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2006 FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

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GAME 4

(#12 AP/# 13 USA Today) Notre Dame (2-1) vs.
(RV AP/RV USA Today) Michigan State (3-0)

The Date and Time

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at 8:13 p.m. EDT

The Site

Spartan Stadium (75,005, grass surface) in East Lansing, Mich.

The Tickets

The game is officially sold out making it the 60th in the last 65 road games for the Irish (the '01, '03 and '05 games at Stanford, the '04 game vs. Navy at The Meadowlands and last year's game at Washington were not sellouts).

The TV Plans

ABC national telecast with Brent Musburger (play-by-play) and Bob Davie (analysis), Kirk Herbstreit (analysis), Lisa Salters (sideline), Bill Bonnell (producer) and Derek Mobley (director).

The Radio Plans

For the 39th consecutive season all Notre Dame football games are to be broadcast on approximately 300 stations in 50 states by Westwood One with Don Criqui (play-by-play) and former Irish running back Allen Pinkett (analysis) with Jeff Jeffers providing pre-game, halftime and post-game reports. This broadcast can be heard live on SIRIUS Satellite Radio (channel 155 for the Michigan State game) and it will be streaming live on the Notre Dame official athletics website at www.und.com.

All Notre Dame home games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) and WDND-AM (1490) with pre-game analysis featuring Sean Stires and Vince DeDario. The post-game show is hosted by Jack Nolan and features former Notre Dame players Reggie Brooks and Mirko Jurkovic. See page 11 of this notes package for more information on Irish football radio and television shows.

Real-Time Stats

Live in-game statistics are available through CSTV's Gametracker via each school's official athletic website.

Web Sites

Notre Dame (www.und.com)
Michigan State (www.msuspartans.com)

Two-Minute Drill

- No. 12/13 Notre Dame hits the road this week for a difficult matchup with undefeated Michigan State. The Irish come into the matchup following their 47-21 loss to No. 11 Michigan. The Spartans breezed past previously undefeated Pittsburgh, 38-23, at Heinz Field.
- Notre Dame and Michigan State will meet for the 70th time Saturday. The Irish lead the all-time series, 43-25-1. Notre Dame and the Spartans have played every season for the last nine years. In fact, the two schools played 36 consecutive years from 1959-94 before the series took a two-year hiatus in 1995 and 1996. The Irish own a narrow 17-13-1 record in games played in East Lansing.
- Saturday's meeting will mark the 40th Anniversary of the 1966 Notre Dame-Michigan State battle coined the "Game of the Century." The Irish and Spartans fought to a 10-10 tie, but Notre Dame would go on to capture its 10th National Championship later that season. (see pages 2-4 for more information on the Notre Dame - Michigan State series).

A Notre Dame Win This Week Would...

- ... make Notre Dame 3-1 for the third consecutive season.
- ... extend Notre Dame's winning streak on the road to seven games (longest since a nine-game stretch that spanned 1991-94).
- ... be its third consecutive victory over Michigan State in East Lansing.
- ... improve the Irish to 44-25-1 in the all-time series with the Spartans.
- ... improve the Irish to 18-13-1 in the all-time series with Michigan State in East Lansing.
- ... improve Weis' Notre Dame record to 12-4 overall, 1-1 against Michigan State and 4-3 against Big Ten foes.
- ... improve Weis' Notre Dame road record to a perfect 7-0.
- ... improve Weis' Notre Dame record to 45-25-2 in night games.
- ... improve Weis' Notre Dame record to 6-2 in September games.
- ... improve Weis' Notre Dame record to 4-0 following a loss.
- ... improve Notre Dame's all-time record to 814-267-42.
- ... improve Notre Dame's all-time record against the Big Ten to 215-107-15.

A Notre Dame Loss This Week Would...

- ... make Notre Dame 2-2 for the first time since 2002.
- ... snap Notre Dame's winning streak on the road at six games.
- ... snap the Irish's winning streak over Michigan State in East Lansing at two games.
- ... be the eighth against the Spartans in the last 10 meetings.
- ... drop the Irish to 43-26-1 in the all-time series with the Spartans.
- ... drop the Irish to 17-14-1 in the all-time series with Michigan State in East Lansing.
- ... drop Weis' Notre Dame record to 11-5 overall, 0-2 against Michigan State and 3-4 against Big Ten foes.
- ... drop Weis' Notre Dame road record to 6-1.
- ... drop Weis' Notre Dame record to 44-26-2 in night games.
- ... drop Weis' Notre Dame record to 5-3 in September games.
- ... drop Weis' Notre Dame record to 3-1 following a loss.
- ... drop Notre Dame's all-time record to 813-268-42.
- ... drop Notre Dame's all-time record against the Big Ten to 214-108-15.

2006 IRISH SCHEDULE

rankings AP/USA Today • all times Eastern

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	TV	Time or Result	Last Week
Sept. 2	2/T-3	at Georgia Tech	ABC	ND 14, GT 10	W, 35-20 vs. Troy
Sept. 9	T-4/5	19/19 PENN STATE	NBC	ND 41, PSU 17	W, 37-3 vs. Youngstown St.
Sept. 16	2/T-3	11/13 MICHIGAN	NBC	UM 47, ND 21	-
Sept. 23	12/13	at Michigan State	ABC	8 p.m.	W, 38-23 at Pittsburgh
Sept. 30	-/-	PURDUE	NBC	2:30 p.m.	W, 38-28 vs. Ball State
Oct. 7	-/-	STANFORD	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 37-9 vs. Navy
Oct. 21	-/-	UCLA	NBC	2:30 p.m.	Did not play
Oct. 28	-/-	vs. Navy (at Baltimore)	CBS	Noon	W, 37-9 at Stanford
Nov. 4	-/-	NORTH CAROLINA	NBC	2:30 p.m.	W, 45-42 vs. Furman
Nov. 11	-/-	at Air Force	CSTV	4:00 p.m.	Did not play
Nov. 18	-/-	ARMY	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 28-24 at Texas A&M
Nov. 25	-/-	at 3/2 USC	ABC	8 p.m.	W, 28-10 vs. Nebraska

Michigan State-Notre Dame Series History

Home: 26-12-0; Away 17-13-1; Neutral 0-0-0

Site	Year	Rank	W/L	ND	UM
*	1897		W	34	6
*	1898		W	53	0
*	1899		W	40	0
*	1902		W	33	0
*	1903		W	12	0
*	1905		W	28	0
*	1906		W	5	0
*	1909		W	17	0
	1910		L	0	17
	1916		W	14	0
*	1917		W	23	0
	1918		L	7	13
*	1919		W	13	0
	1920		W	25	0
*	1921		W	48	0
*	1948	1-	W	26	7
	1949	1-10	W	34	21
*	1950	-15	L	33	36
	1951	11-5	L	0	35
	1952	6-1	L	3	21
*	1954	8-	W	20	19
	1955	4-13	L	7	21
*	1956	-2	L	14	47
	1957	15-4	L	6	34
	1959		L	0	19
*	1960	-14	L	0	21
	1961	6-1	L	7	17
*	1962		L	7	31
	1963	-4	L	7	12
*	1964	1-	W	34	7
*	1965	4-1	L	3	12
	1966	1-2	T	10	10
*	1967		W	24	12
	1968	5-	L	17	21
*	1969	-14	W	42	28
	1970	4-	W	29	0
*	1971	4-	W	14	2
	1972	7-	W	16	0
*	1973	8-	W	14	10
	1974	7-	W	19	14
*	1975	8-	L	3	10
	1976	18-	W	24	6
*	1977	14-	W	16	6
	1978		W	29	25
*	1979	15-7	W	27	3
	1980	7-	W	26	21
*	1981		W	20	7
	1982	11-	W	11	3
*	1983	4-	L	23	28
	1984		W	24	20
*	1985		W	27	10
	1986	20-	L	15	20
*	1987	9-17	W	31	8

Site	Year	Rank	W/L	ND	UM
	1988	8-	W	20	3
*	1989	1-	W	21	13
	1990	1-24	W	20	19
*	1991	11-	W	49	10
	1992	7-	W	52	31
*	1993	4-	W	36	14
	1994	8-	W	21	20
*	1997	-17	L	7	23
	1998	10-	L	23	45
*	1999	24-	L	13	23
	2000	16-23	L	21	27
*	2001	23-	L	10	17
	2002	12-	W	21	17
*	2003		L	16	22
	2004		W	31	24
*	2005	10-	L	41	44

NOTRE DAME vs. THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Illinois	11	0	1	.958
Indiana	23	5	1	.810
Iowa	13	8	3	.604
Michigan	14	19	1	.426
Michigan St.	43	25	1	.630
Minnesota	4	0	1	.900
Northwestern	37	8	2	.808
Ohio State	2	3	0	.400
Penn State	9	8	1	.544
Purdue	50	25	2	.662
Wisconsin	8	6	2	.563
TOTALS	214	107	15	.659

CONFERENCE CALL

This season, Notre Dame faces teams from five different conferences. The conference breakdown for the 2006 schedule:

Big Ten (4): Penn State, Michigan, **Michigan State**, Purdue

Pac-10 (3): Stanford, UCLA, USC

ACC (2): Georgia Tech, North Carolina

Independents (2): Navy, Army

Mountain West (1): Air Force

Notre Dame - Michigan State Series Notes

- Notre Dame and Michigan State first met on the gridiron in 1897, with the Irish earning a 34-6 victory.

- The two schools played nine times through 1910, with Notre Dame winning the first eight encounters by a combined score of 222-6. Following a six-year layoff, Notre Dame won five of the next six games with the Spartans from 1916-21.

- Notre Dame leads the series with Michigan State by a 43-25-1 count, including a 17-13-1 record in East Lansing. With a victory Saturday, the Irish would tie Michigan for the most victories by an MSU opponent in Spartan Stadium.

- Michigan State has won seven of the last nine games in the series, including five straight in Notre Dame Stadium, but the Irish have captured each of the last two meetings and 14 of the last 17 in Spartan Stadium.

- The Michigan State rivalry is the fourth-most frequent in Notre Dame history. Only Navy (79 games entering 2006), Purdue (77) and USC (77) have faced the Irish more times than the Spartans.

- Notre Dame's 43 victories in the series against the Spartans is the fourth-highest total against an opponent in school history behind Navy (69), Purdue (50) and Pittsburgh (44).

- Notre Dame has entered the game with Michigan State nationally ranked on 39 previous occasions (22 of those games were played in Spartan Stadium). Notre Dame is 23-15-1 when ranked against Michigan State overall and 12-9-1 when those games took place in Spartan Stadium.

- Notre Dame has been ranked higher than Michigan State entering a matchup in the series 33 times, posting a 22-10-1 record. However, the Spartans have won five of the last six meetings under that scenario. The Irish are 12-5-1 when ranked higher than Michigan State in games at Spartan Stadium.

- The winner of Saturday's game will claim the Megaphone Trophy, sponsored by the Detroit alumni clubs of Notre Dame and Michigan State.

- Over the last six meetings (dating back to 2000), the Notre Dame-Michigan State game has been decided by a touchdown or less, with the game-winning score coming late in the fourth quarter or overtime in five of the six meetings. Here's a breakdown of the nail-biting heroics:

2000: Herb Haygood 68-yard TD pass from Jeff Smoker with 1:48 left in the 4th quarter (MSU 27-21).

2001: Charles Rogers 47-yard TD pass from Ryan Van Dyke with 7:51 left in the 4th quarter (MSU 17-10).

2002: Arnaz Battle 60-yard TD pass from Pat Dillingham with 1:15 left in the 4th quarter (ND 21-17).

2003: Greg Taplin 40-yard interception return with 6:55 left in the 4th quarter (MSU 22-16).

2004: Notre Dame builds a 28-7 third quarter lead before MSU rallies with 17 points in 31-24 ND win.

2005: Jason Teague's 19-yd TD run in the first overtime gave the Spartans a 44-41 victory in Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish had rallied from a 21-point deficit to force overtime.

On This Date

Notre Dame has played six previous games in its history on Sept. 23. The Irish are 4-2 all-time on this date, including a pair of meetings with Michigan State.

Sept. 23, 1978: Linebacker Bob Golic registers a school-record tying 26 tackles in a 28-14 loss to Michigan.

Sept. 23, 2000: Jeff Smoker's 68-yard touchdown pass to Herb Haygood on 4th and 10 with 1:48 left gave the Spartans a 27-21 victory in East Lansing.

Sept. 23, 1989: Ricky Waters rushed for 89 yards and two touchdowns to lead the top-ranked Irish past the Spartans, 21-13, in Notre Dame Stadium.

How Do They Stack Up?

Average weight of the offensive and defensive lines: Average height of the receivers and the secondaries:
 ND OL 294.0 lbs. vs. MSU DL 284.3 lbs. ND WR/TE 6' 4" vs. 5' 11" MSU DB
 ND DL 277.0 lbs. vs. MSU OL 309.0 lbs. 6' 0" ND DB vs. MSU WR/TE 6' 3"

Head-To-Head Statistical Comparison (2006 Season Stats)

NOTRE DAME			MICHIGAN STATE		
#	NCAA	Category	Category	NCAA	#
25.33	60th	Scoring Offense	Scoring Defense	t-50th	20.00
342.00	68th	Total Offense	Total Defense	49th	299.33
84.00	102nd	Rushing Offense	Rushing Defense	22nd	78.67
258.00	28th	Passing Offense	Passing Defense	85th	220.67
123.38	68th	Passing Efficiency Offense	Passing Efficiency Defense	54th	119.35
24.67	80th	Scoring Defense	Scoring Offense	7th	39.00
327.33	68th	Total Defense	Total Offense	3rd	506.33
132.33	68th	Rushing Defense	Rushing Offense	5th	258.00
195.00	68th	Passing Defense	Passing Offense	30th	248.33
127.15	66th	Passing Efficiency Defense	Passing Efficiency Offense	9th	167.78
40.47	10th	Net Punting	Net Punting	1st	45.17
5.43	85th	Punt Returns	Punt Returns	104th	2.40
25.00	24th	Kickoff Returns	Kickoff Returns	58th	20.17
-0.33	75th	Turnover Margin	Turnover Margin	t-39th	0.33
1.67	t-65th	Sacks	Sacks Allowed	t-24th	1.00
2.67	88th	Sacks Allowed	Sacks	t-65th	1.67

Notre Dame vs. The Big Ten

- Notre Dame has faced no other conference as often as the Big Ten. The Irish have played 336 all-time games against the 11 current members of the league. Notre Dame is 214-107-15 in those meetings. The Irish has played almost three times as many games against the Big Ten as any other conference. The Pac-10 (114) is the only other conference against whom Notre Dame has played at least 100 games.
- Notre Dame has faced Michigan State 69 times (43-25-1), second most of any Big Ten program. Purdue leads the Big Ten with 77 all-time games against Notre Dame (50-25-2) followed by the Spartans and Northwestern (37-8-2).
- Notre Dame will play four members of the Big 10 in 2006. In addition to Penn State and Michigan, the Irish will face Michigan State and Purdue. Notre Dame has played a member of the Big Ten every single season since 1915. In fact, the Irish will face four Big Ten schools in the same season for the first time since 1994. The Irish face Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue for the fifth consecutive season.
- Notre Dame has posted a 107-62-10 record against Big Ten opponents on the road.

Irish Record Setters In The Notre Dame-Michigan State Series

- 1987 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown returned two punts for touchdowns against Michigan State on Sept. 19, 1987.
- Phil Carter set a school record for rushes in a single-game (40) against the Spartans on Oct. 4, 1980. He also rushed for 254 yards that game, third most ever by an Irish running back.
- John Petitbon had a remarkable game against Michigan State on Oct. 28, 1950. Petitbon rushed for 170 yards on just 10 carries. The 17.0 yard per rush average is the second-highest in school history.
- Current senior QB Brady Quinn attempted 60 passes, threw for 467 yards and five touchdowns in last season's game against Michigan State. The 60 pass attempts, 467 yards and five touchdowns are the second-most in school history. In the same game, Quinn tied the school record for completions in a single-game with 33.
- Former QB and current Notre Dame Director of Personnel Development, Ron Powlus, completed a school record tying 14 consecutive passes against Michigan State on Sept. 20, 1997.
- Current senior WR Jeff Samardzija (Sept. 17, 2005) and former Irish WR Jim Mutscheller (Oct. 28, 1950) each registered three touchdown receptions in a single-game against Michigan State. The three touchdown catches is the second most in single-game school history.

National Rankings

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Sept. 17)

Rk	School	Record	LW
1.	Ohio State (59)	3-0	1,617
2.	Auburn (2)	3-0	1,507
3.	USC (2)	2-0	1,494
4.	West Virginia (2)	3-0	1,419
5.	Florida	3-0	1,350
6.	Michigan	3-0	1,297
7.	Texas	2-1	1,180
8.	Louisville	3-0	1,121
9.	Georgia	3-0	1,105
10.	LSU	2-1	1,085
11.	Virginia Tech	3-0	931
12.	Notre Dame	2-1	912
13.	Oregon	3-0	833
14.	Iowa	3-0	831
15.	Tennessee	2-1	585
16.	TCU	3-0	527
17.	Oklahoma	2-1	510
18.	Florida State	2-1	466
19.	Clemson	2-1	399
20.	Arizona State	3-0	384
20.	Boston College	3-0	384
22.	California	2-1	383
23.	Nebraska	2-1	162
24.	Penn State	2-1	143
25.	Boise State	3-0	110

OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES

UCLA 40, Michigan State 33, Georgia Tech 19, Purdue 2.

USA TODAY/COACHES (Sept. 17)

Rk	School	Record	LW
1.	Ohio State (60)	3-0	1,572
2.	USC (2)	2-0	1,493
3.	Auburn (1)	3-0	1,432
4.	West Virginia	3-0	1,359
5.	Florida	3-0	1,282
6.	Michigan	3-0	1,181
7.	Georgia	3-0	1,178
8.	Texas	2-1	1,144
9.	Louisville	3-0	1,106
10.	Virginia Tech	3-0	964
11.	LSU	2-1	911
12.	Oregon	3-0	829
13.	Notre Dame	2-1	814
14.	Iowa	3-0	781
15.	TCU	3-0	621
16.	Oklahoma	2-1	508
17.	Florida State	2-1	459
18.	Arizona State	3-0	397
19.	Tennessee	2-1	376
20.	California	2-1	366
21.	Boston College	3-0	348
22.	Alabama	3-0	314
23.	Clemson	2-1	283
24.	Nebraska	2-1	167
25.	Boise State	3-0	139

OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES

Penn State 138, UCLA 60, Rutgers 43, Texas Tech 38, Michigan State 37, Georgia Tech 14, Purdue 5.

BOLD indicates 2006 Notre Dame opponents

Notre Dame's Record When...

	2006	Weis Era
At Home	1-1	5-3
On The Road	1-0	6-0
Neutral Site Games	0-0	0-1
Vs. Ranked Opponents	1-1	3-3
Vs. In-state Opponents	0-0	1-0
In September	2-1	5-2
In October	0-0	2-1
In November	0-0	4-0
In December	0-0	0-0
In January	0-0	0-1
On Television	2-1	11-4
On NBC	1-1	5-3
On ABC	1-0	5-1
On ESPN	0-0	1-0
On CBS	0-0	0-0
Afternoon Games	1-1	6-4
Night Games	1-0	4-0
Decided By 7 or Less	1-0	2-2
Scoring First	1-0	7-1
Opponent Scores First	1-1	4-3
Leading At Halftime	1-0	9-1
Tied At Halftime	0-0	1-0
Trailing At Halftime	1-1	1-3
Leading After 3 Qtrs.	1-0	9-0
Tied After 3 Qtrs.	0-0	0-1
Trailing After 3 Qtrs.	0-1	2-3
In Overtime	0-0	0-1
Scoring 40+ Points	1-0	6-1
Scoring 30+ Points	1-0	9-2
Scoring 20-29 Points	1-1	9-4
Scoring 0-19 Points	1-0	2-0
Allowing 40+ Points	0-1	0-2
Allowing 30+ Points	0-0	1-3
Allowing 20-29 Points	0-0	6-3
Allowing 0-19 Points	2-0	5-0
Outrushing Opponent	1-0	4-0
Getting Outrushed	1-1	7-4
Passing For More Yds	2-1	9-2
Passing For Fewer Yds	0-0	2-2
Outgaining Opponent	1-0	9-1
Getting Outgained	1-1	2-3
Winning Time of Poss.	2-0	9-2
Losing Time of Poss.	0-1	2-2
Scoring a Def./ST TD	1-0	3-1
Allowing a Def./ST TD	0-1	1-2
Fewer Penalty Yards	0-0	2-2
More Penalty Yards	2-1	9-2
Winning Turnover Battle	2-0	8-2
Losing Turnover Battle	0-1	1-1
Walker 100 rushing yds	0-0	6-1
Walker 150 rushing yds	0-0	1-0
Walker 200 rushing yds	0-0	0-0
Quinn 250 passing yds	1-0	8-3
Quinn 300 passing yds	0-0	4-1
Quinn 350 passing yds	0-0	3-1
Quinn 400+ passing yds	0-0	3-1
Samardzija caught a TD	1-1	9-3

1966 Michigan State-Notre Dame, Revisited

When the brutal battle in East Lansing was finally over, there was nothing left but inconsolable emptiness and frustration.

The epic battle between number-one-ranked Notre Dame and number-two Michigan State didn't settle much of anything for either team. When the clock ticked its last second-hand sweep, exhausted and battered players, emotionally-draught coaches and frenzied fans could only look at the 10-10 tie in exasperation and disappointment.

"Nobody can be happy with a tie," said Irish quarterback Terry Hanratty who had to leave the game in the first quarter after Bubba Smith rearranged his shoulder. "It was a helluva ball-game, but we were all so tired. I don't think anyone wanted to go into a fifth quarter."

The Irish, who had rallied from a 10-0 deficit early in the second quarter, had a chance to go for the win. Notre Dame had the ball on its 30-yard line with time for at least four passing plays. The Spartans were expecting the Irish to go for broke. But under coach Ara Parseghian's strict orders, the Irish played it safe.

"We'd fought hard to come back and tie it up," he explained. "After all that, I didn't want to risk giving it to them cheap. They get reckless and it could cost them the game. I wasn't going to do a jackass thing like that at this point."

