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# **NOTRE DAME**

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#### GAME WEEK EDITION: NOVEMBER 6, 2000

#### NOTRE DAME (6-2) 23/25 TEXAS A&M ...... W, 24-10 Sept. 2 1/1 NEBRASKA .....L, 24-27 (OT) Sept. 9 Sept. 16 13/12 PURDUE ...... W, 23-21 Sept. 23 at 23/20 Michigan State ...... L, 21-27 Oct. 7 STANFORD ...... W, 20-14 Oct. 14 vs. Navy (Orlando, Fla.) ...... W, 45-14 Oct. 21 at West Virginia ..... W, 42-28 Oct. 28 AIR FORCE ...... W, 34-31 (OT) Nov. 11 BOSTON COLLEGE ...... 3:30 EST Nov. 18 at Rutgers ......3:30 EST Nov. 25 at USC ......12:30 PST **BOSTON COLLEGE (6-3)** Sept. 2 at West Virginia ...... L, 14-34 Sept. 9 at Army ...... W, 55-17 Sept. 23 NAVY ...... W, 48-7 4/4 VIRGINIA TECH ...... L, 34-48 Sept. 30 CONNECTICUT ...... W, 55-3 Oct. 7 SYRACUSE ..... W, 20-13 Oct. 14

at Pittsburgh ...... L, 26-42

RUTGERS ...... W, 42-13

TEMPLE ..... W, 31-3

at Notre Dame ...... 3:30 EST

#### **WEEKLY RANKINGS**

Here's where Notre Dame has been ranked in the weekly polls during the 2000 season:

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<u>Week</u>	<u>AP</u>	ESPN/USA Today
Preseason	NR	NR
Sept. 3	23	25
Sept. 10	21	23
Sept. 17	16	18
Sept. 24	NR	NR
Oct. 1	25	NR
Oct. 8	20	NR
Oct. 15	20	22
Oct. 22	19	19
Oct. 29	15	16
Nov. 5	11	12

#### PRESEASON RANKINGS

Here's where Notre Dame was ranked in the preseason and final AP polls since 1987:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Preseason</u>	<u>Final</u>
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
	NR	

# Game No.

(#11 AP/#12 ESPN/USA Today) Notre Dame Fighting Irish (6-2)

vs. Boston College Eagles (6-3)

The Date and Time: Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000, at 3:30 EST.

The Site: Notre Dame Stadium (80,232/natural grass) in Notre Dame, Ind.

<u>The Tickets:</u> They're all sold—with this game marking the 155th consecutive sellout in Notre Dame Stadium (the first 130 coming at the old 59,075 capacity). The Boston College game marks the 203rd home sellout in the last 204 games (back to 1964) and the 126th sellout in the last 146 games involving Notre Dame, including the first 10 games of 1998, the first 11 in '99 and the first five in '00.

<u>The TV Plans:</u> NBC Sports national telecast with **Tom Hammond** (play-by-play), **Pat Haden** (analysis), **Jim Gray** (sideline) and **Bill Bonnell** (producer).

<u>The Radio Plans:</u> For the 33rd consecutive season, all Notre Dame football games are broadcast nationally on radio by Westwood One with **Tony Roberts** (play by play) and **Tom Pagna** (game analysis) and **Paul Hornung** (pregame/halftime analysis). The Westwood One network includes nearly 200 stations. A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student radio station, WVFI, is available through the Notre Dame athletic department web site at www.und.com.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Boston College (www.bceagles.com).

#### THE HEAD COACH

Fourth-year Irish head coach Bob Davie owns a 27-18 (.600) career record at Notre Dame. Davie is one of 10 semifinalists for the *Football News* 2000 coach-of-the-year award and was one of 10 finalists for the 1998 Walter Camp Foundation/*Street and Smith's* Coach of the Year Award. His 1997 squad beat No. 11 LSU and No. 22 West Virginia to mark the first time a Notre Dame team beat ranked foes on consecutive weeks since November '92, while the '98 opening win over No. 5 and defending national champion Michigan gave him three wins over a ranked teams. He led the Irish to another season-opening ranked win this year against No. 23 Texas A&M, and the win over 13th-ranked Purdue marked the earliest the Irish have beaten two ranked opponents since 1990. The 2000 season marks Davie's seventh year at Notre Dame overall, after serving as defensive coordinator and inside linebacker coach from 1994-96. He coached nine seasons at Texas A&M ('85-'93), two at Tulane ('83-'84), four at Pittsburgh ('77, '80-'82) and two at Arizona ('78-'79), spending both years at Tulane as defensive coordinator and the last five at Texas A&M in that role.

#### THE INJURY UPDATE (as of Nov. 6)

#### Out

Probable

Junior QB Arnaz Battle	Fractured left navicular (wrist) vs. Nebraska
	(out for season, had surgery Sept. 12)
Senior DE Grant Irons	Dislocated right shoulder vs. Nebraska
	(out for season, had surgery Sept. 21)
Doubtful	
Junior CB Clifford Jefferson	Sprained ankle vs. Air Force
Questionable	
Junior TE Gerald Morgan	Knee (DNP vs. Air Force)

#### NOTRE DAME-BOSTON COLLEGE GAME NOTES

• The game marks the 12th meeting between the Irish and Eagles with Notre Dame holding an 8-3 lead in the series that dates backs to 1975.

• Notre Dame and Boston College are the only two Catholic universities that play Division I-A football. For more Notre Dame-Boston College series notes, see pages 2-3.



#### **MEDIA POLICIES**

#### THE DAVIE CONFERENCES

Bob Davie's weekly teleconference-style press conferences are available via satellite on Tuesday prior to each Notre Dame game, with the first slated for Aug. 29 (there are no conferences on open-date weeks). They are held at 1:30 p.m. EST at the WNDU Studios (on US 933/Business 31, west edge of campus) in South Bend. A light lunch is served beginning at 12:30 p.m., and at least one Irish player generally is available for interviews between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Outof-town media can connect to the conference via phone to listen and ask questions by calling the sports information office at (219) 631-7516. All teleconference are available on satellite at Telstar 5C, Transponder 7V. Approximately five minutes of video highlights from the previous week's Notre Dame game are included at the end of each hour-long satellite feed.

#### **TUESDAY TRANSCRIPTIONS**

Exact transcriptions of Bob Davie's Tuesday and Sunday press conferences are available at the Notre Dame sports information department, through the fax-on-demand system and on the web site at www.und.com.

#### **DAVIE INTERVIEWS**

Outside his regular Tuesday teleconference, the best time for Bob Davie interviews is between noon and 1:00 p.m. (EST) during the week. Please contact the Notre Dame SID office to make specific arrangements.

#### KEVIN WHITE RADIO SHOW



A weekly half-hour talk show featuring first-year Notre Dame athletics director Kevin White debuted Aug. 27 on Chicago's ESPN Radio 1000. "The Kevin White Show" is scheduled to air

from 10:00-10:30 p.m. for 30 consecutive Sundays on ESPN radio (1000 AM in Chicago, www.espnradio1000.com). The show also 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.

#### NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE

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Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
SE	21	Javin Hunter	43-yard catch vs. Michigan St. set up fourth-quarter TD
LT	78	Jordan Black	Has started all 17 games in which he has played in his career
LG	55	Jim Jones	Fifth-year player has started 18 of last 20 games
С	52	Jeff Faine	Has started every game in first season of collegiate action
RG	69	Mike Gandy	Has made 23 consecutive starting appearances on OL
RT	75	Kurt Vollers	Moved in RT role after starting final three '99 games at LT
TE	87	Jabari Holloway	All-star candidate in his third straight season as starter
or	86	Dan O'Leary	Has played most minutes of any Irish tight end in '00
FL	6	David Givens	Third-career rushing TD on 37-yard double reverse vs. AF
or	18	Joey Getherall	3 TDs, including desicive OT score, and 116 yards vs. AF
QB	10	Matt LoVecchio	First QB since Kevin McDougal in '93 to win first four starts
FB	40	Jason Murray	Top Irish fullback vs. Stanford, Navy and Air Force
or	36	Tom Lopienski	Returned to action against WVU with 13-yard catch
TB	22	Julius Jones	Third 100-yard rushing game of season vs. Air Force

#### NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	98	Anthony Weaver	All-star cand. has 9 tackles for loss, 4 sacks, INT, fum. recov.
DT	93	B.J. Scott	Continued strong play with 6 tackles, sack vs. Air Force
NG	90	Lance Legree	Consistent Irish defender has played 39 career games
RE	95	Ryan Roberts	Among team leaders in sacks with four
ILB	51	Tyreo Harrison	Has played a part in three of team's five fumble recoveries
ILB	39	Anthony Denman	Team leader in tackles with 58, second in tackles for loss (7)
OLB	30	Rocky Boiman	Third on team with 39 tackles, six for losses, 2.5 sacks
LCB	1	Brock Williams	Team-high seven tackles, sack, first INT since '98 vs. Stanford
FS	25	Tony Driver	All-star candidate tied NCAA mark with 2 fumbles TD returns
SS	5	Ron Israel	Career game vs. WVU with 8 tackles, first career INT
RCB	42	Shane Walton	Went 60 yards vs. PU for TD on second INT of season

#### NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

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Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
KO	93	Matt McNew	36 KOs have yielded aver. starting position of 23.8 yard line
PK	13	Nick Setta	38-yard game winning field goal among three FGs vs. Purdue
Р	17	Joey Hildbold	30th in NCAA with 41.8 avg., avg. return of 2.3 yds./punt
HLD	80	Adam Tibble	Sure-handed walk-on player handles holding duties
SNP	86	Dan O'Leary	Talented TE also contributes on special teams on punts
or	56	John Crowther	Walk-on player handles holding on PATs and FGs
PR	18	Joey Getherall	5th in NCAA with 18.1 yds/ret.,73-yard TD return vs. WVU
KR	22	Julius Jones	5th in NCAA with 28.5 yds/ret., 100-yard TD return vs. Neb.

#### **IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...**

- Notre Dame will improve to 14-4 versus BIG EAST teams since the formation of the BIG EAST football conference.
- The Irish will win for the 10th straight time after an open date and the seventh under Bob Davie.
- Notre Dame will end a five-game losing streak in November games.

#### **IF BOSTON COLLEGE WINS ...**

- The Eagles will defeat the Irish for the second consecutive year and the fourth time in 12 meetings.
- Boston College will hand Notre Dame just its fifth loss to a BIG EAST team since 1991.

#### **SERIES NOTES**

- Notre Dame leads its series with Boston College 8-3, including a 4-2 mark in games at ND Stadium.
- The series has been continuous since 1992 (this will be the ninth consecutive meeting) and is slated to continue through 2004.
- The first game of the series was held at Foxboro Stadium in 1975 (a 17-3 Irish win in Dan Devine's first game as head coach) while the other neutral-field game in the series was at Memphis, Tenn., in the 1983 Liberty Bowl (a 19-18 win for the Irish over the 13th-ranked Eagles).

- Ten of the previous 11 games in the series have seen at least one team ranked in that week's AP poll, with the higher-ranked team holding a 7-3 edge. Notre Dame has entered its games against Boston College ranked higher eight times (6-2), while the Eagles have been ranked higher twice (1-1). The Irish won the only game in the series between unranked teams (a 52-20 victory in 1997).
- Since the current series began in 1992, Notre Dame's six wins over Boston College from 1992-99 are the second most by an Eagles opponent (behind only Miami's seven) and the most by a non-conference opponent.

