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NOTRE DAME

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NOTRE DAME (1-2)

Sept. 6	(19/16) WASHINGTON ST. ... W, 29-26 (OT)
Sept. 13	(15/14) at Michigan (5/7) L, 0-38
Sept. 20	(NR/23) MICHIGAN STATE L, 16-22
Sept. 27	at Purdue (22/NR) 2:38 EST
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh TBA
Oct. 18	USC 1:30 EST
Oct. 25	at Boston College TBA
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE 2:30 EST
Nov. 8	NAVY 2:30 EST
Nov. 15	BYU 2:30 EST
Nov. 29	at Stanford 5:00 PST
Dec. 6	at Syracuse 1:00 EST

Numbers before opponent name indicate Notre Dame's ranking in AP and ESPN/USA Today polls at kickoff; numbers after opponent name indicate its ranking.

PURDUE (2-1)

Sept. 6	BOWLING GREEN L, 26-27
Sept. 13	at Wake Forest W, 16-10
Sept. 20	ARIZONA W, 59-7
Sept. 27	NOTRE DAME 2:38 EST
Oct. 4	ILLINOIS 3:30 EST
Oct. 11	PENN STATE TBA
Oct. 18	at Wisconsin 11:00 CDT
Oct. 25	at Michigan TBA
Nov. 1	NORTHWESTERN TBA
Nov. 8	IOWA TBA
Nov. 15	at Ohio State TBA
Nov. 22	at Indiana TBA

PRESEASON RANKINGS

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in the preseason and final Associated Press polls since 1987:

Year	Preseason	Final
1987	18	17
1988	13	1
1989	2	2
1990	2	6
1991	6	13
1992	3	4
1993	7	2
1994	2	NR
1995	9	11
1996	6	19
1997	11	NR
1998	22	22
1999	18	NR
2000	NR	16
2001	18	NR
2002	NR	17
2003	20	??



Notre Dame Fighting Irish (1-2)

vs. (#22 AP) Purdue Boilermakers (2-1)

The Date and Time: Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, at 2:38 p.m. EST.

The Site: Ross-Ade Stadium (62,500/Prescription Athletic Turf) in West Lafayette, Ind.

The Tickets: They're all sold -- with this being the 154th sellout in the last 177 games and the 18th consecutive sellout involving Notre Dame, including the first 10 games of 1998, the first 11 in '99, the first five in '00, the first nine in '01, all 13 in '02 and the first four in '03.

The TV Plans: ABC Sports regional telecast with **Brad Nessler** (play-by-play), **Bob Griese** (analysis), **Lynn Swann** (sideline), **Bruce Clark** (producer) and **Steve Beim** (director). The Notre Dame-Purdue game will be seen in 37 percent of the country - including all of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire, plus parts of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The Radio Plans: For the 36th consecutive season, all Notre Dame football games are broadcast on more than 200 stations in all 50 states nationwide by Westwood One with **Tony Roberts** (play-by-play), former Irish running back **Allen Pinkett** (analysis), former Irish quarterback and 1956 Heisman Trophy winner **Paul Hornung** (pregame/halftime analysis) and **Al Smith** (producer). A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student station, WVFI, also is available via the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com. All Notre Dame football games are heard on WDND-AM (1620) and WNDV-FM (92.9) in South Bend with pre- and post-game analysis featuring **Sean Stires**, **Andy Budzinski**, **Shawn Lewallen**, **Jack Nolan** and **Larry Williams**. All Irish games also are carried live in the Chicago market on ESPN Radio 1000.

Real-Time Stats: Live in-game statistics are available for the Purdue game, via the Notre Dame (www.und.com) and Purdue (www.purduesports.com) athletics web sites.

Web Sites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Purdue (www.purduesports.com).

IRISH LOOK TO GET BACK ON TRACK WITH VISIT TO NO. 22 PURDUE

After falling out of the national polls for the first time since the beginning of last season, Notre Dame will aim for a reversal of fortune as it travels to West Lafayette, Ind., Saturday for a 2:38 p.m. (EST) matchup with No. 22 Purdue at Ross-Ade Stadium. The Irish and Boilermakers will be meeting for the 75th time in a series that dates all the way back to 1896, making it the third-oldest rivalry in the 115-year history of Notre Dame football.

The Irish (1-2) enter this weekend's contest on the heels of a tough 22-16 loss to Michigan State last Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Senior placekicker **Nicholas Setta** continued his strong play this season by converting on all three of his field goal attempts, while sophomore wide receiver **Rhema McKnight** caught a career-high eight passes for 104 yards and one touchdown. The Notre Dame defense also rose up and forced three turnovers for the third consecutive game. However, MSU defensive lineman Greg Taplin returned an interception 40 yards for a backbreaking score midway through the fourth quarter and the Spartans held on to win their fourth consecutive game at Notre Dame Stadium.

Purdue (2-1) is coming off a 59-7 rout of Arizona last weekend at Ross-Ade Stadium. The Boilermakers put together a complete offensive performance, rolling up 580 yards and scoring eight touchdowns in the win. Quarterback **Kyle Orton** connected on 16-of-28 passes for 261 yards and three touchdowns, while running back **Jerome Brooks** toted the ball 21 times for 122 yards and two scores. Brooks' backfield mate, **Jerod Void**, added 60 yards on 12 carries and also scored twice.

Orton ranks 31st in the nation in passing efficiency (142.94) and two of his targets are among the country's best wideouts. **Taylor Stubblefield** is third nationally with 8.67 receptions per game, while **John Standeford** averages 86.67 yards per game, good for 35th in the land.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series with Purdue, 49-23-2, including wins in 15 of its last 17 meetings with the Boilermakers. The Irish won last year's matchup, 24-17, on a 33-yard interception return for a touchdown by cornerback **Vontez Duff** with 5:09 remaining.



MEDIA INFORMATION

THE WILLINGHAM CONFERENCES

Tyrone Willingham's weekly teleconference-style press conferences will take place on Tuesday mornings prior to each Notre Dame game, with the next scheduled for Sept. 23. They are held at the WNDU-TV studios (on US 933/Business 31, west edge of campus) in South Bend. A light meal is served beginning at 10:30 a.m. (EST), and Coach Willingham will address the media from 11-11:30 a.m. (EST). At least one Irish player generally is available for interviews following Willingham's remarks. Out-of-town media can connect to the Willingham portion of the conference via phone to listen and ask questions — contact the Notre Dame sports information office at (574) 631-7516 for the access number. All teleconferences also are available on satellite (Galaxy 3-C, Transponder 4). Video highlights from the previous week's Notre Dame game are included at the end of each hour-long satellite feed (11 a.m.-noon EST). The teleconferences also are carried live on WDND-AM (ESPN Radio 1620) in South Bend, as well as the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

TUESDAY TRANSCRIPTIONS

Transcriptions of **Tyrone Willingham's** Tuesday press conferences are available from the Notre Dame sports information office, as well as the official Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com.

THE KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW

A weekly radio show featuring Notre Dame athletics director **Kevin White** will air at 7:00 p.m. (Central time) each Thursday on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000 (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). Now in its fourth season, "The Kevin White Show" can be heard in 35 states. White will welcome to the show a series of guests and prominent figures associated with college athletics, including administrators, coaches and media members. The show is co-hosted by **Dave Wills**, who also hosts the Chicago White Sox pre- and post-game shows on ESPN Radio 1000.

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
WR	80	Omar Jenkins	Second on team with 10 catches for 89 yards this season
LT	70	Jim Molinaro	Second-most experienced offensive lineman (six career starts)
LG	73	Mark LeVoir	One of largest linemen (6-7, 320) on this year's roster
C	55	Zachary Giles	Made first collegiate start last weekend vs. Michigan State
or	76	Bob Morton	Started WSU, UM games (missed MSU game with injury)
RG	65	Sean Milligan	Only returning starter on OL; 19 career starts (two in 2003)
RT	74	Dan Stevenson	Has started last four games at RT after moving from guard
TE	85	Billy Palmer	Played in 17 career games (started four of last five games)
WR	21	Maurice Stovall	Caught career-high three passes for 24 yards vs. WSU
QB	7	Carlyle Holiday	Completed career-high 21-of-34 passes vs. Washington State
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Converted tailback; ran 77 times for 344 yards, 2 TD last year
RB	4	Ryan Grant	Ran for game-high 98 yards vs. WSU, his eighth 90-yd game

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	44	Justin Tuck	Has 11 tackles this year; started WSU and Michigan games
DT	60	Darrell Campbell	Major force on nation's 10th-ranked rush defense last year
NG	50	Cedric Hilliard	Preseason third-team All-American; five tackles vs. MSU
RE	92	Kyle Budinscak	Two-time Academic All-District; career-high two sacks vs. WSU
ILB	33	Courtney Watson	Butkus Award candidate; team-high 24 tackles this season
ILB	39	Brandon Hoyte	Double-digit tackles in three of last four; career-high 11 vs. WSU
OLB	49	Derek Curry	Fourth on team with 15 tackles; career-high seven vs. WSU
LCB	34	Vontez Duff	Preseason All-American; caused key fumble in third qtr. vs. WSU
FS	8	Quentin Burrell	Had career-high four tackles and interception vs. Michigan State
SS	19	Glenn Earl	Thorpe Award candidate; third on team with 19 tackles (10 at UM)
RCB	15	Preston Jackson	Career-high eight tackles at Michigan (four career starts)

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
PK/KO	13	Nicholas Setta	Has made 8-of-9 FG, 6-of-6 inside 40 yards (3-3 FG vs. MSU)
P	13	Nicholas Setta	First-year punter ranks 46th in nation with 41.3-yard average
HLD	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Also serves as backup placekicker and punter
SNP	64	Casey Dunn	Walk-on offensive lineman serves mainly as long snapper
or	62	Scott Raridon	Sophomore lineman in his first year as snapper on FG/PAT
PR/KR	34	Vontez Duff	Ranks in top 50 nationally in punt (24th) and kick (46th) returns
	22	Julius Jones	Stands second on four ND career kick return records lists

THE INJURY UPDATE (as of Sept. 21)

Sophomore DE **Chris Frome** Shoulder injury, out indefinitely
 Senior TE **Gary Godsey** Knee injury, out indefinitely
 Senior LB **Mike Goolsby** Shoulder injury, evaluated on week-to-week basis

NOTRE DAME-PURDUE SERIES NOTES

- Saturday's game marks the 75th meeting between Notre Dame and Purdue, making the Boilermakers the second-most common foe ever for the Irish. Notre Dame will play Navy for the 77th time and USC for the 75th time later this season.
- The Irish and Boilermakers first met in 1896, making this series the third-oldest rivalry with a current Division I-A school in Notre Dame history behind Michigan (1887) and Northwestern (1889).
- The Irish lead the series, 49-23-2, with a 23-12-2 record at West Lafayette and a 17-10 mark at Ross-Ade Stadium. Notre Dame has more wins in West Lafayette (23) and at Ross-Ade Stadium (17) than any other Purdue opponent in its history.
- Notre Dame has won 15 of the last 17 games between the two schools, including the last three which were all close (a 23-21 nailbiter in 2000 at Notre Dame Stadium, a 24-18 thriller in 2001 at Purdue and a 24-17 barnburner last season at Notre Dame Stadium).



- Notre Dame and Purdue have played every season since 1946, with this season marking the 58th consecutive season the teams have met. It matches the USC rivalry as Notre Dame's second longest current continuous series behind Navy which started in 1927.
- The Irish have 49 series wins over the Boilermakers, the second-most against any opponent — 66 against Navy remains the highest.

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- The Irish will knock off Purdue for the 16th time in the last 18 games, dating back to a 41-9 victory on Sept. 27, 1986 (**Lou Holtz's** first win as Notre Dame's head coach).
- Notre Dame will record its 50th series win over Purdue, the second-most victories against one opponent behind its 66 wins over Navy.
- The Irish will win back-to-back games at Ross-Ade Stadium for the first time since a five-game winning streak in West Lafayette from 1987-95.
- Notre Dame will improve to 36-16-1 (.689) in its last 53 games against Big Ten Conference opposition and chalk up its fifth win in the last seven games against that league.
- The Irish will register their 24th all-time victory in West Lafayette, breaking a tie with Pittsburgh for the most wins ever on an opponent's home field.
- Notre Dame will claim its fourth consecutive win over the Boilermakers for the first time since it put together a series-record 11-game winning streak from 1986-96.

IF PURDUE WINS ...

- Purdue will log its 24th series win over the Irish, tying Michigan State for the second-most wins ever by a Notre Dame opponent (USC has 27 career wins over the Irish).
- Notre Dame will lose three games to Big Ten Conference opponents in the same season for the first time since 1999 (losses to Michigan, Purdue and Michigan State).
- The Irish will drop their fifth consecutive game away from home, dating back to a loss at USC in the 2002 regular-season finale. The last time Notre Dame fell in five straight games outside of Notre Dame Stadium was 2000-01 (Oregon State in the '00 Fiesta Bowl, at Nebraska, at Texas A&M, at Boston College, at Stanford). The game that stopped that streak was a 24-18 win at Purdue on Dec. 1, 2001.
- Notre Dame will lose three consecutive games for the first time since a loss to Oregon State in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl, followed by an 0-3 record to open the '01 season.

NOTRE DAME-PURDUE SERIES HISTORY

- Notre Dame leads the all-time series (49-23-2), including 23-12-2 at Purdue and 17-10 at Notre Dame Stadium (Purdue also won the neutral-site 1984 game at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, which also served as the Dedication Game for that stadium).
- The Irish have had the most success of any opponent on the Boilermakers' home field. Notre Dame's 23 wins in West Lafayette and 17 victories at Ross-Ade Stadium are the most by any Purdue foe in the 116-year history of that program.
- The Irish and Purdue first met in 1896 (a 28-22 Boilermaker win). This series is the third-oldest in school history, topped only by the Michigan (1887) and Northwestern (1889) rivalries.
- The teams played seven times from 1899-1907 before a 11-year break (the longest hiatus in the history of the series). The teams resumed play in 1918 and met every year until 1923 before a 10-year break in the series. The teams then met in 1933, '34 and '39 and the series has been continuous since 1946, tying with the USC rivalry for Notre Dame's second-longest continuous series (Notre Dame and Navy have played every year since 1927).
- The Irish have won 15 of the last 17 games in the series (dating back to 1986), outscoring Purdue 575-265 over that span for an average score of 33-15. However, the games have been much tighter during the past five seasons with all five contests decided by a touchdown or less. Notre Dame has won four of those nailbiters — 31-30 in '98 (on **Jim Sanson's** 17-yard field goal with 57 seconds left), 23-21 in '00 (on **Nicholas Setta's** 38-yard field goal as time expired) and 24-17 in '02 (on **Vontez Duff's** 33-yard interception return for a touchdown with 5:09 to play).
- The winner of the Notre Dame-Purdue series receives the Shillelagh Trophy, a tradition which began in 1957. The trophy was donated by the late **Joe McLaughlin** (a merchant seaman and Notre Dame fan who brought the club from Ireland). Notre Dame has taken home the Shillelagh Trophy 30 times in the 46-year history of the award.
- The 2003 game will mark the 16th time in the last 17 meetings and 22nd time in the last 25 clashes that at least one of the two teams has been ranked.

MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

Outside of the regular Tuesday teleconferences, the best time for interviews with head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, Irish players or other members of the coaching staff is after practice Tuesday-Thursday or by special appointment.

All interview requests must be coordinated through the Notre Dame sports information office by contacting either Lisa Mushett or Chris Masters. Interview requests must be made prior to the end of the daily 20-minute open practice period. **All player and coach interviews will take place after practice in the media interview room, located at the tunnel entrance (north end) of Notre Dame Stadium.**

Out-of-town media wishing to speak with Irish football personnel via telephone should contact Mushett or Masters at least 24 hours in advance.

ADDITIONAL MEDIA NOTES

- The first 20 minutes of each practice session are routinely open to the media with some exceptions. Check with the Notre Dame sports information office (574-631-7516) for exact practice times and media availability.
- Media members wishing to obtain photos of Irish players or coaches should contact Lisa Mushett or Chris Masters in the Notre Dame sports information office for assistance.

RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame football releases via email should send requests to Chris Masters at masters.5@nd.edu. All weekly game notes are sent out in a PDF format that may be viewed using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

ATHLETICS WEB SITE (www.und.com)

Notre Dame's official athletic department web site can be found at www.und.com, with the extensive offerings including real-time statistics for all Notre Dame home football games and selected road contests.

- Notre Dame's publicity material on football, including updated game notes, depth charts, rosters and schedules, is available through www.und.com. Some elements are posted in a PDF format and will require Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them.



THE PURDUE SERIES

Series: ND leads 49-23-2. Games Played at West Lafayette: ND leads 23-12-2. Games at Ross-Ade Stadium: ND leads 17-10. Tyrone Willingham vs. Purdue: 1-0. Joe Tiller vs. Notre Dame: 2-4. Willingham vs. Tiller: Willingham leads 1-0.

