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GAME 8

Notre Dame (5-2) vs. Tennessee (3-4)

The Rankings:

Notre Dame - 8th AP, 9th USA Today, 9th Harris, 14th BCS

The Date and Time:

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, 2:38 p.m. EST (1:38 p.m. CST in Chicago)

The Site:

Notre Dame Stadium (80,795), Natural Grass

The Tickets: They're all sold and it is the 183rd consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium (the first 130 coming at the old 59,075 capacity). The Tennessee game marks the 231st home sellout in the last 232 games (dating back to 1964). It also is the 177th sellout in the last 202 Irish games and the 42nd in the last 45 games involving Notre Dame, dating back to the end of the 2001 season.

The TV Plans: NBC national telecast with Tom Hammond (play-by-play), Pat Haden (analysis), Lewis Johnson (sideline), Tom Roy and David Gibson (producers) and John Gonzalez (director).

The Radio Plans: For the 38th consecutive season all Notre Dame football games are broadcast on approximately 300 stations in 50 states by Westwood One with Tony Roberts (play by play) and former Irish running back Allen Pinkett (analysis). This broadcast can be heard live on SIRIUS Satellite Radio (channel 125 for the Tennessee game) as well.

A live broadcast from the Notre Dame student station, WF1, also is available via the Notre Dame official athletics website at www.und.com (subscription service). All Notre Dame home games may be heard in South Bend on U93-FM (92.9) with pre-game analysis featuring Sean Stires, Brian Noe, Vince DeDario and Colin Burns. The post-game show is hosted by Jack Nolan and features former Notre Dame players Reggie Brooks and Mirko Jurkovic. See page 17 of this notes package for more information on Irish football radio and television shows.

Websites: Notre Dame - www.und.com; Tennessee - www.utsports.com

2005 FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL

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Two-Minute Drill (what you need to know about this weekend's Notre Dame - Tennessee matchup) -

- Notre Dame (5-2) returns to action on Saturday against Tennessee (3-4) after playing just two games in the last four weeks (the Irish were on a bye Oct. 8 and Oct. 29).
- Notre Dame and Tennessee are meeting for the eighth time. Tennessee leads the series 4-3 and Saturday will mark the fourth meeting between the two teams in Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame's lone win against Tennessee at home came in the series' first meeting (a 31-14 victory in 1978). The Volunteers have posted a victory in their last two appearances on Notre Dame's home field (35-34 in 1991 and 28-18 in 2001).
- Notre Dame is 20-12 all-time against teams from the Southeastern Conference. Sixteen of those games have been played against LSU (nine) and Tennessee (seven). Tennessee is the only SEC school the Irish have faced in the last seven years.
- Moving up to No. 8 in the Associated Press top 25, the Irish have reached their highest AP ranking since 2002, when the team was ranked No. 4 heading into a Nov. 2 matchup with Boston College.
- This weekend's matchup between the Fighting Irish and Volunteers features one of the nation's top offenses (Notre Dame, ranked ninth in total offense at 492.71 yards per game) against one of the nation's top defenses (Tennessee, ranked 12th in total defense allowing 293.86 yards per game).
- Two Notre Dame players are hoping to extend their school-record streaks on Saturday. Junior QB **Brady Quinn** has thrown a touchdown pass in his last 12 games, while junior WR **Jeff Samardzija** has caught a touchdown pass in his last seven games.
- Quinn also is nearing a school record for single-season passing yardage, needing just 401 yards to break Jarious Jackson's record of 2,753 yards in 1999. Quinn has thrown for 400 yards three times this season and is currently ranked third in the country in total offense (348.57 yards per game).
- Notre Dame is scoring points at a rapid pace this season, as the Irish are 11th in the nation for scoring offense averaging 37.86 points per game (which would be the ND record if it holds up). Notre Dame's 265 points scored in its first seven games this season is the team's best seven-game total since the 1992 team posted 269.
- Notre Dame has posted 500 yards of total offense five times this season, the first time the team has accomplished that feat since 1992. The 1970 team also posted five games with 500 yards of total offense.
- The Irish have established school records in 17 different offensive categories this season and are threatening several more season marks (see page 23 of this notes package for a complete list).
- Notre Dame is looking to win consecutive home games in Notre Dame Stadium for the first time since Sept. 11 and Sept. 25 of last season. The Irish broke a four-game Notre Dame Stadium losing streak with their victory over BYU on Oct. 22.
- Presenting the national colors for Saturday's game will be University of Notre Dame senior class officers **Emily Chin**, **Brian Redmond**, **Ben Zerante** and **Anna Skoein**. They will present the colors to **Dick Ebersol**, chairman of NBC Sports, along with his wife **Susan St. James** with their son, **Charlie** (Notre Dame Class of 2005).
- Also during today's game **Dr. John B. "Jack" Matthews**, USMC, (ret.), of the Notre Dame Class of 1963, will be presented the Rev. William Corby, CSC, Award in recognition of his distinguished military service.

2005 IRISH SCHEDULE

times local to site • rankings AP/USA Today/Harris • (Notre Dame time, if applicable)

Date	ND Rank	Opponent	TV	Time or Result	Last week
Sept. 3	-/-	at #23/25 Pittsburgh	ABC	W, 42-21	Idle
Sept. 10	20/23	at #3/3 Michigan	ABC	W, 17-10	W, 33-17 at Northwestern
Sept. 17	10/12	Michigan State	NBC	L, 41-44 (OT)	W, 46-15 vs. Indiana
Sept. 24	16/18	at Washington	ABC	W, 36-17	L, 20-44 at Arizona State
Oct. 1	13/14/13	at #22/20/22 Purdue	ESPN	W, 49-28	L, 15-33 at Penn State
Oct. 15	9/9/8	#1/1/1 USC	NBC	L, 31-34	W, 55-13 vs. Wash. State
Oct. 22	9/12/11	BYU	NBC	W, 49-23	W, 62-41 vs. Air Force
Nov. 5	8/9/9	Tennessee	NBC	2:38 p.m.	L, 15-16 vs. S. Carolina
Nov. 12	-/-	Navy	NBC	1 p.m.	L, 21-31 at Rutgers
Nov. 19	-/-	Syracuse	NBC	2:30 p.m.	L, 16-22 vs. Cincinnati
Nov. 26	-/-	at Stanford	ABC	5 p.m. (8 p.m.)	L, 27-30 (OT) vs. UCLA

2005 Media Information

Interview requests and media access for the 2005 Notre Dame football team are administered by lead football contact Doug Walker and assistant football contact Alan Wasielewski.

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• Post game interviews after Saturday's game will be done outside the Notre Dame visiting team locker-room. Contact Walker or Wasielewski for information on Notre Dame player availability. There are no assistant coach interviews on game day.

Notre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

Charlie Weis Teleconferences: Coach Weis will be available for two teleconferences each week of the season.

- SUNDAY - 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
- Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- This teleconference will function as a look back at the previous Saturday's game. There will not be a Sunday teleconference on Oct. 16, it will instead be held on Monday, Oct. 17 at 12 noon.

- TUESDAY - 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Guglielmino Athletics Complex auditorium
- This teleconference will function as a look ahead at the upcoming weekend's opponent and other football-related issues.

The Tuesday press conference can be heard live locally in the South Bend, Ind., area on ESPN 1580 AM. Satellite coordinates: Galaxy 3C, Transponder 4

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

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

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

Each Tuesday press conference also will be broadcast live on www.und.com.

Notre Dame Probable Starting Lineup**Offense:**

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
"X"	21	Maurice Stovall	Sr.	Set two ND records with 14 catches and four TDs vs. BYU
LT	68	Ryan Harris	Jr.	Enjoying an outstanding season on the left side of the Irish line
LG	50	Dan Santucci	Sr.	Former DL is a key factor in ND's 152 rushing yards per game
OL	78	John Sullivan	Jr.	Has started Notre Dame's last three games
RG	74	Dan Stevenson	Sr.	Can play both guard spots, and has appeared in 39 career games
RT	73	Mark LeVoi	Sr.	Made his 32nd career start vs. BYU; the veteran of the OL
TE	88	Anthony Fasano	Sr.	32 catches in seven games for 390 yards
"Z"	83	Jeff Samardzija	Jr.	Has matched ND single-season TD reception mark (11)
QB	10	Brady Quinn	Jr.	Tossed an ND record six touchdown passes against BYU
FB	16	Asaph Schwapp	Sr.	Made first career start vs. USC, ND's leading rusher vs. BYU
RB	3	Darius Walker	So.	ND's leading rusher with 617 yards (4.3 avg), 88.1 yds per game

Defense:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
LE	95	Victor Abiamiri	Jr.	Leads the team with 4.5 sacks, also has 6.5 TFL
LT	98	Trevor Laws	Jr.	Becoming a force inside, led team with nine tackles vs. BYU
RT	66	Derek Landri	Sr.	Seven tackles and 1.5 sacks against BYU
RE	99	Ronald Talley	So.	Made most of first career start vs. BYU - seven tackles, one sack
AP	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	So.	29 tackles, three QB hurries and a forced fumble in 2005
MLB	46	Corey Mays	Sr.	Fifth on the team with 32 tackles, also has two fumble recoveries
WLB	39	Brandon Hoyte	Sr.	Leader of the Irish defense with 56 tackles, 11.5 TFL, four sacks
RCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	Jr.	Has been a step-up performer for the Irish - 49 tackles, five PBU
WS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	Jr.	Eight tackles against BYU, has four fumble recoveries and two INT
BS	9	Tom Zbikowski	Jr.	Has scored in last two games (punt ret. vs. USC, INT ret. vs. BYU)
LCB	30	Mike Richardson	Sr.	Fourth on the team with 36 tackles, tied for team lead with three INT

Special Teams:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
PK	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Sr.	Seven for nine in FGs, 34-34 in PATs
P	19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	Sr.	Solid 41.2 punt average with a long of 60 and six inside the 20
H	83	Jeff Samardzija	Jr.	Has caught 11 TDs and held for 34 PATs and seven FGs
SNP	61	J.J. Jansen	So.	Sophomore snapper was perfect in first action against USC
PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	Jr.	Boasts an outstanding 15.2 return average with one touchdown
KR	11	David Grimes	Fr.	Averaging 23.9 yards on eight attempts with a long of 40
	1	D.J. Hord	Fr.	Made first career appearance against BYU, two returns for 24 yards

Key Probable Non-Starters:

Pos.	No.	Player	Class	Notes
WR	82	Matt Shelton	Sr.	Has 16 catches for 172 yards this season
C	76	Bob Morton	Sr.	Back in the center/guard rotation after missing Purdue game
OL	79	Brian Mattes	Sr.	Veteran can provide depth at both tackle positions
TE	87	Marcus Freeman	Sr.	Caught five passes in eight games during the '04 season
TE	89	John Carlson	Jr.	Logged first career touchdown reception at Purdue (22 yards)
DT	90	Brian Beidatsch	Sr.	Gives the Irish talented depth on the DL, seven tackles, one sack
RB	26	Travis Thomas	Jr.	Saw significant time vs. USC with 18 rushes for 52 yards and a TD
DB	15	Leo Ferrine	So.	Notre Dame's nickel back has been solid with 15 tackles

Note: this is only a projection. Notre Dame has started with a different non-standard personnel package in each game this season.

2005: The Charlie Weis Era Begins

The 117th season of Notre Dame football is the first in the tenure of head coach **Charlie Weis**, who has started his career with a 5-2 record, including wins over three ranked opponents.

Weis was named the 28th head football coach in Notre Dame history on Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004. A 1978 Notre Dame graduate, Weis takes the reins of the Irish program after a highly-successful career as an assistant coach in the National Football League.

The owner of four Super Bowl champion rings as products of a stellar 15-season career as an NFL assistant, Weis is a widely-respected disciple of professional coaching standouts Bill Parcells and Bill Belichick. He came to Notre Dame after excelling as offensive coordinator of the New England Patriots, where he played an integral role in New England's victories in three of the last four Super Bowls.

Weis is the first Notre Dame graduate to hold the football head coaching position at his alma mater since Hugh Devore (a '34 graduate) served as interim coach in 1963 and is the first Notre Dame graduate to serve as the Irish football coach on a full-fledged basis since Joe Kuharich (a '38 graduate who coached at Notre Dame from 1959 through '62).

A veteran of 26 seasons in coaching, Weis coached nine seasons with the Patriots, including five as offensive coordinator. He helped produce four Super Bowl championships (New York Giants following the 1990 season, Patriots following '01, '03 and '04 seasons), five conference titles and seven division crowns.

Notre Dame - Tennessee Series History and Notes

- Notre Dame and Tennessee are meeting for the eighth time on the gridiron with the Volunteers holding a 4-3 edge in the series. Saturday will mark the fourth time the two teams will meet in Notre Dame Stadium and the Volunteers won two of those three meetings. Notre Dame's victory at home against Tennessee came in the first game of the series - a 31-14 win in 1978.

- At least one of the teams has been nationally ranked in all eight games of the series, with Notre Dame entering this contest ranked eighth by AP and ninth by *USA Today*. This weekend's game will mark the first between the two teams since 1991 that Notre Dame will be ranked higher than Tennessee. In the last three meetings (1999, 2001, 2004), Tennessee entered the game ranked in the top 10, while the Irish were ranked just once (No. 24 in 1999).

- Notre Dame broke a three-game losing streak to the Volunteers last season in Neyland Stadium with a 17-13 victory.

- Three of Tennessee's four victories in the series have been by double digits (40-18 in '79, 38-14 in '99 and 28-18 in 2001).

- Four of the last five games in the series have been decided by 10 points or less.

- This game will mark Tennessee's first appearance in Notre Dame Stadium since a 28-18 victory over the Irish in 2001.

- Entering the 2005 season, both Notre Dame and Tennessee ranked in the top 10 on the NCAA Division IA all-time victories list - the Irish were second with 802 wins while the Volunteers checked in at No. 9 with 746 victories.

- Tennessee is one of only five current "major" schools to hold a series advantage over Notre Dame - the others are Nebraska (8-7-1), Florida State (4-2), Georgia (1-0) and Michigan (18-14-1).

- The Tennessee-Notre Dame series has always been played in early November. All eight games (including 2005) have been played within an eight-day range (Nov. 3, Nov. 5, twice on Nov. 6, Nov. 9, twice on Nov. 10 and Nov. 11).

Notre Dame Versus the Southeastern Conference

- Notre Dame has won 63 percent of its games (20-12-0) vs. teams that currently make up the Southeastern Conference, with 16 of those games coming vs. LSU (nine) and Tennessee (seven).

- Tennessee is the only SEC school the Irish have faced in the last seven years. The Irish and Volunteers have met in 1999, 2001 and 2004. Notre Dame's most recent matchup against a different SEC school was a 39-36 victory over LSU on Nov. 21, 1998.

- Notre Dame owns a .500 or better record against five of the eight SEC teams it has faced.

- Tennessee (4-3) and Georgia (1-0) are the only SEC schools to have winning records against Notre Dame.

- Notre Dame has played the following SEC schools: Alabama (5-1), Florida (1-0), Georgia (0-1), LSU (5-4), Mississippi (1-1), South Carolina (3-1), Tennessee (3-4) and Vanderbilt (2-0).

2005 Media InformationNotre Dame Football Weekly Media Information

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Player/Asst. Coach Post-Practice Interviews: Notre Dame player interviews are available on a rotating schedule during the week.

Tuesday: Available by request: Offensive players, Off. Coordinator Mike Haywood, Asst. Head Coach (Offense) John Latina.

Wednesday: Available by request: Defensive players, Def. Coordinator Rick Minter, Asst. Head Coach (Defense) Bill Lewis, Coach Weis.

Thursday: Available by request: Special teams players, Special Teams Coach Brian Polian, Coach Weis.

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

* NOTE - All requests for player and coordinator interviews should be sent to Doug Walker at dwalker@nd.edu. A detailed description of the subject matter for the interview needs to be included. *Requests are due at 10:30 a.m. each day of practice.*

Practice Access and Post-Practice Interview Location:

Twenty minutes of each practice (during the season) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are open to the media for viewing. Check with the ND SID office for viewing times, which change from day to day.

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

Notre Dame Team Captain's Teleconference

Notre Dame team captains, senior LB Brandon Hoyte and junior QB Brady Quinn, will be available for a teleconference each Wednesday of the season (off weeks are the only exceptions) for local and national media.

Please contact Doug Walker or Alan Wasielewski for the call-in number. The teleconference will begin at 1:00 p.m., with Hoyte on the phone first, followed by Quinn at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Local or national television interview requests will be taken care of at this time as well. Please send those requests to Doug Walker at dwalker@nd.edu.

This is the only time during the week that Hoyte and Quinn will be available for interviews.

Opponent Schedules

(all times local to site)

This week...Tennessee (3-4)

2005 Tennessee Schedule

Sept. 3	vs. UAB	W, 17-10
Sept. 17	at Florida	L, 7-16
Sept. 26	at LSU	W, 30-27 (OT)
Oct. 1	vs. Mississippi	W, 27-10
Oct. 8	vs. Georgia	L, 14-27
Oct. 22	at Alabama	L, 3-6
Oct. 29	vs. South Carolina	L, 15-16
Nov. 5	at Notre Dame	2:38 p.m.
Nov. 12	vs. Memphis	TBA
Nov. 19	vs. Vanderbilt	TBA
Nov. 26	at Kentucky	TBA

Next game (Nov. 12)...Navy (4-3)

2005 Navy Schedule

Sept. 3	vs. Maryland	L, 20-23
Sept. 10	vs. Stanford	L, 38-41
Oct. 1	at Duke	W, 28-21
Oct. 8	vs. Air Force	W, 27-24
Oct. 15	vs. Kent State	W, 34-31
Oct. 22	at Rice	W, 41-9
Oct. 29	at Rutgers	L, 31-31
Nov. 5	vs. Tulane	1:30 p.m., CSTV
Nov. 12	at Notre Dame	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 19	vs. Temple	1:30 p.m., CSTV
Dec. 3	vs. Army	2:30 p.m., CBS

Other opponents on Nov. 5...

Pittsburgh (4-4) at Louisville (Thursday, 7:30 p.m., ESPN)

Michigan (6-3) - Idle

Michigan State (5-3) at Purdue (12 noon, ESPNU)

Washington (1-7) vs. Oregon St. (3:30 p.m., FS NW)

Purdue (2-6) vs. Michigan State (12 noon, ESPNU)

USC (8-0) vs. Stanford (7:00 p.m., TBS)

BYU (4-4) at UNLV (12:00 p.m., ESPN+)

Syracuse (1-7) - Idle

Stanford (4-3) at USC (7:00 p.m., TBS)

All times listed local to site.

Last Time at Notre Dame Stadium vs. Tennessee

Seventh-ranked Tennessee used two lengthy third quarter drives and capitalized on a pair of critical Notre Dame turnovers to squeeze past the Irish, 28-18, before a capacity crowd of 80,795 at Notre Dame Stadium on November 3, 2001.

Notre Dame did most of what it set out to do against the Volunteers. The Irish shut down the Vols' leading rusher, **Travis Stephens**, and held a sizable edge in the time of possession battle. The Notre Dame defense also came up with a timely score. Quarterback **Carlyle Holiday** kept the Irish withing striking distance throughout the day, completing 13 of 24 passes for 146 yards. Nine of his completions went to **David Givens**, who piled up 99 receiving yards. Meanwhile, Stephens, who came into the game as the nation's third-leading rusher, was limited to a season-low 63 yards on 24 carries by a tenacious Notre Dame defense.

The Irish had command of the game for much of the first half, owning the ball for more than 19 of the first 30 minutes of play. However, the most promising of these marches was stifled when **Arnaz Battle** fumbled at the Vols' one-yard line as he tried to score on a reverse. Another Irish fumble produced the first score on the game as freshman running back Ryan Grant lost a fumble that UT's **Julian Battle** scooped up and returned 81 yards for a touchdown to give the Volunteers a 7-0 lead with 5:12 remaining in the second quarter. Notre Dame marched right back down the field, going 52 yards in 10 plays to pick up a 41-yard field goal by Nicholas Setta with 27 seconds remaining in the half to cut the deficit to 7-3 at halftime.

Notre Dame caught the first break of the second half when **Courtney Watson** intercepted a **Casey Clausen** pass and went 31 yards for a touchdown to give the Irish a 10-7 lead just 1:37 into the third quarter. The lead would not last long, however, as Tennessee responded with a 12-play, 80-yard drive, capped off by Stephens' three-yard touchdown run with 8:19 left in the third period for a 14-10 UT lead. Tennessee extended the lead on their next possession, driving 81 yards for a touchdown as the drive concluded with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Clausen to **Donte Stallworth** for a 21-10 UT lead with 1:14 remaining in the third quarter. Notre Dame bounced back with a 75-yard march in 17 plays to open the fourth quarter, converting three third down plays and one fourth down.

The Irish touchdown came on a one-yard run by **Tony Fisher** with 8:04 to play. The Irish converted a two-point play when Holiday connected with Fisher on a shovel pass to cut the UT lead to 21-18. After the Irish forced a Tennessee punt with 3:25 left, Notre Dame's ensuing possession ended on an interception at the Irish 25-yard line. The Vols then marched to a clinching touchdown, scoring on a one-yard scoring run with 35 seconds left for the final 28-18 margin. Notre Dame fell to 3-5 with the loss on the way to a 5-6 final record while UT improved to 6-1 on the way to an 11-2 final record.

Notre Dame Scoring At A Rapid Pace

Notre Dame is currently 11th in the nation in scoring offense, averaging 37.86 points per game. If the 37.86 average holds up, it would set a Notre Dame single-season record. The Irish have totalled 265 points this season, the most over the first seven games of the year since the 1992 team posted 269 points. Here is a look at where the 2005 team ranks in its point production against some of Notre Dame's previous top scoring teams -

<u>Year</u>	<u>Points Through Seven Games</u>	<u>Final Season Record</u>
1912	389	7-0
1905	290	5-4
1970	289	10-1
1943	287	9-1
1908	274	8-1
1949	273	10-0
1992	269	10-1-1
1991	269	10-3
1913	268	7-0
1914	266	6-2
2005	265	5-2
1968	265	7-2-1

Irish First-Year Head Coaches

As **Charlie Weis** continues his first season at the helm of the Irish, here are a few notes on Notre Dame's head coaches in their inaugural years (see page 13 for a recap of each coaching debut season in ND history).

- The 27 previous head football coaches in Notre Dame history have combined to amass a 168-60-12 (.700) record in their first years at the helm.
- Weis is the first coach to begin his Irish career by beating two ranked opponents in his first two games. The only other attempt was by Terry Brennan in 1954 (won 21-0 vs. #4 Texas, lost 27-14 vs. #19 Purdue).
- Weis is the first coach to begin his Notre Dame tenure with two victories on the road and on the opponent's home field since Knute Rockne in 1918 (at Case Tech, at Wabash). Hunk Anderson faced his first two games away from Notre Dame in '31 (at Indiana, vs. Northwestern at Soldier Field - a win and a tie, respectively) and Dan Devine also started with two games away from South Bend in '75 (vs. Boston College at Foxboro, at Purdue - both wins).
- The two most recent Irish head coaches (Bob Davie; 7-6 in 1997, Tyrone Willingham; 10-3 in 2002) posted winning records in their first seasons. The last Irish coach to turn in a sub-.500 season in his first year is Lou Holtz, whose '86 team finished 5-6.
- The longest winning streak for a Notre Dame head coach to begin his career with the Irish is nine games, by Harper (1913-14) and Parseghian ('64).
- Since 1913, four Notre Dame coaches - Layden, Parseghian, Holtz and Willingham - have taken over the program the year after their predecessors were either .500 or below. All but Holtz, who went 5-6 in '86, posted winning records in their first seasons and the quartet had a combined 30-13 record in such seasons. The '04 Irish went 6-6 under Willingham.

First-Year Players Seeing Significant Time

Through the first six games of the 2005 season, Notre Dame has seen 25 players make their Irish playing debut. Included in the 25 players are 11 true freshmen from Notre Dame's 15-player class signed last year. The complete list of players that have played for the first time this season: James Bent, Justin Brown, David Bruton*, Maurice Crum, Jr., Casey Cullen, Paul Duncan*, Leo Ferrine, David Fitzgerald, David Grimes*, LaBrose Hedgemon III, Ray Herring*, Joey Hiben*, D.J. Hord*, Pat Kuntz*, Terrail Lambert, Ashley McConnell, Marty Mooney, Steve Quinn*, Asaph Schwapp*, Dwight Stephenson, Jr., Scott Smith*, Ronald Talley and Michael Turkovich*, Anthony Vernaglia.

* - indicates true freshman

Offense Piling Up Yardage

The offense has been the highlight of the 2005 Notre Dame football season thus far. The Irish are currently ninth in the country in total offense (492.71) and are on pace for the most prolific offensive season since the team ended the 1996 season ranked 10th in total offense. Currently, the Irish are averaging 340.0 passing yards per game and are on pace to break the Notre Dame record of 252.7 set in 1970 (Notre Dame finished that season ranked eighth in the country in passing offense and second overall with a school-record 510.5 total yards per game).

One measuring stick for offensive production is games in which the team compiles over 500 yards of total offense. Notre Dame has accomplished that feat five times this season (502 at Pittsburgh, 594 vs. Michigan State, 560 at Washington, 621 at Purdue, 511 vs. BYU) - marking the first time the Irish have posted five 500-yard performances since the 1992 season (the Irish also posted five 500-yard games in 1970).

Here is a breakdown of Notre Dame's 500-plus games in two comparable seasons (1970, 1992) -

1970 (five): 633 vs. Purdue, 513 vs. Michigan State, 574 vs. Army, 606 vs. Pittsburgh, 557 vs. USC

1992 (five): 561 vs. Northwestern, 509 vs. Michigan State, 580 vs. Purdue, 521 vs. Pittsburgh, 576 vs. Boston College

Stanford Kickoff

The Notre Dame-Stanford football game to be played Nov. 26, 2005, at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto, Calif., will kick off at 5:00 p.m. PST (8:00 p.m. EST in South Bend), ABC Sports announced on Monday, Oct. 31.

ABC Sports will telecast the game live.