#### **CONNECTIONS**

- Second-year Notre Dame assistant coach **Jerry Rosburg** (cornerbacks, special teams) spent the 1997 and '98 seasons as the secondary coach at Boston College.
- BC offensive line coach **David Magazu** has past coaching experience with several members of the current Irish football staff: offensive coordinator **Kevin Rogers**, defensive coordinator **Greg Mattison**, receivers coach **Urban Meyer** and director of football operations **Bob Chmiel**.
- Magazu coached the OL at Navy from 1987-89, with Mattison coaching the DL from '87-'88 and Rogers coaching the RBs in '87-'88 and the QBs in '89.
- Magazu earlier spent the '81 season as OT/TE coach at Western Michigan, with Mattison serving as defensive coordinator at WMU from '81-'86.
- Magazu (OL, 1992-94) also crossed paths with Meyer (WRs, 1990-95) at Colorado State and with Chmiel (defensive assistant) on the 1983 Michigan staff (Magazu was an OL grad assistant).
- Third-year Irish offensive line coach **Dave Borbely** and BC offensive coordinator **Dana Bible** were on the same staffs at Stanford from '95-'97 (Borbely as OL coach, Bible as offensive coordinator).
- Bible also coached with **Rosburg** at Cincinnati in 1994 (Bible was the offensive coordinator, Rosburg the LB coach).
- First-year Boston College associate athletic director/sports information director **Michael Enright** served as associate sports information director at Notre Dame from 1992-2000.
- The winner of this game earns the Frank Leahy Memorial Bowl, given by the Notre Dame Club of Boston, and the Ireland Trophy, presented by Notre Dame student government. The Ireland Trophy is intended to inspire a spirit of sportsmanship and friendly competition between the schools.

#### FRIEND OR FOE?

Several Notre Dame and Boston College players hail from the same hometown and/or high school, among them:

- Notre Dame senior TE **Dan O'Leary** (Westlake, Ohio) and Boston College sophomore LB **Nick Blevins** (Westlake, Ohio) both attended St. Ignatius HS in Cleveland.
- Notre Dame junior LB **Rocky Boiman** and Boston College junior OL **John Richardson** were teammates at St. Xavier HS and are Cincinnati natives. BC redshirt freshman OT **Leo Bell** (Moeller HS) also is a native of Cincinnati.
- Notre Dame sophomore TE Gary Godsey, a native of Tampa, Fla., and BC junior TE Josh Cervie
  were teammates at Tampa Jesuit HS. BC sophomore LB Marco Williams (Hillsborough HS) also
  hails from Tampa.
- Irish senior C **JW Jordan** and BC redshirt freshman DB **Brian Flores** were teammates at Brooklyn Poly Prep.
- Notre Dame sophomore punter **Joey Hildbold**, a native of Centreville, Va., and BC sophomore QB **Kevin Kiley** were teammates at Robinson HS.

#### DAVIE NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR SEMIFINALIST

Head coach Bob Davie has been named one of 10 semifinalists for the *Football News* 2000 coach-of-the-year award. The list will be trimmed to three finalists on Mon., Nov. 20. The official announcement of *FNs* coach of the year will be made Wed., Dec. 6. Davie has led the Irish to a 6-2 record this season and an Associated Press national ranking of 11th after entering the season unranked following a 5-7 '99 season. Notre Dame has won four consecutive games since its loss at Michigan State, remaining eligible for a potential major bowl appearance. Davie also was a finalist for the 1998 Walter Camp Foundation/*Street & Smith*'s coach-of-the-year award. This year's *FNs* coach of the year will be honored on Tues., March 6, 2001, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit at the National Athletic Awards ceremony.

#### IRISH REMAIN ON NCAA RECORD TURNOVER PACE

Despite its first fumble lost of the season vs. Air Force, Notre Dame continues to lead the country in



#### **MEDIA POLICIES**

#### THE SUNDAY WRAP-UP

Bob Davie holds a media briefing from 1:00-1:30 p.m. each Sunday following Irish games. The briefing is held at the Joyce Center football auditorium. Check with John Heisler at (219) 631-7516 for teleconference availability.

#### THE HOST FOOTBALL REVIEW

Host Communications offers a two-hour delayed replay of each Notre Dame home game. The replays are available in many major markets, via over-the-air syndication, including South Bend's WNDU-TV (Sundays, beginning at 1:30 a.m.) and AT&T Cable channel 5 (times TBA). The review broadcasts also will be shown in Chicago on WJYS TV-62 (on Sundays, beginning at 3:00 a.m.).

#### THE DAVIE SHOW

Bob Davie's half-hour, weekly television show is syndicated nationally by Host Communications, produced by Golden Dome Productions and hosted by Jeff Jeffers. The show is carried by WNDU-TV in the South Bend market on the following Saturday (one hour before gametime) and on Fox Sports Net Chicago on Monday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m.

#### **MORE MEDIA NOTES**

Monday is the only day practice is open to media (open week Monday plans are TBA). Cameras and media are permitted at Monday practice during the first half hour (check with Notre Dame SID office for exact times). All player interviews must be coordinated through the Notre Dame SID office. Notre Dame's publicity material on football is available through a fax-on-demand system. Contact the Notre Dame sports information office at 219-631-7516 for details.

#### **RELEASES AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL**

Media members interested in receiving Notre Dame football releases via email should send requests to Sports Information Assistant Eric Wachter at wachter.1@nd.edu.

#### 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.



#### **IRISH HONORS**

#### **Head Coach Bob Davie**

Football News Coach of the Year Semifinalist

#### **QB Arnaz Battle**

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Texas A&M (10-16-133, 2 TDs, 12-50 rushing)

#### LT Jordan Black

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

#### LB Rocky Boiman

*The Sporting News* Great Unknowns Team **DT Darrell Campbell** 

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

#### **ILB Anthony Denman**

*The Sporting News*, ranked 13th nationally among ILB

Butkus Award preliminary list

The Sporting News and Football News preseason all-independent team

#### **FS Tony Driver**

CBS Player of the Game vs. Navy (two fumble returns for touchdowns)

Florida Citrus Sports Commission Defensive MVP vs. Navv

The Sporting News, ranked 3rd nationally among FS

*The Sporting News* second team preseason All-American

Jim Thorpe Award watch list

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

#### **TB Tony Fisher**

CBS Player of the Game vs. West Virginia (2 receiving TDs, rushing TD)

Doak Walker Award candidate

The Sporting News and Football News preseason all-independent team

#### **RG Mike Gandy**

The Sporting News and Football News preseason all-independent team

#### **FL Joey Getherall**

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Air Force (4-116 receiving, 2 TDs, 2-22 rush., TD)

#### **FL David Givens**

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Stanford (3-34 receiving, 2 TDs, 5-23 rushing, blocked punt)

#### P Joey Hildbold

Ray Guy Watch List

#### TE Jabari Holloway

The Sporting News and Lindy's, ranked 3rd nationally among TE

The Sporting News and Football News preseason all-independent team

fewest fumbles lost (one) and fewest turnovers (five) in its eight games, while its four INTs thrown by three different QBs stands tied for fifth best. The school record for fewest fumbles lost in a season is five by the 1993 Irish. The NCAA record is one by Bowling Green (1996) and Miami (Ohio) (1998).

- With five turnovers in eight games, the Irish are on pace for just under seven turnovers this season. The NCAA record for fewest season turnovers is eight, held by Clemson in 1940 and Miami (Ohio) in 1966. Notre Dame's record for fewest turnovers is 10 in '93 with the '97 team second best with 13.
- The seven consecutive games without a lost fumble to start the season marked the longest streak for Notre Dame since a seven-game streak during the last six games in '93 (BYU, USC, Navy, Florida State, Boston College, Texas A&M in Cotton Bowl) and the first game of the '94 season vs. Northwestern

#### MONOGRAM WINNERS RETURN FOR BOSTON COLLEGE GAME

The Notre Dame National Monogram Club will sponsor a special event to honor all Notre Dame graduates who have earned a varsity monogram. All former monogram winners have been invited back to campus for the Boston College football game weekend. A block of tickets has been arranged that will allow monogram winners to sit together — decked out in their varsity jackets — in a special Monogram Club section. A group of over 850 former monogram winners and guests are expected to be in attendance.

#### IRISH LOOK FOR 10TH STRAIGHT WIN FOLLOWING AN OFF WEEK

Since 1984, Notre Dame is 18-2 in regular-season games following a bye week, including seven wins over ranked teams: 24-10 over #19 Army in 1985, 24-19 at #1 Michigan in '89, 31-23 at #19 USC in '92, 31-24 over #1 Florida State in '93, 54-20 over #16 Washington in '96, 24-6 at #11 LSU in '97 and 34-30 over #23 Oklahoma in 1999.

• Notre Dame has a 6-0 record under head coach Bob Davie following a bye week. Here's how the Irish have fared in those games:

 10/7/00 ...... #25 Notre Dame 20, Stanford 14
 10/24/98 ..... #18 Notre Dame 20, Army 17

 10/30/99 ..... Notre Dame 28, Navy 24
 10/26/98 ..... #23 Notre Dame 31, Purdue 30

 10/2/99 ...... Notre Dame 34, #23 Oklahoma 30
 11/15/97 ..... Notre Dame 24, #11 LSU 6

• Notre Dame has won its last nine games when coming off a regular-season bye week -- since a 23-16 loss to eighth-ranked Florida State in a game played on Nov. 12, 1994, at the Florida Citrus Bowl. Including the six since 1997, the other three off-week wins are:

11/2/96 ...... #19 Notre Dame 54, Navy 27

10/12/96 ..... #11 Notre Dame 54, #16 Washington 20

11/18/95 ..... #8 Notre Dame 44, Air Force 14

### **RED ZONE REPORT**

The Irish have capitalized on 21 of their 22 trips inside the red zone this season with the only missed opportunity coming on a loss on downs against Michigan State. Notre Dame has come away with 10 rushing touchdowns, seven passing touchdowns and four field goals from **Nick Setta**, while its opponents have five field goals in addition to the 16 TDs. The red zone chances include two each for the Irish and their opponents in overtime.

NOTRE DAME IN '00	Category	'00 OPPONENTS
22	Red-Zone Chances	25
7	Passing TDs	7
10	Rushing TDs	9
17	Total TDs	16
.773 (17/22)	TD Pct	640 (16/25)
4	FGs Made	5
0	FGs Missed	2
0	FGs Blocked	0
114	Total Points (TD-6, FG-3)	111
.955 (21/22)	Scoring Pct	

#### THE AIR FORCE REVIEW

Sophomore SS **Glenn Earl** blocked an Air Force field goal as time expired in regulation to force overtime, and **Joey Getherall** scored his third TD of the game on a nine-yard reverse to lead Notre Dame to a 34-31 overtime win (the first in Irish history after three OT losses) over Air Force -- four

years after the Falcons won 20-17 in overtime at Notre Dame Stadium in the last meeting between the teams. The Irish built a 28-10 lead with 21 consecutive points in the third quarter (Getherall 28-yard TD reception, **David Givens** 37-yard rushing TD and Getherall 68-yard TD reception) following a 10-7 halftime deficit before the Falcons scored 18 points in 9:14 to tie the game at 28 with 1:56 remaining in the fourth quarter. After Notre Dame punted following its third consecutive three-and-out offensive series, Air Force drove 53 yards on three plays to set up a 28-yard field goal attempt with three seconds remaining. Following Earl's blocked field goal -- the first for the Irish since **Tyreo Harrison** blocked a 26-yard field goal vs. Tennessee in '99-- Notre Dame won the overtime coin toss and elected to play defense first. After a near fumble lost and interception thrown by Air Force on back-to-back plays, the Falcons settled for a 26-yard field goal on fourth and goal. After an apparent TD pass was ruled incomplete on Notre Dame's first play, **Julius Jones** gained 10 yards on two carries and another six on a screen pass to set up Getherall's reverse on third down and six from the nine.

#### **SCOUTING THE IRISH OFFENSE**

Line -- The veteran Irish offensive line in '00 -- with the only untested position at the start of the season being center -- has remained intact with the same five starters in the first eight games of the season. Senior guards Jim Jones (left guard) and Mike Gandy (right guard) combined to start 21 games at their respective positions last year, while Gandy has made 23 consecutive starts. Junior Jordan Black is back at the left tackle position where he started the first nine games in '99, while senior Kurt Vollers moved into the starting role at right tackle following backup action at left tackle in '99. Sophomore Jeff Faine is at center after seeing no game action as a freshman. Senior John Teasdale started 10 games in '99 at mostly right tackle and provides experience as a backup to Vollers. The other reserves are sophomore Brennan Curtin at tackle, juniors Sean Mahan and Ryan Scarola at guard and at center senior JW Jordan.