Site	Year	ND-PUR Rank	W/L/T	ND	PUR
*	1896		L	22	28
	1899		T	10	10
*	1901		W	12	6
	1902		T	6	6
	1904		L	0	36
	1905		L	0	32
	1906		W	2	0
*	1907		W	17	0
	1918		W	26	6
	1919		W	33	13
*	1920		W	28	0
	1921		W	33	0
	1922		W	20	0
*	1923		W	34	7
*	1933		L	0	19
*	1934		W	18	7
*	1939		W	3	0
*	1946	3-	W	49	6
	1947	1-	W	22	7
*	1948		W	28	27
	1949	2-	W	35	12
*	1950	1-	L	14	28
*	1951	15-	W	30	9
	1952	-9	W	26	14
	1953	1-	W	37	7
*	1954	1-19	L	14	27
	1955	11-	W	22	7
*	1956	18-	L	14	28
	1957		W	12	0
*	1958	11-15	L	22	29
	1959	8-	L	7	28
*	1960	12-	L	19	51
	1961		W	22	20
*	1962		L	6	24
	1963		L	6	7
*	1964	9-	W	34	15
	1965	1-6	L	21	25
*	1966	6-8	W	26	14
	1967	1-10	L	21	28
*	1968	2-1	L	22	37
	1969	9-16	L	14	28
*	1970	6-	W	48	0
	1971	2-	W	8	7
*	1972	10-	W	35	14
	1973	7-	W	20	7
*	1974	2-	L	20	31
	1975	9-	W	17	0
*	1976		W	23	0
	1977	11-	W	31	24
*	1978		W	10	6
	1979	5-17	L	22	28
*	1980	11-9	W	31	10
	1981	13-	L	14	15
*	1982	10-	W	28	14
	1983	5-	W	52	6
HD	1984	8-	L	21	23
	1985		L	17	35
*	1986		W	41	9
	1987	8-	W	44	20
*	1988	8-	W	52	7
	1989	1-	W	40	7
*	1990	1-	W	37	11
	1991	8-	W	45	20
*	1992	6-	W	48	0
	1993	4-	W	17	0
*	1994	8-	W	39	21
	1995	25-	W	35	28
*	1996	9-	W	35	0
	1997	12-	L	17	28
*	1998	23-	W	31	30
	1999	16-20	L	23	28
*	2000	21-13	W	23	21
	2001		W	24	18
*	2002	23-	W	24	17

* - home games at Notre Dame Stadium since '30; HD - Hoosier Dome; away games at Ross-Ade Stadium since '24.

NOTRE DAME-PURDUE CONNECTIONS

- Notre Dame offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Bill Diedrick** and Irish offensive line coach **John McDonell** worked alongside Purdue head coach **Joe Tiller** when all three were members of **Mike Price's** staff at Washington State from 1989-90. In addition, Boilermaker quarterbacks coach **Blaine Bennett** was a graduate assistant on the WSU staff with the afore-mentioned trio in 1989.
- Purdue defensive ends coach **Gary Emanuel** worked with Notre Dame offensive line coach **John McDonell** and running backs/special teams coach **Buzz Preston** at Washington State from 1994-96.
- Irish head athletic trainer **Jim Russ** — now in his 18th season at Notre Dame — served as an assistant athletic trainer at Purdue from 1977-82 (when the Boilers went 2-4 against the Irish).
- Third-year Notre Dame assistant athletic trainer **Tricia Matasyk** is a 1999 Purdue graduate.

CLOSE SHAVES

The last five games in the Notre Dame-Purdue series all have been decided by seven points or less, with the Irish winning four of those five nailbiters. In 1998, **Jim Sanson** kicked a 17-yard field goal with 57 seconds left to give the Irish a 31-30 win. A year later, the Boilermakers exacted a measure of revenge, as **Travis Dorsch** booted a pair of fourth-quarter field goals to lead Purdue past Notre Dame, 28-23. In 2000, another Irish kicker took center stage, as **Nicholas Setta** drilled a 38-yard field goal on the game's final play to lift Notre Dame to a 23-21 victory. In 2001, **Vontez Duff** returned a kickoff 96 yards for a score and **Jason Beckstrom** brought an interception back 29 yards for a TD, helping the Irish weather a late Purdue rally for the 24-18 win. Last season, Duff returned an interception 33 yards for a touchdown with 5:09 remaining to give the Irish a 24-17 victory.

SCORING BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY

In Notre Dame's last two games against Purdue, five of the six touchdowns scored by the Irish have come from their defense or special teams. In 2001, **Vontez Duff** returned a kickoff 96 yards for a score and **Jason Beckstrom** followed with a 29-yard interception for a touchdown, lifting the Irish to the 24-18 win. Then, last season, all three Notre Dame scores were provided by the defense and special teams. **Gerome Sapp** returned a fumble 54 yards for a touchdown and **Lionel Bolen** followed suit with a four-yard fumble return for a score on the ensuing kickoff just 11 seconds later (the fastest two-TD outburst in school history). Then, after Purdue had tied the game at 17, Duff brought an interception back 33 yards for the game-winning score with 5:09 remaining.

THE UPSETS

- The series has produced 47 previous games in which at least one team was ranked in the AP poll, but the higher-ranked team is just 29-18 in those games.
- Purdue has been the beneficiary in 15 of the series' 18 upsets of the higher-ranked teams, including four times in which the Boilermakers knocked off the top-rated Irish: 1950 (28-14) and 1954 (27-14) at Notre Dame Stadium, and 1965 (25-21) and 1967 (28-21) at Ross-Ade Stadium. Purdue was unranked in 1950, No. 19 in '54, No. 6 in '65 and No. 10 in '67.
- Unranked Purdue teams also have beaten ranked Irish teams in 1956, '59, '60, '74 (31-20, when ND was No. 2), '81, '84 and '97 while lower-ranked Purdue teams also have beaten higher-ranked ND teams in '58, '69, '79 and '99.
- Lower-ranked Irish teams have upset a higher-ranked Purdue squad three times, most recently at Notre Dame Stadium in 2000 when Notre Dame's **Nicholas Setta** connected on a 38-yard field goal with no time remaining to give the 23rd-ranked Irish a 23-21 victory over the 13th-ranked Boilermakers. Other Irish upsets include at Ross-Ade Stadium in 1952, when the unranked Irish knocked off No. 9 Purdue (26-14); and at Notre Dame Stadium in 1980, when the No. 11 Irish topped the ninth-ranked Boilermakers (31-10).

COMMONPLACE

- Purdue is tied with USC as the second-most common opponent in Irish football history (both play Notre Dame for the 75th time this season), trailing one other '03 foe: Navy (77th meeting this year).
- Notre Dame faces its five most common opponents this season (Navy, Purdue, USC, Michigan State and Pittsburgh).
- The Irish have played 134 different teams in 115 seasons of varsity football, with the most common opponents in Irish football history as follows (number of games are updated to include all 2003 games):

Opponent	Games	ND series record
Navy	77	66-9-1
Purdue	75	49-23-2
USC	75	42-27-5
Michigan State	67	42-24-1
Pittsburgh	61	42-17-1
Army	48	36-8-4
Northwestern	47	37-8-2
Georgia Tech	32	26-5-1
Michigan	31	12-18-1

NOTRE DAME VS. THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

- Notre Dame has played nearly three times as many games against Big Ten Conference opponents (326) as any other league. The Pac-10 (110) and BIG EAST (108) are the only other conferences against whom the Irish have played at least 100 games.
- Notre Dame has won more than 66 percent of its games versus Big Ten Conference opponents, with a record of .500 or better against 10 of the 11 Big Ten teams (Michigan is the lone exception). The Irish have an overall mark of 209-102-15 (.664) in 326 games against Big Ten schools, with more than 52 percent of those games (172) coming versus Michigan (12-18-1), Michigan State (42-24-1) and Purdue (49-23-2), all of whom are on Notre Dame's 2003 schedule.
- For the second consecutive season, Notre Dame is playing three Big Ten schools (Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue). Last year, the Irish swept those same three Big Ten opponents, winning each game in the fourth quarter.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND PURDUE MET

Notre Dame cornerback **Vontez Duff** intercepted a tipped pass and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown with 5:09 to play, lifting the 23rd-ranked Irish to a 24-17 victory over Purdue at Notre Dame Stadium.

Duff's heroics earned the Copperas Cove, Texas, native a place in the Irish record books as the first defensive player to score touchdowns in three consecutive games (he previously scored on kick and punt returns). Duff also sent the sun-drenched capacity crowd of 80,795 home happy as Notre Dame improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1996 and downed the Boilermakers for the 15th time in the last 17 meetings.

Running back **Ryan Grant** added a solid effort, rushing 21 times for a career-high 96 yards in the victory. It was the second consecutive successful outing for Grant against Purdue — he ran for a (then) career-best 77 yards in the 2001 season finale against the Boilermakers in West Lafayette.

However, it was once again the Notre Dame defense which was the story. The Irish forced four Purdue turnovers on the afternoon and kept the high-powered Boiler passing game largely in check, as Purdue quarterback **Kyle Orton** completed only 14 of 30 passes for 171 yards with one interception.

Following a scoreless first quarter, Notre Dame seized the momentum in the blink of an eye. Strong safety **Gerome Sapp** scooped up a Purdue fumble, danced past two tacklers and raced 54 yards for a touchdown to put the Irish in front. Then, on the ensuing kickoff, the Boilermakers fumbled again. Cornerback **Lionel Bolen** found himself in the right spot, plucking the ball out of midair and waltzing four yards into the end zone for a quick 14-0 lead.

The two Notre Dame scores came just 11 seconds apart, breaking the school record for the fastest two TDs by one second. It also rocked Purdue back on its collective heels, a feeling which would be magnified later in the quarter, when **Nicholas Setta** banged home a 19-yard field goal to hike the Irish lead to 17-0 at the 6:25 mark.

The Boilermakers then regained their balance with some help from their special teams. **Anthony Chambers** floated back to his own 24-yard line to receive an Irish punt, drifted to his left and then slashed up the middle, going virtually untouched 76 yards for the score. The touchdown, which came just over two minutes before halftime, gave Purdue some life heading into the locker room.

As it did for much of the afternoon, the Notre Dame offense struggled and the Boilermakers took advantage. Late in the third quarter, Orton drove the visitors on a 10-play, 71-yard drive, which was capped by **Jerod Void's** three-yard TD run. **Berin Lacevic** then completed the Purdue comeback by kicking a 35-yard field goal on the second play of the fourth quarter to tie the game at 17-17.

Notre Dame had a pair of golden opportunities to regain the lead, but the normally-reliable Setta



NOTRE DAME vs. BIG TEN TEAMS

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Illinois	11	0	1	.958
Indiana	23	5	1	.810
Iowa	13	8	3	.604
Michigan	12	18	1	.403
Michigan State	42	24	1	.634
Minnesota	4	0	1	.900
Northwestern	37	8	2	.809
Ohio State	2	2	0	.500
Penn State	8	8	1	.500
Purdue	49	23	2	.676
Wisconsin	8	6	2	.563
TOTALS	209	102	15	.664

IRISH VERSUS THE BIG TEN

- Notre Dame is 35-16-1 (.683) in its last 52 games versus Big Ten opponents, including a 14-game winning streak from 1986-91.
- Notre Dame is playing three Big Ten schools (Purdue, Michigan, Michigan State) for the second consecutive year.

CONFERENCE CALL

- This season marks the fifth consecutive campaign in which Notre Dame has faced teams from six different conferences. Here's a look at the conference breakdown for the 12 Irish opponents in 2003:

- ACC (1):** Florida State
- Big Ten (3):** Purdue, Michigan, Michigan State
- BIG EAST (3):** Pittsburgh, Boston Coll., Syracuse
- Pac-10 (3):** Stanford, USC, Washington State
- Mountain West (1):** BYU
- Independents (1):** Navy

- Notre Dame has had great overall success against the major conferences in the country, including the Big Ten, of which Michigan State is a member:

Conference	Winning %
Western Athletic	.850
Atlantic Coast	.795
Mountain West	.793
BIG EAST	.713
Big 12	.666
Big Ten	.664
Pac-10	.655
SEC	.633



ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL
(Sept. 21)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last
1.	Oklahoma (55)	4-0	1
2.	Miami (Fla.) (3)	4-0	2
3.	USC (2)	3-0	4
4.	Ohio State (5)	4-0	5
5.	Virginia Tech	3-0	8
6.	Florida State	4-0	10
7.	LSU	4-0	11
8.	Tennessee	3-0	12
9.	Arkansas	3-0	14
10.	Oregon	4-0	22
11.	Michigan	3-1	3
12.	Georgia	3-1	7
13.	Iowa	4-0	18
14.	Texas	2-1	13
15.	Nebraska	3-0	15
16.	Kansas State	4-1	6
17.	Pittsburgh	2-1	9
18.	Washington	2-1	19
19.	TCU	3-0	20
20.	Northern Illinois	3-0	NR
21.	Washington State	3-1	24
22.	Purdue	2-1	25
23.	Missouri	4-0	23
24.	Minnesota	4-0	NR
25.	Florida	2-2	17

ESPN/USA TODAY POLL
(Sept. 21)

Rk.	Team	Record	Last
1.	Oklahoma (51)	4-0	1
2.	Miami (Fla.) (6)	4-0	2
3.	USC (1)	3-0	3
4.	Ohio State (5)	4-0	4
5.	Virginia Tech	3-0	8
6.	Florida State	4-0	9
7.	LSU	4-0	10
8.	Tennessee	3-0	12
9.	Iowa	4-0	14
10.	Michigan	3-1	5
11.	Nebraska	3-0	15
12.	Georgia	3-1	7
13.	Texas	2-1	13
14.	Arkansas	3-0	18
15.	Oregon	4-0	22
16.	Kansas State	4-1	6
17.	TCU	3-0	19
18.	Washington	2-1	21
19.	Pittsburgh	2-1	11
20.	Minnesota	4-0	24
21.	Washington State	3-1	25
22.	Northern Illinois	3-0	NR
23.	Missouri	4-0	NR
24.	Arizona State	2-1	16
25.	Florida	2-2	17

Boldface indicates 2003 Notre Dame opponents

missed field goal attempts from 38 and 42 yards. However, the Irish finally seized on their third chance, as Duff's interception sent the Notre Dame faithful into a frenzy.

The Boilers had one last opportunity, driving to the Irish 36-yard line with 1:44 left, but Orton's fourth-down pass fell harmlessly to the turf and Notre Dame collected its sixth win in the last seven home openers.

THE LAST TIME NOTRE DAME AND PURDUE MET AT ROSS-ADE STADIUM

Notre Dame used a **Vontez Duff** kickoff return and a **Jason Beckstrom** interception in the second half, both for touchdowns, as the Irish ended the 2001 season on a positive note by defeating Purdue, 24-18, at Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, Ind.

Freshman tailback **Ryan Grant** rushed for a career-high 77 yards on 19 carries and scored his first career touchdown from 14 yards out earlier in the second quarter to put Notre Dame ahead for good. Still, the Irish held just a slim 10-9 lead after Purdue's **Travis Dorsch** kicked the third of his four field goals with 4:24 left in the third quarter. However, Duff quickly stopped the Boilermakers in their tracks by taking the ensuing kickoff 96 yards for a score.

Early in the fourth quarter, after a **Joey Hildbold** punt pinned Purdue deep in its own territory, Beckstrom intercepted **Kyle Orton's** third-down pass and scampered 29 yards for the touchdown to give the Irish a 24-9 lead. That would be enough to withstand a late rally by the Boilers, who pulled within six points and drove to the Notre Dame 44-yard line in the waning seconds before senior cornerback **Clifford Jefferson** picked off Orton's Hail Mary pass to preserve the first Irish win at Ross-Ade Stadium since 1995.

COURTNEY WATSON NAMED TO AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

Senior All-America linebacker **Courtney Watson** was one of 11 people named Sept. 17 to the 2003 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Football Team. The award recognizes players for their dedication and commitment to community service and all nominees must display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations in which they were involved.

Watson, who joins former defensive end **Grant Irons** as the only Irish players to win the award, was recognized for his extensive work within the University and South Bend communities. A native of Sarasota, Fla., Watson was responsible for creating and developing the football team's community service initiative entitled Tackle The Arts. The program, now in its second year, partners with the St. Joseph Country Public Library in South Bend, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana and the Notre Dame Marching Band in providing an interactive approach helping inspire children to explore different areas of the arts including reading, creative writing and poetry, drawing and music. In addition to providing scholastic support with area children, Watson also installed a food drive dimension to the event to benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana.

In conjunction with the 2003 Tackle the Arts event, Watson along with teammates **Brandon Hoyte** and **Dan Stevenson**, also played host to a picnic for at-risk children in the South Bend area. The children, who attended the picnic and later Tackle the Arts, were identified through the NCAA's National Youth in Sports Program, the South Bend Housing Authority, the Robinson Community Learning Center and the Urban League of South Bend.

Additionally, Watson has made many surprise visits to the pediatric floor at Memorial Hospital in South Bend and has addressed the Jackson Middle School football team at its end of the year banquet. He has participated in the St. Joseph County City Bureau Youth Fest and made hospital visits while the Irish were in Jacksonville, Fla., playing in the 2003 Toyota Gator Bowl.

Watson has also been very active in the Notre Dame community as he was nominated and then elected a member of the Notre Dame Student Senate in 2002-03. Meeting every Wednesday night, Watson and his fellow senators would discuss issues pertinent to the University community. He also served as a member of the Residence Life and Academic Council committees.

Watson is also a four-year participant, and two-time champion, in Notre Dame's student-run basketball tournament called Bookstore Basketball, which is the largest 5-on-5 outdoor basketball tournament in America.

WORKING OVERTIME

The Washington State game was the fifth overtime contest in Notre Dame history and the first since a 34-31 win over Air Force on Oct. 28, 2000. The Irish are 2-3 when they are pushed to an extra session (2-2 at home), and have won both games in which they won the overtime coin toss.



One other OT tidbit: senior safety **Glenn Earl** has played a key role in each of the last two overtime wins for the Irish. Against Air Force in 2000, Earl blocked a potential game-winning field goal attempt at the end of regulation, allowing Notre Dame to go on and win on **Joey Getherall's** nine-yard TD run in the extra period. Earlier this season against Washington State, Earl broke up a third-down pass intended for WSU's Scott Lunde, forcing the Cougars to try a 34-yard field goal that missed, opening the door for the Irish to win on **Nicholas Setta's** 40-yard field goal.