Milestone Games in 2005

100-Yard Rushing Games

Darius Walker at Pittsburgh	100 (20 att)
Darius Walker at Michigan	104 (26 att)
Darius Walker vs. Michigan St.	116 (26 att)
Darius Walker at Washington	128* (21 att)

100-Yard Receiving Games

Maurice Stovall vs. BYU	207* (14* rec)
Maurice Stovall vs. Michigan St.	176 (8 rec)
Jeff Samardzija at Washington	164* (8 rec)
Jeff Samardzija at Purdue	153 (7 rec)
Jeff Samardzija vs. BYU	152 (10* rec)
Maurice Stovall at Purdue	134 (8 rec)

300-Yard Passing Games

Brady Quinn vs. Michigan St.....	487*
Brady Quinn vs. BYU	467
Brady Quinn at Purdue	440
Brady Quinn at Washington.....	327

Multiple Touchdown Performances

Brady Quinn vs. BYU	* 6 (passing)
Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State	5 (passing)
Maurice Stovall vs. BYU.....	* 4 (rec)
Brady Quinn at Purdue	3 (passing)
Jeff Samardzija vs. Michigan State	* 3 (rec)
Rashon Powers-Neal at Pittsburgh.....	3 (rush)
Jeff Samardzija vs. BYU	2 (rec)
Brady Quinn vs. USC.....	2 (1 rush, 1 passing)
Jeff Samardzija at Purdue	2 (rec)
Brady Quinn at Michigan	2 (passing)
Darius Walker at Pittsburgh	2 (1 rush, 1 rec)
Brady Quinn at Pittsburgh	2 (passing)

Eight-Tackle (or more) Games

Brandon Hoyte at Michigan.....	11.0
Ambrose Wooden at Pittsburgh	11.0
Trevor Laws vs. BYU	9.0
Ambrose Wooden at Washington	9.0
Tom Zbikowski at Michigan	8.5
Tom Zbikowski vs. BYU.....	8.0
Chinedum Ndukwe vs. BYU.....	8.0
Mike Richardson vs. USC	8.0

* - individual career highs

THE 2005 NOTRE DAME COACHING STAFF

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

COACHING STAFF LOCATIONS DURING GAME

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Abiamiri	Ab-ee-uh-MEER-ee
Anastasio	ahn-uh-STAH-zee-oh
Asaph Schwapp	A-sopp shwopp
Beidatsch	BY-datsch
Bruton	BREW-ton
Derrell Hand.....	du-RELL
Ferrine	Fuh-REEN
Hiben.....	HIGH-ben
Kuntz	Koontz
Landri.....	LAN-dree
LeVoir.....	le-VORE (as in fore)
Mattes	MATT-is
Chindeum Ndukwe.....	SHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Raridon	RARE-i-done
Rashon	ruh-SHON
Rhema	RAY-ma
Samardzija	suh-MARR-zhuh
Schiccatano	shick-a-TAWN-O
Turkovich.....	Turk-uh-vitch
Vernaglia	ver-NAG-lee-uh
Wolke	WOLL-key
Zbikowski.....	zib-uh-COW-ski

Keep an Eye on Third Down

Notre Dame and Florida State are the only two teams ranked in the top 15 in both offensive third down percent and defensive third down percentage. Notre Dame is ranked ninth in the nation and is averaging a solid 48 percent on third down this season (52 of 107), while holding its opponents to 30.5 percent (29 of 95), which is ranked 15th in the nation. Florida State is ranked 12th and 15th, respectively.

Red Zone Turnovers

Notre Dame has forced its opponent into seven turnovers during 27 red zone visits this season. The Irish have caused three fumbles and intercepted four passes inside their own 20-yard line this season. Overall, Notre Dame's opponents are 19 for 27 in red zone chances with 16 touchdowns and three field goals. The Irish are 27 for 31 with 24 touchdowns and three field goals.

Four Ranked Teams in Six Games

Including the Oct. 15 matchup with No. 1 USC, Notre Dame faced four ranked teams (according to the AP ranking) in a season's first six games for the fifth time in the program's history this year. Notre Dame won three of the games this year, taking down #23 Pittsburgh, #3 Michigan and #22 Purdue - all on the road.

Notre Dame faced a similar challenge in 2003, 2000, 1979 and 1953. The 1953 team (W, 28-21 at #6 Oklahoma; W, 24-14 vs. #15 Pittsburgh; W, 27-14 vs. #4 Georgia Tech; W, 38-7 vs. Navy) is the only Irish squad to win all four games.

Notre Dame's Solid Start in 2005

Notre Dame has claimed victories over three ranked opponents on the road this season - and all three victories occurred on the opponent's home field. That marks the first time Notre Dame has defeated three ranked teams on the road since 2002 (vs. #21 Maryland, at #18 Air Force, at #11 Florida State), but the first time since 1990 that feat has been achieved on the opponents' home fields (at #24 Michigan State, at #9 Tennessee, at #18 USC).

The three ranked victories also occurred in the first five games of the year. The 2005 season marks the 11th time Notre Dame has faced three ranked opponents in its first five games of the season - and the '05 season is the first time since 1980 (vs. #13 Miami, vs. #14 Michigan and vs. #9 Purdue) that the team has won all three such games in five attempts (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003).

Quinn and the Notre Dame Record Book

Junior QB **Brady Quinn**, in his third full year as the Irish starter, already has made a lasting mark on the Irish football record book. Here is a quick overview of some of his accomplishments and rankings all-time at Notre Dame (see pages 9, 11 and 13 for several career ranking breakdowns for Quinn):

Touchdown Passes, Single Game - 6 - vs. BYU, the school record, breaking his previous mark of five posted earlier this season against Michigan State.

Touchdown Passes, Career - 46 - second on the all-time list behind Ron Powlus (52).

Touchdown Passes, Season - 20 - the Notre Dame single-season record, breaking Powlus' mark of 19 from 1994.

Completions, Single Game - 33 - vs. Michigan State, matched Joe Theismann's school record from the 1970 game at USC. Quinn completed 32 passes against BYU on Oct. 22.

Consecutive Completions - 12 - vs. BYU, second on the all-time list (matching Jarious Jackson) behind Ron Powlus' 14 straight against Michigan State in 1997. Quinn has posted three consecutive completion streaks over 10 this season (11 at Pittsburgh and at Purdue, 12 vs. BYU).

Passing Yards, Single Game - 487 - vs. Michigan State, second all-time behind Theismann's 526 at USC in '70.

Passing Yards, First Half - 287 - vs. BYU, breaking his own record of 283 against Purdue earlier this season.

Passing Yards, Single Season - 2,352 - fourth on the Notre Dame single-season list and just 401 yards behind Jarious Jackson's school record 2,753 from 1999. Quinn is just 234 yards away from his career-best single-season total of 2,586 from last season.

Yards, Career - 6,769 - becoming just the third Irish quarterback to throw for better than 6,000 yards, Quinn stands 833 yards behind Ron Powlus as the career yardage leader with 7,602. Quinn surpassed Steve Beuerlein for second place on the all-time list against BYU.

Avg. Passing Yards Per Game, Career - 218.3 - currently first on the all-time list ahead of Powlus (172.7).

Quinn also is well ahead of the pace to set the single-season passing yardage record for the Irish. At his current pace (336 yards per game), he would total 3,696 yards. The single-season record is held by Jarious Jackson, who threw for 2,753 yards in 1999. Averaging 250 yards per game for the rest of the season he would end up with 3,352 yards. The Dublin, Ohio, native is on track to becoming Notre Dame's first 3,000-yard single-season passer.

Quinn 300

Since 1950, a Notre Dame quarterback has thrown for 300 yards or more 15 times. Junior QB Brady Quinn is responsible for six of those performances - the most for any single Notre Dame quarterback. Quinn has thrown for 350 (vs. Boston College, 2003), 432 (vs. Purdue, 2004), 487 (vs. Michigan State, 2005), 327 (at Washington, 2005), 440 (at Purdue, 2005) and 467 (vs. BYU, 2005).

Quinn is the only Notre Dame quarterback to throw for over 400 yards four times in a career (in fact, he is the only one to do it twice) - and in Notre Dame's last road game at Purdue he became the first Irish signalcaller to throw for more than 300 yards in three consecutive games. He also is the first Irish quarterback to throw for 300 or more yards four times in a season.

Quinn Game-By-Game This Season:

Opponent	Att.	Comp.	%	Int.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Pittsburgh	27	18	.667	1	227	2	51
at Michigan	30	19	.633	0	140	2	26
vs. Michigan State	60	33	.550	1	487	5	50
at Washington	37	25	.675	0	327	1	52
at Purdue	36	29	.805	1	440	3	55
vs. USC	35	19	.542	1	264	1	36
vs. BYU	41	32	.780	0	467	6*	44
TOTAL	266	175	.658	4	2352	20*	55
Per Game	38	25		0.57	336	2.85	
Other	Pass Efficiency: 161.87						

* - Notre Dame record

2005 IRISH HONORS AND AWARDS

Senior LB Bradon Hoyte -

- Lott Trophy Quarterfinalist (Oct. 27)
- Draddy Trophy Semifinalist (Oct. 7)
- (Academic Heisman)
- Butkus Award Watch List (Preseason)

Senior TE Anthony Fasano -

- Mackey Award Watch List (Preseason)

Senior K/P D.J. Fitzpatrick -

- Groza Award Watch List (Preseason)

Junior QB Brady Quinn -

- The Sporting News* Player of the Week (Oct. 2)
- Cingular/ABC Sports All-American of the Week (Oct. 27 - for performance vs. BYU)
- Cingular/ABC Sports All-American of the Week (Oct. 6 - for performance at Purdue)
- NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (vs. USC)
- NBC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (vs. BYU)
- ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Pitt)
- Maxwell Award Watch List (Preseason)

Junior WR Jeff Samardzija -

- ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Wash.)
- Sports Illustrated.com* Midseason All-American

Sophomore RB Darius Walker -

- ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (at Michigan)

Tony Roberts Honored

The National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame selected Notre Dame play-by-play legend **Tony Roberts** to receive the 2005 Chris Schenkel Award.

The award, named for the legendary college football announcer, is given annually to a college football announcer who has excelled in his field and contributed to his community. The award was presented to Roberts on Friday, Aug. 12, at the Mayor's Breakfast during the College Football Hall of Fame's Enshrinement Festival in South Bend.

After graduating from Columbia College in Chicago with a degree in journalism, Roberts went on to become the voice of Indiana University basketball and football, Navy football, Washington Senators baseball and Washington Bullets basketball.

Now in his 26th year as a member of the Westwood One Radio Network broadcast team, Roberts is currently the voice of Notre Dame football. In addition to his play-by-play duties, he broadcasts three times daily for Westwood One/CBS Radio Sports and has covered the last five Summer Olympics for NBC Radio.

Quinn On A Streak

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** has thrown at least one touchdown pass in his last 12 games played (and started) for the Irish, breaking John Huarte's record of 10 set in 1964. The Dublin, Ohio, native has totaled 28 scoring tosses during the run (2.3 per game).

Quinn's touchdown passes over the last 12 games:

2005 - 6 vs. BYU, 1 vs. USC, 3 at Purdue, 1 at Washington, 5 vs. Michigan State, 2 at Michigan, 2 at Pittsburgh
2004 - 2 vs. Oregon State (Insight Bowl), 1 at USC, 3 vs. Pittsburgh, 1 at Tennessee, 1 vs. Boston College

Quinn Throws Six

Junior QB **Brady Quinn** became the first Notre Dame quarterback to throw six touchdown passes in a single game against BYU on Oct. 22. Quinn finished the game 32 of 41 for 467 yards, six touchdowns and no interceptions. It ranks as possibly the greatest single-game performance by a Notre Dame quarterback and earned Quinn the ABC Sports/Cingular All-American Player of the Week award for the second time in 2005 (he also earned the award after his stellar performance at Purdue).

Quinn broke his own school record of five touchdown passes set earlier this season against Michigan State.

Quinn's touchdown passes vs. BYU:

10 yards to Maurice Stovall, first quarter, 7:12
14 yards to Jeff Samardzija, second quarter, 10:33
15 yards to Stovall, second quarter, 4:18
21 yards to Samardzija, third quarter, 12:50
36 yards to Stovall, third quarter, 4:47
24 yards to Stovall, third quarter, 2:16

How the Irish Were Built (* - indicates monograms won, CAPS indicates returning starters)

OFFENSE (33)

Freshmen (7)

OL Paul Duncan
WR David Grimes
TE Joey Hiben
WR D.J. Hord
FB Asaph Schwapp
QB Evan Sharpley
OL Mike Turkovich

Sophomores (5)

WR Darrin Bragg
RB Justin Hoskins
RB Junior Jabbie
*RB Darius Walker
QB David Wolke

Juniors (8)

*WR Chase Anastasio
*TE John Carlson
**OT RYAN HARRIS
FB Ashley McConnell
**QB BRADY QUINN
**WR Jeff Samardzija
*C JOHN SULLIVAN
*RB Travis Thomas

Seniors (9)

OL James Bonelli
**TE ANTHONY FASANO
**TE Marcus Freeman
RB Jeff Jenkins
***WR RHEMA MCKNIGHT
*OL Brian Mattes
**OG BOBBY MORTON
**OG Dan Santucci
***WR MAURICE STOVALL

5th Year Seniors (4)

***OT MARK LEVOIR
***FB RASHON POWERS-NEAL
***WR Matt Shelton
***OG DAN STEVENSON

DEFENSE (34)

Freshmen (8)

DB David Bruton
DL Derrell Hand
DB Ray Herring
DL Pat Kuntz
DB Kyle McCarthy
LB Steve Quinn
LB Scott Smith
LB Kevin Washington

Sophomores (7)

LB Abdel Banda
DE Justin Brown
LB Maurice Crum, Jr.
DB Leo Ferrine
DB Terrail Lambert
DE Ronald Talley
DB Anthony Vernaglia

Juniors (10)

**DE Victor Abiamiri
*LB Nick Borseti
*LB Joe Brockington
CB LaBrose Hedgemon II
*DL Trevor Laws
**S/LB Chinedum Ndukwe
LB Mitchell Thomas
LB Dwight Stephenson
CB Ambrose Wooden
*S TOM ZBIKOWSKI

Seniors (6)

FS Jake Carney
DE Chris Frome
**NG DEREK LANDRI
**CB Mike Richardson
*LB Anthony Salvador
DE Nate Schiccatano

5th Year Seniors (3)

***DE Brian Beidatsch
***LB BRANDON HOYTE
***LB Corey Mays

SPECIALISTS (5)

Freshmen (0)

Sophomores (0)

Juniors (2)

K Carl Gioia
P Geoff Price

Seniors (2)

**LS Scott Raridon
K Bobby Renkes

5th Year Seniors (1)

**K/P D.J. FITZPATRICK

Three's Company

In 2005, junior quarterback **Brady Quinn** has become just the 13th signal-caller in Notre Dame history to start under center for three years. The following is a list of Quinn's predecessors, along with their stats (when available) from their third starting season. In the 12 seasons played by three-year starting Irish quarterbacks, prior to Quinn's '05 season, the group amassed a 90-30-4 combined record.

Quinn has already compiled the greatest season by any third-year starting quarterback in Notre Dame history. He has surpassed his predecessors in every key statistical category this season.

Player	Year	Att.-Comp.	Yards	TD-Int.	Record
Nate Silver	1905				5-4
Gus Dorais	1912				7-0
Jim Phelan	1917				6-1-1
Ralph Guglielmi	1954	127-68	1160	6-7	9-1
Daryl Lamonica	1962	128-64	821	6-7	5-5
Terry Hanratty	1968	197-116	1466	10-9	7-2-1
Tom Clements	1974	215-122	1549	8-11	10-2
Blair Kiel	1982	219-118	1273	3-10	6-4-1
Steve Beuerlein	1985	214-107	1335	3-13	5-6
Tony Rice	1989	138-70	1176	8-7	12-1
Rick Mirer	1992	234-120	1876	15-6	10-1-1
Ron Powlus	1996	232-133	1942	12-4	8-3
<i>Brady Quinn</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>266-175</i>	<i>2352</i>	<i>20-4</i>	<i>5-2</i>

Walker's Great Start

Sophomore RB **Darius Walker** started the 2005 season with four consecutive 100-yard performances. He ran for an even 100 yards at #23/25 Pittsburgh (42-21 Irish victory), posted 104 yards in a 17-10 victory at #3/3 Michigan, rushed for 116 yards against Michigan State (44-41 OT loss) and had a career-high 128 yards at Washington on Sept. 24. Purdue ended Walker's streak of 100-yard games at four by holding him to 80 yards on 23 carries.

The effort against Washington made Walker the first Irish running back to start the season with four consecutive 100-yard rushing performances. The last Notre Dame running back to rush for over 100 yards in four straight games was Randy Kinder, who rushed for 100 yards against Purdue (142), Vanderbilt (110), Texas (129) and Ohio State (143) in 1995.

Walker Game-By-Game in 2005:

Opponent	Carries	Yards	Lng	TD	Receptions	Yards	Lng	TD
at Pittsburgh	20	100	11	1	3	52	51	1
at Michigan	26	104	17	0	5	22	9	0
vs. Michigan St.	26	116	16	0	5	24	7	1
at Washington	21	128	18	1	3	20	10	0
at Purdue	23	80	19	1	1	-2	0	0
vs. USC	19	74	20	0	4	43	26	0
vs. BYU	7	17	9	0	1	37	37	0
TOTALS	142	617	20	3	22	196	51	2

Walker Expanding His Game

While sophomore **Darius Walker** set the Notre Dame freshman rushing record last season (786 yards in '04), he was limited in his role in the Irish passing game (10 catches, 74 yards). He has already eclipsed those numbers in 2005, posting 22 catches (fourth on the team) for 196 yards and two touchdowns.

He is currently tied with Joe Heap (1953) for seventh on the all-time single season receptions by a back list at Notre Dame. He trails record holder Bob Gladieux (37 in 1968) by 15 entering this weekend's game.

An Eye on Career Records

Most Passes Attempted

1. Ron Powlus 969 1994-97
2. • Brady Quinn 924 .. 2003-present
3. Steve Beuerlein 850 1983-86
4. Rick Mirer 698 1989-92
5. Blair Kiel 609 1980-83

Most Passes Completed

1. Ron Powlus 558 1994-97
2. • Brady Quinn 505 .. 2003-present
3. Steve Beuerlein 473 1983-86
4. Rick Mirer 377 1989-92
5. Jarious Jackson 306 1996-99

Most Passing Yards

1. Ron Powlus 7602 1994-97
2. • Brady Quinn 6769 .. 2003-present
3. Steve Beuerlein 6527 1983-86
4. Rick Mirer 5997 1989-92
5. Jarious Jackson 4820 1996-99

Most Touchdown Passes

1. Ron Powlus 52 1994-97
2. • Brady Quinn 46 .. 2003-present
3. Rick Mirer 41 1989-92
4. Jarious Jackson 34 1996-99
5. Joe Theismann 31 1968-70

Most Games with 250+ Passing Yards

1. • Brady Quinn 11 .. 2003-present
- Jarious Jackson 9 1996-99
3. Steve Beuerlein 8 1983-86
- Ron Powlus 8 1994-97
5. Joe Theismann 5 1968-70

Average Rushing Yards Per Game

1. Autry Denson 89.9 1995-98
2. Allen Pinkett 89.8 1982-85
3. • Darius Walker 80.9 .. 2004-present
4. Vagas Ferguson 73.9 1976-79
5. George Gipp 73.1 1917-20

Most Pass Receptions

1. Tom Gatewood 157 1969-71
2. Jim Seymour 138 1966-68
3. Tim Brown 137 1984-87
4. Derrick Mayes 129 1992-95
5. Ken MacAfee 128 1974-77
8. • Rhema McKnight 103 2002-present
- Maurice Stovall 101 2002-present

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Graduation Rate

The University of Notre Dame **ranks among the top three Division I-A institutions** in five major student-athlete graduation rate categories – overall, football, men, women and African-American – according to statistics released in October 2004 by the NCAA.

The federally mandated '04 NCAA Graduation Rates Report, the 14th such survey issued by the association, covers students who enrolled between '94 and '97 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 Stanford and Northwestern Universities. The national average for Division I-A schools is 61 percent.

In August '03, 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 '96.

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**

Jinx?, What Jinx?

Sophomore running back **Darius Walker** set a Notre Dame freshman rushing record in 2004 with 786 yards, eclipsing the mark of 756 Jerome Heavens set in 1975, en route to earning third-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News*. If Walker stays on the pace he set in his first season with the Irish, he will be primed to turn in one of the finest statistical seasons ever by an Irish sophomore. Here's a look at how the top 10 rushers in Notre Dame history, plus a few other notables, fared in their sophomore year.

Player	Year	Carries-Yards	Avg.	TD
Autry Denson	1996	202-1179	5.8	8
Allen Pinkett	1983	252-1394	5.5	16
Vagas Ferguson	1977	80-493	6.2	6
Julius Jones	2000	162-657	4.1	7
Jerome Heavens	1976	54-204	3.8	0
Phil Carter	1980	186-882	4.4	6
George Gipp	1918	98-541	5.5	1
Randy Kinder	1994	119-702	5.9	4
Tony Brooks	1988	117-667	5.7	2
Emil Sitko	1947	60-426	7.1	5
Jerome Bettis	1991	168-972	5.8	16
Ryan Grant	2002	261-1085	4.2	9
<i>Darius Walker</i>	2005	142-617	4.3	3
Walker's Freshman Totals:				
	2004	185-786	4.3	7

Travis Thomas Steps Up

Looking for a change-of-pace back against No. 1 USC on Oct. 15, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis turned to junior RB **Travis Thomas**. Thomas, who has shined in reserve duty this season, stepped up to rush for a career-high 52 yards, including a 16-yard run to record Notre Dame's first touchdown of the day against the Trojans.

Thomas' production this season already surpasses his totals from 2004, his first season of action for the Irish:

Year	Games	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
2004	11	25	25	1.0	0	12
2005	7	38	158	4.2	3	16

Samardzija Seven for Seven

Junior WR **Jeff Samardzija** entered the 2005 campaign without a touchdown catch, but has since caught at least one scoring toss in each of this season's first seven games. The two-sport athlete (who was a top-line starting pitcher for the Irish baseball team last season) becomes the first Irish receiver to begin the season with seven consecutive games with a touchdown catch - which also give him the Notre Dame record for consecutive games with a touchdown reception. He surpassed Malcolm Johnson's six-game run from 1998 against BYU. Johnson caught a scoring toss in six straight midseason contests (Arizona State, Army, Baylor, Boston College, Navy and LSU) from Oct. 10 through Nov. 11, during the '98 season.

Samardzija, who also serves as the team's holder on field-goal attempts, tied a Notre Dame record with three touchdown receptions versus Michigan State (since broken by teammate Maurice Stovall, who posted four touchdown receptions against BYU). Samardzija was the seventh player to catch three touchdown passes in a game and the first since Tom Gatewood versus Purdue in 1970.

Samardzija, Statistically Speaking

Junior WR **Jeff Samardzija** has started the season off in impressive fashion, leading the team with 44 catches for 750 yards and 11 touchdowns. He is ranked sixth in the country in receiving yards per game (107.1) and could become Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard receiver since 1970 (Tom Gatewood, 1,123 yards). Samardzija is currently on pace for 1,178 receiving yards this season.

He has already tied the single-season touchdown total. His 11 scoring receptions match Derrick Mayes' record from 1994

Touchdown Receptions in a Season -

Rank	Name	Total	Season
1.	Derrick Mayes	11	1994
	Jeff Samardzija	11	2005
3.	Jack Snow	9	1964
4.	Jim Seymour	8	1966
5.	Tom Gatewood	7	1970
	Tom Gatewood	7	1970

Older and Wiser

The 2005 Notre Dame offensive line is one of the **most experienced** units in school history. With the entire starting group from a year ago still in the fold, the Irish offense boasts almost 100 combined career starts on the line. Entering the 2005 season, senior tackle Mark LeVoir started the last 24 Notre Dame games and led the veteran group in starting assignments. Seniors Bob Morton and Dan Stevenson were a close second with 22 starts each, while junior Ryan Harris had 19 starts to his credit and junior John Sullivan was the junior man of the group with 12. Here is a look at the 10 most experienced offensive line units to wear the blue and gold since '85, with the '05 group added in for comparison.

Year Starts Heading Into Season

2005	99
1997	84
2002	76
1985	56
1996	56
1998	52
1987	50
1995	49
1993	46
1989	45
1990	43

Ndukwe a Turnover Machine

Junior saftey **Chinedum Ndukwe** (pronounced Shin-eh-DOOM en-DUKE-way), seeing the most playing time of his career this season, has turned into a playmaker in Notre Dame's defensive backfield and on special teams. Ndukwe has played a part in seven of Notre Dame's 16 forced turnovers this season.

He recovered a fumble in the first four games of the season for the Irish, forced a fumble at Washington and intercepted passes against Michigan State and USC at home.

So far this season, Ndukwe has 32 tackles, one TFL, and 1 PBU in addition to his turnover creations.

Zbikowski Making a Name for Himself On Special Teams

Junior saftey **Tom Zbikowski** is third on the team in tackles with 45 and tied for the team lead in interceptions (three). The Golden Gloves boxer also is making plays on special teams for the Irish. His 15.15 punt-return average is ranked eighth in the country entering the weekend and his 60-yard punt return for a touchdown against USC was Notre Dame's first since the 2002 season.

Zbikowski has recorded punt returns of 23 (at Pitt), 25 (at Washington) and 60 (vs. USC) yards so far this season.

An Eye on Career Records cont. from p. 9

Most Receiving Yards

- Derrick Mayes2,5121992-95
- Tim Brown2,4931984-87
- Tom Gatewood2,2831969-71
- Jim Seymour2,1131966-68
- Tony Hunter1,8971979-82
- Ken MacAfee1,7591974-77
- Malcolm Johnson1,7371995-98
- Maurice Stovall1,537 ..2002-present
- Bobby Brown1,5211996-99
- Rhema McKnight1,504 ...2002-present
- Jeff Samardzija1,077 ...2003-present

Most Receiving Touchdowns

- Derrick Mayes221992-95
- Tom Gatewood191969-71
- Jim Seymour161966-68
- Ken MacAfee151974-77
- Maurice Stovall12 ...2002-present
- Tim Brown121984-87
- Bobby Brown121996-99
- Jeff Samardzija11 ...2003-present
- Rhema McKnight72002-present
- Anthony Fasano62003-present

Most Receptions by a Tight End

- Ken MacAfee1281974-77
- Anthony Fasano77 ...2003-present
- Derek Brown621988-91
- Dean Masztak621978-81
- Mark Bavaro551981-84
- Tony Hunter551979-82

Most Tackles

- Bob Crable5211978-81
- Bob Golic4791975-78
- Steve Heimkreiter3981975-78
- Bob Olson3691967-69
- Tony Furjanic3611982-85
- Brandon Hoyte261 ..2002-present

Most Points Scored

- Allen Pinkett3201982-85
- Craig Hentrich2941989-92
- Autry Denson2821995-98
- Louis Salmon2501900-03
- Nicholas Setta2482000-03
- D.J. Fitzpatrick180 ..2002-present

• - indicates current player

2005 Irish Schedule Analysis

Teams that were:

above .500 in 2004	6
.500 in '04	1
below .500 in '04	4
undefeated in '04	1

Teams that:

finished in the final AP top-10 in '04	1
finished in the final AP top-25 in '04	5
went to a bowl in '04	7
went to a BCS bowl in '04	3
went to a New Year's Day bowl in '04	3
went to a January bowl in '04	4
went to a December bowl in '04	3
won a bowl game in '04	3
were on the '04 Irish schedule	10
lost to the Irish in '04	6

Returning Starters:

Purdue	20
Washington	19
Pittsburgh	18
Michigan	17
Stanford	17
Michigan State	16
Tennessee	16
USC	15
Brigham Young	14
Syracuse	14
Notre Dame	13
Navy	8

Notre Dame Special Teams Captains

at Pittsburgh	Travis Thomas (Jr., RB)
at Michigan	Casey Cullen (Jr., DL)
vs. Michigan State	Tom Zbikowski (Jr., S)
at Washington	John Carlson (Jr., TE)
at Purdue	Chase Anastasio (Jr., WR)
vs. USC	Trevor Laws (Jr., DL)
vs. BYU	Tom Zbikowski (Jr., S)
vs. Tennessee	D.J. Fitzpatrick (Sr., K/P)

Zbikowski Scores Three Different Ways

Tom Zbikowski, a defensive starter for the Irish, has found three different ways to score a touchdown for the Irish during his Notre Dame career (which has spanned just 18 games) - and all three scores have come from 60 yards away or more. Against Michigan State in 2004, he forced a fumble and returned the ball 75 yards for a touchdown. This season, he has returned a punt 60 yards for a score against USC and returned an interception 83 yards for a touchdown against BYU.

Vontez Duff (2000-2003) was the last Notre Dame player to score three different ways. The 6-1 cornerback, who ranks first on Notre Dame's career kick return chart, returned an interception, punt and kick for a touchdown during his career.