Backs -- Freshman Matt LoVecchio (42-80 for 591 yards, 9 TDs, 103 yards rushing) has settled into the starting quarterback position -- the third starting Irish QB this season. He made his first career start against Stanford after first coming off the bench against Michigan State in the second half and has throw at least two TD passes in each of his first four start -- the first Irish QB to throw at least 2 TDs in four consecutive games since Rick Mirer in 1992. Junior Arnaz Battle (13-31-173, 2 TDs, 157 yards rushing vs. Texas A&M and Nebraska) suffered a fractured left navicular (wrist) against Nebraska -- an injury that required surgery and will keep him out indefinitely -- thrusting sophomore Gary Godsey into the starting spot against Purdue (14 of 25 for 158 yards in first career game) and Michigan State (4-15 for 20 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT). Godsey has returned to tight end following the Air Force, a move that will afford him the best chance to see playing time. Freshman Jared Clark steps into the backup role behind LoVecchio, while freshman Carlyle Holiday is third. Neither Clark nor Holiday has played a down this season.

A trio of tailbacks -- sophomore **Julius Jones** (137-567, 5 TDs, 5-48 receiving) and juniors **Tony Fisher** (64-205, 2 TDs, 8-80 receiving, 3 TDs) and **Terrance Howard** (34-224, TD) -- gives the Irish a talented and diversified running attack as each started at least once in the first four games. The elusive Jones has had three 100-yard rushing games this season (126 vs. Michigan State, 105 vs. Navy and 111 vs. Air Force). Fisher started all 12 games last year and has started four games this season. Howard (career-high 7-96 vs. West Virginia) adds a combination of quickness and power. Sophomore **Chris Yura** (first four carries of his career vs. Navy) also helps out at tailback.

Senior **Jason Murray** (3-9, 2 catches for 12 yards, TD) has been the top FB since Stanford when junior **Tom Lopienski** went out with a shoulder injury. **Lopienski** (7-14 rushing, 4-54 receiving) moved into the starting fullback spot for the first four games after carrying the ball 25 times for 76 yards in all 12 games last year. He missed the Stanford game with a shoulder nerve injury before returning against Navy. Junior **Mike McNair** also helps out at fullback after recovering from an injury-plagued '99 in which he played only in the opener against Kansas.

Receivers -- Senior Joey Getherall (14-252, 3 TDs) continues to be a steady performer for the Irish and had a three TD performance against Air Force, while junior David Givens (18-237) shares time with Getherall at flanker and had career bests for receptions and yards against Purdue (6-86) and touchdowns against Stanford (2). Junior Javin Hunter (7-148, TD) moved into the starting position at split end after playing in every game last year (13 for 224 yards). Senior Jay Johnson (2-58, TD) played in the final 11 games of '99 and plays time behind Hunter but did not play against West Virginia and Air Force with a hamstring injury. Freshman Omar Jenkins also has been in the rotations. An-



#### **IRISH HONORS**

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#### **RE Grant Irons**

*The Sporting News* and *Lindy's*, ranked 15th nationally among DE

Lindy's, ranked 16th nationally among DE The Sporting News and Football News preseason all-independent team

#### **LG Jim Jones**

*The Sporting News* preseason all-independent team

#### **TB Julius Jones**

CNNSI.com Half-America Team selection as kickoff returner

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Nebraska (2 kickoff returns for 145 yards, 100yard TD return)

ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Michigan State (26 carries for 126 yards, two touchdowns)

*The Sporting News*, ranked 19th nationally among RB

Athlon NFL all-decade team for 2000-2009
The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

#### **QB Matt LoVecchio**

Florida Citrus Sports Commission Offensive MVP vs. Navy

#### PK Nick Setta

NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game vs. Purdue (3-4 FG, 38-yard game-winning FG, 2-2 PATs)

USATODAY.com Player of the Week (Sept. 16 after game-winning FG vs. Purdue)

#### RT John Teasdale

Football News preseason all-independent eam

#### **CB Shane Walton**

Amateur Star of the Month by San Diego Hall of Champions for September

#### LE Anthony Weaver

*The Sporting News*, ranked 10th nationally among DT

The Sporting News preseason all-independent team

#### **CB Brock Williams**

Lindy's, ranked 23rd nationally among CB
The Sporting News preseason all-independent team



#### **BOSTON COLLEGE SERIES**

Series: ND leads 8-3-0

At Notre Dame Stadium: ND leads 4-2-0 At Alumni Stadium: ND leads 2-1-0 Longest Series Streak: ND 4 wins (twice)

Site	Year	Rank	W/L/T	ND	ВС
FX	1975	4-	W	17	3
LB	1983	-13	W	19	18
*	1987	9-	W	32	25
*	1992	8-9	W	54	7
*	1993	1-16	L	39	41
	1994	8-	L	11	30
*	1995	12-	W	20	10
	1996	17-	W	48	21
*	1997		W	52	20
	1998	13-	W	31	26
*	1999	-25	L	29	31

Rankings refer to AP poll

FX – Schaefer Stadium (Foxboro)

LB - Liberty Bowl (Memphis, Tenn.)

\* - Notre Dame Stadium

# JONES QUICKLY CLIMBS KICKOFF RETURN LIST

In his brief Irish career, sophomore **Julius Jones** is on pace to surpass Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown as the Notre Dame leader in career kickoff return yards. He already has 1030 yards, fourth most in Irish history, just 21 yards ahead of teammate **Tony Driver**.

Name	Yards	Ret.	Aver.	Yrs.
1. Tim Brown	1613	69	23.38	'84-87
2. Raghib Ismail	1271	46	27.63	'88-90
3. Jim Stone	1079	49	22.02	'77-80
4. Julius Jones	1030	41	25.12	'99-'00
5. Tony Driver	1009	43	23.47	'97-'00
6. Allen Rossum	891	29	30.72	'94-97
7. Clint Johnson	778	27	28.81	'90-93
8. Emmett Mosle	y 778	39	25.93	'93-96
9. Paul Castner	767	21	36.52	'20-22
10. Terry Eurick	739	32	23.09	'74-77

other strength for the Irish is at tight end where senior All-America candidate **Jabari Holloway** (5-80) and fifth-year and '99 honorable mention All-American **Dan O'Leary** (8-66, TD) give the Irish a pair of talented, experienced tight ends. Former converted QB sophomore **Gary Godsey** returned to TE following the Air Force game, a position he played as a freshman in '99 but did not see action.

#### SCOUTING THE IRISH DEFENSE

Line -- After making a slight adjustment on the defensive line in '00 — going from a two end-two tackle alignment to one featuring two ends, a tackle and a nose guard -- the Irish were forced to shift one end position after losing senior RE Grant Irons (4 tackles, 1 for loss) for the season with a dislocated shoulder against Nebraska that required surgery. Sophomore Ryan Roberts (16 tackles, four sacks) moved into Irons starting spot at right end and has been a great addition to the Irish pass rush. All-America candidate junior and two-year starter Anthony Weaver (41 tackles, 9 for loss, 4 sacks, 1 INT, 1 fumble recovery) has starred at left end. Fifth-year B.J. Scott (20 tackles, 4 for loss, 2.5 sacks) made his first career against Nebraska at defensive tackle, while senior Andy Wisne (8 tackles, sack) backs up Scott after starting against A&M. Senior Lance Legree (40 tackles, 3 for loss) entered '00 the starter at nose guard after starting the final seven games of '99 there. The reserves are sophomore Darrell Campbell (2 tackles, fumble recovery) at right end, Cedric Hilliard (2 tackles, 1 for loss) at nose guard and junior John Owens (6 tackles, 3 for loss, sack) at left end.

<u>Linebackers</u> -- Led by senior **Anthony Denman** (team-high 67 tackles, 12 for loss, 5 sacks) and junior **Rocky Boiman** (48 tackles, 8 for loss, 3.5 sacks, forced fumble), the Irish linebackers have played a large role in Notre Dame's improved defense. Denman starts at inside linebacker for the second straight year and had five tackles for loss and forced two fumbles against Air Force, while Boiman anchors the outside spot. Junior **Tyreo Harrison** (43 tackles, 4 for loss, sack, two fumbles forced and one recovered) moved into a starting spot at inside linebacker after playing all 12 games in '99 with two starts. Junior **Carlos Pierre-Antoine** fills in at inside linebacker. Fifth-year **Anthony Brannan** backs up Boiman on the outside, while sophomore **Courtney Watson** (8 tackles, 1 for loss) plays behind Denman.

Backs -- Old faces and new faces make up the Irish secondary starters. Seniors Tony Driver (50 tackles, two fumble returns for TDs, INT, 4 pass deflections) and Brock Williams (42 tackles, 5 for loss, 1 sack, 1 INT, 3 pass deflections) returned to starting roles, while senior Ron Israel (28 tackles, 3 for loss, 1 INT) and junior Shane Walton (37 tackles, 1 for loss, 2 INTs, 60-yard INT TD, 3 pass deflections) moved into starting spots. Driver plays at free safety for the first time since '98 after playing seven games in '99 at tailback. Williams is back at left cornerback where he started eight of the last 10 games in '99. Israel moved from top reserve in '99 to starter at strong safety in '00. Walton -- who had his first career interception against Nebraska and had a 60-yard INT return against Purdue's Drew Brees -- won the starting spot at right cornerback after playing in nine games in '99 following a freshman season in which he starred on the Irish men's soccer team. Sophomore Glenn Earl (19 tackles, fumble recovery, blocked punt, FG) played significant minutes against Air Force in replace of Israel. The other reserves are sophomore Jason Beckstrom (9 tackles, pass deflected) at left cornerback, junior Clifford Jefferson (18 tackles, forced fumble) at right cornerback, sophomore Gerome Sapp (29 tackles, 1 for loss) at strong safety and junior Donald Dykes (13 tackles) at free safety.

#### SCOUTING THE IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS

Fifth-year newcomer **Matt McNew** -- who joined the team in the spring after four years with the Irish men's soccer team -- handles the kickoffs and has allowed an average opponent starting position of less than 25 yards through 36 kickoffs in '00. Sophomore **Nick Setta** (29-30 PATs, 6-10 FG) has shined as the Irish placekicker and nailed the game-winning FG from 38 yards against Purdue as time expired. Sophomore **Joey Hildbold** (52-2171-41.8) ranks 34th in the NCAA in punting average, has 15 punts of at least 50 yards (including two over 60 yards) and has allowed an average return of 2.3 yards per punt. Sophomore **Julius Jones** is ninth in the nation in KO return (15427-28.5, 100-yard TD return against Nebraska), while junior **David Givens** (5-99) and senior **Tony Driver** (5-158) also share duties returning kickoffs. **Joey Getherall** (19-344-18.1 with 83-yard TD return vs. Nebraska, 73-yard return vs. WVU) returns punts and is fourth in the country. **Dan O'Leary** (punts) and **John Crowther** (PAT and FG) share the snaps. **Adam Tibble** does the holding.

#### **IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS TRULY SPECIAL**

Along with Notre Dame's success with returns (see below), the Irish special teams have helped set up three key touchdowns following two blocked punts and another botched punt and also forced overtime in the win over Air Force. Against Purdue, sophomore **Glenn Earl** blocked Travis Dorsch's punt as the Irish took over at the Boiler four-yard line -- leading to the first Irish touchdown in the 23-21 win. Against Stanford, junior **David Givens** blocked Mike Biselli's punt as the Irish took over at the Stanford 10-yard line -- leading to Notre Dame's second touchdown in the 20-14 win. Against West Virginia with the score tied at 14, **Courtney Watson** tackled punter Mark Fazzolari at the WVU 16-yard line following a high snap to set up the go-ahead TD three plays later. Other special team highlights for the Irish this season include **Nick Setta**'s 38-yard, game-winning field goal against Purdue and **Earl**'s blocked field goal -- both as time expired in the fourth quarter --with the scored tied 28-28 in the eventual Irish overtime victory.

