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NOTRE DAME

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INSIGHT BOWL EDITION: DECEMBER 28, 2004

NOTRE DAME (6-5)

Sept. 4	at BYU (ESPN)	L, 17-20
Sept. 11	MICHIGAN (8/7) (NBC)	W, 28-20
Sept. 18	at Michigan State (ESPN)	W, 31-24
Sept. 25	WASHINGTON (NBC)	W, 38-3
Oct. 2	PURDUE (15/15) (NBC)	L, 16-41
Oct. 9	STANFORD (NBC)	W, 23-15
Oct. 16	#vs. Navy (CBS)	W, 27-9
Oct. 23	(24/25) BOSTON COLL. (NBC)	L, 23-24
Nov. 6	at Tennessee (9/11) (CBS)	W, 17-13
Nov. 13	(24/-) PITTSBURGH (NBC)	L, 38-41
Nov. 27	at USC (1/1) (ABC)	L, 10-41
Dec. 28	%vs. Oregon State (ESPN)	7:47 MST

- at Giants Stadium (East Rutherford, NJ)

% - Insight Bowl at Bank One Ballpark (Phoenix, AZ)

Numbers listed before and after opponent are Notre Dame/opponent rankings in AP and ESPN/USA Today polls.

OREGON STATE (6-5)

Sept. 4	at LSU (3/3) (ESPN)	L, 21-22 (OT)
Sept. 10	at Boise State (ESPN)	L, 34-53
Sept. 18	New Mexico (ESPN)	W, 17-7
Sept. 25	at Arizona State (22/-)	L, 14-27
Oct. 2	California (10/10)	L, 7-49
Oct. 16	at Washington	W, 29-14
Oct. 23	Washington State	W, 38-19
Oct. 30	at Arizona	W, 28-14
Nov. 6	USC (1/1) (FSN)	L, 20-28
Nov. 13	at Stanford	W, 24-19
Nov. 20	Oregon (FSN)	W, 50-21
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2005 IRISH SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
Sept. 10	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI
Sept. 17	MICHIGAN STATE	Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 24	at Washington	Seattle, WA
Oct. 1	at Purdue	West Lafayette, IN
Oct. 15	USC	Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 22	BYU	Notre Dame Stadium
Nov. 5	TENNESSEE	Notre Dame Stadium
Nov. 12	NAVY	Notre Dame Stadium
Nov. 19	SYRACUSE	Notre Dame Stadium
Nov. 26	at Stanford	Palo Alto, CA

16th Annual INSIGHT BOWL

Notre Dame *Fighting Irish* (6-5)

vs. Oregon State *Beavers* (6-5)

The Date and Time: Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004 at 7:47 p.m. MST (9:47 p.m. EST in South Bend).

The Site: Bank One Ballpark (42,915/Natural Grass) in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Tickets: It's a complete sellout, the 172nd of Notre Dame's last 197 games, and the 36th of its last 38 games dating back to the end of the 2001 season (the '03 game at Stanford and this year's game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands were not sellouts). Notre Dame received an allotment of 10,500 tickets for the game. Notre Dame received an allotment of 10,500 tickets for the game.

The TV Plans: ESPN national telecast with **Ron Franklin** (play-by-play), **Mike Gottfried** (analysis), **Erin Andrews** (sideline), **Bill Bonnell** (producer) and **Scott Johnson** (director).

The Radio Plans: For the 37th consecutive season, all Notre Dame football games are broadcast on more than 300 stations in all 50 states by Westwood One with **Tony Roberts** (play-by-play), former Irish running back **Allen Pinkett** (analysis), **Larry Michael** (pregame/halftime) and **Al Smith** (producer). A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student station, WVFI, also is available via the Notre Dame athletics web site at www.und.com. All Notre Dame football games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) with pre- and post-game analysis featuring **Sean Stires**, **Shawn Lewallen**, **Jack Nolan**, **Mirko Jurkovic**, **Reggie Brooks** and **Vince DeDario**. All Irish games also are carried live in the Chicago market on ESPN Radio 1000.

Websites: Notre Dame (www.und.com), Oregon State (www.osubeavers.com).

NOTRE DAME AND OREGON STATE MEET IN THE 16TH ANNUAL INSIGHT BOWL

The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame (6-5) and the Beavers of Oregon State (6-5) meet for only the second time on the gridiron when they clash on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 7:47 p.m. (MST) at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix, AZ. The only previous meeting between OSU and Notre Dame also occurred in the Phoenix area and also occurred in a bowl game, as the Beavers defeated the Irish (41-9) in the 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, 2001, in Tempe.

Notre Dame enters the Insight Bowl attempting to snap a season-ending two-game losing streak and will do so under the direction of interim head coach Kent Baer, the Irish's defensive coordinator who assumed the reins of the football program on Nov. 30. The Irish are in a postseason bowl game for the 26th time in Notre Dame's football history. Notre Dame has a 13-12 record in bowl games entering the Insight Bowl.

The matchup with Oregon State matches the Irish with one of college football's hottest teams as the Beavers overcame a 1-4 start to win five of their final six contests with the only loss coming at the hands of top-ranked USC in a 28-20 defeat at Corvallis. Over the span of their last six games, the Beavers have averaged 31.5 points per game.

Notre Dame completed the regular season with the nation's ninth-best defense against the rush, allowing an average of 94.4 yards per game. The Irish also have been opportunistic, ranking 22nd nationally in turnover margin (+6 overall) at +0.55 per game. Notre Dame also has prevented big plays in the punting game, ranking eighth nationally in net punting (39.3 avg.).

The Irish have done an excellent job of protecting the football, ending the regular season with an impressive streak of five consecutive games without losing a fumble. Since a fumble lost against Stanford on Oct. 9, the Irish have gone 20 quarters and 151 rushing attempts without losing a fumble. Over that span, Notre Dame has only fumbled twice, recovering both drops (vs. Navy and USC). The Notre Dame offense has produced an average of 218.2 yards per game via the pass this season. That average ranks as the third-best per-game average in Notre Dame history (via records kept since the 1946 season). Only two other Irish teams averaged more yards passing - the 1970 squad that averaged 252.7 yards per game and the 1999 unit that averaged 238.2 yards via the pass. That success in the air has contributed to Notre Dame's total offense average of 357 yards per contest, the most by the Irish since 1999 (419.7 ypg).



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Notre Dame associate athletics director **John Heisler** and associate sports information director **Doug Walker** will be accompanying the Irish in Phoenix. They may be reached at the team hotel.

ARRIVAL

Notre Dame is scheduled to arrive in Phoenix at approximately 3:30 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix. Upon arrival, there will be a welcome reception at the airport with a press conference featuring Notre Dame interim head coach **Kent Baer**. Contact Insight Bowl Director of Public Relations **Gina Chappin** at (480) 350-0909.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

All Notre Dame practices will be held at the Indian School Park (4289 North Hayden Road in Scottsdale, AZ 85251; Phone: 480-312-7954 or 480-990-3412).

Thursday, Dec. 23 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 26 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 27 – 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed)

INTERVIEW POLICY

Notre Dame players and coaches will be made available for interviews in accordance with the Insight Bowl schedule. Practices for the Insight Bowl are open for the first 15 minutes. Coaches and players will be available after practice each day.

On Sunday, Dec. 26, at 10:30 a.m. MST three Notre Dame offensive players and three defensive players will participate in an Insight Bowl press conference at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn.

The walk-through scheduled for Monday, Dec. 27, will be closed to the media. Players and coached will not be available that day, with the exception of interim head coach **Kent Baer** who will take part in the Insight Bowl head coaches' press conference at 11:30 a.m. at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn.

Team personnel are not to be contacted outside of regularly-scheduled interview sessions without prior permission from associate athletics director **John Heisler** or associate sports information director **Doug Walker**.

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
WR	21	Maurice Stovall	Big-play threat is 3rd on team with 21 catches for 313 yards
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Freshman All-American in '03 who has made 19 career starts
LG	76	Bob Morton	Slid over from center to guard in '04; has started 22 games
C	78	John Sullivan	Aggressive force steps in at center; has 11 career starts
RG	74	Dan Stevenson	Has played both guard and tackle for Irish, starting 22 games
RT	73	Mark LeVoi	Imposing figure (6-7, 310) who has started the last 22 games
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Second on the team with 26 catches for 354 yards and 3 TDs
WR	5	Rhema McKnight	Leads the team with 38 catches and 520 yards (2 TDs)
QB	10	Brady Quinn	His 2,372 passing yards ranks 3rd on ND single-season list
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal	Has 9 catches for 70 yards and 2 TDs, including 19-yard TD catch vs. Pitt
RB	4	Ryan Grant	Has rushed for 496 yards and five touchdowns; 94 yards vs. USC

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE STARTING DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
LE	44	Justin Tuck	2004 Team MVP (6 sacks, 14 TFLs); owns ND career sack mark (24.5)
DT	77	Greg Pauly	2004 ND Lineman of the Year has 36 tackles, 4.5 TFLs
DT	66	Derek Landri	Force in the middle has 39 tackles (7 TFLs) and 4 PBUs
RE	92	Kyle Budinscak	5th-year man with 32 career starts; has 3 sacks and 3 PBUs
ILB	39	Brandon Hoyte	2nd on the team with 71 tackles; has forced 3 fumbles
ILB	41	Mike Goolsby	Team's leading tackler (94); has led in tackles in 6 games
OLB	49	Derek Curry	5th on team with 61 tackles; has 4.5 sacks, 8 TFL, 2 INTs
LCB	24	Dwight Ellick	7th on team with 40 tackles; has 2 INTs and 5 PBUs
FS	8	Quentin Burrell	3rd on the team with 70 total tackles; 39 stops last 5 games
SS	9	Tom Zbikowski	4th on team with 63 tackles; Nat'l def. player of week at Michigan St.
RCB	15	Preston Jackson	Has 37 tackles, 1 INT (38-yr TD at BYU) and 6 PBUs

NOTRE DAME'S PROBABLE SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Player	Notes
PK	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Has made 19 of last 23 attempts; 11-of-15 on FG this season
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Averaging 42.4 yards per punt, almost 6 yards over '03 avg.
KO	96	Bobby Renkes	Has given the Irish improved depth on kickoffs last 6 games
HLD	82	Matt Shelton	Made crucial hold on difficult snap on tying FG vs. Pittsburgh
SNP-P	64	Casey Dunn	Recovered a Michigan fumble on a punt return
SNP-K	62	Scott Raridon	Handling all snaps on placements for second consecutive year
PR	7	Carlyle Holiday	Broke a 68-yarder while returning 4 for 103 vs. Pittsburgh
KR	6	Carlos Campbell	Averaging 25.0 yards per return, including long of 41 vs. Pitt
	23	Chase Anastasio	Averaging 18.8 yards per return with a long of 40 vs. BYU

NOTRE DAME IN THE 2004 INSIGHT BOWL

- This is Notre Dame's first appearance in the Insight Bowl. Notre Dame previously made appearances in Phoenix/Tempe, AZ in the Fiesta Bowl. The Fighting Irish have played in three Fiesta Bowl games (1989 vs. West Virginia, 1994 vs. Colorado and 2000 vs. Oregon State).
- The 2004 Insight Bowl marks the 26th bowl game for the Irish (13-12) and the 14th in 18 years.
- The first bowl game for Notre Dame followed the 1924 season when head coach Knute Rockne led his team to a 27-10 win over Stanford in the 1925 Rose Bowl to claim the national championship.
- Notre Dame began playing bowl games on a regular basis in 1969 and will be making its 25th appearance since the '69 season. That total ties USC for the 10th-most bowl appearances in the last 35 years. The Irish have 12 bowl victories since 1969, the 11th-most over that span.
- Prior to its appearance in this year's Insight Bowl, Notre Dame has played in nine different bowl games over the years (Rose, Cotton, Orange, Sugar, Gator, Liberty, Aloha, Fiesta and Independence). The Irish have at least one win in seven of those nine bowl games, only coming up short in the Aloha and Independence Bowls, where they have made just one appearance.



NOTRE DAME'S 2004 SEASON

- Notre Dame finished the 2004 regular season with a 6-5 record, marking a slight improvement over last season (5-7 record in 2003). The Irish have played seven games decided by eight points or less this season, going 4-3 in those games. Three of Notre Dame's five losses have come by a total of seven points (by 3 at BYU, by 1 to Boston College and by 3 to Pittsburgh), including a pair of games in which the deciding score occurred in the game's final minute (BC and Pittsburgh).
- Notre Dame has a 3-4 record vs. bowl teams this season, including a 1-2 record vs. BCS teams (win over Michigan; losses to Pittsburgh and USC). The seven Irish opponents in bowls are: Michigan (vs. California in Rose), Purdue (vs. Oregon State in Sun), Navy (vs. Wyoming in Emerald), Boston College (vs. Florida State in Gator), Tennessee (vs. Wisconsin in Outback), Pittsburgh (vs. Utah in Fiesta), and USC (vs. Oklahoma in Orange).
- Notre Dame and Auburn are the nation's only teams with multiple victories over opponents ranked in the nation's top 10 at game time. The Irish own victories over Michigan (then ranked 7th on Sept. 11) and Tennessee (then ranked 9th on Nov. 6). The Irish have faced four teams in the latest AP poll (USC, Michigan, Tennessee and Pittsburgh), posting a 2-2 mark against those teams.

NOTRE DAME VS. OREGON STATE: BY THE NUMBERS

The NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame and Oregon State in 2004 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	Oregon State
Rushing Offense	133.6	75.3
Passing Offense	218.2	8th at 304.4
Total Offense	351.8	379.6
Scoring Offense	24.4	25.6
Rushing Defense	9th at 94.4	30th at 122.6
Pass Defense	274.3	28th at 194.1
Pass Efficiency Defense	135.95	120.91
Total Defense	368.6	22nd at 316.7
Scoring Defense	40th at 22.8	24.8
Net Punting	8th at 39.3	25th at 37.7
Punt Returns	41st at 11.0	5.9
Kickoff Returns	18.8	18.8
Turnover Margin	22nd at +0.55	47th at +0.18
	(+6 overall)	(+2 overall)

Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	Oregon State
Total Offense		Derek Anderson 10th at 282.8
Receptions Per Game		Mike Hass 8th at 7.4
Receiving Yards Per Game		Mike Hass 3rd at 115.8
Interceptions		Mitch Meeuwesen 3rd at 0.55
		Sabby Piscelli 9th at 0.45
		Aric Williams 28th at 0.36
Punting	D.J. Fitzpatrick 30th at 42.4	Sam Paulescu 28th at 42.5
Punt Returns	Carlyle Holiday 39th at 11.0	
Scoring		Alexis Serna 50th at 7.2
All-Purpose Runners		Mike Hass 50th at 115.8

NOTRE DAME-OREGON STATE SERIES

- The Insight Bowl matchup marks the second meeting between the Irish and Beavers and the second consecutive and fourth Pac-10 opponent of the season for Notre Dame. The Irish defeated Washington 38-3 on Sept. 25, Stanford 23-15 on Oct. 9, and closed out the regular season with a 41-10 loss at USC on Nov. 27.
- Oregon State is one of only two Pac-10 schools to oppose Notre Dame in a bowl game. The two matchups with Oregon State (this Insight Bowl and the 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl) are the only times Notre Dame has faced a Pac-10 opponent in a bowl game since the first bowl in which Notre Dame ever played -- a 27-10 win over Stanford in the 1925 Rose Bowl.

**NOTRE DAME vs.
THE PAC-10 CONFERENCE**

School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
Arizona	2	1	0	.667
Arizona State	2	0	0	1.000
California	4	0	0	1.000
Oregon	1	0	1	.750
Oregon State	0	1	0	.000
Stanford	13	6	0	.684
UCLA	2	0	0	1.000
USC	42	29	5	.586
Washington	5	0	0	1.000
Washington State	1	0	0	1.000
TOTALS	72	37	6	.652

CONFERENCE CALL

This season, Notre Dame faced teams from five different conferences. The conference breakdown for the 2004 schedule:

- Big Ten (3):** Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue
- Pac-10 (4):** Stanford, USC, Washington, Oregon State
- BIG EAST (2):** Boston College, Pittsburgh
- Mountain West (1):** BYU
- SEC (1):** Tennessee
- Independents (1):** Navy

WELL-ROUNDED SUCCESS

Notre Dame has had great overall success against the major conferences in the country, including the Pac-10, of which Oregon State is a member:

Conference	Winning %
Western Athletic	.842
Conference USA	.831
Mountain West	.774
Atlantic Coast	.753
BIG EAST	.694
Big 12	.667
Big Ten	.662
Pac-10	.652
SEC	.625



ND AMONG GRAD RATE OF '04 BOWL TEAMS

An annual study released earlier this month by the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sports at the University of Central Florida showed that Notre Dame has the second best overall graduate rate of its football student-athletes of the 56 bowl-playing schools this season.

Overall, 27 of the 56 schools with bowl-bound football teams graduated less than half of their players and 39 of the schools graduated less than half of their black players. Last year, 32 bowl-bound teams graduated less than half of their football players. The list below shows the top three schools.

School	Overall	African-American
Syracuse	78	69
Notre Dame	78	74
Boston College	77	76

BOWL COMPARISON

Here's how Notre Dame compares with other schools in postseason bowl competition over the past 36 years (regular seasons of 1969 through 2004, or since Notre Dame began playing in bowl games on a regular basis) This list includes bowl appearances for 2004 with games yet to be played.

Bowl Appearances (1969-2004)

School	No.	W-L
1. Nebraska	35	(19-16)
2. Michigan	32	(14-17)
3. Ohio State	30	(12-17)
Tennessee	30	(17-12)
5. Alabama	29	(17-11-1)
Penn State	29	(19-10)
7. Texas	28	(10-17)
Georgia	28	(14-11-2)
9. Florida State	27	(17-8-1)
10. USC	26	(15-10)
NOTRE DAME	26	(13-12)

Bowl Wins (1969-2003)

School	Wins
1. Nebraska	19
Penn State	19
3. Alabama	17
Tennessee	17
Florida State	17
6. Oklahoma	15
7. USC	15
Georgia	14
Michigan	14
10. Auburn	13
NOTRE DAME	13

COMMON OPPONENTS

Notre Dame and Oregon State played three common opponents during the 2004 regular season — Washington, Stanford and USC. The Irish went 2-1 against the trio, knocking off Washington (38-3) in South Bend and defeating Stanford (23-15) in Notre Dame Stadium, but suffered a loss at USC (41-10). Oregon State also posted a 2-1 mark against those three schools, defeating Washington (29-14) and Stanford (24-19) and falling to USC (28-20).

IF NOTRE DAME WINS ...

- Notre Dame will earn the 14th bowl victory in school history and the first since a 24-21 win over Texas A&M in the 1994 Cotton Bowl. The Irish also will improve to 14-12 (.538) all-time in bowl games.
- Notre Dame will record its seventh victory of the 2004 season and will post its 72nd season of at least seven victories, its seventh in the last 10 seasons dating to 1995.
- Notre Dame will pick up its third victory this season against a Pac-10 Conference opponent and improve to 73-37-6 (.661) in 116 games against Pac-10 schools.

NOTRE DAME VS. THE PAC-10 CONFERENCE

- Notre Dame has won more than 65 percent of its games versus Pac-10 Conference opponents, with a winning series record versus nine of the Pac-10 teams and an overall mark of 72-37-6 (.652) in 115 games against Pac-10 schools — including the 1998, 2000, '02 and '04 wins over Stanford, the '98 and '99 wins over Arizona State, the '99, '00 and '01 wins over USC, the '03 victory over Washington State and the '04 win over Washington. Nearly 70 percent of those games (76) have come versus USC (42-29-5) while another 15 percent have come against Stanford (13-6-0).
- Other than USC and Stanford, Notre Dame has played a handful of games vs. California (4-0), Washington (5-0), Arizona (2-1), Oregon (1-0-1) and UCLA (2-0). Notre Dame and Arizona State met for the first time in 1998, while the Irish met Oregon State for the first time in the 2001 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Notre Dame played its first-ever game against Washington State in 2003 and met Washington for the fifth-time ever earlier this season.
- Other than the Washington game this season and last year's win over Washington State, the most recent games vs. other Pac-10 teams are: a 16-13 home loss to Arizona in 1982, a 41-8 home win over California in '67, a 13-13 tie at Oregon in '82 and a 24-0 home win over UCLA in '64.
- Notre Dame is 17-10-1 (.625) in its last 28 games vs. Pac-10 schools (4-6-1 vs. USC, 7-3 vs. Stanford, 3-0 vs. Washington, 2-0 vs. Arizona State, 1-0 vs. Washington State, 0-1 vs. Oregon State), starting with a 1992 victory over USC.
- The 2004 campaign marks the first time in school history Notre Dame has played four Pac-10 teams in the same season.

NOTRE DAME IN DECEMBER BOWL GAMES

Notre Dame will be making its fifth appearance in a December bowl game, having played 20 of its 25 previous bowl games in the month of January. The Irish are 3-2 in December bowl games entering the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28. Notre Dame is 10-10 all-time in the month of January, including an 8-9 record on Jan. 1. The Irish will be playing a Dec. 28 game for only the second time in their history. The only previous Dec. 28 matchup was a 27-9 loss to LSU in the 1997 Independence Bowl.

CLOSE SHAVES

- One of the hallmarks of Notre Dame's season has been its penchant for playing close games. The Irish have gone 4-3 this season in games decided by eight points or less, defeating No. 7 Michigan (28-20), Michigan State (31-24), Stanford (23-15) and No. 9 Tennessee (17-13), while losing to BYU (20-17), Boston College (24-23) and Pittsburgh (41-38). Five of those games (all but BYU and Tennessee) went down to the final seconds, with the Michigan, Michigan State, Stanford, Boston College and Pittsburgh contests in doubt until time expired.
- This year's squad has Notre Dame's third-most wins by eight points or less in a season. The record of six victories was set in 1939 when that club had a 6-2 record in games decided by eight or less and equaled by the 2002 team that went 6-1 in those games. The 1937 team was 5-1-1 in games decided by eight or less, while 1974 squad posted a 5-0 record in eight-point games. The 2004 team joins teams from 1929 (4-0), 1940 (4-1), 1984 (4-3), 1990 (4-3), 1997 (4-2) and 1998 (4-1) with four wins by eight or less over the course of the season.
- As for winning percentage in games decided by eight points or less, the 1974 team went 5-0, while the 1929 unit was 4-0. The 1926, 1928, 1954 and 1989 teams all finished 3-0 in eight-point games. One item of note on the greatness of Knute Rockne: He was 21-4-5 (.783) in games decided by eight points or less over his Notre Dame career, including 16-0-2 (.944) over his last seven years.



NOTRE DAME
IN BOWL GAMES

Won 13, Lost 12

Season	Bowl	Opponent	W/L	Score
1924	Rose (Jan. 1, 1925)	Stanford	W	27-10
1969	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1970)	Texas	L	17-21
1970	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1971)	Texas	W	24-11
1972	Orange (Jan. 1, 1973)	Nebraska	L	6-40
1973	Sugar (Dec. 31, 1973)	Alabama	W	24-23
1974	Orange (Jan. 1, 1975)	Alabama	W	13-11
1976	Gator (Dec. 27, 1976)	Penn State	W	20-9
1977	Cotton (Jan. 2, 1978)	Texas	W	38-10
1978	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1979)	Houston	W	35-34
1980	Sugar (Jan. 1, 1981)	Georgia	L	10-17
1983	Liberty (Dec. 29, 1983)	Boston College	W	19-18
1984	Aloha (Dec. 29, 1984)	SMU	L	20-27
1987	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1988)	Texas A&M	L	10-35
1988	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 1989)	West Virginia	W	34-21
1989	Orange (Jan. 1, 1990)	Colorado	W	21-6
1990	Orange (Jan. 1, 1991)	Colorado	L	9-10
1991	Sugar (Jan. 1, 1992)	Florida	W	39-28
1992	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1993)	Texas A&M	W	28-3
1993	Cotton (Jan. 1, 1994)	Texas A&M	W	24-21
1994	Fiesta (Jan. 2, 1995)	Colorado	L	24-41
1995	Orange (Jan. 1, 1996)	Florida State	L	26-31
1997	Independence (Dec. 28, 1997)	LSU	L	9-27
1998	Gator (Jan. 1, 1999)	Georgia Tech	L	28-35
2000	Fiesta (Jan. 1, 2001)	Oregon State	L	9-41
2002	Gator (Jan. 1, 2003)	NC State	L	6-28
2004	Insight (Dec. 28, 2004)	Oregon State		

CLOSE SHAVES – A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Notre Dame's 2004 season has included seven games decided by eight points or less. The one-possession games in 2004 have been as follows: BYU (17-20 L), Michigan (28-20 W), Michigan State (31-24 W), Stanford (23-15 W), Boston College (23-24 L), Tennessee (17-13 W), and Pittsburgh (38-41 L). That ties for the most such close games of any season dating back through 1970. The years with the most "one-possession" games over the last 35 seasons of Notre Dame football are:

Games – Seasons

- 7 – 2004, 2002, 1990, 1984*
- 6 – 1999, 1997, 1986, 1982
- 5 – 2003, 2000, 1998*, 1994, 1983*, 1980*, 1979, 1978*, 1974*
- 4 – 2001, 1996, 1995*, 1981, 1976, 1975
- 3 – 1993*, 1992, 1989, 1987, 1985, 1977

* denotes that a bowl game counted for part of the total.