Notre Dame Winning Time-of-Possession Battle

While Notre Dame's offense has been piling up the yardage this season (averaging 489.7 yards per game), it has also won the time of possession battle in six of seven games this season. Only BYU (33:39) has been able to hold the ball for more than 30 minutes against Notre Dame. Overall, Notre Dame averages 33:56 minutes per game with the ball, compared to 26:04 for its opponents. Here is a game-by-game breakdown:

<u>Game</u>	<u>Notre Dame</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
at Pitt	32:46	27:14
at Mich	30:56	29:04
MSU	35:49	24:11
Wash	36:56	23:04
Purdue	36:03	23:57
USC	38:40	21:20
BYU	26:21	33:39

On the 'Fas' Track to Success

Senior tight end **Anthony Fasano** turned in a breakout 2004 season for the Irish, catching 27 balls for 367 yards and four touchdowns. Against Purdue, the 6-4, 257-pound Fasano hauled in a career-high eight passes for a career-high and Notre Dame tight end-record 155 yards in '04 and was named John Mackey National Tight End of the Week. His 27 catches in '04 tied him with former Irish standout Pete Chryplewicz for the fifth-highest single-season total by a tight end.

Barring injury Fasano has moved onto Notre Dame's top five all-time tight end receiving list. Here's a look at where he stands heading into the weekend:

Player	Receptions	Years
Ken MacAfee	128	1974-77
Anthony Fasano	72	2003-present
Derek Brown	62	1988-91
Dean Masztak	62	1978-81
Tony Hunter	55	1979-82
Mark Bavaro	55	1981-84

Fasano's signature game - the eight-reception, 155-yard outburst versus Purdue in '04 - placed him at the top of the record books in terms of yards for a single game. The following is a list of how he stacks up against Notre Dame's top five tight end in terms of career yards.

Player	Yards	Years
Ken MacAfee	1759	1974-77
Dean Masztak	924	1978-81
Derek Brown	899	1988-91
Mike Creaney	890	1970-72
Anthony Fasano	871	2003-present
Mark Bavaro	771	1981-84
Tony Hunter	700	1979-82

What makes Fasano's totals even more impressive is the fact that he has tallied them in a little more than two years of action, after not playing his freshman year in 2002. Here's a breakdown of what Notre Dame's other prolific pass-catching tight ends did in their third seasons in the blue and gold.

Player	Receptions-Yards	Touchdowns
Ken MacAfee	34-483	3
Anthony Fasano	27-335	0
Mike Creaney	17-321	2
Derek Brown	15-220	1
Mark Bavaro	23-376	3

Already in the Books

In 2004, Notre Dame wide receiver **Matt Shelton** cemented his name in the lore of Notre Dame football last season by setting a single-season record for average yards per reception. Shelton's average of 25.8 yards per catch eclipsed Tony Hunter's mark of 25.6 from the 1979 campaign. Here's a look at the top five single seasons in school history in terms of yards per reception.

Player	Avg.	Year
1. Matt Shelton	25.8	2004
2. Tony Hunter	25.6	1979
3. Jim Morse	22.1	1956
4. Raghil Ismail	21.8	1990
4. Kris Haines	21.8	1978

Don't Forget the Anniversary

The 2005 football season marks the **75th anniversary of the opening of fabled Notre Dame Stadium**. The Irish have played 383 games in that facility to date and own a 288-90-5 (.758) record in the "House that Rockne Built."

The Irish were 3-3 in Notre Dame Stadium in '04, running their home record to 91-30 (.752) over the last 20 years.

The most wins in a season by the Irish at home is seven by the '88 national championship team and the longest home winning streak in Notre Dame football history is 28 games (from 11/21/42 through 9/30/50).

In '55, the Stadium's 25th anniversary, Notre Dame went 8-2 on the season for coach Terry Brennan, including a 4-0 home record; the Irish turned in a 9-2-1 overall record and a 5-0 home mark to commemorate Notre Dame Stadium's 50th anniversary in '80.

On the Field Saturday

During Saturday's game **Dr. John B. "Jack" Matthews**, USMC, (ret.), of the Notre Dame Class of 1963, will be presented the Rev. William Corby, CSC, Award in recognition of his distinguished military service. Having received his Marine Corps commission in 1964, he served in Vietnam - where he was twice wounded - and in Beirut. Lt. Col. Matthews was a member of the military faculty and retired after 22 years in the military. He earned advanced degrees from Washington State U and returned to the Marine Corps College where he was a Title X professor and associate dean of Academics. He twice received the Elihu Rose Award for Teaching Excellence, and retired in April 2005 after 13 years on the faculty. He is working on a book reporting the U.S. Marines' experience in Lebanon and U.S. policy in the early 1980s.

Jack makes presentations to young people, especially Marines, about the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse and the impact of alcoholism on the individual and family. He is credited with helping countless Marines recognize the need to seek help with alcoholism.

As a Notre Dame student, Jack was captain of the basketball and baseball teams. He and his wife, Marie, live in Bend, Oregon, and are the parents of three children.

Irish Face Another Loaded Schedule

With the updates of the AP and *USA Today*/Coaches Poll, Notre Dame will continue to face one of the toughest schedules in the nation (rankings are AP/*USA Today* and Harris Interactive):

- Notre Dame is the only team that will play three games against top four teams from the preseason polls - #1/1 USC (Oct. 15), #5/4 Tennessee (Nov. 5) and #3/3 Michigan (W, 17-10).
- Notre Dame is the only school that will face three teams that were in the top 10 of both preseason polls this season.
- Notre Dame will play games against six teams ranked in the top 25 this season at least once this season. The Irish have already defeated #23/25 Pittsburgh 42-21, #3/3 Michigan 17-10 and #22/20/22 Purdue. Last weekend, the Irish battled #1/1/1 USC in an 'instant classic,' losing 34-31 on the final play of the game.

USC Television Rating Highest In 11 Seasons

The USC-Notre Dame football game earned the best overnight television rating for a Notre Dame home game in more than a decade. The 7.9 overnight rating and 17 share was the highest since Notre Dame-Michigan earned a 8.4/21 overnight on Sept. 10, 1994.

The rating peaked at a 14.2/27 from 7:30-7:45 as USC QB Matt Leinert scored with three seconds remaining leading the Trojans to a dramatic 34-31 victory. Notre Dame had taken the lead with 2:02 left. No. 9 Notre Dame had been bidding to end No. 1 USC's 27-game winning streak.

NBC's college football analyst Pat Haden called the contest, "as entertaining a last three minutes of a college football game as I've ever seen."

The top-rated markets were:

1. Indianapolis, 14.7/30
2. Los Angeles, 13.4/31
3. Knoxville, 12.6/25
4. Oklahoma City, 11.9/25
5. Portland, 11.0/25
6. Chicago, 10.7/24
7. Birmingham, 10.4/19
8. Boston, 10.3/21.

In Front of the Nation

In 2004, the Notre Dame football team once again received more network television exposure and played in more highly-rated games than any other program in college football.

The Irish played in the highest-rated network game of the '04 regular season (and the highest-rated regular-season game overall in two seasons) in its '04 regular-season finale at USC. That game, televised by ABC Sports, received a 6.3 Nielsen rating and was seen in 6.898 million households.

Overall, Notre Dame played in six games that ranked among the top 25 highest-rated network telecasts and no other school played in more than five (Tennessee and Georgia each played in five).

Including Notre Dame's last game against USC, the Irish have a remarkable streak of 154 consecutive games (more than 12 full seasons) that have been carried by either NBC (82), ABC (44), CBS (14) or ESPN (13). You have to go all the way back to the '92 season to find a Notre Dame game that wasn't on one of those four networks.

The streak will continue throughout the 2005 season as well. All four remaining games this season are scheduled to be broadcast on NBC or ABC.

In Front of a Full House

Notre Dame has played in front of sellout crowds in 178 of its previous 204 games, including 46 of its last 50 games dating back to the end of the Fiesta Bowl at the end of the 2000 season (the '01 and '03 games at Stanford, last year's game vs. Navy at the Meadowlands and this season's game at Washington were not sellouts). At Michigan in '03, the Irish and Wolverines attracted the largest crowd in NCAA history (111,726), marking the third time in the history of the series that an NCAA attendance record has been set. It also represented the seventh time in the last four seasons that Notre Dame has been part of establishing a new stadium attendance record (at Nebraska and Texas A&M in '01; at Air Force and Florida State, home vs. Boston College in '02, vs. Oregon State in the Insight Bowl in '04 - the game set a Bank One Ballpark record for football configuration). Notre Dame and Michigan played before an over-capacity 111,386 at Michigan Stadium in September of this season. This season's Washington was played before less than a capacity crowd as 71,473 witnessed the Irish defeat the Huskies, 36-17, at Husky Stadium (capacity: 72,500) in Seattle.

At Purdue, the Irish and Boilermakers played before 60,491 football fans, a Ross-Ade Stadium record (since the renovation of the facility in 2003).

TENNESSEE SERIES HISTORY (3-4-0)

Home: 1-2-0; Away 2-2-0; Neutral 0-0-0

Site	Year	Rank	W/L	ND	Opp
*	1978	14-	W	31	14
	1979	13-	L	18	40
	1990	1-9	W	34	29
*	1991	5-13	L	34	35
	1999	24-4	L	14	38
*	2001	-7	L	18	28
	2004	-9	W	17	13

Other Athletic Events On Campus This Weekend

Thursday, Nov. 3

Men's Basketball vs. Lewis University, 7:30 p.m.
Joyce Center (exhibition)

Friday, Nov. 4

Hockey vs. Michigan, 7:35 p.m.
Joyce Center

The Last Time... Notre Dame vs. Tennessee (Nov. 4, 2004)

Notre Dame - 17
Tennessee - 13
Neyland Stadium

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 became bowl eligible and 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 (Goolsby) really came up with a big play there, and (the defense) kept making big stops the whole game."

Tennessee suffered a huge loss when quarterback Erik Ainge separated his shoulder on the final play at of the first half. Instead of running out the clock, Ainge dropped back into a shotgun formation. Ainge fumbled the snap and suffered the injury when he was sacked by Brandon Hoyte after picking up the ball.

With Brent Schaeffer, Tennessee's other highly touted freshman quarterback, already sidelined with a broken collarbone, UT 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.

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 Hoyte came up with another huge defensive play, stopping Gerald Riggs for a one-yard loss on 4th-and-one.

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 - James Wilhoit 30-yard field goal, 8:57 left. Drive: 57 yards, nine plays, 4:14 elapsed after 45-yard ND punt returned nine yards to UT 29. Score: Tennessee 3, Notre Dame 0.

ND - Anthony Fasano eight-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 5:16 left. Drive: 80 yards, seven plays, 3:37 elapsed after kickoff. Score: Notre Dame 7, Tennessee 3.

Second Quarter

UT - Cedric Houston 56-yard pass from Erik Ainge (James Wilhoit kick), 2:47 left. Drive: 78 yards, six plays, 2:39 elapsed after ND punt goes out-of-bounds at UT22. Score: Tennessee 10, Notre Dame 7.

Third Quarter

ND - Mike Goolsby 26-yard interception return (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 6:46 left. Score: Notre Dame 14, Tennessee 10.

UT - James Wilhoit 33-yard field goal, 1:28 left. Drive: 44 yards, five plays, 1:28 elapsed after 40-yard ND punt fair caught at UT 40. Score: Notre Dame 14, Tennessee 13.

Fourth Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 39-yard field goal, 7:23 left. Drive: 43 yards, 11 plays, 3:30 elapsed after UT stopped on downs at ND 34. Score: Notre Dame 17, Tennessee 13.

Attendance - 107,266 (c)

Team Statistics

	ND	UT
First Downs	13	17
Rushing	6	6
Passing	7	11
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	36	39
Yards Gained Rushing	144	125
Yards Lost Rushing	46	67
Net Yards Rushing	98	58
Net Yards Passing	118	269
Passes Attempted	23	36
Passes Completed	12	21
Interceptions Thrown	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	59	75
Total Net Yards	216	327
Average Gain Per Play	3.7	4.4
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	3-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-9	2-20
Punts-Yards	10-398	6-255
Average Yards Per Punt	39.8	42.5
Punt Returns-Yards	2-18	3-24
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-11	3-32
Interception Returns-Yards	1-26	0-0
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	27:28	32:32
Third Down Conversions	3-14	5-17
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	0-3
Sacks By-Yards	5-44	3-21

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), Brady Quinn (7 - -30) **UT:** Cedric Houston (18-65), Gerald Riggs (9-37), Derrick Tinsely (1-3), Chris Hannon (1-0), Rick Clausen (2- -13), 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)

College Graduates

The 2005 Notre Dame roster features seven players who have already earned their undergraduate degree from the University. Fifth-year seniors Brian Beidatsch, D.J. Fitzpatrick, Mark LeVoir, Corey Mays, Rashon Powers-Neal, Matt Shelton and Dan Stevenson all graduated from Notre Dame in May of 2005. Teammate and current fifth-year player Brandon Hoyte would be among the group if he was not busy seeking DUAL degrees in psychology and management.

The fifth-year senior group also proved to be diligent workers in the classroom - especially in their final undergraduate semester at the University. None of the players earned lower than a 2.7 GPA in the spring semester of 2005.

Here is a list of the graduates on the 2005 Notre Dame football team -

- DL Brian Beidatsch - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.417 final semester GPA).
- K/P D.J. Fitzpatrick - degree in accounting from the Mendoza College of Business.
- OL Mark LeVoir - degree in anthropology from the College of Arts and Letters.
- LB Corey Mays - degree in psychology from the College of Arts and Letters (3.25 final semester GPA, 3.04 overall GPA).
- RB Rashon Powers-Neal - degree in finance from the Mendoza College of Business (3.000 final semester GPA).
- WR Matt Shelton - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.333 final semester GPA).
- OL Dan Stevenson - degree in marketing from the Mendoza College of Business (3.60 final semester GPA, 3.30 overall GPA).

Notre Dame's seven college graduates is tied for the sixth-best in the nation. The full list (minimum of six) -

Miami (Fla.)	11
Auburn, Boston College	9
LSU, Virginia Tech	8
Notre Dame	7
Alabama, Arizona State, Kentucky	7
Arkansas, Michigan State	6

Making the Grade...

The last four seasons of Notre Dame football have produced some impressive semesters in the classroom for the Notre Dame football team. In fact, the Irish had 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 were all posted in the seven semesters prior to the fall of '04, including the three semesters from fall of '02 to fall of '03 (2.84 in fall of '02, 2.79 in spring of '03 and 2.82 in fall of '03). The football program's second-best semester GPA of the past 12 years came in the spring of '02 (2.90), followed by a 2.80 in the spring of '01 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 - former DE Kyle Budinscak and senior LB Brandon Hoyte - received Academic All-District V honors in '03, marking Budinscak's third selection and Hoyte's second to the prestigious squad. Budinscak followed up with another All-District V honor in '04.

Taking Care of Business Off the Field, Too

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 '96 earned their degrees within in five years). The '01 award followed Notre Dame's previous honors in '82, '83, '84, '88 and '91. Notre Dame also holds the distinction of producing the first 100-percent rate in a single year when 24 of 24 student-athletes from the entering class of '82 earned their degrees within a five-year period (and 16 of those 24 did so within four years). Only eight other times has a school registered a 100-percent graduation rate. The '88 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 the 24 years the award has been presented, with Duke next at 21.

Pep Rallies

All 2005 pep rallies will be held in the Joyce Center Arena (south dome) on Fridays before Saturday home games, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (EST). The football team enters the arena at 6:30 p.m.

For the USC game, the pep rally was moved into Notre Dame Stadium to accommodate the expected overflow crowd. An estimated crowd of over 45,000 fans attended the USC pep rally, which was also broadcast live by ESPNNews.

Beginning this season, all of Notre Dame's pep rallies will be broadcast live (video and audio) on www.und.com for subscribers to "Fighting Irish All-Access." Tickets for the general public are available early Friday at 3:00 p.m. at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame Experience Returns for 2005 Season

For years, the Joyce Center has been the "pregame meeting place" for several thousand Notre Dame alumni. In an effort to add to this tradition, the Notre Dame athletics department is providing an interactive fan experience for each of the 2005 home football games in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse (north dome). For the fourth consecutive season, the "Notre Dame Experience" will combine with the Notre Dame Alumni Association Hospitality Center with interactive inflatables, photo booths, autograph sessions, football trivia and stage activities. Gates open three hours prior to kickoff and admission is free.

Tickets Available for 2005 Football Kickoff Luncheons

Tickets are now on sale for all the 2005 Notre Dame Kickoff Luncheons, held in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse (north dome) on the Friday prior to home football games. The luncheons feature head coach Charlie Weis and Irish players and assistant coaches, plus special guests and other attractions.

Tickets are \$18 each, with a handling fee of \$3 - there are 10 seats per table - and if you wish to sit as a group at the same table with other guests, please return all reservations in one envelope. Checks should be made payable to "University of Notre Dame" and mailed to: Athletics Business Office, 112 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN, 46556. Telephone and credit card reservations are not accepted. A printed reservation form is available on Notre Dame's athletics web site - www.und.com.

Notre Dame Stadium Greatest Wins

As part of Notre Dame Stadium's 75th Anniversary in 2005, www.und.com, the official athletics website of the Fighting Irish, asked fans to vote for the most memorable victory in Notre Dame Stadium.

Voting was done over the summer on www.und.com and tabulated on Aug. 1. Here are some trends from the voting:

- According to voters, the greatest era in Notre Dame Stadium history was 1988 through 1993. Seven of the top 10 games fall into this time frame, including the top three choices by fans (1988 vs. #1 Miami, 1993 vs. #1 Florida State and 1990 vs. #2 Miami).

- Wins over longtime rivals (USC, Michigan) resonate among the Irish faithful. Twelve of the top 20 games selected were wins over USC (six) and Michigan (six).

- Signature moments cause a game to stand out in Notre Dame fans' memories. "The Snow Bowl" (Notre Dame vs. Penn State in 1992) was ranked fifth. "The Green Jersey Game" (Notre Dame vs. USC in 1977) was ranked fourth. "The Reggie Ho Game" (Notre Dame vs. Michigan in 1988) was ranked sixth. "The Harry 'O' Kick" (Notre Dame vs. Michigan in 1980) was ranked 10th.

- The new configuration of Notre Dame Stadium (rededicated in 1997) has yet to see its share of greatest victories. Notre Dame's recent upset wins over Michigan (2002 and 2004) were 11th and 12th on the list, but a win over Purdue (1998) was only able to break into the top 30.

- Notre Dame fans remember recent games more fondly than those played in the past. Of the top 20 games selected, only six were played before 1977.

Here is a list of the final top 10 as voted on by Irish fans on www.und.com (see the web page for short recaps on each victory).

1. #4 Notre Dame 31, #1 Miami 30, Oct. 15, 1988
2. #2 Notre Dame 31, #1 Fla. St. 24, Nov. 13, 1993
3. #6 Notre Dame 29, #2 Miami 20, Oct. 20, 1990
4. #11 Notre Dame 49, #5 USC 19, Oct. 22, 1977
5. #8 Notre Dame 17, #22 Penn St. 16, Nov. 14, 1992
6. #13 Notre Dame 19, #9 Michigan 17, Sept. 10, 1988
7. #1 Notre Dame 28, #4 Michigan 24, Sept. 15, 1990
8. #1 Notre Dame 28, #9 USC 24, Oct. 21, 1989
9. #8 Notre Dame 23, #6 USC 14, Oct. 27, 1973
10. #8 Notre Dame 29, #14 Michigan 27, Sept. 20, 1980

www.und.com also will have a complete list of the top 20 games as voted on by the fans.

Notre Dame Athletics Continues Relationship with SIRIUS Satellite Radio

After a successful debut season in 2004, SIRIUS Satellite Radio will continue to offer Notre Dame football, and selected men's/women's basketball, games on its nationwide service.

Go to www.sirius.com for more information on the service. The Notre Dame - USC match up can be heard on the following SIRIUS channels -

Oct. 22 vs. Tennessee 125

Inside the Irish Huddle DVD

Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks, a project dedicated to the lore and history of University of Notre Dame football and its rich quarterbacking tradition, is beginning its existence with the release of a DVD, *Inside the Irish Huddle, Stories from the Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks*.

The DVD is now available and can ordered on NDQB1.com, the official website of the Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks.

Inside the Irish Huddle, made in association with Indianapolis and Chicago based Pathway Productions, includes interviews with and collegiate highlights of some of the most high-profile players and coaches in Notre Dame and college football history. Joe Montana, Joe Theismann, Paul Hornung, Johnny Lujack, Tom Clements and Terry Hanratty are just a few of former players featured on *Inside the Irish Huddle*.

The project is spearheaded by former Irish quarterback Blair Kiel (1980-83).

Notre Dame Stadium Update

Thanks to funding by the Notre Dame Monogram Club, Notre Dame Stadium features a new look for its 75th anniversary this season.

- Positioned in the 195 portals of the original Stadium walls (now visible in the lower bowl concourse), there now are individual, four-by-10-foot, mesh banners with old-school, black-and-white photos highlighting Notre Dame's 11 consensus national-championship seasons, its 139 first-team football All-Americans, its seven Heisman Trophy winners, its five national-championship coaches and its eight representatives in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

- Hanging from the ceiling around the lower concourse are 15 full-color, 12-by-15-foot banners - 10 of them featuring action shots of members of the 2005 Irish squad, and five featuring the 75th anniversary logo for Notre Dame Stadium. In addition, there will be four other five-by-eight-foot representations of the logo within the Stadium.

- One addition visible from inside the Stadium is a sign on the facing of the wall just above the tunnel - it reads "Irish" and includes the Monogram Club logo.

- Attached to light polls on Moose Krause Circle surrounding the Stadium and in the Stadium and Joyce North and South parking lots are 100 two-by-four foot pole banners, all of them featuring various Notre Dame marks and phrases - including combinations of Irish, We Are ND, a shamrock, the leprechaun, University of Notre Dame, Here Come the Irish, Fighting Irish, a gold helmet and the 75th anniversary Stadium logo.

- In addition, there are plans over the next few years to theme the entry gates at the Stadium - with the intention of creating specific recognition of Notre Dame's national championships, its All-Americans, its Heisman Trophy winners and its national championship coaches. The gate completed was Gate B. It recognizes the Irish Heisman winners with three-foot by eight-foot replicas of the Heisman Trophy. The displays were designed by Rockwell Group of New York and fabricated by Show Motion Inc. of Connecticut. The work was accomplished with the cooperation of the Downtown Athletic Club and the Heisman Trophy Trust.

Most of the signage and design work is being handled by Sport Graphics, Inc., in Indianapolis, Ind. Additional work for the gate designs is by the Rockwell Group in New York, N.Y.

Notre Dame Players in the NFL

As of Sept. 12 and according to official team web sites, 31 Notre Dame football alumni have landed on a final roster in the National Football League.

Here is the complete list of Irish players who were named to final rosters in the NFL this season (years in the league):

Arnaz Battle, WR, San Francisco (3)
 Bertrand Berry, DL, Arizona (8)
 Jerome Bettis, RB, Pittsburgh (13)
 Jordan Black, OL, Kansas City (3)
 Rocky Boiman, LB, Tennessee (4)
 John Carney, K, New Orleans (16)
 Deke Cooper, DB, Jacksonville (4)
 Glenn Earl, DB, Houston (2)
 Marc Edwards, RB, Chicago (9)
 Jeff Faine, OL, Cleveland (3)
 Tony Fisher, RB, Green Bay (4)
 Mike Gandy, OL, Buffalo (4)
 David Givens, WR, New England (4)
 Paul Grasmanis, DL, Philadelphia (10)
 Craig Hentrich, K/P, Tennessee (12)
 Grant Irons, DL, Oakland (4)
 Julius Jones, RB, Dallas (1)
 Lance Legree, DL, NY Jets (5)
 Sean Mahan, OL, Tampa Bay (3)
 Jim Molinaro, OL, Washington (1)
 Luke Petitgout, OL, NY Giants (7)
 Mike Rosenthal, OL, Minnesota (6)
 Allen Rossum, DB, Atlanta (8)
 Gerome Sapp, DB, Indianapolis (3)
 Hunter Smith, P/K, Indianapolis (7)
 Justin Tuck, DL, NY Giants (R)
 Courtney Watson, LB, New Orleans (2)
 Anthony Weaver, DL, Baltimore (4)
 Renaldo Wynn, DL, Washington (8)
 Bryant Young, DL, San Francisco (12)

Practice Squad Players

Carlyle Holiday, WR, Arizona
 Jim Jones, OL, Pittsburgh (2)

Others Signed Since Start of '05 Season

Darrell Campbell, DT, Chicago

Football Banquet Tickets On Sale Now

Former University of Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will serve as the guest speaker for the 84th University of Notre Dame Football Banquet.

The banquet, sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, will be held Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, in the north dome of the Joyce Center on the Notre Dame campus. A reception on the concourse and a silent auction in the Monogram Room both begin at 5:45 p.m. EST and the dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.

The program will include a special tribute to senior members of the 2005 Irish squad - as well as a series of awards honoring members of the Notre Dame team.

Tickets are now on sale at \$40 each (a table for eight is \$320) and can be ordered at the Joyce Center second-floor ticket window, by phone (VISA, MasterCard or American Express) by calling 574-631-7356 (fax to 574-631-0854), or by writing to Ticket Office, 113 Joyce Center, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Order forms also can be printed next week from Notre Dame's athletic web site, www.und.com. Checks should be made payable to University of Notre Dame Football Banquet. Requests must be received by Friday, Nov. 18, 2005.

Proceeds benefit the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Scholarship Fund.

Holtz coached 132 games in 11 seasons at Notre Dame (1986-96) and guided his teams to a 100-30-2 record. He coached more games than any other Irish head coach and finished second to Knute Rockne in victories. Holtz led the Irish to the 1988 national championship and remains 11th on the NCAA all-time win list for Division I-A coaches. He took his Notre Dame teams to nine straight New Year's Day bowl games from 1987 through '95 and coached the Irish to finishes of sixth or better in the final Associated Press poll in five seasons. Holtz was named the national coach of the year in 1988 by several organizations and saw his team play the most difficult schedule in the country in three seasons.

Before coming to Notre Dame Holtz served as head coach at William & Mary (1969-71), North Carolina State (1972-75), Arkansas (1977-83) and Minnesota (1984-85). He served as a college football analyst for CBS Sports in '97 and '98, was head football coach at South Carolina from 1999 through 2004 and currently is an analyst for ESPN.

Guglielmino Athletics Complex Officially Dedicated

The Guglielmino Athletics Complex, new home to the University of Notre Dame football program, was dedicated Friday, Oct. 14, 2005. The dedication program included a blessing of the building, an afternoon Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and a dedication dinner in the rotunda of the Main Building. A special, 18-by-24-inch, commemorative poster (printed by Mossberg & Company in South Bend and designed by recent Notre Dame graduate Tim O'Connor) created for the dedication was available free of charge Friday night as fans left the pep rally at Notre Dame Stadium.

Opened in August and located on the east side of campus, the 96,000-square-foot building commonly referred to as "The Gug" is a spacious, state-of-the-art facility that houses the football program's locker rooms, offices and meeting rooms, in addition to giving the 800 student-athletes in Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports enhanced space for all training, strength and conditioning, and medical needs. The Guglielmino Athletics Complex has been made possible through the generous gift of the late Don F. Guglielmino and his wife Flora. A longtime supporter of Notre Dame, Guglielmino attended the University in the 1939-40 academic year.

Irish Football on the Printed Page

This fall, three new books about Fighting Irish football have debuted. *The Spirit of Notre Dame*, by Jim Langford and Jeremy Langford, officially went on sale during the last week of August. Detailing both athletic and student/alumni stories from the University, the book is said to be "the absolute essential title for the millions of people who have a place in their heart for the Fighting Irish." The book is a production of The Doubleday Broadway Publishing Group and can be bought on www.randomhouse.com.

