** - Missed two full games (Wake Forest and Stanford) and the majority of two others (Pitt and Boston College) with a concussion and ankle injury  
 TE **Durham Smythe** - Lost for the regular season after two games with a knee injury  
 TE **Tyler Luatua** - Missed two games (UMass and Clemson) with a concussion  
 TE **Nick Weishar** - Missed the Wake Forest game with a concussion  
 LG **Quenton Nelson** - Missed the Navy game with an ankle injury, forced to return earlier than hoped due to injury to his backup  
 LG **Alex Bars** - Lost for the season after the seventh game with a broken ankle  
 WR **Equanimeous St. Brown** - Lost for the season with a shoulder injury suffered in practice after the ninth game  
 DT **Jarron Jones** - Lost for the regular season with a knee injury suffered during preseason camp  
 DT **Daniel Cage** - Missed two games (Wake Forest and Boston College) with a concussion  
 LB **James Onwualu** - Lost for the season with a knee injury suffered in the 10th game  
 DB **Shaun Crawford** - Lost for the season with a knee injury suffered during preseason camp  
 DB **Drue Tranquill** - Lost for the season at halftime of week three with a knee injury  
 DB **Avery Sebastian** - Lost for the season in the season-opener with a knee injury  
 CB **KeiVarae Russell** - Lost for the season with a broken leg suffered in the 11th game

## 30 IS THE WAY TO CARRY THE DAY

- ▶ The number 30 has proven critical when predicting Notre Dame's overall success until recently.
- ▶ The Irish stand at 37-5 (.881) in their last 42 games when they have run the ball at least 30 times. Notre Dame had a run of 26 consecutive games where it did not lose a game in which it had at least 30 rushing attempts snapped on Oct. 18, 2014, at No. 2 Florida State. The Irish ran the ball effectively against the Seminoles, gaining 157 yards on 35 carries (4.5 average) but lost a game for the first time when carrying the ball at least 30 times since an 18-14 defeat vs. Florida State in the 2011 Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando.
- ▶ Conversely, Notre Dame has lost its last eight games when rushing the ball less than 30 times, dating back to a 59-33 win over Air Force on Oct. 8, 2011, when the Irish ran the ball 29 times for 266 yards.
- ▶ Notre Dame has run the ball at least 30 times in each of its 12 games in 2015, going 10-2 to date.
- ▶ The Irish went 8-3 in 2014 when rushing the ball at least 30 times. Notre Dame carried the ball at least 30 times in each of its first 10 games along with its Music City Bowl win over No. 22 LSU.

## TOUGH TO BEAT WHEN WINNING THE RUSHING BATTLE

- ▶ Since the start of the 2005 season, Notre Dame has won 59 of its past 65 games when recording more rushing yards than its opponent, including a 6-1 mark in 2015 (wins over Texas, Virginia, UMass, USC, Temple and Wake Forest with a loss at Stanford).
- ▶ Sixth-year head coach **Brian Kelly** has his own fairly remarkable run when his teams outrush their opponents. He is 177-27-1 in his career and 40-6 at Notre Dame when winning the rushing battle.
- ▶ The Irish were 5-2 in 2013 when outrushing their opponents a year after Notre Dame outrushed 10 of its 13 opponents in 2012 and went 9-1 in those games. The Irish were 5-1 in 2014 when outrushing their opponent.

## DOUBLE CENTURY GROUND GAME

- ▶ Notre Dame is 38-4 since the start of the 2002 season when it gains 200 or more yards rushing.
- ▶ The Irish opened the 2015 season by rushing for 214 yards in its 38-3 win over Texas, 253 yards at Virginia on Sept. 12, 215 against No. 14 Georgia Tech on Sept. 19 and 457 against UMass on Sept. 26.
- ▶ This year marks the first time that Notre Dame has opened a season with four consecutive 200-yard rushing efforts since 1989 when Notre Dame reeled off 11 in a row to begin the campaign before being held to 142 yards at Miami (Fla.) on Nov. 25.
- ▶ Notre Dame rushed for 1,139 yards over its first four games of the 2015 season. It marked the most rushing yards for an Irish squad through four games since 1992 (1,264 yards).
- ▶ The Irish ran for at least 200 yards six times in 2015, posting a 5-1 record in those contests. The lone loss came at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28) when the Irish ran for 299 yards but lost, 38-36. The 299 rushing yards are the most surrendered by Stanford on its home field since Washington ran for 388 on Nov. 3, 2007.
- ▶ Notre Dame capped its 2014 season in style with 263 rushing yards in a Music City Bowl win over No. 22 LSU. Only Auburn and Mississippi State (both 268) ran for more yards against the Tigers last year.
- ▶ Combining that Music City Bowl sum and the first four games of 2015, it marks the first time the Irish have run for at least 200 yards in five consecutive games at any point in a season since ending the 2000 season with six straight 200-yard rushing efforts.
- ▶ Notre Dame ran for at least 200 yards seven times in 2012, including six of the last nine contests.
- ▶ The Irish had not posted more 200+ yard rushing games in a single season since 1996 when Notre Dame registered nine games with at least 200 yards rushing.

## LONG DRIVES, EXPLOSIVE PLAYS, DEFINE 2015 OFFENSE

- ▶ Notre Dame has scored 14 touchdowns of at least 50 yards already in 2015, believed to be a school record. The 1988 team scored 10 TDs of at least 50 yards in length.
- ▶ The previous high for 50-yard TDs under head coach **Brian Kelly** was the six scored by the 2012 team which played for the national championship.
- ▶ The 14 explosive TDs to date are runs of 57 and 91 yards by **C.J. Prorise**, a 56-yard pass to Prorise by **DeShone Kizer**, a 79-yard run by Kizer, passes of 59 and 66 yards from **Malik Zaire** to **Will Fuller**, a 73-yard and a 75-yard pass from Kizer to Fuller, runs of 62, 70 and 98 yards by **Josh Adams**, a 58-yard run by **Brandon Wimbush**, a 50-yard punt return TD by **C.J. Sanders**, and a 93-yard kickoff return TD for Sanders.
- ▶ The Irish have two rushes of at least 90 yards this year (Adams' 98-yard TD run against Wake Forest (Nov. 14) and Prorise's 91-yard TD run against Georgia Tech (Sept. 17). In the first 126 seasons of Notre Dame football, the Irish had just two rushes of at least 90 yards - a 92-yarder by **Bob Livingstone** vs. USC in 1947 and a 91-yard run by **Larry Coutre** against Navy in 1949.
- ▶ The Irish have six offensive plays of at least 70 yards this year, tying for the most in the nation.
- ▶ These long plays have made it easy for the Irish to march up-and-down the field. Notre Dame already has 19 scoring drives this year of at least 80 yards, including six scoring marches of at least 90 yards and three of 95 yards.

- ▶ Five Notre Dame players (Adams, Kizer, Prorise, Wimbush and Zaire) have runs of at least 25 yards this year while six Irish players (**Chris Brown**, **Amir Carlisle**, **Will Fuller**, **Alizé Jones**, **Torii Hunter Jr.** and Prorise) have a reception of at least 25 yards.
- ▶ Notre Dame has displayed one of the nation's most explosive offenses in 2015. Here is a look at where the Irish rank in terms of the highest percentage of big plays:

Play Distance	Percentage	Rank
Highest Percentage of 10+ yard plays	25.63%	7th
Highest Percentage of 20+ yard plays	8.92%	8th
Highest Percentage of 30+ yard plays	4.40%	11th
Highest Percentage of 40+ yard plays	2.39%	19th
Highest Percentage of 50+ yard plays	1.51%	14th
Highest Percentage of 60+ yard plays	1.01%	5th
Highest Percentage of 70+ yard plays	0.75%	3rd
Highest Percentage of 80+ yard plays	0.25%	6th
Highest Percentage of 12+ yard run plays	15.11%	5th
Highest Percentage of 20+ yard pass plays	13.01%	21st
Most Combined 12+ yard run/20+ yard pass plays	113	14th

### Most Combined 12+ Runs and 20+ Passes Nationally in 2015

Team	12+ Runs	20+ Passes	Total
1. Oregon	92	55	147
2. Baylor	69	63	132
3. Houston	79	46	125
4. North Carolina	75	48	123
Southern Mississippi	54	69	123
6. Texas Tech	59	61	120
7. USF	79	40	119
Mississippi	58	61	119
9. Oklahoma	71	47	118
10. Air Force	80	35	115
Cincinnati	49	66	115
12. Indiana	60	54	114
TCU	53	61	114
<b>†-14. Notre Dame</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>113</b>

- ▶ Notre Dame is one of six teams that rank among the top 26 in the FBS in both highest percentage of 12+ yard run plays and highest percentage of 20+ yard pass plays.
- ▶ Notre Dame ranks fifth in the FBS with 15.11% of its total offensive plays resulting in rushes for 12 yards or more (68 of 796).

Rank	Team	Percentage
1.	Georgia Southern	16.37%
2.	North Carolina	16.30%
3.	Oregon	16.08%
4.	Florida State	15.88%
<b>5.</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>15.11%</b>
6.	Maryland	14.90%
7.	USF	14.39%
8.	New Mexico State	14.32%
9.	LSU	14.26%
10.	North Texas	14.16%

- ▶ The 68 carries of at least 12 yards ranks tied for 12th in the FBS (with Ohio State).

Rank	Team	12+ yard runs
1.	Georgia Southern	101
2.	Oregon	92
3.	Air Force	80
4.	Houston	79
	USF	79
6.	North Carolina	75
7.	Navy	74
8.	Oklahoma	71
	Georgia Tech	71
10.	Baylor	69
	Arizona	69
<b>12.</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>68</b>
	Ohio State	68



## IRISH HANG ONTO THE FOOTBALL

- ▶ Notre Dame's running backs have established an impressive resume for holding onto the football since the arrival of head coach **Brian Kelly**. This fall, **C.J. Prosise** (156 carries), **Josh Adams** (103), **Dexter Williams** (19), **Tarean Folston** (3) and **Josh Anderson** (2) have carried the ball 283 times while losing just three fumbles, one coming amidst the rains of Hurricane Joaquin at No. 12 Clemson on Oct. 3 and the other two against the nation's top-ranked defense in Boston College on Nov. 21.
- ▶ Notre Dame running backs have lost 15 fumbles over 2,042 carries since 2010, an average of just one lost fumble for every 136.1 carries, or one every 5.1 games.
- ▶ The Irish trio of **Cam McDaniel**, Folston and **Greg Bryant** toted the rock 316 times in 2014 and only lost a fumble twice.
- ▶ Here is a look at the success Irish running backs have had in terms of ball security since the arrival of head coach **Brian Kelly**:

Year	Carries by RBs	Fumbles Lost
2010	325	2
2011	357	3
2012	378	3
2013	383	2
2014	316	2
2015	283	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>15</b>

## SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN TURNOVERS FROM 2014

- ▶ The Irish turned the ball over just three times through their first four games, an average of 0.75 turnovers per game.
- ▶ Nationally, only Michigan State, USC and Wisconsin had turned the ball over fewer than three times in 2015 while playing four games to that point against Football Bowl Subdivision competition.
- ▶ The tables turned on a rainy night at Clemson on Oct. 3 when the Irish turned the ball over four times (three fumbles and an interception), more times than the rest of the season to that point.
- ▶ Even with the four turnovers against the Tigers and five more against Boston College on Nov. 21, the 2015 season has seen a marked improvement from the Irish in terms of ball-security. The 2014 Irish turned the ball over 26 times in 13 games (2.00 per game), tying for 98th nationally in total turnovers. This fall, the Irish have 18 turnovers in 12 games (1.50 per game), tying for 51st nationally.

## REMEMBERED FOR CENTURIES

- ▶ The names change but the Notre Dame rushing attack has remembered to pick up century rushing efforts in 2015.
- ▶ Nine of Notre Dame's 12 games have seen at least one Irish ball-carrier eclipse the 100-yard mark, missing the milestone against only Texas (Sept. 5), Clemson (Oct. 3) and Boston College (Nov. 21).
- ▶ **C.J. Prosise** has 100-yard efforts against Virginia (Sept. 12), Georgia Tech (Sept. 19), UMass (Sept. 26), Nay (Oct. 10) and USC (Oct. 17). **Josh Adams** crossed the 100-yard barrier against UMass, Pitt (Nov. 7), Wake Forest (Nov. 14) and Stanford (Nov. 28). **DeShone Kizer** ran for 143 yards at No. 21 Temple (Oct. 31) and 128 at No. 9 Stanford
- ▶ The 10 100-yard rushing games are the most by the Irish since 1983 when Notre Dame had 11 100-yard rushing games.

## PROSISELY THE WAY TO RUN THE BALL

- ▶ He may not have been the opening day starter at running back but, through four games, never before in Irish lore had someone carried the ball farther than **C.J. Prosise**. The converted safety and wide receiver moved into a starting role after **Tarean Folston** was lost for the season after just three carries. Through just the first four games, Prosise had already run for 600 yards on 74 carries (8.1 average) with six touchdowns.
- ▶ Prosise's 600 rushing yards marked the most in school history through four games. The previous benchmark of 543 yards had been set by **Vagas Ferguson** in 1979.
- ▶ Prosise ranks 28th nationally at 103.2 rushing yards per game despite, due to injury, missing the majority of two games in which he did play. His 6.62 yards per carry average ranks ninth while the 11 rushing TDs stand tied for 38th. Prosise is 19th in all-purpose yards, averaging 134.00 per game.
- ▶ Prosise is the first Irish player since **Darius Walker** in 2005 to rush for 100 yards in four of his team's first six games.
- ▶ Prosise ran for 502 yards over a three-game span from Sept. 12-26 (155 at Virginia, 198 vs. No. 14 Georgia Tech and 149 vs. UMass). No Irish running back has rushed for more yards over a three-game span since **Julius Jones** ran for 600 from No. 8-29, 2003.
- ▶ Prior to Prosise, the last Notre Dame player with three consecutive 100-yard rushing games was Walker, hitting the century mark in each of three straight games from Nov. 12-26, 2005.

- ▶ Prosise turned in his first-career 100-yard receiving game on Oct. 3 at Clemson, giving him a 100-yard performance of some type in each of Notre Dame's last five games entering USC.
- ▶ His 100-yard receiving game at Clemson marked the first time that an Irish running back had a 100-yard receiving game since **Larry Parker** gained 174 receiving yards at USC on Nov. 28, 1970.
- ▶ Since Parker, only Prosise, **Raghib "Rocket" Ismail** and **Theo Riddick** have recorded both a 100-yard rushing and receiving game for the Irish. Only Prosise and Ismail have done it in the same year.
- ▶ Against No. 14 Georgia Tech on Sept. 19, Prosise ran for 198 yards and three TDs, including a 91-yard run to paydirt which stood as the longest rushing play in the 86 years of football at Notre Dame Stadium until **Josh Adams** added a 98-yard scamper to the record book on Nov. 14 against Wake Forest. The 91-yard TD run was just one yard shy of the school record, a 92-yard TD run by **Bob Livingstone** at USC on Dec. 6, 1947, until Adams knocked it down the list against the Demon Deacons.
- ▶ The 198 yards against the Yellow Jackets were the most by an Irish running back in one game since Jones ran for 218 in a 57-7 win at Stanford on Nov. 29, 2003. They are the most yards by an Irish runner against a team ranked No. 14 or better since **Jim Stone** ran for 224 yards against No. 13 Miami (Fla.) on Oct. 11, 1980.
- ▶ Prosise's three TDs against the Yellow Jackets were the most in a single game for an Irish running back since **Jonas Gray** scored three times in a 56-14 win over Navy on Oct. 29, 2011.
- ▶ Prosise matched his Georgia Tech output by running for three TDs against Navy. Prosise joins **Frank Lonergan** (1903) and **Reggie Brooks** (1992) as the only Irish running backs with two three-TD rushing efforts in the same season.
- ▶ His 11 rushing TDs this fall are the most by a Notre Dame player since 2011 when Gray had 12.

## FASTEST TO 1,000 RUSHING YARDS

- ▶ After playing in 10 games, **C.J. Prosise** stands at 1,032 rushing yards on the season with 156 carries. The Irish have now seen 18 1,000-yard rushing seasons in their history and Prosise is among the quickest to reach this milestone.
- ▶ The fewest games needed to reach 1,000 rushing yards in Notre Dame lore is eight, a mark set by **Vagas Ferguson** in 1979. Both **Reggie Brooks** (1992) and **Autry Denson** (1998) reached the millennial mark in nine games. Only those three did it in fewer than the 10 games it took Prosise.
- ▶ The fewest carries needed to reach 1,000 rushing yards is 120, a pace set by Brooks in 1992. Prosise hit the milestone on his 150th carry of the year. The next-best sum is 162 carries by **Lee Becton** in 1993, followed by 182 by Ferguson in 1978.
- ▶ Big plays have helped Prosise get close to the 1,000-yard mark so quickly. On the 2015 season, Prosise has 37 rushes of at least 10 yards. This ranks tied for 23rd nationally despite missing two full games and the majority of two others.
- ▶ Combining 10-plus receptions and rushes, Prosise has 50 such plays in 10 games. Only six players nationally average more than Prosise's 5.0 10-plus yard plays per game from scrimmage.

### Most 10+ Yard Offensive Plays Per Game

	Player, School	Games	Plays	Avg.
1.	Royce Freeman, Oregon	12	71	5.92
2.	Josh Doctson, TCU	10	56	5.60
3.	Dalvin Cook, Florida State	11	61	5.55
4.	Leonard Fournette, LSU	11	59	5.36
5.	Wendell Smallwood, West Virginia	12	63	5.25
6.	Christian McCaffrey, Stanford	13	76	5.15
7.	<b>C.J. Prosise, Notre Dame</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5.00</b>
	DeAndre Washington, Texas Tech	12	60	5.00

## THE SWORD OF JOSH ADAMS

- ▶ The popular Comdance Tavern in Mishawaka, Indiana features a dish called the "sword of John Adams" with three meats of the chef's choice and roasted vegetables dramatically served on a personal sword. Freshman RB **Josh Adams** has slashed through defenses with a swordsman's swashbuckling flair so far in 2015.
- ▶ Adams has run for 757 yards on just 103 carries, good for a 7.3 yards per carry average, and five touchdowns - two of which were at least 70 yards in length.
- ▶ Although he does not meet the minimum of 10 carries per game to be included in the NCAA leaders, Adams' 7.35 yards per carry average would rank third in the nation behind only Georgia Southern's **Matt Breida** (8.19) and Florida State's **Dalvin Cook** (7.86).
- ▶ The 757 yards are second in school history for a freshman, trailing only the 786 by **Darius Walker** (2004).
- ▶ Against Wake Forest on Nov. 14, Adams broke his way through the offensive line, delivered a fierce stiff arm, and outraced the Demon Deacon defense for a 98-yard TD run.
- ▶ The 98-yard TD rush tied the NCAA freshman record set by Tulane's **Jerald Sowell** at Alabama in 1993 and matched by **Jordan Parker** of Middle Tennessee against Troy in 2012. It is the longest play from scrimmage in the nation thus far in 2015.

- ▶ The 98-yard TD run marked the longest play from scrimmage in Notre Dame's 127-year football history, either for or against the Irish. Previously, the longest play was a 96-yard TD pass from **Blair Kiel** to **Joe Howard** against Georgia Tech in 1981. The previous high for a rush was 92 yards by **Bob Livingstone** against USC in 1947. The previous longest play from scrimmage ever seen in a Notre Dame football game was a 97-yard TD pass from Purdue's **Kyle Orton** to **Taylor Stubblefield** in 2004.
- ▶ Adams' 168 rushing yards at Stanford (Nov. 28), 147 at Pitt and 141 against Wake Forest are first, third and fifth, respectively, in school history by a freshman. The 168 yards against the Cardinal broke **Jerome Heavens'** 40-year old school freshman record of 148, set against Georgia Tech on Nov. 8, 1975, in "the Rudy game."
- ▶ Highlighted by a 62-yard TD run, Adams' 168-yard rushing performance at Stanford marked his fourth time eclipsing the century mark on the year, also gaining 141 yards against Wake Forest (Nov. 14), 147 yards at Pitt (Nov. 7) and 133 against UMass (Sept. 26). The four 100-yard rushing games tie the school freshman record set by Heavens in 1975 (against Northwestern, North Carolina, Air Force and Georgia Tech).

## HISTORIC RUSHING DUO

- ▶ Behind running backs **C.J. Prosise** and **Josh Adams** and an offensive line which features two All-Americans in LT **Ronnie Stanley** and C **Nick Martin**, Notre Dame has posted some big numbers in the running game this year, both as a team and individuals.
- ▶ Prosise has rushed for 1,032 yards this fall while Adams has amassed 757. This marks just the third time in Notre Dame history that the Irish have had both a 1,000-yard rusher and a 750-yard rusher. The other two instances came in 1992 with **Reggie Brooks** (1,343) and **Jerome Bettis** (825) and in 2011 with **Cierre Wood** (1,102) and **Jonas Gray** (791).
- ▶ At 214.8 yards per game, the Irish have their highest rushing average since 1996 when the team ran for 269.5 yards per game.
- ▶ Notre Dame is averaging 5.8 yards per carry this season, a number which would break the school's modern (post-World War II) record of 5.6 yards per carry set in 1992. The Irish averaged 6.2 yards per carry in 1921.

## OFFENSIVE LINE PAVES THE WAY

- ▶ Notre Dame returns three starters from last year's offensive line. Left tackle **Ronnie Stanley** (38 career starts) center **Nick Martin** (36) and right guard **Steve Elmer** (29) have combined for 103 career starts. The Irish also return right tackle **Mike McGlinchey**, who made his first career start in the 2014 Music City Bowl victory over No. 22 LSU.
- ▶ The Irish rank 25th nationally in total offense, averaging 471.5 yards per contest, its second-best mark since setting a school record in 1970 by averaging 510.5 yards per game.
- ▶ Notre Dame is one of 19 programs nationally to average 200 yards rushing and 200 yards passing per game in 2015. The Irish had not accomplished this feat since 1977.
- ▶ The unit helped pave the way for 527 yards of total offense against Texas in the season opener on Sept. 5, yielding just one sack. The UMass contest (Sept. 26) saw Notre Dame rack up 681 yards of total offense, its best output since 1969, behind its potent offensive line.
- ▶ Both Stanley and Martin have received All-American honors in 2015. Stanley has been named either first or second-team by all major selectors while Martin earned honorable mention praise from Sports Illustrated. An offensive lineman, Stanley even earned the team's offensive MVP honor at the annual ECHOES awards show.
- ▶ Martin, Stanley and Elmer each started all 13 games in 2014, but only Stanley started every game of the season at the same position – left tackle. Martin started games at both center and left guard, while Elmer started games at both right tackle and right guard.
- ▶ With **Quenton Nelson** starting at left guard, Notre Dame's starting offensive line averages 6 feet 5.6 inches tall and 313.2 pounds.
- ▶ Stanley, a senior, has made 38 career starts. He started all 13 games at right tackle in 2013 and slid over to left tackle for 2014, replacing first-round NFL Draft pick **Zack Martin** of the Dallas Cowboys.
- ▶ Notre Dame's Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2014, Stanley recorded 16 knockdown blocks and yielded just one sack – the fewest of any Irish offensive lineman. Stanley faced some of the top defensive linemen in the country a year ago, including Michigan's Frank Clark, Arizona State's Marcus Hardison, Louisville's Sheldon Rankins and Lorenzo Mauldin, Stanford's Henry Anderson, USC's Leonard Williams and LSU's Daniel Hunter. That group of seven opposing players combined for 92.5 tackles for loss and 46 sacks during the 2014 season, but managed just six tackles for loss and two sacks in their outings against the Irish.
- ▶ On Aug. 30, 2014, against Rice, Stanley became the first Irish player other than Zack Martin to start at left tackle since **Matt Romine** on Oct. 16, 2010.
- ▶ A two-time team captain, Nick Martin has made 36 career starts. He started each of the first 11 games in 2013 before to a knee injury suffered against BYU on Nov. 23, 2013, forced him to miss the Stanford game and Pinstripe Bowl contest with Rutgers. Martin returned to the starting lineup for the 2014 season opener against Rice at center. Against Syracuse (Sept. 27), Martin started at left guard, his first career start at a position other than center, and remained there for the rest of the 2014 season.

- ▶ Elmer started four games at right guard in 2013 as a freshman. He began the 2014 campaign as the starter at right tackle but shifted back inside to right guard for the Syracuse game. Elmer has maintained that starting role to this day.
- ▶ McGlinchey emerged as the starter at right tackle after playing in 13 games last fall as **Christian Lombard's** top backup with one start.
- ▶ While Notre Dame's starting offensive linemen had 67 career starts entering the season, the second unit of **Hunter Bivin**, **Alex Bars**, **Sam Mustipher**, **Colin McGovern** and **Mark Harrell**, have just two career starts among them. Bars started in place of an injured Nelson against Navy (Oct. 10) and USC (Oct. 17) but was lost for the season due to an injury against the Trojans.

## A FULLER STAT LINE

- ▶ Notre Dame WR **Will Fuller** has filled out his stat line consistently thus far in 2015, en route to 12-game totals of 56 catches for 1,145 yards and 13 touchdowns.
- ▶ After gaining 1,094 yards last fall, he joins **Jeff Samardzija** (2005-06), **Golden Tate** (2008-09) and **Michael Floyd** (2010-11) as the only Notre Dame players with consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons.
- ▶ Fuller gained at least 100 yards in each of his first three games in 2015 (142 vs. Texas, 124 at Virginia and 131 vs. No. 14 Georgia Tech). Fuller is just the second player in school history to open a season with three straight 100-yard receiving efforts, joining 2015 College Football Hall of Fame inductee **Thom Gatewood**. Gatewood opened the 1970 campaign with successive 100-yard days against Northwestern (111 yards), Purdue (192) and Michigan State (117).
- ▶ Fuller currently boasts 10 career 100-yard receiving games, placing him fourth in school history.
- ▶ Now with 29 career TD catches, Fuller ranks second in Irish lore, trailing only Floyd (37).
- ▶ Fuller is tied for sixth in the nation with his 13 receiving TDs this season. His 1,145 receiving yards rank him 15th while the 95.4 yards per game average stands 14th.
- ▶ Fuller's 29 career TD catches tie for fifth in the nation among active players. His 17.4 yards per catch over his career (138 catches for 2,399 yards) ranks tied for fourth in the nation among all active receivers with at least 100 career catches and 1,000 career receiving yards.
- ▶ Some big plays have helped Fuller to these lofty totals. He has 14 catches this year for at least 30 yards and nine TDs of 30 yards or longer. Fuller has seven TDs this year of 45 yards or longer.
- ▶ With 2,399 career receiving yards, Fuller stands seventh in school history.
- ▶ Fuller is second in school history with his 29 career TD catches and fourth with his 10 career 100-yard receiving games.

Player (Years)	Career Rec. TDs	Player (Years)	Car. 100-Yd Gms
1. Michael Floyd (2008-11)	37	1. Michael Floyd (2008-11)	17
2. <b>Will Fuller (2013-)</b>	29	2. Golden Tate (2007-09)	15
3. Jeff Samardzija (2003-06)	27	3. Thom Gatewood (1969-71)	13
4. Golden Tate (2007-09)	26	4. <b>Will Fuller (2013-)</b>	10

- ▶ Fuller is fifth in school history with his 13 TD receptions this fall and tied for third with his six 100-yard receiving games in 2015.

Player (Year)	Most Rec. TDs	Player (Years)	100-Yd Gms
1. Will Fuller (2014)	15	1. Golden Tate (2009)	9
Golden Tate (2009)	15	2. Thom Gatewood (1970)	8
Rhema McKnight (2006)	15	3. <b>Will Fuller (2015)</b>	6
Jeff Samardzija (2005)	15	Maurice Stovall (2005)	6
5. <b>Will Fuller (2015)</b>	13	5. Four with	5

## WIDE ARRAY OF WIDE RECEIVERS

- ▶ Notre Dame's wide receiving crop has some of its deepest talent of any positional group in a team which is deep in many places.
- ▶ Junior **Will Fuller** entered 2015 on the heels of the best sophomore receiving season in school history. His 15 TD receptions, 76 catches and 1,094 receiving yards a year ago were the most in school history by a sophomore and led the 2014 Irish in all three categories.
- ▶ Fuller wasted no time in showing his big-play abilities in 2015, catching seven passes for 142 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the season-opener against Texas on Sept. 5. He followed it up with a five-catch, 122-yard effort at Virginia on Sept. 12 with a pair of TDs, including the 39-yard game-winning score with 12 seconds left and has kept rolling since then.
- ▶ Fuller eclipsed the 2,000-career receiving yard mark in style at No. 21 Temple (Oct. 31). The Philadelphia native hauled in a 17-yard game-winning TD with 2:09 left in the game giving him 2,002 career receiving yards.
- ▶ In 2014, Fuller ranked third in the FBS in TD catches, 21st in receiving yards, 23rd in receiving yards per game (84.2), tied for 24th in total TDs (15) and 34th in receptions per game (5.8). He had at least one touchdown catch in 11 of 13 games, and eight of his 15 TD catches went for at least 20 yards.
- ▶ He has had a catch of at least 30 yards in 15 of Notre Dame's last 25 games, and registered six of Notre Dame's 10 receptions of at least 50 yards over that time.

- ▶ In 2014, Fuller became the fourth player in school history with a pair of TD receptions of 72 yards or longer (Nick Eddy in 1964, Tim Brown in 1986, and Golden Tate in 2009). He has repeated that feat in 2015 with a 75-yard grab against USC (Oct. 17) and a 73-yard TD catch at Stanford (Nov. 28).
- ▶ Last year, Fuller recorded five of Notre Dame's 11 receptions of at least 40 yards, 19 receptions of at least 20 yards, 51 of his 76 receptions went for a first down or touchdown and 17 of his 19 third-down receptions went for a first down or touchdown.
- ▶ Senior **Chris Brown** (39 for 548, one TD in 2014) played in all 13 games last season and started every contest with the exception of Michigan and Syracuse. He ranked second on the Irish in receiving yards, second in receiving yards per game (42.2) and third in receptions. Brown registered four receptions of at least 30 yards, nine catches of at least 20 yards, 24 of his 39 receptions went for a first down or touchdown and eight of his nine third-down receptions went for a first down or touchdown.
- ▶ Brown is second on the team through 12 games in 2015 with his 44 receptions for 562 yards and a trio of TDs. He had his first career 100-yard game on Nov. 21 when he snagged six passes for 104 yards and a TD against Boston College.
- ▶ Junior **Corey Robinson** (40 for 539, five TDs in 2014) is another popular target at wide receiver. He has 13 catches this fall for 159 yards, including a 10-yard TD against USC (Oct. 17) on a third-and-eight play in the fourth quarter which broke a 31-31 tie and held up as the game-winning TD.
- ▶ The high-flying son of basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson played in all 13 games in 2014 and started against both Michigan and Syracuse. Robinson ranked second on the Irish in receptions and TD catches, as well as third in receiving yards. He registered 10 receptions of at least 20 yards, 32 of his 40 receptions went for first downs or touchdowns and 10 of his 11 receptions on third down went for first downs or touchdowns.
- ▶ Robinson excelled in the classroom as well. He became the first sophomore at an NCAA Division I institution to earn first-team Academic All-America honors since 2008 and just the fourth sophomore to attain first-team status since 2002. Robinson is the first Irish player named a first-team Academic All-American since **Manti Te'o** and **Mike Golic Jr.** in 2012. He became the second Irish sophomore football player to earn first-team Academic All-America status, and the first since **Joe Heap** in 1952.
- ▶ The starting slot receiver position remains up for grabs as **Amir Carlisle** and **Torii Hunter Jr.** continue to share snaps. Both played regularly in each of the team's games of 2015. Carlisle has caught 30 passes for 341 yards and started nine games, while Hunter Jr. earned the start against Texas (Sept. 5) and has snared 24 passes for 311 yards along with a two-point conversion catch at Virginia (Sept. 12) and TD grabs at Clemson and Pitt. He also completed a 35-yard pass to **TE Alizé Jones** against USC (Oct. 17).
- ▶ Carlisle, a former running back, started six games last season (Rice, Michigan, Purdue, No. 11 Arizona State, Louisville and USC) – his first year at the position. He recorded the third-most starts of any wide receiver on the team. Carlisle ranked sixth on the Irish in receiving yards, fifth in receiving yards per game (25.8) and sixth in receptions.
- ▶ Carlisle also served as Notre Dame's primary kick returner for the first four games in 2015. He registered 35 kickoff returns for 761 yards in 2014, including a season-best 47-yard return versus Purdue.
- ▶ Hunter (7 for 65, one TD in 2014) lost his freshman season in 2013 to lingering effects of a broken leg and then missed each of the first three games of 2014 due to a groin injury but is healthy entering 2015.
- ▶ Hunter Jr. saw action at nickelback on Nov. 7 at Pitt, becoming the first Irish player to see action on both sides of the football in the same game since safety **Tom Zbikowski** had a two-yard carry against Duke on Nov. 17, 2007, while lined up as a "wildcat" quarterback.
- ▶ Three freshmen battled hard during preseason camp for places in the wide receiver rotation and could be rewarded. **Miles Boykin**, **Equanimeous St. Brown** and **C.J. Sanders** all showed why they were such highly-rated recruits in August.
- ▶ St. Brown found a spot on the two-deep for Texas behind Fuller. He played in the game but did not make a catch. Sanders tried his hand at returning punts against the Longhorns in addition to lining up at wide receiver. Both St. Brown and Sanders caught their first collegiate passes in the win over UMass (Sept. 26).

**COMBINATION OF TIGHT ENDS GIVES IRISH OPTIONS**

- ▶ Notre Dame has become "Tight End U" recently as each of the last six starting tight ends for the Irish have been NFL Draft picks, five of them being either first or second round NFL Draft picks, an esteemed roll that includes **Anthony Fasano** (2006 second round - Dallas), **John Carlson** (2008 second round - Seattle), **Kyle Rudolph** (2011 second round - Minnesota), **Tyler Eifert** (2013 first round - Cincinnati), **Troy Niklas** (2014 second round - Arizona) and **Ben Koyack** (2015 seventh round - Jacksonville).
- ▶ Head coach Brian Kelly can utilize a slew of options at this position which has seen the Irish list a four-way "or" for the starting spot for most of 2015.

- ▶ Junior **Durham Smythe** held the starting tight end role until suffering a season-ending injury on the penultimate offensive snap of the win at Virginia on Sept. 12. Smythe held the only receptions among the Irish tight end unit at the time of his injury, making a seven-yard grab at Arizona State on Nov. 8, 2014, a six-yard grab on Sept. 5 against Texas and a seven-yard touchdown catch on a fake field goal at Virginia. Smythe could return for the Fiesta Bowl.
- ▶ Listed behind Smythe were sophomore **Tyler Luatua**, sophomore **Nic Weishar**, graduate **Chase Hounshell** and freshman **Alizé Jones**. The four all have different strengths in terms of blocking, pass-catching and route running. Kelly stated during preseason camp that he'll likely use multiple tight-end sets to take full advantage of the versatility in this roster segment and he has.
- ▶ Of the four, only Luatua had collegiate playing experience at tight end prior to 2015. The Californian saw action in 10 games in 2014, mainly on special teams and in two-tight end sets. Luatua started alongside Smythe at Virginia as the Irish opened with a two tight end set.
- ▶ Hounshell converted to tight end from defensive line during spring practice. He spent the first four years of his time at Notre Dame with that unit, appearing in 11 games while making six tackles. His first career start came against USC (Oct. 17). His first career catch was a six-yard gain for a first down on a third-and-three play against Wake Forest (Nov. 14).
- ▶ Weishar and Jones both made their collegiate debuts against Texas on Sept. 5. Jones made his first career start on Sept. 19 against No. 14 Georgia Tech. Both Jones (three for 19 yards) and Weishar (one for six yards) recorded the first catches of their respective careers against the Yellow Jackets. Weishar made his first career start at No. 12 Clemson (Oct. 3). Jones caught a career-long 45-yard pass which helped setup the game-winning TD with 2:09 left to play in the win at No. 21 Temple (Oct. 31).

**KIZER HAS IT AT PITT**

- ▶ **DeShone Kizer** enjoyed a record-filled day at Pittsburgh on Nov. 7 as he completed 19 of 26 passes for 262 yards with five TDs against the Panthers.
- ▶ The five TD passes matched the school record for a road game, most recently tied when **Tommy Rees** threw for five at Air Force on Oct. 26, 2013. The record had been set by **Brady Quinn** at Michigan State in 2006 and also accomplished twice by **Jimmy Clausen** - against Hawaii in the 2008 Hawaii Bowl and at Stanford in 2009.
- ▶ In addition to the five TD passes, Kizer also ran for a TD at Pitt. The 36 points accounted for set a school record for a road game. It tied for second-best overall, trailing only the 37 points accounted for by **Art Smith** against Loyola-Chicago on Oct. 28, 1911. Smith accounted for seven TDs in an era where they were worth five points apiece and also added two extra points.

**KIZER FINDS SUCCESS WITH ARM AND LEGS VS. ELITE FOES**

- ▶ **DeShone Kizer** had both a rushing and passing touchdown in each of the three straight games (vs. UMass, Clemson and Navy). It is the first time an Irish signal caller has both ran and thrown for a TD in three consecutive games since **Rick Mirer** had a run of four-straight from Sept. 21-Oct. 12, 1991, doing so against Michigan State, Purdue, Stanford and Pittsburgh.
- ▶ The last time a Notre Dame quarterback ran for a TD in three consecutive games came in 2012 when **Everett Golson** ran for scores against Oklahoma, Pittsburgh and Boston College (Oct. 27-Nov. 10).
- ▶ Kizer has thrown for 1,096 yards in four starts vs. top-25 foes (242 vs. No. 14 Georgia Tech, 321 at No. 12 Clemson, 299 at No. 21 Temple and 234 at No. 9 Stanford).
- ▶ In the win over the Owls, Kizer ran for 143 yards, the second-most in school history by a Notre Dame signal-caller behind only the 146 gained on the ground by **Jim Etter** against Navy in 1969.
- ▶ Kizer's 79-yard TD run in the second quarter of the Temple game is the second-longest rush by a Notre Dame quarterback and the longest on a conventional play from scrimmage. The Kizer scamper is topped only by an 80-yard burst by **Blair Kiel** on a fake punt at Arizona on Oct. 25, 1980.
- ▶ The Temple game marked the first 100-yard rushing game by a Notre Dame quarterback since **Andrew Hendrix** had 111 against Air Force on Oct. 8, 2011. It was the first 100-yard rushing game by an Irish signal-caller against a ranked opponent since **Jarious Jackson** ran for 107 against No. 23 Oklahoma on Oct. 2, 1999.
- ▶ Kizer became the second Irish quarterback in school history to pass for 200 yards and rush for 100 yards in the same game when he threw for 299 and ran for 143 at No. 21 Temple. Jackson threw for 276 yards and ran for 107 in a 34-30 win over No. 23 Oklahoma on Oct. 2, 1999. Kizer repeated the feat at Stanford, throwing for 234 and rushing for 128 against the Cardinal.
- ▶ Kizer has a rushing TD in seven of Notre Dame's last nine games, including multiple-TD showings against both Temple (Oct. 31) and Wake Forest (Nov. 14). Kizer's nine rushing TDs on the year match the school record for a quarterback.

**Most Rushing TDs in a Season By a Quarterback**

Player (Year)	Rush TDs
1. <b>DeShone Kizer (2015)</b>	<b>9</b>
Tony Rice (1988)	9
Rick Mirer (1991)	9



- ▶ Kizer has also left an imprint on the single-season passing section of the Irish record book this year in major categories. His 189 completions rank ninth; his 63.4% completion percentage is fourth; his 151.7 efficiency rating is tied for fifth; his 2,600 passing yards are ninth; and his 19 TD passes tie for eighth.

## KIZER CONTINUES QB DEBUT WINNING STREAKS FOR KELLY

- ▶ **DeShone Kizer** enjoyed a successful debut as Notre Dame's starting quarterback, completing 21-of-30 passes for 242 yards with a touchdown and an interception in Notre Dame's 30-22 win over No. 14 Georgia Tech on Sept. 19.
- ▶ Kizer is the fifth-straight Irish signal caller to win in his first career start, joining **Dayne Crist** (2010 vs. Purdue), **Tommy Rees** (2010 vs. Utah), **Everett Golson** (2012 vs. Navy) and **Malik Zaire** (2014 vs. LSU).
- ▶ Including his tenure at Cincinnati, head coach **Brian Kelly** has now seen each of the last eight quarterbacks he has started emerge victorious from their debut starts.
- ▶ Kizer continues a trend of success at Notre Dame for Kelly with young signal callers. Under Kelly, the Irish are 23-3 when starting a quarterback in his first season of competition.
- ▶ Kizer's 242 passing yards against the Yellow Jackets are the most by a Notre Dame quarterback in a winning effort in their debut start since **Ron Powlus** threw for 291 yards against Northwestern in 1994.
- ▶ Since 1985, the only time a Notre Dame quarterback completed more than 21 passes in his first career start was when **Brady Quinn** connected 29 times in a loss at Purdue on Sept. 27, 2003.
- ▶ Irish quarterbacks since 1985 whose first career starts have come at Notre Dame Stadium are 10-2 in their debuts.
- ▶ Kizer's first career start on the road, Oct. 3 at No. 12 Clemson, did not prove to be victorious, but it remained noteworthy as he completed 19 of 34 passes for 321 yards with two TDs and an interception, coming within a two-point conversion of completing an 18-point fourth quarter comeback. The 321 passing yards are the second-most by an Irish signal caller in his first career road start, exceeded only by the 369 yards of passing from Crist at Michigan State in 2010.
- ▶ In that Clemson game, Kizer also led the Irish on the ground with 55 rushing yards on 14 carries and a three-yard TD.

## KIZER ROLLS AT VIRGINIA

- ▶ **DeShone Kizer** saw the first meaningful action of his Irish career on Sept. 12 at Virginia and shone brightly as he led Notre Dame to a come-from-behind, 34-27, victory at Scott Stadium, dashing a Cavalier upset bid.
- ▶ Kizer completed eight of 12 passes for 92 yards and a pair of touchdowns, taking the reigns late in the third quarter after starter **Malik Zaire** broke his ankle.
- ▶ His first career completion went for a TD but it did not come from the quarterback position. **Justin Yoon** lined up a 24-yard field goal at the end of the game's opening drive, but it would be a fake. From his knee, Kizer, serving as holder, faked a lateral pitch to Yoon and then tossed the ball forwards to tight end **Durham Smythe** who was cutting across the formation and would run to paydirt for the seven-yard score.
- ▶ The first play following Zaire's injury, Kizer handed off to RB **C.J. Prosise** who ran 24 yards for a TD which put the Irish up 26-14.
- ▶ The Irish trailed, 27-26, with 1:54 to play when Kizer embarked on his first collegiate two-minute drill, on the road before a sellout crowd. Facing a fourth-and-two from his own 28, Kizer ran four yards for the first down. After three straight completions, the Irish stood at the Cavalier 39 yard line with under 20 seconds to go and the clock running. Kizer threw a pin-point pass to **Will Fuller**, streaking down the sideline, for a 39-yard game-winning TD with 12 seconds to play. Kizer then passed to **Torii Hunter Jr.** for a successful two-point conversion and a 34-27 Irish win.
- ▶ Kizer's heroics put him in elite company at Notre Dame. At 12 seconds, it marked the latest game-winning touchdown in regulation in school history, topping the 25 seconds left on the clock when **Jimmy Clausen** threw a two-yard TD pass to **Kyle Rudolph** for a 24-21 win at Purdue on Sept. 26, 2009.
- ▶ Before breaking his ankle, Zaire had thrown a 59-yard TD pass to Fuller. The Virginia game marked the first time that the Irish have had two players throw a TD pass since **Tommy Rees** and **Everett Golson** each threw for a score in a 20-13 overtime win against Stanford on Oct. 13, 2012.

## MALIK'S MYSTIQUE

- ▶ Notre Dame junior **Malik Zaire** put forth one of the best Notre Dame Stadium starting debuts by a quarterback against Texas on Sept. 5. In his first home start, and second overall, Zaire completed 19 of 22 passes for 313 yards with three touchdowns. Zaire's .864 completion percentage ranks second in school history for a single game, eclipsed only by the .909 (10 of 11) mark posted by **Steve Beuerlein** against Colorado on Sept. 22, 1984.
- ▶ Against Texas, Zaire was 13-for-14 for 273 yards on passes thrown at least 10 yards in the air.
- ▶ Zaire's magnificent home debut is rivaled by perhaps only **Terry Hanratty** (16 of 24, 303 yards, three TDs) in a 26-14 victory over No. 8 Purdue in 1966 and **Tom Clements** going 17 of 24 for 287 yards and two TDs against Purdue in 1972.

- ▶ Zaire became just the fifth Notre Dame player to throw for over 300 yards in a season opener, joining **Hanratty** (1966 vs. Purdue), **Jarious Jackson** (1999 vs. Michigan), **Jimmy Clausen** (2009 vs. Nevada) and **Tommy Rees** (2013 vs. Temple).
- ▶ Zaire made his first career start count as he earned Most Valuable Player accolades for helping lead the Irish past No. 22 LSU in the 2014 Music City Bowl. Zaire ran the ball 22 times for 96 yards against the Tigers while also completing 12 of 15 passes for 96 yards and a touchdown. Zaire also threw a block downfield which helped spring **Tarean Folston** free for a second quarter TD.
- ▶ Zaire was named to both the Maxwell Award and Walter Camp Award watch lists.
- ▶ Zaire was 21 of 35 for 266 yards, one TD, no interceptions in seven games last fall. He added 187 yards rushing on 33 carries, including a pair of TD runs. Zaire registered a 56-yard run in the season-opening victory over Rice (Aug. 30) – his first career snap in a Notre Dame uniform. He saw extensive playing time in the season-finale at USC (Nov. 29) in relief of **Everett Golson**. Zaire, who led the Irish on five drives against the Trojans, helped the Irish to a pair of touchdown drives. He completed nine of 20 passes for 170 yards, including a 49-yard pass play. Zaire also ran for 18 yards on six carries, including a long run of 14 yards and an 11-yard TD rush.

## IRISH SMOTHER FOES IN SECOND HALF

- ▶ Notre Dame's defense has been dynamite in terms of halftime adjustments since Brian Kelly arrived in 2010. The Irish have allowed an average of just 3.57 points per third quarter, which ranks second among FBS schools. Notre Dame has allowed an average of 9.75 points per second half, which ranks 11th over the same span.
- ▶ This fall, the Irish have outscored its three opponents, 90-51, in the third quarter of games, yielding more than one score only at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7).
- ▶ After UMass gained 276 yards of total offense and scored 20 points in the first half on Sept. 26, the Irish clamped down in the third quarter to help seize control of the game. UMass gained just 36 yards on 15 snaps in a third quarter which also saw a Notre Dame interception by CB **Cole Luke**.
- ▶ After allowing 104 yards on 11 plays and two TDs to No. 12 Clemson on the Tigers' first two drives, the Irish clamped down and permitted Clemson to gain just 180 yards over the game's final three quarters over 49 plays. The Tigers went three-and-out on six of their final 12 drives of the game and punted eight times in all.
- ▶ Navy's famed triple-option attack claimed 239 rushing yards and 21 points at halftime on Oct. 10 but, as usual, second-half defense proved fierce for Notre Dame, holding the Midshipmen to just 79 rushing yards and three points after intermission, allowing the Irish to roll to a 41-24 win.
- ▶ Fourth quarter adjustments in particular permitted Notre Dame to slow down USC in its 41-31 win on Oct. 17. Keyed by interceptions by **KeiVarae Russell** and **Max Redfield**, USC averaged just 25.4 yards per drive after its opening drive of the second half and allowed no points. USC's nine drives to that point had averaged 47 yards and produced 31 points.

## KEY TO IRISH DEFENSIVE SUCCESS IS STOPPING THE RUN

- ▶ Carrying the ball across the goal line has not been a regular occurrence for Irish opponents of late.
- ▶ The Irish kept Texas' ground game out of the end zone in the 2015 season opener and yielded just 17 rushing touchdowns in 2015, building upon a recent trend.
- ▶ Notre Dame's defense allowed four rushing TDs in 2012 (and the first did not come until the eighth game of the year). The Irish were the only team in the Football Bowl Subdivision that did not allow a rushing TD over its first seven games of the season. Notre Dame still led the FBS in fewest rushing TDs with four.
- ▶ Notre Dame allowed just 13 rushing TDs in 2013, which ranked 15th in the FBS.
- ▶ The Irish have posted this lofty statistic despite facing eight option-oriented offenses since 2011, teams accounting for a disproportionate 15 rushing TDs (1.88 per game vs. 0.74 per game vs. conventional offenses).
- ▶ Since the start of the 2011 season, only six teams have allowed fewer rushing TDs than Notre Dame's 63.

Rank	Team	Rushing TDs Allowed (2011-15)
1.	Alabama	32
2.	Florida State	53
3.	Louisville	57
4.	Michigan State	57
5.	Utah	60
6.	Michigan	62
7.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>63</b>
8.	TCU	64
9.	Florida	65
10.	LSU	66

- ▶ Notre Dame has given up 63 rushing touchdowns over its last 68 games (dating back to the Tulsa game in 2010). Only 38 of those rushing TDs have come from an opposing running back.
- ▶ Even crazier, 25 of the last 58 rushing TDs against the Irish have come from quarterbacks.
- ▶ Over the last 72 games, only 31 running backs have recorded a rushing TD against Notre Dame.

**DEFENSE PRETTY STINGY ON THE SCOREBOARD**

- ▶ Notre Dame's defense has allowed two offensive touchdowns or less in 37 of its last 67 games. The Irish have actually allowed one offensive TD or less in 25 of those outings, including 19 of the last 51 games.
- ▶ Notre Dame has allowed an average of 21.26 points/game over the last six seasons combined, which ranks as the 16th-best average over 2010-15 of any team in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

**VICTORY WAS THE ONLY OPTION**

- ▶ Notre Dame's defense stymied No. 14 Georgia Tech's vaunted option running attack as the Irish picked up a deceptively-close, 30-22, win over the Yellow Jackets on Sept. 19. The Irish led 30-7 inside of the final minute of play before the Yellow Jackets tacked on 15 points in the waning moments of the contest.
- ▶ Georgia Tech started the game 0-for-9 on third down conversions before finishing at 3-for-15 (20%). Georgia Tech led the nation in 2014 with a third-down conversion rate of 57.9%, a rate which tied for the best since the NCAA began officially tracking the statistic in 2005.
- ▶ Georgia Tech entered the Notre Dame game as one of four teams nationally which had yet to be forced into a three-and-out. The Irish forced three-and-outs on each of the Yellow Jackets' first two drives of the game and four times overall. Georgia Tech went three-and-out on just 7.91% of its possessions in 2014, by far the lowest rate in the nation.
- ▶ Notre Dame would have out-rushed Georgia Tech except for the game's final play – a Notre Dame kneel down that resulted in a two-yard loss which handed the Yellow Jackets a 216-215 edge on the day. The Irish would have been the first team to out-rush the Yellow Jackets since Aug. 30, 2014.
- ▶ Other examples of Georgia Tech's offense being historically stymied by the Notre Dame defense follow:

Category	Number	Georgia Tech Superlative
Points	22	fewest since Dec. 30, 2013 (vs. Ole Miss)
Rushing Yards	216	fewest since Dec. 30, 2013 (vs. Ole Miss)
Third Down Conversions	3 (of 15)	fewest since Oct. 27, 2012 (BYU)
Failed Third Down Conversions	12	most since Oct. 2, 2010 (at Wake Forest)
Yards Per Rush	4.6	fewest since Nov. 1, 2014 (Virginia)
Total Offense	337	fewest since Dec. 30, 2013 (vs. Ole Miss)
Punts	7	most since Sept. 3, 2012 (at Virginia Tech)
Rushing TDs	1	fewest since Nov. 15, 2014 (at Clemson)

**NO NEED TO GET ACQUAINTED ON DEFENSE**

- ▶ The Irish are blessed with a wealth of both returning starters on defense in addition to a large number of players with experience in reserve roles.
- ▶ Notre Dame returned 10 of its 11 regular starters from 2014 with the lone exception, graduated CB **Cody Riggs**, now with the Tennessee Titans, being replaced in 2015 by **KeiVarae Russell** who started all 26 games in 2012-13 but missed the '14 campaign.
- ▶ The Irish used 20 starters on defense over the course of an injury-riddled season and 17 of them returned this fall. The 2015 Irish entered the season with 19 defensive players with career starting experience with the inclusion of Russell and **Jarrett Grace** (injured in '14).
- ▶ Notre Dame's defense entered the 2015 season with a combined 203 career starts.
- ▶ The Irish returned players who accounted for 89.6 percent of the team's '14 tackles, 92.5 percent of its tackles for loss and 100 percent of its sacks from last fall.

**REGULARLY THIRD AND LONG FOR LONGHORNS; THREE-AND-OUTS COMMON**

- ▶ Notre Dame's defense smothered Texas on Sept. 5, holding the Longhorns to just 163 yards of total offense (on only 52 offensive snaps) and eight first downs in a 38-3 Opening Day victory for the Irish.
- ▶ Enabling this performance was an Irish defense which forced the Longhorns into challenging third down situations that regularly ended drives. Texas went two for 13 against Notre Dame on third down conversions, keyed by having to convert from seven yards or longer on 10 of those 13 attempts.
- ▶ Notre Dame forced a three-and-out on eight of Texas' 12 drives in the game.

- ▶ The end result of 163 yards of total offense for Texas marked the best defensive performance by Notre Dame since holding Washington to 124 yards on Oct. 25, 2008, in Seattle.
- ▶ Notre Dame's defense forced No. 12 Clemson into six three-and-outs on Oct. 3 at Memorial Stadium. The Tigers went three-and-out just eight times over their first three games.
- ▶ On the season to-date, of the 169 third down conversion attempts by Notre Dame's opposition, 92 (54.4%) have been from at least seven yards. The Irish have forced a three-and-out on 28.86% of its possessions, 12th-best nationally.

Rank	Team	Three-And-Out %
1.	Wisconsin	32.47
2.	Clemson	31.58
3.	Alabama	31.36
4.	Oklahoma	31.11
5.	Louisville	30.87
6.	Florida	30.81
7.	Georgia	30.22
8.	Michigan	29.93
9.	Texas A&M	29.93
10.	Tennessee	29.58
11.	Air Force	29.33
12.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>28.86</b>

**DEFENSE STINGY UNDER KELLY**

- ▶ Notre Dame has consistently ranked near the top of the national defensive rankings since the arrival of head coach **Brian Kelly**. Here are just a few specialized markers that highlight how the Irish have excelled on defense under Kelly's watch:

Category	Stat	Rank
Rushing TDs Per Game	1.02	10th
Pass Yards Per Completion	11.01	11th
Total Plays Per Point	3.39	t-12th
Points Per Plays	0.31	t-13th
Touchdown Percentage	19.22	15th
Points Per Possession	1.48	t-18th
Scoring Percentage	28.72	20th
Punt Percentage	42.88	23rd
Pass Yards Per Attempt	6.55	24th
Total Defense	356.68	24th
Passing Yards Per Game	207.91	28th
Total Yards Per Play	5.20	29th
Third Down Efficiency	37.19	31st
Three And Out Percentage	23.65	30th
Passing TDs Per Game	1.35	35th

**NOTRE DAME ELIMINATES BIG PLAYS**

- ▶ The Irish defense has excelled limiting big plays since head coach **Brian Kelly** arrived in 2010.
- ▶ Notre Dame has allowed the sixth-lowest percentage of plays run against its defense to go for at least 20 yards over that time. In fact, for each of the 10-yard splits of at least 20 yards, Notre Dame ranks no worse than tied for 34th in the country since 2010 in percentage of opposing plays reaching these critical momentum-shifting distances.

Play Distance	Percentage	Rank
10+ yards	18.64%	29th
20+ yards	5.08%	6th
30+ yards	2.03%	7th
40+ yards	1.10%	25th
50+ yards	0.55%	21st
60+ yards	0.25%	t-15th
70+ yards	0.15%	t-34th
12+ yard runs	8.57%	21st
20+ yard pass plays	7.89%	9th

- ▶ Since Kelly's arrival in 2010, Notre Dame has allowed the 10th-lowest percentage of offensive plays against which either gain 25 yards or greater or result in a touchdown.

Rank	Team	Total Plays Against	Percentage (Plays)
1.	Alabama	4895	4.9% (240)
2.	Florida State	5597	4.9% (277)
3.	LSU	5060	5.2% (262)
4.	Florida	5001	5.5% (273)
5.	Iowa	5292	5.6% (296)
6.	Mississippi State	5457	5.6% (308)
7.	Ohio State	5332	5.6% (299)
8.	Penn State	5141	5.6% (289)
9.	Stanford	5362	5.6% (302)
10.	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>5279</b>	<b>5.7% (303)</b>

## RED ALERT SIREN STAYS SILENT

- ▶ Notre Dame's strong red-zone showings have been a mainstay of the team's defense since **Brian Kelly** arrived on campus in 2010.
- ▶ Thus far in 2015, Notre Dame ranks 22nd in the nation in red zone defense, allowing 26 scores (23 TDs and three field goals) on 34 tries for a 76.5 percentage.
- ▶ The Irish have ceded a rushing touchdown on just 26.98 percent of their opponents' red-zone drives since 2010, the seventh best percentage nationally.
- ▶ The Irish have yielded just 3.98 points per red-zone drive since 2010, tying for 16th nationally.
- ▶ Notre Dame's foes have scored a touchdown on just 53.97 percent of their red-zone trips under Kelly, the 19th best mark in the country.

## THE 300 CLUB

- ▶ Notre Dame has allowed 300 yards of total offense or less in 22 of its last 57 games.
- ▶ Notre Dame had won 16 straight games when limiting its opponent to 300 yards of total offense or less until losing at Clemson on Oct. 3 while holding the Tigers to just 296 yards. The Irish are 26-3 under Brian Kelly when their opponent fails to eclipse the 300-yard mark of total offense.
- ▶ Notre Dame has held 38 percent of its opponents (29) in the **Brian Kelly** era (77 games) to less than 300 yards of total offense.
- ▶ The Irish held Texas to just 163 yards of total offense on Sept. 5. It marked the best performance by the Notre Dame defense since holding Washington to 124 yards in Seattle on Oct. 25, 2008.
- ▶ In holding No. 12 Clemson to just 296 yards of total offense at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 3, it marked the best defensive showing by the Irish in a ranked road game since No. 10 Michigan State gained just 237 yards in a 20-3 Irish victory on Sept. 15, 2012, in East Lansing.
- ▶ No. 21 Temple gained just 295 yards on Oct. 31 as the Irish claimed a 24-20 victory at Lincoln Financial Field.
- ▶ The Irish narrowly missed this mark against Boston College on Nov. 21, yielding 302 yards to the Eagles at Fenway Park.

## HEISMAN CANDIDATES WRAPPED UP

- ▶ Notre Dame was the only team in the nation this fall to face two of the three finalists for the Heisman Trophy and the Irish defense forced both of them into subpar offensive performances on their home fields.
- ▶ The Irish faced Clemson QB **Deshaun Watson** at Memorial Stadium on Oct. 3. Watson completed just 10 of 21 passes for 84 yards on the night, by far his lowest numbers of the season for completions, passing yards, completion percentage (47.6%) and efficiency rating (103.1).
- ▶ Notre Dame faced Stanford RB **Christian McCaffrey** at Stanford Stadium on Nov. 28. McCaffrey had just 94 rushing yards against the Irish on 27 carries (a 3.5-yard average). Of the Cardinal's last 11 games, the 94 rushing yards and 3.5 average per carry were comfortably his lowest totals. McCaffrey had 19 receiving yards in the game for 113 offensive yards gained on the night, easily his lowest sum over the final 11 games of the season for the Cardinal.

## TFL TWINS

- ▶ DL **Sheldon Day** and DL **Romeo Okwara** have been productive anchors on a dominating defensive line for the Irish in 2015.
- ▶ Day has recorded 14.5 tackles for loss on the season, the most by a Notre Dame player since 2006. Day has at least one TFL in every game except for USC (Oct. 17) and Stanford (Nov. 28) and has recorded multiple TFLs in four games.
- ▶ Okwara has 12.5 TFLs on the year, keyed by his eight sacks. Okwara had multiple TFLs in each of Notre Dame's four games from Oct. 17 to Nov. 14 (USC, Temple, Pitt and Wake Forest).
- ▶ Notre Dame has not had teammates each record at least 12 TFLs in a season since 2006 when **Derek Landri** had 15.5 and **Victor Abriamari** had 15.0.

## DEFENSIVE LINE UNDERGOING FACELIFT

- ▶ The Irish returned all four starters on their defensive line but lost one of them for the season when tackle **Jarron Jones** suffered a season-ending knee injury during preseason camp.
- ▶ The unit's unequivocal leader is All-American and two-time team captain **Sheldon Day**.
- ▶ An Indianapolis native, Day ranked second on the Irish in quarterback hurries (nine) last year and tied for second in tackles for loss. This year, he leads the Irish in both hurries (13) and TFLs (14.5).
- ▶ Day has at least one TFL in each of Notre Dame's 2015 games except for USC (Oct. 17) and Stanford (Nov. 28). He also boasts four sacks, two pass break-ups and 13 quarterback hurries on the season to join his 14.5 TFLs.
- ▶ Day is tied for 18th in the Football Bowl Subdivision in solo TFLs with his 14.
- ▶ **Romeo Okwara** is in his second season as a defensive lineman after spending his first two years as an outside linebacker. He played in all 13 games and started 12 a year ago, leading Notre Dame in sacks.
- ▶ Okwara was a cog in the Irish defense which held No. 21 Temple to just 295 yards of total offense on Oct. 31. Okwara had three tackles for loss, one of which was a sack, among his six stops.
- ▶ Okwara became the first Irish player this season with a pair of sacks in one game when he recorded a pair at Pitt (Nov. 7), accounting for 18 lost yards by the Panthers. He had a second multiple-sack game against Wake Forest (Nov. 14).
- ▶ Another returning starter on the defensive line, **Isaac Rochell** has the ability to play both inside, as evidenced by his performance in the Music City Bowl victory over No. 22 LSU, as well as on the edge.
- ▶ Rochell was one of three Irish defensive players who started all 13 games in 2014. He ranked tied for third among all defensive linemen in tackles, tied for second on the team in tackles for loss and fourth on the Irish with two and a half sacks. Rochell added a team-best 10 quarterback hurries.
- ▶ Rochell leads the Irish defensive linemen with 58 tackles in 2015.
- ▶ Jones played and started on the defensive line in each of the first 11 games last year before suffering a foot injury. He tied Day for the most tackles by an Irish defensive lineman with 40 and tied for second on the team with seven and a half tackles for loss.
- ▶ Replacing Jones' reps is a combination of sophomore **Daniel Cage** and early-enrollee **Jerry Tillery**. Cage played in 11 games a year ago, making four tackles. He earned the start on Opening Day against Texas and made three tackles. A high school All-American, Tillery stands 6 foot 6.5 inches tall at 305 pounds. Tillery's emergence this spring caught the eye of many around the Irish program. Initially recruited by Notre Dame as an offensive lineman, Tillery displayed an impressive combination of power, strength and footwork that will lead to immediate playing time this fall. He made his collegiate debut against Texas and recorded a sack. Tillery's first career start came in the win over No. 14 Georgia Tech (Sept. 19).
- ▶ Sophomores **Jonathan Bonner** and **Andrew Trumbetti** are the top reserves. Trumbetti saw the most playing time of that pair last year as a freshman, appearing in 12 games with a start in the Music City Bowl against No. 22 LSU. Trumbetti made 21 tackles on the year, 5.5 of them for a loss. Bonner did not play as a freshman last fall.
- ▶ Trumbetti made the first Irish interception of the season from a non-defensive back against Wake Forest on Nov. 14, and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown.
- ▶ Bonner recorded his first collegiate sack, also forcing a fumble on the play, against Wake Forest (Nov. 14).

## LINEBACKERS THE BACKBONE OF ELITE DEFENSE

- ▶ Notre Dame could have the best linebacking unit of any school in the country, one led by Butkus Award recipient and consensus All-American **Jaylon Smith**.
- ▶ Smith joined **Manti Te'o** as the only players to claim the Butkus Award at both the high school and collegiate levels. Te'o, a starting inside linebacker for the San Diego Chargers, will race Smith to be the first to claim the award at the high school, collegiate and professional levels.
- ▶ Smith leads the Irish in 2015 with 68 solo tackles and 113 total tackles, is third with nine tackles for loss and is leads the team with five pass breakups. His six pass pressures tie for fourth on the team and match the lead among non-linemen.
- ▶ Smith has joined Te'o as the only Notre Dame players under head coach **Brian Kelly** to record at least 100 tackles in consecutive seasons. Te'o broke the century mark three straight years from 2010-12. Smith made 112 tackles in 2014.
- ▶ Smith is the first Notre Dame player with at least 113 tackles, nine TFLs and five passes defended since **Courtney Watson** in 2003.
- ▶ Smith, a 2014 Associated Press second-team All-America selection and Butkus Award finalist, started all 13 games last year and led the Irish in total tackles, solo tackles (65), assisted tackles (47) and tackles for loss. Smith ranked tied for second on the team with three and a half sacks.
- ▶ Smith made athletic plays all over the field against Texas on Sept. 5, leading the Irish with seven tackles, including an eight-yard sack. Smith also contributed a pass pressure. He also topped the team with his 11 tackles at Virginia on Sept. 12, including 2.5 TFLs.
- ▶ Smith set a career-high with 14 tackles in the win over USC (Oct. 17). He matched that sum in the win over Wake Forest (Nov. 14) and then broke it by making 15 stops at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28).



- ▶ Smith has reached double digits in tackles five times in the last six games, including a 10-tackle performance at Temple (Oct. 31) and 11-tackle night against Boston College on Nov. 21.
- ▶ Smith reached the double-digit tackle plateau on four separate occasions in 2014, including each of the last three games of the regular season. The last Irish player with 10 or more tackles in three straight games was Te'o in 2012 (had 10+ tackles in four straight games). Smith was the first Notre Dame player to record 100 tackles in a season since Te'o had 113 in 2012, and was the first Irish sophomore to record 100 tackles in a season since Te'o had 133 in 2010.
- ▶ Dubbed by Smith as the **Joe Montana** of Notre Dame's defense, a complex pro-style scheme under the direction of defensive coordinator **Brian VanGorder**, graduate **Joe Schmidt** returned to the lineup in 2015. His 65 tackles stand second on the team.
- ▶ Notre Dame is 17-3 in Schmidt's 20 career starts, losing only road games at No. 2 Florida State in 2014, No. 12 Clemson in 2015 and No. 9 Stanford in 2015 by a combined eight points.
- ▶ A former walk-on who is now a team captain, Schmidt was one of college football's great stories last season before an injury against Navy (Nov. 1) sidelined him for the remainder of the year. Schmidt was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates despite missing the season's final five games. The graduate started each of the first eight games of the year and led the Irish in tackles and solo tackles (42) to that point.
- ▶ With Schmidt in the lineup on a full-time basis last year (the first seven games), Notre Dame allowed 19.1 points per game, 102.7 rushing yards per game and 345.6 total yards per game. Without him over the final five games of the year, the Irish allowed 42.1 points per game, 234.0 rushing yards per game and 476.2 total yards per game.
- ▶ Another interesting story is the third starting linebacker, converted wide receiver **James Onwualu**. While Onwualu's story failed to garner nearly as much attention as Schmidt's, he developed into a reliable option in just his first season at the position.
- ▶ Onwualu played in all 13 games in 2014 and started eight contests. He recorded career bests in both tackles (seven) and tackles for loss (2.0) in the victory over Navy.
- ▶ Slated to play behind Onwualu but now thrust into a regular starting role due to his injury, sophomore **Greer Martini** saw action in all 13 games in 2014 and started against both Navy and USC. In his first career start, Martini collected a career-best and team-high nine tackles, including six solo stops, in the victory over the Midshipmen.
- ▶ Martini started against No. 14 Georgia Tech (Sept. 19) and proved instrumental as the Irish shut down the Yellow Jackets' vaunted option attack. Martini was second on the team with eight tackles while also being credited with a pair of pass pressures. He continued his fine work against option-based offenses when he tied for the team lead with nine tackles during Notre Dame's Oct. 10 win over Navy.
- ▶ Martini had 1.5 TFLs, including a sack, at No. 9 Stanford in the 2015 regular-season finale.
- ▶ A Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and Sporting News Freshman All-American in 2014, **Nyles Morgan** played in 12 games as a rookie and started each of the last four games of the season after Schmidt's injury. His 47 stops were tied for the eighth-most in single-season school history by a freshman.
- ▶ Morgan became the fifth Irish player to earn a spot on the FWAA Freshman All-America Team since the inception of the squad in 2001. Morgan collected 39 tackles over Notre Dame's final five games of the year, including three straight outings with at least 10 stops to end the regular season.
- ▶ The most interesting, and potentially most beneficial, news surrounding the Music City Bowl wasn't solely Notre Dame's victory over No. 22 LSU. It was the significant progress gained by **Jarrett Grace**, who returned to the practice field in December.
- ▶ A graduate student, Grace spent his first couple seasons with the Irish behind Te'o. He played significant snaps over the first three games of the 2013 campaign and eventually ascended into a starting role by week four. He had registered 41 tackles, but suffered four separate fractures in his right leg on Oct. 5, 2013, against Arizona State.
- ▶ Grace underwent two different surgeries and missed the rest of the '13 season as well as the entire 2014 campaign. He made drastic strides forward during Notre Dame's spring practice is finally able to contribute on the field. Grace made one tackle in the win over Texas on Opening Day, seeing time both at linebacker and on special teams.
- ▶ Grace saw his most extensive playing time of the 2015 season as a linebacker against Navy on Oct. 10 and collected five tackles while playing the majority of the second half.
- ▶ The Irish also got a boost of energy and athleticism at the position with the addition of early-enrollee freshman **Te'von Coney**. Coney battled his way through a tough field to earn a spot on the Texas two-deep backing up Smith. He made two tackles against the Longhorns in his collegiate debut and currently has 12 on the year.

## SECONDARY PICKS UP THE PACE

- ▶ The Irish did not make any interceptions in its first three games but the team had at least one in each of its next seven games before being shutout against by Boston College (Nov. 21) and Stanford (Nov. 28).
- ▶ Each of Notre Dame's first seven interceptions on the year came from defensive backs. CBs **Cole Luke** and **KeiVarae Russell** each have two while safeties **Max Redfield**, **Matthias Farley** and **Elijah Shumate** have one apiece.

- ▶ This string was snapped against Wake Forest (Nov. 14) when DL **Andrew Trumbetti** made an interception.

## CORNERING THE OPPOSITION

- ▶ The only defensive position group to lose a starter from 2014 with the graduation of **Cody Riggs**, the cornerback unit actually got stronger with the return of preseason All-American **KeiVarae Russell**.
- ▶ Russell (109 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, 0.5 sack, three interceptions, one fumble recovery, 10 pass breakups over his career) started all 26 games for the Irish over the 2012 and 2013 seasons. In '12, Russell earned Freshman All-America honors from FWAA, CBS Sports.com, Sporting News and Scout.com. He was not enrolled at the University in 2014.
- ▶ Russell made three tackles and shared on a tackle for loss in his return to the Irish lineup against Texas on Sept. 5. At Virginia on Sept. 12, Russell's nine tackles included an 11-yard sack and forced fumble, which the Irish recovered. On the season, showing his versatility, he has 2.5 tackles for loss and a sack along with a quartet of pass breakups and a pair of interceptions.
- ▶ Against USC, Russell stepped up his play in the fourth quarter, intercepting a Cody Kessler pass while deflecting another Kessler pass which would be intercepted by teammate **Max Redfield**. Russell made a career-high 10 tackles against the Trojans, nine of them solos.
- ▶ Russell also came up with an interception at crunch time at No. 21 Temple (Oct. 31), picking off a P.J. Walker pass with 1:08 left in the game and the Irish ahead 24-20.
- ▶ Unfortunately, Russell was lost for the season to a broken leg late in the win over Boston College (Nov. 21) at Fenway Park.
- ▶ The opposite corner post is manned by junior **Cole Luke**. Luke started all 13 games last season, and ranked sixth on the Irish in tackles and solo stops (33). He either led the team or tied for the team lead in interceptions, pass breakups and passes defended. Luke's 11 PBU's were the most in a single season by a Notre Dame player since **Raeshon McNeil** in 2008. In fact, an Irish player has not registered more than 11 PBU's since **Dave Waymer** had 12 in 1978.
- ▶ Luke has recorded four PBU's in 2015 and can claim two interceptions. He has 35 tackles to his credit in 2015.
- ▶ Luke, who ranked tied for 20th in the FBS with 15 passes defended in 2014, was one of 11 players in the country with at least 11 PBU's and four interceptions. Luke turned in his best career performance in the victory over No. 14 Stanford (Oct. 4). Luke picked off two passes, the first two of his career, added a sack, forced fumble, pass breakup and four tackles.
- ▶ An experienced veteran in junior **Devin Butler** (23 tackles, one interception, one forced fumble, four pass breakups in 2014) provides incredible depth and flexibility for Notre Dame's defensive scheme as a whole. Butler started at cornerback at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28) in place of the injured Russell. Butler made three tackles and broke up a pass against the Cardinal.
- ▶ A pair of talented freshmen turned heads during preseason camp. **Nick Coleman** earned a place on the two-deep behind Luke. He made two tackles against Texas in his collegiate debut. **Shaun Crawford** was progressing towards a regular role in 2015 but was lost for the season to an injury suffered midway through preseason camp.

## SAFETY IN NUMBERS

- ▶ Much like all of Notre Dame's defensive units, the safety position features a glut of talented players waiting to help the team led by starters **Max Redfield** and **Elijah Shumate**.
- ▶ Redfield started 11 of 13 games a year ago. He finished second on the team, and first among defensive backs, in tackles. Redfield registered six tackles and his first career interception in the 31-0 shutout of Michigan. Redfield posted double-digit tackle games against North Carolina (10), No. 11 Arizona State (10) and No. 22 LSU (career-high 14).
- ▶ Shumate also started 11 contests in 2014. He moved into a starting role following the injury to **Austin Collinsworth** two days prior to the season-opening victory over Rice. Shumate led the Irish with a then career-best 10 tackles, an interception, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry in the 31-0 romp against Michigan (Sept. 6). He collected a career-best 13 tackles, including nine solo stops, at USC (Nov. 29).
- ▶ Among the tandem's 2015 highlights, Redfield matched his career high of 14 tackles at No. 12 Clemson (Oct. 3) while Shumate made his first interception of the year, while also adding a TFL, against Navy (Oct. 10). Redfield's first interception of the season came against USC (Oct. 17). Redfield made his first career sack in the win over Boston College (Nov. 21). Both Redfield and Shumate made 10 tackles at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28) with Shumate also adding a TFL.
- ▶ One of the team's most versatile talents, graduate **Matthias Farley** (53 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, four interceptions, one pass breakup in 2014) helps solidify the safety position while also maintaining the ability to play cornerback or nickelback.
- ▶ Farley's contributions over his career have been vastly under-appreciated. He has played in all 51 games and started 25 over the last three-plus seasons. Only LB **Jaylon Smith** (38), CB **KeiVarae Russell** (37) and DL **Sheldon Day** (31) have started more games for Notre Dame on the defensive side of the ball.

- ▶ Farley started 11 games at safety as a sophomore in 2012 on an Irish defense that helped Notre Dame reach the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game. He started eight games at safety in 2013 and four contests at nickel in 2014 while also playing a role on most of Notre Dame's special teams units.
- ▶ In 2014, Farley tied for the team lead in interceptions, ranked second in sacks, fifth in TFLs and fifth in tackles. He was one of only four players in the FBS – and just two defensive backs – with at least four interceptions and three and a half sacks.
- ▶ Farley earned the game ball following the win over Boston College for his stand-out special teams play. Farley stopped a fake punt attempt short of a first down, downed a punt at the BC six yard line and sealed the win by recovering an onside kick in the final minute.
- ▶ Sophomore **Drue Tranquill** (33 tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss, 0.5 sack, one interception, one fumble recovery, one blocked punt in 2014), who missed the spring recovering from a torn ACL suffered against Louisville (Nov. 22), played in 11 regular-season games and started three (Navy, Northwestern and Louisville). He was one of four true freshmen (Martini, Morgan and Trumbetti) to start on defense.
- ▶ Tranquill started against No. 14 Georgia Tech (Sept. 19) had played a tremendous first half in helping the Irish stunt the option, making four tackles, including two TFLs, and breaking up a pass. He was lost for the season due to a knee injury shortly before halftime, but was awarded with the game ball in the locker room following the Irish victory.
- ▶ Tranquill did play enough prior to his injury to earn a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-District team.
- ▶ The Irish gained some veteran experience at safety over the offseason with the addition of graduate **Avery Sebastian** following his graduation from California. Sebastian played in 32 career games for the Golden Bears and made six starts at safety. He recorded 96 career tackles, including 51 solo stops, three passes defended, two interceptions, two tackles for loss and one forced fumble. Unfortunately, Sebastian was injured in the season-opener against Texas and missed the rest of the season.
- ▶ Sebastian led Cal in tackles three times over his career, including a career-best 14 stops against Arizona State as a sophomore in 2012. He registered 10 tackles and an interception in the first half alone of the 2013 season opener versus Northwestern before an injury sidelined him the rest of the '13 campaign. Sebastian had 10 stops and a tackle for loss in a '12 meeting at Utah.

## FOUR SPECIAL TEAMS TOUCHDOWNS

- ▶ The Irish have scored four touchdowns this year on special teams. The Irish have not seen four special teams TD in a single season since 2000.
- ▶ The first special teams TD came at Virginia (Sept. 12) when the Irish faked a field goal and holder **DeShone Kizer** threw a seven-yard TD pass to **Durham Smythe**.
- ▶ Notre Dame's second special teams TD came on a 50-yard punt return by **C.J. Sanders** against UMass (Sept. 26).
- ▶ The third Irish special teams TD of 2015 came against USC (Oct. 17) when **Equanimeous St. Brown** blocked a punt and **Amir Carlisle** returned it five yards for a TD.
- ▶ Notre Dame's fourth special teams TD came on a 93-yard kickoff return by Sanders at Stanford (Nov. 28).

## SOME NEW FACES ON SPECIAL TEAMS

- ▶ The Irish have a new kicker and punter in 2015 after graduating two-year starter, **Kyle Brindza**.
- ▶ Freshman All-American **Justin Yoon** handles the field goal and extra point chores. Yoon grew up in Nashville, Tennessee but attended Milton Academy in Milton, Massachusetts where he would become the top kicking prospect in the nation as rated by 247Sports and No. 2 by ESPN.
- ▶ Yoon is the first freshman kicker for the Irish since **Nick Tausch** in 2009.
- ▶ As time in the first half expired against Navy on Oct. 10, Yoon hit a 52-yard field goal. The boot tied for the third-longest in school history, trailing only 53-yard field goals by **Dave Reeve** (1976 vs. Pittsburgh) and **Brindza** (2013 vs. Arizona State).
- ▶ Yoon's 52-yard field goal against Navy ties for the 19th-longest in the nation this fall and stands as the longest by a freshman in 2015.
- ▶ Yoon's 88.2% success rate on field goals ties for fifth nationally and leads all freshmen.
- ▶ Yoon has made each of his last 12 field goals, not missing since Sept. 12 at Virginia. It ranks as the fourth-longest streak in school history

### Most Consecutive Field Goals Made

Player (Years)	FGs
1. David Ruffer (2009-10)	23
2. Nick Tausch (2009)	14
3. Mike Johnston (1982)	13
4. <b>Justin Yoon (2015)</b>	<b>12</b>
5. John Carney (1984-85)	10

- ▶ Sophomore **Tyler Newsome** has taken over at punter after the strong-legged Georgian intently spent his freshman year as Brindza's understudy. He also handles kickoffs.
- ▶ Newsome ranks 24th in the nation with his 44.0-yard punting average. His 62-yard boot at Virginia on Sept. 12 was the longest punt for Notre Dame since **Geoff Price** also had a 62-yard boot on Sept. 9, 2006, against Penn State.
- ▶ Newsome established a school record for punting average (minimum five punts) by averaging 52.4 yards on his five boots against UMass. The previous mark of 51.9 had been set over seven punts by Price against Michigan in 2006.
- ▶ At Pitt (Nov. 7), three of Newsome's four punts went for at least 50 yards, helping the Irish win the field position battle on the day. In all, 18 of Newsome's 49 punts this year (36.7%) went for at least 50 yards.
- ▶ Shifty freshman **C.J. Sanders** has made an impact on special teams as he earned the punt return job with a strong preseason camp and took over the kickoff return chores midway through the Clemson game (Oct. 3).
- ▶ He returned a punt 50 yards for a touchdown against UMass (Sept. 26). Sanders also returned a kickoff 93 yards for TD at Stanford (Nov. 28).
- ▶ Sanders' momentum-swinging punt return TD late in the first half of the win over UMass on Sept. 26 marked Notre Dame's first punt return for a TD since **Golden Tate** ran one back 87 yards at Pitt in 2009. It marked the first punt return for a TD by the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium since **Tom Zbikowski** recorded a 52-yard TD against North Carolina in 2006. It was the first punt return for a TD by an Irish freshman since **Tim Simon** ran one back 72 yards at Army in 1973.
- ▶ At Stanford, Sanders had the first kickoff return for a TD since **George Atkinson III** returned one 96 yards for a TD against USC in 2011.
- ▶ Sanders joins **Allen Rossum** (1996) and **Vontez Duff** (2002) as the only Irish players to return both a punt and a kickoff for a TD in the same season.
- ▶ Against the Cardinal, Sanders tallied 182 kickoff return yards - third-best in a single game in school history behind only the 253 by **Paul Castner** against Kalamazoo in 1922 and **Raghib "Rocket" Ismail**'s 192 against Michigan in 1989.
- ▶ Sophomore **DeShone Kizer** is in his first season as the starting holder for placement kicks.
- ▶ The lone returning starting specialist is long snapper **Scott Daly**. The senior performed flawlessly in 2014 on 52 point-after attempts, 24 field-goal attempts and 51 punts and has continued his marksman-like snapping in 2015.

## 25 YEARS OF NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL ON NBC

- ▶ Notre Dame and the NBC Sports Group kicked off the 25th season of one of the most successful partnerships in sports, when the Irish played host to the Texas Longhorns on Sept. 5.
- ▶ NBC's coverage of Notre Dame's season opener against Texas on Sept. 5 was seen by an average of 4.1 million viewers, making it the most-watched season opening Notre Dame game on NBC in nine years - dating back to the 2006 opener against Penn State which drew 6.9 million viewers.
- ▶ NBC Sports Live Extra's digital coverage saw record numbers for the Texas game as 2.8 million live minutes were streamed to 56,000 unique viewers.

## NOTRE DAME ON NBC SPORTS NETWORK

- ▶ NBC Sports Network aired a series of documentary-style programs dedicated to the Irish, produced in conjunction with award-winning 3 Penny Films and Fighting Irish Media.
- ▶ The first episode of "Onward Notre Dame", titled "Prelude: 2015," made its debut on Monday, Aug. 31. Chronicling the team's preseason camp and an offseason trip taken by several student-athletes to South Africa, the program reaired on NBCSN at 4:30 p.m. EDT on Sept. 2.
- ▶ The second half-hour documentary this fall is titled "A Season Begins" and follows the team and quarterback **Malik Zaire** through preparations for the 2015 season opener against Texas. The show debuted on NBCSN at 7 p.m. EDT on Sept. 15 and repeated at 4:30 p.m. EDT on Sept. 17.
- ▶ "Onward Notre Dame: Mutual Respect" debuted at 6:30 p.m. EDT on Oct. 5, examining the unique history of the rivalry between Notre Dame and Navy who played that following Saturday to continue the nation's longest uninterrupted intersectional college football rivalry. The show repeated on NBCSN at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 7 and again at 2:30 p.m. EDT on Oct. 10, leading into NBCSN's live pregame coverage from inside Notre Dame Stadium.
- ▶ The 2015 Shamrock Series game against Boston College at Fenway Park was particularly special for head coach **Brian Kelly** who grew up in suburban Boston and attended Assumption College in near-by Worcester, Massachusetts. The final "Onward Notre Dame" installment chronicled Kelly's personal journey home, including a look back at his upbringing. It debuted on NBCSN at 4:30 p.m. EST on Nov. 18 and reaired on the network at 4:30 p.m. EST on Nov. 20 and also immediately following NBCSN's postgame coverage from Fenway Park on Nov. 21.
- ▶ NBCSN also showed highlights from the team's annual ECHOES gala awards show at 2:30 p.m. EST on Dec. 19 with a replay at 4:30 p.m. EST on Dec. 23.

**OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL POSTGAME SHOW**

- ▶ The Official Notre Dame Football Postgame Show will again be broadcast live following the conclusion of every Notre Dame game on News and Sports Radio WSBT 96.1 FM and 960 AM along with Sunny 101.5 FM and WatchND (WatchND.tv). The show is hosted by **Jack Nolan**, Irish All-American **Reggie Brooks** and a special former player guest host each week.

**OFFICIAL BRIAN KELLY RADIO SHOW**

- ▶ The **Brian Kelly** Radio Show aired live at 7:30 p.m. ET on Thursday night of most game weeks, ending Nov. 19. University of Notre Dame football fans could attend the show at O'Rourke's in Eddy Street Commons. It was video streamed live on WatchND at UND.com and broadcast live on WSBT 96.1 FM and 960 AM in South Bend. The show was heard later in the week on WXNT 1430 AM in Indianapolis, WJRW 1340 AM in Grand Rapids, KVCE 1160 AM in Dallas, KOMJ 1490 AM in Fremont/Omaha, Nebraska, SOCO in Colorado Springs and KASR 92.7 FM in Conway/Little Rock, Arkansas. The video of each show is archived on WatchND and an audio podcast of the show is available on both WatchND and iTunes.
- ▶ Hosted by **Jack Nolan**, "The Brian Kelly Radio Show" is a production of Fighting Irish Media.

**INSIDE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL WITH BRIAN KELLY**

- ▶ Taped on Sunday afternoons, "Inside Notre Dame Football" includes a recap of the previous week's contest, Notre Dame player features and more. The show can be seen locally Sunday evenings on WNDU-TV following the late local news. It will also re-air on WNDU-TV the following Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. as well as 90 minutes prior to kickoff of Notre Dame home games. All shows can also be viewed on WatchND at UND.com starting Monday of each week. Inside Notre Dame Football airs on a total of 39 affiliates worldwide reaching nearly 164 million households.

**IT'S SHOWTIME!**

- ▶ SHOWTIME Sports is embedded with the Irish for its series "A Season With Notre Dame Football" which will give America an inside view into the program all season long. The 30-minute shows aired every Tuesday night at 10 p.m. ET throughout the season and will also see a postseason edition to air after the Fiesta Bowl. The debut episode aired on Sept. 8.
- ▶ A TV crew of about a dozen people daily (swelling to upwards of 57 on game days) has been attached to the program since August 12 and has followed the team's coaches and players in football, academic, social and family settings showing the every-day live of the Guglielmino Athletic Complex's diverse denizens. Weekly episodes will feature the preparation for the previous Saturday's matchup, the intensity of the sidelines on game day and the rigors of balancing athletics with classwork during the grueling season.

**REMEMBERING FATHER TED**

- ▶ The Irish are wearing decals on the back of their helmets this year honoring Rev. **Theodore M. Hesburgh**, C.S.C. who passed away on Feb. 26, 2015, at the age of 97.
- ▶ The decals are a black circle with the name "Fr. Ted" in white letters and have adorned the uniforms of all Notre Dame athletic teams since the day after his passing. Notre Dame's coaches and sideline support staff are wearing similar "Fr. Ted" lapel pins on game days.
- ▶ Hesburgh served as the University's president from 1952-87, although his role in building Notre Dame into one of the nation's top universities is just a part of his distinguished legacy. Hesburgh served four Popes and nine Presidents, holding 16 presidential appointments, including serving as the chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He chaired the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics from 1990-2003. Hesburgh received the Medal of Freedom from President Lyndon Johnson in 1964, the same year in which he famously held hands and sang "We Shall Overcome" with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. during a civil rights rally at Chicago's Soldier Field.
- ▶ More information on Father Ted's extraordinary life is available online at [hesburgh.nd.edu](http://hesburgh.nd.edu).

**AWARD NAMED FOR JOE MOORE**

- ▶ Regarded as the best offensive line coach in modern college football history, former Irish assistant coach **Joe Moore** is the namesake of the Joe Moore Award which debuted in 2015.
- ▶ The only major college football award to honor a unit, the Joe Moore Award is presented to the nation's most outstanding offensive line.
- ▶ Best known for his stints at Pittsburgh (1977-85) and Notre Dame (1988-96), Moore died in 2003.
- ▶ The chairman of the Joe Moore Award voting committee is Notre Dame alumnus **Aaron Taylor**, the 1993 Lombardi Award winner and, later, a Super Bowl champion with the Green Bay Packers. The committee includes only people who have played or coached the position including all current Football Bowl Subdivision offensive line coaches.
- ▶ Notre Dame's offensive line was one of six finalists for the award in 2015.

**CAMPUS CROSSROADS PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY**

- ▶ Construction on the Campus Crossroads Project, a \$400 million project that will use the University of Notre Dame's iconic football stadium as a hub for new facilities supporting academic and student life initiatives, began on November 23, 2014, the day after the home finale against Louisville.
- ▶ The Campus Crossroads Project is the largest building project in the University's 172-year history, integrating the academy, student life and athletics with the construction of more than 750,000 square feet in three new buildings attached to the west, east and south sides of the University's iconic football stadium, at a projected cost of \$400 million.
- ▶ The plan features three new structures attached to and serving the stadium – a west building for student life services, including space for student organizations, a recreation center and career center; an east building for the anthropology and psychology departments and a digital media center; and a south building for the Department of Music and the Sacred Music at Notre Dame program. The east and west buildings also will include some 3,000 to 4,000 premium seats for the football stadium with supporting club amenities.
- ▶ The project also will enhance the football fan experience on game days. A variety of premium seating options – both indoor and outdoor and mostly club seats – will be available on three upper levels on the east and west sides. A hospitality area also is planned for the building on the south end of the stadium.
- ▶ The most visible change at Notre Dame Stadium will involve the addition of a video board at the south end of the venue, along with ribbon boards along the east and west sides of the stadium.
- ▶ More information about the project is available online at [crossroads.nd.edu](http://crossroads.nd.edu).

**NOTRE DAME FUTURE SCHEDULES**

- ▶ The following is Notre Dame's schedule for the 2016 season:

2016 Season		
Date	Opponent	Site
Sept. 3	at Texas	Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium (Austin, Texas)
Sept. 10	Nevada	Notre Dame Stadium (Notre Dame, Ind.)
Sept. 17	Michigan State	Notre Dame Stadium (Notre Dame, Ind.)
Sept. 24	Duke	Notre Dame Stadium (Notre Dame, Ind.)
Oct. 1	vs. Syracuse	MetLife Stadium (East Rutherford, N.J.)
Oct. 8	at NC State	Carter-Finley Stadium (Raleigh, N.C.)
Oct. 15	Stanford	Notre Dame Stadium (Notre Dame, Ind.)
Oct. 29	Miami (Fla.)	Notre Dame Stadium (Notre Dame, Ind.)
Nov. 5	vs. Navy	EverBank Field (Jacksonville, Fla.)
Nov. 12	vs. Army*	Alamodome (San Antonio, Texas)
Nov. 19	Virginia Tech	Notre Dame Stadium (Notre Dame, Ind.)
Nov. 26	at USC	Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (Los Angeles, Calif.)

\* Shamrock Series game

- ▶ Beyond 2016, the University has announced three other marquee home-and-home series.
- ▶ Notre Dame will play Georgia with the Bulldogs coming to Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 9, 2017 and the Irish going to Sanford Stadium to play "between the hedges" on Sept. 21, 2019.
- ▶ The Irish will face Ohio State in a future home-and-home series. Notre Dame will take on Ohio State on Sept. 3, 2022, at Ohio Stadium with the Buckeyes travelling to South Bend on Sept. 23, 2023.
- ▶ Notre Dame will take on Texas A&M in a home-and-home series. The Irish will face the Aggies on Aug. 31, 2024, in College Station. Texas A&M will play at Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 27, 2025.
- ▶ As a part of its 60-game, 12-year scheduling agreement with the Atlantic Coast Conference that runs through 2025, Notre Dame will play the following ACC foes. Specific dates have been announced through the 2019 season, along with the 2021 Florida State game.
  - ▶ **2017:** Home: North Carolina State (Oct. 28) and Wake Forest (Nov. 4). Away: Boston College (Sept. 16), North Carolina (Oct. 7) and Miami (Nov. 11).
  - ▶ **2018:** Home: Syracuse (Sept. 22), Pittsburgh (Oct. 20) and Florida State (Nov. 10). Away: Virginia Tech (Oct. 13) and Wake Forest (Nov. 17).
  - ▶ **2019:** Home: Virginia (Sept. 28), Virginia Tech (Nov. 2), Boston College (Nov. 23). Away: Louisville (Sept. 2/Labor Day), Georgia Tech (Oct. 19) and Duke (Nov. 9).
  - ▶ **2020:** Home: Clemson, Duke and Louisville. Away: Pittsburgh and Wake Forest.
  - ▶ **2021:** Home: Georgia Tech and North Carolina. Away: Florida State (Sept. 6/Labor Day), Virginia and Virginia Tech.
  - ▶ **2022:** Home: Boston College and Clemson. Away: North Carolina and Syracuse.
  - ▶ **2023:** Home: Pittsburgh and Wake Forest. Away: Clemson, Duke, Louisville and North Carolina State.
  - ▶ **2024:** Home: Florida State, Miami and Virginia. Away: Georgia Tech.
  - ▶ **2025:** Home: North Carolina State and Syracuse. Away: Boston College, Miami and Pittsburgh.
- ▶ The Irish also have confirmed a Sept. 30, 2017, home game against Miami (Ohio), a Sept. 8, 2018, home game against Ball State, and a Sept. 14, 2019, home game against New Mexico.
- ▶ Navy has announced that its Oct. 27, 2018, home game against the Irish will be played at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, California.





## NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART

### Notre Dame Offense

WR	2	***CHRIS BROWN	6-1 1/2	195	Sr./4
or	88	**Corey Robinson	6-4 1/2	215	Jr./3
WR	3	**Amir Carlisle	5-10	195	Gr./4
or	16	*Torii Hunter Jr.	6-0	195	Jr./2
LT	78	**RONNIE STANLEY	6-5 1/2	315	Sr./3
	70	Hunter Bivin	6-5 1/2	302	Jr./2
LG	56	Quenton Nelson	6-4 3/4	325	So./1
	62	Colin McGovern	6-4 1/2	315	Jr./2
C	72	***NICK MARTIN	6-4 1/2	301	Gr./4
	53	Sam Mustipher	6-2 3/4	305	So./1
RG	79	**STEVE ELMER	6-5 1/2	315	Jr./3
	60	John Montelus	6-4	320	Jr./2
RT	68	*Mike McGlinchey	6-7 1/2	310	Jr./2
	75	Mark Harrell	6-4	306	Sr./3
TE	13	*Tyler Luatua	6-2 1/2	255	So./2
or	82	Nic Weishar	6-4	241	So./1
or	18	**Chase Hounshell	6-4 1/2	255	Gr./4
or	10	Alizé Jones	6-4 1/2	240	Fr./1
or	80	*Durham Smythe	6-4 1/2	245	Jr./2
WR	7	**WILL FULLER	6-0	184	Jr./3
	15	Corey Holmes	6-0 1/2	184	So./2
QB	14	DeShone Kizer	6-4 1/4	230	So./1
	12	Brandon Wimbush	6-1	216	Fr./1
RB	20	*C.J. Prosise	6-0 1/2	220	Sr./3
or	33	Josh Adams	6-1 1/2	212	Fr./1
	34	Dexter Williams	5-11	200	Fr./1

### Notre Dame Special Teams

KO	85	Tyler Newsome	6-2 1/2	205	So./1
	19	Justin Yoon	5-9 3/4	185	Fr./1
PK	19	Justin Yoon	5-9 3/4	185	Fr./1
	43	John Chereson	5-9	178	Jr./2
P	85	Tyler Newsome	6-2 1/2	205	So./1
	42	Jeff Riney	5-9 3/4	165	Fr./1
LS	61	**Scott Daly	6-1 1/2	250	Sr./3
	99	*Hunter Smith	6-3	213	Sr./2
or	82	Nic Weishar	6-4	241	So./1

### Notre Dame Defense

DL	45	***ROMEO OKWARA	6-3 3/4	270	Sr./4
	98	*Andrew Trumbetti	6-3 1/2	260	So./2
DL	91	***SHELDON DAY	6-2	285	Sr./4
	55	Jonathan Bonner	6-3	275	So./1
DL	75	*Daniel Cage	6-0 3/4	315	So./2
or	99	Jerry Tillery	6-6 1/2	305	Fr./1
	94	**JARRON JONES	6-5 1/2	315	Sr./3
DL	90	*ISAAC ROCHELL	6-3 1/2	287	Jr./3
	93	Jay Hayes	6-3	285	So./2
LB	38	***JOE SCHMIDT	6-0 1/2	235	Gr./4
	5	*Nyles Morgan	6-0 3/4	240	So./2
or	59	**Jarrett Grace	6-4 1/2	253	Gr./4
LB	9	**JAYLON SMITH	6-2 1/4	240	Jr./3
	4	Te'von Coney	6-0 3/4	235	Fr./1
LB	17	**JAMES ONWUALU	6-1	232	Jr./3
	48	*Greer Martini	6-2 1/2	245	So./2
CB	12	*Devin Butler	6-0 1/2	200	Jr./3
or	21	Nick Watkins	6-0 1/4	200	So./2
or	24	Nick Coleman	5-11 1/2	185	Fr./1
S	10	**MAX REDFIELD	6-1	205	Jr./3
	41	***Matthias Farley	5-11	210	Gr./4
S	22	***ELIJAH SHUMATE	6-0	224	Sr./4
	29	*Nicky Baratti	6-1	210	Sr./3
CB	36	**COLE LUKE	5-11	193	Jr./3
	24	Nick Coleman	5-11 1/2	185	Fr./1

### Notre Dame Special Teams

HLD	14	DeShone Kizer	6-4 1/4	230	So./1
	4	Montgomery VanGorder	6-0 1/4	215	So./1
PR	9	C.J. Sanders	5-8	185	Fr./1
	7	**Will Fuller	6-0	184	Jr./3
KR	9	C.J. Sanders	5-8	185	Fr./1
or	3	**Amir Carlisle	5-10	195	Gr./4
or	33	Josh Adams	6-1 1/2	212	Fr./1

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\* Number of monograms earned

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NUMERICAL			ALPHABETICAL						
No.	Name	Pos.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Elg. <sup>^</sup>	Hometown/High School
2	***Brown, Chris	WR	33	Adams, Josh	RB	6-1 5/8	212	Fr./1	Warrington, PA/Central Bucks South
3	**Carlisle, Amir	WR	25	Allen, Travis	DB	6-0	180	Sr./4	Lansing, MI/Eastern
4	Coney, Te'von	LB	46	Anderson, Josh	RB	5-9	205	Sr./4	Chatsworth, CA/Notre Dame
4	VanGorder, Montgomery	QB	30	Barajas, Josh	LB	6-1 5/8	235	Fr./1	Valparaiso, IN/Andean
5	*Morgan, Nyles	LB	29	*Baratti, Nicky	S	6-1	210	Sr./3	Tomball, TX/Klein Oak
6	**Russell, KeiVarae	CB	71	Bars, Alex	OL	6-6	320	So./1	Nashville, TN/Montgomery Bell Academy
7	**Fuller, Will	WR	27	Bilal, Asmar	LB	6-2	215	Fr./1	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
8	*Zaire, Malik	QB	70	Bivin, Hunter	OL	6-5 1/2	302	Jr./2	Owensboro, KY/Apollo
8	Sebastian, Avery	S	92	*Blankenship, Grant	DL	6-4 3/4	273	So./2	The Colony, TX/The Colony
9	**Smith, Jaylon	LB	34	Bongiovi, Jesse	CB	5-9 1/2	194	Jr./2	Brooklyn, NY/Poly Prep
9	Sanders, C.J.	WR	55	Bonner, Jonathan	DL	6-3	275	So./1	Chesterfield, MO/Parkway Central
10	**Redfield, Max	S	81	Boykin, Miles	WR	6-3 5/8	225	Fr./1	Tinley Park, IL/Providence Catholic
10	Jones, Alizé	TE	11	Brent, Justin	WR/RB	6-1 1/2	220	So./2	Speedway, IN/Speedway
11	Brent, Justin	WR/RB	2	***Brown, Chris	WR	6-1 1/2	195	Sr./4	Hanahan, SC/Hanahan
12	*Butler, Devin	CB	32	Bryan, Cam	WR	6-2	207	Gr./4	Westwood, MA/Xaverian Brothers
12	Wimbush, Brandon	QB	63	Bush, Sam	OL	6-3 1/2	305	So./1	Newport Beach, CA/Mater Dei
13	*Luatua, Tyler	TE	12	*Butler, Devin	CB	6-0 1/2	200	Jr./3	Washington, DC/Gonzaga
14	Kizer, DeShone	QB	67	Byrne, Jimmy	OL	6-4	300	So./1	Cleveland, OH/St. Ignatius
14	Crawford, Shaun	DB	75	*Cage, Daniel	DL	6-0 3/4	315	So./2	Cincinnati, OH/Winton Woods
15	Holmes, Corey	WR	3	**Carlisle, Amir	WR	5-10	195	Gr./4	Santa Clara, CA/King's Academy
16	*Hunter Jr., Torii	WR	47	**Cavalaris, Connor	CB	5-11	195	Gr./4	Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest
17	**Onwualu, James	LB	87	Centlivre, Keenan	WR	6-5 1/2	214	So./1	Fort Wayne, IN/Bishop Dwenger
17	Henry, Nolan	QB	43	Chererson, John	K	5-9	178	Jr./2	Erie, PA/Cathedral Prep
18	**Hounshell, Chase	TE	24	Coleman, Nick	DB	5-11 1/2	185	Fr./1	Dayton, OH/Archbishop Alter
18	Williams, Mykelti	DB	4	Coney, Te'von	LB	6-0 3/4	235	Fr./1	Palm Beach Gardens, FL/Palm Beach Gardens
19	Yoon, Justin	K	40	Conrad, Kyle	LS	6-2	180	Fr./1	Katy, TX/Seven Lakes
19	Regan, Robert	QB	14	Crawford, Shaun	DB	5-8 1/2	180	Fr./1	Lakewood, OH/St. Edward
20	*Prosize, C.J.	RB	61	**Daly, Scott	LS	6-1 1/2	250	Sr./3	Downers Grove, IL/South
21	Watkins, Nick	CB	91	***Day, Sheldon	DL	6-2	285	Sr./4	Indianapolis, IN/Warren Central
22	***Shumate, Elijah	S	97	Dew-Treadway, Micah	DL	6-4	300	Fr./1	Bolingbrook, IL/Bolingbrook
23	*Tranquill, Drue	S	95	Dickerson, Marquis	DL	6-1 1/2	285	Jr./2	Marianna, AR/Lee
24	Coleman, Nick	DB	79	**Elmer, Steve	OL	6-5 1/2	315	Jr./3	Midland, MI/Midland
25	**Folston, Tarean	RB	41	***Farley, Matthias	S	5-11	210	Gr./4	Charlotte, NC/Christian
25	Allen, Travis	DB	54	Feist, Lincoln	DL	6-1 3/4	315	Fr./1	Rapid City, SD/St. Thomas More
26	White, Ashton	DB	28	Fertitta, Nicco	DB	5-8 1/4	185	Fr./1	Las Vegas, NV/Bishop Gorman
26	Webster, Austin	WR	35	Finke, Chris	DB	5-9 1/4	165	Fr./1	Kettering, OH/Archbishop Alter
27	Bilal, Asmar	LB	25	**Folston, Tarean	RB	5-9 1/2	214	Jr./3	Cocoa, FL/Cocoa
28	Fertitta, Nicco	DB	7	**Fuller, Will	WR	6-0	184	Jr./3	Philadelphia, PA/Roman Catholic
28	Ross, Austin	RB	59	**Grace, Jarrett	LB	6-2 1/2	253	Gr./4	Cincinnati, OH/Colerain
29	*Baratti, Nicky	S	35	Hammann, Grant	WR	5-11 3/4	192	So./1	Dyersville, IA/Beckman
29	Kohler, Sam	K	75	Harrell, Mark	OL	6-4	306	Sr./3	Charlotte, NC/Catholic
30	Barajas, Josh	LB	93	Hayes, Jay	DL	6-3	285	So./2	Brooklyn, NY/Poly Prep Country Day
31	**Turner, John	S	17	Henry, Nolan	QB	6-1	175	Fr./1	Vancouver, WA/Union
32	Bryan, Cam	WR	66	Hoge, Tristen	OL	6-4 1/4	300	Fr./1	Pocatello, ID/Highland
32	Ossello, Nick	S	15	Holmes, Corey	WR	6-0 1/2	184	So./2	Pembroke Pines, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas
33	Adams, Josh	RB	18	**Hounshell, Chase	TE	6-4 1/2	255	Gr./4	Kirtland, OH/Lake Catholic
34	Williams, Dexter	RB	37	Hunter, Omar	WR	5-9	195	Jr./2	Harlingen, TX/Harlingen
34	Bongiovi, Jesse	CB	16	*Hunter Jr., Torii	WR	6-0	195	Jr./2	Prosper, TX/Prosper
35	Finke, Chris	DB	49	Hutson, Brandon	LB	6-2 1/2	220	Fr./1	Battle Creek, MI/Harper Creek Community
35	Hammann, Grant	WR	10	Jones, Alizé	TE	6-4 1/2	240	Fr./1	Las Vegas, NV/Bishop Gorman
36	**Luke, Cole	CB	94	**Jones, Jarron	DL	6-5 1/2	315	Sr./3	Rochester, NY/Aquinas Institute
37	Hunter, Omar	WR	64	Kilander, Ryan	DL	5-11 3/4	310	So./1	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA/Santa Margarita
38	***Schmidt, Joe	LB	14	Kizer, DeShone	QB	6-4 1/4	230	So./1	Toledo, OH/Central Catholic
39	Recker, Drew	S	29	Kohler, Sam	K	6-0	175	So./1	Lincoln, NE/East
40	Murphy, Kier	LB	13	*Luatua, Tyler	TE	6-2 1/2	255	So./2	Paramount, CA/La Mirada
40	Conrad, Kyle	LS	36	**Luke, Cole	CB	5-11	193	Jr./3	Chandler, AZ/Hamilton
41	***Farley, Matthias	S	72	***Martin, Nick	C	6-4 1/2	301	Gr./4	Indianapolis, IN/Bishop Chatard
42	Riney, Jeff	K/P	48	*Martini, Greer	LB	6-2 1/2	245	So./2	Cary, NC/Woodberry Forest (VA)
42	Thompson, Jimmy	LB	89	*Matuska, Jacob	DL	6-4 1/2	295	Jr./2	Columbus, OH/Bishop Hartley
43	Chererson, John	K	87	Mazza, Patrick	DL	6-7 1/2	277	Sr./2	Glen Ellyn, IL/Glenbard West
44	Randolph, Doug	DL	68	*McGlinchey, Mike	OL	6-7 1/2	310	Jr./2	Philadelphia, PA/William Penn Charter
45	***Okwara, Romeo	DL	62	McGovern, Colin	OL	6-4 1/2	315	Jr./2	New Lenox, IL/Lincoln-Way West
46	Anderson, Josh	RB	46	McOsker, Eamon	S	5-11 1/2	205	Sr./3	San Pedro, CA/Loyola
46	McOsker, Eamon	S	96	Mokwuah, Pete	DL	6-2 3/4	317	So./1	Staten Island, NY/St. Joseph by-the-Sea

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Elg. <sup>^</sup>	Hometown/High School	No.	Name	Pos.
60	Montelus, John	OL	6-4	320	Jr./2	Everett, MA/Everett	47	**Cavalaris, Connor	CB
5	*Morgan, Nyles	LB	6-0 3/4	240	So./2	Crete, IL/Crete-Monee	48	*Martini, Greer	LB
40	Murphy, Kier	LB	6-0	210	Fr./1	Rock Island, IL/Alleman	49	Hutson, Brandon	LB
53	Mustipher, Sam	OL	6-2 1/4	305	So./1	Olney, MD/Good Counsel	49	Ross, Bailey	RB
56	Nelson, Quenton	OL	6-4 3/4	325	So./1	Holmdel, NJ/Red Bank Catholic	51	Spruell, Devyn	LB
85	Newsome, Tyler	P/K	6-2 1/2	205	So./1	Carrollton, GA/Carrollton	53	Mustipher, Sam	OL
45	***Okwara, Romeo	DL	6-3 3/4	270	Sr./4	Charlotte, NC/Ardrey Kell	54	Feist, Lincoln	DL
17	**Onwualu, James	LB	6-1	232	Jr./3	Saint Paul, MN/Cretin-Derham Hall	55	Bonner, Jonathan	DL
32	Ossello, Nick	S	6-1 3/4	220	Gr./4	Wheat Ridge, CO/Wheat Ridge	56	Nelson, Quenton	OL
20	*Prosize, C.J.	RB	6-0 1/2	220	Sr./3	Petersburg, VA/Woodberry Forest	57	Ruhland, Trevor	OL
44	Randolph, Doug	DL	6-2	255	Jr./2	Richmond, VA/Woodberry Forest	58	Taylor, Elijah	DL
39	Recker, Drew	S	5-11	205	Jr./2	Lindenhurst, IL/Lakes	59	**Grace, Jarrett	LB
10	**Redfield, Max	S	6-1	205	Jr./3	Mission Viejo, CA/Mission Viejo	60	Montelus, John	OL
19	Regan, Robert	QB	6-2	200	Fr./1	Darien, IL/Hinsdale South	61	**Daly, Scott	LS
42	Riney, Jeff	K/P	5-9 3/4	165	Fr./1	Katy, TX/Seven Lakes	62	McGovern, Colin	OL
88	**Robinson, Corey	WR	6-4 1/2	215	Jr./3	San Antonio, TX/San Antonio Christian	63	Bush, Sam	OL
90	**Rochell, Isaac	DL	6-3 1/2	287	Jr./3	McDonough, GA/Eagle's Landing Christian	64	Kilander, Ryan	DL
28	Ross, Austin	RB	5-10	206	Jr./3	Conyers, GA/Morgan County	66	Hoge, Tristen	OL
49	Ross, Bailey	RB	5-10	202	Jr./3	Conyers, GA/Morgan County	67	Byrne, Jimmy	OL
57	Ruhland, Trevor	OL	6-3 1/4	292	Fr./1	Cary, IL/Cary-Grove Community	68	*McGlinchey, Mike	OL
6	**Russell, KeiVarae	CB	5-11	196	Sr./3	Everett, WA/Mariner	70	Bivin, Hunter	OL
86	St. Brown, Equanimeous	WR	6-4	205	Fr./1	Anaheim, CA/Servite	71	Bars, Alex	OL
9	Sanders, C.J.	WR	5-8	185	Fr./1	Granada Hills, CA/Notre Dame	72	***Martin, Nick	C
38	***Schmidt, Joe	LB	6-0 1/2	235	Gr./4	Orange, CA/Mater Dei	75	*Cage, Daniel	DL
8	Sebastian, Avery	S	5-10	200	Gr./4	McDonough, GA/Eagle's Landing Christian	75	Harrell, Mark	OL
89	Sheridan, Buster	WR	6-3	199	Jr./2	Chicago, IL/Mount Carmel	77	Tiassum, Brandon	DL
22	***Shumate, Elijah	S	6-0	224	Sr./4	East Orange, NJ/Don Bosco Prep	78	**Stanley, Ronnie	OL
99	*Smith, Hunter	H/LS	6-3	213	Sr./2	Raleigh, NC/Cardinal Gibbons	79	**Elmer, Steve	OL
9	**Smith, Jaylon	LB	6-2 1/4	240	Jr./3	Fort Wayne, IN/Bishop Luers	80	*Smythe, Durham	TE
80	*Smythe, Durham	TE	6-4 1/2	245	Jr./2	Belton, TX/Belton	81	Boykin, Miles	WR
51	Spruell, Devyn	LB	6-1 1/4	220	Fr./1	Warren, NJ/Watchung Hills	82	Weishar, Nic	TE
78	**Stanley, Ronnie	OL	6-5 1/2	315	Sr./3	Las Vegas, NV/Bishop Gorman	84	Suttman, Ben	TE
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58	Taylor, Elijah	DL	6-2 3/4	285	Fr./1	Cincinnati, OH/Moeller	86	St. Brown, Equanimeous	WR
77	Tiassum, Brandon	DL	6-3 1/2	302	Fr./1	Indianapolis, IN/Park Tudor	87	Centlivre, Keenan	WR
99	Tillery, Jerry	DL	6-6 1/2	305	Fr./1	Shreveport, LA/Evangel Christian Academy	87	Mazza, Patrick	DL
42	Thompson, Jimmy	LB	6-0	210	Fr./1	Hinsdale, IL/Central	88	**Robinson, Corey	WR
23	*Tranquill, Drue	S	6-1 1/2	225	So./2	Fort Wayne, IN/Carroll	89	*Matuska, Jacob	DL
98	*Trumbetti, Andrew	DL	6-3 1/2	260	So./2	Demarest, NJ/Northern Valley Regional	89	Sheridan, Buster	WR
31	**Turner, John	S	6-0 1/2	220	Sr./3	Indianapolis, IN/Cathedral	90	**Rochell, Isaac	DL
4	VanGorder, Montgomery	QB	6-0 1/4	215	So./1	Buford, GA/Buford	91	***Day, Sheldon	DL
21	Watkins, Nick	CB	6-0 1/4	200	So./2	DeSoto, TX/Bishop Dunne	92	*Blankenship, Grant	DL
26	Webster, Austin	WR	5-11 1/4	195	So./1	Beverly Hills, CA/Windward	93	Hayes, Jay	DL
82	Weishar, Nic	TE	6-4	241	So./1	Midlothian, IL/Marist	94	**Jones, Jarron	DL
26	White, Ashton	DB	5-10 3/4	182	Fr./1	Clinton, MD/Bishop McNamara	95	Dickerson, Marquis	DL
34	Williams, Dexter	RB	5-10 3/4	200	Fr./1	Winter Garden, FL/West Orange	96	Mokwuah, Pete	DL
18	Williams, Mykelti	DB	5-10 3/4	200	Fr./1	Indianapolis, IN/Warren Central	97	Dew-Treadway, Micah	DL
12	Wimbush, Brandon	QB	6-1	216	Fr./1	Teaneck, NJ/St. Peter's Prep	98	*Trumbetti, Andrew	DL
19	Yoon, Justin	K	5-9 3/4	185	Fr./1	Nashville, TN/Milton Academy (MA)	99	*Smith, Hunter	H/LS
8	*Zaire, Malik	QB	6-0	222	Jr./2	Kettering, OH/Archbishop Alter	99	Tillery, Jerry	DL

<sup>^</sup> Class (academic year)/Eligibility (athletic season)

\* Number of monograms earned

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Baratti, Nicky – buh-RAH-tee  
 Bilal, Asmar – bill-LAWL, az-MAR  
 Bivin, Hunter – biv-un  
 Bongiovi, Jesse – bon-JOE-Vee  
 Carlisle, Amir – ah-MEER  
 Cavalaris, Connor – cav-UH-Lair-us  
 Centlivre, Keenan – CENT-liver  
 Chereson, John – chair-UH-son

Coney, Te'veon – tay-von  
 Feist, Lincoln – fyst  
 Fertitta, Nicco – fur-TEE-tah, KNEE-coh  
 Finke, Chris – fink  
 Folston, Tarean – TAR-ee-an  
 Hammann, Grant – ham-in  
 Harrell, Mark – HAIR-el  
 Hoge, Tristen – hodge  
 Jones, Alizé – al-Lih-zaye  
 Jones, Jarron – juh-RON

Luatva, Tyler – lou-UH-two-Uh  
 Matuska, Jacob – muh-TUSK-uh  
 McGlinchey, Mike – muh-GLINCH-ee  
 McGovern, Colin – muh-GUV-earn  
 Mokwuah, Peter – mock-wuh  
 Montelus, John – MONT-uh-luss  
 Murphy, Kier – keer  
 Okwara, Romeo – oak-WAR-uh  
 Onwualu, James – on-WALL-ew  
 Ossello, Nick – oh-sell-oh

Prosize, C.J. – PRO-cise (like precisely)  
 Regan, Robert – ray-gan  
 Riney, Jeff – rinny  
 Russell, KeiVarae – key-var-eee  
 St. Brown, Equanimeous – eck-wah-nihm-ee-ous  
 Spruell, Devyn – spru-well  
 Tiassum, Brandon – tee-ah-sum  
 Williams, Mykelti – mih-kell-tee  
 Weishar, Nic – wish-err  
 Zaire, Malik – zy-EAR, muh-LEEK



THE LAST TIME

**NOTRE DAME**

**Rushing**

Had 400 or more yards: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (457)  
 Had 300 or more yards: ..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 2012 (376)  
 Had 70 or more rushing attempts: ..... vs. Michigan State, 1991 (76)  
 Had 60 or more rushing attempts: ..... vs. Navy, 2007 (63)  
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (51)  
 Had eight or more rush TDs: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 1965 (9)  
 Had seven rush TDs: ..... vs. Navy, 2011 (7)  
 Had six rush TDs: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (6)  
 Had five rush TDs: ..... vs. Miami (Fla.), 2012 (5)  
 Had four rush TDs: ..... vs. Navy, 2015 (4)  
 Had two players with 100 rush yards in a game: ..... at Stanford, 2015  
 (Josh Adams 168, DeShone Kizer 128)

**Passing**

Had 500 or more yards: ..... at USC, 1970 (526)  
 Had 400-499 yards: ..... at Arizona State, 2014 (446)  
 Had 300-399 yards: ..... vs. Boston College, 2015 (324)  
 Had 50 or more pass attempts: ..... at Florida State, 2014 (52)  
 Had 40-49 pass attempts: ..... vs. Northwestern, 2014 (40)  
 Had 30-39 pass attempts: ..... vs. Boston College, 2015 (39)  
 Had 35-39 pass completions: ..... at Clemson, 2015 (35)  
 Had 30-34 pass completions: ..... at Florida State, 2014 (31)  
 Had 25-29 pass completions: ..... vs. Purdue, 2014 (25)  
 Had six or more passing TDs: ..... vs. BYU, 2005 (6)  
 Had five or more passing TDs: ..... at Pittsburgh, 2015 (5)  
 Had four or more passing TDs: ..... vs. Syracuse, 2014 (4)  
 Had three or more passing TDs: ..... at Virginia, 2015 (3)  
 Had five or more passes intercepted: ..... vs. USC, 1967 (7)  
 Had four or more passes intercepted: ..... at Arizona State, 2014 (4)  
 Had three or more passes intercepted: ..... vs. Boston College, 2015 (3)

**Receiving**

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game: ..... vs. Boston College, 2015 (Chris Brown - 104, Amir Carlisle - 101)  
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game: ..... at Pittsburgh, 2015 (Will Fuller - 152)  
 Had two players with 10 catches in a game: ..... vs. BYU, 2005 (Maurice Stovall - 14, Jeff Samardzija - 10)

**Combination Offense**

Had a 300-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game: ..... vs. Navy, 2014 (Everett Golson - 315, Tarean Folston - 149)  
 Had a 200-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in a game: ..... at Stanford, 2015 (DeShone Kizer - 234, Josh Adams - 168 & Kizer - 128, Will Fuller - 136)  
 Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game: ..... at Stanford, 2015 (DeShone Kizer - 234, Josh Adams - 168 & Kizer - 128)  
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game: ..... at Stanford, 2015 (Will Fuller - 136; Josh Adams - 168 & Kizer - 128)

**Total Offense**

Had 600 or more yards total offense: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (681)  
 Had 500-599 yards total offense: ..... at Stanford, 2015 (533)  
 Had 400-499 yards total offense: ..... vs. Boston College, 2015 (447)  
 Had 100 or more plays total offense: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 2012 (104)  
 Had 85-99 plays total offense: ..... at Florida State, 2014 (87)  
 Had 75-84 plays total offense: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (79)

**Scoring**

Scored 60 or more points: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (62)  
 Scored 50-59 points: ..... vs. North Carolina, 2014 (50)  
 Scored 40-49 points: ..... at Pittsburgh, 2015 (42)  
 Scored 30-39 points: ..... at Stanford, 2015 (36)  
 Scored a two-point conversion: ..... at Virginia, 2015

Allowed 60 or more points: ..... Never  
 Allowed 50-59 points: ..... at Arizona State, 2014 (55)  
 Allowed 40-49 points: ..... at USC, 2014 (49)  
 Allowed 30-39 points: ..... at Stanford, 2015 (38)  
 Was held scoreless: ..... at Boston College, 2008 (17-0)  
 Was held scoreless at home: ..... USC, 2007 (38-0)  
 Was held scoreless on the road: ..... at Boston College, 2008 (17-0)  
 Was held without offensive touchdown: ..... at USC, 2008 (38-3)  
 Was held without offensive touchdown on the road: ..... at USC, 2008 (38-3)  
 Was held without offensive touchdown at home: ..... at USC, 2008 (38-3)  
 Held opponent scoreless: ..... vs. Michigan, 2014 (31-0)  
 Held opponent scoreless at home: ..... vs. Michigan, 2014 (31-0)  
 Held opponent scoreless on the road: ..... at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)  
 Held opponent without offensive touchdown: ..... vs. Texas, 2015 (38-3)  
 Held opponent without offensive touchdown on the road: ..... at Boston College, 2012 (21-6)  
 Held opponent without offensive touchdown at home: ..... vs. Texas, 2015 (38-3)  
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site: ..... vs. Maryland (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)  
 Held two or more opponents scoreless in a season: ..... 2002 vs. Maryland (22-0) vs. Rutgers (42-0)  
 Held three or more opponents scoreless in a season: ..... 1976 vs. Purdue (23-0) at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)  
 Held four or more 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 or more 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 or more 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: ..... vs. Texas, 2015 (Josh Adams - 2, Will Fuller - 2)

**Turnovers**

Did not commit a turnover: ..... vs. Wake Forest, 2015 (0)  
 Committed six or more turnovers: ..... vs. Navy, 1984 (6)  
 Committed five turnovers: ..... vs. Boston College, 2015 (5)  
 Lost four or more fumbles: ..... vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)  
 Lost three fumbles: ..... at Clemson, 2015 (3)  
 Recorded six or more takeaways: ..... vs. Michigan, 2012 (6)  
 Recorded five takeaways: ..... vs. Boston College, 2009 (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: ..... vs. Wake Forest, 2015 (1)  
 (Andrew Trumbetti - 28 yards)  
 Returned a fumble for a TD: ..... vs. Northwestern, 2012 (1)  
 (Austin Collinsworth - 32 yards)

**Defense**

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards: ..... at Florida State, 2014 (50)  
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards: ..... vs. Boston College, 2015 (88)  
 Held opponent to 101-200 passing yards: ..... at Temple, 2015 (188)  
 Held opponent to 201-300 yards total offense: ..... at Temple, 2015 (295)  
 Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense: ..... vs. Texas (163)  
 Intercepted five or more passes: ..... vs. Michigan, 2012 (5)  
 Intercepted four passes: ..... vs. Rutgers (Pinstripe Bowl), 2013 (4)  
 Intercepted three passes: ..... vs. Michigan, 2014 (3)  
 Scored a safety: ..... at Stanford, 2003  
 Recorded nine or more sacks: ..... vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)  
 Recorded eight sacks: ..... vs. Hawai'i (Hawai'i Bowl), 2008 (8)  
 Recorded seven sacks: ..... at Stanford, 2005 (7)  
 Recorded six sacks: ..... vs. Arizona State, 2013 (6)  
 Recorded five sacks: ..... at Boston College, 2012 (5)  
 Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs: ..... vs. Texas, 2015 (8)

## THE LAST TIME

### Special Teams

Returned a punt for a TD: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (C.J. Sanders, 50 yards)  
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD: ..... vs. USC, 2015 (Amir Carlisle, 5 yards)  
 Returned a kickoff for a TD: ..... at Stanford, 2015 (C.J. Sanders, 93 yards)  
 Returned a blocked FG for a TD ..... at Air Force, 2006 (Terrail Lambert, 76 yards)  
 Blocked a punt: ..... vs. USC, 2015 (Equinameous St. Brown)  
 Punted 10 or more times: ..... USC, 2007 (10)  
 Did not punt: ..... vs. Navy, 2013  
 Blocked a field goal: ..... vs. LSU (Music City Bowl), 2014 (Isaac Rochell)  
 Had a field goal blocked: ..... vs. Navy, 2014  
 Blocked a PAT kick: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (Romeo Okwara)  
 Scored on a blocked PAT attempt: ..... vs. Texas, 1995  
 Missed a kicking PAT: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015  
 Had a kicking PAT blocked: ..... vs. Northwestern, 2014  
 Opponent scored on a blocked PAT attempt: ..... vs. Northwestern, 2014  
 Had a punt blocked: ..... vs. Michigan State, 2013

### Miscellaneous

Had 30 or more first downs: ..... vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (30)  
 Had 25-29 first downs: ..... vs. Navy, 2015 (27)  
 Had 20-24 first downs: ..... at Stanford, 2015 (24)  
 Was not penalized: ..... at LSU, 1997  
 Had 10 or more penalties: ..... North Carolina, 2014 (10)  
 Had 120 or more yards in penalties: ..... at Rutgers, 2000 (120)  
 Had 40 minutes or more of possession time: ..... vs. Washington State, 2009 (40:54)  
 Had 35-40 minutes of possession time: ..... vs. Texas, 2015 (39:10)  
 Was involved in a tie game: ..... at USC, 1994 (17-17)  
 Was involved in an overtime game: ..... vs. Northwestern, 2014 (40-43)  
 Was involved in a double overtime game: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 2012 (29-26)  
 Was involved in a triple overtime game: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 2012 (29-26)  
 Was involved in a quadruple overtime game: ..... vs. Pittsburgh, 2008 (33-36)

### A NOTRE DAME PLAYER

**Rushing**  
 Rushed for 250-299 yards: ..... Julius Jones at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)  
 Rushed for 200-249 yards: ..... Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)  
 Rushed for 175-199 yards: ..... C.J. Proisie vs. Georgia Tech, 2015 (198)  
 Rushed for 150-174 yards: ..... Josh Adams at Stanford, 2015 (168)  
 Rushed for 125-149 yards: ..... DeShone Kizer at Stanford, 2015 (128)  
 Rushed for 100-124 yards: ..... Tarean Folston vs. Northwestern, 2014 (106)  
 Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards: ..... DeShone Kizer at Stanford, 2015 (128)  
 Rushed 40 or more times: ..... Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)  
 Rushed 35-39 times: ..... Julius Jones vs. BYU, 2003 (35)  
 Rushed 30-34 times: ..... James Aldridge vs. Navy, 2007 (32)  
 Rushed 25-29 times: ..... Cierre Wood vs. Boston College, 2011 (26)  
 Rushed for four or more TDs: ..... Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)  
 Rushed for three TDs: ..... C.J. Proisie vs. Navy, 2015 (3)  
 Rushed for two TDs: ..... DeShone Kizer vs. Wake Forest, 2015 (2)  
 Had a run of 90 yards or more: ..... Josh Adams vs. Wake Forest, 2015 (98)  
 Had a run of 80-89 yards: ..... Robert Farmer vs. Boston College, 1996 (91)  
 Had a run of 70-79 yards: ..... DeShone Kizer at Temple, 2015 (79)  
 Had a run of 60-69 yards: ..... Josh Adams at Stanford, 2015 (62)  
 Had a run of 50-59 yards: ..... Brandon Wimbush vs. Massachusetts, 2015 (58)

### Passing

Passed for 500 or more yards: ..... Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)  
 Passed for 400-499 yards: ..... Everett Golson at Arizona State, 2014 (446)  
 Passed for 300-399 yards: ..... DeShone Kizer vs. Boston College, 2015 (324)  
 Attempted 50 or more passes: ..... Everett Golson at Florida State, 2014 (52)  
 Attempted 40-49 passes: ..... Everett Golson vs. Northwestern, 2014 (40)  
 Attempted 30-39 passes: ..... DeShone Kizer vs. Boston College, 2015 (39)  
 Completed 30 or more passes: ..... Everett Golson at Florida State, 2014 (31)  
 Completed 20-29 passes: ..... DeShone Kizer vs. Boston College, 2015 (21)  
 Threw six TDs: ..... Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (6)

Threw five or more TDs: ..... DeShone Kizer at Pittsburgh, 2015 (5)  
 Threw four or more TDs: ..... Everett Golson vs. Syracuse, 2014 (4)  
 Threw three or more TDs: ..... Malik Zaire vs. Texas, 2015 (3)  
 Threw five or more interceptions: ..... Terry Hanratty vs. USC, 1967 (5)  
 Threw four interceptions: ..... Everett Golson at Arizona State, 2014 (4)  
 Threw three interceptions: ..... Tommy Rees vs. Boston College, 2015 (3)  
 Completed a pass of 90 yards or more: ..... Dayne Crist vs. Michigan, 2010 (95)  
 Completed a pass of 80-89 yards: ..... Tommy Rees at Pittsburgh, 2013 (80)  
 Completed a pass of 70-79 yards: ..... DeShone Kizer at Stanford, 2015 (73)  
 Completed a pass of 60-69 yards: ..... Malik Zaire vs. Texas, 2015 (66)  
 Completed a pass of 50-59 yards: ..... DeShone Kizer at Clemson, 2015 (56)

### Receiving

Caught 15 or more passes: ..... Never  
 Caught 10-14 passes: ..... Michael Floyd vs. Boston College, 2011 (10)  
 Caught seven to nine passes: ..... Amir Carlisle vs. Boston College, 2015 (7)  
 Had 200 or more yards receiving: ..... Golden Tate at Stanford, 2009 (201)  
 Had 175-199 yards receiving: ..... Michael Floyd vs. Nevada, 2009 (189)  
 Had 150-174 yards receiving: ..... Will Fuller at Pittsburgh, 2015 (152)  
 Had 100-149 yards receiving: ..... Will Fuller at Stanford, 2015 (136)  
 Caught four or more TDs: ..... Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, 2005 (4)  
 Caught three TDs: ..... Will Fuller at Pittsburgh, 2015 (3)  
 Caught two TDs: ..... Will Fuller at Virginia, 2015 (2)

### Total Offense

Had 500 or more yards total offense: ..... Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)  
 Had 400-499 yards total offense: ..... DeShone Kizer at Temple, 2015 (432)  
 Had 100 yards both passing and rushing: ..... DeShone Kizer at Temple, 2015 (299 passing, 143 rushing)

### Scoring

Accounted for six or more touchdowns: ..... DeShone Kizer at Pittsburgh, 2015 (1 rushing, 5 passing)  
 Accounted for five touchdowns: ..... Everett Golson vs. Rice, 2014 (3 rushing, 2 passing)  
 Accounted for four touchdowns: ..... Everett Golson vs. Northwestern, 2014 (1 rushing, 3 passing)  
 Accounted for three touchdowns: ..... DeShone Kizer at Temple, 2015 (2 rushing, 1 passing)

### Defense

Intercepted three or more passes: ..... Harrison Smith vs. Miami (Fla.), 2010 (3)  
 Intercepted two passes: ..... Cole Luke vs. Stanford, 2014 (2)  
 Recovered three or more fumbles: ..... Never  
 Forced two fumbles: ..... Maurice Crum, Jr. at UCLA, 2007 (2)  
 Recovered two fumbles: ..... Brian Smith vs. Michigan, 2008 (2)  
 Recorded 20 or more tackles: ..... Manti Te'o vs. Stanford, 2010 (21)  
 Recorded 15-20 tackles: ..... Jaylon Smith at Stanford, 2015 (15)  
 Recorded 10-14 tackles: ..... Elijah Shumate and Max Redfield at Stanford, 2015 (10)  
 Recorded 4.0 or more sacks: ..... Victor Abiamiri at Stanford, 2005 (4.0)  
 Recorded 3.0-3.5 sacks: ..... Romeo Okwara vs. Wake Forest, 2015 (3.0)  
 Recorded 2.0-2.5 sacks: ..... Romeo Okwara at Pittsburgh, 2015 (2.0)

### Special Teams

Scored 17 or more points kicking: ..... Kyle Brindza vs. Rutgers (Pinstripe Bowl), 2013 (17)  
 Scored 15-16 points kicking: ..... Kyle Brindza at USC, 2012 (16)  
 Scored 10-14 points kicking: ..... Justin Yoon at Stanford, 2015 (12)  
 Kicked five or more field goals: ..... Kyle Brindza vs. Rutgers (Pinstripe Bowl), 2013 (5)  
 Kicked four field goals: ..... Brandon Walker vs. Pittsburgh, 2008 (4)  
 Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards: ..... Never  
 Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards: ..... Justin Yoon vs. Navy, 2015 (52)  
 Kicked a punt 70 or more yards: ..... Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 (71)  
 Kicked a punt 60-69 yards: ..... Tyler Newsome at Virginia, 2015 (62)  
 Punted 10 or more times: ..... Geoff Price vs. USC, 2007 (10)  
 Totaled 175 or more kickoff return yards: ..... C.J. Sanders at Stanford, 2015 (182)  
 Totaled 100 or more punt return yards: ..... Golden Tate at Pittsburgh, 2009 (101)

THE LAST TIME

**AN OPPOSING TEAM**

**Rushing**

Had 400 or more yards: ..... Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)  
 Had 300-399 yards: ..... Navy, 2015 (318)  
 Had 200-299 yards: ..... Boston College, 2015 (214)  
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts: ..... USC, 2014 (53)  
 Had five or more rush TDs: ..... USC, 2005 (5)  
 Had four rush TDs: ..... Navy, 2013 (4)  
 Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game: ..... BYU, 2013  
 (Taysom Hill - 101, Paul Lasike - 101)

**Passing**

Had 400 or more yards: ..... USC, 2015 (440)  
 Had 300-399 yards: ..... Massachusetts, 2015 (302)  
 Had 60 or more pass attempts: ..... Tennessee, 1990 (60)  
 Had 50-59 pass attempts: ..... Oklahoma, 2012 (52)  
 Had 40-49 pass attempts: ..... USC, 2015 (47)  
 Had 30 or more pass completions: ..... USC, 2015 (31)  
 Had five or more passing TDs: ..... USC, 2014 (6)  
 Had four passing TDs: ..... Stanford, 2015 (4)  
 Had three passing TDs: ..... USC, 2015 (3)

**Receiving**

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game: ..... USC, 2009  
 (Anthony McCoy 153, Damien Williams 108)

**Total Offense**

Had 600 or more yards total offense: ..... Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (617)  
 Had 500-599 yards total offense: ..... USC, 2015 (590)  
 Had 400-499 yards total offense: ..... Stanford, 2015 (422)  
 Had 90 or more plays: ..... USC, 2014 (93)  
 Had 80-89 plays: ..... North Carolina, 2014 (84)  
 Had 75-79 plays: ..... USC, 2015 (77)

**Scoring**

Scored 60 or more points: ..... Never  
 Scored 50-59 points: ..... Arizona State, 2014 (55)  
 Scored 40-49 points: ..... USC, 2014 (49)  
 Scored 30-39 points: ..... Stanford, 2015 (38)  
 Scored a two-point conversion: ..... Georgia Tech, 2015

**Turnovers**

Did not commit a turnover: ..... Stanford, 2015  
 Had three or more fumbles lost: ..... Navy, 2012 (3)  
 Intercepted five or more passes: ..... USC, 1967 (7)  
 Intercepted four passes: ..... Arizona State, 2014 (4)  
 Intercepted three passes: ..... Boston College, 2015  
 Returned an interception for a TD: ..... Arizona State (2), 2014  
 (Lloyd Carrington - 58 yards/Damarius Randall - 59 yards)  
 Returned a fumble for a TD: ..... Pittsburgh, 2015  
 (Ejuan Price - 32 yards)

**Defense**

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs: ..... USC, 2008 (4)  
 Scored a safety: ..... Purdue, 2010  
 Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards: ..... Arizona State, 2014 (41)  
 Held ND to 101-200 passing yards: ..... Wake Forest, 2015 (111)  
 Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards: ..... UCLA, 2007 (94)  
 Held ND to 201-300 yards total offense: ..... Wake Forest, 2015 (282)  
 Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense: ..... USC, 2007 (165)

**Special Teams**

Returned a punt for a TD: ..... Tulsa, 2010 (Damaris Johnson - 59 yards)  
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD: ..... Michigan State, 2004  
 (Jerramy Scott - 0 yards)  
 Returned a kickoff for a TD: ..... LSU (Music City Bowl), 2014 (Leonard Fournette - 100 yards)  
 Punted 10 or more times: ..... Boston College, 2010 (11)  
 Did not punt: ..... Miami (Fla.), 1985  
 Missed a kicking PAT: ..... Massachusetts, 2015

**Miscellaneous**

Had 30 or more first downs: ..... USC, 2014 (35)  
 Had 20-29 first downs: ..... Stanford, 2015 (22)  
 Had 10 or more penalties: ..... USC, 2015 (10)  
 Had 100 or more yards in penalties: ..... USC, 2015 (105)  
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time: ..... Stanford, 2015 (35:59)  
 Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher: ..... USC, 2011  
 (Curtis McNeal, 118 rushing, Robert Woods, 119 receiving)

**AN OPPOSING PLAYER**

**Rushing**

Rushed for 300 or more yards: ..... Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)  
 Rushed for 200-299 yards: ..... Alexander Teich, Navy, 2010 (210)  
 Rushed for 150-199 yards: ..... Tyler Gaffney, Stanford, 2013 (189)  
 Rushed for 100-149 yards: ..... Jeff Smith, Boston College, 2015 (100)  
 Rushed 40 or more times: ..... Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)  
 Rushed 30-39 times: ..... Tyler Gaffney, Stanford, 2013 (33)  
 Rushed 25-29 times: ..... Christian McCaffrey, Stanford, 2015 (27)  
 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: ..... Keenan Reynolds, Navy, 2013 (3)  
 Rushed for two or more TDs: ..... Jordan Whitehead, Pittsburgh, 2015 (2)  
 Had a run of 80 yards or more: ..... Jeff Smith, Boston College, 2015 (80)  
 Had a run of 70-79 yards: ..... Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)  
 Had a run of 60-69 yards: ..... Ronald Jones II, USC, 2015 (65)  
 Had a run of 50-59 yards: ..... Keenan Reynolds, Navy, 2015 (51)

**Passing**

Passed for 500 or more yards: ..... Never  
 Passed for 400-499 yards: ..... Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (400)  
 Passed for 300-399 yards: ..... Cody Kessler, USC, 2015 (365)  
 Attempted 60 or more passes: ..... Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)  
 Attempted 50-59 passes: ..... Landry Jones, Oklahoma, 2012 (51)  
 Attempted 40-49 passes: ..... Cody Kessler, USC, 2015 (46)  
 Completed 30 or more passes: ..... Cody Kessler, USC, 2015 (30)  
 Completed 20-29 passes: ..... Blake Frohnapfel, Massachusetts, 2015 (20)  
 Threw six or more TDs: ..... Cody Kessler, USC, 2014 (6)  
 Threw five TDs: ..... Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)  
 Threw four TDs: ..... Kevin Hogan, Stanford, 2015 (4)  
 Threw three TDs: ..... Taylor Kelly, Arizona State, 2014 (3)  
 Completed a pass of 90 yards or more: ..... Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)  
 Completed a pass of 80-89 yards: ..... Cody Kessler, USC, 2015 (83)  
 Completed a pass of 70-79 yards: ..... Jalen Greene, USC, 2015 (75)  
 Completed a pass of 60-69 yards: ..... Trevor Siemian, Northwestern, 2014 (60)  
 Completed a pass of 50-59 yards: ..... John Wolford, Wake Forest, 2015 (52)

**Receiving**

Caught 15 or more passes: ..... Jalen Saunders, Oklahoma, 2012 (15)  
 Caught 10-14 passes: ..... Canaan Severin, Virginia, 2015 (11)  
 Caught seven to nine passes: ..... Rashaad Greene, Florida State, 2014 (8)  
 Had 200 or more yards receiving: ..... Selwyn Lymon, Purdue, 2006 (238)  
 Had 150-199 yards receiving: ..... Canaan Severin, Virginia, 2015 (153)  
 Had 100-149 yards receiving: ..... Devon Cajuste, Stanford, 2015 (125)  
 Caught three or more TD passes: ..... Jeremy Gallon, Michigan, 2013 (3)  
 Caught two TD passes: ..... Patrick Skov, Georgia Tech, 2015 (2)

**Scoring**

Accounted for six or more touchdowns: ..... Cody Kessler, USC, 2014 (6 passing, 0 rushing)  
 Accounted for five touchdowns: ..... Devin Gardner, Michigan, 2013 (4 passing, 1 rushing)  
 Accounted for four touchdowns: ..... Kevin Hogan, Stanford, 2015 (4 passing, 0 rushing)  
 Accounted for three touchdowns: ..... Cody Kessler, USC, 2015 (1 rushing, 2 passing)

**Defense**

Intercepted three or more passes: ..... Rod Johnson, North Carolina State, 2003 (3)  
 Intercepted two passes: ..... Justin Simmons, Boston College, 2015 (2)  
 Recorded three or more sacks: ..... J.R. Tavai, USC, 2014 (3.5)  
 Recorded two sacks: ..... Ejuan Price, Pittsburgh, 2015 (2.0)

**Special Teams**

Kicked four or more field goals: ..... Jack Mitchell, Northwestern, 2014 (4)  
 Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards: ..... Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)  
 Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards: ..... Jared Armstrong, Purdue, 2006 (69)  
 Totaled 100 or more kick return yards: ..... Christian McCaffrey, Stanford, 2015 (109)



## #33 JOSH ADAMS

RB • 6-1.5 • 212 • Fr. • Warrington, Pa. (Central Bucks South)

- Appeared in 12 games with two starts (Wake Forest and Boston College)
- Amassed 757 rushing yards on the year, second in school history for a freshman
- 7.3 yards per carry average ranks fifth in school history for a single season
- Tied school freshman record with four 100-yard rushing games
- Owns three of the top five single-game rushing performances in school history by a freshman, led by his freshman-record 168 yards at Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Set a Notre Dame record, and tied the NCAA freshman record, with his 98-yard TD run against Wake Forest (Nov. 14)
- Scored a pair of TDs in his collegiate debut against Texas (Sept. 5)
- Had a 70-yard TD run and 133 rushing yards against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Had career highs for rushing yards (168), receiving yards (28) and all-purpose yards (196) while also scoring on a 62-yard TD run at No. 9 Stanford

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RUSHING	G-GS	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	12-2	103	757	5	98	7.3	63.1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12-2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>63.1</b>

REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	12-2	7	42	1	22	0.6	6.0	3.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12-2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
2015	757	0	757	63.1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>63.1</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2015	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	36	3.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3.0</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2015	757	42	0	0	0	799	66.6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>66.6</b>

2015	RUSHING				RECEIVING				ALL
	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	PURP.
Texas	5	49	2	25	0	0	0	0	49
at Virginia	3	10	0	8	0	0	0	0	10
Georgia Tech	2	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	7
UMass	13	133	1	70	0	0	0	0	133
at Clemson	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Navy	8	38	0	12	2	12	0	10	50
USC	1	26	0	26	0	0	0	0	26
at Temple	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	20	147	0	25	1	5	1	5	152
*Wake Forest	17	141	1	98	2	-3	0	0	138
vs. Boston College	14	36	0	12	0	0	0	0	36
*at Stanford	18	168	1	62	2	28	0	22	196
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>799</b>

\* - games started

### ADAMS' SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	12 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>TDs:</b>	2 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>Rush attempts:</b>	20 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	168 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Rush touchdowns:</b>	2 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>Long rush:</b>	98 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
<b>Receptions:</b>	2, 3x, last at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	28 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	1 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
<b>Longest reception:</b>	22 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Total offense attempts:</b>	21 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
<b>Total offense yards:</b>	168 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	196 at Stanford (11.28)

### ADAMS' CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	12 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
<b>TDs:</b>	2 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
<b>Rush attempts:</b>	20 at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	168 at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Rush touchdowns:</b>	2 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
<b>Long rush:</b>	98 vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
<b>Receptions:</b>	2, 3x, last at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	28 at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	1 at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
<b>Longest reception:</b>	22 at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Total offense attempts:</b>	21 at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
<b>Total offense yards:</b>	168 at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	196 at Stanford (11.28.15)

## #46 JOSH ANDERSON

RB • 5-9 • 205 • Sr. • Chatsworth, Calif. (Notre Dame)

- Made first career appearance against Texas (Sept. 5)
- Recorded first two career carries versus the Longhorns

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See page 18 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

RUSHING	G-GS	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	1-0	2	0	0	1	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	1-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
2015	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

2015	NO.	RUSHING	YDS	AVG.	TD	LG
Texas	2	0	0.0	0	1	

at Virginia	Did Not Play
Georgia Tech	Did Not Play
UMass	Did Not Play
at Clemson	Did Not Play
Navy	Did Not Play
USC	Did Not Play
at Temple	Did Not Play
at Pittsburgh	Did Not Play
Wake Forest	Did Not Play
vs. Boston College	Did Not Play
at Stanford	Did Not Play
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b> <b>0</b> <b>0.0</b> <b>0</b> <b>1</b>

\* - games started

### ANDERSON'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Rush attempts:</b>	2 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	0 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>Long rush:</b>	1 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>Total offense attempts:</b>	2 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>Total offense yards:</b>	0 vs. Texas (9.5)

### ANDERSON'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Rush attempts:</b>	2 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	2 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
<b>Long rush:</b>	1 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
<b>Total offense attempts:</b>	2 (rush) vs. Texas (9.5.15)
<b>Total offense yards:</b>	0 (rush) vs. Texas (9.5.15)

## #29 NICKY BARATTI

S • 6-1 • 210 • Sr. • Tomball, Texas (Klein Oak)

- Appeared in all 12 games, mainly on special teams
- Tied career high with two tackles at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)
- Registered unassisted tackles against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19), UMass (Sept. 26) and Wake Forest (Nov. 14) while sharing on a stop at Temple (Oct. 31)

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	13-0	5	3	8	0.0	1	0	0	0
2013									
2014	2-0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0
2015	12-0	4	2	6	0.0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>27-0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2012	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2013						
2014	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	1-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	1-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4-2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

### BARATTI'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	2 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	None
<b>Interceptions:</b>	None
<b>Long INT return:</b>	None

### BARATTI'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	2, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1 vs. Rice (8.30.14)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1 vs. Michigan (9.22.12)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	0 vs. Michigan (9.22.12)

## #71 ALEX BARS

OL • 6-6 • 320 • So. • Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)

- Appeared in the first six games with starts vs. Navy (Oct. 10) and USC (Oct. 17).
- Lost for the season to a broken ankle suffered against the Trojans.

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PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2014	0-0
2015	6-2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6-2</b>

## #70 HUNTER BIVIN

OL • 6-5.5 • 302 • Jr. • Owensboro, Ky. (Apollo)

- Saw action in 11 games, all except for Clemson (Oct. 3), mainly on special teams

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See page 19 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2013	0-0
2014	5-0
2015	11-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16-0</b>

## #92 GRANT BLANKENSHIP

DL • 6-4.75 • 273 • So. • The Colony, Texas (The Colony)

- Appeared in games against UMass (Sept. 26), Wake Forest (Nov. 14) and Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Shared a tackle in the win over the Demon Deacons

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	11-0	8	4	12	1.0-8	0	0	0	0
2015	3-0	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.0-8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2014	1	0	1	8
2015	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas			Did Not Play						
at Virginia			Did Not Play						
Georgia Tech			Did Not Play						
UMass	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson			Did Not Play						
Navy			Did Not Play						
USC			Did Not Play						
at Temple			Did Not Play						
at Pittsburgh			Did Not Play						
Wake Forest	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College			Did Not Play						
at Stanford	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

### BLANKENSHIP'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (Nov. 14)
<b>TFLs:</b>	None
<b>Sacks:</b>	None

### BLANKENSHIP'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	3 vs. Syracuse (9.27.14)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1.0 at USC (11.29.14)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1.0 at USC (11.29.14)

## #55 JONATHAN BONNER

DL • 6-3 • 275 • So. • Chesterfield, Mo. (Parkway Central)

- Saw action in nine games in 2015
- Career-high two tackles (both assisted) against UMass (Sept. 26) and also split a tackle against Texas (Sept. 5)
- Recorded first career sack, an 11-yard loss, against Wake Forest (Nov. 14), also forcing a fumble on the play

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See page 19 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	0-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2015	9-0	1	3	4	1.0-11	0	1	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.0-11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	0-2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson			Did Not Play						
Navy			Did Not Play						
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple			Did Not Play						
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	1-0	1	1.0-11	1.0-11	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.0-11</b>	<b>1.0-11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

### BONNER'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	2 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)

### BONNER'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	2 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)

## #2 CHRIS BROWN

WR • 6-1.5 • 195 • Sr. • Hanahan, S.C. (Hanahan)

- Started all 12 games at wide receiver
- Second on the Irish with 44 receptions, 562 receiving yards and three TD catches
- Set a career-high with eight receptions against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19)
- Hauled in four passes for 83 yards in the rain at No. 12 Clemson (Oct. 3)
- Posted first career 100-yard receiving game against Boston College (Nov. 21), catching six passes for 104 yards and a TD grab where he out-jumped his defender in the corner of the end zone
- Scored TDs against Texas (Sept. 5) and UMass (Sept. 26) in addition to his acrobatic score against the Eagles
- Earned the team's Nick Pietrosante Award, presented to the player who best exemplify the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and pride of the late Irish All-America fullback

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See pages 20-21 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2012	12-4	2	56	0	50	0.2	28.0	4.7
2013	13-3	15	209	1	40	1.2	13.9	16.1
2014	13-11	39	548	1	49	3.0	14.1	42.2
2015	12-12	44	562	3	38	3.7	12.8	46.8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>50-30</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>27.5</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2013	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
2014	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
2015	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	1.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.6</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2012	0	56	0	0	0	56	4.7
2013	0	209	0	0	0	209	16.1
2014	5	548	0	0	0	553	42.5
2015	0	562	0	0	0	562	46.8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>27.6</b>

### RECEIVING

2015	NO.	YDS	AVG.	TD	LG
*Texas	3	38	12.7	1	17
*at Virginia	3	41	13.7	0	18
*Georgia Tech	8	65	8.1	0	20
*UMass	2	34	17.0	1	27
*at Clemson	4	83	20.8	0	34
*Navy	4	56	14.0	0	29
*USC	3	38	12.7	0	19
*at Temple	6	72	12.0	0	25
*at Pittsburgh	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
*Wake Forest	3	27	9.0	0	14
*vs. Boston College	6	104	17.3	1	38
*at Stanford	1	7	7.0	0	7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>

\* - games started

### BROWN'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	6, 3x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>TDs:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Rush attempts:</b>	None
<b>Rush yards:</b>	None
<b>Long rush:</b>	None
<b>Receptions:</b>	8 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	104 vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Longest reception:</b>	38 vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	104 vs. Boston College (11.21)

### BROWN'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	6, 5x, last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>TDs:</b>	1, 5x, last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Rush attempts:</b>	1 vs. Northwestern (11.14.14)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	5 vs. Northwestern (11.14.14)
<b>Long rush:</b>	5 vs. Northwestern (11.14.14)
<b>Receptions:</b>	8 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	104 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	1, 5x, last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Longest reception:</b>	50 at Oklahoma (10.27.12)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	104 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)

### #12 DEVIN BUTLER

CB • 6-0.5 • 200 • Jr. • Washington, D.C. (Gonzaga)

- Played in all 12 games with a start at Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Recorded a season-high three tackles at Virginia (Sept. 12) and Stanford
- Credited with pass breakups against UMass (Sept. 26) and Stanford
- Recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff of the second half of the Navy game (Oct. 10), leading to a short Irish touchdown drive

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 22 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2013	12-0	4	1	5	0.0-0	1	0	0	0
2014	13-2	21	2	23	0.0-0	5	1	0	0
2015	12-1	6	5	11	0.0-0	2	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37-3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2013	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2014	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	2-1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

#### BUTLER'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	3, 2x, at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	None
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1 vs. Navy (10.10)
<b>Long fumble return:</b>	0 vs. Navy (10.10)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 2x, last at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	None
<b>Long INT return:</b>	None

#### BUTLER'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	7 at USC (11.29.14)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 vs. Rice (8.30.14)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1 vs. Navy (10.10.15)
<b>Long fumble return:</b>	0 vs. Navy (10.10.15)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	2 at Arizona State (11.8.14)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1 vs. Purdue (9.13.14)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	0 vs. Purdue (9.13.14)

### #75 DANIEL CAGE

DL • 6-0.75 • 315 • So. • Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)

- Has played in all 10 games with seven starts thus far in 2015
- Missed the Wake Forest (Nov. 14) and Boston College (Nov. 21) games due to a concussion
- Recorded a season-high three tackles on opening day against Texas (Sept. 5) and matched it against Virginia (Sept. 12) and USC (Oct. 17)
- Make a tackle for loss on three occasions, most recently at Temple (Oct. 31)

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 23 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	11-0	1	3	4	0.5-0	0	0	0	0
2015	10-7	7	10	17	3.0-8	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21-7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3.5-8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	0-3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	2-1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	0-2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*UMass	1-0	1	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	2-1	3	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Temple	1-1	2	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Pittsburgh	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0

Wake Forest	Did Not Play - Injury								
vs. Boston College	Did Not Play - Injury								
at Stanford	0-2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7-10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3.0-8</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

#### CAGE'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	3, 3x, last at Temple (10.31)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 3x, last at Temple (10.31)

#### CAGE'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	3, 3x, last at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 3x, last at Temple (10.31.15)

### #3 AMIR CARLISLE

WR • 5-10 • 195 • Gr. • Santa Clara, Calif. (King's Academy)

- Has seen action in all 12 games with nine starts as a slot receiver, coming off of the bench against only Texas (Sept. 5), Virginia (Sept. 12) and Navy (Oct. 10)
- Set career highs with his 30 catches and 341 receiving yards on the year
- Had first career 100-yard receiving game against Boston College (Nov. 21)
- Caught eight passes (also a career-high) for 101 yards and a TD in that win over the Eagles at Fenway Park
- Also served as Notre Dame's primary kickoff returner for the first four games

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REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	13-4	7	30	0	7	0.5	4.3	2.3
2014	12-6	23	309	3	35	1.9	13.4	25.8
2015	12-9	30	341	1	33	2.5	11.4	28.4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37-19</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>18.4</b>

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	47	204	0	45	4.3	15.7
2014	7	46	0	16	6.6	3.8
2015	4	14	0	9	3.5	1.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
2013	204	0	204	15.7
2014	46	0	46	3.8
2015	14	0	14	1.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>7.1</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2014	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	1.5
2015	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	12	1.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0.8</b>

PUNT RET.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2013	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2014	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	0	5	1	5	5.0	0.4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>

KICK RET.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	3	81	0	35	27.0	6.2
2014	35	761	0	47	21.7	63.4
2015	8	156	0	29	19.5	13.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>27.0</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2013	204	30	0	81	0	315	24.2
2014	46	309	0	761	0	1,116	93.0
2015	14	341	5	156	0	516	43.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>52.6</b>

#### RECEIVING

2015	NO.	YDS	AVG.	TD	LG
Texas	3	55	18.3	0	25
at Virginia	2	4	2.0	0	6
*Georgia Tech	0	0	0.0	0	0
*UMass	5	52	10.4	0	16
*at Clemson	3	34	11.3	0	20
Navy	3	16	5.3	0	10
*USC	0	0	0.0	0	0
*at Temple	1	31	31.0	0	31
*at Pittsburgh	4	30	7.5	0	13
*Wake Forest	1	18	18.0	0	18
*vs. Boston College	8	101	12.6	1	33
*at Stanford	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>

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#### RUSHING

2015	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	PURP.
Texas	1	-1	0	0	3	55	0	25	64
at Virginia	1	2	0	2	2	4	0	6	41
*Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
*UMass	2	13	0	9	5	52	0	16	140
*at Clemson	0	0	0	0	3	34	0	20	54
Navy	0	0	0	0	3	16	0	10	16
*USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*at Temple	0	0	0	0	1	31	0	31	31
*at Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	4	30	0	13	30
*Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	1	18	0	18	18
*vs. Boston College	0	0	0	0	8	101	1	33	101
*at Stanford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>516</b>

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#### CARLISLE'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Points:</b>	6, 2x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>TDs:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Rush attempts:</b>	2 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	13 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Long rush:</b>	9 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Receptions:</b>	8 vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	101 vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	1 vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Longest reception:</b>	33 vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Total offense attempts:</b>	8 vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Total offense yards:</b>	101 vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	140 vs. UMass (9.26)



CARLISLE'S CAREER HIGHS	
Points:	12 vs. Michigan (9.6.14)
TDs:	2 vs. Michigan (9.6.14)
Rush attempts:	12 at Michigan (9.7.13)
Rush yards:	68 vs. Temple (8.31.13)
Long rush:	45 vs. Temple (8.31.13)
Receptions:	8 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
Receiving yards:	101 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
Receiving TDs:	2 vs. Michigan (9.6.14)
Longest reception:	35 at Arizona State (11.8.14)
Total offense attempts:	12 at Michigan (9.7.13)
Total offense yards:	68 vs. Temple (8.31.13)
All-purpose yards:	194 at Arizona State (11.8.14)

## #47 CONNOR CAVALARIS

CB • 5-11 • 195 • Gr. • Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)

- Appeared in five games on special teams
- Made season debut against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Recorded a solo tackle against Navy (Oct. 10) and split a tackle at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 25 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	11-0	1	4	5	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2013	3-0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2014	11-0	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2015	5-0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas			Did Not Play						
at Virginia			Did Not Play						
Georgia Tech			Did Not Play						
UMass	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson			Did Not Play						
Navy	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC			Did Not Play						
at Temple			Did Not Play						
at Pittsburgh	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford			Did Not Play						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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### CAVALARIS' SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 1, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7)

### CAVALARIS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Alabama (1.7.13)

## #24 NICK COLEMAN

CB • 5-11.5 • 185 • Fr. • Dayton, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)

- Saw action in all 12 games, mainly on special teams
- Logged first two career pass breakups against UMass (Sept. 26)

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 59 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2015	12-0	2	3	5	0.0-0	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0
at Clemson	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

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### COLEMAN'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Texas (9.5)

Pass breakups: 2 vs. UMass (9.26)

### COLEMAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2 vs. Texas (9.5.15)

Pass breakups: 2 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

## #4 TE'VON CONEY

LB • 6-1 • 235 • Fr. • Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)

- Has seen action in 11 games this season on special teams and as a reserve linebacker
- Career-high four tackles against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Recorded two tackles against both Texas (Sept. 5) and USC (Oct. 17)
- Split a tackle for loss, the first of his career, against Navy (Oct. 10)

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 59 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2015	11-0	5	7	12	0.5-1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.5-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia			Did Not Play						
Georgia Tech	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	2-2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-1	1	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.5-1</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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### CONEY'S SEASON HIGHS

Tackles: 4 vs. UMass (9.26)

TFLs: 0.5 vs. Navy (10.10)

### CONEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

TFLs: 0.5 vs. Navy (10.10.15)

## #61 SCOTT DALY

LS • 6-1.5 • 250 • Sr. • Downers Grove, Ill. (Palm Beach South)

- Has handled long and short snap duties in all 12 games in 2015
- Recovered a fumble on a muffed punt at the Eagles' four-yard line against Boston College (Nov. 21)
- Made first tackle since 2013 in the game at Temple (Oct. 31)

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 25 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2013	13-0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2014	13-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2015	12-0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

## #91 SHELDON DAY

DT • 6-2 • 285 • Sr. • Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central)

- Team captain who has not missed a start in 2015
- Named a first-team All-American by USA Today and a second-team All-American by the AP and FWAA
- Earned the team's Moose Krause Lineman of the Year accolade
- Led the Irish with 14.5 tackles for loss
- Recorded at least one TFL in 10 of the team's 12 games - all but USC (Oct. 17) and Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Had multiple TFLs in four games (Clemson, Navy, Temple and Wake Forest)
- A great run stopper against the option, recorded a career-high nine tackles against Navy (Oct. 10)
- Recorded 2.5 TFLs, a sack, a forced fumble and a pass breakup to go with six total tackles in the Irish win at Temple (Oct. 31)

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	13-0	13	10	23	3.5-21	1	0	0	0
2013	11-8	21	12	33	5.5-18	1	0	0	0
2014	11-11	24	16	40	7.5-25	2	0	2	0
2015	12-12	29	12	41	14.5-66	2	1	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>47-31</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>31.0-130</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2012	2	0	2.0	17
2013	0	1	0.5	3
2014	1	0	1.0	10
2015	4	0	4.0	30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>60</b>



2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	1-0	1	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	1-0	1	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	3-1	4	1.0-8	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*UMass	2-1	3	1.0-13	1.0-13	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Clemson	2-1	3	2.0-5	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	5-4	9	2.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	2-2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Temple	4-2	6	2.5-9	1.0-4	1	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Pittsburgh	1-1	2	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	4-0	4	2.0-8	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College	2-0	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29-12</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14.5-66</b>	<b>4.0-30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

DAY'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	9 vs. Navy (10.10)
<b>TFLs:</b>	2.5 at Temple (10.31)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1, 4x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 at Temple (10.31)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	None
<b>Long fumble return:</b>	None
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 2x, last at Temple (10.31)

DAY'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	9 vs. Navy (10.10.15)
<b>TFLs:</b>	3.0 at Pittsburgh (11.9.13)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1, 7x, last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. LSU (12.30.14)
<b>Long fumble return:</b>	0, 2x, last vs. LSU (12.30.14)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 6x, last at Temple (10.31.15)

## #79 STEVE ELMER

OL • 6-5.5 • 315 • Jr. • Midland, Mich. (Midland)

- Started all 12 games at right tackle on an offensive line which was a finalist for the inaugural Joe Moore Award
- Named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team

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PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2013	10-4
2014	13-13
2015	12-12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35-29</b>

## #41 MATTHIAS FARLEY

DB • 5-11 • 210 • Gr. • Charlotte, N.C. (Christian)

- Team captain who has played in all 12 games this fall, including starts against UMass (Sept. 26) and Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)
- Named the team's Special Teams Player of the Year
- Recovered two onside kicks (vs. Pittsburgh and Boston College) to help seal Irish wins
- Forced a fumble against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19) which led to an Irish field goal
- Intercepted a pass at the Notre Dame one yard line to thwart a likely Pittsburgh scoring drive
- Also recorded a season-high seven tackles in the win against the Panthers

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	13-11	23	26	49	2.0-9	1	0	0	0
2013	13-8	25	24	49	1.0-2	5	0	0	0
2014	13-4	40	13	53	6.5-30	5	0	0	0
2015	12-2	20	13	33	0.0-0	2	1	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51-25</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>9.5-41</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2012	1	49	0	49	49.0	3.8
2013	2	39	0	29	19.5	3.0
2014	4	87	0	39	21.8	6.7
2015	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2012	0	0	0.0	0
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2014	3	1	3.5	26
2015	0	0	0.0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>26</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2012	0	0	0	0	49	49	3.8
2013	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.0
2014	0	0	0	0	87	87	6.8
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>3.4</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	3-1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
*UMass	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	4-3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	2-2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Pittsburgh	4-3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
Wake Forest	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20-13</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

FARLEY'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	7, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7)
<b>TFLs:</b>	None
<b>Sacks:</b>	None
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1 at Temple (10.31)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	0 at Pittsburgh (11.7)

FARLEY'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	9, 2x, last at USC (11.24.12)
<b>TFLs:</b>	2.0, 2x, last at Ariz. St. (11.8.14)
<b>Sacks:</b>	2.0 vs. Navy (11.1.14)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 5x, last at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1, 8x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	49, vs. Stanford (10.13.12)

## #29 NICCO FERTITTA

DB • 5-8.25 • 185 • Fr. • Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)

- Appeared in 10 games, mainly on special teams
- Recovered first career tackle and forced a fumble against UMass (Sept. 26)

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 59 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2015	10-0	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	1	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	Did Not Play								
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	Did Not Play								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

FERTITTA'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26)

FERTITTA'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

## #25 TAREAN FOLSTON

RB • 5.9-5 • 214 • Jr. • Cocoa, Fla. (Cocoa)

- Started the season-opener against Texas (Sept. 5)
- Carried the ball three times for 19 yards before suffering a season-ending knee injury
- Named to the Doak Walker Award watch list prior to the season

PRIOR TO 2015: See pages 28-29 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

RUSHING	G-GS	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	12-2	88	470	3	43	5.3	39.2
2014	13-10	175	889	6	26	5.1	68.4
2015	1-1	3	19	0	15	6.3	19.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26-13</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>53.0</b>

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	5	35	0	15	0.4	7.0	2.5
2014	18	190	1	37	1.4	10.6	14.6
2015	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>8.7</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
2013	470	0	470	39.2
2014	889	0	889	68.4
2015	19	0	19	19.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>53.0</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2013	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	18	1.5
2014	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	42	3.2
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2.3</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2013	470	35	0	0	0	505	42.1
2014	889	190	0	0	0	1,079	83.0
2015	19	0	0	0	0	19	19.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>61.7</b>

2015	RUSHING				RECEIVING				ALL PURP.
	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	
*Texas	3	19	0	15	0	0	0	0	19
at Virginia					Did Not Play - Injury				
Georgia Tech					Did Not Play - Injury				
UMass					Did Not Play - Injury				
at Clemson					Did Not Play - Injury				
Navy					Did Not Play - Injury				
USC					Did Not Play - Injury				
at Temple					Did Not Play - Injury				
at Pittsburgh					Did Not Play - Injury				
Wake Forest					Did Not Play - Injury				
vs. Boston College					Did Not Play - Injury				
at Stanford					Did Not Play - Injury				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

\* - games started

FOLSTON'S SEASON HIGHS	
Points:	None
TDs:	None
Rush attempts:	3 vs. Texas (9.5)
Rush yards:	19 vs. Texas (9.5)
Rush touchdowns:	None
Long rush:	15 vs. Texas (9.5)
Receptions:	None
Receiving yards:	None
Receiving TDs:	None
Longest reception:	None
Total offense attempts:	3 vs. Texas (9.5)
Total offense yards:	19 vs. Texas (9.5)
All-purpose yards:	19 vs. Texas (9.5)

FOLSTON'S CAREER HIGHS	
Points:	18 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
TDs:	3 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
Rush attempts:	21, 2x last vs. LSU (12.30.14)
Rush yards:	149 vs. Navy (11.1.14)
Rush touchdowns:	2 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
Long rush:	43 vs. BYU (11.23.13)
Receptions:	5 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
Receiving yards:	71 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
Receiving TDs:	1 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
Longest reception:	37 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
Total offense attempts:	21, 2x last vs. LSU (12.30.14)
Total offense yards:	149 vs. Navy (11.1.14)
All-purpose yards:	187 vs. Navy (11.1.14)

## #7 WILL FULLER

WR • 6-0 • 184 • Jr. • Philadelphia, Pa. (Roman Catholic)

- Named to numerous All-America second teams
- Notre Dame's Most Valuable Player as voted by his teammates
- Biletnikoff Award semifinalist
- Ranks sixth nationally in TD catches (13) and 15th in receiving yards (1,145)
- Has 14 catches for at least 30 yards, including nine TDs of at least 30 yards
- Hauled in seven TDs this fall of at least 45 yards
- Ranks fifth in school single-season history with his 13 TD catches and tied for third with six 100-yard receiving games
- Caught at least one TD pass in nine games this fall with three multiple-TD contests
- One of four players in Notre Dame history with consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons
- Started the season with three-straight 100-yard receiving games, opening the year with 142 against Texas (Sept. 5), 124 at Virginia (Sept. 12) and 131 against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19)
- Caught a game-winning 39-yard TD pass with 12 seconds left in the Virginia game

- His 131 receiving yards against USC (Oct. 17) included a career-long-tying 75-yard TD catch
- Caught the game-winning 17-yard TD pass with 2:09 to go to give the Irish a win at No. 21 Temple (Oct. 31) in his Philadelphia Homecoming
- Had a season-high 152 receiving yards at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7) with three TD catches
- The three TD catches against the Panthers tied the school record for a road games
- Capped the regular season by catching six passes for 136 yards and a 73-yard TD at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28)

PRIOR TO 2015: See pages 30-31 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	13-3	6	160	1	47	0.5	26.7	12.3
2014	13-13	76	1,094	15	75	5.8	14.4	84.2
2015	12-12	56	1,145	13	75	4.7	20.4	95.4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38-28</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>63.1</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2013	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
2014	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	90	6.9
2015	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	78	6.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>4.6</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2013	8	160	0	0	0	168	12.9
2014	0	1,094	0	0	0	1,094	84.2
2015	0	1,145	10	0	0	1,155	96.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,399</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>63.6</b>

2015	RECEIVING				
	NO.	YDS	AVG.	TD	LG
*Texas	7	142	20.3	2	66
*at Virginia	5	124	24.8	2	59
*Georgia Tech	6	131	21.8	1	46
*UMass	4	57	14.3	1	26
*at Clemson	2	37	18.5	0	23
*Navy	5	80	16.0	1	30
*USC	3	131	43.7	1	75
*at Temple	5	46	9.2	1	17
*at Pittsburgh	7	152	21.7	3	47
*Wake Forest	3	37	12.3	0	22
*vs. Boston College	3	72	24.0	0	32
*at Stanford	6	136	22.7	1	73
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>75</b>

\* - games started

FULLER'S SEASON HIGHS	
Points:	18 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
TDs:	3 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
Rush attempts:	None
Rush yards:	None
Long rush:	None
Receptions:	7, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7)
Receiving yards:	152 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
Receiving TDs:	3 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
Longest reception:	75 vs. USC (10.17)
All-purpose yards:	152 at Pittsburgh (11.7)
Punt returns:	1 at Clemson (10.3)
Punt return yards:	10 at Clemson (10.3)
Long punt return:	10 at Clemson (10.3)

FULLER'S CAREER HIGHS	
Points:	18, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
TDs:	3, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
Rush attempts:	1, 2x, last vs. Rutgers (12.28.13)
Rush yards:	5 vs. USC (10.19.13)
Long rush:	5 vs. USC (10.19.13)
Receptions:	9, 2x, last vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
Receiving yards:	159 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
Receiving TDs:	3, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
Longest reception:	75, 2x, last vs. USC (10.17.15)
All-purpose yards:	159 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
Punt returns:	1 at Clemson (10.3.15)
Punt return yards:	10 at Clemson (10.3.15)
Long punt return:	10 at Clemson (10.3.15)

## #59 JARRETT GRACE

LB • 6-2.5 • 253 • Gr. • Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)

- Has played in all 12 games in 2015, mainly on special teams
- Received the team's Rockne Student-Athlete Award
- Made a season-high five tackles against Navy's option attack (Oct. 10)
- Shared in a tackle for loss against Boston College (Nov. 21)

PRIOR TO 2015: See pages 31-32 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	13-0	7	5	12	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2013	7-3	17	24	41	1.0-3	1	0	0	0
2014	0-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2015	12-0	7	10	17	0.5-3	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32-3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1.5-6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	1-4	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	1-1	2	0.5-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	2-1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7-10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.5-3</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

GRACE'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	5 vs. Navy (10.10)
TFLs:	0.5 vs. Boston College (11.21)
Pass breakups:	None

GRACE'S CAREER HIGHS	
Tackles:	10 at Purdue (9.14.13)
TFLs:	1.0 at Michigan (9.7.13)
Pass breakups:	1 at Purdue (9.14.13)

## #75 MARK HARRELL

OL • 6-4 • 306 • Sr. • Charlotte, N.C. (Catholic)

- Saw action in five games this fall on special teams and as a reserve lineman
- Played against Texas (Sept. 5), Georgia Tech (Sept. 19), UMass (Sept. 26), Pittsburgh (Nov. 7) and Wake Forest (Nov. 14)

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PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2014	2-0
2015	5-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7-0</b>

## #18 CHASE HOUNSHELL

TE • 6-4.5 • 255 • Gr. • Kirtland, Ohio (Lake Catholic)

- Saw action in all 12 games with three starts - USC (Oct. 17), Temple (Oct. 31) and Wake Forest (Nov. 14) - in his first year on the offensive side of the ball
- Made first career catch, a third-down reception good for six yards and a first down, in the win over the Demon Deacons

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See page 34 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2011	7-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2012	1-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2013	0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2014	3-0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2015	12-3	1	6	0	6	0.1	6.0	0.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2011	7-0	1	3	4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2012	1-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2013	0-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2014	3-0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2015	12-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### HOUNSHELL'S SEASON HIGHS

Receptions:	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
Receiving yards:	6 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
Longest reception:	6 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
Tackles:	None

### HOUNSHELL'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions:	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
Receiving yards:	6 vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
Longest reception:	6 vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
Tackles:	4 vs. Air Force (10.8.11)

## #16 TORII HUNTER JR.

WR • 6-0 • 195 • Jr. • Prosper, Texas (Prosper)

- Appeared in all 12 games with a start on Opening Day against Texas (Sept. 5)
- Caught 24 passes for 311 yards and a pair of TDs
- Caught a two-point conversion pass with 12 seconds left at Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Scored a TD with seven seconds left to play at No. 12 Clemson (Oct. 3), drawing the Irish to within two points at 24-22
- Made five catches for 52 yards against the Tigers
- Matched career-high five catches and amassed a career-high 62 receiving yards at Temple (Oct. 31)
- Had a 12-yard TD catch among three receptions at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)

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REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2014	10-0	7	65	1	14	0.7	9.3	6.5
2015	12-1	24	311	2	40	2.0	13.0	25.9
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22-1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>17.1</b>

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2014	2	13	0	7	6.5	1.3
2015	5	16	0	8	3.2	1.3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2014	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.6
2015	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	14	1.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.9</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2014	13	65	0	0	0	78	7.8
2015	16	311	0	0	0	327	27.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>18.4</b>

2015	RUSHING				RECEIVING				ALL PURP.
	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	
*Texas	1	2	0	2	2	31	0	20	33
at Virginia	1	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-2
Georgia Tech	1	8	0	8	1	17	0	17	25
UMass	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	9	9
at Clemson	1	4	0	4	5	52	1	19	56
Navy	0	0	0	0	1	28	0	28	28
USC	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	6	9
at Temple	0	0	0	0	5	62	0	40	62
at Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	3	37	1	19	37
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	2	22	0	13	22
vs. Boston College	1	4	0	4	1	11	0	11	15
at Stanford	0	0	0	0	2	33	0	20	33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>327</b>

\* - games started

### HUNTER'S SEASON HIGHS

Points:	6, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7)
TDs:	1, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7)
Receptions:	5, 2x, last at Temple (10.31)
Receiving yards:	62 at Temple (10.31)
Receiving TDs:	1, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7)
Longest reception:	40 at Temple (10.31)
Rush attempts:	1, 5x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
Rush yards:	8 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Long rush:	8 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Total offense attempts:	1, 5x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
Total offense yards:	35 vs. USC (10.17)
All-purpose yards:	62 at Temple (10.31)
Pass attempts:	1, 2x, last vs. USC (10.17)
Completions:	1 vs. USC (10.17)
Passing yards:	35 vs. USC (10.17)
Longest completion:	35 vs. USC (10.17)

### HUNTER'S CAREER HIGHS

Points:	6, 3x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
TDs:	1, 3x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
Receptions:	5, 2x, last at Temple (10.31.15)
Receiving yards:	62 at Temple (10.31.15)
Receiving TDs:	1, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
Longest reception:	40 at Temple (10.31.15)
Rush attempts:	2 vs. Syracuse (9.27.14)
Rush yards:	13 vs. Syracuse (9.27.14)
Long rush:	8 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
Total offense attempts:	2 vs. Syracuse (9.27.14)
Total offense yards:	35 vs. USC (10.17.15)
All-purpose yards:	62 at Temple (10.31.15)
Pass attempts:	1, 2x, last vs. USC (10.17.15)
Completions:	1 vs. USC (10.17.15)
Passing yards:	35 vs. USC (10.17.15)
Longest completion:	35 vs. USC (10.17.15)

## #10 ALIZÉ JONES

TE • 6-4.5 • 240 • Fr. • Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)

- Appeared in all 12 games with five starts
- Caught a career-high three passes on three occasions - Georgia Tech (Sept. 19), UMass (Sept. 26) and USC (Oct. 17)
- Recorded a season-best 56 receiving yards on his three catches against the Minutemen
- Career-long 45-yard catch was a crucial play in fourth quarter game-winning TD drive at Temple (Oct. 31)

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REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	12-5	11	166	0	45	0.9	15.1	13.8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12-5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>13.8</b>

2015	NO.	RECEIVING		
		YDS	AVG.	TD
Texas	0	0	0.0	0
at Virginia	0	0	0.0	0
*Georgia Tech	3	19	6.3	0
*UMass	3	56	18.7	0
at Clemson	0	0	0.0	0
*Navy	0	0	0.0	0
USC	3	42	14.0	0
at Temple	1	45	45.0	0
*at Pittsburgh	0	0	0.0	0
Wake Forest	0	0	0.0	0
*vs. Boston College	1	4	4.0	0
at Stanford	0	0	0.0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

### JONES' SEASON HIGHS

Receptions:	3, 3x, last vs. USC (10.17)
Receiving yards:	56 vs. UMass (9.26)
Longest reception:	45 at Temple (10.31)
All-purpose yards:	56 vs. UMass (9.26)

### JONES' CAREER HIGHS

Receptions:	3, 3x, last vs. USC (10.17.15)
Receiving yards:	56 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Longest reception:	45 at Temple (10.31.15)
All-purpose yards:	56 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

## #14 DeSHONE KIZER

QB • 6-4.25 • 230 • So. • Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic)

- Saw action in all 12 games, starting each of the final 10
- Selected as the team's offensive newcomer of the year
- Nine rushing TDs ties the school single-season record
- Recorded two 100-yard rushing games, both on the road against ranked teams, gaining 143 on the ground at No. 21 Temple (Oct. 31) and 128 at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28)
- In that Temple game, became the second Notre Dame player to throw for 200 yards and rush for 100 yards in the same game, joining Jarius Jackson. Repeated the feat against the Cardinal
- The 143 rushing yards against the Owls are the second-most in school history by a quarterback
- Recorded a pair of 300-yard passing games, throwing for 321 at Clemson (Oct. 3) and 324 against Boston College (Nov. 21)
- Matched a school road game record by throwing for five TDs at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)
- Accounted for 36 points against the Panthers (five passing TDs and one rushing TD), tied for the second-most in school history overall and setting a road game record

- Had a 79-yard TD run at Temple, the second-longest rush ever by an Irish quarterback and the longest on a conventional play from scrimmage (record of 80 was set on a fake punt play by Blair Kiel at Arizona in 1980)
- Led the Irish to a win at Virginia (Sept. 12) with 12 seconds to play and one at Temple with 2:09 to play, becoming the first Notre Dame player to throw a game-winning TD pass in the final 5:00 of a game twice in the same season
- At 12 seconds, the Virginia game marked the latest game-winning TD pass in regulation in Notre Dame history
- Helped the Irish to three wins when trailing in the fourth quarter (Virginia, USC and Temple)

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PASS	G-GS	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AV/P	AV/G	EFF
2015	12-10	189-298-9	2,600	19	75	63.4	8.7	216.7	151.7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12-10</b>	<b>189-298-9</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>216.7</b>	<b>151.7</b>

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	119	499	9	79	4.2	41.6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>41.6</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
2015	499	2,600	3,099	258.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>258.2</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2015	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	54	4.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.5</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2015	499	0	0	0	0	499	41.6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>41.6</b>

2015	PASSING				RUSHING					
	CMP	ATT	INT	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Texas	0	1	0	0	0	2	10	0	9	
at Virginia	8	12	0	92	2	39	2	1	0	4
*Georgia Tech	21	30	1	242	1	46	5	6	0	13
*UMass	15	22	1	207	2	37	9	42	1	13
*at Clemson	19	34	1	321	2	56	14	55	1	26
*Navy	22	30	1	281	1	30	9	14	1	6
*USC	15	24	0	227	2	75	14	47	0	23
*at Temple	23	36	2	299	1	45	17	143	2	79
*at Pittsburgh	19	26	0	262	5	47	11	-10	1	6
*Wake Forest	13	19	0	111	0	22	13	30	2	16
*vs. Boston College	21	39	3	324	2	38	7	33	0	14
*at Stanford	13	25	0	234	1	73	16	128	1	48
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>189-298-9</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>79</b>		

\* - games started

KIZER'S SEASON HIGHS									
<b>Points:</b>	12, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)								
<b>TDs:</b>	2, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)								
<b>Pass attempts:</b>	39 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)								
<b>Pass completions:</b>	23 at Temple (10.31.15)								
<b>Pass yards:</b>	324 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)								
<b>Pass TDs:</b>	5 at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)								
<b>Long pass:</b>	75 vs. USC (10.17.15)								
<b>Rush attempts:</b>	17 at Temple (10.31.15)								
<b>Rush yards:</b>	143 at Temple (10.31.15)								
<b>Rush TDs:</b>	2, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)								
<b>Long rush:</b>	79 at Temple (10.31.15)								
<b>Total offense attempts:</b>	53 at Temple (10.31.15)								
<b>Total offense yards:</b>	442 at Temple (10.31.15)								
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	143 at Temple (10.31.15)								
<b>Punts:</b>	2 vs. USC (10.17.15)								
<b>Punt yards:</b>	81 vs. USC (10.17.15)								
<b>Long punt:</b>	43 vs. USC (10.17.15)								

KIZER'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Points:</b>	12, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
<b>TDs:</b>	2, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
<b>Pass attempts:</b>	39 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Pass completions:</b>	23 at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Pass yards:</b>	324 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Pass TDs:</b>	5 at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
<b>Long pass:</b>	75 vs. USC (10.17.15)
<b>Rush attempts:</b>	17 at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	143 at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Rush TDs:</b>	2, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
<b>Long rush:</b>	79 at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Total offense attempts:</b>	53 at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Total offense yards:</b>	442 at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	143 at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Punts:</b>	2 vs. USC (10.17.15)
<b>Punt yards:</b>	81 vs. USC (10.17.15)
<b>Long punt:</b>	43 vs. USC (10.17.15)

## #13 TYLER LUATUA

**TE • 6-2.5 • 255 • So. • Paramount, Calif. (La Mirada)**

- Started nine games and made his first two career starts, coming against Virginia (Sept. 12) and Navy (Oct. 10)
- Performed as both a reserve tight end and on special teams

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REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2014	10-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	9-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## #36 COLE LUKE

**CB • 5-11 • 193 • Jr. • Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton)**

- Started all 12 games at cornerback
- Tied for the team lead with two interceptions and six passes defended
- Intercepted passes in consecutive games against UMass (Sept. 26) and Clemson (Oct. 3)
- Made five tackles and broke up a pair of passes in the win at Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Lone TFL of the season was a two-yard loss against the Minutemen
- Recorded a season-high six tackles, five of them solo, in the win over rival USC (Oct. 17)

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See pages 36-37 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2013	13-0	8	7	15	0.5-1	2	0	0	0
2014	13-13	33	15	48	2.0-6	15	2	0	0
2015	12-12	23	12	35	1.0-2	6	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38-25</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3.5-9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2013	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2014	4	13	0	16	3.2	1.0
2015	12	-3	0	0	-1.5	-0.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2014	1	0	1.0	2
2015	0	0	0.0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2014	0	0	0	0	13	13	1.0
2015	0	0	0	0	-3	-3	-0.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.3</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Virginia	3-2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0
*Georgia Tech	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*UMass	3-1	4	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-(-3)	0	0
*at Clemson	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
*Navy	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	5-1	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Temple	3-0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Pittsburgh	1-3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*Wake Forest	0-3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College	3-0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23-12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1.0-2</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-(-3)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

LUKE'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	6 vs. USC (10.17)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Sacks:</b>	None
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	None
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	2 at Virginia (9.12)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1, 2x, last at Clemson (10.3)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	0 at Clemson (10.3)

LUKE'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	7 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 vs. Stanford (10.4.14)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	3 at Arizona State (11.8.14)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	2 vs. Stanford (10.4.14)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	16 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)

## #72 NICK MARTIN

**C • 6-4.5 • 301 • Gr. • Indianapolis, Ind. (Bishop Chatard)**

- Team captain who started all 12 games at center on an offensive line which was a finalist for the inaugural Joe Moore Award
- Named the team's offensive lineman of the year
- Received honorable mention All-America recognition from Sports Illustrated
- Named to the watch lists for the Lombardi, Outland and Rimington awards

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See pages 37-38 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2012	13-0
2013	11-11
2014	13-13
2015	12-12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49-36</b>

## #48 GREER MARTINI

**LB • 6-2.5 • 245 • So. • Cary, N.C. (Woodberry Forest [Va.]**

- Appeared in all 12 games and started four
- Started both games against option-based offenses in Georgia Tech (Sept. 19) and Navy (Oct. 10)
- Started in place of injured James Onwualu against Boston College (Nov. 21) and Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Made nine tackles against the Midshipmen, matching his career-high set in 2014 against Navy
- Recorded 1.5 tackles for loss, including his first sack of the season, against Stanford

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See page 37 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide



TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	13-2	17	9	26	2.0-17	0	0	0	0
2015	12-4	19	16	35	2.5-9	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25-6</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4.5-26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2014	1	0	1.0	14
2015	1	0	1.0	7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>21</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	3-5	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	5-3	8	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	3-6	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	4-0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College	2-1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	2-1	3	1.5-8	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19-16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2.5-9</b>	<b>1.0-7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

MARTINI'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	9 vs. Navy (10.10)
TFLs:	1.5 at Stanford (11.28)
Sacks:	1 at Stanford (11.28)

MARTINI'S CAREER HIGHS	
Tackles:	9, 2x, last vs. Navy (10.10.15)
TFLs:	1.5 at Stanford (11.28.15)
Sacks:	1, 2x, last at Stanford (11.28.15)

## #68 MIKE McGLINCHEY

OL • 6-7.5 • 310 • Jr. • Philadelphia, Pa. (William Penn Charter)

- Started all 12 games at right tackle on an offensive line which was a finalist for the inaugural Joe Moore Award

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 39 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2013	0-0
2014	13-1
2015	12-12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25-13</b>

## #62 COLIN McGOVERN

OL • 6-4.5 • 315 • Jr. • New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way West)

- Saw action in eight games this fall
- Played as a reserve offensive lineman and also participated on special teams

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 39 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2013	0-0
2014	2-0
2015	8-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10-0</b>

## #5 NYLES MORGAN

LB • 6-0.75 • 240 • So. • Crete, Ill. (Crete-Monee)

- Played in all 12 games as a backup linebacker and on special teams
- Most extensive action at linebacker came against UMass (Sept. 26) as he made seven tackles, four of them solo
- Forced a fumble on the opening kickoff of the second half against Navy (Oct. 10) which the Irish recovered at the Navy 26 and scored a momentum-swinging TD

PRIOR TO 2015: See pages 40-41 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	12-4	23	24	47	3.5-7	1	0	0	0
2015	12-0	9	8	17	0.0-0	0	1	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24-4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>3.5-7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2014	0	1	0.5	1
2015	0	0	0.0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*UMass	3-4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Clemson	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Pittsburgh	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9-8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

MORGAN'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	7 vs. UMass (9.26)
TFLs:	None
Sacks:	None
Fumbles forced:	1 vs. Navy (10.10)
Pass breakups:	None

MORGAN'S CAREER HIGHS	
Tackles:	11 at USC (11.29.14)
TFLs:	1, 2x, last vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
Sacks:	0.5 vs. LSU (12.20.14)
Fumbles forced:	1 vs. Navy (10.10.15)
Pass breakups:	1 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)

## #53 SAM MUSTIPHER

OL • 6-2.25 • 305 • So. • Olney, Md. (Good Counsel)

- Saw action in nine games this fall
- Played as a reserve offensive lineman and also participated on special teams

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 41 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2014	0-0
2015	9-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9-0</b>

## #56 QUENTON NELSON

OL • 6-4.75 • 325 • So. • Holmdel, N.J. (Red Bank Catholic)

- Saw action in 11 games this fall, starting 10 of them at left guard on an offensive line which was a finalist for the inaugural Joe Moore Award
- Missed the Navy game (Oct. 10) and most of USC (Oct. 17) with an ankle injury

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 41 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2014	0-0
2015	11-10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11-10</b>

## #85 TYLER NEWSOME

P/K • 6-2.5 • 205 • So. • Carrollton, Ga. (Carrollton)

- Starting punter in all 12 games and also handled kickoffs
- Needs one more punt to qualify for the Irish career punting average chart (minimum 50 punts). His 44.0 is narrowly behind Craig Henrich's 44.1
- Set a school record (minimum five punts) with his 52.4 average against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Helped significantly at Clemson (Oct. 3) by leaving four of his season-high seven punts inside the Tiger 20
- Made three tackles in punt coverage, recording solo stops against UMass and Clemson while sharing one at Stanford (Nov. 28)

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 41 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

PUNTING	NO.	YARDS	LG	AVG
2015	49	2,157	62	44.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>44.0</b>

KICKOFFS	NO.	YARDS	AVG	TB	OB
2015	79	4,856	61.5	19	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>

2015	NO	YDS	PUNTING						
			AVG	LG	BLK	TB	FC	50+	I20
Texas	4	165	41.2	50	0	1	1	1	3
at Virginia	4	223	55.8	62	0	2	0	3	1
Georgia Tech	5	198	39.6	53	0	0	2	1	2
UMass	5	262	52.4	59	0	3	0	3	1
at Clemson	7	263	37.6	53	0	0	0	1	4
Navy	2	84	42.0	46	0	0	0	0	1
USC	3	109	36.3	44	0	0	0	0	1
at Temple	4	135	33.8	41	0	0	1	0	1
at Pittsburgh	4	207	51.8	57	0	0	0	3	0
Wake Forest	5	220	44.0	54	0	0	1	1	3
vs. Boston College	4	188	47.0	55	0	1	1	3	3
at Stanford	2	103	51.5	52	0	0	1	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>

2015	NO.	YDS	KICKOFFS			
			AVG.	TB	OB	
Texas	7	426	60.9	0	1	
at Virginia	7	427	61.0	3	0	
Georgia Tech	6	377	62.8	3	0	
UMass	10	624	62.4	2	0	
at Clemson	4	248	62.0	0	0	
Navy	7	425	60.7	2	0	
USC	8	481	60.1	1	1	
at Temple	5	317	63.4	2	1	
at Pittsburgh	7	434	62.0	2	1	
Wake Forest	5	311	62.2	2	1	
vs. Boston College	5	283	56.6	0	0	
at Stanford	8	503	62.9	2	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	



NEWSOME'S SEASON HIGHS	
Punts:	7 at Clemson (10.3)
Punt yards:	263 at Clemson (10.3)
Longest punt:	62 at Virginia (9.12)
50+ yard punts:	3, 3x last vs. Boston College (11.21)
Punts downed inside the 20:	4, at Clemson (10.3)
Kickoffs:	10 vs. UMass (9.26)
Kickoff yards:	624 vs. UMass (9.26)
Touchbacks:	3, 2x last vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)

NEWSOME'S CAREER HIGHS	
Punts:	7 at Clemson (10.3.15)
Punt yards:	263 at Clemson (10.3.15)
Longest punt:	62 at Virginia (9.12.15)
50+ yard punts:	3, 3x last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
Punts downed inside the 20:	4, at Clemson (10.3.15)
Kickoffs:	10 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Kickoff yards:	624 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Touchbacks:	3, 2x last vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)

## #45 ROMEO OKWARA

DL • 6-3.75 • 270 • Sr. • Charlotte, N.C. (Ardrey Kell)

- Started all 12 games on the defensive line
- Tied for seventh in school seasonal history with his eight sacks
- Recorded multiple TFLs in four consecutive games, coming against USC (Oct. 17), Temple (Oct. 31), Pittsburgh (Nov. 7) and Wake Forest (Nov. 14)
- Made two sacks against both the Panthers and Demon Deacons, capping a run of five straight games with a sack which had started against Navy (Oct. 10)
- Recovered a fourth quarter fumble at Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Blocked an extra point against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Recorded a season-high eight tackles, including a TFL, at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Earned the team's Father Lange Iron Cross award for his work in the weight room

PRIOR TO 2015: See pages 41-42 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	13-0	4	3	7	1.5-1	0	1	0	0
2013	13-1	10	9	19	1.5-5	0	0	0	0
2014	13-12	15	24	39	4.0-38	1	2	0	0
2015	12-12	28	15	43	12.5-65	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>51-25</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>19.5-109</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2012	0	0	0.0	0
2013	0	1	0.5	3
2014	3	2	4.0	38
2015	8	0	8.0	54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>95</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	1-2	3	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*UMass	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1
*at Clemson	2-3	5	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	1-0	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	3-0	3	2.0-9	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Temple	4-3	7	3.0-8	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Pittsburgh	3-1	4	2.0-18	2.0-18	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	4-0	4	2.0-12	2.0-12	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College	2-2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	5-3	8	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28-15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>12.5-65</b>	<b>8.0-54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

\* - games started

OKWARA'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	8 at Stanford (11.28)
TFLs:	3 at Temple (10.31)
Sacks:	2, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
Fumbles forced:	None
Fumbles recovered:	1 at Virginia (9.12)
Pass breakups:	None
Blocked kicks:	1 vs. UMass (9.26)

OKWARA'S CAREER HIGHS	
Tackles:	11 vs. Purdue (9.13.14)
TFLs:	3 at Temple (10.31.15)
Sacks:	2, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14.15)
Fumbles forced:	1, 3x, last vs. Purdue (9.13.14)
Fumbles recovered:	1 at Virginia (9.12.15)
Pass breakups:	1 at USC (11.29.14)
Blocked kicks:	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

## #17 JAMES ONWUALU

LB • 6-1 • 232 • Jr. • Saint Paul, Minn. (Cretin-Derham Hall)

- Played in each of the first 10 games with eight starts, missing the opening snap against option-based offenses in Georgia Tech (Sept. 17) and Navy (Oct. 10)
- Lost for the season against Wake Forest (Nov. 14) due to a knee injury
- Recorded single sacks against both UMass (Sept. 26) and Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)
- Forced a fumble while making a tackle for loss against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19)
- Had a pair of TFLs and broke up a pass against the Minutemen in a four-tackle day
- Matched his career high with seven tackles in the win over USC (Oct. 17), also breaking up a Trojan pass

PRIOR TO 2015: See pages 42-43 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2013	12-4	6	0	6	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2014	13-8	13	11	24	2.0-4	0	0	0	0
2015	10-8	19	17	36	5.0-17	2	1	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35-20</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>7.0-21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2014	0	0	0.0	0
2015	2	0	2.0	13
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>13</b>

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	2	34	0	23	0.2	17.0	2.8
2014	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2015	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	0-3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	2-2	4	1.0-2	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
*UMass	2-2	4	2.0-7	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Clemson	4-0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-4	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	4-3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Temple	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Pittsburgh	3-1	4	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	1-0	1	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College			Did Not Play - Injury						
at Stanford			Did Not Play - Injury						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28-15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5.0-17</b>	<b>2.0-13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

ONWUALU'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	7 vs. USC (10.17)
TFLs:	2 vs. UMass (9.26)
Sacks:	1, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7)
Fumbles forced:	1 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Pass breakups:	1, 2x, last vs. USC (10.17)

ONWUALU'S CAREER HIGHS	
Tackles:	7, 2x, last vs. USC (10.17.15)
TFLs:	2, 2x, last vs. USC (10.17.15)
Sacks:	1, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
Fumbles forced:	1 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
Pass breakups:	1, 2x, last vs. USC (10.17.15)

## #32 NICK OSSELLO

S • 6-1.75 • 220 • Gr. • Wheat Ridge, Colo. (Wheat Ridge)

- Appeared in six games on special teams
- Saw action against Texas (Sept. 5), Virginia (Sept. 12), UMass (Sept. 26), Navy (Oct. 10), Wake Forest (Nov. 14) and Boston College (Nov. 21)

PRIOR TO 2015: Joined the Irish as a walk-on after completing a four-year career as a midfielder for the men's lacrosse team ... earned second-team All-America honors as a senior in 2015, leading the Irish to the NCAA semifinals for the third time in his four years.

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2015	6-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech			Did Not Play						
UMass	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson			Did Not Play						
Navy	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC			Did Not Play - Injury						
at Temple			Did Not Play - Injury						
at Pittsburgh			Did Not Play - Injury						
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford			Did Not Play						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

## #20 C.J. PROSISE

RB • 6.0-5 • 220 • Sr. • Petersburg, Va. (Woodberry Forest)

- Started 10 games with nine starts, only playing without starting against Texas (Sept. 5) on Opening Day
- Earned the team's "next man in" award
- Received honorable mention All-America honors from Sports Illustrated
- A semifinalist for both the Maxwell and Doak Walker awards
- Missed two games due to injury (Wake Forest and Stanford) and saw only limited action in two others (Pittsburgh and Boston College)
- Eclipsed the 100-yard rushing barrier in six of the eight games where he received a majority of the snaps at running back
- Needed just 150 carries, becoming the second-fastest player to gain 1,000 yards in a season in Irish lore
- Had 50 offensive plays of at least 10 yards
- Had two games this year with three rushing TDs (Georgia Tech and Navy), making him the third player in school history with multiple three-TD rushing games in the same season

- In addition to being the leading rusher for the Irish, ranked fourth on the team with 26 receptions
- Joined Raghib "Rocket" Ismail as the only Notre Dame players with a 100-yard rushing game and a 100-yard receiving game in the same season
- Had 600 rushing yards through the fourth game of the year, establishing a school record through that juncture of a season
- Posted three consecutive 100-yard rushing efforts (vs. Virginia, Georgia Tech and UMass), the first such streak for the Irish since 2005
- Ran for 155 yards and a TD in the win at Virginia (Sept. 12)
- In first home start as a running back, ran for 198 yards and three TDs against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19), including a 91-yard TD run
- At the time, the 91-yard run was the longest in Notre Dame Stadium history
- Had 100 receiving yards on four catches at No. 12 Clemson (Oct. 3) with a 56-yard TD grab, becoming the first Irish running back with a 100-yard receiving game since 1970
- Eclipsed 100 yards rushing in consecutive weeks against Navy (Oct. 10) and USC (Oct. 17), running for 129 yards and three TDs against the Mids and 143 yards with two TDs against USC

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RUSHING	G-GS	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	13-3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2014	13-6	10	126	1	50	12.6	9.7
2015	10-9	156	1,032	11	91	6.6	103.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36-18</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	7	72	0	20	0.5	10.3	5.5
2014	29	516	2	78	2.2	17.8	39.7
2015	26	308	1	56	2.6	11.8	30.8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>24.9</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2014	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	18	1.4
2015	12	11	1	0	0	0	0	72	7.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2.5</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2013	0	72	0	0	0	72	5.5
2014	126	516	0	0	0	642	49.4
2015	1,032	308	0	0	0	1,340	134.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>57.1</b>

2015	RUSHING				RECEIVING				ALL
	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	PURP.
Texas	20	98	0	21	1	6	0	6	104
*at Virginia	17	155	1	25	3	20	0	17	175
*Georgia Tech	22	198	3	91	1	5	0	5	203
UMass	15	149	2	57	0	0	0	0	149
*at Clemson	15	50	0	10	4	100	1	56	150
*Navy	21	129	3	22	4	56	0	25	185
*USC	19	143	2	31	5	32	0	12	175
*at Temple	14	25	0	12	5	43	0	14	68
*at Pittsburgh	5	28	0	11	2	29	0	19	57
Wake Forest	Did Not Play - Injury								
*vs. Boston College	8	57	0	31	1	17	0	17	74
at Stanford	Did Not Play - Injury								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,340</b>

\* - games started

PROSISE'S SEASON HIGHS	
Points:	18, 2x, last vs. Navy (10.10)
TDs:	3, 2x, last vs. Navy (10.10)
Rush attempts:	22 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Rush yards:	198 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Rush touchdowns:	3, 2x, last vs. Navy (10.10)
Long rush:	91 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Receptions:	5, 2x, last at Temple (10.31)
Receiving yards:	100 at Clemson (10.3)
Receiving TDs:	1 at Clemson (10.3)
Longest reception:	56 at Clemson (10.3)
Total offense attempts:	22 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Total offense yards:	198 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
All-purpose yards:	203 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)

PROSISE'S CAREER HIGHS	
Points:	18, 2x, last vs. Navy (10.10.15)
TDs:	3, 2x, last vs. Navy (10.10.15)
Rush attempts:	22 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
Rush yards:	198 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
Rush touchdowns:	3, 2x, last vs. Navy (10.10.15)
Long rush:	91 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
Receptions:	6 at Florida State (10.18.14)
Receiving yards:	100 at Clemson (10.3.15)
Receiving TDs:	1, 3x, last at Clemson (10.3.15)
Longest reception:	78 vs. Navy (11.1.14)
Total offense attempts:	22 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Total offense yards:	198 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
All-purpose yards:	203 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)

## #44 DOUG RANDOLPH

DL • 6-2 • 255 • Jr. • Richmond, Va. (Woodberry Forest)

- Appeared in all 12 games on special teams and as a reserve defensive lineman
- Recorded a pair of tackles in the season-opener against Texas (Sept. 5)
- Made a solo tackle at Clemson (Oct. 3) and split a stop against Wake Forest (Nov. 14)
- Credited with a pass pressure against UMass (Sept. 26)

PRIOR TO 2015: See page 44 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	6-0	0	1	1	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2015	12-0	3	1	4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

RANDOLPH'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	2 vs. Texas (9.5)

RANDOLPH'S CAREER HIGHS	
Tackles:	2 vs. Texas (9.5.15)

## #10 MAX REDFIELD

S • 6-1 • 205 • Jr. • Mission Viejo, Calif. (Mission Viejo)

- Started all 11 of the games he played in this fall, missing the Georgia Tech game (Sept. 17)
- Leads all defensive backs with his 64 tackles on the season
- Matched his career high by making 14 tackles at No. 21 Clemson (Oct. 3)
- Lone interception of the year came in the fourth quarter of the win over USC (Oct. 17) and was returned 19 yards
- Made his first career sack, a 10-yard loss, among his nine tackles against Boston College (Nov. 21)
- Had second double-digit tackle effort of the season with 10 stops at Stanford (Nov. 28)

PRIOR TO 2015: See pages 44-45 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2013	12-1	3	9	12	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2014	13-11	40	28	68	0.5-0	3	0	0	0
2015	11-11	39	25	64	2.0-12	3	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36-23</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>2.5-12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2013	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2014	1	17	0	17	17.0	1.3
2015	1	19	0	19	19.0	1.7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2014	0	0	0.0	0
2015	1	0	1.0	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>10</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
Georgia Tech	Did Not Play - Injury								
*UMass	3-1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Clemson	11-3	14	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	2-2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-19	0	0
*at Temple	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Pittsburgh	5-1	6	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*Wake Forest	1-7	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College	8-1	9	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	6-4	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39-25</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2.0-12</b>	<b>1.0-10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

REDFIELD'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	14 at Clemson (10.3)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 at Boston College (11.21)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 2x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1 vs. USC (10.17)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	19 vs. USC (10.17)

REDFIELD'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	14, 2x, last at Clemson (10.3.15)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 4x, last at Pittsburgh (11.7.15)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. USC (11.0.17.15)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	19 vs. USC (10.17.15)

## #88 COREY ROBINSON

WR • 6-4.25 • 215 • Jr. • San Antonio, Texas (San Antonio Christian)

- Saw action in 11 games, missing only the contest against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Semifinalist for the Wuerffel Trophy
- AFCA Good Works Team nominee
- Caught a season-high two passes on three occasions, coming against Texas (Sept. 5), Navy (Oct. 10) and Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Lone TD catch of the season was the decisive score in the win over USC (Oct. 17)

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See pages 45-46 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2013	13-3	9	157	1	35	0.7	17.4	12.1
2014	13-2	40	539	5	32	3.1	13.5	41.5
2015	11-0	13	159	1	22	1.2	12.2	14.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37-5</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>23.1</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2013	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
2014	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	30	2.3
2015	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1.1</b>

2015	NO.	RECEIVING		TD	LG
		YDS	AVG.		
Texas	2	35	17.5	0	20
at Virginia	1	11	11.0	0	11
Georgia Tech	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
UMass	Did Not Play - Injury				
at Clemson	1	15	15.0	0	15
Navy	2	28	14.0	0	16
USC	1	10	10.0	1	10
at Temple	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	1	12	12.0	0	12
Wake Forest	1	4	4.0	0	4
vs. Boston College	1	15	15.0	0	15
at Stanford	2	30	15.0	0	22
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>

\* - games started

ROBINSON'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Points:</b>	6 vs. USC (10.17)
<b>TDs:</b>	1 vs. USC (10.17)
<b>Receptions:</b>	2, 3x, last at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	35 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	1 vs. USC (10.17)
<b>Longest reception:</b>	22 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	35 vs. Texas (9.5)

ROBINSON'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Points:</b>	12 at Florida State (10.18.14)
<b>TDs:</b>	2 at Florida State (10.18.14)
<b>Receptions:</b>	8, 2x, last at FSU (10.18.14)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	99 at Florida State (10.18.14)
<b>Receiving TDs:</b>	2 at Florida State (10.18.14)
<b>Longest reception:</b>	35 at Air Force (10.26.13)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	99 at Florida State (10.18.14)

## #90 ISAAC ROCHELL

DL • 6-3.5 • 287 • Jr. • McDonough, Ga. (Eagle's Landing Christian)

- Appeared in all 12 games with 11 starts, coming off of the bench only against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Leads all defensive linemen with 58 tackles on the year
- Ranks fourth on the team with 7.5 tackles for loss
- Has at least a half of a TFL in nine of the 12 games this fall
- Recorded a season-high seven tackles at Virginia (Sept. 12) and then matched that sum at Clemson (Oct. 3)
- Lone sack of the season came against USC (Oct. 17), part of a six-tackle performance against the Trojans with 1.5 TFLs and a pass breakup
- Also broke up a pass while making six tackles in the win at No. 21 Temple (Oct. 31)

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See pages 46-47 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2013	11-0	5	5	10	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2014	13-13	19	20	39	7.5-31	3	0	1	1
2015	12-11	28	30	58	7.5-19	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36-24</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>15.0-50</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2014	2	1	2.5	20
2015	1	0	1.0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>23</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	0-2	2	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	3-4	7	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	1-4	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	2-0	2	1.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Clemson	4-3	7	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	2-4	6	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	3-3	6	1.5-4	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Temple	2-4	6	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Pittsburgh	2-2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	3-3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College	4-0	4	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	2-1	3	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28-30</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7.5-19</b>	<b>1.0-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

ROCHELL'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	7, 2x, last at Clemson (10.3)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1.5 vs. USC (10.17)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 vs. USC (10.17)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	None
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 2x, last at Temple (10.31)
<b>Blocked kicks:</b>	None

ROCHELL'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	9 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
<b>TFLs:</b>	2, 2x, last vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. USC (10.17.15)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1 vs. Michigan (9.6.15)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	2 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
<b>Blocked kicks:</b>	1 vs. LSU (12.30.14)

## #6 KEIVARAE RUSSELL

CB • 5-11 • 196 • Sr. • Everett, Wash. (Mariner)

- Started each of the first 11 games
- Tied for the team lead with six passes defended and tied for second on the squad with four pass breakups
- Registered first career sack, an 11-yard loss, among his nine tackles at Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Also forced a fumble against the Cavaliers
- Had a career-high 10 tackles, and his first interception of the season, in the win over rival USC (Oct. 17)
- Contributed an interception and four tackles to the win at No. 21 Temple (Oct. 31)
- Broke his leg during the Boston College (Nov. 21) game and will miss the rest of the season
- Prior to his injury, had a tackle for loss and forced a fumble against the Eagles

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See pages 47-48 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	13-13	37	21	58	2.0-7	4	0	0	0
2013	13-13	40	11	51	1.5-2	9	0	1	0
2015	11-11	48	12	60	3.5-20	6	2	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37-37</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>7.0-29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2012	2	31	0	31	15.5	2.4
2013	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2012	0	1	0.5	4
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2015	1	0	1.0	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>15</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	2-1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	7-2	9	1.0-11	1.0-11	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	2-1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0
*UMass	4-3	7	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Clemson	3-0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	7-0	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	9-1	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
*at Temple	3-1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
*at Pittsburgh	6-0	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	3-3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*vs. Boston College	2-0	2	1.0-5	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	Did Not Play - Injury								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>48-12</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3.5-30</b>	<b>1.0-11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started



**RUSSELL'S SEASON HIGHS**

<b>Tackles:</b>	10 vs. USC (10.17)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 at Virginia (9.12)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	None
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1, 2x, last at Temple (10.31)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	0, 2x, last at Temple (10.31)

**RUSSELL'S CAREER HIGHS**

<b>Tackles:</b>	10 vs. USC (10.17.15)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 5x, last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 at Virginia (9.12.15)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1 at Air Force (10.26.13)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	3, 2x, last vs. Rutgers (12.28.13)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1, 5x, last at Temple (10.31.15)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	31 vs. Michigan (9.22.12)

## #86 EQUANIMEOUS ST. BROWN

**WR • 6-4 • 205 • Fr. • Anaheim, Calif. (Servite)**

- Saw action in seven games on special teams and also at wide receiver
- Blocked a punt that was returned for a TD vs. USC (Oct. 17)
- Made lone catch of the season - an eight-yard grab - against UMass (Sept. 26)

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See page 61 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	7-0	1	8	0	8	0.1	8.0	1.1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>

2015	NO.	RECEIVING		TD	LG
		YDS	AVG.		
Texas	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Virginia		Did Not Play			
Georgia Tech		Did Not Play			
UMass	1	8	8.0	0	8
at Clemson	0	0	0.0	0	0
Navy	0	0	0.0	0	0
USC	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Temple	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wake Forest		Did Not Play - Injury			
vs. Boston College		Did Not Play - Injury			
at Stanford		Did Not Play - Injury			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

\* - games started

**ST. BROWN'S SEASON HIGHS**

<b>Receptions:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	8 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Long reception:</b>	8 vs. UMass (9.26)

**ST. BROWN'S CAREER HIGHS**

<b>Receptions:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	8 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Long reception:</b>	8 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

## #9 C.J. SANDERS

**WR • 5-8 • 185 • Fr. • Grenada Hills, Calif. (Notre Dame)**

- Saw action in all 12 games as a punt returner, kickoff returner and reserve slot receiver
- Saw action in all 12 games, primarily as a returner but also as a slot receiver
- Became the third player in Notre Dame history to return both a punt and a kickoff for a TD in the same season

- Returned a punt 50 yards for a momentum-swinging TD late in the first half against UMass (Sept. 26)
- It marked the first punt return by an Irish freshman since 1973 and the first by a Notre Dame player of any class since 2009
- Took over as the primary kickoff returner at Clemson (Oct. 3), gaining 71 yards on two returns for a 35.5 yard average
- Against USC (Oct. 17), gained 160 all-purpose yards with a 25-yard punt return and six kickoff returns for 135 yards
- Returned six kickoffs at Stanford (Nov. 28) for 182 yards, including a 93-yard TD, Notre Dame's first kickoff return TD since 2011
- The 182 kickoff return yards are third-best in Irish history for a single game and the most since the 1989 game where Raghib "Rocket" Ismail returned two kickoffs for TDs against Michigan, gaining 192 yards on the day
- Made only catch of the season against UMass (Sept. 26)

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REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	12-0	1	0	0	0	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

PUNT RET.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	25	182	1	50	7.3	15.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>15.2</b>

KICK RET.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	23	580	1	93	25.2	48.3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>48.3</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2015	0	0	182	580	0	762	63.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>63.5</b>

2015	KICK RETURN				PUNT RETURN				ALL PURP.
	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG	
Texas	0	0	0	0	3	-1	0	5	-1
at Virginia	0	0	0	0	4	48	0	30	48
Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	6	7
UMass	0	0	0	0	3	63	1	50	63
at Clemson	2	71	0	46	1	0	0	0	71
Navy	4	84	0	23	0	0	0	0	84
USC	6	135	0	33	1	25	0	25	160
at Temple	3	64	0	22	3	18	0	7	82
at Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	3	18	0	9	18
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Boston College	2	44	0	28	3	-4	0	0	40
at Stanford	6	182	1	93	2	8	0	5	190
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>762</b>

\* - games started

**SANDERS' SEASON HIGHS**

<b>Receptions:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Long reception:</b>	0 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Kick returns:</b>	6, 2x, last at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Kick return yards:</b>	182 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Kick return TDs:</b>	1 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Long kick return:</b>	93 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Punt returns:</b>	4 at Virginia (9.12)
<b>Punt return yards:</b>	63 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Punt return TDs:</b>	1 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Long punt return:</b>	50 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	190 at Stanford (11.28)

**SANDERS' CAREER HIGHS**

<b>Receptions:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Long reception:</b>	0 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Kick returns:</b>	6, 2x, last at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Kick return yards:</b>	182 at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Kick return TDs:</b>	1 at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Long kick return:</b>	93 at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Punt returns:</b>	4 at Virginia (9.12.15)
<b>Punt return yards:</b>	63 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>Punt return TDs:</b>	1 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>Long punt return:</b>	50 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	190 at Stanford (11.28.15)

## #38 JOE SCHMIDT

**LB • 6-0.5 • 235 • Gr. • Orange, Calif. (Mater Dei)**

- Team captain who started all 12 games at linebacker
- Recipient of the team's "Irish Around the Bend" award which is heavily-focused on community service work
- A semifinalist for the Campbell Trophy
- Ranks second on the team with 65 tackles and is tied for third with a pair of sacks
- Hit double digits in tackles twice on the year, recording 10 stops against both Georgia Tech (Sept. 19) and Wake Forest (Nov. 14)
- Had two sacks against the option running-based Yellow Jackets, the first two sacks of his career
- Shared on a TFL among his eight stops against Navy's option attack (Oct. 10)
- Broke up passes against Virginia (Sept. 12), Temple (Oct. 31) and Boston College (Nov. 21), all wins for the Irish

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See pages 48-49 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	10-0	2	4	6	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2013	13-0	10	5	15	2.0-19	1	0	0	0
2014	8-8	42	23	65	0.5-0	3	2	0	0
2015	12-12	32	33	65	3.0-11	3	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43-20</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>5.5-30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2012	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2013	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2014	2	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2012	0	0	0.0	0
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2014	0	0	0.0	0
2015	2	0	2.0	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>10</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	3-3	6	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	2-4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*Georgia Tech	8-2	10	2.0-10	2.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*UMass	1-5	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Clemson	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	4-4	8	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	3-1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Temple	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Pittsburgh	1-3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	4-6	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College 1-2	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Stanford	2-3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32-33</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3.0-11</b>	<b>2.0-10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

SCHMIDT'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	10, 2x, last vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
<b>TFLs:</b>	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Sacks:</b>	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	None
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Boston College (11.21)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	None
<b>Long INT return:</b>	None

SCHMIDT'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	11 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
<b>TFLs:</b>	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>Sacks:</b>	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. UNC (10.11.14)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 5x, last vs. Boston College (11.21.15)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1, 2x, last at FSU (10.18.14)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	0, 2x, last at FSU (10.18.14)

## #22 ELIJAH SHUMATE

S • 6-0 • 224 • Sr. • East Orange, N.J. (Don Bosco Prep)

- Appeared in all 12 games with 11 starts, coming off of the bench against only Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)
- Ranks fifth on the team with 6.5 tackles for loss and sixth with his 57 tackles
- Recorded a season-high 10 tackles against both Virginia (Sept. 12) and Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Made lone interception of the season against Navy (Oct. 10)
- Broke up a single pass against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19) and USC (Oct. 17)

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See page 50 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2012	13-0	7	2	9	0.0-0	3	0	0	0
2013	9-4	14	9	23	1.0-4	1	0	0	0
2014	13-10	41	25	66	2.5-18	5	0	1	0
2015	12-11	43	14	57	6.5-15	3	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>47-25</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>10.0-37</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2012	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2013	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2014	1	16	0	16	16.0	1.2
2015	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2012	0	0	0.0	0
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2014	1	0	1.0	16
2015	0	0	0.0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>16</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	3-1	4	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	6-4	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	4-1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*UMass	5-1	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Clemson	3-1	4	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	0-0	2	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0
*USC	2-0	2	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Temple	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	4-3	7	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*vs. Boston College	3-1	4	0.5-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	8-2	10	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43-14</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6.5-15</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

SHUMATE'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	10, 2x, last at Stanford (11.28)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 6x, last at Stanford (11.28)
<b>Sacks:</b>	None
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	None
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. USC (10.17)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1 vs. Navy (10.10)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	0 vs. Navy (10.10)

SHUMATE'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	13 at USC (11.29.14)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 9x, last at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 vs. Stanford (10.4.14)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1 vs. North Carolina (10.11.14)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	2 at Michigan State (9.15.12)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Michigan (9.6.14)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	16 vs. Michigan (9.6.14)

## #9 JAYLON SMITH

LB • 6-2.25 • 240 • Jr. • Fort Wayne, Ind. (Bishop Luers)

- Butkus Award recipient
- Joined Manti Te'o as the only players to ever win both the high school and collegiate versions of the Butkus Award
- Named a first-team All-American by the AP, FWA and other media organizations
- Semifinalist for the Bednarik, Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy
- The first Notre Dame player with 113 tackles, nine tackles for loss and five passes defended in one season since Courtney Watson in 2003
- Leads the team in solo tackles (68), total tackles (113), pass breakups (five), fumble recoveries (two) and is third with nine TFLs
- Semifinalist for the Bednarik, Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy
- Hit double digits in tackles in five of the final six games of the year
- Matched his career high with 2.5 TFLs at Virginia (Sept. 12), part of an 11-tackle afternoon
- Broke up two passes against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19), both forcing and recovering a fumble
- Recorded 14 tackles against both USC (Oct. 17) and Temple (Oct. 31)
- Established a career-high with 15 tackles at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28), including one TFL
- Enters bowl season with three consecutive games (Wake Forest, Boston College and Stanford) of double-digit tackles with a TFL

**PRIOR TO 2015:** See pages 51-52 of the Notre Dame Football Media Guide

TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2013	13-13	41	26	67	6.5-22	4	1	1	0
2014	13-13	65	47	112	9.0-40	2	1	0	0
2015	12-12	68	45	113	9.0-25	5	1	2	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38-38</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>24.5-87</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2013	1	-1	0	0	-1.0	-0.1
2014	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2013	0	0	0.0	0
2014	3	1	3.5	30
2015	1	0	1.0	8
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>38</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
*Texas	6-1	7	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Virginia	6-5	11	2.5-8	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	4-1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	1-17	0-0	2	0
*UMass	4-2	6	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Clemson	7-2	9	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	1-3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0
*USC	6-8	14	0.5-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Temple	7-3	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Pittsburgh	4-3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	6-8	14	1.0-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*vs. Boston College	9-2	11	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
*at Stanford	8-7	15	1.0-1	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43-14</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>9.0-25</b>	<b>1.0-8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2-17</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

SMITH'S SEASON HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	15 at Stanford (11.28)
<b>TFLs:</b>	2.5 at Virginia (9.12)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 vs. Texas (9.5)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1, 2x, last vs. Navy (10.10)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	None

SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS	
<b>Tackles:</b>	15 at Stanford (11.28.15)
<b>TFLs:</b>	2.5, 2x, last at Virginia (9.12.15)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1, 4x, last vs. Texas (9.5.15)
<b>Fumbles forced:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>Fumbles recovered:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Navy (10.10)
<b>Pass breakups:</b>	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1 vs. USC (10.19.13)

## #80 DURHAM SMYTHE

TE • 6-4.5 • 245 • Jr. • Belton, Texas (Belton)

- Started each of the first two games of the season, against Texas (Sept. 5) and Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Made a single reception in each of his two games played
- Caught first career TD, a seven-yard grab, to cap the opening drive at Virginia
- Lost for the regular season due to a knee injury suffered against the Cavaliers

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REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2014	13-0	1	7	0	7	0.1	7.0	0.5
2015	2-2	2	13	1	7	1.0	6.5	6.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15-2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>

2015	NO.	YDS	AVG.	TD	LG
*Texas	1	6	6.0	0	6
*at Virginia	1	7	7.0	1	7
Georgia Tech		Did Not Play	- Injury		
UMass		Did Not Play	- Injury		
at Clemson		Did Not Play	- Injury		
Navy		Did Not Play	- Injury		
USC		Did Not Play	- Injury		
at Temple		Did Not Play	- Injury		
at Pittsburgh		Did Not Play	- Injury		
Wake Forest		Did Not Play	- Injury		
vs. Boston College		Did Not Play	- Injury		
at Stanford		Did Not Play	- Injury		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

\* - games started

SMYTHE'S SEASON HIGHS	
Receptions:	1, 2x, last at Virginia (9.12)
Receiving yards:	7 at Virginia (9.12)
Receiving TDs:	1 at Virginia (9.12)
Long reception:	7 at Virginia (9.12)

SMYTHE'S CAREER HIGHS	
Receptions:	1, 3x, last at Virginia (9.12.15)
Receiving yards:	7, 2x, last at Virginia (9.12.15)
Receiving TDs:	1 at Virginia (9.12.15)
Long reception:	7, 2x, last at Virginia (9.12.15)

## #78 RONNIE STANLEY

OL • 6-5.5 • 315 • Sr. • Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)

- Started all 12 games at left tackle on an offensive line which was a finalist for the inaugural Joe Moore Award
- A FWAA and Walter Camp first-team All-American
- Also named first-team All-American by CBS Sports and earned second-team recognition from numerous outlets, including the AP
- Semifinalist for the Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy
- Named Notre Dame's offensive player of the year

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PARTICIPATION	G-GS
2012	2-0
2013	13-13
2014	13-13
2015	12-12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>40-38</b>

## #99 JERRY TILLERY

DL • 6-6.5 • 305 • Fr. • Shreveport, La. (Evangel Christian)

- Appeared in all 12 games with a trio of starts, coming against option-oriented offenses in Georgia Tech (Sept. 19) and Navy (Oct. 10) along with Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Named the team's defensive newcomer of the year
- Recorded a sack against Texas (Sept. 5) in his collegiate debut
- Made a season-high four stops, all solo, with a TFL at Clemson (Oct. 3)

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2015	12-3	9	3	12	2.0-7	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12-3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.0-7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2015	1	0	1.0	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	1-0	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	1-2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	4-0	4	1.0-3	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Navy	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College	2-0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*at Stanford	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9-3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.0-7</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

TILLERY'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	4 at Clemson (10.3)
TFLs:	2, 2x, last at Clemson (10.3)
Sacks:	1 vs. Texas (9.5.15)

TILLERY'S CAREER HIGHS	
Tackles:	4 at Clemson (10.3.15)
TFLs:	2, 2x, last at Clemson (10.3.15)
Sacks:	1 vs. Texas (9.5.15)

## #23 DRUE TRANQUILL

S • 6-1.5 • 225 • So. • Fort Wayne, Ind. (Carroll)

- Played in each of the first three games with a start against option-oriented Georgia Tech (Sept. 19)
- Named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team
- Shared on a TFL among his three stops at Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Made four tackles, all solo, including two TFLs with a pass breakup against the Yellow Jackets, all in the first half
- Lost for the season to a knee injury suffered after breaking up a pass in the end zone against Georgia Tech

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	11-3	16	17	33	1.0-1	1	0	1	1
2015	3-1	6	3	9	2.5-8	2	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14-4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.5-9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2014	1	-2	0	0	-2.0	-0.2
2015	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2014	0	1	0.5	1
2015	0	0	0.0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
at Virginia	1-2	3	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Georgia Tech	4-0	4	2.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0
UMass			Did Not Play - Injury						
at Clemson			Did Not Play - Injury						
Navy			Did Not Play - Injury						
USC			Did Not Play - Injury						
at Temple			Did Not Play - Injury						
at Pittsburgh			Did Not Play - Injury						
Wake Forest			Did Not Play - Injury						
vs. Boston College			Did Not Play - Injury						
at Stanford			Did Not Play - Injury						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2.5-8</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

TRANQUILL'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	4 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
TFLs:	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Sacks:	None
Fumbles recovered:	None
Long fumble return:	None
Pass breakups:	1, 2x, last vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Interceptions:	None
Blocked kicks:	None

TRANQUILL'S CAREER HIGHS	
Tackles:	7 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
TFLs:	2 vs. Georgia Tech (9.19)
Sacks:	0.5 vs. Michigan (9.6.14)
Fumbles recovered:	1 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
Long fumble return:	5 vs. Northwestern (11.15.14)
Pass breakups:	1, 2x, last vs. Georgia Tech (9.19.15)
Interceptions:	1 vs. Louisville (11.22.14)
Blocked kicks:	1 vs. Stanford (10.4.14)

## #98 ANDREW TRUMBETTI

DL • 6-3.5 • 260 • So. • Demarest, N.J. (Northern Valley Regional)

- Saw action in 11 games, missing only Georgia Tech (Sept. 19)
- Made two starts, coming against Wake Forest (Nov. 14) and Boston College (Nov. 21)
- Shared on a pair of tackles, including his lone TFL of the season, on Opening Day against Texas (Sept. 5)
- Returned his first career interception 28 yards for a TD against the Demon Deacons.
- Made a season-high three tackles in the win over Boston College (Nov. 21)

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	12-1	15	6	21	5.5-22	0	0	0	0
2015	11-2	7	5	12	0.5-2	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23-3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6.0-24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

INT.	NO.	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/R	AVG/G
2014	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2015	1	28	1	28	28.0	2.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

SACKS	UA	A	TOTAL	YARDS
2014	1	0	1.0	7
2015	0	0	0.0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-2	2	0.5-2	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech			Did Not Play						
UMass	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
*Wake Forest	1-1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-28	0	0
*vs. Boston College	3-0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Stanford	1-0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.5-2</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* - games started

TRUMBETTI'S SEASON HIGHS	
Tackles:	3 vs. Boston College (11.21)
TFLs:	0.5 vs. Texas (9.5)
Sacks:	None
Interceptions:	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
Long INT return:	28 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
INT return TDs:	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)



### TRUMBETTI'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	4, 2x, last vs. Ariz. St. (11.8.14)
<b>TFLs:</b>	1, 5x, last vs. LSU (12.30.14)
<b>Sacks:</b>	1 vs. Stanford (10.4.14)
<b>Interceptions:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
<b>Long INT return:</b>	28 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)
<b>INT return TDs:</b>	1 vs. Wake Forest (11.14)

## #31 JOHN TURNER

S • 6-0.5 • 220 • Sr. • Indianapolis, Ind. (Cathedral)

- Played in five games on special teams, seeing action against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19), UMass (Sept. 26), Wake Forest (Nov. 14), Boston College (Nov. 21) and Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Did not record a tackle on the season

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2013	13-0	1	3	4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2014	13-0	3	1	4	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2015	5-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31-0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### TURNER'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	None
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### TURNER'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	2 vs. Navy (11.2.13)
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## #21 NICK WATKINS

CB • 6-0.25 • 200 • So. • DeSoto, Texas (Bishop Dunne)

- Appeared in 11 games, missing only the contest against Boston College (Nov. 21)
- Recorded his first career tackle in the season-opener against Texas (Sept. 5)
- Stopped three UMass (Sept. 26) players, two of them solo

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TACKLES	G-GS	UA	A	TOTAL	TFL	PD	FF	FR	BLK
2014	11-0	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2015	11-0	2	3	5	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

2015	UT-AT	TT	TFL	SCK	FF	FR	INT	PBU	BLK
Texas	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Virginia	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Georgia Tech	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
UMass	2-1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Clemson	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Navy	0-1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USC	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Temple	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Boston College			Did Not Play						
at Stanford	0-0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0.0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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### WATKINS' SEASON HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	3 vs. UMass (9.26)
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### WATKINS' CAREER HIGHS

<b>Tackles:</b>	3 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
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## #82 NIC WEISHAR

TE • 6-4 • 241 • So. • Midlothian, Ill. (Marist)

- Saw action in 11 games with starts against Clemson (Oct. 3) and Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Made first catch of his career, a six-yard gain, against Georgia Tech (Sept. 19)
- Also had an eight-yard reception against UMass (Sept. 26) and a five-yard grab against Navy (Oct. 10)
- Did not play against Wake Forest (Nov. 14) due to injury

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REC.	G-GS	REC	YDS	TD	LG	REC/G	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	11-2	3	19	0	8	0.3	6.3	1.7
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11-2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>

### RECEIVING

2015	NO.	YDS	AVG.	TD	LG
Texas	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Virginia	0	0	0.0	0	0
Georgia Tech	1	6	6.0	0	6
UMass	1	8	8.0	0	8
*at Clemson	0	0	0.0	0	0
Navy	1	5	5.0	0	5
USC	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Temple	0	0	0.0	0	0
at Pittsburgh	0	0	0.0	0	0
Wake Forest		Did Not Play - Injury			
vs. Boston College	0	0	0.0	0	0
*at Stanford	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

\* - games started

### WEISHAR'S SEASON HIGHS

<b>Receptions:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Navy (10.10)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	8 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Long reception:</b>	8 vs. UMass (9.26)

### WEISHAR'S CAREER HIGHS

<b>Receptions:</b>	1, 3x, last vs. Navy (10.10.15)
<b>Receiving yards:</b>	8 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Long reception:</b>	8 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

## #34 DEXTER WILLIAMS

RB • 5-10.75 • 200 • Fr. • Winter Garden, Fla. (West Orange)

- Saw action in six games, primarily as a backup running back
- Carried the ball seven times in his collegiate debut against Texas (Sept. 5), gaining 24 yards
- Scored his first career TD on a 14-yard run against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Set career rushing high for 48 yards against the Minutemen while also returning his first career kickoff, a 20-yard gain

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RUSHING	G-GS	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	6-0	19	79	1	14	4.2	13.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>

ALL PURP	RUSH	RCV	PR	KR	IR	TOT	AVG/G
2015	79	0	0	20	0	99	16.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>16.5</b>

### RUSHING

2015	NO.	YDS	AVG.	TD	LG
Texas	7	24	3.4	0	8
at Virginia		Did Not Play			
Georgia Tech		Did Not Play			
UMass	7	48	6.9	1	14
at Clemson		Did Not Play			
Navy		Did Not Play			
USC		Did Not Play			
at Temple		Did Not Play			
at Pittsburgh	3	6	2.0	0	4
Wake Forest	0	0	0.0	0	0
vs. Boston College	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
at Stanford	1	3	3.0	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>

\* - games started

### WILLIAMS' SEASON HIGHS

<b>Rush attempts:</b>	7, 2x, last vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	48 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Rush touchdowns:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Long rush:</b>	14 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Kick returns:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>Kick return yards:</b>	20 vs. UMass (9.26)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	68 vs. UMass (9.26)

### WILLIAMS' CAREER HIGHS

<b>Rush attempts:</b>	7, 2x, last vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Rush yards:</b>	48 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Rush touchdowns:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Long rush:</b>	14 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Kick returns:</b>	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>Kick return yards:</b>	20 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
<b>All-purpose yards:</b>	68 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

## #12 BRANDON WIMBUSH

QB • 6-1 • 216 • Fr. • Teaneck, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep)

- Played at quarterback against both UMass (Sept. 26) and Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)
- Accounted for 109 yards of total offense against UMass, gaining 92 yards on four carries while completing three of his five passes for 17 yards
- His 58-yard TD scamper against the Minutemen is the team's sixth-longest rush of the year
- Had a 17-yard gain among his three carries against the Panthers

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PASS	G-GS	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AV/P	AV/G	EFF
2015	2-0	3-5-0	17	0	9	60.0	3.4	8.5	88.6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>3-5-0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>88.6</b>

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2015	7	96	1	58	13.7	48.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>48.0</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
2015	96	17	113	56.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>56.5</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2015	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3.0</b>

2015	PASSING				RUSHING			
	CMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Texas								
at Virginia								
Georgia Tech								
UMass	3-5-0	17	0	9	4	92	1	58
at Clemson								
Navy								
USC								
at Temple								
at Pittsburgh	0-0-0	0	0	0	3	4	0	17
Wake Forest								
vs. Boston College								
at Stanford								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3-5-0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>

\* - games started

WIMBUSH'S SEASON HIGHS	
Points:	6 vs. UMass (9.26)
TDs:	1 vs. UMass (9.26)
Pass attempts:	5 vs. UMass (9.26)
Pass completions:	3 vs. UMass (9.26)
Pass yards:	17 vs. UMass (9.26)
Long pass:	9 vs. UMass (9.26)
Rush attempts:	4 vs. UMass (9.26)
Rush yards:	92 vs. UMass (9.26)
Rush TDs:	1 vs. UMass (9.26)
Long rush:	58 vs. UMass (9.26)
Total offense attempts:	9 vs. UMass (9.26)
Total offense yards:	109 vs. UMass (9.26)
All-purpose yards:	92 vs. UMass (9.26)

WIMBUSH'S CAREER HIGHS	
Points:	6 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
TDs:	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Pass attempts:	5 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Pass completions:	3 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Pass yards:	17 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Long pass:	9 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Rush attempts:	4 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Rush yards:	92 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Rush TDs:	1 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Long rush:	58 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Total offense attempts:	9 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Total offense yards:	109 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
All-purpose yards:	92 vs. UMass (9.26.15)

## #19 JUSTIN YOON

**K • 5-9.75 • 185 • Fr. • Nashville, Tenn. (Milton Academy [Mass.])**

- Attempted each of the team's 17 field goals and 48 extra-point tries
- Has presently made each of his last 12 field goals, the fourth-longest streak in school history
- Connected on 88.2% of his field goal tries, ranking fifth nationally and first among freshmen
- Set season and career highs by making eight extra points, and attempting nine of them, against UMass (Sept. 26)
- Has converted each of his last 30 extra-point attempts since his miss against the Minutemen
- Made a 52-yard field goal against Navy (Oct. 10), it marked the third-longest field goal in school history and longest field goal in the nation this year by a freshman
- Connected on all three of his field goal tries at No. 9 Stanford (Nov. 28), scoring a career-high 12 points against the Cardinal

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FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATT	LONG	PCT
2015	15	17	52	88.2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>88.2</b>

	0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLKD
2015	0-0	5-5	7-8	2-3	1-1	52	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>5-5</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>

SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2015	0	0	0	0	46	0	15	91	7.6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7.6</b>

2015	FIELD GOALS			PAT ATTEMPTS			PTS
	MD-ATT	LG	BLK	KICK	RUSH	RCV	
Texas	1-2	38	0	5-5	0	0	8
at Virginia	2-3	45	0	2-2	0	0	8
Georgia Tech	1-1	29	0	3-4	0	0	6
UMass	0-0	0	0	8-9	0	0	8
at Clemson	1-1	46	0	1-1	0	0	4
Navy	2-2	52	0	5-5	0	0	11
USC	2-2	32	0	5-5	0	0	11
at Temple	1-1	23	1	3-3	0	0	6
at Pittsburgh	0-0	0	0	6-6	0	0	6
Wake Forest	0-0	0	0	4-4	0	0	4
vs. Boston College	2-2	35	0	1-1	0	0	7
at Stanford	3-3	29	0	3-3	0	0	12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15-17</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46-48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91</b>

YOON'S SEASON HIGHS	
Points scored:	12 at Stanford (11.28)
Kick PATs:	8 vs. UMass (9.26)
Kick PAT attempts:	9 vs. UMass (9.26)
Field goals made:	3 at Stanford (11.28)
Field goal attempts:	3, 2x, last at Stanford (11.28)
Long FG:	52 vs. Navy (10.10)

YOON'S CAREER HIGHS	
Points scored:	12 at Stanford (11.28.15)
Kick PATs:	8 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Kick PAT attempts:	9 vs. UMass (9.26.15)
Field goals made:	3 at Stanford (11.28.15)
Field goal attempts:	3, 2x, last at Stanford (11.28.15)
Long FG:	52 vs. Navy (10.10.15)

## #8 MALIK ZAIRE

**QB • 6-0 • 222 • Jr. • Kettering, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)**

- Started the first two games of the season at quarterback, contests against Texas (Sept. 5) and Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Completed 19-of-22 passes (86.4%) for 313 yards and three TDs in the season-opening rout of Texas (Sept. 5)
- Became just the fifth Notre Dame player to throw for at least 300 yards in a season opener
- That 86.4% completion percentage against the Longhorns is second in school history for a single game and the best since 1984
- Ran the ball 10 times for 87 yards and was 7-for-18 passing for 115 yards and one TD against the Cavaliers
- Lost for the season during the game at Virginia with a broken ankle

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PASS	G-GS	C-A-I	YDS	TD	LG	PCT	AV/P	AV/G	EFF
2014	7-1	21-35-0	266	1	49	60.0	7.6	38.0	133.3
2015	2-2	26-40-0	428	4	66	65.0	10.7	214.0	187.9
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9-3</b>	<b>47-75-0</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>162.4</b>

RUSHING	ATT	YARDS	TD	LONG	AVG/C	AVG/G
2014	33	187	2	56	5.7	26.7
2015	19	103	0	39	5.4	51.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>32.2</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG/G
2014	187	266	453	64.7
2015	103	428	531	265.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>109.3</b>

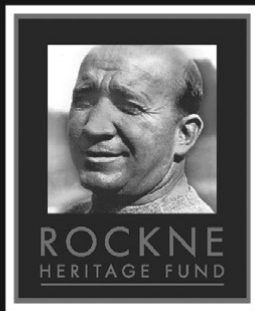
SCORING	TD	RUSH	RCV	RET	PAT	2PAT	FG	TOT	AVG/G
2014	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.7
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.3</b>

2015	PASSING				RUSHING			
	CMP-ATT-INT	YDS	TD	LG	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
*Texas	19-22-0	313	3	66	9	16	0	14
*at Virginia	7-18-0	115	1	59	10	87	0	39
Georgia Tech								
UMass								
at Clemson								
Navy								
USC								
at Temple								
at Pittsburgh								
Wake Forest								
vs. Boston College								
at Stanford								
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26-40-0</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>

\* - games started

ZAIRE'S SEASON HIGHS	
Points:	None
TDs:	None
Pass attempts:	22 vs. Texas (9.5)
Pass completions:	19 vs. Texas (9.5)
Pass yards:	313 vs. Texas (9.5)
Pass TDs:	3 vs. Texas (9.5)
Long pass:	66 vs. Texas (9.5)
Rush attempts:	10 at Virginia (9.12)
Rush yards:	87 at Virginia (9.12)
Rush TDs:	None
Long rush:	39 at Virginia (9.12)
Total offense attempts:	31 vs. Texas (9.5)
Total offense yards:	329 vs. Texas (9.5)
All-purpose yards:	87 at Virginia (9.12)

ZAIRE'S CAREER HIGHS	
Points:	6, 2x, last vs. LSU (12.30.14)
TDs:	1, 2x, last vs. LSU (12.30.14)
Pass attempts:	22 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
Pass completions:	19 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
Pass yards:	313 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
Pass TDs:	3 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
Long pass:	66 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
Rush attempts:	22 vs. LSU (12.30.14)
Rush yards:	96 vs. LSU (12.30.14)
Rush TDs:	1, 2x, last vs. LSU (12.30.14)
Long rush:	56 vs. Rice (8.30.14)
Total offense attempts:	37 vs. LSU (12.30.14)
Total offense yards:	329 vs. Texas (9.5.15)
All-purpose yards:	96 vs. LSU (12.30.14)



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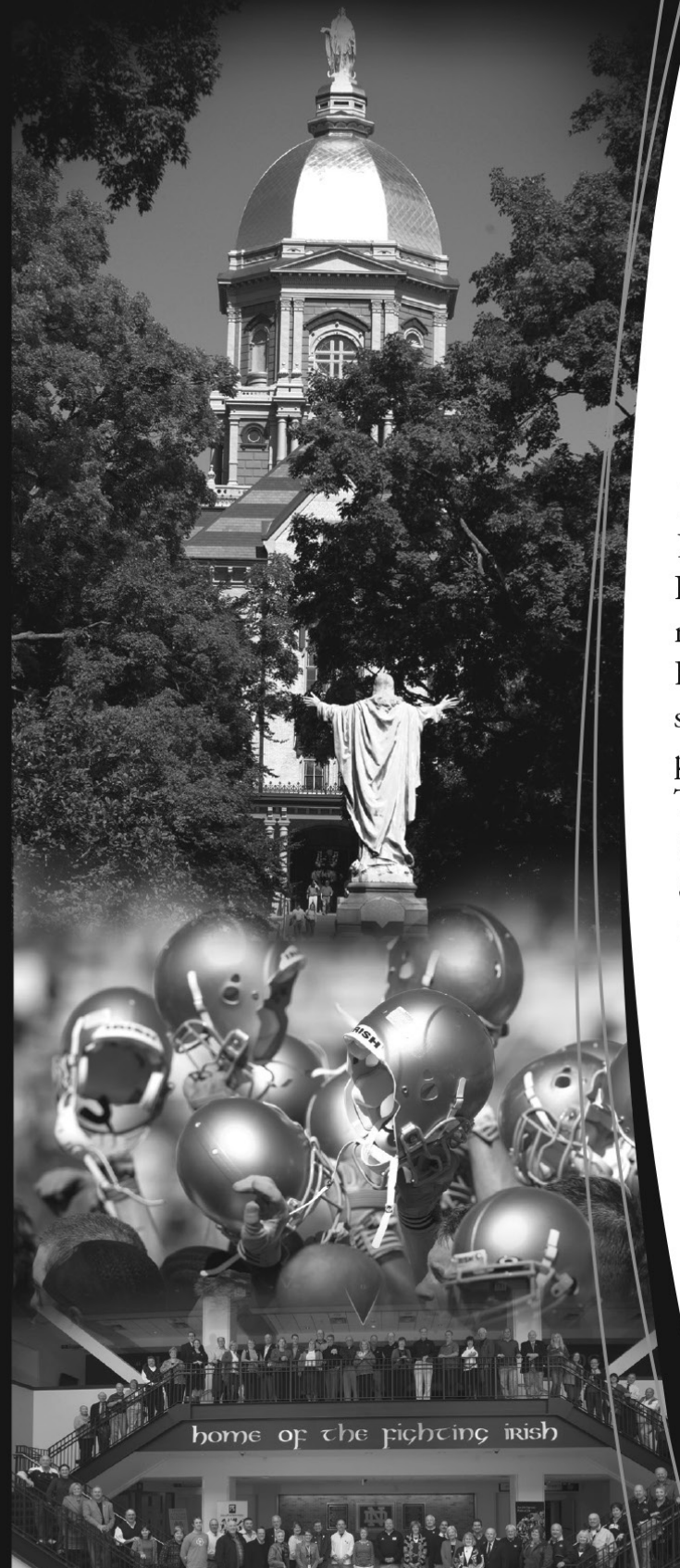
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**2012 AFCA National Coach of the Year**  
**2009 Home Depot National Coach of the Year**

*Corbett Family Head Football Coach Brian Kelly, a veteran in his 25th season as a collegiate head coach, brings a championship tradition to his sixth year as the 29th head football coach at the University of Notre Dame.*

*Currently the second-winningest active coach in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, Kelly has guided the Irish to 55 wins over his tenure, ranking fifth in school history. Kelly is the first coach to ever take Notre Dame to a bowl game in each of his first six years at the helm.*

*His 149 victories as a head coach since 2001 are more than all but two active FBS head coaches – Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Ohio State's Urban Meyer.*

#### KELLY'S HEAD COACHING RESUME

- Twenty-third college coach to reach 200 career victories with at least five years of service or 50 victories at a school that was classified as a major college at the time
- Second-youngest and fifth-fastest coach to ever reach 200 career victories with at least five years of service or 50 victories at a school that was classified as a major college at the time
- Only coach in school history to lead the Irish to at least eight victories over each of his first six seasons
- Only two-time winner of The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award (2009, 2012)
- First coach in school history to lead the Irish to bowl games during each of his first six seasons
- First coach to take Notre Dame to bowl games in six straight seasons at any stage in his career since Lou Holtz (1987-95)
- First coach with six consecutive seasons of at least eight wins since Lou Holtz reached the milestone seven straight years (1987-93)
- With 10 wins in both 2012 and 2015, Kelly joins Knute Rockne, Ara Parseghian and Holtz as the only Notre Dame coaches to hit the double-digit mark in wins twice
- Kelly is 11-11 (.500) against Associated Press Top 25 teams as the head coach at Notre Dame and 21-15 (.583) overall
- Of the coaches at contract bowl eligible schools who have faced at least 10 AP-ranked teams, Kelly's career .583 winning percentage ranks eighth among his peers
- Kelly is one of just 11 coaches at contract bowl eligible schools who has faced at least 10 AP-ranked teams at his current job and is at least .500 against them
- Owns the seventh-most wins (98-32) among active NCAA FBS coaches since 2006
- Owns the seventh-best winning percentage (.759) among active NCAA FBS coaches since 2007
- Ranks second and eighth among active NCAA FBS coaches in career victories (226) and career winning percentage (.739), respectively
- Led Notre Dame to an undefeated regular season in 2012 -- its first undefeated regular season in 24 years (1988)
- Guided Notre Dame to the 2013 Bowl Championship Series title game and its highest national ranking (No. 4/3) to close a season since 1993 (No. 2/2)
- Oversaw the first football program to be ranked number one in the football polls and first in NCAA GSR graduation rates while also playing for the BCS title
- Swept just about every possible coach of the year award in 2012 -- Home Depot, Associated Press, Walter Camp Football Foundation, Sporting News, Liberty Mutual and American Football Coaches Association
- Only the second Irish coach to win 12 games in a season (Lou Holtz also did it in 1988)
- Continued focus on academics as Notre Dame won the 2014 American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award with a 100 percent graduation rate for the freshmen football student-athlete class of 2007
- Each of Kelly's last 10 teams have participated in a bowl game, encompassing each of his six Notre Dame teams, each of his three Cincinnati teams, and his final team at Central Michigan (2006)
- Each of Kelly's last 11 teams (including 2015) have finished the year with a winning record, including his 6-5 Chippewa squad in 2005
- Every team of Kelly's head coaching tenure, except for his first Central Michigan team that went 4-7 on 2004, has finished at .500 or better (24 out of 25 years)
- Nine active FBS coaches have guided their respective schools to an undefeated regular season since 2009. Only four of those eight coaches, including Brian Kelly, have done it on multiple occasions
- Helped the Irish win 47 of their last 63 games dating back to 2011
- Career record includes a first six seasons at Notre Dame where he has fashioned a 55-22 record that has included 11 losses by a combined 33 points (3.0 per game)

- Three seasons at Cincinnati from 2007-09, including a 34-6 record (.850) and two straight outright BIG EAST Conference title teams that earned BCS appearances in 2008 (FedEx Orange Bowl) and 2009 (Allstate Sugar Bowl)
- Three seasons at Central Michigan University from 2004-06, including a 19-16 overall record (.542) featuring a 9-4 mark and Mid-American Conference title in 2006
- Thirteen seasons at Grand Valley State University from 1991-2003, including a 118-35-2 record (.767) highlighted by NCAA Division II national championships in 2002 (14-0) and 2003 (14-1)
- An overall record of 226-79-2 (.739) in those 25 seasons as a head coach
- A record of 16-7 (.696) record in postseason play as a head coach

#### KELLY ERA AT NOTRE DAME

When Brian Kelly was hired at Notre Dame, he said two things needed to be addressed and done quickly. The defense needed drastic improvement, and the players needed to mature both mentally and physically in order to compete for all four quarters of all 13 games.

The Irish defense has allowed 21.27 points per game over the Kelly era, which ranks 16th among all FBS opponents over the same span. By comparison, Notre Dame allowed 25.18 points per game -- 57th in the FBS -- over the five years prior to Kelly's arrival.

Notre Dame's defense has allowed two offensive touchdowns or fewer in 37 of its last 67 games. The Irish have actually allowed one offensive touchdown or fewer in 25 of those outings, including 19 of the last 51 games.

The 2015 regular season did not exactly start as many within the program might have hoped. The Irish lost projected defensive frontline standout Jarron Jones and likely freshman secondary contributor Shaun Crawford in preseason camp.

Then take a look at the depth chart for the Notre Dame opener against Texas: It included starting quarterback Malik Zaire, starting running back Tarean Folston, backup running back C.J. Proise, starting tight end Durham Smythe, rookie wide receiver Equanimeous St. Brown, starting linebacker James Onwualu, starting cornerback KeiVarae Russell, experienced safeties Drue Tranquill and Avery Sebastian, none of whom were in uniform for the finale at Stanford.

Along the way, the Irish were forced to use 37 different players in the starting lineup, yet still won 10 games (10-2) against a schedule that featured five teams ranked in the final College Football Playoff rankings. The two losses -- at now No. 1 Clemson and No. 6 Stanford -- each came by two points and for all intents and purposes both were decided on the game's final play.

The 2015 campaign marked the 12th time in school history the Irish have won 10 or more games during the regular season (also 10-1 in 1921, 10-0 in 1930, 10-0 in 1949, 10-0 in 1973, 10-1 in 1977, 11-0 in 1988, 11-1 in 1989, 10-1 in 1993, 10-2 in 2002, 10-2 in 2006 and 12-0 in 2012).

Notre Dame featured one of the most explosive offenses in college football during the regular season. The Irish averaged 34.8 points per game, not far off of the school record pace for points per game of 37.6 set in 1968 and its best average since 2005 when Notre Dame posted 36.7 points per game. Notre Dame averaged 471.5 yards of total offense per game, including three outings with over 500 yards of total offense (Texas, UMass and Stanford). The Irish have averaged more yards of total offense per game just once (2005) since setting the school record of 510.5 yards of total offense per game.

Following the season-ending injury to Zaire, Kelly turned the offense over to sophomore quarterback DeShone Kizer. Despite having minimal playing experience, Kizer proved to be one of the better first-year signal callers in school history. He threw for 2,600 yards and 19 touchdowns (in 12 games and 10 starts). Kizer added 499 yards and a school record for a quarterback equaling nine TDs on the ground. He registered 3,099 yards of total offense. In single-season school history, Kizer ranks fourth in completion percentage (63.4), fourth in passing yards per game (216.7), sixth in passing efficiency (151.7), tied for seventh in 300-yard passing games (two), tied for eighth in TD passes, ninth in passing yards and ninth in pass attempts (189).



Kizer benefitted from a dominant offensive line, punishing running game and dynamic passing attack. Senior LT Ronnie Stanley became the first Irish offensive lineman to earn consensus or unanimous All-America honors since Aaron Taylor in 1993. Senior RB C.J. Prosise ran for 1,032 yards and 11 touchdowns in his first year at the position. Prosise eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing barrier faster than all but one previous player in Notre Dame history (Reggie Brooks, 1992). While Prosise and freshman Josh Adams (757 yards on 103 carries) did the damage on the ground, junior Will Fuller took advantage through the air. The All-American and Biletnikoff semifinalist backed up a record-setting sophomore campaign in 2014 with another incredible season in 2015. Fuller caught 56 passes for 1,145 yards and 13 TDs. His 28 TDs and 2,239 receiving yards over the last two seasons combined rank first and second, respectively, among Irish wideouts over any two-year span in school history.

Junior LB Jaylon Smith and senior DL Sheldon Day led the Irish defense with All-America caliber campaigns.

Smith, the Butkus Award recipient as well as a consensus All-American, led Notre Dame in total tackles (113), solo tackles (68), assisted tackles (45), pass breakups (five) and fumble recoveries (two). He ranked third on the team with his nine tackles for loss. Smith was the first Notre Dame player with at least 113 tackles, nine tackles for loss and five passes defended since Courtney Watson in 2003. He was one of just three players at a contract bowl eligible school this fall with at least 113 tackles, nine TFLs and five passes defended.

Smith turned in some of his best individual performances late in the season, recording at least 10 tackles in five of Notre Dame's last six games, including a career-high 15 at No. 9 Stanford on Nov. 28. In that game, the Irish held Heisman Trophy finalist Christian McCaffrey to just 94 yards rushing and 113 offensive yards, both his lowest totals over the Cardinal's final 11 games of the season.

Day registered 41 tackles, 29 solo stops, 14.5 tackles for loss, four sacks, 13 quarterback hurries, two passes defended, two pass breakups and one forced fumble. He led the Irish in tackles for loss and quarterback hurries. His 14.5 tackles for loss are the most by an Irish player since 2006. He's had at least one TFL in 10 different games and has recorded multiple TFLs in four games.

The Irish saw an offensive renaissance in 2014, with Notre Dame averaging 32.8 points per game, its best mark since 2005. The Irish improved by an average of over 39 yards per game from their 2013 total offense mark, running an average of 6.1 more snaps per contest. Notre Dame's 444.9 yards per game of total offense are also the highest average of Kelly's tenure.

Notre Dame scored at least 27 points a school-record 11 times in 2014. In fact, the Irish accomplished the feat in 10 of their first 11 games, a feat that had not happened since 2005 and one which has never been eclipsed in school history. The Irish were particularly hot at the start of the 2014 season. Notre Dame scored at least 30 points in each of its first four games for the first time since 1943. Meanwhile, the Irish defense allowed just 46 points over those first four games, all victories by at least 16 points. It marked the first time since 1972 that Notre Dame started a season 4-0 with each win coming by 16 points or more.

The highlight of the dominant early season run came under the lights at Notre Dame Stadium on Sept. 6, when Notre Dame shut out Michigan, 31-0, in the final scheduled meeting between the teams. The Wolverines saw an NCAA-record streak of 365 games without being shut out snapped that night. In addition to being Michigan's first time being shut out since 1984, it was the school's most lopsided shutout loss since 1967 and its first non-conference shutout loss since 1926.

Notre Dame started 20 different players on defense in 2014 with only three (CB Cole Luke, DL Isaac Rochell and LB Jaylon Smith) starting all 13 games. Of the 20 defensive starters in 2014, 12 were making their first career start on defense and three others had just a single start prior to last year.

A Butkus Award finalist, Smith led the unit with 112 tackles in 2014, the most by a Notre Dame player since Heisman Trophy runner-up Manti Te'o stopped 113 ball-carriers in 2012. The Irish proved potent in the secondary, recording 16 interceptions on the season, ranking tied for 15th in the nation. Notre Dame intercepted a pass in each of its first 11 games and held a national-best active streak of 14 consecutive games with an interception before seeing it halted at USC.

Kelly's ideal of well-rounded student-athlete values were on display when sophomore Corey Robinson became the first sophomore since 2008, and just the fourth since 2002, to earn first-team Capital One Academic All-America honors. The wide receiver caught 40 passes on the year for 539 yards and five touchdowns. Robinson boasts a 3.83 cumulative grade-point average and has an extensive record of community service work, including holding leadership positions on the University's Student Government

Executive Cabinet and the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

The 2013 defense saw an unusually high number of players gain valuable experience. Twenty-six different Notre Dame players made at least 10 tackles. The Irish last had at least 26 different players reach double digits when 29 different Irish tacklers reached that milestone in 1962. Over that 51-year span, Notre Dame has seen no more than 23 double-digit tacklers, a sum reached four other times (1977, 1991, 2003 and 2011). Eleven different Notre Dame defensive players that opened 2013 in the two-deep depth chart missed at least three games due to injury, and 19 different Notre Dame defensive players started a game in 2013.

Notre Dame underwent all this turnover against arguably the most challenging schedule in the nation. The Irish were the only team to defeat Big Ten and Rose Bowl champion Michigan State in 2013. Notre Dame played five teams that won 10 games (Michigan State, Oklahoma, Arizona State, USC and Stanford). Eleven of Notre Dame's 13 opponents in 2013 played in bowl games, including three BCS bowl participants (Michigan State-Rose, Stanford-Rose, Oklahoma-Sugar). The Irish were the only team in the country to play three different BCS bowl participants during the 2013 regular season. Notre Dame played the champions of both the Big Ten (Michigan State) and Pac-12 (Stanford), and was the only team to defeat two different teams that played in championship games of BCS automatic qualifier conferences. Irish foes collected 86 wins in 2013, which using the NCAA strength of schedule metric, was third-best in the nation.

The 2012 defense led the nation in two different categories and ranked among the top 10 in 10 more, including total rushing touchdowns allowed (four, 1st), red-zone rushing touchdowns allowed (four, t-1st), scoring defense (12.77, 2nd), points allowed per red-zone trip (3.4, 2nd), passing yards/completion (9.95, 2nd), red-zone touchdowns allowed percentage (34.21%, 3rd), total red-zone touchdowns allowed (13, t-3rd), red-zone points allowed (130, 4th), total passing touchdowns (10, t-6th), total defense (305.46, 7th), red-zone defense (68.4%, t-7th) and first downs/allowed (17.00, t-8th).

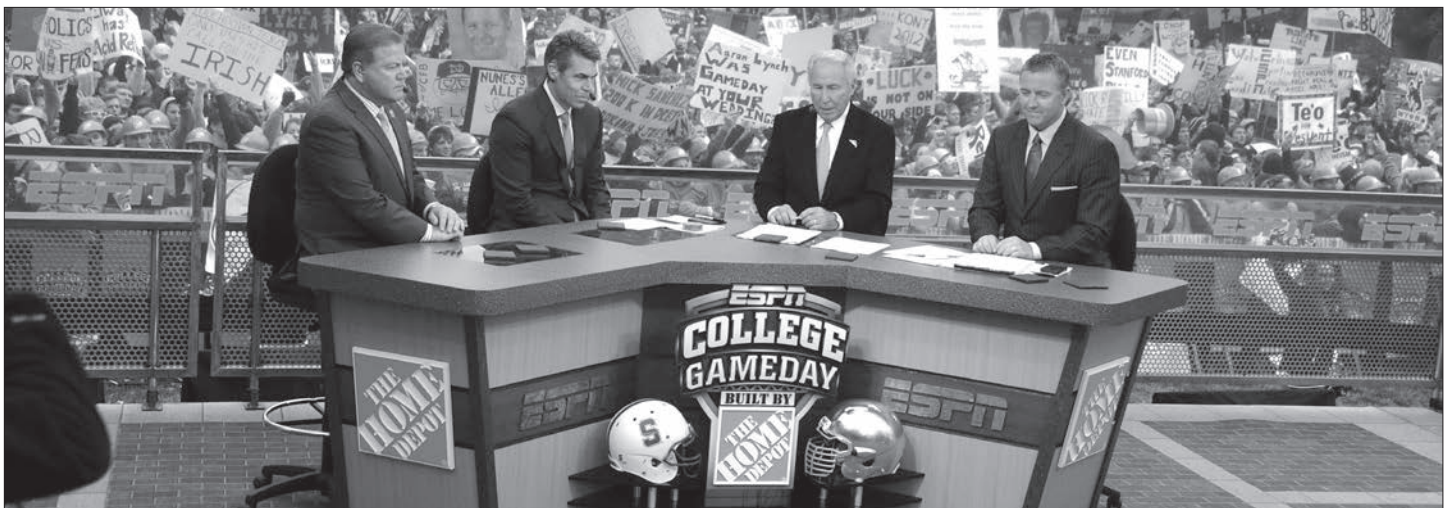
Notre Dame allowed just 12.77 points per game in '12. The Irish were one of only three FBS top-10 scoring defenses to exclusively face FBS competition. Notre Dame allowed only 16 touchdowns (15 offensive) – four touchdowns fewer than any other FBS school. The Irish allowed 166 points over their 13 games. Notre Dame has never surrendered fewer points over a 13-game season in school history. The Irish allowed 12 offensive touchdowns over their last 11 games. In fact, the Irish held six opponents without an offensive touchdown and nine foes to one or fewer offensive touchdowns.

Notre Dame won all five of its games decided by a touchdown or less in '12 – one shy of the single-season school record of six (1939). Notre Dame has gone undefeated in at least four games decided by seven points or less in the same season on just two previous occasions in school history (1929 and 1974; both went 4-0). The Irish have never had a larger fourth-quarter comeback victory in Notre Dame Stadium's history than in 2012 in the 14-point deficit against Pittsburgh. Notre Dame rallied from half-time deficits in back-to-back weeks against Stanford and against BYU. The Irish in 2012 also had not recorded comeback victories when trailing at the half in consecutive weeks since Oct. 23 and Oct. 30, 1920 (nearly 92 years to the day).

Notre Dame also won all six of its 2012 regular-season games away from Notre Dame Stadium by at least nine points. The Irish had not won six games away from Notre Dame Stadium by at least seven points since 1949. Notre Dame's closest margin of victory in '49 was a seven-point win over SMU (27-20).

The month of November had not been kind to Notre Dame in the three years that preceded Kelly's arrival in South Bend. The Irish had won only three of 13 games in the final month of the regular season. However, Notre Dame has posted a 13-7 combined record in November games since 2010. The Irish also had a hard time hanging onto leads prior to Kelly's arrival. Notre Dame was a combined 9-6 when leading at halftime in 2008 and 2009, but improved under Kelly to 36-6 when taking an advantage into the halftime locker room.

The 2012 offense averaged 189.4 yards rushing (2,462 yards in 13 games) and 222.8 yards passing (2,896). Notre Dame nearly became the third team in school history to average 200-yards in both categories. The two teams to accomplish the feat were the 1977 national champions (231.9 rushing and 208.1 passing), and the 1970 squad that finished No. 2 (257.8 rushing and 252.7 passing). Notre Dame was one of 26 teams in the FBS to average at least 189 yards on the ground and 200 yards in the air. The Irish averaged 4.9 yards/rush, their highest per carry average over the last 16 years. The 189.4 rushing yards/game is the third-highest per game average over the last 15 years. Only the 2000 (213.5) and 1998 (212.5) Irish squads averaged more per game. Notre Dame ran for at least 200 yards seven times, including six







of the year's last nine contests. The Irish had not posted more 200+ yard rushing games in a single season since 1996.

In 2012, Te'o became the 32nd unanimous All-American in Notre Dame history, and the first Irish defensive player to earn such an honor since cornerback Shane Walton in 2002. Te'o was named a first-team All-American as the Football Writers Association of America, American Football Coaches Association, Sporting News, the Walter Camp Football Foundation and the Associated Press selected him to their respective All-America squads.

Te'o qualified as Notre Dame's fourth unanimous All-America linebacker and first since Michael Stonebreaker in 1990 - also joining the likes of Jim Lynch (1966) and Bob Golic (1978).

Te'o became Notre Dame's first Heisman Trophy finalist since quarterback Brady Quinn in 2006. He finished second with 321 first-place votes and 1,706 points - the most ever by a defensive player in college football history. Te'o nearly became the third player to be named a first-team Academic All-American and win the Heisman Trophy in the same year, joining Pete Dawkins (Army) in 1958 and Danny Wuerffel (Florida) in 1996.

Te'o captured the Lott Trophy, Nagurski Trophy, Butkus Award, Lombardi Award, Bednarik Award, Maxwell Award and Walter Camp Award. He became the first player in college football history to sweep the aforementioned seven awards. In fact, no other player in college football history had ever captured more than five major awards in one season.

Tyler Eifert finished his career as the most prolific tight end in Notre Dame history. The 2012 John Mackey Award winner, Eifert holds the school record for career receptions (140) and career receiving yards (1,840) by an Irish tight end. He bested Ken MacAfee's school records in both career categories that had stood since 1977. Eifert also holds single-season school records for receptions (63) and receiving yards (803) by a Notre Dame tight end.

Eifert was named a first-team All-American by Pro Football Weekly and second-team All-American by the Associated Press, Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, the Walter Camp Football Foundation and CBSSports.com.

Following the season, Eifert was selected in the first round of the 2013 NFL Draft. He was taken with the 21st overall pick by Cincinnati. Eifert was the first Notre Dame tight end to be taken in the first round of the NFL Draft since Irv Smith in 1993 (20th overall by the New Orleans Saints).

Te'o was selected with the 38th overall pick by San Diego. He was the highest-drafted linebacker from Notre Dame since Demetrius DuBose was the 34th overall selection by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the 1993 draft. Te'o is the fourth-highest drafted Irish linebacker since 1960. Bob Crable was chosen with the 23rd pick in the first round of the 1983 NFL draft, while Myron Pottios was the 19th overall selection of the 1961 NFL draft (second round).

The 2011 defense ranked 30th in the nation in yards allowed per game, a vast improvement from the defense Kelly inherited that ranked 86th in that category in 2009. The Irish ranked in the top 50 nationally in total defense, scoring defense, rushing defense and passing defense in 2011, marking just the second time in the last nine seasons Notre Dame had ranked that high in all four categories.

Notre Dame was one of 24 schools that opened 2011 with a 0-2 record, but was one of only three teams (Georgia and Western Kentucky being the others) to rebound and have a winning season. In the 11 years from 2001-11, 275 FBS teams started 0-2 and Notre Dame became one of only 27 schools that won at least eight of its next 10 games. The Irish offense that Kelly directed eclipsed 500 yards of offense in five games, equal to the combined number of 500-yard games Notre Dame tallied in the previous five seasons. Notre Dame scored at least 45 points in three games in 2011, the most by an Irish offense since 1996.

The Irish were led on offense by wide receiver Michael Floyd's school-record 100 receptions and the running back duo of Cierre Wood and Jonas Gray, who combined for 1,893 yards and 21 touchdowns. Floyd capped his career by breaking former teammate Golden Tate's two-year-old school record of single-season receptions. Wood and Gray formed a potent one-two punch out of the backfield. The tandem was one of only three running back duos in the FBS that featured each player having at least nine rushing TDs in the 2011 regular season. The other two running back teammates played on the high-octane offenses at Oregon and Oklahoma State.

Defensively, Notre Dame held 12 of 13 teams below their season scoring average and held 11 of 13 schools below their season rushing average. When Kelly arrived at Notre Dame, the Irish were coming off a season where the defense ranked 86th in the nation in total defense at 397.8 yards per game. Two years later, Notre Dame's defense ranked 30th in yards allowed per game at 344.7 and was 25th in scoring defense.

Te'o was named a finalist for the 2011 Butkus Award and Lott Trophy after leading Notre Dame with 128 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss and five sacks. Safety and team captain Harrison Smith paced the secondary with 90 tackles and 10 pass breakups.

Following the season, Floyd and Smith both were selected in the first round of the NFL Draft. Floyd was chosen 13th overall by Arizona, while Minnesota tabbed Smith with the 29th selection. It marked the first time since 1994 that Notre Dame had multiple first-round NFL draft picks. Combined with Kyle Rudolph being drafted 43rd overall in the 2011 NFL Draft, Kelly became the first Notre Dame coach in 17 seasons to produce three combined players selected in the first 43 picks of consecutive NFL drafts.

Despite enduring a slew of injuries at key positions, Kelly's first Irish squad in 2010 came on strong to play perfectly in November. In addition to a convincing 28-3 victory over once-beaten and 15th-ranked Utah (Notre Dame's widest margin over an Associated Press Top 20 opponent in 14 years), the Irish defeated Army in the first football game played at the new Yankee Stadium - then ended an eight-game losing streak to archrival USC with a come-from-behind win at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Then, in the convincing 33-17 Hyundai Sun Bowl triumph against Miami, the Irish charged to a 30-3 lead after three periods, as Kelly became the first Notre Dame football coach to record a bowl victory in his first season on the Notre Dame sidelines.

The Irish success down the stretch came mainly because of their defense, as Notre Dame went 13 consecutive periods over one late four-game stretch without allowing an offensive touchdown (the best sequence in that category in 30 years). In those final four wins Notre Dame's defense limited the Utes, Black Knights, Trojans and Hurricanes to combined averages of 9.8 points (best stretch for an Irish team since 1989), 91.8 yards on the ground and 276.5 total yards. In the last four contests, the Irish defense faced teams that were averaging 38 (Tulsa), 41 (Utah), 31 (Army) and 32 (USC) points per game, yet yielded only two offensive touchdowns, combined, to that quartet. Among individual defensive leaders was Te'o, Notre Dame's top tackler in 2010 with 133 and a semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award and Butkus Award. Each of those four victories came in the first four career starts by Tommy Rees, following a season-ending injury to Dayne Crist. Among the pacesetters for Kelly's spread offense was Floyd who caught 79 balls in 2010 for 1,025 yards and 12 touchdowns and was named the MVP of the Hyundai Sun Bowl (six catches for 109 yards and two TDs in that contest).

Meanwhile, the Irish kicking game also sparkled in 2010, thanks to placekicker David Ruffer, who successfully converted his first 18 field-goal attempts (18-of-19 overall in 2010 and 23-of-24 in his career). Ruffer became one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award as the top placekicker in the nation.

Kelly's debut season in South Bend saw the 2010 Irish play arguably the most difficult schedule in the country, as all but one of the Notre Dame opponents finished .500 or better - something no other team could claim. Notre Dame's agenda ranked first nationally in the official NCAA schedule strength standings at the end of the regular season, with Irish opponents playing at a .652 clip (79-42).

On the academic side, Kelly's first season at Notre Dame featured a first-team Academic All-America honor for Ruffer, an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship for offensive lineman Chris Stewart (he attended law school at Notre Dame during the 2010 season) as a National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete selection - and a first-place finish by Notre Dame among all FBS programs in the latest NCAA Graduation Success Rate standings with a 96 mark. In 2011, Te'o was named a second-team Academic All-American, and Notre Dame, once again, led all FBS programs in NCAA Graduation Success Rate standings with a 97 score.





## YEAR-BY-YEAR WITH BRIAN KELLY

Year	School	Position	Record/Postseason
1983	Assumption	Defensive Coordinator/LB	4-5
1984	Assumption	Defensive Coordinator/LB	4-4
1985	Assumption	Defensive Coordinator/LB	5-3
1986	Assumption	Defensive Coordinator/LB	1-8
1987	Grand Valley State	Graduate Assistant/DB	7-4
1988	Grand Valley State	Graduate Assistant/DB	7-4
1989	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/ Recruiting Coordinator	11-1/NCAA Division II playoffs (0-1)
1990	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/ Recruiting Coordinator	10-2/NCAA Division II playoffs (0-1)
1991	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	9-3/NCAA Division II playoffs (0-1)
1992	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	8-3
1993	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	6-3-2
1994	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	8-4/NCAA Division II playoffs (0-1)
1995	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	8-3
1996	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	8-3
1997	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	9-2
1998	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	9-3/NCAA Division II playoffs (0-1)
1999	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	5-5
2000	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	7-4
2001	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	13-1/NCAA Division II runner-up (3-1)
2002	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	14-0/NCAA Division II champion (4-0)
2003	Grand Valley State	Head Coach	14-1/NCAA Division II champion (4-0)
2004	Central Michigan	Head Coach	4-7
2005	Central Michigan	Head Coach	6-5
2006	Central Michigan	Head Coach	9-4/qualified for Motor City Bowl vs. Middle Tennessee
2006	Cincinnati	Head Coach	1-0/International Bowl: W 27-24 vs. Western Michigan
2007	Cincinnati	Head Coach	10-3/Papajohns.com Bowl: W 31-21 vs. Southern Mississippi 17th AP, 20th USA Today
2008	Cincinnati	Head Coach	11-3/FedEx Orange Bowl: L 7-20 vs. Virginia Tech 17th AP, USA Today
2009	Cincinnati	Head Coach	12-0/qualified for Allstate Sugar Bowl vs. Florida 4th AP, USA Today
2010	Notre Dame	Head Coach	8-5/Hyundai Sun Bowl: W 33-17 vs. Miami (Fla.)
2011	Notre Dame	Head Coach	8-5/Champs Sports Bowl: L 14-18 vs. Florida State
2012	Notre Dame	Head Coach	12-1/ qualified for BCS National Championship: L 42-14 vs. Alabama 4th AP, 3rd USA Today
2013	Notre Dame	Head Coach	9-4/Pinstripe Bowl: W 29-16 vs. Rutgers 20th AP, 24th USA Today
2014	Notre Dame	Head Coach	8-5/Music City Bowl: W 31-28 vs. LSU
2015	Notre Dame	Head Coach	10-2/Fiesta Bowl 8th CFP, 8th AP, 9th Coaches



Te'o and Mike Golic Jr. were selected as first-team members on the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® Football Team which is selected annually by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). The last time Notre Dame had two football players earn first-team academic honors in the same year was in 1987 (Ted Gradel and Vince Phelan).

## KELLY ERA AT CINCINNATI

Architect of two consecutive BCS appearances at the University of Cincinnati, including a perfect 12-0 regular season in 2009 that earned him national-coach-of-the-year honors. Kelly earned the ESPN/Home Depot National Coach of the Year Award in 2009, was the BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year in 2007, 2008 and 2009 (the first time a BIG EAST football coach won the award three straight years) – and received the American Football Coaches Association Division II Coach of the Year Award in both 2002 and 2003. He was also a finalist for four other national awards in 2009 – the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award (Football Writers Association of America), the Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Award (National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association), the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award and the George Munger Coach of the Year Award (Maxwell Football Club).

He boasted a 2-1 record at Cincinnati in postseason bowl games – including a 27-24 win over Western Michigan in the International Bowl after the 2006 season (he coached in that game immediately after taking the job at Cincinnati), a 31-21 win over Southern Mississippi in the Papajohns.com Bowl after the '07 season and a 20-7 loss to Virginia Tech in the FedEx Orange Bowl after the '08 campaign. Kelly's '06 Central Michigan team finished 9-4 and qualified for the Motor City Bowl (Central Michigan defeated Middle Tennessee 31-14, though he did not coach after accepting the head coaching position at Cincinnati) – and his 12-0 team in '09 earned an Allstate Sugar Bowl assignment against once-beaten Florida.

In six NCAA Division II playoff appearances at Grand Valley State, Kelly's teams combined for an 11-4 (.733) postseason record – including four straight victories in winning both the '02 and '03 NCAA titles. His '01 Grand Valley State team fell 17-14 to North Dakota in the Division II national title game.

Kelly's '09 team at Cincinnati finished third in the final BCS standings and fourth in both the final regular-season Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN polls. His '08 team ended up 11-3 and 17th in both polls – and his '07 Bearcat squad finished 10-3 and 17th (AP) and 20th (USA Today/ESPN) in the final polls.

Through the end of the 2009 regular season, his Cincinnati team won all 12 of its games, led the nation in passing efficiency (166.19), ranked second in kickoff returns (29.2 each) and sixth in total offense (464.25 yards per game), passing yardage (320.33) and scoring (39.83 points). Meanwhile, Kelly's Bearcat defense rated third nationally in tackles for losses (8.42 per game) and eighth in sacks (2.92). The '09 Cincinnati squad set Bearcat single-season records for points (495), passing yards (3,844), fewest fumbles (10), fewest fumbles lost (two) and fewest turnovers (10). Cincinnati concluded the '09 campaign with a record 18 straight regular-season victories.

Among the standouts Kelly coached on the '09 Bearcat roster were first-team All-America receiver Mardy Gilyard (he ranked second nationally in all-purpose yards at 203.5 per game at the end of the regular season) and quarterback Tony Pike (ninth in passing efficiency at 155.36). Eleven Cincinnati players merited all-BIG EAST honors for '09 (five first-team selections), including Gilyard, the league's Special Teams Player of the Year for the second straight season.

In three years at the helm of the program, Kelly put together a 34-6 record and led the Bearcats to their first two BIG EAST championships in 2008 and '09. Cincinnati achieved a then-school-record 11 victories in 2008, followed that up with a dozen wins in '09 and had back-to-back-to-back 10-win seasons for the first time in school history. Kelly's Bearcats in '08 won the school's first outright conference championship since 1964 and earned the school's first berth in a BCS game, playing against Virginia Tech in the 75th FedEx Orange Bowl. In '08, Cincinnati achieved its then-highest ranking to close the regular season – 12th in the AP and USA Today/ESPN polls and the BCS standings entering the Orange Bowl. The Bearcats held a postseason ranking of 17th in both polls, tying the top postseason ranking in school history.

Following the close of the '08 regular season, Kelly was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year for the second straight season. He also was named the American Football Monthly Schutt Sports FBS Coach of the Year, earned AFCA Region 1 Coach of the Year honors and was named BIG EAST Coach of the Year by Sporting News.

Cincinnati placed 10 players on the 2008 all-BIG EAST teams (including first-team selection Connor



Barwin) – with kick returner Gilyard named the BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year and punter Kevin Huber earning the first AFCA All-America nod in program history. Huber became the first two-time AP first-team All-America selection in Bearcat football history.

The Bearcats' 27-24 bowl victory over Western Michigan in 2006 came just 34 days after Kelly was hired. Then, in his first full season at the helm in '07, he put Cincinnati on the national radar by jumping out to a 6-0 start and earning the Bearcats their first appearance in the polls in more than 30 years. By winning 10 games for the first time since 1951, Cincinnati earned its 10th bowl appearance in program history and sixth bowl appearance in eight years. The Bearcats finished 17th in the AP poll and 20th in the USA Today/ESPN rankings, earning their first appearances in the final polls.

Along the way to the 2007 Papajohns.com Bowl victory, the Bearcats' third straight bowl win, Kelly earned BIG EAST Coach of the Year honors. Cincinnati listed seven individuals on the all-BIG EAST teams, including BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year and consensus All-America punter Huber. The national leader in punting, Huber was one of three Bearcats to be named to an All-America team. Cincinnati ranked second in the BIG EAST and 24th nationally in passing offense (254.1), and also was second in the league and 27th nationally in passing efficiency (139.4). At the same time, the Bearcat defense led the BIG EAST in sacks (2.9) and tackles for a loss (6.5). Kelly's Bearcats led the FBS in net punting (41.5 yards per punt), and Cincinnati also paced the BIG EAST in kickoff returns (24.2).

## KELLY ERA AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN

During his three years at Central Michigan, he transformed a Chippewa program that had won more than three games only once in the past four seasons into a conference champion. Central Michigan posted a 9-4 regular-season record in 2006 en route to winning the MAC title and qualifying for its first bowl game in 12 years. Kelly inherited a program that had produced a mere 12 wins over its previous four seasons when he took the helm at Central Michigan in 2004. He guided the Chippewas to a 4-7 record in 2004 and a 6-5 slate – the school's first winning season in seven years – in 2005.

The Chippewas in 2005 defeated both defending MAC divisional champions, Miami and Toledo, and also knocked off eventual '05 league champ Akron. Central Michigan ranked first nationally in fewest turnovers (10) and fewest fumbles lost (four), while the team's rushing defense ranked 20th and led the MAC at 113.7 yards per game (compared to 245.8 in '03 – the year before Kelly arrived).

In 2006, Central Michigan rolled to a 7-1 record in conference play to win the MAC West and then dominated Ohio, 31-10, in the league championship game. Central Michigan boasted the 19th-most prolific passing attack in the nation, averaging 252.4 yards per game, set a Chippewa season mark with 28 TD passes and led the MAC in total offense (375.3 yards per game) and scoring (29.7 points). MAC Freshman of the Year Dan LeFevour passed for 2,869 yards and 25 TDs to rank 20th nationally in passing efficiency and 14th in total offense.

Kelly had 12 of his players achieve first-team all-conference honors over his three years at Central Michigan (including '05 MAC Defensive Player of the Year Daniel Bazuin) – and three advanced to the NFL (including 2005 draftees Eric Ghiacuc and Adam Kieft and free agent Tory Humphrey). Bazuin, who led the nation in '05 in tackles for losses, also was a '06 first-team Academic All-American.

## KELLY ERA AT GRAND VALLEY STATE

Kelly arrived at Central Michigan after winning back-to-back NCAA Division II national titles at Grand Valley State in Allendale, Michigan. The all-time winningest program in NCAA Division II history, the Lakers were 41-2 in Kelly's final three seasons, at one point winning 32 consecutive games. Grand Valley State went 14-0 in 2002 en route to its first national title and was 14-1 in 2003 when it claimed its second crown. Kelly was named the AFCA Division II Coach of the Year after both seasons. Kelly led the Lakers to five conference titles (1992-97-98-2001-02) and six Division II playoff appearances in his 13 seasons at Grand Valley. The Lakers never finished lower than third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference.

Kelly mentored a pair of finalists for the Harlon Hill Award, presented annually to the top player in Division II. Quarterback Curt Anes won the award in 2002 after finishing as runner-up in 2001. He threw for 10,581 career yards and 114 TD passes – 48 in '01 and 47 in '02 (12 games with at least five TD passes). Anes still holds the NCAA Division II single-season passing efficiency record for '01 at 221.6 (189 for 271 for 3,086 yards, with 21 TDs, three interceptions). Quarterback Jeff Fox was third in the balloting in 1998, as he became the first Laker quarterback to throw for more than 2,000 yards in multiple



seasons. Kelly's Grand Valley State players earned 77 All-America awards (11 in 2002 alone). Four players moved on to the NFL and another three to the Canadian Football League.

His 2001 national runner-up squad set 77 NCAA, GLIAC and school records, including the Division II scoring record by averaging 58.4 points per game (and an average victory margin of 48.0 points). The 2001 team also became the first Division II unit in 53 years to average more than 600 yards per game in total offense (600.8), leading the nation in that category.

Grand Valley State followed its record-shattering 2001 season by averaging 497.5 yards and a nation-leading 46.7 points during its undefeated 2002 national championship run in which Kelly's squad went wire-to-wire as the top-rated Division II squad. That '02 campaign ended with a 31-24 championship game win over second-ranked and unbeaten Valdosta State – as All-America receiver David Kircus caught 11 passes for 270 yards and three TDs. Kircus holds the NCAA Division II season record for TD receptions with 35 in '02, catching at least one TD pass in 24 straight games in 2001-02. He ended his career with 4,142 receiving yards and 76 TD catches and led the nation (Division II) in scoring in both '01 and '02.

The 2003 team, meanwhile, became more noted for its defense, leading the country in rushing defense at 62.0 yards per game. The Lakers defeated North Dakota 10-3 in the 2003 national title game (played annually in Florence, Alabama). In 10 of his 13 seasons at Grand Valley State, Kelly's teams won eight or more games – and he finished with a 103-22-2 mark in GLIAC contests. The seniors on his final team in '03 won 47 of their final 49 games (and finished 34-4 in four seasons of GLIAC play) and won 20 straight games in 2002-03. Kicker David Hendrix led the nation in '03 with 25 field goals.

## KELLY OFF THE GRIDIRON

Born in Everett, Massachusetts, and raised in Chelsea, Massachusetts, Kelly attended St. John's Prep School in Danvers, Massachusetts. He was a four-year letter-winner at Assumption College (Worcester, Massachusetts) as a linebacker, captaining the squad in both '81 and '82 under coach Paul Cantiani on teams that finished 8-3 and 7-1-1. After graduating from Assumption in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in political science, he served as linebacker coach and defensive coordinator (as well as softball coach) from 1983-86 at Assumption under head football coach Bernie Gaughan.

Kelly was invited back to Assumption in 2012 where he served as commencement speaker and received an honorary degree from his alma mater. Kelly also endowed a \$250,000 scholarship for Assumption football players.

Kelly joined the Grand Valley State staff in 1987 as a graduate assistant and defensive backs coach. He became the defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator in 1989 and took over (at age 28) as head coach in 1991 (replacing Tom Beck, who left to become running backs coach at Notre Dame under Lou Holtz). His first Laker team finished 9-3 and qualified for the NCAA playoffs. In 2009, Kelly was inducted into the Grand Valley State Athletics Hall of Fame and in 2011, Grand Valley State renamed its Laker Turf Building the Kelly Family Sports Center. The Kelly Family Sports Center is a 138,000 square-foot building that houses a regulation football field, a six-lane, 300-meter track, all of the amenities for field events, batting cages that drop from the ceiling, an athletic training room, locker rooms, multi-purpose rooms, classrooms, bleacher seating for 800 in the grandstand and bleachers on the field level for another 260 spectators. In addition to intercollegiate athletics, the movement science department, campus recreation/intramurals and club sports also use the facility.

Kelly was announced as the Notre Dame head coach on Dec. 10, 2009. He signed a five-year contract to coach the Irish. On Jan. 10, 2012, the University announced it extended Kelly's contract two seasons through the 2016 campaign. Kelly received another contract extension, this one extending through 2017, following the 2013 season-opening victory over Temple.

In June 2010, Kelly and his wife Paqui made a \$250,000 gift to the University of Notre Dame in support of endeavors in research, academics and community engagement. The benefaction directly supports three Notre Dame initiatives – cancer research, the Hesburgh Libraries and the Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC). In the area of cancer research – the fight against breast cancer is a deeply personal cause for the Kelly family – the gift benefits the Mike and Josie Harper Cancer Research Institute that opened in 2011 in Notre Dame's new Harper Hall. The institute brings together scientists from Notre Dame and Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend to collaborate to advance basic and clinical research as it pertains to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cancer. The gift also provides financial support for the Hesburgh Libraries, which consist of the main Hesburgh Library and 11 subject branches across campus. The funding enables senior library personnel to identify and purchase the learning and teaching materials most in demand by Notre Dame scholars. At the RCLC, the gift underwrites innovative tutoring, violence-prevention, youth entrepreneurship and performing arts projects for adults and children in South Bend's Northeast Neighborhood. Sponsored by Notre Dame in partnership with local residents, the RCLC serves an estimated 500 youths and adults each week, in addition to another 8,000 children annually through its outreach programs. In conjunction with the gift, Kelly launched the "Coach Kelly Challenge," an effort aimed to encourage all members of the Notre Dame family to offer financial support to the University through one of its annual giving programs: the Notre Dame Annual Fund, the MBA and Law School annual funds, and the Rockne Heritage Fund.

Notre Dame's head football coach and his wife play host to a series of events benefitting the Kelly Cares Foundation, established by Brian and Paqui Kelly to support organizations, initiatives and programs that closely align with the goals and values of the Kelly family in three main areas: personal involvement, with emphasis on breast cancer research, prevention, education and awareness; education and institutional advancement; and community involvement in selected initiatives and projects. Football 101 has become a must-attend event as more than 3,000 women over the first six years have had the opportunity to meet the Notre Dame football coaching staff, learn fun facts about Fighting Irish football and enjoy an upscale taste of South Bend. The participants also get a behind-the-scenes look at the Notre Dame football facilities – with proceeds benefitting breast cancer prevention, awareness and early detection initiatives.

Kelly and his wife Francisca (Paqui) are parents of three children – Patrick, Grace and Kenzel.



## BRIAN KELLY'S OVERALL RECORD

Grand Valley State Totals (13 seasons)	118-35-2	.768
Central Michigan Totals (3 seasons)	19-16	.543
Cincinnati Totals (3 seasons)	34-6	.850
Notre Dame Totals (6 seasons)	55-22	.714
<b>Overall Totals (25 seasons)</b>	<b>226-79-2</b>	<b>.739</b>

## BRIAN KELLY'S POSTSEASON RECORD (16-7)

1991	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	L 15-38 vs. East Texas State
1994	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	L 27-35 vs. Indiana (Pa.)
1998	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	L 14-37 vs. Slippery Rock
2001	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	W 42-13 vs. Bloomsburg* W 33-30 vs. Saginaw Valley State* W 34-16 vs. Catawba* L 14-17 vs. North Dakota#
2002	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	W 62-13 vs. C.W. Post* W 62-21 vs. Indiana (Pa.)* W 44-7 vs. Northern Colorado* W 31-24 vs. Valdosta State#
2003	Grand Valley State	NCAA Div. II Playoffs	W 65-36 vs. Bentley W 10-3 vs. Saginaw Valley State W 31-3 vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville W 10-3 vs. North Dakota#
2006	Cincinnati	International Bowl	W 27-24 vs. Western Michigan
2007	Cincinnati	Papajohns.com Bowl	W 31-21 vs. Southern Mississippi
2008	Cincinnati	Orange Bowl	L 7-20 vs. Virginia Tech
2010	Notre Dame	Sun Bowl	W 33-17 vs. Miami
2011	Notre Dame	Champs Sports Bowl	L 14-18 vs. Florida State
2012	Notre Dame	BCS National Championship Game	L 14-42 vs. Alabama
2013	Notre Dame	Pinstripe Bowl	W 29-16 vs. Rutgers
2014	Notre Dame	Music City Bowl	W 31-28 vs. LSU
2015	Notre Dame	Fiesta Bowl	vs. Ohio State

\* home games played in Allendale, Michigan  
# NCAA Division II championship games

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES (BY VICTORIES, SINCE 2001)

Name, School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	158	40	0	.798
2. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	153	27	0	.850
<b>3. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.764</b>
4. Mark Richt, Miami	145	51	0	.740
5. Nick Saban, Alabama	143	30	0	.827
6. Gary Patterson, TCU	142	47	0	.751
7. Les Miles, LSU	139	53	0	.724
8. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	137	61	0	.692
9. Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	123	67	0	.647
10. Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	119	76	0	.610

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES (BY VICTORIES, SINCE 2006)

Name, School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Chris Petersen, Washington	106	24	0	.815
2. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	104	16	0	.867
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	104	29	0	.782
4. Nick Saban, Alabama	103	18	0	.851
5. Les Miles, LSU	100	30	0	.769
6. Gary Patterson, TCU	99	29	0	.773
<b>7. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.754</b>
8. Bronco Mendenhall, BYU*	93	36	0	.721
Mark Richt, Miami, Fla.	93	38	0	.710
Mark Dantonio, Michigan State	93	37	0	.715

\* Mendenhall will coach BYU in the Las Vegas Bowl before taking over at Virginia in 2016

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES (BY PERCENTAGE, SINCE 2007)

Name, School	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	91	15	0	.858
2. Nick Saban, Alabama	102	18	0	.850
3. Chris Petersen, Washington	93	24	0	.795
4. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	93	26	0	.782
5. Gary Patterson, TCU	88	27	0	.765
6. Les Miles, LSU	89	28	0	.762
<b>7. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.759</b>
8. Mark Dantonio, Michigan State	87	32	0	.731
9. Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State	83	33	0	.716
10. Mark Richt, Miami, Fla.	84	34	0	.712

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES (BY VICTORIES)

Name, School	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	34	278	143	4	.658
<b>2. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.742</b>
3. Dennis Franchione, Texas State	30	213	135	2	.615
4. Bill Snyder, Kansas State	23	193	100	1	.656
5. Nick Saban, Alabama	19	189	60	1	.756
6. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	16	179	45	0	.798
7. Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	18	168	83	0	.672
8. Terry Bowden, Akron	21	158	92	2	.629
9. Tommy Tuberville, Cincinnati	19	155	90	0	.631
10. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	13	152	27	0	.849
Rich Rodriguez, Arizona	21	152	104	2	.593

\*Minimum five years as FBS head coach; record at four-year colleges only

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES (BY PERCENTAGE)

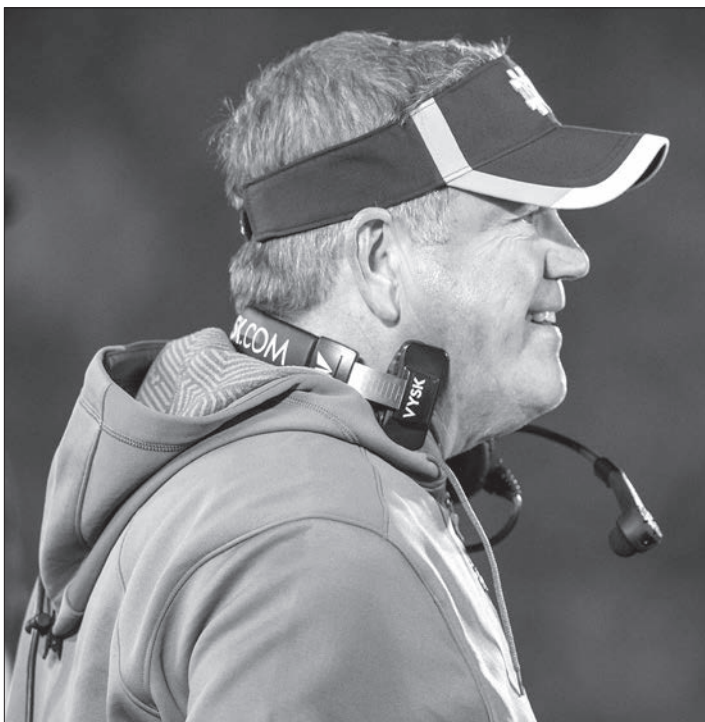
Name, School	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	13	152	27	0	.849
2. Jimbo Fisher, Florida State	6	67	13	0	.838
3. Chris Petersen, Washington	9	106	24	0	.815
4. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	16	179	45	0	.799
5. Nick Saban, Alabama	19	189	60	1	.758
6. Gary Patterson, TCU	15	142	47	0	.751
7. Dabo Swinney, Clemson	7	74	26	0	.740
<b>8. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.739</b>
9. Mark Richt, Miami, Fla.	14	144	52	0	.735
10. Les Miles, LSU	13	139	53	0	.724

\*Minimum five years as FBS head coach; record at four-year colleges only

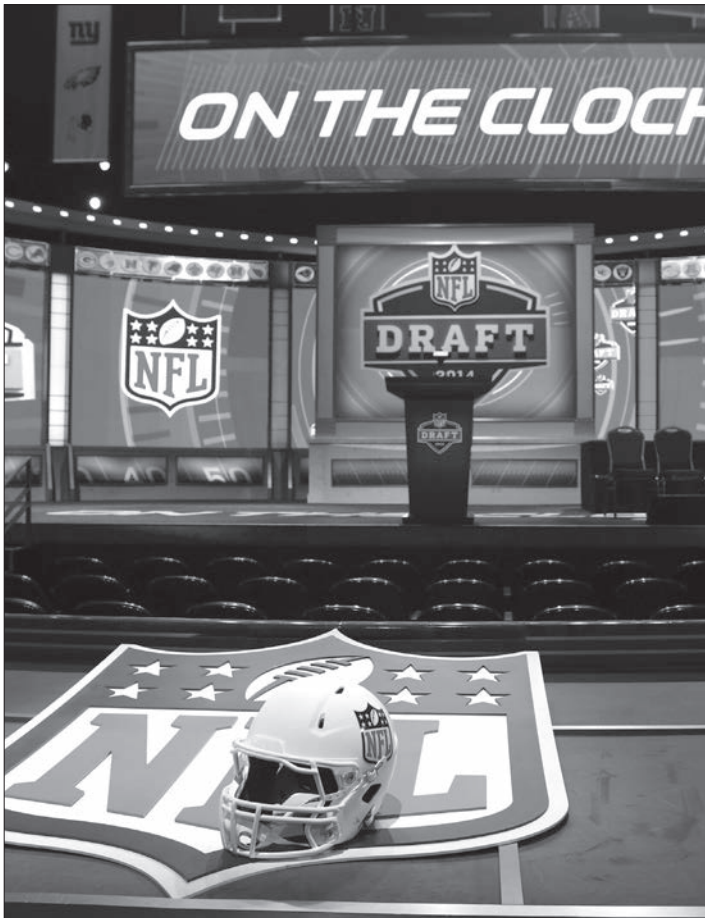
Kelly has been a college head coach for 25 seasons; however the NCAA lists him for 26 because of the 2006 season when he coached at Central Michigan during the regular season and at Cincinnati for a bowl game.

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE FBS COACHES VS. ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25

Name, School	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Urban Meyer, Ohio State	13	31	13	0	.705
2. Mark Helfrich, Oregon	3	9	4	0	.692
3. David Shaw, Stanford	5	19	9	0	.679
4. Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	16	55	27	0	.671
5. Jimbo Fisher, Florida State	6	13	7	0	.650
6. Nick Saban, Alabama	19	61	38	0	.616
7. Jim Mora, UCLA	4	12	8	0	.600
<b>8. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.583</b>
9. Les Miles, LSU	14	45	35	0	.563
10. Gary Patterson, TCU	15	20	17	0	.541







**THE NFL DRAFT UNDER BRIAN KELLY**

- ▶ Brian Kelly had a first-round pick in three straight NFL Drafts: **Michael Floyd** (2012), **Harrison Smith** (2012), **Tyler Eifert** (2013) and **Zack Martin** (2014). The Irish program had not previously accomplished the feat since 1991-94.
- ▶ Kelly and Notre Dame have had 19 players selected in the NFL Draft since 2012. Only six schools in the nation have had more NFL draft pics over the same span. Kelly has done this while also maintaining a program that ranks among the top in the NCAA's annual Graduation Success Rate.

Rank	Team	Players Drafted	Graduation Success Rate
1.	Florida State	33	t-90th (65)
2.	Alabama	32	t-26th (80)
3.	LSU	27	t-54th (71)
4.	Oklahoma	23	t-107th (59)
5.	Florida	22	t-23rd (81)
	Georgia	22	t-39th (75)
<b>t7.</b>	<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5th (94)</b>

- ▶ **Zack Martin** (Dallas Cowboys, 16th overall pick of 2014 NFL Draft) gave Kelly four first-round picks in a three-year span of the draft (2012-14). The Irish had a total of four first-round picks in the previous 17 NFL drafts.
- ▶ Kelly has produced more first-round NFL Draft picks (four) than the three previous Notre Dame head coaches combined (three). In fact, only Ara Parseghian (12), Lou Holtz (12), Frank Leahy (10), Terry Brennan (five) and Dan Devine (five) have produced more first-round picks during their entire Irish coaching tenures. Of course, Kelly's total has come over just five NFL drafts.

Rank	Coach (Tenure)	First Rounders	NFL Drafts
1.	Lou Holtz (1986-96)	12	11
	Ara Parseghian (1964-74)	12	11
3.	Frank Leahy (1941-43, 46-53)	10	11
4.	Dan Devine (1975-80)	5	5
	Terry Brennan (1954-58)	5	5
<b>t6.</b>	<b>Brian Kelly (2010-)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

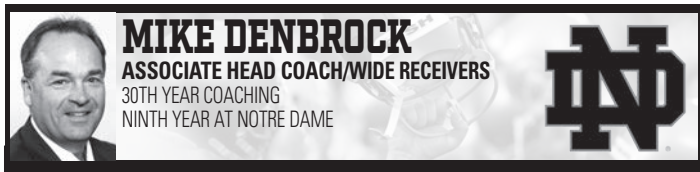
- ▶ Notre Dame had eight players chosen in the 2014 NFL Draft. The Irish have not had a larger haul in the draft since 1994 when Notre Dame had 10 players selected.
- ▶ Notre Dame had five players chosen in the first three rounds of the 2014 NFL Draft. It's the most since the Irish had a school-record seven players selected in the top three rounds of the 1994 draft.
- ▶ Notre Dame in 2013 and 2014 had at least six players drafted in consecutive years for the first time since 2002-03.

- ▶ The Wall Street Journal did an interesting report card following the 2014 NFL Draft. It listed the schools who put the most talent in last year's NFL Draft, based on how high their players were chosen (256 points for the top pick and one point for the last selection).

Team	Picks (Pts)	AP Final Rank	Top Selection
LSU	9 (1,268)	14th	WR Odell Beckham (12th New York Giants)
<b>Notre Dame</b>	<b>8 (1,255)</b>	<b>20th</b>	<b>OT Zack Martin (16th Dallas Cowboys)</b>
Florida State	7 (1,251)	1st	WR Kelvin Benjamin (28th Carolina Panthers)
Alabama	8 (1,183)	7th	LB C.J. Mosley (17th Baltimore Ravens)
Ohio State	6 (978)	12th	LB Ryan Shazier (15th Pittsburgh Steelers)
Louisville	4 (879)	15th	S Calvin Pryor (18th New York Jets)
UCLA	5 (828)	16th	LB Anthony Barr (9th Minnesota Vikings)
Clemson	5 (748)	8th	WR Sammy Watkins (4th Buffalo Bills)
Texas A&M	3 (736)	18th	OT Jake Matthews (6th Atlanta Falcons)
North Carolina	5 (727)	--	TE Eric Ebron (10th Detroit Lions)

- ▶ Notre Dame's eight drafted players were tied for the second most of any school in the nation. LSU led the country with nine selections, while the Irish were tied with Alabama.
- ▶ Notre Dame has now had eight starters drafted from its 2012 defense that led the Irish to the BCS National Championship Game.
- ▶ **Troy Niklas** marked the seventh Notre Dame tight end since 1992 to be chosen in the top two rounds of the NFL Draft. No other school in the nation has had more than four over that span.
- ▶ Each of Notre Dame's starting tight ends under Kelly has been selected in the draft: **Kyle Rudolph** (2nd, 2011), **Tyler Eifert** (1st, 2013), **Troy Niklas** (2nd, 2014) and **Ben Koyack** (7th, 2015).
- ▶ Notre Dame had three players chosen in the second round of the 2014 NFL Draft for the first time since 1990 when the Irish had four selected.
- ▶ **Zack Martin** was the first Notre Dame offensive lineman selected in the first round of the NFL Draft since Jeff Faine in 2003. Martin was the highest drafted Irish offensive lineman since Andy Heck went No. 15 in the 1989 draft.
- ▶ Sixth-round pick **Bennett Jackson** and second-round selection **Troy Niklas** continued a trend that has followed Kelly at his previous coaching stops at Central Michigan and Cincinnati. Jackson and Niklas joined the Notre Dame program as a wide receiver and linebacker, respectively. Jackson played one season (2010) as a wideout before Kelly and the Irish staff felt his future was at cornerback. Niklas played in 12 games as a reserve in 2011. He totaled 20 tackles, including eight solo stops, before his shift to tight end.
- ▶ Thus, Jackson and Niklas joined the likes of **Joe Staley** from Central Michigan, as well as **Jason Kelce** and **Connor Barwin** from Cincinnati. All five opened their respective careers under Kelly at one position before ultimately getting drafted into the NFL at another position. Staley was a first-round choice in 2007, while Barwin (2009) and Niklas (2014) were second-round picks and Kelce (2011) and Jackson (2014) were sixth-round selections.
- ▶ That group does not include NFL All-Pro and former first-round selection **J.J. Watt**, who Kelly recruited to Central Michigan. Watt ultimately transferred and walked on at Wisconsin.





**MIKE DENBROCK**  
**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/WIDE RECEIVERS**  
 30TH YEAR COACHING  
 NINTH YEAR AT NOTRE DAME

**THE DENBROCK FILE**

**Hometown:** Homer, Michigan  
**High School:** Homer High School  
**College:** Grand Valley State (Communications, 1987)  
**Wife:** Dianne  
**Children:** Son - Chance

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

1982-85 Grand Valley State Tight End

**COACHING CAREER**

1986	Grand Valley State	Graduate Assistant
1987	Grand Valley State	Graduate Assistant
1988	Michigan State	Graduate Assistant (Gator Bowl)
1989	Michigan State	Graduate Assistant (Aloha Bowl)
1990	Illinois State	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
1991	Illinois State	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
1992	Grand Valley State	Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers
1993	Grand Valley State	Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers
1994	Grand Valley State	Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers (NCAA Division II first round)
1995	Grand Valley State	Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers
1996	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1997	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1998	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (NCAA Division II first round)
1999	Buffalo (AFL)	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coord./Offensive and Defensive Line
2000	Buffalo (AFL)	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coord./Offensive and Defensive Line (Playoffs)
2001	Stanford	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends (Seattle Bowl)
2002	Notre Dame	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends (Gator Bowl)
2003	Notre Dame	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends
2004	Notre Dame	Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends (Insight Bowl)
2005	Washington	Offensive Line
2006	Washington	Offensive Line
2007	Washington	Offensive Line
2008	Washington	Offensive Line
2009	Indiana State	Associate Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers
2010	Notre Dame	Tight Ends (Sun Bowl)
2011	Notre Dame	Tight Ends (Champs Sports Bowl)
2012	Notre Dame	Outside Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coordinator (BCS National Championship)
2013	Notre Dame	Outside Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coordinator (Pinstripe Bowl)
2014	Notre Dame	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers (Music City Bowl)
2015	Notre Dame	Associate Head Coach/Wide Receivers (Fiesta Bowl)

**COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ▶ First season as the Irish associate head coach in 2015
- ▶ Guided an offense to 471.5 yards of total offense per game, including three games with over 500 yards of total offense (Texas, UMass and Stanford)
- ▶ Irish have averaged more yards of total offense per game just once (2005) since setting the school record of 510.5 yards of total offense per game (1970)



- ▶ Notre Dame has six offensive plays of at least 70 yards, which is tied for the most in the FBS, and 12 offensive TDs of at least 50 yards (school record)
- ▶ Will Fuller continued his development under Denbrock's tutelage into one of the nation's best wide receivers in 2015
- ▶ Fuller's six 100-yard receiving games in 2015 rank third in school history, his 13 TD grabs rank fourth and his 1,145 receiving yards rank fifth
- ▶ Fuller is the fourth player in Notre Dame history to record back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons
- ▶ Fuller's 28 TD receptions are the most and his 2,239 receiving yards are the second-most for any Irish player over any two-year span in school history
- ▶ Acted as Notre Dame offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach in 2014
- ▶ The Irish scored at least 27 points a school-record 11 times in 2014
- ▶ Guided an offense that averaged 33.0 points per game -- most since 2005 (36.7) -- and 444.6 yards of total offense per game -- most since 2009 (451.75)
- ▶ Fuller set Irish sophomore records in touchdown receptions (15), catches (76) and receiving yards (1,094) in 2014
- ▶ Coached the Notre Dame outside wide receivers and served as passing-game coordinator in 2012 and 2013
- ▶ Returned to Notre Dame in 2010 and spent the next two seasons coaching the Irish tight ends
- ▶ Named one of the top 25 recruiters in the nation by Rivals.com and one of country's top 50 recruiters by 247Sports.com in 2012
- ▶ Selected by Tom Lemming as one of the 2011 Assistant Coaches of the Year
- ▶ Coached 2011 Mackey Award finalist Tyler Eifert to one of the best seasons ever by a Notre Dame tight end
- ▶ Eifert ranked second on the Irish with 63 receptions for 803 yards and five TDs in 2011
- ▶ Eifert led all FBS tight ends in 2011 in both receptions and receiving yards
- ▶ Eifert set Notre Dame single-season records for receptions and receiving yards by a tight end
- ▶ Eifert was selected to the 2011 Walter Camp Football Foundation All-American first team and became the first Irish tight end named first-team All-American since Derek Brown in 1991
- ▶ Coached 2010 preseason All-American Kyle Rudolph as he collected 28 receptions for 328 yards and three touchdowns in first six games before a hamstring injury ended his season
- ▶ Spent the 2009 season as the associate head coach at Indiana State University
- ▶ Served as the offensive line coach at the University of Washington from 2005-08
- ▶ Guided an offensive line that paved the way for Washington to average 203.1 rushing yards per game in 2007, which ranked 18th nationally and second in the Pacific-10 Conference
- ▶ Mentored the Irish offensive tackles and tight ends in his first stint at Notre Dame from 2002-04
- ▶ Produced 1,000-yard rushers in 2002 (Ryan Grant) and 2003 (Julius Jones)
- ▶ Worked in a similar capacity with the offensive tackles and tight ends at Stanford in 2001
- ▶ Developed Stanford's Kwame Harris (2003 first-round NFL Draft pick) into one of the top offensive tackles in the Pacific-10 Conference
- ▶ Spent seven seasons at Grand Valley State as an assistant coach under Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly
- ▶ Acted as Lakers' quarterbacks and wide receivers coach from 1992-95 -- offense rated first in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference in both total and scoring offense each season
- ▶ Served as the Lakers' defensive coordinator and linebackers coach from 1996-98
- ▶ Guided a Grand Valley State defensive unit that ranked among the nation's top 30 in total defense, scoring defense and rushing defense each season
- ▶ First full-time coaching assignment came in 1990-91 as the tackles and tight ends coach at Illinois State
- ▶ Focused on the offensive line as a graduate assistant at Michigan State in 1989 and helped with the quarterbacks and receivers on the 1988 Spartans' squad
- ▶ Broke into coaching as a graduate assistant from 1986-87 at Grand Valley State where he worked with the offensive tackles and tight ends

**DYNAMIC DISCIPLES**

**WR Will Fuller (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2015 Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist
- ▶ 2015 second-team All-American
- ▶ 56 receptions for 1,145 yards and 13 TD catches in 2015 (20.5 yards per catch)
- ▶ Irish sophomore records in TD grabs (15), catches (76) and receiving yards (1,094) in 2014
- ▶ Third in the FBS with 15 TD catches in 2014

**TE Kyle Rudolph (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2011 NFL Draft second-round pick (Minnesota Vikings)
- ▶ First tight end selected in 2011 NFL Draft
- ▶ 2013 NFL Pro Bowl MVP

**TE John Carlson (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2008 NFL Draft second-round pick (Seattle Seahawks)

**WR TJ Jones (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft sixth-round pick (Detroit Lions)
- ▶ One of six wideouts in school history with at least 150 receptions, 2,000 receiving yards and 15 TD catches

**TE Anthony Fasano (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2006 NFL Draft second-round pick (Dallas Cowboys)

**OT Ryan Harris (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2007 NFL Draft third-round pick (Denver Broncos)

**TE Tyler Eifert (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2013 NFL Draft first-round pick (Cincinnati Bengals)
- ▶ First tight end selected in 2013 NFL Draft
- ▶ 2012 Mackey Award Winner
- ▶ 2012 first-team All-American

**OT Kwame Harris (Stanford)**

- ▶ 2002 NFL Draft third-round pick (San Francisco 49ers)




**BRIAN VANGORDER**
**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR**

27TH YEAR COACHING

SECOND YEAR AT NOTRE DAME

**THE VANGORDER FILE**
**Hometown:** Jackson, Michigan

**High School:** West Bloomfield High School

**College:** Wayne State (Criminal Justice, 1992)

**Children:** Daughter - Morgan; Sons - Mack, Malone, Molloy and Montgomery

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

1977-80      Wayne State      Linebacker

**COACHING CAREER**

1989	Grand Valley State	Linebackers (NCAA Division II first round)
1990	Grand Valley State	Linebackers (NCAA Division II first round)
1991	Grand Valley State	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (NCAA Division II first round)
1992	Wayne State	Head Coach
1993	Wayne State	Head Coach
1994	Wayne State	Head Coach
1995	Central Florida	Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator
1996	Central Florida	Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator
1997	Central Florida	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
1998	Central Michigan	Defensive Coordinator
1999	Central Michigan	Defensive Coordinator
2000	Western Illinois	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (NCAA Division I-AA first round)
2001	Georgia	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (Music City)
2002	Georgia	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (Sugar Bowl)
2003	Georgia	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (Capital One)
2004	Georgia	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (Outback Bowl)
2005	Jacksonville Jaguars	Linebackers (NFL Playoffs)
2006	Georgia Southern	Head Coach
2007	Atlanta Falcons	Linebackers
2008	Atlanta Falcons	Defensive Coordinator (NFL Playoffs)
2009	Atlanta Falcons	Defensive Coordinator
2010	Atlanta Falcons	Defensive Coordinator (NFL Playoffs)
2011	Atlanta Falcons	Defensive Coordinator (NFL Playoffs)
2012	Auburn	Defensive Coordinator
2013	New York Jets	Linebackers
2014	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers (Music City)
2015	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator (Fiesta Bowl)

**COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ▶ Second season as the Irish defensive coordinator in 2015
- ▶ Worked with Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly as his defensive coordinator on the Grand Valley State staff more than two decades ago
- ▶ Owns college head coaching experience at Wayne State (1992-94) and Georgia Southern (2006)
- ▶ Coordinated defenses for 16 seasons at the professional and college level, including four in the National Football League, five in the Southeastern Conference and two at Notre Dame
- ▶ Junior LB Jaylon Smith has now eclipsed 100 tackles in consecutive seasons and no Power 5 linebacker, other than Smith, can make the following claim: at least 113 tackles, 9.0 TFLs and five pass breakups



- ▶ Notre Dame has forced a three-and-out on 28.86% of its possessions in 2015, which ranks 13th-best in the FBS
- ▶ Challenged by a rash of injuries and an abundance of inexperienced players in 2014
- ▶ The Irish opened the season with seven first-year starters and were forced to play nine true freshmen -- four of whom eventually started
- ▶ Notre Dame's 2014 depth chart on defense included 23 players, 17 of which were in their first or second-year of eligibility
- ▶ Instrumental in the breakthrough 2014 season of linebacker Joe Schmidt, who led the Irish in tackles prior to suffering a season-ending injury versus Navy on Nov. 1
- ▶ Schmidt registered 65 tackles, two forced fumbles and two interceptions over Notre Dame's first eight games
- ▶ Served as the New York Jets linebacker coach in 2013
- ▶ Mentored the linebacker tandem of David Harris (123) and DeMario Davis (107), which combined for 230 tackles
- ▶ Instrumental in the re-emergence of outside linebacker Calvin Pace as a dominant pass rusher
- ▶ Pace finished the 2013 season with 10 sacks and reached double digits for the first time in his 11-year NFL career
- ▶ Guided the Atlanta Falcons' defense as coordinator from 2008-11
- ▶ The Falcons achieved unprecedented heights, posting four consecutive winning seasons (a franchise first), including playoff appearances in 2008, 2010 and 2011
- ▶ The 2011 Falcons defense finished the regular season second in the NFL in red-zone defense, sixth in rushing defense (97.0 yards per game) and 12th in total defense (333.6 yards per game)
- ▶ The 2010 Atlanta defense ranked in the top five in the NFL in scoring defense (18.0, fifth), turnover differential (+14, third) and interceptions (22, fourth)
- ▶ Helped cornerback Brent Grimes to his first career Pro Bowl selection in 2010 after posting a single-season franchise-high 23 passes defended, and tying for the team lead in interceptions (five), while adding 82 tackles
- ▶ John Abraham earned his fourth career Pro Bowl selection in 2010 and third selection to the All-Pro team under the guidance of VanGorder
- ▶ Coached the Jacksonville Jaguars' linebackers in 2005
- ▶ Acted as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Georgia for four years from 2001-04
- ▶ The Bulldogs went 42-10 along the way, won one SEC title, two SEC East Division championships, captured three bowl games and ended up with three straight top-10 finishes in the final national polls
- ▶ Developed four first-round NFL draft picks (Thomas Davis, Charles Grant, David Pollack and Johnathan Sullivan) and four All-Americans at Georgia (Boss Bailey, Davis, Sean James and Pollack)
- ▶ Georgia's 2002 defense allowed only 31 points during the final seven games, propelling the Bulldogs to a Sugar Bowl win over Florida State (26-13) and a number three ranking in the year's final polls
- ▶ Coached at Western Illinois (2000), Central Michigan (1998-99), Central Florida (1995-1997), Wayne State (1992-1994) and Grand Valley State (1989-91)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- ▶ Four-year letter-winner as a linebacker at Wayne State University (1977-80)
- ▶ Collected 335 career tackles, which ranks seventh in school history
- ▶ Inducted into the Wayne State University Hall of Fame in 2013

**DYNAMIC DISCIPLES**
**LB Jaylon Smith (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2015 first-team All-American
- ▶ 2015 Butkus Award

**OLB Calvin Pace (New York Jets)**

- ▶ Finished 2013 with 10 sacks
- ▶ Only season in NFL career with 10 or more sacks

**DE John Abraham (Atlanta Falcons)**

- ▶ Led NFL defensive ends with 13 sacks in 2010
- ▶ Pro Bowl selection and All-Pro honoree

**LB Curtis Lofton (Atlanta Falcons)**

- ▶ 2008 Sporting News and Pro Football Weekly NFL All-Rookie

**CB Brent Grimes (Atlanta Falcons)**

- ▶ Pro Bowl selection in 2010
- ▶ Tied for team lead in interceptions with five
- ▶ 23 passes defended ranked second in the NFL

**LB Thomas Davis (Georgia)**

- ▶ 2005 NFL Draft first-round pick (Carolina Panthers)
- ▶ 2004 consensus first-team All-American

**DE David Pollack (Georgia)**

- ▶ 2005 NFL Draft first-round pick (Cincinnati Bengals)
- ▶ Three-time first-team All-American (2002-04)
- ▶ Two-time consensus first-team All-American (2003-04)
- ▶ 2004 SEC Player of the Year Award
- ▶ 2004 SEC Defensive Player of the Year Award
- ▶ 2004 Chuck Bednarik Award
- ▶ 2003, 2004 Ted Hendricks Award
- ▶ 2004 Lombardi Award
- ▶ 2004 Lott Trophy

**DE Charles Grant (Georgia)**

- ▶ 2002 NFL Draft first-round pick (New Orleans Saints)

**LB Boss Bailey (Georgia)**

- ▶ 2003 NFL Draft second-round pick (Detroit Lions)
- ▶ 2002 first-team All-American
- ▶ 2002 Butkus Trophy semifinalist
- ▶ 2002 Lombardi Trophy semifinalist

**DT Johnathan Sullivan (Georgia)**

- ▶ 2003 NFL Draft first-round pick (New Orleans Saints)





**THE SANFORD FILE**

**Hometown:** Lexington, Virginia  
**High School:** Penn High School (1996-98); Los Alamitos High School (1998-2000)  
**College:** Boise State (Political Science, 2005)  
**Wife:** Anne-Marie  
**Children:** Daughter - Peyton; Son - Gunnar

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

2000-04 Boise State Quarterback

**BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED**

2002 Boise State Humanitarian  
 2003 Boise State Fort Worth  
 2004 Boise State Liberty

**COACHING CAREER**

2005 UNLV Offensive Graduate Assistant/Specialists/Assistant Quarterbacks  
 2006 UNLV Offensive Graduate Assistant/Specialists/Assistant Quarterbacks  
 2007 Stanford Offensive Assistant/Quarterbacks  
 2008 Stanford Offensive Assistant/Quarterbacks  
 2009 Yale Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends/Fullbacks  
 2010 Western Kentucky Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 2011 Stanford Running Backs (Fiesta Bowl)  
 2012 Stanford Recruiting Coordinator/Running Backs (Rose Bowl)  
 2013 Stanford Recruiting Coordinator/Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers (Rose Bowl)  
 2014 Boise State Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Fiesta Bowl)  
 2015 Notre Dame Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Fiesta Bowl)

**COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ▶ First season as the Irish offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 2015
- ▶ Helped an offense to 471.5 yards of total offense per game, including three games with over 500 yards of total offense (Texas, UMass and Stanford)
- ▶ Irish have averaged more yards of total offense per game just once (2005) since setting the school record of 510.5 yards of total offense per game (1970)
- ▶ Notre Dame averages 34.8 points per game, not far off of the school record pace for points per game of 37.6 set in 1968 and its best average since 2005 when Notre Dame posted 36.7 points per game
- ▶ Critical in the development of first-year starting quarterback DeShone Kizer -- who took over the reigns following the season-ending injury to Malik Zaire in the second game of the season
- ▶ Kizer has thrown for 2,600 yards and 19 touchdowns (in 12 games and 10 starts)
- ▶ Kizer has added 499 yards rushing and a school record for a quarterback equaling nine TD runs
- ▶ In single-season school history, Kizer ranks fourth in completion percentage (63.4), fourth in passing yards per game (216.7), sixth in passing efficiency (151.7), tied for seventh in 300-yard passing games (two), tied for eighth in TD passes, ninth in passing yards and ninth in pass attempts (189)
- ▶ Served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at his alma mater, Boise State, in 2014
- ▶ Helped the Broncos to a 12-2 record, Mountain West Conference championship and Fiesta Bowl victory over Pacific-12 South champion Arizona



- ▶ Guided a Boise State offense that qualified as one of five Football Bowl Subdivision schools in 2014 that ranked among the top 30 in the nation in all four major offensive statistical categories: ninth in scoring (39.7 points per game), 14th in total offense (494.3 yards per game), 23rd in passing offense (280.4 yards per game) and 29th in rushing offense (213.9 yards per game)
- ▶ Helped the Broncos rank 17th in the FBS in red-zone offense -- making Boise State the lone FBS program in 2014 to rank among the top 30 in scoring, total offense, red-zone offense, passing offense and rushing offense
- ▶ Tutored Boise State quarterback Grant Hedrick to a record-setting season in 2014
- ▶ Hedrick led the FBS in completion percentage (.708), ranked seventh in passing yards per attempt (8.91), ninth in passing efficiency (157.20), 13th in passing yardage (3,696) and 14th in total offense (306.3 yards per game)
- ▶ Balanced the Broncos attack with a dominant rushing attack led by record-setting running back Jay Ajayi
- ▶ Helped Ajayi (who led the FBS in scoring with 13.7 points per game) become the only player in FBS history to record 1,800 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards in the same season
- ▶ Guided Ajayi to Boise State single-season records for rushing yards (1,823), rushing TDs (28), all-purpose yards (2,358) and carries (347)
- ▶ Spent five seasons at Stanford over two different coaching stints (2007-08 and 2011-13)
- ▶ Coached the Cardinal running backs in 2011 and 2012 and then Stanford's quarterbacks and wide receivers in 2013
- ▶ Served as the Cardinal's recruiting coordinator in each of his final two seasons when Stanford put together back-to-back top 20 national recruiting classes, including a top-five class in 2012
- ▶ Twenty-three members of the Cardinal's 2012-13 signing classes were rated in the top 25 nationally at their respective positions by various services
- ▶ Twenty-two Stanford signees were rated at least four stars by various recruiting services, including six five-star selections, and 20 were selected to play in prep All-America games
- ▶ Helped Stanford capture Pacific-12 championships in both 2012 and 2013, and make back-to-back appearances in the Rose Bowl
- ▶ Part of the Cardinal staff that also led Stanford to the 2012 Fiesta Bowl
- ▶ Coached a Cardinal rushing attack in 2011 that ranked 18th in the FBS (210.6 yards per game) -- a major reason Stanford finished the season ranked seventh nationally in scoring (43.2 points per game) and eighth nationally in total offense (489.3 yards per game)
- ▶ Tutored 2012 Doak Walker Award semifinalist Stepfan Taylor, who became Stanford's all-time career rushing leader (4,300 yards)
- ▶ Helped Taylor -- 2013 Rose Bowl offensive MVP -- register 45 total TDs and 40 career rushing TDs, which rank first and second all-time in Cardinal history, respectively
- ▶ Critical component that allowed Taylor to become the first Stanford player to ever record three straight 1,000-yard rushing seasons
- ▶ Mentored Kevin Hogan as a sophomore in 2013 as the Cardinal quarterback ranked 21st nationally in passing efficiency (151.5), threw for 2,630 yards and 20 TDs, while averaging 8.91 yards per pass attempt
- ▶ Coached consensus first-team All-American Ty Montgomery, who also garnered first-team all-Pacific-12 honors as a kick returner and second-team all-conference accolades as a receiver
- ▶ Worked with the Cardinal quarterbacks as an offensive assistant from 2007-08
- ▶ Spent one season as the passing game coordinator at Western Kentucky in 2010
- ▶ Coached Yale's tight ends and fullbacks, and served as recruiting coordinator in his first full-time coaching stint in 2009
- ▶ Served as a graduate assistant at UNLV from 2005-06 under his father, Mike, then the head coach of the Rebels

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- ▶ Father, Mike Sanford, was the quarterbacks coach at Notre Dame for three years (1996-98)
- ▶ Played on four bowl teams during his Boise State career and Broncos compiled a combined 54-9 record

**DYNAMIC DISCIPLES**

**QB DeShone Kizer (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2015 season ranks fourth in single-season school history in both completion percentage (63.4) and passing yards/game (216.7)

**QB Grant Hedrick (Boise State)**

- ▶ Led FBS in completion percentage (.708) in 2014
- ▶ Ranked seventh in passing yards/attempt (8.91)
- ▶ Ranked ninth in passing efficiency (157.20)

**RB Jay Ajayi (Boise State)**

- ▶ Only FBS player to ever record 1,800 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards in single season
- ▶ Led FBS in scoring (13.7 points/game) in 2014
- ▶ Holds Boise single-season records for rushing yards (1,823), rushing TDs (28), all-purpose yards (2,358) and carries (347)

**RB Stepfan Taylor (Stanford)**

- ▶ 2012 Doak Walker semifinalist
- ▶ Stanford's all-time career rushing leader (4,300)
- ▶ 2013 NFL Draft fifth-round pick (Arizona Cardinals)
- ▶ 2013 Rose Bowl offensive MVP
- ▶ Only Stanford running back with three consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons

**WR/KR Ty Montgomery (Stanford)**

- ▶ 2015 NFL Draft third-round pick (Green Bay Packers)
- ▶ Consensus first-team All-American kick returner in 2013



## THE ELSTON FILE

**Hometown:** St. Marys, Ohio  
**High School:** Memorial High School  
**College:** Michigan (Sport Management and Communications, 1998)  
**Wife:** Beth (Broyles)  
**Children:** Daughters - Olivia, Sophia and Isabella

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1993-96 Michigan Outside Linebacker

## BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED

1994	Michigan	Hall of Fame
1994	Michigan	Holiday
1995	Michigan	Alamo
1997	Michigan	Outback

## COACHING CAREER

1997	Michigan	Student Assistant (Rose Bowl)
1998	Michigan	Video Intern (Citrus Bowl)
1999	Michigan	Graduate Assistant/Outside Linebackers (Orange Bowl)
2000	Michigan	Graduate Assistant/Outside Linebackers (Citrus Bowl)
2001	Eastern Michigan	Defensive Ends
2002	Eastern Michigan	Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Line
2003	Eastern Michigan	Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Line
2004	Central Michigan	Defensive Line
2005	Central Michigan	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line
2006	Central Michigan	Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator (Motor City Bowl)
2007	Cincinnati	Recruiting Coord./Tight Ends/Special Teams Coord. (Papajohns.com Bowl)
2008	Cincinnati	Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator (Orange Bowl)
2009	Cincinnati	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator (Sugar Bowl)
2010	Notre Dame	Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator (Sun Bowl)
2011	Notre Dame	Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator (Champs Sports Bowl)
2012	Notre Dame	Defensive Line (BCS National Championship)
2013	Notre Dame	Defensive Line (Pinstripe Bowl)
2014	Notre Dame	Defensive Line (Music City Bowl)
2015	Notre Dame	Recruiting Coordinator/Linebackers (Fiesta Bowl)

## COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ First season in 2015 as the Irish recruiting coordinator and linebackers coach
- ▶ Member of the Notre Dame coaching staff since 2010 and the Irish defensive line coach from 2010-14
- ▶ Junior LB Jaylon Smith has now eclipsed 100 tackles in consecutive seasons and no Power 5 linebacker, other than Smith, can make the following claim: at least 113 tackles, 9.0 TFLs and five pass breakups
- ▶ Oversaw the Notre Dame special teams units in 2010 and 2011
- ▶ Aided in the mentorship of numerous young Irish defensive linemen in 2014, including freshmen Jay Hayes, Daniel Cage, Andrew Trumbetti and Grant Blankenship -- all four of whom played significantly as rookies
- ▶ Played critical role in the development of Notre Dame senior defensive lineman and captain Sheldon Day, who enters 2015 as one of the top defensive linemen in the nation
- ▶ Developed Stephon Tuitt and Louis Nix III into second- and third-round National Football League Draft picks (2014), respectively
- ▶ Mentored the first tandem of Irish defensive linemen to be chosen in the top three rounds of the same draft since 1997



- ▶ Helped Tuitt finish his career with 21.5 sacks, which ranks tied for third in school history
- ▶ Major impact on Kapron Lewis-Moore's development into a sixth-round NFL Draft selection in 2013 -- would have been drafted much higher had it not been for a torn ACL suffered in the 2013 Bowl Championship Series National Championship Game
- ▶ Injuries ravaged the Irish defensive line unit in 2013 -- trio of Day, Nix III and Tuitt were on the field together for only 23 plays over Notre Dame's final 10 games of the season
- ▶ Led an Irish defensive line unit that helped permit only four rushing touchdowns in 2012 (and the first did not come until the eighth game of the year) -- the fewest in the FBS
- ▶ Guided Tuitt and Nix III as the duo became the first pair of Irish defensive linemen to earn All-America status in same season since 1989
- ▶ Oversaw a Notre Dame defensive line unit that helped hold eight different opponents to under 100 yards rushing in 2012, which was tied for the most of any BCS automatically-qualifying school
- ▶ Mentored an Irish defensive line unit that helped limit their foes to 3.47 yards per rush, which ranked 17th in the FBS
- ▶ Helped Notre Dame kick returner George Atkinson III rank 19th in the FBS in kickoff return average (26.1) in 2011
- ▶ Key reason the Irish kick returns improved from 75th in the FBS in 2010 to 36th in 2011
- ▶ Guided David Ruffer to an All-America caliber season in 2010 as the place kicker was named one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award, presented annually to college football's top kicker
- ▶ Helped Ruffer convert his first 18 field-goal attempts of 2010, which snapped school records for most consecutive made field goals in a season (18) and career (23)
- ▶ Held responsibilities of assistant head coach, recruiting coordinator, special teams coordinator, tight ends coach and defensive line coach over three years at Cincinnati (2007-09)
- ▶ Helped implement a new scheme in 2009 with three first-year starters on a Bearcats' defensive line unit that helped limit their opponents to 3.6 rushing yards per carry
- ▶ Coached a Cincinnati defensive line in 2009 that played a major role as the Bearcats registered the third-most tackles for loss and 10th-most sacks in the FBS
- ▶ Mentored Ricardo Mathews and Alex Daniels in 2009 -- two first-year starters at defensive end
- ▶ Helped Mathews earn second-team all-BIG EAST honors as he led Cincinnati with 12.5 tackles for loss, and coached Daniels as he paced the defensive line with 56 tackles and 8.5 sacks
- ▶ Served as Cincinnati's special teams coordinator in 2009 for the third straight season
- ▶ Guided Mardy Gilyard as he captured BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year for the second consecutive season in 2009
- ▶ Gilyard averaged 30.5 yards per kickoff return (42 returns) and 12.6 yards per punt return (16 returns)
- ▶ Coached a Bearcats' kickoff return unit that ranked second in the nation in 2009, averaging 28.5 yards per kickoff return
- ▶ Mentored two-time Associated Press All-America punter (2007, 2008) and 2007 consensus selection Kevin Huber at Cincinnati
- ▶ Critical reason the Bearcats became only the fourth team in FBS history to lead the nation in net punting in consecutive seasons
- ▶ Helped Kevin Huber capture the 2007 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year award after he led the nation averaging 46.9 yards per punt
- ▶ Spent three seasons at Central Michigan (2004-06) under Irish head coach Brian Kelly
- ▶ Instructed a pair of all-Mid-American Conference linebackers in 2006, including the league's top tackler
- ▶ Served as Chippewas' co-defensive coordinator and defensive line coach in 2005 and worked directly with defensive end Dan Bazuin, who led the nation with 26.5 tackles for loss and tied a MAC record with 16 sacks
- ▶ First full-time assistant coaching job came at Eastern Michigan University (2001-03) where he coached defensive line and then added recruiting coordinator responsibilities his final two years
- ▶ First taste of coaching came as a graduate assistant at the University of Michigan from 1999-2000

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Four-year member of Michigan's football team (1993-96)
- ▶ Three-year letterwinner for the Wolverines as an outside linebacker (1994-96)
- ▶ The Wolverines finished the season ranked in the top 20 each year he lettered

## DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

### LB Jaylon Smith (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2015 first-team All-American
- ▶ 2015 Butkus Award

### DL Stephon Tuitt (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft second-round pick (Pittsburgh Steelers)
- ▶ 2012 first-team All-American

### DL Louis Nix III (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft third-round pick (Houston Texans)
- ▶ 2012 third-team All-American

### PK David Ruffer (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2010 Lou Groza Award finalist

### P Kevin Huber (Cincinnati)

- ▶ 2007 and 2008 first-team All-American
- ▶ 2007 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year

### DE Dan Bazuin (Central Michigan)

- ▶ Led NCAA with 26.5 tackles for loss in 2005
- ▶ Tied MAC record with 16 sacks
- ▶ Second-round pick in 2007 NFL Draft by Chicago

### WR Mardy Gilyard (Cincinnati)

- ▶ 2009 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year
- ▶ 2008 BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Year





**THE BOOKER FILE**

**Hometown:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
**High School:** Shady Side Academy  
**College:** Kent State (Business Administration, 2003); Kent State (Master's in Sports Studies, 2006)  
**Wife:** Jen  
**Children:** Daughter - Morgan

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

1999-2002      Kent State      Safety

**COACHING CAREER**

2003	Kent State	Student Assistant
2004	Kent State	Graduate Assistant
2005	Kent State	Defensive Backs
2006	Kent State	Defensive Backs
2007	Kent State	Defensive Backs
2008	Kent State	Defensive Backs
2009	Western Kentucky	Secondary
2010	Notre Dame	Intern (Sun)
2011	Notre Dame	Intern (Champs Sports)
2012	Notre Dame	Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator (BCS National Championship)
2013	Notre Dame	Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator (Pinstripe)
2014	Notre Dame	Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator (Music City)
2015	Notre Dame	Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator (Fiesta)

**COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ▶ Enters his sixth season with Notre Dame and fourth year as the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach
- ▶ The Irish have scored four touchdowns on special teams in 2015 -- the most by Notre Dame in a single-season since 2000
- ▶ Freshman K Justin Yoon ranks tied for sixth in the FBS in field goal percentage (.882; 15 of 17) and neither of the two freshmen kickers ahead of him have kicked a 50-yard field goal
- ▶ Yoon has made each of his last 12 field goals entering the Fiesta Bowl, which ranks as the fourth-longest streak in school history
- ▶ Sophomore Tyler Newsome ranks 24th in the FBS with a 44.0-yard punting average
- ▶ Newsome established a school record for punting average (minimum five punts) by averaging 52.4 yards on his five boots against UMass
- ▶ Freshman C.J. Sanders joins Allen Rossum (1996) and Vontez Duff (2002) as the only Irish players to return both a punt and a kickoff for a TD in the same season
- ▶ Sanders is one of seven FBS players with a kick and punt return for TD in 2015 -- and the only freshman
- ▶ Mentored Irish tight end Ben Koyack to another productive season in 2014
- ▶ Koyack recorded 29 receptions for 305 yards and two TDs, and was named a semifinalist for the 2014 Mackey Award, which is given to the nation's top collegiate tight end
- ▶ Tutored both Tyler Eifert (first round, 2013) and Troy Niklas (second round, 2014) -- each of whom were selected in the first two rounds of the National Football League draft
- ▶ Coached record-setting Notre Dame place kicker Kyle Brindza
- ▶ Guided Brindza over his career as he set Irish career records in field goals (57), 50-yard field goals (four) and field-goal attempts (81)
- ▶ Brindza set Notre Dame single-season records, including field goals (23, 2012), 50-yard field goals (three, 2013), field-goal attempts (31, 2012) and scoring by a kicker (98, 2013)
- ▶ Brindza holds the top three single-season point totals by Irish kickers
- ▶ Brindza finished his career second in field goal percentage list (.704), second in scoring by a kicker (288) and third in overall scoring
- ▶ Brindza is the only Notre Dame kicker ever to make a field goal of at least 51 yards in a true road game, accomplishing this feat twice (2012 at USC and 2013 at Air Force)
- ▶ Brindza's 53-yard field goal versus Arizona State equaled the longest in school history (Dave Reeve vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 11, 1976)
- ▶ Brindza tied a school and NCAA bowl-game record with five field goals in the 29-16 victory over Rutgers in the 2013 New Era Pinstripe Bowl
- ▶ Brindza averaged 41.3 yards per punt (94 punts for 3,884 yards) over his career
- ▶ Mentored Irish tight end Troy Niklas during his breakthrough 2013 campaign
- ▶ Niklas registered 32 receptions for 498 yards (15.6 yards per catch) and his five TD receptions were the second-most ever by an Irish tight end in a single season
- ▶ Niklas was a Mackey Award semifinalist in 2013

- ▶ Coached Eifert in 2012 as the Notre Dame tight end captured the 2012 John Mackey Award, and also garnered second-team AP, Walter Camp, Sporting News, Sports Illustrated and CBSSports.com All-America honors
- ▶ Helped Eifert finish his career ranked first in Notre Dame history in both career receptions (140) and career receiving yards (1,840) by a tight end
- ▶ Notre Dame registered a 38.6 net punting average in 2012 under Booker's tutelage -- the program's highest such average since 1997.
- ▶ Served as an Irish offensive intern in 2010-11
- ▶ Assisted the Notre Dame offensive coaches in a variety of areas including film breakdowns, scouting reports, playbooks and other duties assigned by head coach Brian Kelly and his staff
- ▶ Part of a 2011 offensive coaching staff that helped the Irish register over 500 yards of offense in five games, equal to the combined number of 500-yard offensive games Notre Dame recorded from 2006-10
- ▶ The 2011 Notre Dame offense scored at least 45 points in three separate games, the most by a Notre Dame team since 1996
- ▶ Coached the secondary at Western Kentucky in 2009
- ▶ Served as the defensive backs coach at his alma mater, Kent State, from 2005-08
- ▶ Developed a pair of NFL draft picks in Jack Williams (fourth round, 2008) and Usama Young (third round, 2007) during his tenure with the Golden Flashes
- ▶ Helped Kent State rank first or second in the MAC in pass defense efficiency, pass defense and interceptions in 2006
- ▶ Guided the Golden Flashes as they allowed only 190.5 passing yards per game, which ranked 24th in the FBS
- ▶ Served as a graduate assistant at Kent State in 2004 and was a student assistant in 2003

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- ▶ Four-year regular at safety and on special teams for Kent State from 1999-2002
- ▶ Named to the MAC all-academic team in 2001

**DYNAMIC DISCIPLES**

**K Justin Yoon (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2015 Sporting News Freshman All-American

**K/P Kyle Brindza (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2013 Notre Dame Special Teams Player of the Year
- ▶ 2013 ESPN.com All-Bowl Team
- ▶ 2013 CBSSports.com All-Bowl Team
- ▶ 2013 NFL.com All-Bowl Team

**TE Tyler Eifert (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2013 NFL Draft first-round pick (Cincinnati Bengals)
- ▶ First tight end selected in 2013 NFL Draft
- ▶ 2012 Mackey Award Winner
- ▶ 2012 first-team All-American

**S Usama Young (Kent State)**

- ▶ 2006 second-team all-MAC honoree
- ▶ 2007 NFL Draft third-round pick (New Orleans Saints)

**TE Ben Koyack (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2015 NFL Draft seventh-round pick (Jacksonville Jaguars)
- ▶ 2014 Mackey Award Semifinalist

**CB Jack Williams (Kent State)**

- ▶ 2007 second-team all-MAC selection
- ▶ 2008 NFL Draft fourth-round pick (Denver Broncos)

**TE Troy Niklas (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft second-round pick (Arizona Cardinals)
- ▶ 2013 Mackey Award Semifinalist







## THE HIESTAND FILE

**Hometown:** Malvern, Pennsylvania  
**High School:** Radnor High School  
**College:** East Stroudsburg (Pa.) (Health and Physical Education, 1983)  
**Wife:** Terri  
**Children:** Daughter - Sarah; Sons - Michael, Matthew and Mark

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1978-79	Springfield (Mass.)	Offensive Line
1980-81	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	Offensive Line

## COACHING CAREER

1982	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	Student Assistant
1983	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	Assistant Offensive Line
1984	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	Offensive Line
1985	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	Offensive Line
1986	Pennsylvania	Tight Ends
1987	USC	Graduate Assistant (Rose Bowl)
1988	Toledo	Tight Ends
1989	Cincinnati	Offensive Line
1990	Cincinnati	Offensive Line
1991	Cincinnati	Offensive Line
1992	Cincinnati	Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
1993	Cincinnati	Offensive Line/Offensive Coordinator
1994	Missouri	Offensive Line
1995	Missouri	Offensive Line
1996	Missouri	Offensive Line
1997	Illinois	Offensive Line
1998	Illinois	Offensive Line
1999	Illinois	Offensive Line (Micron PC)
2000	Illinois	Offensive Line/Assistant Head Coach (Sugar)
2001	Illinois	Offensive Line/Assistant Head Coach
2002	Illinois	Offensive Line/Assistant Head Coach
2003	Illinois	Offensive Line/Assistant Head Coach
2004	Illinois	Offensive Line/Assistant Head Coach
2005	Chicago Bears	Offensive Line (NFL Divisional Round)
2006	Chicago Bears	Offensive Line (Super Bowl XLI)
2007	Chicago Bears	Offensive Line
2008	Chicago Bears	Offensive Line
2009	Chicago Bears	Offensive Line
2010	Tennessee	Offensive Line (Music City)
2011	Tennessee	Offensive Line
2012	Notre Dame	Offensive Line (BCS National Championship)
2013	Notre Dame	Offensive Line (Pinstripe)
2014	Notre Dame	Offensive Line (Music City)
2015	Notre Dame	Offensive Line (Fiesta)

## COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ A 31-year coaching veteran who has guided offensive lines at Notre Dame, as well as programs in the Southeastern Conference, Big Ten Conference, Big Eight Conference and National Football League for the past 21 seasons
- ▶ Has coached offensive line for 26 consecutive seasons, including each of the last three years at Notre Dame
- ▶ Critical in the continued development of Notre Dame senior offensive tackle Ronnie Stanley, who enters the 2016 NFL Draft as one of the top offensive linemen in the nation
- ▶ The Irish ran for a season-high 457 yards vs. UMass -- the best rushing total by Notre Dame in 23 years
- ▶ Notre Dame registered 299 yards on the ground vs. Stanford -- the most by an opponent in David Shaw's five seasons (35 carries for an 8.5 per-carry average against nation's No. 22 rush defense)
- ▶ The Irish average 214.8 rushing yards per game in 2015, including six games with 200+ yards (Texas, Virginia, Georgia Tech, UMass, USC and Stanford)
- ▶ In 10 of 12 regular season games, Notre Dame faced a top 60 rush defense, and still ranks 25th in the FBS in rushing and sixth in rush yards per carry (5.76)
- ▶ Notre Dame's average of 5.76 yards per carry would set a modern (post WWII) school record
- ▶ Four pupils were chosen in the 2014 NFL Draft -- Zack Martin (first round) and Chris Watt (third round) of Notre Dame and Tennessee's Ja'Wuan James (first) and Zach Fulton (sixth).