2004 NOTRE DAME TEAM AWARDS

Notre Dame senior defensive end **Justin Tuck** was named the 2004 Notre Dame Monogram Club Most Valuable Player, while seniors **Derek Curry**, **Mike Goolsby**, **Ryan Grant** and **Carlyle Holiday** earned captain honors for the '04 Irish football team Friday, Dec. 3, at the 84th Notre Dame Football Banquet. The MVP award and the captain awards were determined by a vote of the players, the third consecutive season in which the team elected its official captains at season's end.

Tuck, from Kellyton, Ala., broke the Notre Dame career record for quarterback sacks this season. His team-leading six sacks give him a total of 24.5 sacks for his career in just three seasons of action. Through three seasons of play, Tuck has garnered 43 tackles for loss, 164 total tackles and seven passes broken up. In 2004, Tuck led the team in tackles for loss with 14 (for 57 yards), while notching 47 tackles to rank sixth on the team. Tuck achieved all of this after recovering from a major knee injury suffered in the 2003 season finale, returning to earn a starter's role in every game this season and logging a career-high 263 minutes of playing time. Tuck is majoring in management in the Mendoza College of Business.

Curry, from Sealy, Texas, has started 34 games over the last three seasons and has played in every game of his Notre Dame career at linebacker. In '04, Curry ranks fifth on the team in tackles with 61, is second on the team in tackles for loss with eight and is second in quarterback sacks with 4.5. He also intercepted two passes, recovered two fumbles and broke up three passes. Curry also was the recipient of the Nick Pietrosante Award presented each year to the Notre Dame player who best exemplifies the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and pride of the late Irish All-America fullback Nick Pietrosante. The award is determined by a vote of the players and past winners have included Jeff Faine, Joey Getherall, Aaron Taylor and Chris Zorich. A double major in management information systems and theology in the Mendoza College of Business, Curry is scheduled to graduate from Notre Dame in May of 2005.

Goolsby, from Joliet, Ill., has played in 46 games for the Irish and has started 24 games at linebacker. He returned to action in '04 after missing the entire 2003 campaign with injuries and has been impressive throughout, leading the team in tackles with 94 and racking up a team-leading two interceptions, one fumble recovery, three quarterback sacks and 7.5 tackles for loss. Goolsby is on pace to become only the 38th player in Notre Dame history to register 100 tackles in a season with the bowl game upcoming. Goolsby graduated with a degree in American Studies from the College of Arts and Letters in May of '04 and is currently enrolled as a graduate student at Notre Dame.

Grant, from Nyack, N.Y., is currently ranked 11th on the Irish career rushing list with 2,201 yards and his 18 rushing touchdowns rank tied for 10th in Notre Dame history. Grant has started 26 games at tailback in his Notre Dame career, playing in 38 games overall, and is second on the team in rushing this season with 496 yards and five touchdowns. A starter for most of the last three seasons, Grant has rushed for more than 100 yards five times in his Notre Dame career and is one of only seven players in school history to have rushed for more than 1,000 yards in a season (1,085 in 2002). Grant is pursuing a double major in sociology and computer applications from the College of Arts and Letters. He is slated to graduate later this month, a half-year ahead of schedule.

Holiday, from San Antonio, Texas, is one of the most respected players in recent Notre Dame history. After starting his Notre Dame career at quarterback, Holiday moved to receiver in '03 and has added duties as a punt returner to his resume this season. Holiday has played in 46 games for the Irish, including 25 starting assignments with the first 24 coming as the team's quarterback from 2001-03. At quarterback, Holiday compiled a 15-9 record as a starter, throwing for 2,876 yards and 14 touchdowns while completing 239 of 477 attempts (50.1 percent). His 239 pass completions rank 11th in Notre Dame history. Holiday also has rushed for 898 yards and five touchdowns and has caught six passes for 81 yards. In '04, Holiday has returned 28 punts for 308 yards (11.0 avg.) including a 68-yard return to set up a touchdown against Pittsburgh. He graduated in May of 2004 with a degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business.

Senior defensive end **Kyle Budinscak** was the winner of the Knute Rockne Scholar-Athlete Award presented by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley. Budinscak has started 33 games during his Notre Dame career, including all 11 this season, and has played in 43 games overall since joining the Irish in 2000. A native of



SEASON & CAREER STARTS

Player	2004	Career
Victor Abiamiri, DE	0	5
Lionel Bolen, S	0	1
Kyle Budinscak, DE	11	33
Quentin Burrell, S	11	20
Carlos Campbell, CB	0	2
John Carlson, TE	2	2
Jared Clark, TE	1	3
Derek Curry, LB	11	35
Pat Dillingham, QB	0	1
Dwight Ellick, CB	11	17
Anthony Fasano, TE	9	12
D.J. Fitzpatrick, K/P	11	19
Marcus Freeman, TE	6	6
Zach Giles, C	0	1
Mike Goolsby, LB	11	24
Ryan Grant, RB	8	26
Ryan Harris, OT	11	19
Carlyle Holiday, WR	1	25
Brandon Hoyte, LB	4	15
Preston Jackson, CB	10	17
Derek Landri, DT	11	12
Mark LeVoi, OT	11	23
Corey Mays, LB	0	1
Rhema McKnight, WR	9	17
Bob Morton, OG	11	22
Billy Palmer, TE	1	11
Freddie Parish, CB	1	1
Greg Pauly, DT	11	16
R. Powers-Neal, FB	4	12
Brady Quinn, QB	11	20
Jamie Ryan, OG	0	3
Josh Schmidt, FB	1	2
Matt Shelton, WR	3	3
Dan Stevenson, OG	11	22
Maurice Stovall, WR	8	11
John Sullivan, C	11	11
Travis Thomas, RB	1	1
Justin Tuck, DE	11	22
Tom Zbikowski, S	11	11

Bridgewater, N.J., Budinscak recovered from a serious knee injury that cut short his 2003 season to win a starting job at defensive end in 2004. His 21 tackles this season ranks him third among defensive linemen while his three quarterback sacks and 4.5 tackles for loss are among the team leaders. Budinscak also has forced one fumble, recovered a fumble, and has batted down three passes this season. He also was a first-team Academic All-District selection four times. Budinscak graduated in May 2004, from the Mendoza College of Business with a bachelor's degree in finance. He finished his undergraduate degree with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.591 and is currently enrolled as a graduate student. He has been on the Dean's List six semesters during his career and has been a three-time State Farm/Westwood One Student-Athlete of the Game. Budinscak has been selected to the Rosenthal Leadership Group at Notre Dame.

Senior defensive tackle **Greg Pauly** won the Lineman of the Year Award from the Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. The Waukesha, Wis., product has recorded 36 tackles in '04, including 4.5 for loss, and one quarterback sack. Pauly, who has started 16 games in his career and has seen action in 35 games overall for the Irish, has logged a career-high 246 minutes of action this season. He is a marketing and economics major in the Mendoza College of Business and will graduate later this month.

Sophomore offensive tackle **Ryan Harris** won the Westwood One/Guardian Life Insurance Guardian of the Year Award as the top offensive lineman. In only his second season with the Irish, Harris was the leader of Notre Dame's offensive line that helped quarterback Brady Quinn compile some of the finest passing totals in Notre Dame history. The native of St. Paul, Minn., has started all 11 games this season and has been a mainstay of the offensive line the last two seasons with 19 starting assignments already in his career, logging 346 minutes of playing time this season to lead the offensive line. Harris is enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters at Notre Dame.

Josh Schmidt, from Germantown, Tenn., won the Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Year Award. This is the second consecutive season in which Schmidt has earned the honor. The senior fullback and former walk-on earned a scholarship before the season and has played in 23 games during his Notre Dame career, starting two contests. In his career, Schmidt has caught 15 passes for 155 yards (10.3 avg.). As a finance major in the Mendoza College of Business, he has maintained a 3.516 grade point average and is scheduled to graduate in May of 2005.

NUMBER CHANGES

The Irish made two number change from the 2004 media guide rosters as junior wide receiver/special teams player **Rob Woods** has changed from No. 84 to No. 81 and freshman defensive end **Tim Gritzman** has moved to tight end and changed from No. 65 to No. 86.

THE 2004 CAPTAINS

For only the fourth time in the 116-year history of football at Notre Dame, the Irish are designating captains on a game-by-game basis this season. In 1946, legendary head coach Frank Leahy elected to choose captains for each game -- the result was an 8-0-1 record and the fifth of Notre Dame's 11 consensus national championships.

The 2004 captains have been as follows:

BYU: Kyle Budinscak, Derek Curry, Billy Palmer, Rashon Powers-Neal

Michigan: Mike Goolsby, Carlyle Holiday, Dan Stevenson, Justin Tuck

at Michigan State: Dwight Ellick, D.J. Fitzpatrick, Ryan Grant, Brandon Hoyte

Washington: Quentin Burrell, Mark LeVoi, Greg Pauly, Matt Shelton

Purdue: Derek Curry, Carlyle Holiday, Dan Stevenson, Justin Tuck

Stanford: Kyle Budinscak, Mike Goolsby, Ryan Grant, Rhema McKnight

vs. Navy: D.J. Fitzpatrick, Brandon Hoyte, Mark LeVoi, Maurice Stovall

Boston College: Quentin Burrell, Ryan Grant, Billy Palmer, Greg Pauly

at Tennessee: Mike Goolsby, Ryan Grant, Mark LeVoi, Justin Tuck

Pittsburgh: Derek Curry, Mike Goolsby, Ryan Grant, Carlyle Holiday

at USC: Mike Goolsby, Ryan Grant, Carlyle Holiday, Justin Tuck

2004 Season Captain Award Winners: Derek Curry, Mike Goolsby, Ryan Grant, Carlyle Holiday



IRISH OREGONIANS

In the 118 years of Notre Dame football a total of 24 Irish football players have hailed from the state of Oregon. Among the more notable of the 24 Irish football players from Oregon are:

George Houck, a native of Corvallis, who played center on the first Notre Dame football team in 1887. That team lost to Michigan, 8-0, its only game of the season.

Jim Phelan, a native of Portland, was a three-year starting quarterback for the Irish from 1915-17, serving as captain during his senior year in 1917 when George Gipp was a freshman. Phelan went on to serve as head coach at Missouri, Purdue (leading the Boilermakers to their first Big 10 title in 1929), Washington and St. Mary's (Calif.) among the collegiate ranks and the New York Yanks and Dallas Texans in the professional football.

Floyd Simmons, a native of Portland, was a member of the 1946 and '47 national championship teams. He was drafted by Pittsburgh in the 1948 NFL draft and played for the Chicago Rockets of the American Football Conference in 1948.

James Leahy, a native of Oswego, was a guard on the 1968 Irish squad. He is the son of Irish coaching great Frank Leahy and father of former Irish offensive lineman Ryan Leahy (1992-95).

Brian Doherty, a native of Portland, ranks seventh on the Irish career punting list with a 39.8 average. He played for the Irish from 1971-73 and was a member of the '73 national championship team. He finished sixth nationally that season with a 42.7 average and was drafted by Buffalo in the 1974 NFL draft.

A list of the 24 Oregonians who have played football for the Fighting Irish:

Name	Hometown	Years	Position
John Brogan	The Dalles	1905	HB
Bill Cook	Portland	1912-13	T
Fred Collins	Portland	1925-28	FB
John Cooney	Hillsboro	1985-86	LB
Ralph Dimmick	Hubbard	1908	T
Brian Doherty	Portland	1971-73	P/QB
Kevin Doherty	Portland	1973-75	SE
Sam (Rosey) Dolan	Albany	1906-09	T
George Houck	Corvallis	1887	C
Tom Hughes	Portland	1954-56	G
Bill Kelleher	Roseburg	1911-14	RH
James Leahy	Oswego	1968	G
Mike Martin	Roseburg	1968-70	OT
Elton Moore	Portland	1973-76	OG
Art Mueller	Portland	1934	C
Gene Murphy	Portland	1921-22	QB
Jim Phelan	Portland	1915-17	QB
Dave Philbin	Portland	1916-17	RT
Jim Ruzicka	Portland	1967-69	OG/OT
Art Sharp	The Dalles	1913-14	G
Floyd Simmons	Portland	1945-47	HB
Roger Sinnott	The Dalles	1893	FB
Raleigh (Rollo) Stein	Astoria	1917-18	LT
Steve Wack	Portland	1968	LH

RUNNING GAME IS KEY FOR NOTRE DAME

For the most part in 2004, success running the football led to success in the win column for Notre Dame. In the Irish's six victories, Notre Dame has averaged 150.8 yards per game on the ground and 3.4 yards per rushing attempt (905 yards on 265 carries). In the Irish's five losses, Notre Dame has averaged 113.0 yards per game via the rush and 3.5 yards per attempt (565 yards on 162 carries). Notre Dame's best rushing performance in a victory this year is a 204-yard effort against Navy. The worst Irish rushing performance in a 2004 victory was the 98-yard outing at Tennessee. The exception to this trend occurred in the loss at USC when the Irish rushed for 195 yards on 37 attempts (5.3 avg.), the most surrendered by the Trojans since UCLA gained 197 on Nov. 24, 2002. Here's a comparison of rushing totals for wins and losses:

RUSHING GAME IN WINS (6)					RUSHING GAME IN LOSSES (5)				
Opponent	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Opponent	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Michigan	40	135	3.4	2	BYU	21	11	0.5	0
at Michigan State	48	173	3.6	2	Purdue	36	76	2.1	1
Washington	46	146	3.2	1	Boston College	34	104	3.0	2
Stanford	51	149	2.9	3	Pittsburgh	34	179	5.3	2
vs. Navy	44	204	4.6	3	USC	37	195	5.3	0
at Tennessee	36	98	2.7	0					
Totals	265	905	3.4	11	Totals	162	565	3.5	5

PASSING YARDAGE RANKS AMONG BEST IN NOTRE DAME HISTORY

The Notre Dame offense has produced an average of 218.2 yards per game via the pass this season. That average ranks as the third-best per-game average in Notre Dame history (via records kept since the 1946 season). Only two other Irish teams averaged more yards passing – the 1970 squad led by Joe Theismann averaged 252.7 yards per game and the 1999 unit led by Jarious Jackson averaged 238.2 yards via the pass. That success in the air has contributed to Notre Dame's total offense average of 357 yards per contest, the most by the Irish since 1999 (419.7 ypg).

STRONG IN THE RED ZONE

Notre Dame has been solid on both sides of the ball in the red zone (inside the 20-yard line). On offense, the Irish have made 33 trips to the red zone this year, coming away with 22 touchdowns (a .667 TD percentage). Opponents also have visited the red zone 32 times, but have just 14 touchdowns (a .438 TD percentage).

NO TURNOVERS = VICTORY (USUALLY)

Notre Dame did not have a turnover in the loss at USC, snapping an amazing 41-game unbeaten streak (40-0-1) since 1985 for the Irish when they don't commit a turnover. Prior to the USC game, the last time a Notre Dame team lost a game without committing a turnover was in a 34-30 loss at Penn State on Nov. 12, 1983. Two of Notre Dame's six victories in 2004 have been keynoted by errorless outings in the turnover department as the Irish collected wins over Navy (27-9) and Tennessee (17-13) while not losing the ball via a turnover.

EXCELLENT BALL PROTECTION

The Irish completed the regular season with an impressive streak of five consecutive games without losing a fumble. Overall, Notre Dame did not lose a fumble in six of 11 games this season and lost more than one only once all season (2 at Michigan State). Since a fumble lost against Stanford on Oct. 9, the Irish have gone 20 quarters and 151 rushing attempts without losing a fumble. Over that span, Notre Dame has only fumbled twice, recovering both drops (vs. Navy and USC).

THE FIVE-FINGER DISCOUNT

Notre Dame came up with six turnovers (3 fumbles, 3 interceptions) on Sept. 18 at Michigan State and followed up with five more turnovers one week later against Washington, marking the fourth consecutive week the Irish had at least two takeaways. Since the 2001 season, Notre Dame has forced two or more turnovers in 31 of its 46 games, including 24 contests where they came up with at least three takeaways. In this week's NCAA statistical rankings, the Irish are 22nd in the country in turnover margin (+0.55 per game, +6 overall).

STOPPING THE RUN IS JOB ONE FOR IRISH

The Notre Dame run defense has been exceptionally sturdy since interim head coach/defensive coordinator **Kent Baer** arrived on the scene in 2002. Over the last three seasons, the Irish have held 22 of 36 opponents to less than 100 yards rushing, including eight games this year (BYU - 22; Michigan - 56; Purdue - 99; Stanford - 67; Boston College - 62; Tennessee - 58; Pittsburgh - 98; USC - 83). In fact, Notre Dame opponents are averaging 2.7 yards per carry this season. In 2002, Notre Dame was ranked 10th in the nation in rushing defense, followed by a No. 29 national ranking last year. The Irish rank ninth in the country in rushing defense this season, allowing an average of 94.4 yards on the ground.



INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME BESTS

TOTAL CARRIES

Ryan Grant	.....30 at Air Force, '02
Justin Hoskins	.....4 vs. Washington, '04
Jeff Jenkins	.....5 vs. Washington, '04
Rashon Powers-Neal	.....17 vs. Navy, '02
Brady Quinn	.....8 at USC, '04
Travis Thomas	.....6 at BYU, '04
Darius Walker	.....31 vs. Michigan, '04
Marcus Wilson	.....10 at Air Force, '02

RUSHING YARDS

Ryan Grant	.....190 at Air Force, '02
Justin Hoskins	.....16 vs. Washington, '04
Jeff Jenkins	.....20 vs. Purdue, '04
Rashon Powers-Neal	.....108 vs. Stanford, '02
Brady Quinn	.....30 at USC, '04
Travis Thomas	.....18 vs. Navy, '04
Darius Walker	.....115 vs. Michigan, '04
Marcus Wilson	.....44 at Air Force, '02

PASS COMPLETIONS

Pat Dillingham	.....19 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn	.....29 at Purdue, '03

PASS ATTEMPTS

Pat Dillingham	.....37 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn	.....59 at Purdue, '03

PASSING YARDS

Pat Dillingham	.....166 vs. North Carolina State, '02
Brady Quinn	.....432 vs. Purdue, '04

RECEPTIONS

John Carlson	.....3 vs. Boston College, '04
Jerome Collins	.....3 vs. Stanford, '04
Anthony Fasano	.....8 vs. Purdue, '04
Marcus Freeman	.....3 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday	.....2 vs. Washington, '04
Rhema McKnight	.....8, three times (last: at BYU, '04)
Billy Palmer	.....2, vs. Boston College, '04
Jeff Samardzija	.....4, twice (last: at Michigan State, '04)
Matt Shelton	.....4 vs. Washington, '04
Maurice Stovall	.....9 at Purdue, '03

RECEIVING YARDS

John Carlson	.....17 vs. Navy, '04
Jerome Collins	.....45 vs. Stanford, '04
Anthony Fasano	.....155 vs. Purdue, '04
Marcus Freeman	.....28 at BYU, '04
Carlyle Holiday	.....30 at Michigan State, '02
Rhema McKnight	.....121 at Boston College, '03
Billy Palmer	.....27 vs. Boston College, '04
Jeff Samardzija	.....65 at Michigan State, '04
Matt Shelton	.....128 vs. Pittsburgh, '04
Maurice Stovall	.....171 at Purdue, '03

TACKLES

Victor Abiamiri	.....7 vs. Michigan State, '03
Brian Beidatsch	.....2 at Stanford, '03
Lionel Bolen	.....4 at Boston College, '03
Joe Brockington	.....2 at Tennessee, '04
Kyle Budinscak	.....5 at Purdue, '01
Quentin Burrell	.....11 vs. Navy, '04
Carlos Campbell	.....8 at BYU, '04
Derek Curry	.....11 at Boston College, '03
Dwight Ellick	.....9 vs. USC, '03
Mike Goolsby	.....14, twice (vs. Michigan, '04; at Tennessee, '04)
Brandon Hoyte	.....16 vs. Navy, '04
Preston Jackson	.....8 at Michigan, '03
Derek Landri	.....7 vs. Boston College, '04
Trevor Laws	.....5 at BYU, '04
Travis Leitko	.....5 vs. BYU, '03
Corey Mays	.....5, twice (last: vs. Navy, '04)
Freddie Parrish IV	.....7 vs. Washington, '04
Greg Pauly	.....9 vs. Navy, '04
Mike Richardson	.....7 vs. Boston College, '04
Justin Tuck	.....14 vs. Navy, '03
Tom Zbikowski	.....9 at Michigan State, '04

STOPPING THE RUN – PART II

Notre Dame's defense against the rush has been the team's most consistent area this season. The Irish have allowed only 1,038 rushing yards (94.4 per game) and a key to that success has been the defense's ability to prevent long rushing plays. In 2004, Notre Dame has not allowed a rushing play of more than 25 yards this season. Other than two 25-yard runs (by Boston College and Tennessee), the Irish haven't allowed a run of more than 18 yards (by Michigan State and USC) in a game this season.

RUSHING DEFENSE IN PERSPECTIVE

Notre Dame's ability to stifle opponents on the ground has been well documented. None of the Irish's 11 regular season opponents achieved their rushing average for the season against Notre Dame. Only three opponents have managed to break the century mark in rushing yardage this season (Michigan State, Washington and Navy), and only one averaged more than 4.0 yards per attempt (Michigan State, 4.7 yards per rush). Navy's 216 yards (on 61 carries – a 3.5 avg.) is the only 200+-yard outing by an opponent this season. The chart below shows each opponent's season rushing average and its current NCAA statistical ranking in comparison to how effectively Notre Dame contained these rushing offenses:

Opponent	Season Avg. (NCAA rank)	Yards vs. ND	Difference
BYU	103.2 (103rd)	22	-81
Michigan	156.2 (56th)	56	-100
Michigan State	238.5 (14th)	165	-73
Washington	120.2 (92nd)	112	-8
Purdue	130.7 (81st)	99	-32
Stanford	81.2 (114th)	67	-14
Navy	291.4 (3rd)	216	-75
Boston College	132.1 (79th)	62	-70
Tennessee	181.4 (32nd)	58	-122
Pittsburgh	105.1 (102nd)	98	-7
USC	176.1 (34th)	83	-93

IMPROVED RUSH DEFENSE LEADS TO SUCCESS

Rushing totals allowed by the Notre Dame defense are down across the board this season from 2003, a factor that has led to better numbers on the scoreboard. In 2003, the Irish allowed a respectable 127.2 yards per game on the ground, permitting opponents to average 3.1 yards per rush. This season, Notre Dame opponents are averaging only 94.4 yards per game rushing (an improvement of 32.8 yards per game) and only 2.7 yards per attempt (an improvement of 0.4 yards per attempt). Notre Dame allowed only five rushing touchdowns during the regular season (the Irish gave up 19 rushing touchdowns in 2003) for an improvement of 14 over the 12-game total from last season. That helped Notre Dame limit opponent scoring as Irish opponents are averaging 22.8 points per game this season, an improvement of 3.5 points per game from 2003.