His players agreed.

"It was the worst kind of depression coming off the field after working that hard and coming out with a tie," remembered pass-catching sensation Jim Seymour, who had a particularly disappointing day by dropping the only pass that ever came near him. "What people don't realize is that we couldn't throw the ball because they had set up a specific defense to stop the pass. Our quarterback was so run down because of his diabetic problem that he couldn't throw the ball more than 10 yards. And they were really set for it. So why throw the ball for an interception and really hang yourself? Ara's been questioned many times about that decision. . . . But there was nothing else he could do under the circumstances."

Seymour was right. The Irish probably were lucky to survive with a tie. Their best halfback, Nick Eddy, had slipped getting off the train in East Lansing and fell on an already banged up shoulder. He wouldn't even get in the game. Center George Goeddeke's ankle fell victim to Bubba Smith in the first quarter, along with Hanratty.

But Coley O'Brien, who required two insulin shots a day to keep his diabetes in check, and sophomore Bob Gladieux proved able replacements.

After the Spartans had taken a 10-0 lead on Regis Cavender's four-yard run and Dick Kenney's 47-yard field goal, O'Brien directed the Irish 54 yards in four plays. He hit Gladieux with an 11-yard strike and Rocky Bleier for a nine-yard gain. O'Brien then lofted a perfect 34-yard spiral to Gladieux, who caught it on the goal line and stepped into the end zone.

The Irish finally caught up with the Spartans on the first play of the fourth quarter. After Notre Dame stalled on the Michigan State 10-yard line, Joe Azzaro kicked a 28-yard field goal to knot the score.

Notre Dame was dominating the second half, and the defense hadn't let the Spartans any closer than they were when they had kicked the field goal. Linebackers Jim Lynch and Jim Horney nailed the talented Spartan runners for either minus yardage or no yardage on 16 rushing plays.

With five minutes left in the game, the Irish got a big break — the kind that decides ballgames. Safety Tom Schoen intercepted a wild Jimmy Raye pass and ran it back to the Spartan 18-yard line. Larry Conjar went straight ahead for two yards. But on the second play, halfback Dave Haley went wide to his left. Phil Hoag and Bubba Smith nailed him for an eight-yard loss. O'Brien's third down pass wobbled incomplete, and Notre Dame had to settle for a 42-yard field goal try. Azzaro's kick went wide to the right.



NOTRE DAME ITINERARY

MONDAY, SEPT. 18

Players Off

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

12:00 pm - Charlie Weis Press Conference

Satellite Coordinates: IA-5C, Transponder 13

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media Viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with offensive coaches

and players by request

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20

1:20 pm - Tom Zbikowski Press Conference

1:40 pm - Brady Quinn Press Conference

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with Coach Weis,

defensive coaches and players by request

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21

11:30 am - Travis Thomas Press Conference

5:00-7:00 pm - Practice

5:00-5:20 pm - Media Viewing

7:00 pm - Post-practice interviews with Coach Weis, special

teams coaches and players by request

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

No Player or Coach Availability - Practice is Closed

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

8:00 pm - Kickoff vs. Michigan State

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

1:30 pm - Charlie Weis Press Conference

All Times Eastern

The Last Time

Michigan State 44, No. 10 Notre Dame 41 (OT)

Sept. 17, 2005, Notre Dame Stadium

(Associated Press) - The Spartans overcame a 21-point comeback by the Fighting Irish and pulled out their fifth straight win at Notre Dame Stadium with a 44-41 overtime victory on Saturday.

Jason Teague dashed 19 yards with an option pitch for the game-winning touchdown, handing Weis his first loss as Irish coach after starting the season 2-0 on the road.

"I told them you don't get any medals for trying," Weis said. "I'm never content when you end up losing."

Drew Stanton led the Spartans offensively, throwing for three touchdowns and running for another. Michigan State amassed 488 yards total offense against the Irish. Stanton was 16-of-27 for 327 yards.

"We wanted to show that this program is back in the right direction," Stanton said. "There's no better way to do that than a rivalry game at Notre Dame."

The Spartans (3-0) have made a habit of beating the Irish on their home turf, joining Purdue (1954-62) as the only opponent to win five straight at Notre Dame Stadium. Irish fans, many of them wearing the yellow of the school's new spirit shirt, booed as the Spartans celebrated the victory at midfield.

"It's good coming into a hostile environment and winning a game like this," said Matt Trannon, who had five catches for a career-high 136 yards and two touchdowns.

Michigan State's 12 wins at Notre Dame are the most by an Irish opponent.

Teague, who had been suspended a week earlier for Michigan State's victory over Hawaii, said he had a hard time breathing at his teammates piled on him in the end zone.

"This is the best time of my life," he said.

Teague credited Stanton for pitching the ball at the right time and his teammates for clearing his path to the end zone.

"I couldn't have done it without these guys," he said, pointing to his teammates.

The Fighting Irish (2-1) rallied from 21 points down in the third quarter to tie the score, but had to settle for a 44-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick on their OT possession and couldn't make it stand up.

"When you come back like that, you've got a lot of emotion and you feel pretty good about yourself," Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn said. "And then when you can't come through with the victory, I think there's the ability to be a big let-down."

Quinn passed for a school-record five touchdowns and a career-high 487 yards, the second highest total in Notre Dame history. But it wasn't enough.

Smith had said earlier in the week that the game would show whether the Spartans are worth a darn. It appears they are.

"Yeah, we're OK," he said. "We still have to get a lot better. We're by no means where we need to be."

Neither are the Irish, though wins over Pittsburgh and Michigan to start the season propelled Notre Dame into the top 10 for the first time since 2002.

It appeared for a while Michigan State would win easily when they went ahead 38-17 in the third quarter on a 65-yard TD screen pass from Stanton to Matt Trannon, who had 126 yards on five catches.

The Spartan defense, while it gave up some big plays and a 594 yards, came up big when it had to. On the second play of the second half, Sir Darean Adams picked off a pass from Quinn and returned it 30 yards for a TD to give the Spartans a 31-17 lead.

The Irish appeared ready to close to within a touchdown on first-and-goal from the 1. Notre Dame fullback Asaph Schwapp attempted to lunge across the middle with the ball ahead of him, but Domata Peko knocked the ball out and Scott Smith recovered for the Spartans on the 7.

Soon after Trannon scored to spread the lead to 21 points.

The Irish managed to close to 38-31 when Darius Walker scored on a 6-yard TD pass and Maurice Stovall, who had eight catches for 176 yards, scored on a 7-yard pass. The Irish had a chance to tie it earlier in the fourth quarter, but on fourth-and-1 from the Michigan State 20, linebacker David Herron Jr. stuffed Schwapp in a run up the middle. The Irish finally tied the score at 38 with 2:31 left on a TD catch by Jeff Samardzija, his third TD of the game.

Quinn became the first Irish quarterback to have two 400-yard passing games. Joe Theismann hold the school record with 576 yards at Southern California in 1970.

The Spartans improved to 9-1 against Top 10 teams since 1997. Their most recent previous win was 49-14 over No. 4 Wisconsin 49-14 last November. But it was only their second road win against a top 10 team in that time. The other was a 45-23 victory over No. 1 Ohio State in Columbus on Nov. 7, 1987.

Weis became just the third Notre Dame coach since 1913 to lose his home opener, joining Elmer Layden in 1934 and Lou Holtz in 1986.

Scoring Summary

	1	2	3	4	OT	E
MSU	14	10	14	0	6	- 44
ND	7	10	7	14	3	- 41

First Quarter

MSU - Matt Trannon 20-yard pass from Drew Stanton (John Goss kick), 11:38 left. **ND** - Jeff Samardzija 18-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 5:14 left. **MSU** - Kellen Davis 11-yard pass from Drew Stanton (Goss kick), 2:01 left.

Second Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 48-yard field goal, 9:49 left. **ND** - Jeff Samardzija 31-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:43 left. **MSU** - John Goss 21-yard field goal, 5:26 left. **MSU** - Drew Stanton 3-yard run (Goss kick), 0:27 left.

Third Quarter

MSU - SirDarean Adams 30-yard interception return (Goss kick), 14:42 left. **MSU** - Matt Trannon 65-yard pass from Drew Stanton (Goss kick), 5:07 left. **ND** - Darius Walker 6-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 1:23 left.

Fourth Quarter

ND - Maurice Stovall 7-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:29 left. **ND** - Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:31 left.

Overtime

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 44-yard field goal. **MSU** - Jason Teague 19-yard run (no kick).

Team Statistics

	ND	UM
First Downs	31	18
Rushing Attempts	38	36
Net Yards Rushing	107	161
Net Yards Passing	487	327
Passes Attempted	60	27
Passes Completed	33	16
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	98	63
Total Net Yards	594	488
Fumbles: Number - Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties: Number - Yards	12-92	9-85
Number of Punts - Avg.	5-34.0	5-42.6
Time of Possession	35:49	24:11
Third Down Conversions	6-18	3-12
Fourth Down Conversions	3-4	0-1
Sacks By: Number - Yards	1-12	3-21

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards): **ND**: Darius Walker 26-116; Asaph Schwapp 5-(-1); Brady Quinn 7-(-8). **MSU**: Jason Teague 10-72; Drew Stanton 14-48; Javon Ringer 4-24; Jahuu Caulcrick 6-10; Jerramy Scott 2-7.

Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD): **ND**: Brady Quinn 33-60-1-487-5. **MSU**: Drew Stanton 16-27-1-327-3.

Receiving (Catches-Yards): **ND**: Maurice Stovall 8-176; Anthony Fasano 7-93; Jeff Samardzija 6-96; Matt Shelton 6-87; Darius Walker 5-24; David Grimes 1-11. **MSU**: Matt Trannon 5-136; Terry Love 3-69; Kyle Brown 3-39; Jerramy Scott 2-29; Jason Teague 1-24; Kellen Davis 1-11; Kerry Reed 1-9.

An Eye on Career Records**Total Offense**

*1. Brady Quinn	9,103	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	7,479	1994-97
3. Rick Mirer	6,691	1989-92
4. Steve Beuerlein	6,459	1983-86
5. Jarious Jackson	5,777	1996-99

Most Passes Attempted

*1. Brady Quinn	1,257	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	969	1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein	850	1983-86
4. Rick Mirer	698	1989-92
5. Blair Kiel	609	1980-83

Most Passes Completed

*1. Brady Quinn	712	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	558	1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein	473	1983-86
4. Rick Mirer	377	1989-92
5. Jarious Jackson	306	1996-99

Most Passing Yards

*1. Brady Quinn	9,103	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	7,602	1994-97
3. Steve Beuerlein	6,527	1983-86
4. Rick Mirer	5,997	1989-92
5. Jarious Jackson	4,820	1996-99

Average Passing Yards Per Game

*1. Brady Quinn	233.4	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	172.7	1994-97
3. Terry Hanratty	159.7	1966-68
4. Steve Beuerlein	155.4	1983-86
5. Joe Montana	152.6	1975-78

Most Touchdown Passes

*1. Brady Quinn	64	2003-present
2. Ron Powlus	52	1994-97
3. Rick Mirer	41	1989-92
4. Jarious Jackson	34	1996-99
5. Joe Theismann	31	1968-70

Most Games with 250+ Passing Yards

*1. Brady Quinn	17	2003-present
Jarious Jackson	9	1996-99
3. Steve Beuerlein	8	1983-86
Ron Powlus	8	1994-97
5. Joe Theismann	5	1968-70

Completion Percentage (minimum 150 attempts)

1. Kevin McDougal	62.2	1990-93
2. Ron Powlus	57.5	1994-97
3. Jarious Jackson	57.1	1996-99
4. Joe Theismann	56.9	1968-70
*5. Brady Quinn	56.6	2003-present

Average Rushing Yards Per Game

1. Autry Denson	89.9	1995-98
2. Allen Pinkett	89.8	1982-85
*3. Darius Walker	83.2	2004-present

Last Week Against Michigan

- The Wolverines' first quarter interception return for a touchdown by Prescott Burgess was the first by a Notre Dame opponent since Sir Darean Adams (Michigan State) on Sept. 17, 2005. The touchdown, only 41 seconds into the game, was the earliest by an Irish opponent since 1979 (when scoring times were included in game summaries). Burgess added a second interception in the third quarter to become the first player to record a pair of interceptions in one game since Josh Lay of Pittsburgh on Nov. 13, 2004.
- The 69-yard touchdown pass from Chad Henne to Mario Manningham was the longest play from scrimmage for a Notre Dame opponent this season and longest since an 85-yard touchdown reception by Santonio Holmes of Ohio State in last season's Fiesta Bowl.
- Michigan's 20 first-quarter points were the most allowed by Notre Dame in a single quarter since Nov. 13, 2004 when Pittsburgh totaled 21 in the second quarter of a 41-38 victory. The 20 points are the most for an Irish foe in the first quarter since USC scored 21 in the opening stanza on Oct. 18, 2003.
- The Wolverines' 34 first-half points were the most allowed by Notre Dame in an opening half since Michigan State posted 42 on Sept. 12, 1998. In fact, the 34 first-half points by Michigan were the most by an Irish opponent at Notre Dame Stadium since Purdue exploded for 45 points in the first half on Oct. 1, 1960. The 34 points is also the most by an opponent at Notre Dame Stadium in either the first or second half since USC scored 35 in the second stanza on Oct. 20, 1979.
- The 20-point (34-14) halftime deficit was the largest for the Irish since Nov. 1, 2003 when Florida State took a 23-0 lead into intermission.
- Mario Manningham is the first player to register three touchdown receptions in a single-game against Notre Dame since Pat Fitzgerald of Texas on Sept. 23, 1995.
- Michael Hart is the first player to have 30 or more carries against Notre Dame since Chris Perry of Michigan had 31 carries in 2003. Hart finished with 31 carries on the day. He finished the game with 124 rushing yards. That's the first time an opposing back ran between 100-149 yards since Antonio Pittman of Ohio State ran for 136 yards in the 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.
- Michigan became the seventh team to ever score 40 or more points in a game at Notre Dame Stadium. The 47 points surrendered by the Irish were the most at home since a 51-19 loss to Purdue on Oct. 1, 1960. It also ties the second-most points scored by a visiting team at Notre Dame Stadium. Michigan State scored 47 points on Oct. 20, 1956.
- Notre Dame committed five turnovers on the day, the most for the Irish since Nov. 2, 2002 against Boston College.
- The last time Notre Dame was held to 50 or fewer rushing yards was on Nov. 5, 2005 versus Tennessee when the Irish were held to 48 yards rushing. The Irish had four yards of rushing in today's game.
- Michigan DE LaMarr Woodley returned a fumble 54 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. The last time an opponent returned a fumble for a touchdown against Notre Dame was on Oct. 19, 2002 when Marchello Graddy returned one 21 yards for Air Force.
- Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn was picked off in the first quarter. The interception was the first by Quinn in 143 attempts - a Notre Dame school record. The turnover was the first for the Irish in 2006 and the first dating back to the second quarter of the Stanford game a year ago. The no-turnover streak spanned 43 drives, 273 plays and 215:03 on the game clock.
- Irish senior QB Brady Quinn tossed three interceptions for the first time in a single-game since Sept. 11, 2004 against Michigan.
- Quinn recorded three touchdown passes in a single-game for the 10th time in his career.
- With his 13th completion of the game, Quinn surpassed 700 for his career.
- With his first-quarter interception, Notre Dame senior CB Chinedum Ndukwe recorded his second pick of the season and fourth of his career.
- Irish senior FB Ashley McConnell registered his first career reception and touchdown on the same play, a three-yard pass from Brady Quinn in the first quarter.
- Notre Dame senior P Geoff Price's 59-yard punt in the third quarter was his fourth 50+ yard punt of the game and seventh of the season. Price set a school record (minimum five punts) with a single-game average of 51.9. The previous school record was 51.6 set by Joe Restic against Air Force on Oct. 18, 1975.
- Irish senior DT Derek Landri's blocked PAT was the first for Notre Dame since Nov. 21, 1998 against LSU.
- Following a 10-yard completion to David Grimes in the second quarter, Notre Dame QB Brady Quinn surpassed 9,000 career total yards.
- Notre Dame sophomore WR David Grimes entered today's game with two career receptions. He had four on the afternoon, including a career-high 20-yard grab in the second quarter.
- The second-quarter touchdown catch for Irish senior WR Jeff Samardzija was his second of the season and 17th of his career. He moved into sole possession of fourth place on the all-time touchdown receptions list with 17.
- Irish senior TE John Carlson had a career-best 33-yard catch in the fourth quarter. Carlson's previous career-high was a 32-yard grab against Penn State last week.
- Junior RB Darius Walker's seven receptions equals a career-high, which was set last week versus Penn State and against Ohio State in the 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.
- Senior WR Jeff Samardzija's 30 receiving yards moved him into 8th place all-time passing Malcolm Johnson (1995-98).
- Senior WR Rhema McKnight's 76 receiving yards puts him over the 1,600-yard mark for his career. His five receptions on the day move him past Tony Hunter (1979-84) for 7th on the all-time receiving list.
- Junior RB Darius Walker's 10 carries and 25 yards rushing were the second fewest of his career. His career lows came against BYU on Oct. 22, 2005 when he had seven carries for 17 yards.

Irish Road Warriors

Notre Dame enters this weekend's matchup with Michigan State riding a six-game road winning streak, its longest since a nine-game run that spanned four seasons (1991-94). The school record for consecutive victories on the road is 11, set on two occasions by Frank Leahy coached teams. Notre Dame won 11 straight dating from Sept. 28, 1946 to Nov. 6, 1948. Ironically enough, that streak ended with a 14-14 tie against USC. The Irish went on to win five consecutive after the tie before finally losing a road contest at Indiana. In all, Notre Dame was unbeaten in 17 straight road games. The Irish put together another 11-game victory stretch from Nov. 22, 1952 to Oct. 7, 1955. Second year Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis has opened his tenure at Notre Dame with six consecutive road victories. It is the longest road winning streak to open an Irish coaching career since Leahy went 9-0-1 over his first 10 road games.

All The "Night" Moves

For the second time in the first four weeks of the season, Notre Dame will be playing at night when it visits Michigan State on Saturday. The Irish have won 63.4 percent of their all-time night games (44-25-2). Notre Dame's lifetime record under the

Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup

OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
"X"	5	Rhema McKnight	Sr.	Ranks seventh all-time in ND history with 121 career receptions
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Sr.	Vet started third-straight season opener; Michigan was 27th straight start
LG	50	Dan Santucci	Sr.	Has started 16 games over his career and 15 consecutive
C	78	John Sullivan	Sr.	Will make his 22nd career start this weekend against Michigan State
RG	76	Bob Morton	Sr.	Started 31st career game and 13th at OG versus Michigan
RT	74	Sam Young	Fr.	First true freshman to start season opener on O-line since 1972
TE	89	John Carlson	Sr.	Notched career highs with 6 rec. for 98 yards versus Penn State
"Z"	83	Jeff Samardzija	Sr.	Ranks fourth all-time in ND history with 17 career TD receptions
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Sr.	Completed 24-of-48 passes for 234 yds and 3 TD versus Michigan
FB	44	Asaph Schwapp	So.	Emerged as starter midway through 2005 gaining 67 yds. on 27 att.
RB	3	Darius Walker	Jr.	Limited to just 25 yards on 10 carries against Michigan last week

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
LDE	95	Victor Abiamiri	Sr.	12 career sacks ranks t-10th all-time; ND's Lineman of the Year in '05
LDT	98	Trevor Laws	Sr.	Registered a career-high 10 tackles, including a sack against Michigan
RDT	66	Derek Landri	Sr.	First Irish player to block a PAT since 1998; started last 27 games at DT
RDE	99	Ronald Talley	Jr.	Tied a career-high with seven tackles against Michigan
SLB	47	Mitchell Thomas	Sr.	Registered three tackles and a quarterback hurry against Michigan
MLB	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	Jr.	Paced LBs with six tackles including one TFL versus Michigan
WLB	26	Travis Thomas	Sr.	Had three tackles and a sack against Michigan
LCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	Sr.	Veteran CB has started 15 consecutive games
FS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	Sr.	Has 22 tackles, 2.5 for loss, a sack, 2 INT, 2 PBU and a FF in 2006
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.	Had a 25-yd fumble return for TD (sixth TD of career) versus Penn State
RCB	30	Mike Richardson	Sr.	Leads the Irish secondary with three PBU's

SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
PK	45	Carl Gioia	Sr.	Connected on both fg attempts and went 5-for-5 on PATs versus PSU
KO	14	Bobby Renkes	Sr.	Placed 4-of-7 kickoffs in the end zone w/ two touchbacks versus PSU
P	17	Geoff Price	Sr.	Averaged school-record 51.9 yds with two in-the-20 against Michigan
H	83	Jeff Samardzija	Sr.	High school teammate of Carl Gioia in his second season of holding
SNP	61	J.J. Jansen	Jr.	First SNP duties at ND was 2005 game vs. USC; Served as SNP since
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	Sr.	Seventh all-time in ND history with a 12.3 career punt return average
KR	11	David Grimes	So.	Ranks 20th in the NCAA with a 27.29 kickoff return average
	19	George West	Fr.	First collegiate touch resulted in 33 yard return on opening kickoff

KEY PROBABLE NON-STARTERS

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
RB	26	Travis Thomas	Sr.	Starting WLB will continue serving as back-up RB just like in 2005
WR	11	David Grimes	So.	Strong spring and fall camp helped separate him as third WR option
WR	23	Chase Anastasio	Sr.	Combination of speed and experience earn him spot on two-deep
OL	79	Brian Mattes	Sr.	Veteran can provide depth at both guard and tackle positions
OL	72	Paul Duncan	So.	Second-year player will be used primarily as swing tackle
TE	87	Marcus Freeman	Sr.	Fifth-year senior should have receiving role expanded in 2006
DE	75	Chris Frome	Sr.	Started first six games in 2005 before injury ended season
LB	54	Anthony Vernaglia	Jr.	Special teams player in 2005 to compete for SLB position
CB	2	Darrin Walls	Fr.	Decorated DB in HS tallied 16 INTs while earning All-America honors