BACK FROM THE BRINK

Notre Dame erased a 19-0 second-quarter deficit in its win over Washington State, representing the largest comeback for the Irish since Oct. 16, 1999 against another Pac-10 team, USC. In that game, Notre Dame trailed 24-3 early in the third quarter, but reeled off 22 unanswered points, including 15 in the fourth quarter, to snatch the victory away from the stunned Trojans.

YOU GOTTA BELIEVE

Notre Dame's 29-26 overtime win over Washington State continues a trend of remarkable victories that began last season. The Irish now are 7-2 (.778) in games decided by eight points or less since **Tyrone Willingham** took over as the Notre Dame head coach prior to last season. The only times the Irish have not won a close ball game under Willingham's guidance were against Boston College in 2002 (14-7) and earlier this year vs. Michigan State (22-16).

Fourth-quarter comebacks also aren't anything new to Notre Dame in the Willingham era. The Irish have won five times during the past two seasons when they were tied or trailing in the fourth quarter.

FIVE O'CLOCK LIGHTNING

The 20 points scored by Notre Dame in the fourth quarter against Washington State were the most the Irish have tallied in the final period since Oct. 25, 1997, when they erupted for 21 fourth-quarter points in a 52-20 blowout of Boston College.

RETURN TO SENDER

One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's success last season was its ability to capitalize on an opponent's mistakes. In fact, the Irish wound up with nine returns (punts, kickoffs, fumbles, interceptions) for touchdowns in 2002, which tied North Carolina State for second-most in the nation behind Kansas State's 12 returns for touchdowns.

Upon closer inspection, the return game has been a source of strength for Notre Dame over the past five seasons. The Irish have logged 23 returns for touchdowns in that time, a figure that ranks eighth in the country. Here's a look at the national leaders in touchdown returns since 1999 (research courtesy of the University of Colorado athletic media relations office — bowl games counted separately):

Team	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Bowls	Total
Miami (Fla.)	3	13	11	5	7	1	40
Kansas State	9	5	2	12	3	0	31
Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	0	0	28
Colorado	5	4	7	7	0	4	27
Nebraska	6	7	5	6	1	3	27
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	1	1	25
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	0	3	24
NOTRE DAME	4	6	4	9	0	0	23
Fresno State	5	5	3	5	0	2	20
North Carolina State	3	2	4	9	1	1	20
TCU	5	3	4	6	0	1	19

THEY SHALL RETURN

• During the past 17-plus seasons ('86-'03), Notre Dame has produced 77 TDs via kickoff, punt, interception and fumble returns — including **Vontez Duff's** 76-yard punt return vs. Maryland, Duff's 33-yard interception return, **Gerome Sapp's** 54-yard fumble return and **Lionel Bolen's** four-yard fumble return vs. Purdue, **Shane Walton's** 18-yard interception return and **Courtney Watson's** 34-yard interception return against Stanford, Duff's 92-yard kickoff return vs. Navy, Walton's 45-yard interception return against Rutgers and **Carlos Pierre-Antoine's** 27-yard blocked punt return at USC in '02.

• Irish opponents in the past 17-plus seasons have combined for just 20 total returns for touchdowns.

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Kickoff Returns

1. Tim Brown (1984-87)	69
2. Julius Jones (1999-current)	64
3. Jim Stone (1977-80)	49
4. Tony Driver (1997-2000)	47
5. Raghieb Ismail (1988-90)	46
6. Vontez Duff (2000-current)	37

Total Kick Returns (Punts & Kickoffs)

1. Tim Brown (1984-87)	105
2. Julius Jones (1999-current)	101
3. Frank Carideo (1928-30)	96
4. Vontez Duff (2000-current)	91
Harry Stuldreher (1922-24)	91
6. Michael Miller (1991-94)	89

Kickoff Return Yardage

1. Tim Brown (1984-87)	1,613
2. Julius Jones (1999-current)	1,507
3. Raghieb Ismail (1988-90)	1,271
4. Tony Driver (1997-2000)	1,083
5. Jim Stone (1977-80)	1,079
6. Vontez Duff (2000-current)	1,032

Total Kick Return Yardage (Punts & Kickoffs)

1. Tim Brown (1984-87)	2,089
2. Julius Jones (1999-current)	1,929
3. Raghieb Ismail (1988-90)	1,607
4. Vontez Duff (2000-current)	1,556

Field Goals Made

1. John Carney (1984-86)	51
2. Nicholas Setta (2000-current)	45
3. Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	39
Dave Reeve (1974-77)	39

Field Goal Attempts

1. John Carney (1984-86)	69
2. Nicholas Setta (2000-current)	65
3. Dave Reeve (1974-77)	64
4. Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	56

Points By Kicking

1. Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	294
2. Dave Reeve (1974-77)	247
3. Nicholas Setta (2000-current)	237
4. John Carney (1984-86)	223

Consecutive Extra Points Made

1. Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	136
2. Nicholas Setta (2000-current)	90

Extra Points Attempted

1. Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	180
2. Dave Reeve (1974-77)	143
3. Scott Hempel (1968-70)	132
4. Jim Sanson (1996-99)	123
5. Gus Dorais (1910-13)	105
6. Nicholas Setta (2000-current)	103

Boldface indicates current players



2003 SEASON HONORS

DT Darrell Campbell

Lindy's, ranked 19th nationally among defensive linemen

CB Vontez Duff

Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
Street & Smith's preseason first-team All-American
Athlon preseason second-team All-American
 Chosen by *Street & Smith's* as a Jim Thorpe Award candidate

Lindy's, ranked seventh nationally among cornerbacks

Lindy's, ranked ninth nationally among all-purpose players

The Sporting News, ranked 10th nationally among cornerbacks

The Sporting News, ranked 10th nationally among kick returners

FS/SS Glenn Earl

Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American
 Chosen by *Street & Smith's* as a Jim Thorpe Award candidate

The Sporting News, ranked 14th nationally among free safeties

Lindy's, ranked 19th nationally among free safeties

RB Ryan Grant

Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American

Lindy's, ranked 18th nationally among running backs

LB Mike Goolsby

Butkus Award Watch List
Lindy's, ranked 12th nationally among inside linebackers

• The '02 Irish joined the '93 and '00 teams as the only squads to return at least one punt, kickoff, interception and fumble for TDs.

• Among current Notre Dame players, senior cornerback **Vontez Duff** has four touchdown returns (2 KR, 1 PR, 1 INT), senior running back **Julius Jones** has two TD returns (1 KR, 1 PR) and senior inside linebacker **Courtney Watson** also has two touchdown runbacks (2 INT). **Allen Rossum** holds the school and NCAA record for most TDs on runbacks with nine (3 KR, 3 PR, 3 INT) from 1994-97.

• Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM	Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM
1986	0	2	0	0	1996	4	1	0	2
1987	3	0	1	0	1997	0	2	1	0
1988	2	2	3	0	1998	0	0	2	3
1989	2	2	3	0	1999	1	0	2	1
1990	0	2	0	0	2000	2	1	1	2
1991	1	1	2	0	2001	0	1	2	1
1992	0	1	0	0	2002	2	1	4	2
1993	2	1	2	1	2003	0	0	0	0
1994	0	0	1	1	ND Total (77)	20	17	26	14
1995	1	0	2	1	Opp. Total (21)	6	2	8	5

WILLINGHAM OFF TO A GOOD START

Second-year Notre Dame head coach **Tyrone Willingham** has posted an 11-5 (.688) career mark with the Irish, a record that matches up favorably with past Notre Dame coaches. In fact, of the 13 full-time Irish mentors since 1913, nine won at least 11 of their first 15 games, and all nine wound up with at least a .630 winning percentage over their careers at Notre Dame. Here's a look at how the past 13 Irish head coaches have fared through their first 16 games, as well as their final career totals:

Coach (Seasons)	16-game record	Final record at ND
Jesse Harper (1913-17)	14-2	34-5-1 (.863)
Terry Brennan (1954-58)	14-2	32-18-0 (.640)
Ara Parseghian (1964-74)	14-2	95-17-4 (.836)
Knute Rockne (1918-30)	13-1-2	105-12-5 (.881)
Frank Leahy (1941-43, '46-53)	13-1-2	87-11-9 (.855)
Hunk Anderson (1931-33)	12-3-1	16-9-2 (.630)
Elmer Layden (1934-40)	12-4	47-13-3 (.770)
Dan Devine (1975-80)	12-4	53-16-1 (.764)
Tyrone Willingham (2002-current)	11-5	11-5-0 (.688)
Gerry Faust (1981-85)	9-7	30-26-1 (.535)
Lou Holtz (1986-96)	9-7	100-30-2 (.765)
Bob Davie (1997-2001)	9-7	35-25-0 (.583)
Joe Kuharich (1959-62)	6-10	17-23-0 (.425)

DON'T TAKE RYAN FOR GRANTED

Junior running back **Ryan Grant** quietly posted another solid performance against Washington State, rolling up a game-high 98 yards on 17 carries. It was the eighth career 90-yard game for Grant, with the Irish going 7-1 in games when he reaches that landmark (only loss vs. Boston College in 2002 after he rushed 27 times for 107 yards).

MR. JONES AND ME

Senior running back **Julius Jones** played a critical role in Notre Dame's win over Washington State. Despite missing all of last season, Jones wasted little time in showing some of the brilliance that made him the team's leading rusher in 2000 and 2001. The Big Stone Gap, Va., native carried 11 times for 72 yards in the win, including a 19-yard touchdown run with 5:03 remaining in the fourth quarter that gave the Irish their first lead of the game. It also was Jones' first TD since a 44-yard run vs. Navy in 2001.

Jones also continues to inch closer to several Notre Dame career kick return records, all held by 1987 Heisman Trophy winner **Tim Brown**. Jones has 64 career kickoff runbacks (five behind Brown) and returned the 100th kick of his career (punts and kickoffs combined) at Michigan — he now has 101 career kick returns (four behind Brown). In addition, Jones has 1,507 career kickoff return yards, putting him 106 yards behind Brown. Jones also has 1,929 career kick return yards, leaving him only 160 yards shy of Brown's school record.



HOYTE STANDS TALL ON DEFENSE

Junior inside linebacker **Brandon Hoyte** has been masterful on defense in crucial situations. Coming into each of the last two seasons, Hoyte has been designated as Notre Dame's top reserve linebacker. However, on six occasions, he has been pressed into a starting role and he has delivered in the clutch, averaging 8.3 tackles per game, including double-digit outings in three of his last four contests (North Carolina State in the '03 Gator Bowl, Washington State and Michigan in '03). In addition, Hoyte has been Notre Dame's leading tackler four times (Maryland, Purdue and North Carolina State in '02; Washington State in '03), including a career-best 11 tackles in the overtime win over Washington State on Sept. 6.

FRESH HORSES

Five true freshmen have played for Notre Dame in all three games this season. Defensive end **Victor Abiamiri**, wide receiver **Chinedum Ndukwe**, defensive back **Freddie Parish, Jr.**, quarterback **Brady Quinn** and wide receiver **Jeff Samardzija** all have made significant contributions during the early portion of the year. Abiamiri has made eight tackles, including a career-high seven in his first start vs. Michigan State. Meanwhile, Parish has logged three tackles (one in each game), Samardzija has caught three passes (one in each game) for 35 yards and Quinn is 10-of-27 for 139 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He has directed the Irish on two scoring drives this season — a six-play, 80-yard march that put Notre Dame on top in the fourth quarter against Washington State, and a nine-play, 85-yard journey in the fourth period vs. Michigan State that was capped off by his first career TD pass, a 29-yard strike to sophomore wide receiver **Rhema McKnight**.

The WSU game also marked the first time Notre Dame had five true freshmen play in a season opener since Aug. 28, 1999. On that afternoon, **Jason Beckstrom**, **Joey Hildbold**, **Julius Jones**, **Gerome Sapp** and **Chris Yura** all participated in a 48-13 Irish rout of Kansas in the State of Indiana Eddie Robinson Classic. Beckstrom and Jones now are seniors on the 2003 Irish roster.

SETTA PULLING DOUBLE DUTY

Senior **Nicholas Setta** is serving as the starting placekicker and punter for the Irish this season, marking the first time a Notre Dame player regularly has filled both roles since **Craig Hentrich** turned the trick from 1989-92. Hentrich is now an all-pro punter with the NFL's Tennessee Titans, and even booted three field goals as the Titans' emergency kicker in their season-opening win over Oakland on Sept. 7.

Setta is in his fourth year as the Irish placekicker, having twice been named to the Lou Groza Award Watch List. He also has been selected as a preseason honorable mention All-American by *Street & Smith's* each of the last two seasons. This year, he is aiming to break several Notre Dame records, including career field goal attempts (Setta is second with 65, while **John Carney** holds the record of 69 from 1984-86), career field goal made (Setta is second with 45, while Carney is first with 51), and career points by kicking (Setta is third with 237, while Hentrich owns the top mark of 294). In addition, Setta has made 90 consecutive PAT kicks, the second-longest streak in school history behind Hentrich's run of 136 straight PATs from 1989-92. Setta's last missed PAT kick came on Oct. 7, 2000 vs. Stanford.

Setta has been one of the primary sources of offense for Notre Dame through the first three games of the 2003 season. He has connected on 8-of-9 field goal attempts, including a perfect 6-of-6 on kicks inside of 40 yards, and leads the Irish with 27 points this season. **His average of 2.67 field goals per game is third-best in the nation, while his 9.0 points-per-game average ranks 27th nationally.**

Setta got his final season at Notre Dame off to a flying start against Washington State, matching his career high (and tying the school record) with five field goals in six attempts, including the game-winning 40-yard boot in overtime. He also set a new personal best with 17 points by kicking (five field goals, two PAT), one better than his previous high of 16, set in last year's season opener vs. Maryland (five field goals, one PAT). Those 17 points vs. WSU helped push the Lockport, Ill., product into third place on the school's career points-by-kicking list — he now has 237 points and is within sight of **Dave Reeve**, who is second all-time with 247 points from 1974-77. Setta added three more field goals on as many attempts against Michigan State, marking the fourth time in his career he has kicked three field goals in a single game.

While he has a wealth of experience as a placekicker, Setta comes into this season having only served as a backup punter behind two-time Ray Guy Award semifinalist **Joey Hildbold**. However, while filling in for the injured Hildbold against Boston College in 2000, Setta did punt four times for 160 yards (a 40-yard average), including a career-long 47-yard boot in a 28-16 Irish victory. Setta was one of 32 candidates named to the '03 Ray Guy Award preseason watch list and has backed up that selection through the first three weeks of the season, ranking 46th in the nation with an average of 41.3 yards on

2003 SEASON HONORS

NG Cedric Hilliard

Athlon preseason third-team All-American
The Sporting News, ranked sixth nationally among defensive tackles

QB Carlyle Holiday

Davey O'Brien Award Watch List

K/P Nicholas Setta

Ray Guy Award Watch List
NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Washington State (5 FG, GW 40-yd FG in overtime)
Street & Smith's preseason honorable mention All-American
Chosen by *Street & Smith's* as a Lou Groza Award candidate

DE Justin Tuck

Ted Hendricks Award Watch List

LB Courtney Watson

Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year Watch List
Butkus Award Watch List
ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game at Michigan (team-high 12 tackles, forced fumble)
Street & Smith's preseason first-team All-American
The Sporting News preseason first-team All-American
Chosen by *Street & Smith's* as a Butkus Award candidate
Chosen by *Street & Smith's* as a Bednarik/Nagurski Award candidate
Chosen by *Lindy's* as a Butkus Award candidate
Chosen by *Lindy's* as a Bednarik/Nagurski Award candidate
The Sporting News, ranked fourth nationally among inside linebackers
Lindy's, ranked fourth nationally among inside linebackers



INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME BESTS

TOTAL CARRIES

Ryan Grant	30 at Air Force, '02
Carlyle Holiday	22 at Boston College, '01
Julius Jones	27 at Air Force, '00
Rashon Powers-Neal	17 vs. Navy, '02
Marcus Wilson	10 at Air Force, '02

RUSHING YARDS

Ryan Grant	190 at Air Force, '02
Carlyle Holiday	130 vs. West Virginia, '01
Julius Jones	146 vs. Navy, '99
Rashon Powers-Neal	108 vs. Stanford, '02
Marcus Wilson	44 at Air Force, '02

PASS COMPLETIONS

Pat Dillingham	19 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Carlyle Holiday	21 vs. Washington State, '03
Brady Quinn	7 vs. Michigan State, '03

PASS ATTEMPTS

Pat Dillingham	37 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Carlyle Holiday	34 vs. Washington State, '03
Brady Quinn	17 vs. Michigan State, '03

PASSING YARDS

Pat Dillingham	166 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Carlyle Holiday	272 vs. Navy, '02
Brady Quinn	103 vs. Michigan State, '03

RECEPTIONS

Jared Clark	4, twice (last: vs. WSU, '03)
Anthony Fasano	1, twice (last: vs. Michigan St., '03)
Omar Jenkins	5, twice (last: vs. WSU, '03)
Rhema McKnight	8 vs. Michigan State, '03
Billy Palmer	1, twice (last: vs. Michigan State, '03)
Ronnie Rodamer	1, three times (last: vs. NCSU, '02)
Jeff Samardzija	1, three times (last: vs. MSU, '03)
Maurice Stovall	3, three times (last: vs. WSU, '03)

RECEIVING YARDS

Jared Clark	41 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Anthony Fasano	19 at Michigan, '03
Omar Jenkins	166 vs. Navy, '02
Rhema McKnight	104 vs. Michigan State, '03
Billy Palmer	13 vs. Michigan State, '03
Ronnie Rodamer	9 vs. Navy, '02
Jeff Samardzija	19 vs. Michigan State, '03
Maurice Stovall	59 at Michigan State, '02

TACKLES

Victor Abiamiri	7 vs. Michigan State, '03
Jason Beckstrom	6 vs. Michigan State, '03
Garron Bible	7, twice (last: at Michigan, '03)
Lionel Bolen	3 vs. Rutgers, '02
Kyle Budinscak	5 at Purdue, '01
Quentin Burrell	4 vs. Michigan State, '03
Darrell Campbell	5, three times (last: vs. Navy, '02)
Jerome Collins	1, three times (last: at Michigan, '03)
Derek Curry	7 vs. Washington State, '03
Vontez Duff	6, twice (last: at USC, '02)
Glenn Earl	12 at Purdue, '01
Dwight Ellick	2, three times (last: at MSU, '02)
Cedric Hilliard	7 vs. Air Force, '02
Brandon Hoyte	11 vs. Washington State, '03
Preston Jackson	8 at Michigan, '03
Corey Mays	4 at Michigan, '03
Greg Pauly	3 at Air Force, '02
Justin Tuck	9 vs. Navy, '02
Courtney Watson	18 vs. Nebraska, '01

19 punts. He also boomed a career-long 54-yard punt on his first try of the season vs. Washington State and carded a career-high nine punts at Michigan for a 43.9-yard average (including a 51-yard kick).