NOTRE DAME REGISTERS 800TH ALL-TIME VICTORY

The Notre Dame football program reached a historic milestone with its Oct. 9 victory vs. Stanford, becoming just the second current NCAA Division I-A program to amass 800 all-time wins. The Irish currently rank second in NCAA history with 802 wins, trailing only Michigan's 842 victories, although the Wolverines have played nine more seasons than Notre Dame.

RETURN TO SENDER

The return game has been a source of strength for Notre Dame in recent years. The Irish have logged 29 returns (punts, kickoffs, fumbles, interceptions) for touchdowns during the past six seasons (1999-2004), a figure that ranks tied for 11th in the country during that stretch. Here's a look at the national leaders in touchdown returns since '99 (research courtesy University of Colorado):

Team	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Bowls	Total
1. Miami (Fla.)	3	13	11	5	9	8	1	50
2. Virginia Tech	8	6	7	7	10	6	1	45
3. Kansas State	9	5	2	12	6	5	0	39
4. Oklahoma	4	7	6	8	9	3	1	38
5. Colorado	5	4	7	7	1	6	4	34
6. Nebraska	6	7	5	6	4	2	3	33
USC	9	4	8	1	8	3	0	33
8. N.C. State	3	2	4	9	10	3	1	32
9. Fresno State	5	5	3	5	4	6	2	30
East Carolina	7	5	4	5	4	2	3	30
11. Notre Dame	4	6	4	9	3	3	0	29
Texas Tech	3	7	8	5	3	2	1	29
San Jose State	5	7	1	7	5	4	0	29



TEAM SINGLE-GAME BESTS

NOTRE DAME BESTS (2004)

Rushing Yards204 vs. Navy
 Passing Yards.....266 vs. Washington
 Total Yards412 vs. Washington
 First Downs22 vs. Washington
 Low Rush Yards Allowed22 at BYU
 Low Pass Yards Allowed44 vs. Navy
 Low Total Yards Allowed260 vs. Navy
 Fewest 1st Downs Allowed13 at BYU
 Sacks By6 vs. Navy
 Turnovers Forced6 at Michigan State
 Points (Game)38 vs. Washington
 Points (Half).....28 (2nd) vs. Michigan
 Points (Quarter) ..21, twice (last: 1st vs. Washington)
 Victory Margin35 (38-3) vs. Washington

NOTRE DAME BESTS (2002-present)

Rushing Yards352 at Pittsburgh, '03
 Passing Yards350 at Boston College, '03
 Total Yards.....512 vs. Stanford, '03
 First Downs24 vs. Navy, '03
 Low Rush Yards Allowed8 at Pittsburgh, '03
 Low Pass Yards Allowed44 vs. Navy, '04
 Low Total Yards Allowed133 vs. Maryland, '02
 Fewest 1st Downs Allowed8 vs. Maryland, '02
 Sacks By8, twice (last: at Pittsburgh, '03)
 Turnovers Forced6 at Michigan State, '04
 Points (Game).....57 vs. Stanford, '03
 Points (Half)34 (1st) vs. Stanford, '03
 Points (Quarter).....28 (3rd) vs. Rutgers, '02
 Victory Margin50 (57-7) vs. Stanford, '03

NOTRE DAME BESTS (1990-present)

Rushing Yards.....458 vs. Purdue, '92
 Passing Yards350 at Boston College, '03
 Total Yards650, twice (MR: vs. Washington, '96)
 First Downs34 vs. Michigan State, '91
 Low Rush Yards Allowed(-6) vs. Rutgers, '96
 Low Pass Yards Allowed12 vs. Army, '98
 Low Total Yards Allowed43 vs. Rutgers, '96
 Fewest 1st Downs Allowed5 in two games
 Sacks By9 vs. Rutgers, '96
 Turnovers Forced6, twice (MR: at Michigan St., '04)
 Points (Game)62 vs. Rutgers, '96
 Points (Half).....42 (2nd) vs. Navy, '90
 Points (Qtr)40 (2nd) vs. Pittsburgh, '96
 Victory Margin62 (62-0) vs. Rutgers, '96

THEY SHALL RETURN

• During the past 18-plus seasons ('86-'04), Notre Dame has produced 83 touchdowns via kickoff, punt, interception and fumble returns — with the most recent touchdown runback coming Nov. 6 on senior linebacker **Mike Goolsby's** 26-yard interception return at Tennessee.

• Notre Dame has scored three touchdowns via returns this season, all coming by the defense (INT returns by **Preston Jackson** [at BYU] and **Mike Goolsby** [at Tennessee] and a fumble return by **Tom Zbikowski** [at Michigan State]).

• In contrast, opponents in the past 18 seasons have combined for 25 total touchdown returns vs. the Irish.

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

Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM	Year	PU	KO	INT	FUM
1986	0	2	0	0	1997	0	2	1	0
1987	3	0	1	0	1998	0	0	2	3
1988	2	2	3	0	1999	1	0	2	1
1989	2	2	3	0	2000	2	1	1	2
1990	0	2	0	0	2001	0	1	2	1
1991	1	1	2	0	2002	2	1	4	2
1992	0	1	0	0	2003	1	0	0	2
1993	2	1	2	1	2004	0	0	2	1
1994	0	0	1	1	ND (83)	21	17	28	17
1995	1	0	2	1	Opp. (25)	7	4	9	5
1996	4	1	0	2					

THE QUINN-TESSENTIAL QUARTERBACK

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** has broken virtually all of Notre Dame's sophomore passing marks in his second year with the Irish. Quinn has eclipsed more than 200 yards passing in six games this season. Earlier this season, he turned in a career-best performance in a loss to Purdue, completing 26 of 46 passes for 432 yards and one touchdown, the highest individual passing yardage total in Notre Dame Stadium history and the second-highest in school history (behind Joe Theismann's 526 yards at USC in 1970). In addition, Quinn's .565 completion percentage was the second-best of his career (minimum 15 attempts), topped only by his .590 mark (23 of 39) last year at Boston College. Quinn was particularly sharp in outings against Washington and Purdue, completing 43 of 78 passes (.551) for 698 yards and five touchdowns with only one interception — good for a 148.89 pass efficiency rating. In fact, his three-game stretch against Michigan State, Washington and Purdue is the second-best in Notre Dame history for most passing yards in three consecutive games, as noted below:

Player	Season	Three-Game Passing Yardage
1. Joe Theismann	1970	947 (272 - Georgia Tech; 149 - LSU; 526 - USC)
2. Brady Quinn	2004	912 (215 - Michigan St.; 265 - Washington; 432 - Purdue)
3. Rusty Lisch	1979	849 (227 - Air Force; 286 - USC; 336 - South Carolina)
4. Steve Beuerlein	1986	828 (248 - Navy; 269 - SMU; 311 - Penn State)
5. Jarius Jackson	1999	814 (302 - Michigan; 267 - Purdue; 245 - Michigan State)
6. John Huarte	1964	783 (209 - UCLA, 300 - Stanford; 274 - Navy)
7. Terry Hanratty	1968	738 (202 - Oklahoma; 294 - Purdue; 242 - Iowa)
8. Ron Powlus	1995	716 (200 - Vanderbilt; 273 - Texas; 243 - Ohio State)
9. Joe Montana	1977	705 (260 - Navy; 273 - Georgia Tech; 172 - Clemson)

QUINN IS TOP SOPHOMORE PASSER IN NOTRE DAME HISTORY

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** completed the regular season with the highest totals in several statistical categories of any sophomore quarterback in Notre Dame history. A statistical comparison of Quinn's sophomore season totals to those of other notable Notre Dame QBs among ND's career top 10 passers:

Category	R. Powlus (1995)	S. Beuerlein (1984)	R. Mirer (1990)	T. Hanratty (1966)	B. Quinn (2004)
Pass Efficiency	140.67	124.30	138.81	128.67	124.92
Comp-Att-Int.	124-217-7	140-232-18	110-200-6	78-147-10	174-324-9
Completion %	57.1	60.3	55.0	53.1	53.7
Yards	1,853	1,920	1,824	1,247	2,372
Touchdowns	12	7	8	8	15
Total Offense	1,819	1,845	2,022	1,371	2,358

QUINN RANKS THIRD ON ND'S SINGLE-SEASON PASSING YARDS LIST

For the season, Quinn ranks 49th in the nation in total offense (214.4 yards per game) and 55th in passing efficiency (124.92), while his 2,372 passing yards put him third on the single-season passing yards list at Notre Dame. There have been only seven 2,000-yard passing seasons in school history:

Player	Season	Passing Yardage
1. Jarius Jackson	1999	2,753
2. Joe Theismann	1970	2,429
3. Brady Quinn	2004	2,372
4. Steve Beuerlein	1986	2,211
5. Rick Mirer	1991	2,117



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Abiamiri	Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee
Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
Beidatsch	BY-datsch
Budinscak	BUD-in-zack
Burrell	Bur-RELL
Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Frome	Fr-ROM
Incarinato	in-car-NOT-oh
Kadous	kuh-DOOCE
Landri	LAN-dree
Laux	LOCKS
Leitko	LIGHT-ko
LeVoir	le-VORE (as in FORE)
Mattes	MATT-is
Chinedum Ndukwe	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Raridon	RARE-don
Rashon	ruh-SHON
Rhema	RAY-ma
Revelle	Re-VELL
Samardzija	suh-MARR-zhuh
Schiccatano	shick-a-TAWN-o
Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Wolke	WOL-key
Zbikowski	zib-uh-COW-ski

QUINN MOVING UP NOTRE DAME CAREER PASSING YARDS LIST

In addition to his single-season total, **Brady Quinn's** career passing yardage is approaching some of the top marks in Notre Dame history. With 105 yards vs. USC, Quinn moved up two spots on the list to sixth place, easing by Joe Montana and Terry Hanratty:

Player	Years	Yardage
1. Ron Powlus	1994-97	7,602
2. Steve Beuerlein	1983-86	6,527
3. Rick Mirer	1989-92	5,997
4. Jarious Jackson	1996-99	4,820
5. Joe Theismann	1968-70	4,411
6. Brady Quinn	2002-present	4,203
7. Terry Hanratty	1966-68	4,152
8. Joe Montana	1975-78	4,121

SPREADING THE WEALTH

Sophomore quarterback **Brady Quinn** has spread his pass completions around this season. Quinn has completed passes to 20 different receivers (the most since 1962), a breakdown of seven wide receivers, six running backs, four tight ends and two passes to himself (caught off of deflections vs. Washington and Purdue). Junior wide receiver **Rhema McKnight** has been Quinn's favorite target thus far, grabbing 38 passes for 520 yards and two touchdowns. Junior tight end **Anthony Fasano** is next with 26 catches for 354 yards and two scores. Junior wide receiver **Maurice Stovall** has 21 catches for 313 yards and a touchdown while senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** has 19 catches for 518 yards and five touchdowns and sophomore wide receiver **Jeff Samardzija** has accounted for 12 catches for 185 yards. Quinn has tossed touchdown passes to six different players this season: McKnight, Shelton (five times), Fasano (twice), senior fullback **Rashon Powers-Neal** (twice), Stovall and senior tight end **Billy Palmer**.

SHELTON LOVES THE LONG BALL

Senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** has emerged as a big-play threat for the Irish this season. After a career-best 128-yard outing against Pittsburgh and two catches for 13 yards at USC, Shelton ranks fourth on the team with 19 catches for 518 yards (27.3 yards per catch) and six touchdowns. He enjoyed a career day (of sorts) against Washington when he nabbed a career-best four catches for 74 yards and two touchdowns, including scoring catches of 27 and 24 yards. One week earlier at Michigan State, Shelton snared three passes for 123 yards and a touchdown, including gains of 53, 35 and 35 yards. Shelton has averaged 38.0 yards on his seven career touchdown grabs (36 vs. Pittsburgh, 33 vs. Boston College, 27 and 24 vs. Washington, 35 at MSU, 46 vs. Michigan, 65 at Stanford in '03). Eleven of Shelton's 19 catches have measured at least 25 yards in length:

Opponent	25+-yard Catches
Michigan	1 (46*)
at Michigan State	3 (53, 35, 35)
Washington	2 (27*, 24*)
vs. Navy	1 (30)
Boston College	1 (33*)
Pittsburgh	3 (46, 46, 36*)

*denotes touchdown reception

SHELTON AMONG NOTRE DAME'S BEST DEEP THREATS

Senior wide receiver **Matt Shelton** is averaging 27.3 yards per reception this season, nabbing 19 catches for 518 yards and scoring six touchdowns. That average threatens to shatter the 25-year-old Notre Dame single-season record, but Shelton needs to reach the minimum of 20 catches to qualify. The current mark of 25.6 yards per catch is held by Tony Hunter, who set the mark in 1979 with 690 yards on 27 receptions. The single-season leaders in Notre Dame history for yards per catch:

Player	Year	No.-Yards	Avg.
Matt Shelton	2004	19-518	27.3
1. Tony Hunter	1979	27-690	25.6
2. Jim Morse	1956	20-442	22.1
3. Raghil Ismail	1990	32-699	21.84
Kris Haines	1978	32-699	21.84
5. Dan Kelleher	1976	24-522	21.75
6. Tim Brown	1987	39-846	21.69
7. Derrick Mayes	1993	24-512	21.3



COACHES ON GAME DAY

A summary of the locations of members of the Notre Dame coaching staff during games:

Kent Baer (f)	Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
Bill Diedrick (p)	Offensive Coordinator/QB
Mike Denbrock (f)	Offensive Line (T)/TE
Greg Mattison (f)	Defensive Line
John McDonell (p)	Offensive (C/G)
Trent Miles (f)	Receivers
Buzz Preston (f)	Running Backs/Special Teams
Bob Simmons (f)	Linebackers
Steven Wilks (p)	Defensive Backs
D.J. Durkin (p)	Graduate Assistant
Chad Klunder (p)	Graduate Assistant

Game day location: p - Press Box, f - Field

WALKER KEYS RUSHING GAME'S RESURGENCE

Freshman running back **Darius Walker** has provided a consistent threat in the Irish running game by averaging 74.3 yards rushing per game the past 10 contests (743 yards on 172 carries). Walker made a big splash in his home debut vs. Michigan, rushing 31 times for 115 yards and two touchdowns in a 28-20 Irish win. He followed up with another solid effort at Michigan State, rushing for 98 yards on 26 carries and posted his second 100-yard effort of the season with 112 yards and two touchdowns against Pittsburgh. His Michigan performance was good enough for *The Sporting News* and *Sporting News Radio* to name the Lawrenceville, Ga., native as its National Player of the Week, and for *Rivals.com* to tab him as the National Freshman of the Week for Sept. 11. Walker's numbers in his debut game vs. Michigan also put him among some select company in Notre Dame history. In that game, he: a) became the first Irish freshman to rush for 100 yards in a game since Julius Jones had 146 yards against Navy on Oct. 30, 1999; b) became the first Notre Dame freshman to score two touchdowns in a game since Matt LoVecchio ran for two scores at USC on Nov. 25, 2000; c) was the first Irish rookie to score in a home opener since Sept. 29, 1979, when Tony Hunter caught a 14-yard touchdown pass in a 27-3 win over Michigan State and the first freshman to score two touchdowns in a home opener since at least 1970; and d) was the first Notre Dame freshman running back to score twice in a game since Nov. 18, 1995, when Autry Denson rushed for two touchdowns in a 44-14 win at Air Force. (Julius Jones scored twice vs. Boston College on Nov. 20, 1999, but one of his touchdowns came on a punt return).

WALKER AMONG TOP FRESHMAN RUSHERS IN NOTRE DAME HISTORY

Freshman running back **Darius Walker** is on the way to posting one of the top rushing totals by a freshman in Notre Dame history. His 64-yard effort against USC moved him into second place on Notre Dame's freshman rushing list, passing Autry Denson (695 yards in 1995). Walker needs only 14 yards in the Insight Bowl to break Jerome Heavens' mark set in 1975. Here's a rundown of the top freshman rushers in Irish football history:

Player	Year	Yards
1. Jerome Heavens	1975	756
2. Darius Walker	2004	743
3. Autry Denson	1995	695
4. Randy Kinder	1993	537
5. Allen Pinkett	1982	532

WALKER'S 6 TOUCHDOWN RUNS RANKS SECOND AMONG IRISH FRESHMEN

Freshman running back **Darius Walker** has been consistently productive in the red zone, producing six touchdown rushes on the season. That total ranks him second all-time in Notre Dame history for rushing touchdowns by a freshman. Only Autry Denson's eight rushing scores in 1995 ranks ahead of Walker's total entering the Insight Bowl. Here's a rundown of the top freshman touchdown rushers in Irish football history:

Player	Year	Rushing TDs
1. Autry Denson	1995	8
2. Darius Walker	2004	6
3. Allen Pinkett	1982	5
Jerome Heavens	1975	5

BE LIKE MIKE

Senior linebacker **Mike Goolsby** made a resounding return to the Notre Dame lineup this season after missing the entire 2003 slate with an injury. Goolsby has been credited with a team-high 94 tackles (8.5 per game) while leading the team in six games. With six tackles in the Insight Bowl, Goolsby would become the 38th player in Notre Dame history to record 100 tackles in a season. The Joliet, IL, native rolled up career-best tackle totals his first two games of the year, tallying 11 stops at BYU and 14 tackles against Michigan, added 12 tackles vs. Navy and matched his career-best with 14 stops at Tennessee. His performance against the Vols also included a sack and an interception he returned for the decisive touchdown. Over a stretch of three games (Boston College, Tennessee and Pittsburgh), Goolsby produced at least one turnover in each contest with all three leading to subsequent scores. Strangely, all three plays occurred on the 26-yard line. In the second period against Boston College, Goolsby intercepted a pass at the Eagle 26 and returned it to the two-yard line to set up a Notre Dame touchdown for a 14-7 lead. Against Tennessee, he intercepted a Vols pass at the UT 26 and returned it for the winning score midway through the third quarter. Against Pittsburgh, his recovery of a Panther fumble at the Irish 26 led to a 74-yard Notre Dame scoring drive.

GOOLSBY EARNS NATIONAL ACCLAIM IN TENNESSEE VICTORY

Senior linebacker **Mike Goolsby** earned National Defensive Player of the Week honors from the Walter Camp Football Foundation for his performance in the 17-13 victory at Tennessee on Nov. 6. Not only did Goolsby post a game-high 14 tackles (seven solos) and a quarterback sack, he also intercepted at Tennessee pass in the third period and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown that provided the winning points in Notre Dame's first road victory over a top 10 opponent in eight years (27-24 at No. 6 Texas on Sept. 21, 1996).



GRADUATION RATES

The University of Notre Dame ranks second among Division I-A institutions in five major student-athlete graduate rate categories — overall, football, men, women and African-American — according to statistics released in late October by the NCAA.

The federally mandated 2004 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between 1994 and 1997 at Division I institutions, including 117 in Division I-A. The NCAA bases graduation rates on the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered an institution and graduated within six years. Students who leave or transfer, regardless of academic standing, are considered non-graduates.

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

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

In August 2003, the NCAA presented an Academic Achievement Award to Notre Dame for its best-in-the-nation one-year graduation rate of 92 percent for all student-athletes who enrolled in 1996.

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

ALL STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

MALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETES

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

HARD-HITTING HOYTE

Senior linebacker **Brandon Hoyte** has been a catalyst for Notre Dame's physical play on defense this season, making several big hits and tackles for losses. Hoyte ended the regular season with 71 tackles to rank second on the team, and his knack for making big hits has been a hallmark of his play thus far in 2004. Hoyte has forced three fumbles this season, collected three quarterback sacks and has eight tackles for loss (46 yards). Hoyte posted a career-best 16 stops vs. Navy, the most by an Irish player since Courtney Watson had 18 tackles at Nebraska in 2001.

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

Senior defensive end **Justin Tuck** has taken full ownership of the Notre Dame career quarterback sacks record with a total of 24.5. He moved to the top of the list with a pair of sacks in the win at Tennessee on Nov. 6. The Kellyton, Ala., native set a school record with 13.5 sacks last year and has added six sacks this season. With a sack against Michigan, he passed Mike Gann (1982-84) for second place on the Irish career list behind Kory Minor's 22.5 sacks from 1995-98. He later tied the mark with a share of a sack against Boston College. Here's a look at the Irish career sack leaders since 1982 (when Notre Dame began recognizing sacks as a separate statistic — prior to that, they were labeled "tackles for loss"):

Player	Position	Years	Sacks
1. Justin Tuck	DE	2002-04	24.5
2. Kory Minor	OLB	1995-98	22.5
3. Mike Gann	DT	1982-84	21
4. Bryant Young	DT	1990-93	18
5. Anthony Weaver	DE	1998-01	17
6. Bert Berry	LB	1993-96	16.5

TUCK WREAKING HAVOC

Senior defensive end **Justin Tuck** has been a force to be reckoned with for opposing offenses this season, racking up impressive totals as a pass rusher and a run stopper. In addition to his team-leading sack total of six (for 38 yards), he has garnered a team-high 14 tackles for losses totalling 57 yards. No other Irish defender has more than eight TFLs this season. Tuck has accomplished all of this while dealing with double-teams and offensive game plans designed to reduce his impact as a pass rusher and defensive force. His 47 total tackles rank sixth on the team. Tuck's year-by-year totals to this point in his Notre Dame career:

Year	Time	G-S	TACKLES					Sacks	FUMBLES				
			TT	UT	AT	TFL	QBH		FF	FR	PBU	Int	
2001													
2002	180:24	13-1	44	33	11	10-36	1	5-26	1	0-0	5	0-0	
2003	225:22	12-10	73	43	30	19-117	0	13.5-106	3	0-0	2	0-0	
2004	263:13	11-11	47	27	20	14-57	0	6-38	0	0-0	0	0-0	
Totals	669:59	36-22	164	103	61	43-210	1	24.5-170	4	0-0	7	0-0	

FITZPATRICK SHARP IN THE PUNTING GAME

Senior punter **D.J. Fitzpatrick** has shown considerable improvement this season. Fitzpatrick currently ranks 30th in the nation with a 42.4-yard punting average, a jump of almost six yards per kick from last year's average (36.84). That improvement is a big factor in Notre Dame's ranking of eighth nationally in net punting. He has 17 punts of at least 50 yards, including a career-long 67-yarder vs. Boston College, has dropped 28 punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line and is helping Notre Dame to hold its opponents to only 6.8 yards per punt return. Earlier this season, he had career-best outings in consecutive games, averaging 46.0 yards on seven attempts against Washington (including four punts of at least 50 yards and four punts downed inside the UW 20) and an impressive 49.3 yards on three punts against Purdue. His totals are on pace to rank among the 10 best punting seasons in Notre Dame history:

Player, Year	Punts	Yards	Average
1. Craig Hentrich, 1990	34	1526	*44.9
2. Craig Hentrich, 1989	26	1159	44.6
3. Craig Hentrich, 1992	35	1534	43.8
4. Joe Restic, 1975	40	1739	43.5
5. Hunter Smith, 1996	44	1906	43.3
6. Craig Hentrich, 1991	23	986	42.9
7. Brian Doherty, 1973	39	1664	42.7
8. Hunter Smith, 1997	50	2132	42.6
9. D.J. Fitzpatrick, 2004	70	2971	42.442
10. Blair Kiel, 1982	*77	*3267	42.428

*denotes school record



2004 NOTRE DAME OPPONENT UPDATE

The following is a look at Notre Dame opponents' upcoming games. Since 1977, when the NCAA started rating strength of schedule, Notre Dame's schedule has been rated the most difficult five times (1978, 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1995) and has appeared in the top 30 a total of 22 times in the last 27 years. The 2004 Irish ledger currently is the seventh-toughest in the nation, based on cumulative opposition.