- ▶ Mentored an offensive line unit that allowed just eight sacks in 2013, which ranked tied for second in the FBS in fewest sacks allowed
- ▶ Coached and/or recruited six of the 50 offensive line participants at the 2014 NFL Scouting Combine
- ▶ Guided an offensive line in 2012 that nearly helped the Irish average over 200 yards per game in both rushing and passing, which had previously happened only twice in school history (1977, 1970)
- ▶ Coached offensive line for two years at the University of Tennessee (2010-11)
- ▶ Guided a Tennessee offensive line unit that was one of only seven schools in the FBS that did not start a senior in any 2011 game
- ▶ Mentored the Volunteers offensive line unit that allowed only 18 sacks while attempting 400 passes in 2011—and only Alabama, among conference schools, allowed fewer sacks
- ▶ Inherited a Tennessee offensive line group in 2010 that featured only one player with starting experience and that amounted to only three career starts
- ▶ Guided three true freshmen on a 2010 offensive line that helped running back Tauren Poole rush for 1,034 yards and tie for the SEC lead with six 100-yard rushing games
- ▶ Spent five seasons coaching the offensive line of the Chicago Bears (2005-09)
- ▶ Member of a coaching staff that not only helped the Bears win division championships in 2005 and 2006, but also advanced to Super Bowl XLI following the '06 season
- ▶ Guided a pair of players to Pro Bowl honors while in Chicago -- center Olin Kreutz (2005 and 2006) and guard Ruben Brown (2006)
- ▶ Helped Kreutz in 2006 become the first Bears' offensive lineman to be named first-team All-Pro in 17 years
- ▶ Worked with the offensive line for eight years at the University of Illinois (1997-2004)
- ▶ Held the title of assistant head coach for his final five seasons in Champaign (2000-04)
- ▶ Tutored 12 all-Big Ten selections on the offensive line, and every senior starting offensive lineman in his first seven years with the Illini signed with an NFL team
- ▶ Developed six offensive linemen into NFL Draft picks during his tenure at Illinois
- ▶ Coached the offensive line for three years at the University of Missouri (1994-96)
- ▶ Mentored four all-Big 12 selections on the Missouri offensive line in 1996
- ▶ Spent five seasons coaching the offensive line at the University of Cincinnati (1989-93)
- ▶ Held the title of run game coordinator and the duties of offensive coordinator in 1993
- ▶ First coaching job at the FBS level occurred at Toledo, where he worked with tight ends in 1988
- ▶ Worked with the offensive line for one year as a graduate assistant at USC in 1987
- ▶ Coached the tight ends at Ivy League champion Penn (10-0) in 1986
- ▶ Served as a student assistant in 1982, assistant offensive line coach in 1983 and offensive line coach in 1984-85 at alma mater, East Stroudsburg

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Began his college career as an offensive lineman at Springfield College (Mass.) before transferring to East Stroudsburg, where an injury ended his playing career
- ▶ Oldest son, Michael, is in his second year as a defensive graduate assistant for the Irish

## DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

### OT Ronnie Stanley (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2015 first-team All-American
- ▶ 2015 Lombardi, Outland Semifinalist

### OT Zack Martin (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft first-round pick (Dallas Cowboys)
- ▶ 2014 NFL Pro Bowl selection
- ▶ 2014 NFL All-Pro
- ▶ Two-time Notre Dame captain

### OG Chris Watt (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft third-round pick (San Diego Chargers)

### OT Ja'Wuan James (Tennessee)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft first-round pick (Miami Dolphins)

### G Ruben Brown, Chicago Bears

- ▶ 2006 NFL Pro Bowl selection

### C Olin Kreutz, Chicago Bears

- ▶ 2005 and 2006 NFL Pro Bowl selection
- ▶ 2006 NFL All-Pro
- ▶ Four-time captain

### RT Tony Pashos (Illinois)

- ▶ Nine-year NFL veteran (2004-13) that started 82 of 104 career games played for five NFL teams

### C Roberto Garza, Chicago Bears

- ▶ Former captain of Chicago Bears
- ▶ One of only 14 active NFL players in 2014 who had started at least 175 career games

### LT David Diehl (Illinois)

- ▶ 2003 NFL Draft fifth-round pick (N.Y. Giants)
- ▶ 2009 NFL Pro Bowl selection
- ▶ Two-time NFL Super Bowl champion





## THE DENSON FILE

**Hometown:** Davie, Florida  
**High School:** Nova High School  
**College:** Notre Dame (Business Administration, 1999)  
**Wife:** Elaine  
**Children:** Daughters - Ashley, Asia; Sons - Autry III, Elijah

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1995-98	Notre Dame	Running Back
1999	Miami Dolphins	Running Back
2000	Miami Dolphins	Running Back
2001	Chicago Bears	Running Back
2002	Indianapolis Colts	Running Back
2002	Detroit Lions	Running Back
2004	Montreal Alouettes	Running Back

## BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED

1995	Notre Dame	Fiesta
1996	Notre Dame	Orange
1997	Notre Dame	Independence
1998	Notre Dame	Gator

## COACHING CAREER

2010	Pope John Paul II H.S.	Head Coach
2011	Bethune-Cookman	Running Backs
2012	Bethune-Cookman	Running Backs (FCS first round)
2013	Bethune-Cookman	Running Backs (FCS first round)
2014	Miami, Ohio	Running Backs
2015	USF	Running Backs
2015	Notre Dame	Running Backs



## COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ First season as the Irish running backs coach in 2015
- ▶ Coached a Notre Dame running back group that rushed for 17 TDs and 1,887 yards on 283 carries -- good for a 6.67 yards per carry average
- ▶ Mentored senior RB C.J. Prorise in 2015 -- who rushed for 1,032 yards (18th 1,000-yard rushing season in school history) in his first season at the position
- ▶ Prorise eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing barrier in 2015 faster than any Irish running back in school history with the exception of former All-American Reggie Brooks in 1992
- ▶ Tutored freshman RB Josh Adams in 2015 -- who rushed for 757 yards, second in school history for a freshman
- ▶ Adams ran for 168 yards vs. Stanford -- breaking the 40-year-old single-game freshman record
- ▶ The Irish ran for a season-high 457 yards vs. UMass -- the best rushing total by Notre Dame in 23 years
- ▶ Notre Dame registered 299 yards on the ground vs. Stanford -- the most by an opponent in David Shaw's five seasons (35 carries for an 8.5 per-carry average against nation's No. 22 rush defense)
- ▶ The Irish average 214.8 rushing yards per game in 2015, including six games with 200+ yards (Texas, Virginia, Georgia Tech, UMass, USC and Stanford)
- ▶ Notre Dame had just two rushes of at least 90 yards in the first 126 seasons of Irish football, and doubled that total thanks to a pair of 90+ yard TD runs in 2015 (Adams 98, C.J. Prorise 91)
- ▶ Returned to his alma mater following a brief stint as the running backs coach at the University of South Florida
- ▶ Spent one season as the running backs coach at Miami University (2014)
- ▶ Served as the head coach for one season at Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton, Florida (2010)
- ▶ Coached running backs at Bethune-Cookman University for three years (2011-13)
- ▶ Member of a coaching staff that helped the Wildcats to a 10-3 record and Football Championship Series playoff berth in 2013
- ▶ Guided a Bethune-Cookman running back group that registered 2,179 rushing yards, 24 touchdowns and a 5.4 yards-per-carry average
- ▶ Mentored Isidore Jackson (828 rushing yards, 5.6 yards per carry, eight rushing TDs), Cary White (485, 5.1, eight) and Anthony Jordan (410, 5.0, five) -- each of whom rushed for at least 400 yards, averaged over 5.0 yards per carry and recorded at least five rushing TDs in 2013
- ▶ Coached a 1,000-yard rusher in 2012 as Jackson ran for 1,069 yards, becoming the first Wildcat to eclipse 1,000 yards rushing since 1997 and the first Bethune-Cookman player to finish the season ranked either first or second in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in rushing
- ▶ Guided a 2012 Wildcats' running back group that recorded 2,928 yards, collected 28 of the team's 43 TDs, and saw four different players run for more than 400 yards on the year
- ▶ Part of an offensive coaching staff in 2012 that helped Bethune-Cookman lead the MEAC and rank 10th nationally in rushing (244.4 yards per game)
- ▶ Coached his inaugural Wildcats' running back group in 2011 to 2,058 rushing yards, which led an offensive ground attack that finished fifth nationally in rushing (259.3 yards per game)
- ▶ Worked with the Indianapolis Colts and Miami Dolphins as part of the Bill Walsh NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship, where he reunited with former Tampa Bay and Indianapolis head coach Tony Dungy, who drafted him for the Buccaneers in the seventh round of the 1999 NFL Draft
- ▶ Formed a youth program called POISE (Perseverance, Opportunity, Intelligence, Sacrifice and Effort) that worked with teenage athletes throughout Broward County, Florida, in education, on the field and in Bible study
- ▶ Served as the inaugural commissioner of the Run for Your Goal Youth (RFYG) Flag Football League, which provided a safe place for the youth of South Florida to learn the game of football

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Four-year monogram winner, three-year starter and two-time Most Valuable Player at Notre Dame (1995-98)
- ▶ All-time leading rusher (4,318 yards) in school history
- ▶ Recorded 43 career rushing TDs and 5,327 all-purpose yards, both of which rank second in Notre Dame annals
- ▶ Eclipsed 1,000 yards rushing over each of his final three years with the Irish
- ▶ Named an Associated Press All-America selection as a senior in 1998
- ▶ Earned 1999 Gator Bowl Most Valuable Player
- ▶ Played five years in the National Football League for the Miami Dolphins (1999-00), Chicago Bears (2001), Indianapolis Colts (2002) and Detroit Lions (2002)

## DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

### RB C.J. Prorise (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2015 honorable mention All-American
- ▶ 2015 Maxwell Award Semifinalist
- ▶ 2015 Doak Walker Award Semifinalist

### RB Isidore Jackson (Bethune-Cookman)

- ▶ Ran for 1,069 yards, second in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, in 2012
- ▶ First Bethune-Cookman running back to eclipse 1,000 yards rushing since 1997
- ▶ Two-time first team All-MEAC selection (2011, 2012)




**THE GILMORE FILE**

**Hometown:** Detroit, Michigan  
**High School:** Highland Park High School  
**College:** Wayne State (Recreation Management, 1981)  
**Wife:** Bridget  
**Children:** Daughters - Keyontay, Grace; Sons: Keith, Kierre, Grant

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

1976	Michigan	Linebacker
1978-80	Wayne State	Linebacker

**BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED**

1977	Michigan	Rose
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**COACHING CAREER**

1985	Wayne State	Linebackers/Running Backs
1986	Wayne State	Linebackers/Running Backs
1987	Wayne State	Linebackers/Running Backs
1988	Michigan State	Graduate Assistant (Gator Bowl)
1989	Northern Michigan	Running Backs
1990	Northern Michigan	Running Backs
1991	Grand Valley State	Linebackers/Running Backs/Recruiting Coord. (NCAA Division II first round)
1992	Grand Valley State	Linebackers/Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator
1993	Grand Valley State	Linebackers/Running Backs/Recruiting Coordinator
1994	Wayne State	Running Backs Coach/Special Teams Coordinator
1995	Eastern Michigan	Running Backs Coach/Special Teams Coordinator
1996	Eastern Michigan	Running Backs Coach/Special Teams Coordinator
1997	Eastern Michigan	Running Backs Coach/Special Teams Coordinator
1998	Norfolk State	Defensive Line/Running Backs/Special Teams
1999	Norfolk State	Defensive Line/Running Backs/Special Teams
2000	Norfolk State	Defensive Line/Running Backs/Special Teams
2001	Norfolk State	Defensive Line/Running Backs/Special Teams
2002	Howard	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
2003	Howard	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
2004	Howard	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
2005	Howard	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
2006	Central Michigan	Defensive Line (Motor City)
2007	Cincinnati	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line (PapaJohns.com Bowl)
2008	Cincinnati	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line (Orange Bowl)
2009	Illinois	Defensive Line
2010	Illinois	Defensive Line (Texas Bowl)
2011	Illinois	Defensive Line (Fight Hunger Bowl)
2012	Illinois	Defensive Line
2013	North Carolina	Defensive Line (Belk Bowl)
2014	North Carolina	Defensive Line (Quick Lane Bowl)
2015	Notre Dame	Defensive Line (Fiesta Bowl)


**COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ▶ First season as the Notre Dame defensive line coach in 2015
- ▶ 30-year coaching veteran whose career includes stops at the University of Cincinnati (2007-08), Central Michigan University (2006) and Grand Valley State University (1991-93) under Irish head coach Brian Kelly
- ▶ Senior DL Sheldon Day has recorded 14.5 tackles for loss, the most by an Irish player since 2006
- ▶ Day and senior DL Romeo Okwara are the first set of Notre Dame teammates to record at least 12.5 tackles for loss in a season since 2006
- ▶ Okwara is tied for 34th in the nation with eight sacks (0.67 per game), which also ranks tied for seventh in single-season school history
- ▶ Spent two seasons as the University of North Carolina defensive line coach (2013-14)
- ▶ Coached Kareem Martin to his most productive season at North Carolina in 2013, which included 21.5 tackles for loss (fifth in the country) and 11.5 sacks (ninth in the country)
- ▶ Developed Martin into a third-round pick of the Arizona Cardinals in the 2014 NFL Draft
- ▶ Worked as the defensive line coach for four years at the University of Illinois (2009-12)
- ▶ Tutored four NFL draft picks at Illinois, including Corey Liuget (2011 first round), Whitney Mercilus (2012 first round), Akeem Spence (2013 fourth round) and Mike Buchanan (2013 seventh round)
- ▶ Work with Illinois defensive line is even more impressive, considering the Illini had one defensive lineman drafted over the 14 seasons before his arrival
- ▶ Developed two of the four Illini defensive linemen that have been chosen in the first round of the NFL Draft since its inception in 1936
- ▶ Helped Mercilus to consensus first-team All-America honors in 2011 after he led the nation in sacks (16), sacks per game (1.23) and forced fumbles (nine, remains a Big Ten record)
- ▶ Coached an Illinois starting defensive line in 2009 that registered 33 tackles for loss and 14.5 sacks, with Clay Nurse claiming honorable mention all-Big Ten recognition
- ▶ Served as the assistant head coach/defensive line coach for two years at the University of Cincinnati (2007-08)
- ▶ Member of a coaching staff that helped Cincinnati to the 2008 BIG EAST championship and a trip to the 2009 Orange Bowl
- ▶ Guided a defensive line in 2008 that helped the Bearcats rank ninth in the nation in sacks, 19th in rush defense (113.8 yards per game) and 25th in scoring defense (20.1 points per game)
- ▶ Developed a Cincinnati defensive line in 2007 that included All-American Terrill Byrd, the school's singleseason sacks leader in Anthony Hoke--and NFL draft choices Angelo Craig and Connor Barwin
- ▶ Spent one season as the Central Michigan University defensive line coach (2006)
- ▶ Served as assistant head coach/defensive coordinator at Howard University (2002-05)
- ▶ Held internships with three NFL teams throughout his coaching career, including the Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions and Pittsburgh Steelers
- ▶ Worked for three seasons at Norfolk State University as special teams coordinator and coach of the defensive line and running backs (1998-2001)
- ▶ Served separate coaching stints at Michigan State University (1988), Northern Michigan University (1989-90), Grand Valley State (1991-93), Wayne State (1994 when VanGorder was the Tartars' head coach) and Eastern Michigan University (1995-97)
- ▶ Began football coaching career at his alma mater, Wayne State in 1985

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- ▶ Three-year letter-winner as a linebacker at Wayne State University (1978-80)
- ▶ Two-time all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honoree
- ▶ Collegiate teammate of defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder and director of football strength and conditioning Paul Longo

**DYNAMIC DISCIPLES**
**DT Sheldon Day (Notre Dame)**

- ▶ 2015 second-team All-American

**DE Kareem Martin (North Carolina)**

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft third-round pick (Arizona Cardinals)
- ▶ In 2013 ranked in the top 10 in the FBS in both TFLs (21.5, fifth) and sacks (11.5, ninth)

**DT Akeem Spence (Illinois)**

- ▶ 2013 NFL Draft fourth-round pick (Tampa Bay Buccaneers)
- ▶ Started all 38 games he played in at Illinois

**DE Whitney Mercilus (Illinois)**

- ▶ 2012 NFL Draft first-round pick (Houston Texans)
- ▶ In 2011 led the FBS in sacks (16.0, tied school record), sacks per game (1.23) and forced fumbles (nine)
- ▶ Nine forced fumbles remain a Big Ten single-season record
- ▶ 2011 consensus All-American
- ▶ 2011 Ted Hendricks Award

**DE Mike Buchanan (Illinois)**

- ▶ 2013 NFL Draft seventh-round pick (New England Patriots)
- ▶ 2011 second-team all-Big Ten

**DT Corey Liuget (Illinois)**

- ▶ 2011 NFL Draft first-round pick (San Diego Chargers)
- ▶ 2010 fourth-team All-American
- ▶ 2012 San Diego Chargers Defensive Player of the Year
- ▶ In 2013 led the Chargers in sacks, tackles for loss, quarterback pressures and quarterback hits

**DE Connor Barwin (Cincinnati)**

- ▶ 2009 NFL Draft second-round pick (Houston Texans)
- ▶ 2014 NFL Pro Bowl selection
- ▶ 2014 NFL second-team All-Pro





**THE LYGHT FILE**

**Hometown:** Flint, Michigan  
**High School:** Luke M. Powers High School  
**College:** Notre Dame (Psychology, 1991)  
**Wife:** Stefanie  
**Children:** Daughter - Luca; Son - Logan

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

1987-90	Notre Dame	Cornerback
1991-94	Los Angeles Rams	Cornerback
1995-2000	St. Louis Rams	Cornerback
2001-02	Detroit Lions	Cornerback

**BOWLS/PLAYOFFS PLAYED**

1987	Notre Dame	Cotton
1988	Notre Dame	Fiesta
1989	Notre Dame	Orange
1990	Notre Dame	Orange
1999	St. Louis Rams	Super Bowl XXXIV Champions
2000	St. Louis Rams	NFL Playoffs

**COACHING CAREER**

2011	Oregon	Defensive Secondary Intern (Rose Bowl)
2012	Oregon	Defensive Secondary Intern (Fiesta Bowl)
2013	Philadelphia Eagles	Assistant Defensive Backs (NFL Playoffs)
2014	Philadelphia Eagles	Assistant Defensive Backs
2015	Vanderbilt	Cornerbacks
2015	Notre Dame	Defensive Backs (Fiesta Bowl)



**COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ▶ First season as the Notre Dame defensive backs coach in 2015
- ▶ Returns to his alma mater following a brief stint as the cornerbacks coach at Vanderbilt University
- ▶ Spent two seasons as a defensive backs assistant coach with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League (2013-14)
- ▶ Part of a defensive coaching staff that helped Philadelphia rank tied for sixth in the NFL with 28 takeaways in 2014, trailing Houston (34), Dallas (31), Buffalo (30), Cleveland (29) and San Francisco (29)
- ▶ Guided an Eagles secondary that registered 12 interceptions, returning a pair for touchdowns, in 2014
- ▶ Aided a defensive unit that helped Philadelphia rank tied for third in the NFL with 31 takeaways in 2013
- ▶ Mentored Eagles' cornerback Brandon Boykin, who tied for second in the league with a career-best six interceptions in 2013
- ▶ Part of a defensive coaching staff that helped Philadelphia force 59 combined turnovers over his two seasons on staff, which tied for the second-highest total in the NFL in that period
- ▶ Served as an assistant under current Eagles head coach Chip Kelly at the University of Oregon for two years (2011-12)
- ▶ Helped the Ducks capture Rose Bowl and Pacific-12 Conference championships in 2011 and a Fiesta Bowl title in 2012
- ▶ Began coaching career as an assistant at Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, Nevada, worked with the team's defensive backs and helped the school to back-to-back Nevada state championships in 2009 and 2010

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- ▶ Established the Todd W. Lyght Scholarship at the University of Notre Dame
- ▶ Two-time consensus All-American for the Irish in 1989 and 1990
- ▶ Only player in Notre Dame history who can claim the following accomplishments: starter on a collegiate national championship team, unanimous All-American, first-round NFL draft pick, starter on a Super Bowl winning team and NFL All-Pro selection
- ▶ Fifth overall pick in the 1991 NFL Draft -- highest-drafted defensive back in school history and, to this day, only 11 defensive backs in NFL Draft history have ever been chosen higher
- ▶ Played 12 years in the National Football League for the Los Angeles-St. Louis Rams (1991-2000) and Detroit Lions (2001-02)
- ▶ Earned Pro Bowl and All-Pro honors in 1999 and helped St. Louis capture Super Bowl XXXIV
- ▶ Created a series of scholarships at Luke Powers Catholic School in Flint, Michigan, as well as St. Mary's Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia
- ▶ Born in Kwajalein, Marshall Islands

**DYNAMIC DISCIPLES**

**S Nate Allen, Philadelphia Eagles**

- ▶ In 2014 ranked tied for eighth in the NFL and tied for fifth in the NFC with four interceptions

**CB Brandon Boykin, Philadelphia Eagles**

- ▶ In 2013 ranked tied for second in the NFL with six interceptions and third in interception return yards with 136
- ▶ In 2013 registered 17 passes defended and two forced fumbles

**DB Eddie Pleasant (Oregon), Houston Texans**

- ▶ First-team all-Pacific 12 in 2011
- ▶ In 2011 registered three interceptions, eight pass breakups and 11 passes defended

**DB Ifo Ekpre-Olomu (Oregon), Cleveland Browns**

- ▶ First-team all-Pacific 12 in 2012
- ▶ In 2012 registered four interceptions, 16 pass breakups and 20 passes defended



## THE LONGO FILE

**Hometown:** Sterling Heights, Michigan  
**High School:** Adlai Stevenson High School  
**College:** Wayne State (Physical Education, 1983)  
**Wife:** Shannon  
**Children:** Son: Anthony; Daughter: Natalie

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1978-81 Wayne State Wide Receiver

## COACHING CAREER

1987	Wisconsin	Assistant Strength Coach
1988-92	Iowa	Assistant Football Strength Coach
1993-98	Iowa	Head Football Strength Coach
1999-2003	Iowa	Olympic Sports Strength Coach
2004-06	Central Michigan	Head Strength Coach
2007-09	Cincinnati	Director of Football Strength and Conditioning
2010-15	Notre Dame	Director of Football Strength and Conditioning

## BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED

1988	Iowa	Peach	2007	Cincinnati	Papajohns.com
1991	Iowa	Rose	2009	Cincinnati	Orange
1991	Iowa	Holiday	2010	Cincinnati	Sugar
1993	Iowa	Alamo	2010	Notre Dame	Sun
1995	Iowa	Sun	2011	Notre Dame	Champs Sports
1996	Iowa	Alamo	2012	Notre Dame	BCS National Championship
1997	Iowa	Sun	2013	Notre Dame	Pinstripe
2006	Central Michigan	Motor City	2014	Notre Dame	Music City
2007	Cincinnati	International	2015	Notre Dame	Fiesta

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Four-year starter at wide receiver at Wayne State
- ▶ Set season and career receiving records, and twice named Most Valuable Player
- ▶ Totaled 91 career receptions for 1,154 yards and paced the Warriors in receiving from 1978-80
- ▶ Participated in training camps with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1982, Philadelphia Stars of the USFL in 1983 and Toronto Argonauts of the CFL in 1984

## COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ▶ Veteran strength and conditioning coach with 28 years of experience at NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision schools
- ▶ Trained championship-caliber teams in the Big Ten, BIG EAST, Mid-American Conference and Notre Dame (reached BCS title game in 2012)
- ▶ Worked in a similar capacity for three years at the University of Cincinnati (2007-09)
- ▶ Worked alongside Irish head coach Brian Kelly as his speed, strength and conditioning coach since Kelly's first season at Central Michigan in 2004
- ▶ Trained six Notre Dame players drafted in 2013 and eight more in 2014
- ▶ Instilled a grueling strength and conditioning program that has helped the Irish become one of the top closing teams in the nation
- ▶ Helped the Irish secure a 43-5 record when leading after three quarters and 44-6 mark when entering halftime with a lead over six years at Notre Dame (Irish just 9-6 in games it led at halftime over the two years prior)
- ▶ Helped Notre Dame post a 16-8 mark in the month of November over six years with the Irish (Notre Dame had lost eight of its last nine November games before arrival in 2010)
- ▶ Helped Cincinnati record a 32-0 record when entering the fourth quarter with a lead and 29-2 when leading at halftime
- ▶ Trained teams that have posted a 84-7 record when leading after three quarters and 80-9 when leading at halftime since 2005
- ▶ Stops at Wisconsin (1987), Iowa (1988-98), Central Michigan (2004-06), Cincinnati (2007-09) and Notre Dame have produced more than 125 NFL draft picks
- ▶ Trained Michael Floyd, Harrison Smith, Tyler Eifert and Zack Martin into first-round NFL Draft picks (2012-14)
- ▶ Helped Notre Dame produce six players selected in the first 48 picks of the NFL Draft, and 19 overall, including 14 in the last two drafts
- ▶ Conditioned eight Cincinnati players that were selected in 2008 and 2009 NFL Drafts combined, equal to the combined total of NFL draft picks from Cincinnati in the previous five drafts

- ▶ Served as the head strength coach and helped develop five NFL draft selections at Central Michigan, including his prized pupil, Joe Staley - who entered Central Michigan in 2003 as a tight end, graduated as a left tackle and became the first Chippewa to be chosen in the first round of the NFL Draft
- ▶ Helped Staley add 80 pounds over his Chippewa career as he grew into an offensive tackle
- ▶ Served on the strength and conditioning staff at Iowa for 16 years (1988-2003), including 11 seasons primarily with football (1988-98)
- ▶ Assistant strength coach for the football program for five years (1988-92) before being promoted to head strength coach 1993 -- all under Hall of Fame Hawkeyes' coach Hayden Fry
- ▶ Played a critical role in helping Iowa reach seven bowl games including the 1991 Rose Bowl after Iowa claimed the Big Ten Conference championship in 1990
- ▶ The 1991 Hawkeyes compiled a 10-1-1 record, finished second in the Big Ten with a 7-1 ledger and closed the season ranked 10th in the final polls
- ▶ Began his career as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Wisconsin in 1987

## DYNAMIC DISCIPLES

### OT Ronnie Stanley (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2015 first-team All-American
- ▶ 2015 Lombardi, Outland Semifinalist

### LB Jaylon Smith (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2015 first-team All-American
- ▶ 2015 Butkus Award

### OT Zack Martin (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft first-round pick (Dallas Cowboys)
- ▶ 2014 NFL Pro Bowl selection
- ▶ 2014 NFL first-team All-Pro
- ▶ 2012 second-team All-American
- ▶ Two-time Notre Dame captain

### LB Manti Te'o (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2013 NFL Draft second-round pick (San Diego Chargers)
- ▶ 2012 Walter Camp Player of the Year
- ▶ 2012 Heisman Trophy runner-up
- ▶ 2012 Butkus, Nagurski, Lombardi, Bednarik, Lott Maxwell Awards
- ▶ 2012 unanimous All-American

### DL Stephon Tuitt (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft second-round pick (Pittsburgh Steelers)
- ▶ 2012 first-team All-American

### TE Tyler Eifert (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2013 NFL Draft first-round pick (Cincinnati Bengals)
- ▶ First tight end selected in 2013 NFL Draft
- ▶ 2012 Mackey Award Winner
- ▶ 2012 first-team All-American

### TE Troy Niklas (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft second-round pick (Arizona Cardinals)
- ▶ 2013 Mackey Award Semifinalist

### DL Louis Nix III (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft third-round pick (Houston Texans)
- ▶ 2012 third-team All-American

### OG Chris Watt (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2014 NFL Draft third-round pick (San Diego Chargers)

### WR Michael Floyd (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2012 NFL Draft first-round pick (Arizona Cardinals)

### S Harrison Smith (Notre Dame)

- ▶ 2012 NFL Draft first-round pick (Minnesota Vikings)

### DE Connor Barwin (Cincinnati)

- ▶ 2009 NFL Draft second-round pick (Houston Texans)
- ▶ 2014 NFL Pro Bowl selection
- ▶ 2014 NFL second-team All-Pro

### OT Joe Staley (Central Michigan)

- ▶ 2007 NFL Draft first-round pick (San Francisco 49ers)
- ▶ Four-time NFL All-Pro

### OT Ross Verba (Iowa)

- ▶ 1997 NFL Draft first-round pick (Green Bay Packers)







**BOB ELLIOTT**  
**SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE HEAD COACH**  
 37TH YEAR COACHING  
 FOURTH YEAR AT NOTRE DAME

**PERSONAL INFO**

**Hometown:** Iowa City, Iowa  
**High School:** West High School  
**College:** Iowa (History, 1976)  
**Wife:** Joey  
**Children:** Daughter - Jessica; Son - Grant

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

1972-75 Iowa Defensive Back

**COACHING CAREER**

1976	Iowa	Graduate Assistant
1977	Kent State	Secondary
1978-79	Ball State	Secondary
1980	Ball State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1981-82	Iowa State	Secondary
1983-86	North Carolina	Wide Receivers/Tight End
1987-94	Iowa	Secondary
1996-97	Iowa	Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers
1998	Iowa	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers
2000-01	Iowa State	Associate Head Coach/Secondary/Special Teams
2002-05	Kansas State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
2006-07	San Diego State	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
2008	San Diego State	Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
2010-11	Iowa State	Secondary
2012-13	Notre Dame	Safeties
2014	Notre Dame	Outside Linebackers
2015	Notre Dame	Special Assistant to the Head Coach

**BOWLS/PLAYOFFS COACHED**

1983	North Carolina	Peach	2000	Iowa State	Insight.com
1986	North Carolina	Aloha	2001	Iowa State	Independence
1987	Iowa	Holiday	2002	Kansas State	Holiday
1988	Iowa	Peach	2004	Kansas State	Fiesta
1991	Iowa	Rose	2011	Iowa State	Pinstripe
1991	Iowa	Holiday	2012	Notre Dame	BCS National Championship
1993	Iowa	Alamo	2013	Notre Dame	Pinstripe
1996	Iowa	Alamo	2014	Notre Dame	Music City
1997	Iowa	Sun	2015	Notre Dame	Fiesta

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- ▶ Son of former Iowa athletics director and Michigan head football coach Bump Elliott.
- ▶ Graduated with high distinction from Iowa.
- ▶ Candidate for Rhodes Scholarship in 1976 and was named an Academic All-American in 1974 and 1975.
- ▶ NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient; member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies.



**COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ▶ First season as the special assistant to Notre Dame head coach in 2015
- ▶ Newly-created role was involved in numerous areas of the program including player personnel, analytics, defensive strategy, game planning and on-campus recruiting
- ▶ Spent 32 of his 36 seasons coaching defense, primarily as a defensive backs coach or defensive coordinator
- ▶ Served as defensive coordinator for a combined 11 years at San Diego State (2006-08), Kansas State (2002-05), Iowa (1996-98) and Ball State (1980)
- ▶ Worked with the Irish outside linebackers in 2014
- ▶ Coached safeties in a Notre Dame secondary that helped the Irish rank 15th in the Football Bowl Subdivision in fewest passing yards allowed per game (198.2), 16th in passing yards allowed per completion (10.73) and 17th in passing yards allowed per attempt (6.31)
- ▶ Critical in the development of Notre Dame's inexperienced secondary in 2012
- ▶ Part of a defensive staff that helped the Irish rank among the top 20 FBS schools in the following pass defense categories: fewest passing yards per completion (9.95, 2nd), fewest touchdown passes (11, 1-6th), pass efficiency defense (111.36, 16th), interceptions (16, 1-20th), fewest passing yards per attempt (5.98, 13th) interception percentage (3.69, 24th) and pass defense (199.77, 25th)
- ▶ Experienced three separate two-year coaching stints at Iowa State in the last 30 years and most recently served as the Cyclones' secondary coach from 2010-11
- ▶ Spent three seasons as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at San Diego State (2006-08)
- ▶ Added the duties of Aztecs' inside linebackers coach in 2008
- ▶ Spent a year outside of coaching in the San Diego State athletics department in 2009
- ▶ Defense allowed only 171.0 passing yards per game and ranked second in pass defense in the Mountain West Conference in his first year at San Diego State
- ▶ Served as the defensive coordinator at Kansas State for four years (2002-05) and helped the Wildcats to a 31-19 record, including four wins over nationally-ranked opponents
- ▶ Part of a coaching staff at Kansas State that helped the Wildcats record a pair of 11-win seasons, claim the school's first Big 12 championship and advance to the 2003 Fiesta Bowl – the first BCS bowl appearance in school history
- ▶ Guided defenses at Kansas State that allowed an average of 111.6 rushing yards per game, 194.1 passing yards per game over his four seasons as defensive coordinator
- ▶ Elliott's 2002 defense led the nation in scoring defense (11.8 points per game), ranked second in total defense (249.0 yards) and rushing defense (69.5 yards) and was third in pass efficiency defense (91.7)
- ▶ Mentored Kansas State cornerback Terence Newman, who was a consensus All-American in 2002 and recipient of the Jim Thorpe Award
- ▶ Helped Newman capture the 2002 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and become the fifth overall selection in the 2003 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys
- ▶ Oversaw a defense in his second season at Kansas State that ranked sixth nationally in total defense (283.1 yards per game), seventh in pass defense (174.6), eighth in scoring defense (16.3 points) and 17th in rushing defense (108.8 yards)
- ▶ Served as the Iowa State associate head coach, secondary coach and special teams coordinator from 2000-01
- ▶ Member of the Iowa athletics department for 13 years (1987-99), including 11 years as an assistant coach under Hall of Fame Hawkeyes' coach Hayden Fry (1987-94, 1996-98)
- ▶ Served as the Iowa secondary coach for eight years (1987-94)
- ▶ Returned as defensive coordinator for three years (1996-98) and added the title assistant head coach in 1998
- ▶ Coached Iowa outside linebackers for three years (1996-98)
- ▶ Part of a coaching staff that helped the Hawkeyes reach seven bowl games
- ▶ Coordinated a 1997 Iowa defense that ranked among the best in the Big Ten and the nation -- ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense and pass efficiency defense, seventh in total defense and 11th in rushing defense
- ▶ Mentored Jared DeVries who was named Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year in 1997 and was a consensus All-American in 1998 en route to setting the school record for career tackles for loss and sacks
- ▶ Coached former NFL All-Pro safety Merton Hanks at Iowa, who earned first-team All-America accolades and helped the Hawkeyes to a Big Ten title in 1990 and Rose Bowl appearance in 1991
- ▶ Only stint coaching offense came at North Carolina from 1983-86 (wide receivers and tight ends)
- ▶ First stop at Iowa State came as the secondary coach for two years (1981-82)
- ▶ First job as defensive coordinator came at Ball State in 1980
- ▶ First full-time coaching job was as the secondary coach at Kent State in 1977

**DYNAMIC DISCIPLES**

**Terence Newman, DB (Kansas State)**

- ▶ 2002 consensus All-American
- ▶ 2002 Thorpe Award winner
- ▶ 2002 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year
- ▶ 2003 NFL Draft first-round pick (Dallas Cowboys)

**Merton Hanks, DB (Iowa)**

- ▶ 1990 first-team All-American

**Tom Knight, DB (Iowa)**

- ▶ 1997 NFL Draft first-round pick (Arizona Cardinals)

**Josh Buhl, LB (Kansas State)**

- ▶ 2003 first-team All-American
- ▶ 2003 Butkus Award semifinalist



**DWIGHT ALLISON**

**SPORTS NUTRITION PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Dwight Allison is in his first year with the Fighting Irish sports performance team as Notre Dame's sports nutrition program director. He oversees and coordinates the performance nutrition needs for all 26 Irish sports programs.

Allison, who supervises two sport dietitians on his staff, supports the effort to optimize student-athlete's performance by further enhancing the nutrition education program, designing and coordinating training table and assists student-athletes with any special nutritional needs.

Allison spent the last two years on the Baylor University sports nutrition staff. He helped the Bears to a pair of Big 12 championships and trips to the Fiesta and Cotton Bowls. Allison also worked with men's and women's basketball, as well as the track and field program.

Allison, a native of Lubbock, Texas, graduated from Texas Tech in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences. He added a master's degree in nutritional sciences in 2000. Allison earned one letter as a sprinter on the Red Raiders track team (1995-97).

Allison became a registered dietitian in 2000 and worked predominantly in the health care industry until 2009. He then served as a head instructor and owner of the Waco Academy of Martial Arts – a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Academy – for five years. Allison ultimately achieved black belt status.



**DR. CHRIS BALINT**

**ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON**

Dr. Chris Balint is a board certified, fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine. He is in his 13th year in 2015 as an orthopedic surgeon for the University of Notre Dame football team and other Irish athletic squads.

Balint received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1990. He is a 1996 graduate of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Missouri, and completed his orthopedic residency at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Michigan. He also performed a fellowship specializing in sports medicine (shoulder and knee arthroscopy) at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston.

Balint not only serves as the chairman of the Notre Dame Orthopaedic Society, but is an active member of the following medical societies: Diplomate of American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery, American Academy of Osteopathic Orthopedic Surgeons, American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, Indiana Orthopedic Society, Indiana State Medical Association, St. Joseph County Medical Society, Arthroscopic Association of North America, American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine and the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

Balint has previous professional and collegiate athletic physician experience with the Boston Celtics, and Harvard and Northeastern universities.

Balint and his wife, the former Susan Gomez, have four children: Emma, Owen, Evan and Ella.



**MIKE BEAN**

**ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC TRAINER**

Mike Bean is an associate athletic trainer at Notre Dame, working with the Irish football team since 1996. He also supervises the student-athletic trainer program.

A native of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, he has been at Notre Dame since 1991 as a full-time member of the sports medicine staff after a one-year internship. During his tenure at Notre Dame, he also has served as the athletic trainer for the University's baseball, women's and men's soccer, hockey and men's and women's tennis teams.

While obtaining his master's degree in sports medicine at Western Michigan University, Bean served as the head athletic trainer at Kalamazoo College, as well as working as a part-time assistant athletic trainer at the Southwestern Michigan Sports Medicine Clinic. During his undergraduate days at Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University), Bean was a student athletic trainer for the Bears' football, baseball and volleyball teams. He also spent time at Evangel College in Springfield, Missouri, working with the school's football and basketball squads.

Bean began his athletic training education at Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota, working with its football, basketball and wrestling programs. He received his bachelor's degree in education from Southwest Missouri State in 1989. He also received an honorary monogram from the Notre Dame Monogram Club in 2006.

Bean is married to the former Colleen Waldron of South Bend, and they have two daughters: Taylor and Courtney.



**TIM COLLINS**

**VIDEO COORDINATOR**

Tim Collins is in his 25th year in 2015 in charge of all video and filming needs for Notre Dame's athletic department as its video systems coordinator. In addition to traveling to shoot Irish football games, Collins compiles all video packages utilized by Notre Dame's football coaches in their scouting and game preparation. Collins and his staff also tape men's and women's home basketball games as well as hockey.

A native of South Bend, Collins is a 1987 graduate of John Adams High School and attended Indiana Vocational Technical College. He also spent three years as a part-time news photographer at WNDU-TV, the NBC affiliate in South Bend. Collins was named the independent conference video coordinator of the year in 1997, 1998, 2003 and 2004 by the Collegiate Sports Video Association.

In 2001, Collins was elected an executive officer of the CSVA, serving as secretary, and in 2002 was named treasurer of the organization. In 2004, the Notre Dame Monogram Club awarded Collins an honorary monogram in recognition of his years of service.

Collins and his wife, the former Michelle Williamson, married in 1990, and have one son, Carson.



**MAURICE CRUM JR.**

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT - DEFENSE**

Maurice Crum Jr., a two-time University of Notre Dame football team captain, is in his first year in 2015 as a defensive graduate assistant.

Crum Jr. spent the last three years on the University of Kansas coaching staff in a trio of different roles. He filled the Jayhawks' director of high school relations position in 2014. Crum Jr. joined the Kansas staff in 2012 as a graduate assistant for the defense. In 2013, he served as the program's assistant director of operations.

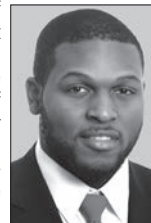
Crum Jr., who played linebacker at Notre Dame, saw action in 50 games during his Irish career, including 42 consecutive starts. He registered 306 tackles, 23 tackles for loss and eight sacks, while also recording nine pass break ups and seven forced fumbles. Crum Jr.'s 306 career tackles rank 11th in Notre Dame history.

Crum Jr. had arguably the most dominant individual defensive effort in school history. He was almost single-handedly responsible for leading Notre Dame to a 20-6 victory at UCLA on Oct. 6, 2007. Crum Jr. became the first Notre Dame player to force two fumbles, recover two fumbles and intercept two passes in the same game. He forced a school-record four turnovers, including a 34-yard fumble return for touchdown. Crum Jr. also added seven tackles, one sack, one tackle for loss and two pass breakups against the Bruins.

Crum Jr. served as a team captain for both the 2007 and 2008 seasons, becoming just the 17th player in school history to accomplish the feat. He helped the Irish to a pair of Bowl Championship Series games, including the 2006 Fiesta Bowl and the 2007 Sugar Bowl.

Following his career at Notre Dame, Crum spent three years playing linebacker for the Sacramento Mountain Lions of the United Football League (2009-11).

Crum Jr., a native of Tampa, Florida, graduated from Notre Dame in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He is married to the former Crysta Swazy, who also graduated from Notre Dame in 2008. The couple has two sons, Maurice III and Allen.



**JULIE DEBUYSER**

**SENIOR STAFF ASSISTANT, ASSISTANT COACHES**

Julie DeBuyser is in her 32nd year in 2015 as the secretary for the assistant coaching staff in the Irish football office. In her role, DeBuyser serves as the primary assistant to Notre Dame's assistant coaches. A native of South Bend, DeBuyser is married to Denny DeBuyser and the couple has a son, Chris Martin, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate, and two daughters: Cara DeBuyser and Deanne Burton.



**JACOB FLINT**

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING**

Jacob Flint is in his sixth year in 2015 as assistant director of strength and conditioning at the University of Notre Dame. He is a registered strength and conditioning coach by the NSCA and certified by USAW as a level one sports performance coach.

Prior to joining Notre Dame's staff in January 2010, Flint was a member of the strength and conditioning staff at the University of Cincinnati from 2007-09. While at Cincinnati, Flint helped the Bearcats to a 33-6 record, while winning back-to-back BIG EAST championships in 2008 and 2009.

Flint played for Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly at Central Michigan University as a walk-on and was rewarded for his dedication to the football program with a scholarship in his last season in 2005. Following his senior season, Flint worked as a staff assistant, serving primarily in the weight room while also assisting with the development of the running backs in the 2006 Mid-American Conference championship season.

Flint competes in the 85-kilogram weight class of USA weightlifting and is a national level lifter.

A native of Shepherd, Michigan, Flint was a four-sport letter-winner at Shepherd High School and was twice named an all-league running back. He graduated with honors from Central Michigan University in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Flint is married to the former Katie Schafer and they have three daughters: Blakey, Parker and Beckett.



**DAVID GRIMES**

**ASSISTANT STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH**

Former Notre Dame football captain David Grimes returned to the Fighting Irish football family in 2011 as an intern in the player development department and started his role as assistant strength and conditioning coach in 2012. In his current role, Grimes works with Paul Longo, Jake Flint and Aaron Wellman as a member of the football strength and conditioning staff. He is a registered strength and conditioning coach by the NSCA.

As the player development intern in 2011, Grimes served as a resource for the current Notre Dame football players. He acted as a liaison between the players and coaching staff, and served as a primary contact between Notre Dame's student welfare and development office and academic services for student-athletes department. Through the student welfare and development office, Grimes helped coordinate community service projects through the "Irish Around the Bend" program. He also helped coordinate and monitor the study hall sessions at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex.

Grimes graduated from Notre Dame in 2009 with a degree in marketing and participated in the training camps of the Denver Broncos in 2009 and Kansas City Chiefs in 2010.

Voted one of three team captains as a senior, Grimes played wide receiver for the Irish from 2005-08 and caught 90 passes for 900 yards with seven touchdowns. He played in 45 games during his Notre Dame career and started 24 contests. Grimes played in three bowl games, including two Bowl Championship Series games (2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and 2007 Allstate Sugar Bowl), and he helped the Irish snap their nine-game bowl losing streak by winning his final collegiate game in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl (defeated Hawaii 49-21).

Born in Los Angeles, Grimes graduated from St. Martin DePorres High School in Detroit, Michigan, and was valedictorian at his senior year commencement.



**RYAN GROOMS**

**HEAD FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

Ryan Grooms is in his sixth year in 2015 at Notre Dame as the head football equipment manager. In his position, Grooms directs all facets of athletic equipment management for the Irish football team and oversees one assistant equipment manager and 50 student managers.

Grooms came to Notre Dame following two years at the University of Minnesota, where he served in a similar capacity. Prior to Minnesota, he spent five seasons as an equipment specialist for the United States Air Force Academy football program.

During his time at Air Force, Grooms supervised 30 Cadet student managers and oversaw the daily football operations that included laundry for more than 240 Cadet varsity and junior varsity football players. He was responsible for organization and upkeep of the Falcon Athletic Center equipment room and bi-annual inventory. Grooms also handled equipment for boxing, cross country, track and field and water polo at the Air Force Academy.



Grooms has been involved in equipment management since 2000, when he was a student at Ohio University. He spent two seasons with the Bobcat football team working with equipment and also taking part in film exchange and highlight videos.

Following graduation, Grooms was an equipment intern for the New Orleans Saints' summer training camp. He spent one year as a graduate assistant equipment manager at Marshall University, where he supervised 12 student managers and assisted in the organization of equipment travel.

Grooms is a member of the Athletic Equipment Manager Association and was a 2008 nominee for the Knight Pickard Award as the District 7 Equipment Manager of the Year. He also serves on the McDavid Advisory Committee.

He and his wife Lynzee have two sons, Easton and Brecken.

**MIKE HIESTAND**

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT - DEFENSE**

Mike Hiestand is in his second year in 2015 as a defensive graduate assistant coach for the Irish. He spent the 2013 campaign as a defensive graduate assistant coach at Florida International.

Hiestand played linebacker at Illinois State (2008-10). He played mostly on special teams during his three seasons before an injury during his junior campaign ended his career. Hiestand returned a blocked punt for a 28-yard touchdown against rival Southern Illinois in 2010. Following his injury, Hiestand worked as a football student assistant coach for the remainder of Spring '11.

Off the field, Hiestand was a Missouri Valley Conference Honor Roll student all three seasons. He graduated from Illinois State ('11) in just three years with a bachelor's degree in history and minor in politics and government.

In 2012, Hiestand served as a graduate assistant at Miami University. He worked with the linebackers and special teams along with running the offensive scout team.

Mike Hiestand's father, Harry, is in his fourth year as the Irish offensive line coach.



**DR. JERRY HOFFERTH**

**CHIROPRACTOR**

Dr. Jerry Hofforth, D.C., is in his 11th year in 2015 as the chiropractor for Notre Dame football and all other Irish athletic teams. He also enters his 24th year of private practice at Hofforth Chiropractic Center in Mishawaka.

Hofforth earned his undergraduate degree from North Central College (Naperville, Illinois) in 1988. He's a 1992 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Hofforth collected a post-graduate certification in spinal trauma from the International Chiropractors Association in 1996.

Hofforth has been a board member of the Indiana State Chiropractic Association since 2007.

A native of Munster, Indiana, Hofforth is married to the former Kelly Day and the couple has two daughters: Sydney and Madison.



**ROB HUNT**

**HEAD FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER**

Rob Hunt is in his fifth year in 2015 at Notre Dame as head football athletic trainer. Hunt also provides oversight for all athletic trainers and physical therapists within the sports medicine department.

Prior to Notre Dame, Hunt worked at Oklahoma State University for five years, serving as the head football athletic trainer from 2006-07 and the head athletic trainer for the Cowboys starting in 2007. At Oklahoma State, Hunt served as athletic trainer for the football team all five years and in his final four years in Stillwater, he coordinated all aspects of medical care for the athletic department's 16 athletics teams as well as supervised six assistant athletic trainers, eight graduate assistants and two insurance coordinators.

Hunt spent 10 years in the state of Missouri prior to moving to Oklahoma State. From 2004-06, he was the head athletic trainer at Southeast Missouri State after serving as an assistant athletic trainer with the University of Missouri football team from 1999-2004. In his final year with the Tigers, Hunt also served as director of rehabilitation services.

A graduate of Ball State in 1997 with a major in athletic training, Hunt earned his master's degree in education at Missouri and served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer from 1997-99. In 1996 Hunt worked as an athletic trainer during the preseason with the New England Patriots.



A native of West Lafayette, Indiana, Hunt is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. He and his wife Krista are parents of four children: Robbie, Alexa, Rachel and Cole.

**JASMINE JOHNSON**

**RECRUITING ASSISTANT**

Jasmine Johnson is in her first year in 2015 as a recruiting assistant. A graduate of Notre Dame in 2013 with a degree in psychology, Johnson worked with the Irish recruiting office for two seasons (2011-12) as a student ambassador.

Prior to returning to her alma mater, Johnson served General Mills, Inc., as a business management associate. She acted as an internal consultant responsible with identifying opportunities in market, supporting customer growth with analytics, and developing and executing customer business plans.

A native of Miami, Florida, Johnson served on the Orange Bowl Committee as the junior hospitality team captain (2010-13). She also offered services as a resident assistant, sports nutrition assistant and student athletic trainer during her undergraduate days at Notre Dame.



**AARYN KEARNEY**

**COORDINATOR OF RECRUITING OPERATIONS**

Aaryn Kearney enters his first year in 2015 with the Notre Dame football program as the coordinator of recruiting operations. In his current role, Kearney assists recruiting coordinator Mike Elston and director of player personnel Dave Peloquin in the recruiting department. He organizes all official and unofficial visits by prospective student-athletes, manages compliance and academic records for recruits, oversees student workers and helps organize and direct game day recruiting efforts.

Kearney comes to Notre Dame after a six-season tenure in a similar role at the University of Nebraska. He joined the Huskers' football staff in February, 2009, as a recruiting staff assistant. Kearney was promoted to director of recruiting operations in January, 2014.

Kearney directed the day-to-day operations of Nebraska's recruiting staff and was responsible for the implementation of the Huskers' recruiting plan. He oversaw the evaluation process for the football staff. Kearney assisted the staff with roster management, the initial eligibility of prospective student-athletes and organizing NCAA compliance records pertaining to recruiting activities and campus visits. Kearney also served as the program's NFL liaison for pro personnel.

In addition to assisting the football staff in recruiting, Kearney was actively involved with the Big Red Football School and coaching clinics. Kearney worked in the recruiting office as a student worker for the previous year before his full-time appointment.

A native of Auburn, Nebraska, Kearney started his association with the Husker football program in 2003, working as a student manager for five seasons. Kearney served as the head student manager during the 2007 season.

Kearney graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December, 2008, with a bachelor's degree in communication studies.



**CHAD KLUNDER**

**ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR, FOOTBALL OPERATIONS**

Chad Klunder is in his 13th year in 2015 at Notre Dame and third as associate athletics director for football operations. In his role, Klunder coordinates and oversees all day-to-day administrative and operational details including team travel, budgets, pre-season camp arrangements, the annual coaches clinic and summer camps.

A former graduate assistant coach at Notre Dame in 2003-04, Klunder worked with the Irish offense for two seasons. He previously served as running backs coach and coordinator of football operations at Harvard from 1998 through 2002. During his tenure at Harvard, his running backs led the Ivy League in rushing on three occasions. He coached three all-Ivy League players, including Chris Menick, Harvard's all-time leading rusher. Harvard in 2001 finished 9-0 in the Ivy League and became the first Harvard team to go unbeaten or untied in conference play since 1913.

Klunder also served as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at Minnesota – and worked as a graduate assistant football coach at St. Cloud State. At St. Cloud, he coached Randy Martin, who was a finalist in 1995 and '96 for the Harlon Hill Trophy that goes to the NCAA Division II player of the year. The Waverly, Iowa, native played defensive back at Wartburg College in Waverly. He earned four letters, was twice a unanimous all-league pick and gained honorable mention All-America recognition. He served as a Wartburg co-captain in 1994, when his team advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals.



Klunder received a degree in sports management from Wartburg in 1995 and has done master's degree coursework at St. Cloud State, Minnesota and Notre Dame.

Klunder is married to the former Lisa Malin, who is executive director of the Kelly Cares Foundation. The couple has one daughter, Allyson.

**DR. MATT LEISZLER**

**TEAM PHYSICIAN**

Dr. Matt Leiszler, M.D., is in his second year in 2015 at Notre Dame as the head football team physician.

Leiszler graduated from Harvard University in 2003 with a degree in biology. He finished medical school at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 2008.

After his residency with the University of Colorado (HealthONE Rose Medical Center) Program (2009-11), Leiszler did a sports medicine fellowship with the University of Colorado Hospital in 2012.

Leiszler was on the faculty at the University of Colorado Hospital, splitting his time between primary care family medicine and sports medicine, for two years (2013-14).

A native of Derby, Kansas, Leiszler was a varsity letterwinner as a running back on the football team at Harvard. He ran for six touchdowns and 483 yards during his sophomore season. Leiszler was projected to be the starting running back as a junior, but he suffered a career-ending repeat ACL injury before the season started.

Leiszler and his wife Tori are parents of two children: Teegan and Tana.



**RYAN MAHAFFEY**

**GRADUATE ASSISTANT - OFFENSE**

Ryan Mahaffey is in his second year in 2015 as an offensive graduate assistant coach for the Irish. He will primarily work with the receiving corps, assisting Irish associate head coach/wide receivers coach Mike Denbrock and tight ends coach Scott Booker.

Mahaffey spent 2013 as the tight ends coach at the University of Northern Iowa.

Mahaffey graduated from Northern Iowa in the spring of 2011 with a degree in economics. He signed with the Baltimore Ravens as an undrafted free agent in June of 2011 and spent time with the Indianapolis Colts and Miami Dolphins prior to volunteering as an assistant coach during spring drills at UNI in 2013.

As a member of the Colts, Mahaffey saw action in five games with one reception for five yards in 2011.

Mahaffey played in 51 career games at Northern Iowa. He finished his collegiate career with 25 catches for 227 yards.

Mahaffey was twice named second-team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) and was named to the league's all-Newcomer team as a redshirt freshman in 2007. He was also named to the MVFC All-Academic team twice in his career.



**JOY McCAUSLAND**

**SENIOR STAFF ASSISTANT**

Joy McCausland is in her eighth year in 2015 in the Irish football office and her 16th year overall at the University of Notre Dame. She serves as the primary contact for all general communication and donation requests at the Guglielmino Athletics Complex. Prior to joining the Irish football office, McCausland worked at Notre Dame's Hesburgh Library for five years and the chemistry/physics library for three years. A native of Lakeville, Indiana, she has three sons: Kyle, Kayne and Michael.





**AARON MENARD****ASSISTANT VIDEO COORDINATOR**

Aaron Menard is in his first year in 2015 as the assistant video coordinator for the Notre Dame football team, serving as the primary assistant to video coordinator Tim Collins. In this role, Menard assists Collins with all video and filming needs for the football team in addition to traveling to all football games. Menard helps compile all video packages utilized by Notre Dame's football coaches in their scouting and game preparation and also works on special assignments within the program, such as highlight videos.



Menard spent the last two seasons as a video intern with the National Football League's Seattle Seahawks. He shot coaching video from end zone and sideline views at practices and other team-related activities. Menard managed on-field still shot pictures during games as Microsoft Surface Pro technician. He produced weekly in-house team highlight videos to be viewed for team meetings. Menard assisted video staff with creating cut-ups and managing video at the college and professional level for coaches, scouts and players through DVSport Gameday.

Menard graduated from Washington State University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in sport management.

**JASON MICHELSON****COORDINATOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS**

Jason Michelson enters his fourth year in 2015 with the Notre Dame football program and second as coordinator of football operations. He spent the 2012 campaign as the program's operations intern.

In his current role, Michelson coordinates and oversees all day-to-day administrative and operational details including team travel, preseason camp arrangements, the annual coaches clinic and summer camps.

Prior to his arrival at Notre Dame, Michelson was an operations intern with the Detroit Lions during the 2011 campaign.

Michelson graduated from Ohio University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in sports management. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri, but was raised in Lebanon, Ohio.

Michelson is married to the former Lexi Merritt.

**ADAM MYERS****ASSISTANT FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT MANAGER**

Adam Myers is in his sixth year in 2015 as the assistant football equipment manager at the University of Notre Dame.

Prior to his arrival in 2010, Myers spent two years at the University of Minnesota, where he managed the Golden Gophers' student equipment managers, repaired damaged equipment and packed team trunks for travel to away games.

Prior to joining the Minnesota staff, Myers served as a graduate assistant equipment manager at Marshall University, where he was responsible for fitting student-athletes with helmets, shoulder pads, footwear and other equipment. He was also charged with equipment repair, inventory, laundry, transportation assistance and other duties at Marshall.

He served as a student manager at Marshall from 2002 through 2007 and worked with the wide receivers and quarterbacks in addition to handling laundry duties.

Myers completed a summer internship in 2005 with the New York Jets and was involved in laundry, maintenance of protective equipment, packing trunks for home preseason games and sideline and locker room setup for home preseason games.

A member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association since 2006, Myers was certified by the AEMA in June, 2006.

**DAVE PELOQUIN****DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL**

Dave Pelouquin is in his 12th year in 2015 with the Notre Dame football program and third as director of player personnel. In this role, Pelouquin's responsibilities include serving as a liaison between the football program and various University departments, including admissions, academic services for student-athletes and campus housing.

Pelouquin also works with the program's recruiting efforts and handles special projects assigned by head coach Brian Kelly. He played a critical role in helping the Irish secure four top-10 recruiting classes in a six-year period.



Prior to being promoted to director of football development, Pelouquin served as coordinator of player personnel development for two seasons in numerous administrative duties regarding Notre Dame's recruiting. In 2004, Pelouquin served in a similar capacity as a recruiting assistant, a role in which he worked with the coaching staff assisting in all recruiting aspects.

A 2003 Notre Dame graduate with a bachelor's degree in business marketing from the Mendoza College of Business, Pelouquin served as a student manager from 2000 to 2002 and was named head senior manager for the 2002 season.

Pelouquin is a native of Blue Island, Illinois, and is married to the former Jamie Meisenhelder. The couple has two daughters, Mackenzie and Kylie.

**LUKE PITCHER****FOOTBALL RECRUITING CREATIVE LEAD**

Luke Pitcher is in his second year in 2015 with the Notre Dame football program. He coordinates the graphical identity for recruiting and promotional materials, while also overseeing many of the team's social media efforts and exploring emerging technologies.

Pitcher joined the Irish in the summer of 2014 after three years as the director of digital media for the Orange Bowl Committee. Pitcher oversaw strategic planning and implementation of digital and social media for the 2012-14 Discover Orange Bowl game and the 2013 BCS National Championship Game.

Prior to the Orange Bowl, Pitcher held graphic, multimedia and web-focused positions for both the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats and Orlando Magic, including the Magic's run to the 2009 NBA Finals. He began his professional career in Baltimore as a multimedia designer for Under Armour.

A native of Painted Post, New York, Pitcher earned a bachelor's degree in graphic design with a concentration in multimedia from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 2006.

**RON POWLUS****DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

Former University of Notre Dame quarterback and assistant coach Ron Powlus is in his first year in 2015 as the director of player development for the Fighting Irish.

Powlus will be responsible for helping develop the Irish football players in three of the five core areas head coach Brian Kelly uses to develop complete student-athletes: intellectual development, social development and spiritual development (the coaching staff is charged with skill development and the strength and conditioning staff is responsible for physical development).

Powlus will act as a liaison between the football players and coaching staff plus serve as primary contact between both the student welfare and development office and academic services for student-athletes department.

Through the athletics department's student welfare and development office, Powlus will help coordinate community service projects via the "Irish Around the Bend" initiative. He also will coordinate and monitor the study hall sessions with the associate director and senior academic counselor of the academic services for student-athletes department.

Prior to his return to Notre Dame, Powlus spent the better part of three seasons as the quarterbacks coach at Kansas University (2012-14). He was the passing game coordinator/quarterbacks coach at the University of Akron for two years (2010-11).

Powlus previously spent five years at Notre Dame in two different roles: quarterbacks coach (2007-10) and director of personnel development (2005-06). In his initial role with the Irish program, Powlus played an integral role in helping the 2006 and 2007 recruiting classes rank in the top 10 nationally as he helped direct the administrative aspects of Irish recruiting.

As an assistant coach, Powlus helped develop Jimmy Clausen into one of the most prolific passers in school history. Clausen still ranks first or second in 32 different passing categories, including tops in single-game completions, career completions per game, single-season completion percentage, career completion percentage, single-season pass efficiency, single-game passing yards per attempt, single-season 300-yard passing games, consecutive passes without an interception and lowest career interception percentage.

A four-year starter at quarterback for the Irish from 1994-97, Powlus was a two-time captain who set 20 school records at Notre Dame. He started all 44 regular-season games (plus two bowl games) in which he played and completed 558 of 969 passes for 7,602 yards and 52 TDs.

He signed as a free agent in 1998 with the Tennessee Oilers and then was on the Detroit Lions' preseason roster in 1999 and the Philadelphia Eagles' roster in 2000.

Powlus played with NFL Europe's Amsterdam Admirals in the spring of 2000.

In 1992, he was hailed by Parade as the prep player of the year and by USA Today as the offensive player of the year.



A native of Berwick, Pennsylvania, Powlus earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Notre Dame in 1997. He and his wife, Sara, are parents of two sons, Ronnie and Tommy.

**JEFF QUINN****OFFENSIVE ANALYST**

Jeff Quinn is in his first year in 2015 with the Notre Dame football program as the offensive analyst.

Quinn enters his 32nd year of college coaching. He has produced NCAA, conference and school record-breaking offenses along with winning multiple conference, bowl and national championships.

Quinn served as the head coach at the University at Buffalo from 2010-14, which included a 2013 campaign that saw the Bulls finish with an 8-5 record. The eight wins were the most for Buffalo in the regular season since it moved to the Football Bowl Subdivision in 1999. The Bulls also won a school-record six Mid-American Conference games. Buffalo registered a seven-game winning streak, including the program's first victory over a school from a Bowl Championship Series conference (UConn). The Bulls participated in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl – the program's second bowl appearance.

Quinn had three of his players selected in the National Football League draft, including linebacker Khalil Mack who was chosen fifth overall by the Oakland Raiders in 2014. Mack was the highest NFL Draft pick in school history and the highest defensive player ever selected from the Mid American Conference. Quinn's teams also performed in the classroom. Buffalo recorded the best overall GPA and APR ranking in program history.

As offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Cincinnati (2007-2009), Quinn helped the Bearcats to a 12-0 regular-season record in 2009 and served as interim head coach heading into the Sugar Bowl meeting with defending national champion Florida.

Quinn was named one of five finalists for the 2009 Broyles Award, which is given to the nation's top assistant coach. Unranked in preseason polls, Cincinnati's undefeated regular season catapulted the Bearcats to No. 3 in the BCS standings and earned them an invitation to the Sugar Bowl, the school's second consecutive BCS game. UC set numerous school records in 2009, including those for wins (12), road wins (6), consecutive regular season wins (18), points (495), passing yards (3,844), fewest fumbles (10) and fewest turnovers (10).

Prior to his stint at Cincinnati, Quinn was the associate head coach and offensive coordinator at Central Michigan. He helped the Chippewas to the 2006 MAC title. Quinn served as interim head coach for Central Michigan in its 31-14 victory over Middle Tennessee in the 2006 Motor City Bowl.

Quinn arrived at CMU in 2004 after 15 seasons at Grand Valley State. He was part of the staff that led the Lakers to back-to-back national championships in 2002 and 2003. The 2001 Laker offense average 600.8 yards and set an NCAA record by averaging 58.4 points per game.

Quinn is a 1984 graduate of Elmhurst College where he was a two-sport standout in football and wrestling. He was twice named Student-Athlete of the Year at Elmhurst. Quinn was inducted into Elmhurst's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993.

Quinn earned a master of arts degree from DePauw in 1986 and an educational leadership master's degree endorsement from GVSU in 2000.

Quinn and his wife, Shannon, have two sons, Kyle and Ryan.

**DONOVAN RAIOLA****GRADUATE ASSISTANT - OFFENSE**

Donovan Raiola, a three-time all-Big Ten honorable mention center at Wisconsin in 2003, 2004 and 2005, is in his first year in 2015 as an offensive graduate assistant for the Irish.

Raiola spent the 2014 season as an intern with the University of Hawaii football program. He assisted Rainbow Warrior offensive line coach Chris Naeole.

Raiola started 39 of 43 career games for the Badgers (2002-05), including 38 of his final 39 contests. He was a three-time all-Big Ten honorable mention selection and team captain as a senior. Raiola was named to the 2003, 2004 and 2005 preseason watch lists for the Rimington Trophy, which is given to college football's outstanding center. He was also selected to the watch list for the '04 Outland Trophy.

After redshirting at Wisconsin in 2001, Raiola played in five games in 2002, including a start at right guard versus Iowa. He shifted to center in 2003, started every contest of the season and The Sporting News rated him as the fifth-best center in the country. Raiola registered 33 knockdowns with seven touchdown-resulting blocks. In 2004, Raiola collected 35 knockdowns and was part of a Badgers offensive line that allowed just 22 sacks. He recorded 40 knockdown blocks in 2005.

The Honolulu, Hawaii native signed a National Football League free-agent contract with the St. Louis Rams in 2006. He ultimately spent time with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Seattle Seahawks, Arizona Cardinals, Chicago Bears,





Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Washington Redskins. Raiola also played parts of two seasons with the Omaha Nighthawks of the United Football League.

Prior to the 2014 campaign at Hawai'i, Raiola spent two years as an assistant coach for his scholastic alma mater, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama (2012-13). He coached offensive line and helped organize clinics for high school offensive linemen in the state of Hawai'i during the offseason.

Raiola graduated from Wisconsin in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business management. Raiola's brother, Dominic, played 14 years at center for the Detroit Lions.

## DR. BRIAN RATIGAN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON

Dr. Brian Ratigan, M.D., is in his eighth year in 2015 as head of orthopaedic sports medicine for Notre Dame football and baseball.

Ratigan, a four-year monogram winner and linebacker at Notre Dame (1989-92), continued his professional football career with the Indianapolis Colts (1993-95).

Ratigan earned his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 2002. In 2007, he completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, affiliated with The Rothman Institute. Ratigan performed his fellowship in sports medicine at Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic in Los Angeles. He is a 1993 Notre Dame graduate.

Ratigan, board certified in orthopaedic surgery, is an active member of national and local medical societies, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine, Arthroscopy Association of North America, Indiana State Medical Association, Indiana Orthopaedic Society and the Notre Dame Orthopaedic Society. Ratigan is in private practice with South Bend Orthopaedics and specializes in arthroscopic and reconstructive surgery of the shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle.

Ratigan has previous professional and collegiate athletic physician experience with the Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Angels, Los Angeles Kings, Anaheim Ducks, Los Angeles Galaxy, Los Angeles Sparks, Philadelphia Phillies and Philadelphia Eagles, as well as the University of Southern California and Fullerton College football programs.

Ratigan and his wife, the former Maura Fenningham ('93, '96), have five children: Sean, Conor, Kelly, Austin and Reese. Maura is an adjunct professor in the Notre Dame Law School.



## BETH REX

### DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION

Beth Rex is in her sixth year in 2015 as director of football administration at Notre Dame after serving as the football program associate from 2008-09 at the University of Cincinnati.

Rex served as the assistant to current Irish head football coach Brian Kelly at Cincinnati and that continues to be part of her duties at Notre Dame, where she serves as the primary contact person in all matters for Kelly. Rex coordinates Kelly's schedule, is responsible for all football staff and office operations and assists in event planning.

Rex has been a driving force behind the very successful Football 101 initiative that benefits Kelly Cares Foundation and introduces women over the age of 21 to the game of football. She also has organized the Notre Dame Football Awards Show each of the last four seasons that replaced the year-end celebratory banquet.

Rex has worked in athletics for 17 years, primarily as an athletics trainer. She served as an athletics trainer at Cincinnati from 2001-08 and worked with the football, baseball, women's basketball, men's soccer, tennis, men's and women's golf, cheerleading and dance teams. Among her various duties, Rex managed the administrative responsibilities of the athletics training room, oversaw the budget, handled all purchases and inventory and processed all medical claims for Cincinnati's student-athletes.

Rex also served as an adjunct professor at Cincinnati from 2006-08 and taught medical terminology, sports administration and athletics training.

Prior to Cincinnati, Rex was an assistant athletics trainer at the University of Memphis for two years (1999-2001) and one year at the College of Wooster (1998-99). She worked with the baseball, women's basketball and men's soccer teams at Memphis and at Wooster she managed the athletic training duties for 21 varsity sports. While living in Memphis, she assisted the Memphis Maniax of the Xtreme Football League in the spring of 2001.

From 1997-98, Rex worked at the National Athletic Trainers Association in Dallas where she was a continuing education assistant.

Rex graduated in 1996 from Cincinnati with a bachelor's degree in education. She began her career as a graduate assistant at Eastern Kentucky where she earned her master's degree in physical education with an emphasis in sports administration.

A native of Tiffin, Ohio, Rex is married to Byron Rex.



## STEVE SMITH

### ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER

Steve Smith is in his fifth year in 2015 with the Notre Dame sports medicine department and first primarily with the Irish football team. Smith helps with treatment and rehabilitation of student-athlete injuries plus covers practices and games.

Smith joined the Notre Dame sports medicine department as an assistant athletic trainer in August 2011, overseeing the Irish men's soccer team and women's tennis team. He has also worked with the Irish women's lacrosse team.

Prior to his arrival at Notre Dame, Smith was an assistant athletic trainer at Eastern Michigan University. He was responsible for men's basketball, as well as women's volleyball and women's crew.

A native of Negaunee, Michigan, Smith graduated in 2007 from Northern Michigan with a bachelor's degree in athletic training and worked with the football and hockey programs. He spent multiple summers covering summer camps at Notre Dame as an undergraduate student.

Smith earned a master's degree in 2009 in health care administration from Grand Valley State University. He was a graduate assistant and worked with both the football and baseball programs.

Smith is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association as well as Indiana Athletic Trainers Association.

Smith has a son, Wyatt.



## PRYCE TRACY

### SPECIAL TEAMS ANALYST

Pryce Tracy is in his third year in 2015 with the Notre Dame football program and first as the special teams analyst.

Tracy will assist Irish special teams coordinator Scott Booker with valuable information designed to improve the efficiency and success of Notre Dame's special teams.

Tracy will prepare statistical information acquired from the use of analytical platforms for the coaching staff to dissect and improve production.

Tracy will also be responsible for research projects and reports that will assist the coaching staff with game plan preparation and aid in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes.

Tracy spent the past two years with the program as a recruiting and personnel assistant. In that role, Tracy worked with recruiting efforts, handled projects assigned by the Irish coaches and assisted in the day-to-day strategies of the program.

Prior to his time at Notre Dame, Tracy spent the 2011 season with the University of Alabama football team. He directly worked under then Crimson Tide director of player personnel Ed Marnyowitz, who is now the vice president of player personnel for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Tracy served as a recruiting specialist for Alabama head coach Nick Saban. He assisted in player evaluation breakdowns and compiled the recruiting prospect board. Tracy also helped in the daily operations for the 2011 and 2012 Nick Saban Summer Camps. During his time in Tuscaloosa, the Crimson Tide captured the 2011 Bowl Championship Series title and brought in the top-ranked recruiting class in the country, according to Rivals.com, ESPN and 247Sports.com.

Prior to his tenure at Alabama, Tracy spent two seasons (2009-10) as an assistant coach at Clay High School in South Bend. The Colonials had five players who signed national letters of intent with Football Bowl Subdivision schools during his stay.



## ANNA TURNER

### SPORTS NUTRITION ASSOCIATE

Anna Turner is in her first season in the Sports Nutrition Program at Notre Dame.

Turner works alongside Dwight Allison, the University's Sports Nutrition Program Director, to fuel the Irish football program and oversee the team's daily training table.

Turner spent the last two years at the University of Kansas. She played a substantial role in managing seven varsity teams' nutritional needs. She was a reliable and reassuring counselor for the student-athletes. Turner helped manage iDEXA scanning three times a year, compiling the results for future published research.

Turner championed the creation of a Sports Nutrition Pinterest page. It allowed KU student-athletes to access sports nutrition recipes on Pinterest and learn what makes it an ideal recipe for an athlete. The Pinterest page served as an excellent resource for current KU student-athletes and also a great marketing tool for future Jayhawks.



A competitive triathlete and the 2006 Illinois Cup Champion in cycling, Turner graduated in 2010 from Southern Illinois with a bachelor's degree in human nutrition and dietetics. She completed her dietetic internship through ARAMARK-Kansas City.

The Sullivan, Illinois, native spent the 2011 summer working for the Chicago Bears during their training camp. For the next two years, she worked for Archer Daniels Midland Company -- a sports nutrition supplement company. Turner sold ingredients and helped formulate new food products found on the shelves today.

## AARON WELLMAN

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Aaron Wellman, a 19-year strength and conditioning coach at the Division I collegiate level, enters his first season in 2015 as an assistant director of strength and conditioning for the University of Notre Dame.

Wellman is a registered master strength and conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA), a certified strength and conditioning specialist and personal trainer by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and a specialist in performance nutrition by the International Sports Sciences Association (ISSA).

Wellman spent the previous four years (2011-15) as the director of strength and conditioning at the University of Michigan. He was responsible for the yearly programming of strength, speed and football-specific conditioning. Wellman performed movement screenings to evaluate mobility and stability deficits along with subsequent programs to mitigate individual injury risk. He implemented athlete-monitoring systems including GPS, psychometric questionnaires, neuromuscular fatigue assessments and salivary testing.

Prior to his tenure at Michigan, Wellman held similar director positions at San Diego State University (2009-2011) and Ball State University (2004-09).

Wellman began his strength and conditioning career as a graduate assistant at Indiana University (1996-98). He then spent three years as a full-time assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Hoosiers and was primarily involved with the football, baseball and softball teams, as well as developing individual nutrition programs for student-athletes.

Wellman also worked for three years at Michigan State University (2001-03). He was involved with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program for football and assisted with men's and women's basketball and ice hockey.

A native of Ligonier, Indiana, Wellman was a four-year member of the Manchester (Indiana) College football team. He earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science in 1996. Wellman added separate master's degrees from Indiana University in applied sport science (1998) and nutrition science (2009).

Wellman and his wife, Shellie, have a son, Grant, and a daughter, Grace.



Emily Morgan



Matt Schade



Drew Vista

## SENIOR MANAGERS

Three Notre Dame seniors, Emily Morgan, Matt Schade and Drew Vista, lead the student manager program that works with the 2015 football team. This trio oversees the entire student manager organization and tends to various matters regarding Irish players and coaches. The program also includes a group of seven junior managers and 14 sophomore managers. The junior managers include Kirk Dettmer, CJ Harvey, Colleen Naumovich, Kellyn Schmitt, Christopher Scully, Anthony Tucker and Colleen Turner. The sophomore managers are Charlene Alnsworth, Michael Bicknell, Peter Buseck, Sam Cavender, Jorge Daura, Ashley DeJonge, Ivan Finkelstein, Garrett Fisher, Brian Johnson, Katelyn Markley, Mary McNulty, Kaitlin Morrison, Dan Swanson and Travis Tredway.

<b>GAME 1</b>	
Sept. 5, 2015   Notre Dame Stadium Attendance: 80,795   TV: NBC	
<b>TEXAS</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>NO. 11/11 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>38</b>

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** - Malik Zaire showed he was more than a runner, picking apart the Texas defense in a dominant performance in his first home start. Zaire threw for 313 yards and three touchdowns, and No. 11 Notre Dame held Texas to 163 yards of total offense in a 38-3 victory.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Texas	0	0	3	0	3
Notre Dame	14	3	14	7	38

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st 06:29 ND</b>	<b>Fuller 16 pass from Zaire (Yoon kick)</b> 7-55 3:28; ND 7, UT 0
<b>1st 01:02 ND</b>	<b>Adams 14 run (Yoon kick)</b> 9-95 3:50; ND 14, UT 0
<b>2nd 07:53 ND</b>	<b>Yoon 38 field goal</b> 4-9 1:22; ND 17, UT 0
<b>3rd 08:36 UT</b>	<b>Rose 41 field goal</b> 5-49 1:23; ND 17, UT 3
<b>3rd 05:50 ND</b>	<b>Fuller 66 pass from Zaire (Yoon kick)</b> 5-90 2:46; ND 24, UT 7
<b>3rd 02:00 ND</b>	<b>Adams 25 run (Yoon Kick)</b> 5-56 2:18; ND 31, UT 3
<b>4th 11:46 ND</b>	<b>Brown 6 pass from Zaire (Yoon kick)</b> 8-60 3:30; ND 38, UT 3

	<b>UT</b>	<b>ND</b>
FIRST DOWNS	8	30
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-60	52-214
PASSING YARDS (NET)	103	313
Passes Comp-Att-Int	8-23-0	19-23-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	52-163	75-527
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-3	3(-1)
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-125	1-10
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	10-42.3	4-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	4-50	6-39
Possession Time	20:50	39:10
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 13	8 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-12	4-31

**RUSHING:** Texas-Johnathan Gray 8-40, Tyrone Swoopes 10-17, D'Onta Foreman 3-5, Daje Johnson 2-4, Chris Warren III 3-4, Armanti Foreman 1-2, Jerrod Heard 2 (-12). Notre Dame-C.J. Prorise 20-98, Josh Adams 5-49, Dexter Williams 7-24, Tarean Folston 3-19, Malik Zaire 9-16, DeShone Kizer 2-10, Torii Hunter Jr., 1-2, Josh Anderson 2-0, Amir Carlisle 1(-1).

**PASSING:** Texas-Tyrone Swoopes 7-22-0-93, Jerrod Heard 1-1-0-10. Notre Dame-Malik Zaire 19-22-0-313, DeShone Kizer 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Texas-Daje Johnson 6-45, John Burt 1-48, Andrew Beck 1-10. Notre Dame-Will Fuller 7-142, Amir Carlisle 3-55, Chris Brown 3-38, Corey Robinson 2-35, Torii Hunter Jr. 2-31, Durham Smythe 1-6, C.J. Prorise 1-6.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Texas-None. Notre Dame-None.

**FUMBLES:** Texas-None. Notre Dame-C.J. Prorise 1-0, C.J. Sanders 1-0.

<b>GAME 2</b>	
Sept. 12, 2015   Scott Stadium Attendance: 58,200   TV: ABC	
<b>NO. 9/11 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	<b>27</b>

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.** - Notre Dame keeps winning games in exciting fashion with new players stepping up. Quarterback DeShone Kizer came in for the injured Malik Zaire and threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Will Fuller with 12 seconds left Saturday as the No. 9 Irish beat Virginia 34-27.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Notre Dame	12	0	14	8	34
Virginia	0	14	0	13	27

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st 09:29 ND</b>	<b>Smythe 7 pass from Kizer (Kizer rush failed)</b> 13-75 5:31; ND 6, UVA 0
<b>1st 03:09 ND</b>	<b>Yoon 32 field goal</b> 9-55 4:21; ND 9, UVA 0
<b>1st 00:07 ND</b>	<b>Yoon 45 field goal</b> 6-34 1:41; ND 12, UVA 0
<b>2nd 10:54 UVA</b>	<b>Butts 2 pass from Johns (Frye kick)</b> 8-75 4:13; ND 12, UVA 7
<b>2nd 03:04 UVA</b>	<b>Johnson 42 pass from Johns (Frye kick)</b> 7-75 3:33; UVA 14, ND 12
<b>3rd 07:04 ND</b>	<b>Fuller 59 pass from Zaire (Yoon kick)</b> 1-59 0:08; ND 19, UVA 14
<b>3rd 00:54 ND</b>	<b>Prorise 24 run (Yoon kick)</b> 3-45 1:02; ND 26, UVA 14
<b>4th 13:42 UVA</b>	<b>Johns 4 run (Frye kick)</b> 6-75 2:12; ND 26, UVA 21
<b>4th 01:54 UVA</b>	<b>Reid 1 run (Johns pass failed)</b> 13-80 6:01; UVA 27, ND 26
<b>4th 00:12 ND</b>	<b>Fuller 39 pass from Kizer (Hunter Jr. pass from Kizer)</b> 8-80 1:42; ND 34, UVA 27

	<b>ND</b>	<b>UVA</b>
FIRST DOWNS	20	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-253	30-127
PASSING YARDS (NET)	207	289
Passes Comp-Att-Int	15-30-0	26-38-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	64-460	68-416
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-48	1-11
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-35	4-51
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-55.8	5-47.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-40	9-55
Possession Time	26:37	33:23
Third-Down Conversions	0 of 10	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-11	2-6

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-C.J. Prorise 17-155, Malik Zaire 10-87, Josh Adams 3-10, Amir Carlisle 1-2, DeShone Kizer 2-1, Torii Hunter Jr. 1(-2). Virginia-Taquan Mizzell 18-66, Olamide Zaccheaus 2-39, Albert Reid 5-23, Matt Johns 5(-1).

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-Malik Zaire 7-18-0-115, DeShone Kizer 8-12-0-92. Virginia-Matt Johns 26-38-0-289.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Will Fuller 5-124, Chris Brown 3-41, C.J. Prorise 3-20, Amir Carlisle 2-4, Corey Robinson 1-11, Durham Smythe 1-7. Virginia-Canaan Severin 11-153, Albert Reid 4-14, Taquan Mizzell 4-10, Keon Johnson 2-46, Olamide Zaccheaus 2-25, Ryan Santoro 1-34, Charlie Hopkins 1-5, Evan Butts 1-2.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-None. Virginia-None.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-None. Virginia-Matt Johns 1-1.

<b>GAME 3</b>	
Sept. 19, 2015   Notre Dame Stadium Attendance: 80,795   TV: NBC	
<b>NO. 14/16 GEORGIA TECH</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>NO. 8/10 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>30</b>

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** - C.J. Prorise provided the flash for the Fighting Irish with three touchdowns and 198 yards rushing, including a 91-yard TD run that was the longest run in Notre Dame Stadium history, and the defense provided the grit. A pair of touchdowns for 14th-ranked Georgia Tech from Justin Thomas to Patrick Skov in the final minute, the second coming after a recovered onside kick, brought some drama before No. 8 Notre Dame's Torii Hunter Jr. recovered a second onside kick to clinch the 30-22 victory.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Georgia Tech	0	7	0	15	22
Notre Dame	7	6	3	14	30

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st 08:20 ND</b>	<b>Fuller 46 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)</b> 6-65 1:30; ND 7, GT 0
<b>2nd 05:26 GT</b>	<b>Skov 5 run (Butker kick)</b> 4-80 1:30; ND 7, GT 7
<b>2nd 01:40 ND</b>	<b>Prorise 17 run (Yoon kick failed)</b> 10-82 3:46; ND 13, GT 7
<b>3rd 12:10 ND</b>	<b>Yoon 29 field goal</b> 4-23 1:43; ND 16, GT 7
<b>4th 13:54 ND</b>	<b>Prorise 1 run (Yoon kick)</b> 9-59 3:24; ND 23, GT 7
<b>4th 06:58 ND</b>	<b>Prorise 91 run (Yoon kick)</b> 2-84 1:05; ND 30, GT 7
<b>4th 00:48 GT</b>	<b>Skov 24 pass from Thomas (Lynch rush)</b> 13-79 6:10; ND 30, GT 15
<b>4th 00:22 GT</b>	<b>Skov 15 pass from Thomas (Butker kick)</b> 3-43 0:26; ND 30, GT 22

	<b>GT</b>	<b>ND</b>
FIRST DOWNS	21	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	47-216	32-215
PASSING YARDS (NET)	121	424
Passes Comp-Att-Int	8-24-0	21-30-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-337	62-457
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-11	1-17
Punt Returns-Yards	3-43	2-7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-60	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-40.4	5-39.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	8-55
Possession Time	32:52	27:08
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 15	4 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	1-3

**RUSHING:** Georgia Tech-Broderick Snoddy 7-77, Patrick Skov 18-66, Justin Thomas 11-27, Clinton Lynch 2-25, TaQuon Marshall 2-11, Qua Searcy 6-10, Marcus Marshall 1-0. Notre Dame-C.J. Prorise 22-198, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-8, Josh Adams 2-7, DeShone Kizer 5-6, Team 2(-4).

**PASSING:** Georgia Tech-Justin Thomas 8-24-0-121. Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 21-30-1-242.

**RECEIVING:** Georgia Tech-Patrick Skov 2-39, Isaiah Willis 2-16, Clinton Lynch 1-28, Qua Searcy 1-17, Ricky Jeune 1-11, Micheal Summers 1-10. Notre Dame-Chris Brown 8-65, Will Fuller 6-131, Alizé Jones 3-19, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-17, Nic Weishar 1-6, C.J. Prorise 1-5, Corey Robinson 1(-1).

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Georgia Tech-D.J. White 1-0. Notre Dame-None.

**FUMBLES:** Georgia Tech-Justin Thomas 2-1, Patrick Skov 1-0. Notre Dame-Alizé Jones 1-1.

	<b>GAME 4</b>
	Sept. 26, 2015   Notre Dame Stadium Attendance: 80,795   TV: NBC
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>NO. 6/8 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>62</b>

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** - Beginning with a C.J. Sanders punt return for a touchdown, Notre Dame reeled off 27 unanswered points over 8:54 of mid-game playing time to break open a 21-20 contest and roll to a 62-27 win over Massachusetts at Notre Dame Stadium.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Massachusetts	6	14	0	7	27
Notre Dame	14	21	20	7	62

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st 06:02 ND</b>	<b>Prosise 57 run (Yoon kick)</b> 8-95 3:06; ND 7, UM 0
<b>1st 00:19 ND</b>	<b>Kizer 7 run (Yoon kick)</b> 10-80 4:26; ND 14, UM 0
<b>1st 00:00 UM</b>	<b>Young 83 run (Lucas kick blocked)</b> 1-78 0:19; ND 14, UM 6
<b>2nd 11:17 UM</b>	<b>Lindsay 1 run (Caggiano kick)</b> 10-50 3:33; ND 14, UM 13
<b>2nd 07:47 ND</b>	<b>Fuller 26 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)</b> 10-74 3:30; ND 21, UM 13
<b>2nd 06:44 UM</b>	<b>Wilson 1 run (Caggiano kick)</b> 3-75 1:03; ND 21, UM 20
<b>2nd 03:21 ND</b>	<b>Sanders 50 punt return (Yoon kick)</b> ND 28, UM 20
<b>2nd 00:06 ND</b>	<b>Brown 7 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)</b> 10-74 1:21; ND 35, UM 20
<b>3rd 12:02 ND</b>	<b>Prosise 16 run (Yoon kick)</b> 7-73 2:58 ND 42; UM 20
<b>3rd 09:28 ND</b>	<b>Williams 14 run (Yoon kick failed)</b> 2-30 0:35; ND 48, UM 20
<b>3rd 02:18 ND</b>	<b>Wimbush 58 run (Yoon kick)</b> 5-85 2:13; ND 55, UM 20
<b>4th 08:34 ND</b>	<b>Adams 70 run (Yoon kick)</b> 4-82 1:37; ND 62, UM 20
<b>4th 03:35 UM</b>	<b>Nesmith 33 pass from Comis (Caggiano kick)</b> 10-77 4:59; ND 62, UM 27

	<b>UM</b>	<b>ND</b>
FIRST DOWNS	22	30
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-148	51-457
PASSING YARDS (NET)	302	224
Passes Comp-Att-Int	28-48-1	18-28-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	77-450	79-681
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-7	3-63
Kickoff Returns-Yards	8-151	4-95
Interception Returns-Yards	1-12	1(-1)-3
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-45.4	5-52.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-35	8-75
Possession Time	29:45	30:15
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 16	8 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-2	2-19

**RUSHING:** UMass-Marquis Young 5-103, Jamal Wilson 7-51, Ross Comis 2-5, Sekai Lindsay 8-5, Logan Laurent 1-3, Lorenzo Woodley 1-1, Marken Michel 1(-1), Blake Forhnappel 3(-19), Notre Dame-C.J. Prosise 15-149; Josh Adams 13-133, Brandon Wimbush 4-92, Dexter Williams 7-48, DeShone Kizer 9-42, Amir Carlisle 2-13, Team 1(-20).

**PASSING:** UMass-Blake Frohnappel 20-40-1-233, Ross Comis 8-8-0-69. Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 15-22-1-207, Brandon Wimbush 3-5-0-17, Team 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** UMass-Tajae Sharpe 8-83, Marken Michel 6-46, Shakur Nesmith 3-88, Shaquille Harris 2-27, Jamal Wilson 2-24, Elgin Long 2-11, Lorenzo Woodley 2-9, Sekai Lindsay 1-11, Marquis Young 1-4, Andy Isabella 1(-1). Notre Dame-Amir Carlisle 5-52, Will Fuller 4-57, Alizé Jones 3-56, Chris Brown 2-34, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-9, Nic Weishar 1-8, Equanimeous St. Brown 1-8, C.J. Sanders 1-0.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** UMass-Trey Dudley-Giles 1-12. Notre Dame-Cole Luke 1(-3).

**FUMBLES:** UMass-Andy Isabella 1-0. Notre Dame-C.J. Prosise 1-0.

	<b>GAME 5</b>
	Oct. 3, 2015   Memorial Stadium Attendance: 82,415   TV: ABC
<b>NO. 6/7 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>NO. 12/11 CLEMSON</b>	<b>24</b>

**CLEMSON, S.C.** - Deshaun Watson threw two touchdown passes, ran for a third score and 12th-ranked Clemson withstood No. 6 Notre Dame's second-half rally for a 24-22 victory amidst torrential rains at Clemson's Memorial Stadium.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Notre Dame	3	0	0	19	22
Clemson	14	0	7	3	24

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st 12:19 CU</b>	<b>Leggett 6 pass from Watson (Huegel kick)</b> 7-64 2:41; CU 7, ND 0
<b>1st 08:43 CU</b>	<b>Scott 13 pass from Watson (Huegel kick)</b> 4-40 1:35; CU 14, ND 0
<b>1st 05:32 ND</b>	<b>Yoon 46 field goal</b> 9-22 3:01; CU 14, ND 3
<b>3rd 14:14 CU</b>	<b>Watson 21 run (Huegel kick)</b> 2-29 0:38; CU 21, ND 3
<b>4th 14:13 ND</b>	<b>Prosise 56 pass from Kizer (Kizer pass failed)</b> 4-80 1:48; CU 21, ND 9
<b>4th 10:56 CU</b>	<b>Huegel 35 field goal</b> 6-50 3:11; CU 24, ND 9
<b>4th 09:03 ND</b>	<b>Kizer 3 run (Yoon kick)</b> 4-64 1:49; CU 24, ND 16
<b>4th 00:07 ND</b>	<b>Hunter Jr. 1 pass from Kizer (Kizer rush failed)</b> 6-32 0:58; CU 24, ND 22

	<b>ND</b>	<b>CU</b>
FIRST DOWNS	20	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	32-111	43-212
PASSING YARDS (NET)	321	84
Passes Comp-Att-Int	19-35-1	10-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-432	64-296
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-5
Punt Returns-Yards	2-10	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-100	4-128
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-37.6	8-41.4
Fumbles-Lost	6-3	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	5-44
Possession Time	30:06	29:54
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 12	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-18

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 14-55, C.J. Prosise 15-50, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-4, Josh Adams 2-2, Clemson-Wayne Gallman 23-111, Deshaun Watson 16-93, Zac Brooks 1-12, C.J. Fuller 1-1, Team 1(-5).

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 19-34-1-321, Team 0-1-0-0. Clemson-Seshaun Watson 10-21-1-84.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Torii Hunter, Jr. 5-52, C.J. Prosise 4-100, Chris Brown 4-83, Amir Carlisle 3-34, Will Fuller 2-37, Corey Robinson 1-15. Clemson-Artavis Scott 5-43, Ray-Ray McCloud 2-10, Jordan Leggett 2-7, Hunter Renfrow 1-24.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-Cole Luke 1-0. Clemson-B.J. Goodson 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-C.J. Sanders 2-1, DeShone Kizer 2-0, C.J. Prosise 1-1, Chris Brown 1-1. Clemson-Artavis Scott 1-0.

	<b>GAME 6</b>
	Oct. 10, 2015   Notre Dame Stadium Attendance: 80,795   TV: NBC
<b>NAVY</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>NO. 15/15 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>41</b>

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** - C.J. Prosise scored one play after Jaylon Smith recovered a fumble by Chris Swain on the Navy 7 and two plays after Devin Butler recovered a fumble by Dishan Romine at the 26-yard line on the opening kickoff of the second half. Prosise finished with three TDs as Notre Dame beat Navy.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Navy	7	14	3	0	24
Notre Dame	7	17	14	3	41

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st 12:48 NAVY</b>	<b>Gulley 13 run (Grebe kick)</b> 3-70 1:14; Navy 7, ND 0
<b>1st 07:30 ND</b>	<b>Kizer 1 run (Yoon kick)</b> 12-75 5:18; ND 7, Navy 7
<b>2nd 10:37 ND</b>	<b>Prosise 7 run (Yoon kick)</b> 1-7 0:05; ND 14, Navy 7
<b>2nd 07:10 ND</b>	<b>Fuller 30 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)</b> 5-84 2:01; ND 21, Navy 7
<b>2nd 04:56 NAVY</b>	<b>Ezell 45 run (Grebe kick)</b> 5-75 2:15; ND 21, Navy 14
<b>2nd 00:24 NAVY</b>	<b>Ezell 22 run (Grebe kick)</b> 6-41 2:20; ND 21, Navy 21
<b>2nd 00:00 ND</b>	<b>Yoon 52 field goal</b> 3-40 0:24; ND 24, Navy 21
<b>3rd 14:16 ND</b>	<b>Prosise 22 run (Yoon kick)</b> 2-26 0:35; ND 31, Navy 21
<b>3rd 07:04 ND</b>	<b>Prosise 11 run (Yoon kick)</b> 10-73 4:01; ND 38, Navy 21
<b>3rd 00:18 NAVY</b>	<b>Grebe 40 field goal</b> 13-47 6:46; ND 38, Navy 24
<b>4th 09:48 ND</b>	<b>Yoon 36 field goal</b> 12-60 5:30; ND 41, Navy 24

	<b>NAVY</b>	<b>ND</b>
FIRST DOWNS	16	27
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	49-318	40-178
PASSING YARDS (NET)	22	281
Passes Comp-Att-Int	3-6-1	22-31-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	55-340	71-459
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-147	4-84
Interception Returns-Yards	1-1	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-44.5	2-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-41	4-35
Possession Time	28:53	31:07
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 11	7 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	4 of 4	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-8	1-5

**RUSHING:** Navy-Keenan Reynolds 15-110, Quentin Ezell 6-75, Chris Swain 15-59, Tago Smith 9-47, Toneo Gulley 1-13, Demond Brown 1-9, DeBrandon Sanders 2-5. Notre Dame-C.J. Prosise 21-129, Josh Adams 8-38, DeShone Kizer 9-14, Team 2(-3).


**PASSING:** Navy-Keenan Reynolds 2-4-0-16, Tago Smith 1-2-1-6. Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 22-30-1-281, Torii Hunter Jr. 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Navy-Jamir Tillman 2-16, Thomas Wilson 1-6. Notre Dame-Will Fuller 5-80, C.J. Prosise 4-56, Chris Brown 4-56, Amir Carlisle 3-16, Corey Robinson 2-28, Josh Adams 2-12, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-28, Nic Weishar 1-5.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Navy-Brendon Clements 1-1. Notre Dame-Elijah Shumate 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Navy-Chris Swain 1-1, Dishan Romine 1-1. Notre Dame-None.



	<b>GAME 7</b>
	Oct. 17, 2015   Notre Dame Stadium Attendance: 80,795   TV: NBC
USC	<b>31</b>
<b>NO. 14/13 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>41</b>

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** - In a rivalry carved out of legendary moments, Notre Dame pulled off a succession of spectacular plays to add a brilliant chapter to the storied series. Trailing 31-24 early in the fourth quarter, the Irish rallied with back-to-back scoring drives of 90 and 91 yards.

Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
USC	10	14	7	0	31
Notre Dame	21	3	0	17	41

**Scoring Summary**

1st	11:53	USC	Kessler 3 run (Wood kick) 8-71 3:07; USC 7, ND 0
1st	11:38	ND	Fuller 75 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 1-75 0:15; ND 7, USC 7
1st	08:46	USC	Wood 42 field goal 7-29 2:52; USC 10, ND 7
1st	06:20	ND	Prorise 25 run (Yoon kick) 4-75 2:26; ND 14, USC 10
1st	05:04	ND	Carlisle 5 blocked punt return (Yoon kick) ND 21, USC 10
2nd	05:59	ND	Yoon 32 field goal 9-28 3:30; ND 24, USC 10
2nd	05:41	USC	Smith-Schuster 75 pass from Greene (Wood kick) 1-75 0:18; ND 24, USC 17
2nd	03:17	USC	Jackson 83 pass from Kessler (Wood kick) 2-84 0:47; ND 24, USC 24
3rd	09:40	USC	McNamara 4 pass from Kessler (Wood kick) 5-80 2:35; USC 31, ND 24
4th	14:20	ND	Prorise 6 run (Yoon kick) 9-90 3:00; ND 31, USC 31
4th	09:06	ND	Robinson 10 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 7-91 3:15; ND 38, USC 31
4th	05:39	ND	Yoon 32 field goal 5-52 2:39; ND 41, USC 31

	USC	ND
FIRST DOWNS	19	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-150	35-214
PASSING YARDS (NET)	440	262
Passes Comp-Att-Int	31-47-2	16-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	77-590	60-476
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-1
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-48
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-137	6-135
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-19
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-27.5	5-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	10-105	4-40
Possession Time	31:08	28:52
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 16	5 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-26	2-9


**RUSHING:** USC-Ronald Jones II 6-73, Justin Davis 7-52, Tre Madden 9-23, Adoree' Jackson 2-9, Dominic Davis 1-(-3), Cody Kessler 5-(-4). Notre Dame-C.J. Prorise 19-143, DeShone Kizer 14-47, Josh Adams 1-26, Team 1-(-2).