An Eye on Career Records

- Vagas Ferguson73.91976-79
- George Gipp73.11917-20

Rushes

- Allen Pinkett8891982-85
- Autry Denson8541995-98
- Vagas Ferguson6731976-79
- Julius Jones6341999-01, '03
- Jerome Heavens5901975-78
- Ryan Grant5602001-04
- Phil Carter5571979-82
- *8. Darius Walker4902004-present
- Neil Worden4761951-53
- Tony Brooks4231987-91

Most Pass Receptions by Running Back

- Allen Pinkett731982-85
- Bob Gladioux721966-68
- Joseph Heap711951-54
- Darius Walker712004-present
- Mark Green611985-88

Most Pass Receptions

- Tom Gatewood1571969-71
- Jim Seymour1381966-68
- Tim Brown1371984-87
- Derrick Mayes1291992-95
- Ken MacAfee1281974-77
- *7. Rhema McKnight1212002-present
- *9. Jeff Samardzija1172003-present

Most Receiving Yards

- Derrick Mayes2,5121992-95
- Tim Brown2,4931984-87
- Tom Gatewood2,2831969-71
- Jim Seymour2,1131966-68
- Maurice Stovall2,0692002-05
- Tony Hunter1,8971979-82
- Ken MacAfee1,7591974-77
- Malcolm Johnson1,7371995-98
- *9. Jeff Samardzija1,7362003-present
- *10. Rhema McKnight1,6132002-present

Most Receiving Touchdowns

- Derrick Mayes221992-95
- Tom Gatewood191969-71
- Maurice Stovall182002-05
- *4. Jeff Samardzija172003-present
- Jim Seymour161966-68
- Ken MacAfee151974-77
- Tim Brown121984-87
- Bobby Brown121996-99
- Malcolm Johnson101995-98
- *10. Rhema McKnight92002-present
- Jack Snow91962-64

* indicates current players

Starter Sheet

Offense	2006	Streak	Career
Quinn (QB)	3	36	36
Harris (LT)	3	27	35
Morton (RG)	3	5	31
McKnight (WR)	3	4	21
Sullivan (C)	3	3	21
Santucci (LG)	3	15	16
Walker (RB)	3	8	16
Samardzija (WR)	3	16	16
Carlson (TE)	3	5	9
Freeman (TE)	1	-	4
Young (RT)	3	3	3
Anastasio (WR)	1	1	1
McConnell (FB)	1	1	1

Defense	2006	Streak	Career
Landri (RT)	3	27	28
Zbikowski (SS)	3	27	27
Abiamiri (LE)	3	16	22
Richardson (CB)	3	15	20
Crum (LB)	3	15	15
Wooden (CB)	3	15	15
Ndukwe (FS)	3	15	15
Laws (LT)	3	15	15
Talley (RE)	3	4	8
Thomas, M. (LB)	3	3	3
Thomas, T. (LB)	3	3	3

Longest Active Streaks

Quinn (QB)	36
Harris (LT)	27
Landri (RT)	27
Zbikowski (SS)	27
Abiamiri (LE)	16
Samardzija (WR)	16

Most Career Starts (Active)

Quinn (QB)	36
Harris (LT)	35
Morton (RG)	31
Landri (RT)	28
Zbikowski (SS)	27

2006 Irish Schedule Analysis

Teams that were:	
above .500 in 2005	7
.500 in '05	0
below .500 in '05	5
undefeated in '05	0

Teams that:	
finished in the final AP top-10 in '05	2
finished in the final AP top-25 in '05	3
went to a bowl in '05	6
went to a BCS bowl in '05	2
went to a New Year's Day bowl in '05	0
went to a January bowl in '05	2
went to a December bowl in '05	4
won a bowl game in '05	3
were on the '05 Irish schedule	6

Current Irish Players Career Statistics Against Michigan State

VICTOR ABIAMIRI								
	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR
2003	1	6	1	7	0.0-0	0	0	0
2004	1	1	0	1	0.0-0	0	0	0
2005	1	7	0	7	3.0-5	0	1	0
TOTAL	3	14	1	15	3.0-5	0	1	0

DEREK LANDRI								
	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR
2003	1	1	0	1	0.0-0	1	0	0
2004	1	4	1	5	0.0-0	1	0	0
2005	1	3	1	4	1.0-1	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	8	2	10	1.0-1	2	0	0

RHEMA MCKNIGHT								
	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2002	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2003	1	8	104	1	29	8.0	13.0	104.0
2004	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	3	8	104	1	29	2.7	13.0	34.7

CHINEDUM NDUKWE									
	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT
2003	1	0	0	0	0.0-0	0	0	0	0
2005	1	4	1	5	0.0-0	1	0	1	1
TOTAL	2	4	1	5	0.0-0	1	0	1	1

BRADY QUINN									
	G	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/P	Avg/G	Effic
2003	1	17-7-0	103	1	29	41.2	6.1	103.0	111.5
2004	1	24-11-1	215	1	53	45.8	9.0	215.0	126.5
2005	1	60-33-1	487	5	50	55.0	8.1	487.0	147.3
TOTAL	3	101-51-2	805	7	53	50.5	8.0	268.3	136.4

JEFF SAMARDZIJA								
	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2003	1	1	19	0	19	1.0	19.0	19.0
2004	1	4	65	0	31	4.0	16.2	65.0
2005	1	6	96	3	31	6.0	16.0	96.0
TOTAL	3	11	180	3	31	3.7	16.4	60.0

DARIUS WALKER								
	G	Rus.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G	
2004	1	26	98	0	19	3.8	98.0	
2005	1	26	116	0	16	4.5	116.0	
TOTAL	2	52	214	0	19	4.1	107.0	

TOM ZBIKOWSKI								
	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2004	1	1	3	0	3	1.0	3.0	3.0
2005	1	5	24	1	7	5.0	4.8	24.0
TOTAL	2	6	27	1	7	3.0	4.5	13.5

TOM ZBIKOWSKI									
	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR	INT
2004	1	6	3	9	0.0-0	1	*2	*1	1
2005	1	6	1	7	0.0-0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	2	12	4	16	0.0-0	1	3	1	1

* recorded forced fumbled and recovery on a 75-yd TD return

lights includes a 31-18-2 (.627) mark on the road. All together, the Irish are 4-0 in night games during head coach Charlie Weis' tenure, with all four wins coming on the road (42-21 at Pittsburgh in 2005; 49-28 at Purdue in 2005; 38-31 at Stanford in 2005, 14-10 at Georgia Tech in 2006).

Brady's Bunch

Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn has spread his pass completions around through the first three games of 2006. Quinn has completed passes to eight different receivers in Notre Dame's first three contests, a breakdown of four wide receivers, two tight ends and two running backs. Senior WR Rhema McKnight and junior RB Darius Walker have been Quinn's favorite targets thus far. McKnight has grabbed 18 passes for 243 yards and two touchdowns, while Walker has 18 receptions for 125 yards and

one touchdown. Senior WR Jeff Samardzija is next with 16 catches for 160 yards and two touchdowns. Quinn has thrown touchdown passes to a total of four different players this season: McKnight, Walker, Samardzija and senior FB Ashley McConnell.

Spartans Seeing Brady

Senior QB Brady Quinn threw the first of what would eventually turn into four 400+ yard games last year in the 44-41 overtime loss to Michigan State. Quinn also became the first Irish quarterback to throw five touchdown passes in a single game (he would throw six against BYU later in 2005). He finished the game 33-of-60 for 487 yards, five touchdowns and one interception. It ranks as the second-best individual statistical performance by a Notre Dame quarterback - just behind Joe Theismann's 33-for-58, 526-yard performance at USC in 1970. Unfortunately, both games ended up in the loss column for the Irish.

Clock Winding Down, Brady At His Best

Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn has conducted scoring drives to close the first half in each of the Irish's first three games this season. With Notre Dame trailing Georgia Tech, 10-0, and just under five minutes to go in the first half, Quinn led the Irish on a 14 play, 80-yard scoring drive. He went 5-of-8 for 39 yards and also added 23 yards rushing on the drive, capped off by his five-yard touchdown scamper. Quinn was even more impressive in his two scoring drives against Penn State and Michigan. Both within the no-huddle, two-minute offense, he spearheaded Notre Dame's seven play, 69-yard and 1:17 march just before halftime against the Nittany Lions. Quinn was 5-of-5 for 58 yards and a touchdown strike on the drive. He was equally impressive running the two-minute drill late in the second quarter against the Wolverines. Quinn went 7-of-7 for 71 yards and a touchdown during the Irish's eight play, 72-yard and 2:10 drive.

Scoring Drives Just Before Halftime

Opponent	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TD
Georgia Tech	5	8	39	*1
^Penn State	5	5	58	1
^Michigan	7	7	71	1
Totals	17	20	168	3

*rushing touchdown
^no huddle, two-minute drill

Brady Quinn Ahead Of His 2005 Record Setting Pace

Notre Dame senior QB Brady Quinn set 11 single-season school records in 2005 and eventually finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting. After three games of 2006, Quinn is on a similar pace to his start last year.

	G	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/P	Avg/G	Effc
2005	3	70-117-2	854	9	51	59.8	7.3	284.7	143.11
2006	3	72-122-3	767	6	44	59.0	6.3	255.7	123.14

Irish Defense Improved Despite Michigan Game

Many might not realize that the Notre Dame defense has played extremely well over its first three games. Yes, the Irish surrendered 47 points to Michigan last weekend, but 14 of those points were Wolverine defensive touchdowns (directly off Notre Dame turnovers) and 10 more came off scoring drives of one and 27 yards (also set up by Irish turnovers). Despite the 47-point afternoon for Michigan, the Irish defense is much improved in 2006 when compared against 2005.

	G	Passing YPG	Total Yards	Avg/P	Avg/P
2005	3	256.7	1,148	382.7	5.7
2006	3	195.0	982	327.3	5.2

Front Four

While Mike Hart rushed for 124 yards to lead Michigan's 120-yard rushing attack, the Notre Dame front four really limited the vaunted, power running attack of the Wolverines. Michigan needed 41 carries to reach those 120 yards - just 2.9 yards per carry. In fact, 18 of Hart's carries were for two yards or less, including nine for zero or negative yardage. Much of that is due in part to the play by the Irish front four. Trevor Laws, Victor Abiamiri, Ronald Talley and Derek Landri combined for 32 total tackles, including four for loss. Laws' 10 tackles were a career-high and Talley's seven tied his career-best.

Coaching Staff Locations...

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

Pronunciation Guide

Victor Abiamiri	Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee
Chase Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
Asaph Schwapp	A-sopp shwapp
David Bruton	BREW-ton
Derrell Hand	du-RELL
Leo Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Chris Frome	Fr-ROM
Carl Gioia	JOY-uh
Pat Kuntz	Koontz
Derek Landri	LAN-dree
Brian Mattes	MATT-is
Munir Prince	MOON-year
Chindeum Ndukwe	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Rhema McKnight	RAY-ma
Raeshon McNeil	RAY-shawn
Konrad Reuland	ROO-land
Jeff Samardzija	suh-MARR-zhuh
Michael Turkovich	Turk-uh-vitch
Anthony Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Tom Zbikowski	zib-uh-COW-ski

The 2006 Notre Dame Coaching Staff

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

2006 Media Information

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- Post-game interviews after Saturday's game will be conducted just outside the Notre Dame lockerroom. Contact Hardin or Bertsch for information on Notre Dame players availability.

Notre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

Charlie Weis Teleconferences: Coach Weis will be available for two teleconferences each week of the season. (Media looking for the teleconference number should contact Brian Hardin)

- SUNDAY - 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. ET (except for Sept. 3 and Sept. 24 when it will begin at 1:30 p.m.)
 - Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
 - This teleconference will function as a look back at the previous Saturday's game.
- TUESDAY - 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m. ET
 - Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
 - This teleconference will function as a look ahead at the upcoming weekend's opponent and other football-related issues.
 - Satellite coordinates: IA 5-C, Transponder 13 (Available from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)

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

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

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

Weis' Sunday and Tuesday press conferences also will be broadcast live (video) on www.und.com. and archived there for future use.

Price is Right

Despite the fact he entered this season with only two career punts, Geoff Price has made his presence known over Notre Dame's first three games. After Price averaged 50.4 yards on five punts against Georgia Tech, he responded with a career-best 62 yard boot versus Penn State. He took his game to another level last weekend against Michigan. Price averaged a school-record 51.9 yards per kick (7-for-363) against the Wolverines. He even dropped two inside the 20-yard line. Price had four punts of at least 50 yards in the game. He has seven 50+ yard punts this season and has also dropped five inside the opponents' 20-yard line. Price moved into second in the NCAA this week with an 49.8 yard average.

Ndukwe Making Plays All Over The Field

Notre Dame senior FS Chinendum Ndukwe is leading the much-improved Irish pass defense. Ndukwe is third on the team with 22 tackles, including 14 solo stops. He has added 2.5 tackles for loss, one sack, two pass break-ups and a forced fumble. Ndukwe also has Notre Dame's only two interceptions this season.

Samardzija Climbing Active WR Charts

With 17 career receiving touchdowns, 117 catches and 1,736 receiving yards, senior Jeff Samardzija is climbing the charts among active NCAA wide receivers. Samardzija is currently tied for 8th in receiving touchdowns and 19th in receiving yards. He also ranks fourth in Notre Dame history in touchdown receptions and ninth in both receiving yards and receptions.

Rhema has McKnight to Remember

After missing almost all of 2005 following a knee injury suffered during the second game last year, fifth-year senior WR Rhema McKnight returned to the gridiron with a vengeance at Georgia Tech. McKnight led the Irish with eight catches for 108 yards against the Yellow Jackets. After pacing Notre Dame in catches in 2003 and 2004, McKnight picked up a key 19-yard catch on 3rd and 9 on the final possession of the game, prohibiting Georgia Tech from getting the ball one last time. McKnight took another step toward full recovery in the rout of Penn State last weekend. He had five receptions for 59 yards and a touchdown. Following his five catch, 76 yard game against Michigan, McKnight ranks seventh all-time at Notre Dame in receptions (121), 10th in career receiving yards (1,613) and 1-10th in career touchdowns (9).

Abiamiri Named to Hendricks Watch List

Senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri was named to the 2006 Hendricks Award Preseason Watch List announced in June by the Hendricks Foundation. He has 13 tackles in 2006, including a season-high nine last week against Michigan. Abiamiri picked up his 12th career sack two weeks ago Penn State. He moved into a tie for 10th place with Brandon Hoyte (2002-05) on the Notre Dame career list (since 1982). He needs just 1.5 more tackles for loss to enter Notre Dame's all-time top 10 in that category as well. He has been a key member of Notre Dame's defensive line since his freshman season in 2003 when he became just the fourth freshman to start on the defensive line for Notre Dame since 1991. Abiamiri enjoyed a great season in 2005 totaling 48 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, a team-high eight sacks and seven quarterback hurries helping him earn the team's Lineman of the Year Award from the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Harris Named to Outland Trophy Watch List

Senior offensive tackle Ryan Harris was named to the 2006 Outland Trophy Watch List in June by the Football Writers Association of America. The award has been given annually to the nation's top offensive or defensive interior lineman since 1946. Harris has started 35 career games at tackle, including the last 27 at left tackle protecting quarterback Brady Quinn's blind side. Harris played a key role in 2005 as the team averaged 36.7 points per game and 477.3 yards of total offense. In 2004, he was named the team's Westwood One/Guardian Life Insurance Guardian of the Year. Harris earned freshman All-America accolades from Rivals.com in 2003 and second-team freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News after becoming just the third true freshman lineman to start on the offensive line.

Quinn Ranks High Among Active QBs

Quarterback Brady Quinn currently ranks in the top five among all active Division I-A quarterbacks in 11 categories ranging from passing charts to total offense lists. The following lists the categories he currently ranks in the top five:

CATEGORY	RANK	TOTAL	CURRENT LEADER
Pass Attempts	1st	1,257	-
Total Off.-Yards	2nd	9,211	Kevin Kolb, Houston (10,632)
Pass Yards	2nd	9,103	Kevin Kolb, Houston (10,035)
Total Off.-Yds/Gm	3rd	236.2	Kevin Kolb, Houston (272.6)
Total Off.-Plays	3rd	1,448	Kevin Kolb, Houston (1,613)
Pass Completions	3rd	712	Kevin Kolb, Houston (745)
Pass Yards/Game	3rd	233.4	Luke Getsy, Akron (264.6)
Pass Touchdowns	3rd	64	Chris Leak, Florida (75)
Pass Attempts/Gm	4th	32.2	Luke Getsy, Akron (40.2)
Total Off.-TDs Responsible for	4th	69	Chris Leak, Florida (85)
Total Off.-Yds/Play	5th	6.36	Jared Zabransky, Boise State (6.62)

2006 Notre Dame Schedule Among Toughest In NCAA

Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the ninth toughest in the country in the first three weeks of this season. Irish opponents have posted a perfect 6-0 overall record – a figure that does not include their games against Notre Dame.

Another Weis, Rockne Comparison

Second year Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis has avoided any comparisons to any of the great all-time Irish head coaches, especially legendary head man Knute Rockne. However, Weis accomplished something after the victory over Penn State that only Rockne and himself can claim. With Notre Dame's 41-17 rout of the Nittany Lions, Weis became just the second coach in Irish history to open his first two seasons in South Bend at 2-0. Rockne opened the 1918 and 1919 seasons with consecutive victories.

In The Red Zone

• Notre Dame was a perfect 2-of-2 in the red zone in the loss to Michigan last weekend. The Irish are now 10-of-11 (.90.9) in the red zone through the first three games of the season. Notre Dame has only settled for field goals on two of those occasions. Even more remarkable, the Irish is 55-of-66 (.833) in the red zone during the Charlie Weis era. Notre Dame has recorded 46 touchdowns compared to just nine field goals. In other words, the Irish register seven points around 70-percent of the time they enter the red zone over the past two seasons.

On Third & Fourth Down

• Notre Dame was just 2-for-14 (.14.3) on third-down conversions against Michigan last weekend and now is 14-for-44 (.318) on the season. That statistic is way down from a year ago. The Irish converted 90-of-184 (.489) on third downs in 2005, which ranked seventh in the NCAA. While Notre Dame has struggled on third down, fourth down to this point of the season is a completely different story. The Irish are a 6-of-7 on fourth down over their first three games this season. In fact, Notre Dame leads the NCAA in fourth-down conversions.

Defense More Than Carried Its Weight Against Georgia Tech, Penn State

Notre Dame held Georgia Tech and Penn State scoreless over for a total of nearly five quarters before the Nittany Lions kicked a field goal at the 11:29 mark of the third quarter on Sept. 9. The scoreless streak spanned 68:16 and was the longest such streak since the 2002 season. Notre Dame went 94:28 without allowing any points over a three-game stretch that included Navy, Rutgers and USC.

Quinn and the Notre Dame Record Book

Quarterback Brady Quinn is in his fourth season as the starter. He has already made a lasting mark on the Irish football record book owning or sharing 32 school records. Since 1950, a Notre Dame quarterback has thrown for 300 yards or more 16 times. Quinn is responsible for seven of those performances - the most for any single Notre Dame quarterback. Quinn has thrown for 350 (vs. Boston College, 2003), 432 (vs. Purdue, 2004), 487 (vs. Michigan State, 2005), 327 (at Washington, 2005), 440 (at Purdue, 2005), 467 (vs. BYU, 2005) and 432 (at Stanford, 2005). Quinn is the only Notre Dame quarterback to throw for over 400 yards five times in a career (in fact, he is the only one to do it twice) - and in Notre Dame's road game at Purdue in '05 he became the first to throw for more than 300 yards in three consecutive games. He also is the first Irish quarterback to throw for 300 or more yards four times in a season.

Quinn's TD Passes Streak

Brady Quinn tossed at least one touchdown pass in 16 games in a row for the Irish before the skid ended in the 2006 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, breaking John Huarte's record of 10 set in 1964. The Dublin, Ohio, native totaled 40 scoring tosses during the run.

Quinn: A Touchdown Machine

Brady Quinn accounted for two or more touchdowns in 10 of Notre Dame's 12 games last season and had an eight-game streak of multiple touchdown performances snapped in the Fiesta Bowl - three (passing) at Purdue, two (one run, one pass) vs. USC, six (passing) vs. BYU, three (passing) vs. Tennessee, four (passing) vs. Navy, two (passing) vs. Syracuse and three (passing) at Stanford.

Quinn Threw 21 TDs in Notre Dame Stadium in 2005

Brady Quinn shattered the Notre Dame record for touchdown passes at Notre Dame Stadium in a season, exploding for 21 in 2005 (5 vs. Michigan State, 1 vs. USC, 6 vs. BYU, 3 vs. Tennessee, 4 vs. Navy, 2 vs. Syracuse). The previous record for touchdown passes in Notre Dame Stadium in a single-season was 11 by Ron Powlus (1994) and Jarious Jackson (1999). Quinn was so dominant that his total home field touchdown passes would have broken the previous single-season record, regardless of venue, of 19 held by Ron Powlus (1994). Quinn threw 11 touchdown passes away from Notre Dame Stadium (32 total).

Morton Selected to the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team

Senior OL Bob Morton was one of 11 players in NCAA Division I-A chosen to the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. The two 11-man teams, a Division I-A team and a combined team from Divisions I-AA, II, III and the NAIA, honor players for their dedication and commitment to community service. Nominees have to be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or involved in other community service activities. Candidates have

2006 Media Information**Player/Assistant Coach****Post-Practice Interviews**

Notre Dame player interviews are available on a rotating schedule during the week.

Tuesday: Available by request: Offensive players (not including Brady Quinn), Off. Coordinator Mike Hayward, Coach Weis.

Wednesday: Available by request: Offensive captain Brady Quinn, defensive captain Tom Zbikowski, defensive players (not including Travis Thomas), Def. Coordinator Rick Minter, Coach Weis.

Thursday: Available by request: Special teams captain Travis Thomas, special-team players, Special Teams Coach Brian Polian, Coach Weis.

There is no interview availability for any player or coach on Monday and Friday of each game week.

NOTE - All requests for player and coordinator interviews should be sent to Brian Hardin at bhardin2@nd.edu. A detailed description of the subject matter for the interview needs to be included. Requests are due at 10:00 a.m. each day of practice.