SIX IRISH PLAYERS EARN PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Senior inside linebacker **Courtney Watson** was a preseason first-team All-America selection by *Street & Smith's* and *The Sporting News*. Meanwhile, senior cornerback/kick returner **Vontez Duff** was a preseason first-team All-American according to *Street & Smith's* and a second-team choice by *Athlon*. The latter publication also named senior nose guard **Cedric Hilliard** to its preseason All-America third team. Senior safety **Glenn Earl**, junior running back **Ryan Grant** and senior kicker/punter **Nicholas Setta** all were awarded preseason honorable mention All-America status by *Street & Smith's*.

THREE NOTRE DAME POSITION UNITS LAUDED BY NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Athlon named the Irish linebacking corps the fourth-best unit in the country, while *The Sporting News* labelled them the ninth-best group in the land. In addition, *Athlon* selected the Notre Dame defensive line as the fifth-best unit in the nation.

WATSON NAMED TO WALTER CAMP PLAYER OF THE YEAR PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Senior inside linebacker **Courtney Watson** has been named to the preseason watch list for the Walter Camp Football Foundation Player of the Year, the nation's fourth-oldest individual accolade which is given annually by the Walter Camp Football Foundation. Through a vote of the 117 Division I-A head coach and sports information directors, the list will be cut to 10 semifinalists in early November, with the winner to be announced Dec. 11 at the ESPN/Home Depot College Football Awards Show. The official award presentation is slated for Feb. 14, 2004, at the Walter Camp Football Foundation national awards banquet, which will be held in New Haven, Conn., at the Yale University Commons.

WATSON, GOOLSBY NAMED TO BUTKUS AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Senior inside linebackers **Courtney Watson** and **Mike Goolsby** have been named to the preseason watch list for the Butkus Award, which is presented each year to the nation's top linebacker by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando. The list of 90 candidates will be pared down to 10 semifinalists on Oct. 16, with the three finalists chosen on Nov. 13. The winner will be unveiled Dec. 12 at a banquet in Orlando.

DUFF, EARL PICKED FOR THORPE AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Senior cornerback **Vontez Duff** and senior safety **Glenn Earl** have been named to the preseason watch list for the Jim Thorpe Award, which is awarded annually to the nation's top defensive back by the Jim Thorpe Association, based in Oklahoma City. Ten semifinalists for the award will be announced Nov. 3, with the three finalists selected on Nov. 24. The winner will be announced Dec. 11 at the ESPN/Home Depot College Football Awards Show with the official award presentation slated for Feb. 9, 2004, in Oklahoma City.

HOLIDAY TAPPED FOR O'BRIEN AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Senior quarterback **Carlyle Holiday** has earned a spot on the preseason watch list for the Davey O'Brien Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top quarterback by the Fort Worth Club in Fort Worth, Texas. In November, the semifinalists will be announced and the three finalists will be selected later in the month. The winner will be announced Dec. 11 at the ESPN/Home Depot College Football Awards Show with the official award presentation slated for February 2004 in Fort Worth.

TUCK EARNS PLACE ON HENDRICKS AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Junior defensive end **Justin Tuck** has been selected to the preseason watch list for the Ted Hendricks Award, which is given annually to the nation's top defensive end by the Ted Hendricks Foundation in Chicago. In November, the semifinalists will be announced and the three finalists will be selected later in the month. The winner will be announced Dec. 11 at the ESPN/Home Depot College Football Awards Show with the official award presentation set for February 2004 in Chicago.

SETTA APPEARS ON RAY GUY AWARD PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Senior punter/placekicker **Nicholas Setta** has been named to the preseason watch list for the Ray Guy Award, which is presented each year to the nation's top punter by the Greater Augusta (Ga.) Sports Council. Ten semifinalists will be announced in early November and the three finalists will be chosen



later that month. The winner will be announced Dec. 11 at the ESPN/Home Depot College Football Awards Show and will receive his award live during the broadcast.

FOUR PLAYERS NAMED TO 2003 STREET & SMITH'S AWARD WATCH LISTS

Street & Smith's tapped senior inside linebacker **Courtney Watson** for spots on its Butkus Award and Bednarik/Nagurski Award watch lists (as did *Lindy's*). The former honor recognizes the country's top linebacker, while the latter awards spotlight the nation's best overall defensive player. In addition, *Street & Smith's* placed senior cornerback **Vontez Duff** and senior safety **Glenn Earl** on its watch list for the Thorpe Award (which goes to the top defensive back in the country), and the publication named senior kicker **Nicholas Setta** to its watch list for the Lou Groza Award (presented to the nation's top kicker).

IRISH PLAYERS RANK HIGH IN LINDY'S AND THE SPORTING NEWS IN 2003

Senior **Courtney Watson** was tabbed the fourth-best inside linebacker in the country by *Lindy's* and *The Sporting News*, while senior **Vontez Duff** was rated the seventh-best cornerback and ninth-best all-purpose player by *Lindy's*, and the nation's 10th best as both a cornerback and kick returner by *The Sporting News*. Senior nose guard **Cedric Hilliard** was ranked the sixth-best defensive tackle in the nation by *The Sporting News*, while senior safety **Glenn Earl** placed 14th among free safeties by *The Sporting News* and 19th by *Lindy's*. Senior **Mike Goolsby** was rated 12th among the nation's inside linebackers by *Lindy's*, while junior **Ryan Grant** was 18th among running backs and senior **Darrell Campbell** was charted 19th among defensive linemen by the same publication.

IRISH HEAD COACH TYRONE WILLINGHAM

A veteran with 26 seasons of coaching experience at the collegiate and professional levels, **Tyrone Willingham** is now in his second season as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame after previously serving as the leader at Stanford University. In eight years as a college head coach, Willingham has compiled a solid 55-41-1 (.572) overall record, including an 11-5 (.688) mark with the Irish, and has guided his charges to bowl games on five occasions.

Willingham used his years of service in the coaching business to reverse the tides of the Irish program in '02, leading Notre Dame to a 10-2 regular-season record and a trip to the 2003 Toyota Gator Bowl. He became the first Irish head coach ever to win 10 games in his first season, and he was named the ESPN/Home Depot College Coach of the Year, the Scripps College Coach of the Year, the Black Coaches Association Male Coach of the Year and the George Munger Award College Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia. In addition, he made history in 2002 as the first college football coach ever to earn *The Sporting News* Sportsman of the Year award.

Willingham was introduced as the new Irish mentor on Jan. 1, 2002, following seven seasons as the head coach at Stanford. He compiled a 44-36-1 (.549) record during his tenure at Stanford, guiding the Cardinal to four bowl games, including the Rose Bowl following the 1999 season. Willingham was a two-time Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year (1995 and 1999), the only Stanford coach to earn that award more than once, and he was a finalist for national coach-of-the-year honors in '95 and '99. All told, Willingham spent 10 years at Stanford, initially serving as running backs coach from 1989-91.

Between his stints with the Cardinal, Willingham coached in the professional ranks for three seasons (1992-94) with the Minnesota Vikings, helping his team win a pair of NFC Central Division championships and reach the playoffs all three years. Willingham began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Michigan State, in 1977, before moving to Central Michigan as the defensive secondary coach for two years (1978-79). He returned to MSU from 1980-82, working with the secondary and special teams units, and also served on the coaching staffs at North Carolina State (1983-85) and Rice (1986-88).

SCOUTING THE IRISH OFFENSE

Line -- The offensive line has been largely retooled for the Irish this season. Four of the five starters from last year were selected in the NFL Draft (and all four remain on active '03 NFL rosters), taking with them more than 80 combined starts and nine combined seasons of starting experience. Senior right guard **Sean Milligan** is the lone holdover on the offensive line and he is being called upon to anchor the rebuilt 2003 crew. Milligan is a three-year monogram winner who played in all 13 games last season, playing a total of 266:27. He has made 19 career starts, including the first two games of 2003, but he missed the Michigan State contest with a back injury.

Junior **Mark LeVoir** earned the starting nod at left guard all three games this year (the first starts of his career) after spending the past two campaigns as a backup at both tackle positions. One of the

TEAM SINGLE-GAME BESTS

NOTRE DAME BESTS – 2003 SEASON

Rushing Yards	167 vs. Washington State
Passing Yards	202 vs. Michigan State
Total Yards	316 vs. Washington State
First Downs	20 vs. Michigan State
Low Rush Yds. Allowed ..	55 vs. Washington State
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	119 vs. Michigan State
Low Total Yds. Allowed	300 vs. Michigan State
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	15, twice (last: vs. MSU)
Sacks By	3 vs. Washington State
Turnovers Forced	3, three times (last: vs. MSU)
Points (Game)	29 vs. Washington State
Points (Half)	23 (2nd) vs. Washington State
Points (Quarter)	20 (4th) vs. Washington State
Victory Margin	3 (29-26) vs. Washington State

NOTRE DAME BESTS – 1990-present

Rushing Yards	458 vs. Purdue, '92
Passing Yards	338 vs. Pittsburgh, '99
Total Yards	650 in two games
First Downs	34 vs. Michigan State, '91
Low Rush Yds. Allowed	(-6) vs. Rutgers, '96
Low Pass Yds. Allowed	12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. Allowed	43 vs. Rutgers, '96
Fewest 1st Downs Allowed	5 in two games
Points (Game)	62 vs. Rutgers, '96
Points (Half)	42 (2nd) vs. Navy, '90
Points (Qtr)	40 (2nd) vs. Pittsburgh, '96
Victory Margin	62 (62-0) vs. Rutgers, '96



NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL SHOWS ON RADIO/TV

INSIDE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

"Inside Notre Dame Football," featuring head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, is a half-hour, weekly television show syndicated nationally by Notre Dame Sports Properties and hosted by **Jeff Jeffers**. The show is carried by WNDU-TV in South Bend on Saturdays (one hour before kickoff), as well as Tuesdays on Fox Sports Chicago (3:30 p.m. Central) and College Sports Television (6:30 p.m. Eastern). The show also will be archived on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

THE OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL COACHES RADIO SHOW

"The Official Notre Dame Football Coaches Radio Show," presented by Boling Laser Center, is a half-hour, weekly radio program which is broadcast Tuesdays at 8 p.m. (EST) on U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend. The show, which is hosted by U93 sports director **Sean Stires** and former Irish football captain and NFL standout **Larry Williams**, originates from Logan's Roadhouse in Mishawaka (4225 N. Main Street) and will feature a live or taped segment with Irish head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, a live appearance by a Notre Dame player, plus other features involving the Irish staff and program.

This program is a cooperative venture of Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletics department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners. The show is slated to air for 10 weeks during the football season (Sept. 2, 9, 16 and 23; Oct. 14, 21 and 28; Nov. 4 and 18; and Dec. 2), and it will be broadcast live on the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

THE OFFICIAL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL POST-GAME RADIO SHOW

"The Official Notre Dame Football Postgame Radio Show," presented by Taco Bell, airs on U93 (92.9 FM) in South Bend and the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com) immediately following the conclusion of Westwood One's broadcasts of Notre Dame football games. The 90-minute show is co-hosted by U93 sports director **Sean Stires**, **Jack Nolan** and former Irish football captain and NFL standout **Larry Williams**. After home games, the show originates outside Gate 3 of the Joyce Center (directly across Juniper Road from Notre Dame Stadium). Following road games, the show comes from the Sports Page in Granger (50827 Princess Way). The home broadcasts feature live feeds from the postgame interview room, as well as on-site visit from an Irish assistant coach.

This program is a cooperative venture of Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletics department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners.

largest linemen on the Irish roster this year (6-7, 320), LeVoir played in four games last season for a total of 10:09. Juniors **Jeff Thompson** and **Darin Mitchell** serve as the primary understudies at the guard spot for Notre Dame. Mitchell made his first career start against Michigan State, replacing Milligan in the Irish lineup.

While Milligan is the only regular starter back this season, both of this year's tackles saw significant playing time last year. Senior tackle **Jim Molinaro** has started the last six games for the Irish, including five on the left end, protecting Carlyle Holiday's blind side. On the other side of the line, junior right tackle **Dan Stevenson** was thrust in the starting lineup for last year's Gator Bowl and played extremely well, cementing his role at that position in 2003. Stevenson played a total of 82:23 in 11 games last season, seeing time as both a reserve guard and tackle. Molinaro and Stevenson have started the first three games this season for the Irish and were instrumental in Notre Dame's 167-yard rushing performance against Washington State. A pair of sophomores, **Brian Mattes** and **Jamie Ryan**, are penciled in to be the backup tackles this year. Ryan saw his first action of the season in the Michigan State game, but it came at the right guard position, spelling Mitchell.

The battle to replace All-America center Jeff Faine was a tight one throughout preseason camp, with sophomore **Bob Morton** and junior **Zachary Giles** both competing for the starting spot. Morton earned the starting job for the first two games of the season, although Giles saw plenty of action against Washington State. In fact, the two ended up playing alongside one another (Giles at center, Morton at right guard) late in the WSU contest as the Irish were mounting their comeback win over the Cougars. When Morton succumbed to an injury prior to the Michigan State game, Giles stepped in against the Spartans and made his first career start.

Backs -- Senior **Carlyle Holiday** (36-73-303, 1 TD, 4 INT) has been the starting quarterback for Notre Dame since the third week of the 2001 season. Last year was Holiday's first in the new West Coast offense employed by head coach **Tyrone Willingham** and offensive coordinator **Bill Dierdrick**, and the veteran signal-caller thrived, setting a school record with 126 consecutive pass attempts without an interception. A 2003 Davey O'Brien Award candidate, Holiday has the fifth-lowest interception percentage in school history (.0338), having thrown just 16 picks in 474 career pass attempts. He opened this season by connecting on a career-high 21-of-34 passes for 149 yards with one TD and one interception in the win over Washington State.

Freshman **Brady Quinn** (10-27-139, 1 TD, 1 INT) also has seen significant action this season. Quinn made his college debut against Washington State, coming in midway through the fourth quarter when Holiday was shaken up and directing the Irish on a six-play, 80-yard scoring drive that put Notre Dame ahead for the first time. Quinn was 3-of-10 for 36 yards at Michigan before completing a season-best 7-of-17 throws for 103 yards and his first career touchdown (a 29-yard pass to Rhema McKnight) vs. Michigan State. Meanwhile, junior **Pat Dillingham** gives the Irish an experienced option at quarterback behind Holiday. Dillingham appeared in seven games last season, completing 41-of-81 passes for 434 yards and one touchdown. He carved a place in Irish history last season at Michigan State, throwing the game-winning 60-yard TD pass to Amaz Battle with 1:15 to play. Dillingham also made his first career start vs. Stanford, throwing for 129 yards in a 31-7 victory.

Junior **Ryan Grant** (37-139) leads a veteran group of Irish running backs who were the main beneficiaries of Notre Dame's new offensive style last year. Fresh off a 1,000-yard season in 2002, Grant picked up right where he left off, rushing 17 times for 98 yards against Washington State. In his career, he now has posted four 100-yard games and four other 90-yard efforts. Senior **Julius Jones** (36-146, 1 TD) and junior **Marcus Wilson** (5-8) also will see plenty of action out of the backfield this season. After sitting out last season, Jones made a triumphant return to the Irish lineup against Washington State, carrying 11 times for 72 yards, including a 19-yard touchdown run with 5:03 to play that put Notre Dame ahead for the first time. Jones also was the team's leading rusher against Michigan (11-42) and Michigan State (14-32).

Junior **Rashon Powers-Neal** (1-2) steps into the starting lineup at fullback after serving as Grant's primary understudy at tailback last season. A bruising back who deftly complements the fluid styles of Grant, Jones and Wilson, Powers-Neal carried 77 times for 344 yards and two touchdowns last season. Junior walk-on **Josh Schmidt** was the surprise of this year's preseason camp, working his way into a position for playing time, along with sophomore **Nate Schiccatano**, who opened some eyes with 24 yards rushing and a touchdown in the '03 Blue-Gold Game. Schmidt has caught two passes out of the backfield this season for 17 yards.



FUTURE IRISH FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Receivers -- Despite the loss of last year's leading receiver Arnaz Battle, the Irish receiving corps should be well-stocked in 2003. Junior **Omar Jenkins** (10-89) takes over as the leader of the unit after pulling in 37 balls for 633 yards and three touchdowns last season. He wasted little time in showing the way for the Irish pass-catchers, tying his career high with five catches for 46 yards vs. WSU. Sophomore **Rhema McKnight** (14-148, 2 TD) has started the last two games vs. Michigan and Michigan State at the other wideout position, scoring touchdowns in both games and logging career highs of eight catches and 104 yards against MSU. Rangy sophomore **Maurice Stovall** (3-24), senior **Ronnie Rodamer** and junior **Matt Shelton** all can stretch defenses vertically and will see significant time in Notre Dame's balanced offensive scheme. Stovall started the season opener against Washington State and matched his career high with three catches for 24 yards. Freshman receivers **Chinedum Ndukwe** and **Jeff Samardzija** (3-35) also could be heard from this season, with the latter recording one catch in each of his first three games, including a 19-yard grab against Michigan State.