South Bend Tribune and Notre Dame football beat writer Eric Hansen has seen the release of his new book, *Notre Dame, Where Have You Gone?*. Hansen catches up with former Fighting Irish football players, from the All-Americans to the walk-ons to the one-play wonders to the once-tragic figures. The book is available for order at www.sportspublishinginc.com.

The third offering comes from Senior Associate Athletic Director for Media Relations at Notre Dame - John Heisler. *Echoes of Notre Dame Football, The Greatest Stories Ever Told*, was edited by the former long-time sports information director. A member of the CoSIDA Hall of Fame, Heisler's book stitches together the best columns from the best columnists. It not only recounts the greatest moments in Notre Dame lore, it also tracks the chronological progression sportswriting styles from the esoteric to the ultra-modern. The book is available by calling 800-335-5323 or by sending an e-mail to WebOrders@triumphbooks.com. The book also features a foreword by Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis.

Kevin White Radio Show

Look for the Kevin White Show for the next 30 weeks on ESPN 1000 AM radio in Chicago.

The hour-long program debuted Sept. 4 in its sixth season - with first-night guests including former Irish football-walk-on Dan "Rudy" Ruettiger (subject of the 1993 movie "Rudy"), former Irish placekicker Harry Oliver (he kicked a 51-yard field goal 25 years ago this week to help Notre Dame beat Michigan 29-27 in 1980), and current Irish hockey coach Jeff Jackson.

Guests regularly will include familiar names from all facets of college athletics.

The show features White, Notre Dame's director of athletics, and ESPN 1000's Dave Juday. It can be heard regularly at 11:00 p.m. Central time on Sunday.

Sponsors of the show include Gatorade, Xerox, adidas, Comcast, McDonald's, Chase, Coca-Cola, Sirius Satellite Radio, Jordan Industries and Sayers Computer Source.

The show can be heard in more than 30 states around the country on ESPN 1000 in Chicago.

Katrina Collection Update

Collections taken up throughout the University of Notre Dame community in recent weeks—in the student residence hall chapels and dining halls and even the football stadium—have raised \$240,171 for the relief of victims of the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe.

A collection in the Notre Dame Stadium during the football game with Michigan State raised \$195,871. Collections also have been taken up at Masses in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore but have not yet been tabulated.

Funds raised in the University's Katrina collections are being distributed among Catholic Charities USA; Catholic parishes in the Gulf region which are administered by Notre Dame's founding religious order, the Congregation of Holy Cross; and regional parochial schools participating in Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) volunteer teacher program.

The University will continue to accept donations throughout the semester. Contributions may be sent to: Notre Dame Katrina Collection, P.O. Box 198, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556-019.

Instant Replay

Notre Dame will utilize the Big Ten Conference instant replay system during all other home games this season. The opposing team is given the option of agreeing to use the system as well, and it will only be implemented if both teams decide to utilize the system.

- The Big Ten instant replay model and the NFL instant replay system are different. In the Big Ten model, only the Big Ten Technical Advisor, working in the press box, can stop a game to review a play. Unlike the NFL model, in the Big Ten neither the coaches nor the game officials on the field may ask for a review.

- In order for a play to be changed the Technical Advisor must have indisputable video evidence that an error occurred. Television broadcast of the game will be the sole source of whether there is indisputable video evidence.

- The replay system will not guarantee that all officiating mistakes are identified and corrected.

- The types of plays that are reviewable include plays that are governed by the sideline, goal line, end zone and end line, passing plays, and other detectable infractions, such as forward progress with respect to first down.

Notre Dame Football By The Numbers

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

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

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

10 - Alumni named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame

11 - National Championships - since the Associated Press poll began in 1936 (1943-46-47-49-66-73-77-88), the most of any other school. The Irish also earned consensus national titles in 1924, 1929 and 130 prior to the organization of the AP rankings, giving them 11 total consensus crowns.

12 - Unbeaten and untied seasons

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

26 - Bowl games in which the Irish have taken part, compiling a 13-13 record.

41 - College Football Hall of Fame Players

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

99 - Out of 116 years in which Notre Dame has finished with a winning record.

116 - Years of college football

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

NOTRE DAME VS. TENNESSEE: BY THE NUMBERS

The NCAA statistical rankings for Notre Dame and Tennessee in 2005 (top 50 only):

Team Rankings	Notre Dame	TENNESSEE
Rushing Offense	152.71	110.71
Passing Offense	5th at 340.00	204.29
Total Offense	9th at 492.71	315.00
Scoring Offense	11th at 37.86	16.14
Rushing Defense	25th at 119.0	5th at 85.57
Pass Defense	306.57	208.29
Pass Efficiency Defense	122.44	31st at 113.77
Total Defense	425.57	12th at 293.86
Scoring Defense	25.29	9th at 16.00
Net Punting	42nd at 35.30	31.23
Punt Returns	11th at 15.15	5.75
Kickoff Returns	19.11	18.18
Turnover Margin	23rd at .86	-0.43

Individual Rankings	Notre Dame	TENNESSEE
Rushing	Darius Walker 42nd at 88.14	Gerald Riggs, Jr. 41st at 88.33
Passing Efficiency	Brady Quinn 8th at 161.87	
Total Offense	Brady Quinn 3rd at 348.57	
Receptions Per Game	Jeff Samardzija 25th at 6.29	
	Maurice Stovall 36th at 5.71	
Receiving Yards Per Game	Jeff Samardzija 6th at 107.14	
	Maurice Stovall 28th at 89.29	
Interceptions	Mike Richardson and Tom Zbikowski 1-24 at .43	
Punting	D.J. Fitzpatrick 47th at 41.17	
Punt Returns	Tom Zbikowski 8th at 15.15	
Scoring	Jeff Samardzija 22nd at 9.43	

Notre Dame in The BCS

2005 BCS Standings games through Oct. 29, 2005

	<u>Team</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>Comp</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
1.	USC	1	1	t-2	.9767
2.	Texas	2	2	1	.9729
3.	Virginia Tech	3	3	t-2	.9294
4.	Alabama	4	4	4	.8695
5.	UCLA	6	7	6	.7874
6.	Miami (Fla.)	5	5	10	.7566
7.	Penn State	10	11	5	.6905
8.	LSU	7	6	t-14	.6875
9.	Florida State	8	8	t-14	.6277
10.	Ohio State	12	12	8	.5967
11.	Georgia	11	10	12	.5864
12.	Wisconsin	14	14	7	.5630
13.	Oregon	13	13	9	.5458
14.	NOTRE DAME	9	9	22	.4859
15.	Texas Tech	16	17	11	.4496
16.	Florida	15	15	16	.4154
17.	West Virginia	18	16	13	.4076
18.	TCU	19	20	t-18	.2924
19.	Boston College	20	19	20	.2605
20.	Auburn	17	18	NR	.2271
21.	Michigan	22	23	17	.2158
22.	Colorado	24	24	t-18	.1746
23.	California	21	21	NR	.1411
24.	Fresno State	23	22	NR	.1022
25.	Oklahoma	t-32	t-30	21	.0704

H - Harris Interactive Ranking
 USA - USA Today Ranking
 Comp - Average Computer Ranking
 Score - BCS Average

Notre Dame in the 2005 BCS Standings -
 Oct. 17 - 16th
 Oct. 24 - 15th
 Oct. 31 - 14th

Notre Dame Football on the Small Screen... and Radio!

The University of Notre Dame football team will once again produce its two signature television shows this season. The traditional *Notre Dame Football Replay* will be shown across the country (mostly on Sunday mornings) from Raleigh, N.C., to Anchorage, Alaska, and *Inside Notre Dame Football with Charlie Weis* can be seen in many national outlets as well. Local Irish fans can tune in to three different radio shows to keep track of their favorite team. The official *Notre Dame Football Coach's Show* will be held each week of the season, providing in-depth interviews with the Irish coaching staff and players. The official Notre Dame pregame and postgame radio shows can be heard locally as well.

The Notre Dame Football Replay

A condensed version of each Notre Dame home game will be produced and shown on a variety of different cable and on-air television outlets. For a complete list of affiliates, go to the football page on www.und.com and the lists are under the sidebar subject "multimedia."

Local Irish fans can catch the replay on WB 25 (Cable Channel 5) at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Irish fans across the nation with access to Direct TV can see the replay on Direct TV Channel 321 at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

Notre Dame's NBC coverage is also replayed each week on NBC's high definition channel - UNI-HD. Check your local listing for specific times each week.

Inside Notre Dame Football with Charlie Weis

Produced each week of the season (save for bye weeks), *Inside Notre Dame Football with Charlie Weis* will feature a recap of the previous week's contest, an interview with Coach Weis and different player interviews and features throughout the season. In the South Bend market, the show can be seen each Saturday on WNDU Channel 16 (Cable Channel 8) before WNDU's weekly pre-game show. The show can be seen nationwide on College Sports Television (CSTV) at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Direct TV Channel 321 at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Notre Dame Football Coach's Show (radio)

The *Official Notre Dame Football Coach's Show*, presented by Boling Laser Center, debuted Monday, Aug. 29, at 7:00 p.m. EST at Logan's Roadhouse in Mishawaka, Ind. Irish head coach Charlie Weis was the special on-site guest for the first show, which features a segment with Weis each week, an appearance by an Irish player and other features involving the Irish staff and program. The show can be heard locally on U93 (92.9 FM) and on the official Notre Dame athletic's website, www.und.com.

Produced by Notre Dame Sports Properties, the show air dates are September 26, October 3, 17, 24, November 7, 14. The show is a cooperative venture between NDSP, the Notre Dame Athletic Department, plus U93 and its parent company, Artistic Media Partners.

Official Notre Dame Pregame Radio Show

Live on U93 (92.9 FM), 1490 AM and ESPN Radio 1580 AM in South Bend, Irish fans can hear the official pregame show of the Fighting Irish. Hosted by Sean Stires and featuring Brian Noe, Vince DeDario, and Colin Burns, the show will get every Irish fan ready for kickoff.

Official Notre Dame Postgame Radio Show

Immediately after Westwood One signs off upon completion of the game, the Notre Dame Postgame Radio Show will take to the airwaves for 90 minutes to recap the day's game and provide in-depth analysis and player/coach interviews. Hosted by Jack Nolan and featuring former Irish stars Reggie Brooks and Mirko Jurkovic, the show can be heard live on U93 (92.9 FM), 1490 AM and ESPN Radio 1580 AM.

Not Local? No Problem!

Irish fans who cannot make it to South Bend each weekend of the season (or see the Irish on the road) can still hear many of the above mentioned shows live via the world wide web. Subscribers to *Fighting Irish All-Access* on www.und.com will have access to the *Official Notre Dame Football Coach's Radio Show* and the pregame and postgame shows live! In addition, *Inside Notre Dame Football with Charlie Weis* will be archived and loaded onto the website as soon as possible for *Fighting Irish All-Access* subscribers.

Profile: First Year Irish Coaches

Jesse Harper (7-0-0 in 1913)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. Ohio Northern, 87-0
 First road game, first road winat Army, 35-13 (fourth game overall)
 First loss, first road loss.....at Yale, 28-0 in 1914
 Never lost at home16-0

Knute Rockne (3-1-2 in 1918)

Debut, first win, first road winat Case Tech, 26-6
 First non-win, first home gamevs. Great Lakes, 7-7 (third game overall)
 First home winvs. Kalamazoo, 14-0 in 1919 (seventh game overall)
 First road lossat Michigan State, 13-7 (fourth game overall)
 First home lossvs. Carnegie Tech, 27-7 (102nd game overall)
 First 42 home games41-0-1

Hunk Anderson (6-2-1 in 1931)

Debut, first win, first road winat Indiana, 25-0
 First non-win.....vs. NW. at Soldier Field (second game overall)
 First loss, first home lossvs. USC, 16-14 (seventh game overall)

Elmer Layden (6-3-0 in 1934)

Debut, first loss, first home lossvs. Texas, 7-6
 First win, first home winvs. Purdue, 18-7 (second game overall)
 First road lossat Pittsburgh, 19-0 (fifth game overall)
 First road winat Northwestern, 20-7 (seventh game overall)

Frank Leahy (8-0-1 in 1941)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. Arizona, 38-7
 First non-winvs. Army, 0-0, Yankee Stadium (sixth game overall)
 First road winat Georgia Tech, 20-0 (third game overall)
 First loss, first home lossvs. GT, 13-6 in 1942 (11th game overall)
 First road loss.....at Great Lakes, 19-14 in '43 (30th game overall)
 First 16 road games.....14-0-2

Terry Brennan (9-1-0 in 1954)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. #4 Texas, 21-0
 First loss, first home lossvs. #19 Purdue, 27-14 (second game overall)
 First road lossat #13 Mich. State, 21-7 in 1955 (14th game overall)
 Entered year ranked #2finished year ranked #4

Joe Kuharich (5-5-0 in 1959)

Debut, first win, first home win.....vs. North Carolina, 28-8
 First loss, first road lossat Purdue, 28-7 (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. #2 Northwestern, 30-24 (fifth game overall)
 Debuted at #8 in second game.....finished season unranked

Ara Parseghian (9-1-0 in 1964)

Debut, first win, first road win.....at Wisconsin, 31-7
 First home winvs. Purdue, 34-15
 First loss, first road lossat USC, 20-17 (10th game overall)
 Unranked to start year#1 for four weeks during season

Dan Devine (8-3-0 in 1975)

Debut, first winvs. Boston College, 17-13 in Foxboro
 First home winvs. Northwestern, 31-7 (third game overall)
 First road winat Purdue, 17-0 (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. Michigan State, 10-3 (fourth game overall)
 First road lossat Pittsburgh, 34-20 (10th game overall)
 Ranked as high as #7finished year unranked

Gerry Faust (5-6-0 in 1981)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. LSU, 27-9
 First loss, first road loss.....at #11 Michigan (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. #20 Florida State, 19-13 (fifth game overall)
 Ranked as high as #1finished season unranked

Lou Holtz (5-6-0 in 1986)

Debut, first loss, first home lossvs. #3 Michigan, 24-23
 First win, first home win.....vs. Purdue, 41-9 (third game overall)
 First road lossat Michigan State, 20-15 (second game overall)
 First road win.....at #17 USC, 38-37 (11th game overall)
 Spent one week at #20finished season unranked

Bob Davie (7-6 in 1997)

Debut, first win, first home winvs. GT, 17-13 (ND Stadium rededication)
 First loss, first road lossat Purdue, 28-17 (second game overall)
 First home lossvs. #17 Michigan State, 23-7 (third game overall)
 Entered year ranked 11th.....finished season unranked

Tyrone Willingham (10-3 in 2002)

Debut, first winvs. Maryland, 22-0 in Giants Stadium
 First home winvs. Purdue, 24-17 (second game overall)
 First loss, first home lossvs. Boston College, 14-7 (ninth game overall)
 First road lossat USC, 44-13 (12th game overall)
 Ranked as high as #4.....finished season ranked 17th

Charlie Weis (5-2 in 2005)

Debut, first winat #23/25 Pittsburgh, 42-21
 First road winat #3/3 Michigan, 17-10 (second game overall)
 First home winvs. BYU, 49-23 (seventh game overall)
 First loss, first home loss.....vs. Michigan State, 44-41 (OT) (third game overall)
 First road lossTBD
 Rankingcurrently ranked 8 (AP), 9 (USA Today), 9 (Harris Interactive)

Assault On The Notre Dame Record Book

Notre Dame team records that have fallen this season...

Single-game touchdown passes - 6

Brady Quinn vs. BYU

Single-game touchdown receptions - 4

Maurice Stovall vs. BYU

Single-game receptions - 14

Maurice Stovall vs. BYU

Single-game, two players with 10 or more receptions -

Maurice Stovall (14) and Jeff Samardzija (10) vs. BYU

Pass completions in a game - 33 (tied)

Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State

Passing yards in a first half - 287

Brady Quinn vs. BYU

Consecutive games with a touchdown pass - 12

Brady Quinn (current)

Consecutive games with a touchdown reception - 7

Jeff Samardzija (current)

Consecutive games with a touchdown reception to begin a season - 7

Jeff Samardzija (current)

Consecutive 100-yard rushing games to begin season - 4

Darius Walker - at Pitt, at Mich., vs. MSU, at Wash.

Consecutive games throwing for over 300 yards - 3

Brady Quinn - vs. MSU, at Wash., at Purdue

Single-season touchdown passes - 20

Brady Quinn

Single-season touchdown receptions - 11 (tied)

Jeff Samardzija

Single-season 300-plus passing games - 4

Brady Quinn - vs. MSU, at Wash.,
at Purdue, vs. BYU

Single-season 400-plus passing games - 3

Brady Quinn - vs. MSU, at Purdue, vs. BYU

Career 400-plus passing games - 4

Brady Quinn - vs. Purdue (2004), vs. MSU, at Purdue, vs. BYU - 2005

Career games passing for 250-plus - 11

Brady Quinn

And the records within reach

- Single-season passing yardage -
2,753 by Jarious Jackson in 1999
Brady Quinn (2,352 - 401 yards off record)
- Career passing yardage -
7,602 by Ron Powlus from 1994-97
Brady Quinn (6,769 - 833 yards off record)
- Single-season completion percentage -
61.6 by Kevin McDougal in 1993
Brady Quinn (65.8)
- Single-season passing yards per game -
242.9 by Joe Theismann in 1970
Brady Quinn (336.0)
- Career passing yards per game -
172.7 by Ron Powlus from 1994-97
Brady Quinn (218.35)

- Consecutive games completing a pass -
43 by Ron Powlus
Brady Quinn (31)
- Single-season lowest interception percentage -
0.80 (1 of 125) by Matt LoVecchio in 2000
Brady Quinn (1.50, four of 266)
- Single-season receptions -
77 by Tom Gatewood in 1970
Jeff Samardzija (44) and Maurice Stovall (40)
- Single-season catches by a tight end -
54 by Ken MacAfee in 1977
Anthony Fasano (32)
- Single-season catches by a back -
37 by Bob Gladieux in 1968
Darius Walker (22)
- Career receptions -
157 by Tom Gatewood (1969-71)
Maurice Stovall (104)

- Single-season touchdown receptions -
11 by Derrick Mayes in 1994 and Jeff Samardzija
Maurice Stovall (5)
- Career touchdown receptions -
22 by Derrick Mayes from 1992-95
Maurice Stovall (13)
Jeff Samardzija (11)
- Total plays in a career
1,201 by Ron Powlus from 1994-97
Brady Quinn (1,051)
- Single-season yards gained
3,217 by Jarious Jackson in 1999
Brady Quinn (2,440)
- Career yards gained
7,479 by Ron Powlus from 1994-97
Brady Quinn (6,878)

Associated Press Top 25

Oct. 30, 2005

1.	USC (57)	8-0	1,617
2.	Texas (8)	8-0	1,563
3.	Virginia Tech	8-0	1,500
4.	Alabama	8-0	1,395
5.	Miami (Fla.)	6-1	1,328
6.	LSU	6-1	1,262
7.	UCLA	8-0	1,233
8.	NOTRE DAME	5-2	1,097
9.	Florida State	7-1	1,094
10.	Penn State	8-1	1,061
11.	Georgia	7-1	972
12.	Ohio State	6-2	926
13.	Florida	6-2	836
14.	Wisconsin	8-1	769
15.	Oregon	7-1	756
16.	Texas Tech	7-1	593
17.	Auburn	6-2	535
18.	West Virginia	6-1	521
19.	Boston College	6-2	459
20.	TCU	8-1	418
21.	Fresno State	6-1	301
22.	Michigan	6-3	294
23.	California	6-2	212
24.	Louisville	5-2	141
25.	Colorado	6-2	138

Others receiving votes: Georgia Tech (32), Northwestern (22), Rutgers (12), Oklahoma (11), Minnesota (9), UTEP (8), Boise State (4), Iowa State (3), Iowa (2), South Carolina (1).

Dropped out: Northwestern (21), Tennessee (23).

Notre Dame in the 2005 AP rankings:

Preseason - Unranked

Sept. 4 - 20th
 Sept. 11 - 10th
 Sept. 18 - 16th
 Sept. 25 - 13th
 Oct. 2 - 12th
 Oct. 9 - 9th
 Oct. 16 - 9th
 Oct. 23 - 9th
 Oct. 30 - 8th

USA Today Top 25

Oct. 30, 2005

1.	USC (56)	8-0	1,544
2.	Texas (5)	8-0	1,485
3.	Virginia Tech (1)	8-0	1,431
4.	Alabama	8-0	1,349
5.	Miami (Fla.)	6-1	1,285
6.	LSU	6-1	1,215
7.	UCLA	8-0	1,200
8.	Florida State	7-1	1,060
9.	NOTRE DAME	5-2	988
10.	Georgia	7-1	966
11.	Penn State	8-1	927
12.	Ohio State	6-2	827
13.	Oregon	7-1	782
14.	Wisconsin	8-1	739
15.	Florida	6-2	648
16.	West Virginia	6-1	597
17.	Texas Tech	7-1	596
18.	Auburn	6-2	514
19.	Boston College	6-2	455
20.	TCU	8-1	398
21.	California	6-2	327
22.	Fresno State	6-1	248
23.	Michigan	6-3	178
24.	Colorado	5-2	121
25.	Louisville	5-2	113

Others receiving votes: Georgia Tech (43), UTEP (30), Minnesota (21), Michigan State (18), Boise State (12), Northwestern (12), Oklahoma (12), South Carolina (8), Rutgers (6), Tennessee (3), Iowa (2).

Dropped out: Minnesota (22), Northwestern (23), Tennessee (25)

Notre Dame in the 2005

USA Today rankings:

Preseason - Unranked
 Sept. 4 - 23rd
 Sept. 11 - 12th
 Sept. 18 - 18th
 Sept. 25 - 14th
 Oct. 2 - 12th
 Oct. 9 - 9th
 Oct. 16 - 12th
 Oct. 23 - 10th
 Oct. 30 - 9th

Harris Interactive Top 25

Oct. 30, 2005

1.	USC (96)	8-0	2,808
2.	Texas (16)	8-0	2,714
3.	Virginia Tech (1)	8-0	2,613
4.	Alabama	8-0	2,453
5.	Miami (Fla.)	6-1	2,290
6.	UCLA	8-0	2,198
7.	LSU	6-1	2,171
8.	Florida State	7-1	1,947
9.	NOTRE DAME	5-2	1,865
10.	Penn State	8-1	1,818
11.	Georgia	7-1	1,712
12.	Ohio State	6-2	1,572
13.	Oregon	7-1	1,364
14.	Wisconsin	8-1	1,362
15.	Florida	6-2	1,238
16.	Texas Tech	7-1	1,142
17.	Auburn	6-2	988
18.	West Virginia	6-1	897
19.	TCU	8-1	736
20.	Boston College	6-2	719
21.	California	6-2	600
22.	Michigan	6-3	431
23.	Fresno State	6-1	414
24.	Colorado	6-2	242
25.	Louisville	5-2	156

Others receiving votes: Georgia Tech (80), Northwestern (43), UTEP (38), Michigan State (24), Minnesota (23), Tennessee (16), Arizona State (10), Oklahoma (10), Rutgers (7), Virginia (7), South Carolina (5), Stanford (4), Boise State (3), Iowa State (3), Colorado State (1), Iowa (1).

Dropped out: Northwestern (22), Minnesota (23), Tennessee (25)

Notre Dame in the 2005

Harris Interactive rankings:

Sept. 25 - 13th
 Oct. 2 - 11th
 Oct. 9 - 8th
 Oct. 16 - 11th
 Oct. 23 - 10th
 Oct. 30 - 9th

Notre Dame Player Career Game-Highs

Abiamiri, Victor		Richardson, Mike	
Tackles	7, vs. MSU ('05)	Tackles	9, at Purdue ('05)
TFL	3, vs. MSU ('05)	TFL	1, vs. MSU ('05)
Sacks	1, five times	Sacks	1, vs. MSU ('05)
Beidatsch, Brian		Samardzija, Jeff	
Tackles	3, vs. MSU ('05)	Receptions	10, vs. BYU ('05)
TFL	1, at Michigan ('05)	Receiving Yards	164, at Washington ('05)
Sacks	1, at Michigan	Receiving TDs	3, vs. MSU ('05)
Carlson, John		Schwapp, Asaph	
Receptions	2, at Pitt ('05)	Carries	8, vs. BYU ('05)
Receiving Yards	22, at Purdue ('05)	Rushing Yards	27, vs. BYU ('05)
Receiving TDs	1, at Purdue ('05)	Receptions	1, vs. USC ('05)
Crum, Jr., Maurice		Receiving Yards	1, vs. USC ('05)
Tackles	7, vs. MSU ('05)	Stovall, Maurice	
Fasano, Anthony		Receptions	14, vs. BYU ('05)
Receptions	8, vs. Purdue ('04)	Receiving Yards	207, vs. BYU ('05)
Receiving Yards	93, vs. MSU ('05)	Receiving TDs	4, vs. BYU ('05)
Receiving TDs	2, vs. Washington ('04)	Talley, Ronald	
Fitzpatrick, D.J.		Tackles	7, vs. BYU ('05)
Punts	9, at Michigan ('05)	TFL	1, vs. BYU ('05)
Punt Avg.	45.7 (three), at Pitt ('05)	Sacks	1, vs. BYU ('05)
Field Goals	3, at Wash. ('05)	Thomas, Travis	
Field Goals Att.	3, at Wash. ('05)	Carries	18, vs. USC ('05)
Touchbacks	3, at Purdue ('05)	Rushing Yards	52, twice
Grimes, David		Rushing TDs	1, three times
Receptions	1, twice	Walker, Darius	
Receiving Yards	11, vs. MSU ('05)	Carries	31, vs. Michigan ('04)
Carries	2, vs. USC ('05)	Rushing Yards	128, vs. Wash. ('05)
Rushing Yards	8, vs. USC ('05)	Rushing TDs	2, vs. Michigan ('04)
Hoyte, Brandon		Receptions	5, twice
Tackles	16, vs. Navy ('04)	Receiving Yards	52, at Pitt ('05)
TFL	4.5, at Pittsburgh ('05)	Receiving TDs	1, twice
Sacks	2, at Pittsburgh ('05)	Wooden, Ambrose	
Landri, Derek		Tackles	12, vs. Pittsburgh ('05)
Tackles	7, twice	Interceptions	1, at Washington ('05)
TFL	2, vs. Pitt ('04)	Zbikowski, Tom	
Sacks	1, at Wash. ('05)	Tackles	9, twice
Laws, Trevor		TFL	1.5, at BYU ('04)
Tackles	9, vs. BYU ('05)	Interceptions	1, three times
TFL	1, twice		
Sacks	1, vs. USC ('05)		
Ndukwe, Chinedum			
Tackles	8, vs. BYU ('05)		
TFL	1, at Wash. ('05)		
Quinn, Brady			
Completions	33, vs. MSU ('05)		
Attempts	60, vs. MSU ('05)		
Passing Yards	487, vs. MSU ('05)		
Passing TDs	6, vs. BYU ('05)		
Rushing TDs	1, four times		
Rushing Yards	49, at Pitt ('05)		

**NOTRE DAME 42, (No. 23) PITTSBURGH 21
SEPTEMBER 3, 2005 • HEINZ FIELD**

PITTSBURGH — Perhaps the most anticipated season-opening matchup in recent Notre Dame football history produced an outcome and a performance that surpassed what even the most optimistic observer of Irish football could have hoped for as the Irish opened the Charlie Weis era in style with a 42-21 pasting of 23rd-ranked Pittsburgh in front of a sellout crowd at Heinz Field.

The retooled Notre Dame offense hummed via the power of the precision passing of quarterback Brady Quinn, big-play performances by running backs Darius Walker and Rashon Powers-Neal, and a punishing offensive line. The Irish produced six touchdowns, 502 yards of total offense (275 rushing, 227 passing) and a staggering 33 first downs in a methodically dominant performance reminiscent of the performances of Weis's offenses from his previous tenure with the NFL's New England Patriots.