#### MANY HAPPY RETURNS FOR NOTRE DAME

The Irish have totalled 1233 return yards this season compared to 712 for their opponents -- a margin so large due in large part to the stellar performances of punt returner **Joey Getherall** (5th nationally at 18.1), punter **Joey Hildbold** (30th nationally at 41.8), kickoff returners **Julius Jones** (5th nationally at 28.5) and **Tony Driver** and placekicker **Matt McNew**. Notre Dame also is the only school ranked in the top 10 in kickoff returns, punt returns and net punting according to the latest NCAA statistical rankings, while Jones and Getherall are joined by Miami's Santana Moss (4th in punt returns at 19.0) and Daryl Jones (4th in KOs at 28.47) as the only teammates in the top five in punt and KO returns.

Notre Dame's kicking game has limited its opponents to 4.5 yards per punt return and 19.2 yards per kickoff return. Based on the statistical rankings of the 114 NCAA I-A teams, these averages would place the Irish opponents 113th in punt returns and 76th in KO returns, while Notre Dame stands second in KO returns (27.4) and fifth in punt returns (16.7). Notre Dame also ranks ninth in net punting at 39.5, while its opponents' net punting of 32.9 would place them 84th, according to the latest NCAA national statistics. Here's a breakdown of the returns:

NOTRE DAME	Return Yards Total Returns Average TDs	OPPONENTS
6842527.41	Kickoff	5562919.20
4172516.72	Punt	117264.50
83613.81	Interception	3949.80
49316.32	Fumble	0-1-0
12335920.96	Total Returns	7125912.70

#### DENMAN, DRIVER, FISHER, HILDBOLD, JONES EARN TROPHY CONSIDERATION

Four Irish players have been selected for considerations for the annual position-specific trophies. Senior linebacker Anthony Denman joins the preliminary list of 70 candidates for the Butkus Award -- presented annually to the best linebacker in college football by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando. The list will be trimmed to 10 semifinalists on Oct. 19, and three finalists will be announced on Nov. 9. Senior free safety Tony Driver has been picked one of 40 players on the "watch list" for the Jim Thorpe Award -- presented annually to the best defensive back in college football by the Jim Thorpe Association in Oklahoma City, Okla. Junior tailback Tony Fisher was selected one of 35 initial candidates for the Doak Walker Award presented by Vectrix -- given annually to the nation's top college running back by the Southwestern Bell-SMU Athletic Forum in Dallas, before Julius Jones became an additional Irish nominee. The Southwestern Bell Athletic Forum Board of Directors will select eight semifinalists on Nov. 8, and the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will vote on the winner in late November. The National Selection Committee consists of former All-Pro and All-America running backs, media members and selected special representatives. Sophomore punter Joey Hildbold has been added to the watch list for the Ray Guy Award -- presented to the best punter in college football as determined by an executive committee comprised of sports writers, college football coaches, former punters and members of the Greater Augusta Sports Council. Ten semifinalists will be named by Nov. 8.

## **DRIVER 'RETURNS' TO RECORDBOOK**

In the first 12:47 of the Navy game, **Tony Driver** became just the second player in NCAA Division I-A history to return a pair of fumbles for touchdowns -- since a 1992 NCAA change permitting defensive players to advance fumbles regardless of where on the field they occur. He joined Minnesota's Tyrone



# NOTRE DAME VS. BIG EAST TEAMS

School	Won	Lost	<b>Tied</b>	Pct.
Boston College	8	3	0	.727
Miami	15	7	1	.674
Pittsburgh	40	17	1	.698
Rutgers	2	0	0	1.000
Syracuse	2	1	0	.667
Temple	0	0	0	
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	
West Virginia	3	0	0	1.000
TOTALS	70	28	2	.710

- Notre Dame has won 71 percent of its games (70-28-2) vs. teams that currently comprise the BIG EAST Conference, with 58 of those 100 games vs. former independent Pittsburgh.
- The Irish own a winning series record versus all six BIG EAST teams they have faced.
- Notre Dame is 13-4 versus BIG EAST teams since the formation of the BIG EAST football conference beginning with the '91 season.
- Prior to the '99 loss to Pittsburgh, Notre Dame had not lost to a BIG EAST team since the 11th-ranked Irish were upset, 30-11, at Boston College on Oct. 8, 1994 ... since that '94 game, Notre Dame posted a 20-10 win over BC in 1995, a 60-6 win over Pittsburgh in '96, a 62-0 victory over Rutgers in the '96 season finale, a 45-21 win at Pittsburgh in '97, a 52-20 home win over BC in '97, a 21-14 win over No. 22 WVU in the final home game of the '97 season and a 31-26 win at Boston College in 1998.
- The last Notre Dame-Miami game came in 1990 and is one of the most memorable games in the series, as Raghib Ismail returned a kick-off 94 yards for a touchdown and Craig Hentrich kicked a Notre Dame record five field goals to help the sixth-ranked Irish upset the No. 2 Hurricanes, 29-20, at Notre Dame Stadium.
- Notre Dame's last game versus Syracuse came in 1963, a 14-7 home victory for the Orangemen.
- Notre Dame has never played Temple or Virginia Tech.
- Future BIG EAST opponents for the Irish are Rutgers on Nov. 18, Pittsburgh, West Virginia and at Boston College in 2001, Pittsburgh, Boston College and Rutgers in 2002 and at Pittsburgh, at Boston College and at Syracuse in 2003.



# DOVE TO ENTER HALL OF FAME

Notre Dame two-time consensus football All-American Bob Dove is one of 14 individuals selected for induction to the National Football Foundation's College Hall of Fame for 2000. Dove is one of 14 players and two coaches who will be officially inducted at the National Football Foundation's 43rd annual award dinner on Dec. 12, 2000, in New York City. The class then will be enshrined at the College Hall of Fame in South Bend in August, 2001. Representing the College Football Hall of Fame, executive director Bernie Kish presented Dove during halftime ceremonies of the Texas A&M game. Dove becomes the 38th former Notre Dame player inducted -- with Notre Dame boasting more representatives (including five coaches) than any other school. A three-year starter at end in 1940-42, Dove played on Frank Leahy's first two teams at Notre Dame and became the first sophomore to start for the Irish in 11 seasons. He was a second-team selection on Street & Smith's All-Time Dream Team for the first 50 years of its publication from 1941-90. He played nine seasons for several pro teams, earning Pro Bowl recognition in '51. Dove is the first player chosen by the Hall's Honors Review Committee, which considers players who played more than 50 years ago.

# GEORGE CONNOR PRESENTED OUTLAND

A ceremony to present former Irish great George Connor with an Outland Trophy was held during pregame ceremonies of the Texas A&M game. He was presented with an Outland Trophy in recognition of the award he received in 1946. The Outland Trophy recognizes the nation's top interior lineman and ranks as college football's third-oldest award, behind only the Heisman Trophy and the Maxwell Award -- both of which honor the nation's top overall player. Connor was the first recipient of the Outland, but permanent trophies were not presented to the winners until 1989. Prior to 1989, the winner of the Outland was presented with a plaque and the original trophy, which then was passed on to the following year's winner. The Football Writers Association of America -- sponsor of voting and presentation of the Outland Trophy -- recently decided to begin presenting Outland trophies to pre-'89 winners. The Downtown Rotary Club of Omaha and the Omaha Sports Committee also came on board with this project and began presenting the trophies to former winners at the annual Outland Award Dinner in Omaha.

Carter who returned a pair of fumbles for TDs against Syracuse on Sept. 21, 1996.

- Driver also became the first Irish player in a season or a career to return a pair of fumbles for TDs, let alone in one game or one quarter.
- The last Irish defensive player to score two touchdowns was Dave Waymer, who ran back two interceptions in a 40-15 win against Miami (Fla.) in the 1979 Mirage Bowl in Toyko.

#### DRIVER NAMED TO THE SPORTING NEWS MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

The Sporting News has selected Irish senior **Tony Driver** to its midseason All-America list at free safety. Driver is second among the Irish with 45 tackles and has broken up three passes. He recorded an interception in the Irish opener against Texas A&M -- in his first game on defense since the '98 season -- and returned a pair of fumbles for TDs against Navy (see above).

#### **WEAVER LEADS STRONG DEFENSE**

Notre Dame's defense has been tough on opposing quarterbacks this season with 24 sacks in eight games, in addition to numerous hurries and knockdowns. The play of junior DE **Anthony Weaver** has been a significant part of the Irish defensive pressure. Weaver has nine tackles for losses and four sacks. The Irish surpassed their 18 sacks in '99 after totalling 20 sacks through the first seven games.

- Weaver also has an interception (vs. Michigan State to set up go-ahead TD), a fumble recovery (vs. Stanford with the Cardinal threatening to score on ND's 15-yard line) and a deflected third-down pass (vs. Air Force with the Falcons having to settle for a field goal after the incomplete pass) this season.
- Junior RE **Ryan Roberts** had at least one sack in each of the first four games, becoming the first Irish player since Kory Minor in 1996 (vs. Boston College, Pittsburgh, Rutgers and USC) to have at least one sack in four consecutive games.
- Notre Dame's six sacks against Michigan State stand as the most under head coach Bob Davie and the most since the Irish had nine sacks against Rutgers in 1996.

#### IRISH DEFENSE GETS OFFENSIVE

Of Notre Dame's 31 touchdowns -- in addition to the three scored from kickoff and punt returns, the two set up by blocked punts and one set up by a botched opponent punt -- the Irish defense has scored or set up short drives on five other TDs. **Shane Walton** had a 60-yard interception return against Purdue, while **Anthony Weaver**'s interception at the Michigan State two-yard line was followed one play later by a **Julius Jones** TD run. **Brock Williams** had an interception against Stanford before it took Jones three plays (three-yard run, 24-yard shovel pass and seven-yard run) to score on a short 34-yard TD drive. **Tony Driver**'s record day with two fumble returns for touchdowns against Navy brought the total to five touchdowns scored or set up by the Irish defense.

#### **DEFENSIVE BACKS SHARE INTERCEPTIONS**

Irish senior SS **Ron Israel** helped seal the West Virginia win with a late, fourth-quarter interception, the first of his career. He joined seniors **Tony Driver** and **Brock Williams** and junior **Shane Walton** with INTs in '00 as all four of the starting Irish DBs in the secondary now have at least one INT each: Driver (Texas A&M), Williams (Stanford), Walton (Nebraska and Purdue).

#### **BOIMAN NAMED TO THE SPORTING NEWS TEAM**

The Sporting News has selected Irish junior OLB **Rocky Boiman** to its list of *Great Unknowns* -- "you probably won't recognize their faces, but you should recognize their efforts." Boiman has played a key role in the resurgence of the Notre Dame defense this season. He already has 48 tackles -- third most on the team -- and three-and-a-half sacks, surpassing his 39 tackles and two sacks in '99.

#### **GIVENS HIS ALL**

Irish junior FL **David Givens** put his versatility on full display against West Virginia with a 52-yard halfback pass to **Joey Getherall** and a five-yard TD run -- both firsts for Givens this season. His pass to Getherall was followed two plays later by an Irish TD for a 35-14 lead. He also provided a key block on **Terrance Howard**'s 80-yard TD run vs. the Mountaineers. Against Stanford, Givens caught a pair of TD passes and blocked a punt with less than a minute remaining in the first half to set up his second TD -- giving the Irish a 14-0 lead just before halftime of the 20-14 win. He recorded season-highs for an Irish receiver against Purdue with six catches for 86 yards. Against Air Force, Givens took a handoff from Getherall on a double reserve and scored a 37-yard TD. Givens has 20 carries for 104 yards and has caught a team-high 18 passes this season for 237 yards.

#### **IRISH CONTINUE QB'S FIRST-START MAGIC**

For the third time in five games in '00, an Irish quarterback making his first career start led Notre Dame to victory. Freshman QB Matt LoVecchio began his first start by leading the Irish on a 91-yard drive in 11 plays in the 20-14 win over Stanford. Three weeks earlier, sophomore QB Gary Godsey engineered a game-winning drive that ended with a field goal as time expired in the 23-21 win over 13thranked Purdue. Two weeks before that game, junior Arnaz Battle -- out indefinitely with a broken left navicular suffered against Nebraska -- made his first career start in Notre Dame's 24-10 win over 25thranked Texas A&M. Battle became the 10th, Godsey became the 11th and LoVecchio became the 12th of the last 13 Irish quarterbacks to be victorious in their first career starts.