Senior **Billy Palmer** (1-13) is the starting tight end for the Irish after appearing in all 13 games last year. He has started four times in his career, including all three games this season and caught the second pass of his career for 13 yards against Michigan State. Senior **Jared Clark** (6-67), a converted quarterback, has adjusted well to his new position and tied his personal best with four receptions for 28 yards against Washington State. He also had a team-high 39 yards receiving on two catches at Michigan. Sophomores **Anthony Fasano** (2-34) and **Marcus Freeman** also will contend for playing time this season — Fasano registered his first career reception, a 19-yard grab, at Michigan and added a 15-yard reception against Michigan State.

SCOUTING THE IRISH DEFENSE

Line -- One of the strengths of this year's Irish squad will be its defensive line, where three starters are back in the fold. Senior defensive tackle **Darrell Campbell** (six tackles, 1 PBU) and senior nose guard **Cedric Hilliard** (13 tackles, 0.5 for loss, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery) both provide a formidable obstacle for opponents in the middle of the line. Although he did not start vs. Washington State, Hilliard was a factor, finishing with four tackles and his first career fumble recovery. He has since returned to the starting lineup against Michigan and Michigan State, carding a season-high five tackles in the latter contest. Sophomore **Derek Landri** (two tackles) made his first career start vs. WSU in place of Hilliard and logged his first career tackle at Michigan, while senior **Greg Pauly** (five tackles, 0.5 for loss) had two tackles (0.5 for loss) in a reserve role against Washington State. Junior **Brian Beidatsch** (one fumble recovery) is the primary backup at the interior line spots and saw limited action against Washington State and Michigan, notching his first career fumble recovery in the UM contest. Senior right end **Kyle Budinscak** (six tackles, two for loss, two sacks, one fumble recovery), the other veteran returning on the Irish defensive line, is in his second season as a starter (17 career starts). A two-time Academic All-District selection, Budinscak leads the team in sacks after chalking up a career-high two sacks in the win over Washington State. He also added his first career fumble recovery against Michigan State. Junior end **Justin Tuck** (11 tackles, one for loss, one sack, one forced fumble, one PBU), a pass-rushing specialist with exceptional quickness, had started just one game in his career prior to this season, but cracked the lineup in the first two games this year, tallying four tackles, a sack and a forced fumble vs. Washington State and adding five tackles at Michigan. Highly-touted freshman **Victor Abiamiri** (eight tackles, one for loss) and sophomore **Travis Leitko** (one tackle) both serve as the top understudies at the defensive end positions. Abiamiri earned the starting nod against Michigan State and did not disappoint, registering seven tackles (six solo).

Linebackers -- All three starting linebackers return for the Irish this season, led by senior inside linebackers and Butkus Award candidates **Courtney Watson** (24 tackles, two for loss, one forced fumble, one PBU) and **Mike Goolsby**. Watson, a 2002 Butkus Award finalist, led the team with 90 tackles last year despite missing three games due to injury. He sat out the Washington State game, but returned with a vengeance against Michigan and Michigan State, logging a team-high 12 tackles (one for loss) in each game. He also forced an early fumble at Michigan and now leads the Irish in tackles this season. Goolsby was third on the squad with 75 tackles last season, but currently is sidelined with a shoulder injury. Junior **Brandon Hoyte** (23 tackles, 2.5 for loss, one fumble recovery, two PBU) has stepped in for Goolsby this season, carding a career-high 11 tackles vs. Washington State, then adding 10 stops and his second career fumble recovery in the Michigan game. He leads the team in tackles for loss. Senior **Derek Curry** (15 tackles, one INT) mans the outside linebacker post and had a career day against Washington State, logging a personal-best seven tackles and his first career interception. Junior **Corey Mays** (eight tackles, 0.5 for loss), who started in place of Watson vs. Washington State and

2004

- Sept. 11 MICHIGAN
- Sept. 18 at Michigan State
- Sept. 25 WASHINGTON
- Oct. 2 PURDUE
- Oct. 9 STANFORD
- Oct. 16 vs. Navy
(at East Rutherford, N.J.)
- Oct. 23 BOSTON COLLEGE
- Oct. 30 at BYU
- Nov. 6 at Tennessee
- Nov. 13 PITTSBURGH
- Nov. 27 at USC

2005

- Sept. 10 at Michigan
- Sept. 17 MICHIGAN STATE
- Sept. 24 at Washington
- Oct. 1 at Purdue
- Oct. 8 at Pittsburgh
- Oct. 15 USC
- Oct. 22 BYU
- Nov. 5 TENNESSEE
- Nov. 12 NAVY
- Nov. 19 SYRACUSE
- Nov. 26 at Stanford

2006

- Sept. 2 at Georgia Tech
- Sept. 9 PENN STATE
- Sept. 16 MICHIGAN
- Sept. 23 at Michigan State
- Sept. 30 PURDUE
- Oct. 7 STANFORD
- Oct. 21 UCLA
- Oct. 28 at Navy (site TBA)
- Nov. 4 NORTH CAROLINA
- Nov. 11 at Air Force
- Nov. 25 at USC



GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame compiled the nation's highest overall graduation rate for Division I-A student-athletes to take top honors in the 2003 *USA Today*/NCAA Academic Achievement Awards announced Sept. 2.

Ninety-two percent of the Fighting Irish student-athletes who enrolled in 1996 earned a degree from the University, three percentage points higher than second-place Tulsa University. Duke and Wisconsin finished third at 88 percent, followed by Northwestern, 87; Boston College, 86; Stanford, 84; Western Michigan, 83; Michigan, 82; and Syracuse, Rice and Utah State, 81.

In addition to the overall rate, Academic Achievement Awards are presented to the institutions with the best student-athlete graduation rates in comparison to the overall student body and to those that show the most improvement from the previous year.

Now in their third year, the awards include a \$20,000 prize for the top institutions in each category. They are based on federally compiled figures submitted by NCAA member institutions.

The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates. Notre Dame's graduation rate for student-athletes who complete all four years of athletic eligibility is 99 percent.

had a career-high four tackles at Michigan, and senior **Jerome Collins** (two tackles) are the main linebacker reserves.

Backs -- Even with the loss of unanimous All-America cornerback Shane Walton and strong safety Gerome Sapp to the NFL, the Irish secondary should be particularly sturdy in 2003. Senior cornerback **Vontez Duff** (nine tackles, one forced fumble, two PBU) was a third-team All-American last year and has started the last 24 games for the Irish, while hard-hitting senior free safety **Glenn Earl** (19 tackles, one fumble recovery, one INT, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, one PBU) tied for second on the team with 81 tackles last year. Both Duff and Earl are preseason candidates for the Jim Thorpe Award and both were key parts of the win over Washington State — Duff forced a critical fourth-quarter fumble and Earl recovered the loose pigskin to help ignite a 20-point Irish rally. Earl also registered a season-high 10 tackles at Michigan before adding six stops and an interception against Michigan State. Senior **Garron Bible** (14 tackles, one fumble recovery) is filling Sapp's role at strong safety admirably, starting all three games this season after having had only two career starts entering 2003. He tied his career high with seven tackles against both Washington State and Michigan and added his second career fumble recovery against the Wolverines. Meanwhile, the competition to replace Walton at the other cornerback position was tight between seniors **Jason Beckstrom** (11 tackles, one PBU) and **Preston Jackson** (15 tackles, one for loss), as well as junior **Dwight Ellick** (one tackle, one QB hurry). Beckstrom missed all of last season with a torn biceps, while Jackson appeared in every game last year (starting once). At the same time, Ellick is a former all-BIG EAST track standout who has played in 24 career games, mostly on special teams. Jackson has gotten the starting call in the first two games this season and had a career-high eight tackles at Michigan. All three men saw extensive time in the win over Washington State, but Ellick did not play in the Michigan or Michigan State game. Beckstrom sparkled against MSU, turning in a career-high six tackles. Juniors **Quentin Burrell** (eight tackles) and **Lionel Bolen** (one tackle), along with freshman **Freddie Parish, Jr.** (three tackles) head up the reserve secondary unit. Burrell, who logged a career-high four tackles against Michigan State, has been used primarily as the Irish dime back in the first three games, while Parish has appeared in both contests mainly in nickel situations.

SCOUTING THE IRISH KICKING GAME

Senior **Nicholas Setta** takes on the dual role of placekicker and punter in 2003, becoming the first person to hold down both positions for the Irish since Craig Hentrich from 1989-92. A two-time Lou Groza Award candidate, Setta is now in his fourth season as Notre Dame's kicker this year, setting his sights on several school records. He has made 45 career field goals (six shy of John Carney's mark) and is third on the Irish career points-by-kicking chart (237, record is 294 by Hentrich). In addition, Setta has made 90 consecutive PAT kicks, the second-longest streak in school history (136 by Hentrich from 1989-92). Setta got his final season off to a terrific start against Washington State, tying his career best with five field goals on six attempts, including the game-winning 40-yarder in overtime. He also established a new personal best with 17 points by kicking, one more than his previous high set in the '02 opener vs. Maryland. The Lockport, Ill., native then made all three of his field goal attempts against Michigan State, marking the fourth time in his career he has made at least three field goals in one game. For the season, Setta is 8-for-9 on field goals, including 6-of-6 inside 40 yards, and ranks third in the nation with an average of 2.67 field goals per game. His 9.0 points-per-game average also is good for 27th in the country.

This season marks Setta's first as the everyday punter following the departure of two-time Ray Guy Award semifinalist Joey Hildbold. Setta, a 2003 Ray Guy Award candidate, has easily slipped into his second job, ranking 46th in the nation with an average of 41.3 yards on 19 punts this season, including a 43.9-yard average on a career-high nine punts at Michigan. Setta also has boomed three 50-yard punts this year, including a career-long 54-yard shot on his first kick of the season in the win over Washington State.

Junior walk-on offensive lineman **Casey Dunn** and sophomore **Scott Raridon** are splitting time as the Irish snappers, taking over for the departed John Crowther. Meanwhile, junior reserve kicker **D.J. Fitzpatrick** has assumed Hildbold's role as the holder on placement kicks, while also backing up Setta at both kicking positions.

Seniors **Vontez Duff** and **Julius Jones** make up a formidable kick return crew for Notre Dame. Duff is ranked nationally in both punt and kickoff returns, standing 24th in punt runbacks (13.6 yards per return) and 46th in kickoff returns (23.17). He now has 1,032 career kickoff return yards and became the sixth player in school history to amass 1,000 yards in career kickoff runbacks with his 40-yard effort at



Michigan. Jones leads the Irish with 218 all-purpose yards this season and ranks second in school history in four career return categories — total kick return yardage (1,929), total kick returns (101), kickoff returns (64) and kickoff returns yardage (1,507). He is closing in on 1987 Heisman Trophy winner (and school record holder) Tim Brown in all four departments.

BIG CROWDS

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 153 of its previous 176 games, including its last 17 games in a row. On Sept. 13 at Michigan, the Irish and Wolverines helped bring in the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of that series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represents the sixth time in the last three seasons that Notre Dame has been a part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in 2001; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in 2002).

TICKET UPDATE

Demand for tickets to two of Notre Dame's six home games in 2003 ranks among the top five in the history of Notre Dame Stadium. The Notre Dame ticket office received 54,244 ticket requests for the Oct. 18 game vs. USC, making it the fourth-highest requested Irish home game in history. In addition, the Nov. 1 Notre Dame-Florida State game garnered 51,051 requests, placing it fifth on the all-time list. In fact, Notre Dame set a record by refunding \$5.1 million to lottery losers in the University's ticket distribution for contributing alumni. That total easily exceeded last year's mark of \$2.1 million and out-distanced the old refund record of \$3.8 million in 2001.

The Notre Dame Stadium record of 59,368 ticket requests was set in '01 when the Irish took on West Virginia. Demand for that game was based on parents of current Notre Dame students being guaranteed four tickets for that contest — plus contributing alumni having the opportunity to apply for four tickets instead of the usual two, based on its designation as an alumni family game.

Currently, the Irish have posted 169 consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium and 217 in their last 218 home games.

Here are the top 10 games in terms of alumni ticket demand at Notre Dame Stadium:

1. West Virginia	2001	59,368
2. USC	1997	57,048
3. Boston College	2002	55,482
4. USC	2003	54,244
5. Florida State	2003	51,051
6. Michigan	2002	50,883
7. Michigan State	2001	48,404
8. Nebraska	2000	47,865
9. Michigan State	1997	47,681
10. Michigan	1998	47,233

NOTRE DAME FEATURED PROMINENTLY ON TELEVISION THIS YEAR

In addition to continuing its streak of consecutive games played on one of the four major television networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN), Notre Dame is being spotlighted on the small screen in several other ways during the 2003 season. Here's a thumbnail look at each of the individual TV projects which are featuring the Irish this year:

- ESPN is filming "The Season: Notre Dame Football" in South Bend throughout the '03 campaign. Crews from the network are attending practice sessions, team meals and other team-related activities, as well as conducting regular interviews with Irish players and coaches. "The Season: Notre Dame Football" airs Thursdays at 11:30 p.m. (EST) on ESPN.
- ESPN College GameDay is celebrating its 10th season of live remotes from college football's top games. In recognition of its first-ever road trip (a Nov. 13, 1993 journey to South Bend for the game between No. 1 Florida State and No. 2 Notre Dame) is airing weekly all-access features on the Irish adapted from its feature presentation, "The Season: Notre Dame Football." Former Irish flanker and two-time All-American **Raghib "Rocket" Ismail** lends more of a Notre Dame flavor to "College GameDay" this year as he joins the crew for regular contributions.
- College Sports Television (CSTV), the nation's new 24-hour cable channel devoted exclusively to college sports, highlights Irish athletics on Sunday nights (8:30-10:30 p.m. EDT) in a show called "Notre Dame Primetime." The program, which is co-hosted by former Irish split end **Derrick Mayes**, focuses on all 26 Notre Dame sports and the continuing growth of Irish athletics.

40 FORMER IRISH ON '03 NFL OPENING-DAY ROSTERS

Notre Dame has 40 of its former football players, including seven rookies, participating in the opening of National Football League play in 2003, according to opening-day active rosters listed by each of the league's 31 teams. All told, the Fighting Irish are represented on 26 NFL teams. Here are the former Notre Dame players now active in the pros (R indicates rookie):

- Atlanta:** DB/KR Allen Rossum
- Baltimore:** SS Jerome Sapp (R), DE Anthony Weaver (R)
- Chicago:** CB Brock Williams, OT Mike Gandy, LB Bobbie Howard
- Cincinnati:** DB Jeff Burris, DT Oliver Gibson
- Cleveland:** C Jeff Faine (R)
- Dallas:** OL Kurt Vollers
- Denver:** LB Bert Berry, QB Steve Beuerlein
- Detroit:** TE John Owens
- Green Bay:** OL Brennan Curtin (R), RB Tony Fisher
- Houston:** TE Jabari Holloway
- Indianapolis:** P Hunter Smith
- Jacksonville:** FB Marc Edwards
- Kansas City:** OL Jordan Black (R)
- Miami:** C Tim Ruddy, FS Shawn Wooden
- Minnesota:** OG Mike Rosenthal
- New England:** WR David Givens
- New Orleans:** K John Carney, DB Deveron Harper
- New York Giants:** DT Lance Legree, OT Luke Petitgout
- Oakland:** WR Tim Brown, QB Rick Mirer
- Philadelphia:** DT Paul Grasmanis, LB Tyreo Harrison, DB Bobby Taylor
- Pittsburgh:** RB Jerome Bettis
- San Francisco:** WR Arnaz Battle (R), DT Bryant Young
- St. Louis:** DB Shane Walton (R)
- Tampa Bay:** OG Sean Mahan (R)
- Tennessee:** LB Rocky Boiman, P Craig Hentrich
- Washington:** DL Renaldo Wynn

Other former Fighting Irish players affiliated with NFL teams include WR Javin Hunter (Baltimore Ravens injured reserve), FB Tom Lopienski (rookie - Indianapolis Colts practice squad), DB Ron Israel (signed by Minnesota Vikings since start of season) and DB Deke Cooper (signed by Jacksonville Jaguars since start of season).



IN OTHER IRISH SPORTS ACTION THIS WEEKEND ...

The 13th-ranked Irish men's soccer team is in action at home twice this week, playing host to Bradley on Thursday (7 p.m. EST) and welcoming BIG EAST Conference foe Georgetown to Alumni Field on Sunday (2 p.m. EST). The latter contest will be the second half of a double-header, with the No. 2 Notre Dame women's soccer team taking on North Texas in the opener at 11:30 a.m. (EST).

Following a week layoff, the 17th-ranked Irish volleyball team opens BIG EAST play Friday at 7 p.m. (EDT) with a match at Villanova. Notre Dame then returns to the Joyce Center Sunday for a 2 p.m. (EST) contest against Georgetown.

The Irish women's golf team will play host to the fourth annual Notre Dame Invitational Saturday and Sunday at Warren Golf Course. Meanwhile, the Irish cross country teams will be in Three Rivers, Mich., for the Central Collegiate Championship.

The Notre Dame tennis teams both will be in Peachtree City, Ga., this weekend for the Adidas Invitational. At the same time, fans will get their first glimpse of the 2003-04 Irish hockey team Sunday at 4 p.m. (EST) when that squad plays its Blue-Gold Scrimmage at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

THE NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL REVIEW

Notre Dame Sports Properties offers a condensed two-hour delayed replay of the NBC broadcast of each Notre Dame home football game. These replays are available in many major markets via over-the-air syndication, including South Bend's WHME-TV, Channel 46 (Saturdays at 11:00 p.m. EST).