Practice Access & Post-Practice**Interview Location**

The first 20 minutes of each practice (during the season) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are open to the media for viewing.

Post-practice interviews will take place in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium. Enter through the MAIN ENTRANCE (facing west) and you will be directed to the auditorium.

Notre Dame Coaches'**Radio Show**

The weekly show will be held at JT's Sports Bar & Grill in Granger. The show will air live on U93 (92.9 FM) Mondays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Jack Nolan will host the show along with former Irish player Reggie Brooks. Air dates: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 16, 23, Nov. 6, 13. The show is a cooperative venture between Notre Dame Sports Properties, the Notre Dame athletic department and Artistic Media Partners. The show can also be heard on www.und.com.

Inside Notre Dame Football**With Charlie Weis**

(television show)

Taped on Sunday nights, Inside Notre Dame Football will feature a recap of the week's contest, Notre Dame player features and more. A list of affiliates can be found on www.und.com. The show can be seen locally Sunday evenings on WNDU-TV following the late local news. It will also re-air on WNDU-TV the following Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. as well as 90 minutes prior to kickoff of Notre Dame home games.

All Times Eastern

See Page 4 of release for next week's entire schedule.

Irish Among National Leaders

Category	Rank	Stat	National Leader	Stat
Rushing Offense	102	84.00	West Virginia	348.67
Passing Offense	28	258.00	New Mexico State	419.00
Total Offense	68	342.00	Louisville	563.67
Scoring Offense	60	25.33	Louisville	50.67
Rushing Defense	68	132.33	Michigan	20.67
Pass Efficiency Defense	66	127.15	LSU	63.53
Total Defense	63	327.33	LSU	170.00
Scoring Defense	80	24.67	Virginia Tech	3.33
Net Punting	10	40.47	Michigan State	45.17
Punt Returns	85	5.43	Connecticut	27.33
Kickoff Returns	24	25.00	Minnesota	42.75
Turnover Margin	75	-0.33	USC	3.00
Pass Defense	68	195.00	Texas A&M	196.33
Passing Efficiency	68	123.38	Air Force	196.33
Sacks	t-65	1.67	Arizona State	6.00
Tackles For Loss	t-37	6.67	Connecticut	12.50
Sacks Allowed	88	2.67	Utah	0.00

Rushing

Darius Walker	60.00	88th
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Passing Efficiency

Brady Quinn	123.14	62nd
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Total Offense

Brady Quinn	254.67	22nd
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Receptions Per Game

Rhema McKnight	6.00	t-24th
Darius Walker	6.00	t-24th
Jeff Samardzija	5.33	44th
John Carlson	4.33	t-84th

Receiving Yards Per Game

Rhema McKnight	81.00	30th
John Carlson	58.67	79th
Jeff Samardzija	53.33	97th

Interceptions

Chinedum Ndukwe	0.67	13th
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Punting

Geoffrey Price	49.80	2nd
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Punt Returns

Tom Zbikowski	5.43	69th
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Kickoff Returns

David Grimes	27.29	20th
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Field Goals

Carl Gioia	0.67	54th
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Tackles

Maurice Crum	8.67	59th
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Tackles For Loss

Maurice Crum	2.00	10th
Victor Abiamiri	1.33	t-58th

to display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations with which they are involved. On the field success is not a criteria.

Young Makes ND History

Still listed as the starter at right tackle entering this weekend, Sam Young made Notre Dame history at Georgia Tech becoming the first true freshman to start the season opener on the offensive line since freshmen became eligible in 1972. Young is just the fourth Irish freshman to start on the offensive line joining an elite club that includes teammate Ryan Harris as well as Brad Williams and Mike Rosenthal. Harris started the final eight games of the 2003 season, Williams made starts against Navy and Boston College in 1996 and Rosenthal started against Ohio State, USC and Air Force in 1995.

Defense Shines at Georgia Tech

Notre Dame's much-maligned defense rose to the occasion against a quick Georgia Tech team with very talented players at the skill positions. After hearing the cries of "617 yards" all summer, the defense responded by allowing just 259 yards of offense to the Yellow Jackets, the second-fewest total during the Charlie Weis era. The defense was at its best late in the game as they allowed just 71 yards of offense in the second half on 21 plays. Included in the second half effort was limiting Tech's All-American WR Calvin Johnson to just 16 yards on two receptions. A key reason for the success was its effectiveness on third down where Georgia Tech converted on just 2-of-10 chances for the game and was 0-for-4 in the third and fourth quarters.

Zbikowski's Rapid Returns

Safety Tom Zbikowski, a senior in 2006, has made a name for himself in the Notre Dame record books. Zbikowski scooped up a fumble and raced 25 yards for a touchdown two weeks ago against Penn State. With the return, Zbikowski became the Irish all-time leader in fumble return yards (100) and joined Tony Driver (1997-00) as the only Notre Dame players to ever return a pair of fumbles for touchdowns. Zbikowski, who has six career TD returns (two interceptions, two punts, two fumbles), has clearly established himself among the best big-play return specialists in Notre Dame history. In a three-game stretch against USC, BYU and Tennessee in 2005, he returned a punt or interception for a touchdown four times - the first Irish defensive player to accomplish such a feat. Zbikowski also returned a fumble 75 yards for a TD against Michigan State in 2004. With his interception and punt return for a touchdown against Tennessee on Nov. 5, Zbikowski became the first Irish player to accomplish that feat (interception return and punt return in the same game) since Nick Rassas against Northwestern in 1965. Rassas returned an interception 92 yards for a touchdown and a punt 72 yards for a score in Notre Dame's 38-7 rout.

Grimes, West Kick Start Special Teams Unit

A focal point in the off-season of Head Coach Charlie Weis and Special Teams Coach Brian Polian was to get better field position for the offense off of kickoff returns. Three games into 2006, it looks as if the efforts put in by the coaches and players in the off-season has paid off as the 25.0 yards per kickoff return is the 24th-best in Division I-A. Freshman George West fielded the opening kickoff of the season, and in his first collegiate touch he sprinted out 33 yards to set up the Irish

offense. Not to be outdone was sophomore WR David Grimes who sprinted out almost to midfield on his only kick return of the game for 46 yards. Grimes ranks 20th in the county with an average of 27.29 per kick return.

Historic Notre Dame Stadium

The 2006 football season marks the 76th year of Irish football in fabled Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish have played 387 games in the facility to date and own a 292-90-5 (.761) record in the "House that Rockne Built." The Irish are 183-54-2 (.770) over the last 42 years at home. The most wins in a season by the Irish at home is seven by the 1988 national championship team and the longest home winning streak in Notre Dame football history is 28 games (from 11.21.42 through 9.30.50).

In Front of a Full House

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 184 of its previous 210 games, including 59 of its last 64 contests dating back to the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl at the end of the 2000 season (the 2001, 2003 and 2005 games at Stanford, the 2004 game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands and the 2005 game at Washington were not sellouts). At Michigan in 2003, the Irish and Wolverines attracted the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of the series that an NCAA attendance record was set. It also represented the seventh time in the last four seasons that Notre Dame has been part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in 2001; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in 2002, vs. Oregon State in the Insight Bowl in 2004 - the game set a Bank One Ballpark record for football configuration). Notre Dame and Michigan played before an over-capacity 111,386 at Michigan Stadium in September of 2005. The 2005 Washington game was played before less than a capacity crowd as 71,473 witnessed the Irish defeat the Huskies, 36-17, at Husky Stadium (capacity: 72,500) in Seattle. At Purdue, the Irish and Boilermakers played before 65,491 football fans, a Ross-Ade Stadium record (since the renovation of the facility in 2003).

Nine Veteran Starters Return to Lead Irish Defense

A solid group of returning veterans returns to lead the Irish defense in '06, led by nine starters from last season including four players entering their third season on the starting unit. A full off-season with the defensive coaching staff combined with a second season in defensive coordinator Rick Minter's scheme as well as a talented crop of freshmen should alone make the Notre Dame defense better. Cornerback Ambrose Wooden (74 tackles in '05) and safety Tom Zbikowski (71 stops in '05) are the leading returning tacklers of the unit. While both figure to provide valuable leadership, other key returnees figure to be just as vital to the unit's continued improvement. Chief among those returnees are senior defensive end Victor Abiamiri (eight sacks in '05), senior tackles Derek Landri (eight tackles for loss in '05) and Trevor Laws (33 tackles and two blocked field goals last season) and linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr. (57 tackles in '05).

Samardzija's Record Season Earned All-America Honors

Wide receiver Jeff Samardzija returns for his senior season in 2006 after earning consensus first-team All-America honors in 2005 when he led the team with 77 catches for 1,249 yards and 15 touchdowns. He became Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard receiver since 1970 on an 80-yard touchdown pass against Stanford on Nov. 26 of last season. Samardzija eventually broke Tom Gatewood's single-season receiving yardage record against Stanford, pushing his season total to 1,190 yards and tied Gatewood's single-season receptions mark. He also surpassed the single-season touchdown total as his 15 scoring receptions led the nation and bested Derrick Mayes' previous record of 11 from 1994.

Samardzija Opened 2005 with TD Catches in Eight Straight Games

Jeff Samardzija entered the 2005 campaign without a touchdown catch in his career, then proceeded to catch a touchdown pass in each of Notre Dame's first eight games of last season. The two-sport athlete (also a top-line pitching prospect for the Chicago Cubs after he was drafted in the fifth round in this year's Major League Baseball draft) became the first Irish receiver to begin the season with eight consecutive games with a touchdown catch - which made him the Notre Dame record holder for consecutive games with a touchdown reception. He surpassed Malcolm Johnson's six-game run from 1998 against BYU. Samardzija, who also serves as the team's holder on field-goal attempts, tied a Notre Dame record with three touchdown receptions versus Michigan State (later broken by teammate Maurice Stovall, who posted four touchdown receptions against BYU). Samardzija was the seventh player to catch three touchdown passes in a game and the first since Tom Gatewood versus Purdue in 1970.

Walker Rushed 1,000 Yards in Dramatic Fashion

Running back Darius Walker became the ninth Irish player to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season with 1,196 yards on 253 carries and seven touchdowns last year. Walker surpassed the 1,000-yard barrier during a career-best 35-carry, 186-yard outing at Stanford during which he scored the winning touchdown and added a two-point conversion for the final score. Walker also set an Irish mark for receptions by a back with 43 for 351 yards and two scores. Walker's ever against Stanford pushed him into the top-10 all-time on the single-season rushing yardage list as well.

Walker's 100-Yard Games

Darius Walker rushed for 100 yards seven times last season, marking the first time since 1993 that an Irish player posted seven or more 100-yard rushing performances in a season. Lee Becton ended the '93 campaign with seven consecutive 100-yard performances.

Milestone Games in 2006

100-Yard Rushing Games

100-Yard Receiving Games

Rhema McKnight 108 yds (8 receptions)

300-Yard Passing Games

Multiple Touchdown Performances

Brady Quinn vs. Penn State 3 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. Michigan 3 (passing)

Ten-Tackles (or more) Games

* Maurice Crum vs. Penn State 14
* Chinedum Ndukwe vs. Michigan 11
* Trevor Laws vs. Michigan 10
* - individual career highs

All-Time First Round NFL Draft Picks

1.	Southern Cal	65
2.	Ohio State	64
3.	Notre Dame	60
4.	Miami-Fla.	58
5.	Michigan	41
6.	Florida	40
7.	Texas	37
8.	Tennessee	36
9.	Oklahoma	35
10.	Alabama	34
11.	Florida State	33
	Penn State	33
13.	Nebraska	32
14.	Michigan State	31
15.	LSU	29
16.	UCLA	27
17.	Arizona State	25
18.	Auburn	24
	Texas A&M	24
20.	Colorado	23

Research data provided by the National Football League.

Irish in the NFL**Atlanta Falcons**

Allen Rossum, CB

Arizona CardinalsBert Berry, LB
Carlyle Holiday, QB**Baltimore Ravens**

Gerome Sapp, SS

Buffalo Bills

Mike Gandy, G

Chicago Bears

Mark LeVoi, OL

Dallas CowboysJerome Collins, TE
Anthony Fasano, TE
Julius Jones, RB**Houston Texans**Glenn Earl, FS
Anthony Weaver, DT**Indianapolis Colts**Rocky Boiman, LB
Hunter Smith, P**Kansas City Chiefs**

Jordan Black, OL

Minnesota VikingsJoey Goodspeed, RB
Mike Rosenthal, OL**New England Patriots**Corey Mays, LB
Matt Shelton, WR
Dan Stevenson, G**New Orleans Saints**John Carney, K
Jeff Faine, C**New York Giants**Luke Petitgout, OL
Justin Tuck, DE
Ryan Grant, RB**Oakland Raiders**

Grant Irons, DE

San Francisco 49ersArnaz Battle, WR
Bryant Young, DT**St. Louis Rams**

Tony Fisher, RB

Tampa Bay BuccaneersSean Mahan, OG
Maurice Stovall, WR**Tennessee Titans**David Givens, WR
Craig Hentrich, P**Washington Redskins**Jim Molinaro, OL
Reynaldo Wynn, DT**Older and Wiser**

The 2006 Notre Dame offensive line is one of the most experienced units in school history. The Irish offense boasts over 100 combined career starts on the line. Senior tackle Ryan Harris has started 35 Notre Dame games and led the veteran group in starting assignments. Seniors Bob Morton and John Sullivan were second and third with 31 starts and 21 career starts, respectively, while senior Dan Santucci has 16 starts to his credit.

Quinn, Samardzija and Walker Named to Maxwell Award Watch List

Senior quarterback Brady Quinn, senior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija and junior running back Darius Walker have been named to the 2006 Maxwell Award Watch List. The Maxwell Award is presented annually by the Maxwell Football Club to the top collegiate football player. Notre Dame's three players on the Maxwell Award Watch List matches USC, Ohio State, Michigan and Miami (FL) for the most nominees. The list will be trimmed to 12 semi-finalists in October before three finalists are named in November.

Sullivan Named to Rimington Watch List

Senior center John Sullivan has been named to the Rimington Trophy Spring Watch List. He joins 38 other centers on the list for the Dave Rimington Trophy, awarded annually to the most outstanding center in college football. The Boomer Esiason Foundation presents the award to the center who receives the most first team All-America votes determined by the AFCA, Walter Camp Foundation, Sporting News and FWAA. Sullivan started the last seven games at center for the Irish in 2005, while making appearances in all 12 games. As a junior in 2004, he started all 12 games and called out all blocking assignments for the offensive line.

Quinn, Samardzija Named to Walter Camp Watch List

Senior quarterback Brady Quinn and senior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija were two of 35 "players to watch" chosen by the Walter Camp Football Foundation. The nation's fourth-oldest individual college football award will have its watch list narrowed to 10 semi-finalists in early November before the winner is chosen based on voting conducted by the 119 Division I-A head coaches and sports information directors.

Zbikowski Named to Nagurski and Bednarik Watch Lists

Senior defensive back Tom Zbikowski has been named to both the Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List and Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List for 2006. The Nagurski Trophy is given to the nation's top defensive player at the Charlotte Touchdown Club annual awards banquet. The Bednarik Award is given annually to the nation's top defensive player as voted on by head coaches, members of the Maxwell Football Club and various sports writers throughout the country. Zbikowski was named third-team All-America by the Associated Press after the 2005 season when he made 62 tackles and led the team with five interceptions, returning two for touchdowns. He also added two touchdowns on punt returns. Zbikowski has started 26 straight games and has scored touchdowns via interception return, punt return and fumble return during his Notre Dame career.

Notre Dame Stadium Gate A Now "All-America Gate"

The University of Notre Dame's 79 consensus All-America football players are now honored inside Gate A of Notre Dame Stadium, as part of a multi-year plan to theme the five entrance gates to Notre Dame's home football facility.

Each display inside Gate A at the stadium is a 10-by-16-foot Notre Dame blue powder-coated aluminum plate with the ND logo in gold at the top. The displays are entitled "Consensus All-Americans" in Notre Dame gold letters eight inches high across the top of the blue panel.

Featured on the panels are authentic Notre Dame helmets with name plates representing the consensus All-Americans from Notre Dame, plus room for four future consensus All-Americans.

The name plates are made of bronze, with black etched letters identifying each player's name, year(s) he was named a consensus All-American, and hometown. A bronze plaque is also mounted on one of the two displays to explain how a consensus All-American is selected.

Players accorded the majority of votes at their positions by selectors are designated consensus All-Americans. Current teams utilized in designation of consensus selections are those chosen by the Associated Press, the American Football Coaches Association, the Football Writers Association of America, the Walter Camp Foundation and The Sporting News.

Wide receiver Jeff Samardzija in 2005 was Notre Dame's most recent consensus pick - with the first coming in 1913 (quarterback Gus Dorais). Two-time consensus selections include Frank Carideo (1929-30), Marchy Schwartz (1930-31), Bob Dove (1941-42), George Connor (1946-47), John Lujack (1946-47), Bill Fischer (1947-48), Leon Hart (1948-49), Emil Sitko (1948-49), John Lattner (1952-53), Ross Browner (1976-77), Ken MacAfee (1976-77), Bob Crable (1980-81), Michael Stonebreaker (1988, 1990), Todd Lyght (1989-90), Chris Zorich (1989-90) and Aaron Taylor (1992-93).

The displays were designed by Rockwell Group of New York and fabricated by Show Motion Inc., of Connecticut. The Notre Dame Monogram Club funded the project.

There are plans to theme the other three entry gates at the Stadium - with the intention of creating specific recognition of Notre Dame's national championships and its national championship coaches.

Prior to the 2005 season, three-by-eight foot replica Heisman Trophies were added to the Gate B display, where pictures of all seven Irish Heisman winners were placed earlier.

The honoring of Notre Dame's Heisman Trophy winners took the form of seven individual panels installed within existing brick niches of the old stadium wall just inside Gate B. There is one display each for Angelo Bertelli, John Lujack, Leon Hart, John Lattner, Paul Hornung, John Huarte and Tim Brown

Notre Dame Athletics in Print

Four new books either about Notre Dame athletics or written by past or current Irish coaches will be available in bookstores this fall. Head coach Charlie Weis is scheduled to release his autobiography, NO EXCUSES, Oct. 10. With the help of NFL.com national editor and author, Vic Carucci, the book will tell the remarkable story of his journey from being a student of Notre Dame to becoming head coach of his alma mater. Stories from his professional career of working in the NFL to personal events involving himself and his family will also be chronicled. Former head coach Lou Holtz' autobiography, Wins, Losses, and Lessons hit bookshelves Aug. 15. Detailing stories from his youth to his days as a football head coach, this book is said to be a "reflective, inspiring and candid look back at an extraordinary life and career from a coaching legend." Fighting Irish Legends, Lists and Lore is the latest book by Karen Heisler, wife of Notre Dame Senior Associate Athletic Director John Heisler, and "captures the history, tradition, and spirit of one of the nation's most storied and revered athletic programs." The book recounts stories of Notre Dame's most famous athletes and coaches in every sport. Longtime writer and editor for Blue & Gold Illustrated Tim Priste released his latest book entitled, The New Gold Standard Aug. 16. The book takes readers inside head coach Charlie Weis' first season at Notre Dame and how he "returned the program to its rightful (and historic) place among college football's elite."

Notre Dame Leads the Way in National Graduate Rate

The graduation rate for student-athletes at the University of Notre Dame is the highest in the nation among Division I-A colleges and universities in an annual federal report for the Department of Education, and is the second highest in a new survey developed by the NCAA. Notre Dame's federal graduation rate is 90.4 percent, according to statistics released in January by the NCAA, slightly ahead of Duke University at 89.6 percent as the best among the major football-playing schools of Division I-A. The federal rate is based on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated with six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates. Notre Dame ranks second among Division I-A schools on another scale, called the Graduation Success Rate (GSR), which was developed last year by the NCAA. The 98 percent GSR is second only to the 99 percent of the U.S. Naval Academy, which, like all the military academies, is exempt from the federal survey because it does not offer grants-in-aid to student-athletes. The data for both surveys is based upon the entering classes from 1995 to 1998. The two graduation rate reports should not be confused with another new NCAA initiative, the Academic Progress Rate, which uses a series of formulas related to student-athlete retention and eligibility to measure the academic performance of all participants who receive a grant-in-aid on every team at every NCAA Division I college and university.

Football Ticket Demand Hits a Record High

How much interest is there in University of Notre Dame football games for 2006? There's enough that the Sept. 9 Notre Dame-Penn State game and the Sept. 16 Notre Dame-Michigan game qualify as the two highest-requested games in the history of Notre Dame's ticket lottery.

There's enough that four '06 home games rank in the all-time top 10 for requests – and all seven games rank in the top 30. There's enough that the Nov. 25 Notre Dame-USC game in Los Angeles qualified as the most-requested road game in Irish ticket history.

And there's enough that the Notre Dame ticket office expects to mail refunds worth more than a record \$11.7 million (compared to refunds of \$5.2 million a year ago) to unsuccessful lottery participants in the University's ticket distribution for contributing alumni, monogram winners, undergraduate parents and benefactors. There was a 37 percent increase in applications submitted to the '06 lottery compared to a year ago.

Notre Dame alumni making an annual contribution of \$100 or more to the University are eligible to apply for two tickets to as many home and away football games as they choose. In excess of 30,000 tickets per game are available for each home contest for contributing alumni. Any time the number of applications exceeds the supply, a lottery is held - and lotteries were required for all seven 2006 home games (meaning every home game automatically sold out).

Demand was highest for the Sept. 9 home game vs. Penn State (66,670 tickets requested) and the Sept. 16 home game vs. Michigan (61,631), making those games the two highest-demanded home games in the history of Notre Dame Stadium. The previous all-time high was 59,368 requests for the 2001 home game against West Virginia. The high in 2005 was 54,211 for the USC game at Notre Dame Stadium.

Other high-demand home games in '06 are contests against North Carolina (54,838 requests for sixth all-time), UCLA (51,933 for 10th all-time), Stanford (50,491 for 13th all-time) and Purdue (47,655 for 17th all-time).

The high demand for road games came for the regular-season finale at USC (an all-time record 33,251 requests). Notre Dame receives 15,000 tickets as the visiting team in that contest.