- From 1985-98, Notre Dame was victorious in nine straight games in which an Irish quarterback was making his first career start, including four coming in a season opener. Notre Dame's nine-game, firststart streak ended in the 10-0 loss at USC on Nov. 28, 1998, when Eric Chappell started in place of the injured starter Jackson (then-freshman Arnaz Battle also played a large chunk of that game).
- Battle also became the 10th consecutive Irish quarterback making his first start to lead the Irish to victory in a season opener, a streak dating back to 1965: Bill Zloch (vs. Cal, '65), Terry Hanratty (vs. Purdue, '66), Pat Steenberge (vs. Northwestern, '71), Tom Clements (vs. Northwestern, '72), Rick Slager (vs. Boston College, '75), Rick Mirer (vs. Michigan, '90), Kevin McDougal (vs. Northwestern, '93), Ron Powlus (vs. Northwestern, '94) and Jarious Jackson (vs. Michigan, '98).

#### LAST 13 STARTING DEBUT GAMES BY NOTRE DAME QUARTERBACKS

- Terry Andrysiak, sophomore (vs. Mississippi, 11/9/85; 8th game of season) ... win, 37-14
- Tony Rice, sophomore (at Air Force, 10/17/87; 5th game of season) ... win, 35-14
- Kent Graham, freshman (Boston College, 11/7/87; 8th game of season) ... win, 32-25
- Rick Mirer, sophomore (#4 Michigan, 9/15/90; 1st game of season) ... win, 28-24
- Paul Failla, freshman (at Purdue, 9/28/91; 4th game of season) ... win, 45-20
- Kevin McDougal, senior (Northwestern, 9/4/93; 1st game of season) ... win, 27-12
- Ron Powlus, sophomore (at Northwestern, 9/3/94; 1st game of season) ... win, 42-15
- Tom Krug, junior (at Air Force, 11/18/95; 11th game of season) ... win, 44-14
- Jarious Jackson, senior (#5 Michigan, 9/5/98; 1st game of season) ... win, 36-20
- Eric Chappell, junior (at USC, 11/28/98, 11th game of season) ... loss, 10-0
- Arnaz Battle, junior (#25 Texas A&M, 9/2/00, 1st game of season) ... win, 24-10
- Gary Godsey, sophomore (#13 Purdue, 9/16/00, 3rd game of season) ... win, 23-21
- Matt LoVecchio, freshman (Stanford, 10/7/00, 5th game of season) ... win, 20-14

#### LOVECCHIO 3RD STARTING QB IN FIRST FIVE GAMES, JUST 4TH FROSH QB IN 49 YEARS

Freshman Matt LoVecchio became Notre Dame's third starting quarterback in five games this season against Stanford, marking the first time since 1987 the Irish have had three starting QBs in one season and have had a starting freshman quarterback. After senior starter Terry Andrysiak broke his left collarbone in the fourth game of the '87 season, sophomore Tony Rice started six of the last seven games of the regular season. Freshman Kent Graham started against Boston College (6-8 for 111 yards, INT in the 32-25 win) in the eighth game of the season. Andrysiak returned as the starting QB in the Cotton Bowl.

- Steve Beuerlein started his fourth game as a freshman against Colorado (8-12 for 133 yards in 27-3 win) in 1983. Beuerlein took over for senior Blair Kiel -- who, in 1980, became the first Irish freshman to start at quarterback since Ralph Guglielmi in 1951 vs. North Carolina. Kiel made his first start in the fourth game of the season against Miami (4-17 for 35 yards in 32-14 win).
- · Here's a comparison of the last four freshman QBs to start at Notre Dame (figures do not include bowl games):

Quarterback	<u>Year</u>	GP-GS	AttCompIntYards-TD	Pct.	Record as Starter
Matt LoVecchio	2000	5-4	80-42-1-591-9	.525	4-0
Kent Graham	1987	7-1	24-16-4-248-1	.667	1-0
Steve Beuerlein	1983	10-8	145-75-6-1061-4	.517	5-3
Blair Kiel	1980	9-8	124-48-5-531-0	.387	6-1-1

#### LOVECCHIO FIRST STARTING QB FROM NEW JERSEY SINCE THEISMANN

Hailing from Franklin Lakes, N.J., Matt LoVecchio is Notre Dame's first starting quarterback from the Garden State since Joe Theismann (South River, N.J.) in 1968-70. Frank Tripucka (Bloomfield, N.J.)



# **37 FORMER IRISH** ON '00 NFL ROSTERS

Notre Dame has 37 of its former football players participating in the National Football League in 2000, according to figures released by the league based on opening-day active rosters. The Irish led all Division I schools in that category five straight years from 1995 through '99. Notre Dame ranked second in players on 2000 opening-day rosters — with Florida State leading the way (38), followed by Notre Dame (37), Ohio State (35), Florida and Miami (34 each), Penn State (32), Michigan and USC (31 each) and Nebraska, North Carolina and Texas A&M (30 each). Here are the former Fighting Irish now active in the pros (R indicates rookie):

Carolina: QB Steve Beuerlein, DB Deveron

Harper (R), LB Kory Minor

Chicago: DT Jim Flanigan, OT Jerry Wisne, DB

Shawn Wooden

Cincinnati: DB Tom Carter, DT Oliver Gibson

Cleveland: RB Marc Edwards Dallas: WR Raghib Ismail Denver: QB Jarious Jackson (R) Detroit: LB Scott Kowalkowski Green Bay: DB Allen Rossum

Indianapolis: DB Jeff Burris, P Hunter Smith

Jacksonville: DE Renaldo Wvnn Kansas City: C Tim Grunhard

Miami: C Tim Ruddy, RB Autry Denson New York Giants: OT Luke Petitgout, OG Mike

Rosenthal, C Dusty Zeigler Oakland: WR Tim Brown

Philadelphia: QB Ron Powlus, DT Paul

Grasmanis, DB Bobby Taylor

Pittsburgh: RB Jerome Bettis, WR Malcolm

Johnson

St. Louis: DB Todd Lyght San Diego: K John Carney

San Francisco : DE Junior Bryant, QB Rick Mirer,

**DT Bryant Young** 

Seattle: WR Derrick Mayes, RB Ricky Watters

Tennessee: P Craig Hentrich Washington: OT Andy Heck

In addition, signed to NFL practice squads were Brad Williams (Chicago), Mike Doughty (Cincinnati) and Bobby Brown (Cleveland). Since the start of the season, Anthony Johnson was signed by Jacksonville.

#### **IRISH IN XFL**

Notre Dame has eight players set to participate in the inaugural XFL season that kicks off in Feb., 2001. OT Jeremy Akers (1993-96) was drafted by Orlando, and DE Lamont Bryant (1996-99) by NY/ NJ. Chicago has six Irish players based on geographical consideration: DB Deke Cooper ('96-99), RB Robert Farmer ('93-96), LB Bobbie Howard ('95-98), QB Kevin McDougal ('90-93), DB A'Jani Sanders ('96-99) and RB Ray Zellars ('91-94).



#### **SINGLE-GAME BESTS**

CAREER BESTS - I	RUSHING	YARDS
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Arnaz Battle	107 yards vs. Nebraska, '00
Tony Fisher	140 vs. Oklahoma, '99
Julius Jones	146 vs. Navy, '99
Terrance Howard	96 vs. West Virginia, '00
Tom Lopienski	20 vs. USC, '99
Matt LoVecchio	36 vs. Stanford. '00

#### **CAREER BESTS - COMPLETIONS**

Arnaz Battle	10 vs. Texas A&M, '00
Gary Godsey	14 vs. Purdue, '00
Matt LoVecchio	13 vs. Navy, '00

#### **CAREER BESTS - PASSING YARDS**

Arnaz Battle	133 vs. Texas A&M, '00
Gary Godsey	158 vs. Purdue, '00
Matt LoVecchio	183 vs. Navv. '00

#### **CAREER BESTS - RECEPTIONS**

Tony Fisher 3 vs. BC,	Stan., '99, West Va., '00
Joey Getherall	7 vs. USC, '99
David Givens	6, vs. Purdue, '00
Jabari Holloway	4 vs. Purdue, '98
Javin Hunter	3 vs. Mich./Purdue, '99
Jay Johnson	2 vs. Tennessee, '99
Julius Jones	2 vs. Purdue, '00
Tom Lopienski	2 vs. Michigan St., '99
Dan O'Leary	4 vs. Purdue, '97

#### **CAREER BESTS - RECEIVING YARDS**

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Tony Fisher	68 vs. Stanford, '99
Joey Getherall	133 vs. Oklahoma, '99
David Givens	86 vs. Purdue, '00
Jabari Holloway	94 vs. Purdue, '98
Javin Hunter	84 vs. Michigan St., '99
Julius Jones	49 vs. USC, '99
Dan O'Leary	54 vs. Pitt, '99

#### **CAREER BESTS - TACKLES**

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Rocky Boiman 9 vs. Texas A&M, Neb., '00
Anthony Denman 13 vs. Tenn., '99, Neb., '00
Tony Driver 11 vs. Michigan St., '00
Donald Dykes 3 vs. Pitt, Stan., '99, Purdue, '00
Glenn Earl 8 vs. Air Force, '00
Tyreo Harrison 12 vs. Purdue, '00
Grant Irons 8 in three games
Ron Israel 8 vs. West Virginia, '00
Clifford Jefferson 10 vs. Purdue, '99
Lance Legree 7 vs. Neb., Stan., '00
Carlos Pierre-Antoine 5 vs. ASU, '99
Ryan Roberts 4 vs. Neb., Mich. St., '00
B.J. Scott 6 vs. Air Force, '00
Gerome Sapp 5 vs. Neb., '00
Shane Walton 7 vs. Neb., '00
Anthony Weaver 9 vs. Purdue, '00
Brock Williams 8 vs. Stan., '98, Mich. St., '00

also started for Notre Dame during his career from 1945-48. Theismann, a 1970 All-American, and Tripucka are believed to be the only New Jersey quarterbacks to start for the Irish prior to LoVecchio. The other QBs from the Garden State who played at Notre Dame but did not start are: Gus Ornstein (Tenafly, 1994), Pete Graham (Rumson, 1986-89), Frank Allocco (New Providence, 1972-75), Bill Bruno (Asbury Park, 1934-36), Hardy Bush (Newark, 1913-14) and Charles Daly (Patterson, 1899).

#### FOUR RANKED OPPONENTS IN A ROW

- After games against 23rd-ranked Texas A&M, top-ranked Nebraska and 13th-ranked Purdue to open the season, the Irish played their fourth consecutive ranked opponent at 23rd-ranked Michigan State, marking the first time since the inception of the Associated Press poll in 1936 that Notre Dame has opened a season with four ranked opponents.
- The Irish played four consecutive games against ranked opponents during the regular season for the first time since 1957 and for only the third time ever (1943 was the first time).
- Here's here how the 1943 Irish fared against their four consecutive ranked opponents:

Oct. 30 #1 Notre Dame def. #3 Navy 33-6

Nov. 6 #1 Notre Dame def. #3 Army 26-0

Nov. 13 #1 Notre Dame def. #8 Northwestern 25-6

Nov. 20 #1 Notre Dame def. #2 Iowa Pre-Flight 14-13

• Here's here how the 1957 Irish fared against their four consecutive ranked opponents:

Nov. 2 #16 Navy def. #5 Notre Dame 20-6

Nov. 9 #4 Michigan State def. #15 Notre Dame 34-6

Nov. 16 Notre Dame def. #2 Oklahoma 7-0 (ending the OU's NCAA record 57-game winning streak)

Nov. 23 #8 Iowa def. #9 Notre Dame 21-13

#### JULIUS JONES NAMED TO "HALF-AMERICA TEAM"

Sophomore **Julius Jones** has been named the best kickoff returner in the country, according to CNNSI/com's "Half-America Team" -- a list of the nation's top players through the first half of the season. He currently is ranked fifth in the country with an average of 28.5 yards per return and is one of just three second-year players on the list, joining redshirt freshman CB Michael Jolivette (Arizona) and sophomore kicker Jonathon Ruffin (Cincinnati). Jones had a 100-yard return for a touchdown against Nebraska and, with 1030 career KO return yards already, has moved into fourth place on all-time Irish KO return yards list.