- Besides these features, Notre Dame is now in the 13th season of its unique relationship with NBC. All Irish home football games since 1991 have been televised on the network, with the current agreement slated to continue through 2005. **Tom Hammond** (play-by-play) and **Pat Haden** (analysis) are in their third full season broadcasting the action for NBC.

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

With the Purdue game slated to be televised regionally by ABC, the Irish will extend their streak of appearances on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN) to 128 straight games, a stretch that spans 10 full seasons (1993-2002). The last time the Irish didn't appear on one of those four networks was more than a decade ago (Oct. 31, 1992), when Notre Dame downed Navy, 38-7, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That game was shown locally in the South Bend area on WNDU-TV. Here's a breakdown of the networks on which the Irish have played during this impressive streak:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>ABC</u>	<u>CBS</u>	<u>ESPN</u>
1992	4	3	1	—	—
1993	12	7	4	—	1
1994	12	7	5	—	—
1995	12	6	4	1	1
1996	11	6	2	2	1
1997	13	6	3	2	2
1998	12	7	3	2	—
1999	12	7	3	1	1
2000	12	6	3	3	—
2001	11	6	4	—	1
2002	13	7	4	1	1
2003	4	2	2	—	—
Totals	128	70	38	12	8

2003 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

The following is a look at Notre Dame opponents' upcoming games. Since 1977, when the NCAA started rating strength of schedule, Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the most difficult five times (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995) and has appeared in the top 25 a total of 19 times in the last 26 years.

<u>Opponent (Ranking*)</u>	<u>'03 Record</u>	<u>'02 Record</u>	<u>Sept. 27</u>	<u>Oct. 4</u>
Washington State (21/21)	3-1	10-3	at Oregon	Arizona
Michigan (11/10)	3-1	10-3	Indiana	at Iowa
Michigan State	3-1	4-8	Iowa	Indiana
Purdue (22/NR)	2-1	7-6	Notre Dame	Illinois
Pittsburgh (17/19)	2-1	9-4	at Texas A&M	Idle
USC (3/3)	3-0	11-2	at California	at Arizona State
Boston College	2-2	9-4	Ball State	Idle
Florida State (6/6)	4-0	9-5	at Duke	Idle
Navy	2-1	2-10	at Rutgers	Air Force
BYU	2-2	5-7	Air Force	at San Diego State
Stanford	2-0	2-9	at Washington	Idle
Syracuse	2-1	4-8	Toledo	Idle

* - current Associated Press poll ranking listed first, followed by ESPN/USA Today poll ranking

Notre Dame Opponents' Combined Record in 2002: 82-69 (.543); Record in 2003: 30-11 (.732)

THE 2003 SCHEDULE

Once again, Notre Dame is facing one of the nation's toughest schedules, as the Irish play five teams that currently are ranked in both the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls (No. 3/3 USC, No. 6/6 Florida State, No. 11/10 Michigan, No. 17/19 Pittsburgh and No. 21/21 Washington State). In addition, Purdue is ranked 22nd in the latest AP poll, while three other Notre Dame opponents — BYU, Michigan State and Stanford — are receiving votes in one or both polls. Seven of the 12 foes on this year's Notre Dame's schedule went to bowl games last season, highlighted by three Bowl Championship Series qualifiers (Washington State, USC, Florida State). All of this comes on the heels of the 2002 Irish schedule, which was ranked 28th in the nation.

According to the latest NCAA rankings (as of Sept. 21), Notre Dame has the **fifth-toughest schedule**



in the nation. Here's a look at the teams with the 10 toughest schedules in the land to date (rankings take into account the cumulative performance of all opponents during the 2003 season):

Rk.	Team	'03 Opponent Record
1.	Iowa State	32-8 (.800)
2.	Colorado	33-9 (.786)
3.	Texas A&M	32-10 (.762)
4.	Florida	28-10 (.737)
5.	NOTRE DAME	30-11 (.732)
6.	Texas	29-12 (.707)
7.	Mississippi State	30-13 (.698)
8.	Alabama	29-13 (.690)
9.	Kansas	28-13 (.683)
10.	Penn State	30-14 (.682)

THE 2003 CAPTAINS

For the second consecutive season and the third time in the 115-year history of football at Notre Dame, the Irish are designating captains on a game-by-game basis this season. The 2003 captains have been named as follows (career captain selections in parentheses):

- Washington State:** CB Vontez Duff (3), FS Glenn Earl (2), WR Omar Jenkins (1), OT Jim Molinaro (1)
- Michigan:** DT Darrell Campbell (3), LB Derek Curry (1), QB Carlyle Holiday (1), K/P Nicholas Setta (3)
- Michigan State:** RB Ryan Grant (1), NG Cedric Hilliard (3), TE Billy Palmer (1), LB Courtney Watson (4)

THE 2003 NFL DRAFT

Seven former Irish players were selected in the 2003 NFL Draft, the most of any school in the country with the exception of Florida and Ohio State (eight each). Leading the way was center **Jeff Faine**, who was chosen in the first round (21st overall) by the Cleveland Browns. Notre Dame now has had 58 opening-round selections, which ranks second only to USC (62) in the 67-year history of the NFL Draft.

Joining Faine in Notre Dame's '03 draft class were: offensive tackle **Jordan Black** (fifth round by the Kansas City Chiefs), offensive guard **Sean Mahan** (fifth round by the Tampa Buccaneers), cornerback **Shane Walton** (fifth round by the St. Louis Rams), strong safety **Gerome Sapp** (sixth round by the Baltimore Ravens), wide receiver **Arnaz Battle** (sixth round by the San Francisco 49ers) and offensive tackle **Brennan Curtin** (sixth round by the Green Bay Packers). All seven Notre Dame players selected in the 2003 NFL Draft made the final cut and were on their teams' opening-day rosters.

JOE THEISMANN NAMED TO 2003 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS

Former Notre Dame All-America quarterback **Joe Theismann** is one of 11 former college players and two coaches named March 24 to the National Football Foundation's 2003 College Football Hall of Fame Division I-A class by Jon F. Hanson, chairman of the National Football Foundation.

The 2003 College Football Hall of Fame class will be inducted at the 46th Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 9, 2003, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. The players and coaches will be officially enshrined at the Hall of Fame in South Bend in August 2004. He also will be honored on campus on Oct. 18, 2003, in conjunction with the Notre Dame-USC game.

Theismann launched an attack on the Irish passing record books, setting 19 school marks while leading the team to its first bowl appearance in 45 years in 1969 and a 10-1 record capped by a Cotton Bowl victory in 1970 over top-rated and unbeaten Texas.

A first-team All-America selection as a senior by Associated Press, Theismann was the runner-up in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1970. A participant in the 1970 Hula Bowl, Theismann set school records for passing yards in a game (526), yards in a season (2,429) and touchdowns in a season (16) among others. He ranked second in the nation in total offense as a senior at 291.3 yards per game — and that year he helped the Irish as a team average 510.5 total yards per game and 252.7 passing yards per game, two marks that remain all-time Notre Dame bests.

In three seasons, Theismann led the Fighting Irish to a 20-3-2 record while completing 290 passes on 509 attempts for 4,411 yards, a mark that still ranks fifth in school history. Honored for his classroom prowess, he earned Academic All-America® honors in 1970 and was later named to the GTE Academic All-America® Hall of Fame.

Following graduation, Theismann embarked on a 15-year professional career, his final 12 years in the NFL as a member of the Washington Redskins. Upon retirement, he became a highly successful businessman as well as a prominent television sports analyst for ESPN. Theismann continues to support

NACDA DIRECTORS' CUP

The University of Notre Dame finished tied for 13th place in the 2002-03 Division I NACDA Directors' Cup all-sports competition (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup) sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

The 13th-place finish matches Notre Dame's final standing from 2001-02 - and stands behind only three previous 11th-place finishes for the Irish.

Notre Dame had stood in third place following the end of the 2002 fall sports seasons. That marked the highest ranking for Notre Dame since the Irish were third in the '96-'97 final fall standings.

The Irish were fifth following the final winter standings. Notre Dame's previous highest standing at the end of the winter seasons was 10th in '96-'97 (the Irish ended up 14th overall that year).

Notre Dame was the only school in the country to make postseason appearances in all six of those fall sports during the 2002 season. Notre Dame and Texas were the only schools in the country to play in football bowl games and also advance to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in both men's and women's basketball.

Stanford (1420.5 points) won the competition thanks to its NCAA championship in men's cross country and its second-place finishes in volleyball, women's cross country, men's soccer, women's tennis and baseball.

The standings include results from NCAA fall competition in volleyball, field hockey, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer and football - plus winter competition in fencing, men's and women's swimming, wrestling, skiing and men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's basketball, men's ice hockey and men's and women's gymnastics - and spring competition in men's and women's tennis, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's golf, softball, baseball, women's rowing, and men's and women's outdoor track and field.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-00, 11th in 2000-01 and 13th in 2001-02.

Here are the final '02-03 standings: 1. Stanford 1420.5, 2. Texas 1094, 3. Ohio State 1074.8, 4. Michigan 1034.3, 5. Penn State 993, 6. UCLA 943.75, 7. Florida 935.75, 8. North Carolina 933.5, 9. California 884.75, 10. Arizona State 860.75, 11. Minnesota 845, 12. Auburn 822.75, **13. Notre Dame and USC 822.5**, 15. Georgia 784.75.



NOTRE DAME REACHES TELEVISION MILESTONE AT MICHIGAN

The Sept. 13 game at Michigan was broadcast nationally by ABC, marking the 300th time a Notre Dame football game has appeared on national or regional television.

During their 115-year history, the Irish have posted a 191-106-4 (.641) record in these TV games, beginning with a 27-21 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma on Nov. 8, 1952 in a game that was shown nationwide on ABC.

Here's a breakdown of Notre Dame's success over the years when appearing on each of the various networks on both a national and regional basis (the current Irish win/loss streak on the four major networks is listed in parentheses):

NATIONAL TELEVISION

NBC (lost 1)	61-22-1 (.732)
ABC (lost 1)	44-34-2 (.563)
CBS (won 6)	22-11-0 (.667)
ESPN/ESPN2 (won 1)	18-10-0 (.643)
WGN	10-2-0 (.833)
SportsChannel	4-1-0 (.800)
Raycom	2-0-0 (1.000)
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)
Katz	1-0-0 (1.000)
Totals	163-80-3 (.669)

REGIONAL TELEVISION

ABC (lost 1)	23-23-1 (.500)
CBS (won 1)	4-2-0 (.667)
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)
Big Ten Syndication	0-1-0 (.000)
Totals	28-26-1 (.518)

such charitable interests as the United Way, March of Dimes, American Heart Association, Cystic Fibrosis, Special Olympics, Boy Scouts of America and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Originally from South River, N.J., Theismann becomes the 40th Notre Dame player to be chosen for the Hall of Fame since inductions began in 1951. Five former Irish coaches also have been selected. No other school has produced more than those 45 enshrinees, the most recent being Ralph Guglielmi in 2001. Theismann also becomes the eighth Notre Dame quarterback selected to the Hall of Fame, joining Frank Carideo in 1954, Harry Stuhldreher in 1958, John Lujack in 1960, Angelo Bertelli in 1972, Paul Hornung in 1985, Bob Williams in 1988 and Guglielmi in 2001.

IRISH FOOTBALL NAMED ONE OF NATION'S TOP 10 MOST POWERFUL PROGRAMS

As part of its 2003 college football preview, *SI.com* developed its list of the top 10 most powerful programs in the nation and Notre Dame was listed second behind only Miami (Fla.). According to the website, "college football's most recognizable program saw a return to glory under **Lou Holtz**, which included landing its own TV deal with NBC, and after a few down years appears to be headed in the right direction under **Tyrone Willingham**."

MAKING THE GRADE

The Notre Dame football squad recently has had four of the most successful semesters in the classroom in the history of the program, based on final grades from the past four semesters (2001-03). In the fall of 2001, the Irish team finished (at the time) with its second-highest combined grade-point average on record (2.685) since statistics were kept beginning in 1992. A total of 12 players earned Dean's List recognition and 38 players posted a "B" average or higher last fall. Then, in the spring of 2002, the Irish topped that mark with a record-setting 2.911 combined team GPA, with 13 players making the Dean's List and another 47 averaging a "B" or better. In the fall of '02, the Irish logged a 2.835 team GPA, followed by a 2.79 average in the spring of '03. Eight players made the Dean's List in both of the last two semesters, while 43 players had a "B" or better during the fall of 2002, and 50 more reached that mark in the spring of 2003.

NOTRE DAME EXCELS IN THE CLASSROOM AS WELL AS ON THE FIELD

The Notre Dame football team has earned American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award special mention honors announced in August. To earn the award, a team must have a graduation rate of over 70 percent. Duke won the 2003 overall award with a perfect 100 percent graduation rate.

Notre Dame has been recognized 22 of 23 years the award has been presented, the most of any school in the nation. Notre Dame has won the overall award six times with the most recent coming in 2001 as the Irish posted a perfect 100 percent graduation rate, becoming (at the time) the eighth school in history to graduate everyone in the class during the reporting period. Notre Dame also won the overall award in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1988 and 1991. In 1988, Notre Dame became the only school to win the Academic Achievement Award and the National Championship in the same year.

FORMER IRISH GREAT DAVE DUERSON HEADS UP NATIONAL MONOGRAM CLUB

Former Notre Dame football All-American **Dave Duerson** is still extremely involved with the University in a number of capacities. A former team captain, Duerson was named to the Notre Dame Board of Trustees in 2001, and was the winner of the 2001 Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association. The Sorin Award is presented annually to a graduate who has embodied "the values of Our Lady's University" in his service to the community. In 2002, Duerson founded his own company, Duerson Foods, after serving as president of Fair Oaks Farms, Inc., a Wisconsin-based international meat supplier that in 1999 was ranked 64th among Black Enterprise 100 companies. In addition, Duerson was a member of the advisory council for the University's Mendoza College of Business and currently is president of the Notre Dame National Monogram Club, a post he will hold through June 2005. He also is a member of the athletic department's student development mentoring program.

"THE SHIRT" NOW ON SALE FOR 2003 SEASON

For the 14th consecutive year, Notre Dame Student Activities and Government are sponsoring a T-shirt that benefits scholarship funds, student groups and service projects. Already, the initial run of 50,000 shirts has sold out, easily topping last year's early sellout of 44,000. In 2002, a record-setting total of 130,000 shirts were sold, with that initial run of 44,000 selling out within six weeks of its debut (at the



NOTRE DAME ALUMS IN RARE NFL COMPANY

Notre Dame is the only school to boast three former players who have totaled 10,000-plus rushing or receiving yards in NFL history. Heading into the games of Sept. 28, **Jerome Bettis** ranked 10th on the NFL all-time rushing yards list and second among active rushers with 11,622 yards, while **Ricky Watters** retired with 10,741 yards (good for 13th place). Meanwhile, **Tim Brown** ranks second on the NFL all-time receiving yards list (14,238), trailing only his current Oakland Raiders teammate, Jerry Rice.

Only one other Division I-A school — Syracuse (**Jim Brown** and **Art Monk**) — has produced both an NFL 10,000-yard rusher and receiver. Three others — Oklahoma State (**Barry Sanders** and **Thurman Thomas**), Pittsburgh (**Tony Dorsett** and **Curtis Martin**) and USC (**Marcus Allen** and **O.J. Simpson**) — have produced two 10,000-yard NFL rushers.

NBC RATINGS UP FOR WASHINGTON STATE THRILLER

NBC's coverage of Notre Dame's dramatic 29-26 overtime win over Washington State on Sept. 6 drew a 3.1 national rating/8 share, according to Nielsen Media Research. That's a 15-percent jump from the comparable game last year (a 24-17 win over Purdue on Sept. 7, 2002) that earned a 2.7/8.

The Washington State broadcast peaked at 6:30 p.m. (EDT) with a 4.9/12 when senior kicker **Nicholas Setta** drilled a 40-yard field goal in overtime to give the Irish their largest comeback in nearly four years.

time, it was one of the earliest sellouts in the history of the project). As a result, Irish head coach **Tyrone Willingham** began labelling the Shirt-clad crowd as the "sea of green."

Over the past 13 years, the venture has more than \$2 million in net profit for worthy causes and serves the dual purpose of promoting spirit and raising funds. Some of the proceeds supported students and employees who have incurred catastrophic accidents, while others benefitted endowment funds and additional monies were given to support service projects for student organizations on the Notre Dame campus.

In a rare break from tradition, "The Shirt 2003" once again is green and features this year's motto, "Here Come The Irish." The short-sleeve shirt is traditionally worn by Notre Dame students and fans at the first home game of each football season. The cost of this year's shirt is \$15 and it is available on campus to the University community and the general public at the Hammes Bookstore, Irish Express, the information desk at the LaFortune Student Center, the Varsity Shop at the Joyce Center and the Alumni Association at the Eck Center. Orders also may be placed by telephone (1-800-647-4641) or on-line through the official Notre Dame athletics web site (www.und.com).

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 2003 FOOTBALL KICKOFF LUNCHEONS

Tickets are now on sale for the 2003 Notre Dame Kickoff Luncheons held the Friday prior to each Irish home football game. The luncheons feature Notre Dame head coach **Tyrone Willingham**, Irish players and assistant coaches, plus special guests and other attractions.

Tickets are \$18 each, with a handling fee of \$3 (payment may be made with one check for more than one luncheon). There are 10 seats per table — and if you wish to sit as a group at the same table with other guests, please return all reservations in one envelope.

Checks should be made payable to "University of Notre Dame" and mailed to: Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Telephone and credit card reservations are not accepted. A printed reservation form also is available on Notre Dame's athletics web site at www.und.com.

The luncheons are held in the Joyce Center fieldhouse (north dome) on the Notre Dame campus, with a noon (EST) start. Be aware that advance reservations are required for tickets, and tickets are not routinely available at the door.