New Fighting Irish All-Access Package Launched on Aug. 4

The University of Notre Dame official athletic website, und.com, entered a new era on Friday, Aug. 4. The Fighting Irish All-Access package underwent a complete overhaul and und.com will bring Notre Dame alumni and fans full coverage free of charge for the 2006-07 season. Irish fans will no longer be required to subscribe or sign up for audio/video coverage on und.com. It features a new media player, which includes a bigger display screen and easier access to und.com's multimedia offerings. As part of the new Fighting Irish All-Access launch, the und.com crew will post a bevy of video offerings from a variety of Irish sports and the University archives - just the first step toward developing und.com into the top source for Fighting Irish fans on the world wide web. Check und.com for more details.

College Graduates

The 2006 Notre Dame roster features nine players who have already earned their undergraduate degree from the University. Fifth-year seniors Dan Chervanick, Marcus Freeman, Chris Frome, Derek Landri, Brian Mattes, Rhema McKnight, Bob Morton, Mike Richardson and Dan Santucci all graduated from Notre Dame in May of 2006.

The fifth-year senior group also proved to be diligent workers in the classroom - especially in their final undergraduate semester at the University. The football team posted a 3.072 GPA for the spring semester in 2006, the best the squad has done since tracking each team's GPA was instituted at Notre Dame in 1992.

Here is a list of the graduates on the 2006 Notre Dame football team -

- OL Dan Chervanick - degrees in accounting from the Mendoza College of Business and history (3.75 final semester GPA, 3.60 overall GPA).
- TE Marcus Freeman - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.00 GPA during fall '05 semester).
- DE Chris Frome - degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business (3.83 GPA during fall '05 semester, 3.303 overall GPA).
- DT Derek Landri - degree in history and computer applications from the College of Arts and Letters (3.33 GPA during fall '05 semester and 3.08 GPA during final semester).
- OL Brian Mattes - degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business (3.834 final semester GPA, 3.486 overall GPA and Dean's List honoree).
- WR Rhema McKnight - degrees in psychology and computer applications from the College of Arts and Letters (3.417 during fall '05 semester).
- OL Bob Morton - degree in accounting from the Mendoza College of Business (3.417 final semester GPA).
- CB Mike Richardson - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.143 final semester GPA).
- OL Dan Santucci - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.917 final semester GPA to earn Dean's List status, 3.359 overall GPA).

Notre Dame's nine college graduates is second-best in the nation. The full list (minimum of six).

Auburn	11
Notre Dame .....	.9
Texas Tech, Miami (Fla.) .....	.9
Boston College, Louisiana Tech, Penn State .....	.7
Kentucky, Baylor, West Virginia .....	.6

Former Heisman Winners to be Honored at Notre Dame Home Games

All former Notre Dame Heisman Trophy winners will be featured on home game tickets as well as the corresponding game programs and schedule cards this season. The seven winners or family members of the winners have been invited back to Notre Dame to be honored during the weekend their likeness is featured on the game ticket and program. Angelo Bertelli graces the cover of the Penn State game, Johnny Lujack is on the Michigan game cover, John Lattner is featured during the Purdue weekend, Leon Hart will be honored at the Stanford game, Paul Hornung will be on the cover of the UCLA game, the North Carolina game ticket and program will honor John Huarte, while Tim Brown will be featured at the Army game. Lujack will serve as an honorary captain for the coin toss against the Wolverines Saturday.

1966 National Championship Team to be Honored Purdue Weekend

This season marks the 40th anniversary of the 1966 Notre Dame football team that won the national championship and the team will be honored during its reunion on the Purdue game weekend. The '66 squad averaged over 36 points per game while permitting just five touchdowns on defense. That Irish squad posted a 9-0-1 record including three wins over top-10 teams with an average margin of victory in those contests of 33.7 points. Head coach Ara Parseghian won his first of two titles and tied Frank Leahy (later matched by Dan Devine) in the process as the quickest Notre Dame head coach to win a national championship, doing so in his third campaign.

Irish Football By The Numbers

.743 - Notre Dame's winning percentage, the second-highest in the history of college football.

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

5 - College Football Hall of Fame Coaches - Jesse Harper, Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine.

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

10 - Alumni named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

11 - National Championships - since the Associated Press poll began in 1936 (1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88), the most of any other school. The Irish also earned consensus national titles in 1924, 1929 and 1930 prior to the organization of the AP rankings.

12 - Unbeaten and untied seasons.

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

27 - Bowl games in which the Irish have taken part.

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

41 - College Football Hall of Fame Players.

79 - Different consensus All-Americans - more than any other school.

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

100 - Out of 118 years in which Notre Dame has finished with a winning record.

118 - Years of college football (including 2006).

163 - consecutive games televised nationally or regionally by NBC, CBS, ABC or ESPN.

178 - selections on All-America first teams.

187 - consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium.

281 - appearances by Notre Dame football on network television - more than any other school.

300+ - stations that broadcast Notre Dame football via Westwood One.

813 - All-time victories, second all-time in college football.

Rule Changes for 2006

Regarding The Clock

- The clock will start on kickoffs as soon as the kicker's foot hits the ball.
- When the ball changes hands, by kick or turnover, the clock will start as soon as the ball is ready for play, not at the snap.
- When a team is awarded a first down, the clock will be stopped and will start on the ready for play signal.

Instant Replay

For the 2006 season, the rules committee is allowing several varying systems to implement video replay, as determined by each conference or institution.

Each head coach is allowed one challenge per game, which is exercised by requesting a team timeout. A head coach may issue a challenge only if his team has one or more timeouts remaining in the half. If the challenged ruling is overturned, the timeout is not charged, but the coach has no more challenges during that game.

Plays that MAY be reviewed:

- Governed by sideline, goal line and end line:
 - Scoring plays, including a runner breaking the plane of the goal line.
 - Pass complete/incomplete/intercepted at sideline, goal line and end line.
 - Runner/receiver in or out of bounds.
 - Recovery of loose ball in bounds.
- Passing Plays:
 - Pass ruled complete/incomplete/intercepted in the field of play and end zones.
 - Touching of a forward pass by an ineligible receiver.
 - Touching of a forward pass by a defensive player.
 - Quarterback (passer) forward pass or fumble (if ruled incomplete, the play is finalized).
 - Illegal forward pass or illegal handing beyond the line of scrimmage.
 - Illegal forward pass or illegal handing after change of possession.
 - Forward or backward pass thrown from behind the line of scrimmage.
- Other detectable infractions:
 - Runner ruled not down.
 - Forward progress errors with respect to first down.
 - Touching of a kick.
 - Number of players on field.
 - Clock adjustments.
 - Fourth-down/try fumble plays.

Plays that MAY NOT be reviewed:

- Holding
- Offside/encroachment
- Pass interference
- Personal fouls (e.g., late hits)
- Illegal blocks
- Illegal formations
- Face mask
- Taunting/excessive celebration
- False starts
- Roughing the passer/kicker
- Fighting participants

2006 Individual/Team Honors & Awards

Victor Abiamiri

- Athlon Sports Second Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Third Team All-America
- Lindy's #8 Defensive End
- Phil Steele's #11 Defensive End
- The Sporting News #5 Defensive End
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- Hendricks Award Watch List

James Aldridge

- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent

John Carlson

- Phil Steele's #28 Tight End
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Maurice Crum

- The Sporting News #14 Inside Linebacker
- Phil Steele's #43 Inside Linebacker
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

David Grimes

- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent (kick returner)

Ryan Harris

- Athlon Sports Second Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Third Team All-America
- Lindy's #7 Offensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's #17 Offensive Tackle
- The Sporting News #6 Offensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- Outland Trophy Watch List

Derek Landri

- Insider's Football News Third-Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation
- Honorable Mention All-America
- Lindy's #8 Defensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's #26 Defensive Tackle
- The Sporting News #8 Defensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Trevor Laws

- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Honorable Mention All-America
- Lindy's #18 Defensive Tackle
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Bob Morton

- Phil Steele's #38 Offensive Guard
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team

Rhema McKnight

- Phil Steele's #55 Wide Receiver
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Chinedum Ndukwe

- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Brady Quinn

- Athlon Sports First Team All-America
- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine First Team All-America
- Insider's Football News First Team All-America
- Lindy's First Team All-America
- Phil Steele's First Team All-America
- Rivals.com First Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation First Team All-America
- The Sporting News First Team All-America
- Lindy's #1 Quarterback
- Phil Steele's #1 Quarterback
- The Sporting News #1 Quarterback
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- Walter Camp Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Cingular Player of the Week (Sept. 11)

Mike Richardson

- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent

Asaph Schwapp

- Phil Steele's #15 Fullback

Jeff Samardzija

- Athlon Sports First Team All-America
- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine First Team All-America
- Rivals.com First Team All-America
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation First Team All-America
- Lindy's Second Team All-America
- Phil Steele's Second Team All-America
- The Sporting News Second Team All-America
- Insider's Football News Third Team All-America
- Lindy's #3 rated wide receiver
- Phil Steele's #3 rated wide receiver
- The Sporting News #3 Receiver
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- Walter Camp Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List

Dan Santucci

- The Sporting News #10 Offensive Guard
- Phil Steele's Second Team All-Independent

John Sullivan

- Phil Steele's Third Team All-America
- Phil Steele's #3 Center
- Lindy's #10 Center
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- Rimington Watch List

Mitchell Thomas

- Phil Steele's #60 Outside Linebacker

Darius Walker

- Lindy's #16 Running Back
- Phil Steele's #11 Running Back
- The Sporting News #19 Running Back
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent
- Walter Camp Award Watch List

Ambrose Wooden

- Phil Steele's #13 Cornerback
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent

Tom Zbikowski

- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine First Team All-America (punt returner)
- CBS Sportsline.com Magazine Second Team All-America (defensive back)
- Athlon Sports Second Team All-America (safety)
- Lindy's Second Team All-America (defensive back)
- Phil Steele's Second Team All-America (safety)
- Street & Smith's Walter Camp Football Foundation Second Team All-America (defensive back)
- Insider's Football News Third-Team All-America (punt returner)
- Lindy's #4 Safety
- Phil Steele's #2 Strong Safety
- The Sporting News #8 Strong Safety
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent (safety)
- Phil Steele's First Team All-Independent (punt returner)
- Nagurski Award Watch List
- Bednarik Award Watch List

TEAM UNIT RANKINGS

- Lindy's #3 Backfield
- Lindy's #4 Receivers
- Lindy's #6 Offensive Line
- Athlon Sports #1 Quarterback Unit
- Athlon Sports #4 Wide Receiver Unit
- The Sporting News #3 Backfield
- The Sporting News #10 Defensive Line
- Phil Steele's #1 Quarterback Unit
- Phil Steele's #10 Offensive Line
- Phil Steele's #5 Defensive Backs

TEAM NATIONAL PRESEASON RANKINGS

- Athlon Sports #2
- CBSsportsline.com Magazine #4
- ESPN.com #8 (post-spring)
- FoxSports.com #11
- Lindy's #1
- Phil Steele's #7
- Street and Smith's #4
- The Sporting News #1

Brady Quinn's Assault on the Notre Dame Record Book

Senior quarterback owns or shares 32 school records

SINGLE-GAME

Touchdown Passes: 6 vs. BYU (2005), breaking his previous mark of five posted earlier in 2005 against Michigan State

Pass Completions: 33 vs. Michigan State (2005), matching Joe Theismann's record from the 1970 game at USC

Consecutive Pass Completions: 14 vs. Ohio State (2005), tied for first on the all-time list with Powlus' 14 straight vs. Michigan State in 1997

Passes Without An Interception: 41 vs. BYU (2005), breaking Steve Beuerlein's record of 39 vs. Penn State in 1986

SEASON

Touchdown Passes: 32 (2005), the Notre Dame single-season record, breaking Powlus' mark of 19 from 1994

Pass Completions: 292 (2005), breaking his own mark of 195 from 2004

Pass Completions Per Game: 24.3 (2005), breaking Terry Hanratty's 16.6 from 1968

Completion Percentage: 64.9 (2005), breaking Kevin McDougal's record of 61.6 from 1993

Passing Yards: 3,919 (2005), besting Jarious Jackson's record 2,753 from 1999

Average Passing Yards Per Game: 326.6 (2005), far ahead of Theismann's 242.9 from 1970

Pass Attempts Per Game: 37.5 (2005), breaking his own record of 29.4 from 2004

Pass Attempts: 450 (2005), breaking his own mark of 332 from 2003

Pass Efficiency Rating: 158.4 (2005), ahead of John Huarte's 155.1 from 1964

Total Yards From Scrimmage: 4,009 (2005), breaking Jackson's mark of 3,217 from 1999

Touchdown Passes in Notre Dame Stadium: 21 (2005), breaking the record of 11 held by Powlus (1994) and Jackson (1999)

CAREER

Touchdown Passes: 64, first on the all-time list ahead of Ron Powlus (52 from 1994-97)

Pass Completions: 712, passing Powlus (558)

Pass Completions Per Game: 18.3, breaking Powlus' record of 12.6

Passing Yards: 9,103, breaking Powlus' mark of 7,602

Pass Attempts Per Game: 32.2, breaking Powlus' record of 22.0

Pass Attempts: 1,257, passing Powlus (969)

Total Yards From Scrimmage: 9,211, breaking Powlus' mark of 7,479

Total Plays: 1,497, breaking Powlus' record of 1,201

Lowest Interception Percentage: 2.78 (35 of 1,257), equalling Powlus' record of 2.78 (27 of 969)

MISCELLANEOUS

Consecutive Passes Without an Interception (One Season): 130, USC, BYU, Tennessee and Navy in 2005, breaking the record of 127 by Carlyle Holiday during the 2002 season

Consecutive Passes Without an Interception (Overall): 143, compiled vs. Stanford and Ohio State in 2005, Georgia Tech (2006), Penn State (2006), Michigan (2006)

Passing Yards, First Half: 287, vs. BYU (2005), breaking his own record of 283 against Purdue in 2005

Games with Four or More Touchdown Passes: 4, Washington (2004), Michigan State (2005), BYU (2005) and Navy (2005) - surpassing Powlus' mark of three

Consecutive Games with a Touchdown Pass: 16, from 2004 vs. Boston College to 2006 Fiesta Bowl vs. Ohio State

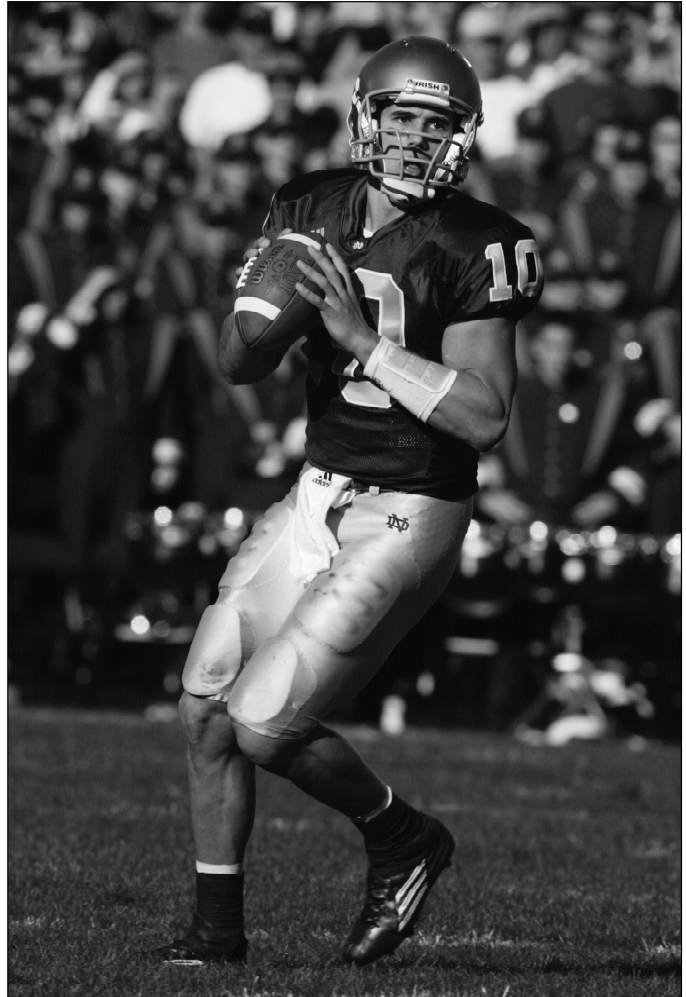
Games with 250-plus Passing Yards: 17, breaking Jackson's record of nine from 1996-99

Games with 300-plus Passing Yards: 7, (Quinn is the only Irish quarterback to throw for over 300 yards more than twice - Jackson posted two 300-yard performances during his career)

Games with 400-plus Passing Yards: 5, (Quinn is the only Irish quarterback to throw for over 400 yards multiple times - Theismann accomplished the feat once with his Notre Dame-record 526 yards vs. USC in 1970)

RECORD ON THE BRINK

Consecutive Games Completing a Pass: 39, record is 43 set by Ron Powlus (11 games in 1994, 10 games in 1995, 11 games in 1996 and 11 games in 1997)



Other Current Irish Players Among Notre Dame Record Book

Quinn is not the only Notre Dame player making a run at Notre Dame history

RUSHING RECORDS

Attempts - Game

Name	Attempts
6. Darius Walker	35 at Stanford, Nov. 26, 2005

Attempts - Season

Name	Rushes	Year
6. Darius Walker	253	2005

Attempts - Career

Name	Rushes	Years active
8. Darius Walker	490	active

Yards - Season

Name, Year	Att.	Avg.	Yards
9. Darius Walker, 2005	237	4.7	1106

Yards - Season - Freshman

Name, Year	Att.	Avg.	Yards
1. Darius Walker, 2004	185	4.2	786

Yards - Career

Name, Years	Att.	Avg.	Yards
12. Darius Walker	490	4.4	2162

Average Yards Per Game - Career

Name, Years	Yards	G	Avg.
4. Darius Walker, active	2162	26	83.2

RECEIVING RECORDS

Receptions - Season

Name	Catches	Year
t2. Jeff Samardzija	77	2005
t10. Rhema McKnight	47	2003

Receptions - Career

Name	Catches	Years active
7. Rhema McKnight	121	active
9. Jeff Samardzija	117	active

Receptions - RB - Season

Name	Catches	Year
1. Darius Walker	43	2005

Receptions - RB - Career

Name	Catches	Years active
t-3. Darius Walker	71	active

Receiving Yards - Game

Name	Yards
7. Jeff Samardzija	191 at Stanford, Nov. 26, 2005

Receiving Yards - Season

Name	Yards	Year
1. Jeff Samardzija	1249	2005

Receiving Yards - Career

Name	Yards	Years active
9. Jeff Samardzija	1736	active
10. Rhema McKnight	1613	active

Receiving Yards - RB - Season

Name	Yards	Year
8. Darius Walker	351	2005

Yards Per Reception- Game (minimum 4 receptions)

Name	Yards
2. Rhema McKnight (4 for 121)	30.3 at Boston College, Oct. 25, 2003

Receiving Yards Per Game - Season

Name	Avg.	Year
3. Jeff Samardzija	104.1	2005

TD Receptions - Game

Name	TDs
t2. Jeff Samardzija	3 vs. Michigan State, Sept. 17, 2005

TD Receptions - Season

Name	TDs	Year
1. Jeff Samardzija	15	2005

TD Receptions - Career

Name	TDs	Years active
4. Jeff Samardzija	17	active
t10. Rhema McKnight	9	active

TD Receptions - RB - Season

Name	TDs	Year
t9. Darius Walker	2	2005

TD Receptions - RB - Career

Name	TDs	Years active
t8. Darius Walker	3	active

TOTAL OFFENSE

Yards - Non-Quarterback - Season

Name	Yards	Year
9. Darius Walker	1196	2005

Yards Per Game - Career

Name	YPG	Years active
5. Darius Walker	83.2	active

ALL-PURPOSE

Yards - Game

Name	Total	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	Year
9. Darius Walker	241	186	55	-	-	2005
Stanford						

Yards - Season

Name	Total	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	Year
8. Darius Walker	1547	1196	351	-	-	2005

INTERCEPTION RECORDS

Longest for TD (Since 1980)

Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
3. Tom Zbikowski	83	BYU	Oct. 22, 2005
t23. Tom Zbikowski	33	Tennessee	Nov. 5, 2005
t34. Leo Ferrine	16	Syracuse	Nov. 19, 2005

Most - Season

Name	Total	Year
13. Tom Zbikowski	5	2005

Return Yards - Game

Player	Yards	Opponent	Date
4. Tom Zbikowski	83	BYU	Oct. 22, 2005

Return Yards - Season

Name	Yards	Year
t3. Tom Zbikowski	136	2005

Return Yards - Career

Name	Yards	Years active
10. Tom Zbikowski	158	active

Return for TD - Season

Name	Total	Year
t1. Tom Zbikowski	2	2005

Return for TD - Career

Name	Total	Years active
t5. Tom Zbikowski	2	active

TACKLES FOR LOSS (since 1967)

TFL - Season

Name	No.-Yards	Year
12. Victor Abiamiri	15-92	2005

SACKS (since 1982)

Career

Name	Total	Years active
t10. Victor Abiamiri	12	active

FUMBLES

Recoveries - Season

Name	Total	Year
7. Chinedum Ndukwe	4	2005

Return Yards - Season (since 1985)

Name	Yards	Year
2. Tom Zbikowski	75	2004

Return Yards - Career (since 1985)

Name	Yards	Years active
1. Tom Zbikowski	100	active

Returns for TD - Career (since 1985)

Name	Total	Years active
t1. Tom Zbikowski	2	active

PUNT RETURNS

Average - Season

Name	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Year
4. Tom Zbikowski	27	379	14.0	2	2005

Average - Career

Name	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Years active
7. Tom Zbikowski	34	417	12.3	2	active

Results

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	Score/Time	Record	Time	Attend
Sept. 2	2/T-3	at Georgia Tech (ABC)	ND 14, GT 10	1-0	3:17	56,680
Sept. 9	T-4/5	19/19 PENN STATE (NBC)	ND 41, PSU 17	2-0	3:19	80,795
Sept. 16	2/T-3	11/13 MICHIGAN (NBC)	UM 47, ND 21	2-1	3:28	80,795
Sept. 23	-/-	at Michigan State (ABC)	8 p.m.			
Sept. 30	-/-	PURDUE (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Oct. 7	-/-	STANFORD (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Oct. 21	-/-	UCLA (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
*Oct. 28	-/-	vs. Navy (CBS)	Noon			
Nov. 4	-/-	NORTH CAROLINA (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Nov. 11	-/-	at Air Force (CSTV)	4:00 p.m.			
Nov. 18	-/-	ARMY (NBC)	2:30 p.m.			
Nov. 25	-/-	at 4/2 USC (ABC)	8 p.m.			