**PASSING:** USC-Cody Kessler 30-46-2-365, Jalen Greene 1-1-0-75. Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 15-24-0-227, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-1-0-35.

**RECEIVING:** USC-Juju Smith-Schuster 6-139, Tre Madden 6-47, Darreus Rogers 4-34, Deontay Burnett 3-53, Tyler Petite 3-26, Justin Davis 3-23, Jalen Greene 2-22, Adoree' Jackson 1-83, DeQuan Hampton 1-8, Taylor McNamara 1-4, Robby Kolanz 1-1. Notre Dame-C.J. Prorise 5-32, Will Fuller 3-131, Alizé Jones 3-42, Chris Brown 3-38, Corey Robinson 1-10, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-9.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** USC-None. Notre Dame-KeiVarae Russell 1-0, Max Redfield 1-19.

**FUMBLES:** USC-None. Notre Dame-Torii Hunter Jr. 1-1.

	<b>GAME 8</b>
	Oct. 31, 2015   Lincoln Financial Field Attendance: 69,280   TV: ABC
<b>NO. 9/9 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>NO. 21/22 TEMPLE</b>	<b>20</b>

**PHILADELPHIA** - The biggest football game in Temple history was on the verge of turning into the Owls' greatest victory. DeShone Kizer refused to let Temple make history at Notre Dame's expense. Kizer hit Will Fuller with a 17-yard TD pass with 2:09 left in the game, and No. 9 Notre Dame escaped.

Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	7	3	7	24
Temple	3	7	0	10	20

**Scoring Summary**

1st	09:00	ND	Kizer 4 run (Yoon kick) 12-74 6:00; ND 7, TU 0
1st	02:25	TU	Jones 41 field goal 8-34 2:35; ND 7, TU 3
2nd	06:17	TU	Shippen 12 pass from Walker (Jones kick) 8-94 2:54; TU 10, ND 7
2nd	04:51	ND	Kizer 79 run (Yoon kick) 3-88 1:19; ND 14, TU 10
3rd	07:03	ND	Yoon 23 field goal 15-80 5:54; ND 17, TU 10
4th	10:51	TU	Thomas 1 run (Jones kick) 14-78 7:21; ND 17, TU 17
4th	04:45	TU	Jones 36 field goal 8-42 3:38; TU 20, ND 17
4th	02:09	ND	Fuller 17 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 6-75 2:36; ND 24, TU 20

	ND	TU
FIRST DOWNS	20	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-168	32-107
PASSING YARDS (NET)	299	188
Passes Comp-Att-Int	23-36-2	13-30-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	67-467	62-295
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-18	1-13
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-64	2-36
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	2-21
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-33.8	5-41.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	8-81	6-79
Possession Time	31:44	28:16
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	4 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-6	0-0


**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer, 17-143, C.J. Prorise 14-25. Temple-Jahad Thomas 21-82, P.J. Walker 6-38, Ryquell Armstead 3-3, Robby Anderson 1-0, Team 1-(-16).

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 23-36-2-299. Temple-P.J. Walker 13-30-1-188.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Chris Brown 6-72, Torii Hunter Jr. 5-62, Will Fuller 5-46, C.J. Prorise 5-43, Alizé Jones 1-45, Amir Carlisle 1-31. Temple-Ventell Bryant 6-91, Robby Anderson 2-53, John Christopher 2-22, Brandon Shippen 2-14, Romond Deloatch 1-8.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-KeiVarae Russell 1-0. Temple-Tyler Matakevich 1-21, Praise Martin-Oguike 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-None. Temple-P.J. Walker 1-0, Team 1-0.

	<b>GAME 9</b>
	Nov. 7, 2015   Heinz Field Attendance: 68,400   TV: ABC
<b>NO. 8/9 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>PITTSBURGH</b>	<b>30</b>

**PITTSBURGH** - DeShone Kizer threw for five touchdowns and ran for another as Notre Dame bolstered its College Football Playoff resume with a relatively easy 42-30 win over Pitt. Kizer completed 19 of 26 passes for 262 yards with no turnovers as the Irish (8-1) won their fourth straight.

Score by quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Notre Dame	7	14	7	14	42
Pittsburgh	3	0	14	13	30

**Scoring Summary**

1st	13:49	ND	Fuller 47 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 3-75 1:11; ND 7, PITT 0
1st	02:48	PITT	Blewitt 22 field goal 8-75 3:16; ND 7, PITT 3
2nd	12:48	ND	Hunter Jr. 12 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 10-75 5:00; ND 14, PITT 3
2nd	01:35	ND	Fuller 46 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 3-70 2:22; ND 21, PITT 3
3rd	11:19	PITT	Whitehead 10 run (Blewitt kick) 8-77 3:41; ND 21, PITT 10
3rd	07:53	ND	Fuller 14 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 8-75 3:26; ND 28, PITT 10
3rd	02:06	PITT	Whitehead 3 run (Blewitt kick) 13-75 5:47; ND 28, PITT 17
4th	12:30	ND	Adams 5 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick) 9-50 4:36; ND 35, PITT 17
4th	05:47	ND	Kizer 2 run (Yoon kick) 10-62 5:32; ND 42, PITT 17
4th	04:44	PITT	Boyd 51 pass from Peterman (Blewitt kick) 3-76 1:03; ND 42, PITT 24
4th	01:44	PITT	Price 32 fumble return (Peterman pass failed) ND 42; PITT 30

	ND	PITT
FIRST DOWNS	22	18
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	42-175	31-175
PASSING YARDS (NET)	262	223
Passes Comp-Att-Int	19-26-0	12-32-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	68-437	63-388
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-32
Punt Returns-Yards	3-18	4-28
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	4-66
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-51.8	6-42.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	3-25
Possession Time	33:39	26:21
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 14	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-25	4-31

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-Josh Adams 20-147, C.J. Prorise 5-28, Dexter Williams 3-6, Brandon Wimbush 3-4, DeShone Kizer 11-(-10). Pittsburgh-Nate Peterman 8-60, Tyler Boyd 3-43, Qadree Ollison 12-32, Jordan Whitehead 4-27, Chris James 2-10, Darrin Hall 2-4.

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 19-26-0-262. Pittsburgh-Nate Peterman 12-31-1-223, Tyler Boyd 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Will Fuller 7-152, Amir Carlisle 4-30, Torii Hunter Jr. 3-37, C.J. Prorise 2-29, Corey Robinson 1-12, Josh Adams 1-5, Chris Brown 1-(-3). Pittsburgh-Tyler Boyd 3-84, J.P. Holtz 3-58, Dontez Ford 2-58, Zach Chalingworth 1-8, Scott Orndoff 1-6, Chris James 1-5, Qadree Ollison 1-4.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-Matthias Farley 1-0. Pittsburgh-None.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 1-0, Josh Adams 1-0, Brandon Wimbush 1-1. Pittsburgh-None.

	<b>GAME 10</b>	
	Nov. 14, 2015   Notre Dame Stadium Attendance: 80,795   TV: NBC	
<b>WAKE FOREST</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>NO. 6/6 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>28</b>	

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** - On a day when Notre Dame honored the seniors on its football team, the Fighting Irish took another step toward authoring what may become a season that brings many more memorable moments. Notre Dame defeated Wake Forest, 28-7, to stay in the hunt for a playoff berth.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Wake Forest	0	0	7	0	7
Notre Dame	14	7	0	7	28

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st</b>	<b>03:41</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Kizer 12 run (Yoon kick)</b> 10-67 3:46; ND 7, WF 0
<b>1st</b>	<b>02:46</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Trumbetti 28 interception return (Yoon kick)</b> ND 14, WF 0
<b>2nd</b>	<b>09:59</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Adams 98 run (Yoon kick)</b> 2-99 0:52; ND 21, WF 0
<b>3rd</b>	<b>02:40</b>	<b>WF</b>	<b>Wolford 1 run (Weaver kick)</b> 11-55 6:16; ND 21, WF 7
<b>4th</b>	<b>10:58</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Kizer 5 run (Yoon kick)</b> 6-68 2:18; ND 28, WF 7

	<b>WF</b>	<b>ND</b>
FIRST DOWNS	23	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	44-121	30-171
PASSING YARDS (NET)	219	111
Passes Comp-Att-Int	19-30-1	13-19-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	74-340	49-282
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	3-16	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-39	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-28
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-50.0	5-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-58	4-45
Possession Time	35:48	24:12
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 16	6 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-4	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-21	3-23

**RUSHING:** Wake Forest-Tyler Bell 23-90, Kendall Hinton 4-23, John Wolford 15-5, Isaiah Robinson 2-3. Notre Dame-Josh Adams 17-141, DeShone Kizer 13-30.

**PASSING:** Wake Forest-John Wolford 19-30-1-219. Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 13-19-0-111.

**RECEIVING:** Wake Forest-KJ Brent 5-82, Tabari Hines 4-57, Tyler Bell 3-22, Chuck Wade 3-17, Cortez Lewis 2-30, Cam Serigne 2-11. Notre Dame-Will Fuller 3-37, Chris Brown 3-27, Torii Hunter Jr. 2-22, Josh Adams 2(-3), Amir Carlisle 1-18, Chase Hounshell 1-6, Corey Robinson 1-4.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Wake Forest-None. Notre Dame-Andrew Trumbetti 1-28.

**FUMBLES:** Wake Forest-John Wolford 2-0. Notre Dame-None.

	<b>GAME 11</b>	
	Nov. 21, 2015   Fenway Park Attendance: 38,686   TV: NBCSN	
<b>BOSTON COLLEGE</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>NO. 5/5 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>19</b>	

**BOSTON** - Notre Dame made itself at home in Boston College territory. Taking over Fenway Park for a far-flung home game, the fifth-ranked Fighting Irish spent most of it on the BC side of the field, overcoming five turnovers to beat the Eagles 19-16.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Boston College	0	0	3	13	16
Notre Dame	10	0	6	3	19

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st</b>	<b>05:59</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Yoon 30 field goal</b> 8-64 3:33; ND 3, BC 0
<b>1st</b>	<b>00:04</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Carlisle 10 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)</b> 6-40 1:56; ND 10, BC 0
<b>3rd</b>	<b>13:10</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Lichtenberg 43 field goal</b> 4-2 1:50; ND 10, BC 3
<b>3rd</b>	<b>01:10</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Brown 12 pass from Kizer (Kizer pass failed)</b> 8-73 3:12; ND 16, BC 3
<b>4th</b>	<b>10:35</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Yoon 35 field goal</b> 8-60 3:31; ND 19, BC 3
<b>4th</b>	<b>10:17</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Smith 80 run (Smith pass failed)</b> 1-80 0:18; ND 19, BC 9
<b>4th</b>	<b>00:54</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>Callinan 3 pass from Smith (Lichtenberg kick)</b> 9-86 3:05; ND 19, BC 16

	<b>BC</b>	<b>ND</b>
FIRST DOWNS	13	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	36-214	33-123
PASSING YARDS (NET)	88	324
Passes Comp-Att-Int	12-22-0	21-39-3
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	58-302	72-447
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-13	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1(-6)	3(-4)
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-124	3-44
Interception Returns-Yards	3-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	9-38.9	4-47.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	9-75	4-31
Possession Time	28:52	31:08
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 13	4 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	2-15

**RUSHING:** Boston College-Jeff Smith 5-100, John Fadule 8-64, Richard Wilson 7-24, Myles Wills 7-14, Tyler Rouse 7-8, Justin Simmons 1-3, Sherman Alston 1-1. Notre Dame-C.J. Prosise 8-57, Josh Adams 14-36, DeShone Kizer 7-33, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-4, Dexter Williams 1(-2), Team 2 (-5).

**PASSING:** Boston College-John Fadule 7-16-0-64, Jeff Smith 5-6-0-24. Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 21-39-3-324.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Tyler Rouse 3-27, Charlie Callinan 3-17, Thadd Smith 3-8, Tom Sweeney 1-22, Harrison Jackson 1-9, David Dudeck 1-5. Notre Dame-Amir Carlisle 8-101, Chris Brown 6-104, Will Fuller 3-72, C.J. Prosise 1-17, Corey Robinson 1-15, Torii Hunter Jr. 1-11, Alizé Jones 1-4.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Boston College-John Johnson 1-0, Justin Simmons 2-0. Notre Dame-None.

**FUMBLES:** Boston College-Sherman Alston 1-1, Tyler Rouse 1-0, Jeff Smith 1-0. Notre Dame-C.J. Prosise 2-1, Josh Adams 1-1, C.J. Sanders 1-0.

	<b>GAME 12</b>	
	Nov. 28, 2015   Stanford Stadium Attendance: 51,424   TV: FOX	
<b>NO. 4/4 NOTRE DAME</b>	<b>36</b>	
<b>NO. 13/12 STANFORD</b>	<b>38</b>	

**STANFORD, Calif.** - DeShone Kizer had given the Irish a one-point lead on his 2-yard run with 30 seconds left only to see Kevin Hogan drive Stanford to the win. Hogan threw four touchdown passes and led Stanford to the game-winning 45-yard field goal by Conrad Ukropina as time expired.

<b>Score by quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Final</b>
Notre Dame	7	13	9	7	36
Stanford	14	7	7	10	38

**Scoring Summary**

<b>1st</b>	<b>09:29</b>	<b>STAN</b>	<b>Wright 1 pass from Hogan (Ukropina kick)</b> 11-75 5:31; STAN 7, ND 0
<b>1st</b>	<b>09:18</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Sanders 93 kickoff return (Yoon kick)</b> ND 7, STAN 7
<b>1st</b>	<b>01:54</b>	<b>STAN</b>	<b>Cajuste 6 pass from Hogan (Ukropina kick)</b> 12-78 7:27; STAN 14, ND 7
<b>2nd</b>	<b>12:26</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Yoon 26 field goal</b> 10-70 4:28; STAN 14, ND 10
<b>2nd</b>	<b>05:02</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Yoon 25 field goal</b> 11-84 4:19; STAN 14, ND 13
<b>2nd</b>	<b>02:15</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Fuller 73 pass from Kizer (Yoon kick)</b> 1-73 0:08; ND 20, STAN 14
<b>2nd</b>	<b>00:48</b>	<b>STAN</b>	<b>Rector 14 pass from Hogan (Ukropina kick)</b> 4-75 1:27; STAN 21, ND 20
<b>3rd</b>	<b>11:03</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Yoon 29 field goal</b> 11-73 3:57; ND 23, STAN 21
<b>3rd</b>	<b>06:58</b>	<b>STAN</b>	<b>Wright 1 run (Ukropina kick)</b> 7-76 4:05; STAN 28, ND 23
<b>3rd</b>	<b>05:24</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Adams 62 run (Kizer pass failed)</b> 5-86 1:34; ND 29, STAN 28
<b>4th</b>	<b>14:55</b>	<b>STAN</b>	<b>Hooper 10 pass from Hogan (Ukropina kick)</b> 9-74 5:29; STAN 35, ND 29
<b>4th</b>	<b>00:30</b>	<b>ND</b>	<b>Kizer 2 run (Yoon kick)</b> 15-88 6:18; ND 36, STAN 35
<b>4th</b>	<b>00:00</b>	<b>STAN</b>	<b>Ukropina 45 field goal</b> 5-45 0:30; STAN 38, ND 36

	<b>ND</b>	<b>STAN</b>
FIRST DOWNS	24	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	35-299	43-153
PASSING YARDS (NET)	234	269
Passes Comp-Att-Int	13-25-0	17-21-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	60-533	64-422
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-1	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-8	1-6
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-182	6-131
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-51.5	4-45.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-65	1-5
Possession Time	24:01	35:59
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 9	8 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	0-0

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-Josh Adams 18-168, DeShone Kizer 16-128, Dexter Williams 1-3. Stanford-Christian McCaffrey 29-94, Bryce Love 3-33, Kevin Hogan 8-18, Remound Wright 4-9. Team 1(-1).

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 13-25-0-234. Stanford-Kevin Hogan 17-21-0-269.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Will Fuller 6-136, Torii Hunter Jr. 2-33, Corey Robinson 2-30, Josh Adams 2-28, Chris Brown 1-7. Stanford-Devon Cajuste 5-125, Michael Rector 3-51, Austin Hooper 3-27, Christian McCaffrey 3-19, Dalton Schultz 1-22, Trenton Irwin 1-16, Remound Wright 1-1, Bryce Love 0-8.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-None. Stanford-None.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-DeShone Kizer 1-1. Stanford-None.

**Season Results (10-2)**

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Overall	Time	Attend
Sept. 5, 2015	TEXAS	W	38-3	1-0	3:11	80795
Sept. 12, 2015	at Virginia	W	34-27	2-0	3:36	58200
Sept. 19, 2015	#14 GEORGIA TECH	W	30-22	3-0	3:32	80795
Sept. 26, 2015	UMASS	W	62-27	4-0	3:30	80795
Oct. 3, 2015	at #11 Clemson	L	22-24	4-1	3:20	82415
Oct. 10, 2015	NAVY	W	41-24	5-1	3:14	80795
Oct. 17, 2015	USC	W	41-31	6-1	3:23	80795
Oct. 31, 2015	at #21 Temple	W	24-20	7-1	3:24	69280
Nov. 7, 2015	at Pittsburgh	W	42-30	8-1	3:23	68400
Nov. 14, 2015	WAKE FOREST	W	28-7	9-1	2:59	80795
Nov. 21, 2015	vs Boston College	W	19-16	10-1	3:22	38686
Nov. 28, 2015	at #13 Stanford	L	36-38	10-2	3:20	51424

**Individual Stats**

RUSHING	G-GS	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg / G
20 C.J. Prorise	10-9	156	1100	68	1032	6.6	11	91	103.2
33 Josh Adams	12-2	103	791	34	757	7.3	5	98	63.1
14 DeShone Kizer	12-10	119	631	132	499	4.2	9	79	41.6
8 Malik Zaire	2-2	19	129	26	103	5.4	0	39	51.5
12 Brandon Wimbush	2-0	7	109	13	96	13.7	1	58	48.0
34 Dexter Williams	6-0	19	82	3	79	4.2	1	14	13.2
25 Tarean Folston	1-1	3	19	0	19	6.3	0	15	19.0
16 Torii Hunter Jr.	12-1	5	18	2	16	3.2	0	8	1.3
3 Amir Carlisle	12-9	4	15	1	14	3.5	0	9	1.2
46 Josh Anderson	1-0	2	1	1	0	0.0	0	1	0.0
Team	7-0	10	0	37	-37	-3.7	0	0	-5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>2895</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>2578</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>214.8</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>2307</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>166.5</b>

PASSING	G-GS	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg / G
14 DeShone Kizer	12-10	151.7	189-298-9	63.4	2600	19	75	216.7
8 Malik Zaire	2-2	187.9	26-40-0	65.0	428	4	66	214.0
12 Brandon Wimbush	2-0	88.6	3-5-0	60.0	17	0	9	8.5
16 Torii Hunter Jr.	12-1	197.0	1-2-0	50.0	35	0	35	2.9
Team	7-0	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>154.4</b>	<b>219-347-9</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>256.7</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>188-343-8</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>195.9</b>

RECEIVING	G-GS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg / G
7 Will Fuller	12-12	56	1145	20.4	13	75	95.4
2 Chris Brown	12-12	44	562	12.8	3	38	46.8
3 Amir Carlisle	12-9	30	341	11.4	1	33	28.4
20 C.J. Prorise	10-9	26	308	11.8	1	56	30.8
16 Torii Hunter Jr.	12-1	24	311	13.0	2	40	25.9
88 Corey Robinson	11-0	13	159	12.2	1	22	14.5
10 Alizé Jones	12-5	11	166	15.1	0	45	13.8
33 Josh Adams	12-2	7	42	6.0	1	22	3.5
82 Nic Weishar	11-2	3	19	6.3	0	8	1.7
80 Durham Smythe	2-2	2	13	6.5	1	7	6.5
86 Equanimeous St. Brown	7-0	1	8	8.0	0	8	1.1
18 Chase Hounshell	12-3	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.5
9 C.J. Sanders	12-0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>256.7</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>195.9</b>

**Team Stats**

	ND	OPP
SCORING	417	269
Points Per Game	34.8	22.4
Points Off Turnovers	54	75
FIRST DOWNS	268	215
Rushing	122	95
Passing	128	96
Penalty	18	24
RUSHING YARDAGE	2578	1998
Yards gained rushing	2895	2307
Yards lost rushing	317	309
Rushing Attempts	447	442
Average Per Rush	5.8	4.5
Average Per Game	214.8	166.5
TDs Rushing	27	17
PASSING YARDAGE	3080	2351
Comp-Att-Int	219-347-9	188-343-8
Average Per Pass	8.9	6.9
Average Per Catch	14.1	12.5
Average Per Game	256.7	195.9
TDs Passing	23	17
TOTAL OFFENSE	5658	4349
Total Plays	794	785
Average Per Play	7.1	5.5
Average Per Game	471.5	362.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	33-765	55-1195
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	27-215	18-121
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	8-44	9-34
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	23.2	21.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	8.0	6.7
INT RETURN AVERAGE	5.5	3.8
FUMBLES-LOST	20-9	15-5
PENALTIES-Yards	64-566	63-602
Average Per Game	47.2	50.2
PUNTS-Yards	51-2238	70-2935
Average Per Punt	43.9	41.9
Net punt average	38.8	38.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	79-4856	50-3112
Average Per Kick	61.5	62.2
Net kick average	40.3	38.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:51	30:09
3RD-DOWN Conversions	63/147	56/170
3rd-Down Pct	43%	33%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	4/7	13/21
4th-Down Pct	57%	62%
SACKS BY-Yards	23-161	22-134
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	54	35
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	15-17	9-17
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	1-5
RED-ZONE SCORES (40-50)	80%	(26-34) 76%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS (28-50)	56%	(23-34) 68%
PAT-ATTEMPTS (46-48)	96%	(30-31) 97%
ATTENDANCE	484770	329719
Games/Avg Per Game	6/80795	5/65944
Neutral Site Games		1/38686

**Score By Quarters**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	123	91	90	113	417
Opponents	57	77	51	84	269



Individual Stats

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
9 C.J. Sanders	25	182	7.3	1	50
86 Equanimeous St. Brown	1	18	18.0	0	0
7 Will Fuller	1	10	10.0	0	10
3 Amir Carlisle	0	5	0.0	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
6 KeiVarae Russell	2	0	0.0	0	0
36 Cole Luke	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
22 Elijah Shumate	1	0	0.0	0	0
41 Matthias Farley	1	0	0.0	0	0
10 Max Redfield	1	19	19.0	0	19
98 Andrew Trumbetti	1	28	28.0	1	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
9 C.J. Sanders	23	580	25.2	1	93
3 Amir Carlisle	8	156	19.5	0	29
34 Dexter Williams	1	20	20.0	0	20
44 Doug Randolph	1	9	9.0	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
9 Jaylon Smith	1	17	17.0	0	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>

PATs

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
19 Justin Yoon	0	15-17	46-48	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	91
7 Will Fuller	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	78
20 C.J. Prorise	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	72
14 DeShone Kizer	9	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1-4	0	0	54
33 Josh Adams	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
2 Chris Brown	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
16 Torii Hunter Jr.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	14
3 Amir Carlisle	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
9 C.J. Sanders	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
12 Brandon Wimbush	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
88 Corey Robinson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
98 Andrew Trumbetti	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
34 Dexter Williams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
80 Durham Smythe	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>15-17</b>	<b>46-48</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9-17</b>	<b>30-31</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>269</b>

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg / G
14 DeShone Kizer	12	417	499	2600	3099	258.2
20 C.J. Prorise	10	156	1032	0	1032	103.2
33 Josh Adams	12	103	757	0	757	63.1
8 Malik Zaire	2	59	103	428	531	265.5
12 Brandon Wimbush	2	12	96	17	113	56.5
34 Dexter Williams	6	19	79	0	79	13.2
16 Torii Hunter Jr.	12	7	16	35	51	4.2
25 Tarean Folston	1	3	19	0	19	19.0
3 Amir Carlisle	12	4	14	0	14	1.2
Team	7	12	-37	0	-37	-5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>2578</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>5658</b>	<b>471.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>4349</b>	<b>362.4</b>

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
19 Justin Yoon	15-17	88.2	0-0	5-5	7-8	2-3	1-1	52	0

FIELD GOAL SEQUENCE	Notre Dame	Opponents
Texas	(38),45	52,(41)
Virginia	(32),(45),34	43
Georgia Tech	(29)	30,43
UMass	-	-
Clemson	(46)	(35),45
Navy	(52),(36)	44,(40)
USC	(32),(32)	(42),36
Temple	(23)	(41),(36)
Pittsburgh	-	(22)
Wake Forest	-	51
Boston College	(30),(35)	(43)
Stanford	(26),(25),(29)	(45)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
85 Tyler Newsome	49	2157	44.0	62	7	7	20	18	0
14 DeShone Kizer	2	81	40.5	43	0	0	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2238</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2935</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
85 Tyler Newsome	79	4856	61.5	19	5			
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4856</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3112</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>26</b>

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg / G
20 C.J. Prorise	10	1032	308	0	0	0	1340	134.0
7 Will Fuller	12	0	1145	10	0	0	1155	96.2
33 Josh Adams	12	757	42	0	0	0	799	66.6
9 C.J. Sanders	12	0	0	182	580	0	762	63.5
2 Chris Brown	12	0	562	0	0	0	562	46.8
3 Amir Carlisle	12	14	341	5	156	0	516	43.0
14 DeShone Kizer	12	499	0	0	0	0	499	41.6
16 Torii Hunter Jr.	12	16	311	0	0	0	327	27.2
10 Alizé Jones	12	0	166	0	0	0	166	13.8
88 Corey Robinson	11	0	159	0	0	0	159	14.5
8 Malik Zaire	2	103	0	0	0	0	103	51.5
34 Dexter Williams	6	79	0	0	20	0	99	16.5
12 Brandon Wimbush	2	96	0	0	0	0	96	48.0
98 Andrew Trumbetti	11	0	0	0	0	28	28	2.5
86 Equanimeous St. Brown	7	0	8	18	0	0	26	3.7
82 Nic Weishar	11	0	19	0	0	0	19	1.7
25 Tarean Folston	1	19	0	0	0	0	19	19.0
10 Max Redfield	11	0	0	0	0	19	19	1.7
80 Durham Smythe	2	0	13	0	0	0	13	6.5
44 Doug Randolph	12	0	0	0	9	0	9	0.8
18 Chase Hounshell	12	0	6	0	0	0	6	0.5
36 Cole Luke	12	0	0	0	0	-3	-3	-0.2
Team	7	-37	0	0	0	0	-37	-5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2578</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6682</b>	<b>556.8</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5699</b>	<b>474.9</b>

**Defensive Stats**

	G-GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	Sck-Yds	Int-Yds	PBU	PD	QBH	FR-Yds	FF	Blk	Saf
9 SMITH, Jaylon	12-12	68	45	113	9.0-25	1.0-8	.	5	5	6	2-17	1	.	.
38 SCHMIDT, Joe	12-12	32	33	65	3.0-11	2.0-10	.	3	3	6	.	.	.	.
10 REDFIELD, Max	11-11	39	25	64	2.0-12	1.0-10	1-19	2	3	1	.	.	.	.
6 RUSSELL, KeiVarae	11-11	48	12	60	3.5-20	1.0-11	2-0	4	6	.	.	2	.	.
90 ROCHELL, Isaac	12-11	28	30	58	7.5-19	1.0-3	.	2	2	7	.	.	.	.
22 SHUMATE, Elijah	12-11	43	14	57	6.5-15	.	1-0	2	3	.	.	.	.	.
45 OKWARA, Romeo	12-12	28	15	43	12.5-65	8.0-54	.	.	.	7	1-0	.	1	.
91 DAY, Sheldon	12-12	29	12	41	14.5-66	4.0-30	.	2	2	13	.	1	.	.
17 ONWUALU, James	10-8	19	17	36	5.0-17	2.0-13	.	2	2	1	.	1	.	.
36 LUKE, Cole	12-12	23	12	35	1.0-2	.	2--3	4	6	1	.	.	.	.
48 MARTINI, Greer	12-4	19	16	35	2.5-9	1.0-7	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
41 FARLEY, Matthias	12-2	20	13	33	.	.	1-0	1	2	.	.	1	.	.
75 CAGE, Daniel	10-7	7	10	17	3.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 GRACE, Jarrett	12-0	7	10	17	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 MORGAN, Nyles	12-0	9	8	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
99 TILLERY, Jerry	12-3	9	3	12	2.0-7	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 TRUMBETTI, Andrew	11-2	7	5	12	0.5-2	.	1-28	.	1	4	.	.	.	.
4 CONEY, Te'von	11-0	5	7	12	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12 BUTLER, Devin	12-1	6	5	11	.	.	.	2	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
23 TRANQUILL, Drue	3-1	6	3	9	2.5-8	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.
29 BARATTI, Nicky	12-0	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 WATKINS, Nick	11-0	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 COLEMAN, Nick	12-0	2	3	5	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.
55 BONNER, Johnathan	9-0	1	3	4	1.0-11	1.0-11	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
44 RANDOLPH, Doug	12-0	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
85 NEWSOME, Tyler	12-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 CAVALARIS, Connor	5-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9A SANDERS, C.J.	12-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16 HUNTER JR, Torii	12-1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 FERTITTA, Nicco	10-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
92 BLANKENSHIP, Grant	3-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33 ADAMS, Josh	12-2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1A JONES, Alize	12-5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 MATUSKA, Jacob	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 FULLER, Will	12-12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
61 DALY, Scott	12-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
86 ST. BROWN, E.	7-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>77-301</b>	<b>23-161</b>	<b>8-44</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5-17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	.
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>79-273</b>	<b>22-134</b>	<b>9-34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9-61</b>	<b>14</b>	.	.

**Special Teams Tackles**

Player	Total	KO	Punt	Player	Kickoff	Player	Punt
Jarrett Grace, LB	8	6	2	Nyles Morgan, LB	8	Matthias Farley, S	3
Nyles Morgan, LB	8	8	0	KeiVarae Russell, CB	7	Nicky Baratti, S	3
KeiVarae Russell, CB	7	7	0	Jarrett Grace, LB	6	Jarrett Grace, LB	2
Devin Butler, CB	7	5	2	Te'von Coney, LB	6	Devin Butler, CB	2
Matthias Farley, S	7	4	3	Max Redfield, S	6	James Onwualu, LB	2
Te'von Coney, LB	6	6	0	Devin Butler, CB	5	Connor Cavalaris, CB	1
Max Redfield, S	6	6	0	Nick Coleman, CB	5	Greer Martini, LB	1
Nick Coleman, CB	5	5	0	Matthias Farley, S	4	Josh Adams, RB	1
James Onwualu, LB	5	3	2	James Onwualu, LB	3	Torii Hunter Jr., WR	1
Nicky Baratti, S	4	1	3	Tyler Newsome, K/P	3	Scott Daly, LS	1
Tyler Newsome, K/P	3	3	0	Elijah Shumate, S	3	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>
Elijah Shumate, S	3	3	0	Nick Watkins, CB	3		
Nick Watkins, CB	3	3	0	Nicky Baratti, S	1		
Connor Cavalaris, CB	2	1	1	Connor Cavalaris, CB	1		
Jaylon Smith, LB	1	1	0	Jaylon Smith, LB	1		
Greer Martini, LB	1	0	1	Doug Randolph, DL	1		
Doug Randolph, DL	1	1	0	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>64</b>		
Josh Adams, RB	1	0	1				
Torii Hunter Jr., WR	1	0	1				
Scott Daly, LS	1	0	1				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>18</b>				

**TACKLES BREAKDOWN**

Running Plays		
Jaylon Smith, LB		88
Issac Rochell, DL		56
Joe Schmidt, LB		53
Max Redfield, S		41
Sheldon Day, DL		35
Romeo Okwara, DL		33
Elijah Shumate, S		31
Greer Martini, LB		27
James Onwualu, LB		19
Matthias Farley, S		18
Daniel Cage, DL		17
KeiVarae Russell, CB		14
Cole Luke, CB		12
Andrew Trumbetti, DL		11
Jerry Tillery, DL		11
Jarrett Grace, LB		8
Drue Tranquill, S		6
Nyles Morgan, LB		4
Johnathan Bonner, DL		3
Doug Randolph, DL		2
Te'von Coney, LB		2
Jacob Matuska, DL		1
Nicky Baratti, S		1
Devin Butler, CB		1
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>494</b>

**Passing Plays**

KeiVarae Russell, CB	37
Elijah Shumate, S	23
Cole Luke, CB	22
Jaylon Smith, LB	22
Max Redfield, S	16
Joe Schmidt, LB	10
James Onwualu, LB	9
Matthias Farley, S	7
Greer Martini, LB	6
Te'von Coney, LB	4
Nyles Morgan, LB	3
Devin Butler, CB	3
Drue Tranquill, S	3
Nick Watkins, CB	2
Romeo Okwara, DL	2
Nicky Baratti, S	1
Doug Randolph, DL	1
Jarrett Grace, LB	1
Andrew Trumbetti, DL	1
Sheldon Day, DL	1
Issac Rochell, DL	1
Grant Blankenship, DL	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>176</b>

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Starters**

**OFFENSE**

	<b>WR</b>	<b>LT</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>RG</b>	<b>RT</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>QB</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>WR</b>
Texas	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	Smythe	Folston	Zaire	Hunter Jr.	Brown
Virginia	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	Smythe	Prosise	Zaire	Luatua (TE)	Brown
Georgia Tech	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	A. Jones	Prosise	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown
UMass	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	A. Jones	Prosise	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown
Clemson	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	Weishar	Prosise	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown
Navy	Fuller	Stanley	Bars	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	A. Jones	Prosise	Kizer	Luatua (TE)	Brown
USC	Fuller	Stanley	Bars	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	Hounshell	Prosise	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown
Temple	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	Hounshell	Prosise	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown
Pittsburgh	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	A. Jones	Prosise	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown
Wake Forest	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	Hounshell	Adams	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown
Boston College	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	A. Jones	Prosise	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown
Stanford	Fuller	Stanley	Nelson	Martin	Elmer	McGlinchey	Weishar	Adams	Kizer	Carlisle	Brown

**DEFENSE**

	<b>DL</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>CB</b>
Texas	Okwara	Day	Cage	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Onwualu	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
Virginia	Okwara	Day	Cage	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Onwualu	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
Georgia Tech	Okwara	Day	Tillery	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Martini	Russell	Shumate	Tranquill	Luke
UMass	Okwara	Day	Cage	Farley (S)	Schmidt	Smith	Onwualu	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
Clemson	Okwara	Day	Cage	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Onwualu	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
Navy	Okwara	Day	Tillery	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Martini	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
USC	Okwara	Day	Cage	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Onwualu	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
Temple	Okwara	Day	Cage	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Onwualu	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
Pittsburgh	Okwara	Day	Cage	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Onwualu	Russell	Farley	Redfield	Luke
Wake Forest	Okwara	Day	Rochell	Trumbetti	Schmidt	Smith	Onwualu	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
Boston College	Okwara	Day	Rochell	Trumbetti	Schmidt	Smith	Martini	Russell	Shumate	Redfield	Luke
Stanford	Okwara	Day	Tillery	Rochell	Schmidt	Smith	Martini	Butler	Shumate	Redfield	Luke

**SPECIALISTS**

	<b>P</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>KO</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>LS</b>	<b>SS</b>
Texas	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Virginia	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Georgia Tech	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
UMass	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Clemson	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Navy	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
USC	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Temple	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Pittsburgh	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Wake Forest	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Boston College	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly
Stanford	Newsome	Yoon	Newsome	Kizer	Daly	Daly



**Notre Dame Participation Report**

#	Player	gp / gs	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
33	Josh Adams	12/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START
46	Josh Anderson	1/-	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Nicky Baratti	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
71	Alex Bars	6/2	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	...	...	...	...	...
70	Hunter Bivin	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
92	Grant Blankenship	3/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX
3B	Jesse Bongiovi	1/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	Jonathan Bonner	9/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
2	Chris Brown	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
86	Equanimeous St. Brown	7/-	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...
12	Devin Butler	12/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
75	Daniel Cage	10/7	START	START	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	...	...	XXX
3	Amir Carlisle	12/9	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START
47	Conor Cavalaris	5/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
24	Nick Coleman	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
4	Te'Von Coney	11/-	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
61	Scott Daly	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
91	Sheldon Day	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
79	Steve Elmer	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
41	Matthias Farley	12/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
28	Nicco Fertitta	10/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
25	Tarean Folston	1/1	START	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Will Fuller	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
59	Jarrett Grace	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
7A	Mark Harrell	5/-	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...
18	Chase Hounshell	12/3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX
37	Omar Hunter	1/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Torii Hunter Jr.	12/1	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1A	Alizé Jones	12/5	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX
14	DeShone Kizer	12/10	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
13	Tyler Lutatua	9/2	XXX	START	XXX	...	...	START	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
36	Cole Luke	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
72	Nick Martin	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
48	Greer Martini	12/4	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START
89	Jacob Matuska	1/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
68	Mike McGlinchey	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
62	Colin McGovern	8/-	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
96	Pete Mokwuah	2/-	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
60	John Montelus	3/-	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...
5	Nyles Morgan	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
53	Sam Mustipher	9/-	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
56	Quenton Nelson	11/10	START	START	START	START	START	...	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
85	Tyler Newsome	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
45	Romeo Okwara	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
17	James Onwualu	10/8	START	START	XXX	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	...	...
32	Nick Ossello	6/-	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...
20	C.J. Proisie	10/9	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	START	...
44	Doug Randolph	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
39	Drew Recker	1/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Max Redfield	11/11	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
88	Corey Robinson	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
90	Isaac Rochell	12/11	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
6	KeiVarae Russell	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
9A	C.J. Sanders	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
38	Joe Schmidt	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
8A	Avery Sebastian	1/-	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Elijah Shumate	12/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START
9B	Hunter Smith	1/-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
9	Jaylon Smith	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
80	Durham Smythe	2/2	START	START	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
78	Ronnie Stanley	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
99	Jerry Tillery	12/3	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
23	Drue Tranquill	3/1	XXX	XXX	START	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
98	Andrew Trumbetti	11/2	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX
31	John Turner	5/-	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
4A	Montgomery VanGorder	1/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	Nick Watkins	11/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX
26	Austin Webster	1/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
82	Nic Weishar	11/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	START
34	Dexter Williams	6/-	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1B	Brandon Wimbush	2/-	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...
19	Justin Yoon	12/-	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
8	Malik Zaire	2/2	START	START	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Notre Dame Game-by-Game Stats

Date	Opponent	RUSHING				RECEIVING				PASSING				KICK RET				PUNT RET				tot off
		No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	
Sept. 5	TEXAS	52	214	2	25	19	313	3	66	19-23-0	313	3	66	1	10	0	10	3	-1	0	5	527
Sept. 12	at Virginia	34	253	1	39	15	207	3	59	15-30-0	207	3	59	2	35	0	20	4	48	0	30	460
Sept. 19	GEORGIA TECH	32	215	3	91	21	242	1	46	21-30-1	242	1	46	1	16	0	16	2	7	0	6	457
Sept. 26	UMASS	51	457	6	70	18	224	2	37	18-28-1	224	2	37	4	95	0	29	3	63	1	50	681
Oct. 3	at Clemson	32	111	1	26	19	321	2	56	19-35-1	321	2	56	4	100	0	46	2	10	0	10	432
Oct. 10	NAVY	40	178	4	22	22	281	1	30	22-31-1	281	1	30	4	84	0	23	0	0	0	0	459
Oct. 17	USC	35	214	2	31	16	262	2	75	16-25-0	262	2	75	6	135	0	33	2	48	1	25	476
Oct. 31	at Temple	31	168	2	79	23	299	1	45	23-36-2	299	1	45	3	64	0	22	3	18	0	7	467
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	42	175	1	25	19	262	5	47	19-26-0	262	5	47	0	0	0	0	3	18	0	9	437
Nov. 14	WAKE FOREST	30	171	3	98	13	111	0	22	13-19-0	111	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	282
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	33	123	0	31	21	324	2	38	21-39-3	324	2	38	2	44	0	28	3	-4	0	0	447
Nov. 28	at Stanford	35	299	2	62	13	234	1	73	13-25-0	234	1	73	6	182	1	93	2	8	0	5	533
<b>Notre Dame</b>		<b>447</b>	<b>2578</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>219-347-9</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5658</b>
<b>Opponent</b>		<b>442</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>188-343-8</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4349</b>

Games played: 12  
 Avg per rush: 5.8  
 Avg per catch: 14.1  
 Pass efficiency: 154.36  
 Kick ret avg: 23.2  
 Punt ret avg: 8.0  
 All purpose avg / game: 556.8  
 Total offense avg / game: 471.5

Date	Opponent	TACKLES				SACKS	FUMBLE		PASS DEFENSE			Blkd Kick	PAT ATTEMPTS			Saf	Pts
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds		No-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH		Brk	A-M	Run		
Sept. 5	TEXAS	26	30	56	7.0-40	4.0-31	0	0-0	0-0	8	2	0	5-5	0	0	0	38
Sept. 12	at Virginia	39	30	69	6.0-28	1.0-11	1	1-0	0-0	0	4	0	2-2	0	1	0	34
Sept. 19	GEORGIA TECH	39	26	65	6.0-26	2.0-10	3	1-17	0-0	7	6	0	3-4	0	0	0	30
Sept. 26	UMASS	46	32	78	9.0-35	2.0-19	1	0-0	1--3	8	7	1	8-9	0	0	0	62
Oct. 3	at Clemson	46	14	60	6.0-12	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	3	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	22
Oct. 10	NAVY	33	38	71	6.0-16	1.0-5	1	2-0	1-0	2	0	0	5-5	0	0	0	41
Oct. 17	USC	45	26	71	6.0-17	2.0-9	0	0-0	2-19	8	3	1	5-5	0	0	0	41
Oct. 31	at Temple	35	18	53	7.0-22	2.0-6	1	0-0	1-0	0	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	24
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	35	24	59	5.0-28	3.0-25	0	0-0	1-0	8	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	42
Nov. 14	WAKE FOREST	40	38	78	8.0-37	3.0-23	1	0-0	1-28	7	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	28
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	43	12	55	6.0-28	2.0-15	1	1-0	0-0	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	19
Nov. 28	at Stanford	44	26	70	5.0-12	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	36
<b>Notre Dame</b>		<b>471</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>77.0-301</b>	<b>23.0-161</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5-17</b>	<b>8-44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46-48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>Opponent</b>		<b>451</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>79.0-273</b>	<b>22.0-134</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9-61</b>	<b>9-34</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30-31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>269</b>

Date	Opponent	PUNTING					Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20	FIELD GOALS			KICKOFFS				
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	A-M						Lg	Blkd	No	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	
Sept. 5	TEXAS	4	165	41.2	50	0	1	1	1	3	1-2	38	0	7	426	60.9	0	1	
Sept. 12	at Virginia	4	223	55.8	62	0	2	0	3	1	2-3	45	0	7	427	61.0	3	0	
Sept. 19	GEORGIA TECH	5	198	39.6	53	0	0	2	1	2	1-1	29	0	6	377	62.8	3	0	
Sept. 26	UMASS	5	262	52.4	59	0	3	0	3	1	0-0	0	0	10	624	62.4	2	0	
Oct. 3	at Clemson	7	263	37.6	53	0	0	0	1	4	1-1	46	0	4	248	62.0	0	0	
Oct. 10	NAVY	2	84	42.0	46	0	0	0	0	1	2-2	52	0	7	425	60.7	2	0	
Oct. 17	USC	5	190	38.0	44	0	0	0	0	3	2-2	32	0	8	481	60.1	1	1	
Oct. 31	at Temple	4	135	33.8	41	0	0	1	0	1	1-1	23	0	5	317	63.4	2	1	
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	4	207	51.8	57	0	0	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	7	434	62.0	2	1	
Nov. 14	WAKE FOREST	5	220	44.0	54	0	0	1	1	3	0-0	0	0	5	311	62.2	2	1	
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	4	188	47.0	55	0	1	1	3	3	2-2	35	0	5	283	56.6	0	0	
Nov. 28	at Stanford	2	103	51.5	52	0	0	1	2	0	3-3	29	0	8	503	62.9	2	0	
<b>Notre Dame</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>2238</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15-17</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4856</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Opponent</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>2935</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9-17</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3112</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	

**Notre Dame Opponent Game-by-Game Stats**

Date	Opponent	RUSHING				RECEIVING				PASSING				KICK RET				PUNT RET				tot off
		No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	No	Yds	TD	Lg	
Sept. 5	TEXAS	29	60	0	11	8	103	0	48	8-23-0	103	0	48	6	125	0	24	2	3	0	3	163
Sept. 12	at Virginia	30	127	2	35	26	289	2	42	26-38-0	289	2	42	4	51	0	16	1	11	0	11	416
Sept. 19	GEORGIA TECH	47	216	1	48	8	121	2	28	8-24-0	121	2	28	3	60	0	21	3	43	0	18	337
Sept. 26	UMASS	29	148	3	83	28	302	1	56	28-48-1	302	1	56	8	151	0	28	1	7	0	7	450
Oct. 3	at Clemson	43	212	1	38	10	84	2	24	10-21-1	84	2	24	4	128	0	44	1	0	0	0	296
Oct. 10	NAVY	49	318	3	51	3	22	0	11	3-6-1	22	0	11	5	147	0	58	0	0	0	0	340
Oct. 17	USC	30	150	1	65	31	440	3	83	31-47-2	440	3	83	6	137	0	33	0	0	0	0	590
Oct. 31	at Temple	32	107	1	39	13	188	1	31	13-30-1	188	1	31	2	36	0	19	1	13	0	13	295
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	31	175	2	37	12	223	1	51	12-32-1	223	1	51	4	66	0	24	4	28	0	17	398
Nov. 14	WAKE FOREST	44	121	1	23	19	219	0	52	19-30-1	219	0	52	2	39	0	20	3	16	0	14	340
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	35	211	1	80	13	91	1	22	13-23-0	91	1	22	5	124	0	67	1	-6	0	0	302
Nov. 28	at Stanford	43	153	1	21	17	269	4	42	17-21-0	269	4	42	6	131	0	26	1	6	0	6	422
<b>Opponent</b>		<b>442</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>188-343-8</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4349</b>
<b>Notre Dame</b>		<b>447</b>	<b>2578</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>219-347-9</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5658</b>

**Games played:** 12

**Avg per rush:** 4.5

**Avg per catch:** 12.5

**Pass efficiency:** 124.08

**Kick ret avg:** 21.7

**Punt ret avg:** 6.7

**All purpose avg / game:** 474.9

**Total offense avg / game:** 362.4

Date	Opponent	TACKLES				SACKS	FUMBLE		PASS DEFENSE			Blkd Kick	PAT ATTEMPTS			Saf	Pts	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds		No-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH		Brk	A-M	Run			Rcv
Sept. 5	TEXAS	41	36	77	9.0-39	1.0-12	1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Sept. 12	at Virginia	33	32	65	5.0-11	2.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	27
Sept. 19	GEORGIA TECH	37	20	57	5.0-17	1.0-10	1	1-11	1-0	6	1	0	2-2	1	0	0	0	22
Sept. 26	UMASS	38	44	82	2.0-3	1.0-2	0	0-0	1-12	0	1	0	3-4	0	0	0	0	27
Oct. 3	at Clemson	42	22	64	9.0-35	4.0-18	5	3-5	1-0	0	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
Oct. 10	NAVY	33	46	79	6.0-15	2.0-8	0	0-0	1-1	1	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24
Oct. 17	USC	32	36	68	7.0-33	4.0-26	1	1-0	0-0	2	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31
Oct. 31	at Temple	43	28	71	6.0-19	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-21	0	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	46	14	60	10.0-41	4.0-31	2	1-32	0-0	0	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	30
Nov. 14	WAKE FOREST	24	30	54	10.0-36	3.0-21	0	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	47	12	59	8.0-19	0.0-0	3	2-13	3-0	0	4	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	16
Nov. 28	at Stanford	35	22	57	2.0-5	0.0-0	1	1-0	0-0	1	2	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
<b>Opponent</b>		<b>451</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>79.0-273</b>	<b>22.0-134</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9-61</b>	<b>9-34</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30-31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>Notre Dame</b>		<b>471</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>77.0-301</b>	<b>23.0-161</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5-17</b>	<b>8-44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46-48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>417</b>

Date	Opponent	PUNTING					FIELD GOALS					KICKOFFS						
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20	A-M	Lg	Blkd	No	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Sept. 5	TEXAS	10	423	42.3	56	0	0	3	3	2	1-2	41	0	2	130	65.0	1	0
Sept. 12	at Virginia	5	236	47.2	59	0	0	0	3	0	0-1	0	0	5	320	64.0	3	0
Sept. 19	GEORGIA TECH	7	283	40.4	51	0	0	1	2	3	0-2	0	0	2	128	64.0	1	0
Sept. 26	UMASS	7	318	45.4	52	0	1	3	3	3	0-0	0	0	5	315	63.0	1	0
Oct. 3	at Clemson	8	331	41.4	54	0	0	1	2	5	1-2	35	0	5	286	57.2	1	0
Oct. 10	NAVY	2	89	44.5	49	0	1	1	0	1	1-2	40	0	5	318	63.6	1	0
Oct. 17	USC	4	110	27.5	44	1	0	2	0	2	1-2	42	0	6	356	59.3	0	0
Oct. 31	at Temple	5	208	41.6	48	0	0	0	0	2	2-2	41	0	5	321	64.2	2	0
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	6	256	42.7	50	0	0	2	1	2	1-1	22	0	4	260	65.0	4	0
Nov. 14	WAKE FOREST	3	150	50.0	58	0	1	1	2	1	0-1	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	9	350	38.9	55	0	0	4	1	1	1-1	43	0	3	178	59.3	0	1
Nov. 28	at Stanford	4	181	45.2	55	0	0	2	1	2	1-1	45	0	6	370	61.7	0	0
<b>Opponent</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>2935</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9-17</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3112</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Notre Dame</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>2238</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15-17</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4856</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>



Game-by-Game Comparison

Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	TO
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att-Int	Yards			
TEXAS	38-3	30 / 8	14 / 2	14 / 5	2 / 1	52-214 / 29-60	19-23-0 / 8-23-0	313 / 103	75-527 / 52-163	9 / 128	0 / 0
at Virginia	34-27	20 / 22	12 / 4	7 / 16	1 / 2	34-253 / 30-127	15-30-0 / 26-38-0	207 / 289	64-460 / 68-416	83 / 62	0 / 1
GEORGIA TECH	30-22	17 / 21	8 / 12	9 / 6	0 / 3	32-215 / 47-216	21-30-1 / 8-24-0	242 / 121	62-457 / 71-337	40 / 114	2 / 1
UMASS	62-27	30 / 22	17 / 4	13 / 13	0 / 5	51-457 / 29-148	18-28-1 / 28-48-1	224 / 302	79-681 / 77-450	155 / 170	1 / 1
at Clemson	22-24	20 / 15	6 / 9	12 / 5	2 / 1	32-111 / 43-212	19-35-1 / 10-21-1	321 / 84	67-432 / 64-296	110 / 133	4 / 1
NAVY	41-24	27 / 16	12 / 16	13 / 0	2 / 0	40-178 / 49-318	22-31-1 / 3-6-1	281 / 22	71-459 / 55-340	84 / 148	1 / 3
USC	41-31	21 / 19	12 / 6	7 / 12	2 / 1	35-214 / 30-150	16-25-0 / 31-47-2	262 / 440	60-476 / 77-590	202 / 137	1 / 2
at Temple	24-20	20 / 16	7 / 7	9 / 7	4 / 2	31-168 / 32-107	23-36-2 / 13-30-1	299 / 188	67-467 / 62-295	82 / 70	2 / 1
at Pittsburgh	42-30	22 / 18	11 / 9	11 / 8	0 / 1	42-175 / 31-175	19-26-0 / 12-32-1	262 / 223	68-437 / 63-398	18 / 126	1 / 1
WAKE FOREST	28-7	15 / 23	5 / 11	8 / 9	2 / 3	30-171 / 44-121	13-19-0 / 19-30-1	111 / 219	49-282 / 74-340	28 / 55	0 / 1
vs. Boston College	19-16	22 / 13	4 / 7	15 / 5	3 / 1	33-123 / 35-211	21-39-3 / 13-23-0	324 / 91	72-447 / 58-302	40 / 131	5 / 1
at Stanford	36-38	24 / 22	14 / 8	10 / 10	0 / 4	35-299 / 43-153	13-25-0 / 17-21-0	234 / 269	60-533 / 64-422	190 / 137	1 / 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>417-269</b>	<b>268 / 215</b>	<b>122 / 95</b>	<b>128 / 96</b>	<b>18 / 24</b>	<b>447-2578 / 442-1998</b>	<b>219-347-9 / 188-343-8</b>	<b>3080 / 2351</b>	<b>794-5658 / 785-4349</b>	<b>1041 / 1411</b>	<b>18 / 13</b>

Opponent	3rd Down Conversions	4th Down Conversions	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds / Rush	Avg Yds / Pass	Avg Yds / Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards
at Virginia	0-10 / 6-14	2-3 / 1-1	26:37 / 33:23	-6:46	7.4 / 4.2	6.9 / 7.6	7.2 / 6.1	4-55.8 / 5-47.2	4-40 / 9-55
GEORGIA TECH	4-11 / 3-15	0-0 / 2-3	27:08 / 32:52	-5:44	6.7 / 4.6	8.1 / 5.0	7.4 / 4.7	5-39.6 / 7-40.4	8-55 / 4-30
UMASS	8-13 / 5-16	0-0 / 1-3	30:15 / 29:45	0:30	9.0 / 5.1	8.0 / 6.3	8.6 / 5.8	5-52.4 / 7-45.4	8-75 / 4-35
at Clemson	4-12 / 5-15	0-0 / 0-0	30:06 / 29:54	0:12	3.5 / 4.9	9.2 / 4.0	6.4 / 4.6	7-37.6 / 8-41.4	6-40 / 5-44
NAVY	7-12 / 2-11	1-1 / 4-4	31:16 / 28:44	2:32	4.4 / 6.5	9.1 / 3.7	6.5 / 6.2	2-42.0 / 2-44.5	4-35 / 3-41
USC	5-12 / 6-16	0-0 / 2-3	28:52 / 31:08	-2:16	6.1 / 5.0	10.5 / 9.4	7.9 / 7.7	5-38.0 / 4-27.5	4-40 / 10-105
at Temple	6-14 / 4-14	0-1 / 2-2	31:44 / 28:16	3:28	5.4 / 3.3	8.3 / 6.3	7.0 / 4.8	4-33.8 / 5-41.6	8-81 / 6-79
at Pittsburgh	8-14 / 6-14	0-1 / 1-1	33:39 / 26:21	7:18	4.2 / 5.6	10.1 / 7.0	6.4 / 6.3	4-51.8 / 6-42.7	2-20 / 3-25
WAKE FOREST	6-11 / 7-16	0-0 / 0-3	24:12 / 35:48	-11:36	5.7 / 2.8	5.8 / 7.3	5.8 / 4.6	5-44.0 / 3-50.0	4-45 / 5-58
vs. Boston College	4-15 / 2-13	0-0 / 0-1	31:08 / 28:52	2:16	3.7 / 6.0	8.3 / 4.0	6.2 / 5.2	4-47.0 / 9-38.9	4-31 / 9-75
at Stanford	3-9 / 8-12	1-1 / 0-0	24:01 / 35:59	-11:58	8.5 / 3.6	9.4 / 12.8	8.9 / 6.6	2-51.5 / 4-45.2	6-65 / 1-5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63-147 / 56-170</b>	<b>4-7 / 13-21</b>	<b>358:08 / 361:52</b>	<b>-3:44</b>	<b>5.8 / 4.5</b>	<b>8.9 / 6.9</b>	<b>7.1 / 5.5</b>	<b>51-43.9 / 70-41.9</b>	<b>64-566 / 63-602</b>

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM / OPPONENT for each category.

**Notre Dame Inside Opponent Red-Zone**

Date	Opponent	Score	Times in RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs		Failed to score inside RZ				
									Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
Sept. 5	TEXAS	W 38-3	5	4	24	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sept. 12	at Virginia	W 34-27	3	2	9	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sept. 19	GEORGIA TECH	W 30-22	4	3	16	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sept. 26	UMASS	W 62-27	4	4	27	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct. 3	at Clemson	L 22-24	3	2	13	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Oct. 10	NAVY	W 41-24	4	4	24	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct. 17	USC	W 41-31	5	4	20	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Oct. 31	at Temple	W 24-20	5	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	W 42-30	4	4	28	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 14	WAKE FOREST	W 28-7	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	W 19-16	7	4	19	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0
Nov. 28	at Stanford	L 36-38	4	4	16	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Totals 40 of 50 (80.0%)  
 TD Totals 28 of 50 (56.0%)

**Opponents Inside Notre Dame Red-Zone**

Date	Opponent	Score	Times in RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs		Failed to score inside RZ				
									Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
Sept. 5	TEXAS	W 38-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sept. 12	at Virginia	W 34-27	4	3	20	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sept. 19	GEORGIA TECH	W 30-22	4	2	14	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sept. 26	UMASS	W 62-27	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Oct. 3	at Clemson	L 22-24	3	3	17	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct. 10	NAVY	W 41-24	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oct. 17	USC	W 41-31	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oct. 31	at Temple	W 24-20	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	W 42-30	3	3	17	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 14	WAKE FOREST	W 28-7	4	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	W 19-16	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 28	at Stanford	L 36-38	5	5	35	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Totals 26 of 34 (76.5%)  
 TD Totals 23 of 34 (67.6%)

### Notre Dame 3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime		
Sept. 5	Texas	W 38-3	8-14	57.1%	2-3	66.7%	1-4	25.0%	1-2	50.0%	4-5	80.0%		
Sept. 12	at Virginia	W 34-27	0-10	0.0%	0-3	0.0%	0-2	0.0%	0-2	0.0%	0-3	0.0%		
Sept. 19	Georgia Tech	W 30-22	4-11	36.4%	1-3	33.3%	2-4	50.0%	1-3	33.3%	0-1	0.0%		
Sept. 26	UMass	W 62-27	8-13	61.5%	1-2	50.0%	3-4	75.0%	3-4	75.0%	1-3	33.3%		
Oct. 3	at Clemson	L 22-24	4-12	33.3%	1-4	25.0%	1-4	25.0%	1-3	33.3%	1-1	100.0%		
Oct. 10	Navy	W 41-24	7-12	58.3%	1-3	33.3%	1-3	33.3%	2-2	100.0%	3-4	75.0%		
Oct. 17	USC	W 41-31	5-12	41.7%	0-0	0.0%	3-6	50.0%	1-3	33.3%	1-3	33.3%		
Oct. 31	at Temple	W 24-20	6-14	42.9%	1-2	50.0%	2-5	40.0%	2-4	50.0%	1-3	33.3%		
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	W 42-30	8-14	57.1%	2-3	66.7%	1-4	25.0%	2-2	100.0%	3-5	60.0%		
Nov. 14	Wake Forest	W 28-7	6-11	54.5%	2-3	66.7%	1-2	50.0%	1-3	33.3%	2-3	66.7%		
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	W 19-16	4-15	26.7%	1-3	33.3%	0-4	0.0%	2-3	66.7%	1-5	20.0%		
Nov. 28	at Stanford	L 36-38	3-9	33.3%	0-0	0.0%	1-3	33.3%	1-2	50.0%	1-4	25.0%		
<b>Notre Dame</b>			<b>63-147</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>12-29</b>	<b>41.4%</b>	<b>16-45</b>	<b>35.6%</b>	<b>17-33</b>	<b>51.5%</b>	<b>18-40</b>	<b>45.0%</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>56-170</b>	<b>32.9%</b>	<b>16-40</b>	<b>40.0%</b>	<b>11-46</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>16-43</b>	<b>37.2%</b>	<b>13-41</b>	<b>31.7%</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

### Notre Dame 4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime		
Sept. 5	Texas	W 38-3	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%		
Sept. 12	at Virginia	W 34-27	2-3	66.7%	1-1	100.0%	0-1	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	1-1	100.0%		
Sept. 19	Georgia Tech	W 30-22	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%		
Sept. 26	UMass	W 62-27	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%		
Oct. 3	at Clemson	L 22-24	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%		
Oct. 10	Navy	W 41-24	1-1	100.0%	1-1	100.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%		
Oct. 17	USC	W 41-31	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%		
Oct. 31	at Temple	W 24-20	0-1	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-1	0.0%		
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	W 42-30	0-1	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-1	0.0%		
Nov. 14	Wake Forest	W 28-7	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%		
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	W 19-16	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%		
Nov. 28	at Stanford	L 36-38	1-1	100.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	0-0	0.0%	1-1	100.0%		
<b>Notre Dame</b>			<b>4-7</b>	<b>57.1%</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>13-21</b>	<b>61.9%</b>	<b>1-4</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>50.0%</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>77.8%</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

### Notre Dame Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime	
Sept. 5	Texas	W 38-3	39:10	11:09	7:33	8:54	11:34		
Sept. 12	at Virginia	W 34-27	26:37	11:33	5:57	3:37	5:30		
Sept. 19	Georgia Tech	W 30-22	27:08	6:46	9:32	6:42	4:08		
Sept. 26	UMass	W 62-27	30:15	8:52	7:21	7:19	6:43		
Oct. 3	at Clemson	L 22-24	30:06	8:48	9:09	6:06	6:03		
Oct. 10	Navy	W 41-24	31:16	7:04	7:43	5:03	11:26		
Oct. 17	USC	W 41-31	28:52	2:45	10:57	6:48	8:22		
Oct. 31	at Temple	W 24-20	31:44	9:22	7:35	8:45	6:02		
Nov. 7	at Pittsburgh	W 42-30	33:39	7:31	7:50	5:32	12:46		
Nov. 14	Wake Forest	W 28-7	24:12	6:09	4:44	4:42	8:37		
Nov. 21	vs. Boston College	W 19-16	31:08	8:21	6:33	6:59	9:15		
Nov. 28	at Stanford	L 36-38	24:01	2:05	7:40	5:31	8:45		
<b>Notre Dame</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>358:08</b>	<b>90:25</b>	<b>92:34</b>	<b>75:58</b>	<b>99:11</b>	<b>0:00</b>
			<b>Avg.</b>	<b>29:50</b>	<b>7:32</b>	<b>7:42</b>	<b>6:19</b>	<b>8:15</b>	<b>0:00</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>361:52</b>	<b>89:35</b>	<b>87:26</b>	<b>104:12</b>	<b>80:49</b>	<b>0:00</b>
			<b>Avg.</b>	<b>30:09</b>	<b>7:27</b>	<b>7:17</b>	<b>8:40</b>	<b>6:44</b>	<b>0:00</b>



**Notre Dame / Opponent Scoring Drives**

NOTRE DAME SCORING DRIVES						
Game	Qtr	Pts	Plays	Yds	TOP	How
Texas	1	7	7	55	3:28	Fuller 16 pass from Zaire
Texas	1	7	9	95	3:50	Adams 14 run
Texas	2	3	4	9	1:22	Yoon 38 field goal
Texas	3	7	5	90	2:46	Fuller 66 pass from Zaire
Texas	3	7	5	56	2:18	Adams 25 run
Texas	4	7	8	60	3:30	Brown 6 pass from Zaire
Virginia	1	6	13	75	5:31	Smythe 7 pass from Kizer
Virginia	1	3	9	55	4:21	Yoon 32 field goal
Virginia	1	3	6	34	1:41	Yoon 45 field goal
Virginia	3	7	1	59	0:08	Fuller 59 pass from Zaire
Virginia	3	7	3	45	1:02	Prosize 24 run
Virginia	4	8	8	80	1:42	Fuller 39 pass from Kizer
Georgia Tech	1	7	6	65	1:38	Fuller 46 pass from Kizer
Georgia Tech	2	6	10	82	3:46	Prosize 17 run
Georgia Tech	3	3	4	23	1:43	Yoon 29 field goal
Georgia Tech	4	7	9	59	3:24	Prosize 1 run
Georgia Tech	4	7	2	86	1:05	Prosize 91 run
Massachusetts	1	7	8	95	3:06	Prosize 57 run
Massachusetts	1	7	10	80	4:26	Kizer 7 run
Massachusetts	2	7	10	74	3:30	Fuller 26 pass from Kizer
Massachusetts	2	7	10	74	1:21	Brown 7 pass from Kizer
Massachusetts	3	7	7	73	2:58	Prosize 16 run
Massachusetts	3	6	2	30	0:35	Williams 14 run
Massachusetts	3	7	5	85	2:13	Wimbush 58 run
Massachusetts	4	7	4	82	1:37	Adams 70 run
Clemson	1	3	9	22	3:01	Yoon 46 field goal
Clemson	4	6	4	80	1:48	Prosize 56 pass from Kizer
Clemson	4	7	4	64	1:19	Kizer 3 run
Clemson	4	6	6	32	0:58	Hunter Jr. 1 pass from Kizer
Navy	1	7	12	75	5:18	Kizer 1 run
Navy	2	7	1	7	0:05	Prosize 7 run
Navy	2	7	5	84	2:01	Fuller 30 pass from Kizer
Navy	2	3	3	40	0:24	Yoon 52 field goal
Navy	3	7	2	26	0:35	Prosize 22 run
Navy	3	7	10	73	4:01	Prosize 11 run
Navy	4	3	12	60	5:30	Yoon 36 field goal
USC	1	7	1	75	0:15	Fuller 75 pass from Kizer
USC	1	7	4	75	2:26	Prosize 25 run
USC	2	3	9	28	3:30	Yoon 32 field goal
USC	4	7	9	90	3:00	Prosize 6 run
USC	4	7	7	91	3:15	Robinson 10 pass from Kizer
USC	4	3	5	52	2:39	Yoon 32 field goal
Temple	1	7	12	74	6:00	Kizer 4 run
Temple	2	7	3	88	1:19	Kizer 79 run
Temple	3	3	15	80	5:54	Yoon 23 field goal
Temple	4	7	6	75	2:36	Fuller 17 pass from Kizer
Pitt	1	7	3	75	1:11	Fuller 47 pass from Kizer
Pitt	2	7	10	75	5:00	Hunter Jr. 12 pass from Kizer
Pitt	2	7	3	70	0:22	Fuller 46 pass from Kizer
Pitt	3	7	8	75	3:26	Fuller 14 pass from Kizer
Pitt	4	7	9	50	4:36	Adams 5 pass from Kizer
Pitt	4	7	10	62	5:32	Kizer 2 run
Wake Forest	1	7	10	67	3:46	Kizer 12 run
Wake Forest	2	7	2	99	0:52	Adams 98 run
Wake Forest	4	7	6	68	2:18	Kizer 5 run
Boston College	1	3	8	64	3:33	Yoon 30 field goal
Boston College	1	7	6	40	1:56	Carlisle 10 pass from Kizer
Boston College	3	6	8	73	3:13	Brown 12 pass from Kizer
Boston College	4	3	8	60	3:31	Yoon 35 field goal
Stanford	1	7	-	-	-	Sanders 93 kickoff return
Stanford	2	3	10	70	4:28	Yoon 26 field goal
Stanford	2	3	11	84	4:19	Yoon 25 field goal
Stanford	2	7	1	73	0:08	Fuller 73 pass from Kizer
Stanford	3	3	11	73	3:57	Yoon 29 field goal
Stanford	3	6	5	86	1:34	Adams 62 run
Stanford	4	7	15	88	6:18	Kizer 2 run

Game	Qtr	Pts	Plays	Yds	TOP	How
Texas	3	3	5	49	1:23	Nick Rose 41 field goal
Virginia	2	7	8	75	4:13	Butts 2 pass from Johns
Virginia	2	7	7	75	3:33	Johnson 42 pass from Johns
Virginia	4	7	6	75	2:12	Johns 4 run
Virginia	4	6	13	80	6:01	Reid 1 run
Georgia Tech	2	7	4	80	1:30	Skov 5 run
Georgia Tech	4	8	13	79	6:10	Skov 24 pass from Thomas
Georgia Tech	4	7	3	43	0:26	Skov 15 pass from Thomas
Massachusetts	1	6	1	78	0:19	Young 83 run
Massachusetts	2	7	10	50	3:33	Lindsay 1 run
Massachusetts	2	7	3	75	1:03	Wilson 1 run
Massachusetts	4	7	10	77	4:59	Nesmith 33 pass from Comis
Clemson	1	7	7	64	2:41	Leggett 6 pass from Watson
Clemson	1	7	4	40	1:35	Scott 13 pass from Watson
Clemson	3	7	3	29	0:38	Watson 21 run
Clemson	4	3	6	50	3:11	Huegel 35 field goal
Navy	1	7	3	70	1:14	Gulley 13 run
Navy	2	7	5	75	2:14	Ezell 45 run
Navy	2	7	6	41	2:20	Ezell 22 run
Navy	3	3	13	47	6:46	Grebe 40 field goal
USC	1	7	8	71	3:07	Kessler 3 run
USC	1	3	7	29	2:52	Wood 42 field goal
USC	2	7	1	75	0:18	Smith-Schuster 75 pass from Greene
USC	2	7	2	84	0:47	Jackson 83 pass from Kessler
USC	3	7	5	80	2:35	McNamara 4 pass from Kessler
Temple	1	3	8	34	2:35	Jones 41 field goal
Temple	2	7	8	94	2:54	Shippen 12 pass from Walker
Temple	4	7	14	78	7:21	Thomas 1 run
Temple	4	3	8	42	3:48	Jones 36 field goal
Pitt	1	3	8	75	3:16	Blewitt 22 field goal
Pitt	3	7	8	77	3:41	Whitehead 10 run
Pitt	3	7	13	75	5:47	Whitehead 3 run
Pitt	4	7	3	76	1:03	Boyd 51 pass from Peterman
Wake Forest	3	7	11	55	6:16	Wolford 1 run
Boston College	3	3	4	2	1:50	Lichtenberg 43 field goal
Boston College	4	6	1	80	0:18	Smith 80 run
Boston College	4	7	9	86	3:05	Callinan 3 pass from Smith 89 yd run
Stanford	1	7	11	75	5:31	Wright 1 pass from Hogan
Stanford	1	7	12	78	7:24	Cajuste 6 pass from Hogan
Stanford	2	7	4	75	1:27	Rector 14 pass from Hogan
Stanford	3	7	7	76	4:05	Wright 1 run
Stanford	4	7	9	74	5:29	Hooper 10 pass from Hogan
Stanford	4	3	4	45	0:30	Ukropina 45 field goal

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Rushing**

	no-yds / td	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
20 C.J. Prosise, RB	156-1032/11	20-98/0	17-155/1	22-198/3	15-149/2	15-50/0	21-129/3	19-143/2	14-25/0	5-28/0	DNP	8-57/0	DNP
33 Josh Adams, RB	103-757/5	5-49/2	3-10/0	2-7/0	13-133/1	2-2/0	8-38/0	1-26/0	0-0/0	20-147/0	17-141/1	14-36/0	18-168/1
14 DeShone Kizer, QB	119-499/9	2-10/0	2-1/0	5-6/0	9-42/1	14-55/1	9-14/1	14-47/0	17-143/2	11-10/1	13-30/2	7-33/0	16-128/1
8 Malik Zaire, QB	19-103/0	9-16/0	10-87/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
12 Brandon Wimbush, QB	7-96/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	4-92/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-4/0	DNP	DNP	DNP
34 Dexter Williams, RB	19-79/1	7-24/0	DNP	DNP	7-48/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-6/0	0-0/0	1--2/0	1-3/0
25 Tarean Folston, RB	3-19/0	3-19/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
16 Torii Hunter Jr., WR	5-16/0	1-2/0	1--2/0	1-8/0	0-0/0	1-4/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-4/0	0-0/0
3 Amir Carlisle, WR	4-14/0	1--1/0	1-2/0	0-0/0	2-13/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0
46 Josh Anderson, RB	2-0/0	2-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Team	10--37/0	2--3/0	DNP	2--4/0	1--20/0	0-0/0	2--3/0	1--2/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	2--5/0	DNP

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Receiving**

	no-yds / td	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
7 Will Fuller, WR	56-1145/13	7-142/2	5-124/2	6-131/1	4-57/1	2-37/0	5-80/1	3-131/1	5-46/1	7-152/3	3-37/0	3-72/0	6-136/1
2 Chris Brown, WR	44-562/3	3-38/1	3-41/0	8-65/0	2-34/1	4-83/0	4-56/0	3-38/0	6-72/0	1--3/0	3-27/0	6-104/1	1-7/0
3 Amir Carlisle, WR	30-341/1	3-55/0	2-4/0	0-0/0	5-52/0	3-34/0	3-16/0	0-0/0	1-31/0	4-30/0	1-18/0	8-101/1	0-0/0
16 Torii Hunter Jr., WR	24-311/2	2-31/0	0-0/0	1-17/0	1-9/0	5-52/1	1-28/0	1-9/0	5-62/0	3-37/1	2-22/0	1-11/0	2-33/0
20 C.J. Prosise, RB	26-308/1	1-6/0	3-20/0	1-5/0	0-0/0	4-100/1	4-56/0	5-32/0	5-43/0	2-29/0	DNP	1-17/0	DNP
10 Alizé Jones, TE	11-166/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	3-19/0	3-56/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	3-42/0	1-45/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-4/0	0-0/0
88 Corey Robinson, WR	13-159/1	2-35/0	1-11/0	1--1/0	DNP	1-15/0	2-28/0	1-10/1	0-0/0	1-12/0	1-4/0	1-15/0	2-30/0
33 Josh Adams, RB	7-42/1	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	2-12/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-5/1	2--3/0	0-0/0	2-28/0
82 Nic Weishar, TE	3-19/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-6/0	1-8/0	0-0/0	1-5/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	DNP	0-0/0	0-0/0
80 Durham Smythe, TE	2-13/1	1-6/0	1-7/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
86 Equanimeous St. Brown, WR	1-8/0	0-0/0	DNP	DNP	1-8/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP
18 Chase Hounshell, TE	1-6/0	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	1-6/0	0-0/0	0-0/0
9 C.J. Sanders, WR	1-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	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

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Returns**

<b>PUNT</b>	no-yds	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
9 C.J. Sanders, WR	25-182	3--1	4-48	2-7	3-63	1-0	-	1-25	3-18	3-18	-	3--4	2-8
86 Equanimeous St. Brown, WR	1-18	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	1-18	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
7 Will Fuller, WR	1-10	-	-	-	-	1-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>KICK</b>	no-yds	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
9 C.J. Sanders, WR	23-580	-	-	-	-	2-71	4-84	6-135	3-64	-	-	2-44	6-182
3 Amir Carlisle, WR	8-156	1-10	2-35	1-16	3-75	1-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34 Dexter Williams, RB	1-20	-	DNP	DNP	1-20	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-
44 Doug Randolph, DL	1-9	-	-	-	-	1-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>INTERCEPTION</b>	no-yds	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
36 Cole Luke, CB	2--3	-	-	-	1--3	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 KeiVarae Russell, CB	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	DNP
98 Andrew Trumbetti, DL	1-28	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-28	-	-
41 Matthias Farley, CB	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
22 Elijah Shumate, S	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Max Redfield, S	1-19	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1-19	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FUMBLE</b>	no-yds	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
9 Jaylon Smith, LB	1-17	-	-	1-17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Passing**

<b>14 DeShone Kizer</b>	<b>Comp-Att-Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sack-Yds</b>	<b>Effic</b>
Texas	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
Virginia	8-12-0	66.7	92	2	39	1-3	186.07
Georgia Tech	21-30-1	70.0	242	1	46	1-10	142.09
UMass	15-22-1	68.2	207	2	37	1-2	168.13
Clemson	19-34-1	55.9	321	2	56	4-18	148.72
Navy	22-30-1	73.3	281	1	30	2-8	156.35
USC	15-24-0	62.5	227	2	75	4-26	169.45
Temple	23-36-2	63.9	299	1	45	0-0	131.71
Pittsburgh	19-26-0	73.1	262	5	47	3-24	221.18
Wake Forest	13-19-0	68.4	111	0	22	3-21	117.49
Boston College	21-39-3	53.8	324	2	38	0-0	125.17
Stanford	13-25-0	52.0	234	1	73	0-0	143.82
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>189-298-9</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>2600</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>19-112</b>	<b>151.71</b>

<b>8 Malik Zaire</b>	<b>Comp-Att-Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sack-Yds</b>	<b>Effic</b>
Texas	19-22-0	86.4	313	3	66	1-12	250.87
Virginia	7-18-0	38.9	115	1	59	1-3	110.89
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26-40-0</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2-15</b>	<b>187.88</b>

<b>12 Brandon Wimbush</b>	<b>Comp-Att-Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sack-Yds</b>	<b>Effic</b>
UMass	3-5-0	60.0	17	0	9	0-0	88.56
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3-5-0</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>88.56</b>

<b>16 Torii Hunter Jr.</b>	<b>Comp-Att-Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sack-Yds</b>	<b>Effic</b>
Navy	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
USC	1-1-0	100.0	35	0	35	0-0	394.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1-2-0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>197.00</b>

<b>Team</b>	<b>Comp-Att-Int</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>Yards</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Long</b>	<b>Sack-Yds</b>	<b>Effic</b>
UMass	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
Clemson	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0-2-0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game All-Purpose Yards**

	<b>total</b>	<b>ut</b>	<b>va</b>	<b>gt</b>	<b>umass</b>	<b>cu</b>	<b>navy</b>	<b>usc</b>	<b>tem</b>	<b>up</b>	<b>wf</b>	<b>bc</b>	<b>stan</b>
20 C.J. Prosise, RB	1340	104	175	203	149	150	185	175	68	57	DNP	74	DNP
7 Will Fuller, WR	1155	142	124	131	57	47	80	131	46	152	37	72	136
33 Josh Adams, RB	799	49	10	7	133	2	50	26	-	152	138	36	196
9 C.J. Sanders, WR	762	-1	48	7	63	71	84	160	82	18	-	40	190
2 Chris Brown, WR	562	38	41	65	34	83	56	38	72	-3	27	104	7
3 Amir Carlisle, WR	516	64	41	16	140	54	16	5	31	30	18	101	-
14 DeShone Kizer, QB	499	10	1	6	42	55	14	47	143	-10	30	33	128
16 Torii Hunter Jr., WR	327	33	-2	25	9	56	28	9	62	37	22	15	33
10 Alizé Jones, TE	166	-	-	19	56	-	-	42	45	-	-	4	-
88 Corey Robinson, WR	159	35	11	-1	DNP	15	28	10	-	12	4	15	30
8 Malik Zaire, QB	103	16	87	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
34 Dexter Williams, RB	99	24	DNP	DNP	68	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	6	-	-2	3
12 Brandon Wimbush, QB	96	DNP	DNP	DNP	92	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	4	DNP	DNP	DNP
98 Andrew Trumbetti, DL	28	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-
86 Equanimeous St. Brown, WR	26	-	DNP	DNP	8	-	-	18	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
25 Tarean Folston, RB	19	19	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
82 Nic Weishar, TE	19	-	-	6	8	-	5	-	-	-	DNP	-	-
10 Max Redfield, S	19	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-
80 Durham Smythe, TE	13	6	7	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
44 Doug Randolph, DL	9	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 Chase Hounshell, TE	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-
36 Cole Luke, CB	-3	-	-	-	-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Team	-37	-3	-	-4	-20	-	-3	-2	-	-	-	-5	-



**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Tackles**

	ua-a	total	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
9 Jaylon Smith, LB	68-45	113	6-1	6-5	4-1	4-2	7-2	1-3	6-8	7-3	4-3	6-8	9-2	8-7
38 Joe Schmidt, LB	32-33	65	3-3	2-4	8-2	1-5	1-0	4-4	3-1	2-0	1-3	4-6	1-2	2-3
10 Max Redfield, S	39-25	64	1-2	1-2	DNP	3-1	11-3	-	2-2	1-2	5-1	1-7	8-1	6-4
6 KeiVarae Russell, CB	48-12	60	2-1	7-2	2-1	4-3	3-0	7-0	9-1	3-1	6-0	3-3	2-0	DNP
90 Isaac Rochell, DL	28-30	58	0-2	3-4	1-4	2-0	4-3	2-4	3-3	2-4	2-2	3-3	4-0	2-1
22 Elijah Shumate, S	43-14	57	3-1	6-4	4-1	5-1	3-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	4-3	3-1	8-2
45 Romeo Okwara, DL	28-15	43	1-2	2-0	0-1	1-0	2-3	1-0	3-0	4-3	3-1	4-0	2-2	5-3
91 Sheldon Day, DL	29-12	41	1-0	1-0	3-1	2-1	2-1	5-4	2-2	4-2	1-1	4-0	2-0	2-0
17 James Onwualu, LB	19-17	36	0-3	1-2	2-2	2-2	4-0	0-4	4-3	2-0	3-1	1-0	DNP	DNP
48 Greer Martini, LB	19-16	35	-	-	3-5	5-3	-	3-6	-	-	-	4-0	2-1	2-1
36 Cole Luke, CB	23-12	35	0-1	3-2	2-0	3-1	1-1	-	5-1	3-0	1-3	0-3	3-0	2-0
41 Matthias Farley, S	20-13	33	1-2	1-0	3-1	1-1	-	4-3	2-2	1-0	4-3	1-0	1-0	1-1
5 Nyles Morgan, LB	9-8	17	1-0	-	0-1	3-4	1-0	1-1	1-0	-	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0
75 Daniel Cage, DL	7-10	17	0-3	2-1	0-2	1-0	-	0-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	DNP	DNP	-
59 Jarrett Grace, LB	7-10	17	1-0	-	0-1	0-1	-	1-4	-	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-1
98 Andrew Trumbetti, DL	7-5	12	0-2	1-0	DNP	-	-	1-0	0-1	0-1	-	1-1	3-0	1-0
99 Jerry Tillery, DL	9-3	12	1-0	-	1-2	-	4-0	0-1	-	-	-	-	2-0	1-0
4 Te'Von Coney, LB	5-7	12	1-1	DNP	-	2-2	-	0-1	1-1	-	0-1	1-0	0-1	-
12 Devin Butler, CB	6-5	11	0-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	1-2
23 Drue Tranquill, S	6-3	9	1-1	1-2	4-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
29 Nicky Baratti, S	4-2	6	-	-	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	0-1	1-1	1-0	-	-
21 Nick Watkins, CB	2-3	5	0-1	-	-	2-1	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	DNP	-
24 Nick Coleman, CB	2-3	5	1-1	0-1	-	-	1-0	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
44 Doug Randolph, DL	3-1	4	2-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
55 Jonathan Bonner, DL	1-3	4	0-1	-	-	0-2	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	1-0	-	-
85 Tyler Newsome, P/K	2-1	3	-	-	-	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1
47 Conor Cavalaris, CB	1-1	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	0-1	-	-	DNP
28 Nicco Fertitta, S	1-0	1	-	-	-	1-0	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	DNP
89 Jacob Matuska, DL	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
92 Grant Blankenship, DL	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	-
9 C.J. Sanders, WR	0-1	1	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Will Fuller, WR	1-0	1	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Alizé Jones, TE	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
16 Torii Hunter Jr., WR	0-1	1	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33 Josh Adams, RB	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-
61 Scott Daly, LS	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Sacks**

	ua-a	total	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
45 Romeo Okwara, DL	8-0	8.0	1.0-11	-	-	-	-	1.0-5	1.0-6	1.0-2	2.0-18	2.0-12	-	-
91 Sheldon Day, DL	4-0	4.0	1.0-8	-	-	1.0-13	-	-	-	1.0-4	-	-	1.0-5	-
17 James Onwualu, LB	2-0	2.0	-	-	-	1.0-6	-	-	-	-	1.0-7	-	DNP	DNP
38 Joe Schmidt, LB	2-0	2.0	-	-	2.0-10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48 Greer Martini, LB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-7
10 Max Redfield, S	1-0	1.0	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-10	-
90 Isaac Rochell, DL	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-
55 Jonathan Bonner, DL	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	1.0-11	-	-
9 Jaylon Smith, LB	1-0	1.0	1.0-8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
99 Jerry Tillery, DL	1-0	1.0	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 KeiVarae Russell, CB	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Tackles for Loss**

	ua-a	total	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
91 Sheldon Day, DL	14-1	14.5	1.0-8	1.0-3	1.0-8	1.0-13	2.0-5	2.0-6	-	2.5-9	1.0-1	2.0-8	1.0-5	-
45 Romeo Okwara, DL	12-1	12.5	1.0-11	-	-	-	0.5-1	1.0-5	2.0-9	3.0-8	2.0-18	2.0-12	-	1.0-1
9 Jaylon Smith, LB	8-2	9.0	1.0-8	2.5-8	-	1.0-3	1.0-2	-	0.5-0	-	-	1.0-2	1.0-1	1.0-1
90 Isaac Rochell, DL	5-5	7.5	0.5-1	1.0-4	-	1.0-4	0.5-0	1.0-2	1.5-4	0.5-2	-	-	1.0-1	0.5-1
22 Elijah Shumate, S	6-1	6.5	1.0-3	-	-	-	1.0-1	1.0-1	1.0-3	-	-	1.0-3	0.5-3	1.0-1
17 James Onwualu, LB	5-0	5.0	-	-	1.0-2	2.0-7	-	-	-	-	1.0-7	1.0-1	DNP	DNP
6 KeiVarae Russell, CB	3-1	3.5	0.5-3	1.0-11	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-5	DNP
75 Daniel Cage, DL	3-0	3.0	-	-	-	1.0-4	-	-	1.0-1	1.0-3	-	DNP	DNP	-
38 Joe Schmidt, LB	2-2	3.0	0.5-0	-	2.0-10	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Drue Tranquill, S	2-1	2.5	-	0.5-2	2.0-6	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
48 Greer Martini, LB	2-1	2.5	-	-	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5-8
99 Jerry Tillery, DL	2-0	2.0	1.0-4	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Max Redfield, S	2-0	2.0	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	1.0-10	-
55 Jonathan Bonner, DL	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	1.0-11	-	-
36 Cole Luke, CB	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59 Jarrett Grace, LB	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-3	-
98 Andrew Trumbetti, DL	0-1	0.5	0.5-2	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Te'Von Coney, LB	0-1	0.5	-	DNP	-	-	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Notre Dame Game-by-Game Fumbles**

<b>LOST</b>	no-lost	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
20 C.J. Prorise, RB	5-2	1-0	-	-	1-0	1-1	-	-	-	-	DNP	2-1	DNP
9 C.J. Sanders, WR	5-1	1-0	-	-	1-0	2-1	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
14 DeShone Kizer, QB	4-1	-	-	-	-	2-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	1-1
33 Josh Adams, RB	2-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	1-1	-
12 Brandon Wimbush, QB	1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
2 Chris Brown, WR	1-1	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 Alizé Jones, TE	1-1	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 Torii Hunter Jr., WR	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FORCED</b>	number	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
6 KeiVarae Russell, CB	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	DNP
41 Matthias Farley, S	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
91 Sheldon Day, DL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
17 James Onwualu, LB	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP
55 Jonathan Bonner, DL	1	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	1	-	-
5 Nyles Morgan, LB	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Jaylon Smith, LB	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28 Nicco Fertitta, S	1	-	-	-	1	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	DNP
<b>RECOVERED</b>	number	ut	va	gt	umass	cu	navy	usc	tem	up	wf	bc	stan
9 Jaylon Smith, LB	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
61 Scott Daly, LS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
45 Romeo Okwara, DL	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 Devin Butler, CB	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Turnover Results

NOTRE DAME					OPPONENTS				
GAME	FUM	INT	TOTAL	OPP POINTS OFF	GAME	FUM	INT	TOTAL	ND POINTS OFF
Texas	0	0	0	0	Texas	0	0	0	0
at Virginia	0	0	0	0	at Virginia	1	0	1	0
Georgia Tech	1	1	2	7	Georgia Tech	1	0	1	3
Massachusetts	0	1	1	7	Massachusetts	0	1	1	0
at Clemson	3	1	4	7	at Clemson	0	1	1	6
Navy	0	1	1	7	Navy	2	1	3	14
USC	1	0	1	0	USC	0	2	2	3
at Temple	0	2	2	7	at Temple	0	1	1	0
at Pittsburgh	1	0	1	6	at Pittsburgh	0	1	1	0
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	Wake Forest	0	1	1	7
vs. Boston College	2	3	5	0	vs. Boston College	1	0	1	0
at Stanford	1	0	0	0	at Stanford	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>

### Drive Charts

NOTRE DAME								OPPONENTS							
GAME	NO.	3&OUT	PCT.	SCORE	PCT.	TD	PCT.	GAME	NO.	3&OUT	PCT.	SCORE	PCT.	TD	PCT.
Texas	12	0	0%	6	50%	5	41%	Texas	12	8	75%	1	8%	0	0%
at Virginia	12	3	25%	6	50%	4	33%	at Virginia	12	5	42%	4	33%	4	33%
Georgia Tech	12	2	17%	5	42%	4	33%	Georgia Tech	14	4	29%	3	21%	3	21%
Massachusetts	14	2	14%	8	57%	8	57%	Massachusetts	15	3	20%	4	27%	4	27%
at Clemson	14	2	14%	4	29%	3	21%	at Clemson	14	6	43%	4	29%	3	21%
Navy	10	1	10%	7	70%	5	50%	Navy	9	1	11%	4	44%	3	33%
USC	12	4	33%	6	50%	4	33%	USC	14	2	14%	5	36%	4	29%
at Temple	11	3	27%	4	36%	3	27%	at Temple	11	2	18%	4	36%	2	18%
at Pittsburgh	12	3	25%	6	50%	6	50%	at Pittsburgh	11	4	36%	4	36%	3	27%
Wake Forest	8	0	0%	3	38%	3	38%	Wake Forest	10	1	10%	1	10%	1	10%
vs. Boston College	13	1	8%	4	31%	2	15%	vs. Boston College	13	5	38%	3	23%	2	15%
at Stanford	9	2	22%	6	67%	3	33%	at Stanford	11	2	18%	6	55%	5	45%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23%</b>

### Third Down Conversions

NOTRE DAME									OPPONENTS								
GAME	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-14	15-19	20+	TOT.	PCT.	GAME	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-14	15-19	20+	TOT.	PCT.
Texas	2-3	2-4	2-4	1-2	1-1	0-0	8-14	57%	Texas	1-3	0-0	1-7	0-2	0-1	0-0	2-13	15%
at Virginia	0-4	0-0	0-4	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-10	0%	at Virginia	1-3	2-3	0-3	2-3	1-2	0-0	6-14	43%
Georgia Tech	0-2	0-1	3-6	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-11	36%	Georgia Tech	1-3	0-2	2-6	0-2	0-2	0-0	3-15	20%
Massachusetts	6-7	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	8-13	62%	Massachusetts	0-0	3-5	2-4	0-5	0-1	0-1	5-16	31%
at Clemson	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-6	1-3	0-0	4-12	33%	at Clemson	2-3	2-6	0-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	5-15	33%
Navy	2-2	0-2	2-3	2-3	1-2	0-0	7-12	58%	Navy	0-1	2-6	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-11	18%
USC	2-4	1-2	2-2	0-3	0-1	0-0	5-12	42%	USC	3-4	1-3	2-4	0-4	0-0	0-1	6-16	38%
at Temple	3-3	1-5	1-2	0-1	1-3	0-0	6-14	43%	at Temple	1-4	0-1	1-4	2-4	0-1	0-0	4-14	29%
at Pittsburgh	4-5	2-3	2-4	0-1	0-1	0-0	8-14	57%	at Pittsburgh	3-4	1-4	1-1	1-2	0-2	0-1	6-14	43%
Wake Forest	2-4	1-1	0-0	2-4	1-2	0-0	6-11	55%	Wake Forest	6-8	0-1	0-2	1-3	0-1	0-1	7-16	44%
vs. Boston College	2-3	1-5	1-2	0-4	0-1	0-0	4-15	27%	vs. Boston College	0-1	1-3	1-5	0-2	0-1	0-1	2-13	15%
at Stanford	1-3	1-4	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-9	33%	at Stanford	3-4	3-5	2-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	8-12	67%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24-40</b>	<b>12-31</b>	<b>14-29</b>	<b>7-29</b>	<b>5-16</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>63-147</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21-38</b>	<b>15-39</b>	<b>12-44</b>	<b>7-31</b>	<b>1-12</b>	<b>0-5</b>	<b>56-169</b>	<b>33%</b>



**Notre Dame Big Plays**
**BIG PLAYS [35+ YARDS]**

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
98*	Rush	Josh Adams	Wake Forest
93*	KR	C.J. Sanders	Stanford
91*	Rush	C.J. Prosise	Georgia Tech
79*	Rush	DeShone Kizer	Temple
75*	Pass	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	USC
73*	Pass	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Stanford
70*	Rush	Josh Adams	Massachusetts
66*	Pass	Will Fuller from Malik Zaire	Texas
62*	Rush	Josh Adams	Stanford
59*	Pass	Will Fuller from Malik Zaire	Virginia
58*	Rush	Brandon Wimbush	Massachusetts
57*	Rush	C.J. Prosise	Massachusetts
56*	Pass	C.J. Prosise from DeShone Kizer	Clemson
50*	PR	C.J. Sanders	Massachusetts
48	Rush	DeShone Kizer	Stanford
47*	Pass	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Pittsburgh
46*	Pass	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Georgia Tech
46	KR	C.J. Sanders	Clemson
46*	Pass	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Pittsburgh
45	Pass	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	USC
45	Pass	Alizé Jones from DeShone Kizer	Temple
40	Pass	Torii Hunter Jr. from DeShone Kizer	Temple
39	Rush	Malik Zaire	Virginia
39*	Pass	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Virginia
38	Pass	Chris Brown from DeShone Kizer	Boston College
36	Pass	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Georgia Tech
35	Pass	Alizé Jones from Torii Hunter Jr.	USC

**OPPONENT BIG PLAYS [35+ YARDS]**

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
83*	Rush	Marquis Young	Massachusetts
83*	Pass	Adoree' Jackson from Cody Kessler	USC
80*	Rush	Jeff Smith	Boston College
75*	Pass	JuJu Smith-Schuster from Jalen Greene	USC
67	KR	Michael Walker	Boston College
65	Rush	Ronald Jones	USC
58	KR	Dishan Romine	Navy
51	Rush	Keenan Reynolds	Navy
51*	Pass	Tyler Boyd from Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
48	Pass	John Burt from Tyrone Swoopes	Texas
48	Rush	Broderick Snoddy	Georgia Tech
45*	Rush	Quentin Ezell	Navy
44	KR	Artavis Scott	Clemson
42*	Pass	Keeon Johnson from Matt Johns	Virginia
42	Pass	Devon Cajuste from Kevin Hogan	Stanford
39	Rush	Jahad Thomas	Temple
38	Pass	Devon Cajuste from Kevin Hogan	Stanford
38	Pass	Canaan Severin from Matt Johns	Virginia
38	Rush	Dehsaun Watson	Clemson
37	Pass	JuJu Smith-Schuster from Cody Kessler	USC
37	Rush	Tyler Boyd	Pittsburgh
37	Pass	Dontez Ford from Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
35	Rush	Olamida Zaccheaus	Virginia

\* touchdown scored on play

**EXPLOSIVE RUNNING PLAYS [15+ YARDS]**

Yards	Player(s)	Opponent
98*	Josh Adams	Wake Forest
91*	C.J. Prosise	Georgia Tech
79*	DeShone Kizer	Temple
70*	Josh Adams	Massachusetts
62*	Josh Adams	Stanford

58*	Brandon Wimbush	Massachusetts
57*	C.J. Prosise	Massachusetts
48	DeShone Kizer	Stanford
39	Malik Zaire	Virginia
32	C.J. Prosise	Navy
31	C.J. Prosise	USC
31	C.J. Prosise	Boston College
26	Brandon Wimbush	Massachusetts
26	DeShone Kizer	Clemson
26	Josh Adams	USC
25*	Josh Adams	Texas
25	C.J. Prosise	Virginia
25*	C.J. Prosise	USC
25	C.J. Prosise	USC
25	Josh Adams	Pittsburgh
24*	C.J. Prosise	Virginia
24	Josh Adams	Pittsburgh
23	DeShone Kizer	USC
23	Josh Adams	Pittsburgh
22*	C.J. Prosise	Navy
21	C.J. Prosise	Texas
21	C.J. Prosise	Virginia
19	C.J. Prosise	Navy
19	C.J. Prosise	Boston College
18	Malik Zaire	Virginia
17	Josh Adams	Stanford
17	C.J. Prosise	Virginia
17	C.J. Prosise	Georgia Tech
17	C.J. Prosise	USC
17	Brandon Wimbush	Pittsburgh
16	Malik Zaire	Virginia
16*	C.J. Prosise	Massachusetts
16	DeShone Kizer	USC
16	DeShone Kizer	Wake Forest
15	Tarean Folston	Texas
15	C.J. Prosise	Virginia
15	C.J. Prosise	Virginia

**OPPONENT EXPLOSIVE RUNNING PLAYS [15+ YARDS]**

Yards	Player(s)	Opponent
83*	Marquis Young	Massachusetts
80*	Jeff Smith	Boston College
65	Ronald Jones	USC
51	Keenan Reynolds	Navy
48	Broderick Snoddy	Georgia Tech
45*	Quentin Ezell	Navy
39	Jahad Thomas	Temple
38	Deshaun Watson	Clemson
37	Tyler Boyd	Pittsburgh
35	Olamida Zaccheaus	Virginia
33	Wayne Gallman	Clemson
32	Justin Davis	USC
26	Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
25	Taquan Mizzell	Virginia
23	Kendall Hinton	Wake Forest
22	Tago Smith	Navy
22*	Quentin Ezell	Navy
21	Bryce Love	Stanford
21	Deshaun Watson	Clemson
21	P.J. Walker	Temple
20	Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
20	John Fadule	Boston College
19	Justin Thomas	Georgia Tech
18	Jamal Wilson	Massachusetts

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17	Broderick Snoddy	Georgia Tech
17	Clinton Lynch	Georgia Tech
17	Marquis Young	Massachusetts
17	John Fadule	Boston College
16	Albert Reid	Virginia
16	Jamal Wilson	Massachusetts
15	P.J. Walker	Temple
15	John Wolford	Wake Forest

\* *touchdown scored on play*

#### EXPLOSIVE PASSING PLAYS (20+ YARDS)

Yards	Player(s)	Opponent
75*	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	USC
73*	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Stanford
66*	Will Fuller from Malik Zaire	Texas
59*	Will Fuller from Malik Zaire	Virginia
56*	C.J. Prosise from DeShone Kizer	Clemson
47*	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Pittsburgh
46*	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Georgia Tech
46*	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Pittsburgh
45	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	USC
45	Alizé Jones from DeShone Kizer	Temple
40	Torii Hunter Jr. from DeShone Kizer	Temple
39*	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Virginia
38	Chris Brown from DeShone Kizer	Boston College
37	Alizé Jones from DeShone Kizer	Massachusetts
36	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Georgia Tech
35	Alizé Jones from Torii Hunter Jr.	USC
34	Chris Brown from DeShone Kizer	Clemson
33	Chris Brown from DeShone Kizer	Clemson
33	Amir Carlisle from DeShone Kizer	Boston College
32	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Boston College
31	Amir Carlisle from DeShone Kizer	Temple
31	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Boston College
30	Will Fuller from Malik Zaire	Texas
30*	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Navy
29	Chris Brown from DeShone Kizer	Navy
28*	Torii Hunter Jr. from DeShone Kizer	Navy
27	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Georgia Tech
27	Chris Brown from DeShone Kizer	Massachusetts
26*	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Massachusetts
26	Amir Carlisle from DeShone Kizer	Boston College
25	Amir Carlisle from Malik Zaire	Texas
25	C.J. Prosise from DeShone Kizer	Navy
25	Chris Brown from DeShone Kizer	Temple
23	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Stanford
23	C.J. Prosise from DeShone Kizer	Clemson
23	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Clemson
23	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Navy
22	Corey Robinson from DeShone Kizer	Stanford
22	Josh Adams from DeShone Kizer	Stanford
22	Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer	Wake Forest
20	Torii Hunter Jr. from DeShone Kizer	Stanford
20	Torii Hunter Jr. from Malik Zaire	Texas
20	Corey Robinson from Malik Zaire	Texas
20	Chris Brown from DeShone Kizer	Georgia Tech
20	Amir Carlisle from DeShone Kizer	Clemson

\* *touchdown scored on play*

#### OPPONENT EXPLOSIVE PASSING PLAYS (20+ YARDS)

Yards	Player(s)	Opponent
83*	Adoree' Jackson from Cody Kessler	USC
75*	JuJu Smith-Schuster from Jalen Greene	USC
56*	Shakur Nesmith from Blake Frohnapfel	Massachusetts
52	KJ Brent from John Wolford	Wake Forest

51*	Tyler Boyd from Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
48	John Burt from Tyrone Swoopes	Texas
42*	Keeon Johnson from Matt Johns	Virginia
42	Devon Cajuste from Kevin Hogan	Stanford
38	Devon Cajuste from Kevin Hogan	Stanford
38	Canaan Severin from Matt Johns	Virginia
37	JuJu Smith-Schuster from Cody Kessler	USC
37	Dontez Ford from Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
34	Ryan Santoro from Matt Johns	Virginia
33*	Shakur Nesmith from Ross Comis	Massachusetts
31	Michael Rector from Kevin Hogan	Stanford
31	Robby Anderson from P.J. Walker	Temple
28	Clinton Lynch from Justin Thomas	Georgia Tech
28	Deonta Burnett from Cody Kessler	USC
28	Vantell Bryant from P.J. Walker	Temple
27	Devon Cajuste from Kevin Hogan	Stanford
27	J.P. Holtz from Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
26	Vantell Bryant from P.J. Walker	Temple
25	Marken Michel from Blake Frohnapfel	Massachusetts
24*	Patrick Skov from Justin Thomas	Georgia Tech
24	Hunter Renfrow from Deshaun Watson	Clemson
24	Tyler Boyd from Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
23	Cortez Lewis from John Wolford	Wake Forest
22	Dalton Schultz from Kevin Hogan	Stanford
22	Robby Anderson from P.J. Walker	Temple
22	Tom Sweeney from John Fadule	Boston College
21	Shaquille Harris from Blake Frohnapfel	Massachusetts
21	J.P. Holtz from Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
21	Dontez Ford from Nate Peterman	Pittsburgh
20	Canaan Severin from Matt Johns	Virginia
20	Daje Johnson from Tyrone Swoopes	Texas
20	Darreus Rogers from Cody Kessler	USC

\* *touchdown scored on play*

#### NOTRE DAME'S LONGEST PLAYS OF THE SEASON

- Rushing:** 98, Josh Adams vs. Wake Forest (Nov. 14)
- Rushing Touchdown:** 98, Josh Adams vs. Wake Forest (Nov. 14)
- Passing:** 75, Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer vs. USC (Oct. 17)
- Passing Touchdown:** 75, Will Fuller from DeShone Kizer vs. USC (Oct. 17)
- Punt Return:** 50, C.J. Sanders vs. Massachusetts (Sept. 26)
- Punt Return Touchdown:** 50, C.J. Sanders vs. Massachusetts (Sept. 26)
- Kick Return:** 93, C.J. Sanders at Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Kick Return Touchdown:** 93, C.J. Sanders at Stanford (Nov. 28)
- Interception Return:** 28, Andrew Trumbetti vs. Wake Forest (Nov. 14)
- Fumble Return:** 17, Jaylon Smith vs. Georgia Tech (Sept. 19)
- Punt:** 62, Tyler Newsome at Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Field Goal:** 52, Justin Yoon vs. Navy (Oct. 10)

#### OPPONENTS' LONGEST PLAYS OF THE SEASON

- Rushing:** 83, Marquis Young; Massachusetts (Sept. 26)
- Rushing Touchdown:** 83, Marquis Young; Massachusetts (Sept. 26)
- Passing:** 83, Adoree' Jackson from Cody Kessler; USC (Oct. 17)
- Passing Touchdown:** 83, Adoree' Jackson from Cody Kessler; USC (Oct. 17)
- Punt Return:** 18, Jamal Golden; Georgia Tech (Sept. 19)
- Kick Return:** 67, Michael Walker; Boston College (Nov. 21)
- Interception Return:** 21, Tyler Matakevich; Temple (Oct. 31)
- Fumble Return:** 32, Ejuan Price; Pittsburgh (Nov. 7)
- Punt:** 59, Nicholas Conte; Virginia (Sept. 12)
- Field Goal:** 45, Conrad Ukropina; Stanford (Nov. 28)

## Notre Dame Superlatives

**INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	22	C.J. Prosise vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015)
Yards Rushing	198	C.J. Prosise vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015)
TD Rushes	3	C.J. Prosise vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015) C.J. Prosise vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015)
Long Rush	98	Josh Adams vs Wake Forest (Nov. 14, 2015)
Pass attempts	39	DeShone Kizer vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)
Pass completions	23	DeShone Kizer at Temple (Oct. 31, 2015)
Yards Passing	324	DeShone Kizer vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)
TD Passes	5	DeShone Kizer at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015)
Long Pass	75	DeShone Kizer vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Receptions	8	Chris Brown vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015) Amir Carlisle vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)
Yards Receiving	152	Will Fuller at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015)
TD Receptions	3	Will Fuller at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015)
Long Reception	75	Will Fuller vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Field Goals	3	Justin Yoon at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Long Field Goal	52	Justin Yoon vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015)
Punts	7	Tyler Newsome at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015)
Punting Avg	55.8	Tyler Newsome at Virginia (Sept. 12, 2015)
Long Punt	62	Tyler Newsome at Virginia (Sept. 12, 2015)
Punts inside 20	4	Tyler Newsome at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015)
Long Punt Return	50	C.J. Sanders vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Long Kickoff Return	93	C.J. Sanders at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Tackles	15	Jaylon Smith at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Sacks	2.0	Joe Schmidt vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015) Romeo Okwara at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015) Romeo Okwara vs Wake Forest (Nov. 14, 2015)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Romeo Okwara at Temple (Oct. 31, 2015)
Interceptions	1	Cole Luke vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015) Cole Luke at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015) Elijah Shumate vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015) KeiVarae Russell vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015) Max Redfield vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015) KeiVarae Russell at Temple (Oct. 31, 2015) Matthias Farley at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015) Andrew Trumbetti vs Wake Forest (Nov. 14, 2015)

**TEAM GAME HIGHS**

Rushes	52	vs Texas (Sept. 5, 2015)
Yards Rushing	457	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Yards Per Rush	9.0	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
TD Rushes	6	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Pass attempts	39	vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)
Pass completions	23	at Temple (Oct. 31, 2015)
Yards Passing	324	vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)
Yards Per Pass	13.6	vs Texas (Sept. 5, 2015)
TD Passes	5	at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015)
Total Plays	79	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Total Offense	681	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Yards Per Play	8.9	at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Points	62	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Sacks By	4	vs Texas (Sept. 5, 2015)
First Downs	30	vs Texas (Sept. 5, 2015) vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Penalties	8	vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015) vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015) at Temple (Oct. 31, 2015)
Penalty Yards	81	at Temple (Oct. 31, 2015)
Turnovers	5	vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)
Interceptions By	2	vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Punts	7	at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015)
Punting Avg	55.8	at Virginia (Sept. 12, 2015)
Long Punt	62	at Virginia (Sept. 12, 2015)
Punts inside 20	4	at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015)
Long Punt Return	50	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)



## Notre Dame Opponent Superlatives

## INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	27	Christian McCaffrey at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Yards Rushing	111	Wayne Gallman at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015)
TD Rushes	2	Quentin Ezell vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015) Jordan Whitehead at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015)
Long Rush	83	Marquis Young vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Pass attempts	46	Cody Kessler vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Pass completions	30	Cody Kessler vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Yards Passing	365	Cody Kessler vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
TD Passes	4	Kevin Hogan at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Long Pass	83	Cody Kessler vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Receptions	11	Canaan Severin at Virginia (Sept. 12, 2015)
Yards Receiving	153	Canaan Severin at Virginia (Sept. 12, 2015)
TD Receptions	2	Patrick Skov vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015)
Long Reception	83	Adoree Jackson vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Field Goals	2	Austin Jones at Temple (Oct. 31, 2015)
Long Field Goal	45	Conrad Ukropina at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Punts	10	Michael Dickson vs Texas (Sept. 5, 2015)
Punting Avg	50.0	Alex Kinal vs Wake Forest (Nov. 14, 2015)
Long Punt	59	Nick Conte at Virginia (Sept. 12, 2015)
Punts inside 20	4	Andy Teasdall at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015)
Long Punt Return	18	Jamal Golden vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015)
Long Kickoff Return	67	Michael Walker vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)
Tackles	13	Tyler Matakevich at Temple (Oct. 31, 2015)
Sacks	2.0	Kevin Dodd at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015) Ejuan Price at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Shaq Lawson at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015) Kevin Dodd at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015)
Interceptions	2	Jordan Simmons vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)

## TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	49	vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015)
Yards Rushing	318	vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015)
Yards Per Rush	6.5	vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015)
TD Rushes	3	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015) vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015)
Pass attempts	48	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015)
Pass completions	31	vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Yards Passing	440	vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Yards Per Pass	12.8	at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
TD Passes	4	at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Total Plays	77	vs UMass (Sept. 26, 2015) vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Total Offense	590	vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Yards Per Play	7.7	vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Points	38	at Stanford (Nov. 28, 2015)
Sacks By	4	at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015) vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015) at Pittsburgh (Nov. 7, 2015)
First Downs	23	vs Wake Forest (Nov. 14, 2015)
Penalties	10	vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Penalty Yards	105	vs USC (Oct. 17, 2015)
Turnovers	3	vs Navy (Oct. 10, 2015)
Interceptions By	3	vs Boston College (Nov. 21, 2015)
Punts	10	vs Texas (Sept. 5, 2015)
Punting Avg	50.0	vs Wake Forest (Nov. 14, 2015)
Long Punt	59	at Virginia (Sept. 12, 2015)
Punts inside 20	5	at Clemson (Oct. 3, 2015)
Long Punt Return	18	vs Georgia Tech (Sept. 19, 2015)

## Notre Dame Bowl Record (Won 17, Lost 17)

Season	Bowl	Opponent	W/L	Score
1924	Rose (Jan. 1, 1925)	Stanford	W	27-10
1969	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1970)	Texas	L	17-21
1970	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1971)	Texas	W	24-11
1972	Orange (Jan. 1, 1973)	Nebraska	L	6-40
1973	Sugar (Dec. 31, 1973)	Alabama	W	24-23
1974	Orange (Jan. 1, 1975)	Alabama	W	13-11
1976	Gator (Dec. 27, 1976)	Penn State	W	20-9
1977	Cotton (Jan. 2, 1978)	Texas	W	38-10
1978	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1979)	Houston	W	35-34
1980	Sugar (Jan. 1, 1981)	Georgia	L	10-17
1983	Liberty (Dec. 29, 1983)	Boston College	W	19-18
1984	Aloha (Dec. 29, 1984)	SMU	L	20-27
1987	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1988)	Texas A&M	L	10-35
1988	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 1989)	West Virginia	W	34-21
1989	Orange (Jan. 1, 1990)	Colorado	W	21-6
1990	Orange (Jan. 1, 1991)	Colorado	L	9-10
1991	Sugar (Jan. 1, 1992)	Florida	W	39-28
1992	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1993)	Texas A&M	W	28-3
1993	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1994)	Texas A&M	W	24-21
1994	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 1995)	Colorado	L	24-41
1995	Orange (Jan. 1, 1996)	Florida State	L	26-31
1997	Independence (Dec. 28, 1997)	LSU	L	9-27
1998	Gator (Jan. 1, 1999)	Georgia Tech	L	28-35
2000	Fiesta (Jan. 1, 2001)	Oregon State	L	9-41
2002	Gator (Jan. 1, 2003)	North Carolina State	L	6-28
2004	Insight (Dec. 28, 2004)	Oregon State	L	21-38
2005	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 2006)	Ohio State	L	20-34
2006	Sugar (Jan. 3, 2007)	LSU	L	14-41
2008	Hawai'i (Dec. 24, 2008)	Hawai'i	W	49-21
2010	Sun (Dec. 31, 2010)	Miami (Fla.)	W	33-17
2011	Champs Sports (Dec. 29, 2011)	Florida State	L	14-18
2012	BCS National Champ. Game (Jan. 7, 2013)	Alabama	L	14-42
2013	Pinstripe (Dec. 28, 2013)	Rutgers	W	29-16
2014	Music City (Dec. 30, 2014)	LSU	W	31-28

### 1925 ROSE BOWL

**Notre Dame 27, Stanford 10** **January 1, 1925**

Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne and the famed Four Horsemen brought a perfect 9-0 record to the West Coast to take on coach Pop Warner and Ernie Nevers of Stanford. Notre Dame's victory earned the Irish their first national championship and the first of four national crowns to come via bowl wins.