#### JULIUS JONES TAPPED FUTURE STAR

Athlon Sports recently projected a National Football League "All-Decade" team for 2000-2009 and current Irish sophomore **Julius Jones** was one of two running backs named to the squad, joining current Indianapolis Colts star Edgerrin James. The 26-player team included just four other current college players: tackle Michael Munoz (Tennessee), linebacker D.J. Williams (University of Miami), linebacker Saleem Rasheed (Alabama) and punt returner David Allen (Kansas State).

#### **THEY SHALL RETURN**

- During the past 15 seasons ('86-'00), Notre Dame has produced 53 TDs via kickoff, punt and interception returns including **Shane Walton**'s 60-yard interception return vs. Purdue, **Julius Jones**' 100-yard kickoff return and **Joey Getherall**'s 83-yard punt return vs. Nebraska and 73-yard punt return vs. West Virginia in '00. Other recent returns for the Irish are Jones' 67-yard punt return vs. Boston College ('99), A'Jani Sanders' pair of INTs vs. ASU ('98 and '99), Bobbie Howard's INT vs. LSU ('98) and Deveron Harper's INT in the '99 opener vs. Kansas. (Those numbers don't include several fumble returns for TDs, with **Tony Driver**'s pair against Navy the most recent and others coming from **Anthony Denman** vs. Kansas in '99, Deke Cooper at Michigan State in '98, Malcolm Johnson vs. Army in '98 and Lamont Bryant vs. LSU in '98).
- The 2000 Irish join the 1993 team as the only squads to return at least one punt, kickoff, interception and fumble for touchdowns and have six returns for touchdowns, the most since the '96 Irish had seven TD returns.
- Irish opponents in the past 15 seasons have combined for just 11 total returns for touchdowns (on kicks, punts or interceptions).
- The 53 returns have come from 30 players, including nine by Allen Rossum (an NCAA record), six by Raghib Ismail, five by Tim Brown, three by Ricky Watters and two by **Joey Getherall** -- with current sophomore **Julius Jones** already having returned two kicks in his brief Irish career.

- Getherall joins Joe Heap (1951-54) and Ricky Watters (1987-90) as the only Irish players to return two punts of at least 73 yards each for touchdowns in a career and the only Irish player to accomplish that in one season. His 73-yard punt return vs. West Virginia stands tied for the 16th longest in Notre Dame history.
- The returns also do not include a blocked punt returned for TD in '96 and two by Irish opponents in '97 and '99. Notre Dame recovered a fumble in its opponent's end zone twice in '92. The Irish returned PATs for two points in '89 (Andre Jones vs. SMU) and '95 (Allen Rossum vs. Texas). Rice was the first team to return a PAT following the NCAA's implementation of the rule in a game against the Irish in '88.
- Here's a year-by-year breakdown of the Irish return touchdowns since 1986:

<u>Year</u>	<u>PÚ</u>	<u>ко</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>FUM</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>PU</u>	<u>KO</u>	<u>INT</u>	<u>FUM</u>
1986	0	2	0	0	1994	0	0	1	1
1987	3	0	1	0	1995	1	0	2	1
1988	2	2	3	0	1996	4	1	0	2
1989	2	2	3	0	1997	0	2	1	0
1990	0	2	0	0	1998	0	0	2	3
1991	1	1	2	0	1999	1	0	2	1
1992	0	1	0	0	2000	2	1	1	2
1993	2	1	2	1	ND Total	18	15	20	11
					Opp. Total	1	2	6	2

#### JONES, GETHERALL, GIVENS GO LONG DISTANCE AGAINST HUSKERS

- Julius Jones, Joey Getherall and David Givens combined for 317 return yards (4 punts for 113 yards, 4 kickoffs for 204) against Nebraska -- including an 83-yard punt return by Getherall and a 100-yard kickoff return by Jones for touchdowns. The 317 return yards were the second most kickoff and punt return yards for the Irish since the start of the 1980 season. Notre Dame had 336 return yards (231 punt, 71 kickoff and 34 interception) against Pittsburgh in '96.
- Notre Dame's 204 kickoff return yards established a modern Irish record for single-game kickoff returns, eclipsing the 192 by Notre Dame (all by Raghib Ismail) against Michigan in 1989. The Irish had 354 kickoff return yards against Kalamazoo in 1922.
- Jones' 175 return yards were the most for a Notre Dame player since Clint Johnson returned two kickoffs vs. Stanford for 179 yards and one touchdown. Jones' 100-yard TD return marked the first kickoff touchdown return of his career, the longest since Johnson went 100 yards vs. Stanford and the first for the Irish since Jarious Jackson returned an onside kick for a TD against Pitt in '97.
- Getherall's 83-yard punt return tied Allen Rossum's 83-yard punt return against Pittsburgh in 1996 for the eighth-longest in Irish history. The last Irish player to return a punt longer was Ricky Watters who set the record with a 97-yarder vs. SMU in 1989.
- Givens started the Nebraska game with a 41-yard kickoff return, the longest of his career.

#### **JONES ALREADY AMONG RETURN LEADERS**

In his brief Irish career, sophomore Julius Jones -- already with punt ('99 BC) and kickoff ('00 Nebraska) returns for touchdowns -- has produced some of Notre Dame's top return games in the past decade, dating back to Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown's first season in '84 season:

				TOTAL RETURNS
<u>Name</u>				
1. Tim Brown	'87 Michigan State.	. 6-150-2	. 2-57-0	. 8-207-2
2. Raghib Ismail	'89 Michigan	. 0-0-0	. 3-192-2	. 3-192-2
3. Clint Johnson	'93 Stanford	. 0-0-0	. 2-179-1	. 2-179-1
4. Raghib Ismail	'88 Rice	. 1-9-0	. 2-170-2	. 3-179-2
5. Julius Jones	'00 Nebraska	. 3-30-0	. 2-145-1	. 5-175-1
6. Julius Jones	'99 BC	. 2-71-1	. 4-97-0	. 6-168-1
7. Julius Jones	'99 Pittsburgh	. 1-1-0	. 7-163-0	. 8-164-0
8. Julius Jones	'99 Stanford	. 1-15-0	. 6-148-0	. 7-163-0
9. Tony Driver	'98 BC	. 0-0-0	. 6-158-0	. 6-158-0
10. Tim Brown	'87 BC	. 3-21-0	. 5-132-0	. 8-153-0



#### **TEAM BESTS**

#### NOTRE DAME BESTS - 1990s

HOTIL DANIE DEGLO - 13	1303
Rushing Yards	. 458 vs. Purdue, '92
Passing Yards	338 vs. Pitt, '99
Total Yards	650 in two games
First Downs	34 vs. MSU, '91
Low Rush. Yards Allowed	6 vs. Rutgers, '96
Low Pass Yards Allowed	12 vs. Army, '98
Low Total Yds. Allowed	43 vs. Rutgers, '96
Fewest First Downs Allowed	I 5 in two games
Points (Game)	62 vs. Rutgers, '96
Points (Half) 4	
Points (Qtr)	
Victory Margin 6	2 (62-0) vs. Rut., '96

#### ND BESTS - DAVIE ERA (1997-)

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343 vs. Kansas, '99
338 vs. Pitt, '99
566 vs. Oklahoma, '99
29 vs. BC, '97
33 vs. Baylor, '98
12 vs. Army, '98
172 vs. Baylor, '98
12 vs. Army, '98, Navy, '00
vs. Michigan State, '00
6 vs. ASU, '99
52 vs. BC, '97
I vs. Pitt. (2nd half), '97
27 vs. ASU, '99
35 (48-13), vs. KU, '99

#### **TURNING THE TABLES**

- The '00 Irish are +7 in turnover margin, thanks to only four interceptions and one fumbles lost. Notre Dame is on pace to break the NCAA record for fewest turnovers and school record for fewest fumbles lost..
- The Irish defense forced four turnovers in the '99 Kansas game, extending one of the '98 team's high points (the Irish also were guilty of four turnovers vs. KU). In '98, Notre Dame tied for 21st in the nation with a +0.64 regular-season turnover ratio. Just 11 Div. I-A squads had fewer TOs than the 18 by the Irish in '98 (the Irish also had just 13 in '97). The Irish turned it over 30 times in '99 while forcing 26 (-4).
- The ND offense posted low turnover averages in '97 (1.18/gm, 13 total) and '98 (1.63, 18) but averaged 2.5 turnovers during the '99 season (30 total, none in back-to-back games vs. OU and ASU-the first time that has happened for the Irish since 1993).



#### TICKET DETAILS

- All seven '99 Notre Dame home football games were sold out. That's no surprise, considering 149 straight games at Notre Dame Stadium—and 197 of the last 198 back to '64—have been sellouts.
- The 1997-2000 seasons have produced the 10 highest number of ticket requests in Notre Dame history, thanks to the availability of nearly twice as many tickets through the alumni lottery (33,779 in '98; 16,000 prior to '97). The 1999 home game with USC attracted 46,658 requests from alumni, now ranking fifth all-time (see chart at left), while the demand for the 2000 Nebraska game (46,865) ranks second and demand for the 2000 Boston College game ranks seventh (46,312). Contributing alumni are graduates who have contributed at least \$100 to the University within the last calendar year.
- Ticket requests for '97—the first year of the expanded Notre Dame Stadium—increased by 90,000 for six games, compared to the highest previous figure. Thousands more contributing alumni received tickets in '97, '98 and '99 compared to any previous year. Additional tickets were made available to parents of current students, and an alumni family game was designated, providing alumni the chance to order more than the customary two tickets. All University staff also now have the opportunity to obtain tickets.
- The increase of nearly 21,000 seats provided 16,000 more to the lottery, 3,000 to faculty and staff and 2,000 to University allotments, including trustees, advisory councils, alumni board, alumni clubs, and major benefactors.

#### TWO-SPORT STANDOUTS

Junior cornerback **Shane Walton** -- less than two years removed from earning all-BIG EAST honors as a freshman forward on the '98 Irish men's soccer team -- entered the 2000 season as Notre Dame's starter at right cornerback and has 29 tackles, one tackle for a loss, two interceptions -- including a 60-yard INT return for a touchdown against Purdue's Drew Brees -- and three passes deflected this season. Walton joined the Irish football squad in the spring of '99 and saw action in three games in the secondary during the '99 season. He played in nine games overall with 61 appearances on special teams, earning his second ND monogram in as many years and in as many sports.

While Walton underwent a less traditional soccer-to-football transition, fifth-year **Matt McNew** made the more natural switch from soccer player to placekicker. After exhausting his four years of eligibility with the Irish men's soccer team, McNew tried out in the '00 spring season and was invited to join the team in the fall. In his first collegiate football game, **McNew** boomed five kickoffs for the Irish against the Aggies, including three kickoffs touchbacks. His 41 kickoffs in '00 have resulted in average opponent starting position just short of the Irish 25-yard line.

Junior walk-on **Chad DeBolt** - who has made 43 special teams appearances in '00 and was one of just four walkons on the West Virginia trip -- also stars for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team. The Waterloo, N.Y., native played in all 14 games last year as a defensive midfielder and won over 60 percent of the faceoffs he attempted for the men's lacrosse team - which turned in one of its best seasons ever in '00 by reaching the NCAA quarterfinals for the second time in its history.