*at Baltimore

Defensive Stats

	GP	S	A	T	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	FR	FF	Blk. Kick	Saf
40 CRUM, Maurice	3	16	10	26	6.0-26	1.0-14	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
9 ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	3	14	9	23	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	1-25	1	.	.
18 NDUKWE, Chinedum	3	14	8	22	2.5-11	1.0-7	2-52	2	.	.	1	.	.
98 LAWS, Trevor	3	6	8	14	2.0-10	1.0-3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
30 RICHARDSON, Mike	3	7	6	13	1.0-1	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
95 ABIAMIRI, Victor	3	6	7	13	3.5-15	1.0-7	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
22 WOODEN, Ambrose	3	8	2	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
66 LANDRI, Derek	3	4	6	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
26 THOMAS, Travis	3	7	2	9	3.0-17	1.0-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 THOMAS, Mitchell	3	3	5	8	0.5-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99 TALLEY, Ronald	3	1	7	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
75 FROME, Chris	3	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
6 HERRING, Ray	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 LAMBERT, Terrail	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 CULLEN, Casey	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 LEITKO, Travis	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
56 BORSETI, Nick	3	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 WALLS, Darrin	3	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
96 KUNTZ, Pat	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27 BRUTON, David	2	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 McCARTHY, Kyle	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 McNEIL, Raeshon	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 QUINN, Steve	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 CARLSON, John	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 McKNIGHT, Rhema	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 FREEMAN, Marcus	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 RYAN, John	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 PRICE, Geoff	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 BROWN, Sergio	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 BROCKINGTON, Joe	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total	3	115	90	205	20-84	5-40	2-52	8	6	2-25	3	1	.
Opponents	3	118	72	190	15.0-77	8-62	3-66	9	7	2-54	1	.	.

Notre Dame Overall Team Statistics

SCORING	76	74			
Points Per Game	25.3	24.7			
FIRST DOWNS	57	56			
Rushing	17	27			
Passing	36	24			
Penalty	4	5			
RUSHING YARDAGE	252	397			
Yards gained rushing	341	486			
Yards lost rushing	89	89			
Rushing Attempts	93	102			
Average Per Rush	2.7	3.9			
Average Per Game	84.0	132.3			
TDs Rushing	3	2			
PASSING YARDAGE	774	585			
Att-Comp-Int	123-73-3	87-49-2			
Average Per Pass	6.3	6.7			
Average Per Catch	10.6	11.9			
Average Per Game	258.0	195.0			
TDs Passing	6	5			
TOTAL OFFENSE	1026	982			
Total Plays	216	189			
Average Per Play	4.8	5.2			
Average Per Game	342.0	327.3			
KICK RETURNS: #YARDS	10-250	12-173			
PUNT RETURNS: #YARDS	7-38	9-100			
INT RETURNS: #YARDS	2-52	3-66			
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	25.0	14.4			
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	5.4	11.1			
INT RETURN AVERAGE	26.0	22.0			
FUMBLES-LOST	3-2	3-2			
PENALTIES-YARDS	28-228	14-123			
Average Per Game	76.0	41.0			
PUNTS-YARDS	15-747	15-632			
Average Per Punt	49.8	42.1			
Net punt average	40.5	38.3			
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	31:33	28:27			
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	14/44	11/36			
3rd-Down Pct	32%	31%			
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	6/7	2/4			
4th-Down Pct	86%	50%			
SACKS BY-YARDS	5-40	8-62			
MISC YARDS	0	0			
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	10	9			
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	2-4	4-4			
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1			
RED-ZONE SCORES	10-11 91%	9-10 90%			
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	8-11 73%	5-10 50%			
PAT-ATTEMPTS	10-10 100%	8-9 89%			
ATTENDANCE	161590	56680			
Games/Avg Per Game	2/80795	1/56680			
Neutral Site Games		0/0			
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	10	31	21	14	76
Opponents	27	17	9	21	74

Individual Stats

<u>RUSHING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Gain</u>	<u>Loss</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
WALKER, Darius	3	52	196	16	180	3.5	1	19	60.0
THOMAS, Travis	3	9	63	0	63	7.0	1	43	21.0
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	4	15	0	15	3.8	0	6	7.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	3	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
SHARPLEY, Evan	2	2	2	2	0	0.0	0	2	0.0
TEAM	1	2	0	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-2.0
PRINCE, Munir	3	4	4	7	-3	-0.8	0	4	-1.0
QUINN, Brady	3	19	59	62	-3	-0.2	1	16	-1.0
Total.....	3	93	341	89	252	2.7	3	43	84.0
Opponents.....	3	102	486	89	397	3.9	2	30	132.3

<u>PASSING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>Effic</u>	<u>A-C-I</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
QUINN, Brady	3	123.14	72-122-3	59.0	767	6	44	255.7
SHARPLEY, Evan	2	158.80	1-1-0	100.0	7	0	7	3.5
Total.....	3	123.43	73-123-3	59.3	774	6	44	258.0
Opponents.....	3	127.17	49-87-2	56.3	585	5	69	195.0

<u>RECEIVING</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
McKNIGHT, Rhema	3	18	243	13.5	2	44	81.0
WALKER, Darius	3	18	125	6.9	1	18	41.7
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	3	16	160	10.0	2	42	53.3
CARLSON, John	3	13	176	13.5	0	33	58.7
GRIMES, David	3	4	48	12.0	0	20	16.0
FREEMAN, Marcus	3	2	12	6.0	0	10	4.0
PARRIS, Robby	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	3	1	3	3.0	1	3	1.0
Total.....	3	73	774	10.6	6	44	258.0
Opponents.....	3	49	585	11.9	5	69	195.0

<u>PUNT RETURNS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	7	38	5.4	0	17
Total.....	7	38	5.4	0	17
Opponents.....	9	100	11.1	0	21

<u>INTERCEPTIONS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
NDUKWE, Chinedum	2	52	26.0	0	51
Total.....	2	52	26.0	0	51
Opponents.....	3	66	22.0	1	35

<u>KICK RETURNS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
GRIMES, David	7	191	27.3	0	46
WEST, George	3	59	19.7	0	33
Total.....	10	250	25.0	0	46
Opponents.....	12	173	14.4	0	21

<u>FUMBLE RETURNS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>Long</u>
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	1	25	25.0	1	25
Total.....	1	25	25.0	1	25
Opponents.....	1	54	54.0	1	54

<u>FG</u>	<u>FGM-FGA</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>01-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50-99</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>Blkd</u>
GIOIA, Carl	2-4	50.0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-1	0-0	35	0

<u>FG SEQUENCE</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>OPPONENTS</u>
Georgia Tech	42, 36	(30)
Penn State	(35), (35)	(28)
Michigan	-	(20),(33)

Michigan State

Purdue

Stanford

UCLA

Navy

North Carolina

Air Force

Army

USC

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

<u>PUNTING</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>Long</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>I20</u>	<u>Blkd</u>
PRICE, Geoff	15	747	49.8	62	2	1	5	0
Total.....	15	747	49.8	62	2	1	5	0
Opponents.....	15	632	42.1	57	1	1	5	0

<u>KICKOFFS</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>Retn</u>	<u>Net</u>
RENKES, Bobby	14	869	62.1	3	0		
GIOIA, Carl	1	38	38.0	0	0		
Total.....	15	907	60.5	3	0	173	44.9 20
Opponents.....	15	882	58.8	4	1	250	36.8 28

<u>ALL PURPOSE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>KOR</u>	<u>IR</u>	<u>Tot</u>	<u>Avg/G</u>
WALKER, Darius	3	180	125	0	0	0	305	101.7
McKNIGHT, Rhema	3	0	243	0	0	0	243	81.0
GRIMES, David	3	0	48	0	191	0	239	79.7
CARLSON, John	3	0	176	0	0	0	176	58.7
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	3	0	160	0	0	0	160	53.3
THOMAS, Travis	3	63	0	0	0	0	63	21.0
WEST, George	3	0	0	0	59	0	59	19.7
NDUKWE, Chinedum	3	0	0	0	0	52	52	17.3
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	3	0	0	38	0	0	38	12.7
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
FREEMAN, Marcus	3	0	12	0	0	0	12	4.0
PARRIS, Robby	2	0	7	0	0	0	7	3.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	3	2	3	0	0	0	5	1.7
TEAM	1	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-2.0
QUINN, Brady	3	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.0
PRINCE, Munir	3	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-1.0
Total.....	3	252	774	38	250	52	1366	455.3
Opponents.....	3	397	585	100	173	66	1321	440.3

Individual Stats

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
QUINN, Brady	3	141	-3	767	764	254.7
WALKER, Darius	3	52	180	0	180	60.0
THOMAS, Travis	3	9	63	0	63	21.0
SCHWAPP, Asaph	2	4	15	0	15	7.5
SHARPLEY, Evan	2	3	0	7	7	3.5
McCONNELL, Ashley	3	1	2	0	2	0.7
TEAM	1	2	-2	0	-2	-2.0
PRINCE, Munir	3	4	-3	0	-3	-1.0
Total.....	3	216	252	774	1026	342.0
Opponents.....	3	189	397	585	982	327.3

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs			Pass	DXP	Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv				
GIOIA, Carl	0	2-4	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	16
WALKER, Darius	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
SAMARDZIJA, Jeff	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
McKNIGHT, Rhema	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
McCONNELL, Ashley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
THOMAS, Travis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
ZBIKOWSKI, Tom	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
QUINN, Brady	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Total.....	10	2-4	10-10	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	76
Opponents.....	9	4-4	8-9	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	74

Drive Charts

ND	Drives	TDs	FGs	Punts	Miss FG	Int	Fum	Downs	Avg.	I20
GT	10	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	own 25	4
PSU	11	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	own 37	1
UM	17	3	0	7	0	3	2	1	own 29	3

Opp.	Drives	TDs	FGs	Punts	Miss FG	Int	Fum	Downs	Avg.	I20
GT	10	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	own 22	3
PSU	11	2	1	2	0	1	2	2	own 20	5
UM	14	6	2	6	0	1	0	0	own 39	3

In The Red Zone

Notre Dame

ND	In RZ	Scores	Pts	Rush			Pass			- failed to score inside RZ -				
				TDs	TDs	TDs	FGs	MFA	Downs	Int	Fum	Half	Game	
GT	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PSU	6	6	34	4	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>UM</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	11	10	62	8	3	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notre Dame Opponents

ND	In RZ	Scores	Pts	Rush			Pass			- failed to score inside RZ -				
				TDs	TDs	TDs	FGs	MFA	Downs	Int	Fum	Half	Game	
GT	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PSU	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<u>UM</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	10	9	47	5	2	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	X	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	TE	QB	RB	Z
at Georgia Tech	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	Freeman	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
Penn State	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	*Anastasio (WR)	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija
Michigan	McKnight	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Morton	Young	Carlson	*McConnell (FB)	Quinn	Walker	Samardzija

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at USC

DEFENSE	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	CB	FS	SS
at Georgia Tech	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Talley	Thomas, T.	Crum	Thomas, M.	Wooden	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski
Penn State	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Talley	Thomas, T.	Crum	Thomas, M.	Wooden	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski
Michigan	Abiamiri	Laws	Landri	Talley	Thomas, T.	Crum	Thomas, M.	Wooden	Richardson, Mi.	Ndukwe	Zbikowski

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3rd Down Conversions

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	7-16 (43.8%)	1-4 (25.0%)	3-5 (60.0%)	2-3 (66.7%)	1-4 (25.0%)
Penn State	5-14 (35.7%)	2-4 (50.0%)	2-4 (50.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	0-2 (0.0%)
Michigan	2-14 (14.3%)	0-2 (0.0%)	1-4 (25.0%)	0-3 (0.0%)	1-5 (20.0%)
Totals	14-44 (31.8%)	3-10 (30.0%)	6-13 (46.2%)	3-10 (30.0%)	2-11 (18.2%)
Opponents	11-36 (30.6%)	3-8 (37.5%)	3-8 (37.5%)	2-11 (18.2%)	3-9 (33.3)

4th Down Conversions

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	1-1 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Penn State	4-4 (100.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)
Michigan	1-2 (50.0)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-2 (50.0%)
Totals	6-7 (85.7%)	0-0 (0.0%)	1-1 (100.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)	3-4 (75.0%)
Opponents	2-4 (50.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	0-0 (0.0%)	0-1 (0.0%)	2-2 (100.0%)

Time of Possession

Opponent	Overall	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
at Georgia Tech	35:35	8:02	8:48	8:25	10:10
Penn State	33:11	9:12	9:46	8:49	5:24
Michigan	26:04	5:57	6:01	4:07	9:59
Totals	94:40	23:11	24:35	21:21	25:33
Avg.	31:33	7:43	8:11	7:07	8:31
Opponents	85:20	21:49	20:25	23:39	19:27
Avg.	28:26	7:16	6:48	7:53	6:29

Third Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
McKnight, Rhema	0	4	4
Carlson, John	0	3	3
Walker, Darius	1	1	2
Quinn, Brady	2	0	2
Samardzija, Jeff	0	1	1
Schwapp, Asaph	1	0	1
Freeman, Marcus	0	1	1
Totals	4	10	14

Fourth Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Walker, Darius	2	0	2
Samardzija, Jeff	0	1	1
Quinn, Brady	1	0	1
Thomas, Travis	1	0	1
McConnell, Ashley	1	0	1
Totals	5	1	6

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)
Notre Dame	40-138-2	38-23-246-0	78-384	21-9-11-1	0-0	35:25
at Georgia Tech	28-119-0	24-12-140-1	52-259	14-9-5-0	0-0	24:35
Notre Dame	36-110-1	36-25-0-287-3	72-397	22-7-15-0	1-0	33:11
Penn State	33-192-1	41-24-1-225-1	74-383	25-10-12-3	3-2	26:49
Notre Dame	17-4-0	49-25-3-241-3	66-245	14-1-10-3	2-2	26:04
Michigan	41-120	22-13-1-220-3	63-340	17-8-7-2	0-0	33:56
Notre Dame at Michigan State						
Notre Dame Purdue						
Notre Dame Stanford						
Notre Dame UCLA						
Notre Dame vs. Navy						
Notre Dame North Carolina						
Notre Dame at Air Force						
Notre Dame Army						
Notre Dame at USC						

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
at Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W, 14-10
Penn State	2	1	3	0	0	0	+3	W, 41-17
Michigan	0	1	1	2	3	5	-5	L, 47-21
at Michigan State								
Purdue								
Stanford								
UCLA								
vs. Navy								
North Carolina								
at Air Force								
Army								
at USC								
Totals	2	2	4	2	3	5	-1	2-1

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Walker, Darius	9	6	15
Carlson, John	0	9	9
McKnight, Rhema	0	11	11
Samardzija, Jeff	0	5	5
Quinn, Brady	4	0	4
Schwapp, Asaph	2	0	2
Freeman, Marcus	0	2	2
Thomas, Travis	1	0	1
McConnell, Ashley	1	0	1
Grimes, David	0	3	3
Penalty			4
Team Totals	17	36	57

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponents
Drives Started	37	36
Cumulative Starting Yardline	1,196	977
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 32.3	own 27.1
Drives started in plus territory	5	2
Scores (TD/FG)	3 (3/0)	2 (1/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	1/0/0	0/0/0
Turnovers/End of Half	0/1	0/0
Drives started at/inside own 20	13	17
Scores (TD/FG)	3 (2/1)	4 (3/1)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	6/0/1	10/1/0
Turnovers/End of Half	0/1	1/1

Team Game-by-Game Comparison

Opponent	Score	1st Downs	Rushing	Passing	Pass Yds	Plays	Tot Yds	Pen Yds	T/O
at Georgia Tech	14/10	21/14	138/119	23-38/12-24	246/140	78/52	384/259	11-80/5-28	0/0
Penn State	41/17	22/25	110/158	25-36/24-41	287/225	72/74	397/383	6-64/4-25	0/3
Michigan	21/47	14/17	4/120	25-49/13-22	241/220	66/63	245/340	11-84/5-70	5/1
at Michigan State									
Purdue									
Stanford									
UCLA									
vs. Navy									
North Carolina									
at Air Force									
Army									
at USC									

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format Notre Dame/Opponent for each category

Opponent	3rd Down	4th Down	Time Poss	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass. Att.	Yds/Play	Punting
at Georgia Tech	7-16/2-10	1-1/0-0	35:25/24:35	11:10	3.5/4.2	6.5/5.8	4.9/5.0	5-50.4/7-48.1
Penn State	5-14/5-13	4-4/2-4	33:11/26:49	6:22	3.1/4.8	8.0/5.5	5.5/5.2	3-44.0/2-35.0
Michigan	2-14/4-13	1-2/0-0	26:04/33:56	7:52	0.2/2.9	4.9/10.0	3.7/5.4	7-51.9/6-37.5
at Michigan State								
Purdue								
Stanford								
UCLA								
vs. Navy								
North Carolina								
at Air Force								
Army								
at USC								

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format Notre Dame/Opponent for each category

Miscellaneous Statistics

ND Big Plays (35+ yards)

<u>Yards</u>	<u>Play</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Player(s)</u>
44	Pass	Georgia Tech	3rd	Brady Quinn to Rhema McKnight
43	Rush	Penn State	3rd	Travis Thomas
42	Pass	Georgia Tech	4th	Brady Quinn to Jeff Samardzija

* - For Touchdown

Opponent Big Plays (35+ yards)

<u>Yards</u>	<u>Play</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Player(s)</u>
*69	Pass	Michigan	1st	Chad Henne to Mario Manningham
45	Pass	Georgia Tech	2nd	Reggie Ball to Calvin Johnson
35	INT	Michigan	3rd	Preston Burgess off of Brady Quinn

* - For Touchdown

ND Scoring Drives

<u>Game</u>	<u>Qtr.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>How?</u>
GT	2	TD	14	80	4:34	Brady Quinn 5-yd run
GT	3	TD	14	64	5:29	Darius Walker 13-yd run
PSU	1	FG	12	63	5:20	Carl Gioia 35-yd field goal
PSU	2	FG	13	37	4:35	Carl Gioia 35-yd field goal
PSU	2	TD	9	75	4:11	Jeff Samardzija 7-yd pass from Brady Quinn
PSU	2	TD	7	69	1:17	Rhema McKnight 9-yd pass from Brady Quinn
PSU	3	TD	-	-	-	Tom Zbikowski 25-yd fumble recovery
PSU	3	TD	8	55	2:36	Travis Thomas 1-yd run
PSU	4	TD	10	46	5:05	Darius Walker 15-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	1	TD	2	4	0:54	Ashley McConnell 3-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	2	TD	8	72	2:10	Jeff Samardzija 4-yd pass from Brady Quinn
UM	4	TD	8	80	2:19	Rhema McKnight 28-yd pass from Brady Quinn

Opponent Scoring Drives

<u>Game</u>	<u>Qtr.</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>TOP</u>	<u>How?</u>
GT	1	TD	7	74	1:28	Calvin Johnson 4-yd pass from Reggie Ball
GT	2	FG	8	50	3:29	Travis Bell 30yd field goal
PSU	3	FG	10	69	2:29	Kevin Kelly 28-yd field goal
PSU	4	TD	18	89	6:16	Deon Butler 2-yd pass from Anthony Morelli
PSU	4	TD	13	83	3:20	Daryll Clark 5-yd run
UM	1	TD	-	-	-	Preston Burgess 31-yd interception return
UM	1	TD	4	80	2:15	Mario Manningham 69-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	1	TD	4	27	2:41	Mike Hart 2-yd run
UM	2	TD	6	54	2:41	Mario Manningham 20-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	2	TD	10	59	4:48	Mario Manningham 22-yd pass from Chad Henne
UM	3	FG	4	1	1:42	Garrett Rivas 20-yd field goal
UM	3	FG	9	51	4:00	Garrett Rivas 33-yd field goal
UM	4	TD	-	-	-	LaMarr Woodley 54-yd fumble return

The Last Time...