### 1970 COTTON BOWL

**Texas 21, Notre Dame 17** **January 1, 1970**

Texas came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with a perfect 10-0 record. Notre Dame stood eighth in the AP poll and ninth according to UPI with its 8-1-1 mark. Texas earned the national championship with its victory, but Notre Dame moved up to fifth in the final AP poll taken after the bowl games.

### 1971 COTTON BOWL

**Notre Dame 24, Texas 11** **January 1, 1971**

Texas again came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with a 10-0 mark and 30-game winning streak. Notre Dame stood 9-1 and was fifth in the UPI poll and sixth according to the AP. The Notre Dame victory dropped Texas to third in the final AP poll after the bowl games, while Notre Dame moved up to second behind Nebraska.

### 1973 ORANGE BOWL

**Nebraska 40, Notre Dame 6** **January 1, 1973**

Nebraska came in with an 8-2-1 record, ranked ninth according to United Press International. Notre Dame, 8-2, came in ranked 12th in the UPI poll. The Nebraska victory vaulted the Huskers to fourth in the final AP poll after the bowls, while Notre Dame dropped to 14th.

### 1973 SUGAR BOWL

**Notre Dame 24, Alabama 23** **December 31, 1973**

Alabama came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with an 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked third according to AP and fourth in the UPI poll with a 10-0 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Irish first in the AP poll after the bowls, while Alabama dropped to fourth.

### 1975 ORANGE BOWL

**Notre Dame 13, Alabama 11** **January 1, 1975**

Alabama came in ranked first in the United Press International poll and second in the Associated Press poll with its 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in standing eighth in the UPI poll and ninth according to AP with its 9-2 record. The Notre Dame victory left Notre Dame sixth and Alabama fifth in the AP poll after the bowls. UPI also took its final tabulation after the bowl games for the first time and rated Alabama second and Notre Dame fourth.

### 1976 GATOR BOWL

**Notre Dame 20, Penn State 9** **December 27, 1976**

Penn State came in tied for 20th in the polls with a 7-4 record. Notre Dame came in 13th in the United Press International poll and 15th in the Associated Press poll with an 8-3 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Irish 12th in both the final AP and UPI polls after the bowl games.

### 1978 COTTON BOWL

**Notre Dame 38, Texas 10** **January 2, 1978**

Texas came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with its perfect 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fifth by both AP and UPI with a 10-1 record. The Notre Dame victory elevated the Irish to first in both the AP and UPI polls taken after the bowls, while Texas dropped to fourth in AP and fifth in UPI.

### 1979 COTTON BOWL

**Notre Dame 35, Houston 34** **January 1, 1979**

Houston came in ranked ninth according to the Associated Press and 11th according to United Press International with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in ranked ninth according to UPI and 10th according to AP with an 8-3 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Irish sixth in UPI and seventh in AP, while Houston dropped to 10th in AP and remained 11th in UPI.

### 1981 SUGAR BOWL

**Georgia 17, Notre Dame 10** **January 1, 1981**

Georgia came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with a perfect 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in seventh in AP and eighth in UPI with a 9-1-1 record. The Georgia victory kept the Bulldogs first in both polls, while Notre Dame dropped to ninth in AP and 10th in UPI.

### 1983 LIBERTY BOWL

**Notre Dame 19, Boston College 18** **December 29, 1983**

Boston College came in ranked 12th according to United Press International and 13th according to the Associated Press with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in unranked with a 6-5 record. The Notre Dame victory dropped the Eagles to 19th in AP and 20th in UPI, while Notre Dame remained unranked. The Irish, however, did finish 18th in the final New York Times computer rankings.

### 1984 ALOHA BOWL

**SMU 27, Notre Dame 20** **December 29, 1984**

SMU came in ranked 10th according to both the Associated Press and United Press International with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in ranked 17th by AP and 18th by UPI with a 7-4 record. The SMU victory boosted the Mustangs to eighth in both final wire service polls, while Notre Dame dropped out of both polls.

### 1988 COTTON BOWL

**Texas A&M 35, Notre Dame 10** **January 1, 1988**

Texas A&M came in ranked 13th according to both the Associated Press and United Press International with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in ranked 12th by AP and 14th by UPI with an 8-3 record. The Texas A&M victory boosted the Aggies to ninth in the final UPI polls and 10th according to AP. Notre Dame fell to 17th in the final AP poll and dropped out of the UPI rankings completely.

### 1989 FIESTA BOWL

**Notre Dame 34, West Virginia 21** **January 2, 1989**

West Virginia came in ranked third according to both the Associated Press and United Press International with an 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked first by both AP and UPI with an 11-0 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Irish atop both polls in the final rankings. West Virginia dropped to fifth in both final polls.

## 1990 ORANGE BOWL

**Notre Dame 21, Colorado 6** **January 1, 1990**

Colorado came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with its perfect 11-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fourth in both polls with an 11-1 record. The Notre Dame victory boosted the Irish to second in the final AP poll and third according to UPI. Colorado dropped to fourth in both polls.

## 1991 ORANGE BOWL

**Colorado 10, Notre Dame 9** **January 1, 1991**

Colorado came in ranked first in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls with its 10-1-1 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fifth by AP and sixth by UPI with a 9-2 record. The Colorado victory left the Buffs first according to AP and second by UPI. Notre Dame finished sixth in both polls.

## 1992 SUGAR BOWL

**Notre Dame 39, Florida 28** **January 1, 1992**

Florida came in ranked third according to the Associated Press and fourth according to USA Today/CNN with a 10-1 record. Notre Dame came in ranked 18th in both polls with a 9-3 record. The Notre Dame victory left the Gators seventh according to AP and eighth by USA Today/CNN. The Irish finished 12th according to USA Today/CNN and 13th by AP.

## 1993 COTTON BOWL

**Notre Dame 28, Texas A&M 3** **January 1, 1993**

Texas A&M came in ranked third by USA Today/CNN and fourth by the Associated Press with a 12-0 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fifth in both polls with a 9-1-1 mark. The Irish victory put them fourth in the final polls and placed the Aggies sixth according to USA Today/CNN and seventh by AP.

## 1994 COTTON BOWL

**Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21** **January 1, 1994**

Texas A&M came in ranked sixth by USA Today/CNN and seventh by the Associated Press with a 10-1 record. Notre Dame came in ranked fourth by both Associated Press and USA Today/CNN with a 10-1 mark. The Notre Dame victory pushed the Irish to second in both polls. The Aggies dropped to eighth in both polls.

## 1995 FIESTA BOWL

**Colorado 41, Notre Dame 24** **January 2, 1995**

Colorado came in ranked fourth by the Associated Press and fifth by USA Today/CNN with a 10-1 record. Notre Dame came in unranked with a 6-4-1 record. The Colorado victory left the Buffs third in both polls, while Notre Dame remained unranked.

## 1996 ORANGE BOWL

**Florida State 31, Notre Dame 26** **January 1, 1996**

Florida State came in ranked eighth by both the Associated Press and USA Today/CNN with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came in with a 9-2 mark and was ranked sixth by AP and ninth in USA Today/CNN. The victory by Florida State put the Seminoles fourth in the final AP poll and fifth in USA Today/CNN. Notre Dame finished 11th in AP and 13th in the USA Today/CNN.

## 1997 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

**LSU 27, Notre Dame 9** **December 28, 1997**

LSU came in ranked 15th by both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN with an 8-3 record. Notre Dame came into the contest with a 7-5 mark and was unranked. The victory by LSU gave the Tigers a final ranking of 13th in both the AP and USA Today/ESPN poll.

## 1999 GATOR BOWL

**Georgia Tech 35, Notre Dame 28** **January 1, 1999**

Georgia Tech came in ranked 12th by the Associated Press and 14th by USA Today/ESPN with a 9-2 record. Notre Dame came into the contest with a 9-2 mark and was ranked 17th by the Associated Press and 14th by USA Today/ESPN. The victory by Georgia Tech gave the Yellow Jackets a final ranking of ninth in the AP and 11th in the USA Today/ESPN. Notre Dame was ranked 22nd in both final polls.

## 2001 FIESTA BOWL

**Oregon State 41, Notre Dame 9** **January 1, 2001**

Oregon State came in ranked fifth by the Associated Press and sixth by USA Today/ESPN with a 10-1 record. Notre Dame came into the contest with a 9-2 mark and was ranked 10th by both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN. The victory by Oregon State gave the Beavers a final ranking of fourth in the AP and fifth in the USA Today/ESPN poll. Notre Dame was ranked 15th in the AP poll and 16th in the final USA Today/ESPN poll.

## 2003 GATOR BOWL

**North Carolina State 28, Notre Dame 6** **January 1, 2003**

North Carolina State came in ranked 17th by both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN with a 10-3 record. Notre Dame came into the contest with a 10-2 mark and was ranked 11th by the Associated Press and 12th by USA Today/ESPN. The victory by North Carolina State boosted the Wolfpack to a final ranking of 12th in the AP and 11th in the USA Today/ESPN poll. Notre Dame was ranked 17th in both the AP poll and final USA Today/ESPN poll.

## 2004 INSIGHT BOWL

**Oregon State 38, Notre Dame 21** **December 28, 2004**

Both teams (Notre Dame 6-5, Oregon State 6-5) entered the contest unranked by both national polls. Neither team appeared in the national rankings after the game.

## 2006 FIESTA BOWL

**Ohio State 34, Notre Dame 20** **January 2, 2006**

Notre Dame entered the game with a 9-2 record and ranked fifth in the Associated Press and Harris polls, sixth in the USA Today and BCS standings. Ohio State entered the game with a 9-2 record and ranked fourth in the AP, Harris, USA Today and BCS standings. Ohio State's victory ended up ranking the Buckeyes fourth in both the AP and USA Today top 25. The Irish fell to ninth in the final AP voting and 11th in the USA Today listing.

## 2007 SUGAR BOWL

**LSU 41, Notre Dame 14** **January 3, 2007**

Notre Dame entered the game with a 10-2 record and ranked 10th in the Harris Poll and BCS Standings, as well as 11th in the Associated Press and USA Today polls. LSU entered the game with a 10-2 record and ranked fourth in the AP, Harris, USA Today and BCS standings. The Tigers' victory ended up ranking LSU third in both the AP and USA Today top 25. The Irish fell to 17th in the final AP voting and 19th in the USA Today listing.

## 2008 HAWAII BOWL

**Notre Dame 49, Hawai'i 21** **December 24, 2008**

Both teams (Notre Dame 6-6, Hawaii 7-5) entered the contest unranked by both national polls. The Irish snapped their NCAA-record nine-game bowl losing streak. Neither team appeared in the national rankings after the game.

## 2010 SUN BOWL

**Notre Dame 33, Miami (Fla.) 17** **December 31, 2010**

Both teams (Notre Dame 7-5 Miami 7-5) entered the contest unranked by both national polls. Neither team appeared in the national rankings after the game.

## 2011 CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

**Florida State 18, Notre Dame 14** **December 29, 2011**

Notre Dame (8-4) entered the contest unranked by both national polls, while Florida State (8-4) was ranked 25th by both goals. The victory by the Seminoles gave Florida State a final ranking of 23rd in both the Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN polls.

## 2013 BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

**Alabama 42, Notre Dame 14** **January 7, 2013**

Notre Dame entered the game with a 12-0 record and ranked first in the BCS standings, Associated Press and USA Today polls. Alabama entered the game with a 12-1 record and ranked second in the BCS standings, AP and USA Today polls. The Crimson Tide victory ended up ranking Alabama first in both the AP and USA Today top 25. The Irish fell to fourth in the final AP voting and third in the USA Today listing.

## 2013 PINSTRIPE BOWL

**Notre Dame 29, Rutgers 16** **December 28, 2013**

Notre Dame (8-4) entered the game 25th in the Associated Press and BCS rankings. Rutgers was unranked at 6-6 entering the contest. The victorious Irish climbed to 20th in the final AP poll and 24th in the USA Today listing. The Scarlet Knights remained unranked.

## 2014 MUSIC CITY BOWL

**Notre Dame 31, LSU 28** **December 30, 2014**

Notre Dame (7-5) entered the game unranked in the Associated Press or College Football Playoff Rankings. LSU (8-4) entered the game 22nd in the Associated Press and 23rd in the College Football Playoff Rankings. Neither team appeared in the national rankings after the game.



## Individual Game Records

### RUSHING

**Rushing Attempts:** 28, Allen Pinkett (111 yards) vs. Boston College, '83 Liberty  
**Rushing Yards:** 150, Jerome Bettis (16 attempts) vs. Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Rushing Yards Per Attempt (min. 10 attempts):** 9.4, Jerome Bettis (16 for 150) vs. Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Rushing Touchdowns:** 3, Jerome Bettis vs. Florida, '92 Sugar; Atry Denson vs. Georgia Tech, '99 Gator; Darius Walker vs. Ohio State, '06 Fiesta  
**Longest Rush:** 50, C.J. Proisie vs. LSU, '14 Music City

### PASSING

**Pass Attempts:** 47, Tommy Rees (completed 27) vs. Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe  
**Pass Completions:** 29, Brady Quinn (attempted 45) vs. Ohio State, '06 Fiesta  
**Completion Percentage (min. 10 attempts):** .846, Jimmy Clausen (22 of 26) vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i  
**Passing Yards:** 401, Jimmy Clausen (22 of 26) vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i  
**Most Yards Per Attempt:** 19.4, Tony Rice vs. West Virginia (11 for 213), '89 Fiesta  
**Most Yards Per Completion:** 30.4, Tony Rice vs. West Virginia (7 for 213), '89 Fiesta  
**Passes Had Intercepted:** 4, Joe Montana vs. Houston, '79 Cotton  
**Touchdown Passes:** 5, Jimmy Clausen vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i

### RECEIVING

**Pass Receptions:** 10, Arnaz Battle (84 yards) vs. North Carolina State, '03 Gator  
**Pass Reception Yards:** 177, Golden Tate vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i  
**Touchdown Receptions:** 3, Golden Tate vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i  
**Longest Pass:** 69, Jimmy Clausen to Golden Tate vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i

### TOTAL OFFENSE

**Total Offense Attempts:** 55, Brady Quinn (254 yards) vs. Ohio State, '06 Fiesta  
**Total Offense Yards:** 395, Jimmy Clausen (28 attempts) vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i

### SCORING

**Points:** 18, Elmer Layden (3 TDs) vs. Stanford, '25 Rose; Vagas Ferguson (3 TDs) vs. Texas, '77 Cotton; Jerome Bettis (3 TDs) vs. Florida, '92 Sugar; Bettis (3 TDs) vs. Texas A&M, '93 Cotton; Atry Denson (3 TDs) vs. Georgia Tech, '99 Gator; Darius Walker (3 TDs) vs. Ohio State, '06 Fiesta Bowl; Golden Tate (3 TDs) vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i  
**Touchdowns:** 3, Elmer Layden vs. Stanford, '25 Rose; Vagas Ferguson vs. Texas, '77 Cotton; Jerome Bettis vs. Florida, '92 Sugar; Bettis vs. Texas A&M, '93 Cotton; Atry Denson vs. Georgia Tech, '99 Gator; Darius Walker, '06 Fiesta; Golden Tate vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i  
**Kicking Points:** 17, Kyle Brindza vs. Rutgers (5 FGs, 2 XPs), '13 Pinstripe  
**Extra Points:** 7, Brandon Walker vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i  
**Field Goals:** 5, Kyle Brindza vs. Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe  
**Longest Field Goal:** 51, John Carney vs. SMU, '84 Aloha

### DEFENSE

**Most Unassisted Tackles:** 18, Rod Smith vs. Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Most Assisted Tackles:** 9, Jay Case vs. Houston, '79 Cotton; Zeke Motta vs. Alabama, '13 BCS National Championship  
**Most Total Tackles:** 18, Rod Smith vs. Florida, '92 Sugar

### INTERCEPTIONS

**Interceptions:** 3, Harrison Smith (16 yards) vs. Miami, Fla., '10 Sun  
**Interception Yards:** 148, Elmer Layden (2 returns) vs. Stanford, '25 Rose  
**Longest Interception:** 78, Elmer Layden vs. Stanford, '25 Rose

### PUNT RETURNS

**Punt Returns:** 4, Dave Waymer (15 yards) vs. Houston, '79 Cotton; Joe Howard (42 yards) vs. SMU, '84 Aloha; Raghil Ismail (68 yards) vs. Colorado, '91 Orange  
**Punt Return Yards:** 68, Raghil Ismail (4 returns) vs. Colorado, '91 Orange  
**Longest Punt Return:** 41, Michael Floyd (1 return) vs. Florida State, '11 Champs Sports

### KICKOFF RETURNS

**Kickoff Returns:** 6, Tim Brown (129 yards) vs. Texas A&M, '88 Cotton  
**Kickoff Return Yards:** 144, Clint Johnson (5 returns) vs. Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Longest Kickoff Return:** 96, Armando Allen vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i

### PUNTING

**Punts:** 8, Jim Yoder (366 yards) vs. Texas, '71 Cotton  
**Punting Average:** 48.5, Elmer Layden vs. Stanford, '25 Rose  
**Longest Punt:** 80, Elmer Layden vs. Stanford, '25 Rose

## Individual Career Records

### RUSHING

**Rushing Attempts:** 57, Atry Denson (298 yards) in '96 Orange, '97 Independence, '99 Gator  
**Rushing Yards:** 298, Atry Denson (57 attempts) in '96 Orange, '97 Independence, '99 Gator  
**Rushing Yards Per Attempt (min. 20 attempts):** 5.7, Darius Walker (38 for 218) in '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar  
**Rushing Touchdowns:** 5, Jerome Bettis in '91 Orange, '92 Sugar, '93 Cotton

### PASSING

**Pass Attempts:** 109, Brady Quinn (completed 59) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar  
**Pass Completions:** 59, Brady Quinn (attempted 109) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar  
**Completion Percentage (min. 20 attempts):** .846, Jimmy Clausen (22 of 26) in '08 Hawai'i  
**Passing Yards:** 683, Tommy Rees (58 of 103) in '10 Sun, '11 Champs Sports, '13 Pinstripe  
**Passes Had Intercepted:** 5, Joe Montana in '78 Cotton, '79 Cotton  
**Touchdown Passes:** 5, Jimmy Clausen in '08 Hawai'i

### RECEIVING

**Pass Receptions:** 19, Jeff Samardzija (207 yards) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar  
**Pass Reception Yards:** 207, Jeff Samardzija (19 receptions) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar  
**Touchdown Receptions:** 4, Derrick Mayes in '93 Cotton, '94 Cotton, '95 Fiesta, '96 Orange

### TOTAL OFFENSE

**Total Offense Attempts:** 126, Brady Quinn (632 yards) in '04 Insight, '06 Fiesta, '07 Sugar  
**Total Offense Yards:** 663, Tommy Rees (110 att.) in '10 Sun, '11 Champs Sports, '13 Pinstripe

### SCORING

**Points:** 36, Jerome Bettis (6 TDs) in '92 Sugar, '93 Cotton  
**Touchdowns:** 6, Jerome Bettis in '91 Orange, '92 Sugar, '93 Cotton  
**Kicking Points:** 26, Kyle Brindza (6 FGs, 8 PATs) in '13 BCS Championship Game, '13 Pinstripe, '14 Music City  
**Extra Points:** 11, Dave Reeve in '75 Orange, '76 Gator, '78 Cotton  
**Field Goals:** 6, Kyle Brindza in '13 BCS Championship Game, '13 Pinstripe, '14 Music City

### RETURNS

**Interceptions:** 3, Harrison Smith (16 yards) vs. Miami, Fla., '10 Sun  
**Interception Yards:** 148, Elmer Layden (2 returns) in '25 Rose  
**Punt Returns:** 4, Dave Waymer (15 yards) in '76 Gator, '78 Cotton; Joe Howard (42 yards) in '83 Liberty, '84 Aloha; Raghil Ismail (68 yards) in '91 Orange  
**Punt Return Yards:** 68, Raghil Ismail (4 returns) in '91 Orange  
**Kickoff Returns:** 8, Tim Brown (217 yards) in '84 Aloha, '88 Cotton; Clint Johnson (203 yards) in '92 Sugar, '94 Cotton; George Atkinson III (140 yards) in '11 Champs Sports, '13 BCS National Championship Game  
**Kickoff Return Yards:** 217, Tim Brown (8 returns) in '84 Aloha, '88 Cotton

### PUNTING

**Punts:** 16, Ben Turk (658 yards) in '10 Sun, '11 Champs Sports, '13 National Championship Game  
**Punting Average:** 48.5, Elmer Layden in '25 Rose

## Opponent Individual Records

### RUSHING

**Rushing Attempts:** 36, Herschel Walker (150 yards), Georgia, '81 Sugar  
**Rushing Yards:** 222, Rondell Mealey (34 attempts), LSU, '97 Independence  
**Rushing Yards Per Attempt (min. 10 attempts):** 13.0, Leonard Fournette (11 for 143), LSU, '14 Music City  
**Rushing Touchdowns:** 3, Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, '73 Orange; Rashaan Salaam, Colorado, '95 Fiesta  
**Longest Rush:** 89, Leonard Fournette, LSU, '14 Music City

### PASSING

**Pass Attempts:** 58, Shane Matthews (completed 28), Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Pass Completions:** 28, Shane Matthews (attempted 58), Florida, '92 Sugar; Derek Anderson (attempted 45), Oregon State, '04 Insight  
**Completion Percentage (min. 10 attempts):** .714, AJ McCarron (20 of 28), Alabama, '13 BCS National Championship Game  
**Passing Yards:** 370, Shane Matthews (28 of 58), Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Passes Had Intercepted:** 3, Randy McEachern, Texas, '78 Cotton; Jacory Harris, Miami, Fla., '10 Sun; Chas Dodd, Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe  
**Touchdown Passes:** 4, Danny Kanell, Florida State, '96 Orange; Derek Anderson, Oregon State, '04 Insight; AJ McCarron, Alabama, '13 BCS National Championship Game

### RECEIVING

**Pass Reception:** 10, Jerricho Cotchery (127 yards), North Carolina State, '03 Gator  
**Pass Reception Yards:** 167, Ted Ginn Jr. (8 receptions), Ohio State, '06 Fiesta  
**Touchdown Receptions:** 3, Andre Cooper, Florida State, '96 Orange  
**Longest Pass:** 85, Troy Smith to Santonio Holmes, Ohio State, '06 Fiesta

### TOTAL OFFENSE

**Total Offense Attempts:** 65, Shane Matthews (397 yards), Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Total Offense Yards:** 397, Shane Matthews (65 attempts), Florida, '92 Sugar

### SCORING

**Points:** 24, Johnny Rodgers (4 TDs), Nebraska, '73 Orange  
**Touchdowns:** 4, Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, '73 Orange  
**Kicking Points:** 16, Arden Czyzewski (5 FGs, 1 PAT), Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Extra Points:** 6, Jeremy Shelley, Alabama, '13 BCS National Championship Game  
**Field Goals:** 5, Arden Czyzewski, Florida, '92 Sugar  
**Longest Field Goal:** 47, Brandy Brownlee, SMU, '84 Aloha; Kyle Federico, Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe

### INTERCEPTIONS

**Interceptions:** 3, Rod Johnson (36 yards), North Carolina State, '03 Gator  
**Interception Yards:** 37, Aric Williams (one interception), Oregon State, '04 Insight  
**Longest Interception:** 37, Aric Williams (one interception), Oregon State, '04 Insight

### PUNT RETURNS

**Punt Returns:** 5, Willie Shelby (34 yards), Alabama, '75 Orange  
**Punt Return Yards:** 61, T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Oregon State, '01 Fiesta  
**Longest Punt Return:** 52, Samie Stroughter, Oregon State, '04 Insight

### KICKOFF RETURNS

**Kickoff Returns:** 6, Eugene Napoleon, West Virginia, '89 Fiesta  
**Kickoff Return Yards:** 127, Janarion Grant, Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe  
**Longest Kickoff Return:** 100, Leonard Fournette, LSU, '14 Music City

### PUNTING

**Punts:** 11, Mark Malkiewicz (424 yards), Georgia, '81 Sugar  
**Punting Average:** 49.2, Cody Mandell (4 for 197), Alabama, '13 BCS National Championship Game  
**Longest Punt:** 69, Greg Gantt, Alabama, '73 Sugar

## Team Records

**First Downs:** 31 vs. Rutgers, '13 Pinstripe  
**Rushing Attempts:** 66 vs. Alabama (185 yards), '75 Orange  
**Rushing Yards:** 290 vs. Texas A&M (64 attempts), '93 Sugar  
**Pass Attempts:** 47 vs. Rutgers (27 completions), '13 Pinstripe  
**Pass Completions:** 29 vs. Ohio State (45 attempts), '06 Fiesta  
**Completion Percentage (min. 10 attempts):** .857 vs. Hawai'i (24 of 28), '08 Hawai'i  
**Passing Yards:** 413 vs. Hawai'i (24 of 28), '08 Hawai'i  
**Passes Had Intercepted:** 4 vs. Houston, '79 Cotton  
**Touchdown Passes:** 5 vs. Hawai'i, '08 Hawai'i  
**Total Offense Attempts:** 90 vs. Rutgers (494 yards), '13 Pinstripe  
**Total Offense Yards:** 494 vs. Rutgers (90 plays), '13 Pinstripe  
**Fumbles Lost:** 3 vs. Alabama, '73 Sugar; vs. Houston, '79 Cotton  
**Total Turnovers:** 7 vs. Houston (4 interceptions, 3 fumbles), '79 Cotton

## Opponent Team Records

**First Downs:** 31 by LSU, '07 Sugar  
**Rushing Attempts:** 67 by Texas (331 yards), '70 Cotton  
**Rushing Yards:** 331 by Texas (67 carries), '70 Cotton  
**Pass Attempts:** 58 by Florida (completed 28), '92 Sugar  
**Pass Completions:** 28 by Florida (attempted 58), '92 Sugar; by Oregon State (attempted 45), '04 Insight  
**Completion Percentage (min. 10 attempts):** .714 by Alabama (20 of 28), '13 BCS National Championship Game  
**Passing Yards:** 370 by Florida (28 of 58), '92 Sugar  
**Passes Had Intercepted:** 5 by Stanford, '25 Rose  
**Touchdown Passes:** 4 by Florida State, '96 Orange; by Oregon State, '04 Insight; by Alabama '13 BCS National Championship Game  
**Total Offense Attempts:** 91 by Florida (511 yards), '92 Sugar  
**Total Offense Yards:** 617 by Ohio State (64 plays), '06 Fiesta  
**Fumbles Lost:** 5 by Texas, '71 Cotton  
**Total Turnovers:** 8 by Stanford (5 interceptions, 3 fumbles), '25 Rose

## Orange Bowl Hall of Fame

Ara Parseghian, 1980  
 Dan Devine, 1993  
 Lou Holtz, 1998  
 Gene Corrigan, 2000  
 Raghieb Ismail, 2003  
 Chris Zorich, 2009

## Rose Bowl Hall of Fame

Elmer Layden, 1992  
 Knute Rockne, 2014

## Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame

Joe Theismann, 2003  
 Ara Parseghian, 2007  
 Kris Haines, 2010  
 Joe Montana, 2010  
 Lou Holtz, 2012

## Gator Bowl Hall of Fame

Dan Devine, 1989  
 John Lanahan, 1997 (Notre Dame graduate and former Gator Bowl president)  
 Ross Browner, 1998  
 Bob Golic, 2009

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### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame  
Stanford

1	2	3	4	SCORE
0	13	7	7	27
3	0	7	0	10



### STANFORD vs NOTRE DAME



Pasadena Rose Bowl  
January 1st 1925

**PASADENA, Calif.** – With the fabled Four Horsemen making their final appearance together, Notre Dame ventured to the distant West Coast and proved its worth by downing Stanford 27-10 in the 1925 Rose Bowl. The win gave Notre Dame a 10-0 record for the 1924 season and the national championship.

Although Pop Warner's Indians won the battle of the statistics-besting Notre Dame in virtually every offensive category-the Irish, coached by Knute Rockne, capitalized on Stanford miscues and came up on top on the scoreboard.

Stanford opened the scoring in the first quarter as Murray Cuddeback kicked a 27-yard field goal. But that was all the Indians could manage until late in the game when the

outcome was almost assured.

Elmer Layden shone as a sparkling jewel in the Notre Dame crown all afternoon. The skinny fullback scored three touchdowns for the Irish, including two on interception returns. He also helped the Notre Dame cause with his punting that forced Stanford into poor field position on many occasions.

Layden's first score, a three-yard plunge across the goal line, capped a 46-yard drive by Notre Dame. Although Jim Crowley's kick failed, Notre Dame owned a 6-3 lead early in the second quarter.

Late in the second period, Layden stunned the capacity crowd of 53,000 in the Rose Bowl by intercepting an Ernie Nevers pass and galloping downfield for 78 yards for another touchdown. This time Crowley, another one of the Horsemen, converted the extra-point attempt.

Even though the stronger, more physical Stanford Indians were controlling the line play, Rockne's swift and crafty Irish kept putting points on the scoreboard.

Late in the third quarter, Stanford fumbled an Elmer Layden punt on its own 20-yard line. A quick-thinking Ed Hunsinger picked up the ball and ran untouched into the end zone for another Notre Dame score. With Crowley's kick, Notre Dame held a commanding 20-3 lead.

Stanford finally staged a late rally and threatened to dash the Irish hopes of a Midwest victory. Nevers, a star on both offense and defense, provided the heroics as he intercepted a Notre Dame pass on the Stanford 20-yard line, thwarting an Irish scoring drive. He then guided the Indians downfield to the Notre Dame seven. Another Stanford back, Ed Walker, passed to Ted Shipkey, a two-way star for the Indians, for the score. Cuddeback's kick brought Stanford back to within 10 points at 20-10.

The Indians moved into scoring territory again in the final stanza. Nevers brought Stanford all the way to the Notre Dame eight-inch line. But an inspired Irish line made a superb defensive stance on Nevers' final plunge, and the Notre Dame advantage stayed intact.

Notre Dame crossed the goal line a final time with only 30 seconds left in the contest that was played in 89-degree heat. Layden again intercepted a Nevers pass and took it 70 yards into the end zone. Crowley added the final touches with his kick.

Layden and Crowley proved the Irish standouts of the afternoon, but the two other Horsemen-Don Miller and quarterback Harry Stuhldreher-also played a big part in the Notre Dame win. Stuhldreher broke an ankle early in the contest but continued to play despite the painful injury. Captain Adam Walsh anchored the line play at center.

The story of the game proved to be Notre Dame's penchant for turning Stanford mistakes into Notre Dame scores.

"It is true that we got the breaks, but we would have won anyway," said Rockne. "It is one thing to get the breaks and another thing to take advantage of them. Stanford played a wonderful game, but we won fairly, playing the ball as it came to us, and we hope to be given credit for that."

### FIRST QUARTER

8:00 SU Cuddeback 27 yd field goal

### SECOND QUARTER

13:30 ND Layden 3 yd run (Crowley kick failed)  
8:00 ND Layden 78 yd interception return (Crowley kick)

### THIRD QUARTER

5:00 ND Hunsinger 20 yd fumble return (Crowley kick)  
1:00 SU Walker 7 yd pass from Shipkey (Cuddeback kick)

### FOURTH QUARTER

0:30 ND Layden 70 yd interception return (Crowley kick)

	SU	ND
First Downs	17	7
Yards Rushing	193	137
Yards Lost Rushing	15	7
Net Yards Rushing	178	130
Net Yards Passing	138	56
Passes Attempted	17	7
Passes Completed	12	3
Had Intercepted	5	3
Total Net Yards	316	186
Fumbles Lost	3	1
Penalties-Yards	1-15	4-30
Average Per Punt	42.5	48.5
Interceptions	3-7	5-139



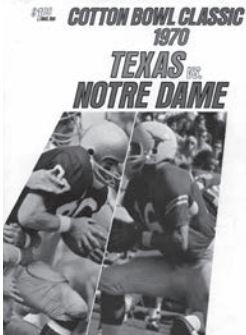
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#8 Notre Dame  
#1 Texas

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#8 Notre Dame	3	7	0	7	17
#1 Texas	0	7	0	14	21



**DALLAS** – After a 45-year absence, Notre Dame reappeared on the bowl scene.

The Irish, who headed into the battle with a respectable 8-1-1 record, drew the unenviable assignment of challenging the nation's number-one team - the unbeaten Longhorns of Texas. With visions of the Four Horsemen dancing in their heads, the Irish almost pulled off the upset. Only a 76-yard drive late in the final period, capped by Billy Dale's one-yard scoring plunge, gave the Longhorns a hard fought 21-17 victory and insured their claim to the national title.

Although Texas won the annual Cotton Bowl Classic on this sundrenched but chilly New Year's Day before a packed house of 73,000, Notre Dame, coached by Ara Parseghian, matched the powerful Longhorns yard for yard

until the final gun.

The Irish opened the scoring in the first quarter as Scott Hempel converted a 26-yard field goal. After the opening kickoff junior quarterback Joe Theismann guided the Irish 82 yards downfield, eating up six minutes on the clock, to set the stage for Hempel's kick.

Notre Dame scored again early in the second period as Theismann shocked the Longhorns by tossing a 54-yard touchdown bomb to Tom Gatewood on the first play from scrimmage after a Texas punt. Hempel's kick made it 10-0 for Notre Dame.

The Longhorns first lit the scoreboard in the second quarter as they drove 74 yards in nine plays. Behind the running of Ted Koy and Jim Bertelsen and the passing of James Street, the Longhorns moved into Notre Dame territory and ended the scoring march on Bertelsen's one-yard dash into the end zone. Happy Feller converted the PAT and the Longhorns trailed 10-7.

Neither team crossed the goal line again until the final period.

Texas jumped out in front of the Irish in the fourth quarter on a bruising 77-yard drive. Steve Worster, the game's leading rusher with 155 yards, barreled his way through the Irish defense for long gains of eight, nine and seven yards, while Bertelsen, who finished the afternoon with 81 yards, added carries of five and six yards to the Longhorn effort. Koy took the ball in from the three, and Feller's kick gave Texas a 14-10 lead.

Notre Dame fought right back. With Theismann at the controls, Notre Dame went 80 yards in eight plays to go ahead 17-14. The feisty Theismann put together scampers of 14 and 11 yards and tossed an 11-yard pass to Dennis Allen. The Irish finally scored on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Theismann to Jim Yoder.

With still seven minutes left in the battle, coach Darrell Royal and his Longhorns weren't about to watch their national championship dreams be snuffed out by an upstart group of Irishmen from Notre Dame. Texas made the most of its final surge. Twice the Longhorns needed conversions on fourth down to maintain possession, and the final one dashed Notre Dame's hopes. Street, on fourth and two from the Irish 10-yard line, threw low and wide to end Cotton Speyrer, but the lanky redhead snared it at the two. The Irish defense then halted a pair of Longhorn rushing plays, but on the third try, Dale found the end zone and the Longhorns had their national championship with only 1:08 left on the clock.

Notre Dame tried another comeback attempt with the seconds ticking away. Theismann brought the Irish all the way to the Texas 39, but with 28 seconds left, Tom Campbell intercepted Theismann's final pass.

Worster earned the game's offensive player award, while Notre Dame's captain Bob Olson won the most valuable defensive player honor.

Theismann's efforts established Cotton Bowl records in two categories. His 231 yards passing broke Roger Staubach's previous mark of 228 (1964) and his 279 yards total offense surpassed Duke Carlisle's 267 standard, also set in 1964.

OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Bob Olson, Linebacker

FIRST QUARTER

8:41 ND Hempel 26 yd field goal, 16-82 6:14

SECOND QUARTER

14:40 ND Gatewood 54 yd pass from Theismann (Hempel kick), 1-54 0:08  
11:12 UT Bertelsen 1 yd run (Feller kick), 9-74 3:22

FOURTH QUARTER

10:05 UT Koy 3 yd run (Feller kick), 18-77 8:10  
6:52 ND Yoder 24 yd pass from Theismann (Hempel kick), 8-80 2:56  
1:08 UT Dale 1 yd run (Feller kick), 17-76 5:39

	UT	ND
First Downs	25	25
By Rushing	19	13
By Passing	6	12
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	67	43
Yards Rushing	333	213
Yards Lost Rushing	2	24
Net Yards Rushing	331	189
Net Yards Passing	107	231
Passes Attempted	11	27
Passes Completed	6	17
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	78	70
Total Net Yards	448	420
Average Gain Per Play	5.7	6.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5	2-10
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-9	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-159	7-256
Average Per Punt	39.8	36.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-24	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-31	5-97

**RUSHING:** Texas-Worster 20-155; Bertelsen 18-81; Koy 12-40; Street 10-31; Speyrer 1-13; Dale 6-11. Notre Dame-Barz 10-49; Theismann 11-48; Allan 7-47; Huff 11-39; Yoder 2-4; Crotty 2-2.

**PASSING:** Texas-Street 6-11-1-107. Notre Dame-Theismann 17-27-2-231.

**RECEIVING:** Texas-Speyrer 4-70; Bertelsen 1-21; Peschel 1-16. Notre Dame: Gatewood 6-112; Allan 3-43; Crotty 3-19; Huff 2-15; Yoder 1-24; Poskon 1-22; Barz 1-7.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#6 Notre Dame  
#1 Texas

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#6 Notre Dame	14	10	0	0	24
#1 Texas	3	8	0	0	11



**DALLAS** – Notre Dame’s defense caused nine Texas fumbles and All-America quarterback Joe Theismann personally accounted for three scores in the first 16 1/2 minutes en route to a 24-11 Irish victory in the 1971 Cotton Bowl Classic.

The victory, Notre Dame’s 10th against only one loss during the season, stopped the Longhorns’ 30-game winning string and knocked top-ranked Texas out of the race for its second consecutive national championship.

The decisive win was the first bowl victory in 46 years for Notre Dame, who returned to the postseason scene the year before after a 45-year absence.

Both teams displayed their offensive fireworks in the first half as the Irish built up a 24-11 advantage that held

up until the final buzzer.

Texas cracked the scoring barrier early in the first period on Happy Feller’s 23-yard field goal. On the first play of the Texas possession, quarterback Eddie Phillips rambled 63 yards downfield on an option play. But the Notre Dame defense stiffened its resistance and the Longhorns had to settle for only the three-pointer.

Then, Theismann ignited the Notre Dame charge by rallying the Irish to three touchdowns on their next four possessions. The senior all-star guided the Irish 80 yards in only 10 plays and tossed a 26-yard pass to Tom Gatewood for the touchdown. The scoring march included another Theismann pass to Gatewood (this one for 17 yards) and a Theismann scamper of 12 yards, along with runs of seven, 11 and six yards by John Cieszkowski. Scott Hempel’s kick gave the Irish a 7-3 lead, and they never looked back.

Notre Dame increased its lead by seven 2 1/2 minutes later. Tom Eaton recovered a Texas fumble on the kickoff at the Longhorn 13-yard line. Six plays later, Theismann took the ball in himself on a three-yard run. Hempel again converted the PAT.

The Irish scored again on another Theismann run - this one from 15 yards - early in the second period. He helped the Irish march the 53 yards in the drive by tossing a 19-yard pass to Mike Creaney. Ed Gulyas contributed a 12-yard run.

Although the Longhorns had trouble getting their famed Wishbone attack off the ground because of a unique Notre Dame defensive alignment, Texas did manage another score in the second period. Phillips abandoned the run and went to the most rusty weapon in the Longhorn arsenal - the pass. He hit tight end Deryl Comer three times (for eight, 36 and 10 yards) in an 84-yard drive that climaxed on Jim Bertelsen’s two-yard run. A Phillips pass to Danny Lester added two points.

The Irish wrapped up the scoring on a 36-yard field goal by Hempel with 24 seconds remaining on the clock before intermission.

The second half turned into a defensive struggle as Notre Dame played it conservatively, and Texas tried to figure out the Irish defensive setup that featured six men on the line of scrimmage - with three across from the Longhorn center.

Neither team mounted much of a scoring threat. However, in the third period, the fired-up Notre Dame defense took the steam out of a promising Longhorn drive. Irish linebacker Jim Musuraca met Bertelsen head-on at the Notre Dame 35-yard line and forced another fumble, one of five recovered by the Irish, that gave the ball and the momentum to Notre Dame.

Texas, who entered the game as the nation’s top-ranked rushing team with an average of 374 yards per game, managed only 216 yards against the Irish. Phillips accumulated 164 of those yards. Notre Dame’s ground game netted only 146 yards, paced by Cieszkowski’s 52.

Phillips, who combined for 363 yards total offense, erased Theismann’s standard of 279, set the previous year. He was voted the top offense player, while Notre Dame’s Clarence Ellis earned the defensive honor.

OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER

Clarence Ellis, Left Halfback

FIRST QUARTER

11:28	UT	Feller 23 yd field goal, 5-67 1:33
7:58	ND	Gatewood 26 yd pass from Theismann (Hempel kick), 10-80 3:39
5:11	ND	Theismann 3 yd run (Hempel kick), 6-13 5:11

SECOND QUARTER

13:28	ND	Theismann 15 yd run (Hempel kick), 5-53 1:37
1:52	UT	Bertelsen 2 yd run (Lester pass from Phillips), 18-84 7:02
0:24	ND	Hempel 36 yd field goal, 8-78 1:21

	UT	ND
First Downs	20	16
By Rushing	10	9
By Passing	9	7
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	55	43
Yards Rushing	260	192
Yards Lost Rushing	44	46
Net Yards Rushing	216	146
Net Yards Passing	210	213
Passes Attempted	27	19
Passes Completed	10	10
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	82	72
Total Net Yards	426	359
Average Gain Per Play	5.2	5.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	9-5	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-33	5-52
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-163	8-366
Average Per Punt	32.6	45.7
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	4-26	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-41	3-58

**RUSHING:** Texas-Phillips 23-164; Worster 16-42; Wiggington 6-10; Bertelsen 8-5; Dale 1-2; Lester 1(-7). Notre Dame-Cieszkowski 13-52; Parker 13-48; Gulyas 9-24; Theismann 18-22.

**PASSING:** Texas-Phillips 9-17-0-199; Wiggington 1-10-1-11. Notre Dame-Theismann 9-16-1-176; Bulger 1-2-0-37; Steenberge 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Texas-Speyrer 4-70; Bertelsen 1-21; Peschel 1-16. Notre Dame-Gatewood 6-112; Allan 3-43; Crotty 3-19; Huff 2-15; Yoder 1-24; Poskon 1-22; Barz 1-7.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#12 Notre Dame	0	0	0	6	6
#9 Nebraska	7	13	20	0	40



**MIAMI** – Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers proved the award was justified by scoring four touchdowns and passing for another as ninth-ranked Nebraska smashed Notre Dame 40-6 in the 1973 Orange Bowl.

Although he left the game in the third period with 81 yards rushing on 15 carries, Rodgers scored on runs of eight, four and five yards, galloped down the sidelines on a 50-yard touchdown pass play from quarterback David Humm and tossed a 52-yard scoring aerial to Frosty Anderson as the Cornhuskers rolled to their third consecutive Orange Bowl conquest.

The defeat was the worst for the Irish since Ara Paraghegian took over the Notre Dame coaching reins in 1964.

Nebraska, a Big Eight power, bolted to a 20-0 halftime lead and added three more touchdowns - all by Rodgers - in the third period before Notre Dame managed a meaningless touchdown in the final quarter. That six-pointer, a five-yard scoring pass from Tom Clements to Pete Demmerle, kept Notre Dame's streak of scoring in 72 straight games alive.

Rodgers scored his first touchdown in the first quarter on an eight-yard run that capped a 76-yard drive. That march also included scampers of 13 and 10 yards by Rodgers as well as runs of 12 and six yards by Dave Goeller. Rick Sanger's kick made it Nebraska 7, Notre Dame 0.

In the second quarter, Gary Dixon helped the Huskers go 80 yards in 11 plays with a 36-yard burst. He then plunged over from the one-yard line and Sanger's kick gave Nebraska a 14-0 lead.

On Nebraska's next possession, Humm lateraled to Rodgers on the first play from scrimmage. Rodgers then heaved his 52-yard pass to Frosty Anderson. That put the Irish in a 20-0 hole, and they never recovered.

Notre Dame's first-half problems resulted mainly from its inability to take advantage of excellent field position. During the first 30 minutes the Irish had first downs at the Nebraska 30, 29 and 25-yard lines but couldn't score. On two other occasions Clements' passes were intercepted, once at the Husker 18 and once at the Nebraska 41.

The Rodgers extravaganza continued after intermission. He scored on runs of four and five yards. He then took a screen pass from Humm and dashed 50 yards down the right sideline for the final Nebraska touchdown, its sixth of the day. Rodgers then retreated to the bench for the rest of the game. The Huskers already had inflicted enough damage on the Irish, who finished the year at 8-3.

Nebraska bested Notre Dame in just about every statistical category. The Huskers rolled up 560 yards total offense to Notre Dame's 207. Nebraska had 300 yards on the ground and 260 through the air, while the Irish had 104 yards rushing and 103 yards passing. Notre Dame managed only 13 first downs to Nebraska's 30.

Humm completed 13 of 19 passes for 185 yards, while his Irish counterpart Tom Clements was successful on nine of 22 attempts for 103.

In addition to his 81 yards rushing, Rodgers caught three passes for 71 yards.

Nebraska ended the year at 9-2-1, losing only to UCLA and Oklahoma and tying Iowa State. The victory proved a fitting end to the 11-year Nebraska career of head coach Bob Devaney.

**FIRST QUARTER**

11:19 NU Rodgers 8 yd run (Sanger kick), 11-76 3:41

**SECOND QUARTER**

14:21 NU Dixon 1 yd run (Sanger kick), 11-80 4:04  
12:20 NU Anderson 52 yd pass from Rodgers (Sanger kick failed), 1-52 0:09

**THIRD QUARTER**

11:17 NU Rodgers 4 yd run (Humm pass failed), 6-42 1:55  
7:33 NU Rodgers 5 yd run (Sanger kick), 9-80 2:52  
6:00 NU Rodgers 50 yd pass from Humm (Sanger kick), 1-50 0:12

**FOURTH QUARTER**

13:51 ND Demmerle 24 yd pass from Clements (Clements pass failed), 15-77

	NU	ND
First Downs	30	13
By Rushing	20	6
By Passing	9	5
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	64	44
Yards Rushing	328	145
Yards Lost Rushing	28	41
Net Yards Rushing	300	104
Net Yards Passing	260	103
Passes Attempted	26	23
Passes Completed	17	9
Had Intercepted	1	3
Total Offensive Plays	90	67
Total Net Yards	560	207
Avg. Gain Per Play	6.2	3.1
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	3-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-68	1-15
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-0	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-153	6-223
Avg. Per Punt	38.3	37.2
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-3	2-18
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-34	6-84

**RUSHING:** Nebraska-Rodgers 15-81; Dixon 9-69; Goeller 11-43; Bahe 6-27; Runty 3-19; Damkroger 3-18; Moran 4-11; Garson 4-10; Powell 1-9; Humm 4-7; Olds 2-5; Westbrook 1-1. Notre Dame-Penick 8-48; Huff 11-22; Cieszkowski 3-21; Dewan 7-18; Best 7-15; Dimnick 1-2; Samuel 1-0; Clements 6(-22).

**PASSING:** Nebraska-Humm 13-19-0-185; Rodgers 1-1-0-52; Runty 3-6-1-23. Notre Dame: Clements 9-22-3-103; Dewan 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Nebraska-Rodgers 3-71; Revell 3-62; List 3-25; Anderson 2-67; Garson 2-16; Damkroger 2-13; Longwell 1-4; Goeller 1-2. Notre Dame-Dewan 3-46; Creaney 2-28; Roof 1-15; Demmerle 1-5; Diminick 1-5; Huff 1-4.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#3 Notre Dame  
#1 Alabama

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#3 Notre Dame	6	8	7	3	24
#1 Alabama	0	10	7	6	23



NEW ORLEANS — It was to be a dream game.

Two undefeated, highly-ranked teams with long and storied gridiron traditions were set to battle for the national championship. It was billed as a classic confrontation - the game of the century.

The prognosticators' predictions rang true as the 1973 Sugar Bowl saw Notre Dame emerge a 24-23 winner over Alabama in a thriller that saw the lead change hands six times.

Bob Thomas, who had missed two attempts earlier in the game, kicked a 19-yard field goal with 4:26 remaining to give the Fighting Irish and coach Ara Parseghian the one-point upset over top-rated Alabama. The win also clinched the national championship for Notre Dame which

finished the season at 11-0.

The record crowd of 85,161 was treated to a pulsating battle that went to the wire. With three minutes to play, Alabama's punting specialist, Greg Gantt, booted a 69-yard punt that backed up the Irish to their own one-yard line. However, Gantt was fouled on the play and Alabama was entitled to keep the ball with fourth down and five yards to go.

But Alabama's Paul "Bear" Bryant elected to decline the penalty, hoping his defense could force an Irish turnover deep in their own territory. Moments later, Notre Dame quarterback Tom Clements rifled a pass to tight end Robin Weber at the 38 and secured the national championship.

The Irish opened the contest with a superb defensive effort that held the Tide without a yard gained in the first period. Led by Clements, who shot passes of 19, 26 and 14 yards to split end Pete Demmerle, the Irish offense drew first blood in the opening period. Fullback Wayne Bullock capped a 64-yard scoring drive with a six-yard gallop into the end zone.

Alabama's thoroughbred backs made it out of the starting gate in the second period. They produced three long drives that resulted in a pair of scores - the first coming with 7:30 remaining. Randy Billingsley scored on a six-yard run and Bill Davis added the extra point that put Alabama up by one at 7-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, Notre Dame's Al Hunter stunned the crowd with his dazzling 93-yard return, the longest in Sugar Bowl history. The Irish went for two and converted as Clements hit Demmerle in the end zone for a 14-7 Notre Dame lead.

Alabama moved deep into Notre Dame territory late in the second quarter, but had to settle for a 39-yard field goal by Davis.

At the start of the second half, Alabama marched 93 yards and took the lead on Wilbur Jackson's five-yard scoring plunge. Again Notre Dame charged back, but a 54-yard field goal try by Thomas fell by the wayside.

Notre Dame excited the crowd again when linebacker Drew Mahalic recovered a Tide fumble in mid-air and took the ball to the Alabama 12-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Eric Penick dashed 12 yards for the score. Thomas' kick gave the Irish a 21-17 lead.

Early in the fourth period, the game took a zany turn with three turnovers in 90 seconds. Alabama took charge and put in its own version of the razzle-dazzle. With the ball on the Notre Dame 25, second-string quarterback Richard Todd handed off to halfback Mike Stock, then raced to the sidelines where he took a return pass from Stock and went in for the score. But Davis missed the conversion try and Bryant's Tide, which hadn't won a bowl game in its last four appearances, hung on to a slim two-point advantage.

Notre Dame then marched 79 yards in 11 plays. Strong runs by Hunter, Penick and Clements and a 30-yard pass from Clements to Dave Casper carried the drive to the Alabama 15-yard line. The Irish got to the three, but couldn't get any closer when the call went to Thomas. This time he didn't miss and the Irish had a 24-23 win.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Tom Clements, Quarterback

FIRST QUARTER

3:19 ND Bullock 6 yd run (Thomas kick failed), 7-64 2:32

SECOND QUARTER

7:30 UA Billingsley 6 yd run (Davis kick), 7-52 2:40  
7:17 ND Hunter 93 yd kickoff return (Demmerle pass from Clements)  
0:39 UA Davis 39 yd field goal, 7-69, 2:40

THIRD QUARTER

11:02 UA Jackson 5 yd run (Davis kick), 11-93 3:57  
2:30 ND Penick 12 yd run (Thomas kick), 1-12 0:07

FOURTH QUARTER

9:33 UA Todd 24 yd pass from Stock (Davis kick failed), 5-39 2:14  
4:26 ND Thomas 19 yd field goal, 11-79, 5:13

	UA	ND
First Downs	23	20
By Rushing	15	12
By Passing	7	6
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	52	59
Yards Rushing	233	257
Yards Lost Rushing	43	5
Net Yards Rushing	190	252
Net Yards Passing	127	169
Passes Attempted	15	12
Passes Completed	10	7
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	67	71
Total Net Yards	317	421
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	5.9
Fumbles: No.-Lost	5-2	4-3
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-32	5-45
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	6-278	7-169
Average Per Punt	46.3	35.8
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-6	1-3
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-59	4-150

**RUSHING:** Alabama-Jackson 11-62; Billingsley 7-54; Spivey 11-44; Todd 3-32; Stock 3-13; Beck 2-5; Culliver 2-5; Shelby 3-1; Rutledge 10(-)25. Notre Dame-Bullock 19-79; Clements 15-74; Best 12-45; Penick 9-28; Hunter 4-26.

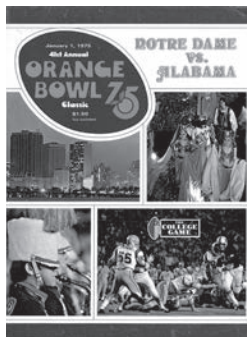
**PASSING:** Alabama-Rutledge 12-7-1-88; Todd 2-2-0-14; Stock 1-1-0-25. Notre Dame-Clements 12-7-0-169.

**RECEIVING:** Pugh 2-28; Jackson 2-22; Sharpless 2-22; Todd 1-25; Stock 1-15; Wheeler 1-13; Billingsley 1-2. Notre Dame: Casper 3-75; Demmerle 3-59; Weber 1-35.

JAN. 1, 1975 • MIAMI, FLA. • ORANGE BOWL



SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#9 Notre Dame	7	6	0	0	13
#1 Alabama	0	3	0	8	11



**MIAMI** – Alabama and Notre Dame locked horns again.

Although the stakes weren't as high (only Alabama was ranked number one, undefeated and looking for a national championship), the atmosphere was just as electric and frenzied as the 1973 Sugar Bowl. And this game was to be Ara Parseghian's last as head coach at Notre Dame. After 11 successful seasons and two national championships, he was hanging up his coach's playbook.

The Fighting Irish, though decided underdogs with their 9-2 ledger, gave Parseghian a proper going-away present - a 13-11 victory that denied the Tide the national title for the second straight year and gave Alabama and coach Paul "Bear" Bryant its eighth consecutive non-win

in bowl competition.

Notre Dame staked itself to a 13-0 lead midway through the opening half and withstood the Tide's offensive thrust until the final gun sounded. The Irish got their first touchdown in the opening period. Alabama fumbled a Tony Brantley punt and Al Samuel recovered the ball at the Tide's 16-yard line.

Three plays later Notre Dame faced a fourth-and-one call at the seven. Wayne Bullock powered his way over the left side for three yards and a crucial first down. On the next play, he slithered into the end zone on a four-yard jaunt for the first Irish score. Dave Reeve added the extra point.

With 50 seconds left in the first quarter, the Notre Dame offense took control at its own 23-yard line and quarterback Tom Clements engineered another scoring drive - this one encompassing 77 yards in 17 plays and taking 7:21 off the clock. The Irish attempted only one pass in the march, a nine-yard completion to Mark McLane. The running game featured McLane and Samuel working the sweeps and Bullock picking up his yardage up the middle.

The drive almost stalled at the Alabama 28-yard line when the Irish faced a fourth-and-four situation. But an offsides call on the Tide on the Irish field-goal attempt gave Notre Dame new life. The Irish made the most of that resurrection, as McLane took a pitchout and ran 12 yards. Two plays later he twisted loose from the Alabama defense and went nine yards for the score. Reeve's kick was off the mark and Notre Dame had to settle for a 13-0 lead.

The Irish fumbled on their next possession and gave the Tide the football on the Notre Dame 40-yard line. Alabama's game plan was to go to the air, and quarterback Richard Todd hit Ozzie Newsome for 11 yards and Jerry Brown for 12 yards to help the Tide move to the Notre Dame eight-yard mark. But the Irish defense dug in, and Alabama could manage only a 21-yard field goal by Danny Ridgeway.

After a scoreless third quarter in which the Irish held Alabama to just three first downs, all by passing, Notre Dame took over at its own eight. The offense, dormant since the second quarter, surged to life. Samuel picked up 20 yards on a pair of sweeps to get the Irish out of the hole. But the Tide stopped a fourth-down try and immediately went to work.

Again, Alabama, which had averaged only 11 passes a game during the season, went to the air. Todd carried the Tide to the Irish 12-yard line but then delivered an interception to John Dubenetzky, who returned the ball 16 yards to the 26.

The Irish couldn't put together a sustained drive and turned the ball over to Alabama with 4:29 left. On fourth down and five yards to go, Todd let loose a 48-yard touchdown pass to Russ Schamun. The Tide added two points on a conversion pass from Todd to George Pugh.

Alabama got the ball back with just under two minutes remaining. Needing only a field goal to avenge the 24-23 loss in the '73 Sugar Bowl, Todd tossed to Schamun for a 16-yard gain and to Randy Billingsley for an eight-yard reception. But Reggie Barnett intercepted Todd's next throw and sealed the verdict in favor of the Irish.

**OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Wayne Bullock, Fullback

**FIRST QUARTER**

6:41 ND Bullock 4 yd run (Reeve kick), 5-16 1:30

**SECOND QUARTER**

8:29 ND McLane 9 yd run (Reeve kick failed), 17-77 7:21  
1:45 UA Ridgeway 21 yd field goal, 10-36 4:01

**FOURTH QUARTER**

3:13 UA Schamun 48 yd pass from Todd (Pugh pass from Todd), 4-53 1:16

	UA	ND
First Downs	14	15
By Rushing	3	14
By Passing	11	0
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	33	66
Yards Rushing	107	215
Yards Lost Rushing	45	30
Net Yards Rushing	62	185
Net Yards Passing	223	19
Passes Attempted	29	8
Passes Completed	15	4
Had Intercepted	2	2
Total Offensive Plays	62	74
Total Net Yards	285	204
Average Gain Per Play	4.6	2.6
Fumbles: No.-Lost	5-2	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5	1-15
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-0	2-26
Punts: No.-Yds.	7-280	6-228
Average Per Punt	40.0	38.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	5-34	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-32	3-54

**RUSHING:** Alabama-Culliver 11-60; Shelby 5-25; Todd 9-4; Billingsley 2-3; Taylor 1-1; Pugh 1-(-8); Stock 1-(-9); Rutledge 3-(-14). Notre Dame-Bullock 24-83; Samuel 10-39; McLane 8-30; Clements 11-26; Penick 6-15; Parise 3-4; Goodman 1-2; Allocco 3-(-14).

**PASSING:** Alabama-Todd 13-24-2-194; Rutledge 2-5-0-29. Notre Dame-Clements 4-7-1-19; Goodman 0-1-1-0.

**RECEIVING:** Alabama-Newsome 6-68; Schamun 5-126; Billingsley 3-17; Brown 1-12. Notre Dame-Demmerle 2-12; McLane 1-9; Goodman 1-(-2).

## DEC. 27, 1976 • JACKSONVILLE, FLA. • GATOR BOWL



SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#15 Notre Dame	7	13	0	0	20
#20 Penn State	3	0	0	6	9



**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Al Hunter ignited the Notre Dame offense and tallied a pair of first-half touchdowns to spark the Fighting Irish to a 20-9 win over Penn State in the Gator Bowl before a crowd of 67,827.

Hunter, who became the first Notre Dame back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a single season, scored in each of the initial two periods.

After the Nittany Lions jumped out to a short-lived 3-0 lead on Tony Capozzoli's 26-yard field goal, Terry Eurick helped the Irish effort with a kickoff return of 65 yards. Hunter put together runs of six and nine yards

before crossing the goal line on a one-yard dive. Dave Reeve added the extra point and the Irish were ahead for good.

In the second quarter Jim Browner recovered a Penn State fumble at the Nittany Lion 23-yard line. Six plays later, including a 12-yard pass from quarterback Rick Slager to Dan Kelleher, Reeve added three points to the Notre Dame total with a 23-yard field goal.

Notre Dame's offense continued its surge with another touchdown by Hunter. This time the Irish covered 51 yards in 10 plays. Slager tossed a pair of 12-yard passes to tight end Ken MacAfee and a 13-yarder to Hunter to move the Irish downfield. Hunter contributed an 11-yard gallop before scoring on a one-yard run. Reeve's kick made it Notre Dame 17, Penn State 3.

With only two seconds remaining on the clock before halftime, the Irish boosted their lead to 20-3 on another 23-yard field goal by Reeve. That Irish drive was helped by a punt interference call against Penn State, one of six penalties assessed against the Nittany Lions during the game.

Led by linebackers Bob Golic, Doug Becker and Steve Heimkreiter and strong safety Jim Browner, the Irish defense clamped down on Penn State's usually proficient offense. Notre Dame never allowed the Lions beyond their own 32 in the first half after their initial possession.

And despite good yardage totals in the second half, Penn State was unable to score a touchdown until Bruce Clark blocked a punt deep in Notre Dame territory with 9:14 left in the game. Quarterback Chuck Fusina tossed an eight-yard pass to Matt Suhey on the second play from scrimmage for the score. The Nittany Lions' two-point conversion attempt failed.

Penn State edged the Irish in total offense by one yard - gaining 274 yards to 273 for Notre Dame. The Nittany Lions gained 156 yards on the ground compared to the Irish total of 132. But 15th-ranked Notre Dame edged the Lions 141-118 in the passing department.

Hunter was the leading rusher in the game, gaining 102 yards on 26 carries. Bob Torrey paced the Nittany Lions with 63 yards in 12 tries. Suhey added 40.

Slager completed 10 of 19 passes for 141 yards, while Fusina was successful on 14 of 33 attempts. He also threw two interceptions.

MacAfee headed the Irish receiving corps with five catches for 78 yards. Kelleher hauled in three receptions for 46 yards.

The victory, Notre Dame's third consecutive win in postseason competition, gave coach Dan Devine a 9-3 record for the 1975 campaign, his second season with the Irish. Penn State, under the direction of coach Joe Paterno, fell to 7-5.

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Al Hunter, Left Halfback

### FIRST QUARTER

7:15 PSU Capozzoli 26 yd field goal, 12-55 5:44  
2:26 ND Hunter 1 yd run (Reeve kick), 10-35 4:38

### SECOND QUARTER

8:49 ND Reeve 23 yd field goal, 6-23 1:25  
2:20 ND Hunter 1 yd run (Reeve kick), 10-51 4:45  
0:02 ND Reeve 23 yd field goal, 3-32 0:15

### FOURTH QUARTER

8:37 PSU Suhey 8 yd pass from Fusina (Torrey run failed), 2-8 0:37

	PSU	ND
First Downs	16	17
By Rushing	9	9
By Passing	6	6
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	40	48
Yards Rushing	180	143
Yards Lost Rushing	24	11
Net Yards Rushing	156	132
Net Yards Passing	118	141
Passes Attempted	33	20
Passes Completed	14	10
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	73	68
Total Net Yards	274	273
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	4.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	4-1	2-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-55	5-62
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-32
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-146	5-166
Average Per Punt	29.2	33.2
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-21	3-2
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-28	3-109

**RUSHING:** Penn State-Torrey 12-63; Suhey 9-40; Geise 12-36; Cefalo 3-18; Fusina 2-1; Guman 2-(-2). Notre Dame-Hunter 26-102; Ferguson 10-22; Browner 3-10; Orsini 3-7; Slager 6-(-9).

**PASSING:** Penn State-Fusina 14-33-2-118. Notre Dame-Slager 10-19-0-141; Browner 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Penn State-Cefalo 5-60; Torrey 3-(-3); Suhey 2-17; Mauti 1-21; Donovan 1-11; Shuler 1-10; Guman 1-2. Notre Dame: MacAfee 5-78; Kelleher 3-46; Hunter 1-13; Orsini 1-4.



JAN. 2, 1978 • DALLAS, TEXAS • COTTON BOWL



SCORE BY QUARTERS

#5 Notre Dame  
#1 Texas

1	2	3	4	SCORE
3	21	7	7	38
3	7	0	0	10



**DALLAS** – And then there were none. Not one unbeaten football team in major college football remained.

Dan Devine's Fighting Irish of Notre Dame took care of the last one, using an unrelenting defense to force six Texas turnovers and an opportunistic offense which capitalized on five of them to rout the previously unbeaten Longhorns 38-10 in the Cotton Bowl and claim the national championship for themselves.

The victory elevated Notre Dame into the top spot in both the AP and UPI final polls. Meanwhile, Texas - which had held the number-one ranking in both polls coming into the game - slipped to fourth in AP and fifth in UPI.

The Irish were devastating, particularly in the trenches, where the Irish defensive line threw a lasso around Texas Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell. Though Campbell did gain 116 yards on 29 carries, they were all tough yards. His longest run from scrimmage was only 18 late in the second quarter.

The Irish also forced the Longhorns into six turnovers, three fumbles and three interceptions, and took advantage of what Texas gave them with an offensive line performance which was awesome.

Backs Jerome Heavens and Vagas Ferguson gained 102 and 100 yards, respectively, by going where the Longhorns weren't. Ferguson, who also scored three touchdowns, won the outstanding offensive player honor.

Defensively, the top honor went to Irish middle linebacker Bob Golic, who made 17 tackles and blocked a field-goal attempt by Russell Erxleben.

After the teams had traded field goals in the first quarter - Notre Dame's Dave Reeve hit a 47-yarder (after a Texas fumble) before Erxleben connected on a 42-yarder into a 12 mph wind - Golic and teammates Mike Calhoun and Doug Becker forced a Ham Jones fumble on a screen pass from Randy McEachern and Jim Browner recovered at the Longhorn 27.

Senior captain Terry Eurick scored on the fifth play after that turnover to give the Irish a 10-3 lead on the first play of the second quarter.

Defensive tackle Ken Dike then got into the act on Texas' next possession, stripping a scrambling McEachern of the ball, which Willie Fry recovered at the Longhorn 35.

Five plays later, Eurick scampered in from the 10 for a 17-3 lead.

An interception by linebacker Becker set up Notre Dame's third touchdown of the period, a 17-yard pass from Joe Montana to Ferguson.

But the Longhorns threw a scare into the Irish late in the quarter when McEachern directed a 68-yard, six-play drive in just 22 seconds to score. The touchdown came on a 13-yard aerial from McEachern to Mike Lockett after Irish safety Jim Browner had been called for interference on the last play of the first half.

The Irish regained the lost momentum when linebacker Steve Heimkreiter intercepted a McEachern pass midway through the third quarter. Ferguson went the final three yards on the 29-yard drive off left tackle to score, making it 31-10.

The loss ended a storybook season for first-year coach Fred Akers whose Longhorns had won 11 straight games. Notre Dame survived an early loss to Mississippi to finish 11-1 with 10 straight victories.

**MOST OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE PLAYER**

Vagas Ferguson, Running Back

**MOST OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER**

Bob Golic, Linebacker

**FIRST QUARTER**

11:35 ND Reeve 47 yd field goal, 4-32 0:59  
6:07 UT Erxleben 42 yd field goal, 11-80 5:18

**SECOND QUARTER**

14:56 ND Eurick 6 yd run (Reeve kick), 5-27 1:06  
11:37 ND Eurick 10 yd run (Reeve kick), 5-35 1:32  
7:28 ND Ferguson 17 yd pass from Montana (Reeve kick) 3-20 0:39  
0:00 UT Lockett 13 yd pass from McEachern (Erxleben kick) 6-68 2:20

**THIRD QUARTER**

6:49 ND Ferguson 3 yd run (Reeve kick) 7-29 2:20

**FOURTH QUARTER**

9:41 ND Ferguson 26 yd run (Reeve kick), 5-50 2:01

	UT	ND
First Downs	16	26
By Rushing	6	15
By Passing	9	11
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	50	53
Yards Rushing	190	250
Yards Lost Rushing	59	7
Net Yards Rushing	131	243
Net Yards Passing	160	156
Passes Attempted	24	32
Passes Completed	11	14
Had Intercepted	3	1
Total Offensive Plays	74	85
Total Net Yards	291	399
Avg. Gain Per Play	3.9	4.7
Fumbles: No.-Lost	3-3	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	1-5	4-37
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	3-20
Punts: No.-Yds.	3-120	5-152
Avg. Per Punt	40.0	30.4
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-1	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	8-81	1-17

**RUSHING:** Texas-Campbell 29-116; Jones 11-63; Thompson 1-2; Johnson 1-2; McEachern 8(-52). Notre Dame-Heavens 22-101; Ferguson 21-100; Eurick 4-16; Lisch 2-16; Stone 2-4; Mitchell 1-3; Montana 1-3.

**PASSING:** Texas-McEachern 11-24-3-160. Notre Dame-Montana 10-25-1-111; Lisch 4-7-0-45.

**RECEIVING:** Texas-Harris 4-57; Jackson 3-33; Jones 1-34; Miksch 1-18; Lockett 1-13; Jones 1-5. Notre Dame: MacAfee 4-45; Waymer 3-38; Ferguson 3-23; Haines 2-29; Eurick 1-12; Pallas 1-9.

## JAN. 1, 1979 • DALLAS, TEXAS • COTTON BOWL



### SCORE BY QUARTERS

#10 Notre Dame  
#9 Houston

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#10 Notre Dame	12	0	0	23	35
#9 Houston	7	13	14	0	34



**DALLAS** – Notre Dame utilized a miracle rally beginning midway through the fourth period to shock Houston 35-34 and capture the 43rd and coldest Cotton Bowl. It featured a comeback that many longtime observers called the greatest in Irish football history.

Quarterback Joe Montana, who missed most of the third quarter because of below-normal body temperature, captained an Irish rescue mission which saw the gold and green put 23 points on the board in the final seven minutes and 37 seconds, erasing a 34-12 Cougar lead in the process.

What happened in the last 7:37 was mind-boggling. For starters, the tide turned when freshman reserve fullback Tony Belden blocked a Jay Wyatt punt and classmate

Steve Cichy picked it up in a crowd and rambled 33 yards for an Irish score. Notre Dame, electing to go for two, narrowed the deficit to 34-20 when Montana connected with tailback Vagas Ferguson in the end zone.

After his team had forced another Wyatt punt, Montana shifted into overdrive when the Irish regained possession at their own 39-yard line with 5:40 remaining on the clock.

On three straight plays the senior signal caller connected with freshman tight end Dean Masztak, fullback Jerome Heavens and flanker Pete Holohan for respective gains of 17, 30 and 11 (the last one on pass interference) yards. Two plays later Montana swept left end for two yards and a touchdown. Two points were once again a must for the Irish, who brought the score to 34-28 with a Montana-to-Haines completion.

The once dumfounded Notre Dame legions suddenly had reason to cheer. Their Irish were rolling, or so it seemed, until all momentum seemed gone with 2:05 left in the game. It was then when Montana fumbled after a 16-yard run to the Houston 20 and Cougar Tommy Ebner recovered.

The Irish defense stiffened, and with a fourth-and-one from the Cougar 29 and 35 seconds left, Yeoman overruled a possible punt to go for the first down that would seal a win for the Southwest Conference champions. But Notre Dame held on a great stop by freshman Joe Gramk and the Irish took over with 28 ticks of the clock left, just 29 yards short of paydirt.

Montana, who needed a dose of chicken soup to help erase his hypothermic condition, started the last-ditch Irish effort by running for 11 yards and then throwing to Kris Haines for a gain of 10.

On the next play Montana, the same Montana who had earlier thrown four interceptions, wasted little time getting rid of the ball, tossing it quickly to the right corner of the end zone and in the direction of Haines. The pass was incomplete, but Montana's quickness in releasing stopped the clock with two seconds remaining and gave the Irish one last chance.

Montana, calling for the same play twice in a row, then proceeded to hit Haines with the tying touchdown pass.

Joe Unis, a Dallas native, came on to kick the extra point. An illegal procedure penalty nullified the winning point, so Unis had to do it all over. He did, and the miracle was history.

### MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Joe Montana, Quarterback

### FIRST QUARTER

6:55	ND	Montana 3 yd run (Unis kick failed), 9-66 3:41
4:40	ND	Buchanan 1 yd run (Montana pass failed), 6-25 2:15
0:17	UH	Adams 15 yd pass from Davis (Hatfield kick), 3-12 1:14

### SECOND QUARTER

6:27	UH	Love 1 yd run (Hatfield kick), 6-21 2:05
3:00	UH	Hatfield 21 yd field goal, 6-21 2:16
0:03	UH	Hatfield 34 yd field goal, 7-39 1:08

### THIRD QUARTER

6:29	UH	Davis 2 yd run (Hatfield kick), 8-30 3:46
4:40	UH	Davis 5 yd run (Hatfield kick), 3-19 1:18

### FOURTH QUARTER

7:25	ND	Cichy 33 yd blocked punt return (Ferguson pass from Montana)
4:15	ND	Montana 2 yd run (Haines pass from Montana), 5-61 1:22
0:00	ND	Haines 8 yd pass from Montana (Unis kick), 4-29 0:28

	UH	ND
First Downs	16	13
By Rushing	12	4
By Passing	3	7
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	63	40
Yards Rushing	253	144
Yards Lost Rushing	24	13
Net Yards Rushing	239	131
Net Yards Passing	60	163
Passes Attempted	13	37
Passes Completed	4	13
Had Intercepted	0	4
Total Offensive Plays	76	77
Total Net Yards	289	294
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	3.8
Fumbles: No.-Lost	6-3	3-3
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-38	8-74
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	4-43	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	10-255	7-184
Average Per Punt	25.5	26.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-(-2)	5-48
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-33	6-136

**RUSHING:** Houston-Davis 19-76; King 21-74; Love 22-73; Brown 1-6. Notre Dame-Heavens 16-71; Montana 7-26; Ferguson 10-19; Pallas 4-11; Mitchell 1-3; Buchanan 2-1.

**PASSING:** Houston-Davis 4-12-0-60; Brown 0-1-0-0. Notre Dame-Montana 13-34-3-163; Koegel 0-3-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Houston-Adams 2-35; Herring 2-25. Notre Dame: Heavens 4-60; Haines 4-31; Masztak 3-49; Holohan 1-14; Ferguson 1-9.

JAN. 1, 1981 • NEW ORLEANS, LA. • LOUISIANA SUPERDOME



SCORE BY QUARTERS

#7 Notre Dame  
#1 Georgia

1	2	3	4	SCORE
3	0	7	0	10
10	7	0	0	17



**NEW ORLEANS** – The day before Georgia met Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl, Vince Dooley was hoping his football players would spend New Year’s Eve night “in their hotel rooms, watching whatever it is they drop in New York, that ball or whatever.”

By the time the two teams had played out Georgia’s 17-10 win over Notre Dame in the 47th Sugar Bowl, Georgia had watched and claimed everything that fell from the heavens of the Superdome, including its first national championship.

The Bulldogs capitalized on two critical Notre Dame mistakes in the first half for touchdown drives of one and 22 yards, then fought back repeated Notre Dame threats in the second half giving 12-0 Georgia its first unbeaten

season since 1946.

After seventh-ranked Notre Dame took a 3-0 lead on the game’s first possession, the Irish drove to the Georgia 31 the next time they had the ball. But freshman Terry Hoage shot through the middle to block Harry Oliver’s 48-yard field goal attempt. The play did two things. It led to Georgia’s first score and warned Notre Dame of the strange perils that lay ahead.

The game’s most valuable player, Herschel Walker, ran the ball six times to the Notre Dame 19 before the drive stopped and Rex Robinson kicked a 46-yard field goal to make it 3-3.

Robinson kicked off and drove the ball high and deep. Notre Dame deep backs Jim Stone and Ty Barber drifted away from the ball before it hit near the goal and began bouncing laterally. Stone had called for Barber to take the kick, but the crowd noise drowned out the call. Stone went after the ball but Georgia’s Bob Kelly recovered at the one. Two plays later Walker dove over from the one and Georgia was ahead to stay 10-3.

If the 59-yard sideside kick hadn’t done enough damage, Notre Dame gave Georgia the eventual game-winning score in the first minute of the second quarter.

Notre Dame fullback John Sweeney’s only carry of the game ended in a fumble when he was hit by linebacker Frank Ros at the Notre Dame 20. Chris Welton recovered for Georgia at the 22, the first of four Notre Dame turnovers.

Walker ran off right tackle for 12 yards and quarterback Buck Belue scrambled for seven more to the three. Walker took it over from there, scooting around right end untouched. Georgia had only three first downs and a 17-3 lead.

After Georgia went ahead on Walker’s run, Notre Dame drove to the Bulldog 13 but again came away frustrated. Quarterback Mike Courey’s lob pass for Pete Holohan was intercepted by Scott Woerner in the end zone. Midway through the third period the game’s next serious threat developed when Notre Dame again drove to the Georgia 13. It was stopped when Woerner tipped away a Blair Kiel pass to Holohan in the end zone.

If Georgia’s special teams ignited the win, the Bulldog defense fanned the flames in the second half. Belue went almost 58 minutes of the game without a completion and finished one-for-12. Walker, who gained 95 yards on 17 first-half carries managed only 55 on 19 second-half attempts.

As the third period wore on, Notre Dame’s size began taking its toll on the smaller Bulldogs. Hanging in became an obvious chore.

With five minutes remaining in the third period Kiel - who quarterbacked the entire second half after Courey broke his right hand just before halftime - drove Notre Dame 57 methodical yards in 10 impressive plays. Phil Carter scored from one yard out and Oliver’s kick made it 17-10 with :54 left in the third period.

On its next possession Notre Dame drove from its 46 to the Georgia 27 in five quick plays. But just when it appeared the Irish had the Bulldogs on the ropes, Woerner made another big play. On third and three at the Bulldog 20, the Georgia safety sliced through and dropped Phil Carter for a one-yard loss. Oliver - who had a one-for-four day on field goals - missed a 38-yard attempt.

Georgia defensive coordinator Erk Russell watched the mounting Irish momentum with a degree of concern. Notre Dame’s domination - the Irish outgained Georgia 328 yards to 127 and had a 78-65 edge in plays - appeared to be mounting with each possession.

With nine minutes remaining Georgia had an opportunity to put Notre Dame out of reach of a one-touchdown comeback. Kiel’s deep sideline pass from Hunter was intercepted by Mike Fisher at the Notre Dame 37. An incomplete long pass and two running plays by Walker gained six yards. Robinson pushed his 48-yard field goal wide to the right.

FIRST QUARTER

10:41	ND	Oliver 50 yd field goal, 9-48 4:19
1:45	UGA	Robinson 46 yd field goal, 8-20 3:38
1:04	UGA	Walker 1 yd run (Robinson kick), 2-1 0:41

SECOND QUARTER

13:49	UGA	Walker 3 yd run (Robinson kick), 3-22 0:17
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THIRD QUARTER

0:54	ND	Carter 1 yd run (Oliver kick) 10-57 4:25
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	UGA	ND
First Downs	17	10
By Rushing	10	8
By Passing	7	1
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	50	52
Yards Rushed	206	181
Yards Lost Rushing	16	61
Net Yards Rushing	190	120
Net Yards Passing	138	7
Passes Attempted	28	13
Passes Completed	14	1
Had Intercepted	3	0
Total Offensive Plays	78	65
Total Net Yards	328	127
Average Gain Per Play	4.2	1.9
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	8-69	6-32
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	3-19
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-210	11-424
Average Per Punt	42.0	38.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-2	3-25
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-52	3-55

**RUSHING:** Georgia-Walker 36-150; Womack 1-2; Norris 2-2; Belue 13(-34). Notre Dame-Carter 27-109; Courey 5-40; Kiel 10-27; Stone 6-12; Sweeney 1-2; Buchanan 1-0.

**PASSING:** Georgia-Belue 1-12-0-7; Walker 1-0-0-0. Notre Dame-Kiel 14-27-2-138; Courey 0-1-1-0.

**RECEIVING:** Georgia-Arnold 1-7. Notre Dame: Holohan 4-44; Hunter 3-29; Carter 2-24; Masztak 2-22; Vehr 2-14; Buchanan 1-5.



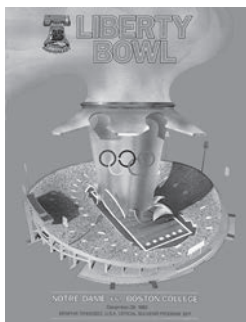
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### SCORE BY QUARTERS

#12 Boston College  
Notre Dame

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#12 Boston College	6	6	6	0	18
Notre Dame	7	12	0	0	19



**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Notre Dame risked being labeled a “Scrooge” by finally shedding its charitable image in the 1983 Liberty Bowl.

After literally giving away victory and a chance at a major bowl bid to Penn State and Air Force in the waning seconds of the last two games of the regular season, the Irish defense tightened its money clip and emphatically refused Boston College's request for a 10-2 record and residency among the nation's top 10 teams.

With just 1:08 left on the clock and the Irish clinging to a perilously slim 19-18 advantage, Boston College faced a crucial fourth-and-four situation at the Notre Dame 35-yard line. Quarterback Doug Flutie, the Eagles' shifty 5-9 junior who already had completed 16 of 36 passes for 287 yards,

was threatening to pull off another magical comeback.

But Flutie's last attempt fell incomplete. The Notre Dame defense blitzed and forced Flutie, who had slipped on the frozen turf, to unload the ball a bit sooner than planned. Freshman cornerback Troy Wilson smothered intended receiver Joe Giaquinto, who dove for Flutie's pass and missed.

The Irish took possession with just a minute left and needed only to run out the clock for the 19-18 victory in Memphis. The Notre Dame defense had clung to its final margin of victory for 22 minutes—an eternity for Irish players, coaches and fans who were shivering with the thought of *deja vu*.

Senior quarterback Blair Kiel, who was relegated to relief duties after the first three games of the season, regained the starting nod on the basis of his off-the-bench performance in the last game against Air Force. He responded by completing 11 of 19 passes for 151 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown pass to freshman Alvin Miller.

Kiel's accurate passing complemented Notre Dame's two-pronged running attack which somehow managed to establish a strong footing on the icy field that was slippery between the hash marks and soft on the sides.

Instead of the usual I-formation, fullback Chris Smith and tailback Allen Pinkett shared time behind the huge Irish offensive line. The set-up was new, but the plays were the same. And the wrinkles caused the Eagle defense plenty of problems. Pinkett skated for 111 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 28 carries, while it took Smith 18 tries to gain his personal best of 104 yards.

But despite the offensive displays of Flutie and Kiel and Company and the last-minute heroics of the Irish defense, the difference in the game proved to be Mike Johnston's one successful extra point. His next two attempts were blocked, but he still fared better than the Eagles. Brian Waldron slipped on his only try and both two-point conversion attempts failed.

Flutie's pinpoint passing (three completions for 64 yards) moved Boston College into the end zone in just seven plays after the opening kickoff. Flutie's favorite receiver, Brian Brennan, dove for a 17-yard touchdown catch to put the Eagles on the board.

But the Irish came right back with a 15-play, 87-yard drive that consumed nearly eight minutes. On fourth and one, Pinkett crossed the goal line. Johnston kicked the only successful PAT of the evening and Notre Dame led 7-6.

Holding penalties thwarted Notre Dame's next two scoring opportunities and nearly wiped out a third after Golic blocked a John Mihalik punt and Stacey Toran recovered at the Eagles' six. But on third and 14, Kiel lofted a scoring pass to Miller, who had only caught two the entire season.

On their next possession, the Irish marched 53 yards in six plays as Pinkett scored from the three around right end. Notre Dame moved in front 19-6.

But Flutie got back on track after the ensuing kickoff with a 42-yard pass to fullback Bob Biestek. Three plays later he connected with flanker Gerard Phelan for a 28-yard touchdown.

The Irish opened the second half by driving to the Eagles' 15 but were forced to give up the football when Pinkett was stopped short on fourth and one.

Flutie then directed the Eagles 85 yards downfield and tossed a three-yard scoring pass to tight end Scott Gieselman. But Tony Furjanic, Notre Dame's defensive MVP with seven tackles and an interception, batted Flutie's two-point conversion pass away from Gieselman, and the Irish were still ahead, 19-18.

### DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Tony Furjanic, Linebacker

#### FIRST QUARTER

12:07 BC Brennan 17 pass from Flutie (Waldron kick failed), 7-63 2:53  
4:24 ND Pinkett 1 yd run (Johnston kick), 16-87 7:43

#### SECOND QUARTER

11:49 ND Miller 13 yd pass from Kiel (Johnston kick blocked), 6-4 1:02  
8:19 ND Pinkett 3 yd run (Johnston kick blocked), 6-53 2:11  
7:02 BC Phelan 28 yd pass from Flutie (Flutie pass failed), 4-69 1:08

#### THIRD QUARTER

7:20 BC Gieselman 3 yd pass from Flutie (Flutie pass failed), 10-85 4:00

	ND	BC
First Downs	19	15
By Rushing	12	6
By Passing	7	9
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	54	29
Yards Rushing	253	126
Yards Lost Rushing	28	33
Net Yards Rushing	225	93
Net Yards Passing	151	287
Passes Attempted	19	38
Passes Completed	11	16
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	73	67
Total Net Yards	376	380
Average Per Play	5.14	5.66
Return Yards	10	0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-47	7-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-3	1-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	6-17	16-188
Average Per Punt	28.5	28.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-7	1-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-55	4-83

**RUSHING:** Boston College-Stradford 16-51, Flutie 5-32; Browne 4-13, Biestek 2-8, Bell 1-3, Team 1-(-14). Notre Dame-Pinkett 28-111, Smith 18-104, Brooks 2-26, Miller 1-7, Kiel 5-23.

**PASSING:** Boston College-Flutie 16-37-1-287, Brennan 0-1-0-0. Notre Dame-Kiel 11-19-1-151.

**RECEIVING:** Boston College-Brennan 4-91, Phelan 4-52, Geiselman 3-19, Stradford 2-17, Biestek 1-42, Martin 1-36, Murphy 1-30. Notre Dame: Bavaro 5-52, Miller 3-31, Jackson 2-25, Howard 1-43.

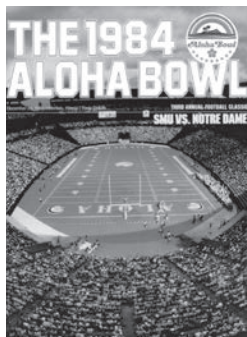
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#17 Notre Dame  
#10 SMU

1	2	3	4	SCORE
0	10	7	3	20
7	10	0	10	27



**HONOLULU** – It had all the earmarks of a classic Notre Dame comeback.

In fact, the Irish already had done it once that day-rebounding from a quick 14-0 deficit to tie the contest at 17 heading into the final period of the Aloha Bowl against SMU.

This time, the Ponies had grabbed a 27-17 advantage with 6:13 remaining. With SMU expecting a pass, Notre Dame ran nine straight times in a 2:57 period before John Carney's 31-yard field goal at the 3:15 mark.

The Irish defense then did the job, halting Reggie Dupard on a third-and-four attempt from the SMU 26. Mike Kovalski stopped him after only a single yard.

After SMU's punt, quarterback Steve Beuerlein went to work from the Irish 23 with 2:42 left on the clock. Beuerlein had thrown only 12 passes to that point in the game. He would throw 11 in the next 2:19, almost enough for a patented Notre Dame finish. But he finished one short.

A second down Beuerlein run for 14 yards gave the Irish a first down at the SMU 17. Mark Bavaro grabbed a first-down pass for one yard and the clock kept moving. On second down, Beuerlein's throw for Joe Howard near the goal line caught Howard leaning the wrong direction. On third down, Beuerlein threw for Tim Brown, only to have the ball tipped into the air and knocked to the ground by SMU safety Tim Green. On fourth down, Beuerlein scrambled out of the pocket to his right and found Milt Jackson open in the end zone.

For the 10th-ranked Mustangs, it marked the moment of their 27-20 victory. Beuerlein's throw was just past the outstretched hands of Jackson with 23 seconds remaining.

SMU took advantage of its quickness to put touchdowns on the board on its initial two possessions. Junior quarterback Don King threw for 24 yards on the first SMU play from scrimmage, then Dupard ran for 11 yards the next down. A sprained ankle quickly put Dupard on the sidelines, but it mattered little. Sophomore Jeff Atkins—who eventually earned the offensive MVP award-caught a key 16-yard pass on third down and eventually scored on a seven-yard run.

The next time they had the ball, the Mustangs drove 80 yards in 14 plays—with King throwing to Cobby Morrison for a 21-yard score. King made the key play of that drive, throwing for 21 yards to Ron Morris on a third-and-18 call from the Irish 29.

Brown returned the SMU kickoff 53 yards to the SMU 47 - and Pinkett went to work. He carried five times down to the Pony 17 before catching a pass from Beuerlein in the end zone for the touchdown. The Irish defense held this time, and Notre Dame again went to work.

Starting from their own 15, the Irish had a 27-yard pass to Alonzo Jefferson nullified by clipping. Still, they came right back with a 15-yarder to Bavaro plus a facemask violation against SMU—then a 28-yard shovel pass to Jefferson. Another key stop of Jefferson on third and two by SMU halted the march—but Carney connected from 51 yards (the longest of his career and an Aloha Bowl record) to make it 14-10. SMU scored the final points of the half on a 47-yard field goal with seven seconds remaining to make it 17-10 at the break.

Notre Dame was able to force Mustang punts on the first three possessions of the second half, but the Irish couldn't take advantage until the third try. Pinkett ran off gains of 11 and 13 yards, and Mark Brooks finally took it in from 11 for a 17-17 tie with 2:10 left in the third period.

SMU came right back to take the lead on an agonizingly long, 19-play drive that took more than seven minutes off the clock. The Ponies did it the hard way, with Dupard twice converting on fourth-down runs after SMU reached the Notre Dame 25. Brandy Brownlee's 30-yard field goal made it 20-17 with 11:47 left in the game.

The Mustangs needed seven running plays to score what appeared to be the clinching touchdown. Atkins took a pitch for 22 yards and Dupard added 11 before Dupard's eventual two-yard scoring run.

FIRST QUARTER

6:07 SMU Atkins 7 yd run (Brownlee kick) 10-78 4:08

SECOND QUARTER

11:35 SMU Morrison 12 yd pass from King (Brownlee kick), 14-80 6:28  
8:26 ND Pinkett 17 yd pass from Beuerlein (Carney kick), 7-47 2:59  
4:23 ND Carney 51 yd field goal, 7-51 3:01  
0:07 SMU Brownlee 47 yd field goal, 12-49 4:16

THIRD QUARTER

3:50 ND Brooks 11 yd run (Carney kick), 5-40 2:10

FOURTH QUARTER

6:13 SMU Dupard 2 yd run (Brownlee kick), 7-50 3:15  
3:15 ND Carney 31 yd field goal, 9-65 2:57

	ND	SMU
First Downs	22	26
By Rushing	12	18
By Passing	9	7
By Penalty	1	1
Yards Rushing	250	280
Yards Lost Rushing	32	54
Net Yards Rushing	218	226
Net Yards Passing	144	153
Passes Attempted	23	17
Passes Completed	11	9
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	66	81
Total Net Yards	362	379
Average Gain Per Play	5.5	4.7
Return Yards	42	25
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	4-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-44	5-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-166	5-205
Average Per Punt	41.5	41.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	4-42	2-25
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-105	2-55

**RUSHING:** SMU-Atkins 17-112, Dupard 23-103, Hashaway 8-34, Morrison 7-26, Morris 1-(-13), King 8-(-36). Notre Dame-Pinkett 24-136, Jefferson 9-60, Brooks 4-19, Beuerlein 5-7, Brown 1-(-4).

**PASSING:** SMU-King 9-17-0-153. Notre Dame-Beuerlein 11-23-0-144.

**RECEIVING:** SMU-Atkins 2-31, Hashaway 2-27, Morris 2-27, Dupard 1-39, Pleasant 1-17, Morrison 1-12. Notre Dame: Jefferson 2-37, Howard 2-24, Bavaro 2-16, Brown 1-16, Jackson 1-13, Pinkett 1-17, Smith 1-11, Gray 1-10.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#12 Notre Dame  
#13 Texas A&M

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#12 Notre Dame	7	3	0	0	10
#13 Texas A&M	3	15	7	10	35



**DALLAS** – For Notre Dame the 1988 Cotton Bowl closely resembled the 1987 season - a good start and a tough luck finish. The Irish, appearing in their first New Year's Day bowl in seven years, played like the team that shut down Michigan and Alabama-for almost a half, anyway.

But Texas A&M made the most of a costly second-period Irish turnover, and the momentum and breaks went the Aggies' direction the rest of the way as the Southwest Conference champions rolled to a 35-10 victory.

After losing the last two games of the regular season, the Irish looked like they were back on track on the opening kickoff, a 37-yard return by Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown, his longest of the season. The next three plays

were Anthony Johnson left, Anthony Johnson middle, and Anthony Johnson right to pound out the first down. Then Terry Andrysiak, playing for the first time since breaking his collarbone in October, took to the air with a 29-yard strike to Brown to the Aggie 20. After two runs for short gains, Notre Dame found itself facing a third down and seven. But once again it was Andrysiak to Brown, this time for 17 yards and a touchdown.

Texas A&M missed a field goal on the next possession, but a career long 64-yard punt by Craig Stump late in the quarter put the Irish on their own two-yard line and helped get the ball back to the Aggies in a hurry. Scott Slater managed to put a 26-yarder through the uprights as time expired in the first quarter.

The second quarter started out like the first. Notre Dame scored on its first possession with a 36-yard field goal by Ted Gradel. The Irish defense held the Aggies to 23 yards on their next drive and the Irish again began to march down the field. Andrysiak to Brown for 22. Andrysiak to Brown for 24. Andrysiak to Reggie Ward for 13. The Irish seemed unstoppable as they stood poised on the 18-yard line ready to score again.

Then, with 4:06 on the clock, the bottom fell out. A play-action pass intended to go right went left. Andrysiak's pass to tight end Andy Heck was picked off in the end zone by Alex Morris who made a one-handed catch and barely landed in bounds. The Aggies came alive.

Backup Lance Pavlas, who alternated at quarterback with the game's offensive MVP, Bucky Richardson, directed an 80-yard drive highlighted by a 33-yard pass to Gary Oliver. But it was freshman halfback Darren Lewis who took a pitch, stopped short and hit Tony Thompson for a 24-yard touchdown to tie the game.

The Irish took over on their own 29-yard line, but not for long. Braxton Banks dropped a short pass from Andrysiak and a controversial fumble call gave the Aggies the football. Four plays later Larry Horton drove two yards for an A&M touchdown with 0:26 left in the half. A "swinging gate" play, in which Wally Hartley ran three yards behind a wall of Aggies, gave Texas A&M the two-point conversion and an 18-10 halftime lead.

Texas A&M's momentum continued into the second half as the Aggies drove 80 yards to the Notre Dame one-yard line on their first possession. The Irish had a chance to stem the tide when Wes Pritchett hit Matt Gurley, forcing a fumble. Brandy Wells recovered for Notre Dame in the end zone for the touchback. But on the next play tailback Mark Green fumbled the ball and Dana Batiste recovered for A&M. A defensive pass interference penalty moved the Aggies down to the eight-yard line. Then Richardson ran one yard for the touchdown.

The Aggies continued to dominate the Irish in the fourth quarter, shutting out Brown, keeping Andrysiak to only two completions and holding Notre Dame to only 76 yards in the second half. Kip Corrington stopped Andrysiak on fourth and nine on the Aggie 28-yard line early in the quarter, ending any hopes of an Irish comeback. The Aggies ran at the Irish for 59 yards, setting up a Scott Slater 25-yard field goal with 8:32 on the clock.

Corrington would haunt Andrysiak again, this time with an interception of another pass intended for Heck on the Irish 30-yard line. Texas A&M wasted no time converting the turnover into the final score of the game as Richardson ran eight yards for his second touchdown.

FIRST QUARTER

11:25 ND Brown 17 pass from Andrysiak (Gradel kick), 7-59 3:28  
0:00 A&M Slater 26 yd field goal, 7-30 3:09

SECOND QUARTER

10:52 ND Gradel 36 yd field goal, 9-51 4:03  
1:42 A&M Thompson 24 yd pass from Lewis (Slater kick), 6-80 2:24  
0:26 A&M Horton 2 yd run (Hartley run), 4-21 1:02

THIRD QUARTER

3:35 A&M Richardson 1 yd run (Slater kick), 5-23 1:43

FOURTH QUARTER

8:32 A&M Slater 25 yd field goal, 9-59 4:17  
5:10 A&M Richardson 8 yd run (Slater kick), 5-30 2:43

	ND	A&M
First Downs	16	24
By Rushing	5	17
By Passing	10	5
By Penalty	2	2
Rushing Attempts	36	59
Yards Rushing	92	298
Yards Lost Rushing	18	4
Net Yards Rushing	74	294
Net Yards Passing	203	116
Passes Attempted	28	17
Passes Completed	15	8
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	64	76
Total Net Yards	277	410
Average Per Play	4.3	5.4
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-64	6-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-157	4-169
Average Per Punt	31.4	42.2
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-4	2-9
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	8-15	12-33

**RUSHING:** Texas A&M-Richardson 13-96, Woodside 17-73, Gurley 15-60, Lewis 7-52, Horton 5-13, Pavlas 1-0, Costar 1-0. Notre Dame-Johnson 8-20, Andrysiak 11-15, Green 5-14, Banks 5-9, Graham 2-9, Brooks 3-7, Rice 1-3, Watters 1-(-3).

**PASSING:** Texas A&M-Pavlas 5-7-0-77, Richardson 2-9-0-15, Lewis 1-1-0-24. Notre Dame-Andrysiak 15-25-1-203, Rice 0-3-1-0.

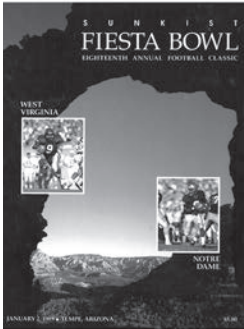
**RECEIVING:** Texas A&M-Woodside 2-22, Oliver 1-33, Thompson 1-24, Harris 1-19, Morgan 1-16, Lewis 1-6, Waddle 1-(-4). Notre Dame: Brown 6-105, Heck 3-28, Ward 2-37, Green 1-24, Watters 1-10, Jefferson 1-7, Banks 1-(-8).



JAN. 2, 1989 • TEMPE, ARIZ. • SUN DEVIL STADIUM



SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#1 Notre Dame	9	14	3	8	34
#3 West Virginia	0	6	7	8	21



**TEMPE, Ariz.** — Combining a knock-'em-in-the-dirt style of defense with a timely passing game set up by the pounding Irish running attack, Notre Dame did it all in putting the finishing touches on its first national championship since 1977.

The Irish got on the scoreboard early, made life miserable for West Virginia star quarterback Major Harris and methodically dismantled the only other unbeaten team left in the country. The result in this Fiesta Bowl battle of perfect records - the 13th in bowl history - left Notre Dame with a 34-21 victory that actually was more convincing than the score indicated.

Michael Stonebreaker and Jeff Alm bashed Harris' left shoulder into the Sun Devil Stadium turf on the third play of the game and West Virginia's quarterback was never the same.

With Harris' effectiveness - and, thus, West Virginia's - reduced almost from the start, it was Irish quarterback Tony Rice who played like a Heisman Trophy contender. Shrugging off the nagging doubts about his passing ability, Rice first went about establishing Notre Dame's relentless ground game by calling for rushes on 16 of Notre Dame's first 17 plays.

Every time West Virginia was poised to stop the Irish option, Rice took advantage of single coverage in the secondary to throw for big yardage. He attempted only 11 passes, completing seven, but averaged more than 30 yards per completion on his way to the offensive MVP award.

"This is a great football team because nobody proved otherwise," said Holtz.

It took Notre Dame hardly any time at all to prove that to the 74,911 fans in attendance. Sending West Virginia's offense to the sideline after three downs, Rice scampered 31 yards around left end on third and seven. That set up a 45-yard Billy Hackett field goal just 4:35 into the game.

Three more plays netted only six yards, and Notre Dame took over again at their 39. Rice connected with Derek Brown for 23 yards but otherwise stayed on the ground all the way to first and goal from the three. West Virginia put up a fight at that point, but Anthony Johnson finally carried for the last yard on fourth down.

West Virginia went two more possessions without gaining first down yardage and the Irish capitalized again. On third and 11 at his own 48, Rice again found Brown wide open over the middle and Notre Dame's rookie tight end sprinted to the five. Rodney Culver scored on the next play to make it 16-0, 5:19 into the second quarter.

The Mountaineers finally found the scoreboard on a 29-yard Charlie Baumann field goal, but two of the three first downs on the 52-yard drive came via Irish penalties. And the Irish came right back with an answer. Rice hit Johnson for 19 yards, then zipped one to Raghib Ismail for 29 yards and six points for a commanding 23-3 advantage. Only a 36-yard pass play with four seconds left from Harris to Reggie Rembert put West Virginia in position for a 31-yard field goal to close the half.

Notre Dame got those three points right back after Pat Terrell intercepted Harris on West Virginia's initial third-period offensive thrust. This time, it was Reggie Ho connecting from 32 yards after Rice's 35-yarder to Mark Green had picked up the largest chunk of ground.

Next came the only opportunity the Mountaineers had to get back in the game. After Harris had led his team 74 yards for a touchdown to make it 26-13, Willie Edwards intercepted a Rice pass to give West Virginia the ball back at the Irish 26. Notre Dame's defense proved equal to the challenge.

On first down, Flash Gordon hemmed in Harris on the option for a loss of two.

On second down, Stan Smagala made a spectacular deflection in the end zone of a Harris pass.

On third down, Frank Stams - who earned defensive MVP honors - and Arnold Ale stormed Harris for a loss of 12, knocking West Virginia completely out of field goal range. The Mountaineers had to punt, and Notre Dame promptly drove for another touchdown.

**OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Tony Rice, Quarterback

**DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Frank Stams, Defensive End

**FIRST QUARTER**

10:25 ND Hackett 45 yd field goal, 7-37 3:00  
4:34 ND Johnson 1 yd run (Graham run failed), 10-61 4:20

**SECOND QUARTER**

9:41 ND Culver 5 yd run (Ho kick), 11-84 5:07  
6:18 WVU Baumann 29 yd field goal, 11-52 3:22  
1:48 ND Ismail 29 yd pass from Rice (Ho kick), 8-63 4:30  
0:00 WVU Baumann 31 yd field goal, 9-69 1:48

**THIRD QUARTER**

5:34 ND Ho 32 yd field goal, 7-50 3:55  
3:32 WVU Bell 17 yd pass from Harris (Baumann kick), 7-74 2:02

**FOURTH QUARTER**

13:05 ND Jacobs 3 yd pass from Rice (Rice run), 7-80 3:07  
1:14 WVU Rember 3 yd run (Rembert run), 11-59 2:57

	ND	WVU
First Downs	19	19
By Rushing	13	4
By Passing	6	10
By Penalty	0	5
Rushing Attempts	59	37
Yards Rushing	245	141
Yards Lost Rushing	3	33
Net Yards Rushing	242	108
Net Yards Passing	213	174
Passes Attempted	11	30
Passes Completed	7	14
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	70	67
Total Net Yards	455	282
Average Per Play	6.5	4.2
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	11-102	3-38
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	1-14
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-157	7-318
Average Per Punt	36.8	45.1
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-28	2-35
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-3	6-107

**RUSHING:** West Virginia-Harris 13-42, Brown 11-49, Taylor 6-12, Johnson 1-5, Tyler 2-21, Napoleon 3-9, Rembert 1-3. Notre Dame-Johnson 5-20, Brooks 11-36, Rice 13-75, Green 13-62, Banks 5-12, Watters 3-6, Culver 4-20, Eilers 1-2, Belles 3-10, Mihalko 1-2.

**PASSING:** West Virginia-Harris 13-26-1-166, Jones 1-4-0-8. Notre Dame-Rice 7-11-1-213.

**RECEIVING:** West Virginia-Winn 3-31, Taylor 3-34, Bell 4-44, Rembert 2-40, Brown 1-17, Tyler 1-8. Notre Dame: Brown 2-70, Johnson 1-19, Ismail 1-29, Green 1-35, Jacobs 1-3, Watters 1-57.

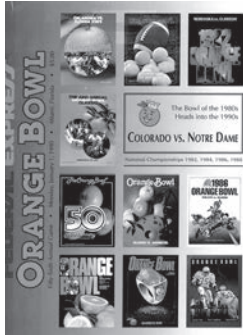
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#4 Notre Dame  
#1 Colorado

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#4 Notre Dame	0	0	14	7	21
#1 Colorado	0	0	6	0	6



**MIAMI** — Notre Dame made use of its standard weapons — a bend-but-don't break defense, a rugged running game plus a timely pass completion or two. Those items, plus some uncharacteristic miscues by top-ranked Colorado enabled the Irish to dash the national title hopes of the Buffs with their 21-6 Orange Bowl victory.

The Notre Dame triumph over unbeaten Colorado helped the Irish make amends for their loss to Miami that ended the regular season and marked the only blemish on the record for the last two seasons. It also lent credence to the pregame speculation that the Irish experience in big games would pay dividends.

That certainly appeared to be the case in the first half when the Buffs — who came in averaging 34 points and

473 yards per game — squandered three golden scoring opportunities. Colorado rolled up and down the field the initial two periods, but putting the ball in the end zone was another matter.

First, the Buffs drove to the Irish 35 on their second possession. From there, Eric Bieniemy darted into the clear at the Notre Dame 25, only to fumble as he changed hands with the football. Pat Terrell recovered for Notre Dame at the Irish 19.

On their next possession, the Buffs moved from their own 18 to the Notre Dame five. On fourth and three from there, kicker Ken Culbertson oddly pulled a chip-shot, 23-yard field-goal attempt to the left.

Finally, Colorado ran the ball to a first and goal at the Irish one—only to have Notre Dame pull off what Lou Holtz tabbed as the most impressive goal line stand he'd seen in a bowl game. On fourth down, the Buffs gambled with a fake field-goal attempt, but holder Jeff Campbell had no one to throw to and Troy Ridgley and Stan Smagala smothered him at the one.

Notre Dame's lone scoring chance in the first 30 minutes ended when Colorado blocked a Billy Hackett field goal try as the first half ended in a rather bizarre 0-0 tie. As it turned out, all the momentum shifted to the Notre Dame side of the ledger from that point on.

The Irish took the second half kickoff and required just over three minutes to score. A 27-yard pass from Tony Rice to Tony Smith and a 27-yard run by fullback Anthony Johnson — who played impressively in finishing with 89 rushing yards — set the stage for Johnson's two-yard scoring run that made it 7-0.