Opponent (Ranking*)	'04 Record	'03 Record	Next Opponent (Bowl Game)
BYU	5-6	4-8	Season Over
Michigan (13/12)	9-2	10-3	vs. Texas (Rose Bowl)
Michigan State	5-7	8-5	Season Over
Washington	1-10	6-6	Season Over
Purdue	7-4	9-4	vs. Arizona State (Vitalis Sun Bowl, Dec. 31)
Stanford	4-7	4-7	Season Over
Navy	9-2	8-5	vs. New Mexico (Emerald Bowl, Dec. 30)
Boston College (25/--)	8-3	8-5	vs. North Carolina (Continental Tire Bowl, Dec. 30)
Tennessee (15/17)	9-3	10-3	vs. Texas A&M (SBC Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1)
Pittsburgh (19/20)	8-3	8-5	vs. Utah (Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Jan. 1)
USC (1/1)	12-0	12-1	vs. Oklahoma (FedEx Orange Bowl, Jan. 4)

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

Notre Dame Opponents' Combined Record in 2003: 89-49 (.645); Record in 2004: 77-47 (.621)

IRISH PLAYED THE NATION'S SEVENTH-TOUGHEST CUMULATIVE SCHEDULE

Notre Dame's overall 2004 football schedule ranks seventh in difficulty, based on a combined 68-41 mark (.624) by Irish opponents in regular season games vs. NCAA Division IA opponents, according to NCAA figures released Sunday, Dec. 5. Texas A&M leads the list with a 71-37 mark (.657) by its opponents, followed by North Carolina and Arizona. Notre Dame's schedule included seven teams that will participate in bowl games, including three participants in Bowl Championship Series games, and five teams that ended the regular season ranked in the nation's top 25 (including No. 1 USC) by *Associated Press*. Here's the top 10 listing for teams based their cumulative schedules. Here's the top 10 listing for teams based on their cumulative schedules (team records in parentheses):

Team (Record)	Opp. Record	Pct.
1. Texas A&M (7-4)	71-37	.657
2. North Carolina (6-5)	62-34	.646
3. Arizona (3-8)	65-36	.644
4. Baylor (3-8)	63-36	.636
5. Arizona State (8-3)	69-41	.627
Oregon State (6-5)	69-41	.627
7. Notre Dame (6-4)	68-41	.624
8. Arkansas (5-6)	65-40	.619
9. Temple (2-9)	57-38	.600
10. Auburn (12-0)	64-43	.598
Miami, Fla. (8-3)	64-43	.598

NOTRE DAME INTERIM HEAD COACH KENT BAER

With the dismissal of head football coach **Tyrone Willingham** on Dec. 1, University of Notre Dame athletic director **Dr. Kevin White** announced that Irish defensive coordinator **Kent Baer** will assume the role of interim head football coach for Notre Dame through the Insight Bowl.

Baer, who has led the Irish defense for the last three seasons, will be assuming head coaching duties for the first time on the college level, completes his third season on the Notre Dame staff with the Insight Bowl. Baer's Fighting Irish defensive units have developed a reputation as hard-hitting squads that have been among the nation's most opportunistic. The 2004 Irish defense has maintained that tradition, boasting one of the nation's best units against the run (ninth, 94.4 ypg) while permitting only three opponents to rush for more than 100 yards and preventing every Irish foe from reaching its average rushing output in a game this season.

The 2003 Irish defense ranked 33rd nationally in total defense, allowing an average of 340.2 yards per contest. Notre Dame ranked 29th in the nation against the rush, surrendering only 127.2 yards per game, and was among the nation's top 50 in pass defense (213.0 ypg). The Irish forced 28 opponent turnovers in 2003 (15 fumbles, 13 interceptions) and have forced a combined total of 61 opponent turnovers over Baer's first two seasons leading the Notre Dame defense.

In Baer's first season at Notre Dame, the 2002 Irish finished ninth in scoring defense (16.69), 10th in the nation in pass efficiency (98.24) and rushing defense (95.23), 13th in total defense (300.00) and 46th in passing defense (204.77). For his efforts, Baer was named a finalist for the Frank Broyles Award (given to the nation's most outstanding assistant coach) for the first time in his career.

Baer, who coached the linebackers while at Stanford from 1995-2001, came to the Cardinal after serving as a defensive coordinator for 12 seasons at Arizona State, California and Utah State. In 2001, Baer's Cardinal defense led the Pac-10 in rushing defense for only the second time in school history. The Cardinal only gave up 109.6 yards per game on the ground that season. Baer, who was the defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at Arizona State for three seasons (1992-94) prior to coming to Stanford, is a 30-year veteran

MOST '04 BOWL OPPONENTS

Teams with the most 2004 bowl teams on the 2004 schedule (including bowl opponents):

Texas A&M	9
Syracuse	9
Notre Dame	8
Iowa	8
North Carolina	8
Oklahoma State	8
Cincinnati	8
Temple	8
Baylor	8

MOST '03 BOWL OPPONENTS

Teams with the most 2003 bowl teams on the 2004 schedule:

Colorado	9
Oklahoma	9
Notre Dame	8
Arizona	8
Arizona State	8
Kansas	8
Miami, Fla.	8
North Carolina	8
Northwestern	8
Penn State	8
Texas Tech	8

SEVEN '04 BOWL TEAMS ON THE '05 IRISH SCHEDULE

As the 2005 schedule stands now, Notre Dame will face seven teams that are participating in bowl games in the 2004 postseason:

Pittsburgh	Tostitos Fiesta
Michigan	Rose
Purdue	Vitalis Sun
USC	FedEx Orange
Tennessee	SBC Cotton
Navy	Emerald
Syracuse	Champ Sports



NOTRE DAME ALUMS IN RARE NFL COMPANY

Notre Dame is the only school to boast three former players who have totaled 10,000-plus rushing or receiving yards in NFL history. Through games of Dec. 13, Jerome Bettis ranks fifth on the NFL's all-time rushing yards list and second among active rushers with 13,037 yards, while Ricky Watters retired with 10,643 yards (currently in 15th place). At the same time, Tim Brown ranks second on the NFL's all-time receiving yards list (14,909), trailing Seattle Seahawks wideout Jerry Rice.

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

of the coaching ranks. He has coached at the University of California (1987-91), University of Idaho (1986), Utah State University (1977-85) and with the Yokosuka Seahawks (a United States Navy team) from 1973-76.

Baer coached for 14 years in the college ranks before joining Willingham's staff at Stanford; six at Utah State, five at California and three at Arizona State. His 1992 Sun Devils defense allowed just 268.8 yards per game and was ranked seventh in the nation. All-Americans Shante Carver, Craig Newsome and Brett Wallerstedt were all mainstays on Baer's Arizona State defense. Prior to Arizona State, Baer was Cal's defensive coordinator for five seasons. He was part of a staff that led the Bears to a 17-6-1 record in 1990-91 with victories in the Copper Bowl (1990) and Citrus Bowl (1991). Baer helped lead Cal to a 10-2 record and a No. 8 national ranking in 1991.

In his one season at Idaho, Baer was the defensive coordinator for a Vandals team that went 8-4 and earned a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs as part of a staff that included current Notre Dame offensive coordinator **Bill Diederick**. At Utah State, Baer coached outside linebackers for six seasons (1977-82) before becoming the defensive coordinator and secondary coach for three years (1983-85). In two of his three years as defensive coordinator, the Aggies led the conference in total defense.

Baer has international coaching experience, having served as the head coach of the Yokosuka Seahawks (United States Navy) team in Japan for four years (1973-76) before returning to Utah State. While coaching in Japan, he was the athletics and recreation director for the entire United States Navy there, including the Seventh Fleet, with over 100 employees working under him. For the past 15 years, Baer has coached and coordinated the New Era Bowl in Nishinomiya, Japan. The game features two of the best Japanese college football teams from the Osaka area and 12 college players from the United States. Each team receives six players and two coaches from an American college team.

Baer was a standout linebacker at Utah State (1969-72), where he lettered four straight seasons. He broke the school record for tackles with 116 in 1972, a mark that stood for 10 years. He graduated in 1973 with a degree in physical education and recreation. Baer enjoyed a fine prep career at Sky View High School in Smithfield, Utah. A native of Logan, Utah, Baer was born May 2, 1951.

Kent Baer's Coaching History

Year	School/Team	Assignment
1973	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1974	Yokosuka Seakawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1975	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1976	Yokosuka Seahawks (U.S. Navy)	Head Coach
1977	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1978	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1979	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1980	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1981	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1982	Utah State	Outside Linebackers
1983	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1984	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1985	Utah State	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
1986	Idaho (NCAA I-AA playoffs)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1987	California	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1988	California	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1989	California	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1990	California (Copper Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1991	California (Citrus Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
1992	Arizona State	Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
1993	Arizona State	Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
1994	Arizona State	Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
1995	Stanford (Liberty Bowl)	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1996	Stanford (Sun Bowl)	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1997	Stanford	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1998	Stanford	Inside and Outside Linebackers
1999	Stanford (Rose Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2000	Stanford	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2001	Stanford (Seattle Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2002	Notre Dame (Gator Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator
2003	Notre Dame	Defensive Coordinator
2004	Notre Dame (Insight Bowl)	Defensive Coordinator/Interim Head Coach



NOTRE DAME RELEASES COACH TYRONE WILLINGHAM

The University of Notre Dame announced on Tuesday, Nov. 30, that it would not retain head football coach **Tyrone Willingham** for the Insight Bowl game or the 2005 season, thus ending Willingham's tenure as head coach after almost three seasons. Willingham completed his Notre Dame stint with a record of 21-15 (.584) in two-plus seasons with the Irish, leading Notre Dame to a 10-3 record and a trip to the Gator Bowl in 2002 before a 5-7 campaign in 2003 and a 6-5 mark in the 2004 regular season.

In 10 years as a college head coach, Willingham compiled a 65-51-1 (.560) record and has guided his teams to bowl games on six occasions, including the 2004 season. Willingham was introduced as the new Irish head coach on Jan. 1, 2002, following seven seasons as the head coach at Stanford. He compiled a 44-36-1 (.549) record during his tenure at Stanford, guiding the Cardinal to four bowl games, including the Rose Bowl following the 1999 season.

In 2002, Willingham became the first Irish head coach ever to win 10 games in his first season, was named the *ESPN/Home Depot* College Coach of the Year, the *Scripps* College Coach of the Year, the Black Coaches Association Male Coach of the Year and received the George Munger Award College Coach of the Year by the Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia. In addition, he made history in 2002 as the first college football coach ever to earn *The Sporting News* Sportsman of the Year award.

At Stanford, Willingham was a two-time Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year (1995 and 1999), the only Cardinal coach to earn that award more than once, and he was a finalist for national coach-of-the-year honors in '95 and '99. All told, Willingham spent 10 years at Stanford, initially serving as running backs coach from 1989-91. Between his stints with the Cardinal, Willingham coached in the professional ranks for three seasons (1992-94) with the Minnesota Vikings. Willingham began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Michigan State, in 1977, before moving to Central Michigan as the defensive secondary coach for two years (1978-79). He returned to MSU from 1980-82, working with the secondary and special teams units, and served on the coaching staffs at North Carolina State (1983-85) and Rice (1986-88).

CURRY NAMED TO AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

Senior linebacker **Derek Curry** was named to the 2004 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team, the AFCA announced Sept. 15. Curry was one of only 11 football student-athletes chosen for the NCAA Division I-A Team. Another 11 student-athletes were named to the team representing schools from NCAA Divisions I-AA, II, III and NAIA. Nominations for the Good Works Team are submitted to the AFCA by college sports information departments. Nominees must be actively involved and committed to working with a charitable organization, service group or involved in other community service activities and must display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations with which they are involved. Athletic ability is not a criterion.

Curry is completing his third season as a starting linebacker for the Irish. A three-time monogram winner at Notre Dame, Curry has distinguished himself as one of the team's undisputed leaders. In addition to his prowess on the football field, Curry has been a three-year volunteer for the Student-Athlete Advisory Council Pediatric Oncology Christmas Party; has volunteered at the Boy's and Girl's Club of downtown South Bend and the Robinson Community Learning Center; is in his third year of "Iron Sharpens Iron", an interdenominational Christian group at Notre Dame that brings students together in worship, prayer and bible studies; has volunteered for two years at "There Are Children Here"; and is a huddle leader for the Notre Dame chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Curry is the third Notre Dame football player named to the squad over the past six seasons.

BIG CROWDS

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 171 of its previous 196 games, including 35 of its last 37 games dating back to the end of the 2001 season (the '03 game at Stanford and this year's game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands 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 that series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represented the sixth time in the last three seasons that Notre Dame has been a part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in 2001; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in 2002).

38 FORMER IRISH ON '04 NFL OPENING-DAY ROSTERS

Notre Dame had 38 of its former football players, including three rookies, listed on the opening-day rosters for National Football League teams in 2004. Miami (43) and Florida State (39) were the only schools with more NFL opening-day representatives, and Tennessee tied Notre Dame with 38.

The Irish have produced either the first-, second- or third-highest total in that category for 10 consecutive years (1995-2004). Notre Dame led all Division I schools for five years in a row from 1995-99. Here are the former Notre Dame players now active in the pros (*R* - indicates rookie):

Arizona: DE Bertrand Berry
Atlanta: DB/KR Allen Rossum
Baltimore: SS Gerome Sapp (now with Indianapolis), DE Anthony Weaver
Chicago: OT Mike Gandy
Cleveland: C Jeff Faine
Dallas: RB Julius Jones (R), OT Kurt Vollers
Detroit: QB Rick Mirer, TE John Owens
Green Bay: RB Tony Fisher
Houston: SS Glenn Earl (R)
Indianapolis: FB Tom Lopienski, P Hunter Smith
Jacksonville: S Deke Cooper, FB Marc Edwards
Kansas City: OL Jordan Black
Minnesota: OG Mike Rosenthal
New England: WR David Givens
New Orleans: K John Carney, DB Deveron Harper, LB Courtney Watson (R)
New York Giants: DT Lance Legree, OT Luke Petitgout
Oakland: DT Grant Irons
Philadelphia: DT Paul Grasmanis
Pittsburgh: RB Jerome Bettis, OG Jim Jones
San Francisco: WR Amaz Battle, DT Bryant Young
St. Louis: FB Joey Goodspeed
Seattle: CB Bobby Taylor
Tampa Bay: WR Tim Brown, OG Sean Mahan
Tennessee: LB Rocky Boiman, P Craig Hentrich
Washington: OT Jim Molinaro, DL Renaldo Wynn

Other former Fighting Irish players affiliated with NFL teams include DT **Darrell Campbell** (rookie - Chicago Bears reserve/non-football injury list), OT **Brennan Curtin** (Green Bay Packers injured reserve), CB **Vontez Duff** (signed by Pittsburgh Steelers since start of the season) and S **Shawn Wooden** (Miami Dolphins injured reserve).



BUDINCAK IS ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT A 4TH TIME

Senior defensive end **Kyle Budinscak** was recently named a CoSIDA first-team Academic All-District V selection, advancing him to the national ballot for Academic All-America accolades announced December 1.

A native of Bridgewater, N.J., Budinscak is a four-time academic all-district first-team honoree. He has started all 10 games this season at defensive end for the Irish and currently has 18 tackles, including two quarterback sacks, 3.5 tackles for losses, three pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. He is a vital member of the Irish defense, which ranks seventh in the nation in rushing defense (95.5 yards allowed per game).

Budinscak graduated in May 2004, from the Mendoza College of Business with a bachelor's degree in finance. He finished his undergraduate degree with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.591 and is currently enrolled as a non-degree seeking graduate student at the University. He has been on the Dean's List six semesters during his career and has been a three-time State Farm/Westwood One Student-Athlete of the Game. Budinscak is also active in the community participating in the Boys and Girls Club of South Bend and the Tackle The Arts program. He was named the 2003 Westwood One/State Farm Student-Athlete of the Year and has been selected to the Rosenthal Leadership Group at Notre Dame.

TICKET UPDATE

The Notre Dame ticket office received 52,179 ticket requests for the Oct. 2 game vs. Purdue, making it the fifth-highest requested Irish home game in history. The Notre Dame Stadium record of 59,368 ticket requests was set in '01 when the Irish took on West Virginia. Demand for that game was based on parents of current Notre Dame students being guaranteed four tickets for that contest — plus contributing alumni having the opportunity to apply for four tickets instead of the usual two, based on its designation as an alumni family game. The Irish have posted 179 consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium and 227 in their last 228 home games.

The top 10 games in terms of alumni ticket demand at Notre Dame Stadium:

Game	Year	Attendance
1. West Virginia	2001	59,368
2. USC	1997	57,048
3. Boston College	2002	55,482
4. USC	2003	54,244
5. Purdue	2004	52,179
6. Florida State	2003	51,051
7. Michigan	2002	50,883
8. Michigan State	2001	48,404
9. Nebraska	2000	47,865
10. Michigan State	1997	47,681

NOTRE DAME ON THE SMALL SCREEN

With the Insight Bowl game televised nationally by ESPN, the Irish will extend their streak of appearances on one of four major networks (NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN) to 148 straight games, a stretch that spans 12 full seasons (1993-2004). The last time the Irish didn't appear on one of those four networks was 12 years ago (Oct. 31, 1992), when Notre Dame downed Navy, 38-7, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. That game was shown locally in South Bend on WNDU-TV. Here's a breakdown of the networks on which the Irish have played during this impressive streak:

Year	Games	NBC	ABC	CBS	ESPN
1992	4	3	1	—	—
1993	12	7	4	—	1
1994	12	7	5	—	—
1995	12	6	4	1	1
1996	11	6	2	2	1
1997	13	6	3	2	2
1998	12	7	3	2	—
1999	12	7	3	1	1
2000	12	6	3	3	—
2001	11	6	4	—	1
2002	13	7	4	1	1
2003	12	6	5	—	1
2004	12	6	1	2	3
Totals	148	80	42	14	12

WHEN THE EYES OF THE NATION ARE UPON THEM

Notre Dame is 172-88-3 (.6596) all-time when it is playing in front of a national television audience. The 2003 game at Michigan was another milestone for the Irish program — it was the 300th time a Notre Dame football game appeared on national or regional television. During their 115-year history, the Irish have posted a combined 200-116-4 (.631) record in these national or regional TV games, beginning with a 27-21 victory over No. 4 Oklahoma on Nov. 8, 1952 in a game that was shown nationwide on ABC. Here's a breakdown of Notre Dame's success over the years when appearing on each of the various networks on both a national and regional basis (the current Irish win/loss streak on the four major networks is listed in parentheses):

NATIONAL TELEVISION		REGIONAL TELEVISION	
NBC (lost 2)	66-27-1 (.707)	ABC (lost 2)	24-25-1 (.490)
ABC (lost 4)	44-36-2 (.549)	CBS (won 1)	4-2-0 (.667)
CBS (won 8)	24-11-0 (.686)	Big Ten Syndication	1-0-0 (1.000)
ESPN/ESPN2 (won 1)	20-11-0 (.645)	TBS	0-1-0 (.000)
WGN	10-2-0 (.833)	Totals	29-28-1 (.509)
SportsChannel	4-1-0 (.800)		
Raycom	2-0-0 (1.000)		
TBS	1-0-0 (1.000)		
Katz	1-0-0 (1.000)		
Totals	172-88-3 (.6596)		

NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN GARNERS NBC'S HIGHEST SEASON-OPENING RATING SINCE 1998

NBC's coverage of Notre Dame's 28-20 win over No.8 Michigan on Sept. 11 delivered a 4.0 national rating/10 share, making it the highest-rated season opener since a 5.1/14 on Sept. 5, 1998 for a 36-20 Irish win over fifth-ranked Michigan, according to Nielsen Media Research. The 4.0/10 represents a 29 percent hike over last year's opener — a 29-26 overtime win over Washington State that produced a 3.1/8. It was the best rating for any Notre Dame telecast on NBC since a 4.4/11 vs. Boston College on Nov. 2, 2002. The 2004 season was Notre Dame's 14th of its unique relationship with NBC. All Irish home football games since 1991 have been televised on the network, with the current agreement slated to continue through 2010. Tom Hammond (play-by-play) and Pat Haden (analysis) are in their fourth full season broadcasting the action for NBC in '04.

NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS DEBUT ON SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO

In addition to its unparalleled television coverage, Notre Dame also has increased its radio footprint, announcing an agreement on Aug. 31 with SIRIUS Satellite Radio to become the official satellite radio partner for Notre Dame athletics. SIRIUS will broadcast every Irish football game this season, and also will air selected men's and women's basketball games, as well as other sporting events. In addition, SIRIUS will aid in the development of marketing initiatives with the University's athletic department as a member of "Team Notre Dame." Notre Dame's agreement with SIRIUS is one of the cornerstones in the formation of SIRIUS College Sports Radio, a partnership between SIRIUS and College Sports Television (CSTV) that includes 23 major universities around the country. SIRIUS radios for the car and home start at \$149 and are available at major retailers nationwide. For more information, visit www.sirius.com.

KEVIN WHITE NAMED PRESIDENT OF DIVISION I-A ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Notre Dame athletics director **Dr. Kevin White** is the new president of the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association for 2004-05. His appointment became effective Sept. 27 at the Association's annual meeting in Dallas. White, who is now in his fifth year at Notre Dame, served as first vice president in 2003-04 under Gene DeFilippo, director of athletics at Boston College. In addition to his new leadership role with the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association, White also is the third vice president of NACDA, the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, for 2004-05.

**2004 SEASON HONORS****LB Mike Goolsby**

*Walter Camp Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week at Tennessee - Nov. 6 (14 tackles, 1 sack, 1 interception return for a TD).

*CBS Player of the Game at Tennessee - Nov. 6.

*Notre Dame Team Captain.

DE Kyle Budinscak

*Academic All-District V (CoSIDA).

*National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete nominee.

*Knute Rockne Scholar-Athlete Award from the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley.

LB Derek Curry

*AFC A Good Works Team.

*Notre Dame Team Captain.

*Nick Pietrosane Award – (by vote of players) awarded to the individual who best exemplifies the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and pride shown by the late Irish All-America fullback.

TE Anthony Fasano

*Mackey Award Preseason Watch List.

*Mackey Award Tight End of the Week - Oct. 4 (8 catches, 155 yards, 2 touchdowns vs. #15 Purdue).

RB Ryan Grant

*Notre Dame Team Captain.

OT Ryan Harris

*Westwood One/Guardian Life Insurance Guardian of the Year – awarded to the top Notre Dame offensive lineman.

WR/PR Carlyle Holiday

*Notre Dame Team Captain.

DT Greg Pauly

*Moose Krause Chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Notre Dame Lineman of the Year.

QB Brady Quinn

*Davey O'Brien Award Preseason Watch List.

FB Josh Schmidt

*Westwood One/State Farm Student Athlete of the Year.

DE Justin Tuck

*Hendricks Award Preseason Watch List.

*No. 5 defensive end in the nation by *The Sporting News* preseason preview.

*Third-team Preseason All-America by *The Sporting News*, *Athlon* and *Street & Smith's*.

*Notre Dame National Monogram Club MVP (by vote of players).

RB Darius Walker

**The Sporting News* National Player of the Week vs. Michigan - Sept. 11 (115 yards rushing, 2 touchdowns).

*Sporting News Radio National Player of the Week vs. Michigan - Sept. 11.

**Rivals.com* National Freshman of the Week vs. Michigan - Sept. 11.

S Tom Zbikowski

*Football Writers Association National Defensive Player of the Week at Michigan State - Sept. 13 (9 tackles, 1 interception returned 22 yards, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery returned 75 yards for a TD).



NOTRE DAME REMAINS A FAN FAVORITE

Two recent surveys have determined that the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame remain America's most-followed college football program.

A recent survey by The Harris Poll® of a nationwide cross section of adults has confirmed what one survey earlier this year by ESPN — the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame are the most popular college football team in the nation among adults in the United States.

The 2004 survey, released Nov. 12, continues a long-standing trend. Notre Dame has been America's favorite college football team every year since The Harris Poll® first started asking this question in 1997 (with the exception of 2000 and 2001 as Harris Interactive® did not poll on this topic during these years). They are followed by Ohio State, which for the first time unseats Florida State for the number two spot, while Florida State, which has been second for the past seven years, drops precipitously out of the top 10.

Only a handful of teams in the top 10 are currently ranked in the top 25 in the AP Poll, the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll or the BCS standings. Perhaps due to allegiance to alumni or a given state, college football appears to have a more stable fan base than professional football, despite the changing fortunes of a given team.

These are some of the results of an online survey conducted by Harris Interactive between October 20 and 25, 2004 among a nationwide cross section of 2,114 U.S. adults of whom 789 say they follow college football. While interest in college football was on the rise in the late 1990s, this year it holds steady as 35 percent of U.S. adults report following college football — virtually the same as the last two years. Its popularity is highest among men and southerners.