In a game in which few had the Irish pegged as pre-game favorites, Notre Dame overcame an early deficit and had salted away the verdict by halftime with a 28-point second-period explosion that created a 35-13 lead. So dominant was the Irish offensive effort that the unit had produced more total yardage in the first half (319 yards) than it had in five entire games last season.

Complementing the offensive prowess was an impressive performance by the Irish defense and special teams. A maligned unit much of the last two seasons, the Notre Dame defense held to 323 total yards (153 in the first half) a Pittsburgh offense that had produced 432 yards and 41 points just nine months earlier in an Irish loss. In addition, Notre Dame defenders caused two turnovers (one fumble on a kickoff return and one interception) and limited the Panthers to a 4-of-14 night on third downs.

How effective was the Irish offense? The unit converted 10-of-15 third down opportunities into first downs, including 10 of its first 11 chances in those situations. Quarterback Brady Quinn passed with startling accuracy much of the night, completing 11 consecutive passes over one span covering the second and third periods. For the game, Quinn passed for 227 yards and two touchdowns while completing 18-of-27 attempts with one interception. He averaged 12.5 yards per completion and 8.4 yards per attempt.

Running back Darius Walker rushed for 100 yards on 20 carries and caught three passes for 52 yards while backfield mate Rashon Powers-Neal scored three rushing touchdowns while averaging 5.1 yards per carry (eight rushes, 41 yards). Defensively, the Irish were led in tackles by cornerback Ambrose Wooden with 12 tackles (10 solos) in his first start. The Irish sacked Palko five times; including two sacks by linebacker Brandon Hoyte (nine tackles) and solo sacks by ends Victor Abiamiri (five tackles) and Chris Frome, and linebacker Corey Mays (three tackles).

After the Panthers opened the game with a 39-yard scoring pass from Palko to wideout Greg Lee, the Irish responded quickly. Walker keyed a 78-yard, six-play march to tie it at 7-7 by rushing four times for 17 yards before making a difficult catch on a delayed screen pass from Quinn and following a convoy of Irish blockers 51 yards for the first touchdown.

After the Panthers moved to a 10-7 lead later in the first period, the Irish took the lead for good on a 65-yard march capped by a two-yard run around left end by Walker for a 14-10 lead. That drive became the first of five consecutive drives that ended in Notre Dame touchdowns as the Irish reached paydirt on six of their first seven possessions of the game.

Following a Panther punt, the Irish again marched 65 yards to a score. Two passes from Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano, spanning 12 and 18 yards, keyed the drive that was capped by a two-yard run by Powers-Neal for a 21-10 Notre Dame lead. The Irish upped their lead to 28-10 just 45 seconds later. Chinedum Ndukwe recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff forced by Casey Cullen. Jeff Samardzija made a spectacular leaping catch of a Quinn pass for a 19-yard scoring play.

After Pitt responded with a drive to a field goal, the Irish moved back for another touchdown for a 35-13 halftime lead. The 70-yard drive was keyed by Quinn's passing as he connected with Stavall for 11 yards, Powers-Neal for 18 and McKnight for 16 before Powers-Neal blasted through the middle for nine yards and the score with 1:39 left in the half.

The Irish salted away the verdict by opening the second half with an impressive 20-play, 80-yard drive that consumed 7:01 of game time. The Irish converted five third-down plays into first downs on the march that ended with Powers-Neal's third scoring run of the night, this one from four yards out.

"I'm relieved to have this first game under our belt," Weis said. "I'm happy for Notre Dame, I'm happy for our players and I'm happy for our fans. I thought our team played aggressive. We won the battles out there on the field tonight. This game was so much talk about Weis vs. (Dave) Wannstedt, and I was afraid it would be a distraction to our team."

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	28	7	0	—	42
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	8	—	21

First Quarter

PITT: Greg Lee 39-yard pass from Greg Lee (Josh Cummings kick), 10:58 left. Drive: 73 yards, eight plays, 4:02 elapsed since opening kickoff. Key play: Palko rushed for two yards and a first down on 3rd-and-1 to the ND 39. Score: Pitt 7, Notre Dame 0.

ND: Darius Walker 51-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 2:39 left. Drive: 78 yards, six plays, 1:21 elapsed since Brandon Harris returns kickoff to ND 22. Key play: Darius Walker rushed for one yard and a first down on 3rd-and-1 to the ND 32. Score: Pitt 7, Notre Dame 7.

PITT: Josh Cummings 49-yard field goal, 1:40 left. Drive: 22 yards, seven plays, 3:43 elapsed since Darrelle Revis returns interception three yards to ND 42. Key play: Joe Delsardo nine-yard pass from Palko on 3rd-and-2 to the ND 46. Score: Pitt 10, Notre Dame 7.

Second Quarter

ND: Darius Walker 2-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 13:07 left. Drive: 65 yards, nine plays, 3:33 elapsed since kickoff by Adam Graessle landed out of bounds. Key play: Rhema McKnight eight-yard pass from Quinn to Pitt 2 on 3rd-and-6. Score: ND 14, Pitt 10.

ND: Rashon Powers-Neal 2-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:59 left. Drive: 65 yards, nine plays, 4:20 elapsed since Tom Zbikowski returned punt 23 yards to ND 35. Key play: Anthony Fasano 18-yard pass from Quinn to the Pitt 24. Score: ND 21, Pitt 10.

ND: Jeff Samardzija 19-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:03 left. Drive: 19 yards, two plays, 0:45 elapsed since Chinedum Ndukwe recovered fumble by Pitt's Marcus Furman at Pitt 19. Score: ND 28, Pitt 10.

PITT: Josh Cummings 23-yard field goal, 4:20 left. Drive: 55 yards, five plays, 1:43 elapsed since Marcus Furman returned kickoff 33 yards to Pitt 39. Key play: Joe Delsardo 18-yard pass from Palko to the ND 28, plus personal foul penalty moved ball to ND 14. Score: ND 28, Pitt 13.

ND: Powers-Neal 9-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 1:39 left. Drive: 70 yards, eight plays, 2:41 elapsed since Justin Hoskins returned kickoff 24 yards to ND 30. Key play: McKnight 16-yard pass from Quinn on 1st-and-15 to the Pitt 30. Score: ND 35, Pitt 13.

Third Quarter

ND: Powers-Neal 4-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 7:59 left. Drive: 80 yards, 20 plays, 7:01 elapsed since second half kickoff. Key play: Personal foul penalty by Pitt on late hit following eight-yard run by Quinn on 3rd-and-25 to the Pitt 26. Score: ND 42, Pitt 13.

Fourth Quarter

PITT: Tyler Palko 4-yard run (Cummings kick), 12:55 left. Drive: 72 yards, seven plays, 1:49 elapsed since ND punt downed at the Pitt 28. Key play: Raymond Kirkley runs 55 yards on 1st-and-10 to the ND 17. Score: Notre Dame 42, Pitt 21.

STATISTICS

	ND	PITT
First Downs	33	20
Rushing	20	8
Passing	11	9
Penalty	2	3
Rushing Attempts	50	31
Yards Gained Rushing	279	147
Yards Lost Rushing	4	44
Net Yards Rushing	275	103
Net Yards Passing	227	220
Passes Attempted	27	35
Passes Completed	18	20
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	77	66
Total Net Yards	502	323
Average Gain Per Play	6.5	4.9
Fumbles: Number — Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties: Number — Yards	10-94	6-55
Number of Punts — Yards	3-137	4-195
Average Yards Per Punt	45.7	48.8
Punt Returns: Number — Yards	1-23	0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number — Yards	2-35	5-80
Interceptions: Number — Yards	1-0	1-3
Fumble Returns: Number — Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	32:46	27:14
Third Down Conversions	10-15	4-14
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	1-3
Sacks By: Number — Yards	5-38	0-0

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	20	100	0	100	1	11
Brady Quinn	5	49	0	49	0	16
Rashon Powers-Neal	8	41	0	41	3	9
Travis Thomas	8	40	0	40	0	16
David Wolke	1	22	0	22	0	22
Jeff Jenkins	6	21	4	17	0	9
Asaph Schwapp	2	6	0	6	0	4
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	27	18	1	227	2	51
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Anthony Fasano	4	42	0	18		

Darius Walker	3	52	1	51
Rhema McKnight	3	51	0	27
Jeff Samardzija	3	34	1	19
Maurice Stovall	2	27	0	16
John Carlson	2	3	0	3
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	18	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
D.J. Fitzpatrick	3	137	45.7	54	1

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Tom Zbikowski	1-23	—	1-0
Justin Hoskins	—	1-24	—
Brandon Harris	1-23	2-35	—

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RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Raymond Kirkley	5	67	3	64	0	55
Rashad Jennings	7	29	0	29	0	9
LaRod Stephens	2	17	0	17	0	12
Tim Murphy	5	4	2	2	0	3
Tyler Palko	12	30	39	(-9)	1	10

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Tyler Palko	35	20	1	220	1	39

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Greg Lee	4	63	1	39
Joe Delsardo	4	45	0	18
Sieve Buches	4	39	0	18
Erik Gill	3	26	0	9
Derek Kinder	2	29	0	22
Tim Murphy	2	19	0	15
Rashad Jennings	1	(-1)	0	—

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
Adam Graessle	4	195	48.8	51	0

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Marcus Furman	—	4-80	—
Jemeel Brady	—	1-0	—
Darrell Revis	—	—	1-3

**(No. 20) NOTRE DAME 17, (No. 3) MICHIGAN 10
SEPTEMBER 10, 2005 • MICHIGAN STADIUM**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - A mere two games into his Notre Dame tenure, Charlie Weis joined Knute Rockne in the record books as the 20th-ranked Fighting Irish pulled off a 17-10 upset victory at No. 3 Michigan that gave the Irish a 2-0 start.

Brady Quinn threw two touchdown passes in the first half and the Irish held on to beat the Wolverines, making Weis the first Notre Dame coach to win his first two games on the road since Rockne in 1918.

"If I answered by dignifying that, (Bill) Parcells and (Bill) Belichick would humiliate me," Weis said about his coaching mentors when asked about his connection to Rockne. "I've just coached two games and they've played two games. Let's come back and revisit that in about 10 years."

Notre Dame (2-0), snapped the Wolverines' 16-game winning streak at Michigan Stadium and handed them their first loss against a nonconference team at home since 1998. The Irish - two years removed from losing 38-0 in Ann Arbor - also won at Michigan for the first time since 1993.

Against Michigan, the Irish offense began with a shotgun formation and an empty backfield. The Irish didn't use a huddle but for the last play during the opening 12-play drive and didn't face a third down situation.

"I think that sent a message to start the game like that," said Quinn, who ended the impressive possession with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Rhema McKnight.

The Wolverines (1-1) slowed down Notre Dame's offense, but they squandered several chances in the fourth quarter to pull within a touchdown before finally capitalizing on their third opportunity.

On a fourth-and-three, Chad Henne lofted a 25-yard pass to Mario Manningham with 3:47 left to make it 17-10.

The Wolverines then forced Notre Dame to punt, but four incomplete passes later, the Irish were celebrating on the sideline. As the final seconds ticked off the dock, players ran into the end zone to celebrate with their fans. "Coming into the Big House and getting a win can be a once-in-a-lifetime experience," defensive end Victor Abiamiri said. "You want to do everything you can to let it sink in."

Notre Dame didn't need much help to beat the Wolverines for the third time in four years, but instant replay overturned two calls in its favor in the fourth quarter.

On a sneak from inside Notre Dame's one-yard line, Henne was ruled down, but a review showed that he fumbled and that the Irish's Chinedum Ndukwe recovered the ball in the end zone. On the ensuing possession, officials ruled that Quinn fumbled, but a review showed that his knee was down, allowing the Irish to keep the ball deep in their territory.

Quinn was 19-for-30 for 140 yards and Darius Walker ran for 104 yards for the Irish.

D.J. Fitzpatrick's 43-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter gave Notre Dame a 17-3 lead. On its next possession, Walker fumbled, giving Michigan some hope.

The Wolverines drove to Notre Dame's 5, but were turned away after being stuffed on two runs and two passes that fell incomplete. They got inside Notre Dame's 1 on their next possession, before Henne's fumble.

Henne was 19-of-44 for 223 yards with a touchdown. He was intercepted at Notre Dame's one in the third quarter by Tom Zbikowski and had the key fumble in the fourth. Kevin Grady, replacing the injured Mike Hart, ran for 79 yards. Jason Avant caught five passes for 90 yards.

The game was a defensive struggle as the Wolverines were held to their lowest point total since Iowa beat them 34-9 in 2002. That game started a home-winning streak that Notre Dame snapped in front of 111,386 fans.

Both teams lost a key player in the first half. Michigan running back Michael Hart left after being hit hard by linebacker Corey Mays in the first quarter. Notre Dame's McKnight twisted his right knee after being tackled by Brandt Englemon on an incomplete pass in the second quarter.

Steve Breaston's 30-yard reverse on the last play of the first quarter gave Michigan the ball in Irish territory for the first time. Garrett Rivas' 38-yard field goal made it 7-3. Notre Dame responded with its second 12-play drive for a touchdown, capped by Quinn's five-yard pass to Jeff Samardzija for a 14-3 lead with 4:24 left in the second quarter. After the Irish's strong start offensively, Michigan's defense held them in check for the most part, limiting them to 244 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	7	0	3	-	17
Michigan	0	3	0	7	-	10

1st Quarter

ND - Rhema McKnight 5-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 12:02 left. Drive: 12 plays, 76 yards, 2:58 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Michigan 0.

2nd Quarter

UM - Garrett Rivas 38-yard field goal, 14:04 left. Drive: 5 plays, 35 yards, 1:15 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Michigan 3.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 5-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:24 left. Drive: 12 plays, 72 yards, 4:25 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Michigan 3.

3rd Quarter

No Scoring

4th Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 43-yard field goal, 14:11 left. Drive: 4 plays, 8 yards, 1:21 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 17, Michigan 3.

UM - Mario Manningham 25 yd pass from Chad Henne (Garrett Rivas kick), 3:47 left. Drive: 5 plays, 50 yards, 0:37 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 17, Michigan 10.

Attendance - 111,386 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	UM
First Downs	17	15
Rushing	9	6
Passing	8	9
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	44	29
Yards Gained Rushing	150	123
Yards Lost Rushing	46	9
Net Yards Rushing	104	114
Net Yards Passing	140	223
Passes Attempted	30	44
Passes Completed	19	19
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	74	73
Total Net Yards	244	337
Average Gain Per Play	3.3	4.6
Fumbles: Number - Lost	3-1	3-1
Penalties: Number - Yards	4-21	4-28
Number of Punts - Yards	9-371	8-330
Average Yards Per Punt	41.2	41.3
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	1-19	6-31
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	1-24	4-72
Interceptions: Number - Yards	1-27	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	30:56	29:04
Third Down Conversions	4-15	5-18
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	2-4
Sacks By: Number - Yards	2-5	3-16

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	26	114	10	104	0	17
Rashon Powers-Neal	8	41	0	41	3	9
Asaph Schwapp	2	6	0	6	0	4
Team	2	0	4	-4	0	-
Rhema McKnight	1	0	7	-7	0	-
Brady Quinn	7	9	25	-16	0	8
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	30	19	0	140	2	26
RECEIVING						
Darius Walker	5	22	0	9		

Jeff Samardzija	4	52	1	26		
Anthony Fasano	4	18	0	9		
Rhema McKnight	2	18	1	13		
Maurice Stovall	2	17	0	11		
Rashon Powers-Neal	1	9	0	9		
Matt Shelton	1	4	0	4		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120	
D.J. Fitzpatrick	9	371	41.2	60	1	
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Tom Zbikowski	1-19	-	1-27			
Justin Hoskins	-	1-24	-			
MICHIGAN						
RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Kevin Grady	18	79	0	79	0	23
Steve Breaston	2	34	0	34	0	30
Mike Hart	3	4	0	4	0	2
Jerome Jackson	1	4	0	4	0	4
Chad Henne	4	2	5	-3	0	1
Max Martin	1	0	4	-4	0	0
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Chad Henne	44	19	1	223	1	54
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Tyler Ecker	7	74	0	21		
Jason Avant	5	990	0	54		
Doug Dutch	2	16	0	13		
Mike Massey	2	3	0	2		
Mario Manningham	1	25	1	25		
Steve Breaston	1	9	0	9		
Brian Thompson	1	6	0	6		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120	
Ross Ryan	8	330	41.3	56	2	
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Steve Breaston	6-31	2-30	-			
Grant Mason	-	2-42	-			

**(No. 10) NOTRE DAME 41, MICHIGAN STATE 44
SEPTEMBER 17, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – The home debut of Irish head coach Charlie Weis was spoiled by an old nemesis as Michigan State (3-0) weathered a dramatic Notre Dame (2-1) comeback to pull out a dramatic victory in overtime at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Spartans overcame a 21-point comeback by the 10th-ranked Fighting Irish and pulled out a 44-41 decision. Spartans running back Jason Teague dashed 19 yards with an option pitch for the game-winning touchdown, handing Weis his first loss as Irish coach after starting the season 2-0 on the road.

"I told (the Notre Dame players) you don't get any medals for trying," Weis said. "I'm never content when you end up losing."

Even in defeat, the Irish showed grit and determination in erasing a 21-point, third-quarter deficit. Quarterback Drew Stanton led the Spartans offensively, throwing for three touchdowns and running for another. Michigan State amassed 488 yards total offense against the Irish. Stanton was 16-of-27 for 327 yards. The Spartans joined Purdue (1954-62) as the only opponent to win five straight at Notre Dame Stadium. Michigan State's 12 wins at Notre Dame are the most by an Irish opponent.

The Fighting Irish rallied from 21 points down in the third quarter to tie the score, then took the lead in overtime on a 44-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick on the opening possession of the extra period, but couldn't make it stand up.

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

Quinn passed for a school-record five touchdowns and a career-high 487 yards, the second highest total in Notre Dame history. But it wasn't enough. It was Notre Dame's first loss of the year following wins over Pittsburgh and Michigan to start the season. Those victories had propelled Notre Dame into the top 10 for the first time since 2002.

It appeared for a while Michigan State would win easily when they went ahead 38-17 in the third quarter on a 65-yard screen pass from Stanton to Matt Trannon, who had 126 yards on five catches. The Spartan defense, while it gave up some big plays and a 594 yards, came up big when it had to. On the second play of the second half, Sir Darean Adams picked off a pass from Quinn and returned it 30 yards for a score to give the Spartans a 31-17 lead.

The Irish appeared ready to close to within a touchdown on first-and-goal from the MSU one. Notre Dame fullback Asaph Schwapp attempted to lunge across the middle with the ball ahead of him, but Domata Peko knocked the ball out and Scott Smith recovered for the Spartans on the 7. Soon after Trannon scored on the screen pass to spread the lead to 21 points.

The Irish managed to close to 38-31 when Darius Walker scored on a six-yard pass and Maurice Stovall, who had eight catches for 176 yards, scored on a seven-yard pass. The Irish had a chance to tie it earlier in the fourth quarter, but on fourth-and-one from the Michigan State 20, Schwapp was stopped on a run up the middle. The Irish tied the score at 38 with 2:31 left on a catch by Jeff Samardzija, his third of the game. Quinn became the first Irish quarterback to have two 400-yard passing games. Joe Theismann holds the school record with 576 yards at Southern California in 1970.

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

SCORING SUMMARY

Michigan State	14	10	14	0	6	-	44
Notre Dame	7	10	7	14	3	-	41

1st Quarter

MSU - Matt Trannon 20-yard pass from Drew Stanton (John Goss kick), 11:38 left. Drive: 4 plays, 70 yards, 1:55 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 7, Notre Dame 0.
ND - Jeff Samardzija 18-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 5:14 left. Drive: 13 plays, 70 yards, 6:24 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Michigan State 7.

MSU - Kellen Davis 11-yard pass from Drew Stanton (Goss kick), 2:01 left. Drive: 7 plays, 67 yards, 3:13 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 14, Notre Dame 7.

2nd Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 48-yard field goal, 9:49 left. Drive: 10 plays, 37 yards, 3:09 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 14, Notre Dame 10.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 31-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:43 left. Drive: 3 plays, 34 yards, 1:06 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 17, Michigan State 14.
MSU - John Goss 21-yard field goal, 5:26 left. Drive: 8 plays, 76 yards, 3:17 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 17, Michigan State 17.

MSU - Drew Stanton 3-yard run (Goss kick), 0:27 left. Drive: 6 plays, 71 yards, 0:46 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 24, Notre Dame 17.

3rd Quarter

MSU - SirDarean Adams 30-yard interception return (Goss kick), 14:42 left. Score: Michigan State 31, Notre Dame 17.

MSU - Matt Trannon 65-yard pass from Drew Stanton (Goss kick), 5:07 left. Drive: 4 plays, 90 yards, 1:27 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 38, Notre Dame 17.
ND - Darius Walker 6-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 1:23 left. Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 3:44 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 38, Notre Dame 24.

4th Quarter

ND - Maurice Stovall 7-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:29 left. Drive: 5 plays, 64 yards, 1:17 elapsed. Score: Michigan State 38, Notre Dame 31.
ND - Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:31 left. Drive: 8 plays, 57 yards, 2:35 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 38, Michigan State 38.

Overtime

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 44-yard field goal. Drive: 4 plays, 0 yards. Score: Notre Dame 41, Michigan State 38.

MSU - Jason Teague 19-yard run (no kick). Drive: 2 plays, 25 yards. Score: Michigan State 44, Notre Dame 41.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	MSU
First Downs	31	18
Rushing	10	7
Passing	19	10
Penalty	2	1
Rushing Attempts	38	36
Yards Gained Rushing	141	186
Yards Lost Rushing	34	25
Net Yards Rushing	107	161
Net Yards Passing	487	327
Passes Attempted	60	27
Passes Completed	33	16
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	98	63
Total Net Yards	594	488
Average Gain Per Play	6.1	7.7
Fumbles: Number - Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties: Number - Yards	12-92	9-85
Number of Punts - Yards	5-170	5-213
Average Yards Per Punt	34.0	42.6
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	2-22	3-6
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	4-86	6-125
Interceptions: Number - Yards	1-14	1-30
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	35:49	24:11
Third Down Conversions	6-18	3-12
Fourth Down Conversions	3-4	0-1
Sacks By: Number - Yards	1-12	3-21

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	26	123	7	116	0	16
Asaph Schwapp	5	5	6	-1	0	3
Brady Quinn	7	13	21	-8	0	6
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	60	33	1	487	5	50
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Maurice Stovall	8	176	1	50		
Anthony Fasano	7	93	0	24		
Jeff Samardzija	6	96	3	31		
Matt Shelton	6	87	0	33		

Darius Walker	5	24	1	7	
David Grimes	1	11	0	11	
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
D.J. Fitzpatrick	4	160	40.0	50	2
Team	1	10	10.0	10	0

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Tom Zbikowski	2-22	-	-
Chinedum Ndukwue	-	-	1-14
Justin Hoskins	-	2-44	-
Brandon Harris	-	2-42	-

MICHIGAN STATE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Jason Teague	10	79	7	72	1	29
Drew Stanton	14	61	13	48	1	11
Javon Ringer	4	28	4	24	0	25
Jahau Caulcrick	6	11	1	10	0	4
Jerramy Scott	2	7	0	7	0	5

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
Drew Stanton	27	16	1	327	3	65

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Matt Trannon	5	136	2	65
Terry Love	3	69	0	45
Kyle Brown	3	39	0	28
Jerramy Scott	2	29	0	23
Jason Teague	1	34	0	34
Kellen Davis	1	11	1	11
Kerry Reed	1	9	0	9

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
PUNTING					
Brandon Fields	5	213	42.6	50	0

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Kyle Brown	2-6	5-107	-
Otis Wiley	1-0	-	-
SirDarean Adams	-	-	1-30
Rob Tabatchnick	-	1-18	-

**(No. 16) NOTRE DAME 36, WASHINGTON 17
SEPTEMBER 24, 2005 • HUSKY STADIUM**

SEATTLE – Notre Dame’s offense controlled the tempo of the game as the Irish racked up more than 500 yards of offense in a 36-17 win over the Washington Huskies on a beautiful, sun-drenched day at Husky Stadium in Seattle.

The 16th-ranked Irish, clicking in the air and on the ground after a slow start, rolled past the Huskies in a game that had little to do with coaches matching wits and everything to do with slick execution by Notre Dame (3-1) and untimely mistakes by Washington (1-3).

While much of the pre-game hype centered on the two coaches, the game itself was decided by Notre Dame’s explosive offense and an opportunistic Irish defense that forced turnovers in several key situations. First-year Irish head coach Charlie Weis and former Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham shook hands before the game, and then got down to business. At the end, Notre Dame players swarmed around Willingham to shake his hand and wish him well.

A year after Notre Dame won 38-3 in South Bend against Washington; the Irish took their show on the road to do virtually the same thing against the Huskies before 71,473 fans in Husky Stadium. The win made Notre Dame 6-0 against Washington.

Quarterback Brady Quinn compiled 327 yards passing in a balanced attack that saw sophomore halfback Darius Walker rush for a career-high 128 yards on 21 carries. Walker became the first running back in Notre Dame history to rush for more than 100 yards in each of his first four games.

Quinn, who also ran for 29 yards, spread the wealth of passes around to his targets, with wide receiver Jeff Samardzija leading them all and gaining a career-high 164 yards. Notre Dame’s dominating offense controlled the game, and the Irish never punted until 11 seconds were left. They held possession of the ball for 36:56, breaking open the game with 24 points in the second half. Rashon Powers-Neal had a 2-yard touchdown run, Samardzija scored on a 52-yard pass and Travis Thomas scored on an 11-yard run.

Washington, down 29-3 in the fourth quarter, made the final score slightly more respectable with two late touchdowns, the first on a 1-yard run by Mark Palaita, and the second with 2:26 left on a 41-yard pass from reserve quarterback Johnny Durocher. Starting Husky quarterback Isaiah Stanback finished with 353 yards on 17-of-34 passing.

A fumble near the goal line on Washington’s game-opening, length-of-the-field drive cost the Huskies one touchdown, and an interception in the end zone, after Stanback’s career-high 69-yard pass to Marion Wood, cost them another in the second quarter. Notre Dame’s only costly turnover came on a botched field goal snap after driving to the Huskies’ 24 on its first possession.

Notre Dame led 12-3 at halftime, scoring on Walker’s 17-yard touchdown run, blowing an extra point, making field goals from the 25 in the first quarter, the 39 in the second quarter and holding Washington to a 27-yard field goal early in the second quarter. Washington gained all but five of its 243 yards in the first half on passes, while Notre Dame had the more balanced attack - 146 yards in the air, 102 on the ground.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	3	9	7	17	-	36
Washington	0	3	0	14	-	17

1st Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 25-yard field goal, 0:02 left. Drive: 11 plays, 47 yards, 4:34 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 3, Washington 0.

2nd Quarter

UW - Evan Knudson 27-yard field goal, 9:52 left. Drive: 10 plays, 70 yards, 5:10 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 3, Washington 3.

ND - Darius Walker 17-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 4:47 left. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 5:05 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 10, Washington 3.

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 39-yard field goal, 1:01 left. Drive: 9 plays, 59 yards, 2:34 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 12, Washington 3.

3rd Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 2-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:48 left. Drive: 7 plays, 68 yards, 2:35 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 19, Washington 3.

4th Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 25-yard field goal, 10:46. Drive: 12 plays, 58 yards, 5:04 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 22, Washington 3.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 52-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:48 left. Drive: 3 plays, 60 yards, 1:22 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 29, Washington 3.