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING

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

PASSING

Had 500 or more yards:at USC, 1970 (526)
 Had 400 or more yards:at Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Had 300 or more yards:at Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. Michigan, 2006 (49)
 Had 30-39 pass attempts:vs. PSU, 2006 (36)
 Had 25-29 pass completions:vs. Michigan, 2006 (25)
 Had 20-24 pass completions:vs. Syracuse, 2005 (22)
 Had six passing TDsvs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Had five passing TDs:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:vs. Navy, 2005 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Had five passes intercepted:vs. USC, 1967 (7)
 Had four passes intercepted:at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted:vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:at Stanford, 2005
(Jeff Samardzija - 191, Maurice Stovall - 136)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:at Stanford, 2005
(Jeff Samardzija - 191)
 Had two players with 10 catches in a game:vs. BYU, 2005
(Maurice Stovall - 14, Jeff Samardzija - 10)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:at Stanford, 2005
(Brady Quinn - 432 passing, Darius Walker - 186 rushing)
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game:at Stanford, 2005
(Jeff Samardzija - 191 receiving, Maurice Stovall - 136, Darius Walker - 186 rushing)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:at Stanford, 2005 (663)
 Had 500-599 yards total offense:vs. Navy, 2005 (505)
 Had 400-499 yards total offense:vs. Syracuse, 2005 (420)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:at Stanford, 2005 (88)
 Had 75-84 plays total offense:at Georgia Tech, 2006 (78)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50-59 points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40-49 points:vs. PSU, 2006 (41)
 Scored 30-39 points:at Stanford, 2005 (38)
 Allowed 60 or more points:Never
 Allowed 50-59 points:at Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40-49 points:vs. Michigan, 2006 (47)
 Allowed 30-39 points:vs. Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (34)
 Was held scoreless:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless at home:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Michigan, 2003 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)

Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:vs. Maryland
(Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season:2002 vs. Maryland (22-0)
vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season:1976 vs. Purdue (23-0)
at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:vs. BYU, 2005
(Maurice Stovall - 4, Jeff Samardzija - 2)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:vs. PSU, 2006
 Committed six or more turnovers:vs. Navy, 1984 (6)
 Committed five turnovers:vs. Michigan, 2006 (5)
 Committed four fumbles lost:vs. Michigan State, 1999 (4)
 Committed three fumbles lost:vs. Washington State, 2003 (3)
 Recorded six or more takeaways:at Michigan State, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five takeaways:vs. Washington, 2004 (5)
 Returned two or more interceptions for TDs:vs. Stanford, 2002 (2)
(Shane Walton - 18 yards, Courtney Watson - 34 yards)
 Returned an interception for a TD:vs. Syracuse, 2005 (1)
(Leo Ferrine - 16 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:vs. PSU, 2006 (1)
(Tom Zbikowski - 25 yards)

DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards:at Stanford, 2005 (-11)
 Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:vs. Syracuse, 2005 (78)
 Held opponent to 201-300 yards total offense:at Georgia Tech, 2006 (259)
 Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (175)
 Intercepted five or more passes:vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)
 Intercepted four passes:vs. Indiana, 1991 (4)
 Intercepted three passes:at Michigan State, 2004 (3)
 Scored a safety:at Stanford, 2003
 Recorded nine or more sacks:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
 Recorded eight sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
 Recorded seven sacks:at Stanford, 2005 (7)
 Recorded six sacks:vs. Navy, 2004 (6)
 Recorded five sacks:at Pitt, 2005 (5)
 Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:vs. Tennessee, 2005
(Tom Zbikowski, 78 yards)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD:at Boston College, 2003
(Carlos Campbell, 25 yards)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:vs. Navy, 2002
(Vontez Duff, 92 yards)
 Blocked a punt:vs. Syracuse, 2005 (2)
 Punted 10 or more times:at Tennessee, 2004 (10)
 Did not punt:vs. Navy, 2005
 Blocked a field goal:at Purdue, 2005
 Had a field goal blocked:vs. Syracuse, 2005
 Blocked a PAT kick:vs. Michigan, 2006
 Scored on a blocked PAT attempt:vs. Texas, 1995
 Missed a kicking PAT:at Washington, 2005

The Last Time...

Had a kicking PAT blocked:at Stanford, 2003
 Had a punt blocked:vs. Michigan State, 2005

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:at Stanford, 2005 (30)
 Had 20-29 first downs:vs. PSU, 2006 (22)
 Was not penalized:at LSU, 1997
 Had 10 or more penalties:vs. Michigan, 2006 (11)
 Had 120 or more yards in penalties:at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:at Georgia Tech, 2006 (35:25)
 Was involved in a tie game:at USC, 1994 (17-17)
 Was involved in an overtime game:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (L, 41-44)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Never
 Rushed for 250-299 yards:Julius Jones at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)
 Rushed for 200-249 yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
 Rushed for 175-199 yards:Darius Walker at Stanford, 2005 (186)
 Rushed for 150-174 yards:Julius Jones vs. BYU, 2003 (161)
 Rushed for 125-149 yards:Darius Walker at Washington, 2005 (128)
 Rushed for 100-124 yards:Darius Walker vs. Syracuse, 2005 (123)
 Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards:Carlyle Holiday
 at Boston College, 2001 (109)
 Rushed 40 or more times:Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)
 Rushed 35-39 times:Julius Jones, vs. BYU, 2003 (35)
 Rushed 30-34 times:Darius Walker vs. Michigan, 2004 (31)
 Rushed 25-29 times:Darius Walker vs. Syracuse, 2005 (26)
 Rushed for four or more TDs:Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
 Rushed for three TDs:Darius Walker vs. Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (3)
 Rushed for two TDs:Rashon Powers-Neal at Purdue, 2005 (2)
 Had a run of 80 yards or more:Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
 Had a run of 70-79 yards:Arnaz Battle vs. Kansas, 1999 (74)
 Had a run of 60-69 yards:Carlyle Holiday vs. Pittsburgh, 2001 (67)
 Had a run of 50-59 yards:Carlyle Holiday at Air Force, 2002 (53)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
 Passed for 400-499 yards:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (432)
 Passed for 300-399 yards:Brady Quinn at Washington, 2005 (327)
 Attempted 50 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)
 Attempted 40-49 passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (48)
 Attempted 30-39 passes:Brady Quinn vs. PSU, 2006 (36)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (32)
 Completed 20-29 passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (24)
 Threw five or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Threw four TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Navy, 2005 (4)
 Threw three TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Threw five or more interceptions:Before 1975
 Threw four interceptions:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Threw three interceptions:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2005 (80)
 Completed a pass of 70-79 yards:Brady Quinn vs. Tennessee, 2005 (73)
 Completed a pass of 60-69 yards:Brady Quinn at Stanford (65)
 Completed a pass of 50-59 yards:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2005 (55)

RECEIVING

Caught 15 or more passes:Never
 Caught 10-14 passes:Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, 2005 (14)
 Jeff Samardzija vs. BYU, 2005 (10)
 Caught seven to nine passes:Darius Walker vs. Michigan, 2006 (7)
 Had 200 or more yards receiving:Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, 2005 (207)
 Had 175-199 yards receiving:Jeff Samardzija at Stanford, 2005 (191)
 Had 150-174 yards receiving:Jeff Samardzija vs. BYU, 2005 (152)

Had 100-149 yards receiving:Rhema McKnight at Georgia Tech, 2006 (108)
 Caught four or more TDs:Maurice Stovall vs. BYU, 2005 (4)
 Caught three TDs:Maurice Stovall vs. Navy, 2005 (3)
 Caught two TDs:Jeff Samardzija at Stanford, 2005 (2)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500 or more yards total offense:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
 Had 400-499 yards total offense:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (457)
 Had 100 yards both passing and rushing:Jarious Jackson
 vs. Oklahoma, 1999 (276 passing, 107 rushing)

SCORING

Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Brady Quinn vs. Navy, 2005 (4 passing)
 Accounted for three touchdowns:Brady Quinn
 vs. Michigan, 2006 (3 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Shane Walton vs. Maryland, 2002 (3)
 Intercepted two passes:Gerome Sapp at Michigan State, 2002 (2)
 Recovered three or more fumbles:Never
 Recovered two fumbles:Gerome Sapp vs. Navy, 2001 (2)
 Recorded 15 or more tackles:Brandon Hoyte vs. Navy, 2004 (16)
 Recorded 10-14 tackles:Chinedum Mdukwe vs. Michigan, 2006 (11)
Trevor Laws vs. Michigan, 2006 (10)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 15 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
 Scored 10-14 points kicking:Carl Gioia vs. PSU, 2006 (11)
 Kicked five or more field goals:Nicholas Setta vs. Washington State, 2003 (5)
 Kicked four field goals:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (4)
 Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards:Never
 Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards:Nicholas Setta
 vs. Maryland, 2002 (51)
 Kicked a punt 70 or more yards:Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 (71)
 Kicked a punt 60-69 yards:Geoffrey Price vs. PSU, 2006 (62)
 Punted 10 or more times:D.J. Fitzpatrick at Tennessee, 2004 (10)
 Totaled 175 or more kickoff return yards:Raghib Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)
 Totaled 100 or more punt return yards:Tom Zbikowski vs. Tennessee, 2005 (118)

AN OPPOSING TEAM

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards:Pittsburgh, 1975 (411)
 Had 300-399 yards:Stanford, 1997 (322)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts:Navy, 2005 (58)
 Had five or more rush TDs:USC, 2005 (5)
 Had four rush TDs:Michigan, 2003 (4)
 Had two or more players with 100 rush yards in a game:Stanford, 1997
 (Anthony Bookman - 142, Mike Mitchell - 135)

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards:Washington, 2005 (408)
 Had 300-399 yards:BYU, 2005 (317)
 Had 60 or more pass attempts:Tennessee, 1990 (60)
 Had 50-59 pass attempts:Purdue, 2005 (58)
 Had 40-49 pass attempts:BYU, 2005 (45)
 Had 30 or more pass completions:Purdue, 2005 (33)
 Had five or more passing TDs:USC, 2004 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:Oregon State, 2004 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:Michigan, 2006 (3)

RECEIVING

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

The Last Time...

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (617)
 Had 500-599 yards total offense:Purdue, 2005 (514)
 Had 400-499 yards total offense:USC, 2005 (476)
 Had 80 or more plays:Purdue, 2005 (82)
 Had 75-79 plays:BYU, 2005 (79)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:Never
 Scored 50-59 points:Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
 Scored 40-49 points:Michigan, 2006 (47)
 Scored 30-39 points:Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (34)
 Scored a two-point conversion:Tennessee, 2005

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:Stanford, 2005
 Had three or more fumbles lost:Washington, 2004 (4)
 Intercepted five or more passes:USC, 1967 (7)
 Intercepted four passes:Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Intercepted three passes:Michigan, 2004 (3)
 Returned an interception for a TD:Michigan, 2006
 (Preston Burgess - 31 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:Michigan, 2006
 (LaMarr Woodley - 54 yards)

DEFENSE

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs:Michigan, 2003 (7)
 Scored a safety:LSU, 1998
 Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards:Michigan, 2006 (4)
 Held ND to 101-200 passing yards:Michigan, 2005 (140)
 Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards:Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)
 Held ND to 201-300 yards total offense:Michigan, 2006 (245)
 Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2003 (140)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:Purdue, 2002 (Anthony Chambers - 76 yards)
 Returned a blocked punt for a TD:Michigan State, 2004
 (Jerramy Scott - 0 yards)
 Returned a kickoff for a TD:Michigan St., 2004 (DeAndra Cobb - 89 yards)
 Punted 10 or more times:Rutgers, 2002 (10)
 Did not punt:Miami (Fla.), 1985
 Missed a kicking PAT:Michigan, 2006

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:USC, 2002 (31)
 Had 20-29 first downs:PSU, 2006 (25)
 Had 10 or more penalties:Washington State, 2003 (13)
 Had 100 or more yards in penalties:Washington State, 2003 (118)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:Michigan, 2003 (37:47)
 Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher:Michigan, 2006
 (Mike Hart, 124 rushing, Mario Manningham, 137 receiving)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, 1975 (303)
 Rushed for 200-299 yards:Rondell Mealey, LSU, 1997 (222)
 Rushed for 150-199 yards:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (160)
 Rushed for 100-149 yards:Mike Hart, Michigan, 2006 (124)
 Rushed 40 or more times:Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh, 1987 (42)
 Rushed 30-39 times:Mike Hart, Michigan, 2006 (31)
 Rushed 25-29 times:Lamar Owens, Navy, 2005 (26)
 Rushed for five or more TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
 Rushed for four TDs:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (5)
 Rushed for three TDs:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (3)

Rushed for two TDs:Kory Sheets, Purdue, 2005 (2)
 Had a run of 80 yards or more:Sherman Lewis, Michigan State, 1963 (85)
 Had a run of 70-79 yards:Walter Reyes, Syracuse, 2003 (71)
 Had a run of 60-69 yards:Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (68)
 Had a run of 50-59 yards:Damien Rhodes, Syracuse, 2005 (51)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Never
 Passed for 400-499 yards:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (400)
 Passed for 300-399 yards:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (317)
 Attempted 60 or more passes:Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)
 Attempted 50-59 passes:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2001 (52)
 Attempted 40-49 passes:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (45)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)
 Completed 20-29 passes:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (26)
 Threw five or more TDs:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)
 Threw four TDs:Derek Anderson, Oregon State, 2004 (4)
 Threw three TDs:Chad Henne, Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Completed a pass of 90 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
 Completed a pass of 80-89 yards:Troy Smith, Ohio State, 2006 Fiesta Bowl (85)
 Completed a pass of 70-79 yards:T.C. Ostrander, Stanford, 2005 (76)
 Completed a pass of 60-69 yards:Chad Henne, Michigan, 2006 (69)
 Completed a pass of 50-59 yards:Matt Leinart, USC, 2005 (52)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (14)
 Caught seven to nine passes:Calvin Johnson, Georgia Tech, 2006 (7)
 Had 200 or more yards receiving:Craphonso Thorpe, Florida State, 2003 (217)
 Had 150-199 yards receiving:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (181)
 Had 100-149 yards receiving:Mario Manningham, Michigan, 2006 (137)
 Caught three or more TD passes:Mario Manningham, Michigan, 2006 (3)
 Caught two TD passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (2)

SCORING

Accounted for five or more touchdowns:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004
 (5 passing)
 Accounted for four touchdowns:Matt Trannon, Michigan State, 2005
 (3 receiving, 1 rushing)
 Accounted for three touchdowns:Chad Henne, Michigan, 2006
 (3 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
 Intercepted two passes:Preston Burgess, Michigan, 2006 (2)
 Recorded three or more sacks:Ennis Davis, USC, 1999 (3)
 Recorded two sacks:Leon Hall, Michigan, 2005 (2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals:Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
 Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
 Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:Brandon Fields, Michigan State, 2004 (79)
 Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:Karl Whittaker, Navy, 2005 (159)

Game Summaries

Game #1 • Sept. 2, 2006

No. 2 Notre Dame 14, Georgia Tech 10

Atlanta, Georgia • Bobby Dodd Stadium (56,680)

(AP) - Notre Dame actually won a defensive struggle, scoring just enough points to avoid a major upset at the start of its most anticipated season in years.

Brady Quinn and hometown favorite Darius Walker each ran for a touchdown Saturday night as the No. 2 Fighting Irish, with their highest preseason ranking since 1994, rallied for a 14-10 victory over Georgia Tech.

Notre Dame fell behind 10-0 and was on the verge of going scoreless in the opening half for the first time in nearly two years. But Quinn ran it in from the 5 on a gutsy call by coach Charlie Weis with just 11 seconds remaining.

Then, taking advantage of a personal foul against the Yellow Jackets, Walker raced to the corner for a 13-yard touchdown with 6 1/2 minutes to go in the third period. There was a smattering of cheers in the crowd for the former high school star from suburban Atlanta, who finished with 99 yards rushing and caught four passes.

Quinn, who finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy balloting while breaking nearly every Notre Dame passing record last season, completed 23-of-38 for 246 yards and converted a fourth-and-1 sneak near midfield with 1:07 remaining that sealed the victory.

But it was the Notre Dame defense that preserved this one, holding Georgia Tech to 259 yards and removing some of the sting from its last performance. In the Fiesta Bowl, the Fighting Irish gave up a school-record 617 yards in a loss to Ohio State.

Georgia Tech's star receiver, Calvin Johnson, came up with seven catches for 111 yards and his team's lone TD. But he did most of his damage in the first half, coming up with two catches for 16 yards over the final two quarters against a team that ranked 103rd nationally against the pass in 2005.

Notre Dame scored the winning touchdown after a personal foul on Philip Wheeler kept the drive going.

On third-and-10 at the Georgia Tech 18, Quinn couldn't find anyone open, so he took off running. He was heading out of bounds well short of the first down when Wheeler came up and delivered a helmet-to-helmet hit while the quarterback was still in bounds.

Quinn went flying and so did the penalty flag that gave Notre Dame first-and-goal. Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey screamed at referee Dan Capron, who was nearly hit by a water bottle that came flying from the stands as he signaled the penalty.

After a holding call backed Notre Dame up, Walker got the handoff on a draw, cut to the outside and outraced Kenny Scott to the corner. Just to make sure he got in, Walker stuck the ball over the line with his right arm as he dove at the pylon.

Georgia Tech had a chance after Carl Gioia missed his second field-goal attempt of the night. Quarterback Reggie Ball broke off a couple of runs that gave the Yellow Jackets first down at the Notre Dame 45.

But a low snap led to a 5-yard sack of Ball, and he was dumped again for a 14-yard loss by Maurice Crum Jr. Georgia Tech had to punt it away, and the Fighting Irish ran out the final 5 1/2 minutes.

Georgia Tech went ahead late in the first quarter, taking advantage of its most dominating weapon. Johnson lingered at the line to haul in a short pass from Ball, then burst through two defenders and rumbled all the way to the Notre Dame 4 for a 29-yard gain.

On the very next play, Ball took a couple of steps back and simply lofted the ball toward the 6-foot-5 Johnson in the corner of the end zone. He easily outleaped helpless 5-11 cornerback Mike Richardson for the touchdown.

Johnson went deep in the second quarter, running past Darrin Walls to haul in a 45-yard pass to the Notre Dame 12. The Yellow Jackets stalled there and settled for Travis Bell's 30-yard field goal.

At that point, Notre Dame's five possessions had produced four punts and Gioia's first miss from 42 yards. Hardly the sort of production that was expected from one of the country's most dynamic offenses.

But Quinn and the Fighting Irish finally got going, converting a couple of key third-down plays before they reached the Georgia Tech 5 and called their final timeout with 16 seconds remaining in the half.

Notre Dame lined up with two receivers to one side, three to the other and no one behind Quinn. It was all a ruse, designed to spread out the Georgia Tech defense.

Quinn took one step back, then burst up the middle and dove into the end zone. If he had come up short, it's doubtful the Fighting Irish would have been able to line up for another play.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Notre Dame	0	7	7	0	14
Georgia Tech	7	3	0	0	10

GT	Calvin Johnson 4 yd pass from Reggie Ball (Travis Bell kick), 0:35 in 1st
GT	Travis Bell 30 yd field goal, 4:45 in 2nd
ND	Brady Quinn 5 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 0:11 in 2nd
ND	Darius Walker 13 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 6:33 in 3rd

ND	Statistics	GT
21	First Downs	14
40	Rushing Attempts	28
138	Net Yards Rushing	119
246	Net Yards Passing	140
38	Passes Attempted	24
23	Passes Completed	12
0	Had Intercepted	0
384	Total Net Yards	259
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
5-50.4	Punts-Average	7-48.1
35:25	Possession	24:35

Game #2 • Sept. 9, 2006

No. 4 Notre Dame 41, No. 19 Penn State 17

Notre Dame, Indiana • Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)

(AP) - Brady Quinn threw three touchdowns and the Notre Dame offense returned to fantastic form in a 41-17 victory over No. 19 Penn State on Saturday.

Quinn, the Heisman hyped quarterback, was 12-of-16 passing for 150 yards and two touchdowns in the second quarter alone as fourth-ranked Notre Dame opened a 20-0 lead. The defense and special teams chipped in, too, breaking the game open in the third quarter by scoring one touchdown and setting up another as the Fighting Irish cruised. The game was essentially over at halftime.

Coach Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions (1-1) haven't beaten a ranked team on the road since a 34-31 win at No. 19 Wisconsin on Oct. 5, 2002. It was a disappointing performance for the Nittany Lions, who were eager to show they're ready to be national contenders again after winning the Big Ten last year.

Quinn and the Irish looked much sharper than they did a week earlier in a 14-10 victory at Georgia Tech, when they played so inconsistently that even Weis dropped the Irish a few spots on his ballot in the coaches' poll.

Asked how it felt to beat a coach like Paterno, Weis said: "I was happy to beat Penn State. ... We were happy to beat a team as good as Penn State the way we did today."

Quinn threw touchdown passes to Samardzija, Rhema McKnight and Darius Walker.

Through two games Quinn has 533 yards passing - well ahead of last year's pace of 367 yards.

Weis said the only bad pass he thought Quinn threw was when he overthrew John Carlson in the end zone early in the second half and the Irish had to settle for a field goal.

Quinn said the big difference was the play off the offensive line, which wasn't very good against Georgia Tech.

Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny said the Irish caught the Nittany Lions off guard.

Safety Tom Zbikowski returned a fumble for a 25-yard touchdown for Notre Dame and Travis Thomas - the running back turned starting linebacker - set up his own 1-yard TD run with a 43-yard run on a fake punt.

Anthony Morelli, making his second career start for the Lions, found playing on the road a little more difficult than playing Akron at home. He was 21 of 33 passing with one interception and a fumble. He threw a 2-yard TD pass to Deon Butler with 5:51 left in the game.

The difference in the game was that Notre Dame was able to overcome its mistakes, while the Nittany Lions could not. The Irish again struggled early with penalties, two that stalled drives. Then Zbikowski couldn't handle a punt, but it bounced forward and Raeshon McNeil recovered for the Irish.

The Nittany Lions had a botched field-goal attempt on their first possession. Then Tony Hunt fumbled the ball on Penn State's second possession and Ronald Talley recovered for the Irish. On their first possession of the second half, Irish linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. knocked the ball loose when he hit Morelli. Zbikowski picked up the fumble and went in for a touchdown.

The Irish special teams contributed as well. Carl Gioia, who missed both his field goal attempts against Tech a week earlier, kicked two from 35 yards, and Geoff Price had a 62-yard punt.

The victory gives Notre Dame a 9-8-1 edge in the series, with the two teams meeting again next season in State College. It was the first meeting between the two storied schools since Penn State joined the Big Ten in 1993.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Penn State	0	0	3	14	17
Notre Dame	3	17	14	7	41

ND	Carl Gioia 35 yd field goal, 9:40 in 1st
ND	Carl Gioia 35 yd field goal, 10:42 in 2nd
ND	Jeff Samardzija 7 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 3:58 in 2nd
ND	Rhema McKnight 9 yd pass from Brad Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 0:07 in 2nd
ND	Tom Zbikowski 25 yd fumble recovery (Carl Gioia kick), 13:58 in 3rd
PSU	Kevin Kelly 28 yd field goal, 11:29 in 3rd
ND	Travis Thomas 1 yd run (Carl Gioia kick), 4:33 in 3rd
ND	Darius Walker 15 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 12:07 in 4th
PSU	Deon Butler 2 yd pass from Anthony Morelli (Kevin Kelly kick), 5:51 in 4th
PSU	Daryll Clark 5 yd run (Kevin Kelly kick), 0:20 in 4th

ND	Statistics	PSU
22	First Downs	25
36	Rushing Attempts	33
115	Net Yards Rushing	158
287	Net Yards Passing	225
36	Passes Attempted	41
25	Passes Completed	24
0	Had Intercepted	1
397	Total Net Yards	383
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-2
3-44.0	Punts-Average	2-35.0
33:11	Possession	26:49

Game Summaries

Game #3 • Sept. 16, 2006

No. 11 Michigan 47, No. 2 Notre Dame 21

Notre Dame, Indiana • Notre Dame Stadium (80,795)

(AP) - No. 11 Michigan finally put a Big Blue bruising on the second-ranked Fighting Irish in a 47-21 rout Saturday - the most points scored against Notre Dame at home in 46 years.