The top 10 teams in the survey were as follows: 1. Notre Dame, 2. Ohio State, 3. Michigan, 4. Texas, 5. Penn State, 6. LSU, 7. USC, 8. Wisconsin, 9. Tennessee, and 10. Maryland.

Notre Dame also ranked as the nation's favorite college football team in an ESPN Sports Poll of nearly 7,000 college sports fans ages 12 and older taken from January to December 2003, garnering 6.1 percent of the popular vote. Furthermore, the Irish were the only team to finish in the top 10 in all four regions of the country where the ESPN Sports Poll was conducted. Ohio State was the only other school to earn at least four percent of the vote, finishing at 5.3 percent.

MAKING THE GRADE

The last three seasons of Notre Dame football have produced some impressive semesters in the classroom for the Notre Dame football team. In fact, the Irish are coming off a 2004 spring semester in which the team's 104 players combined for a 2.96 grade-point average that ranks as the program's best semester GPA on record (dating back to 1992). The Notre Dame football program's top six semester GPAs since '92 all have been posted during the past seven semesters (prior to the fall of '04), including the three semesters from fall of '02 to fall of '03 (2.84 in the fall of '02, 2.79 in the spring of '03 and 2.82 in the fall of '03). The football program's second-best semester GPA of the past 12 years came in the spring of 2002 (2.90), followed by a 2.80 in the spring of 2001 and a 2.69 in the fall of '01. Upon closer examination, the 2004 spring semester saw 11 Irish football players post a Dean's List GPA (sliding scale, based on major) while 21 turned in a semester GPA of 3.4-plus and more than half (53) had a GPA of 3.0 or better. In addition, two players — current fifth-year DE **Kyle Budinscak** and senior LB **Brandon Hoyte** — received Academic All-District V honors in 2003, marking Budinscak's third selection and Hoyte's second to the prestigious squad. Budinscak followed up with another All-District V honor this season.

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

The American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) annually honors the school with the highest graduation rate based on a particular entering freshman football class — and Notre Dame has won the award six times, most recently in 2001 with its 100-percent graduation rate (22 of 22 entering freshmen from 1996 earned their degrees within five years). The 2001 award followed Notre Dame's previous honors in 1982, '83, '84, '88 and '91. Notre Dame also holds the distinction of producing the first 100-percent rate in a single year after 24 of 24 student-athletes earned their degrees within a five-year period out of the entering class of 1982 (and 16 of those 24 did so within four years). Only eight other times has a school registered a 100-percent graduation rate. The 1988 award had special meaning, as it was the first time a school won the national championship on the football field — as Notre Dame did, finishing 12-0 after a Fiesta Bowl win over unbeaten West Virginia — and in the classroom. Including the special mention category, the Irish have received some sort of recognition in 23 of 24 years the award has been presented — with Duke next at 21.

TAKING ACADEMIC SUCCESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

The high graduation rate of the Notre Dame football program extends to the elite group of former players who have moved on to play in the National Football League. Notre Dame has seen 88 of its former players appear on NFL opening-day rosters during the past eight seasons (1996-2003) and 93.1 percent of those players (82) have earned their degrees from the University. In fact, Notre Dame's own institutional research shows that 99 percent of scholarship football players who have entered the University since 1962 have received their degrees (896 of 905, based only on individuals who remained at the school at least four years). Those figures do not include players who transferred or withdrew before completing four or more years at Notre Dame. The 93.1 percent graduation rate for NFL participants ranks even higher than Notre Dame's most recent NCAA graduation rates for all student-athletes (87 percent), male student-athletes (85), female student-athletes (92), football student-athletes (81) and African-American student-athletes (78). Those numbers, released last fall, comprised all student-athletes entering Notre Dame from 1993-96.

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2004 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	QB	FB	RB
at BYU	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	T. Thomas
Michigan	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	Grant
at MSU	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Freeman*	Grant
Washington	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Shelton	Quinn	Freeman*	Walker
Purdue	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Freeman	Shelton	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Walker
Stanford	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Freeman	Stovall	Quinn	Carlson*	Grant
vs. Navy	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Carlson*	Grant
BC	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Grant
at Tenn.	McKnight	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Grant
Pittsburgh	Holiday	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Palmer	Clark*	Quinn	Schmidt	Grant
at USC	Shelton	Harris	Morton	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Stovall	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Grant

* - opened in two tight end formation

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	OLB	ILB	ILB	CB	FS	SS	CB
at BYU	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Michigan	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
at MSU	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Campbell*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Washington	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Purdue	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Stanford	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
vs. Navy	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
BC	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Hoyte	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
at Tenn.	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
Pittsburgh	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson
at USC	Budinscak	Pauly	Landri	Tuck	Curry	Goolsby	Richardson*	Ellick	Burrell	Zbikowski	Jackson

* - opened in nickel defense

Red Zone Statistics

ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
at BYU	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
MICH	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
at MSU	5	3	17	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0
WASH	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUR	4	2	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
STAN	3	3	20	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NAVY	3	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BC	2	2	13	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at TENN	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
PITT	4	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	2	2	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	27	166	22	15	7	5	6	2	1	0	1

Notre Dame Red Zone Efficiency: 27 of 33 (.818) / Touchdown Efficiency: 22 of 33 (.667)

Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	√	Pts	Tot	Run	Pass	M	A	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
at BYU	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICH	3	3	9	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
at MSU	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
WASH	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
PUR	4	4	24	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
STAN	4	4	15	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
vs. NAVY	3	2	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
BC	3	2	10	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
at TENN	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
PITT	7	7	41	5	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	28	138	14	5	9	14	15	1	0	2	0

Opponent Red Zone Efficiency: 28 of 32 (.875) / Touchdown Efficiency: 14 of 32 (.438)

Third-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Ryan Grant	11	1	12
Anthony Fasano	0	9	9
Rhema McKnight	0	7	7
Jeff Samardzija	0	6	6
Brady Quinn	6	0	6
Maurice Stovall	0	5	5
Matt Shelton	0	4	4
Darius Walker	5	0	5
Jerome Collins	0	2	2
John Carlson	0	1	1
Carlyle Holiday	0	1	1
Jeff Jenkins	1	0	1
Travis Thomas	1	0	1
Marcus Wilson	1	0	1
Totals	25	36	61

ND on 3rd down: 61-167 (.365)

Fourth-Down Conversions

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Brady Quinn	3	0	3
Ryan Grant	1	0	1
Rhema McKnight	0	1	1
Billy Palmer	0	1	1
Matt Shelton	0	1	1
Darius Walker	1	0	1
Totals	5	3	8

ND on 4th down: 8-15 (.533)

2004 INSIGHT BOWL: NOTRE DAME VS. OREGON STATE

2004 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	21-11-0	47-26-0-265-1	68-276	15-3-9-3	2-1	26:28
at BYU	35-22-1	33-22-1-263-1	68-285	13-2-10-1	3-1	33:32
at Notre Dame	40-135-2	21-10-3-178-2	61-313	13-7-6-0	2-1	27:22
Michigan	30-56-0	40-25-1-240-1	70-296	15-6-8-1	2-2	32:38
Notre Dame	48-173-2	24-11-1-215-1	72-388	19-11-8-0	2-2	34:01
at Michigan State	35-165-1	34-15-3-176-0	69-341	18-10-8-0	5-3	25:59
at Notre Dame	46-146-1	32-17-1-266-4	78-412	22-8-12-2	1-0	31:57
Washington	34-112-0	44-17-1-223-0	78-335	20-4-12-4	5-4	28:03
at Notre Dame	36-76-1	49-29-0-460-1	85-536	28-4-21-3	2-1	33:12
Purdue	28-99-0	32-22-0-413-4	60-512	22-6-15-1	0-0	26:48
at Notre Dame	51-149-3	24-11-0-173-0	75-322	19-9-9-1	3-1	36:20
Stanford	25-67-1	38-17-0-267-0	63-334	16-3-11-2	4-0	23:40
Notre Dame	44-204-3	20-11-0-130-0	64-334	20-13-6-1	1-0	29:59
vs. Navy	61-216-1	6-3-0-44-0	67-260	17-15-2-0	2-1	30:01
at Notre Dame	34-104-2	33-20-2-231-1	67-335	17-4-13-0	0-0	31:12
Boston College	28-62-1	41-27-2-383-2	69-445	22-4-15-3	0-0	28:48
Notre Dame	36-98-0	23-12-0-118-1	59-216	13-6-7-0	0-0	27:28
at Tennessee	39-58-0	36-21-1-269-1	75-327	17-6-11-0	3-0	32:32
at Notre Dame	34-179-2	26-15-1-259-3	60-438	18-8-9-1	0-0	26:10
Pittsburgh	38-98-0	42-26-0-334-5	80-432	23-4-13-6	1-1	33:50
Notre Dame	37-195-0	30-15-0-105-1	67-300	16-11-5-0	2-0	31:30
at USC	28-83-0	35-25-0-405-5	63-488	23-4-17-2	1-0	28:30

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
@BYU	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	L, 17-20
Michigan	2	1	3	1	3	4	-1	W, 28-20
@Mich. St.	3	3	6	2	1	3	+3	W, 31-24
Washington	4	1	5	0	1	1	+4	W, 38-3
Purdue	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	L, 16-41
Stanford	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	W, 23-15
vs. Navy	1	0	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 27-9
BC	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	L, 23-24
@Tennessee	0	1	1	0	0	0	+1	W, 17-13
Pittsburgh	1	0	1	0	2	2	-1	L, 38-41
@USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L, 10-41
Totals	12	9	21	6	9	15	+6	6-5

Turnover Analysis

20 opponent turnovers led to 76 of 258 (.295) Notre Dame points (10 TD/10 PAT/2 FG)
 15 Notre Dame turnovers led to 16 of 210 (.076) opponent points (1 TD/1 PAT/3 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponent
Drives Started	143	147
Cumulative Starting Yardline	4,687	3,898
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 33	own 27
Drives Started in Plus Territory	91	86
Scores (TD/FG)	34 (25/9)	33 (16/17)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	36/4/2	31/5/2
Turnovers/End of Half	12/3	10/5
Drives Started at/inside own 20	52	61
Scores (TD/FG)	8 (5/3)	12 (8/4)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	37/1/2	28/2/1
Turnovers/End of Half	3/1	11/7

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Tot
Ryan Grant	31	2	33
Darius Walker	31	2	33
Rhema McKnight	0	21	21
Anthony Fasano	0	18	18
Matt Shelton	0	16	16
Maurice Stovall	0	15	15
Jeff Samardzija	0	10	10
Brady Quinn	9	0	9
Marcus Wilson	7	1	8
Jerome Collins	0	5	5
Rashon Powers-Neal	2	2	4
Marcus Freeman	0	3	3
Jeff Jenkins	3	0	3
John Carlson	0	2	2
Billy Palmer	0	2	2
Josh Schmidt	0	2	2
Travis Thomas	1	1	2
Chase Anastasio	0	1	1
Justin Hoskins	1	0	1
Penalty			11
Team Totals	84	105	200

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RUSHING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Grant	Powers-Neal	Quinn	T. Thomas	Walker	Wilson	TOTAL
at BYU	DNP	1-0-0	5-(-13)-0	6-2-0	DNP	9-22-0	21-11-0
Michigan	4-9-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	DNP	31-115-2	3-4-0	40-135-2
at Michigan State	11-66-1	1-0-0	4-1-1	5-10-0	26-98-0	0-0-0	48-173-2
Washington	DNP	3-17-0	0-0-0	5-(-5)-0	23-81-1	5-20-0	46-146-1
Purdue	DNP	2-1-1	12-(-7)-0	0-0-0	19-60-0	1-2-0	36-76-1
Stanford	19-67-2	4-4-0	7-(-12)-0	0-0-0	20-82-0	1-8-0	51-149-3
vs. Navy	20-114-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-18-0	9-26-0	6-40-1	44-204-3
Boston College	17-48-0	1-5-0	3-(-3)-1	0-0-0	8-35-1	5-19-0	34-104-2
at Tennessee	12-50-0	1-1-0	7-(-30)-0	1-(-2)-0	9-70-0	2-12-0	36-98-0
Pittsburgh	15-48-0	0-0-0	2-13-0	0-0-0	16-112-2	1-6-0	34-179-2
at USC	15-94-0	0-0-0	8-30-0	1-2-0	11-64-0	1-5-0	37-209-0

PASSING

(Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD)	Dillingham	Quinn	TOTAL
at BYU	DNP	47-26-0-265-1	47-26-0-265-1
Michigan	DNP	20-10-3-178-2	21-10-3-178-2
at Michigan State	DNP	24-11-1-215-1	24-11-1-215-1
Washington	0-0-0-0-0	32-17-1-266-4	32-17-1-266-4
Purdue	3-3-0-38-0	46-26-0-432-1	49-29-0-460-1
Stanford	0-0-0-0-0	24-11-0-173-0	24-11-0-173-0
vs. Navy	0-0-0-0-0	20-11-0-130-0	20-11-0-130-0
Boston College	DNP	33-20-2-231-1	33-20-2-231-1
at Tennessee	DNP	23-12-0-118-1	23-12-0-118-1
Pittsburgh	DNP	26-15-2-259-3	26-15-2-259-3
at USC	DNP	29-15-0-105-1	30-15-0-105-1

RECEIVING

(No.-Yds.-TD)	Collins	Fasano	Freeman	Holiday	McKnight	Powers-Neal	Samardzija	Shelton	Stovall	TOTAL
at BYU	0-0-0	4-60-0	3-28-0	0-0-0	8-92-1	4-24-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-23-0	26-265-1
Michigan	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-42-0	1-8-1	0-0-0	1-46-1	5-82-0	10-178-2
at Michigan State	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-65-0	3-123-1	2-17-0	11-215-1
Washington	0-0-0	3-41-2	0-0-0	2-21-0	3-68-0	0-0-0	3-48-0	4-74-2	DNP	17-266-4
Purdue	1-13-0	8-155-0	2-22-0	0-0-0	7-113-1	1-6-0	3-59-0	3-61-0	DNP	29-460-0
Stanford	3-45-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-51-0	1-10-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	3-59-0	11-173-0
vs. Navy	0-0-0	1-18-0	DNP	0-0-0	2-22-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	2-40-0	1-14-0	11-130-0
Boston College	0-0-0	3-12-0	DNP	0-0-0	5-78-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-33-1	2-37-0	20-231-1
at Tennessee	0-0-0	2-16-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-35-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-41-0	12-118-1
Pittsburgh	0-0-0	3-27-0	DNP	0-0-0	2-10-0	1-19-1	0-0-0	3-128-1	2-23-1	15-259-3
at USC	2-9-0	2-25-0	DNP	1-4-0	1-9-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-13-0	1-17-0	15-105-1

FIELD GOALS

(* - missed FG)	@BYU	UM	@MSU	WASH	PUR	STAN	vs. NAVY	BC	@TENN	PITT	USC
Fitzpatrick	21	None	37*, 23	45	26, 44*	38	47, 20	43, 55*	39	45	28, 39*

2004 INSIGHT BOWL: NOTRE DAME VS. OREGON STATE

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TACKLES

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

	@BYU	Michigan	@Michigan State	Washington	Purdue	Stanford
Abiamiri	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0.5-0-0-0	2-0-2-2-0-0-0-1	1-1-2-1.5-0-0-0-0
Budinscak	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-1-1-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-2-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Burrell	4-2-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-4-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-1-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0
Campbell	7-1-8-1-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-1-0-0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Curry	2-4-6-2-1-0-0-1	2-4-6-1-0-0-0-1	4-0-4-1-0-1-0-0	3-3-6-0-1-0-1-0	5-2-7-1-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-1-0-0-1-1
Ellick	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-1-1-1-0-0	4-0-4-0-0-0-0-0	5-2-7-0-0-1-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-1-0	4-2-6-0-0-0-1-0
Frome	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Goolsby	2-9-11-1-0-0-1-0	7-7-14-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-1-0-0-2-0	3-4-7-0-0-0-0-0	5-2-7-0.5-0-0-0-0	2-4-6-0.5-0-0-0-0
Hoyte	5-1-6-2-0-0-0-1	3-6-9-1-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-1-0-0-0-0	5-1-6-0-0-0-1-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Jackson	0-3-3-0-1-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Landri	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-2-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0.5-0-0-1-0	1-3-4-0.5-0-0-0-0
Laws	3-2-5-1-0-0-0-1	2-2-4-1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-1-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Leitko	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-1-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Mays	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-3-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Parish	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Pauly	2-3-5-2-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0.5-0-0-0-0.5	4-1-5-1-0-0-0-0
Richardson	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-1-1-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0
Tuck	1-4-5-2-0-0-0-2	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-1	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-1.5-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0.5-0-0-0-0.5	1-1-2-1.5-0-0-0-0
Zbikowski	3-2-5-2-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0	6-3-9-0-1-1-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-1-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0

TACKLES

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

	vs. Navy	Boston College	@Tennessee	Pittsburgh	USC
Abiamiri	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-1-0-0-0-1	1-1-2-1-0-0-0-0
Budinscak	2-1-3-1-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0.5-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-1	2-1-3-1-0-0-0-1
Burrell	3-8-11-0.5-0-0-1-0	8-2-10-0-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0-0-0-2-0	5-4-9-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0
Campbell	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Curry	3-3-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-2-4-0.5-0-1-0-0.5	6-2-8-2-0-0-1-1	6-0-6-0-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-0-0-0-0-0
Ellick	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-2-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0
Frome	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Goolsby	3-9-12-1.5-0-0-0-1	3-4-7-0-0-1-0-0	7-7-14-2-0-1-0-1	1-4-5-1-1-0-0-1	5-0-5-1-0-0-0-0
Hoyte	5-11-16-1-0-0-0-1	3-1-4-2-0-0-0-1	6-5-11-1-0-0-0-0	2-4-6-0-0-0-0-0	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0
Jackson	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-1-0	4-2-6-0-0-0-1-0	2-3-5-0-0-0-1-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-1-0
Landri	2-4-6-1-1-0-0-1	6-1-7-1.5-0-0-0-0	0-4-4-1-0-0-0-0	3-2-5-2-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0
Laws	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-1-0
Leitko	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Mays	4-1-5-2-0-0-0-2	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Parish	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-0-0-0-0
Pauly	1-8-9-1-0-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0
Richardson	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-1-0
Tuck	2-5-7-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-3.5-0-0-0-0.5	5-3-8-3-0-0-0-2	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-1-0-0-0-0
Zbikowski	3-5-8-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-0-0-0-0	0-7-7-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-0-0-0-0-0

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2004 Notre Dame Scoring Drives

GAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
at BYU	2	0:00/D.J. Fitzpatrick 21 field goal	10p, 77yd, 1:34
	3	4:24/Rhema McKnight 54 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 54yd, 0:13
	4	8:19/Preston Jackson 38 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
Michigan	3	11:02/Matt Shelton 46 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 61yd, 1:14
	4	13:48/Darius Walker 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 29yd, 1:42
	4	11:23/Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 5yd, 0:06
	4	5:49/Rashon Powers-Neal 8 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 40yd, 2:13
at Michigan State	1	4:42/Brady Quinn 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 13yd, 3:37
	1	0:07/Tom Zbikowski 75 fumble return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	2	8:52/Matt Shelton 35 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 59yd, 1:10
	3	5:39/Ryan Grant 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 75yd, 2:56
Washington	4	0:57/D.J. Fitzpatrick 23 field goal	7p, 40yd, 2:32
	1	8:59/Matt Shelton 24 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 45yd, 1:37
	1	0:20/Matt Shelton 27 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	11p, 79yd, 3:40
	1	0:00/Anthony Fasano 18 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 18yd, 0:03
Purdue	2	9:14/Anthony Fasano 15 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 65yd, 2:39
	2	0:34/D.J. Fitzpatrick 45 field goal	9p, 34yd, 1:33
	4	12:19/Darius Walker 17 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 75yd, 1:18
	1	6:30/D.J. Fitzpatrick 26 field goal	11p, 69yd, 4:19
Stanford	3	8:54/Rhema McKnight 40 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 63yd, 2:57
	3	4:17/Rashon Powers-Neal 1 run (Brady Quinn pass failed)	7p, 76yd, 2:23
	2	12:14/D.J. Fitzpatrick 38 field goal	7p, 48yd, 2:29
vs. Navy	3	5:56/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	13p, 73yd, 6:27
	4	11:59/Ryan Grant 3 run (Brady Quinn pass failed)	7p, 27yd, 3:40
	4	4:10/Brady Quinn 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 47yd, 2:17
	1	12:54/Marcus Wilson 33 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 81yd, 2:06
Boston College	1	6:48/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 68yd, 2:30
	2	0:53/D.J. Fitzpatrick 47 field goal	9p, 38yd, 3:50
	3	1:16/Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	13p, 73yd, 6:36
	4	12:55/D.J. Fitzpatrick 20 field goal	6p, 11yd, 3:14
at Tennessee	1	2:54/Matt Shelton 33 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	4p, 63yd, 1:45
	2	11:09/Brady Quinn 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	2p, 2yd, 1:22
	2	3:56/Darius Walker 9 run (Fitzpatrick kick failed)	13p, 91yd, 6:17
	4	2:51/D.J. Fitzpatrick 43 field goal	7p, 19yd, 4:19
Pittsburgh	1	5:16/Anthony Fasano 8 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	7p, 80yd, 3:37
	3	6:46/Mike Goolsby 26 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	4	7:23/D.J. Fitzpatrick 39 field goal	11p, 43yd, 3:30
	1	7:21/Darius Walker 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	10p, 74yd, 5:59
at USC	2	9:35/Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick)	6p, 67yd, 2:59
	2	4:28/Maurice Stovall 17 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	5p, 80yd, 1:11
	3	13:23/Rashon Powers-Neal 19 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	1p, 19yd, 0:06
	4	7:21/Matt Shelton 36 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	3p, 42yd, 1:30
at USC	4	1:11/D.J. Fitzpatrick 45 field goal	7p, 53yd, 1:13
	1	6:24/Billy Palmer 1 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)	13p, 92yd, 6:24
	2	11:51/D.J. Fitzpatrick 28 field goal	12p, 73yd, 4:35

Long Distance Plays

ND plays covering 25+ yards this season

Opp	Player	dist	play
at BYU	Chase Anastasio	40	KR
	Rhema McKnight	54*	rec
	Anthony Fasano	27	rec
	Preston Jackson	38*	INT
Michigan	Maurice Stovall	49	rec
	Matt Shelton	46*	rec
	Rhema McKnight	27	rec
at MSU	Tom Zbikowski	75*	FR
	Matt Shelton	53	rec
	Matt Shelton	35*	rec
	Derek Curry	35	INT
	Mike Richardson	32	INT
	Matt Shelton	35	rec
	Jeff Samardzija	31	rec
Wash.	Matt Shelton	27*	rec
	Rhema McKnight	53	rec
Purdue	Anthony Fasano	42	rec
	Anthony Fasano	26	rec
	Anthony Fasano	25	rec
	Chase Anastasio	30	KR
	Rhema McKnight	40*	rec
	Jeff Samardzija	41	rec
	Matt Shelton	34	rec
Stanford	Chase Anastasio	27	KR
	Maurice Stovall	43	rec
	Rhema McKnight	34	rec
vs. Navy	Marcus Wilson	33*	rush
	Matt Shelton	30	rec
B.C.	Matt Shelton	33*	rec
	Maurice Stovall	30	rec
	Rhema McKnight	25	rec
at Tenn.	Darius Walker	32	rush
	Maurice Stovall	29	rec
	Mike Goolsby	26*	INT
Pitt.	Matt Shelton	46	rec
	Carlos Campbell	29	KR
	Matt Shelton	46	rec
	Darius Walker	40	rush
	Carlyle Holiday	68	PR
	Darius Walker	30	rush
	Carlos Campbell	41	KR
	Matt Shelton	36	rec
at USC	Ryan Grant	32	rush

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

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2004 Opponent Scoring Drives