Notre Dame immediately got the ball back when Ned Bolcar tipped a third down Darian Hagan pass into the air and intercepted at the Buff 46. Twenty-five yards in penalties for clipping and holding calls almost sabotaged the Irish. But Rice threw to Johnson for 13 yards on a third down play, then hit Pat Eilers for 18 on first and 32. Finally, Orange Bowl MVP Raghیب Ismail raced 35 yards down the Notre Dame sideline on a reverse for a 14-0 Irish lead. Ismail, who ended up playing tailback most of the night, in part due to an early knee injury to Ricky Watters, finished with 108 yards rushing to lead both teams.

Colorado bounced back on the final play of the third period, accounting for the longest rush against the Irish all season on a 39-yard Hagan keeper that made it 14-6 when Culbertson's PAT hit the upright. When the Buffs were forced to punt the ball away to Notre Dame at the 10:27 mark, they had no idea they'd nearly never get it back.

Notre Dame promptly embarked on a stereotypical Irish march — 17 runs, none longer than 11 yards, no passes — that knocked 8:55 off the clock. When Johnson negotiated the final seven yards for a clinching touchdown that made it 21-6 with only 1:32 remaining, the Buffs were finished.

For the Irish, the triumph finished off a long season that began way back in August in the Kickoff Classic and featured Holtz's squad atop the polls throughout the regular season. Then, the one week the Irish weren't number one after their defeat at the hands of the Hurricanes, they bounced back to beat the number-one team.

They did it by playing mistake-free football — no turnovers for the Irish compared to a lost fumble and pair of interceptions thrown by Hagan.

"Coming away from the first half without any points after controlling the game for a while was too much to overcome," said Colorado coach Bill McCartney. "Anytime you're playing a team like Notre Dame, you've got to capitalize on your chances. We didn't. I didn't think anybody could keep us out of the end zone like they did on the goal line, but they did."

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Raghیب Ismail, Flanker

**THIRD QUARTER**

11:48	ND	Johnson 4 yd run (Hentrich kick), 7-69 3:12
7:19	ND	Ismail 35 yd run (Hentrich kick), 7-46 3:27
0:01	CU	Hagan 39 yd run (Culbertson kick failed), 4-53 1:42

**FOURTH QUARTER**

1:32	ND	Johnson 4 yd run (Hentrich kick), 17-82 8:55
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	ND	CU
First Downs	18	16
By Rushing	14	12
By Passing	4	4
By Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	52	46
Yards Rushing	295	239
Yards Lost Rushing	16	22
Net Yards Rushing	279	217
Net Yards Passing	99	65
Passes Attempted	9	13
Passes Completed	5	4
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	61	59
Total Net Yards	378	282
Average Gain Per Play	6.2	4.8
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-35	1-5
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-204	3-118
Average Per Punt	40.1	39.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0	3-36
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-24	3-43

**RUSHING:** Colorado-Hagan 19-106; Bieniemy 11-66; Flannigan 12-45; Kissick 2-6; Campbell 2(-6). Notre Dame-Ismail 16-108; Johnson 15-89; Rice 14-50; Culver 5-29; Watters 2-3.

**PASSING:** Colorado-Hagan 4-13-2-65. Notre Dame-Rice 5-9-0-99.

**RECEIVING:** Colorado-Kissick 2-33; Pritchard 1-16; Perak 1-16. Notre Dame: Eilers 2-47; Smith 1-27; Johnson 1-13; Brown 1-12.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#5 Notre Dame  
#1 Colorado

1	2	3	4	SCORE
0	6	3	0	9
0	3	7	0	10



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**MIAMI** — Turnovers, mistakes and missed opportunities — they all played major roles for Notre Dame as the fifth-ranked Fighting Irish self-destructed on offense in their Orange Bowl rematch with top-ranked Colorado.

This time, it was the Buffs who survived one last amazing attempt by Raghieb Ismail and claimed the national championship on a 10-9 victory.

The game produced some strange twists, notably the starring role played by reserve Colorado quarterback Charles Johnson. He came off the bench after Darian Hagan injured a knee late in the first half and looked impressive in completing five of six passes after intermission.

Meanwhile, the Irish offense — coldly proficient most of the season — struggled to five turnovers, including three within four plays in the second half. The Notre Dame defense, which had its share of struggles in 1990, played maybe as well as it had all year against a potent Buffalo attack.

But it was a play that didn't even count that had everyone talking once this one was over.

With Colorado nursing its one-point lead and pushing toward field goal range in the waning moments, Notre Dame's defense came to the fore. From a first-and-10 situation at the Irish 27 for the Buffs, Notre Dame produced three straight lost-yardage plays, the last two sacks of Johnson for a combined 19 yards in losses, pushing Colorado back to its own 47 with 43 seconds to go — and brought punter Tom Rouen onto the field. In turn, Ismail wandered back toward the goal line for the Irish.

Electing not to boot the ball out of bounds, Rouen boomed a 44-yarder that Ismail fielded at his own nine. Rocket weaved his way through all kinds of traffic and eventually broke free down the right sideline for what appeared to be a spectacular 91-yard return. But a flag had been thrown against Greg Davis for a clip as Ismail was breaking to the outside. The Irish began instead at their own 22 and couldn't advance beyond their own 38 before time ran out.

The frustrating finish typified what proved to be an unusually inefficient evening for Notre Dame's offense. The Irish endured just about everything — a blocked PAT, a 50-yard field goal that banged off the upright, three interceptions and a pair of lost fumbles. Still, Ismail's last gasp return might very well have turned out to be the gamewinner.

Colorado wasted little time throwing its best shots at the Irish, sending speedy Mike Pritchard on a reverse for 15 yards on the game's first play. But when Rouen mishandled the punt snap on fourth down, Notre Dame began at the Colorado 48. That's when the Irish should have known they might be in for a long evening, as a pressured Rick Mirer saw his first-down pass for Ismail picked off and returned to near midfield.

Notre Dame's next possession took up 14 plays — but moved only as far as the Buff 35 following two straight incompletions. A Jim Sexton punt panned Colorado at its three, and enabled Notre Dame to take over on the Big Eight champion's 35. This time, two more incompletions prompted a Hentrich field goal attempt from 50 yards that clanged off the right upright.

Colorado broke the scoring drought early in the second period, taking the ball from its own 32 to the Irish five. Notre Dame held off the Buffs from a first-and-goal situation at the seven and forced a Jim Harper field goal that made it 3-0.

The Irish responded by throwing a 62-yard march of their own at Colorado. Mirer threw twice to Ismail for 21 total yards and later to Irv Smith for nine yards on third down. Ricky Watters negotiated the last two yards for the touchdown, but Colorado blocked Hentrich's extra-point attempt. Notre Dame's lone other first-half attempt ended in a 48-yard field-goal try by Hentrich that misfired.

Notre Dame took the second half kickoff and drove methodically from its own 28, getting 26 yards on a first-play throw to Derek Brown and 19 more on a Watters run. But, after first and goal at the Colorado four saw the Irish manage two runs for lost yardage and an incomplection, Hentrich converted the field goal from 24 yards to make it 9-3.

Next for the Irish came their offensive undoing, as lost fumbles by Watters and Tony Brooks were followed by an interception of a Mirer throw. In between came Colorado's only other points — a one-yard Eric Bieniemy run capping a 40-yard drive, plus the eventual game-winning PAT — and it could have been worse. Notre Dame's defense thwarted one possession with a pair of minus-yardage plays and ended another when George Williams blocked a 36-yard field-goal attempt early in the final period.

The Irish couldn't convert after Willie Clark recovered a Bieniemy fumble near midfield at the halfway mark of the fourth quarter. That set up Ismail's ill-fated punt return that left fans of both teams gasping.

DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Chris Zorich, Nose Tackle

SECOND QUARTER

12:04 CU Harper 22 yd field goal, 11-63 4:24  
7:32 ND Watters 2 yd run (Hentrich kick blocked), 9-62 4:32

THIRD QUARTER

10:10 ND Hentrich 24 yd field goal, 10-66 4:50  
4:26 CU Bieniemy 1 yd run (Harper kick), 8-40 3:58

	CU	ND
First Downs	19	18
By Rushing	13	8
By Passing	6	9
By Penalty	0	1
Rushing Attempts	54	35
Yards Rushing	235	141
Yards Lost Rushing	49	18
Net Yards Rushing	186	123
Net Yards Passing	109	141
Passes Attempted	19	31
Passes Completed	9	13
Had Intercepted	0	3
Total Offensive Plays	73	66
Total Net Yards	295	264
Average Gain Per Play	4.0	4.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-50	3-45
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-50	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	7-283	3-153
Average Per Punt	40.4	51.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0	4-68
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-49	3-53

**RUSHING:** Colorado-Bieniemy 26-86, Hemingway 14-76, Hagan 7-36, Pritchard 2-24, Johnson 4-(-25), Rouen 1-(-11). Notre Dame-Brooks 9-46, Watters 9-44, Bettis 3-27, Culver 5-9, Ismail 3-(-1), Mirer 6-(-2).

**PASSING:** Colorado-Hagan 12-4-0-29, Johnson 6-5-0-80, Bieniemy 1-0-0-0. Notre Dame-Mirer 31-13-3-141.

**RECEIVING:** Colorado-Pritchard 3-45, Brown 2-23, Hemingway 2-13, Bieniemy 1-19, Boman 1-9. Notre Dame: Ismail 6-57, Brown 4-50, Jarrell 1-11, Smith 1-9, Davis 1-8.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#18 Notre Dame  
#3 Florida

1	2	3	4	SCORE
0	7	10	22	39
10	6	0	12	28



**NEW ORLEANS** – The old maxim that he who laughs last, laughs best, accounts for the roar emanating from the Irish locker room after a stunning 39-28 Sugar Bowl upset of third-ranked Florida.

After surviving two weeks as the collective butt of jokes — including “What’s the difference between Cheerios and Notre Dame? Cheerios belong in a bowl” gag overheard from an anonymous French Quarter waiter — the 18th-ranked Irish responded on game day with a convincing second half rejoinder that silenced the snapping jaws of the heavily favored Gators and the heavily partisan Superdome crowd of 76,447.

Down 16-7 at the half, and outgained 288-142 in total yardage to that point, Notre Dame unleashed a power running game behind a dominating offensive line, a strategy that resulted in 32 second half points including three Jerome Bettis touchdowns late in the contest. Meanwhile, Gator quarterback Shane Matthews and the potent Florida offense jabbed away at the young Notre Dame defense but never landed the necessary knockout punch, instead settling for a record five field goals by Arden Czyzewski on five trips inside the Irish 20.

The criticisms of that makeshift defensive lineup appeared to be well founded after the game’s first series, as Matthews shredded the young secondary for 60 passing yards en route to an 11-play, 85-yard touchdown drive that took over four minutes. That set the tone for much of the first half, although three long Gator drives netted only nine total points.

The Irish, meanwhile, managed just one first down in the first quarter and were down 13-0 before Rick Mirer ignited the offense with three straight completions. The last was a 40-yard strike to Lake Dawson midway through the second quarter, pulling the Irish to within six points at 13-7. Czyzewski’s third field goal of the half, with just 20 second remaining, accounted for the nine-point halftime margin.

The halftime stats harbored little foresight on what would take place on the Superdome turf in the ensuing 30 minutes. Notre Dame entered the game as the nation’s sixth-best rushing team, averaging nearly 270 yards per game, but had totaled just 34 ground yards. Meanwhile, Matthews looked every bit the 3,000 yard passer he was, throwing for 202 first half yards and helping the Gators control the ball for nearly 20 minutes.

Any thought that the Irish would be forced into debuting “Air Holtz” in the second half was quickly buried. Like a prizefighter tiring out an opponent with body punches, Holtz called for an incredible 11 straight running plays into the heart of the renowned Florida line, with the work of Bettis, Rodney Culver and Tony Brooks finally resulting in the first-ever collegiate field goal by Kevin Pendergast.

After the Irish defense held, the burly backfield returned to their ground-eating ways. Bettis and Culver chewed up 41 yards on three carries midway through the drive, and Mirer and Tony Smith saved a third-and-17 with another of their seven hookups. Mirer hit 6-5 Iv Smith for the go-ahead touchdown near the end of the third quarter.

Florida retook the lead 22-17 on successive field goals, though failing to get the TD after Darren Mickell forced a Rick Mirer fumble at the Irish 12. The rest of the final quarter would belong Bettis, the eventual Sugar Bowl MVP. He capped a 14-play drive by crashing in behind Gene McGuire for a three-yard score, with the two-point conversion giving the Irish a 25-22 advantage. After the Gators failed on fourth-and-10 at midfield with under four minutes to go, Bettis took the first handoff and rumbled through a gaping right-side hole for 49 yards and a 32-22 lead.

But no lead is safe when Matthews’ arm is involved, and with well over three minutes still to work with, he eventually hit Harrison Houston with a 36-yard TD strike. But the two-point conversion pass failed, as the Irish led 32-28.

Bettis and the Irish line wasted little time sealing the outcome. After Culver covered an onside kick attempt, the 246-pound Bettis broke loose again on a third down, rolling to his third score from 39 yards out. Those were the last of 245 second half rushing yards by the Irish, with Bettis accounting for 127 and Rodney Culver and Tony Brooks also prime contributors. Though Matthews finished 28-of-58 with 370 passing yards, he had just 11 second half completions against a tightening Holtz-inspired defense. In fact, the Gators went without a touchdown for over 53 minutes between the opening score and Houston’s grab in the waning moments.

MILLER-DIGBY AWARD - MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Jerome Bettis, Fullback

FIRST QUARTER

10:40 UF Jackson 15 pass from Matthews (Czyzewski kick), 11-85 4:20  
3:36 UF Czyzewski 26 yd field goal, 15-71 5:02

SECOND QUARTER

10:29 UF Czyzewski 24 yd field goal, 14-75 5:21  
8:01 ND Dawson 40 pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick), 5-64 2:28  
0:20 UF Czyzewski 36 yd field goal, 10-51 2:23

THIRD QUARTER

10:03 ND Pendergast 23 yd field goal, 12-64 4:57  
2:12 ND Smith 4 yd pass from Mirer (Pendergast kick), 14-80 4:53

FOURTH QUARTER

13:42 UF Czyzewski 37 yd field goal, 10-50 3:30  
11:21 UF Czyzewski 24 yd field goal, 4-4 0:57  
4:48 ND Bettis 3 yd run (Brooks pass from Mirer), 14-64 6:33  
3:32 ND Bettis 49 yd run (Pendergast kick), 1-49 0:09  
2:28 UF Houston 36 yd pass from Matthews (Matthews pass incomplete), 5-64 1:04  
2:04 ND Bettis 39 yd run (Pendergast kick), 3-44 0:24

	ND	UF
First Downs	23	29
By Rushing	18	13
By Passing	4	16
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	49	33
Yards Rushing	324	162
Yards Lost Rushing	45	21
Net Yards Rushing	279	141
Net Yards Passing	154	370
Passes Attempted	19	58
Passes Completed	14	28
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	68	91
Total Net Yards	433	511
Avg. Gain Per Play	6.4	5.6
Fumbles: No.-Lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	3-15	4-40
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	2-31	1-4
Punts: No.-Yds.	2-68	2-105
Avg. Per Punt	34.0	52.5
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	7-188	6-90

**RUSHING:** Florida-Rhett 15-63, McClendon 7-34, Matthews 7-27, McNabb 4-17. Notre Dame-Bettis 16-150, Culver 13-93, Brooks 13-68, Failla 1(-2), Mirer 6(-30).

**PASSING:** Florida-Matthews 28-58-2-370. Notre Dame-Mirer 14-19-1-154.

**RECEIVING:** Florida-Jackson 8-148, Houston 3-52, Sullivan 4-47, Hill 3-41, Rhett 4-38, McClendon 3-19, Everett 2-18, McNabb 1-7. Notre Dame: Smith 7-75, Dawson 2-49, Brown 1-11, Culver 1-6, Bettis 1-5, Smith 1-4, Pollard 1-4.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#5 Notre Dame  
#3 Texas A&M

1	2	3	4	SCORE
0	7	14	7	28
0	0	0	3	3



**DALLAS** – Both Texas A&M and Notre Dame were known for their running games entering the 1993 Cotton Bowl Classic. The Aggies had built up a 12-0 record behind the running of Rodney Thomas and Greg Hill while the Irish checked in with a 9-1-1 mark on the strength of Lou Holtz's "Thunder and Lightning", Jerome Bettis and Reggie Brooks.

In the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, only one great running game showed itself.

Notre Dame rushed for 290 net yards while A&M accounted for just 78 as the Irish dominated all facets of the game in a 28-3 win over the Aggies.

Brooks finished with 115 yards on 22 carries and Bettis added 75 yards on 20 rushes. Quarterback Rick Mirer even

got into the act with 55 yards on 13 attempts.

But, in the first half, Notre Dame certainly didn't appear to be on the way to a blowout. On its first possession, the Irish drove to the Aggie 18 before Mirer's pitch to Brooks ended up on the ground and Kefa Chatham recovered for Texas A&M. After that drive, Notre Dame was forced to punt on its next four possessions, moving no more than 20 yards each time it had the ball.

At the same time, the Aggies were having very little luck moving the ball. Texas A&M did move into field goal range midway through the second quarter but Terry Venetoulia's 46-yard attempt was short and the game remained scoreless.

After the teams again exchanged punts, Notre Dame received the spark it needed to take control. With just 36 seconds left in the half, Mirer threw to Lake Dawson on a middle screen and Dawson strolled 40 yards to give the Irish a 7-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, Notre Dame's rushing game came to the forefront and buried the Aggies. After throwing 15 passes in the first half, the Irish put the ball in the air only three times in the second half. Notre Dame controlled the ball and the clock by using the ground game. At one period in the second half, the Irish ran the ball on 34 consecutive plays — successfully.

On its first possession of the half, Notre Dame ate up 5:06 of clock with an 65-yard, 10-play drive that resulted in a Mirer-to-Bettis touchdown toss of 26 yards. Possession number two was much of the same for the Irish, moving 87 yards in 10 plays before Brooks fumbled at the Texas A&M four.

Again the Notre Dame defense rose to the occasion. On the Aggies' second play after the turnover, Brian Hamilton stripped Texas A&M quarterback Corey Pullig and Demetrius DuBose recovered at the Aggie 11. Two plays later, Bettis scored from one yard out to give the Irish a 21-0 lead.

After A&M scored on a 41-yard field goal by Venetoulia, Notre Dame again kept the ball on the ground and moved 82 yards in 16 plays in 9:24 with Bettis adding the final score — his third touchdown — to set the final, 28-3.

Mirer was named the game's most outstanding offensive player, completing eight-for-16 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns. Devon McDonald was the game's outstanding defensive player with 10 tackles, including four for losses and one sack.

DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Devon McDonald, Defensive End

OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Rick Mirer, Quarterback

SECOND QUARTER

0:36 ND Dawson 40 yd pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick), 6-64, 0:56

THIRD QUARTER

7:17 ND Bettis 26 yd pass from Mirer (Hentrich kick), 10-65, 5:06  
0:33 ND Bettis 1 yd run (Hentrich kick), 2-11, 0:08

FOURTH QUARTER

14:27 A&M Venetoulia 41 yd field goal, 6-38 1:06  
5:03 ND Bettis 4 yd run (Hentrich kick), 16-82, 9:24

	ND	A&M
First Downs	19	19
By Rushing	13	4
By Passing	6	10
By Penalty	0	5
Rushing Attempts	59	37
Yards Rushing	245	141
Yards Lost Rushing	3	33
Net Yards Rushing	242	108
Net Yards Passing	213	174
Passes Attempted	11	30
Passes Completed	7	14
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	70	67
Total Net Yards	455	282
Average Gain Per Play	6.5	4.2
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	11-102	3-38
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-0	1-14
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-147	7-318
Average Per Punt	36.8	45.1
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	3-28	2-35
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	2-3	6-107

**RUSHING:** Texas A&M-Thomas 20-50, Mitchell 1-12, Pullig 9-11, Carter 3-5. Notre Dame-Brooks 22-115, Bettis 20-75, Mirer 13-55, Becton 5-26, Burris 2-8, Davis 1-8, Zellars 1-3.

**PASSING:** Texas A&M-Pullig 7-18-0-87. Notre Dame-Mirer 8-16-0-119, Failla 1-1-0-30, Bettis 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Texas A&M-Harrison 3-59, Schorp 2-14, Mitchell 1-12, Groce 1-2. Notre Dame-Smith 3-38, Dawson 2-46, Miller 1-30, Bettis 1-26, Brooks 1-5, Griggs 1-4.

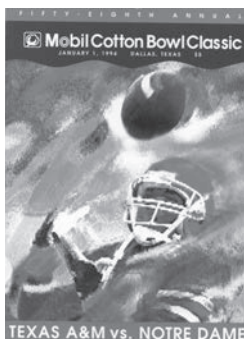
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### SCORE BY QUARTERS

#4 Notre Dame  
#7 Texas A&M

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#4 Notre Dame	7	0	14	3	24
#7 Texas A&M	7	7	7	0	21



**DALLAS** – Defenses dominated late in the Cotton Bowl as the Irish shut down Texas A&M's comeback in the fourth quarter for an edgy 24-21 win in Dallas. Tailback Lee Becton led all runners with 138 of Notre Dame's 206 yards rushing, marking his seventh consecutive 100-plus yardage game.

Texas A&M countered the Irish ground attack with an aerial display headed by quarterback Corey Pullig. Pullig hit the airways 31 times, completing 17 for 238 yards to balance out what Notre Dame had done on the ground. Both teams scored touchdowns on their first possessions of the game. Notre Dame drove 91 yards and capped off the drive with quarterback Kevin McDougal's electrifying 19-yard keeper around the right end. The Aggies reloaded

and struck back with a drive that resulted in Greg Hill's eight-yard touchdown sweep around the right side.

For the next few series both teams would battle back and fourth, getting few results. The defenses denied each other time and time again. For the Aggies, it was time for the air raid as they mounted a 77-yard, 14-play drive that chewed up 7:02 off the clock. During the drive, the Aggies passed five times, completing four. Faced with a fourth and one, R.C. Slocum and his troops elected to go for the first down at the Irish 15. Pullig, using a beautiful play-action fake, found a wide open Detron Smith for an Aggie touchdown.

Pullig would end the half with 123 yards passing, completing 50 percent of his passes and leading A&M to a 14-7 halftime lead. Notre Dame's explosive attack was limited to only 123 yards of total offense. To blame for that was an Aggie defense that swarmed anywhere it saw blue and gold.

Notre Dame, after holding Texas A&M to a three-yard series on the opening drive, started the second half in the same fashion in which it began the game — by scoring a touchdown. The engines ignited for the rest of the game as Becton hit on all cylinders. The tailback carried four times for 32 yards before Notre Dame tied the game at 14-14 with Ray Zellars going off tackle for a two-yard score.

Slocum's troops battled right back to remain in the driver's seat. Using only 3:31, the Aggies assembled a 10-play, 80-yard drive with Pullig hitting on three quick attempts, and Rodney Thomas plowing his way in from the one to put the Aggies back on top at 21-14.

Becton would carry three more times for 31 yards, and McDougal would hit a streaking Zellars for another 18 to put the Irish deep into enemy territory. With first and goal from the one, Holtz turned to freshman bulldozer Marc Edwards who plowed his way in to tie the game at 21. With the Irish stopping A&M after six plays, Slocum's team punted the ball away.

Deadlocked in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame found the momentum. After settling for a punt on the first drive of the quarter, Pete Bercich picked off Pullig and took the ball back. Seven plays later, the Irish had to punt again. With under six minutes left, it seemed A&M would have the last chance at victory. Slocum's Aggies started at their own 10-yard line and went backwards. On fourth and 12 the Aggies punted the ball into the hands of Irish return man Mike Miller.

Miller left nothing behind him except Aggies and a blazing trail of smoke. He returned the punt 38 yards before finally being pushed out of bounds to give the Irish the ball on the A&M 22-yard line. Becton picked up eight on the first play, but the Aggie defense stiffened and held the Irish. Placekicker Kevin Pendergast and the Notre Dame field goal unit trotted out to the field, only to head back to the sidelines. The Irish took a timeout with 2:22 left in the game after trying to draw the Aggies offside. Pendergast and company returned to the field and connected on the 31-yard field goal to give the Irish a 24-21 lead.

A&M received the kickoff, and Pullig entered the game to try and muster one last heroic effort. But, on first and 10, Notre Dame's Bobby Taylor picked up a loose fumble and seemed to have thwarted any last Aggie chance of survival. Slocum's boys on defense held Notre Dame to three and out and got the ball back with a minute left to play. Needing a big play, Pullig went to the air one more time and found tight end Greg Schorp for a gain of 32. After unsuccessful second and third down plays, the Aggies had one last chance to win. Pullig dropped back to pass and found Tony Harrison who then tried to lateral the ball back to teammate Leeland McElroy. The ball never made it there, and Irish linebacker Renaldo Wynn smothered the ball.

### NOTRE DAME OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Lee Becton, Tailback

#### FIRST QUARTER

8:01 ND McDougal 19 yd run (Pendergast kick), 13-91 6:59  
3:56 A&M Hill 8 yd run (Venetoulis kick), 10-79 4:05

#### SECOND QUARTER

2:56 A&M Smith 15 yd pass from Pullig (Venetoulis kick), 14-77 7:02

#### THIRD QUARTER

10:21 ND Zellars 2 yd run (Pendergast kick), 8-51 3:35  
6:50 A&M Thomas 1 yd run (Venetoulis kick), 10-80 3:31  
3:48 ND Edwards 2 yd run (Pendergast kick), 7-65 3:02

#### FOURTH QUARTER

2:22 ND Pendergast 31 yd field goal, 4-8 1:38

	ND	A&M
First Downs	19	20
By Rushing	13	11
By Passing	5	9
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	51	37
Yards Rushing	236	147
Yards Lost Rushing	30	44
Net Yards Rushing	206	103
Net Yards Passing	105	238
Passes Attempted	15	31
Passes Completed	7	17
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	66	68
Total Net Yards	311	341
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	5.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-34	3-15
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-1	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	7-266	4-149
Average Per Punt	38.0	37.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-35	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-59	5-117
Third Down Conversions	5-13	

**RUSHING:** Texas A&M-Hill 16-38, Groce 1-2, McElroy 4-45, Thomas 9-33, Pullig 7-(-15). Notre Dame-Becton 26-138, McDougal 9-13, Zellars 9-25, Edwards 3-6, Miller 2-20, Burris 1-4, Kinder 1-0.

**PASSING:** Texas A&M-Pullig 17-31-1-238. Notre Dame-McDougal 7-15-0-105.

**RECEIVING:** Texas A&M-Groce 4-45, Shrop 3-53, Harrison 3-52, Mitchell 2-29, Smith 2-24, McElroy 1-7, Hill 1-7, Thomas 1-21. Notre Dame: Dawson 2-41, Mayes 2-27, Becton 1-3, McBride 1-16, Zellars 1-18.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS

#4 Colorado  
Notre Dame

1	2	3	4	SCORE
10	21	7	7	41
3	7	7	7	24



**TEMPE, Ariz.** — If holding the Heisman Trophy winner in check ranked as the only goal, Notre Dame's defensive performance against fourth-rated Colorado in the 1995 Fiesta Bowl might have qualified as impressive.

Unfortunately for the Irish, there proved to be far more to the Buffaloes' potency than running back Rashaan Salaam. Though he did score three touchdowns on runs of five, one and one yards, Notre Dame limited him to 83 net yards on 27 attempts, for a 3.1-yard average with no gain greater than 13 yards.

The same could not be said for quarterback Kordell Stewart. Running the Colorado option attack with precision, Stewart threw for 226 yards and a touchdown and — more impressively — scuttled the Irish defense with

143 rushing yards on only seven carries. He easily earned the game's offensive MVP award and had more to do than anyone else with Colorado scurrying out to a 31-3 lead on its way to an eventual 41-24 victory over Notre Dame.

Stewart's 29-yard run and 37-yard completion to Phil Savoy set up the Buffs' first touchdown. His 35-yard romp set up the second Colorado TD. A 46-yard pass to James Kidd put the Buffs in position for their third first half TD. And a third period, 41-yard option keeper by Stewart made it 34-17 for Colorado just when the Irish were threatening to get back into the football game. Playing its final game for retiring coach Bill McCartney, Colorado scored on five of its first six possessions to do everything it could to put the contest out of reach early.

Salaam's biggest gain of the afternoon came on the game's third play from scrimmage. After that, Stewart took over. His 28-yard pass to Michael Westbrook pushed the Buffs to the Irish 22 and, three plays later, Neil Voskeritichian converted a 33-yard field goal for an early Colorado advantage.

After Notre Dame's first possession ended when Ron Powlus couldn't connect with Derrick Mayes on a fourth-and-eight throw from the Colorado 30, the Buffs continued their rumbling. Stewart's 29-yard excursion came on first down, and three plays later he hooked up with Savoy for 37 yards to the Irish one. Stewart's one-yard toss to tight end Christian Fauria made it 10-0.

Notre Dame rebounded with a field goal of its own, after Scott Sollmann's kickoff return to the Buff 46 and Powlus' run for 17 set Scott Cengia up for a three-pointer from 29 yards out. But that barely stemmed the Buffalo tide.

Stewart keynoted the next Colorado scoring drive, running 35 yards himself and throwing for 22 more to Westbrook before scoring himself from nine yards out to make it 17-3. Third downs hurt the Irish on Colorado's next possession, as Stewart ran for 16 yards on third and 11 and threw to Savoy for 46 on third and 10. The Buffs' next scoring drive required only 38 yards after an eight-yard Notre Dame punt, with Salaam notching the score on a short run.

Notre Dame's initial touchdown drive came in the final 1:29 of the first half, with Powlus throwing for 36 yards to Lee Becton, 20 more to Mayes and finally seven yards to Mayes for the score — making it 31-10 at the break. Though Colorado ran off only four more plays than Notre Dame in the first two periods, its 332-161 edge in total yards at halftime proved particularly telling.

The Irish attempted to reestablish their running game as the third period began — and they did so, with Becton running for gains of 12 and 18 yards on successive plays and Ray Zellars following with an 11-yard run. But, on fourth and goal from the five, Charles Stafford's throw to Zellars after a faked field goal went awry.

Still, Powlus hooked up with Mayes after a short Colorado punt on a TD throw that comprised a one-play, 40-yard scoring drive to cut the deficit to 31-17.

After a Voskeritichian field goal, the Irish drove from their own 21 to the Colorado 30, only to have the Buffs' Ted Johnson intercept a pass for the only turnover by either team.

A 37-yard Stewart pass to Kidd set up Salaam's final TD. Then the Irish drove 91 yards in 14 plays, converting four times on third down before Powlus threw seven yards to Leon Wallace for the final 41-24 margin.

FIRST QUARTER

11:58	CU	Voskeritichian 33 yd field goal, 8-53 6:59
5:55	CU	Fauria 1 yd pass from Stewart (Voskeritichian kick), 5-70 1:27
2:01	ND	Cengia 29 yd field goal, 9-34 3:54

SECOND QUARTER

9:21	CU	Stewart 9 yd run (Voskeritichian kick), 5-66 1:55
4:07	CU	Salaam 1 yd run (Voskeritichian kick), 9-80 2:50
1:35	CU	Salaam 1 yd run (Voskeritichian kick), 6-38 1:45
0:05	ND	Mayes 7 yd pass from Powlus (Cengia kick), 6-65 1:30

THIRD QUARTER

5:47	ND	Mayes 40 yd pass from Powlus (Cengia kick), 1-40 1:08
1:55	CU	Voskeritichian 48 yd field goal, 5-45 1:03

FOURTH QUARTER

9:29	CU	Salaam 5 yd run (Voskeritichian kick), 4-56 1:43
2:07	ND	Wallace 7 yd pass from Powlus (Schroffner kick), 14-91 7:22

	CU	ND
First Downs	18	22
By Rushing	9	13
By Passing	8	9
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	39	45
Yards Rushing	246	149
Yards Lost Rushing	0	27
Net Yards Rushing	246	149
Net Yards Passing	226	259
Passes Attempted	21	35
Passes Completed	12	18
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	60	80
Total Net Yards	472	408
Average Gain Per Play	10.8	7.4
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	4-35	3-25
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-7	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-144	5-165
Average Per Punt	36.0	33.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-12	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-47	7-149
Third Down Conversions	5-11	10-19

**RUSHING:** Colorado-Salaam 27-83, Stewart 7-143, Troutman 2-20, Detmer 2-2, Henry 1-(-2). Notre Dame-Becton 17-81, Powlus 15-12, Zellars 5-21, Mosley 3-21, Edwards 2-4, Farmer 2-1, Sollmann 1-9.

**PASSING:** Colorado-Stewart 12-21-0-226. Notre Dame-Powlus 18-34-1-259; Stafford 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Colorado-Westbrook 4-70, Kidd 2-83, Savoy 2-58, Fauria 2-3, Carruth 1-6, Salaam 1-6. Notre Dame: Mayes 4-93, Becton 3-60, Mosley 3-34, Zellars 2-25, Stafford 2-22, McBride 2-21, Wallace 1-7, Farmer 1-(-3).

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SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#8 Florida State	7	7	0	17	31
#6 Notre Dame	10	0	7	9	26



**MIAMI** – Notre Dame’s 1996 Orange Bowl matchup with eighth-ranked Florida State qualified as a historic occasion, since the Irish and Seminoles comprised the final combatants in Miami’s venerable Orange Bowl facility before the game’s switch to Joe Robbie Stadium for 1997.

The game itself was not without its challenges for Lou Holtz’s sixth-ranked team that was without injured quarterback Ron Powulus and leading rusher Randy Kinder — and found itself facing a Florida State offensive attack averaging 48.4 points and 551.5 yards per game.

Still, backup quarterback Tom Krug, all-star split end Derrick Mayes and their Irish teammates combined to keep the Seminoles on their heels most of the evening until a 17-point fourth-quarter rally wiped out a 12-point Notre

Dame lead and gave Florida State a 31-26 win for its 11th consecutive postseason victory.

Krug took a physical pounding but still managed to rush for 45 yards and tie an Irish bowl record with three touchdown passes and an overall 14-of-24 throwing performance. Mayes earned Notre Dame’s MVP honor by catching six passes for 96 yards, including TD grabs of 39 and 33 yards.

Those two helped Notre Dame claim a 26-14 edge with less than 12 minutes on the clock before a furious Seminole response, aided by the last two of four scoring throws by Danny Kanell, put Bobby Bowden’s club back on top. Andre Cooper claimed the Seminole MVP award thanks to three TD receptions, the last of which put Florida State ahead for good at 29-26 with 6:09 to go.

The Irish had their share of early opportunities, especially after Florida product Autry Denson rambled 48 yards on the first play from scrimmage and Marc Edwards followed that effort with a 28-yard gain of his own on the next play. But, after reaching the six, a sack and a missed field goal sent Notre Dame to the sideline emptyhanded.

A Shawn Wooden interception ended Florida State’s first possession at midfield, and five plays later Krug led Mayes perfectly into the end zone for 39 yards and a 7-0 lead. The Seminoles required just more than two minutes to tie it, with Warrick Dunn adding 23 yards on one play and Kanell finding Cooper for 15 yards and the touchdown.

With the Irish going to a spread passing game that at times saw Krug lined up with no one else in the backfield, Notre Dame pounded out a 62-yard answering drive. This time Scott Cengia’s 20-yard field goal attempt fell through after hitting the left upright and the Irish led by three.

Notre Dame’s chance to take control fell through the cracks when an illegal block negated a 52-yard score on a punt return by Mayes. With Kanell hitting Cooper a second time in the end zone, this time for 10 yards, the Seminoles claimed a 14-10 halftime advantage.

The third quarter and first part of the fourth were all Notre Dame. The Irish forced the ‘Noles to punt the ball away to start the second half, then drove 55 yards to take the lead on Krug’s second TD pass to Mayes, this one for 33 yards and a 17-14 score. Meanwhile, Ivory Covington ended another Florida State threat with an interception and Scott Bentley’s missed 42-yard field goal maintained that margin at the end of three periods.

On the fourth play of the final quarter Irish punter Hunter Smith kicked the ball 44 yards to the Florida State one. From there on first down, Kanell dropped one step too far into the end zone, with the resulting safety making the margin 19-14. Emmett Mosley returned the free kick 21 yards, Robert Farmer rushed 51 yards down the left side — and Krug’s five-yard toss to tight end Pete Chryplewicz made it 26-14 with 11:43 on the clock.

The Seminoles wasted little time getting back into the contest, requiring only five plays and 1:56 to negotiate 73 yards. Kanell passed 24 yards to Wayne Messam, 21 more to E.G. Green, then 11 more to Green to cut the margin to 26-21.

After the Irish couldn’t gain a first down, Dee Feaster’s 41-yard punt return put the ‘Noles in prime position. A key fourth-and-five completion to Green put the ball on the Irish three, and on second down the familiar Kanell-to-Cooper pairing made it 29-26 after the duo also combined on a two-point conversion.

An Irish fumble stopped one late Notre Dame foray, but Florida State misfired on a pass attempt into the end zone on fourth and goal from the three. Notre Dame took over one more time from the three with 2:06 left, but on first down Krug was called for intentional grounding from the end zone. The two points and resulting Seminole possession enabled Florida State to run out the clock.

**OFFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Derek Mayes, Split End

**FIRST QUARTER**

8:27	ND	Mayes 39 yd pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 5-50 1:55
6:08	FSU	Cooper 15 yd pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 7-81 2:19
0:02	ND	Cengia 20 yd field goal, 14-62 6:06

**SECOND QUARTER**

2:30	FSU	Cooper 10 yd pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 10-59 4:44
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**THIRD QUARTER**

8:04	ND	Mayes 33 yd pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 10-55 4:58
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**FOURTH QUARTER**

13:44	ND	Safety
11:43	ND	Chryplewicz 5 yd pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 5-63 2:01
9:47	FSU	Green 11 yd pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 5-73 1:56
6:09	FSU	Cooper 3 yd pass from Kanell (Cooper pass from Kanell), 6-30 1:39
2:02	FSU	Safety

	ND	FSU
First Downs	18	22
By Rushing	9	13
By Passing	8	9
By Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	39	45
Yards Rushing	246	149
Yards Lost Rushing	0	27
Net Yards Rushing	246	149
Net Yards Passing	226	259
Passes Attempted	21	35
Passes Completed	12	18
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	60	80
Total Net Yards	472	408
Average Gain Per Play	10.8	7.4
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	4-35	3-25
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	1-7	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	4-144	5-165
Average Per Punt	36.0	33.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-12	0-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-47	7-149
Third Down Conversions	5-11	10-19

**RUSHING:** Florida State-Dunn 22-151, Preston 6-55, Williams 2-7, Abdullah 2-2, Kanell 5(-27). Notre Dame-Farmer 7-93, Denson 11-67, Edwards 14-55, Krug 11-45, Thorne 1-4, Sollmann 1(-8).

**PASSING:** Florida State-Kanell 20-32-4-290, Dunn 0-1-0-0. Notre Dame-Krug 14-24-3-140, Smith 1-1-0-29, Edwards 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Florida State-Messam 6-103, Green 5-99, Cooper 4-38, Dunn 2-19, Williams 2-17, Abdullaah 1-14. Notre Dame: Mayes 6-96, Chryplewicz 3-18, Edwards 2-25, Stafford 2-14, Mosley 1-13, Farmer 1-3.

DEC. 28, 1997 • SHREVEPORT, LA. • INDEPENDENCE STADIUM



SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
Notre Dame	3	3	0	3	9
#15 LSU	0	3	10	14	27



**SHREVEPORT, La.** – The rematch track record alone didn't bode well for the Irish.

In 12 previous bowl games that had been rematches of regular-season contests, the same team had won both games on only four occasions.

It had been tough enough for Notre Dame to venture into Louisiana once, with the Irish coming away with an impressive 24-6 conquest of 11th-rated LSU in Baton Rouge in mid-November.

Now, Bob Davie's crew was assigned to return to that same state, this time to Shreveport, for an Independence Bowl date with those same Tigers of LSU.

And the Irish showed signs early on making it two straight against Gerry DiNardo's team. While holding LSU

to less than 100 total yards in the opening half, Notre Dame made good use of Autry Denson's 68 first-half rushing yards and saw 60- and 70-yard marches end up in a pair of Scott Cengia field goals good for a 6-3 halftime lead. In fact, LSU's only first-half points came following the only turnover in the first 30 minutes, a lost fumble by the Irish.

Then came Rondell Mealey. He, more than any other single player, accounted for the eventual 27-9 LSU triumph.

Technically listed as the third-string tailback early in the year behind eventual top Southeastern Conference groundgainer Kevin Faulk and Cecil Collins, Mealey found his best-ever career opportunity staring him in the face at Independence Stadium with Collins long since lost for the season with a broken leg and Faulk idled since the first period with a sprained left ankle. Enter Mealey, a sophomore from Destrehan, La.

After receiving the second half kickoff, Mealey carried the ball on LSU's first seven plays from scrimmage. Those seven rushes accounted for 40 yards (of the 46 on the drive) and a Wade Richey field goal tied the game at six.

After bottling up the Irish at their own six, the Tigers took the lead for good on their next possession, this time with Mealey carrying four straight times for 27 yards in the middle of the eight-play touchdown excursion.

The Irish didn't manage a third period first down until the final play of the quarter. Nonetheless, a roughing-the-passer penalty against LSU and a 26-yard Ron Powluis rushing gain put Notre Dame in position for another Cengia field goal, this one from 33 yards out to make it 13-9 with 13 minutes remaining.

Just as quickly as Irish fans regained hope that Davie's squad could get back into the game, Mealey took it away. On first down from his own 20, he stunned the record crowd of 50,459 by romping 78 yards to the Irish two. When he scored on the next play to make it 20-9, the decibel level of the Tiger fans rose with the Irish deficit on the scoreboard.

Three quarterback sacks energized the Tigers over the next two Notre Dame drives, leaving Mealey to add a final score with 2:22 remaining. On this seven-play drive, he carried six times for 34 of the 35 yards (27 on one run).

Denson finished with 101 yards for the Irish, Malcolm Johnson caught five passes for 49 yards, Hunter Smith punted for a 45-yard average and Melvin Dansby added 14 tackles, three for losses.

But it was Mealey who carried the day, with all but 37 of his 222 rushing yards coming in the second half.

Notre Dame might have held a larger margin at the half had the Irish managed to cash in more effectively once inside enemy territory.

On the first Irish scoring drive, a Denson gain of 35 yards put Notre Dame at the LSU 13 with a first down. But successive rushing gains of zero, minus-three and zero yards by Denson left Cengia to kick a 33-yarder on fourth and 13.

Later, after a first and goal at the LSU four, the Irish managed a net of two yards on three rushing attempts, again leaving it for Cengia to connect from 21 yards for the 6-3 halftime lead.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Bobbie Howard, Linebacker

**FIRST QUARTER**

7:13 ND Cengia 33 yd field goal, 9-70 4:03

**SECOND QUARTER**

7:12 LSU Richey 37 yd field goal, 4-4 1:54  
0:20 ND Cengia 21 yd field goal, 14-60 6:52

**THIRD QUARTER**

9:17 LSU Richey 42 yd field goal, 12-46 5:43  
4:05 LSU Booty 12 yd pass from Tyler (Richey kick), 8-49 3:31

**FOURTH QUARTER**

13:10 ND Cengia 33 yd field goal, 8-61 2:34  
12:47 LSU Mealey 2 yd run (Richey kick), 2-80 0:23  
2:22 LSU Mealey 1 yd run (Richey kick), 7-35 3:19

	ND	LSU
First Downs	19	19
By Rushing	10	14
By Passing	6	5
By Penalty	3	0
Rushing Attempts	41	52
Yards Rushing	198	294
Yards Lost Rushing	70	29
Net Yards Rushing	128	265
Net Yards Passing	115	61
Passes Attempted	25	12
Passes Completed	13	5
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	66	64
Total Net Yards	243	326
Average Gain Per Play	3.7	5.1
Fumbles: No.-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	5-30	5-55
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-225	4-143
Average Per Punt	45.0	35.8
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-23	3-38
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-61	2-34
Third Down Conversions	6-16	7-15

**RUSHING:** LSU-Mealey 34-222, Banks 6-23, Tyler 9-13, Faulk 3-7. Notre Dame-Denson 20-101, Barry 8-43, Driver 1-1, Stokes 1-(-2), Jackson 4-(-2), Powluis 7-(-13).

**PASSING:** LSU-Tyler 5-12-1-61. Notre Dame-Powluis 8-18-0-66, Jackson 5-7-0-49.

**RECEIVING:** LSU-Booty 5-61. Notre Dame: Johnson 5-49, Denson 3-32, Getherall 3-23, Brown 1-10, Barry 1-1.



## JAN. 1, 1999 • JACKSONVILLE, FLA. • ALLTEL STADIUM



### SCORE BY QUARTERS

#12 Georgia Tech  
#17 Notre Dame

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#12 Georgia Tech	7	14	7	7	35
#17 Notre Dame	7	0	13	8	28



**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Nearly all the pre-game speculation in the Notre Dame camp prior to the 1999 Gator Bowl matchup with Georgia Tech centered around the physical condition of Irish quarterback Jarious Jackson.

Though Jackson wasn't quite 100 percent, his gutsy contributions and those of record-setting Irish tailback Autry Denson nearly were enough to carry green-clad Notre Dame to victory at Alltel Stadium.

Instead, it was the big-play offense of Georgia Tech that paved the way for a 35-28 Yellow Jacket victory in a rematch between the same two teams that had opened the 1997 regular season in the dedication game of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium.

Jackson played it safe in the opening half, disdaining the option most of the time in the interest of simply making sure he was healthy for the second half. But he turned things loose a bit more after the break, even running for a third-period Irish score that brought the Irish within a point at 21-20. Denson, meanwhile, gained 96 of his game-high 130 rushing yards in the final two periods and his three touchdown runs helped earn him the Notre Dame MVP honor.

But all that wasn't enough to prevent Tech's diversified offense from using a banner 237-yard throwing effort by quarterback Joe Hamilton and TD receptions of 44 and 55 yards by Dez White in the second half to hold off the Irish. The Jackets scored on five drives of 71 yards or longer.

Tech took a lead midway through the opening period, as Hamilton deftly mixed his plays, hitting four straight attempts good for 59 yards down to the Notre Dame 28. From there, the Jackets ran off seven straight running plays — including a conversion on fourth and one — with Joe Burns taking a pitch from Hamilton from the five, then throwing back to the Tech signalcaller for the score.

Notre Dame responded quickly, with Jackson finding Bobby Brown good for 33 yards on second down to the Tech 31. After a Jamie Spencer run for 10 yards, Denson ran for nine to tie the score.

Tech responded in kind, with Hamilton throwing to Charlie Rogers for 26 yards and to White for 11. Phillip Rogers went the final two yards for a 14-7 Georgia Tech advantage.

Jackson was sacked to thwart each of the next two Irish series. Then it was Tech that put together another impressive 84-yard march, 68 of it coming on the ground. Hamilton found Mike Sheridan for nine yards and a 21-7 advantage. Jackson completed five straight passes in the final few minutes of the first half, but a Jim Sanson 44-yard field goal attempt fell short with 45 seconds remaining.

Denson nearly took control of the game by himself as the second half began. An 80-yard Irish excursion involved seven carries for 54 by the senior back, with his one-yard gain cutting the deficit to 21-14. Tony Driver's fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff set the Irish up at the Tech 26, and on the eighth play Jackson found paydirt. A blocked PAT attempt left Tech ahead 21-20.

Then it became big-play time for the Jackets. A second-down Bobbie Howard sack left Georgia Tech with third and 10 from the Irish 44 — but Hamilton responded by finding Jacksonville native White behind the defense to put Tech back up 28-20. But the Irish weren't finished.

On a 12-play, 88-yard drive, Denson carried seven times — including for the TD — and Jackson found Jay Johnson on a key 27-yard pass play. Jackson's two-point conversion throw to Brown tied the score at 28 with 11:56 to go in the contest.

The Irish nearly recovered a second fumble on the kickoff, but from there Tech launched its game-winning drive. After Hamilton threw twice for the necessary yardage on third downs, on first and 10 he again found White on a post pattern and the 55-yard scoring play.

The Irish had three more shots, but none of the three possessions advanced past the Notre Dame 28-yard line.

### NOTRE DAME MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Autry Denson, Tailback

#### FIRST QUARTER

6:22	GT	Hamilton 5 yd pass from Burns (Chambers kick), 12-87 4:53
4:06	ND	Denson 9 yd run (Sanson kick), 6-65 2:16

#### SECOND QUARTER

13:46	GT	Rogers 2 yd run (Chambers kick), 10-78 5:20
4:26	GT	Sheridan 9 yd pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 10-84 4:26

#### THIRD QUARTER

10:47	ND	Denson 1 yd run (Sanson kick), 10-80 4:13
7:23	ND	Jackson 2 yd run (Sanson kick blocked), 8-26 3:24
3:42	GT	White 44 yd pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 7-71 3:41

#### FOURTH QUARTER

11:56	ND	Denson 1 yd run (Brown pass from Jackson), 12-88 6:46
7:55	GT	White 55 yd pass from Hamilton (Chambers kick), 9-91 4:01

	ND	GT
First Downs	20	23
By Rushing	10	10
By Passing	8	11
By Penalty	2	2
Rushing Attempts	41	47
Yards Rushing	104	205
Yards Lost Rushing	35	11
Net Yards Rushing	159	194
Net Yards Passing	150	242
Passes Attempted	24	21
Passes Completed	13	14
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	65	68
Total Net Yards	309	436
Average Gain Per Play	4.8	6.4
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	6-30	7-53
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-183	3-104
Average Per Punt	36.6	34.7
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-8	3-38
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	4-55	5-40
Third Down Conversions	2-9	6-12

**RUSHING:** Georgia Tech-Rogers 13-82, Burns 12-55, Rogers 10-28, Hamilton 10-19, Wilder 2-10. Notre Dame-Denson 26-130, Spencer 3-17, Jackson 12-12.

**PASSING:** Georgia Tech-Hamilton 13-20-3-3-237, Burns 1-1-1-5. Notre Dame-Jackson 13-24-0-150.

**RECEIVING:** Georgia Tech-White 4-129, Rogers 4-52, Matvay 1-28, Sheridan 1-9, Wilder 1-7, Andrzejewski 1-7, Hamilton 1-5, Burns 1-5. Notre Dame: Johnson 5-43, Brown 2-42, Johnson 1-27, Nelson 2-20, Holloway 2-11, Denson 1-7.

JAN. 1, 2001 • TEMPE, ARIZ. • SUN DEVIL STADIUM



SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#10 Notre Dame	0	3	0	6	9
#5 Oregon State	3	9	29	0	41



**TEMPE, Ariz.** – Oregon State used four third quarter touchdowns, capitalizing on two Notre Dame turnovers, to defeat the Irish 41-9 in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

Notre Dame's trip to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl was its 11th New Year's Day Bowl game in 14 years and second in the four-year tenure of Irish head coach Bob Davie. The loss was its fifth straight bowl-game defeat, a drought that goes back to the 1994 Cotton Bowl win over sixth-ranked Texas A&M.

"That football team out there impressed me," Davie said.

While the scoreboard showed the worst defeat for the Irish since a 58-7 loss at Miami in 1985, Notre Dame was still within striking distance at halftime.

Oregon State tallied scores on its first two possessions with field goals of 32 and 29 yards. Both drives covered over 50 yards, but the Irish defense got tough deep in its own territory holding the Beavers on third-and-18 and third-and-one.

The Beavers had another chance to score midway through the second quarter, but Notre Dame snuffed out the opportunity with a stop on fourth-and-goal from the Irish one-yard line.

Notre Dame was again forced to punt with the Beavers taking over at their own 10-yard line. At that point, Oregon State appeared to be ready to run away with the game when Chad Johnson caught a Jonathon Smith pass on second down and sprinted 74 yards for the first touchdown of the game. The Beavers' two-point conversion attempt failed and Oregon State led 12-0.

Notre Dame then took the ball at its own 23 and quarterback Matt LoVecchio was sacked on the first two Irish plays. After seeing its third-and-31 pass fall incomplete, the drive was kept alive by a personal foul call against Oregon State. A 40-yard pass from LoVecchio to Javin Hunter moved Notre Dame into Beaver territory for the first time in the game. An Oregon State pass interference call moved Notre Dame to the Beaver 12, but after two incomplete passes, Nick Setta booted a 29-yard field goal as time expired in the first half.

Notre Dame trailed just 12-3.

Oregon State took possession to open the second half, but the drive fizzled after just four plays. Notre Dame took over following the punt, but the Beavers forced a LoVecchio fumble on second down deep in his own territory. Oregon State turned that possession into a touchdown in just two plays, scoring on a 23-yard pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

"If I had to say there was one big series, I think it was probably the first possession of the second half when it was 12-3 and we finally stopped them," Davie said. "We ran the ball on first down and got stoned, and then on second down we get sacked and turn the ball over. We were just off-rhythm all night, and I have to give (Oregon State) credit because they jumped up and made a bunch of plays on defense."

Oregon State, up 19-3 three minutes into the third quarter, turned it up offensively and defensively in the next seven minutes. The Beaver defense held Notre Dame to minus-11 yards on its next three possessions, forcing two punts and an interception while scoring three touchdowns in its next eight plays.

After forcing another LoVecchio interception late in the third quarter to stop an Irish drive, Oregon State was content to let the clock run. They had turned a 12-3 halftime lead into a 41-3 celebration.

Notre Dame rounded out the scoring by capitalizing on the lone Oregon State turnover by following a Beaver fumble with a 57-yard touchdown drive capped by a Tony Fisher dive from a yard out.

"Their speed was definitely a factor," Davie said. "They played extremely hard. When we can't run the football any more effectively than we did tonight, we virtually have no chance."

The Irish were limited to season lows with 155 yards total offense and 17 yards rushing.

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Julius Jones, Tailback

**FIRST QUARTER**

7:27 OSU Cesca 32 yd field goal, 11-59 5:32

**SECOND QUARTER**

14:55 OSU Cesca 29 yd field goal, 12-50 5:08  
 4:18 OSU Johnson 74 yd pass from Smith (Smith pass failed), 4-90 1:08  
 0:00 ND Setta 29 yd field goal, 15-65 4:18

**THIRD QUARTER**

12:04 OSU Houshmandzadeh 23 yd pass from Smith (Cesca kick), 2-26 0:45  
 9:08 OSU Roberts 45 yd punt return (Prescott pass from Smith)  
 7:02 OSU Johnson 4 yd pass from Smith (Cesca kick), 4-22 0:58  
 4:54 OSU Simonton 4 yd run (Cesca kick), 4-55 1:31

**FOURTH QUARTER**

6:07 ND Fisher 1 yd run (LoVecchio run failed), 12-57 5:10

	ND	OSU
First Downs	18	20
By Rushing	5	7
By Passing	7	12
By Penalty	6	1
Rushing Attempts	37	39
Yards Rushing	99	156
Yards Lost Rushing	82	29
Net Yards Rushing	17	127
Net Yards Passing	138	319
Passes Attempted	33	25
Passes Completed	13	17
Had Intercepted	2	0
Total Offensive Plays	70	64
Total Net Yards	155	446
Average Gain Per Play	2.2	7.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties: No.-Yds.	7-42	18-174
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	2-31
Punts: No.-Yds.	6-249	3-117
Average Per Punt	41.5	39.0
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-(-1)	4-106
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	6-146	1-12
Third Down Conversions	4-15	5-13

**RUSHING:** Oregon State-Simonton 18-85, Battle 8-32, McCall 10-25, Stremick 1-(-2), Smith 2-(-13). Notre Dame-Jones 13-30, Howard 8-28, Fisher 5-9, Lopienski 1-0, Getherall 1-(-1), LoVecchio 9-(-49).

**PASSING:** Oregon State-Smith 16-24-3-305, Stremick 1-1-0-14. Notre Dame-LoVecchio 13-33-0-138.

**RECEIVING:** Oregon State-Houshmandzadeh 6-74, Johnson 4-93, Maurer 3-82, Prescott 2-41, McCall 1-15, Moala 1-14. Notre Dame: Givens 4-23, Hunter 3-57, O'Leary 2-36, Fisher 2-2, Getherall 1-10, Jones 1-10.

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### SCORE BY QUARTERS

#17 North Carolina State  
#11 Notre Dame

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#17 North Carolina State	0	21	0	7	28
#11 Notre Dame	3	0	3	0	6



**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** – Progress can be measured in different ways. While Notre Dame's 28-6 loss to North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl might have put a damper on an otherwise brilliant season, it did serve as an indicator of the progress the Irish made in a very short period of time.

Notre Dame controlled the ball for more than 33 minutes and ran 15 more plays against the Wolfpack. However, the Irish were undermined by the one thing that had been their calling card all season -- turnovers.

Notre Dame entered the game with a +8 turnover ratio, good for 26th in the nation. Against North Carolina State, that mark was turned upside down, as the Irish tossed three interceptions, including a critical game-changing theft late in the first half.

Playing his final game at Notre Dame, wide receiver Arnaz Battle caught 10 passes for 84 yards, setting a school record for receptions in a bowl game. Battle wound up with 58 catches on the season, the third-highest total in school history and the most by an Irish wideout in 33 years. Tailback Ryan Grant added 68 yards rushing on 21 carries, giving him 1,085 yards on the ground for the season, the 10th-highest single-season mark in school history.

Spirits were high for Notre Dame early on, as the Irish moved smartly downfield on their second possession, going 52 yards in 12 plays to set up a 23-yard field goal by Nicholas Setta. However, in a precursor of Notre Dame's misfortune, starting quarterback Carlyle Holiday injured his shoulder late in the drive and would not return.

N.C. State moved in front on its next possession, driving 92 yards in 12 plays, and culminating with a two-yard TD run by T.A. McLendon. It was the first of two scores for the Wolfpack runner, who added a three-yard scamper the next time his team had the ball, putting N.C. State on top, 14-3, with 5:02 remaining in the first half.

The Wolfpack then dealt Notre Dame's comeback hopes a staggering blow, as Rod Johnson intercepted a pass by Irish reserve quarterback Pat Dillingham, setting up N.C. State at the Notre Dame 48-yard line. It took Wolfpack signal-caller Philip Rivers six plays to march his team to the end zone, finding Jerricho Cotchery on a nine-yard scoring toss with 1:16 left in the first half.

The Irish looked strong on their first possession of the third quarter, moving all the way to the N.C. State 24-yard line. However, the drive stalled there and on fourth down, Notre Dame elected to go for it, but Johnson intercepted Dillingham's pass in the end zone, quashing the threat.

Later in the period, the Irish once again worked their way down to the Wolfpack 24-yard line. This time, they called on Setta, who boomed a 41-yard field goal to slice the N.C. State lead to 21-6 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Wolfpack iced the game early in the final frame, as Rivers orchestrated a nine-play, 69-yard drive that was capped by his seven-yard touchdown pass to Sean Berton with just under 11 minutes to play.

Notre Dame made two forays into N.C. State territory in the fourth period, including a march to the Wolfpack one-yard line in the last two minutes. However, the Irish could not punch the ball into the end zone on four tries and turned the ball over on downs.

### NOTRE DAME MVP

Cedric Hilliard, Nose Guard

### FIRST QUARTER

4:12 ND Setta 23 yd field goal, 12-52 6:42

### SECOND QUARTER

14:03 NCSU McLendon 2 yd run (Kiker kick), 12-96 5:09  
5:02 NCSU McLendon 3 yd run (Kiker kick), 11-76 4:51  
1:16 NCSU Cotchery 9 yd pass from Rivers (Kiker kick), 6-48 2:51

### THIRD QUARTER

1:44 ND Setta 41 yd field goal, 10-39 4:05

### FOURTH QUARTER

10:41 NCSU Berton 7 yd pass from Rivers (Kiker kick), 9-69 2:51

	NCSU	ND
First Downs	21	23
By Rushing	4	8
By Passing	14	9
By Penalty	3	6
Rushing Attempts	26	38
Yards Rushing	80	112
Yards Lost Rushing	18	26
Net Yards Rushing	62	86
Net Yards Passing	255	200
Passes Attempted	41	44
Passes Completed	25	23
Had Intercepted	0	3
Total Offensive Plays	67	82
Total Net Yards	317	286
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	3.5
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	10-87	9-90
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	3-26	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	5-216	4-121
Average Per Punt	43.2	30.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-0	2-20
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	1-7	2-51
Third Down Conversions	7-15	4-19
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	4-7

**RUSHING:** NC State-Rivers 7-22, Brown 7-18, McLendon 11-18, Berton 1-4. Notre Dame-Grant 21-68, Powers-Neal 5-16, McNair 4-8, Battle 2-6, Holiday 2-3, Dillingham 4(-)15.

**PASSING:** NC State-Rivers 23-37-2-228, Peterson 2-3-0-27, Team 1-0-0-0. Notre Dame-Dillingham 19-37-0-166, Holiday 3-6-0-22, Hildbold 1-1-0-12.

**RECEIVING:** NC State-Cotchery 10-127, Berton 5-40, McLendon 3-16, Edwards 3-13, Peterson 2-16, Gray 1-24, Hicks 1-19. Notre Dame: Battle 10-84, Clark 4-41, Jenkins 3-42, Stovall 3-25, Godsey 1-5, Rodamer 1-5, McKnight 1(-)2.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
Notre Dame	7	7	7	7	28
Oregon State	14	7	3	14	38



**PHOENIX, Ariz.** – Playing under an interim head coach at the conclusion of one of the most tumultuous months in Notre Dame football history, the Irish ended the 2004 season with a loss to Oregon State in the Insight Bowl at Bank One Ballpark in downtown Phoenix.

Derek Anderson passed for 358 yards and four touchdowns as Notre Dame fell to Oregon State, 38-21. Anderson, who completed 28-of-45 passes, tossed two touchdowns to Joe Newton and one each to George Gillett and Dan Haines. Oregon State (7-5) opened a 14-0 first quarter cushion behind scoring tosses of 12 yards to Gillett and 11 yards to Newton. Anderson's 11-yard pass to Haines made it 21-0 with 7:49 left in the second quarter, and the Beavers led by at least 10 points thereafter. The first two

scores were set up by a long punt return by Sammie Stroughter and a blocked punt by Derrick Doggett, respectively.

Notre Dame (6-6) was playing its one and only game under Kent Baer, its defensive coordinator under former head coach Tyrone Willingham, who was fired on November 30. "I'd be lying if I told you that it didn't affect some people," said Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, who completed 17-of-29 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns.

The Irish showed plenty of fight, recovering from an early 21-0 deficit by pulling within 10 points late in the third period (24-14). Notre Dame cut the halftime deficit to 21-7 with an impressive 13-play, 84-yard scoring drive that was capped by a 13-yard pass from Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano 56 seconds before the intermission.

After OSU added a field goal early in the third quarter, the Irish moved 49 yards in six plays for a touchdown to cut the deficit to 10 points. A 29-yard pass from Quinn to Jeff Samardzija keyed the march that concluded with a five-yard scoring run by Darius Walker with 2:40 left in the period.

Notre Dame's comeback hopes were stalled on OSU's next drive. The Beavers took the ensuing possession 90 yards in 12 plays for a touchdown, chewing up 5:23 of game time before a one-yard pass from Anderson to Newton gave OSU a commanding 31-14 edge.

The Irish responded with a score of their own, marching 88 yards in 10 plays to pull within 31-21 on an 18-yard pass from Quinn to Rhema McKnight, who made a spectacular one-handed grab in the end zone for the score with 4:52 left. But the Beavers added an insurance score just 1:33 later, after recovering Notre Dame's attempted on-side kick at the Irish 28. Dwight Wright scored on a two-yard run with 3:19 to go for the final margin.

Notre Dame's receivers were the team's standouts as Samardzija nabbed a career-high five passes for 89 yards while McKnight had four catches for 90 yards to key the offense.

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Derek Curry, Linebacker

**FIRST QUARTER**

9:24 OSU Gillett 12 yd pass from Anderson (Serna kick), 4-27 1:18  
5:41 OSU Newton 11 yd pass from Anderson (Serna kick), 2-10 0:48

**SECOND QUARTER**

7:49 OSU Haines 11 yd pass from Anderson (Serna kick), 5-45 2:49  
0:56 ND Fasano 13 yd pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 13-84 6:53

**THIRD QUARTER**

9:16 OSU Serna 38 yd field goal, 6-32 1:59  
3:40 ND Walker 5 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6-49 3:34

**FOURTH QUARTER**

12:17 OSU Newton 1 yd pass from Anderson (Serna kick), 12-90 5:23  
4:52 ND McKnight 18 yd pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 10-88 4:04  
3:19 OSU Wright 2 yd run (Serna kick), 4-28 1:33

	ND	OSU
First Downs	17	19
By Rushing	3	2
By Passing	11	17
By Penalty	3	0
Rushing Attempts	33	18
Yards Rushing	90	46
Yards Lost Rushing	31	26
Net Yards Rushing	59	20
Net Yards Passing	217	358
Passes Attempted	33	45
Passes Completed	18	28
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	66	63
Total Net Yards	276	378
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.2	6.0
Fumbles: No.-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	2-10	5-45
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	1-37
Punts: No.-Yds.	8-255	4-141
Avg. Per Punt	31.9	35.2
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	1-7	5-77
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	6-109	3-34
Third Down Conversions	7-16	6-14
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	1-1

**RUSHING:** Oregon State-Wright 9-24, Cole 3-3, Anderson 5-(-6). Notre Dame-Walker 13-43, Grant 14-19, Quinn 4-10, Wilson 1-0, Anastasio 1-(-13).

**PASSING:** Oregon State-Anderson 28-45-0-358. Notre Dame-Quinn 17-29-1-214, Dillingham 1-3-0-3, Hoskins 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** Oregon State-Newton 7-85, Hass 5-105, Gillett 4-62, Love 4-37, Haines 3-25, Bernard 2-19, Wright 2-16, Hawkins 1-9. Notre Dame: Samardzija 5-89, McKnight 4-90, Wilson 2-3, Walker 1-13, Fasano 1-13, Palmer 1-6, Harris 1-3, Powers-Neal 1-2, Schmidt 1-1, Shelton 1-(-3).

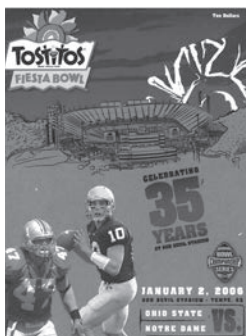
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### SCORE BY QUARTERS

#5 Notre Dame  
#4 Ohio State

	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#5 Notre Dame	7	0	6	7	20
#4 Ohio State	7	14	3	10	34



**TEMPE, Ariz.** — Notre Dame's return to national prominence under first-year head coach Charlie Weis was capped by the first Irish appearance in a Bowl Championship Series game in five years. Unfortunately, the result was not indicative of the team's success in the regular season as the fifth-ranked Irish suffered a 34-20 loss to fourth-ranked Ohio State in the 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Much of the pre-game hype about the contest focused on the matchup between the Notre Dame offense and the Buckeye defense, but the game actually turned on the ability of the Ohio State offense to exploit matchups against the Irish defense. The Buckeyes racked up 617 yards of offense, a record by a Notre Dame opponent, on the way to handing the Irish their third defeat of the season.

OSU quarterback Troy Smith earned Game MVP honors by using his maneuverability and poise under pressure to repeatedly create big plays at crucial moments, accounting for 408 yards (66 rushing, 342 passing) and two touchdowns. Meanwhile, the Irish stayed in the game thanks to a plucky defense that wouldn't quit and an offense (led by quarterback Brady Quinn and tailback Darius Walker) that came out blazing, stalled, then regrouped to rally the team in the game's late stages.

The game started just as Weis and the Irish drew it up as Notre Dame took the game's opening kickoff and proceeded to march to a quick touchdown. Walker rushed three times for 39 yards and Quinn completed a pair of passes for 33 more as the Irish drove 72 yards in six plays to a touchdown as Walker raced 20 yards to pay dirt for a 7-0 Notre Dame lead just 2:01 into the game.

Ohio State responded with a drive characteristic of the rest of the game. Twice Smith managed to create big plays on key third downs, scrambling for 15 yards and a first down on a third-and-nine play and passing for six yards to Santonio Holmes on a third-and-six. Then, Smith fired a 56-yard bomb to wideout Ted Ginn Jr. for a touchdown to tie the game at 7-7 with 10:02 left in the opening quarter.

Notre Dame squandered a golden scoring opportunity late in the opening period when Irish linebacker Corey Mays sacked Smith and forced him to fumble at the Buckeye 14. Defensive end Ronald Talley recovered for the Irish and Notre Dame took possession in the shadow of the OSU end zone. But the Irish failed to produce points as the Buckeye defense stiffened and stopped the Irish on a fourth-and-two play, sacking Quinn for an eight-yard loss to end the threat.

The Buckeyes took the lead on the ensuing possession, driving 86 yards in six plays. Smith connected with Ginn for 18 yards on a third-and-nine play immediately before Ginn took a reverse and sprinted 68 yards to the end zone, dodging the entire Irish defense on his way and a 14-7 OSU lead early in the second quarter. The Buckeyes extended the lead to 21-7 at the half on a 85-yard pass from Smith to Holmes with 2:21 left in the second quarter and appeared to be in control as the second half began.

But the Irish showed impressive resolve to stay in it, blocking a Huston field goal attempt early in the third period then marching 71 yards in 10 plays to pull within 21-13 on a 10-yard run by Walker with 4:25 left in the period. Late in the quarter, the game's most controversial play went against the Irish. Safety Tom Zbikowski picked up what appeared to be a fumble by OSU receiver Anthony Gonzalez, returning the loose ball for an apparent 87-yard touchdown that would have narrowed the score to 21-19. But officials ruled via replay that Gonzalez had not retained possession, negating the play. Huston kicked a 40-yard field goal on the next play for a 24-13 OSU lead.

"That was THE play," Weis said. "What I said to the official on the field is I hope your guy upstairs was right because that changed the whole complexion of the game."

Huston added another field goal early in the fourth, this one from 26 yards out, to give the Buckeyes a 27-13 edge. But the Irish would not go down quietly. Quinn, who set Irish bowl passing records for yards, completions, attempts and consecutive completions (tying a school mark with 14 consecutive at one point in the game), led them 80 yards in 13 plays. The scoring play, a three-yard run by Walker off a direct snap, was his third of the game (another Irish bowl mark), and pulled Notre Dame within 27-20 with 5:27 remaining.

But OSU responded with a clinching score. Smith wiggled out of pressure twice on third down plays to complete clutch passes for first downs before Antonio Pittman sealed the outcome with a 60-yard run for a score with 1:46 remaining.

It was a tough loss for the Irish, but not one without memorable performances. Stovall had nine catches for 126 yards to set new Irish bowl record for receiving yards. Quinn finished with 29 completions in 45 attempts, tying the single-game Notre Dame record for completions. For his gutsy performance, Quinn was awarded the game's sportsmanship award. Defensively, linebackers Corey Mays and Brandon Hoyte had standout performances. Mays made a game-high 12 tackles, forced a fumble, had two tackles for losses and one quarterback sack. Hoyte added 10 tackles, including one for a loss.

### SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Brady Quinn, Quarterback

#### FIRST QUARTER

12:59 ND Walker 20 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6-72 2:01  
10:02 OSU Ginn Jr. 56 yd pass from Smith (Huston kick), 7-82 2:57

#### SECOND QUARTER

14:16 OSU Ginn Jr. 68 yd run (Huston kick), 6-86 2:16  
2:21 OSU Holmes 85 yd pass from Smith (Huston kick), 4-98 2:16

#### THIRD QUARTER

4:25 ND Walker 10 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 10-71 2:53  
2:20 OSU Huston 40 yd field goal, 5-42 2:05

#### FOURTH QUARTER

10:12 OSU Huston 26 yd field goal, 10-60 4:22  
5:27 ND Walker 3 yd run (Fitzpatrick kick), 13-80 4:45  
1:46 OSU Pittman 60 yd run (Huston kick), 7-85 3:41

	OSU	ND
First Downs	27	22
By Rushing	12	8
By Passing	14	12
By Penalty	1	2
Rushing Attempts	36	28
Yards Rushing	293	106
Yards Lost Rushing	18	44
Net Yards Rushing	275	62
Net Yards Passing	342	286
Passes Attempted	28	45
Passes Completed	19	29
Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	64	73
Total Net Yards	617	348
Average Gain Per Play	9.6	4.8
Fumbles: No.-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties: No.-Yds.	7-53	6-48
Interceptions: No.-Yds.	0-0	0-0
Punts: No.-Yds.	1-40	6-254
Average Per Punt	40.0	42.3
Punt Returns: No.-Yds.	2-20	1-0
Kickoff Returns: No.-Yds.	3-51	2-23
Third Down Conversions	8-12	9-17
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	1-2

**RUSHING:** Ohio State-Pittman 21-136, Ginn Jr. 2-73, Smith 13-66. Notre Dame-Walker 16-90, Schwapp 2-4, Quinn 10(-32).

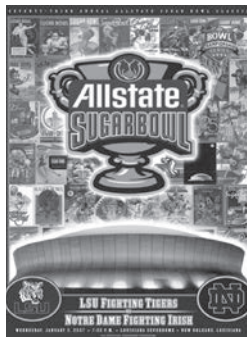
**PASSING:** Ohio State-Smith 19-28-0-342. Notre Dame-Quinn 29-45-0-286.

**RECEIVING:** Ohio State-Ginn Jr. 8-167, Holmes 5-124, Hall 2-22, Pittman 2-6, Gonzalez 1-15, Frost 1-8. Notre Dame: Stovall 9-126, Walker 7-37, Samardzija 6-59, Shelton 5-52, Fasano 2-12.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#11 Notre Dame	7	7	0	0	14
#4 LSU	14	7	13	7	41



**NEW ORLEANS** – JaMarcus Russell cocked his head, glanced toward the towering Superdome stands and soaked up the pleas of the LSU faithful.

“One more year! One more year!” they screamed.

The way the mammoth quarterback played against Notre Dame, there seems little reason for him to spend any more time in college.

Russell led No. 4 LSU to a 41-14 rout of college football’s most storied program Wednesday night.

The Sugar Bowl returned to New Orleans with a Cajun-style party, with left the 11th-ranked Fighting Irish with a most unwanted spot in the record book. They lost their ninth straight bowl game, more than any other school.

Certainly he had the best on this night. The 6-foot-6, 257-pound Russell completed 21-of-34 for 332 yards and two touchdowns. He also had his first rushing score of the season and set up another TD with a 31-yard pass.

Russell and LSU’s feared defense took control after halftime, turning a tenuous 21-14 game into a laugher. The Tigers (11-2) outgained Notre Dame by a staggering 333 yards to 30 over the final two quarters.

The school of Touchdown Jesus and Knute Rockne snapped a tie with South Carolina and West Virginia for most consecutive bowl losses in NCAA history. And this was like most of the others, a double-digit blowout that showed Notre Dame still has work to do if it wants to compete with the nation’s best.

“We’ve got to turn the corner,” coach Charlie Weis said. “Right now, we’re just a nice, solid team. That won’t cut it. We want to be an upper-echelon team.”

Quinn doesn’t have a decision to make about his pro future, but the senior’s hopes of being the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft may have taken a blow. He struggled to cope with the speed and size of LSU’s defense, completing just 15-of-35 for 148 yards, his two TD passes offset by two interceptions.

LSU romped after halftime. After a pair of field goals by Colt David, Russell blew it open with a 58-yard touchdown pass to Brandon LaFell in the final minute of the third quarter.

Notre Dame (10-3) bounced back from an early 14-0 deficit and tied the game with 2 1/2 minutes left in the first half. But Russell’s took matters in his own hands - and legs - to put the Tigers ahead to stay before the teams went to the locker room.

First, Russell went deep to Early Doucet for a 58-yard completion. Then, Russell scored himself on a 5-yard keeper up the middle.

Notre Dame hasn’t won a postseason game since its 24-21 victory over Texas A&M in the 1994 Cotton Bowl. “O-ver-ra-ted!” the Tiger-dominated crowd roared after freshman Keiland Williams ripped off his second touchdown of the game, a 20-yard run with just under 7 1/2 minutes remaining.

But the biggest cheers came on LSU’s next possession. Russell made one handoff, then came out of the game to standing ovation.

Notre Dame was determined to get off to a strong start, but it sure didn’t work out that way. Weis called a fake punt that backfired, and the Irish looked just as tight and nervous as they did at the beginning of blowout losses to Michigan and Southern Cal.

At least they didn’t fold until the second half, fighting back to tie the game at 14.

The offenses had their way, with three 80-yard scoring drives and another covering 82. The only exception followed the fake punt on Notre Dame’s opening possession. With the Irish facing fourth-and-3 at their own 34, the coach called for a direct snap to up-back Travis Thomas, but he was stuffed for no gain.

Two plays later, LSU had the lead. Russell hooked up with Doucet on a 31-yard pass and Williams powered over from the 3.

The Tigers made it 14-0 on their next possession. Russell broke off a 21-yard run on a draw to get deep into Notre Dame territory, and finished off the drive with an 11-yard scoring pass to Dwayne Bowe.

Notre Dame’s next possession started ominously - Quinn was sacked for a 10-yard loss. But Darius Walker ran for 11 yards and turned a short pass into a 21-yard gain. Quinn finished it off with 24-yard TD pass to David Grimes.

Walker rushed for all but three of his 128 yards in the first half.

David missed a 31-yard field goal try, and Notre Dame responded to that momentum-changer with the tying touchdown as Quinn went to his favorite receiver, Jeff Samardzija, on a 10-yard TD pass.

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

Brady Quinn, Quarterback

**FIRST QUARTER**

11:16	LSU	Williams 3 yd run (David kick), 2-34 0:49
6:03	LSU	Bowe 11 yd pass from Russell (David kick), 8-80 3:31
1:26	ND	Grimes 24 yd pass from Quinn (Gioia kick), 8-80 4:37

**SECOND QUARTER**

2:25	ND	Samardzija 10 yd pass from Quinn (Gioia kick), 8-80 2:39
1:15	LSU	Russell 5 yd run (David kick), 5-82 1:10

**THIRD QUARTER**

9:34	LSU	David 25 yd field goal, 13-73 5:26
3:48	LSU	David 37 yd field goal, 9-59 3:57
0:18	LSU	LeFell 58 yd pass from Russell (David kick), 5-73 1:38

**FOURTH QUARTER**

7:27	LSU	Williams 20 yd run (David kick), 9-76 4:11
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	ND	LSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	31
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	31-143	37-245
PASSING YDS (NET)	148	332
Passes Att-Comp-Int	35-15-2	34-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	66-291	71-577
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-128	3-48
Interception Returns-Yards	1-20	2-39
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-47.4	2-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-40	9-95
Possession Time	28:14	31:46
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	3 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	6-7
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-12	1-10

**RUSHING:** LSU-Williams 14-107; Vincent 12-71; Hester 3-25; Russell 5-16; Holliday 1-11; Davis 1-8; Jackson 1-7. Notre Dame-Walker 22-128; Aldridge 3-7; Quinn 3-6; Thomas 2-2; Samardzija 1-0.

**PASSING:** LSU-Russell 21-34-1-332. Notre Dame-Quinn 15-35-2-148.

**RECEIVING:** LSU-Doucet 8-115; Bowe 5-78; Davis 4-50; Vincent 2-19; LaFell 1-58; Jacob Hester 1-12. Notre Dame: Samardzija 8-59; McKnight 3-22; Walker 2-30; Grimes 1-24; Carlson 1-13.



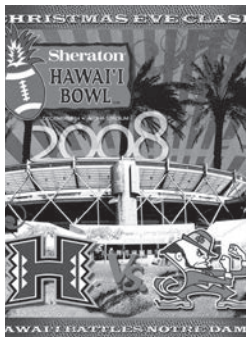
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame  
Hawaii

1	2	3	4	SCORE
7	21	21	0	49
0	7	7	7	21



**HONOLULU** – Jimmy Clausen ended Notre Dame's long bowl drought - and Hawaii's bid for a fourth straight Hawai'i Bowl victory - with a record-breaking passing night.

Clausen set Notre Dame bowl records with 406 yards passing and five touchdowns to lead the efficient Fighting Irish to their first postseason victory in 15 years, 49-21 over Hawaii.

"I told the team that's the only thing I wanted (for Christmas). I just wanted to win a bowl game," Irish coach Charlie Weis said.

"I heard it a hundred times in the locker room after the game and they wanted to know what I was giving them for Christmas. I told them: 'a flight home.'"

Golden Tate had six catches for 177 yards and three touchdowns, also Notre Dame bowl records, including a 69-yarder that sparked a 28-point outburst to help the Irish (7-6) end their NCAA-record bowl losing streak at nine.

"I'm very happy for Notre Dame. This was a great step forward for us," Weis said. "It leads us into 2009 with a good taste in our mouth."

With Weis calling the plays from the coaches box for the first time because of knee problems that required him to walk with crutches, the Irish were unstoppable.

The offense scored at will. The blitzing defense shut down Hawaii's run-and-shoot. And the special teams wasn't too shabby, either.

"The guys came out here on a mission," Clausen said.

After the Warriors (7-7) scored to end Notre Dame's 28-point run, Armando Allen returned a kickoff 96 yards for a score. Allen also caught an 18-yard TD pass on the Irish's opening drive of the second half.

Weis said he had an injection in his knee before the game, but still couldn't walk. The last time he coached from the box was in 2001.

"It's 10 times easier. It's night and day easier," Weis said. "I haven't been up in the box since Drew Bledsoe got hurt. ... You don't want to do that long term, but calling a game from up there is pretty sweet. As a head coach, you want to be on the sideline."

It was evident Weis, who was all smiles after the game, and his players cherished its long-awaited bowl victory.

As Notre Dame was presented the Hawaii Bowl's pineapple-football trophy at midfield, each player came around to put their hands on it.

Notre Dame's victory was its first in the postseason since it beat Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl to end the 1993 season. The Irish also avoided consecutive losing seasons.

Clausen was confident and sharp, completing 22 of 26 passes. He racked up 300 yards passing and three TDs by halftime alone, sending the crowd home early.

The sophomore broke Brady Quinn's postseason school record of 286 yards passing set against Ohio State in the 2006 Fiesta Bowl.

Warriors coach Greg McMackin said, including his years in the NFL, Clausen was "as accurate as I've ever seen."

"He was outstanding, his receivers were outstanding," McMackin said.

With Notre Dame up 14-7, Clausen broke open the game by connecting with Tate on a 69-yard TD play, the Irish's longest play from scrimmage of the season.

Clausen faked a handoff, turned and heaved it to Tate, who had blew past cornerback Calvin Roberts along the left sideline. With the catch, Tate became the fifth Irish receiver to break 1,000 yards receiving in a season.

The Irish made it 28-7 with a second left in the first half on an 18-yard hookup between Clausen and Tate on third-and-goal. Hawaii challenged the play, but replays showed Tate got his left foot down before stepping out.

Tate followed it up in the third quarter with a 40-yard TD reception that pushed the lead to 42-7 and gave the Warriors flashbacks of the pounding they received from Georgia in the Sugar Bowl to end last season.

Hawaii couldn't get much going. Quarterback Greg Alexander was kept off balance and on the run by the Irish defense, which had eight sacks and forced two turnovers.

NOTRE DAME CO-MVP

Jimmy Clausen, QB  
Golden Tate, WR

FIRST QUARTER

3:07 ND Hughes 3 yd run (Walker kick), 9-87 4:45

SECOND QUARTER

10:25 ND Grimes 14 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 6-53 2:09  
8:12 UH Bain 10 yd pass from Alexander (Kelly kick), 6-56 2:06  
6:49 ND Tate 69 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 3-79 1:18  
0:01 ND Tate 18 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 8-67 3:53

THIRD QUARTER

10:50 ND Allen 18 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 6-88 2:52  
7:22 ND Tate 40 yd pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 5-50 2:23  
4:25 UH Bain 21 yd pass from Alexander (Kelly kick), 6-81 2:51  
4:12 ND Allen 96 yd kickoff return (Walker kick)

FOURTH QUARTER

1:45 UH Washington 27 yd pass from Funaki (Kelly kick), 6-80 2:06

	ND	UH
FIRST DOWNS	23	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	34-65	19-32
PASSING YDS (NET)	413	326
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-24-0	44-28-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-478	63-358
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-5	2-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-133	7-131
Interception Returns-Yards	1-26	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-43.8	7-34.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-60	8-69
Possession Time	33:00	27:00
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 11	3 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	8-55	2-8

**RUSHING:** Hawai'i-Pilares 2-19; Funaki 1-15; Libre 1-12; Farmer 1-1; Wright-Jackson 1-1; Alexander 13(-16). Notre Dame-Hughes 17-55; Gray, J. 5-13; Allen 4-9; Aldridge 1-0; Sharpley 2-0; Team 3(-6); Clausen 2(-6).

**PASSING:** Hawai'i-Alexander 23-39-1-261; Funaki 5-5-0-65. Notre Dame-Clausen 22-26-0-401; Sharpley 2-2-0-12.

**RECEIVING:** Hawai'i-Bain 8-109; Salas 7-76; Washington 6-96; Lane 4-29; Pilares 3-16. Notre Dame: Tate 6-177; Rudolph 4-78; Grimes 4-34; Hughes 3-27; Kamara 3-21; Allen 2-59; Floyd 2-17.

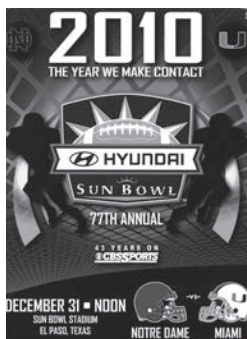
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame  
Miami, Fla.

1	2	3	4	SCORE
14	13	3	3	33
0	3	0	14	17



**EL PASO, Texas** – A far-from-perfect first season as Notre Dame coach could not have ended much better for Brian Kelly and his Fighting Irish.

Freshman Tommy Rees passed for 201 yards and two touchdowns to Michael Floyd, as Notre Dame beat Miami 33-17 in the Sun Bowl, making Kelly the first Fighting Irish coach to win a bowl game during his first season.

The Irish started 1-3 under Kelly and consecutive October losses to Navy and Tulsa left them in precarious position to even get bowl eligible. But Notre Dame finished with four straight victories against Utah, Army, Southern California and Miami that should buoy hopes for the future of the program.

“Clearly, we are gaining a lot of confidence,” Kelly said.

“We’ve beaten some good football teams late in the year as we’ve come together and found our identity. It’s going to taste a whole lot better in the offseason talking about a win.”

Notre Dame (8-5) reached the end zone on three of its first four possessions. Rees tossed TD passes of 3 and 34 yards to Floyd, and Cierre Wood broke free on a 34-yard scoring run before David Ruffer added field goals from 40, 50 and 19 yards.

Notre Dame’s 30th bowl appearance was a New Year’s Eve fiesta in El Paso, a predominantly Roman Catholic city on the Mexican border that embraced the Irish with huge cheers from the first glimpse of a golden helmet coming from the locker rooms.

“El Paso treated Notre Dame so very well,” Kelly said.

The Hurricanes trailed 30-3 going into the fourth quarter, completing a season in which their coach was fired with an ugly loss.

Rees hardly looked like a freshman, completing 15 of 29 attempts without an interception. He struggled in the season-ending victory over USC but his performance against Miami marked the first time a first-year starting quarterback at Notre Dame won a bowl game.

Floyd had a big day, too, with six catches for 109 yards receiving, and he was close to hauling in two more scores.

The game sold out in 21 hours, the fastest in the Sun Bowl’s 77-year history, and the crowd of 54,021 set a bowl attendance record. Many fans wore Notre Dame jackets to ward off the 34-degree weather as a round of overnight snow dusted the Franklin Mountains.

The warm-weather Hurricanes - many wearing head covers under their helmets - struggled much of the afternoon.

The Canes trailed 27-0 late in the first half, and the player with the most catches from a Hurricanes quarterback was Irish safety Harrison Smith, who intercepted three passes. Robert Blanton also had an interception during Miami’s turnover binge.

“It was a total defensive effort,” Smith said. “When you knock the receivers off and mess up the timing with the quarterback, it really makes it easier for the safeties.”

FIRST QUARTER

11:02 ND Floyd 3 yd pass from Rees (Ruffer kick), 6-54 3:48  
4:35 ND Floyd 34 yd pass from Rees (Ruffer kick), 8-74 4:27

SECOND QUARTER

13:21 ND Wood 34 yd run (Ruffer kick), 1-39 0:14  
4:50 ND Ruffer 40 yd field goal, 9-51, 3:30  
0:27 ND Ruffer 50 yd field goal, 9-33, 1:22  
0:00 UM Boshier 47 yd field goal, 4-39, 0:18

THIRD QUARTER

7:12 ND Ruffer 19 yd field goal, 15-63 6:46

FOURTH QUARTER

10:36 UM Hankerson 6 yd pass from Morris (Boshier kick), 7-57 1:13  
4:01 UM Streeter 42 yd pass from Morris (Boshier kick), 8-98 2:35  
1:21 ND Tausch 34 yd field goal, 8-48 2:38

	ND	UM
FIRST DOWNS	23	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	48-196	24-103
PASSING YDS (NET)	201	319
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-15-0	40-26-4
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	77-397	64-422
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-2	2-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-34	7-144
Interception Returns-Yards	4-16	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-39.8	4-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	10-106
Possession Time	37:09	22:51
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 20	7 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-Wood, C. 12-81; Hughes 27-81; Riddick 8-32; Rees 1-2. Miami-Berry 9-34; Morris 4-22; Johnson 2-20; James 4-14; Miller 5-13.

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-Rees 15-29-0-201. Miami-Morris 22-31-1-282; Harris 4-7-3-37.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Floyd 6-109; Eifert 4-31; Goodman 1-30; Jones 1-19; Hughes 1-8; Riddick 1-2; Wood, C. 1-2. Miami-Hankerson 6-71; Byrd 4-47; James 4-14; Benjamin 3-44; Ford 2-37; Miller 2-32; Streeter 1-42; Cleveland 1-15; Johnson 1-9; Gordon 1-4; Berry 1-4.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-Smith, H. 3-16; Blanton 1-0. Miami-None

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-Riddick 1-0; Hughes 1-0. Miami-Benjamin 1-0.

**SACKS:** Notre Dame-None. Miami-None

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Notre Dame- Blanton 3-6; Smith, H. 6-1; Gray, G. 3-4; Te’o 1-5; Motta 3-1; Neal 2-2; Smith, B. 1-3; Lewis-Moore 0-4; Fleming 2-1; McDonald 1-2; Johnson 0-3; Walls 2-0; Slaughter 2-0; Fox 0-2; Shembo 0-2; Garcia 0-2; Jackson 1-0; Williams, H. 1-0; Cwynar 0-1; Calabrese 0-1; Collinsworth 0-1; Williams, I. 0-1. Miami-McCarthy 6-8; Spence 3-7; Armstrong 2-6; Regis 2-5; Vernon 4-2; Forston 3-3; Nicolas 2-3; Telemaque 1-4; Buchanan 2-2; Hill 2-2; Ojomo 1-3; Harris 1-2; Holmes 1-1; Holton 1-1; McGee 0-2; Bailey 0-2; Boshier 1-0; Robinson 1-0; Campbell 1-0; Hankerson 1-0; Berry 0-1; Van Dyke 0-1; Smith 0-1.

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### SCORE BY QUARTERS

#25 Florida State  
Notre Dame

1	2	3	4	SCORE
0	0	3	15	18
7	0	7	0	14



**ORLANDO, Fla.** - The day before his team took the field for its Champs Sports Bowl matchup with Notre Dame, Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher acknowledged that he had higher hopes for his team than how they ended up in 2011.

Loaded with talent and expectations in the preseason, the No. 25 Seminoles squandered early season opportunities against ranked foes and fizzled again late in the year to end any path back to the Bowl Championship Series.

The 18-14 win over Notre Dame in front of a sellout crowd at Florida's Citrus Bowl might not have been the national stage FSU expected to be on this season, but how it won the game could be proof it is finally making progress.

The Seminoles rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit and used a pair of touchdown passes by E.J. Manuel and two field goals from Dustin Hopkins to earn their fourth straight bowl win and second under Fisher.

FSU receiver Rashad Greene, who caught one of Manuel's touchdown passes, was selected the game's MVP.

The Seminoles finished the game with 290 yards, including going 3 for 14 on third down, and got an efficient night from Manuel. He played behind a young offensive line, but was 20 for 31 passing for 249 yards.

Injuries forced the Seminoles to start four freshman on their line and they gave up five sacks, but their defense picked off Notre Dame quarterbacks Tommy Rees and Andrew Hendrix three times and also had four sacks.

Notre Dame shuffled between Rees and Hendrix throughout the game, but both struggled. They were a combined 19 for 35 and 187 yards passing.

FSU scored on all four of its red zone chances.

The Irish also were without their biggest offensive weapon late, with receiver Michael Floyd being forced to the sideline following a third quarter touchdown catch with what coach Brian Kelly described afterward was an "upper body injury."

He returned to the game, but was a non-factor.

Junior linebacker Manti Te'o, who led Notre Dame with 13 tackles and got in on a sack, said fatigue was not a factor in the Irish not being able to maintain pressure on Manuel in the fourth quarter.

After some stagnant offense on both sides in the first half, FSU trailed 14-0 early in the third quarter before finding some momentum through the air.

The Seminoles closed the gap to 14-9 with an 18-yard touchdown pass from Manuel to Bert Reed to open the fourth quarter, but failed on their 2-point conversion attempt.

They took the lead just 1:32 later after Nigel Bradham intercepted a Hendrix pass inside the Notre Dame 20 to set up an 18-yard touchdown catch by Greene to make it 15-14 with just over 13 minutes to play following another failed 2-point try.

The Seminoles added their second field goal of the game a series later.

Notre Dame punted on its next possession, but pinned FSU inside its own 5 and forced a quick three-and-out.

A poor punt by the Seminoles and a facemask penalty on the return gave the Irish the ball on the FSU 28 with 3:56 to play, but Rees was picked off in the end zone with 2:48 left and FSU was able run out most of the remaining time.

Notre Dame took a 14-0 lead on its opening drive of the second half by capping a nine-play, 62-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass from Rees to Floyd. Floyd fought Seminoles cornerback Greg Reid for the ball on the play, juggling it multiple times before finally getting his hands around it.

Reid stayed down on the turf after the play and left the game with concussion symptoms.

FSU bounced right back with a 77-yard kickoff return by Lamarcus Joyner, but Notre Dame's fifth sack of the night on Manuel helped force the Seminoles to settle for a 42-yard field goal by Hopkins.

### FIRST QUARTER

9:04 ND Motta 29 yd fumble recovery (Ruffer Kick)

### THIRD QUARTER

11:24 ND Floyd 5 yd pass from Rees (Ruffer kick), 9-62 3:36  
9:03 FSU Hopkins 42 yd field goal, 4-(-3) 2:08

### FOURTH QUARTER

14:54 FSU Reed 18 yd pass from Manuel (Manuel rush failed), 10-84 4:10  
13:18 FSU Greene 15 yd pass from Manuel (Manuel rush failed), 2-18 0:42  
8:05 FSU Hopkins 29 yd field goal, 9-71 3:23

	FSU	ND
First Downs	13	19
Rushes-Yards (Net)	29-41	35-93
Passing Yards (Net)	249	187
Passes Att-Comp-Int	31-20-0	35-19-3
Offensive Plays-Yards	60-290	70-280
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-29
Punt Returns-Yards	2-18	3-45
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-101	5-94
Interception Returns-Yards	3-39	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-47.2	7-40.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-44	5-39
Possession Time	29:51	30:09
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 14	7 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	1-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-28	5-44

**RUSHING:** Florida State- Freeman 13-48; Wilder 4-10; Abram 1-3; Manuel 11-(-20). Notre Dame- Wood 18-60; Riddick 8-36; Hendrix 4-26; Team 1-(-1); Rees 4-(-28).

**PASSING:** Florida State- Manuel 20-31-2-249. Notre Dame- Rees 16-27-1-163; Hendrix 3-8-0-24.

**RECEIVING:** Florida State- Greene 5-99; Shaw 4-64; Smith 4-34; Wilder 2-14; Freeman 2-12; Reed 1-18; Pryor 1-5; Green 1-3. Notre Dame- Eifert 6-90; Floyd 5-41; Toma 4-34; Riddick 2-7; Wood 1-8; Jones 1-7.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Florida State- Joyner 1-22; Bradham 1-17; Brooks 1-0. Notre Dame- None.

**FUMBLES:** Florida State- Freeman 1-1. Notre Dame- Atkinson III 1-0.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Florida State- Carradine 1-0; Jenkins 1-0; Werner 1-0; Dawkins 1-0. Notre Dame- Slaughter 2-0; Lynch 1-1; Tuitt 1-0; Te'o 0-1.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Florida State- Bradham 8-1; Joyner 7-0; Parks 5-2; Harris 5-0; Smith 4-1; Williams 2-3; Rhodes 4-0; Carradine 3-1; Reid 2-0; Jernigan 2-0; Jenkins 2-0; Werner 2-0; Stevens 1-1; Hicks 0-2; Dawkins 1-0; Pryor 1-1; Powell 1-0; Jones 1-0; Brooks 1-0; Erving 0-1; McCloud 0-1; Moody 0-1. Notre Dame- Te'o 7-6; Gray 5-2; Smith 4-2; Slaughter 5-0; Lynch 2-3; Tuitt 2-1; Nix 0-3; Shembo 2-0; Cwynar 2-0; Motta 2-0; Jackson 1-1; Fox 1-1; Calabrese 1-1; McCarthy 1-0; Blanton 1-0; Fleming 1-0; Golic, M. 1-0; Williams 1-0; Eifert 1-0; Atkinson III 1-0; Collinsworth 0-1; Salvi 0-1.



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SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	SCORE
#2 Alabama	14	14	7	7	42
#1 Notre Dame	0	0	7	7	14



**MIAMI GARDENS, Fla.** - Unbeaten and top-rated Notre Dame's first crack at a Bowl Championship Series title game didn't exactly end the way the Irish hoped. But credit second-ranked and once-beaten Alabama, a veteran at these kinds of games, for making all the right moves in a 42-14 victory at Sun Life Stadium that handed the Tide its third BCS crown in four seasons.

It started on a tough note for the Irish (12-1), as Alabama (13-1) roared out of the gate to a 28-0 halftime lead after scoring on its first three possessions and rolling up 202 yards in the first period alone.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, struggled early on both sides of the ball. By halftime the Irish had already given up more points than they had in any game this season, the previous

high being 26 in a triple-overtime win over Pittsburgh. The most yards Notre Dame gave up this season was 379; Alabama cracked the 500 mark early in the fourth quarter.

Alabama looked the part of a BCS champion--while the Irish walked away understanding what it takes to make it this far and maybe appreciating what the Tide was able to do to carry off the final chapter.

Notre Dame arrived at the title game on the cusp of what would have been a fantasy scenario, that of being unranked at the start of the season and the undisputed champions at the end of the campaign. However, a dominating ground game and timely passing by Alabama quarterback AJ McCarron made the Tide offense seemingly impossible to stop in the opening two periods.

Eddie Lacy ran for 140 yards on 20 attempts (one TD) and T.J. Yeldon added another 108 yards and a score of his own on 21 attempts. McCarron always seemed to make the right plays in the passing game, connecting on 20 of his 28 throws for 264 yards and four TDs.

The Irish had hoped to establish at least some sort of ground game against the top-rated Tide defense--but that proved to be almost impossible. The Irish managed only 32 net rushing yards (37 on 10 carries by Theo Riddick), as they were forced to throw the football as the Tide built its advantage.

Notre Dame's Everett Golson threw for 270 yards and a score (a six-yard TD to Riddick), but his 21-for-36 effort came as the Irish played from the back all night long. TJ Jones had a career-high seven receptions (90 yards), and DaVaris Daniels contributed six grabs for a career-best 115 yards--while tight end Tyler Eifert had six for 61 yards.

Senior safety Zeke Motta led both teams with 16 tackles, and all-star senior linebacker Manti Te'o had 10. But Alabama simply proved hard to stop in rolling up a 529-302 advantage in total yards--including a 265-32 advantage on the ground. The Irish weren't helped by losing senior defensive captain Kapron Lewis-Moore to a first-half knee injury--with nose guard Louis Nix III limping much of the second half.

The Irish had only a single turnover (an interception by Alabama on the opening series of the second half). But Notre Dame's defense uncharacteristically could not get off the field, yielding TD drives of 82, 61, 80, 71, 97 and 86 yards--as Alabama finished with a 38:13 to 21:47 in time of possession.

Notre Dame's bid for a 12th consensus national title ended a step short, but coach Brian Kelly expects 15 returning starters to be able to show the way in 2013 as the Irish bid to make BCS-caliber games regular postseason stopping points.

**FIRST QUARTER**

12:03 UA Lacy 20 yd run (Shelley kick), 5-82 2:57  
6:14 UA M. Williams 3 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 10-61 4:49

**SECOND QUARTER**

14:56 UA Yeldon 1 yd run (Shelley kick), 8-80 4:26  
00:31 UA Lacy 11 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 9-71 3:12

**THIRD QUARTER**

7:34 UA Cooper 34 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 10-97 5:37  
4:08 ND Golson 2 yd run (Brindza kick), 9-85 3:26

**FOURTH QUARTER**

11:27 UA Cooper 19 yd pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 14-86 7:41  
7:51 ND Riddick 6 yd pass from Golson (Brindza kick), 10-75 3:36

	UA	ND
FIRST DOWNS	28	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	45-265	19-32
PASSING YDS (NET)	264	270
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-20-0	36-21-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	73-529	55-302
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-1	3-2
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-31	3-47
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-49.2	5-42.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	3-35
Possession Time	38:13	21:47
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 13	2 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	2-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-16	0-0

**RUSHING:** Alabama-Lacy 20-140; Yeldon 21-108; McCarron 1-9; Drake 3-8. Notre Dame-Riddick 10-37; Wood, C. 4-2; Golson 5-(-7).

**PASSING:** Alabama-McCarron 20-28-0-264. Notre Dame-Golson 21-36-1-270.

**RECEIVING:** Alabama-Cooper 6-105; Norwood 3-66; M. Williams 3-17; Jones 2-40; Lacy 2-17; Shinn 2-14; Johnson 1-5; Yeldon 1-0. Notre Dame-Jones 7-90; Daniels 6-115; Eifert 6-61; Riddick 1-6; Wood, C. 1-(-2).

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Alabama-H. Clinton-Dix 1-0. Notre Dame-None.

**FUMBLES:** Alabama-None. Notre Dame-Neal, D. 1-0.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Alabama-Pettway 1-0; Hubbard 1-0. Notre Dame-None.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Alabama-Mosley 5-3; Clinton-Dix 4-3; Lester 3-3; Belue 4-0; Collins 3-0; DePriest 1-2; Milliner 1-2; Hayes 2-0; Hubbard 1-1; Sunseri 1-1; Smith 1-0; Perry 1-0; Stinson 1-0; Pagan 1-0; Ivory 1-0; Pettway 1-0; Williams 0-1; Jones 0-1; Johnson 0-1; Devall 0-1; Dial 0-1. Notre Dame-Motta 7-9; Te'o 3-7; Russell 3-5; Fox 4-2; Farley 4-2; Nix III 5-0; Tuitt 2-3; Jackson 1-3; Calabrese 2-1; Shembo 1-2; Day 1-2; Cavalaris 1-1; Shumate 1-0; Lewis-Moore 1-0; Councill 1-0; Williams, Ish. 0-1; Spond 0-1; Salvi, C. 0-1.

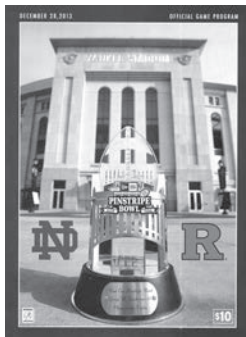
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SCORE BY QUARTERS

Rutgers  
#25 Notre Dame

1	2	3	4	SCORE
10	3	0	3	16
10	3	3	13	29



**NEW YORK** - This nicely sums up Tommy Rees' Notre Dame career.

The senior threw for 319 yards and no interceptions in his final college game, leading No. 25 Notre Dame to a 29-16 victory against Rutgers that was far from pretty but ultimately successful - and an offensive lineman won the MVP award.

"I was giving Tommy a hard time," said senior tackle Zack Martin, who took home the award. "I think he got snubbed a little bit."

Rees finished four years of football for the Fighting Irish packed with both memorable and forgettable moments with a solid performance, going 27 for 47. He has been "The Closer," rallying Notre Dame to victories with late drives, and "Turnover Tommy," making crushing mistakes at the most inopportune times during his time in South Bend, Ind.

For his finale, against one of the worst pass defenses in the nation, Rees was mistake free and productive. He missed some throws that could have broken open the game, but, typically, he persevered.

"I'm a Tommy Rees fan for life," coach Brian Kelly said.

Kyle Brindza kicked five field goals for the Fighting Irish (9-4), who finished their follow-up season to last year's run to the national championship game a long way from the BCS - facing a two-touchdown underdog trying to avoid a losing record.

Notre Dame's play was less than inspired - Kelly said about a dozen players were fighting a flu bug - but the win prevented the Irish from finishing with eight victories for the third time in his four seasons.

"A good season that could have been a great season," Kelly said.

Notre Dame's TJ Jones scored on an 8-yard run in the first quarter and Rutgers star Brandon Coleman answered with a 14-yard touchdown catch soon after. Tarean Folston's 3-yard touchdown run with 3:38 in the fourth made it 26-16 and finally gave the Irish a comfortable lead.

On the slick turf at Yankee Stadium, the Pinstripe Bowl turned into a field-goal kicking contest. Brindza was 5 for 6. Kyle Federico made 3 of 3 for the Scarlet Knights (6-7).

The Irish dominated in yards (494-237) and time of possession (38:49) but bogged down in the red zone repeatedly.

"I loved the way we were able to stay calm and stay within our offense and continue to kind of monotonously move the ball down the field," Rees said.

Twice Notre Dame put together double-digit play drives that ended in short field goals for Brindza. A 15-play, 90-yard march that started in the third quarter and ended in the fourth with Brindza's 25-yarder made it 19-13 Notre Dame with 12:46 left.

"I love the fourth quarter," Brindza said. "That's pretty much what a kicker's job is supposed to be."

Brindza's third field goal, a 26-yarder with 6:03 left in the third quarter, gave Notre Dame a 16-13 lead - after the Irish caught a break. Brindza had missed from 36 yards but Rutgers was flagged for running into the kicker to give him a second, easier, try.

"We thought we played good red zone defense and we could make them kick a few field goals and attempt some field goals, maybe we could block one and then win the game in the fourth quarter," Rutgers coach Kyle Flood said. "We were kind of poised to do that."

Notre Dame improved to 17-6-3 at Yankee Stadium, though this ballpark in the Bronx is only a few years old and across the street from where the original House that Ruth built sat for decades.

"It's great to be in New York," Kelly told what was left of bowl record crowd of 47,122 during the postgame trophy ceremony on the field after the Irish had sung the alma mater with the band in right-center field, near the Yankees bullpen.

The Fighting Irish played the first football game in the new stadium back in 2010. Rees, a freshman then, helped the Irish beat Army and got to use Derek Jeter's locker. Called upon to lead the Irish this year after Everett Golson was suspended from school for academic cheating, Rees surpassed 3,000 yards through the air and became one of the most prolific passers in school history, making the most of his limited physical tools.

Senior quarterback Chas Dodd, whose career has been similar to Rees' in terms of ups and downs, finished with 156 yards passing for Rutgers.

"What we saw with their defense was just what we knew we would see," Dodd said. "We had a game plan ready to attack it. We just weren't able to because of our execution."

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Zack Martin, OT

**FIRST QUARTER**

10:05	ND	Brindza 21 yd field goal, 14-71 4:55
8:00	RU	Federico 36 yd field goal, 4-2 0:56
4:30	ND	Jones, TJ 8 yd run (Brindza kick), 7-62 3:20
1:51	RU	Coleman 14 yd pass from Dodd (Federico kick), 5-75 2:39

**SECOND QUARTER**

12:59	ND	Brindza 38 yd field goal, 4-1 0:58
8:35	RU	Federico 18 yd field goal, 12-63 4:15

**THIRD QUARTER**

6:03	ND	Brindza 26 yd field goal, 15-71 7:17
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**FOURTH QUARTER**

12:46	ND	Brindza 25 yd field goal, 15-90 6:27
8:57	RU	Federico 47 yd field goal, 8-15 3:39
3:38	ND	Folston 3 yd run (Brindza kick), 10-79 5:12
2:28	ND	Brindza 49 yd field goal, 4-4 0:58

	RU	ND
FIRST DOWNS	16	31
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	26-80	43-175
PASSING YDS (NET)	156	319
Passes Att-Comp-Int	29-10-4	47-27-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	55-236	90-494
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1--7
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-145	3-81
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	4-1
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-46.3	2-29.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-33	8-69
Possession Time	21:44	38:16
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 12	7 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-6	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-31

**RUSHING:** Rutgers-James 10-48; Dodd 10-24; Huggins 2-7; Goodwin 3-3; Team 1-(-2). Notre Dame-McDaniel 17-80; Folston 17-73; Jones, TJ 4-16; Rees 2-6; Fuller 1-3; Carlisle 1-3; Daniels 1-(-6).

**PASSING:** Rutgers-Dodd 10-28-3-156; Goodwin 0-1-1-0. Notre Dame-Rees 27-47-0-319.

**RECEIVING:** Rutgers-Kroft 3-43; Coleman 2-65; James 2-22; Peele 2-3; Pratt 1-23. Notre Dame-Jones, TJ 5-66; Brown, C. 5-54; Niklas 4-76; McDaniel 3-29; Daniels 3-25; Folston 3-21; Prosisre 2-25; Koyack 1-13; Robinson 1-10.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Rutgers-None. Notre Dame-Fox 1-1; Moore 1-0; Russell 1-0; Collinsworth 1-0.