Remaining luncheon dates are Oct. 17 (USC), Oct. 31 (Florida State), Nov. 7 (Navy) and Nov. 14 (BYU).

PEP RALLIES

All 2003 pep rallies will be held in the Joyce Center Arena (south dome) on Fridays before Saturday home games, beginning at 6 p.m. (EST). The Irish squad enters the arena at 6:30 p.m.

"NOTRE DAME EXPERIENCE" RETURNS FOR 2003 SEASON

For years, the Joyce Center Fieldhouse has been the "pregame meeting place" for several thousand Notre Dame alumni. In an effort to add to this tradition, the Notre Dame Athletics Department is providing an interactive fan experience for each of the 2003 home football games. For the second consecutive season, the "Notre Dame Experience" will combine the Notre Dame Alumni Association Hospitality Center with interactive inflatables, photo booths, autograph sessions, Notre Dame football trivia and stage activities. Gates open three hours prior to kickoff and will stay open until one hour after the game. Admission is free for all "Notre Dame Experience" events.

ORDER THE 2003 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL YEARBOOK TODAY

This season marks the 10th edition of the Notre Dame Football Yearbook — an official publication by the University of Notre Dame athletic department. The 1994, '95, '96, '97 and '98 and 2000 editions were voted best in the nation in the special publications competition sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The yearbook, published by Ave Maria Press, numbers nearly 100 pages, including game action shots of returning Irish players and coaches, position-by-position breakdowns and a feature on head coach **Tyrone Willingham**. It's a collectors item perfect for autographs — with an emphasis on outstanding color photography unavailable in any other publication. The yearbook is priced at \$8 (plus \$4 for postage and handling) and can be ordered by calling 1-800-647-4641.

TRIO OF BOOKS FEATURING NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL NOW ON SALE

The rich history of Irish football is the focus of three books that recently went on sale to the general public. The first is entitled "Return To Glory" and it was written by **Alan Grant**, a senior writer for ESPN The Magazine and a former defensive back at Stanford who played for current Notre Dame head coach



BUZZ PRESTON CHOSEN FOR NCAA ADVANCED COACHING PROGRAM

Notre Dame running backs and special teams coach **Buzz Preston** is one of 20 ethnic minority football coaches who have been selected to participate in the first NCAA Advanced Coaching Program Jan. 2-4, 2004 in Orlando.

The program was developed through the recently-created NCAA Coaches Academy, which is one of the NCAA's initiatives to attempt to address the critical shortage of ethnic minorities in head coaching positions in the sport of football. The Academy's mission is to assist ethnic minority coaches in excelling in head coaching positions, enhance and strengthen the skills many ethnic minority coaches currently possess and provide exposure and networking opportunities for these coaches.

The 20 coaches selected for the program will take part in an intensive three-day training session focusing on areas such as communication, fiscal responsibilities, building a successful program, moral/ethical considerations and academic issues. The Advanced Coaching Program is being held just prior to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Convention and receives support from both the AFCA and the Black Coaches Association (BCA).

"I want to thank the NCAA, AFCA and BCA for developing this groundbreaking program and providing me the chance to participate," Preston said.

"This is a exciting opportunity for me to become a better assistant coach here at Notre Dame and gain a deeper insight into the coaching profession as a whole. I'm looking forward to learning from some truly quality people who have a tremendous amount of knowledge to share.

Tyrone Willingham. Grant received unique behind-the-scenes access to the Irish throughout last season and his book details Notre Dame's remarkable 10-3 campaign in 2002, including its eight-game winning streak to begin Willingham's tenure. "Return To Glory" is now available nationwide, including the Hammes Bookstore on the Notre Dame campus.

Also new in bookstores this month is a coffee table book by *The Sporting News* called "Fighting Irish," a 224-page work that spotlights the unparalleled history and pageantry of the Notre Dame football program through a variety of photographs and essays. A special section is devoted to the '02 season and the foreword to the book was written by former Irish quarterback and 2003 College Football Hall of Fame inductee **Joe Theismann**. In addition to appearing in bookstores across the country, it also is available at the Hammes Bookstore, as well as online through *The Sporting News* web site (www.tsn.com).

The third new book to debut this month is entitled "Tyrone Willingham: The Meaning of Victory," a 144-page piece on the coaching career of Irish mentor Tyrone Willingham and what his arrival at Notre Dame has meant to the program. Written by longtime *Chicago Tribune* sportswriter and columnist **Fred Mitchell** and packed with dozens of full-color photos, this book is available at bookstores nationwide.

UPDATED 2003 NCAA STATISTICS REPORT

The current NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame and Purdue in 2003 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	Purdue
Rushing Offense	105.33	50th at 167.67
Passing Offense	147.33	39th at 256.67
Total Offense	252.67	33rd at 424.33
Scoring Offense	15.00	28th at 33.67
Rushing Defense	141.33	7th at 57.33
Pass Defense	214.67	217.67
Pass Efficiency Defense	122.24	49th at 111.96
Total Defense	356.00	16th at 275.00
Scoring Defense	28.67	16th at 14.67
Net Punting	33.68	31st at 37.83
Punt Returns	23rd at 13.60	9.43
Kickoff Returns	19.18	16.00
Turnover Margin	0.00 (Even overall)	34th at +0.67 (+2 overall)
Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	Purdue
Passing Efficiency		Kyle Orton 31st at 142.94
Total Offense		Kyle Orton 25th at 259.67
Receptions Per Game		Taylor Stubblefield 3rd at 8.67
Receiving Yards Per Game		John Standeford 35th at 86.67
Punting	Nicholas Setta 46th at 41.26	
Punt Returns	Vontez Duff 24th at 13.60	
Kickoff Returns	Vontez Duff 46th at 23.17	
Field Goals	Nicholas Setta 3rd at 2.67	Ben Jones 17th at 1.67
Scoring	Nicholas Setta 27th at 9.00	Ben Jones 27th at 9.00

NEXT GAME: PITTSBURGH (OCT. 11)

Following the first of two bye weeks this season, Notre Dame will travel to Pittsburgh Saturday, Oct. 11 for a matchup with the Panthers at Heinz Field. The game time and any potential television coverage have yet to be announced.

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2003 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	RB
WSU	Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Milligan	Stevenson	Palmer	Stovall	Holiday	Powers-Neal	Grant
@UM	Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Morton	Milligan	Stevenson	Palmer	McKnight	Holiday	Powers-Neal	Grant
MSU	Jenkins	Molinaro	LeVoir	Giles	Mitchell	Stevenson	Palmer	McKnight	Holiday	Powers-Neal	Grant
@PUR											
@PITT											
USC											
@BC											
FSU											
NAVY											
BYU											
@STAN											
@SYR											

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	FS	SS	CB
WSU	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Mays	Duff	Earl	Bible	Jackson
@UM	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Tuck	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Earl	Bible	Jackson
MSU	Budinscak	D. Campbell	Hilliard	Abiamiri	Curry	Hoyte	Watson	Duff	Earl	Bible	Jackson
@PUR											
@PITT											
USC											
@BC											
FSU											
NAVY											
BYU											
@STAN											
@SYR											

Red Zone Statistics

ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Rec	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
WSU	5	5	23	2	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0
@UM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSU	3	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
@PUR												
@PITT												
USC												
@BC												
FSU												
NAVY												
BYU												
@STAN												
@SYR												
Totals	8	8	32	2	1	1	6	6	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame Red Zone Efficiency: 8 of 8 (1.000) / Touchdown Efficiency: 2 of 8 (.250)												
Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Rec	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
WSU	4	3	12	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	1
@UM	7	6	38	5	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
MSU	4	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1
@PUR												
@PITT												
USC												
@BC												
FSU												
NAVY												
BYU												
@STAN												
@SYR												
Totals	15	11	56	6	4	2	5	5	0	1	1	2
Opponent Red Zone Efficiency: 11 of 15 (.733) / Touchdown Efficiency: 6 of 15 (.400)												

Third-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Jared Clark	0	2	2
Carlyle Holiday	2	0	2
Omar Jenkins	0	2	2
Julius Jones	2	0	2
Rhema McKnight	0	2	2
Brady Quinn	1	0	1
Totals	5	6	11

ND on 3rd down: 11-46 (.239)

Fourth-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Ryan Grant	1	0	1
Carlyle Holiday	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	1	1
Totals	2	1	3

ND on 4th down: 3-5 (.600)

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

2003 Team Game-by-Game Statistics

	RUSHING (No.-Yds.-TD)	PASSING (A-C-I-Yds.-TD)	TOTAL OFFENSE (Plays-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (No.-Lost)	TIME OF POSSESSION (Min:Sec)
Washington State	45-167-1	34-21-1-149-1	79-316	19-8-6-5	5-3	29:13
Opponent	31-55-0	39-22-1-274-2	70-329	15-2-13-0	2-2	30:47
@Michigan	25-49-0	24-8-2-91-0	49-140	7-4-3-0	0-0	22:13
Opponent	54-188-4	24-17-0-251-1	78-439	19-8-10-1	3-3	37:47
Michigan State	37-100-0	42-17-2-202-1	79-302	20-7-10-3	1-1	31:52
Opponent	39-181-1	27-13-2-119-0	66-300	15-9-5-1	1-1	28:08

Turnovers

Opponent	Giveaways			Takeaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
WSU	3	1	4	2	1	3	-1	W, 29-26 (ot)
@UM	0	2	2	3	0	3	+1	L, 0-38
MSU	1	2	3	1	2	3	0	L, 16-22
@PUR								
@PITT								
USC								
@BC								
FSU								
NAVY								
BYU								
@STAN								
@SYR								
Totals	4	5	9	6	3	9	0	1-2

Turnover Analysis

9 Notre Dame turnovers have led to 27 of 86 (.314) opponent points (3 TD/3 PAT/2 FG)

9 opponent turnovers have led to 13 of 45 (.289) Notre Dame points (1 TD/1 PAT/2 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Drives Started	43	44
Cumulative Starting Yardline	1,303	1,673
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 30	own 38
Drives Started in Plus Territory	20	29
Scores (TD/FG)	7 (1/6)	10 (5/5)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	5/1/1	9/0/1
Turnovers/End of Half	5/1	5/4
Drives Started at/inside own 20	23	15
Scores (TD/FG)	4 (2/2)	4 (3/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	14/1/0	6/0/0
Turnovers/End of Half	4/0	4/1

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Jared Clark	0	3	3
Anthony Fasano	0	1	1
Ryan Grant	6	0	6
Carlyle Holiday	5	0	5
Omar Jenkins	0	5	5
Julius Jones	6	0	6
Rhema McKnight	0	6	6
Billy Palmer	0	1	1
Brady Quinn	1	0	1
Jeff Samardzija	0	1	1
Josh Schmidt	0	1	1
Maurice Stovall	0	1	1
Marcus Wilson	1	0	1
Penalty			8
Team Totals	19	19	46

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2003 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

RUSHING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Grant	Holiday	Jones	Powers-Neal	Wilson	TOTAL
Washington State	17-98-0	14-(-8)-0	11-72-1	1-2-0	1-0-0	45-163-1
@Michigan	10-20-0	3-(-10)-0	11-42-0	0-0-0	1-(-3)-0	25-49-0
Michigan State	10-21-0	8-29-0	14-32-0	0-0-0	3-11-0	37-100-0
@Purdue						
@Pittsburgh						
USC						
@Boston College						
Florida State						
Navy						
BYU						
@Stanford						
@Syracuse						

PASSING

(Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD)	Holiday	Quinn	TOTAL
Washington State	34-21-1-149-1	0-0-0-0-0	34-21-1-149-1
@Michigan	14-5-1-55-0	10-3-1-36-0	24-8-2-91-0
Michigan State	25-10-2-99-0	17-7-0-103-1	42-17-2-202-1
@Purdue			
@Pittsburgh			
USC			
@Boston College			
Florida State			
Navy			
BYU			
@Stanford			
@Syracuse			

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Clark	Fasano	Jenkins	McKnight	Palmer	Samardzija	Stovall	TOTAL
Washington State	4-28-0	0-0-0	5-46-0	5-33-1	0-0-0	1-5-0	3-24-0	21-149-1
@Michigan	2-39-0	1-19-0	2-10-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	8-91-0
Michigan State	0-0-0	1-15-0	3-33-0	8-104-1	1-13-0	1-19-0	0-0-0	17-202-1
@Purdue								
@Pittsburgh								
USC								
@Boston College								
Florida State								
Navy								
BYU								
@Stanford								
@Syracuse								

FIELD GOALS

(x-missed FG)	WSU	@UM	MSU
Setta	47x, 37, 32, 39, 47, 40	None	35, 29, 30

TACKLES

(UT-AT-TT-TFL-FR-INT-PBU-SK)

	WSU	@UM	MSU
Beckstrom	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-3-6-0-0-0-0-0
Bible	3-4-7-0-0-0-0-0	5-2-7-0-1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Bolen	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Budinscak	2-2-4-2-0-0-0-2	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-1-0-0-0
Burrell	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-1-0-0
Campbell, D.	1-3-4-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Collins	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Curry	3-4-7-0-0-1-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-3-4-0-0-0-0-0
Duff	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-1-0
Earl	1-2-3-0-1-0-1-0	8-2-10-0-0-0-0-0	5-1-6-0-0-1-0-0
Ellick	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Hilliard	2-2-4-0-5-1-0-0-0	4-0-4-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-0-0-0-0
Hoyte	5-6-11-1-5-0-0-2-0	9-1-10-0-1-0-0-0	1-1-2-1-0-0-0-0
Jackson	5-1-6-1-0-0-0-0	6-2-8-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Landri	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0
Leitko	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Mays	1-1-2-0-5-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0
Parish	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Pauly	0-2-2-0-5-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0
Tuck	1-3-4-1-0-0-1-1	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0
Watson	DNP	7-5-12-1-0-0-1-0	7-5-12-1-0-0-0-0

NOTRE DAME VS. PURDUE

2003 Scoring Drives

NOTRE DAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
Washington State	2	0:10/Nicholas Setta 37 field goal	9p, 26yd, 2:27
	3	10:10/Nicholas Setta 32 field goal	15p, 58yd, 4:50
	4	12:09/Nicholas Setta 39 field goal	8p, 75yd, 2:38
	4	10:32/Rhema McKnight 11 pass from Carlyle Holiday (Setta kick)	3p, 25yd, 0:55
	4	5:03/Julius Jones 19 run (Setta kick)	6p, 80yd, 2:41
	OT	0:00/Nicholas Setta 40 field goal	3p, 3yd, 0:00
Michigan State	1	2:59/Nicholas Setta 35 field goal	4p, (-3)yd, 2:05
	2	14:11/Nicholas Setta 29 field goal	7p, 17yd, 2:37
	3	0:30/Nicholas Setta 30 field goal	11p, 68yd, 4:55
	4	2:29/Rhema McKnight 29 pass from Brady Quinn (Setta kick)	9p, 85yd, 1:41

OPPONENT	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
Washington State	1	7:52/Sammy Moore 15 pass from Matt Kegel (Dunning kick)	9p, 64yd, 5:30
	1	4:56/Drew Dunning 20 field goal	4p, 18yd, 1:21
	1	0:31/Drew Dunning 29 field goal	7p, 24yd, 3:07
	2	2:37/Isaac Brown 16 fumble return (Dunning kick)	no drive
	4	0:53/Sammy Moore 34 pass from Matt Kegel (Dunning kick)	9p, 80yd, 2:10
@ Michigan	1	6:25/Chris Perry 2 run (Finley kick)	1p, 2yd, 0:04
	2	14:56/Adam Finley 24 field goal	10p, 51yd, 3:57
	2	9:00/Chris Perry 5 pass from John Navarre (Finley kick)	9p, 81yd, 3:54
	3	12:35/Chris Perry 9 run (Finley kick)	2p, 36yd, 0:39
	4	13:26/Chris Perry 1 run (Finley kick)	19p, 80yd, 10:25
	4	4:24/Pierre Rembert 7 run (Rivas kick)	10p, 50yd, 6:37
Michigan State	1	11:18/Dave Rayner 51 field goal	5p, 22yd, 2:48
	2	7:43/Dave Rayner 30 field goal	9p, 35yd, 3:49
	3	5:25/Jaren Hayes 71 run (Rayner kick)	1p, 71yd, 0:13
	4	9:10/Dave Rayner 30 field goal	17p, 78yd, 6:20
	4	6:55/Greg Taplin 40 interception return (Rayner kick)	no drive

Goin' The Distance

ND plays covering 25+ yards this season

Opp	Player(s)	dist	play
WSU	Vontez Duff	43	KR
	Carlyle Holiday	28	rush
	Ryan Grant	32	rush
	Omar Jenkins	29	rec
	Ryan Grant	37	rush
@UM	Vontez Duff	30	KR
MSU	Vontez Duff	46	PR
	Rhema McKnight	29	rec

* - scoring play / KR - kickoff return / PR - punt return / INT - interception return / FR - fumble return

2003 NOTRE DAME BOX SCORES

Game 1

Washington State 26
#19/16 Notre Dame (ot) 29

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 6, 2003

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Four turnovers, a high-powered opponent and first-game jitters are usually a recipe for failure in college football. However, led by "head chef" Tyrone Willingham, Notre Dame cooked up another gourmet feast for Irish fans everywhere.

After facing double-digit deficits for much of the afternoon, Notre Dame erupted for 20 fourth-quarter points and eventually pulled out a 29-26 overtime victory over defending Pac-10 co-champion Washington State. Senior kicker Nicholas Setta was the hero, drilling a 40-yard field goal, his fifth of the game, in overtime to cap off the largest Irish comeback (19 points) in nearly four years.

Junior running back Ryan Grant turned in a strong performance with 17 carries for a game-high 98 yards on the ground. Senior running back Julius Jones made a triumphant return to the Irish lineup with 11 rushes for 72 yards and his first touchdown since the 2001 season.