GAME	Q	Time/Scoring Play	Drive
at BYU	1	9:47/Naufahu Tahu 5 run (Payne kick)	6p, 75yd, 1:58
	1	1:31/Matt Payne 44 field goal	8p, 29yd, 3:24
	2	1:34/Matt Payne 53 field goal	4p, (-4)yd, 2:04
	3	7:47/Austin Collie 42 pass from Matt Berry (Payne kick)	4p, 62yd, 1:27
Michigan	1	8:29/Garrett Rivas 38 field goal	7p, 17yd, 2:37
	1	0:11/Garrett Rivas 33 field goal	13p, 41yd, 5:58
	2	0:00/Garrett Rivas 22 field goal	9p, 75yd, 3:52
	3	5:57/Garrett Rivas 47 field goal	7p, 14yd, 2:38
at Michigan State	1	12:18/Jerramy Scott 0 blocked punt return (Rayner kick)	no drive
	3	5:28/DeAndra Cobb 89 kickoff return (Rayner kick)	no drive
	4	14:55/Dave Rayner 46 field goal	8p, 31yd, 3:38
	4	0:09/Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick)	8p, 63yd, 0:41
Washington	2	11:53/Michael Braunstein 26 field goal	10p, 58yd, 3:07
Purdue	1	10:49/Ben Jones 31 field goal	10p, 63yd, 4:11
	1	6:16/Jerome Brooks 100 kickoff return (Jones kick)	no drive
	2	11:24/Ben Jones 24 field goal	7p, 52yd, 1:52
	2	1:03/Rob Ninkovich 2 pass from Kyle Orton (Jones kick)	11p, 97yd, 3:36
	3	11:51/Taylor Stubblefield 97 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	3p, 97yd, 0:19
Stanford	3	6:40/Kyle Ingraham 9 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	5p, 56yd, 2:14
	3	0:45/Stubblefield 12 pass from Orton (Jones kick)	8p, 75yd, 3:32
	1	9:45/Michael Sgroi 27 field goal	9p, 42yd, 2:04
	1	5:22/Michael Sgroi 20 field goal	8p, 75yd, 2:26
	3	12:23/Michael Sgroi 38 field goal	7p, 60yd, 2:37
vs. Navy	3	3:28/J.R. Lemon 1 run (Trent Edwards pass intercepted)	9p, 80yd, 2:28
	3	7:52/Geoff Blumenfeld 29 field goal	15p, 81yd, 7:08
	4	4:19/Frank Divis 5 run (Aaron Polanco pass failed)	5p, 31yd, 2:01
Boston College	1	7:54/L.V. Whitworth 2 run (Ohliger kick)	11p, 86yd, 4:55
	3	3:53/Joel Hazard 21 pass from Paul Peterson (Ohliger kick)	7p, 92yd, 3:16
	4	12:14/Ryan Ohliger 21 field goal	9p, 72yd, 3:44
	4	0:54/Tony Gonzalez 30 pass from Peterson (Ohliger kick)	8p, 78yd, 1:57
at Tennessee	1	8:57/James Wilhoit 30 field goal	9p, 57yd, 4:14
	2	2:47/Cedric Houston 56 pass from Erik Ainge (Wilhoit kick)	6p, 78yd, 2:39
	3	1:28/James Wilhoit 33 field goal	5p, 44yd, 1:28
Pittsburgh	1	2:23/Derek Kinder 3 pass from Tyler Palko (Cummings kick)	15p, 82yd, 4:58
	2	12:34/Steve Buches 1 pass from Palko (Cummings kick)	9p, 43yd, 3:32
	2	5:39/Greg Lee 3 pass from Palko (Cummings kick)	8p, 66yd, 3:56
	2	2:55/Buches 20 pass from Palko (Cummings kick)	5p, 65yd, 1:33
	4	12:41/Josh Cummings 27 field goal	11p, 78yd, 6:14
	4	2:24/Erik Gill 9 pass from Palko (Cummings kick)	13p, 69yd, 4:57
at USC	4	0:01/Cummings 32 field goal	6p, 55yd, 1:10
	1	1:26/Ryan Killeen 39 field goal	11p, 46yd, 4:58
	2	5:53/Dwayne Jarrett 12 pass from Matt Leinart (Killeen kick)	7p, 80yd, 2:39
	2	2:06/Jarrett 57 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick)	4p, 73yd, 1:55
	3	9:16/Killeen 42 field goal	11p, 49yd, 3:33
	3	3:06/Bush 69 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick)	3p, 78yd, 1:38
	4	12:27/Steve Smith 35 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick)	6p, 67yd, 2:41
	4	6:57/Jason Mitchell 23 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick)	7p, 79 yd, 3:43

IRISH CAREER RECORDS

Rushing Yards

6. Phil Carter (1979-82)	2,409
7. George Gipp (1917-20)	2,341
8. Randy Kinder (1993-96)	2,295
9. Tony Brooks (1987-88, '90-91)	2,274
10. Emil Sitko (1946-49)	2,226
11. Ryan Grant (2001-present)	2,201

Pass Completions

2. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	473
3. Rick Mirer (1989-92)	377
4. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	330

Pass Attempts

1. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	969
2. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	850
3. Rick Mirer (1989-92)	698
4. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	636

Passing Yardage

1. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	7,602
2. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	6,527
3. Rick Mirer (1989-92)	5,997
4. Jarious Jackson (1996-99)	4,820
5. Joe Theismann (1968-70)	4,411
6. Brady Quinn (2003-present)	4,203

Passing Yards Per Game

1. Brady Quinn (2003-pres.)	182.7 (4,203/23)
2. Ron Powlus (1994-97)	172.7 (7,602/44)
3. Terry Hanratty (1966-68)	159.7 (4,152/26)
4. Steve Beuerlein (1983-86)	155.4 (6,527/42)
5. Joe Montana (1975, '77-78)	152.6 (4,121/27)

Pass Receptions

3. Tim Brown (1984-87)	137
4. Derrick Mayes (1992-95)	129
5. Ken MacAfee (1974-77)	128
6. Tony Hunter (1979-82)	120
-- Rhema McKnight (2002-present)	94
-- Maurice Stovall (2002-present)	61

Field Goals Made

1. John Carney (1984-86)	51
2. Nicholas Setta (2000-03)	46
3. (tie) Craig Hentrich (1989-92)	39
(tie) Dave Reeve (1974-77)	39
5. Mike Johnston (1982-83)	31
6. Jim Sanson (1996-99)	28
7. Harry Oliver (1980-81)	24
8. D.J. Fitzpatrick (2002-present)	23

The Last Time It Happened ...

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:vs. Stanford, 2004 (51)
 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 Stanford, 2003 (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:vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
 Had 300 or more yards:vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. Purdue, 2004 (49)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:vs. Boston College, 2004 (33)
 Had 25 or more pass completions:vs. Purdue, 2004 (29)
 Had 20 or more pass completions:vs. Boston College, 2004 (20)
 Had five passing TDs:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (5)
 Had four passing TDs:vs. Washington, 2004 (4)
 Had three passing TDs:vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (3)
 Had five passes intercepted:vs. USC, 1967 (7)
 Had four passes intercepted:at Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Had three passes intercepted:vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)

RECEIVING

Had two players with 100 receiving yards in a game:vs. Purdue, 2004
 (Anthony Fasano 155, Rhema McKnight 113)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:vs. Purdue, 2004
 (Anthony Fasano - 155)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game: ..vs. Pittsburgh, 2004
 (Brady Quinn - 259 passing, Darius Walker - 112 rushing)
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game: vs. Pittsburgh, 2004
 (Matt Shelton - 128 receiving, Darius Walker - 112 rushing)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:vs. Washington, 1996 (650)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:vs. Purdue, 2004 (536)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (438)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:vs. Purdue, 2004 (85)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense:vs. Stanford, 2004 (75)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 30 or more points:vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (38)
 Allowed 60 or more points:Never
 Allowed 50 or more points:at Miami (FL), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40 or more points:vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (41)
 Allowed 30 or more points:vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (41)
 Was held scoreless:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless at home:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Michigan, 2003 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:vs. Maryland
 (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season:2002 vs. Maryland (22-0),
 vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season:1976 vs. Purdue (23-0),
at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season: 1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs. North
 Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0), vs.
 Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0), vs.
 North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0),
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:vs. Washington, 2004
 (Matt Shelton - 2, Anthony Fasano - 2)

TURNOVERS

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

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DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards:at BYU, 2004 (22)
Held opponent to 100 or fewer passing yards:vs. Navy, 2004 (44)
Held opponent to 300 or fewer yards total offense:.....vs. Navy, 2004 (260)
Held opponent to 200 or fewer yards total offense: ..at Pittsburgh, 2003 (175)
Intercepted five or more passes:vs. Purdue, 1988 (5)
Intercepted four or more passes:vs. Indiana, 1991 (4)
Intercepted three or more passes:at Michigan State, 2004 (3)
Scored a safety:at Stanford, 2003
Recorded nine or more sacks:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (9)
Recorded eight or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded seven or more sacks:vs. Pittsburgh, 2003 (8)
Recorded six or more sacks:vs. Navy, 2004 (6)
Recorded five or more sacks:vs. Navy, 2004 (6)
Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:vs. Purdue, 2002
(Vontez Duff, 33 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. Michigan, 2004
Punted 10 or more times:at Tennessee, 2004 (10)
Did not punt:vs. Pittsburgh, 1993
Blocked a field goal:vs. Stanford, 2002
Had a field goal blocked:vs. Navy, 2002
Blocked a PAT kick:vs. LSU, 1998
Scored on a blocked PAT attempt:vs. Texas, 1995
Missed a kicking PAT:vs. Boston College, 2004
Had a kicking PAT blocked:at Stanford, 2003
Had a punt blocked:at Michigan State, 2004

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:vs. Washington, 1996 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs:vs. Navy, 2004 (20)
Was not penalized:at LSU, 1997
Had 10 or more penalties:vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (10)
Had 120 or more yards in penalties:at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:vs. Stanford, 2004 (36:20)
Was involved in a tie game:at USC, 1994 (17-17)
Was involved in an overtime game:vs. Washington State, 2003 (W, 29-26)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER ...

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Never
Rushed for 250 or more yards:Julius Jones at Pittsburgh, 2003 (262)

Rushed for 200 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 175 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 150 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 125 or more yards:Julius Jones at Stanford, 2003 (218)
Rushed for 100 or more yards:Darius Walker vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (112)
Quarterback rushed for 100 or more yards:Carlyle Holiday
. at Boston College, 2001 (109)
Rushed 40 or more times:Allen Pinkett at LSU, 1984 (40)
Rushed 35 or more times:Julius Jones, vs. BYU, 2003 (35)
Rushed 30 or more times:Darius Walker vs. Michigan, 2004 (31)
Rushed 25 or more times:Darius Walker at Michigan State, 2004 (26)
Rushed for four or more TDs:Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
Rushed for three or more TDs:Julius Jones vs. BYU, 2003 (3)
Rushed for two or more TDs:Darius Walker vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (2)
Had a run of 80 yards or more: Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
Had a run of 70 yards or more: Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
Had a run of 60 yards or more:Carlyle Holiday vs. Pittsburgh, 2001 (67)
Had a run of 50 yards or more:Carlyle Holiday at Air Force, 2002 (53)

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (526)
Passed for 400 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
Passed for 300 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (432)
Attempted 50 or more passes:.....Brady Quinn vs. Florida State, 2003 (52)
Attempted 40 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (46)
Attempted 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Boston College, 2004 (33)
Completed 20 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Boston College, 2004 (20)
Threw five or more TDs:Never
Threw four or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. Washington, 2004 (4)
Threw five or more interceptions:Before 1975
Threw four or more interceptions:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (4)
Threw three or more interceptions:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan, 2004 (3)
Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Brady Quinn at Purdue, 2003 (85)
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more: ..Brady Quinn at Stanford, 2003 (65)
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Brady Quinn vs. Wash., 2004 (53)

RECEIVING

Caught 15 or more passes:Never
Caught 10 or more passes:Amaz Battle vs. North Carolina St., 2003 (10)
Caught seven or more passes:.....Anthony Fasano vs. Purdue, 2004 (8)
Had 200 or more yards receiving:Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
Had 175 or more yards receiving:Bobby Brown at Pittsburgh, 1999 (208)
Had 150 or more yards receiving:Anthony Fasano vs. Purdue, 2004 (155)
Had 100 or more yards receiving:Matt Shelton vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (128)
Caught three or more TDs:Tom Gatewood vs. Purdue, 1970 (3)
Caught two or more TDs:Matt Shelton vs. Washington, 2004 (2)
Anthony Fasano vs. Washington, 2004 (2)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 500 or more yards total offense:Joe Theismann at USC, 1970 (512)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:Brady Quinn vs. Purdue, 2004 (425)
 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. Washington, 2004 (4 passing)
 Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Brady Quinn
 vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (3 passing)

DEFENSE

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

Scored 15 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
 Scored 10 or more points kicking:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (15)
 Kicked five or more field goals:Nicholas Setta vs. Washington State (5)
 Kicked four or more field goals:D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. BYU, 2003 (4)
 Kicked two field goals of 50 or more yards:Never
 Kicked a field goal of 50 or more yards:Nicholas Setta
 vs. Maryland, 2002 (51)
 Kicked a punt 70 or more yards:Jim Yoder vs. Texas, 1971 (71)
 Kicked a punt 60 or more yards: ..D.J. Fitzpatrick vs. Boston Coll., 2004 (67)
 Punted 10 or more times:D.J. Fitzpatrick at Tennessee, 2004 (10)
 Totaled 175 or more kick return yards: Raghieb Ismail at Michigan, 1989 (192)
 Totaled 100 or more punt return yards:Carlyle Holiday
 vs. Pittsburgh, 2004 (103)

AN OPPOSING TEAM ...

RUSHING

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

PASSING

Had 400 or more yards:USC, 2004 (405)
 Had 300 or more yards:USC, 2004 (405)
 Had 60 or more pass attempts:Tennessee, 1990 (60)
 Had 50 or more pass attempts:Purdue, 2001 (52)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:Pittsburgh, 2004 (42)
 Had 30 or more pass completions:USC, 2002 (32)
 Had five or more passing TDs:USC, 2004 (5)
 Had four or more passing TDs:USC, 2004 (5)
 Had three or more passing TDs:USC, 2004 (5)

RECEIVING

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

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:USC, 2002 (610)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:Purdue, 2004 (512)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:USC, 2004 (488)
 Had 80 or more plays:Pittsburgh, 2004 (80)
 Had 75 or more plays:Pittsburgh, 2004 (80)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:Never
 Scored 50 or more points:Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
 Scored 40 or more points:USC, 2004 (41)
 Scored 30 or more points:USC, 2004 (41)
 Scored a two-point conversion:Michigan, 2004

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:USC, 2004
 Had three or more fumbles lost:Washington, 2004 (4)
 Intercepted five or more passes:USC, 1967 (7)
 Intercepted four or more passes:Purdue, 2003 (4)
 Intercepted three or more passes:Michigan, 2004 (3)
 Returned an interception for a TD:Florida State, 2003
 (Leroy Smith - 90 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:Air Force, 2002
 (Marchello Graddy - 21 yards)

DEFENSE

Held ND to 10 or fewer first downs:Michigan, 2003 (7)
 Scored a safety:LSU, 1998
 Held ND to 50 or fewer rushing yards:BYU, 2004 (11)
 Held ND to 200 or fewer passing yards:USC, 2004 (105)
 Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards:Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)

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Held ND to 300 or fewer yards total offense:USC, 2004 (300)
Held ND to 200 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2003 (140)

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:USC, 2002 (31)
Had 20 or more first downs:USC, 2004 (23)
Had 10 or more penalties:Washington State, 2003 (13)
Had 100 or more yards in penalties:Washington State, 2003 (118)
Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:Michigan, 2003 (37:47)
Had one 100-yard receiver and one 100-yard rusher:Syracuse, 2003
(Johnnie Morant, 103 receiving, Walter Reyes, 189 rushing)

AN OPPOSING PLAYER ...

RUSHING

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

PASSING

Passed for 500 or more yards:Never
Passed for 400 or more yards:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (400)
Passed for 300 or more yards:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (400)
Attempted 60 or more passes:Andy Kelly, Tennessee, 1990 (60)
Attempted 50 or more passes:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2001 (52)

Attempted 40 or more passes:Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh, 2004 (42)
Completed 30 or more passes:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)
Completed 20 or more passes:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (24)
Threw five or more TDs:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)
Threw four or more TDs:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)
Threw three or more TDs:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)
Completed a pass of 90 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 80 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 70 yards or more:Kyle Orton, Purdue, 2004 (97)
Completed a pass of 60 yards or more:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (69)
Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (69)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:Braylon Edwards, Michigan, 2004 (12)
Caught seven or more passes:Larry Lester, Boston College, 2004 (8)
Had 200 or more yards receiving:Craphonso Thorpe
Florida State, 2003 (217)
Had 150 or more yards receiving:Taylor Stubblefield, Purdue, 2004 (181)
Had 100 or more yards receiving:Dwayne Jarrett, USC, 2004 (102)
Caught three or more TD passes:Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 1995 (3)
Caught two or more TD passes:Dwayne Jarrett, USC, 2004 (2)

SCORING

Accounted for five or more touchdowns:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004
(5 passing)
Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004
(5 passing)
Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004
(5 passing)

DEFENSE

Intercepted three or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
Intercepted two or more passes:Rod Johnson, N.C. State, 2003 (3)
Recorded three or more sacks:Ennis Davis, USC, 1999 (3)
Recorded two or more sacks:Julian Jenkins, Stanford, 2004 (2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals:Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:Brandon Fields, Michigan St., 2004 (79)
Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:Jerome Brooks, Purdue, 2004 (118)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 1

Notre Dame	17
BYU	20

LaVell Edwards Stadium
Sept. 4, 2004

PROVO, Utah — Brigham Young held off a late push by Notre Dame for a 20-17 victory in the season opener for both teams. Matt Berry passed for 167 yards, including a 42-yard touchdown pass and a clutch 37-yard completion in the final minutes to Todd Watkins, after relieving BYU starter John Beck in the second quarter.

The Fighting Irish were about to get a final chance with BYU facing a third-and-8 play from its own 25. But Berry, who replaced injured starter John Beck in the second quarter, threw a long pass toward the Notre Dame sideline that Watkins leaped to pull in and give BYU a first down with 1:34 remaining. Watkins, a junior college transfer making his BYU debut, also caught a 50-yard pass from Beck to set up the Cougars' opening touchdown.

Notre Dame's Brady Quinn completed 26 of 47 passes for 265 yards, including a screen pass that Rhema McKnight took 54 yards for a touchdown. Preston Jackson returned an interception 38 yards in the fourth quarter to get the Irish within a field goal, but they had to punt on their last possession and the Cougars didn't give up the ball again.

McKnight had a career-high eight catches for 92 yards in the game as Quinn distributed completions to seven different receivers. Tight end Anthony Fasano added four catches for 60 yards for the Irish while fullback Rashon Powers-Neal caught four passes for 24 yards.

Berry, BYU's starter until breaking a bone in his hand early last season, completed 15 of 23 passes yards and an interception. He was shaky early in relief of Beck, who left in the second quarter after being leveled on an option play by Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte. X-rays on Beck were negative for any breaks, but he did not return.

The Cougars prevailed on a night when the most effective ways to move the ball were do anything but run with it. Only 22 of BYU's 285 yards came on the ground. The Fighting Irish had 21 carries for 11 yards on the ground. Matt Payne had field goals of 44 and 53 yards for BYU and his punting was clutch, pinning the Irish inside their own 15 all night and handcuffing the already struggling offense. Payne averaged 46.8 yards per kick even with a few short ones he tried to place in the corner.

BYU was the first to score when Fahu Tahī ran in from 5 yards out. The score was set up by Watkins, who was double covered and had his legs wrapped up but pulled in a 50-yard pass from Beck anyway. The Irish didn't score until late in the second quarter when Quinn ran the hurry-up offense to get within range for D.J. Fitzpatrick's 21-yard field goal for Notre Dame's first points of the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	0	3	7	7	—	17
BYU	10	3	7	0	—	20

First Quarter

BYU - Naufahu Tahī 5 run (Matt Payne kick), 9:47

BYU - FG Payne 44, 1:31

Second Quarter

BYU - FG Payne 53, 1:34

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 21, 0:00

Third Quarter

BYU - Austin Collie 42 pass from Matt Berry (Payne kick), 7:47

ND - Rhema McKnight 54 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:24

Fourth Quarter

ND - Preston Jackson 38 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:19

Team Statistics

	ND	BYU
First downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	21-11	35-22
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	47-26-0	33-22-1
Passing yards	265	263
Total plays-yards	68-276	68-285
Kick returns-yards	3-51	6-63
Sacks by	5-36	3-22
Punts-average	11-40.8	9-46.8
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-yards	7-55	9-74
Third-down conversions	3-16	7-19
Fourth-down conversions	1-2	0-0
Time of possession	26:28	33:32

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Marcus Wilson 9-22; Travis Thomas 6-2; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; Brady Quinn 5-(-13).

BYU: Naufahu Tahī 12-31; Curtis Brown 12-15; John Beck 3-12; TEAM 2-(-2); Austin Collie 1-(-3); Matt Berry 5-(-31).

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

ND: Brady Quinn 47-26-0-265-1.

BYU: Matt Berry 23-15-1-167-1; John Beck 10-7-0-96-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Rhema McKnight 8-92; Anthony Fasano 4-60; Rashon Powers-Neal 4-24; Marcus Freeman 3-28; Maurice Stovall 3-23; Travis Thomas 2-28; Jeff Jenkins 2-10.

BYU: Todd Watkins 5-115; Curtis Brown 5-15; Austin Collie 3-54; Naufahu Tahī 3-31; David Coats 2-32; Jason Kukahiko 2-14; Dennis Pitta 1-4; Chris Hale 1-(-2).

Attendance - 65,251 (c)

Game 2

#8/7 Michigan	20
Notre Dame	28

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 11, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Freshman running back Darius Walker ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns as Notre Dame pulled off a 28-20 upset of No. 8/7 Michigan, which self-destructed in the second half.

Walker's first score from six yards out gave the Irish (1-1) their first lead, 14-12, just over a minute into the fourth quarter. After a blocked punt on Michigan's next possession, Walker scampered five yards around left end to extend the lead to 21-12.

"This was a big win. Any time you knock off a top 10 team, it's a big win," Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said. "This was just one game, though. I can't get ahead of myself; I won't let my team get ahead of itself. Today was fantastic; tomorrow we start over again."

Walker finished with 115 yards on 31 carries, becoming the first Notre Dame freshman to top the 100-yard mark since Julius Jones in 1999. He also was the first Irish rookie running back to score twice since Jerome Heavens in 1975.

"(Running backs coach) Buzz Preston and I talked during the week. We wanted to get him in the first quarter, but we didn't know how many carries he would get," Willingham said. "He gave us a spark. The right person at the right time can give you that spark that everyone feeds off of."

Michigan (1-1) was undone by miscues in the second half, turning the ball over three times in addition to the blocked punt. The Wolverines also were unable to establish their running game, gaining just 55 yards on 28 carries.

The Wolverines held a 9-0 lead at the half as Garrett Rivas connected on field goals of 38, 33 and 22 yards. Notre Dame got on the board in the third period when Brady Quinn, who completed 10-of-20 passes for 178 yards and two touchdowns, hit Matt Shelton with a 46-yard scoring strike. Rivas' fourth field goal from 47 yards gave Michigan a 12-7 lead heading into the final period.

Michigan freshman Chad Henne was 25-of-40 for 240 yards and a touchdown to Steve Breaston with 2:27 to play. Henne found Breaston for the two-point conversion to provide the final margin.

The loss was Michigan's third straight at Notre Dame Stadium. The Wolverines have not won at Notre Dame Stadium since 1994. The Wolverines hold an 18-13-1 all-time lead in the series but are just 4-8-1 since 1987, including 1-5-1 at Notre Dame.

SCORING SUMMARY

Michigan	6	3	3	8	—	20
Notre Dame	0	0	7	21	—	28

First Quarter

UM - FG Garrett Rivas 38, 8:29

UM - FG Rivas 33, 0:11

Second Quarter

UM - FG Rivas 22, 0:00

Third Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 46 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 11:02

UM - FG Rivas 47, 5:57

Fourth Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 13:48

ND - Darius Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:23

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 8 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:49

UM - Steve Breaston 25 pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick), 2:27

Team Statistics

	UM	ND
First downs	15	13
Rushes-yards	30-56	40-135
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	40-25-1	21-10-3
Passing yards	240	178
Total plays-yards	70-296	61-313
Kick returns-yards	5-94	12-162
Sacks by	0-0	2-18
Punts-average	8-38.4	7-37.6
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-yards	6-50	5-49
Third-down conversions	6-18	3-12
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-1
Time of possession	32:38	27:22

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

UM: Jerome Jackson 15-32; Pierre Rembert 4-23; Michael Hart 5-17; Kevin Dudley 1-4; David Underwood 1-0; Steve Breaston 1-(-4); Chad Henne 3-(-16).