#### THE 2000 NCAA STATS

NCAA stat rankings for Notre Dame and Boston College (top 50 for team ranks):

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	. Notre Dame	
	. 28th at 178.5	
	. 130.0	
	. 308.5	
	. 39th at 29.1	
	. 40th at 128.9	
	. 156.0	
	. 50th at 208.8	
	. 364.8	
	. 41st at 21.5	
	. 9th at 39.5	
	. 5th at 16.7	
	. 2nd at 27.4	
Turnover Margin	. T19th at .88 (+7 overall)	T10th at 1.1 (+10 overall)
	. 1st with 1	
Passes Had Intercepted	. T5th with 4	T50th with 9
Turnovers Lost	. 1st with 5	T7th with 12
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#### THE POLLS

Following Notre Dame's overtime loss to top-ranked Nebraska on Sept. 9, the Irish moved up two spots in the Associated Press poll, going from 23rd that week to 21st following the game. That marked only the second time in the history of Notre Dame football and the AP rankings that the Irish have moved up following a defeat. The other time came in 1986 following Lou Holtz's first game as Irish head coach. Notre Dame came into that campaign unranked, but after a 24-23 loss to third-ranked Michigan in the season opener at Notre Dame Stadium, the Irish moved to 20th in the AP poll the following week. In fact, that marked the first time in the history of the AP poll that a team entered the season unranked, lost its first game and moved into the rankings.

#### THREE FORMER IRISH PLAYERS NAMED TO ABC SPORTS ALL-TIME ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Three former Notre Dame football greats have been selected to the ABC Sports College Football All-Time All-America Team, as featured in a recently-published book by Hyperion. Receiver **Tim Brown** was named to the second team, as was defensive lineman **Alan Page**, while tight end **Dave Casper** was chosen to the third team.

- **Brown**, from Dallas, Texas, won the 1987 Heisman Trophy and finished his Notre Dame career as the all-time Irish leader in reception yardage (2,493). He keynoted his Heisman bid in '87 by returning two punts for 66 and 71 yards for TDs against Michigan State. Brown continues to star as a receiver for the NFL Oakland Raiders.
- Page, from Canton, Ohio, earned consensus All-America honors as a senior in 1966 while helping the Irish to the national championship. A three-year starter at defensive end, he made 63 tackles as a senior in '66 and finished with 134 career tackles. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in '93 and was an NCAA Silver Anniversary award winner in '92. A former NFL MVP during his career with the Minnesota Vikings, Page now serves as a Minnesota Supreme Court judge.
- Casper, from Chilton, Wis., was a consensus All-America selection as a senior in 1973 on Notre Dame's national championship team. A three-year starter from 1971-73, he opened at offensive tackle for two seasons, then switched to tight end as a senior. His career totals included 21 catches for 335 yards and four TDs. He served as co-captain of Notre Dame's '73 national title squad. After 11 years in the NFL, Casper was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 1993 and was an NCAA Silver Anniversary award winner in 1999.

#### **COACHING IN THE CLUTCH**

Knute Rockne owns the best career winning percentage among Notre Dame coaches in games decided by seven or fewer points, at 21-1-5 (.870). Among Irish coaches with 14-plus "close games," the other top winning percentages in tight games belong to Elmer Layden (22-7-3, .734), Frank Leahy (17-5-8, .700), Ara Parseghian (13-6-4, .652), Dan Devine (15-9-1, .620), **Bob Davie** (14-9, .609) and Lou Holtz (20-18-2, .525).

#### **SETTA SAILS WINNING KICK**

Irish sophomore PK **Nick Setta** -- in just the third career game played -- nailed the fifth game-winning field goal at 0:00 in Notre Dame history against Purdue and the first since Jim Sanson in 1996. Setta finished the Purdue game 3-4 in field goals attempts, connecting from 47, 32 and 38 and missing from 39 yards. The other Irish game-winning field goals as time expired were:

Sept. 21, 1996

Nov. 29, 1986

Sept. 20, 1980

Jim Sanson 39-yard FG, #9 Notre Dame def. #6 Texas, 27-24

John Carney 19-yard FG, Notre Dame def. #17 USC 38-37

Sept. 20, 1980

Harry Oliver 51-yard FG, #8 Notre Dame def. #14 Michigan 29-27

Nov. 18, 1961

Joe Perkowski 41-yard FG, Notre Dame def. #10 Syracuse 17-15

#### **HOWARD'S RUN 15TH LONGEST IN IRISH HISTORY**

- Junior TB **Terrance Howard** had an 80-yard touchdown run against West Virginia in the secondquarter to tie the game at 14-14, the first of five consecutive Irish TDs against the Mountaineers.
- His 80-yard run stands as the 15th longest in Notre Dame history and the second longest for the Irish in the last 27 years (Robert Farmer had an 81-yard TD run against Boston College in 1996).
- The run also set a Mountaineer Field record for the longest by a West Virginia opponent, eclipsing a 74-yard run by Maryland's Mike Beasley in 1988.
- He finished with 96 yards rushing against WVU, the second consecutive week he has rushed for career-high yards after 68 against Navy.



# FUTURE IRISH FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

2001

	<u>2001</u>
Sept. 8	at Nebraska
Sept. 15	at Purdue
Sept. 22	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 29	at Texas A&M
Oct. 6	PITTSBURGH
Oct. 13	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>
Oct. 20	USC
Oct. 27	at Boston College
Nov. 3	TENNESSEE
Nov. 17	NAVY
Nov. 24	at Stanford
	2002
Sept. 7	PURDUE
Sept. 14	MICHIGAN
Sept. 21	at Michigan State
Oct. 5	STANFORD
Oct. 12	PITTSBURGH
Oct. 19	at Air Force
Oct. 26	at Florida State
Nov. 2	<b>BOSTON COLLEGE</b>
Nov. 9	vs. Navy (site TBA)
Nov. 23	RUTGERS
Nov. 30	at USC
	<u>2003</u>
Sept. 13	at Michigan
Sept. 20	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 27	at Purdue
Oct. 4	WAKE FOREST
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh
Oct. 18	USC
Oct. 25	at Boston College
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 8	NAVY
Nov. 15	BYU
Nov. 22	at Syracuse

Nov. 29

at Stanford



## MONTANA ENTERS NFL HALL OF FAME

- Former Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana—who went on to star for 14 seasons in the National Football League with the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs—became the seventh Notre Dame player to be inducted into the National Professional Football Hall of Fame, as a first-ballot selection for the class of 2000.
- Curly Lambeau, who lettered for the Irish in 1918, was a charter member of the Hall in 1963 as a founder, player and coach for the Green Bay Packers from 1919-1949 ... the other five former Notre Dame players in the pro Football Hall of Fame include: 1964 inductee George Trafton (C, Chicago Bears 1920-22), 1968 inductee Wayne Millner (E, Boston and Washington Redskins, 1936-41, 1945), 1975 inductee George Connor (T/LB, Chicago, 1948-55), 1986 inductee Paul Hornung (QB, Green Bay 1957-62, 1964-66) and 1988 inductee Alan Page (DT, Minnesota 1967-78, Chicago 1978-81).
- The 2000 induction ceremonies were held at the Hall in Canton, Ohio, on July 28-31 and include a reunion of some 110 of the 136 living members of the Pro Football Hall of Famebilled as the largest collection of Hall of Famers in major sports history (Connor and Hornung were expected to be on hand for the reunion) ... Montana selected former San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo to be his presenter at the induction ceremony.

#### **NUMBER CHANGES**

The Irish have made five number changes from the original media guide roster: senior FS **Justin Smith** will wear No. 4 (instead of 39), junior HLD **Adam Tibble** is wearing No. 80 (instead of 73), freshman TE **Billy Palmer** is wearing No. 85 (instead of 96), junior walk-on center **John Crowther** is wearing 56 (not 64) and junior walk-on TE/DE **Jeffrey Campbell** is wearing 64 (not 85).

#### THEISMANN TO SERVE AS GUEST SPEAKER AT 81ST ANNUAL FOOTBALL BANQUET

Former Notre Dame All-America quarterback and current ESPN analyst **Joe Theismann** will serve as guest speaker for the 81st annual University of Notre Dame Football Banquet. The banquet, sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, will be held Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, in the north dome of the Joyce Center on the Notre Dame campus. A reception on the concourse begins at 5:45 p.m. EST and the dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. The program will include video highlights of the 2000 season and a special tribute to senior members of the 2000 Irish squad. Ticket information will be announced within the next few weeks. In addition to the dinner, all senior members of the 2000 Irish team will be available for autographs on the concourse during the reception. There also will be a silent auction of Notre Dame football photographs and memorabilia during the reception.

#### 2000 NOTRE DAME SCHEDULE AMONG TOUGHEST

Notre Dame's schedule currently ranks 10th toughest in the country according to the Bowl Championship Series schedule rank -- a figure that is based on the won/loss record of a team's past opponents and the won/loss record of a team's opponents' opponents. The schedule also ranks fourth toughest among the top 15 teams in the BCS poll.

#### **IRISH OPPONENT UPDATE**

Below 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 in the last 22 years (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995).

<u>Opponent</u>	'00 Record	Nov. 4	<u>Nov. 11</u>
Texas A&M	6-2	def. Oklahoma State 21-16	Oklahoma
Nebraska	8-1	def. Kansas 56-17	at Kansas State
Purdue	7-2	Idle	at Michigan State
Michigan State	4-5	lost to Ohio State 27-13	Purdue
Stanford	3-6	lost to UCLA 37-35	Arizona State
Navy	0-8	Idle	at Tulane
West Virginia	4-4	lost to Syracuse 31-27	at Rutgers
Air Force	6-3	def. Army 41-27	Colorado State
Boston College	6-3	def. Temple 31-3	at Notre Dame
Rutgers	3-5	Idle	West Virginia
USC	4-5	def. Arizona State 44-38 (2OT)	Washington State

Notre Dame Opponents' Combined Record in '00 (not including games vs. ND): 49-38 (.563)

### IRISH LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM HONORED AS ONE OF NATION'S BEST

The Notre Dame CHAMPS/Life Skills Program has been identified as one of the best in the nation by the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors' Association. Notre Dame received one of four program of excellence awards at the Association's Sept. 25 awards dinner in Dallas. Honored along with Notre Dame were Arizona State University, the University of Iowa and Michigan State University. Notre Dame's Life Skills Program currently is under the direction of Bernard Muir, associate athletic director for student-athlete welfare.

• In existence since August 1996, Notre Dame's Life Skills Program is committed to the total development of the University's student-athletes. It fosters the cultivation of skills that allow for their maximization on and off the playing field. The program develops and implements events and activities which are designed to facilitate learning in five key areas: academic excellence, athletic success, career preparation, community involvement and personal development. By the time a Notre Dame student-athlete graduates, he or she will have participated in approximately 40 hours of required skill building and development workshops in each key area. All freshmen and their parents participate in orientation sessions designed to assist in the transition into the University and to inform them about the Life Skills Program as well as other support services.