UW - Mark Palaita 1-yard run (Evan Knudson kick), 6:01 left. Drive: 10 plays, 77 yards, 2:47 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 29, Washington 10.

ND - Travis Thomas 11-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 3:26 left. Drive: 5 plays, 44 yards, 2:35 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 36, Washington 10.

UW - Craig Chambers 41-yard pass from Johnny DuRocher (Knudson kick), 2:26 left. Drive: 5 plays, 70 yards, 1:00 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 36, Washington 17.

Attendance – 71,473

STATISTICS

	ND	UW
First Downs	31	20
Rushing	13	2
Passing	16	16
Penalty	2	2
Rushing Attempts	47	22
Yards Gained Rushing	262	65
Yards Lost Rushing	29	24
Net Yards Rushing	233	41
Net Yards Passing	327	408
Passes Attempted	37	40
Passes Completed	25	19
Had Intercepted	0	1
Total Offensive Plays	84	62
Total Net Yards	560	442
Average Gain Per Play	6.7	7.2
Fumbles: Number – Lost	2-0	2-2
Penalties: Number – Yards	6-60	3-25
Number of Punts – Yards	1-33	3-112
Average Yards Per Punt	33.0	37.3
Punt Returns: Number – Yards	2-31	1-10
Kickoff Returns: Number – Yards	8-415	4-202
Interceptions: Number – Yards	1-0	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number – Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	36:56	23:04
Third Down Conversions	6-13	2-10
Fourth Down Conversions	0-3	2-3
Sacks By: Number – Yards	3-16	1-2

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Darius Walker	21	142	14	128	1	18
Travis Thomas	7	52	0	52	1	16
Rashon Powers-Neal	9	30	0	30	1	10
Brady Quinn	4	29	0	29	0	13
Jeff Jenkins	3	4	0	4	0	3
Jeff Samardzija	2	5	2	3	0	5
Team	1	0	13	-13	0	-
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	37	25	0	327	1	52
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Jeff Samardzija	8	164	1	52		
Anthony Fasano	6	66	0	21		

Rashon Powers-Neal	4	28	0	11
Maurice Stovall	3	34	0	15
Darius Walker	3	20	0	10
John Carlson	1	15	0	15

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
PUNTING					
D.J. Fitzpatrick	1	33	33.0	33	0
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT		
Ambrose Wooden	-	-	1-0		
Tom Zbikowski	2-31	-	-		
David Grimes	-	1-31	-		

WASHINGTON

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Louis Rankin	8	30	3	27	0	18
Isaiah Stanback	7	24	16	8	0	15
Kenny James	4	8	3	5	0	4
Mark Palaita	1	1	0	1	1	1
James Sims	2	2	2	0	0	2

	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
PASSING						
Isaiah Stanback	34	17	1	353	0	69
Johnny DuRocher	5	2	0	55	1	41
Sonny Shackelford	1	0	0	0	0	-

	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Craig Chambers	5	127	1	49
Sonny Shackelford	4	50	0	19
Anthony Russo	3	61	0	39
Marlon Wood	1	69	0	69
Louis Rankin	1	29	0	29
Kenny James	1	17	0	17
Cody Ellis	1	15	0	15
James Sims	1	14	0	14
Johnie Kirton	1	13	0	13
Corey Williams	1	13	0	13

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
PUNTING					
Sean Douglas	2	100	50.0	60	0
Team	1	12	12.0	12	0

	PR	KO	INT
RETURNS			
Marlon Wood	1-10	1-20	-
Shelton Sampson	-	1-16	-
Matt Fountaine	-	1-17	-
Greyson Gunheim	-	1-11	-

(No. 13) NOTRE DAME 49, (No. 22) PURDUE 28
OCTOBER 1, 2005 • ROSS-ADE STADIUM

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Brady Quinn passed for 440 yards and three touchdowns against 22nd-ranked Purdue, leading No. 13 Notre Dame to a 49-28 victory before a national television audience (ESPN) and 65,491 fans at Ross-Ade Stadium.

Quinn looked a lot like another student of current Irish head coach Charlie Weis, Tom Brady of the New England Patriots, in the way he beat the Purdue secondary, mixing mostly short passes with just enough deep throws to keep the Boilermakers off balance.

Quinn was 20-for-23 for 283 yards in the first half to lead Notre Dame (4-1) to a 28-0 intermission lead. He finished the game 29-of-36 - a career-high 80.5 percent - and threw a TD pass for a 10th straight game, tying a school record set by Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte in 1964.

Quinn had lost his first two games against the Boilermakers despite passing for a combined 729 yards. The problem in 2003, his first collegiate start, was he was intercepted four times and didn't have a touchdown pass. Last year he was sacked seven times in a 41-16 loss.

On Saturday night, Quinn didn't throw an interception until Notre Dame was up 35-14 - and the Irish intercepted the ball back on the next play - and he was hardly pressured, as he cut up the Purdue secondary. Quinn passed for at least 300 yards for a third straight game. Previously, no Irish quarterback had passed for 300 yards twice in a season. He now has five games in his career of over 300 yards passing. In three of those he has surpassed 400 yards, but before Saturday night the two 400-yard efforts had ended in defeat.

Quinn completed eight straight passes at one point and 11 straight at another. Quinn's primary targets were Maurice Stovall and Samardzija. Stovall finished with eight catches for 134 yards, including four catches for 71 yards on Notre Dame's second scoring drive. Samardzija had a diving one-handed catch for 41 yards to the one-yard line to set up Notre Dame's first score. He also had a 55-yard scoring catch and a four-yard catch for a score, becoming the first Irish receiver to have touchdown catches in the team's first five games.

Notre Dame tight end John Carlson had his first career touchdown catch in the fourth quarter, a 22-yard pass from Quinn, who left the game with 11:31 left in the fourth quarter. Dorien Bryant had a career-high 14 catches for Purdue, two of them for touchdowns, for 127 yards. Brandon Kirsch was 29-of-44 passing for 274 yards with one interception. Kory Sheets ran for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Quinn's performance Saturday night gave him 6,038 career yards passing, third on the school's career list behind Steve Beuerlein with 6,527 in 1983-86 and Ron Powlus with 7,602 in 1994-97.

The Irish defense continued its stingy ways at the goal line, forcing two Purdue turnovers to squelch scoring threats. The first turnover, a fumble recovery by Mike Richardson at the Irish two-yard line, came after linebacker Brandon Hoyte forced Purdue's Jerod Void to fumble. The miscue set up a 98-yard Irish scoring drive that gave Notre Dame a 14-0 lead and control of the game.

The second turnover ended Purdue's fading hopes of a comeback in the third quarter. After Quinn's interception was returned by Rob Ninkovich to the Irish 26, Boilermaker quarterback Brandon Kirsch threw a pass to the corner of the end zone that Richardson picked off with a sliding catch to protect Notre Dame's 35-14 edge with 4:27 left in the period.

Notre Dame's offense racked up 621 yards of total offense on the night, including 468 through the air and 153 on the ground as the Irish controlled the ball for 36:03 of game time. The Irish punted only twice in the game and did not allow Quinn to be sacked.

SCORING SUMMARY

Notre Dame	7	21	7	14	-	49
Purdue	0	0	14	14	-	28

1st Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 1-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 8:54 left. Drive: 7 plays, 90 yards, 2:26 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, Purdue 0.

2nd Quarter

ND - Rashon Powers-Neal 1-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 14:16 left. Drive: 15 plays, 98 yards, 5:36 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, Purdue 0.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:24 left. Drive: 13 plays, 73 yards, 5:29 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, Purdue 0.

ND - Darius Walker 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:57 left. Drive: 5 plays, 63 yards, 2:23 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, Purdue 0.

3rd Quarter

PUR - Dorien Bryant 18-yard pass from Brandon Kirsch (Ben Jones kick), 11:31 left. Drive: 12 plays, 85 yards, 3:29 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, Purdue 7.

ND - Jeff Samardzija 55-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 8:48 left. Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards, 2:43 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 35, Purdue 7.

PUR - Dorien Bryant 3-yard pass from Brandon Kirsch (Jones kick), 6:37 left. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 2:11 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 35, Purdue 14.

4th Quarter

ND - John Carlson 22-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 11:31 left. Drive: 9 plays, 74 yards, 3:30 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 42, Purdue 14.

PUR - Kory Sheets 5-yard run (Jones kick), 8:58 left. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 2:33 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 42, Purdue 21.

ND - Travis Thomas 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 6:17 left. Drive: 6 plays, 45 yards, 2:41 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 49, Purdue 21.

PUR - Kory Sheets 8-yard run (Jones kick), 1:52 left. Drive: 7 plays, 54 yards, 0:55 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 49, Purdue 28.

Attendance - 65,491 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	PUR
First Downs	32	29
Rushing	8	7
Passing	24	20
Penalty	0	2
Rushing Attempts	50	24
Yards Gained Rushing	176	165
Yards Lost Rushing	23	1
Net Yards Rushing	153	164
Net Yards Passing	468	350
Passes Attempted	39	58
Passes Completed	30	33
Had Intercepted	2	1
Total Offensive Plays	89	82
Total Net Yards	621	514
Average Gain Per Play	7.0	6.3
Fumbles: Number - Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number - Yards	5-40	4-35
Number of Punts - Yards	2-73	3-132
Average Yards Per Punt	36.5	44.0
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	1-0	2-18
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	2-62	5-126
Interceptions: Number - Yards	1-0	2-32
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	36:03	23:57
Third Down Conversions	10-16	6-13
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	1-3
Sacks By: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Darius Walker	23	92	12	80	1	19
Jeff Jenkins	6	30	0	30	0	9
Brady Quinn	4	23	0	23	0	11
Travis Thomas	4	17	0	17	1	10
Rashon Powers-Neal	8	11	1	10	2	4
Jeff Samardzija	1	3	0	3	0	3
Team	4	0	10	-10	0	-
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	36	29	1	440	3	55
David Wolke	3	1	1	28	0	28
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Maurice Stovall	8	134	0	24		

Jeff Samardzija	7	153	2	55		
Matt Shelton	7	68	0	17		
Rashon Powers-Neal	3	35	0	15		
Anthony Fasano	2	30	0	19		
Rob Woods	1	28	0	28		
John Carlson	1	22	1	22		
Darius Walker	1	-2	0	-		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120	
D.J. Fitzpatrick	2	73	36.5	41	0	
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Mike Richardson	-	-	1-0			
Tom Zbikowski	1-0	-	-			
David Grimes	-	2-62	-			

PURDUE

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Kory Sheets	6	66	0	66	2	38
Brandon Kirsch	6	47	0	47	0	16
Brandon Jones	4	26	0	26	0	13
Jerod Void	6	24	1	23	0	14
Ray Williams	1	1	0	1	0	1
Dorien Bryant	1	1	0	1	0	1
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brandon Kirsch	44	29	1	274	2	31
Curtis Painter	14	4	0	76	0	23
RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG		
Dorien Bryant	14	127	2	31		
Kyle Ingraham	7	91	0	22		
Kevin Noel	3	41	0	28		
Andre Chattams	3	22	0	11		
Kory Sheets	2	36	0	23		
Greg Orton	2	17	0	9		
Ray Williams	1	11	0	11		
Brandon Jones	1	5	0	5		
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120	
Dave Brytus	3	132	44.0	54	2	
RETURNS	PR	KO	INT			
Dorien Bryant	-	3-102	-			
Ray Williams	-	2-24	-			
Josh Ferguson	-	-	1-3			
Lance Melvin	2-18	-	-			
Rob Ninkovich	-	-	1-29			

**(No. 9) NOTRE DAME 31, (No. 1) USC 34
OCTOBER 15, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – With help from a push by a teammate, University of Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart spun his way into the end zone with three seconds left to cap a chaotic finish as top-ranked USC escaped with its 28th straight victory, a dramatic 34-31 win over ninth-ranked Notre Dame in a game that lived up to the hype.

For a moment the Irish, dressed in kelly green jerseys, appeared to have added another stunning upset to their illustrious history. One play before the climactic quarterback sneak, Leinart scrambled inside the Irish five-yard line, launched himself toward the end zone but was stopped short and the ball was sent flying out of bounds on a hit by linebacker Corey Mays.

The clock kept ticking down to 0:00. Notre Dame's fans rushed the field and Irish head coach Charlie Weis raised his hands in victory, but after the officials huddled, seven seconds was put back on the clock and the ball was spotted inside the one-yard line. Leinart, the 2004 Heisman Trophy winner, took it in himself on the next play, going over the left side for the score. His first push appeared stopped but he bounced off of the pile and received a nudge from Trojans tailback Reggie Bush that sent him past two Irish defenders and into the end zone.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn had given Notre Dame a 31-28 lead with 2:04 left, dashing around right end for a five-yard touchdown, extending his right arm across the goal line with the ball to complete a flawless 87-yard march in eight plays to re-take the lead. But Leinart wasn't done. He completed a 61-yard pass to Dwayne Jarrett on a fourth-and-nine at his own 26, Jarrett making the catch despite excellent coverage by Irish cornerback Ambrose Wooden. A few plays later, Leinart called his own number for the deciding score.

Bush ran for 160 yards and three touchdowns for the two-time defending champions, making a huge statement for his own bid for the 2005 Heisman.

Weis tapped into the Fighting Irish's storied past and even in defeat etched a spot in it for himself and his team. He used every motivational play at his disposal, bringing in Dan "Rudy" Ruettiger and Joe Montana to fire up his team and the fans in Friday night's pep rally, then putting the Irish in their green jerseys after pre-game warm-ups.

The Trojans (6-0) trailed at the half for the third time this season, this time by 21-14 after Tom Zbikowski's 60-yard punt return early in the second quarter gave the Irish (4-2) their first lead. After Bush gave USC an early 7-0 lead with a 36-yard touchdown run, the Irish responded with a 16-yard score by running back Travis Thomas to cap a 13-play, 80-yard drive to tie it at 7-7.

USC ended the first period with a 14-7 lead after LenDale White scored on a three-yard run with 2:02 left in the quarter, but the Irish responded early in the second period with a 72-yard drive capped by a 32-yard pass from Quinn to Samardzija on a third down play. After Zbikowski's punt return gave the Irish the lead at the half, Bush tied the game with a 45-yard scoring gallop early in the third.

Notre Dame got the lead back with a 32-yard D.J. Fitzpatrick field goal early in the fourth quarter, but Bush struck again, going around the corner from nine yards out with 5:09 left to make it 28-24 to set up a chance for Quinn and the Irish to create a new Notre Dame legend.

The junior quarterback responded flawlessly as he guided the Irish on an 87-yard drive, completing all three of his passes and putting Notre Dame up, 31-28, with 2:04 left on a five-yard quarterback keeper around the right side. Quinn finished 19-for-35 passing for 264 yards and rushed for 21 yards and a score.

USC came in averaging 51 points per game, but the Irish put pressure on Leinart and intercepted him twice, the first time since the final game of the 2003 regular season he tossed two picks. The dynamic backfield of White and Bush was turned into a solo act, as Bush kept USC in it until Leinart made the plays of the game. His completion to Jarrett on the huge fourth-down conversion allowed him to finish with 301 yards passing.

Notre Dame's bid to reshape the national title race fell painfully short, but the Irish had established themselves as a force to be reckoned with nationally in a game many were calling one of the best ever played.

SCORING SUMMARY

USC	14	0	7	13	-	34
Notre Dame	7	14	0	10	-	31

1st Quarter

USC - Reggie Bush 36-yard run (Mario Danelo kick), 8:53 left. Drive: 2 plays, 50 yards, 0:34 elapsed. Score: USC 7, Notre Dame 0.

ND - Travis Thomas 16-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 3:06 left. Drive: 13 plays, 80 yards, 5:47 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, USC 7.

USC - LenDale White 3-yard run (Danelo kick), 2:02 left. Drive: 3 plays, 61 yards, 1:04 elapsed. Score: USC 14, Notre Dame 7.

2nd Quarter

ND - Jeff Samardzija 32-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:27 left. Drive: 10 plays, 72 yards, 2:25 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, USC 14.

ND - Tom Zbikowski 60-yard punt return (Fitzpatrick kick), 10:23 left. Score: Notre Dame 21, USC 14.

3rd Quarter

USC - Reggie Bush 45-yard run (Danelo kick), 9:28 left. Drive: 2 plays, 50 yards, 0:53 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, USC 21.

4th Quarter

ND - D.J. Fitzpatrick 32-yard field goal, 14:50 left. Drive: 8 plays, 40 yards, 3:21 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 24, USC 21.

USC - Reggie Bush 9-yard run (Danelo kick), 5:09 left. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 2:19 elapsed. Score: USC 28, Notre Dame 24.

ND - Brady Quinn 5-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:04 left. Drive: 8 plays, 87 yards, 3:05 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 31, USC 28.

USC - Matt Leinart 1-yard run (kick failed), 0:03 left. Drive: 9 plays, 75 yards, 2:01 elapsed. Score: USC 34, Notre Dame 31.

Attendance - 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	USC
First Downs	28	20
Rushing	12	6
Passing	12	11
Penalty	4	3
Rushing Attempts	52	31
Yards Gained Rushing	181	197
Yards Lost Rushing	28	22
Net Yards Rushing	153	175
Net Yards Passing	264	301
Passes Attempted	35	33
Passes Completed	19	17
Had Intercepted	1	2
Total Offensive Plays	87	64
Total Net Yards	417	476
Average Gain Per Play	4.8	7.4
Fumbles: Number - Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: Number - Yards	6-62	9-98
Number of Punts - Yards	5-199	6-275
Average Yards Per Punt	39.8	45.8
Punt Returns: Number - Yards	4-87	3-13
Kickoff Returns: Number - Yards	4-39	5-88
Interceptions: Number - Yards	2-13	1-14
Fumble Returns: Number - Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	38:40	21:20
Third Down Conversions	10-19	5-13
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	2-2
Sacks By: Number - Yards	2-16	3-20

NOTRE DAME

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
RUSHING						
Darius Walker	19	74	2	72	0	20
Travis Thomas	18	58	6	52	1	16
Brady Quinn	13	41	20	21	1	6
David Grimes	2	8	0	8	0	8
PASSING						
Brady Quinn	35	19	1	264	1	36
RECEIVING						
Jeff Samardzija	6	99	1	32		
Anthony Fasano	4	86	0	36		
Darius Walker	4	43	0	26		

Maurice Stovall	3	30	0	15		
Matt Shelton	1	5	0	5		
Asaph Schwapp	1	1	0	1		
PUNTING						
D.J. Fitzpatrick	5	199	39.8	45	2	
RETURNS						
Chinedum Ndukwe	-	-	-	1-0		
Mike Richardson	-	-	-	1-13		
Tom Zbikowski	4-87	1-10	-	-		
Ambrose Wooden	-	1-13	-	-		
David Grimes	-	2-36	-	-		
USC						
RUSHING						
Reggie Bush	15	163	3	160	3	45
LenDale White	10	29	3	26	1	8
Matt Leinart	6	5	16	-11	1	2
PASSING						
Matt Leinart	32	17	2	301	0	61
RECEIVING						
Dwayne Jarrett	4	101	0	61		
Steve Smith	4	990	0	40		
Reggie Bush	4	35	0	13		
Chris McFoy	3	19	0	12		
Dominique Byrd	2	56	0	52		
PUNTING						
Tom Malone	6	275	45.8	62	1	
RETURNS						
Reggie Bush	3-13	4-57	-	-		
Keith Rivers	-	-	-	1-14		
Desmond Reed	-	1-31	-	-		

**(No. 9) NOTRE DAME 49, BYU 23
OCTOBER 22, 2005 • NOTRE DAME STADIUM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – Notre Dame (5-2) won at home for the first time in 2005 while embarking on a record-setting passing day as the Irish made sure there would be no last-minute dramatics, beating Brigham Young (3-4) 49-23 behind Brady Quinn's school-record six touchdown passes. It was the first home win for Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis, the first Irish coach in 109 years to lose his first two home games - an overtime loss to Michigan State and in the final seconds to No. 1 USC.

Quinn was 32-of-41 for 467 yards, his third 400-yard passing game of the season. He broke the single-game school mark of five touchdown passes he set against Michigan State earlier this season by completing 25-of-30 in the first half for a school-record 287 yards. Senior Maurice Stovall became the first Irish receiver every to grab four touchdown catches in a game, catching a career-high and Irish record 14 passes for 207 yards. Jeff Samardzija had 10 catches for 152 yards and two touchdowns.

Stovall and Samardzija, who are both 6-foot-5, became the first Irish receivers to each have more than 10 catches in the same game, repeatedly going over smaller BYU defenders to catch passes. "Notre Dame's passing game was better than our coverage in every instance today," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said.

The Fighting Irish, who were beaten by BYU last season when they were held to 11 yards rushing, didn't try to run much against the Cougars until the reserves were playing in the fourth quarter, instead depending on Quinn's passing to open up the BYU defense.

BYU, which saw its two-game winning streak come to an end, lost its 12th straight to a ranked opponent. After falling behind 28-10 early in the third quarter when Quinn threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Samardzija, the Cougars rallied briefly to make the game interesting. John Beck threw a 24-yard pass to Jonny Harline to set up a 10-yard scoring run by Beck.

After forcing an Irish punt, Nathan Meikle returned the punt 22 yards to the Notre Dame 33 to set up BYU's next score. Beck threw a 10-yard scoring pass to Todd Watkins to cut the lead to 28-23. BYU went for the two-point conversion, but Beck's pass was intercepted by Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski.

Quinn quickly regained control, throwing a 42-yard touchdown pass to Samardzija and a 24-yard scoring pass to Stovall to give the Irish a 42-23 lead. Quinn's big day also included breaking the school record for touchdown passes in a season as he ran his total to 20, surpassing the 19 thrown by Ron Powlus in 1994.

For BYU, Beck was 26-of-45 passing for 317 yards with two interceptions. Harline finished with eight catches for 100 yards.

Quinn, who extended his record of consecutive games with touchdown passes to 12, also moved ahead of Steve Beuerlein into second place on Notre Dame's career passing yards. Quinn has thrown for 6,769 yards. Powlus is the school career leader with 7,602.

Samardzija, who had scoring catches of 14 and 21 yards, became the first Irish receiver to have touchdown catches in seven straight games, breaking the mark set by Malcolm Johnson in 1998. He also tied the school record of 11 touchdown catches in a season set by Derrick Mayes in 1994.

SCORING SUMMARY

BYU	10	0	13	0	-	23
Notre Dame	7	14	21	7	-	49

1st Quarter

BYU – Jared McLaughlin 44-yard field goal, 9:51 left. Drive: 9 plays, 42 yards, 5:09 elapsed. Score: BYU 3, Notre Dame 0.

ND – Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick), 7:12 left. Drive: 8 plays, 62 yards, 2:39 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 7, BYU 3.

BYU – Jonny Harline 12-yard pass from John Beck (Jared McLaughlin kick), 2:48 left. Drive: 4 plays, 51 yards, 1:54 elapsed. Score: BYU 10, Notre Dame 7.

2nd Quarter

ND – Jeff Samardzija 14-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 10:33 left. Drive: 7 plays, 52 yards, 2:10 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 14, BYU 10.

ND – Stovall 15-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:18 left. Drive: 8 plays, 76 yards, 3:41 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 21, BYU 10.

3rd Quarter

ND – Samardzija 21-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 12:50 left. Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:10 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, BYU 10.

BYU – John Beck 10-yard run (McLaughlin kick), 9:11 left. Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, 3:39 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, BYU 17.

BYU – Todd Watkins 10-yard pass from Beck (pass intercepted by Tom Zbikowski), 5:38 left. Drive: 7 plays, 33 yards, 2:58 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 28, BYU 23.

ND – Stovall 36-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 4:47 left. Drive: 2 plays, 75 yards, 0:51 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 35, BYU 23.

ND – Stovall 24-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick), 2:16 left. Drive: 3 plays, 55 yards, 1:10 elapsed. Score: Notre Dame 42, BYU 23.