ND: Darius Walker 31-115; Ryan Grant 4-9; Brady Quinn 2-7; Marcus Wilson 3-4.

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

UM: Chad Henne 40-25-1-240-1.

ND: Brady Quinn 20-10-3-178-2; Marcus Wilson 1-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

UM: Braylon Edwards 12-129; Steve Breaston 5-42; Jason Avant 3-30; Tim Massaquoi 1-11; Tyler Ecker 1-9; Kevin Dudley 1-9; Michael Hart 1-8; Pierre Rembert 1-2.

ND: Maurice Stovall 5-82; Rhema McKnight 3-42; Matt Shelton 1-46; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 3

Notre Dame 31
Michigan State 24

Spartan Stadium
Sept. 18, 2004

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Irish safety Tom Zbikowski returned a fumble 75 yards for a touchdown and had an interception that set up another score for Notre Dame, which forced six turnovers and beat Michigan State 31-24. The Fighting Irish (2-1) got three interceptions and recovered three fumbles in the victory.

Zbikowski's interception of Stephen Reaves' pass led to a 13-yard scoring drive for the Irish that was capped by a fourth-down, 1-yard bootleg by quarterback Brady Quinn to tie the game at 7. Zbikowski struck again on the next possession. He read a Michigan State option play and stripped running back Jason Teague of the ball, then raced the length of the field for a 14-7 lead.

Michigan State scored early in the first quarter on a blocked punt by Marshall Campbell. The punt was recovered in the end zone by Jerramy Scott to give Michigan State a 7-0 lead. But the Spartans couldn't keep the momentum, committing four first-half turnovers. Reaves, a freshman, was benched at halftime after throwing three interceptions. He was 7-for-20 for 66 yards.

The Irish had several scoring opportunities in the first half and extended their lead to 21-7 midway through the second period on a 59-yard, three-play drive capped by a 35-yard pass from Quinn to wide receiver Matt Shelton. Shelton finished with three catches for 123 yards and a touchdown.

An impressive 75-yard drive in the third period extended the Irish lead to 28-7. Notre Dame used seven consecutive running plays to reach the end zone. Grant started the drive with a 16-yard run before Walker carried four consecutive times for a total of 45 yards, including runs of 16 and 19 yards. Grant then returned to finish off the march with runs of nine and six yards, scoring from the six with 5:39 left in the third period.

That 21-point lead was short-lived as DeAndrea Cobb returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards for a Spartan touchdown. MSU followed with a 31-yard march to a field goal on its next possession to cut the lead to 28-17 and threatened to make another charge in the fourth period by marching 85 yards to the Irish one-yard line before Notre Dame's Corey Mays forced a fumble by MSU tailback Jahuu Caulcrick that Quentin Burrell recovered in the end zone.

An exchange of fumbles preceded Notre Dame's clinching score, a 23-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick with 57 seconds remaining for a 31-17 Irish lead. Reaves' replacement, sophomore Drew Stanton, led the Spartans to their only offensive TD with 9 seconds left in the game. Stanton ran in from 4 yards out.

The Irish had enough on offense to secure the victory, running for 173 yards. Ryan Grant had 66 yards on 11 carries, including a 6-yard touchdown. Quinn was 11-of-24 passing for 215 yards, including the scoring pass to Shelton.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame 14 7 7 3 — 31
Michigan St. 7 0 7 10 — 24

First Quarter

MSU - Jerramy Scott 0 blocked punt return (Dave Rayner kick), 12:18

ND - Brady Quinn 1 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 4:42

ND - Tom Zbikowski 75 fumble return (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:07

Second Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 35 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:52

Third Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 6 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:39

MSU - DeAndrea Cobb 89 kickoff return (Rayner kick), 5:28

Fourth Quarter

MSU - FG Rayner 46, 14:55

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 23, 0:57

MSU - Drew Stanton 4 run (Rayner kick), 0:09

Team Statistics

	ND	MSU
First downs	19	18
Rushes-yards	48-173	35-165
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	24-11-1	34-15-3
Passing yards	215	176
Total plays-yards	72-388	69-341
Kick returns-yards	5-73	10-212
Sacks by	1-4	2-11
Punts-average	6-33.3	5-44.8
Fumbles-lost	2-2	5-3
Penalties-yards	4-22	3-20
Third-down conversions	7-16	4-14
Fourth-down conversions	1-1	0-0
Time of possession	34:01	25:59

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Darius Walker 26-98; Ryan Grant 11-66; Travis Thomas 5-10; Brady Quinn 4-1; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; TEAM 1(-2).

MSU: Jahuu Caulcrick 15-85; Drew Stanton 8-49; Jason Teague 6-21; Matt Trannon 1-12; DeAndrea Cobb 3-3; Stephen Reaves 1(-1); TEAM 1(-4).

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

ND: Brady Quinn 24-11-1-215-1.

MSU: Stephen Reaves 20-7-3-66-0; Drew Stanton 12-8-0-110-0; TEAM 2-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Jeff Samardzija 4-65; Matt Shelton 3-123; Maurice Stovall 2-17; Chris Vaughn 1-7; Darius Walker 1-3.

MSU: Jason Teague 4-14; Jerramy Scott 3-71; Kyle Brown 3-43; Matt Trannon 2-27; Agim Shabaj 2-14; Eric Knott 1-7.

Attendance - 74,962 (c)

Game 4

Washington 3
Notre Dame 38

Notre Dame Stadium
Sept. 25, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Finally, Notre Dame had room to relax.

Brady Quinn tied a school record with four touchdown passes to lead the Fighting Irish to a 38-3 victory over Washington, improving the Irish's record to 3-1. Quinn was 15-of-23 passing for 196 yards with two touchdowns each to Matt Shelton and Anthony Fasano in the first half, leading Notre Dame to its first easy victory of the season.

Quinn completed only two passes in the second half, one for 53 yards that set up the Fighting Irish's final score, but it hardly mattered. Quinn, a sophomore, finished 17 of 32 for 266 yards with one interception. Quinn spread his completions around to seven different receivers, including one play in which he caught his own deflected pass, and has completed passes for 14 different receivers this season. Quinn's fourth touchdown pass tied a school record done eight times, the last by Carlyle Holiday in 2002.

About the only disappointment for Notre Dame on Saturday was that after playing their best half offensively, the Irish could not move the ball in the second half. But the Huskies — who were held without a touchdown for the first time since a 16-3 loss to Arizona in 1992 — never got back in the game. The three points were the fewest allowed by the Irish since a 42-0 victory over Rutgers on Nov. 23, 2002.

Quinn guided Notre Dame to scores on five of its eight first-half possessions. He started the run on Notre Dame's second possession, pump faking a screen pass, then throwing 24 yards into the end zone to Shelton, who was wide open. Two possessions later, Quinn capped a 79-yard drive, Notre Dame's longest scoring drive of the season, with a 27-yard pass to a leaping Shelton. Making his first starting appearance for the Irish, Shelton finished with a career-high four catches for 74 yards.

The Notre Dame defense, which had set up or scored half of the Irish touchdowns entering the game, set the offense up again on Washington's next play. Nose guard Trevor Laws jarred the ball loose from tailback Kenny James, then fell on the ball at the Washington 18. The Irish scored on the next play when Quinn threw an 18-yard TD pass to Fasano, giving Notre Dame a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Washington made it 21-3 on a 26-yard field goal by Michael Braunstein. But the Irish went ahead, 28-3, on a 15-yard scoring pass from Quinn to Fasano in the second quarter. Notre Dame moved ahead 31-3 when D. J. Fitzpatrick kicked a 45-yard field goal with 34

seconds left in the half. The Irish went ahead, 38-3, on a 17-yard run by the freshman Darius Walker, who finished with 81 yards on 23 carries. Walker made his first start in place on injured senior Ryan Grant.

SCORING SUMMARY

Washington 0 3 0 0 — 3
Notre Dame 21 10 0 7 — 38

First Quarter

ND - Matt Shelton 24 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 8:59

ND - Shelton 27 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:20

ND - Anthony Fasano 18 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 0:00

Second Quarter

WASH - FG Michael Braunstein 26, 11:53

ND - Fasano 15 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 9:14

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 45, 0:34

Fourth Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 17 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:19

Team Statistics

	WASH	ND
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	34-112	46-146
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-17-1	32-17-1
Passing yards	223	266
Total plays-yards	78-335	78-412
Kick returns-yards	11-135	3-37
Sacks by	0-0	0-0
Punts-average	7-40.6	8-45.0
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-55	10-101
Third-down conversions	3-15	5-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-1
Time of possession	28:03	31:57

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

WASH: Kenny James 11-33; James Sims 4-30; Louis Rankin 5-25; Carl Bonnell 6-16; Zach Tuiaosopo 2-8; Anthony Russo 1-7; Shelton Sampson 3-6; Casey Paus 2(-13).

ND: Darius Walker 23-81; Marcus Wilson 5-20; Rashon Powers-Neal 3-17; Jeff Jenkins 5-17; Justin Hoskins 4-16; Matt Shelton 1-0; Travis Thomas 5(-5).

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

WASH: Casey Paus 26-10-0-130-0; Carl Bonnell 18-7-1-93-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 32-17-1-266-4.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

WASH: Corey Williams 5-72; Sonny Shackelford 3-38; Bobby Whitome 2-36; Joe Toledo 2-27; Kenny James 2-15; Anthony Russo 1-13; Charles Frederick 1-11; Quintin Daniels 1-11.

ND: Matt Shelton 4-74; Rhema McKnight 3-68; Jeff Samardzija 3-48; Anthony Fasano 3-41; Carlyle Holiday 2-21; Josh Schmidt 1-14; Brady Quinn 1-0.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 5

#15/15 Purdue 41
Notre Dame 16

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 2, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — It was an offensive showcase that has seldom been matched at Notre Dame Stadium.

An amazing performance by Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn was overshadowed by an incredible performance by Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton, whose pinpoint passing and poise in the pocket helped No. 15 Purdue end 30 years of frustration at Notre Dame. Off to a phenomenal start to the season, Orton passed for 385 yards — including a 97-yard touchdown to Taylor Stubblefield — and four scores as the Boilermakers defeated the Fighting Irish, 41-16.

Jerome Brooks ran back a kickoff 100 yards for a score for Purdue (4-0), which snapped a 13-game road losing streak in Notre Dame Stadium and became the first Big Ten team in three tries to beat Notre Dame this season. The Irish had defeated Michigan and Michigan State.

Orton completed 21-of-31 passes, including a pair of scores to Stubblefield, his favorite target. Through four games, Orton has 17 touchdowns without an interception this season. Just as impressive was Quinn, who went 26-of-46 for 432 yards — a record by a quarterback at Notre Dame Stadium — and one touchdown without an interception for the Irish (3-2). It was the second-most passing yards ever produced by a Notre Dame quarterback.

After Notre Dame tied the game at 3-3 on D.J. Fitzpatrick's 26-yard field goal with just over six minutes left in the first quarter, Brooks took the ensuing kickoff on the goal line, broke a pair of tackles and raced diagonally to his left for the score.

It was 13-3 when Notre Dame freshman Darius Walker lost a fumble at the Purdue 3 and Orton marched the Boilermakers on a 97-yard drive, which he capped with a two-yard pass to Rob Ninkovich to make it 20-3 with 1:03 left in the half.

Orton added three TD passes in the third quarter, including his bomb down the right sideline to Stubblefield just over three minutes into the half. It was the second-longest TD pass in Purdue history and the longest ever allowed by Notre Dame.

Stubblefield had seven catches for 181 yards and moved into second place on the school's career receiving yards and receptions lists. Despite both teams being held to double figures in rushing yards, the game featured more than 1,000 yards of total offense (Notre Dame - 536; Purdue - 512).

The Irish produced a pair of 100-yard receiving efforts in the game as tight end Anthony Fasano caught eight passes for 155 yards and receiver Rhema McKnight grabbed

seven for 113 yards and a touchdown. Fasano's total yardage set a new Notre Dame record for receiving yards by a tight end in a single game.

SCORING SUMMARY

Purdue	10	10	21	0	—	41
Notre Dame	3	0	13	0	—	16

First Quarter

PUR - FG Ben Jones 31, 10:49

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 26, 6:30

PUR - Jerome Brooks 100 kickoff return (Jones kick), 6:16

Second Quarter

PUR - FG Jones 39, 11:24

PUR - Rob Ninkovich 2 pass from Kyle Orton (Jones kick), 1:03

Third Quarter

PUR - Taylor Stubblefield 97 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 11:51

ND - Rhema McKnight 40 pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:54

PUR - Kyle Ingraham 9 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 6:40

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 1 run (Quinn pass failed), 4:17

PUR - Stubblefield 12 pass from Orton (Jones kick), 0:45

Team Statistics

	PUR	ND
First downs	22	28
Rushes-yards	28-99	36-75
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	32-22-0	49-29-0
Passing yards	413	460
Total plays-yards	60-512	85-536
Kick returns-yards	2-118	6-100
Sacks by	7-31	2-17
Punts-average	3-35.7	3-49.3
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	8-70	7-40
Third-down conversions	5-10	8-18
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	2-4
Time of possession	26:48	33:12

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

PUR: Jerod Void 11-53; Brandon Jones 9-44; Kyle Orton 6-3; Ray Williams 1-1; TEAM 1-(-2).

ND: Darius Walker 19-60; Jeff Jenkins 2-20; Marcus Wilson 1-2; Rashon Powers-Neal 2-1; Brady Quinn 12-(-7).

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

PUR: Kyle Orton 31-21-0-385-4; Brandon Jones 1-1-0-28-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 46-26-0-432-1; Pat Dillingham 3-3-0-28-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

PUR: Taylor Stubblefield 7-181; Ray Williams 5-59; Kyle Ingraham 4-29; Dorien Bryant 2-78; Brian Hare 1-36; Jerod Void 1-15; Charles Davis 1-13; Rob Ninkovich 1-2.

ND: Anthony Fasano 8-155; Rhema McKnight 7-113; Matt Shelton 3-61; Jeff Samardzija 3-59; Marcus Freeman 2-22; Darius Walker 1-16; Chase Anastasio 1-15; Jerome Collins 1-13; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-0; Brady Quinn 1-0.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

Game 6

Stanford 15
Notre Dame 23

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 9, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham found a way to beat his former Stanford team for a third straight time as the Irish claimed a 23-15 win. This one, though, was nowhere near as easy as the previous two. With the victory, Notre Dame became just the second Division I-A team to win 800 games (Michigan won its 838th vs. Minnesota on Saturday).

Notre Dame looked as if it was in trouble until a muffed punt snap by Stanford set up a go-ahead touchdown by Ryan Grant from 3 yards out early in the fourth quarter. The Irish added an insurance score on quarterback Brady Quinn's two-yard run with 4:10 left and turned back Stanford's last-gasp drive for a tying score. Quinn was 11-of-24 passing for 173 yards, but didn't play the last series after being shaken up on the TD run.

"It was a barnburner," Willingham said. "We weren't trying to burn down the barn. It was hard for me because I didn't think we were playing the way I know we can."

Stanford (3-2), which lost to the Irish (4-2) by 24 and 50 points the past two seasons, looked as though it might finally beat its former coach. The Cardinal were leading 15-10 until punter Jay Ottovogio dropped the snap late in the third quarter despite no pressure by the Irish. Ottovogio picked the ball up and tried to get the punt off, but was tackled by Corey Mays just as he released the ball and fanned on the kick. Stanford's David Bergeron recovered the ball on the 27 for Stanford, but the Irish took over on downs.

Grant, who missed the past two games and the season-opener against Brigham Young because of an injured left hamstring, also had a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter. Grant finished with 67 yards on 19 carries for Notre Dame. Willingham said having Grant back was a key for the Irish.

"We said all along that Ryan is not only an excellent player, he's an excellent leader," Willingham said. "When you have him in there, it just multiplies your experience."

Darius Walker ran for 82 yards on 20 carries. Notre Dame, held to 76 yards rushing in its loss to Purdue and 11 yards in its loss to Brigham Young, rushed for 149 yards and improved to 4-0 in games when it rushes for at least 100 yards.

"I hope we can get out of this week-to-week situation and we can get consistent with our running game because that is critical to our success," Willingham said. "Having a run game allows us to be a better football team. That's the bottom line."

The Cardinal couldn't finish their drives, settling for three field goals by Michael Sgroi,

including two on their first two possessions when they drove inside the Notre Dame 10. Despite all their troubles, Stanford had a chance to tie it from the 39-yard line on the last play of the game. But Notre Dame knocked down the pass by Trent Edwards into the end zone to preserve the victory. Edwards was 17-of-38 passing for 267 yards for the Cardinal.

SCORING SUMMARY

Stanford	6	0	9	0	—	15
Notre Dame	0	3	7	13	—	23

First Quarter

STAN - FG Michael Sgroi 27, 9:45

STAN - FG Sgroi 20, 5:22

Second Quarter

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 38, 12:14

Third Quarter

STAN - FG Sgroi 38, 12:23

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 5:56

STAN - J.R. Lemon 1 run (Trent Edwards pass intercepted), 3:28

Fourth Quarter

ND - Ryan Grant 3 run (Brady Quinn pass failed), 11:59

Team Statistics

	STAN	ND
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	34-112	46-146
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	44-17-1	32-17-1
Passing yards	223	266
Total plays-yards	78-335	78-412
Kick returns-yards	11-135	3-37
Sacks by	0-0	0-0
Punts-average	7-40.6	8-45.0
Fumbles-lost	5-4	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-55	10-101
Third-down conversions	3-15	5-16
Fourth-down conversions	0-2	0-1
Time of possession	28:03	31:57

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

STAN: J.R. Lemon 13-41; Mark Bradford 1-16; Kenneth Tolon 4-8; Trent Edwards 6-8; Jay Ottovogio 1-(-6).

ND: Darius Walker 20-82; Ryan Grant 19-67; Marcus Wilson 1-8; Rashon Powers-Neal 4-4; Brady Quinn 7-(-12).

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

STAN: Trent Edwards 38-17-0-267-0.

ND: Brady Quinn 24-11-0-173-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

STAN: Alex Smith 5-73; Evan Moore 5-72; Greg Camarillo 2-50; Matt Traverso 1-30; Justin McCullum 1-24; Mark Bradford 1-9; Kenneth Tolon 1-7; J.R. Lemon 1-2.

ND: Maurice Stovall 3-59; Rhema McKnight 3-51; Jerome Collins 3-45; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-10; Jeff Samardzija 1-8.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 7

Notre Dame 27
Navy 9

Giants Stadium
Oct. 16, 2004

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Ryan Grant ran for 114 yards and two touchdowns, and Notre Dame (5-2) had little trouble extending its NCAA-record winning streak against Navy (5-1) with a 27-9 victory. Navy came in unbeaten with hopes of finally ending four decades of futility against the Irish. Adding to the optimism for the Midshipmen were their performances against Notre Dame the past two seasons when the Irish needed late-game heroics in both to extend the streak.

"We remember how close this game has been the last two years," Notre Dame linebacker Mike Goolsby. "That was the thing coach (Greg) Mattison tried to get across to us this week. It doesn't have to be close."

The defensive line coach was right. Grant and Notre Dame's dominant lines wrapped this one up early for the Irish. Notre Dame needed two possessions to take a 14-0 lead.

"It kind of set the tone for the game and gave us confidence," said quarterback Brady Quinn, who was 11-for-20 for 130 yards.

The Irish went into halftime up 17-0, having allowed Navy's triple-option attack to break midfield at Giants Stadium just once. The Midshipmen got their ground game going on the first drive of the second half, marching 81 yards without throwing a pass. But Navy stalled and settled for a field goal to make it 17-3.

Kyle Eckel finished with 102 yards on 22 rushes for Navy, but playing from behind just doesn't suit the Midshipmen. Navy completed 3 of 6 passes for 44 yards.

Navy came in averaging 267 yards rushing, but led by defensive tackles Greg Pauly and Derek Landri, Notre Dame had five sacks and limited the Midshipmen to 216 yards rushing.

Navy's only touchdown came on a late 5-yard run by Frank Divis. Notre Dame showed off its version of power football on its first drive of the second half. The Irish went 73 yards on 13 plays throwing just two short passes. Grant, from nearby Nyack, N.Y., accounted for 64 yards on the drive -- 55 on nine rushes. He skipped into the end zone from a yard out to make it 24-3 late in the third quarter.

Grant carried the ball 20 times for his first 100-yard game in two years. Notre Dame opened the game with an 81-yard drive that couldn't have gone more smoothly. Quinn completed his first two throws for 37 yards and Marcus Wilson, a third-stringer from New York City, scored his first career touchdown on a 33-yard run through a huge opening.

Notre Dame's second possession went much like the first, with Quinn hooking up

with Matt Shelton for 30 yards to the Navy 20 and Grant handling the rest on the ground. The senior tailback went 19 yards off tackle, then bounced to the outside for a 1-yard run that made it 14-0.

Navy managed only 95 yards in the first half, all on the ground. Notre Dame balanced its attack with 110 on the ground and 116 through the air.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	14	3	7	3	—	27
Navy	0	0	3	6	—	9

First Quarter

ND - Marcus Wilson 33 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 12:54

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:48

Second Quarter

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 47, 0:53

Third Quarter

NAVY - FG Geoff Blumenfeld 29, 7:52

ND - Ryan Grant 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 1:16

Fourth Quarter

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 20, 12:55

NAVY - Frank Divis 5 run (Aaron Polanco pass failed), 4:19

Team Statistics	ND	NAVY
First downs	20	17
Rushes-yards	44-204	61-216
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	20-11-0	6-3-0
Passing yards	130	44
Total plays-yards	64-334	67-260
Kick returns-yards	5-39	7-90
Sacks by	5-21	0-0
Punts-average	4-41.0	4-35.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-31	2-10
Third-down conversions	5-12	8-15
Fourth-down conversions	0-1	0-2
Time of possession	29:59	30:01

Individual Leaders**Rushing (Carries-Yards):**

ND: Ryan Grant 20-114; Marcus Wilson 6-40; Darius Walker 9-26; Travis Thomas 7-18; Jeff Jenkins 2-6.

NAVY: Kyle Eckel 22-102; Eric Roberts 5-51; Frank Divis 5-32; Aaron Polanco 24-19; Marco Nelson 3-13; Trey Hines 1-6; Lloyd Regas 1(-7).

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

ND: Brady Quinn 20-11-0-130-0.

NAVY: Aaron Polanco 5-3-0-44-0; Frank Divis 1-0-0-0-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Matt Shelton 2-40; Rhema McKnight 2-22; John Carlson 2-17; Anthony Fasano 1-18; Maurice Stovall 1-14; Ryan Grant 1-9; Jeff Samardzija 1-5; Darius Walker 1-5.

NAVY: Eric Roberts 1-21; Frank Divis 1-14; Amir Jenkins 1-9.

Attendance - 76,166

Game 8

Boston College 24
#24/25 Notre Dame 23

Notre Dame Stadium
Oct. 23, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Boston College quarterback Paul Peterson threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez with 54 seconds left to give the Eagles a 24-23 come-from-behind victory over No. 24 Notre Dame, the Eagles' fourth straight win over the Irish. Gonzalez made a great catch on the game-winning touchdown, going up over Irish cornerback Mike Richardson and coming down with the ball in the end zone.

The Eagles dominated the second half after trailing 20-7 at halftime, outgaining the Irish 319 yards to 122 yards. The Irish were held to just 24 yards rushing in the second half. Peterson engineered the comeback, going 27-of-41 for 383 yards, including 19-of-23 for 297 yards in the second half. He had a 21-yard scoring pass to Joel Hazard in the third quarter and set up a 21-yard field goal by Ryan Ohliger early in the fourth that cut the lead to 20-17.