# Notre Dame Game-By-Game Starters

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# Game-By-Game Statistics

NOTRE DAME	RUSHING (AttYdsTD)	PASSING (A-C-I-YdsTD)	TOTAL OFF. (Att-Yds.)	FIRST DOWNS (Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	FUMBLES (NoLost)
vs. Texas A&M	49-194-1	16-10-0-133-2	65-327	21-13-6-2	1-0
vs. Nebraska	40-184-1	15-3-1-40-0	55-224	11-7-2-2	1-0
vs. Purdue	34-78-1	25-14-1-158-0	59-236	14-8-5-1	0-0
vs. Michigan State	37-149-2	16-5-1-63-1	53-212	8-5-2-1	0-0
vs. Stanford	50-166-1	18-10-0-100-2	68-266	16-11-5-0	1-0
vs. Navy	55-218-1	21-14-1-229-3	76-447	25-13-10-2	1-0
vs. West Virginia	43-227-3	17-9-0-146-2	60-373	12-6-6-0	0-0
vs. Air Force	47-212-2	25-10-0-171-3	72-383	19-13-6-0	1-1
OPPONENT	RUSHING	PASSING	TOTAL OFF.	FIRST DOWNS	FUMBLES
	(AttYdsTD)	(A-C-I-YdsTD)	(Att-Yds.)	(Tot-R-Pa-Pn)	(NoLost)
by Texas A&M	37-90-1	28-16-1-165-0	65-255	17-7-7-3	1-0
by Nebraska	59-274-4	15-7-1-103-0	74-377	20-14-5-1	1-0
by Purdue	43-177-1	24-13-1-221-2	67-398	20-10-10-0	1-1
by Michigan State	50-167-1	24-12-1-181-2	74-348	19-12-6-1	3-1
by Stanford	29-142-0	43-19-1-242-2	72-384	18-6-12-0	1-1
by Navy	32-58-0	20-11-0-188-2	55-246	12-7-5-0	3-2
by West Virginia	48-134-3	55-16-1-305-1	81-439	22-7-12-3	1-0
by Air Force	53-206-1	29-17-0-265-2	82-471	27-12-12-3	3-1

# Game-By-Game Individual Statistics

RUSHING (AttYdsTD) vs. Texas A&M vs. Nebraska	<b>Battle</b> 12-50-0 14-107-0	Fisher 10-30-0 6-11-1	<b>Getherall</b> 0-0-0 1-4-0	4-16-0 0-0-0	Godsey DNP DNP	Howard 7-29-0 2-6-0	Hunter 0-0-0 0-0-0	<b>Jones</b> 14-60-1 15-52-0	<b>Lopienski</b> 2-9-0 2-4-0	<b>LoVecchio</b> DNP DNP	Murray DNP 0-0-0	<b>TOTAL</b> 49-194-1 40-184-1
vs. Purdue	DNP	6-18-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-3-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	18-56-0	2-1-0	DNP	DNP	34-78-1
vs. Michigan State	DNP	1-(-1)-0	2-3-0	1-2-0	2-(-1)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	26-126-2	1-(-1)-0	4-21-0	0-0-0	37-149-2
vs. Stanford	DNP	9-47-0	1-7-0	5-23-0	DNP	3-21-0	1-23-0	13-29-1	DNP	13-36-0	1-1-0	50-166-1
vs. Navy	DNP	11-36-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	13-68-0	0-0-0	18-105-1	0-0-0	6-(-11)-0	2-8-0	55-218-1
vs. West Virginia	DNP	13-43-1	0-0-0	8-21-1	DNP	7-96-1	0-0-0	6-28-0	0-0-0	9-39-0	0-0-0	43-227-3
vs. Air Force	DNP	8-21-0	2-22-1	1-37-1	DNP	1-4-0	0-0-0	27-111-0	0-0-0	7-18-0	0-0-0	47-212-2

PASSING				
(AttCompIntYards-TD)	Battle	Godsey	LoVecchio	TOTAL
vs. Texas A&M	16-10-0-133-2	DNP	DNP	16-10-0-133-2
vs. Nebraska	15-3-1-40-0	DNP	DNP	15-3-1-40-0
vs. Purdue	DNP	25-14-1-158-0	DNP	25-14-1-158-0
vs. Michigan State	DNP	15-4-1-20-1	1-1-0-43-0	16-5-1-63-1
vs. Stanford	DNP	DNP	18-10-0-100-2	18-10-0-100-2
vs. Navy	DNP	1-1-0-46-1	20-13-1-183-2	21-14-1-229-3
vs. West Virginia	DNP	DNP	16-8-0-94-2	17-9-0-146-2
vs Air Force	DNP	DNP	25-10-0-171-3	25-10-0-171-3

RECEIVING (NoYdsTD) vs. Texas A&M vs. Nebraska vs. Purdue vs. Michigan State vs. Stanford vs. Navy vs. West Virginia vs. Air Force	Fisher 0-0-0 0-0-0 1-2-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 3-36-1 3-35-2 1-7-0	Getherall 1-9-1 0-0-0 1-9-0 0-0-0 1-(-2)-0 4-41-0 3-79-0 4-116-2	Givens 1-21-0 1-9-0 6-86-0 1-8-0 3-34-2 4-63-0 0-0-0 2-16-0	Holloway 2-15-0 1-25-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 1-32-0 0-0-0 0-0-0	7 Howard 0-0-0 1-6-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0	Hunter 2-50-1 0-0-0 1-15-0 2-57-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 2-26-1	Johnson 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 1-12-0 1-46-1 DNP DNP	Jones 0-0-0 0-0-0 2-26-0 1-(-8)-0 1-24-0 0-0-0 0-0-0 1-6-0	Lopiensl 2-34-0 0-0-0 1-7-0 0-0-0 DNP 0-0-0 1-13-0 0-0-0	0'Lea 1-5-0 0-0-0 1-5-0 0-0-0 3-26-( 1-11-1 2-19-( 0-0-0	DNP 0-0-0 DNP 1-6-1 0 1-6-0 1 0-0-0	TOTAL 10-133-2 3-40-0 14-158-0 5-63-1 10-100-2 14-229-3 9-146-2 10-25-3
FIELD GOALS (x-missed FG) Nick Setta	TAMU 32	<b>NEB</b> 29	<b>PU</b> 47, x39, 32	<b>MS</b> . 38		STAN x38	NAVY 23	WVU x42	AFA	ı	BC RU	USC
NICK Sella	32	29	41, 839, 32	, 30 , 34	+	XJO	23	X4Z				
TACKLES	Beckstron		an De		Denman	Driver	Dyke	es	Earl	Francis	Harrison	
vs. Texas A&M	0	9		0	8	10	1		0	1	5	
vs. Nebraska	0	9		0	13	10	0		0	1	5	
vs. Purdue	2	6		0	8	6	3		0	0	12	
vs. Michigan State	0	3		1	9	11	2		4	0	5	
vs. Stanford	0 1	5		0	7 5	5	2		2	1	2	
vs. Navy vs. West Virginia	1	3		0	5 8	2 1	2		3 2	0 0	4 4	
vs. Air Force	5	8		1	0 11	5	0		8	0	4	
VS. All Folce	3	O		1	11	3	U		O	U	4	
TACKLES	Howard	Iron	s Is	rael	Jefferson	Legree	Owei	ns R	oberts	Ryan	Sarb	
vs. Texas A&M	1	3		4	3	3	0		1	0	DNP	
vs. Nebraska	0	1		2	1	7	0		4	0	0	
vs. Purdue	1	DNF		4	2	6	1		2	1	0	
vs. Michigan State	0	DNF		4	1	5	0		4	0	1	
vs. Stanford	0	DNF		5	4	7	0		2	1	0	
vs. Navy	1	DNF		1	3	0	0		1	0	2	
vs. West Virginia	0	DNF		8	1	5	4		2	1	0	
vs. Air Force	2	DNF	>	0	3	6	1		0	0	0	
TACKLES	Sapp	Sco	tt Wa	alton	Watson	Weaver	Willia	ms V	Visne	Yura		
vs. Texas A&M	2	4		5	1	6	3		1	0		
vs. Nebraska	5	3		7	0	7	5		2	1		
vs. Purdue	4	1		2	0	9	2		1	0		
vs. Michigan State	2	2		5	3	4	8		2	0		
vs. Stanford	4	1		3	1	6	7		2	3		
vs. Navy	3	2		1	2	3	1		0	0		
vs. West Virginia	5	1		6	1	4	7		0	0		
vs. Air Force	4	6		8	0	2	9		0	1		

# Notre Dame vs. Boston College

1		Notre Dame Of	fense			Notre Dame Defense								
SE	<b>21</b> 8	JAVIN HUNTER Lorenzo Crawford	<b>6-0</b> 5-10	<b>190</b> 186	<b>Jr.</b> Fr.	LE	<b>98</b> 84	ANTHONY WEAVER John Owens	<b>6-3</b> 6-3	<b>276</b> 260	<b>Jr.</b> Jr.			
LT	<b>78</b> 63	JORDAN BLACK Brennan Curtin	<b>6-6</b> 6-8	<b>308</b> 315	<b>Jr.</b> So.	DT	<b>93</b> 94	B.J. SCOTT Andy Wisne	<b>6-3</b> 6-3	<b>285</b> 279	<b>Sr.</b> Sr.			
LG	<b>55</b> 79	JIM JONES Sean Mahan	<b>6-2</b> 6-3	<b>312</b> 290	<b>Sr.</b> Jr.	NG	<b>90</b> 50	LANCE LEGREE Cedric Hilliard	<b>6-1</b> 6-2	<b>290</b> 294	<b>Sr.</b> So.			
С	<b>52</b> 66	<b>JEFF FAINE</b> JW Jordan	<b>6-3</b> 6-1	<b>290</b> 269	<b>So.</b> Sr.	RE	<b>95</b> 60	RYAN ROBERTS Darrell Campbell	<b>6-2</b> 6-4	<b>254</b> 285	<b>Jr.</b> So.			
RG	<b>69</b> 72	MIKE GANDY Ryan Scarola	<b>6-4</b> 6-5	<b>305</b> 310	<b>Sr.</b> Jr.	ILB	<b>51</b> 2	TYREO HARRISON Carlos Pierre-Antoine	<b>6-2</b> 6-3	<b>240</b> 260	<b>Jr.</b> Jr.			
RT	<b>75</b> 76	KURT VOLLERS John Teasdale	<b>6-7</b> 6-5	<b>307</b> 305	<b>Sr.</b> Sr.	ILB	<b>39</b> 33	ANTHONY DENMAN Courtney Watson	<b>6-2</b> 6-1	<b>236</b> 223	<b>Sr.</b> So.			
TE or	87 86 14	JABARI HOLLOWAY DAN O'LEARY Gary Godsey	<b>6-3</b> <b>6-3</b> 6-7	<b>265 255</b> 239	<b>Sr.</b> <b>Sr.</b> So.	OLB	<b>30</b> 43	ROCKY BOIMAN Anthony Brannan	<b>6-4</b> 5-10	<b>239</b> 215	<b>Jr.</b> Sr.			
FL or	18 6	JOEY GETHERALL DAVID GIVENS	5-7 6-3	170 214	Sr. Jr.	LCB	<b>1</b> 27	BROCK WILLIAMS Jason Beckstrom	<b>5-10</b> 5-10	<b>188</b> 190	<b>Sr.</b> So.			
QB	80 <b>10</b>	Omar Jenkins  MATT LoVECCHIO	6-1 <b>6-4</b>	187 <b>194</b>	Fr. Fr.	FS	<b>25</b> 28	TONY DRIVER Donald Dykes	<b>6-1</b> 5-11	<b>220</b> 197	<b>Sr.</b> Jr.			
QD	9 7	Jared Clark Carlyle Holiday	6-4 6-3	223 203	Fr. Fr.	SS	<b>5</b> 19 20	RON ISRAEL Glenn Earl Gerome Sapp	<b>6-0</b> 6-2 6-0	<b>208</b> 213 213	<b>Sr.</b> So. So.			
FB or	<b>40</b> <b>36</b> 47	JASON MURRAY TOM LOPIENSKI Mike McNair	<b>6-1</b> <b>6-1</b> 6-0	<b>259 236</b> 237	Sr. Jr. Jr.	RCB	<b>42</b> 15	SHANE WALTON Clifford Jefferson	<b>5-11</b> 5-9	<b>186</b> 175	<b>Jr.</b> Jr.			
ТВ	<b>22</b> 12 32	JULIUS JONES Tony Fisher Terrance Howard	<b>5-10</b> 6-2 6-1	<b>206</b> 225 195	<b>So.</b> Jr. Jr.									
	Notre Dame Specialists													
КО	<b>92</b> 13	MATT McNEW Nick Setta	<b>6-5</b> 5-11	<b>209</b> 169	<b>Sr.</b> So.	SNP or	86 56	DAN O'LEARY JOHN CROWTHER	6-3 6-2	255 240	Sr. Jr.			
PK	<b>13</b> 35	NICK SETTA David Miller	<b>5-11</b> 5-11	<b>169</b> 196	<b>So.</b> Jr.	PR	<b>18</b> 22	JOEY GETHERALL Julius Jones	<b>5-7</b> 5-10	<b>170</b> 206	<b>Sr.</b> So.			
P	<b>17</b> 13	JOEY HILDBOLD Nick Setta	<b>5-10</b> 5-11	<b>185</b> 169	<b>So.</b> So.	KR	22 25 6	JULIUS JONES TONY DRIVER DAVID GIVENS	5-10 6-1 6-3	206 220 214	So. Sr. Jr.			
HLD	80	ADAM TIBBLE	5-11	201	Jr.		U	DAVID GIVEING	<b>U-</b> U	4 I <del>4</del>	JI.			