**FUMBLES:** Rutgers-None. Notre Dame-Jones, TJ 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Rutgers-None. Notre Dame-Tuitt 1-1; Day 0-1; Schwenke 0-1; Jones, Jarron 1-0; Shembo 0-1.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Rutgers-Waters 7-5; Longa 2-10; Gause 5-4; Snyder 4-3; Glashen 2-5; Barnwell 4-2; Hamilton 3-3; Thompson 3-2; Cioffi 3-0; Stephenson, Delon 2-1; Lambert 2-1; Milewski 0-3; Merrell 1-1; Holmes, Jamil 1-1; Aiken 1-1; Mera 0-2; Burton 1-0; Kroft 1-0; Marsh 1-0; Merrell, Jamal 1-0; Stephenson, Daryl 0-1; Liston 0-1. Notre Dame-Calabrese 4-4; Smith, J. 3-3; Jackson 5-0; Fox 2-3; Tuitt 1-3; Collinsworth 1-3; Jones, Jarron 2-0; Russell 1-1; Shembo 1-1; Day 1-1; Schwenke 0-2; Prosisre 1-0; Okwara 1-0; Redfield 1-1; Williams 1-0; Cavalaris 1-0; Atkinson, Josh 0-1; Hardy 0-1.

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

Notre Dame  
#22 LSU

1	2	3	4	SCORE
7	14	7	3	31
7	7	14	0	28



**NASHVILLE** - Notre Dame and senior kicker Kyle Brindza got the finish they had missed too often the last half of the season. Beating a Southeastern Conference team in southern territory only made it that much sweeter.

Brindza hit a 32-yard field goal as time expired, and Notre Dame upset No. 22 LSU 31-28 in a Music City Bowl shootout.

"This was a matchup that we had wanted at Notre Dame, and I know LSU felt the same way," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly said. "We wanted to be challenged. We were disappointed in the way we played obviously at the end of the year, and our guys wanted the opportunity to finish the season the right way."

The Tigers were unsuccessful on a fake field goal at the end of the first half, a call that stood on review even though replays appeared to show the ball crossing the goal line. The Fighting Irish (8-5) also blocked a 40-yard field goal attempt by

Trent Domingue early in the fourth quarter.

Kelly watched the fake field goal on the video board and thought the Irish stopped holder Brad Kragthorpe short. LSU coach Les Miles thought Kragthorpe scored and wasn't happy the play wasn't overturned for a touchdown. Miles also wasn't pleased at the lack of better replays that might have shown Kragthorpe got the ball over the line before his knee went down.

"The guy that carried the ball, forcing it, said he absolutely scored," Miles said. "Kids will be kids, but this guy's going to tell the truth."

Notre Dame got the ball with 5:41 left and never gave it back, driving 71 yards in 14 plays before Brindza finished off the win.

"We dictated the outcome by controlling the football," Kelly said. "Obviously, if LSU has the football with No. 7 (Leonard Fournette), he's a game changer. We certainly couldn't give them the football back."

Kelly went with sophomore Malik Zaire for his first career start, but he also played senior Everett Golson, using both quarterbacks on the winning drive.

Notre Dame held the ball for 37 minutes but finished with a 449-436 edge in total offense against the SEC's toughest defense thanks only to that final drive. Golson was 4 of 5 for 50 yards passing on it, including a 12-yard completion to Ben Koyack on third-and-10. Zaire finished off the drive with a couple of rushes to set up Brindza.

Brindza had missed 6 of 9 field goals in the last five games of the regular season, including a 32-yarder late in a loss to Louisville.

"To leave a program so historic like this in this kind of fashion is great," Brindza said. "It's a blessing for me, but also to be able to help win a game for all my teammates is a bigger blessing."

The Fighting Irish were ranked as high as fifth before dropping four straight and five of their final six, struggling in the fourth quarter against Florida State, Northwestern, Arizona State and Louisville. Kelly set a target of controlling the ball for 9 minutes each quarter, and they beat that by a minute for the game.

Zaire rushed 22 times for 96 yards and was 12 of 15 for 96 yards passing. He threw for a TD and ran for another. Golson was 6 of 11 for 90 yards passing, and Kelly said the senior needed a painkilling shot after taking a hit to his ribs earlier in the game.

LSU (8-5) lost for the first time this season to a team not from the Southeastern Conference's Western Division. Fournette ran for 143 yards and two touchdowns, and the freshman also returned a kickoff 100 yards for a score.

The Tigers' final three touchdowns took all of 38 seconds. Fournette had his kick return, and his 89-yard TD run later gave the Tigers their first lead of the game at 28-21 with 6:14 left in the third quarter. In between, Anthony Jennings connected with John Diarse on a 75-yard catch-and-run touchdown.

But LSU didn't score again after Fournette's TD run, the longest play from scrimmage in this bowl's history. Isaac Rochell blocked Domingue's field goal attempt with 11:56 left.

Late in the first half, Notre Dame stopped LSU at the Irish 1 on a third-down pass, so the Tigers lined up for a field goal attempt. But Kragthorpe took off on a fake, bumping into teammate Terrence McGee on his way to the end zone. Officials ruled Kragthorpe short, and the call wasn't reversed.

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Malik Zaire, QB

**FIRST QUARTER**

7:04	ND	Fuller 12 pass from Zaire (Brindza kick), 15-66 7:56
0:05	LSU	Fournette 8 run (Domingue kick), 8-76 2:36

**SECOND QUARTER**

11:04	ND	Zaire 7 run (Brindza kick), 11-75 4:01
10:52	LSU	Fournette 100 kickoff return (Domingue kick)
6:12	ND	Folston 6 run (Brindza kick), 10-59 4:32

**THIRD QUARTER**

14:46	LSU	Diarse 75 pass from Jennings (Domingue kick), 1-75 0:14
6:14	LSU	Fournette 89 run (Domingue kick), 1-89 0:12
4:15	ND	Prosise 50 run (Brindza kick), 4-67 1:51

**FOURTH QUARTER**

0:00	ND	Brindza 32 field goal, 14-71 5:41
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	ND	LSU
FIRST DOWNS	23	17
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	51-263	38-285
PASSING YDS (NET)	186	151
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-18-0	14-7-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	77-449	52-436
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-1	1-9
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-63	2-121
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-39.5	3-42.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	2-7
Possession Time	37:00	23:00
Third-Down Conversions	11 of 17	5 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-10	0-0

**RUSHING:** Notre Dame-Zaire 22-96; Prosise 3-75; Folston 21-73; Carlisle 1-7; Golson 1-6; McDaniel 1-4; Bryant 2-2. LSU-Fournette 11-143; Dural 4-61; Magee 7-26; Williams 3-22; Hilliard 3-16; Diarse 1-8; Jennings 8-8; Kragthorpe 1-1.

**PASSING:** Notre Dame-Zaire 12-15-0-96; Golson 6-11-0-90. LSU-Jennings 7-14-0-151.

**RECEIVING:** Notre Dame-Fuller 5-57; Brown, C. 4-49; Prosise 3-34; Carlisle 3-22; Folston 2-12; Koyack 1-12. LSU-Smith 4-66; Diarse 2-76; Magee 1-9.

**INTERCEPTIONS:** Notre Dame-None. LSU-None.

**FUMBLES:** Notre Dame-Folston 1-0; Golson 1-1. LSU-Jennings 1-1.

**SACKS (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Team 1-8; Smith, J. 0.5-1; Morgan 0.5-1.

**TACKLES (UA-A):** Notre Dame-Redfield 10-4; Smith, J. 5-4; Okwara 1-5; Morgan 1-3; Onwualu 1-3; Trumbetti 3-0; Riggs 1-2; Luke 2-0; Farley 2-0; Shumate 1-1; Day 1-1; Rochell 0-2; Team 1-0; Hayes 0-1; Prosise 0-1; McDaniel 0-1. LSU-Alexander 8-3; Adams 7-3; Beckwith 7-2; Hunter 3-6; Godchaux 6-2; Mills 3-5; Rasco 3-5; Martin 2-5; Collins 5-0; Voorhies 3-0; Jones 1-2; LaCouture 1-2; White 1-0; Dickson 1-0; Bain 0-1.



The University of Notre Dame's longstanding historical success in football features 11 consensus national championships captured over the course of six different decades. The Irish title tradition dates back to Knute Rockne and the Four Horsemen who collaborated on Notre Dame's first consensus crown in 1924.

The national championship team in college football generally is considered to be the top-rated squad in the final polls issued each year by the poll of sportswriters and broadcasters (Associated Press) and the poll of coaches (United Press International through 1990, USA Today since 1991).

Since the AP began certifying the winner of the national crown in 1936, Notre Dame has won eight national championships (1943, '46, '47, '49, '66, '73, '77 and '88), second only to Alabama (nine).

The coaches' poll has selected a national champion since 1950, including winners of Bowl Championship Series and College Football Playoff title games. Notre Dame has won three coaches' titles (1966, '77 and '88—all UPI crowns) during that period. The UPI poll was taken following the end of the regular season each year until the 1974 season, when the coaches first waited until the bowl games had been played to issue their final poll (a practice continued by the UPI poll's successor, USA Today).

In addition, the NCAA also recognizes national championships awarded by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame.

The FWAA has presented the Grantland Rice Award to the national champion since 1954, with Notre Dame teams earning the trophy four times (1966, '73, '77 and '88). The National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame have presented the MacArthur Bowl to the national champion since 1959, with Notre Dame winning this honor five times (1964, '66—tie with Michigan State, '73, '77 and '88).

A variety of other rating systems have been recognized through the years in attempting to determine the nation's top college football team each season.

Including Notre Dame's 11 consensus national titles, there have been 22 seasons in which the Irish have qualified as a national champion from at least one legitimate poll.

Year	Team	Record	Coach	Selector
1924	Notre Dame	10-0	Knute Rockne	Bill, DS, Helms, Boand, FR, Houlgate, NCF, Poling
	Pennsylvania	9-1-1	Lou Young	Davis
1929	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Bill, DS, Dunkel, Boand, Helms, FR, NCF, Poling
	Pittsburgh	9-1	Jock Sutherland	Davis
1930	USC	10-2	Howard Jones	Houlgate
	Notre Dame	10-0	Knute Rockne	All but FR, tie for Davis
1930	Alabama	10-0	Wallace Wade	Davis (tie), FR
	Notre Dame	9-1	Frank Leahy	Unanimous
1943	Notre Dame	9-1	Frank Leahy	Unanimous
	Notre Dame	8-0-1	Frank Leahy	AP, Berry, Bill, Dunkel, LS, Devold, NCF, Helms (tie), Boand (tie), Poling (tie)
1946	Army	9-0-1	Red Blaik	Houlgate, FR, Boand (tie), Helms (tie), Poling (tie)
	Georgia	11-0	Wally Butts	WS
1947	Notre Dame	9-0	Frank Leahy	AP, WS, Helms (tie)
	Michigan	10-0	Fritz Crisler	Berry, Bill, Dunkel, LS, Houlgate, Helms (tie), Boand, FR, Devold, NCF, Poling
1949	Notre Dame	10-0	Frank Leahy	All but FR, Bill
	Oklahoma	11-0	Bud Wilkinson	FR, Bill
1966	Notre Dame	9-0-1	Ara Parseghian	AP, UPI, FWAA, Poling (tie), Dunkel, LS, Devold, FN, Matthews, Bill, NCF, Sag., NFFHF (tie), Helms (tie)
	Alabama	11-0	Paul "Bear" Bryant	Berry
1973	Michigan State	9-0-1	Duffy Daugherty	FR, Helms (tie), NFFHF (tie), Poling (tie)
	Notre Dame	11-0	Ara Parseghian	AP, FWAA, NFFHF, Helms, FN, NCF (tie)
1973	Alabama	10-1	Paul "Bear" Bryant	UPI, Berry
	Oklahoma	10-0-1	Barry Switzer	Bill, Dunkel, FR, Devold
1973	Michigan	10-0-1	Glenn "Bo" Schembechler	NCF (tie), Poling (tie)
	Ohio State	10-0-1	Woody Hayes	FACT, NCF (tie), Poling (tie), Sag.
1977	Notre Dame	11-1	Dan Devine	All but Berry, FACT (tie), FR (tie)
	Alabama	11-1	Paul "Bear" Bryant	FR (tie)
1988	Arkansas	11-1	Lou Holtz	FACT (tie)
	Texas	11-1	Fred Akers	Berry, FACT (tie)
1988	Notre Dame	12-0	Lou Holtz	All but Berry, Sag.
	Miami (Fla.)	11-1	Dennis Erickson	Berry, Sag.

Here are the other 11 seasons Notre Dame received some mention:

Year	Team	Record	Coach	Selector
1919	Harvard	9-0-1	Bob Fisher	Unanimous
	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Davis (tie), NCF (tie)
	Illinois	6-1	Bob Zuppke	Davis (tie), FR (tie), Boand
1920	Texas A&M	10-0	D.X. Bible	NCF (tie)
	California	9-0	Andy Smith	Helms, FR, Houl., NCF
	Notre Dame	9-0	Knute Rockne	Davis (tie)
1927	Princeton	6-0-1	Bill Roper	Davis (tie), Boand (tie)
	Harvard	8-0-1	Robert Fisher	Boand (tie)
	Illinois	7-0-1	Bob Zuppke	DS, Davis, Helms, NCF
1927	Yale	7-1	T.A.D. Jones	FR
	Notre Dame	7-1-1	Knute Rockne	Houl.
	Georgia	9-1	George Woodruff	Boand, Poling
1938	Tennessee	11-0	Bob Neyland	Bill, Dunkel, LS, Boand, Houl., FR, Poling, Sag.
	TCU	11-0	Dutch Meyer	APWS, Helms, NCF
1953	Notre Dame	8-1	Elmer Layden	DS
	Notre Dame	9-0-1	Frank Leahy	All but AP, UP, FRI, INS, Berry
1953	Maryland	10-1	Jim Tatum	AP, UPI, INS
	Oklahoma	9-1-1	Bud Wilkinson	FR, Berry
1964	Alabama	10-1	Paul "Bear" Bryant	AP, UPI, LS, Berry
	Arkansas	11-0	Frank Broyles	Bill, FWAA, Helms, FR, NCF, Poling
	Notre Dame	9-1	Ara Parseghian	NFFHF, Devold, FN, Sag.
1967	Michigan	9-1	Bump Elliott	Dunkel
	USC	10-1	John McKay	All but Dunkel, LS, Poling
1967	Notre Dame	8-2	Ara Parseghian	Dunkel
	Tennessee	9-2	Doug Dickey	LS
	Oklahoma	10-1	Chuck Fairbanks	Poling
1970	Nebraska	11-0-1	Bob Devaney	AP, Bill, FWAA, Dunkel, Helms, FR, Devold, FN, FACT (tie), NCF
	Texas	10-1	Darrell Royal	Berry, UPI, LS, NFFHF (tie), FACT (tie)
1989	Ohio State	9-1	Woody Hayes	NFFHF (tie)
	Notre Dame	10-1	Ara Parseghian	FACT (tie), Matthews, Sag.
	Arizona State	11-0	Frank Kush	Pol
1989	Miami (Fla.)	11-1	Dennis Erickson	All but Bill, Berry, FACT (tie), Sag.
	Notre Dame	12-1	Lou Holtz	Berry, FACT (tie), Sag.
1993	Florida State	10-2	Bobby Bowden	Bill
	Florida State	12-1	Bobby Bowden	All but NCF, Matthews
1993	Auburn	11-0	Terry Bowden	NCF (tie)
	Nebraska	11-1	Tom Osborne	NCF (tie)
2012	Notre Dame	11-1	Lou Holtz	Matthews, NCF (tie)
	Alabama	13-1	Nick Saban	All but CM
2012	Notre Dame	12-1	Brian Kelly	CM

**Legend:** ALD – Alderson System; AP – Associated Press; Berry – Berryman System; Bill – Billingsley Report; Boand – Boand System; CM – Colley Matrix; Davis – Parke H. Davis Ratings; DeVold – DeVold System; DS – Dickinson System; Dunkel – Dunkel System; FACT – Foundation for the Analysis of Competitions and Tournaments; FN – *Football News*; FR – College Football Researchers Association; FWAA – Football Writers Association of America; INS – International News Service; Helms – Helms Foundation; Houl – Houlgate System; LS – Litkenhus System; Matthews – Matthews Grid Ratings; NCF – National Championship Foundation; NYT – *New York Times*; NFFHF – National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame; Poling – Poling System; Sag – Sagarin Ratings; SI – *Sports Illustrated*; TSN – *The Sporting News*; USA – *USA Today*/ESPN; UPI – United Press International; WS – Williamson System.

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## Four Horsemen Help Notre Dame and Knute Rockne Enjoy Ride To First National Championship

The 1924 Notre Dame football team will always be known best for *New York Herald Tribune* sportswriter Grantland Rice's account of the Notre Dame vs. Army game played October 18 at the Polo Grounds in New York:

"Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again.

"In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction, and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley, and Layden. They formed the crest of the South Bend cyclone before which another fighting Army team was swept over the precipice at the Polo Grounds this afternoon as 55,000 spectators peered down on the bewildering panorama spread out on the green plain below."

Quarterback Harry Stuhldreher, fullback Elmer Layden and halfbacks Jim Crowley and Don Miller were the cornerstone of a team considered one of the best in college football history.

The Fighting Irish won the Army game 13-7, as the Four Horsemen played magnificently. Miller rushed for 148 yards, Crowley for 102 and Layden for 60, while Stuhldreher orchestrated the offense masterfully from the quarterback position. It was the third victory of the season for the Irish, it came against a foe considered the toughest on the schedule, and it spurred the Irish on to a perfect 10-0 season and the school's first recognized national championship.

Rice's account led to near-mythic status for the Irish backfield, but the Seven Mules, who did the blocking, and the Shock Troops, who were perhaps the best second string in the game, played indispensable roles, too. Each week in 1924, seventh-year Notre Dame coach Knute Rockne started his second stringers, his Shock Troops.

When Rockne felt his Shock Troops had done their job, he brought in the Four Horsemen and the Seven Mules, a group so good "that the Holy Ghost couldn't have broken into that lineup," said Harry O'Boyle, a kicker and reserve halfback on the Shock Troops. Center Adam Walsh was the heart of the Seven Mules, a group that also included ends Ed Hunsinger

and Chuck Collins, tackles Rip Miller and Joe Bach, and guards Noble Kizer and John Wiebel. Walsh characterized the win over Army with a late interception—which he made with two broken hands.

The combination of the Shock Troops, the Seven Mules and the Four Horsemen worked 10 times in 10 tries in 1924 against a national schedule that took the Irish to New York, Princeton, N.J., Madison, Wis., Soldier Field in Chicago and Pittsburgh during the regular season while giving them only four home games. In addition, at the end of the season, Rockne was able to convince the University administration to permit the football team to travel to California to play Stanford in the Rose Bowl, where the Irish clinched the Helms Athletic Foundation's national championship with a 27-10 victory.

In the Rose Bowl—Notre Dame's only bowl appearance until the team began making regular bowl trips with the 1970 Cotton Bowl—the Irish were faced with stopping an undefeated, once-tied Stanford team that included legendary

coach Pop Warner and quarterback Ernie Nevers. Rockne was concerned his players might not be ready physically for the heat of the West Coast, so he arranged for a slow, cross-country train trip that included stops in Louisiana, Texas and Arizona so players would have time to adjust to warmer, more demanding weather.

It worked, as Elmer Layden scored Notre Dame's first touchdown on a three-yard run and returned interceptions of Nevers' passes 78 and 70 yards for two more touchdowns. The Irish took advantage of eight Stanford turnovers and made a critical goal-line stand in the fourth quarter to come up with the 17-point win.

"That would always be my favorite team," Rockne once said. "I think I sensed that the backfield was a product of destiny. At times they caused me a certain amount of pain and exasperation, but mainly they brought me great joy."

— Willie Shearer



### 1924 — 10-0-0

► On the gridiron fields of football fame, Ride the four great horsemen of Notre Dame, From Princeton East to Nebraska West They have charged through the lines of the country's best "They shall not pass," the Army cried, But nothing could stop the horsemen's ride On to victory and immortal fame Still rise the four great horsemen of Notre Dame.

— Pittsburgh Gazette Times

► "There's a kick in Notre Dame; not alone in Notre Dame football, but in every effort, every endeavor, every activity that its men undertake. It is a training camp for more than famous backfields, mighty captains, invincible Horsemen. There's where the kick is — in the knowledge that America's acclaimed champions of the gridiron are the representatives of an ideal that works, and will work for all time to come, like a strong leaven in our national soul — the ideal of manliness, sportsmanship, chivalry, of friendly rivalry and inspiring competition."

— Charles Phillips

► "Sing a song of Notre Dame, Shout their praises wide. Tell of Crowley's sturdy might, Sing of Layden's stride. Spread the news of Miller's speed, Speak of Walsh's game, Fighters of the bulldog breed, Here's to Notre Dame."

— Ford C. Frick







## Irish Follow Lead of Elder and Savoldi To Undefeated 1929 Season

If the Great Depression wasn't reason enough for Notre Dame football partisans to be a little down, then the fact the Irish were without a home for the 1929 season was surely enough to bring some anxiety into the minds of both the team and its followers. Plans were underway at Notre Dame for a new stadium to be built, and 1929 was the transition year in which the Irish had no home.

That didn't keep Notre Dame from winning, however, something the team had accomplished only five times in nine tries in 1928. Knute Rockne had promised to return Notre Dame football in 1929 to what had become its customary level of excellence, homefield advantage or not. He would not be stopped from fulfilling that promise.

The closest the Irish came to having a home game in 1929 were three games contested at Soldier Field in Chicago. The Irish defeated Wisconsin there, 19-0, October 19, Drake, 19-7,

November 9, and USC in the most important game of the year, 13-12, before 112,912 fans on November 16.

The lack of home turf was not the only major difficulty of the 1929 season for Notre Dame. The team's legendary coach was in battle with phlebitis, which doctors said stood a 50-50 chance of taking Rockne's life if he tried to coach that season. But coach the team he did, through one dramatic victory after another, either by telephone from a hospital bed or from a wheelchair on the sidelines.

Rockne's leg problems continued and the announcement was made that he would not accompany the team on its trip to Baltimore to face Navy. Line coach Tom Lieb took over for Rockne that day, as the Irish won 14-7. But back in South Bend, doctor's orders couldn't keep Rock away from practice at Cartier Field, where he set up his command post in his car and used a loudspeaker to direct activities.

By the time the USC contest rolled around, the Irish were

6-0, and recognized as one of the top teams in the nation. Running back Joe Savoldi had earned acclaim in the Wisconsin game with dazzling touchdown runs of 71 and 40 yards, and he provided the only score of the game in Notre Dame's 7-0 win at Carnegie Tech October 26.

When the Irish faced USC at Soldier Field November 16, Rockne's status was as bad as ever, but the team needed him. The Notre Dame-USC tradition was already a great one, and the first half foretold the kind of game everyone expected, with the teams battling to a 6-6 tie. In the locker room, the Fighting Irish were in desperate need of one of

Rock's famous speeches, but he was nowhere to be found. So former Irish running back Paul Castner stepped up to do what he could, and in the middle of his oration, who should two Irish managers wheel into the room but Rockne himself.

He was in great pain and had undergone quite a

strain — not only from making the trip to Chicago but also from watching his team struggle in the first half. He gave an impassioned speech with what strength he had, during which a blood clot in one leg broke loose, passed through his heart and settled safely in the other leg. His speech worked, as the Irish escaped Chicago with a 13-12 win and an unblemished 7-0 record.

The Irish still had traditional foes Northwestern and Army left. Northwestern fell relatively easy, as the Irish posted a win on the Wildcats' home field. But the November 30 matchup with Army at Yankee Stadium proved to be a real battle.

The game was played on turf that was frozen solid, and neither team was able to accomplish anything. It was eight degrees at gametime and a biting wind cut across the field as the players dashed out for the opening kickoff.

The first quarter was scoreless, but in the second period



### 1929 — 9-0-0

► "Yeah, fair, just fair."  
— Knute Rockne on the prospects of his 1929 team

► "Keep on going, Joe! Don't stop when you are tackled! Keep those legs going! Don't stop even when you are on the ground with half of the other team on top of you. Keep on going until you can't wiggle a toe! Don't stop till the referee takes the ball from you. Keep on going, keep on going!"

— Assistant Coach Jack Chevigny to Joe Savoldi, who scored two TDs against Wisconsin

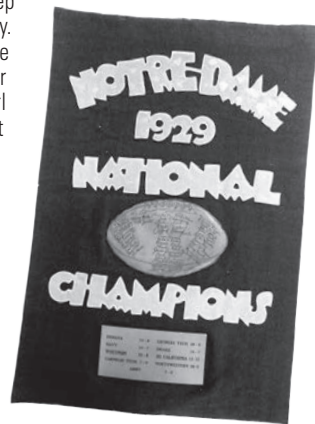
► "Notre Dame football is, apparently, too much in demand to allow any appreciable let-up in the matter of booking straight high-grade attractions through the season. Rockne tries hard to say no to the various schedule-makers who want Notre Dame on their cards, but they all want the Irish so intensely that it's hard to turn 'em down. Besides, Rock's natural tendency is to 'Take 'em all on!'"

— John W. Stahr in his "Lookin' On" column

Army drove deep into Irish territory. When Red Cagle lofted a pass for his end, Carl Carlmark, it looked like a certain score for the Cadets. But Notre Dame's Jack Elder came out of nowhere to snatch the ball away. He took it 93 yards for the game's only touchdown. The extra point was added to make it 7-0 Irish, and that's the way it stayed.

Notre Dame was 9-0 and the season was over. The team had survived without a home, Rockne had survived his illness and Notre Dame had its second national championship.

— Willie Shearer







## Another National Championship Finds A Home In Notre Dame Stadium

Brand new stadium, same old result — another national championship for the Notre Dame football team.

The 1930 football season marked the opening of Notre Dame Stadium, just another in the long line of Knute Rockne masterpieces, only this was a football stadium instead of a team. With typical meticulousness, he had supervised every minute detail of the construction of the stadium.

In addition, Rockne had for the first time a full-time equipment manager, a trainer, a doctor who traveled with the team, a business manager, several secretaries, a staff to handle the complex sale and distribution of tickets. On top of all that, Rockne was healthy again. The doctors at the Mayo Clinic had given him a thorough going-over from head to foot during the offseason and had given him a clean bill of health.

All the Rock had to do was coach, and what a job he did.

On October 4, 1930, the Fighting Irish opened their season in the imposing new stadium — an impressive amphitheatre of dull red brick trimmed with limestone. Rockne had the original sod from Cartier Field transplanted just for good measure.

The Irish christened the good earth with a 20-14 win over Southern Methodist. The stadium was officially dedicated the following week, as Notre Dame trounced Navy, 26-2. In the third week of the season, Notre Dame played its third straight home game, defeating Carnegie Tech, 21-6, to cap off a successful first homestand.

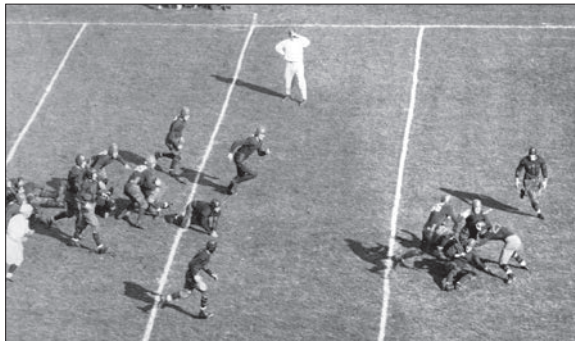
Preseason prognosticators across the country considered the 1930 Notre Dame team to be Rockne's strongest yet. Rockne had said as much himself prior to the start of the season, and he had good reason for such high expectations. Frank Carideo, Marchy Schwartz, Marty Brill, and Jumpin' Joe Savoldi made up a latter day version of the Four Horsemen in the backfield, and all of them earned All-America status on one team or another for that season. The Fighting Irish were not only stocked with an explosive collection of running backs, but the

team also sported a tremendous crew of linemen. Center Tommy Yarr, guards Nurdy Hoffman and Brent Metzger, tackles Joe Kurth and Al Culver and end Tom Conley all made All-America teams either that season or the following one.

The Irish left home three times in the fourth through eighth

weeks of the season but continued to roll. Notre Dame traveled to Pitt and beat the Panthers, 35-19. A 27-0 romp over Indiana followed, before the Irish visited a 60-20 walloping on the Quakers of Pennsylvania. Marty Brill, who had transferred to Notre Dame from Pennsylvania, played the greatest game of his career that day, breaking loose for three touchdowns on runs of 45, 52 and 65 yards.

The Notre Dame winning streak stood at 15 games over two seasons, and it quickly grew to 17 as the Irish sprinted past Drake and Northwestern. All that remained between Notre



**1930 — 10-0-0**

► “I asked them, before the game, to do the best they could and they played perfectly. A coach can't ask more than that.”

— Knute Rockne on his team's performance against USC

► “The 1930 backfield has plenty of the guile and also the heft and the bone and sinew to smash on when guile won't do. When they have to, those boys simply tramp them down.”

— Knute Rockne

Dame and another national title were games against Army and USC.

On a November 29 afternoon that saw rain and sleet turn Soldier Field into a swamp, the Cadets and the Irish squared off, and it appeared that neither team was going to budge. Near the end of the game, however, Schwartz broke loose for a 54-yard scoring run. The all-important extra point gave the Irish a 7-0 lead. Army scored quickly thereafter, though, on a blocked punt, and it appeared that things would be knotted up. But Notre Dame blocked the extra point, and that's the way it ended.

To finish off the season, Rockne used all his psychological expertise in a ploy that helped the Irish get ready for USC. Injuries during the season left the team with only one healthy fullback, Dan Hanley. So Rock decided to turn Bucky O'Connor, a second-team halfback, into a first-string fullback. However, in practice, Rock had O'Connor and Hanley trade jerseys, and not a single soul suspected anything unusual.

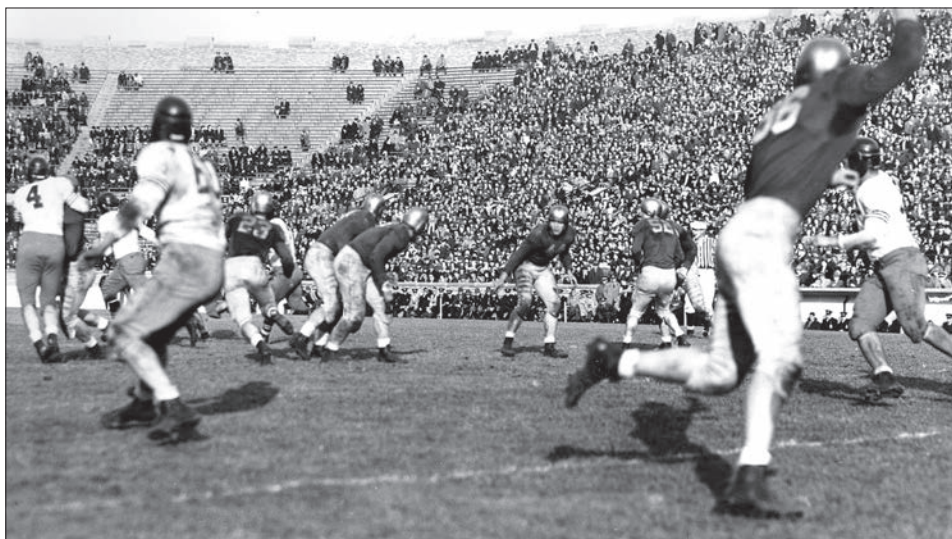
When the game got underway, Notre Dame had one of the speediest fullbacks the Trojan defense had ever seen. O'Connor scored two touchdowns, including one on an 80-yard dash, and the Irish dominated the favored home team to the tune of 27-0.

It was a fitting script to what turned out to be Rockne's final game as the Notre Dame head football coach. The team won its second consecutive national championship, and the following March Rockne died in a plane crash in Kansas.

— Willie Shearer







## Irish March to 9-1 Mark and Fourth Consensus National Championship Behind Heisman Winner Angelo Bertelli and Frank Leahy's T-Formation

At the beginning of the 1943 season many experts called Notre Dame's schedule its most difficult in school history. The Irish faced seven teams that season that were ranked among the nation's top 13 teams in the year's final Associated Press poll.

Frank Leahy's squad only had two returning starters from the '42 squad that finished 7-2-2. To make matters worse, seven of the 10 games in '43 were on the road.

The Irish were still in the early stages of adjusting to the T-formation, which Leahy installed the season before, moving away from the traditional Notre Dame "Box Formation." The new offense enabled the '43 team to score 340 points, 156 more than the season before. The T-formation also led to the emergence of Angelo Bertelli, who moved from tailback to quarterback to lead the Irish offense.

Bertelli led the Irish to a 6-0 start as the team outscored its opponents 261-31. Included in that stretch were key victories over second-ranked Michigan and third-ranked Navy.



A record crowd of 85,688 witnessed the 35-12 Irish win in Ann Arbor. Bertelli was brilliant, completing five of eight passes for two touchdowns while All-America running back Creighton Miller averaged 16 yards per play against Michigan.

Led by Bertelli and All-America tackle Jim White, both of whom finished in the top 10 in the Heisman balloting that year, the Irish rolled to a 50-0 victory over Wisconsin and a 47-0 bashing of Illinois following the win over Michigan, to extend their record to 5-0.

Those wins were followed by a colossal matchup between top-ranked Notre Dame and third-ranked Navy in Cleveland. The Irish cruised to a 33-6 win but lost their quarterback. The Marine Corps called Bertelli into service with four games left in the season.

Leahy called on a sophomore to be Bertelli's replacement in the following week's game against Army, the third-ranked team in the country that week.

All Bertelli's replacement did was throw for two touchdowns, run for another and intercept a pass to lead the Irish to a 26-0 win. A new star was born—the incomparable John Lujack.

With Lujack calling the signals, the Irish defeated two more top ten teams in the following two weeks, Northwestern and Iowa Pre-Flight.

All that stood between Leahy's first undefeated and untied season was Great Lakes, a team the Irish had tied in their two previous meetings during the 1918 and 1942 seasons.

Notre Dame scored first but trailed 12-7 late in the fourth quarter. Miller capped off an 80-yard drive with a touchdown to put the Irish ahead 14-12 with 1:05 to play.

With 33 seconds remaining, Great Lakes quarterback Steve Lach connected on a 46-yard pass to Paul Anderson, who fielded the ball at the six-yard line and then went into the end zone for the game-winning score, ruining Notre Dame's perfect season.



**1943 — 9-1-0**

▶ "They had speed, power and deception in their attack, and they looked like one of the best teams I have seen in years."  
 — Georgia Tech coach Bill Alexander

▶ "Even the business manager was calling friends and asking if they had an extra ticket. Not even the scalpers had any; you couldn't buy one from them for love nor money for the simple reason that they didn't have any."  
 — Jim Costin, South Bend Tribune sports editor

▶ "It would be most ungracious for me to say that the 1943 team, which I coach, was better than the 1929 team on which I played. What would my old teammates think of me if I said such a thing? There is honor and glory enough for all Notre Dame teams, winning or losing, and I, for one, refuse to be drawn into any arguments over which was the 'best' Notre Dame team. They are all great in my book. But, it would be unfair for me and most unkind to my present players, however, if I did not give them the credit they so richly deserve."  
 — Frank Leahy



After the game, Leahy told his team, "You're still champions to me, boys. You fought your hearts out every inch of the way in the greatest drive I've ever seen. Nobody is to blame for that last Great Lakes touchdown. It was just a fine play, splendidly executed."

Despite the season-ending loss, Notre Dame picked up several awards that would become commonplace for the school. The Irish were crowned national champions by the Associated Press for the first time and Bertelli became the first Notre Dame player to win the Heisman Trophy.

Bertelli easily outdistanced Bob O'Dell of Pennsylvania and Otto Graham of Northwestern for the Heisman.

— Jeff Spelman





# Leahy Returns From Service to Lead Irish To First of Four Consecutive Undefeated Seasons



World War II had finally ended and the United States was ready to think about something more pleasant than international conflict for a change — like Notre Dame football. The year was 1946, the coach was hard-driving Frank Leahy and it was the beginning of a dynasty for Notre Dame football.

In 1943, Leahy had guided the Fighting Irish to their first wire-service national championship, and fourth overall, behind Heisman Trophy

winner Angelo Bertelli and future Heisman winner John Lujack. World War II took many football players from college, including Bertelli in the middle of his Heisman campaign in '43, but many returned to the gridiron after the war ended, including Lujack, who would go on to win the Heisman in 1947.

For the players who returned to Notre Dame in '46, losing a college football game was not to be one of their post-war experiences. From 1946 to 1949, Notre Dame went 36-0-2 and won three national championships in one of the most successful four-year periods in college football history.

The 1946 season started it all. Halfback Terry Brennan and linemen Bill Walsh, Bill Fischer and John Mastrangelo were among the group of returnees from the previous season. There were several new faces who came to Notre Dame after Navy hitches had interrupted their respective careers at Holy Cross and Texas A&M. There were also players for whom the war had postponed college football, like end Jim Martin and running back Emil (Red) Sitko, and there were freshmen like Leon Hart. Returning to Notre Dame along with

Lujack were veterans such as tackle Zygmunt (Ziggy) Czarowski, end Jack Zilly, and fullback Jim Mello. Even Leahy was coming back to Notre Dame after a couple years in the service.

Leahy was a perfectionist and strict disciplinarian, and enduring his practices wasn't much more fun than being a soldier. But it sure produced results. The Irish usually had two separate platoons ready for each game, and often the first string didn't play much more than half the game. On the football field, the Irish had strength in numbers, and Leahy fought a war of attrition.

The season began with the Irish routing their first five opponents — Illinois, which went on to win the Western (now Big Ten) conference championship, Pittsburgh, Purdue, Iowa and Navy before facing top-ranked Army. Coached by the great Earl (Red) Blaik and featuring Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis in the backfield,



Army had won two straight national championships and 25 straight games, including two defeats of Notre Dame in the previous two seasons by a combined score of 107-0.

The showdown was set for November 9 in Yankee Stadium where 74,121 fans turned out to see a 0-0 tie. Notre Dame advanced to the Army four-yard line in the second quarter for the game's deepest scoring threat, but the Cadets held on downs. Blanchard broke into the clear once and appeared to be headed for a score, but an open-field tackle by Lujack saved the Irish from defeat.

Army retained its top ranking in the Associated Press poll after the game. But the Irish walloped their final three opponents by a combined score of 94-6 and were named national champions in the final poll of the season. When the smoke cleared, the Irish found themselves the nation's statistical leaders in total offense (441.3 yards per game), rushing

## 1946 — 8-0-1

▶ "Prayers work better when the players are big."

— Frank Leahy on the cover of *Time* magazine Oct. 14, 1946

▶ "I have told our players that they can expect the same thing (losing a game) to happen to them at any time if they let down or get to believing they are the champions after playing only one game."

— Frank Leahy

▶ "Fifty-nine and forty-eight, this is the year we retaliate!"

— Impromptu battle cry fashioned by the squad after the 1944 and 1945 losses to Army

▶ "You know, we started to plan for the national championship when spring practice opened last April. I told the boys that I thought we could make it, but that it would take hard work and lots of it; long, tiresome hours of sweat and toil on the practice field. The players dug in right from the start and gave everything they had and were rewarded with the national championship."

— Frank Leahy

▶ "A team that won't be beat can't be beat. That's the story of the Army-Notre Dame scoreless battle in Yankee Stadium."

— Bill Corum, *New York Herald-American*

▶ "A new Notre Dame football comet soared over the gridiron of Memorial Stadium this afternoon and crushed Illinois' championship hopes into dying embers, 26-6. It is a comet which promises to grow in brilliance as the season progresses and eventually light up the gridiron picture with victories over Navy, Army, Northwestern and Southern California for an undisputed national title."

— Gene Kessler, *Chicago Times*



offense (340.1 yards per game), total defense (141.7 yards per game) and scoring defense (2.7 points per game) and had allowed only Illinois, Purdue, Iowa, and USC to score points against them. For the season, Notre Dame outscored its opponents 271 to 24 in nine games.

It was only the beginning.

— Willie Shearer



# Dominating '47 Squad Runs to Perfect Record As Heisman Winner Lujack Heads List Of All-Stars

In any discussion of college football's greatest teams, one team that always comes to mind is the 1947 Notre Dame squad. The Irish never trailed in any game that year and compiled a 9-0 record, their first unblemished record in 17 years.

Notre Dame held its opponents to under six points a game while averaging over 32 points. Only one team — Northwestern — scored more than one touchdown against the Irish that year. But maybe the most impressive note about the squad is that it sent 42 players to professional football. The mainstays on that team included consensus All-Americans George Connor, Bill Fischer and John Lujack, who won the Heisman Trophy that year. The team also included future Heisman winner Leon Hart and the man who later succeeded Leahy as head coach of the Irish, Terry Brennan.

The Irish began the season with six turnovers against Pittsburgh, but Lujack scored three times to lead Notre Dame to an easy 40-6 win. Leahy's squad stumbled a little bit in the next game, too, but came out ahead of Purdue, 22-7.

Notre Dame then exploded for three consecutive shutouts over Nebraska (31-0), Iowa (21-0) and Navy (27-0). The win over the Cornhuskers avenged a 17-0 loss that Knute Rockne's 1925 squad suffered to Nebraska, the last time the two schools had met.

Following three impressive shutouts, the Irish faced Army, a team that had become such a fierce rival in previous years that the series was discontinued for 10 years after the 1947 game. The two teams battled to a 0-0 tie in 1946 in one of the most famous games in Notre Dame history.

Notre Dame entered the game as the top-ranked team in the country while Army was rated eighth. The Irish struck first when Brennan broke loose for a 97-yard kickoff return. Notre Dame built a 20-0 lead before Army finally scored. The Irish won 27-7 before a record crowd of 59,171 at Notre Dame Stadium.

The next week was the only close game of the year. Northwestern became the only team in 1947 to come within two touchdowns of the Irish as Notre Dame won 26-19.

The Irish ended the season with a 59-6 thrashing of Tulane and an impressive 38-7 win over third-ranked Southern California. When the final national polls came out, Notre Dame was No. 1 for the second straight year.

Just how good was this '47 team? Well, consider that several of the first-string players that year (such as Brennan) didn't even try out for professional football but opted to coach instead.

The great '47 squad also included six players who were elected into the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame — Lujack, Connor, Hart, Fischer, Sitko and Ziggy Czarobski. And to top that off, their coach, Frank Leahy, wound up the second winningest coach in college history just behind his mentor, Knute Rockne.

The *Boston Herald* called the '47 Irish team, "the greatest Notre Dame squad of all time. Its third string could whip most varsities."



## 1947 — 9-0-0

► "Yes, if they let us use the two-team system — two teams at one time."  
— **Tulane coach Henry Frank** when asked if his squad had a chance to upset Notre Dame

► "A team that won't be beat can't be beat. That's the story of the Army-Notre Dame scoreless battle in Yankee Stadium."  
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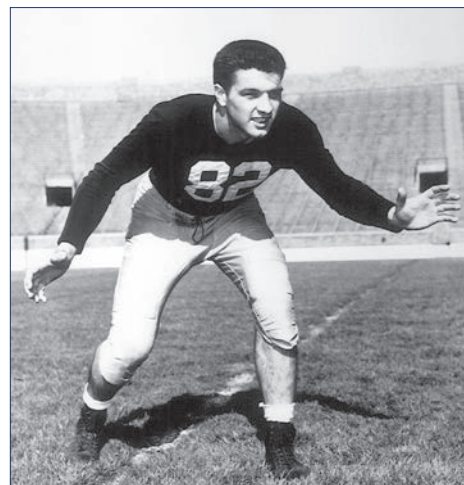
► "Be a fighter, gents. Not only out there on the football field, but out in life as well."  
— **Frank Leahy**



The immortal sportswriter Grantland Rice added after the final game of the season, "There no longer is any doubt as to the best team in college football, it happens to be Notre Dame. College football never before has known a team so big, so fast and so experienced."

His words may still hold true today.

— **Willie Shearer**





# Irish Exceed All Expectations With Third Title Under Leahy

November 15, 1945, ranks as one of the most important dates in Notre Dame football history. Check the record books, though, and you won't find one of the greatest games in Irish history played on that day.

November 15, 1945, was a Thursday, not a Saturday, and that was the day Lieutenant Frank Leahy was discharged from the Navy. He returned to Notre Dame campus, signed a 10-year contract and began what was to be one of the most successful four-year runs in college football history.

The 1946 and 1947 seasons brought national championships to Notre Dame. The 9-0-1 1948 team was runner-up to Michigan. But a national championship in 1949 would allow Notre Dame to close the decade in magnificent style.

And that is exactly what happened.

Notre Dame went 10-0 which made for a four-year mark of 36-0-2.

End Leon Hart won the Heisman Trophy and Leahy had his fourth championship and the school's seventh.

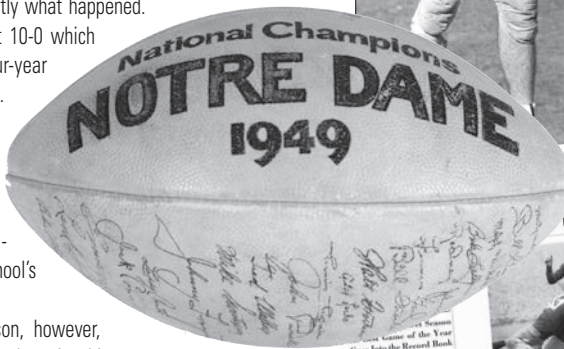
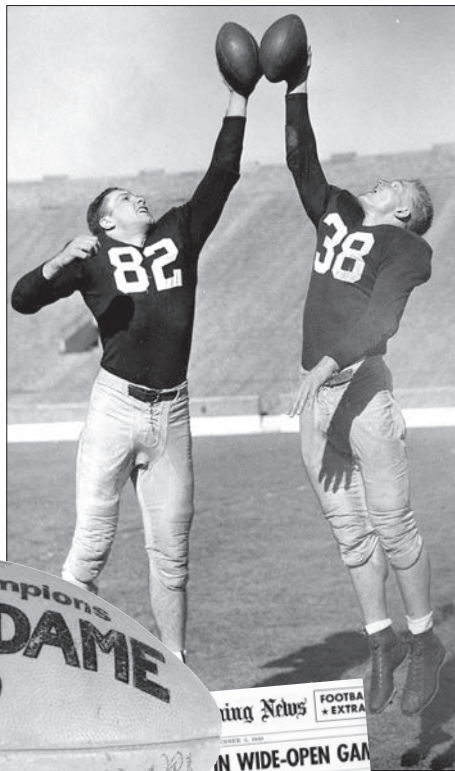
Before the season, however, nobody expected a championship team to emerge from the South Bend campus. The Irish needed somebody to emerge as a leader and attention was focused on Hart, already recognized as the finest end in the college game, along with Emil Sitko, Larry Coutre and co-captain Jim Martin. But most observers agreed that the Fighting Irish would need more than that.

Soon enough, they got it. In the sixth game of the season, against Michigan State on November 5, quarterback Bob Williams stepped to the fore. He led the top-ranked Irish to a 34-21 victory over the 10th-ranked Spartans in a game at East Lansing that the press thought would knock Notre Dame from its lofty perch atop collegiate football.

Williams continued to shine in subsequent games. He was at his daring best the following week in a game versus North Carolina played at Yankee Stadium. Leahy had given Williams instructions that he was never to pass the football on the fourth down situation on their own 19-yard line with the score tied 6-6 in the second quarter. He couldn't help himself. Knowing that if he failed he'd have to head to the nearest exit to avoid Leahy, the self-assured Williams completed an 18-yard pass to Larry Coutre for an Irish first down. Notre Dame went on to a 42-6 win, and Williams soon became recognized as the nation's best quarterback.

The Irish eased through their final two home games, rolling over Iowa, 28-7, and 17th ranked Southern Cal, 32-0. All that remained was what was sure to be an easy win over Southern Methodist in Dallas. SMU would be without its top player, 1948 Heisman winner Doak Walker, and the nation had virtually conceded the national championship to Notre Dame.

Notre Dame jumped to an early lead before Mustang running



## 1949 — 9-0-0

▶ "We'll have the worst team Notre Dame has ever had."

— Frank Leahy in April of 1949

▶ "Of course, I suppose I am always sort of a pessimist."

— Frank Leahy

▶ "It's the greatest college team I've ever seen."

— Red Grange

▶ "We shall always want Notre Dame men to play to win so long as there is a Notre Dame ... to win cleanly according to the rules ... because Notre Dame men are reared here on the campus in this spirit and because they exemplify this spirit all over the world, they are the envy of the nation."

— Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C.

▶ "From the first ringing impact of knuckle upon nose ... Saturday's No. 1 spectacle was as one-sided as an election in Moscow."

— Walter Stewart, Memphis Commercial Appeal

▶ "Make mistakes against the average team and you're in trouble. Make mistakes against Notre Dame and it's suicide ... even a perfect team couldn't have turned back this great Irish squad."

— Braven Dwyer, Los Angeles Times

back Kyle Rote came to life in the steady afternoon drizzle. Running at will, he scored two quick touchdowns and thanks to a missed extra point by SMU, the score was tied at 20 with seven minutes to go.

Notre Dame's back was to the wall for the first time all season, and the offense rose to the occasion. In blitzkrieg fashion, the Irish simply pushed SMU straight back into its own end zone with 10 determined rushes that covered 54 yards and put Notre Dame up by a touchdown, 27-20.

The drive was so quick, however, that SMU still had time to score. But in the shadow of the Notre Dame goal post, when Rote tried to pass for the tying touchdown, Notre Dame's Jerry Groom made a game-saving interception.

It was the final play of the game and of a decade that saw Frank Leahy lead the Fighting Irish to three national championships in four years.

— Willie Shearer



## Irish Win National Championship At Start of Notre Dame's Era of Ara

Coach Ara Parseghian, in his third season at Notre Dame, made a difficult decision at the start of the 1966 season, picking sophomore Terry Hanratty as his starting quarterback over classmate Coley O'Brien, yet the decision proved without a doubt to be the correct one. Hanratty and split end Jim Seymour, also a sophomore, turned out to be one of the best passing combinations Notre Dame fans have ever seen.

The two had begun working together during the previous winter, developing their timing, moves and patterns so they would know each other's habits inside out when the 1966 season began. Seymour was a good bet to take over one of the end positions that was being vacated after the '65 season, but Hanratty had no such assurances of whether or not he would be the number-one quarterback.

Fortunately for Hanratty, Parseghian decided to balance an already steady running game, manned by Nick Eddy, Larry Conjar and Rocky Bleier, with the passing talent of Hanratty.

The decision bore fruit in the first game of the season, as Hanratty and Seymour hooked up 13 times for 276 yards — Notre Dame records for receptions and yards — and three touchdowns, which tied a school record. The Irish defeated Rose Bowl-bound Purdue that day, 26-14, in South Bend.

Notre Dame traveled to Northwestern for the second game of the season and won, 35-7. The Irish defense gave up its last points for the next three games and showed the kind of stiffness that ensured Notre Dame would never be out of any contest. Notre Dame returned home for the next two games and defeated Army and North Carolina by a combined score of 67-0, setting the stage for a showdown with Oklahoma.

Notre Dame traveled to Norman for what was supposed to be anybody's ballgame. The game was billed as a matchup between the small, quick, strong Sooners and the big, slow Irish. But Oklahoma was out of its element. Although the Irish lost Seymour to an ankle injury that would cost him two



games, the Fighting Irish rolled to a 38-0 victory and their third straight shutout of the young season.

Notre Dame pounded its next three opponents—Navy, Pittsburgh and Duke, giving up only one score, a touchdown to Navy. Meanwhile, the offense was hitting on all cylinders, racking up 31 points versus the Midshipmen, 40 against Pitt and a whopping 64 against the Blue Devils.

The game of the century took place on November 19 when number-one ranked Notre Dame traveled to East Lansing to play second-ranked Michigan State for all the marbles.

Notre Dame fell behind 10-0 in the second quarter, but O'Brien, who had been diagnosed with diabetes only a few weeks earlier and was still adjusting, brought the Irish back to a tie in the second half. The Spartan offense was unable to net a single yard running the ball in the second half, and when Notre Dame intercepted a pass and returned it to the Spartan 18-yard line in the fourth quarter, it looked like Notre Dame's chance to win. But three plays and minus-six yards later left the Irish with a 41-yard field goal attempt, which sailed wide to the right.

### 1966 — 9-0-1

► “There’s pressure in every coaching job, but winning makes it a lot easier to accept. Fortunately, we have been winning. But like one fan told me, we’re with you Ara, win or tie. You notice he didn’t say anything about losing.”

— Ara Parseghian

► “Man, those cats hit and stick to you. That game was rough.”

— Bubba Smith, Michigan State defensive end

► “Sure I do. Absolutely. I have no qualms about it, but ... there’s not enough difference between No. 1 and No. 2 to say that whoever wins, it could be an upset.”

— Ara Parseghian responding to a question about entering the Michigan State-Notre Dame game as the number-one team

► “I knew there was going to be a winner and a loser, and I thought we were going to win. I never thought about a tie. The last thing Duffy Daugherty or I wanted was a tie.”

— Ara Parseghian

► “The Super Bowl was not as big as that Michigan State-Notre Dame game.”

— Captain Jim Lynch, who also played in Super Bowl IV, remarks on the Michigan State-Notre Dame game 25 years later

Notre Dame had the ball again on its own 30 with 1:24 left in the game. But rather than gamble with passes deep in their own territory, the Irish attempted to run the ball out of danger. The game was a 10-10 tie.

The Irish held on to their top ranking and traveled to Los Angeles to play Rose Bowl-bound USC. The Irish tore the Trojans apart, 51-0, posting the team's sixth shutout in 10 games and ensuring another unanimous number-one selection for the national championship.

— Willie Shearer







## Clements and Talented Irish Backfield Clinch Title With Sugar Bowl Win Over No. 1 Tide

Every college football season seems to have its own game of the century, but the 1973 matchup between Notre Dame and Alabama was special. It came in the Sugar Bowl, and it was to be a dream game.

Two undefeated, highly-ranked teams with long and storied gridiron traditions were set to battle for the national championship.

The prognosticators' predictions rang true as the Fighting Irish emerged 24-23 victors over the Crimson Tide of

Alabama in a thriller that saw the lead change hands six times.

Bob Thomas, who had missed two earlier attempts in the game, kicked a 19-yard field goal with 4:26 remaining to give the Irish and coach Ara Parseghian the one-point triumph over top-rated Alabama. The win clinched Notre Dame's sixth wire-service national championship and ninth overall as the Irish finished the season with a perfect 11-0 record.

The balanced Irish attack was keyed by four backs who gained over 300 yards apiece: fullback Wayne Bullock (752), halfback Art Best (700), halfback Eric Penick (586) and quarterback Tom Clements (360). It was one of the fastest backfields Notre Dame had ever assembled, as Penick had 9.5 speed in the 100-yard dash, while Best checked in at 9.7.

The Irish were ranked in the eighth spot with wins over Rice and Army, setting the stage for what everyone considered to be Notre Dame's first real test of the year, a home battle with sixth-ranked USC.

The Trojans came to town riding a 23-game unbeaten streak, and Notre Dame was full of memories of the previous season's clash, which saw running back Anthony Davis romp for six touchdowns in a 45-23 Trojan win.

Squib kicks were the solution to the problem of Davis returning kicks, and a fired-up defense held him to just 55 yards on 19 carries. Quite simply, the day belonged to Notre Dame, as Penick ran for 118 yards, 50 more than the entire USC squad. The Irish pulled off a 23-14 win and jumped to fifth in the polls.

Notre Dame cruised through the remainder of the schedule. Navy was an easy victim, 44-7, and 20th-ranked Pittsburgh played the docile host to the Irish and fell 31-10. The Irish finished off Parseghian's first perfect regular season with a 48-15 win over Air Force and a 44-0 whitewashing of Miami at the Orange Bowl.

The stage was set for the contest between number-one Alabama and third-ranked Notre Dame that seemed to deserve every phrase of its high-powered buildup. The Irish opened the contest with a superb defensive effort that held the Tide without a yard in the first period as Notre Dame took a 6-0 lead. Alabama's thoroughbred backs made it out of the starting gate in the second period, however. They produced three long drives that resulted in a pair of touchdowns, the first of which put the Tide up 7-6.

Early in the fourth quarter, the game took a wild turn with three turnovers in 90 seconds. Alabama took charge and put in its own version of the razzle-dazzle.



### 1973 — 11-0-0

▶ "It was the kind of game you could sink your teeth into."

— Bear Bryant on the 'Alabama-Notre Dame Sugar Bowl

▶ "I really thought it was going to be intercepted."

— Irish quarterback Tom Clements on his 38-yard pass out of the end zone to help the Irish run out the clock

▶ "This was not only a great game for Notre Dame, it was a great game for college football."

— Ara Parseghian after the Alabama game

▶ "I just remember breaking free. I can't remember anything else."

— Eric Penick commenting on his 85-yard touchdown run that gave Notre Dame its first victory over USC since 1966

▶ "How does it feel? It feels like the end of four long waiting years. It feels like the top of the world. And only one thing could possibly beat this — 11-0."

— Brad Doherty after the Miami win

With the ball on the Notre Dame 25, quarterback Richard Todd handed off to halfback Mike Strock, then raced to the sidelines where he took a return pass from Strock and went in for the score.

But Alabama missed the conversion try and the Tide had only a slim two-point lead.

Notre Dame then marched 79 yards in 11 plays. Strong runs by Hunter, Penick and Clements and a 30-yard pass from Clements to Dave Casper carried the drive to the Alabama 15-yard line. The Irish got to the three, but couldn't get any closer before the call went to Thomas. His kick was true, the game belonged to the Irish and so did the national championship.

— Willie Shearer



# Then There Were None – Irish Defeat Top-Ranked, Unbeaten Texas For '77 Title

Who could forget the cover of *Sports Illustrated* the week after Notre Dame had defeated Texas 38-10 in the 1978 Cotton Bowl? A fierce Terry Eurick was pictured fighting through a hole in the offensive line, the caption reading, "The Irish Wake the Echoes." On the inside, "Shakin' Down the Thunder" was the title of an article about how Notre Dame's victory over the previously-unbeaten Longhorns was enough to vault the Irish from fifth to first in the wire-service polls and give the University its seventh wire service national championship and 10th overall.

The theme for that January 2 in Dallas could have been "and then there were none." For there was not one unbeaten team remaining after the Irish had knocked Texas from its No. 1 ranking.

Third-year Irish coach Dan Devine made sure his charges were ready to take care of America's last undefeated team. An unrelenting defense was

national championship in 1977. Quarterback Joe Montana and running back Jerome Heavens both rebounded on offense, teaming with All-America tight end Ken MacAfee, who led the team in receiving for the third straight year.

The offense came on strong in 1977 as Montana threw for over 1,600 yards and 11 touchdowns and Heavens led the team with 994 rushing yards. Montana earned a reputation as "The Comeback Kid" with performances like the one he had in the third game of the season when, in his first appearance in over a year, he engineered the Irish to 17 fourth-quarter points in Notre Dame's come-from-behind 31-24 win at Purdue. Later in the season, the Irish traveled to Death Valley to play the 15th-ranked Clemson Tigers, and Montana scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to bring the Irish to a 21-17 win.

Heavens was healthy again in 1977 and he joined the explosive Vagas Ferguson behind Montana. Heavens proved himself fully recovered with 136 yards against Michigan State and followed his

outburst against the Spartans with a Notre Dame-record 200 yards rushing versus Army. Two weeks later he went for 100 against Navy.

But the key regular season win came in a mid-season 49-19 thrashing of fifth-ranked USC in Notre Dame Stadium. In that one, the Irish warmed up in their usual blue jerseys, only to emerge in green just prior to kickoff. That triumph helped

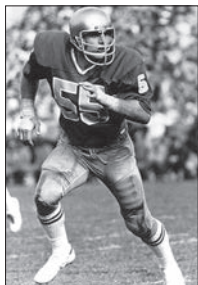
wipe out the memory of Notre Dame's second-game road loss, a 20-13 defeat at Ole Miss that proved its sole '77 blemish.

The Irish ran out to a 24-10 halftime lead in the Cotton Bowl and then added touchdowns in each of the final quarters for an overwhelming 28-point victory. Few questioned who was number one.

Notre Dame leapfrogged over the four teams ranked ahead of it to grab the nation's top position.

The Irish did, indeed, wake the echoes and shake down the thunder.

— Willie Shearer



the reason why. The defense featured 1976 Outland Trophy winner Ross Browner at one end and Willie Fry at the other, supported by a tough, mobile group of linebackers headed by All-American Bob Golic. The Irish forced six Texas turnovers in the Cotton Bowl, and an opportunistic offense capitalized on five of them. Notre Dame's devastating strength in the trenches roped up Texas' Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell. He managed a tough 116 yards on 29 carries.

Notre Dame's defensive strength came as no surprise in 1977, and it was the primary reason the Irish were near the top of the polls in the preseason rankings. But it was an unexpected boost from the offense that gave Notre Dame the

## 1977 – 11-1-0

▶ "Pressure comes from within the family. There's no pressure hanging over our heads. We've got this guarded optimism."

— Dan Devine during the preseason

▶ "You have to remember that defenses are made on the football field, not in the preseason polls, not in newspaper or magazine articles and not at press conferences."

— Irish captain Willie Fry

▶ "I don't like to say it was easy, but ... well, the way we played today, we could have dominated any line in the country."

— Irish offensive tackle Tim Foley on the Irish win over Texas

▶ "We earned it on the field. We played number one and we beat them."

— Dan Devine

▶ "At least the team that beat us was a good one. Everyone can't say that."

— Texas coach Fred Akers



## Hold-Your-Breath Season Ends Perfectly With National Title In Fiesta Bowl



It wasn't long after Lou Holtz's arrival as head football coach at Notre Dame that he opined that the Irish couldn't expect to be a great team until they were great on defense.

That prophecy came true for Holtz and the Irish in 1988 - ironically, just a year after Notre Dame's Tim Brown had captured the Heisman Trophy. But with his departure came a revitalization of the defense, led by senior defensive end Frank Stams, junior linebacker Michael Stonebreaker, sophomore defensive tackle Chris Zorich and senior linebacker Wes Pritchett, all of whom merited some sort of All-America honors. They were supported by cornerback Todd Lyght, linebacker Ned Bolcar and defensive tackle Jeff Alm, who went on to earn that same All-America acclaim a year later.

The end result was a consensus national championship for the Irish in 1988, thanks to a perfect 12-0 campaign. The title came in Holtz's third season as Irish head coach, much as Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine before him had claimed national crowns in their respective third seasons as Irish head coach. It came thanks to riveting regular-season triumphs over Michigan, Miami and USC — and it ultimately featured wins over teams ranked first, second and third in the polls when they faced Notre Dame.

When the 13th-ranked Irish debuted against ninth-rated Michigan in Notre Dame Stadium, Holtz knew his youthful offense would be tested, particularly with a green group of receivers featuring Ricky Watters at flanker in a switch from tailback, plus rookies Derek Brown and Raghib Ismail. His concern was borne out when Notre Dame did not score a touchdown from scrimmage.

But Watters returned a Michigan punt 81 yards for a touchdown, and unheralded walk-on kicker Reggie Ho knocked through four field goals, twice bringing the Irish from behind including the game-winner with 1:13 remaining. A field-goal miss from 48 yards as time expired by the Wolverines earned Notre Dame a 19-17 opening victory.

Four wins later, the fourth-rated Irish welcomed top-ranked Miami and its 36-game regular-season unbeaten streak to Notre Dame Stadium. The streak bit the dust that day by a 31-30 count, as Notre Dame forced seven Hurricane turnovers and made use of a bevy of heroes, lastly Pat Terrell, who knocked down Miami quarterback Steve Walsh's two-point conversion pass with 45 seconds remaining.

Terrell previously ran an interception back 60 yards for a score, Stams forced two Walsh fumbles, recovered another and tipped the pass Terrell intercepted — and quarterback Tony Rice threw for a career-high 195 yards. The Irish took the lead for good midway through the third period after thwarting a fake punt by Miami and then held on down the stretch. Though Walsh threw for 424 yards, the stingy Irish front line limited the 'Canes to 57 rushing yards.

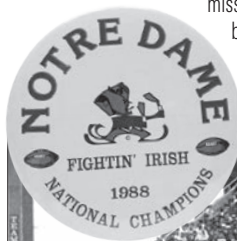
The season finale found the 10-0 and top-ranked Irish underdogs against second-rated and also unbeaten USC in the Los Angeles Coliseum. Again, it was defense that dominated for Notre Dame in a 27-10 victory. Stams had nine tackles, two and a half sacks and a fumble recovery and made life miserable for Trojan standout Rodney Peete. Cornerback Stan Smagala ran an interception back 64 yards for a 20-7 halftime lead after Rice had skirted left end for 65 yards for the first points of the game.

The Irish prevailed despite going 29 minutes in the second and third periods combined without a first down — and in spite of the fact leading rusher Tony Brooks and leading receiver Watters, both sophomores, were suspended the day before the game.

Notre Dame met third-ranked and unbeaten West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl in hopes of claiming the championship — and the Irish rode early leads of 16-0 and 23-3 to an eventual 34-21 victory, banking on another staunch defensive effort.

Rice ran for 75 yards and completed seven throws for 213 more yards. Meanwhile, Stams had two sacks on his way to the defensive MVP award, and the Irish dominated a heralded Mountaineer offensive line that had been one of the main reasons West Virginia had never trailed in a game all season. The more physical Notre Dame team knocked quarterback Major Harris out of the contest early due to a bruised shoulder and limited the potent Mountaineer ground game to 108 yards.

Holtz's final pronouncement: "This team will go down as a great football team because nobody proved otherwise."



**1988 — 12-0-0**

- ▶ "If you look at it on paper, there is no justification for Notre Dame to be rated in the top 20."
 

— Lou Holtz in the preseason
- ▶ "If we are number one, I don't care who is number two."
 

— Lou Holtz
- ▶ "I was so tired, I was wondering if we'd ever get off the field."
 

— Defensive end Frank Stams after the USC game
- ▶ "I think this team is underrated even if we are No. 1. I've read articles that people have sent to me all year saying we were lucky against this team or that. Our football team is prettier than I am, but that's about it. We don't play pretty all the time, but we sure play together as a team."
 

— Lou Holtz
- ▶ "The poll is great and it creates a tremendous amount of interest. But I only pay attention to the last one. It's amazing. Here we are number one and I'm scared to death of a team that hasn't won a game."
 

— Lou Holtz
- ▶ "I'm exactly the same today as when I woke up yesterday. The players are the same. We're not bigger. We're not stronger. We're not faster. We're not going to change our uniforms. If you start worrying about No. 1 and try to defend it, the pressure would be tremendous."
 

— Lou Holtz
- ▶ "Winning the national championship was never in my thoughts. I have been asked the question did I ever dream about winning the national championship. "Yeah, you dream about it, but I never really thought that it would happen to me. I never thought I would coach a national championship team. It still hasn't sunk in on me yet."
 

— Lou Holtz
- ▶ "We're going on a mission this year, a couple of weeks of sacrifice for something that we're going to be able to enjoy and celebrate the rest of our lives. That's a small price to pay."
 

— Senior tailback Mark Green

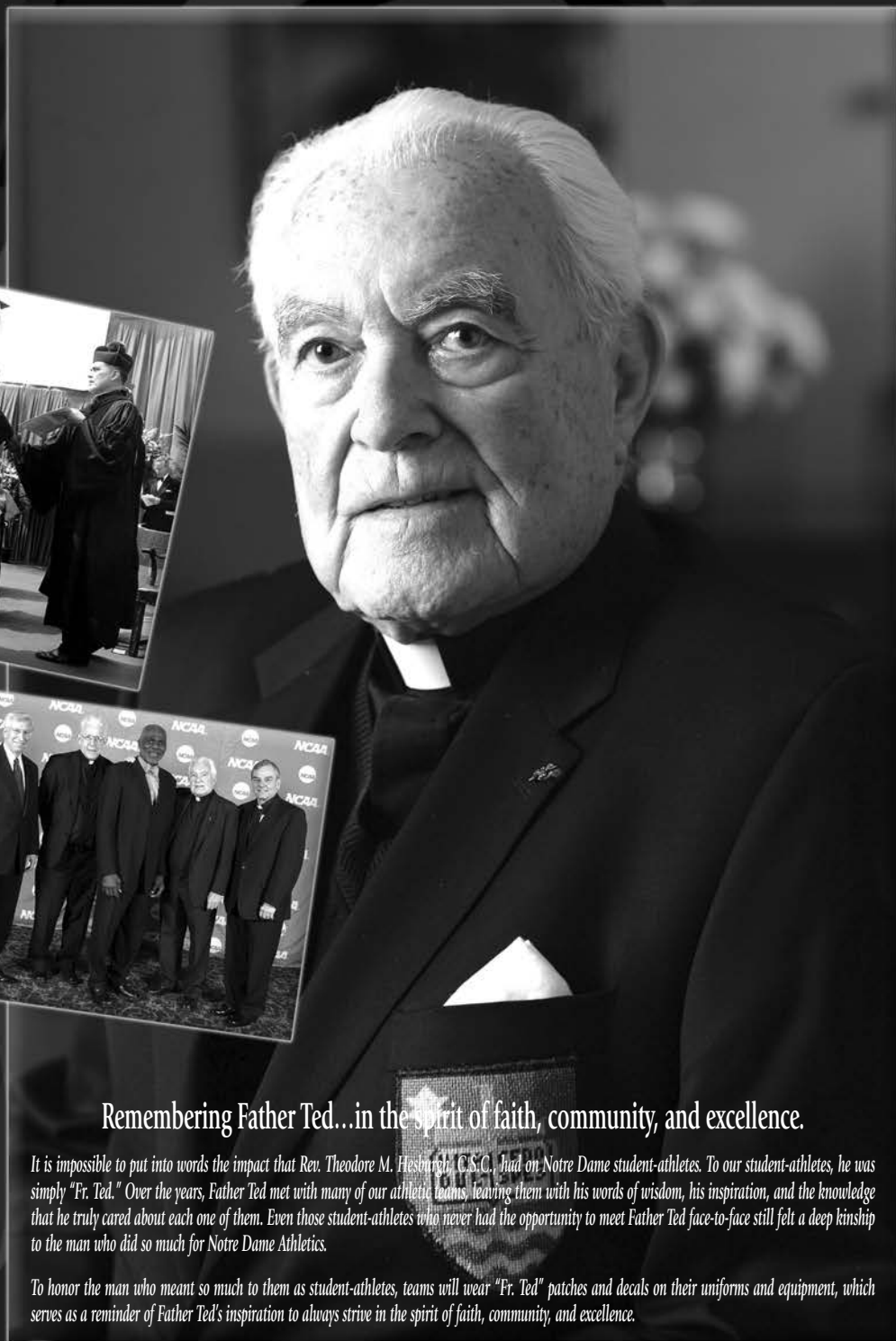




*In Memoriam*

1917-2015

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.



Remembering Father Ted...in the spirit of faith, community, and excellence.

*It is impossible to put into words the impact that Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. had on Notre Dame student-athletes. To our student-athletes, he was simply "Fr. Ted." Over the years, Father Ted met with many of our athletic teams, leaving them with his words of wisdom, his inspiration, and the knowledge that he truly cared about each one of them. Even those student-athletes who never had the opportunity to meet Father Ted face-to-face still felt a deep kinship to the man who did so much for Notre Dame Athletics.*

*To honor the man who meant so much to them as student-athletes, teams will wear "Fr. Ted" patches and decals on their uniforms and equipment, which serves as a reminder of Father Ted's inspiration to always strive in the spirit of faith, community, and excellence.*

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**W**hen Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., arrived in the northern Indiana wilderness, he had only \$310, three log buildings badly in need of repair and a far-sighted vision of establishing a liberal arts school to meet the growing educational needs of the frontier. He dreamed of building a great university, and in 1842 he founded the University of Notre Dame du Lac.

Over the years, Notre Dame would evolve into a preeminent place for Catholic thought. While becoming one of the top undergraduate institutions in the country, Notre Dame also has been at the cutting edge of research, including such innovations as the transmission of wireless messages and the development of synthetic rubber. Today researchers are achieving breakthroughs in astrophysics, radiation chemistry, environmental sciences, psychology, tropical disease transmission, cancer treatment, robotics, peace/religious studies and nanoelectronics.

The University also has stressed residential life, with four-of-five students living on campus in 29 residence halls that serve as the focal point of social, spiritual and athletic activities. Notre Dame is one of a handful of universities with a truly national and international student body composed of young men and women who come from more than 90 nations and all 50 states. They attend Notre Dame not

only to learn how to think, but to learn how to live, keeping faith with the vision of Father Sorin.

Notre Dame is one of the few universities to regularly rank in the top 25 in the U.S. News & World Report survey of America's best colleges and the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings of the best overall athletics programs. The University is second only to KU Leuven of Belgium among all Catholic universities worldwide, according to the Times Higher Education survey, and the Mendoza College of Business at Notre Dame boasts the No. 1 undergraduate business program in the nation according to Bloomberg BusinessWeek.

# Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

## President

**R**ev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., is in his third five-year term as the 17th president of the University of Notre Dame. His vision is for Notre Dame to be the Catholic research university for our time – an institution that unifies, enlightens and heals by engaging in research and scholarship of the first rank while maintaining its distinctive Catholic character and long-time excellence in undergraduate education.

During his tenure, Notre Dame has made significant progress toward its research goal, including selection as the lead partner in the Midwest Institute for Nanoelectronics Discovery and the Center for Low Energy Systems Technology, the creation of the Innovation Park research facility and the construction of a world-class turbomachinery testing facility.

His commitment to undergraduate education has been marked by the Notre Dame Forums, yearlong initiatives that have examined important issues such as religion and world conflict, global health, immigration, education and energy.

The University's Catholic identity has been strengthened during Father Jenkins' tenure in multiple ways, including the appointment of a coordinator for University life initiatives and the construction of multimillion-dollar facilities for the Institute for Church Life, including the Center for Social Concerns, and the Institute for Educational Initiatives, which includes the Alliance for Catholic Education.

Father Jenkins earned bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy from Notre Dame in 1976 and 1978, respectively, and was ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1983. He holds advanced degrees from Oxford and the Jesuit School of Theology. He is a professor of philosophy and the author of *Knowledge and Faith in Thomas Aquinas*.

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Father Jenkins was born Dec. 17, 1953.



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# Jack Swarbrick

## Vice President • Director of Athletics

**J**ohn B. “Jack” Swarbrick Jr., a University of Notre Dame graduate now in his eighth year in 2015-16 as vice president and director of athletics at his alma mater, has attached his signature to a variety of new initiatives during his tenure:

- Launching of Fighting Irish Media—a major enterprise that delivers better information about and access to Notre Dame and its athletic programs via expanded production and distribution of programming.

- Developing a plan for expanding Notre Dame Stadium in order to make it a year-round asset for the University, while also improving the game-day experience for student-athletes and fans.

That initiative became reality with the 2014 announcement of the Campus Crossroads Project that will add new structures to three sides of Notre Dame’s home football facility—creating new homes for student activities and recreation, career services, digital media, as well as academic disciplines anthropology, psychology, music and sacred music.

- Building of student-athlete programs to develop leadership skills, increase community service and provide mentoring and career services resources.

- Meeting the performance needs of Notre Dame student-athletes through establishment of a sports performance division.

Over the past three years, Swarbrick played a major role in four significant announcements that positively impacted Notre Dame on the national collegiate scene:

- Membership for Notre Dame’s athletic teams (other than football and hockey) in the Atlantic Coast Conference that began with the 2013-14 athletic seasons. In football, Notre Dame will play five games per year against ACC opponents and also have full access to the league’s list of postseason bowl options. Notre Dame hockey now plays in Hockey East.

- An extension of the University’s relationship with NBC Sports through the 2025 football season.

- The 2014 announcement of an unmatched 10-year relationship with Under Armour that provides performance footwear, apparel and equipment for Irish athletic programs. In addition to being a shareholder in Under Armour, Notre Dame collaborates with Under Armour in the areas of sport technology, product development and athlete performance.

- Creation by the Bowl Championship Series of the four-team College Football Playoff, which started with the 2014 season, with Notre Dame maintaining viable access into that system.

Swarbrick’s first seven years combined featured a variety of on-and-off-the-field Notre Dame athletics successes:

- The best across-the-board athletic season in Notre Dame history in 2013-14, as Irish men’s programs claimed the Capital One Cup and 22 of 26 sports overall advanced to postseason play, enabling Notre Dame to finish third in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics all-sports standings.



- Number-one rankings for Notre Dame (among Football Bowl Subdivision schools) in the eight most recent NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) surveys—in 2014 at 99 for all-student-athletes. The Irish football program has ranked number one in those listings three of the last five years.

- An appearance in the Bowl Championship Series football title game following the 2012 season—an unprecedented year in which the Irish finished the regular season 12-0 to rank number one in the final BCS poll while also ranking number one in the GSR standings.

- NCAA championships in 2013 in men’s soccer, 2011 in fencing (a men’s and women’s combined championship) and 2010 in women’s soccer.

- NCAA runner-up team finishes in 2015, 2014, 2012 and 2011 in women’s basketball, 2014 and 2010 in men’s lacrosse, 2013 and 2009 in fencing and 2008 in women’s soccer.

- NCAA semifinal appearances in women’s basketball in 2013, men’s lacrosse in 2015 and 2012, hockey in 2011, women’s tennis in 2009 and 2010 and women’s soccer in 2009, plus 2010, 2012 and 2015 third-place fencing finishes.

- NCAA Elite Eight appearance in men’s basketball in 2015 (first such accomplishment since 1979)

- Individual NCAA championships in 2015 by Lee Kiefer (fencing-foil), Francesca Russo (fencing-women’s sabre) and Molly Seidel (track and field-10,000 meters); 2014 by Gerek Meinhardt (fencing-foil), Lee Kiefer (fencing-foil) and Emma Reaney (women’s swimming-200 yard breaststroke); 2013 by Courtney Hurley (fencing-epee) and Lee Kiefer (fencing-foil); 2012 by Randall Babb (track and field-distance medley relay), Chris Giesting (track and field-distance medley relay), Jeremy Rae (track and field-distance medley relay) and Johnathan Shawel (track and field-distance medley relay); 2011 by Ariel DeSmet (fencing-foil) and Courtney Hurley (fencing-epee); and 2010 by Gerek Meinhardt (fencing-foil).

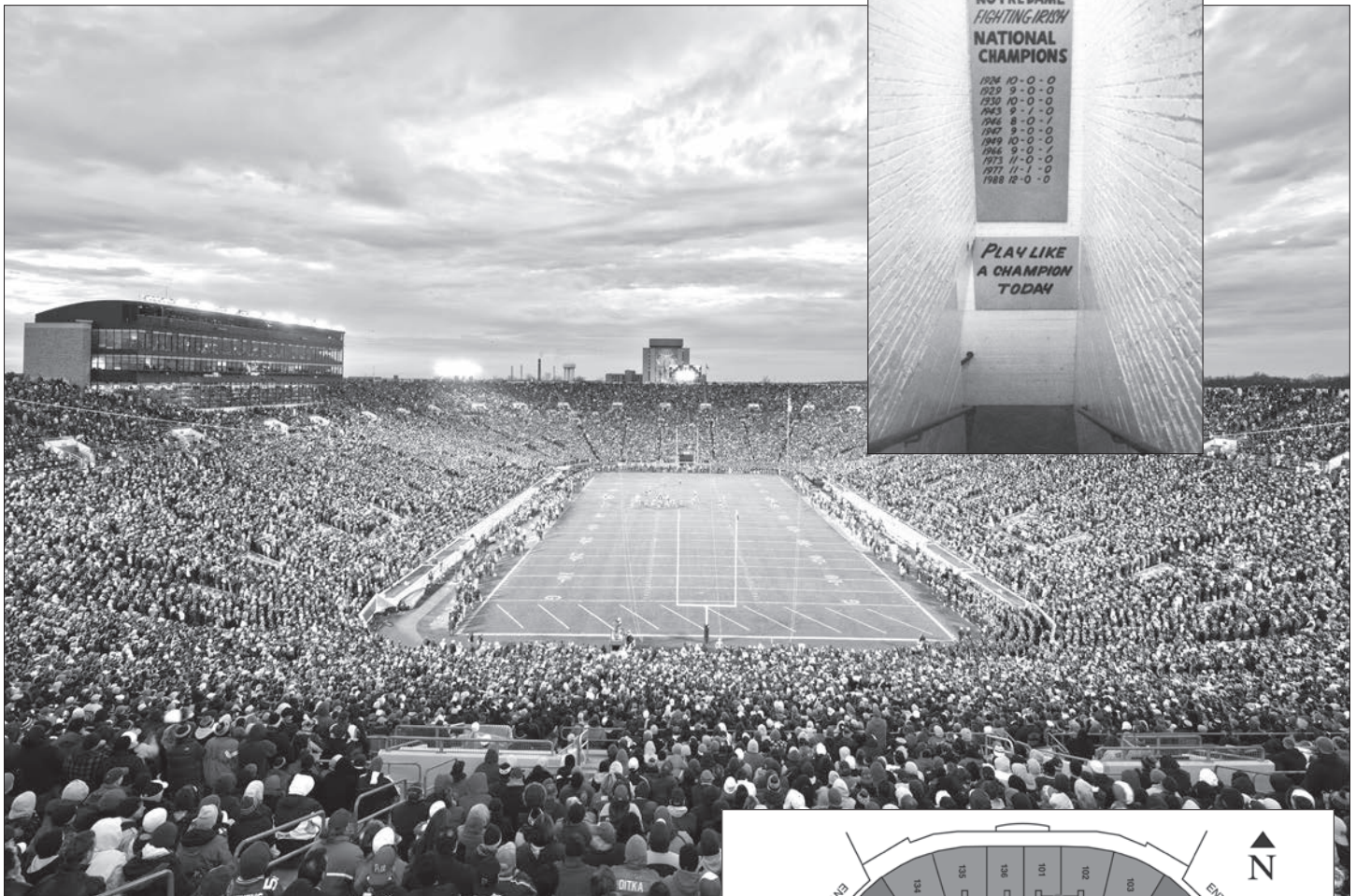
- 236 All-America selections and 44 Academic All-America honorees over those seven combined years.

Born in Yonkers, New York, and raised in Yonkers and Bloomington, Indiana, Swarbrick is a 1976 magna cum laude graduate of Notre Dame, with a bachelor’s degree in economics. Upon graduating from Stanford University Law School in 1980, he returned to Indiana to accept a position as an associate in the Indianapolis law firm Baker & Daniels, one of the largest in the state. He was made partner in 1987 and spent 28 years with the firm.

Swarbrick became Notre Dame’s 12th athletics director on July 16, 2008.

He and his wife, Kimberly, are the parents of four children: Kate, a 2010 graduate of Saint Louis University; Connor, a 2011 graduate of Wake Forest University; Cal, a 2014 graduate of TCU; and Christopher, a 2015 graduate of Notre Dame.



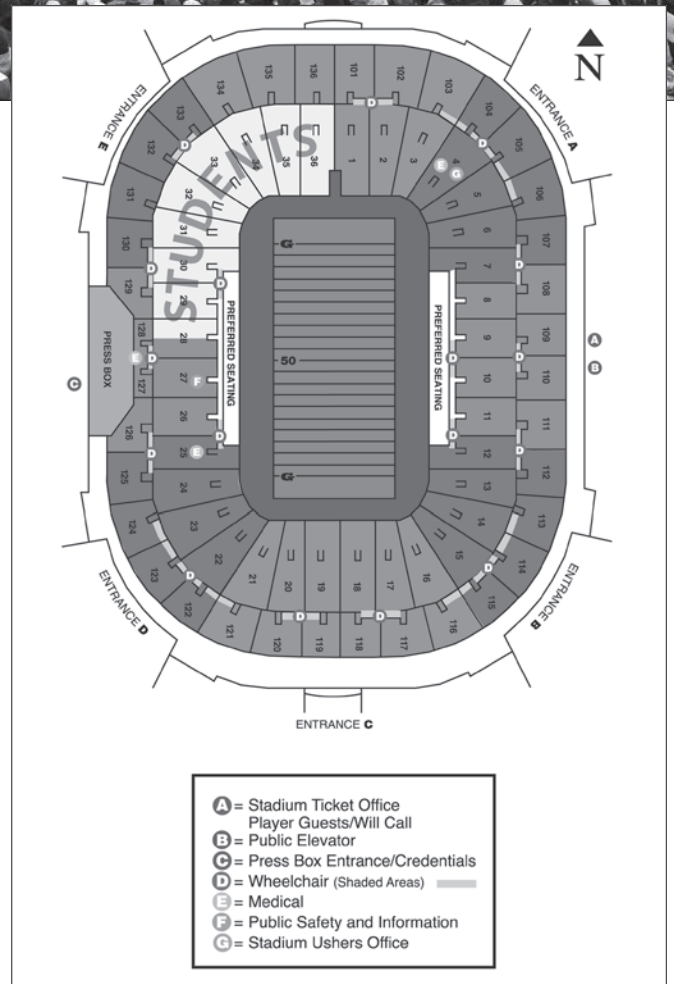


For all the legendary players and memorable moments it has hosted over the past 449 games, Notre Dame Stadium has unquestionably developed a lore of its own. The stadium, which celebrated its 85th anniversary in 2015, continues to be one of the most recognizable and revered structures in the world of sport.

It was the success of Knute Rockne's football teams that prompted the addition of the original Notre Dame Stadium to the University's athletics plant back in 1930. The spirit that was imbued by that Rockne era – and has been sustained by seven Heisman Trophy winners and dozens more All-Americans who have competed there – has changed little in eight decades of football at Notre Dame Stadium.

Originally designed by Osborn Engineering Company – the same firm that designed Comiskey Park in Chicago and New York's Yankee Stadium and Polo Grounds – the total cost of construction exceeded \$750,000 and it was patterned on a smaller scale after the University of Michigan's stadium. The 1996 season was the final one played with the customary 59,075 fans at Notre Dame Stadium. A \$50-million expansion adding over 21,000 seats was completed before the 1997 kickoff, bringing capacity to its present-day 80,795.

The Irish have played in front of sellout crowds at Notre Dame Stadium in 249 consecutive games and 297 of the last 298 home contests have been held before capacity crowds. Every home game starting with the final two home dates in 1964 has been a sellout except one – a 1973 Thanksgiving Day matchup with Air Force. Notre Dame has played 449 games inside Notre Dame Stadium and compiled a 335-109-5 record (.752).





The Campus Crossroads Project is the largest building initiative in the history of the University of Notre Dame. The \$400 million project includes construction of more than 800,000 square feet of classroom, research, student facility, digital media, performance, meeting, event, and hospitality space.

Construction began in November 2014 and will be complete in August 2017.

The plan features three new structures attached to the stadium – a west building for student life services, including space for student organizations, a recreation center and career center; an east building for the anthropology and psychology departments and a digital media center; and a south building for the Department of Music and the Sacred Music at Notre Dame program. The east and west buildings also will include some 3,000 to 4,000 premium seats for the football stadium with supporting club amenities.

Central components to the plan include the addition of meeting, research and teaching venues, as well as facilities that do not currently exist on campus, such as a 500-person ballroom. The various new spaces also will be designed to accommodate multiple functions for multiple departments, such as the stadium club spaces, which also will be used for student services, academic event space, classrooms, conferences, career fairs and other campus and community activities.

The exterior design is inspired by Knute Rockne's original Notre Dame Stadium—which still stands today as the core of the facility—and is wed with materials, massing, and details taken from many of the Collegiate Gothic buildings on campus.



The area between the stadium and the DeBartolo Hall classroom building will become a pedestrian plaza with walkways, trees, planters, and seating areas. The entire project will include sustainability practices consistent with other University projects.

The project also will enhance the football fan experience on game days. A variety of premium seating options – both indoor and outdoor and mostly club seats – will be available on three upper levels on the east and west sides. A hospitality area also is planned for the new building on the south end of the stadium.

Football fans, especially younger ones, have expressed a clear desire to have better access to data and video when attending Notre Dame games. Some of that will be addressed through enhanced broadband connectivity and some by the introduction of video, though the shape that will take has not yet been finalized. However, to the extent the University provides video, whether in the concourse or in the stadium itself similar to the philosophy in Purcell Pavilion and the Compton Family Ice Arena, there will be no commercial signage or advertising.



## Duncan Student Center

Space designed to enhance student development will be housed in the nine-story Duncan Student Center. Planning has ensured that the new facility will complement the student organization space and administrative offices located in the historic LaFortune Student Center.

**Levels 1 and 2:** Flexible, state-of-the-art meeting rooms, graduate and undergraduate student lounges, a dining area, student organization space, and administrative offices.

**Levels 3 and 4:** Recreational sports facilities; the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center will become the practice home for the men's and women's varsity basketball programs.

**Level 5:** A career services center, centralized and expanded with more than 40 interview rooms, multiple training rooms and conference areas, an employer lounge, and advising offices. The existing working press space on this level will be integrated into a premium seating area for the stadium.

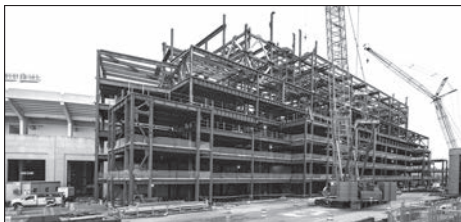
**Level 6:** Mechanical support.

**Level 7:** A 500-seat student ballroom, club seating for football, and booths for NBC Sports telecasts of home football games. Student-oriented programming will have priority booking for non-game weekends.

**Level 8:** Premium stadium seats and terraces that will look onto the campus and the playing field.

**Level 9:** Club seating, boxes for home and visiting coaches, security booths, and boxes for administrative and athletic department leaders.

**Basement:** Food service space for the three new buildings and the stadium.



## Corbett Family Hall

Offices and labs for the Departments of Anthropology and Psychology, which are housed in a variety of buildings on campus, will now be in one place in Corbett Family Hall. In addition, a state-of-the-art digital media center in this building will position Notre Dame as a national leader in what is an increasingly important component of higher education.

**Level 1:** A digital media center with a 2,000-square-foot studio and production, teaching, learning, research, and scholarship facilities. A control room will support faith-based programming, such as Masses at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, as well as athletics events, performing arts presentations, and academic lectures and speeches.

**Level 2:** Anthropology offices, administrative space, conference and tutoring areas, and multi-function research and teaching labs.

**Levels 3, 4 and 5:** Psychology offices, classrooms, labs, computer rooms, and a student lounge.

**Level 6:** Mechanical support.

**Level 7:** Outdoor club seating for football, outdoor terraces, and a large space that will double as a club area and flexible classroom.

**Level 8:** Outdoor club seating for football.

**Level 9:** Working press box, radio booths, and a club area with indoor and outdoor premium seating for football.

## Music Building

The relocation of the Department of Music and Sacred Music at Notre Dame will provide much needed new space for these growing programs. It also will put music into close proximity to other performing arts departments and programs.

**Level 1:** Recital and rehearsal halls and the Frank Leahy Gate grand entrance to the stadium.

**Level 2:** A large music library, to be relocated from the Hesburgh Library, classrooms, and rehearsal and tutoring rooms.

**Level 3:** A club/lounge.

**Level 4:** Department of Music offices, practice rooms and storage.

**Level 5:** The Sacred Music at Notre Dame program, offices, organ practice rooms and storage.

**Level 6:** Mechanical, with a scoreboard on the exterior.

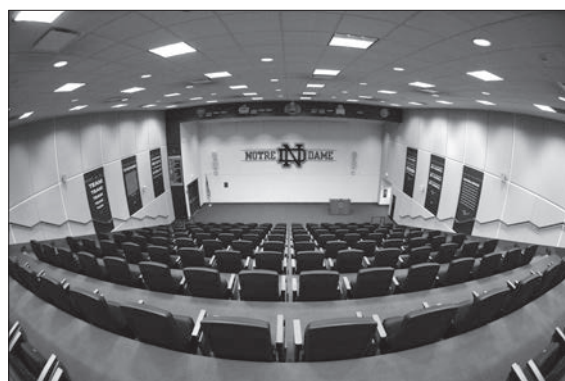




The University of Notre Dame is enjoying its 11th full season with access to the Guglielmino Athletics Complex, affectionately referred to as “The Gug” (pronounced Goog). The Gug houses the football practice-week locker rooms, coaches’ offices and meeting rooms in addition to enhanced sports medicine, strength and conditioning and weight room equipment for all Notre Dame student-athletes.

Underwritten with a gift from the late Don F. Guglielmino and his wife Flora, the Gug provides the Irish football team with a central location for post-practice and pre-practice routines as well as daily positional meetings. Before the Gug opened, the Irish football facilities were spread between Notre Dame Stadium, the Joyce Center and the Loftus Sports Center.

The first floor of the 96,000-square-foot complex features the 25,000-square-foot Haggar Fitness Center (gift of Ed and Patty Haggar, Joe and Isabell Haggar) with the latest state-of-the-art equipment that all student-athletes can use on a daily basis. The 8,300-square-foot Loftus Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center (a gift of John and Julie Lofus) services all Notre Dame student-athletes and also houses the athletic training staff. Also on the first floor are the Romano Family Locker Room (a gift of D.J.



“Buddy” and Florence Romano), Isban Auditorium (a gift from Leonard and JoAnn Isban), the Allen Equipment Room (a gift of Marty and Sue Allen) and Hickey Coaches’ Locker Room (a gift of Jack and Rosemary Hickey).

The second floor houses the Smith Family Office Suites (a gift from the Smith family in honor of Francis W. and Rita C. Smith) with head coach Brian Kelly’s area overlooking the LaBar Practice Complex. Eleven banners hang in the Morse Recruiting Lounge (a gift of Jim and Leah Morse) commemorating Notre Dame’s 11 consensus national championships.







**Loftus Sports Center**

Now in its 28th full year of service at the University of Notre Dame, the Loftus Sports Center is one of the most integral athletics buildings on campus. Designed for use by all Notre Dame athletics teams as well as students, faculty and staff, the \$6.3-million center measures 614 feet by 210 feet and stands tucked in a forested area of campus just north of LaBar Practice Complex and connected to the Guglielmino Athletics Complex.

Dedicated on April 23, 1988, the Loftus Center saw its first football practice on Sept. 30 of that season. The facility is a gift of John R. Loftus, a member of Notre Dame’s basketball team in 1944, 1948 and 1949. The Irish football team practices on Meyo Field (a gift of Raymond D. Meyo), a 100-yard Prestige Turf (newly installed for 2014) field complete with end zones.



**LaBar Practice Complex**

The LaBar Practice Complex enters its eighth season of use and is home to the outdoor practice fields of the Fighting Irish football team. A gift of Rees and Carol LaBar, the practice fields are located directly south of the Guglielmino Athletics Complex (on the former site of Moose Krause Stadium and Cartier Field). The LaBar Practice Complex features three football fields, lights, video towers, a maintenance building to provide storage and is secured with an eight-foot fence.

Two of the three practice fields are FieldTurf fields (newly installed for 2015), allowing the Irish to practice year-round without fear of damaging grass fields due to inclement weather and general wear-and-tear. The third field is a natural grass field.



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Dan Hicks



Doug Flutie



Kathryn Tappen

**I**n 2015, the University of Notre Dame and NBC Sports continued their television relationship for the 25th consecutive season. NBC broadcast all six home games for the Fighting Irish, as well as the Shamrock Series contest at Fenway Park against Boston College.

Play-by-play analyst Dan Hicks finished his third year as part of NBC's coverage. Doug Flutie returned for his second season as game analyst. Kathryn Tappen completed her second season as a sideline reporter. The NBC Sports college football studio team of Liam McHugh, Hines Ward and Jonathan Vilma provided pre- and post-game coverage each Saturday.

On April 18, 2013, Notre Dame and NBC Sports reached agreement on a new 10-year contract giving NBC the rights to televise Irish home football games from 2016 to 2025 and extending the partnership between the University and network to 35 years.

A joint announcement of the extension was made by Mark Lazarus, chairman of NBC Sports Group, and Notre Dame's president, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.

"Coming off one of Notre Dame's best and most dramatic seasons in decades, we could not be more proud to extend this historic partnership, which continues to be one of the most innovative in sports-media history," Lazarus said. "We are particularly excited that this extension offers enhanced rights that allow us to bring Notre Dame football to fans on more platforms than ever before."

As it has since 2009, NBC Sports Digital continues to live stream Fighting Irish home games for the web, mobile and tablets.

Father Jenkins noted the multiple benefits of the partnership with NBC.

"In addition to the national broadcast of our home football games, this longtime and valued collaboration with NBC has made a Notre Dame education possible to literally thousands of students," Father Jenkins said. "We are delighted to extend our partnership to bring Irish football to our fans, to continue to help support financial aid, and to tell the Notre Dame story."

Revenues from the NBC contract have played a key role in Notre Dame's financial aid endowment since the start of the relationship in 1991. University officers decided then to use a portion of the football television contract revenue for undergraduate scholarship endowment (not athletic scholarships). To date,

6,714 Notre Dame undergraduate students have received \$97.8 million in aid from revenue generated through the NBC contract.

The University also has committed revenue from NBC to endow doctoral fellowships in its Graduate School and MBA scholarships in its Mendoza College of Business.

In addition to televising games, NBC has collaborated with Notre Dame on an award-winning series of two-minute messages featuring University faculty and student research.

"While our relationship with NBC Sports is longstanding, the more recent merger between NBC and Comcast has opened up additional avenues to expand

the breadth of Notre Dame-related sports programming on NBC platforms," Notre Dame vice president and athletics director Jack Swarbrick said.

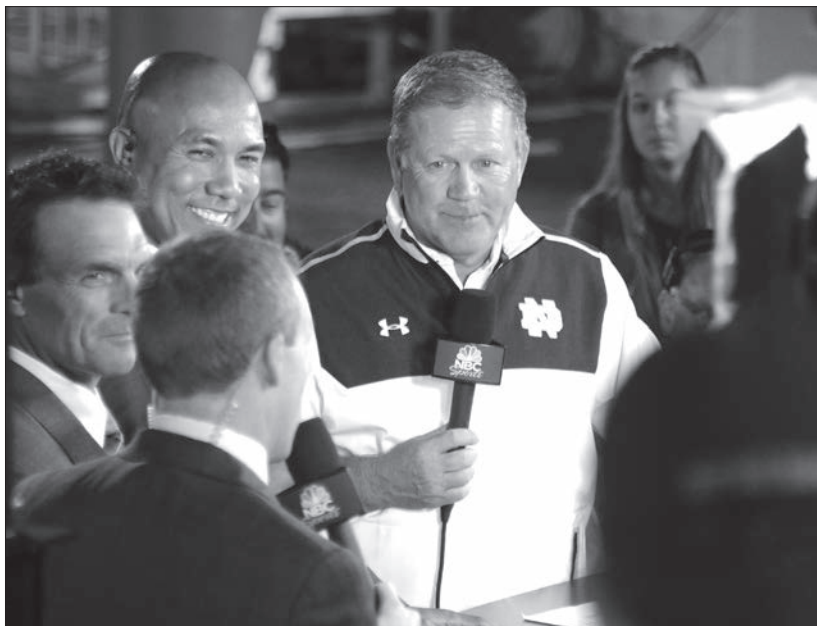
"Specifically, the evolution of the NBC Sports Network has provided opportunities for special programming featuring inside looks at our football team and several other Notre Dame sports programs and in-depth profiles on the unsung heroes of Notre Dame athletics. These are examples of the growth of our partnership, and we look forward to collaborating on additional projects and distribution strategies in seasons to come."

Per the extension, the NBC Sports Group retains global media rights on all platforms to a minimum of seven Notre Dame home football games per

year. As in the prior contract, it allows for occasional games to air on NBC Sports Network, which is available in 85 million homes.

NBC has been televising Irish home games since 1991, and this marks the sixth of a series of agreements with Notre Dame. The original agreement covered the seasons from 1991 through 1995. The first five-year extension (announced in 1994) covered 1996 to 2000, the second extension (announced in May 1997) covered 2001 to 2005, the third extension (announced in December 2003) covered 2006 to 2010, and the fourth (announced in June 2008) covered 2011 to 2015.

The NBC and NBC Sports Network 2015 college football schedule is comprised of Notre Dame home games; games from the Mountain West Conference, the Colonial Athletic Association, the Ivy League, the Bayou Classic and the Atlanta Football Classic. For more information and a full list of college football games on NBC and the NBC Sports Network, visit [NBCSports.com](http://NBCSports.com).





Don Criqui



Allen Pinkett



Jeff Jeffers

**T**he 2015 football season marks the eighth year of a partnership in which IMG College (formerly ISP) is serving as the exclusive national rights-holder for University of Notre Dame football radio broadcasts. The Notre Dame-IMG College relationship began with the 2008 season and extends through the 2017 season – with IMG managing, producing and syndicating Notre Dame’s national football radio network. Notre Dame football was the first team, professional or college, to have all of its games broadcast nationally on the radio. Additionally, the broadcasts are available to listeners on Sirius Satellite Radio and online at Sirius.com.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Don Criqui and former Irish tailback Allen Pinkett will handle the broadcasting chores once again – with Criqui serving as play-by-play specialist and Pinkett providing expert analysis.

Criqui previously served as play-by-play announcer for Notre Dame broadcasts from 1974-76 before rejoining the broadcast team in 2006. Criqui, a Notre Dame graduate, is renowned nationally as one of the outstanding play-by-play broadcasters on network television and radio. In addition to IMG’s Notre Dame coverage, Criqui also serves as play-by-play announcer for the NFL on CBS Television. Criqui received critical acclaim for his work on NBC and CBS Sports’ coverage of the NFL, and in 2003, he was presented with the highest award for a broadcaster when he received the Pete Rozelle Award at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Pinkett brings a wealth of football experience to his 12th season in the booth with Notre Dame football. A native of Sterling, Virginia, he was a three-time All-American at Notre Dame, finishing eighth in Heisman Trophy voting in 1985. He ranked as the Irish’s all-time leading rusher and scorer when his career ended. Pinkett played six seasons with the NFL’s Houston Oilers and one with the New Orleans Saints before retiring in 1991.

Jeff Jeffers returns for his 10th season with the broadcast team, contributing to the Irish pre-game, sideline and post-game shows. Jeffers brings 40 years of covering Notre Dame athletics along with high school sports as the sports director for WNDU-TV 16, the South Bend NBC affiliate. Because of his contributions to promoting high school football in Indiana, Jeffers was inducted in May 2008 into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. He has served as the play-by-play voice for various Irish teams, and has hosted “Countdown to Kickoff,” a Notre Dame football pre-game show, live from Notre Dame Stadium.

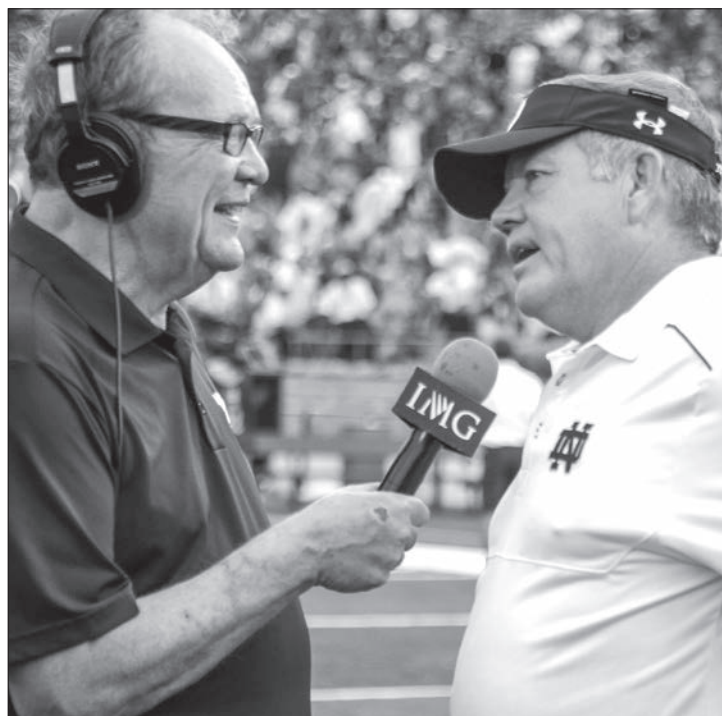
Returning in 2015 is executive producer Bill Karambelas. Karambelas served as executive producer for road football games in 2008 and will produce all 12 regular-season games for the seventh straight season.

IMG College is America’s leading collegiate multimedia, marketing and licensing/brand management company, representing more than 200 of the nation’s top collegiate properties including the NCAA and its championships, NCAA Football, leading conferences, and many of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country. Headquartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, IMG College employs more than 700 people in nearly 100 offices throughout the U.S.

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# NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL



## Developing the Complete Student-Athlete

Fighting Irish head coach Brian Kelly and the University of Notre Dame football program are committed to developing each student-athlete in five core areas: intellectual, social, spiritual, skill and physical. These five components combine to give Notre Dame's football players an enriching education and knowledge base to be successful on the football field and a contributor to their community off the gridiron.

**Intellectual Development:** The University of Notre Dame expects the best out of its student-athletes just as it does of every other student on campus. Notre Dame has had unprecedented academic success among its athletes, including its football players. Since 1962, 98.8 percent of football players who have stayed at Notre Dame at least four years have graduated from the University.

**Social Development:** With all 50 states and more than 100 nations represented, the University of Notre Dame is one of a handful of universities with a diverse and international student body. Members of the football team are active in groups and clubs on campus and in the South Bend community. Located 90 miles east of Chicago and 45 minutes from Lake Michigan, the University is positioned a short drive from one of the best cities and lakefronts in the country.





## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Since its founding, the University of Notre Dame has stressed mixing academics and faith while becoming America's preeminent Catholic university. Notre Dame prides itself on being a Christian community that prepares its students for leadership in building a more human and divine society. Head coach Brian Kelly and his coaching staff are committed to the football team being active in the community. Members of the 2015 Notre Dame football team totaled more than 2,000 hours of community service in the South Bend area alone.

## SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The Fighting Irish football team benefits from having a coaching staff that is one of the best and most experienced in the nation. Notre Dame's 2015 coaching staff has more than 200 years of coaching experience and all 10 coaches have played or coached in a bowl or NFL playoff game. Player development is the hallmark of this Irish coaching staff and every coach has helped develop players to all-conference, All-America or first-round NFL Draft honors. In their first six seasons at Notre Dame, Brian Kelly and his coaching staff have helped develop 16 All-Americans and four first-round selections in the NFL Draft.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Notre Dame's football program is based in the state-of-the-art Guglielmino Athletics Complex that includes the 25,000-square-foot Hagar Fitness Complex. Within these walls the Fighting Irish prepare to win by taking care of themselves in the weight room, the training table and with meals provided at training table. Notre Dame's football team benefits from the tutelage of director of football strength and conditioning Paul Longo – now in his 29th year in collegiate athletics and has worked alongside Brian Kelly since 2004. The Fighting Irish are also fortunate to be one of only eight Football Bowl Subdivision schools to employ two full-time sports dietitians in its athletics department as Dwight Allison and Anna Turner continually provide accurate and up-to-date nutrition education to Notre Dame's football players.





# NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

## 2015 SCHEDULE

TEXAS vs NOTRE DAME

9.5.2015 | W | 38-3

NOTRE DAME vs CLEMSON

10.3.2015 | L | 24-22

NOTRE DAME vs PITTSBURGH

11.7.2015 | W | 42-30

NOTRE DAME vs VIRGINIA

9.12.2015 | W | 34-27

NAVY vs NOTRE DAME

10.10.2015 | W | 41-24

WAKE FOREST vs NOTRE DAME

11.14.2015 | W | 28-7

GEORGIA TECH vs NOTRE DAME

9.19.2015 | W | 30-22

USC vs NOTRE DAME

10.17.2015 | W | 41-31

BOSTON COLLEGE vs NOTRE DAME

11.21.2015 | W | 19-16

UMASS vs NOTRE DAME

9.26.2015 | W | 62-27

NOTRE DAME vs TEMPLE

10.31.2015 | W | 24-20

NOTRE DAME vs STANFORD

11.28.2015 | L | 38-36

## HONORS & AWARDS

### 2015 POST SEASON

**Brian Kelly | Head Coach**

Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Finalist

**Sheldon Day | SR | DL**

USA Today First Team All-American  
FWAA Second Team All-American  
Associated Press Second Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated Honorable Mention All-American

**Steve Elmer | JR | OL**

CoSIDA Academic All-District

**Will Fuller | JR | WR**

FWAA Second Team All-American  
Associated Press Second Team All-American  
CBS Sports Second Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated Second Team All-American  
USA Today Second Team All-American  
Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist

**Nick Martin | GR | C**

Sports Illustrated Honorable Mention All-American

**C.J. Prosise | SR | RB**

Sports Illustrated Honorable Mention All-American  
Maxwell Award Semifinalist  
Doak Walker Award Semifinalist

**Corey Robinson | JR | WR**

Wuerffel Trophy Semifinalist

**Jaylon Smith | JR | LB**

Walter Camp First Team All-American  
Associated Press First Team All-American  
CBS Sports First Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated First Team All-American  
USA Today First Team All-American  
FWAA Second Team All-American  
Butkus Award Recipient  
Bednarik Award Semifinalist  
Lott IMPACT Trophy Semifinalist  
Sporting News First Team All-American

**Ronnie Stanley | SR | OL**

Walter Camp First Team All-American  
FWAA First Team All-American  
CBS Sports First Team All-American  
Associated Press Second Team All-American  
Sports Illustrated Second Team All-American  
Lombardi Award Semifinalist  
Outland Trophy Semifinalist  
Polynesian Player of the Year Recipient  
Sporting News First Team All-American

**Joe Schmidt | GR | LB**

Campbell Trophy Semifinalist

**Drue Tranquill | SO | S**

CoSIDA Academic All-District

**Notre Dame Offensive Line**

Joe Moore Award Finalist