4th Quarter

ND – Tom Zbikowski 83-yard interception return (Fitzpatrick kick), 9:24 left. Score: Notre Dame 49, BYU 23

Attendance – 80,795 (c)

STATISTICS

	ND	BYU
First Downs	27	26
Rushing	3	7
Passing	20	17
Penalty	4	2
Rushing Attempts	23	34
Yards Gained Rushing	64	110
Yards Lost Rushing	20	35
Net Yards Rushing	44	75
Net Yards Passing	467	317
Passes Attempted	41	45
Passes Completed	32	26
Had Intercepted	0	2
Total Offensive Plays	64	79
Total Net Yards	511	392
Average Gain Per Play	8.0	5.0
Fumbles: Number – Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties: Number – Yards	11-77	9-80
Number of Punts – Yards	5-221	6-258
Average Yards Per Punt	44.2	43.0
Punt Returns: Number – Yards	2-15	4-47
Kickoff Returns: Number – Yards	5-86	7-152
Interceptions: Number – Yards	2-86	0-0
Fumble Returns: Number – Yards	0-0	1-4
Time of Possession	26:21	33:39
Third Down Conversions	6-11	4-15
Fourth Down Conversions	0-0	2-3
Sacks By: Number – Yards	4-27	1-4

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Asaph Schwapp	8	27	0	27	0	6
Darius Walker	7	19	2	17	0	9
Jeff Samardzija	1	9	0	9	0	9
Ashley McConnell	1	3	0	3	0	3
Maurice Stovall	1	1	0	1	0	1
Travis Thomas	1	0	3	-3	0	-
Brady Quinn	4	5	15	-10	0	5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Brady Quinn	41	32	0	467	6	44

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Maurice Stovall	14	207	4	44
Jeff Samardzija	10	152	2	34
Anthony Fasano	5	55	0	24
Darius Walker	1	37	0	37
David Grimes	1	8	0	8
Matt Shelton	1	8	0	8

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
D.J. Fitzpatrick	5	221	44.2	51	0

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
David Grimes	-	3-62	-
Tom Zbikowski	2-15	-	1-83
Mike Richardson	-	-	1-3
D.J. Hord	-	2-24	-

BYU

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	LG
Naufahu Tahi	14	63	0	63	0	13
Curtis Brown	12	31	8	23	0	6
Manase Tonga	1	1	0	1	0	1
John Beck	7	15	27	-12	1	10

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD	LG
John Beck	45	26	2	317	2	27

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	TD	LG
Jonny Harline	8	100	1	27
Naufahu Tahi	5	73	0	24
Curtis Brown	5	52	0	25
Todd Watkins	4	63	1	24
Zac Collie	1	11	0	11
Nathan Meikle	1	8	0	8
Daniel Coats	1	7	0	7
Manase Tonga	1	3	0	3

PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	LG	120
Derek McLaughlin	6	258	43.0	53	2

RETURNS	PR	KO	INT
Nathan Meikle	4-47	-	-
Breyon Jones	-	7-152	-

2005 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSE	X	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	Y	Z	QB	FB	HB
at Pitt	Samardzija	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	**Carlson	Quinn	**Freeman	Walker
at Michigan	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	**McKnight	Quinn	**Samardzija	Walker
Michigan State	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	**Samardzija	Quinn	**Carlson	Walker
at Washington	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Morton	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	**Samardzija	Quinn	**Carlson	Walker
at Purdue	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	Powers-Neal	Walker
USC	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	Schwapp	Walker
BYU	Stovall	Harris	Santucci	Sullivan	Stevenson	LeVoir	Fasano	Samardzija	Quinn	**Shelton	**Grimes
Tennessee											
Navy											
Syracuse											
at Stanford											

**Started game with 3 TEs vs. Pitt; started extra WR at Michigan & vs. Mich. State; started 2 TEs vs. Washington; started 5 receivers vs. BYU

DEFENSE	DE	DT	NG	DE	Apache	MLB	OLB	CB	FS	SS	CB
at Pitt	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Michigan	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Michigan State	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Washington	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
at Purdue	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	**Ferrine	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
USC	Frome	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
BYU	Talley	Laws	Landri	Abiamiri	Crum, Jr.	Mays	Hoyte	Richardson	Ndukwe	Zbikowski	Wooden
Tennessee											
Navy											
Syracuse											
at Stanford											

Redzone Statistics												
ND	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
	#	Scored	Pts.	Total	Run	Pass	G	NG	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half
Pittsburgh	6	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Michigan	2	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSU	5	4	28	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wash.	5	5	26	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	5	5	35	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
USC	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BYU	4	3	21	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tennessee												
Navy												
Syracuse												
Stanford												
Totals	31	27	176	24	13	11	3	1	0	0	2	1
Opponent	Inside 20			Touchdowns			FG		Failed to score			
#	Scored	Pts.	Total	Run	Pass	G	NG	Dns	Int	Fmb	Half	
Pitt	2	2	11	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
MSU	5	5	30	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wash.	4	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Purdue	5	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
USC	4	3	20	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BYU	4	3	20	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tennessee												
Navy												
Syracuse												
Stanford												
Totals	27	19	119	16	10	6	3	0	1	4	3	0

Third-Down Conversions			
Player	Rush	Rec.	Total
Samardzija	-	10	10
Walker	5	2	7
Stovall	-	8	8
Quinn	5	-	5
Powers-Neal	4	-	4
Fasano	-	3	3
Shelton	-	2	2
T. Thomas	2	-	2
Carlson	-	1	1
Grimes	-	1	1
McKnight	-	1	1
Schwapp	2	-	2
Wolke	1	-	1
Woods	-	1	1
Penalty	-	-	4
Totals	19	29	52

ND on third down: 52-107 (.486)

Fourth-Down Conversions			
Player	Rush	Rec.	Total
Powers-Neal	1	-	1
Quinn	2	-	2
Stovall	-	1	1
Walker	1	-	1
Totals	4	1	5

ND on fourth down: 5-9 (.555)

2005 Team Game-by-Game Statistics

	Rushing (No.-Yds-TD)	Passing (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds-TD)	Total Offense (Plays-Yds)	First Downs (Total-Run-Pass-Penalty)	Fumbles (No.-Lost)	Time of Possession (Min.:Sec.)
Notre Dame	50-275-4	27-18-1-227-2	77-502	33-20-11-2	1-0	32:46
at Pitt	31-103-1	35-20-1-220-1	66-323	20-8-9-3	2-1	27:14
Notre Dame	44-104-0	30-19-0-140-2	74-244	17-9-8-0	3-1	30:56
at Michigan	29-114-0	44-19-1-223-1	73-337	15-6-9-0	3-1	29:04
Notre Dame	38-107-0	60-33-1-487-5	98-594	31-10-19-2	1-1	35:49
vs. Michigan State	36-161-2	27-16-1-327-3	63-488	18-7-10-1	4-2	24:11
Notre Dame	47-233-3	37-25-0-327-1	84-560	31-13-16-2	2-0	36:56
at Washington	22-41-1	40-19-1-408-1	62-449	20-2-16-2	2-2	23:04
Notre Dame	50-153-4	39-30-2-468-3	89-621	32-3-24-0	0-0	36:03
at Purdue	24-164-2	58-33-1-350-2	82-514	29-7-20-2	1-1	23:57
Notre Dame	52-153-2	35-19-1-264-1	87-417	28-12-12-4	2-1	38:40
vs. USC	31-175-5	33-17-2-301-0	64-476	20-6-11-3	1-0	21:20
Notre Dame	23-44-0	41-32-0-467-6	64-511	27-3-20-4	3-2	26:21
vs. BYU	34-75-1	45-26-2-317-2	79-392	26-7-17-2	0-0	33:39
Notre Dame vs. Tennessee						
Notre Dame vs. Navy						
Notre Dame vs. Syracuse						
Notre Dame at Stanford						

Turnovers

Opponent	Takeaways			Giveaways			Differential	Result
	Fmb	INT	Total	Fmb	INT	Total		
at Pitt	1	1	2	0	1	1	+1	W, 42-21
at Michigan	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	W, 17-10
vs. MSU	2	1	3	1	1	2	+1	L, 41-44
at Washington	2	1	3	0	0	0	+3	W, 36-17
at Purdue	1	1	2	2	0	2	-0-	W, 49-28
vs. USC	0	2	2	1	1	2	-0-	L, 31-34
vs. BYU	2	0	2	0	2	2	-0-	W, 49-23
vs. Tennessee								
vs. Navy								
vs. Syracuse								
at Stanford								
Totals	9	7	16	5	5	10	+6	5-2

Turnover Analysis

16 opponent turnovers have led to 41 of 265 (.155) Notre Dame points (5 TD/5 PAT/2 FG)
 10 Notre Dame turnovers have led to 31 of 177 (.175) opponent points (4 TD/4 PAT/1 FG)

Field Position

	Notre Dame	Opponents
Drives Started	92	92
Cumulative Starting Yardline	2676	2863
Avg. Starting Field Position	own 29	own 31
Drives started in plus territory	59	58
Scores (TD/FG)	30 (25/5)	20 (16/4)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	12/3/2	19/5/2
Turnovers/End of Half	9/3	10/2
Drives started at/inside own 20	28	34
Scores (TD/FG)	6 (5/1)	7 (5/2)
Punts/Downs/Missed FG	17/1/0	16/2/1
Turnovers/End of Half	1/3	6/2

First Downs Earned

Player	Rush	Rec	Total
Walker	38	7	45
Stovall	-	32	32
Samardzija	-	30	30
Fasano	1	18	19
Powers-Neal	8	4	12
Quinn	11	-	11
Shelton	-	10	10
T. Thomas	9	-	9
McKnight	-	4	4
Jenkins	3	-	3
Schwapp	4	-	4
Carlson	-	2	2
Grimes	-	2	2
Wolke	1	-	1
Woods	-	1	1
Penalty			14
Team Totals	75	110	199

2005 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics**Rushing**

(No.-Yards-TD)	Walker	T.Thomas	Powers-Neal	Hoskins	Quinn	Jenkins	Schwapp
at Pittsburgh	20-100-2	8-40-0	8-41-3	0-0-0	5-49-0	6-17-0	2-6-0
at Michigan	26-104-0	0-0-0	6-19-0	0-0-0	7-(-16)-0	0-0-0	2-8-0
Michigan State	26-116-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-(-8)-0	0-0-0	5-(-1)-0
at Washington	21-128-1	7-52-1	9-30-1	DNP	4-29-0	3-4-0	0-0-0
at Purdue	23-80-1	4-17-1	8-10-2	0-0-0	4-23-0	6-30-0	0-0-0
USC	19-72-0	18-52-1	DNP	DNP	13-21-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
BYU	7-17-0	1-(-3)-0	DNP	DNP	4-(-10)-0	0-0-0	8-27-0
Tennessee							
Navy							
Syracuse							
at Stanford							

Passing

(Attempts-Completions-Interceptions-Yards-TD)	Quinn	Wolke	Sharpley	Mooney
at Pittsburgh	27-18-1-227-2	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
at Michigan	30-19-0-140-2	DNP	DNP	DNP
Michigan State	60-33-1-487-5	DNP	DNP	DNP
at Washington	37-25-0-327-1	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
at Purdue	36-29-1-440-3	3-1-1-28-0	DNP	0-0-0
USC	35-19-1-264-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
BYU	41-32-0-467-6	0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Tennessee				
Navy				
Syracuse				
at Stanford				

Receiving

(No.-Yds-TD)	McKnight	Fasano	Stovall	Shelton	Samardzija	Carlson	Walker	T.Thomas	Powers-Neal	Freeman
at Pittsburgh	3-51-0	4-42-0	2-27-0	0-0-0	3-34-1	2-3-0	3-52-1	0-0-0	1-18-0	0-0-0
at Michigan	2-18-1	4-18-0	2-17-0	1-4-0	4-52-1	0-0-0	5-22-0	0-0-0	1-9-0	0-0-0
Michigan State	DNP	7-93-0	8-176-1	6-87-0	6-96-3	0-0-0	5-24-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Washington	DNP	6-66-0	3-34-0	0-0-0	8-164-1	1-15-0	3-20-0	0-0-0	04-28-0	0-0-0
at Purdue	DNP	2-30-0	8-134-0	7-68-0	7-153-2	1-22-1	1-(-2)-0	0-0-0	3-35-0	0-0-0
USC	4-86-0	3-30-0	1-5-0	6-99-1	0-0-0	4-43-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP
BYU	5-55-0	14-207-4	1-8-0	10-152-2	0-0-0	1-37-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP
Tennessee										
Navy										
Syracuse										
at Stanford										

Field Goals

(*-missed FG)	at Pitt	at Michigan	MSU	at Wash.	at Purdue	USC	BYU	Tenn.	Navy	Syracuse	Stanford
Fitzpatrick	0-0	1-1	2-3	3-3	0-0	1-2	0-0				

2005 Individual Game-by-Game Statistics

Tackles

(Unassisted-Assisted-Total Tackles-Tackles for Loss-Fumble Recovery-Interception-Pass Broken Up-Sack)

	at Pitt	at Michigan	Michigan State	at Washington	at Purdue	USC
Abiamiri	4-2-6-1-0-0-0-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	3-4-7-2-0-1-0-0	2-0-2-1-0-0-0-1	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-1-0-0-0-1
Anastasio	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0
Beidatsch	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-1	0-3-3-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Borseti	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Brockington	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-5-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Brown	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Bruton	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	DNP
Carney	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Crum	3-2-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-4-4-0-0-0-0-0
Cullen	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0
Ferrine	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	4-0-4-1-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0
Frome	1-0-1-1-0-0-1-1	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-1-1-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
B. Harris	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	DNP
Hedgemon	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Hoyte	6-3-9-5-0-0-0-2	10-2-12-1-0-0-1-1	3-5-8-2-5-0-0-0-0	5-3-8-3-0-0-0-1	5-0-5-0-0-0-1-0	2-5-7-0-0-0-0-0
Kuntz	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	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Lambert	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-1-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0
Landri	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-1-0-0-0-1	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-6-7-0-5-0-0-0-0
Laws	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-1-0	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-2-3-1-0-0-0-1
Mays	2-1-3-2-0-0-0-1	5-3-8-0-0-0-2-0	0-6-6-1-5-1-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-1-0-0-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0
Ndukwe	2-1-3-0-1-0-1-0	3-1-4-0-1-0-0-0	3-2-5-0-1-1-0-0	7-0-7-1-1-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0	0-3-3-0-0-1-0-0
S. Quinn	DNP	DNP	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Richardson	3-0-3-0-0-0-1-0	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0	2-3-5-1-0-0-1-1	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	9-0-9-0-1-1-2-0	6-0-6-1-0-1-0-0
Salvador	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0	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	1-1-2-0-0-0-0-0
Smith	DNP	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP
Talley	2-0-2-0-0-0-0-0	1-1-2-0-0-0-1-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-4-4-0-5-0-0-0
M. Thomas	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Wooden	10-2-12-0-0-0-1-0	5-0-5-0-0-0-0-0	2-1-3-0-5-0-0-2-0	9-0-9-0-0-1-1-0	7-0-7-0-0-0-1-0	4-3-7-0-0-0-0-0
Zbikowski	3-5-8-0-0-1-1-0	8-1-9-0-0-1-1-0	5-2-7-0-0-0-0-0	3-0-3-0-0-0-0-0	3-1-4-0-0-0-0-0	4-2-6-0-0-0-0-0

	BYU	Tennessee	Navy	Syracuse	at Stanford
Abiamiri	3-1-4-1-5-0-0-1-5				
Anastasio	DNP				
Beidatsch	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Borseti	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Brockington	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Brown	0-1-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Bruton	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Carney	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Crum	4-1-5-0-0-0-0-0				
Cullen	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Ferrine	5-1-6-1-0-0-0-0				
Frome	DNP				
B. Harris	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Hedgemon	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Hoyte	1-6-7-0-5-0-0-0-0				
Kuntz	0-2-2-0-0-0-0-0				
Lambert	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Laws	1-8-9-1-0-0-0-0				
Mays	0-2-2-0-5-0-0-0-0				
Ndukwe	4-4-8-0-0-0-0-0				
S. Quinn	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Richardson	3-2-5-0-0-0-1-0				
Salvador	1-0-1-0-0-0-0-0				
Smith	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Talley	2-5-7-1-0-0-0-1				
M. Thomas	0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0				
Wooden	6-0-6-0-0-0-0-0				
Zbikowski	4-4-8-0-0-0-1-0				

2005 Notre Dame Scoring Drives

Game	Qtr	Time/Scoring Play/Key Play	Drive
at Pitt	1	8:19/Darius Walker 51-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/51-yard pass from Quinn to Walker on 2nd and 6	6p, 78yd, 2:39
	2	13:07/Walker 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/27-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight to Pitt 27 on 1st and 10	9p, 65yd, 3:33
	2	6:58/Rashon Powers-Neal 2 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/18-yards pass from Quinn to Fasano to Pitt 24 on 1st and 10	9p, 65yd, 4:20
	2	6:03/Jeff Samardzija 19 pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Chinedum Ndukwe fumble recovery on kickoff at Pitt 19	2p, 19yd, 0:45
	2	1:39/Powers-Neal 9 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Powers-Neal 18-yard pass from Quinn to Pitt 41 on 1st and 10	8p, 70yd, 2:41
	3	7:59/Powers-Neal 4 run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Late hit personal foul on Pitt after Quinn run on 3rd and 25 moves ND to Pitt 34	20p, 80yd, 7:01
at Michigan	1	12:02/Rhema McKnight 5-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/13-yard pass from Quinn to McKnight to UM 38	12p, 76 yd, 2:58
	2	4:24/Jeff Samardzija 5-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Darius Walker 17-yard run on 2nd and 10 to UM 5	12p, 72yd, 4:25
	4	14:11/D.J. Fitzpatrick 43-yard FG/Tom Zbikowski 19-yard punt return to UM33	4p, 8 yd, 1:21
Mich. State	1	5:14/Jeff Samardzija 18-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/17-yard pass from Quinn to M. Stovall to MSU 20	13p, 70yd, 6:24
	2	9:49/D.J. Fitzpatrick 48-yard FG/Stovall 23-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd and 12 to MSU 33	10p, 37yd, 3:09
	2	8:43/Samardzija 31-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Chinedum Ndukwe fumble recovery on kickoff at MSU 34	3p, 34yd, 1:06
	3	1:23/Darius Walker 6-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 26-yard pass from Quinn to MSU 6	9p, 80yd, 3:44
	4	12:29/Maurice Stovall 7-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Stovall 50-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 10 to MSU 14	5p, 64yd, 1:17
	4	2:31/Samardzija 4-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Matt Shelton 20-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 10 to MSU 37	8p, 57yd, 2:35
OT	—/Fitzpatrick 44-yard FG	4p, 0yd, —	
at Washington	1	0:02/D.J. Fitzpatrick 25-yard FG/Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Brady Quinn on 3rd & 4 to ND 43	11p, 47yd, 4:34
	2	4:47/Darius Walker 17-yard run (kick failed)/Walker 17-yard run on 1st & 10 to 50	10p, 80yd, 5:05
	2	1:01/Fitzpatrick 39-yard FG/Jeff Samardzija 16-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to UW 39	9p, 59yd, 2:39
	3	2:48/Rashon Powers-Neal 2-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 43-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to UW 25	7p, 68yd, 2:35
	4	10:46/Fitzpatrick 25-yard FG/Anthony Fasano 21-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 8 to UW42	12p, 58yd, 5:04
	4	8:48/Jeff Samardzija 52-yard pass (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 52-yard pass on 3rd & 2 for touchdown	3p, 60yd, 1:22
	4	3:26/Travis Thomas 11-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Travis Thomas 16-yard run on 2nd & 6 to UW 13	5p, 44yd, 2:35
at Purdue	1	8:54/Rashon Powers-Neal 1-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Jeff Samardzija 41-yard pass from Brady Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 1	7p, 90yd, 2:26
	2	14:16/Powers-Neal 1-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 19-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 8 to the ND 23	15p, 98yd, 5:36
	2	6:24/Jeff Samardzija 4-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Anthony Fasano 19-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 12 to ND 44	13p, 73yd, 5:29
	2	2:57/Darius Walker 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 27-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 45	5p, 63yd, 2:23
	3	8:48/Samardzija 55-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Quinn 3-yard run on 3rd & 1 to ND 42	6p, 80yd, 2:43
	4	11:31/John Carlson 22-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Matt Shelton 17-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to PU 43	9p, 74yd, 3:30
	4	6:17/Travis Thomas 10-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Rob Woods 28-yard pass from David Wolke on 3rd & 3 to PU 10	6p, 45yd, 2:41
USC	1	3:06/Travis Thomas 16-yard run (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Pass interference on USC on 3rd & 11 to USC 32	13p, 80yd, 5:47
	2	12:27/Jeff Samardzija 32-yard pass from Brady Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 13-yard pass from Quinn on 3rd & 10 to USC 33	10p, 72yd, 2:25
	2	10:23/Tom Zbikowski 60-yard punt return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive
	4	14:50/D.J. Fitzpatrick 32-yard FG/Anthony Fasano 22-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to USC 21	8p, 40yd, 3:21
	4	2:04/Brady Quinn 5-yard run (Fitzpatrick kick)/Darius Walker 20-yard run on 1st & 10 to USC 9	8p, 87yd, 3:05
BYU	1	7:12/Maurice Stovall 10-yard pass from Brady Quinn (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)/Stovall 16-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to BYU 14	8p, 62yd, 2:39
	2	10:33/Jeff Samardzija 14-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Anthony Fasano 17-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 21 to BYU 19	7p, 52yd, 2:10
	2	4:18/Stovall 15-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 26-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 9 to BYU 30	8p, 76yd, 3:41
	3	12:50/Samardzija 21-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Stovall 15-yard pass from Quinn on 1st & 10 to ND 40	6p, 75yd, 2:10
	3	4:47/Stovall 36-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Darius Walker 37-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 15 to BYU 36	2p, 75yd, 0:51
	3	2:16/Stovall 24-yard pass from Quinn (Fitzpatrick kick)/Samardzija 34-yard pass from Quinn on 2nd & 13 to BYU 24	3p, 55yd, 1:10
	4	9:24/Tom Zbikowski 83-yard interception return (Fitzpatrick kick)	no drive

2005 Opponent Scoring Drives

Game	Qtr	Time/Scoring Play/Key Play	Drive
at Pitt	1	10:58/Greg Lee 39 pass from Tyler Palko (Josh Cummings kick)/2-yard sneak by Palko on 3rd and 1 to ND 39	8p, 73yd, 4:02
	1	1:40/Josh Cummings 49 FG/Joe Delsardo 9-yard pass from Palko on 3rd and 2 to ND 37	7p, 22yd, 3:43
	4	12:55/Tyler Palko 4-yard run (Cummings kick)/Raymond Kirkley 55-yard run on 1st and 10 to ND 17	7p, 72yd, 1:49
at Michigan	2	14:04/Garrett Rivas 38-yard FG/Steve Breaston 30-yard run on reverse to ND 26	5p, 35yd, 1:15
	4	3:47/Mario Manningham 25-yard pass from Chad Henne (Rivas kick)/Jason Avant 18-yard pass from Henne to ND 32	5p, 50yd, 0:37
Michigan State	1	11:38/Matt Trannon 20-yard pass from Drew Stanton (John Goss kick)/Kyle Brown 28-yard pass from Stanton to ND 15	4p, 70yd, 1:55
	1	2:01/Kellen Davis 11-yard pass from Stanton (Goss kick)/Javon Ringer 25-yard pass from Stanton to ND 23	7p, 67yd, 3:13
	2	5:26/Goss 21-yard FG/Jason Teague 34-yard pass from Stanton to ND 11	8p, 76yd, 3:17
	2	0:27/Stanton 3-yard run (Goss kick)/Terry Love 45-yard pass from Stanton to ND 2	6p, 71yd, 0:46
	3	5:07/Trannon 65-yard pass from Stanton (Goss kick)/Trannon 27-yard pass from Stanton on 3rd & 12 to MSU 35	4p, 90yd, 1:27
	OT	—/Jason Teague 19-yard run (no kick)	2 p, 25yd, —
at Washington	2	9:52/Evan Knudson 27-yard FG/Sonny Shackelford 19-yard pass from Isaiah Stanback on 2nd & 8 to ND 39	10p, 70yd, 5:10
	4	6:01/Mark Palaita 1-yard run (Evan Knudson kick)/Louis Rankin 29-yard pass from Stanback on 1st & 10 to ND 48	10p, 77yd, 2:47
	4	2:26/Craig Chambers 41-yard pass from Johnny DuRocher (Knudson kick)/15-yard roughing pass penalty on ND to ND 41	5p, 70yd, 1:00
at Purdue	3	11:31/Dorien Bryant 18-yard pass from Brandon Kirsch (Ben Jones kick)/Ray Williams 11-yard pass from Kirsch on 2nd & 6 to ND 48	12p, 85yd, 3:29
	3	6:37/Bryant 3-yard pass from Kirsch (Jones kick)/Bryant 31-yard pass from Kirsch on 1st & 10 to ND 49	10p, 80yd, 2:11
	4	8:58/Kory Sheets 5-yard run (Jones kick)/Bryant 17-yard pass from Kirsch on 1st & 10 to PU 47	10p, 80yd, 2:33
	4	1:52/Sheets 8-yard run (Jones kick)/Sheets 23-yard pass from Curtis Painter on 1st & 10 to ND 21	7p, 54yd, 0:55
USC	1	8:53/Reggie Bush 36-yard run (Mario Danelo kick)/Dwayne Jarrett 14-yard pass from Matt Leinart on 1st & 10 to ND 36	2p, 50yd, 0:34
	1	2:02/LenDale 3-yard run (Danelo kick)/Dominique Byrd 52-yard pass from Leinart on 1st & 10 to ND 9	3p, 61yd, 1:04
	3	9:28/Bush 45-yard run (Danelo kick)	2p, 50yd, 0:53
	4	5:09/Bush 9-yard run (Danelo kick)/Bush 22-yard run on reverse on 1st & 10 to ND 34	10p, 80yd, 2:19
	4	0:03/Matt Leinart 1-yard run (kick failed)/Jarrett 61-yard pass from Leinart on 4th & 9 to ND 13	9p, 75yd, 2:01
BYU	1	9:51/Jared McLaughlin 44-yard FG/Naufahu Tahi 24-yard pass from John Beck on 1st & 10 to ND 45	9p, 42yd, 5:09
	1	2:48/Jonny Harline 12-yard pass from John Beck (Jared McLaughlin kick)/Harline 27-yard pass from Beck on 2nd & 8 to ND 22	4p, 51yd, 1:54
	3	9:11/John Beck 10-yard run (McLaughlin kick)/Harline 24-yard pass from Beck on 3rd & 10 to ND 16	10p, 75yd, 3:39
	3	5:38/Todd Watkins 10-yard pass from Beck (pass failed - intercepted by Zbikowski)/Tahi 15-yard pass from Beck on 3rd & 5 to ND 13	7p, 33yd, 2:58

THE LAST TIME...

NOTRE DAME ...

RUSHING

Had 400 or more yards:at Boston College, 1996 (426)
 Had 300 or more yards:at Stanford, 2003 (320)
 Had 70 or more rushing attempts:vs. Michigan State, 1991 (76)
 Had 60 or more rushing attempts:vs. West Virginia, 2001 (69)
 Had 50 or more rushing attempts:vs. USC, 2005 (52)
 Had six or more rush TDs:vs. Navy, 1996 (6)
 Had five or more rush TDs:at USC, 2000 (5)
 Had four or more rush TDs:at Purdue, 2005 (4)
 Had two players with 100 rush yards in a game:vs. Stanford, 2002
 (Rashon Powers-Neal 108, Ryan Grant 103)

PASSING

Had 500 or more yards:at USC, 1970 (526)
 Had 400 or more yards:vs. BYU, 2005 (467)
 Had 300 or more yards:vs. BYU, 2005 (467)
 Had 40 or more pass attempts:vs. BYU, 2005 (41)
 Had 30 or more pass attempts:vs. BYU, 2005 (32)
 Had 25 or more pass completions:vs. BYU, 2005 (32)
 Had 20 or more pass completions:vs. BYU, 2005 (32)
 Had six passing TDs:vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Had five passing TDs:vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Had four passing TDs:vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Had three passing TDs:vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 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. BYU, 2005
 (Maurice Stovall - 207, Jeff Samardzija - 152)
 Had a player with over 150 receiving yards in a game:vs. BYU, 2005
 (Maurice Stovall - 207, Jeff Samardzija - 152)
 Had two players with 10 catches in a game:vs. BYU, 2005
 (Maurice Stovall - 14, Jeff Samardzija - 10)

COMBINATION OFFENSE

Had a 200-yard passer and 100-yard rusher in a game:vs. Michigan State, 2005
 (Brady Quinn - 327 passing, Darius Walker - 128 rushing)
 Had a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in a game:vs. Michigan State, 2005
 (Jeff Samardzija - 164 receiving, Darius Walker - 128 rushing)

TOTAL OFFENSE

Had 600 or more yards total offense:at Purdue, 2005 (621)
 Had 500 or more yards total offense:vs. BYU, 2005 (511)
 Had 400 or more yards total offense:vs. BYU, 2005 (511)
 Had 85 or more plays total offense:vs. USC, 2005 (87)
 Had 75 or more plays total offense:vs. USC, 2005 (87)

SCORING

Scored 60 or more points:vs. Rutgers, 1996 (62)
 Scored 50 or more points:at Stanford, 2003 (57)
 Scored 40 or more points:vs. BYU, 2005 (49)
 Scored 30 or more points:vs. BYU, 2005 (49)
 Allowed 60 or more points:Never
 Allowed 50 or more points:at Miami (Fla.), 1985 (58)
 Allowed 40 or more points:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (44)
 Allowed 30 or more points:vs. USC, 2005 (34)
 Was held scoreless:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless at home:vs. Florida State, 2003 (37-0)
 Was held scoreless on the road:at Michigan, 2003 (38-0)
 Held opponent scoreless:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at home:vs. Rutgers, 2002 (42-0)
 Held opponent scoreless on the road:at Purdue, 1993 (17-0)
 Held opponent scoreless at neutral site:vs. Maryland
 (Giants Stadium - East Rutherford, NJ), 2002 (22-0)
 Held two opponents scoreless in a season:2002 vs. Maryland (22-0)
 vs. Rutgers (42-0)
 Held three opponents scoreless in a season:1976 vs. Purdue (23-0)
 at Northwestern (49-0), vs. Oregon (41-0)
 Held four opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
 vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held five opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
 vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Held six opponents scoreless in a season:1966 vs. Army (35-0)
 vs. North Carolina (32-0), at Oklahoma (38-0), vs. Pittsburgh (40-0)
 vs. Duke (64-0), at USC (51-0)
 Had multiple players with multiple TDs in a game:vs. BYU, 2005
 (Maurice Stovall - 4, Jeff Samardzija - 2)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:at Washington, 2005
 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:vs. BYU, 2005 (1)
 (Tom Zbikowski - 83 yards)
 Returned a fumble for a TD:at Michigan State, 2004 (1)
 (Tom Zbikowski - 75 yards)

DEFENSE

Held opponent 50 or fewer rushing yards:at Washington, 2005 (41)
 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:at Pitt, 2005 (5)
 Held opponent to 10 or fewer first downs:at Pittsburgh, 2003 (9)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a punt for a TD:vs. USC, 2005
 (Tom Zbikowski, 60 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:at Washington, 2005
 Punted 10 or more times:at Tennessee, 2004 (10)
 Did not punt:vs. Pittsburgh, 1993
 Blocked a field goal:at Purdue, 2005
 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:at Washington, 2005
 Had a kicking PAT blocked:at Stanford, 2003
 Had a punt blocked:vs. Michigan State, 2005

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:at Purdue, 2005 (32)
 Had 20 or more first downs:vs. BYU, 2005 (27)
 Was not penalized:at LSU, 1997
 Had 10 or more penalties:vs. BYU, 2005 (11)
 Had 120 or more yards in penalties:at Rutgers, 2000 (120)
 Had 35 minutes or more of possession time:vs. USC, 2005 (38:40)
 Was involved in a tie game:at USC, 1994 (17-17)
 Was involved in an overtime game:vs. Michigan State, 2005 (L, 41-44)

A NOTRE DAME PLAYER ...