Coming off a 10-3 season and a Gator Bowl berth in 2002, the Notre Dame faithful has high hopes for the future. However, those hopes were dampened in the first half as Washington State raced out to a 19-0 lead. The Irish turned the ball over three times in the opening 30 minutes, with the final miscue hurting the most. WSU's Isaac Brown scooped up a fumble by senior quarterback Carlyle Holiday and rumbled 16 yards for a touchdown with less than three minutes left in the first half.

Setta kept Notre Dame within striking distance with three field goals, the last coming from 39 yards out in the early moments of the fourth quarter. That seemed to signal a clarion call to the rest of the Irish, who went to work in short order.

Senior cornerback Vontez Duff delivered a crushing hit on Cougar tight end Troy Bienemann, causing him to fumble and senior free safety Glenn Earl came up with the ball at the WSU 25-yard line. Three plays later, Holiday atoned for his earlier mishap by hitting sophomore wide receiver Rhema McKnight with an 11-yard TD strike.

Holiday would be sidelined with a minor injury early on the next Notre Dame series, and freshman quarterback Brady Quinn came on to lead the Irish back down the field. The six-play, 80-yard march took less than three minutes off the clock before Jones found pay dirt on a 19-yard scamper, putting Notre Dame ahead 23-19 with 5:03 to play.

After Setta padded the Irish lead with a 47-yard field goal two minutes later, Washington State mounted a desperation drive in an effort to force overtime. The Cougars moved 80 yards in nine plays, with Matt Kegel finding Sammy Moore on a 34-yard TD pass with just 53 seconds remaining. The 80,795 fans in attendance would get bonus football.

In the extra session, the Irish won the

toss and elect to play defense first. The move paid off, as Notre Dame stopped WSU on three plays and Cougar kicker Drew Dunning hooked his 34-yard field goal try wide left. That opened the door for Setta, who made no mistake with his game-winning kick and gave the Irish their 15th season-opening win in the last 17 years.

SCORING SUMMARY

Washington St.	12	7	0	7	0	—	26
Notre Dame	0	3	3	20	3	—	29

First Quarter

WSU - Sammy Moore 15 pass from Matt Kegel (Drew Dunning kick failed), 7:52

WSU - FG Dunning 20, 4:56

WSU - FG Dunning 29, 0:31

Second Quarter

WSU - Isaac Brown 16 fumble return (Dunning kick), 2:37

ND - FG Nicholas Setta 37, 0:10

Third Quarter

ND - FG Setta 32, 10:10

Fourth Quarter

ND - FG Setta 39, 12:09

ND - Rhema McKnight 11 pass from Carlyle Holiday (Setta kick), 10:32

ND - Julius Jones 19 run (Setta kick), 5:03

ND - FG Setta 47, 3:03

WSU - Moore 34 pass from Kegel (Dunning kick), 0:53

Overtime

ND - FG Setta 40, 0:00

Team Statistics

	WSU	ND
First downs	15	19
Rushes-yards	31-55	45-167
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	39-22-1	34-21-1
Passing yards	274	149
Total plays-yards	70-329	79-316
Kick returns-yards	5-53	8-120
Sacks by	7-40	3-25
Punts-average	7-42.1	3-39.7
Fumbles-lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties-yards	13-118	10-81
Third-down conversions	5-16	4-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-1
Time of possession	30:47	29:13

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

WSU: Jonathan Smith 14-43; Jermaine Green 9-23; TEAM 1-(-1); Matt Kegel 7-(-10).

ND: Ryan Grant 17-98; Julius Jones 11-72; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-2; Marcus Wilson 1-0; TEAM 1-(-1); Carlyle Holiday 14-(-4).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

WSU: Matt Kegel 39-22-1-274-2.

ND: Carlyle Holiday 34-21-1-149-1.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

WSU: Devard Darling 4-68; Sammy Moore 4-66; Troy Bienemann 4-30; Jermaine Green 3-26; Cody Boyd 2-38; Chris Jordan 2-27; Scott Lunde 2-13; Jonathan Smith 1-6.

ND: Omar Jenkins 5-46; Rhema McKnight 5-33; Jared Clark 4-28; Maurice Stovall 3-24; Josh Schmidt 1-7; Jeff Samardzija 1-5; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-4; Ryan Grant 1-2.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

Game 2

#15/14 Notre Dame 0
#5/7 Michigan 38

Michigan Stadium
Sept. 13, 2003

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — During his two years at Notre Dame, Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham has been heard to say that he doesn't mind if his team wins by a half-point or 100 points, just so long as they come away with a victory.

In the case of Notre Dame's visit to Michigan, it didn't matter what the final margin was - the end result was still a loss.

The fifth-ranked Wolverines used an impressive mix of balanced offense and strong defense to post a 38-0 win over No. 15 Notre Dame before an NCAA-record crowd of 111,726 fans at Michigan Stadium. It was the third time in the last decade that the Irish and Michigan have established a new NCAA attendance mark.

For the Notre Dame fans in the audience, it wasn't a pretty afternoon, as the Irish were shut out for only the second time in the last 185 games. The 38-point margin of defeat also was the largest for Notre Dame in 18 seasons.

Senior inside linebacker Courtney Watson was one of the few bright spots for the Irish. After missing the Washington State game, he returned with a vengeance against Michigan, rolling up a team-high 12 tackles, including one for loss and forcing a first-quarter fumble that put Notre Dame in position to grab the early lead.

However, the Irish couldn't capitalize on the opportunity and had to give the ball back to the Wolverines. After another exchange of punts, Michigan caught a break when punt returner Steve Breaston took a kick back 50 yards to the Notre Dame two-yard line. Chris Perry bulled over on the next play to give the hosts the lead.

It would be the first of four scores for Perry on the afternoon, three of them coming on the ground. He was the first Irish opponent in three years to rush for three touchdowns in one game and he wound up with 133 yards rushing on 31 carries.

Perry's touchdown also was the first of three consecutive scoring possessions for Michigan. On their next series, the Wolverines drove 51 yards on 10 plays before settling for a 24-yard field goal by Adam Finley in the early moments of the second quarter.

Notre Dame tried to rally back, but senior quarterback Carlyle Holiday was intercepted while trying to hit sophomore wide receiver Maurice Stovall deep in UM territory. The Wolverines took advantage of the turnover, going 81 yards in nine plays before Perry caught a five-yard touchdown pass from John Navarre for a 17-0 Michigan lead at halftime.

The Wolverines added to their edge less than three minutes into the third quarter. After a short Irish punt, Perry needed only two runs totalling 36 yards to find the end zone again.

After another Irish drive stalled just across midfield, Michigan ground the game to a halt by going on a 19-play, 80-yard drive that chewed up 10:25 off the clock. Perry capped the march with his fourth TD of the day from one yard out.

The Wolverines added one more score in the final five minutes to complete their largest win over Notre Dame in the 41-game history of the series. It also marked the first time Michigan had shut out the Irish since 1902.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	0	0	0	—	0
Michigan	7	10	7	14	—	38

First Quarter

UM - Chris Perry 2 run (Adam Finley kick), 6:25

Second Quarter

UM - FG Finley 24, 14:56

UM - Perry 5 pass from John Navarre (Finley kick), 9:00

Third Quarter

UM - Perry 9 run (Finley kick), 12:35

Fourth Quarter

UM - Perry 1 run (Finley kick), 13:26

UM - Pierre Rembert 7 run (Garrett Rivas kick), 4:24

Team Statistics

	ND	UM
First downs	7	19
Rushes-yards	25-49	54-188
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-8-2	24-17-0
Passing yards	91	251
Total plays-yards	49-140	78-439
Kick returns-yards	4-76	5-108
Sacks by	0-0	2-12
Punts-average	9-43.9	3-31.7
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties-yards	5-31	6-40
Third-down conversions	1-12	12-19
Fourth-down conversions	1-2	2-2
Time of possession	22:13	37:47

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Julius Jones 11-42; Ryan Grant 10-20; Marcus Wilson 1-(-3); Carlyle Holiday 3-(-10).

UM: Chris Perry 31-133; Dave Underwood 9-21; Pierre Rembert 4-15; John Navarre 5-13; Tim Bracken 2-4; Jerome Jackson 1-4; TEAM 1-(-1); Mike Kaselitz 1-(-1).

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

ND: Carlyle Holiday 14-5-1-55-0; Brady Quinn 10-3-1-36-0.

UM: John Navarre 21-14-0-199-1; Matt Gutierrez 3-3-0-52-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Jared Clark 2-39; Omar Jenkins 2-10; Anthony Fasano 1-19; Jeff Samardzija 1-11; Rhema McKnight 1-11; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-1.

UM: Braylon Edwards 4-54; Chris Perry 4-44; Jason Avant 3-53; Carl Tabb 2-28; Tyrece Butler 1-24; Tim Massaquoi 1-20; Chris Matsos 1-19; Jim Fisher 1-9.

Attendance - 111,726 (c - NCAA record)

2003 NOTRE DAME BOX SCORES

Game 3

Michigan State 22
#NR/23 Notre Dame 16

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 20, 2003

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — For those people looking for insight into Notre Dame's 22-16 loss to Michigan State, the key number to remember was three.

Three referred to the consecutive number of home losses the Irish had suffered against the Spartans coming into this year's matchup. Only one other visiting team had ever won four in a row at Notre Dame Stadium (Purdue won five from 1954-62).

Three is the number of points awarded for a field goal. Three also was the number of field goals booted by Irish senior kicker Nicholas Setta (on three attempts) against Michigan State, pulling him within six of the school record for career treys made.

Three was the number of takeaways Notre Dame's defense was able to record for the third consecutive game. However, it also denoted the number of giveaways the Irish had, with the last of those three being particularly painful.

Another three Notre Dame did not enjoy against Michigan State was the phrase "three-and-out". That was the result on three of the first four Irish possessions, although Notre Dame did parlay a first-quarter fumble recovery into a 35-yard Setta field goal. That offset a 51-yard field goal by MSU's Dave Rayner, the longest kick by an Irish opponent in 12 years.

Setta and Rayner continued their three-point duel in the second quarter, as the Notre Dame striker connected from 29 yards and his Spartan counterpart responded from 30 yards out. The 6-6 halftime tie marked the first time this season the Irish had not trailed at the intermission.

Notre Dame appeared ready to break the stalemate on its first possession of the third quarter, methodically driving 49 yards in 12 plays to the MSU 35-yard line. However, the march died when junior running back Marcus Wilson was hit and fumbled the ball away.

After trading punts, Michigan State delivered a first offensive blow of the contest, as Jaren Hayes sliced off-tackle and darted 71 yards for a touchdown. It was the longest scoring run by an Irish opponent in nearly two years.

Unfazed, Notre Dame came back and went 68 yards downfield, converting twice on third down, before stalling at the MSU 12-yard line. Setta came on to kick his third field goal and the Irish trailed by four entering the final quarter.

The Spartans tried to milk the clock and wound up using more than six minutes before Rayner tallied a 30-yard field goal to give the visitors a 16-9 lead. Once more, Notre Dame tried to respond, but this time, the Irish rally would come up short.

MSU defensive lineman Greg Taplin picked off a pass by Irish senior quarterback Carlyle Holiday and returned it 40 yards for

a touchdown with 6:55 to play, giving the Spartans a two-score advantage.

Behind freshman quarterback Brady Quinn, Notre Dame made a valiant attempt to remain alive. Quinn drove his troops 85 yards before hooking up with sophomore wideout Rhema McKnight on a 29-yard scoring toss at the 2:29 mark. However, the Irish couldn't recover the ensuing onside kick and the Spartans held on to earn their sixth win over Notre Dame in the last seven meetings.

SCORING SUMMARY

Michigan State	3	3	7	9	—	22
Notre Dame	3	3	3	7	—	16

First Quarter

MSU - FG Dave Rayner 51, 11:18

ND - FG Nicholas Setta 35, 2:59

Second Quarter

ND - FG Setta 29, 14:11

MSU - FG Rayner 30, 7:43

Third Quarter

MSU - Jaren Hayes 71 run (Rayner kick), 5:25

ND - FG Setta 30, 0:30

Fourth Quarter

MSU - FG Rayner 30, 9:10

MSU - Greg Taplin 40 interception return (pass failed), 6:55

ND - Rhema McKnight 29 pass from Brady Quinn (Setta kick), 2:29

Team Statistics

	MSU	ND
First downs	15	20
Rushes-yards	39-181	37-100
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	27-13-2	42-17-2
Passing yards	119	202
Total plays-yards	66-300	79-302
Kick returns-yards	5-59	4-83
Sacks by	3-18	0-0
Punts-average	5-53.8	7-38.6
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	9-70	8-55
Third-down conversions	7-16	6-18
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	2-2
Time of possession	28:08	31:52

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

MSU: Jaren Hayes 19-109; Tyrell Dortch 13-64; Jeff Smoker 3-21; TEAM 3-(-5); Agim Shabaj 1-(-8).

ND: Julius Jones 14-32; Carlyle Holiday 8-29; Ryan Grant 10-21; Marcus Wilson 3-11; Brady Quinn 2-7.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD):

MSU: Jeff Smoker 27-13-2-119-0.

ND: Carlyle Holiday 25-10-2-99-0; Brady Quinn 17-7-0-103-1.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

MSU: Kyle Brown 3-26; Jason Randall 2-18; Jaren Hayes 2-18; Aaron Alexander 2-13; Jerramy Scott 1-19; Agim Shabaj 1-11; Matt Trannon 1-9; Tyrell Dortch 1-5.

ND: Rhema McKnight 8-104; Omar Jenkins 3-33; Jeff Samardzija 1-19; Anthony Fasano 1-15; Billy Palmer 1-13; Josh Schmidt 1-10; Ryan Grant 1-7; Dan Stevenson 1-1.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

Notre Dame Depth Chart

Irish vs. Purdue (as of Sept. 21, 2003)

Notre Dame Offense

WR	80	OMAR JENKINS	6-1	205	Sr.
	5	Rhema McKnight	6-2	207	So.
	81	Chinedum Ndukwe	6-3	190	Fr.
LT	70	JIM MOLINARO	6-6	301	Sr.
	79	Brian Mattes	6-6	266	So.
LG	73	MARK LeVOIR	6-7	320	Jr.
	69	Darin Mitchell	6-3	280	Jr.
C	55	ZACHARY GILES	6-3	287	Jr.
	or 76	BOB MORTON	6-4	299	So.
RG	65	SEAN MILLIGAN	6-4	291	Sr.
	72	Jeff Thompson	6-4	287	Jr.
RT	74	DAN STEVENSON	6-5	297	Jr.
	51	Jamie Ryan	6-5	290	So.
TE	85	BILLY PALMER	6-4	251	Sr.
	1	Jared Clark	6-4	242	Sr.
	88	Anthony Fasano	6-4	253	So.
	or 87	Marcus Freeman	6-4	242	So.
WR	21	MAURICE STOVALL	6-5	221	So.
	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-4	190	Fr.
QB	7	CARLYLE HOLIDAY	6-3	221	Sr.
	10	Brady Quinn	6-4	211	Fr.
	9	Pat Dillingham	6-1	211	Jr.
FB	16	RASHON POWERS-NEAL	6-2	227	Jr.
	12	Josh Schmidt	6-1	220	Jr.
	25	Nate Schiccatano	6-3	224	So.
RB	4	RYAN GRANT	6-1	209	Jr.
	22	Julius Jones	5-10	205	Sr.
	11	Marcus Wilson	5-11	199	Jr.
	32	Jeff Jenkins	6-0	211	So.

Notre Dame Defense

LE	44	JUSTIN TUCK	6-5	246	Jr.
	95	Victor Abiamiri	6-5	245	Fr.
DT	60	DARRELL CAMPBELL	6-4	296	Sr.
	90	Brian Beidatsch	6-4	283	Jr.
NG	50	CEDRIC HILLIARD	6-2	295	Sr.
	or 77	GREG PAULY	6-6	291	Sr.
	66	Derek Landri	6-2	265	So.
RE	92	KYLE BUDINCAK	6-4	270	Sr.
	97	Travis Leitko	6-6	264	So.
ILB	39	BRANDON HOYTE	6-0	225	Jr.
	46	Corey Mays	6-1	246	Jr.
ILB	33	COURTNEY WATSON	6-1	232	Sr.
	46	Corey Mays	6-1	246	Jr.
OLB	49	DEREK CURRY	6-3	228	Sr.
	48	Jerome Collins	6-4	256	Sr.
LCB	34	VONTEZ DUFF	5-11	194	Sr.
	24	Dwight Ellick	5-10	177	Jr.
	6	Carlos Campbell	5-11	186	Jr.
FS	8	QUENTIN BURRELL	6-0	180	Jr.
	26	Garron Bible	5-10	197	Sr.
SS	19	GLENN EARL	6-1	204	Sr.
	27	Lionel Bolen	6-0	206	Jr.
	2	Freddie Parish, Jr.	6-1	195	Fr.
RCB	15	PRESTON JACKSON	5-9	177	Sr.
	9	Jason Beckstrom	5-10	186	Sr.
	30	Mike Richardson	6-1	188	So.

Notre Dame Specialists

KO	13	NICHOLAS SETTA	5-11	184	Sr.
	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	6-1	192	Jr.
PK	13	NICHOLAS SETTA	5-11	184	Sr.
	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	6-1	192	Jr.
P	13	NICHOLAS SETTA	5-11	184	Sr.
	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	6-1	192	Jr.
HLD	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-1	192	Jr.
	8	Matt Krueger	5-10	177	Sr.
SNP	64	CASEY DUNN (Long)	6-4	255	Jr.
	or 62	SCOTT RARIDON (FG/PAT)	6-7	300	So.
PR/KR	34	VONTEZ DUFF	5-11	194	Sr.
	22	Julius Jones	5-10	205	Sr.