Two key defensive plays in the first half kept the Eagles within range of Notre Dame. Jazzmen Williams intercepted Brady Quinn's pass at BC's 1 and DeJuan Tribble picked off Quinn at the Eagles 11. Both plays came in the second quarter with Notre Dame trying to extend their lead. The Irish also struggled in the second half with a number of missed tackles, allowing BC to keep some drives alive. Notre Dame also missed what turned out to be a game-deciding extra point wide right on its third touchdown.

"I thought we missed a great number of opportunities to make plays," Willingham said. "We just did not take advantage of what we thought were opportunities to get ourselves off the field or keep ourselves off the field."

Quinn was 20-of-33 for 231 yards with a TD pass and a touchdown run, but couldn't get the Irish going in the second half. Receiver Rhema McKnight led the Irish in receiving with five catches for 78 yards. The Irish rushed for 104 yards in the game, led by Ryan Grant's 48 yards on 17 carries. Darius Walker rushed eight times for 35 yards and scored a touchdown. Grant also caught four passes for 33 yards as Quinn completed passes to seven different receivers in the game.

The Eagles didn't let up when their first drive of the second half (an 87-yard march) stalled at the Notre Dame and Derek Landri blocked 22-yard field goal attempt by Ohliger. The Eagles came right back on their next possession with a touchdown when Joel Hazard scored on a 21-yard pass from Peterson. Hazard caught the ball at the 14 and just got into the end zone before Quentin Burrell knocked him out of bounds.

D.J. Fitzpatrick's 43-yard field goal upped

the lead to 23-17 with 2:51 left, more than enough time for Peterson to direct the game-winning drive. A 55-yard field goal attempt by Fitzpatrick fell well short as time expired. Fitzpatrick's punting was a Notre Dame asset for most of the game as he averaged 44.5 yards on six attempts, downing four kicks inside the BC 20-yard line.

SCORING SUMMARY

Boston Coll.	7	0	7	10	—	24
Notre Dame	7	13	0	3	—	23

First Quarter

BC - L.V. Whitworth 2 run (Ryan Ohliger kick), 7:54

ND - Matt Shelton 33 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 2:54

Second Quarter

ND - Quinn 1 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:09

ND - Darius Walker 9 run (Fitzpatrick kick failed), 3:56

Third Quarter

BC - Joel Hazard 21 pass from Paul Peterson (Ohliger kick), 3:53

Fourth Quarter

BC - FG Ohliger 21, 12:14

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 43, 2:51

BC - Tony Gonzalez 30 pass from Peterson (Ohliger kick), 0:54

Team Statistics	BC	ND
First downs	22	17
Rushes-yards	28-62	34-104
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	41-27-2	33-20-2
Passing yards	383	231
Total plays-yards	69-445	67-335
Kick returns-yards	5-70	9-96
Sacks by	1-9	2-7
Punts-average	5-42.6	6-44.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-43	6-43
Third-down conversions	5-15	7-15
Fourth-down conversions	2-2	1-1
Time of possession	28:48	31:12

Individual Leaders**Rushing (Carries-Yards):**

BC: Paul Peterson 7-26; L.V. Whitworth 14-19; Andre Callender 7-17.

ND: Ryan Grant 17-48; Darius Walker 8-35; Marcus Wilson 5-19; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-5; Brady Quinn 3(-3).

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

BC: Paul Peterson 41-27-2-383-2.

ND: Brady Quinn 33-20-2-231-1.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

BC: Larry Lester 8-111; Grant Adams 4-87; Joel Hazard 3-45; L.V. Whitworth 3-37; Tony Gonzalez 2-32; Andre Callender 2-32; Jason Lilly 2-22; Everett Lee 2-15; David Kshetta 1-2.

ND: Rhema McKnight 5-78; Ryan Grant 4-33; Anthony Fasano 3-12; John Carlson 3-11; Maurice Stovall 2-37; Billy Palmer 2-27; Matt Shelton 1-33.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 9

Notre Dame 17
#9/11 Tennessee 13

Neyland Stadium
Nov. 6, 2004

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Notre Dame linebacker Mike Goolsby returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown midway through the third quarter as the Fighting Irish upset the ninth-ranked Volunteers, 17-13, to continue their remarkable success following bye weeks.

Notre Dame (6-3), which became bowl eligible, improved to 24-2 since 1984 following an off week, with nine of the wins coming against ranked opponents. The Fighting Irish gained only 216 yards, including just 75 after the first quarter.

"We won because we played great defense," said Irish quarterback Brady Quinn, who was 12-of-23 for 118 yards and a touchdown. "Mike really came up with a big play there, and (the defense) kept making big stops the whole game."

Tennessee (7-2) suffered a huge loss when quarterback Erik Ainge separated his shoulder on a dubious play at the end of the first half. Instead of running out the clock, Volunteers coach Phillip Fulmer had Ainge drop back into a shotgun formation. Ainge fumbled the snap and suffered the injury when he was sacked after picking up the ball.

With Brent Schaeffer, Tennessee's other highly touted freshman quarterback, already sidelined with a broken collarbone, Fulmer was forced to go with Rick Clausen. Down to their third quarterback, the Volunteers struggled badly on offense in the second half and were held to just 58 yards rushing. Ainge completed 11-of-18 for 149 in the first half.

"Shutting down their running game was the main thing we wanted to do," Notre Dame cornerback Dwight Ellick said. "When you shut down a team's rushing abilities, you make them one-dimensional."

On his third possession, Clausen was pressured into making a critical mistake. His pass was tipped at the line by tackle Derek Landri into the hands of Goolsby, whose return gave Notre Dame a 14-10 lead with 7:46 left in the third.

"We've got to play for 60 minutes and we didn't do that," Tennessee offensive guard Mike Munoz said. "We needed to pick up their blitzes and didn't. They're very physical."

On the ensuing possession, Clausen finally provided a spark with a 39-yard completion to Robert Meachem, but the Volunteers were held to James Wilhoit's 33-yard field goal.

Notre Dame's offense also struggled in the second half after a quick start and the Volunteers reached the Fighting Irish 34 with 11 minutes left. Linebacker Brandon Hoyte came up with another huge defensive play, stopping Gerald Riggs for a one-yard loss on 4th-and-1.

Following D.J. Fitzpatrick's 39-yard field

goal, Tennessee reached Notre Dame's 37, but Clausen was sacked on back-to-back plays and the Volunteers were forced to punt. Tennessee's hopes ended when Clausen threw incomplete on 4th-and-18 from the 19 with under two minutes left.

The Volunteers grabbed a 10-7 lead on Ainge's 56-yard TD pass to Cedric Houston with 2:47 left in the first half. Notre Dame had taken a 7-3 lead on Quinn's eight-yard TD pass to tight end Anthony Fasano with 5:16 remaining in the first quarter.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	0	7	3	—	17
Tennessee	3	7	3	0	—	13

First Quarter

UT - FG James Wilhoit 30, 8:57

ND - Anthony Fasano 8 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 5:16

Second Quarter

UT - Cedric Houston 56 pass from Erik Ainge (Wilhoit kick), 2:47

Third Quarter

ND - Mike Goolsby 26 interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:46

UT - FG Wilhoit 33, 1:28

Fourth Quarter

ND - FG Fitzpatrick 39, 7:23

Team Statistics

	ND	UT
First downs	13	17
Rushes-yards	36-98	39-58
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	23-12-0	36-21-1
Passing yards	118	269
Total plays-yards	59-216	75-327
Kick returns-yards	3-29	6-56
Sacks by	5-44	3-21
Punts-average	10-39.8	6-42.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-0
Penalties-yards	3-9	2-20
Third-down conversions	3-14	5-17
Fourth-down conversions	0-0	0-3
Time of possession	27:28	32:32

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Darius Walker 9-70; Ryan Grant 12-50; Marcus Wilson 2-12; Carlyle Holiday 1-3; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-1; Travis Thomas 1(-2); TEAM 3(-6); Brady Quinn 7(-30).

UT: Cedric Houston 18-65; Gerald Riggs 9-37; Derrick Tinsley 1-3; Chris Hannon 1-0; Rick Clausen 2(-13); TEAM 2(-17); Erik Ainge 6(-17).

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

ND: Brady Quinn 23-12-0-118-1.

UT: Erik Ainge 18-11-0-149-1; Rick Clausen 18-10-1-120-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Rhema McKnight 4-35; Maurice Stovall 2-41; Anthony Fasano 2-16; Marcus Wilson 1-18; John Carlson 1-3; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-3; Travis Thomas 1-2.

UT: Jayson Swain 5-68; Cedric Houston 4-78; Robert Meachem 4-67; Bret Smith 2-17; Tony Brown 2-15; Gerald Riggs 2-6; Chris Hannon 1-15; Cory Anderson 1-3.

Attendance - 107,266 (c)

Game 10

Pittsburgh 41
#24/-- Notre Dame 38

Notre Dame Stadium
Nov. 13, 2004

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Pittsburgh used a record performance by quarterback Tyler Palko, some controversial officiating, and a 32-yard field goal by Josh Cummings with one second remaining to take a stunning 41-38 victory over 24th-ranked Notre Dame in the home finale for the Fighting Irish.

A capacity crowd of 80,795 watched Palko carve up the Notre Dame secondary for five touchdowns and 334 yards, completing 26 of 42 pass attempts without throwing an interception. His five scores set a Notre Dame opponent record for touchdowns passes by an opposing quarterback.

Notre Dame took a 35-31 lead midway through the fourth period when Irish quarterback Brady Quinn connected with wide receiver Matt Shelton on a 36-yard scoring toss on a third-and-two situation with 7:21 left. The completion to Shelton was his third of the day for 128 yards and gave the Irish their first lead in the game since taking a 7-0 edge in the first period.

Pittsburgh responded with a 69-yard march in 13 plays to take a 38-35 lead with 2:24 left on a nine-yard pass from Palko to tight end Erik Gill. That pass concluded a drive marked by two questionable pass interference calls that went against the Irish, one that nullified a fourth down pass interception at the goal line that would have clinched the game for Notre Dame.

The Irish responded by marching 53 yards in seven plays leading to a 45-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick to tie it at 38-38 with 1:11 remaining. Pittsburgh answered immediately with Palko and Gill connecting on a 36-yard pass and run to move into Irish territory at the 33. Two more Palko to Gill passes moved the ball to the Notre Dame 24, where a 13-yard run by Marcus Furman set the stage for Cummings' 32-yard field goal that sailed through the uprights with 0:01 left on the clock.

The game was a see-saw affair throughout with both offenses controlling the tempo. After Notre Dame gained an early 7-0 lead on a one-yard run by Darius Walker in the first period, Palko and the Panthers proceeded to mount scoring drives on their next four possessions.

Each march ended with Palko touchdown strikes as he finished the first half with 214 yards passing and four touchdowns while converting eight of nine third-down situations.

Meanwhile, the Notre Dame offense matched Pittsburgh's 267 total yards in the first half behind the Quinn's 185 passing yards, a pair of 46-yard catches by Shelton, and 64 rushing yards by Walker. The Irish tied the game at 21-21 late in the second period on a 17-yard pass from Quinn to Maurice Stovall. But Pittsburgh answered with a 20-yard pass from Palko to Steve Buches for the 28-21 halftime lead.

The Irish charged out to a quick score in the third period. Carlyle Holiday returned a punt 68 yards to the Panther 19. From there, Quinn connected with fullback Rashon Powers-Neal for a 19-yard scoring toss to tie it again at 28-28.

The Panthers edged ahead, 31-28, early in the fourth period on a 27-yard field goal by

Cummings before Shelton's catch began the frantic finish.

For Pittsburgh, Gill led the way with six catches for 89 yards and a touchdown while Greg Lee posted 95 yards on five catches. Walker led all rushers with 112 yards and two scores for the Irish while Shelton notched a career-best 128 receiving yards. Quinn finished with 259 passing yards and three touchdowns as Notre Dame fell to 3-3 at home for the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Pittsburgh	7	21	0	13	—	41
Notre Dame	7	14	7	10	—	38

First Quarter

ND - Darius Walker 1 run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 7:21

P - Derek Kinder 3 pass from Tyler Palko (Josh Cummings kick), 2:23

Second Quarter

P - Steve Buches 1 pass from Palko (Cummings kick), 12:34

ND - Walker 5 run (Fitzpatrick kick), 9:35

P - Lee 3 pass from Palko (Cummings kick), 5:39

ND - Maurice Stovall 17 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:28

P - Buches 20 pass from Palko (Cummings kick), 2:55

Third Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 19 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 13:23

Fourth Quarter

P - Josh Cummings 27 field goal, 12:41

ND - Matt Shelton 36 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 7:21

P - Erik Gill 9 pass from Palko (Cummings kick), 2:24

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 45 field goal, 1:11

P - Cummings 32 field goal, 0:01

Team Statistics

	ND	Pitt
First downs	18	23
Rushes-yards	34-179	38-98
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	26-15-2	42-26-0
Passing yards	259	334
Total plays-yards	60-438	80-432
Kick returns-yards	6-139	5-117
Sacks by	3-15	1-6
Punts-average	4-42.0	4-40.2
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	10-119	4-39
Third-down conversions	6-14	9-17
Fourth-down conversions	1-1	2-2
Time of possession	26:10	33:50

Individual Leaders

Rushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Darius Walker 16-112; Ryan Grant 15-48; Brady Quinn 2-13; Marcus Wilson 1-6.

P: Tim Murphy 12-35; Tyler Palko 13-30; Raymond Kirkley 8-18; Marcus Furman 3-16; Joe Delsardo 1-0, TEAM 1(-1).

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

ND: Brady Quinn 26-15-2-259-3.

P: Tyler Palko 42-26-0-334-5.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Matt Shelton 3-128; Anthony Fasano 3-27; Darius Walker 2-27; Maurice Stovall 2-23; Rhema McKnight 2-10; Rashon Powers-Neal 1-19; Josh Schmidt 1-16; Ryan Grant 1-9.

P: Erik Gill 6-89; Greg Lee 5-95; Marcus Furman 4-53; Joe Delsardo 3-34; Kellen Campbell 2-25; Steve Buches 2-21; Darrell Strong 1-9; Raymond Kirkley 1-4; Derek Kinder 1-3; Tim Murphy 1-1.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

2004 NOTRE DAME GAME RECAPS

Game 11

Notre Dame 10
#1/1 USC 41

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum
Nov. 27, 2004

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

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

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

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

On the first touchdown pass, Quinn used play-action to buy time to find tight end Billy Palmer in the end zone for a 1-yard score that put the Irish ahead 7-0. Then on the next possession, it was the legs of Grant, who had a 32-yard run, and even Quinn, who picked up 22 yards on a rare quarterback draw out of the shotgun.

Those plays set up the 28-yard field goal by Fitzpatrick to open a short-lived 10-3 advantage in the second quarter. On the ensuing USC drive, Leinart found true freshman Dwayne Jarrett for a 12-yard touchdown with 5:53 left in the second quarter. Just under four minutes later, Leinart threw a short pass to Jarrett, who took advantage of a block by fellow receiver Steve Smith and ran 57 yards down the left sideline for the go-ahead score.

"That's what makes USC such an explosive team: the ability to generate big plays," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "They made big plays in the passing game."

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

Trailing, 20-10, Notre Dame drove to the USC 22 with six minutes left in the third quarter and called timeout after Brady Quinn threw an incomplete pass on first down. But the Fighting Irish managed just one yard off back-to-back trick plays before D.J. Fitzpatrick pushed a 39-yard field goal attempt wide left. Three plays later, Trojans tailback Reggie Bush caught a swing pass

from Leinart and ran 69 yards for a touchdown. Leinart added fourth-quarter TD passes of 35 yards to Smith and 23 yards to Jason Mitchell to blow open the contest.

SCORING SUMMARY

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

First Quarter

ND - Billy Palmer 1 pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 6:24

USC - FG Ryan Killeen 39, 1:26

Second Quarter

ND - FG D.J. Fitzpatrick 28, 11:51

USC - Dwayne Jarrett 12 pass from Matt Leinart (Killeen kick), 5:53

USC - Dwayne Jarrett 57 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick), 2:06

Third Quarter

USC - FG Ryan Killeen 42, 9:16

USC - Reggie Bush 69 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick), 3:06

Fourth Quarter

USC - Steve Smith 35 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick), 12:27

USC - Jason Mitchell 23 pass from Leinart (Killeen kick), 6:57

Team Statistics

	ND	USC
First downs	16	23
Rushes-yards	37-195	28-83
Passes (Att-Comp-Int)	30-15-0	35-25-0
Passing yards	105	405
Total plays-yards	67-300	63-488
Kick returns-yards	5-106	2-26
Sacks by	1-3	3-13
Punts-average	8-43.9	3-35.7
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	3-36	2-10
Third-down conversions	4-15	6-13
Fourth-down conversions	1-1	1-1
Time of possession	31:30	28:30

Individual LeadersRushing (Carries-Yards):

ND: Ryan Grant 15-94; Darius Walker 11-64; Brady Quinn 8-30; Marcus Wilson 1-5; Travis Thomas 1-2; Carlyle Holiday 1-0.

USC: LenDale White 14-51; Reggie Bush 8-25; Matt Leinart 3-7; Desmond Reed 1-2; Hershel Dennis 1-(-1).

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

ND: Brady Quinn 29-15-0-105-1; Carlyle Holiday 1-0-0-0-0.

USC: Matt Leinart 34-24-0-400-5; Matt Cassel 1-1-0-5-0.

Receiving (Catches-Yards):

ND: Darius Walker 3-10; Anthony Fasano 2-25; Marcus Wilson 2-17; Matt Shelton 2-13; Jerome Collins 2-9; Maurice Stovall 1-17; Rhema McKnight 1-9; Carlyle Holiday 1-4; Billy Palmer 1-1.

USC: Dwayne Jarrett 6-102; Steve Smith 4-96; Alex Holmes 4-44; D. Byrd 4-23; Jason Mitchell 2-38; Reggie Bush 1-69; Chris McFoy 1-18; Lee Webb 1-8; W. Buchanan 1-5; David Kirtman 1-2.

Attendance - 92,611 (c)

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Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
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Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Frome	Fr-ROM
Incarnato	in-car-NOT-oh
Kadous	kuh-DOOCE
Landri	LAN-dree
Laux	LOCKS
Leitko	LIGHT-ko
LeVoir	le-VORE (as in FORE)
Mattes	MATT-is
Chinedum Ndukwe	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Raridon	RARE-don
Rashon	ruh-SHON
Rhema	RAY-ma
Revelle	Re-VELL
Samardzija	suh-MARR-zhuh
Schiccatano	shick-a-TAWN-o
Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Wolke	WOL-key
Zbikowski	zib-uh-COW-ski

COACHES

Baer	BAY-ur
Diedrick	DEE-drick
McDonell	MAC-dunn-ELL

GAME DAY COACHES LOCATIONS

COACHES' BOOTH

Bill Diedrick	Offensive Coordinator
John McDonell	Offensive Line (Guards/Centers)
Steven Wilks	Defensive Backs
D.J. Durkin	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
Chad Klunder	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
Jimmy Gonzales	Director of Personnel Development

SIDELINE

Kent Baer	Interim Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator
Mike Denbrock	Offensive Line (Tackles)/Tight Ends
Greg Mattison	Defensive Line
Trent Miles	Wide Receivers
Buzz Preston	Running Backs/Special Teams
Bob Simmons	Linebackers

COACHING STAFF REFERENCE

INTERIM HEAD COACH

Kent Baer	Defensive Coordinator
Utah State, 1973	

COORDINATORS

Kent Baer	Defensive Coordinator
Utah State, 1973	
Bill Diedrick	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Eastern Washington, 1970	

ASSISTANT COACHES

Mike Denbrock	Offensive Line (Tackles)/Tight Ends
Grand Valley State, 1986	
Greg Mattison	Defensive Line
Wisconsin-Lacrosse, 1971	
John McDonell	Offensive Line (Guards/Centers)
Carroll College, 1981	
Trent Miles	Wide Receivers
Indiana State, 1987	
Buzz Preston	Running Backs/Special Teams
Hawaii, 1982	
Bob Simmons	Linebackers
Bowling Green, 1971	
Steven Wilks	Defensive Backs
Appalachian State, 1992	
D.J. Durkin	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
Bowling Green, 2001	
Chad Klunder	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
Wartburg College, 1995	

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

Erica Genise	Director of Football Operations
Iowa, 1993	
Jimmy Gonzales	Director of Personnel Development
Texas Lutheran, 1981	

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Irish Offense

WR	21	MAURICE STOVALL	6-5	227	Jr.
	82	Matt Shelton	6-0	175	Sr.
	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-5	215	So.
LT	68	RYAN HARRIS	6-5	289	So.
	62	Scott Raridon	6-6	310	Jr.
LG	76	BOB MORTON	6-4	300	Jr.
	50	Dan Santucci	6-4	292	Jr.
C	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-3	295	So.
	76	Bob Morton	6-4	300	Jr.
RG	74	DAN STEVENSON	6-5	293	Sr.
	51	Jamie Ryan	6-5	310	Jr.
	72	Jeff Thompson	6-4	285	Sr.
RT	73	MARK LeVOIR	6-7	310	Sr.
	51	Jamie Ryan	6-5	310	Jr.
TE	88	ANTHONY FASANO	6-4	256	Jr.
	85	Billy Palmer	6-3	256	Sr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-2	248	Jr.
	48	Jerome Collins	6-4	258	Sr.
	89	John Carlson	6-5	248	So.
WR	5	RHEMA McKNIGHT	6-1	215	Jr.
	7	Carlyle Holiday	6-3	215	Sr.
	23	Chase Anastasio	6-1	202	So.
QB	10	BRADY QUINN	6-4	224	So.
	9	Pat Dillingham	6-2	205	Sr.
	13	David Wolke	6-4	205	Fr.
FB	16	RASHON POWERS-NEAL	6-2	243	Sr.
	12	Josh Schmidt	6-1	232	Sr.
RB	4	RYAN GRANT	6-1	218	Sr.
	or 3	DARIUS WALKER	5-11	200	Fr.
	11	Marcus Wilson	5-11	202	Sr.

Irish Defense

LE	44	JUSTIN TUCK	6-5	261	Sr.
	75	Chris Frome	6-5	271	Jr.
DT	77	GREG PAULY	6-6	295	Sr.
	90	Brian Beidatsch	6-2	295	Sr.
NG	66	DEREK LANDRI	6-2	278	Jr.
	98	Trevor Laws	6-0	285	So.
RE	92	KYLE BUDINSCAK	6-4	275	Sr.
	95	Victor Abiamiri	6-4	269	So.
ILB	39	BRANDON HOYTE	5-11	231	Sr.
	52	Joe Brockington	6-1	225	So.
ILB	41	MIKE GOOLSBY	6-4	242	Sr.
	46	Corey Mays	6-1	243	Sr.
OLB	49	DEREK CURRY	6-3	235	Sr.
	47	Mitchell Thomas	6-3	230	So.
CB	24	DWIGHT ELLICK	5-10	185	Sr.
	6	Carlos Campbell	5-11	195	Sr.
FS	8	QUENTIN BURRELL	6-0	195	Sr.
	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	6-2	223	So.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	5-11	203	So.
	2	Freddie Parish IV	6-0	202	So.
CB	2	FREDDIE PARISH IV	6-0	202	So.
	or 15	PRESTON JACKSON	5-9	180	Sr.
	30	Mike Richardson	5-11	190	Jr.

Irish Special Teams

PK	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-1	200	Sr.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-10	185	So.
P	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-1	200	Sr.
	17	Geoffrey Price	6-3	190	So.
KO	96	BOBBY RENKES	6-0	190	So.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-10	185	So.
	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	6-1	200	Sr.
HLD	82	MATT SHELTON	6-0	175	Sr.
	17	Geoffrey Price	6-3	190	So.
SNP	64	CASEY DUNN (Punt)	6-4	256	Sr.
	62	SCOTT RARIDON (FG/PAT)	6-6	310	Jr.
	72	Jeff Thompson	6-4	285	Sr.
PR	7	CARLYLE HOLIDAY	6-3	215	Sr.
	5	Rhema McKnight	6-1	215	Jr.
KR	6	CARLOS CAMPBELL	5-11	195	Sr.
	23	CHASE ANASTASIO	6-1	202	So.