RUSHING

Rushed for 300 or more yards:Never
 Rushed for 250 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:Darius Walker at Washington, 2005 (128)
 Rushed for 100 or more yards:Darius Walker at Washington, 2005 (128)
 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 vs. Michigan State, 2005 (26)
 Rushed for four or more TDs:Emmett Mosley vs. Navy, 1994 (4)
 Rushed for three or more TDs:Rashon Powers-Neal at Pitt, 2005 (3)
 Rushed for two or more TDs:Rashon Powers-Neal at Purdue, 2005 (2)
 Had a run of 80 yards or more:Terrance Howard at West Virginia, 2000 (80)
 Had a run of 70 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. BYU, 2005 (467)
 Passed for 300 or more yards:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (467)
 Attempted 50 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. Michigan State, 2005 (60)
 Attempted 40 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (41)
 Attempted 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (41)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (32)
 Completed 20 or more passes:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (32)
 Threw five or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 Threw four or more TDs:Brady Quinn vs. BYU, 2005 (6)
 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 at Purdue, 2005 (55)

TURNOVERS

Did not commit a turnover:Oregon State, 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:Michigan State, 2005
 (Sir Daraan Adams - 30 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, 2005 (44)
 Held ND to 200 or fewer passing yards:Michigan, 2005 (140)
 Held ND to 100 or fewer passing yards:Pittsburgh, 2003 (33)
 Held ND to 300 or fewer yards total offense:Michigan, 2005 (244)
 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:USC, 2005

MISCELLANEOUS

Had 30 or more first downs:USC, 2002 (31)
 Had 20 or more first downs:BYU, 2005 (26)
 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:USC, 2005
 (Reggie Bush, 160 rushing, Dwayne Jarrett, 101 receiving)

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:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (160)
 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:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (3)
 Rushed for two or more TDs:Reggie Bush, USC, 2005 (3)
 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:Raymond Kirkley, Pittsburgh, 2005 (55)

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:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (317)
 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:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (45)
 Completed 30 or more passes:Carson Palmer, USC, 2002 (32)
 Completed 20 or more passes:John Beck, BYU, 2005 (26)
 Threw five or more TDs:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004 (5)
 Threw four or more TDs:Derek Anderson, Oregon State, 2004 (4)
 Threw three or more TDs:Drew Stanton, Michigan State, 2005 (3)
 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, 2005 (61)
 Completed a pass of 50 yards or more:Matt Leinart, USC, 2005 (52)

RECEIVING

Caught 10 or more passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (14)
 Caught seven or more passes:Jonny Harline, BYU, 2005 (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:Jonny Harline, BYU, 2005 (100)
 Caught three or more TD passes:Pat Fitzgerald, Texas, 1995 (3)
 Caught two or more TD passes:Dorien Bryant, Purdue, 2005 (2)

SCORING

Accounted for five or more touchdowns:Matt Leinart, USC, 2004
 (5 passing)
 Accounted for four or more touchdowns:Matt Trannon, Michigan State, 2005
 (3 receiving, 1 rushing)
 Accounted for three or more touchdowns:Jonny Harline, BYU, 2005
 (2 receiving, 1 rushing)

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:Leon Hall, Michigan, 2005 (2)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kicked four or more field goals:Garrett Rivas, Michigan, 2004 (4)
 Kicked a field goal 50 or more yards:Matt Payne, BYU, 2004 (53)
 Kicked a punt of 65 or more yards:Brandon Fields, Michigan State, 2004 (79)
 Totaled 100 or more kick return yards:Breyon Jones, BYU, 2005 (152)

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	198	Fr.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
3	* Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	208	So.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford	Dexter Wood
4	Vernaglia, Anthony	LB	6-3	221	So.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	Jim Kunau
5	*** McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-2	207	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy	Mitch Olson
6	Herring, Ray	DB	6-0	199	Fr.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity	John Thomas
7	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	So.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmino Prep	Mike Janda
8	Jabbie, Junior	RB	6-0	188	So.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School	Dave Dudeck
9	* Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	208	Jr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove	Rich Roberts
10	** Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	231	Jr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
11	Grimes, David	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres	Greg Carter
12	+ Mooney, Marty	QB	6-2	207	Sr.	10-8-83	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier	Steve Rasso
13	Sharples, Evan	QB	6-2	207	Fr.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall	Rich Hulkow
14	Wolke, David	QB	6-2	196	So.	4-16-85	Mount Juliet, Tenn.	Smyrna	Philip Shadowens
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	186	So.	9-22-96	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep	Rich Hansen
16	*** Powers-Neal, Rashon	RB	6-3	238	Sr.	4-3-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
17	Price, Geoff	P	6-3	186	Jr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage	Chris Cunningham
17	+ Gorski, Dan	QB	6-3	196	Fr.	5-13-86	Omaha, Neb.	Creighton Prep	Tom Jaworski
18	** Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-2	219	Jr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
19	** Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-2	206	Sr.	11-15-82	Granger, Ind.	Marian	Reggie Glon
20	Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	188	So.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
21	*** Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	222	Sr.	2-21-85	Philadelphia, Pa.	Archbishop Carroll	Dan Bielli
22	Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	197	Jr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman	Biff Poggi
23	* Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	203	Jr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
23	+ Williams, William David	DB	5-9	174	So.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook	Clarence Inscore
24	+ Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	178	So.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro	Bobby Acosta
25	Schiccatano, Nate	DL	6-2	237	Sr.	9-3-82	Coal Township, Pa.	Southern Columbia	Jim Roth
26	+ Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	182	So.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn	Cory Yeoman
26	* Thomas, Travis	RB	6-0	215	Jr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington	Guy Montecalvo
27	Bruton, David	DB	6-2	187	Fr.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg	Tim Lewis
27	+ Lyons, John	RB	6-1	205	Jr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman	Steve Kueter
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	189	Fr.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney	P.J. Fecko
29	Hedgemon II, LaBrose	DB	5-9	190	Jr.	1-8-85	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover	Rush Propst
30	** Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	193	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins	Richard Fendley
31	Carney, Jake	DB	6-0	187	Sr.	4-28-83	Lexington, Ky.	Catholic	Bob Spire
32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB	6-0	232	So.	2-22-84	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Huron	Paul Verska
32	+ Reynolds Jr., Alvin	DB	5-10	180	Sr.	9-12-85	Terre Haute, Ind.	Country Day	Bob Whitman
33	Hoskins, Justin	RB	5-10	186	So.	2-27-85	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Creston	Sparky McEwen
34	+ Lee, Tommie	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	5-20-85	Milwaukee, Wis.	Pius XI	Rob Webb
35	+ Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere	Mike Hearn
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	6-0	247	Jr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville	Johnny Gulledge
36	+ Harris, Brandon	DB	6-0	198	Sr.	4-5-84	New Orleans, La.	Benjamin Franklin	Chris Fernino
37	+ Mitchell, Matt	DB	5-8	187	Sr.	4-23-84	Memphis, Tenn.	Christian Brothers	Pete Crodelli
38	+ Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	183	So.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South	Ron Muhitch
39	*** Hoyte, Brandon	LB	6-0	236	Sr.	9-26-83	Parlin, N.J.	War Memorial	George Najjar
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	220	So.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech	John Colbert
41	Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	234	Fr.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park	Kurt Weinberg
42	Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	231	Fr.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin	Tom Stuart
43	** Salvador, Anthony	LB	6-2	233	Sr.	5-4-84	Brentwood, Calif.	Concord De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
44	Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-0	250	Fr.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver	Rob Fleeting
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-11	179	Jr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
45	+ Whitney III, Rich	DB	6-2	203	Sr.	6-22-84	Warminster, Pa.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
46	*** Mays, Corey	LB	6-1	234	Sr.	11-27-83	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
47	Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station	Trey Holladay
48	Quinn, Steve	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	St. Joseph's	Gil Brooks
49	+ Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	220	Jr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Bob Malloy

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No.		Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
50	**	Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's	Dan Galante
52	*	Brockington, Joe	LB	6-1	212	Jr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	Don Fureman, Jr.
53	+	Boland, Joe	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	10-21-83	Drexel Hill, Pa.	Monsignor Bonner	Mike Coyne
54	+	Fitzgerald, David	OL	6-4	293	Sr.	1-27-84	Godfrey, Ill.	Marquette Catholic	Maki Slaughter
56	*	Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	238	Jr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep	Jim O'Leary
57		Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	252	Jr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II	Dave Dunn
58		Banda, Abdel	LB	6-1	220	So.	11-14-86	Orange, N.J.	Delbarton	Brian Bowers
59	+	Bent, James	OL	6-1	264	Sr.	9-6-83	Mishawaka, Ind.	Mishawaka	Jim Aldrich
60	+	Cullen, Casey	DL	6-1	238	Jr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph	John Mares
61	+	Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	242	So.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
62	**	Raridon, Scott	OL	6-7	304	Sr.	6-2-84	Mason City, Iowa	Mason City	John Lee
63	+	Tisak, Jeff	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	10-18-86	Ambridge, Pa.	Duluth East (Minn.)	Joe Heitala
66	**	Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	263	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
68	**	Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	288	Jr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
69	+	Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	260	So.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
71		Bonelli, James	OL	6-5	280	Sr.	5-6-84	Camarillo, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
72		Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	292	Fr.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding	Tim Glanton
73	**	LeVoi, Mark	OL	6-7	311	Sr.	7-29-82	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Eden Prairie	Mike Grant
74	***	Stevenson, Dan	OL	6-6	292	Sr.	10-4-82	Barrington, Ill.	Barrington	Al Kumrodt
75		Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	268	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart	Mike Herrington
76	**	Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	292	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney	Ron Poe
77		Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge M.A.	Jim Burner
78	*	Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	298	Jr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich	Rich Albonizio
79	*	Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	285	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West	Ed Michaels
81	+	Woods, Rob	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	12-15-83	Atlantic, Iowa	Atlantic	Gaylord Schelling
82	***	Shelton, Matt	WR	6-0	172	Sr.	4-1-82	Collierville, Tenn.	Collierville	Paul Cox
83	**	Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	216	Jr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
84	+	O'Hara, Michael	WR	5-10	185	Sr.	3-17-83	Bellevue, Wash.	Newport	Gary Taller
85		Hiben, Joey	TE	6-4	253	Fr.	12-9-86	Chaska, Minn.	Waconia	Pat Foley
86	+	Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	245	So.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University	Gary Kornfeld
87	**	Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rick Kallok
88	**	Fasano, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	4-20-84	Verona, N.J.	Verona	Lou Racioppe
89	*	Carlson, John	TE	6-6	254	Jr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield	Jon Johnson
90	***	Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette	Dick Basham
91	+	Cardillo, Craig	K	6-0	175	Sr.	11-1-83	Hauppauge, N.Y.	Happauge	Steve Atkinson
92		Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	301	Fr.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic	Brian Fluck
93	+	Chervanick, Dan	DL	6-1	259	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name	Rick Keeley
94		Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	247	So.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara	Bernard Joseph
95	**	Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School	Biff Poggi
96		Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	267	Fr.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli	Bruce Scifres
96	+	Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	190	Jr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands	Jerry Gayden
98	*	Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	293	Jr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
99		Talley, Ronald	DL	6-4	261	So.	2-21-86	Detroit, Mich.	Renaissance	William Hill

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

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
95	Abiamiri, Victor	DL	6-4	260	Jr.	1-14-86	Randallstown, Md.	Gilman School	Biff Poggi
23	Anastasio, Chase	WR	6-2	203	Jr.	12-11-84	Burke, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
49	Augustyn, Matt	RB	6-3	220	Jr.	7-5-84	Chevy Chase, Md.	O.L. of Good Counsel	Bob Malloy
58	Banda, Abdel	LB	6-1	220	So.	11-14-86	Orange, N.J.	Delbarton	Brian Bowers
90	Beidatsch, Brian	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	7-9-82	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette	Dick Basham
59	Bent, James	OL	6-1	264	Sr.	9-6-83	Mishawaka, Ind.	Mishawaka	Jim Aldrich
53	Boland, Joe	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	10-21-83	Drexel Hill, Pa.	Monsignor Bonner	Mike Coyne
71	Bonelli, James	OL	6-5	280	Sr.	5-6-84	Camarillo, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
56	Borseti, Nick	LB	6-4	238	Jr.	4-5-85	Saugus, Mass.	St. John's Prep	Jim O'Leary
7	Bragg, Darrin	WR	6-1	192	So.	3-16-86	San Jose, Calif.	Bellarmino Prep	Mike Janda
52	Brockington, Joe	LB	6-1	212	Jr.	6-16-84	Palmyra, Pa.	Palmyra	Don Fureman, Jr.
94	Brown, Justin	DL	6-3	247	So.	3-27-86	Clinton, Md.	Bishop McNamara	Bernard Joseph
27	Bruton, David	DB	6-2	187	Fr.	7-23-87	Miamisburg, Ohio	Miamisburg	Tim Lewis
91	Cardillo, Craig	K	6-0	175	Sr.	11-1-83	Hauppauge, N.Y.	Happauge	Steve Atkinson
89	Carlson, John	TE	6-6	254	Jr.	5-12-84	Litchfield, Minn.	Litchfield	Jon Johnson
31	Carney, Jake	DB	6-0	187	Sr.	4-28-83	Lexington, Ky.	Catholic	Bob Sphire
93	Chervanick, Dan	DL	6-1	259	Sr.	7-5-83	Leesport, Pa.	Holy Name	Rick Keeley
40	Crum Jr., Maurice	LB	6-0	220	So.	5-29-86	Riverview, Fla.	Tampa Bay Tech	John Colbert
60	Cullen, Casey	DL	6-1	238	Jr.	10-15-84	Victoria, Texas	St. Joseph	John Mares
72	Duncan, Paul	OL	6-7	292	Fr.	6-18-87	Dallas, Ga.	East Paulding	Tim Glanton
24	Erickson, Brandon	WR	6-0	178	So.	4-19-86	Marlboro, N.J.	Marlboro	Bobby Acosta
88	Fasano, Anthony	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	4-20-84	Verona, N.J.	Verona	Lou Racioppe
15	Ferrine, Leo	DB	6-0	186	So.	9-22-96	Springfield, N.J.	St. Peter's Prep	Rich Hansen
54	Fitzgerald, David	OL	6-4	293	Sr.	1-27-84	Godfrey, Ill.	Marquette Catholic	Maki Slaughter
19	Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6-2	206	Sr.	11-15-82	Granger, Ind.	Marian	Reggie Glon
87	Freeman, Marcus	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	10-24-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rick Kallok
75	Frome, Chris	DL	6-5	268	Sr.	1-2-84	Saugus, Calif.	Newhall Hart	Mike Herrington
17	Gorski, Dan	QB	6-3	196	Fr.	5-13-86	Omaha, Neb.	Creighton Prep	Tom Jaworski
11	Grimes, David	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	12-31-86	Detroit, Mich.	DePorres	Greg Carter
45	Gioia, Carl	K	5-11	179	Jr.	1-24-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
92	Hand, Derrell	DL	6-3	301	Fr.	6-19-87	Philadelphia, Pa.	West Catholic	Brian Fluck
36	Harris, Brandon	DB	6-0	198	Sr.	4-5-84	New Orleans, La.	Benjamin Franklin	Chris Fernino
68	Harris, Ryan	OL	6-5	288	Jr.	3-11-85	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
29	Hedgemon II, LaBrose	DB	5-9	190	Jr.	1-8-85	Hoover, Ala.	Hoover	Rush Propst
6	Herring, Ray	DB	6-0	199	Fr.	9-15-86	Melbourne, Fla.	Holy Trinity	John Thomas
85	Hiben, Joey	TE	6-4	253	Fr.	12-9-86	Chaska, Minn.	Waconia	Pat Foley
1	Hord, D.J.	WR	6-1	198	Fr.	1-31-87	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
33	Hoskins, Justin	RB	5-10	186	So.	2-27-85	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Creston	Sparky McEwen
39	Hoyte, Brandon	LB	6-0	236	Sr.	9-26-83	Parlin, N.J.	War Memorial	George Najjar
26	Iams, Wade	DB	5-9	182	So.	11-8-85	Mishawaka, Ind.	Penn	Cory Yeoman
8	Jabbie, Junior	RB	6-0	188	So.	12-25-84	Parlin, N.J.	The Hun School	Dave Dudeck
61	Jansen, J.J.	SNP	6-3	242	So.	1-20-86	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB	6-0	232	Sr.	2-22-84	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Huron	Paul Verska
69	Kennedy, Neil	DL	5-11	260	So.	8-21-85	Phoenix, Ariz.	Brophy Prep	Jeff Kearin
35	Kenney, Tim	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	8-3-85	Belvidere, Ill.	Belvidere	Mike Hearn
96	Kuntz, Pat	DL	6-2	267	Fr.	4-15-86	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli	Bruce Scifres
20	Lambert, Terrail	DB	5-11	188	So.	12-1-85	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure	Jon Mack
66	Landri, Derek	DL	6-3	263	Sr.	9-21-83	Concord, Calif.	De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
98	Laws, Trevor	DL	6-1	293	Jr.	6-14-85	Burnsville, Minn.	Apple Valley	Mike Fritze
34	Lee, Tommie	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	5-20-85	Milwaukee, Wis.	Pius XI	Rob Webb
73	LeVoir, Mark	OL	6-7	311	Sr.	7-29-82	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Eden Prairie	Mike Grant
27	Lyons, John	RB	6-1	205	Jr.	8-3-84	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman	Steve Kueter
79	Mattes, Brian	OL	6-6	285	Sr.	12-28-83	Larksville, Pa.	Wyoming Valley West	Ed Michaels
46	Mays, Corey	LB	6-1	234	Sr.	11-27-83	Chicago, Ill.	Morgan Park	Lexie Spurlock
28	McCarthy, Kyle	DB	6-0	189	Fr.	9-30-86	Youngstown, Ohio	Cardinal Mooney	P.J. Fecko
35	McConnell, Ashley	RB	6-0	247	Jr.	10-20-84	Adairsville, Ga.	Adairsville	Johnny Gulledd
5	McKnight, Rhema	WR	6-2	207	Sr.	3-6-84	Inglewood, Calif.	La Palma Kennedy	Mitch Olson
37	Mitchell, Matt	DB	5-8	187	Sr.	4-23-84	Memphis, Tenn.	Christian Brothers	Pete Crodelli

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No.		Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class.	DOB	Hometown	High School	HS Coach
12	+	Mooney, Marty	QB	6-2	207	Sr.	10-8-83	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier	Steve Rasso
76	**	Morton, Bob	OL	6-4	292	Sr.	9-19-84	McKinney, Texas	McKinney	Ron Poe
18	**	Ndukwe, Chinedum	DB	6-2	219	Jr.	3-4-85	Powell, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
84	+	O'Hara, Michael	WR	5-10	185	Sr.	3-17-83	Bellevue, Wash.	Newport	Gary Taller
10	**	Quinn, Brady	QB	6-4	231	Jr.	10-27-84	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman	Mark Crabtree
48		Quinn, Steve	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	5-14-86	Cherry Hill, N.J.	St. Joseph's	Gil Brooks
38	+	Possley, Nick	WR	6-1	183	So.	5-12-86	Wheaton, Ill.	Warrenville South	Ron Muhitch
16	***	Powers-Neal, Rashon	RB	6-3	238	Sr.	4-3-83	St. Paul, Minn.	Cretin-Derham Hall	Rich Kallok
17		Price, Geoff	P	6-3	186	Jr.	8-29-84	Hurst, Texas	Colleyville Heritage	Chris Cunningham
62	**	Raridon, Scott	OL	6-7	304	Sr.	6-2-84	Mason City, Iowa	Mason City	John Lee
96	+	Renkes, Bobby	K	6-0	190	Jr.	8-12-84	Dallas, Texas	Lake Highlands	Jerry Gayden
32	+	Reynolds Jr., Alvin	DB	5-10	180	So.	9-12-85	Terre Haute, Ind.	Country Day	Bob Whitman
30	**	Richardson, Mike	DB	5-11	193	Sr.	2-18-84	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins	Richard Fendley
43	**	Salvador, Anthony	LB	6-2	233	Sr.	5-4-84	Brentwood, Calif.	Concord De La Salle	Bob Ladouceur
83	**	Samardzija, Jeff	WR	6-5	216	Jr.	1-23-85	Valparaiso, Ind.	Valparaiso	Mark Hoffman
50	**	Santucci, Dan	OL	6-4	290	Sr.	6-9-85	Chicago, Ill.	St. Patrick's	Dan Galante
25		Schiccatano, Nate	DL	6-2	237	Sr.	9-3-82	Coal Township, Pa.	Southern Columbia	Jim Roth
44		Schwapp, Asaph	RB	6-0	250	Fr.	1-26-87	Hartford, Conn.	Weaver	Rob Fleeting
13		Sharpley, Evan	QB	6-2	207	Fr.	11-4-86	Marshall, Mich.	Marshall	Rich Hulkow
82	***	Shelton, Matt	WR	6-0	172	Sr.	4-1-82	Collierville, Tenn.	Collierville	Paul Cox
41		Smith, Scott	LB	6-3	234	Fr.	7-16-86	Highland Park, Ill.	Highland Park	Kurt Weinberg
57		Stephenson Jr., Dwight	DL	6-2	252	Jr.	9-11-84	Delray Beach, Fla.	Pope John Paul II	Dave Dunn
74	***	Stevenson, Dan	OL	6-6	292	Sr.	10-4-82	Barrington, Ill.	Barrington	Al Kumrodt
21	***	Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	222	Sr.	2-21-85	Philadelphia, Pa.	Archbishop Carroll	Dan Bielli
78	*	Sullivan, John	OL	6-4	298	Jr.	8-8-85	Old Greenwich, Conn.	Greenwich	Rich Albonizio
86	+	Talerico, Mike	TE	6-5	245	So.	7-30-86	St. Louis, Mo.	University	Gary Kornfeld
99		Talley, Ronald	DL	6-4	261	So.	2-21-86	Detroit, Mich.	Renaissance	William Hill
47		Thomas, Mitchell	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	12-14-84	Opelika, Ala.	Smiths Station	Trey Holladay
26	*	Thomas, Travis	RB	6-0	215	Jr.	12-3-84	Washington, Pa.	Washington	Guy Montecalvo
63	+	Tisak, Jeff	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	10-18-86	Ambridge, Pa.	Duluth East (Minn.)	Joe Heitala
77		Turkovich, Michael	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	11-27-86	Bedford, Pa.	Valley Forge M.A.	Jim Burner
4		Vernaglia, Anthony	DB	6-3	221	So.	9-20-85	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	Jim Kunau
3	*	Walker, Darius	RB	5-10	208	So.	10-21-85	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Buford	Dexter Wood
42		Washington, Kevin	LB	6-1	231	Fr.	4-13-87	Sugar Land, Texas	Austin	Tom Stuart
45	+	Whitney III, Rich	DB	6-2	203	Sr.	6-22-84	Warminster, Pa.	Rockhurst	Tony Severino
23	+	Williams, William David	DB	5-9	174	So.	12-2-85	Raleigh, N.C.	Millbrook	Clarence Inscore
22		Wooden, Ambrose	DB	5-11	197	Jr.	2-22-84	Baltimore, Md.	Gilman	Biff Poggi
81		Woods, Rob	WR	6-2	208	Sr.	12-15-83	Atlantic, Iowa	Atlantic	Gaylord Schelling
14		Wolke, David	QB	6-2	196	So.	4-16-85	Mount Juliet, Tenn.	Smyrna	Philip Shadowens
9	*	Zbikowski, Tom	DB	6-0	208	Jr.	5-22-85	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove	Rich Roberts

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Irish Offense

X	21	MAURICE STOVALL	6-5	222	Sr.
	11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.
LT	68	RYAN HARRIS	6-5	288	Jr.
	77	Michael Turkovich	6-6	290	Fr.
LG	50	Dan Santucci	6-4	290	Sr.
	79	Brian Mattes	6-6	285	Sr.
C	76	Bob Morton**	6-4	292	Sr.
	78	JOHN SULLIVAN	6-4	298	Jr.
RG	74	DAN STEVENSON	6-6	292	Sr.
	62	Scott Raridon	6-7	304	Sr.
RT	73	MARK LeVOIR	6-7	311	Sr.
	72	Paul Duncan	6-7	292	Fr.
Y	88	ANTHONY FASANO	6-5	255	Sr.
	89	John Carlson	6-6	254	Jr.
	87	Marcus Freeman	6-3	245	Sr.
Z	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-5	216	Jr.
	82	Matt Shelton	6-0	172	Sr.
QB	10	BRADY QUINN	6-4	231	Jr.
	14	David Wolke	6-2	196	So.
FB	44	Asaph Schwapp	6-0	250	Fr.
	35	Ashley McConnell	6-0	247	Jr.
HB	3	DARIUS WALKER	5-10	208	So.
	26	Travis Thomas	6-0	215	Jr.

Irish Defense

LE	95	Victor Abiamiri	6-4	260	Jr.
	99	Ronald Talley	6-4	261	So.
LT	98	Trevor Laws	6-1	293	Jr.
	90	Brian Beidatsch	6-3	294	Sr.
RT	66	DEREK LANDRI	6-3	263	Sr.
	57	Dwight Stephenson, Jr.	6-2	252	Jr.
	or 96	Pat Kuntz	6-2	267	Fr.
RE	75	Chris Frome	6-5	268	Sr.
	94	Justin Brown	6-3	247	So.
WLB	39	BRANDON HOYTE	6-0	236	Sr.
	52	Joe Brockington	6-1	212	Jr.
MLB	46	Corey Mays	6-1	234	Sr.
	41	Scott Smith	6-3	235	Fr.
Apache	40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	6-0	220	So.
	48	Steve Quinn	6-2	215	Fr.
LCB	22	Ambrose Wooden	5-11	197	Jr.
	15	Leo Ferrine	6-0	186	So.
WS	18	Chinedum Ndukwe	6-2	219	Jr.
	27	David Bruton	6-2	187	Fr.
SS	9	TOM ZBIKOWSKI	6-0	208	Jr.
	28	Kyle McCarthy	6-0	189	Fr.
RCB	30	Mike Richardson	5-11	193	Sr.
	20	Terrail Lambert	5-11	188	So.

Irish Special Teams

PK	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.	SNP	61	J.J. Jansen	6-3	242	So.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	179	Jr.		62	Scott Raridon	6-7	304	Sr.
P	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.	PR	9	Tom Zbikowski	6-0	208	Jr.
	17	Geoff Price	6-3	186	Jr.		11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.
KO	19	D.J. FITZPATRICK	6-2	206	Sr.	KR	11	David Grimes	6-0	170	Fr.
	45	Carl Gioia	5-11	179	Jr.		23	Chase Anastasio	6-2	203	Jr.
HLD	83	Jeff Samardzija	6-5	216	Jr.	ALL CAPS - returning starter from 2004 (min. six regular season starts) ** - indicates was a starter at another position in 2004					
	82	MATT SHELTON	6-0	172	Sr.						