Chad Henne threw three touchdown passes to Mario Manningham, and the Wolverines intercepted Brady Quinn three times and shut down the rest of the Irish offense.

Prescott Burgess intercepted Quinn on the second play of the game to set the tone. The Wolverines were ahead 26-7 before the Irish had their initial first down.

The Wolverines (3-0) ended a two-game losing streak to Notre Dame (2-1) as well as a three-game slide at Notre Dame Stadium. The 47 points were second only to the 51 scored at Notre Dame by Purdue in 1960.

It was a huge win for Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, who had been under fire for failing to win big games the past two seasons - twice in bowl games, and twice each to Notre Dame and Ohio State. Carr, though, improved to 4-1 against No. 2 teams and 16-6 against Top 10 teams.

For Notre Dame, the loss was another setback on its road to restore its storied program. In 2000, there was a 41-9 loss to Oregon State in the Fiesta Bowl when the Irish were No. 10; three years ago it was a 38-0 loss to Michigan; and last year it was a 34-20 loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl when the Irish were ranked No. 4.

It was just the eighth time the Irish have given up at least 40 points at home.

The Wolverines jumped on Notre Dame mistakes, including a pass that sailed through the hands of tight end John Carlson to Burgess, who returned it 31 yards for a touchdown. Then Manningham was left open for a 69-yard touchdown catch and David Grimes fumbled a kickoff return that set up a 2-yard TD run by Mike Hart, who finished with 124 yards on 31 carries.

Henne then threw TD passes of 20 and 22 yards to Manningham to make it 34-7. The 34 points were the most allowed in a half by Notre Dame since 1998 when the Irish gave up 42 points in the first half in a 45-3 loss at Michigan State.

The 34 first-half points by an opponent were the most since Purdue scored 45 in its '51-19 win in 1960.

Quinn, touted as the Heisman Trophy favorite, was just 3-of-13 passing for 14 yards before going 7-of-7 for 71 yards in leading the Irish to a touchdown drive just before halftime, cutting the score to 34-14.

Michigan held Notre Dame to 4 yards rushing on 17 carries and 245 total offense, 1 yard more than the Irish had against Michigan last season in their worst offensive output under Charlie Weis. The difference Saturday is Notre Dame gained most of its yards well after the game was decided.

Notre Dame's two top receivers, Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight, didn't have their first catches until Michigan was ahead 34-7.

Hart had his third straight 100-yard game. The Wolverines improved to 12-1 in games when he runs for 100 or more yards.

It also was a big day for Henne, who last season was heavily criticized for his performance in Notre Dame's 17-10 victory.

Henne got off to a rocky start Saturday, throwing a pass that was picked off by Chinedum Ndukwe. Ndukwe returned it 51 yards to the Michigan 4 to set up Notre Dame's first score. But he finished the day 12-of-22 for 220 yards.

Quinn, who has never had a big game against Michigan, struggled again. He threw three interceptions and fumbled a ball that LaMarr Woodley returned 54 yards for a touchdown. He was 24-of-48 for 234 yards.

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Total
Michigan	20	14	6	7	47
Notre Dame	7	7	0	7	21

- UM Preston Burgess 31 yd interception return (Garrett Rivas kick), 14:19 in 1st
- ND Ashley McConnell 3 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 10:16 in 1st
- UM Mario Manningham 69 yd pass from Chad Henne (Garrett Rivas kick blocked), 3:53 in 1st
- UM Mike Hart 2 yd run (Garrett Rivas kick), 1:12 in 1st
- UM Mario Manningham 20 yd pass from Chad Henne (Garrett Rivas kick), 11:26 in 2nd
- UM Mario Manningham 22 yd pass from Chad Henne (Garrett Rivas kick), 2:30 in 2nd
- ND Jeff Samardzija 4 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 0:20 in 2nd
- UM Garrett Rivas 20 yd field goal, 5:20 in 3rd
- UM Garrett Rivas 33 yd field goal, 0:00 in 3rd
- ND Rhema McKnight 28 yd pass from Brady Quinn (Carl Gioia kick), 12:41 in 4th
- UM LaMarr Woodley 54 yd fumble recovery (Garrett Rivas kick), 3:23 in 4th

ND	Statistics	UM
14	First Downs	17
17	Rushing Attempts	41
4	Net Yards Rushing	120
241	Net Yards Passing	220
49	Passes Attempted	22
25	Passes Completed	13
3	Had Intercepted	1
245	Total Net Yards	340
2-2	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
7-51.9	Punts-Average	6-37.5
26:04	Possession	33:56

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Hord, D.J.	WR
2	Walls, Darrin	DB
3	Walker, Darius	RB
4	Jones, Demetrius	QB
5	McKnight, Rhema	WR
6	Herring, Ray	DB
7	Cardillo, Craig	WR
8	McNeil, Raeshon	DB
9	Zbikowski, Tom	DB
10	Quinn, Brady	QB
11	Grimes, David	WR
12	Frazer, Zach	QB
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB
14	Renkes, Bobby	K
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB
16	Gillett, Justin	QB
17	Price, Geoff	P
18	Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB
19	West, George	WR
20	Lambert, Terrail	DB
21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR
22	Wooden, Ambrose	DB
23	Anastasio, Chase	WR
23	Williams, William David	DB
24	Erickson, Brandon	WR
24	Gordon, Leonard	DB
25	Prince, Munir	RB
26	Thomas, Travis	LB
27	Bruton, David	DB
27	Lyons, John	RB
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB
29	Gaines, Jashaad	DB
29	Richardville, Jake	WR
30	Richardson, Mike	DB
31	Brown, Sergio	DB
32	Schmidt, Luke	RB
33	Whitaker, Nate	K
34	Aldridge, James	RB
35	Kenney, Tim	DB
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB
36	Cure, Dex	RB
37	Jabbie, Junior	RB
38	Iams, Wade	DB
38	Possley, Nick	WR
39	Brooks, Kevin	TE
39	Burkhart, Ryan	K
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB
41	Smith, Scott	LB
42	Costanzo, David	WR
42	Washington, Kevin	LB
43	Anello, Mike	DB
43	Maust, Eric	P
44	Schwapp, Asaph	RB

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School
95	***Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	265	Sr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School
34	Aldridge, James	RB	6-0	213	Fr.	7-6-87	Crown Point, Ind.	Merrillville
23	**Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	199	Sr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson
43	+Anello, Mike	DB	5-10	165	So.	1-20-87	Orland Park, Ill.	Carl Sandburg
49	+Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	236	Sr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel
67	+Bemenderfer, Thomas	OL	6-5	285			Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn
56	*Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	239	Sr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep
81	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	Jr.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmino Prep
52	**Brockington, Joe	LB	6-2	232	Sr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra
39	+Brooks, Kevin	TE	6-2	241	Fr.	7-9-87	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	Crespi Carmelite/Jeremiah Ross
94	*Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	249	Jr.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara
31	Brown, Sergio	DB	6-2	196	Fr.	5-22-88	Maywood, Ill.	Proviso East
27	*Bruton, David	DB	6-2	202	So.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg
39	Burkhart, Ryan	K	5-11	196	Fr.	3-30-87	Wakarusa, Ind.	Northwood
7	+Cardillo, Craig	WR	6-0	170	Sr.	11-1-83	Hauppauge, N.Y.	Happauge
89	**Carlson, John	TE	6-6	256	Sr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield
73	Carufel, Matt	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	11-20-87	Forest Lake, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
46	+Charters, Kyle	LB	5-11	215	Jr.	2-23-85	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.	Trabuco Hills
64	+Chervanick, Dan	OL	6-1	260	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name
42	+Costanzo, David	WR	5-9	165	So.	6-29-87	El Paso, Texas	Chapin
40	*Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	225	Jr.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech
60	*Cullen, Casey	DL	6-1	241	Sr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph
36	+Cure, Dex	RB	6-1	220	Fr.	2-13-87	Wray, Colo.	Wray
72	Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	292	So.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding
24	+Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro
15	*Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	189	Jr.	9-22-86	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep
12	Frazer, Zach	QB	6-5	226	Fr.	2-23-88	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Mechanicsburg
87	***Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	246	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
75	*Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	266	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart
29	Gaines, Jashaad	DB	6-0	196	Fr.	12-19-86	Las Vegas, Nev.	Las Vegas
21	Gallup Jr., Barry	WR	5-11	181	Fr.	10-14-87	Wellesley, Mass.	Belmont Hill
16	+Gillett, Justin	QB	5-11	180	Jr.	1-16-86	Santa Barbara, Calif.	San Marcos
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-11	170	Sr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso
24	Gordon, Leonard	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	5-29-88	Clarksville, Tenn.	Fort Campbell (Ky.)
11	*Grimes, David	WR	5-10	174	So.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres
92	Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	287	So.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic
68	***Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	285	Sr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall
6	*Herring, Ray	DB	5-10	190	So.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	192	So.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst
38	+Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	183	Jr.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn
37	Jabbie, Junior	RB	5-11	196	Jr.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School
80	Jackson, Richard	WR	6-3	204	Fr.	9-25-87	Clermont, Fla.	East Ridge
61	*Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	242	Jr.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep
4	Jones, Demetrius	QB	6-4	202	Fr.	1-3-88	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park
69	+Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	266	Jr.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep
35	+Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	179	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere
96	Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	272	So.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli
20	*Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	191	Jr.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure
66	***Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	283	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle
98	**Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	294	Sr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley
91	+Leitko, Travis	DL	6-7	270	Sr.	8-9-83	The Woodlands, Texas	The Woodlands
27	+Lyons, John	RB	6-1	204	Sr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman
79	*Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	284	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West
43	+Maust, Eric	P	6-1	177	Fr.	1-19-88	Roswell, GA	Blessed Trinity

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (continued)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	200	So.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	6-0	239	Sr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville
5	****McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy
8	McNeil, Raeshon	DB	6-0	184	Fr.	12-25-87	Coaleemee, N.C.	Davie County
76	***Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney
93	Mullen, Paddy	DL	6-5	269	Fr.	8-15-87	St. Louis, Mo.	DeSmet Jesuit
18	***Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-2	209	Sr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman
55	Olsen, Eric	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	6-16-88	Staten Island, N.Y.	Brooklyn Poly Prep
82	Parris, Robby	WR	6-3	198	Fr.	12-3-87	Olmsted Falls, Ohio	St. Ignatius
45	+Patterson, Kris	WR	5-11	185	So.	1-18-87	Seattle, Wash.	O'Dea
46	+Planalp, Michael	TE	6-4	248	So.	9-7-85	Cincinnati, Ohio	Wyoming
38	+Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South
17	Price, Geoff	P	6-3	193	Sr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage
25	Prince, Munir	RB	5-10	184	Fr.	3-15-88	Florissant, Mo.	St. Louis DeSmet Jesuit
10	***Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	233	Sr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman
48	*Quinn, Steve	LB	6-2	231	So.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	Philadelphia (Pa.) St. Joseph's
14	+Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	180	Sr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands
88	Reuland, Konrad	TE	6-6	246	Fr.	4-4-87	San Capistrano, Calif.	Mission Viejo
30	***Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	182	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins
53	Richardson, Morrice	LB	6-2	222	Fr.	1-27-88	College Park, Ga.	Westlake
29	+Richardville, Jake	WR	6-0	180	So.	9-2-85	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Bishop Dwenger
90	Ryan, John	DL	6-5	244	Fr.	5-7-88	Westlake, Ohio	St. Ignatius
83	***Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	216	Sr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso
50	***Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's
44	*Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-0	255	So.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver
13	Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	212	So.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall
32	Schmidt, Luke	RB	6-3	252	Fr.	4-22-87	Jasper, Ind.	Jasper
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	244	So.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park
49	Smith, Toryan	LB	6-1	244	Fr.	9-14-87	Rome, Ga.	Rome
57	Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	257	Sr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II
59	Stewart, Chris	OL	6-5	340	Fr.	9-12-87	Spring, Texas	Klein
78	**Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	280	Sr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich
86	+Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	234	Jr.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University
99	*Talley, Ronald	DL	6-4	262	Jr.	2-21-86	Detroit, Mich.	Renaissance
47	*Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	236	Sr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station
26	**Thomas, Travis	LB	6-0	218	Sr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington
63	+Tisak, Jeff	OL	6-3	278	So.	10-18-86	Ambridge, Pa.	Duluth East (Minn.)
77	Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	299	So.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge Military Academy
54	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	6-3	233	Jr.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran
97	Wade, Kallen	DL	6-5	240	Fr.	4-3-88	Cincinnati, Ohio	Withrow
3	**Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford
2	Walls, Darrin	DB	6-1	174	Fr.	6-20-88	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Woodland Hills
42	Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	243	So.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin
71	Webb, Bartley	OL	6-7	291	Fr.	3-19-88	Springdale, Ark.	Springdale
51	Wenger, Dan	OL	6-4	282	Fr.	3-16-88	Coral Springs, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
19	West, George	WR	5-8	188	Fr.	8-27-88	Spencer, Okla.	Northeast Academy
23	+Williams, William David	DB	5-9	173	Jr.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook
33	+Whitaker, Nate	K	5-9	165	Fr.	8-29-88	San Diego, Calif.	St. Augustine
22	*Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	190	Sr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman
84	Yeatman, Will	TE	6-6	263	Fr.	4-10-88	San Diego, Calif.	Rancho Bernardo
74	Young, Sama	OL	6-8	305	Fr.	6-24-87	Coral Springs, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
9	**Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	216	Sr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove

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

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.
45	Gioia, Carl	K
45	Patterson, Kris	WR
46	Charters, Kyle	LB
46	Planalp, Michael	TE
47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB
48	Quinn, Steve	LB
49	Augustyn, Matt	RB
49	Smith, Toryan	LB
50	Santucci, Dan	OL
51	Wenger, Dan	OL
52	Brockington, Joe	LB
53	Richardson, Morrice	LB
54	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB
55	Olsen, Eric	OL
56	Borseti, Nick	LB
57	Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL
59	Stewart, Chris	OL
60	Cullen, Casey	DL
61	Jansen, J.J.	SNP
63	Tisak, Jeff	OL
64	Chervanick, Dan	OL
66	Landri, Derek	DL
67	Bemenderfer, Thomas	OL
68	Harris, Ryan	OL
69	Kennedy, Neil	DL
71	Webb, Bartley	OL
72	Duncan, Paul	OL
73	Carufel, Matt	OL
74	Young, Sama	OL
75	Frome, Chris	DL
76	Morton, Bob	OL
77	Turkovich, Michael	OL
78	Sullivan, John	OL
79	Mattes, Brian	OL
80	Jackson, Richard	WR
81	Bragg, Darrin	WR
82	Parris, Robby	WR
83	Samardzija, Jeff	WR
84	Yeatman, Will	TE
86	Talerico, Mike	TE
87	Freeman, Marcus	TE
88	Reuland, Konrad	TE
89	Carlson, John	TE
90	Ryan, John	DL
91	Leitko, Travis	DL
92	Hand, Derrell	DL
93	Mullen, Paddy	DL
94	Brown, Justin	DL
95	Abiamiri, Victor	DL
96	Kuntz, Pat	DL
97	Wade, Kallen	DL
98	Laws, Trevor	DL
99	Talley, Ronald	DL

NOTRE DAME DEPTH CHART (vs. Michigan State — September 23, 2006)**IRISH OFFENSE**

X	5	**Rhema McKnight	6-2	208	Sr.
	23	Chase Anastasio	6-2	199	Sr.
	19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
LT	68	RYAN HARRIS	6-5	285	Sr.
	77	Michael Turkovich	6-6	299	So.
LG	50	DAN SANTUCCI	6-4	300	Sr.
	55	Eric Olsen	6-4	300	Fr.
C	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-4	279	Sr.
	76	Bob Morton	6-4	300	Sr.
	64	Dan Chervanick	6-1	260	Sr.
RG	76	Bob Morton	6-4	300	Sr.
	79	Brian Mattes	6-6	285	Sr.
RT	74	Sam Young	6-8	305	Fr.
	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	So.
TE	89	John Carlson	6-6	256	Sr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-3	246	Sr.
Z	83	JEFF SAMARDZIJA	6-5	216	Sr.
	11	David Grimes	5-10	174	So.
QB	10	BRADY QUINN	6-4	233	Sr.
	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	212	So.
FB	44	ASAPH SCHWAPP	6-0	255	So.
	35	Ashley McConnell	6-0	239	Sr.
HB	3	DARIUS WALKER	5-10	208	Jr.
	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	218	Sr.
	25	Munir Prince	5-10	184	Fr.

IRISH DEFENSE

LDE	95	VICTOR ABIAMIRI	6-4	270	Sr.
	90	John Ryan	6-5	244	Fr.
	or 94	Justin Brown	6-3	249	Jr.
LDT	98	TREVOR LAWS	6-1	294	Sr.
	91	Travis Leitko	6-7	270	Sr.
RDT	66	DEREK LANDRI	6-3	283	Sr.
	96	Pat Kuntz	6-2	272	So.
RDE	99	RONALD TALLEY	6-4	262	Jr.
	75	Chris Frome	6-5	266	Sr.
WLB	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	218	Sr.
	52	Joe Brockington	6-2	232	Sr.
MLB	40	MAURICE CRUM, JR.	6-0	225	Jr.
	49	Toryan Smith	6-1	244	Fr.
SLB	47	Mitchell Thomas	6-3	236	Sr.
	54	Anthony Vernaglia	6-3	233	Jr.
LCB	22	AMBROSE WOODEN	5-11	190	Sr.
	2	Darrin Walls	6-0	174	Fr.
FS	18	CHINEDUM NDUKWE	6-2	209	Sr.
	28	Kyle McCarthy	6-0	200	So.
	or 27	David Bruton	6-2	202	So.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	216	Sr.
	6	Ray Herring	5-10	190	So.
RCB	30	MIKE RICHARDSON	5-11	182	Sr.
	20	Terrail Lambert	5-11	188	So.
	or 8	Raeshon McNeil	6-0	184	Fr.

IRISH SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	177	Sr.	PR	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	216	Sr.
	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	196	Fr.		11	David Grimes	5-10	174	So.
							19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
P	17	Geoff Price	6-3	193	Sr.	KR	11	DAVID GRIMES	5-10	174	So.
	14	Bobby Renkes	6-0	180	Sr.		19	George West	5-8	188	Fr.
KO	14	Bobby Renkes	6-0	180	Sr.		2	Darrin Walls	6-0	174	Fr.
	39	Ryan Burkhart	5-11	196	Fr.		25	Munir Prince	5-10	184	Fr.
HLD	83	JEFF SAMARDZIJA	6-5	216	Sr.	ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2005 (min. six regular season starts)					
	13	Evan Sharpley	6-2	212	So.	** - indicates was a starter in 2004					
SNP	61	J.J. JANSEN	6-3	242	Jr.						
	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	So.						

NOTRE DAME DRESS ROSTER (vs. Michigan State – September 23, 2006)

#2 .....Walls, Darrin .....DB	#31 .....Brown, Sergio .....DB	#73 .....Carufel, Matt .....OL
#3 .....Walker, Darius .....RB	#35 .....McConnell, Ashley .....FB	#74 .....Young, Sam .....OL
#4 .....Jones, Demetrius .....QB	#37 .....Jabbie, Junior .....RB	#75 .....Frome, Chris .....DL
#5 .....McKnight, Rhema .....WR	#38 .....Possley, Nick .....WR	#76 .....Morton, Bob .....OL
#6 .....Herring, Ray .....DB	#40 .....Crum Jr, Maurice .....LB	#78 .....Sullivan, John .....OL
#8 .....McNeil, Raeshon .....DB	#44 .....Schwapp, Asaph .....FB	#79 .....Mattes, Brian .....OL
#9 .....Zbikowski, Tom .....DB	#45 .....Gioia, Carl .....K	#80 .....Jackson, Richard .....WR
#10 .....Quinn, Brady .....QB	#47 .....Thomas, Mitchell .....LB	#82 .....Parris, Robby .....WR
#11 .....Grimes, David .....WR	#48 .....Quinn, Steve .....LB	#83 .....Samardzija, Jeff .....WR
#12 .....Frazer, Zach .....QB	#49 .....Smith, Toryan .....LB	#84 .....Yeatman, Will .....TE
#13 .....Sharpley, Evan .....QB	#50 .....Santucci, Dan .....OL	#87 .....Freeman, Marcus .....TE
#14 .....Renkes, Bobby .....K/P	#52 .....Brockington, Joe .....LB	#88 .....Reuland, Konrad .....TE
#17 .....Price, Geoff .....P	#53 .....Richardson, Morrice .....DL	#89 .....Carlson, John .....TE
#18 .....Ndukwe, Chinedum .....DB	#54 .....Vernaglia, Anthony .....LB	#90 .....Ryan, John .....DL
#19 .....West, George .....WR	#55 .....Olsen, Eric .....OL	#91 .....Leitko, Travis .....DL
#20 .....Lambert, Terrail .....DB	#56 .....Borseti, Nick .....LB	#93 .....Mullen, Paddy .....TE
#22 .....Wooden, Ambrose .....DB	#57 .....Stephenson Jr, Dwight .....DL	#94 .....Brown, Justin .....DL
#23 .....Anastasio, Chase .....WR	#60 .....Cullen, Casey .....DL	#95 .....Abiamiri, Victor .....DL
#25 .....Prince, Munir .....RB	#61 .....Jansen, J.J. ....SNP	#96 .....Kuntz, Pat .....DL
#26 .....Thomas, Travis .....LB	#64 .....Chervanick, Dan .....OL	#98 .....Laws, Trevor .....DL
#28 .....McCarthy, Kyle .....DB	#66 .....Landri, Derek .....DL	#99 .....Talley, Ronald .....DL
#29 .....Gaines, Jashaad .....DB	#68 .....Harris, Ryan .....OL	
#30 .....Richardson, Mike .....DB	#72 .....Duncan, Paul .....OL	